15 Ways To Remove The Enemy's Covering

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We are finishing the first phase or quarter of this year. We need to be sure that we have closed doors that would hinder us in our future, so we can move forward into a new dimension of prosperity. This is a time that we must look past what appears to be an issue and really see the problem or hindrance that is stopping us from moving and advancing through into the blessings that the Lord has for us this season.

Satan Forms an OCCULT Covering that Hides his Ways

We must look past the visible to see the invisible and any supernatural force that would trap us from accomplishing the Lord's will. Let me describe Lucifer, the devil, from Ezekiel 28.

This chapter says:

"He was the model of perfection and covered and adorned with every type of jewel ... He was anointed as a guardian cherub and overshadowed or covered every place he walked ... until wickedness was found in him. Then he was filled with violence. His heart became proud on account of his beauty. He corrupted wisdom and through the abundance of commerce was filled with lawlessness and violence. Through this, he desecrated sanctuaries (paraphrased)."

We must address this covering in prayer. This is related to occult spirits. Occult means: to conceal or cause to disappear from view; secret, mysterious, and supernatural.

God is giving us access to revelation that will uncover that which is secret. Satan hides his ways from the eye of our understanding. Therefore, our eye must be filled with Light. He creates occult lines (geometric lines throughout the earth), qualities, and uses magic and devious words to hide from sight his place. He uses the atmosphere around us to conceal his plan. He creates a veil.

Other ways of looking at this is that he hides, conceals, secretes, caches, screens, buries, cloaks, masks and disguises his plan so he can keep us from uncovering God's fullness in the earth. Another synonym is block; he will use deceptive methods to block our path. He has ways to watch after his iniquitous streams in the earth.

Remove the Evil One's Veil

You need to break anything that the enemy creates to hinder your ability to discern. He hides his way from us. The enemy plots and plans on our path to develop a strategy to divert us from accomplishing God's will and entering into His blessings. Many of us have a hard time seeing the enemy's snare that has been strategically planted on our path of life. Therefore, we step in this tangled web and spend much of our time struggling to free ourselves from his distractions and plan of conforming. To conform means to develop a blueprint that will mold us into the way of the world, instead of us staying free to think God's way and walking in the present truth of this age.

Since Satan forms a covering that hides his ways, we must look past the visible to see the invisible and any supernatural force that would trap us, keeping us from accomplishing the Lord's will. We must enter into a new realm of worship and remove his veil. The Body of Christ cannot afford to stand still and embrace any passivity this year.

Dr. Frank Hammond, a dear friend, says this about passivity: "One of the biggest challenges confronting a deliverance ministry is passivity in the person to whom I am ministering. Unless the will is activated, failure is certain. Active faith is essential in receiving anything from God, and this includes deliverance."
'What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save [Greek sozo, deliver] him? ... faith by itself, if it does not have works is dead.' (James 2:14,17).

When a person accepts Christ as Savior he immediately becomes a Christian soldier. He has entered warfare against Satan and his host of evil spirits. In order to defeat the devil's wiles we must 'put on the whole armor of God,' 'wrestle against spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places,' 'resist the devil,' and employ spiritual weapons which are 'mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.' In the name of Jesus we are commissioned to 'cast out demons.' All this requires commitment and total aggressiveness against Satan's kingdom. Without aggressiveness, one automatically falls into passivity and becomes open prey to the devil for, 'The devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.'

Therefore, we must 'resist him, steadfast in the faith' (I Peter 5:8,9).
Always remember: The enemy wants to block your path. If he can tempt and divert you from your course, he can stop you from entering into the full portion (inheritance) that God has for you. He will develop strategies against you to bring deception and then division. He develops ways to accuse you so he can hold you in condemnation. He wants to block your supply and release a spirit of infirmity or weakness against you. Do not be ignorant of his wiles.

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1. The enemy has a voice to bring deception into our life. Ask God to show you any deception or lie he has brought into your life.

2. Satan is the father of lies and can only work with any resource that we give him. Cut ties with anything in your soulish nature that is holding you captive.

3. Ask the Lord to fill you with His love so that you can break any sin strategy in your life and destroy the devil's work.

4. Jesus resisted the voice of the enemy. Ask the Lord to fill you with the Spirit in the midst of your wilderness so you can resist and receive new power.

5. Do not be ignorant. Let God reveal to you the supernatural qualities that the enemy possesses. Continue to allow revelation to come into you on Lucifer's hidden characteristics.

6. Be sure you are operating in submission so you can resist effectively.

7. Satan wants you to believe that God is not directing you. He also wants you to think that God is holding out on you. This is what he did to the woman in the garden as he manipulated her desires. Ask God to break any manipulation that is aligned with your desires.

8. Be sure your desires are aligned correctly. Temptation is linked to desires that are not within God's boundaries.

9. Ask the Lord to deliver you from temptation.

10. Change your mind or redevelop your thought process (repent). Renounce the act linked with your wrong thinking. Forgive yourself for falling into the enemy's plan. Forgive others who have seduced and led you astray.

11. Ask God for increase. Ask Him to give you a mind for increase. Ask Him to open your heart to any prophetic word that will bring you success and cause you to be able to rake in the spoils that the enemy is holding.

12. Declare deliverance from the hand of the wicked who has tied up any of your provision and health.

13. Declare that the generational curse of "GOD ROBBING" will be broken out of your bloodline. This is one of the four major generational curses. Tear down mindsets of poverty. Poverty has a voice which says, "God is not able." There are philosophies in your life that have developed wrong mindsets.

14. Dismantle unbelief over provision. "Prove Me NOW," says the Lord! Look up and see the windows of blessings that He wants to open up. Watch Him overcome your devourer.

15. Rejoice that you are free from the enemy's plans and purposes!

Let your eye be filled with Light, and may the Holy Spirit direct every step of your path.
"The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of the dawn shining ever brighter until the full break of day" (Proverbs. 4:18).

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1 Plus 1 = You

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Shalom Fellow Israelite,
In one of the recent letters (224 – the birthmark), reference was made to Paul's emphatic statement about Abraham being the father of "*all who are of the Law* [the Jews]", and all those who are not "of the Law" (non-Jews), but are of the "faith". For those who are not of Jewish descent, but yet have an affiliation with the Jews, the Land and the forefathers, these words confirm that what they know or feel is not some extra-biblical fantasy, but is indeed deeply rooted in the Word.

The scriptures sometime make things as simple as one ("faith") plus one ("?") equals two, but until the Spirit illuminates the full equation we may miss it. In this letter let us take a look at the other "one" in the equation, making the equation look something like this: "Faith" plus the "Spirit" (that is, the other "one") = YOU" - a progeny of Abraham and Sarah.

If YHVH, by His Spirit, sowed the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob into many peoples and nations, how are we to know who they are, except by the characteristics that mark them? Thus the Apostle adds the second witness to our true identity, when he confirms the words of YHVH through His prophets from of old.

"I will pour My Spirit on your descendants [referring to Jacob)", (Isaiah 44:3).

"I will put My Spirit within you [Israel]*"* (Ezekiel 36:27).

"And I will put My Spirit in you [the whole House of Israel]*, and you shall live"* (Ezekiel 37:14).

"'I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says YHVH Elohim"

(Ezekiel 39:29).

In the letter to the Galatian believers, Paul asks a very important question: *"Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith* [the faith of Abraham your father]?" (Gal. 3:2). He then reiterates, *"Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"* (Gal. 3:5). In these two scriptures Paul is connecting the equation: faith plus the receiving of the Spirit equals the identity of the natural seed of Abraham. *"And if you be Christ's* [that is anointed with His Spirit], *then you are from Abraham's sperm* [life], *and heirs according to the promise* (Gal. 3:29). If you have received the anointing of the Spirit of Holiness, you are a fulfillment of the above prophecies which were spoken to Jacob/Israel. Thus, all those who have the faith of Abraham, whether Jews or those who are (or were) lost to their natural heritage and have became Greeks, whom YHVH scattered into all nations, slave or free, male or female are one in the same Spirit of Holiness, and have the same natural father – Abraham. Again, one (Spirit) + one (faith) = you (or, if you will "ewe", one of the sheep).

"Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes…" are all mentioned in Acts 2:9-10, and by now it could be any one on the face of the earth. The promises were given to Isaac, and that includes the promise of the

indwelling Spirit. YHVH has not abandoned His word to those forefathers. If He did, we are all in big trouble.

Many who are into replacement theology, will interpret that Galatians scripture to mean that “being in Christ Jesus makes you the seed of Abraham by some kind of adoption or spiritual transfer”. However, the above quoted verses do not say that. Those who hold to that idea, are the same ones who claim that we do not need the Torah and diminish the importance of the Tanach (Old testament), because “Jesus” established a whole new covenant that really does not have anything to do with the natural seed of Abraham. It is for this reason that those espousing the above- mentioned doctrine have no attraction to the Land, or to the plight of the Jews living in the Land. As a matter of fact, most of them believe that the Palestinians have just as much right to the Land of “Palestine” as do the Jews, and even more so (especially when the gas prices go up). If YHVH commenced His work only two thousand years ago, then the writings of the Apostles would suffice. But what about all the many references in the New Covenant books to the Torah and to the books of the prophets, and to the “called”, “chosen” and “predestined” (that is, those who are to inherit that which according to Scripture rightly belongs to them because it was given to their ancestors)?

As we approach the 40th day of the counting of the Omer, I hope we will remember Yeshua’s words to His disciples when they asked Him *“when are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” (*Acts 1:16). There is no doubt in my mind that by “Israel” they were referring to the natural descendants of Jacob/Israel. Yeshua’s answer is confirming what was promised to the forefathers and to their seed: *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"* (Acts 1:8). Witness to what? To the restoration of the kingdom to Israel, because when they received the promise of the Spirit (through the faith), they also received the kingdom. What is the kingdom of God? *“For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit”* (Rom 14:17).

Let us celebrate and worship in Spirit and in truth and declare with the prophets:

“Therefore thus says YHVH, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: ‘Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now grow pale; but when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will hallow My name, and hallow the Holy One of Jacob, and fear the God of Israel. These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, and those who complained will learn doctrine’" (Isaiah 29:22-24).

Shabbat Shalom

Ephraim 14/05/04

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Grace	Catherine Brown	11/07/04	Dream/Vision
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Monday Nov 1	Bob Neumann	11/07/04	Dream/Vision
New Prophetic Trends	Chuck Pierce	11/07/04	Article
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Our War Is Not Over	Victoria Boyson	11/07/04	Article
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Sharing Christ With Yasser Arafat	R.T. Kendall	11/07/04	Article
The Heart	Ephraim Frank	11/07/04	Article
The Least Is Greater	Terry Suggs	11/07/04	Article
The Party	Judy Curmi	11/07/04	Prophecy
The Prayers Of The People	Diane Czekala	11/07/04	Article
The Tents Of Meeting Part 5	Susan Cummings	11/07/04	Dream/Vision
The Winds Are Blowing	Carylann Hartley	11/07/04	Prophecy
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Hear This Oh My People	Angel Dahilig	10/31/04	Prophecy
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It Will Be A Place Of Rejoicing	Judy Curmi	10/31/04	Prophecy
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Lonely But Never Alone	Chip Brogden	10/24/04	Article
Made Righteous	Terry Suggs	10/24/04	Article
My Heart Grieves	David Haase	10/24/04	Prophecy
October Surprise and November Lies	Priscilla Van Sutphin	10/24/04	Article

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Reconciliation Conference Births Historic Event	Jim Uttley Jr	10/24/04	Article
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Stay Focused On Truth	Yolanda Ballard	10/24/04	Prophecy
The Eagle And The Serpents	Michael Boldea	10/24/04	Dream/Vision
The Fathers Heart	Lauren Lok	10/24/04	Article
The Key to Revival and Intimacy with God	Jill Austin	10/24/04	Article
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My Beloved Daughters	Olivia Reitz Long	10/10/04	Prophecy
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The Reward of the Wicked	Arlette Pollard	10/10/04	Article
The War In Iraq Will Change Into Another War	Stephen Hanson	10/10/04	Prophecy
The White House Dream	Debbi Carlson	10/10/04	Dream/Vision
The Winds Come And Go	Sandy Warner	10/10/04	Article

To The Prophets Of England	Musa Opiyo	10/10/04	Prophecy
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An Alabaster Box	Bill Yount	10/03/04	Dream/Vision
An Era For The U S Ends	Timothy Snodgrass	10/03/04	Article
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Compassion - The Jesus Response	Catherine Brown	09/26/04	Article
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I Have Heard Your Cry	Betty Hamalainen	09/26/04	Prophecy
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Lion Of Zion 12	Rosie Lovejoy	09/26/04	Dream/Vision
Look Past The Storm	Yolanda Ballard	09/26/04	Prophecy
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Prepare for Supernatural Grace	Todd Bentley	09/26/04	Article
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Put On The Lord Jesus Christ	Terry Suggs	09/26/04	Article
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Suddenly	Sandy Warner	09/26/04	Prophecy
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The Bordello	Luz Cintron	09/26/04	Dream/Vision
The Chapel	Victoria Boyson	09/26/04	Dream/Vision
The Elephant	Mary Clark	09/26/04	Dream/Vision
The Lord Is Bringing In The Big Fish	Ching Co	09/26/04	Article
The Prophetic Power of The Seer	James Goll	09/26/04	Article
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Transition Requires Boldness	Clay Sikes	09/26/04	Article
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Word for Wales	Mike McClung	09/26/04	Prophecy
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Gathering The Unrighteous Fruit	Arlette Pollard	09/19/04	Article
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Mighty Waves of Love	Jack Frost	09/19/04	Article
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Rosh Hashanah 2004	Timothy Snodgrass	09/19/04	Article
Springtime and Harvest	Priscilla van Sutphin	09/19/04	Article
The Architecture Of The Spirit	David Orton	09/19/04	Article
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The End Is Near	Bayo Omoyiola	09/19/04	Article
The Fall Feast of the Lord	Edith Farmer	09/19/04	Article
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The Storm Of The Lord	Diane Bahler	09/19/04	Article
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Trumpeting The Call To Warfare In Love	Ron McGatlin	09/19/04	Article
Vision of Storms	Larry Magnello	09/19/04	Dream/Vision
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Come Boldly To The Throne Of Grace	Connie Giordano	09/12/04	Article
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Discerning The Spirit Of Anti-Christ	Clay Sikes	09/12/04	Article
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Hang Ten	Danny Korakas	09/12/04	Article
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Hearts of Darkness Hearts of Light	Angel Dahilig	09/12/04	Dream/Vision
Jesus Took A Towel [repost]	Bill Somers	09/12/04	Article
Jesus Washing Feet	Priscilla Van Sutphin	09/12/04	Article
Obedient Passion	Tommy Tenney	09/12/04	Article
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Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord	Doug Fortune	09/12/04	Article
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Remain True To What I Have Told You	Susan Cummings	09/12/04	Prophecy
Showers of Blessings	Mary Clark	09/12/04	Article

Still Uniting Team Ministries	Sandy Warner	09/12/04	Article
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A Dream of New York	Mike Tucker	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
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A Refuge Safe From The Storm	Angel Dahilig	09/05/04	Prophecy
America Needs Prayers	Ayman and Hala Mikhail	09/05/04	Article
Dream About George Bush	Becky McLendon	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
Finding Our Way in Transition	Cindy McGill	09/05/04	Article
Free From The Old Husband	Ken Blue	09/05/04	Article
Harlot Church	Celia Okhuysen	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
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Parabolic Vision	Mark Wattenford	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
Presumption	Clay Sikes	09/05/04	Article
Reassembled	Sandy Warner	09/05/04	Prophecy
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The Day Of The Eagle	Bill Burns	09/05/04	Prophecy
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The Knife	Mary Clark	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
The Lion Of Zion XI	Rosie Lovejoy	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
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Heavenly-Minded Campanologists	Catherine Brown	08/29/04	Dream/Vision
Labor Day Weekend	Dan Fineman	08/29/04	Prophecy
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Light Versus Darkness	Paul Ekemezie	08/29/04	Article
Ministry Changes	Kriston Couchey	08/29/04	Prophecy
Obscure Armies Arising	Barbara Lynch	08/29/04	Prophecy
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Something Big	Joseph Keesling	08/29/04	Prophecy
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Honoring Life	Priscilla Van Sutphin	08/15/04	Article
I Am Starting The Sifting	Robyn Cavalera	08/15/04	Prophecy
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It Is All Up To You	Yolanda Ballard	08/15/04	Prophecy
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Patience of God's Saints	Arlette Pollard	08/15/04	Article
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The Kingdom Age	Bill Burns	08/15/04	Prophecy
The Lion And The Fire	Tammie Gelis	08/15/04	Dream/Vision
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Stigma	Mary Koons	08/09/04	Article
The Breaker Anointing	Bill Burns	08/09/04	Prophecy
The Divine Disturber	Wade Taylor	08/09/04	Article
The Door Of The Ark	Sandy Warner	08/09/04	Article
The Fields Are White With Harvest	Patricia King	08/09/04	Prophecy
The Kingdom Of God Is Preached	Clo DiPilato	08/09/04	Article
The Man Child	Vern Kuenzi	08/09/04	Article
The Priests of the Lord	Chip Brogden	08/09/04	Article
The Promise of Father	Mary Lindow	08/09/04	Prophecy
The Spark	Vicki Camp	08/09/04	Dream/Vision
Time To Push Forward	Chuck Pierce	08/09/04	Prophecy
Watch And Pray	Musa Opiyo	08/09/04	Prophecy

When The Towers Fall	Conrad Lampan	08/09/04	Article
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An Impartation Of Grace	Musa Opiyo	08/2/04	Prophecy
Back For The Future	Robert Ricciardelli	08/2/04	Article
Daniel In The Lions Den	Ron Wood	08/2/04	Article
Do You Love Me	Angel Dahilig	08/2/04	Prophecy
Embracing the Fight of Faith	Francis Frangipane	08/2/04	Article
Everlasting Love	Priscilla Van Sutphin	08/2/04	Article
Fruit Inspectors	Rex Burgher	08/2/04	Article
God Wants To Use Your Body	Paul Ekemezie	08/2/04	Article
His Arrows	Lanna Perry	08/2/04	Article
Joshua's Journey	Jill Austin	08/2/04	Article
Love Is More Important	Andrea Jackson	08/2/04	Article
Now The Wind Then The Freeze	John Moore	08/2/04	Prophecy
Renewed Minds	Ron Powell	08/2/04	Prophecy
Surgery And The Storm	Sandy Warner	08/2/04	Article
The Coming Era	Stephen Hanson	08/2/04	Prophecy
The Green Bull	Glywn Mcinnes	08/2/04	Dream/Vision
The Kingdom Of God	Robert I Holmes	08/2/04	Article
The Light of God Released	Peter Mehegan	08/2/04	Dream/Vision
The Perfecting Of The Saints	Chip Brogden	08/2/04	Article
The Pit of Destruction	Rick Joyner	08/2/04	Article
The Power of Holy Spirit	Ron McGatlin	08/2/04	Article
The Silver Basin	Mary Clark	08/2/04	Dream/Vision
True Worship	Yolanda Ballard	08/2/04	Prophecy
Watchmen On The Walls	Cathy Pribila	08/2/04	Article
Waters of Destruction	Dorothy Hedlund	08/2/04	Dream/Vision
Whatever Happened To The Great Renewal	Don Hawley	08/2/04	Article
When Babylon Falls	Arlette Pollard	08/2/04	Article
Where The Lord is About to Move	Bill Yount	08/2/04	Dream/Vision
Where The Pharisees Went Wrong	John Fischer	08/2/04	Article
You Are Living in the Latter Days	Dorothea Montague	08/2/04	Article
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Acting Prophecy III	Lishan Desta	07/25/04	Article
Apostles and Prophets	Cheryl McGrath	07/25/04	Article
Are You In HIS Place Of Safety	Marie Stewart	07/25/04	Article
Arise O Africa	Bayo Omoyiola	07/25/04	Prophecy

As a Little Child	Luz Cintron	07/25/04	Article
Be Set Free	Carla Rickard	07/25/04	Article
Communion	Sandy Warner	07/25/04	Article
Draw Near With A True Heart	Ron McGatlin	07/25/04	Article
His Pocket Watch	Robert Cummings	07/25/04	Article
I Have A Plan	Becky McLendon	07/25/04	Article
In My Image and Likeness	Terry Suggs	07/25/04	Article
It Is Time To Get Free	Daniel Black	07/25/04	Article
Midnight Madness	Priscilla Van Sutphin	07/25/04	Article
Mummies Are Dead	Kathie Walters	07/25/04	Article
My Bride I Long For You	Dee Hoetmer	07/25/04	Prophecy
My Bride Is Not Ready	Barbara Lynch	07/25/04	Prophecy
Out Of The Boat	David Orton	07/25/04	Article
Passivity, Apathy & Malaise	Greg Manalli	07/25/04	Article
Prophetic Hymn	Ricardo Lemos	07/25/04	Article
Restoration Movement	Mike Dowgiewicz	07/25/04	Article
Sons Of Glory	Shirley Lise	07/25/04	Prophecy
Spiritual Warfare	Doug Fortune	07/25/04	Article
Spiritual Warfare in the Last Days	Dorothea Monatgue	07/25/04	Article
Testimony	Howard Pittman	07/25/04	Article
The Burning Bush	Mary Clark	07/25/04	Article
The Way Up Is Down	Jeannette Rodgers	07/25/04	Article
Thoughts Of The Heart	Ephraim Frank	07/25/04	Article
To The USA Church	Sadhu Sundar Selvaraj	07/25/04	Prophecy
Unveiling The Saudi Strategy	Gary Todd-Coldiron	07/25/04	Article
Words To Encourage You	Yolanda Ballard	07/25/04	Article
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A Heavenly Sound	Cindy Allen	07/19/04	Dream/Vision
A New And Bold Church	Thomas Gibson	07/19/04	Prophecy
A Prophecy For Native America	David Harris	07/19/04	Prophecy
A Siege Is Coming	Stephen Hanson	07/19/04	Article
All Systems Are Go	Mary Clark	07/19/04	Dream/Vision
Babes V.S. Those Of Full Age	Sandy Brunson	07/19/04	Article
Beachcombers	Bill Yount	07/19/04	Dream/Vision
Dealing With Desire	Robert Holmes	07/19/04	Article
Experiencing His Presence	Tommy Tenney	07/19/04	Article
Fear No Man	Chip Brogden	07/19/04	Article
Fearless Warriors	Victoria Boyson	07/19/04	Article
Groundswell	Priscilla Van Sutphin	07/19/04	Article

His Skipping Stones	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	07/19/04	Article
Judgment Of My House Has Come	Dee Hoetmer	07/19/04	Prophecy
Judgment Unto Righteousness	Arlette Pollard	07/19/04	Article
Maturing Into Love	Ron McGatlin	07/19/04	Article
My First Covenant People	Jeanne Kruchowski	07/19/04	Prophecy
Prayer Alert	Eileen Vincent	07/19/04	Article
Prophecy And Political Positions	Bob Neumann	07/19/04	Article
Renovation and Restoration	Musa Opiyo	07/19/04	Prophecy
Run To Me	Angel Dahilig	07/19/04	Prophecy
Separation	Clay Sikes	07/19/04	Article
The Entrance To The Kingdom	Rick Joyner	07/19/04	Article
The Revealing of Christ	Milt Rodriguez	07/19/04	Article
The Tabernacle of David	Don Potter	07/19/04	Article
True and False Wisdom	Connie Giordano	07/19/04	Article
True Apostolic Brings Saul To Become Paul	Russell Durose	07/19/04	Article
Two Visitations	Judy Curmi	07/19/04	Prophecy
Washington DC	Clo DiPilato	07/19/04	Article
Zionism	Ephraim Frank	07/19/04	Article
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A Mighty Weapon Or Loose Cannon	Conrad Lampan	07/11/04	Article
A Shaking In The Heavens and In The Earth	Musa Opiyo	07/11/04	Prophecy
Christ The Object Of Our Desire	Chip Brogden	07/11/04	Article
Come Unto Me	Mary Ellen Gilliland	07/11/04	Prophecy
Consecrated To God	Paulette Jackson	07/11/04	Prophecy
Dealing With An Orphan Spirit	Robert Holmes	07/11/04	Article
Encounter Visitation and Habitation	Daniel Black	07/11/04	Article
Get Ready For Change	Shirley Craft	07/11/04	Prophecy
Go Back to Sleep and Wake up Right	Carla Rickard	07/11/04	Article
Incredible Love	Priscilla Van Sutphin	07/11/04	Article
Last Generation Of Church Age Saints	Gary Todd-Coldiron	07/11/04	Article
Learn To Walk In My Peace	Sandy Warner	07/11/04	Article
Living to Pray	Chimezie Onyebilanma	07/11/04	Article
Love A Better Way	Andrea Jackson	07/11/04	Article
More Victories To Come	Barbara Lynch	07/11/04	Prophecy
Old Shoes	Jane Larsen	07/11/04	Dream/Vision
Resolute and Unstoppable	Victoria Boyson	07/11/04	Article
Righteousness	Ephraim Frank	07/11/04	Article
The Crack In The Liberty Bell	Bill Yount	07/11/04	Dream/Vision
The Dangers Of Throwing Rocks	Kathie Walters	07/11/04	Dream/Vision

The Eagles Nest	Deborah Gliebe	07/11/04	Dream/Vision
The Fast of Tammuz	Cathy Pribila	07/11/04	Article
The Great Divide	Jeannette Rodgers	07/11/04	Article
The High Cost	Howard Pittman	07/11/04	Article
The Land	Linda Harrington	07/11/04	Prophecy
The Two Camps in Texas	Julie Baxter	07/11/04	Dream/Vision
To My Obedient Ones, To Those In Brokeness	Dee Hoetmer	07/11/04	Prophecy
To The Broken And Wounded Ones	Jeanne Kruchowski	07/11/04	Prophecy
Walking Amongst The Tents Of Israel	Susan Cummings	07/11/04	Dream/Vision
You Ran Well	Maria Magruder	07/11/04	Article
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A Blossoming Walk	Mary Clark	07/04/04	Dream/Vision
A Continued Season Of Positioning	Olivia Long	07/04/04	Prophecy
A Flash In The Pan	Mary Koons	07/04/04	Article
A Prophetic Cacophony	Priscilla Van Sutphin	07/04/04	Article
Agony, Ecstasy, And Endurance	Mary Lindow	07/04/04	Article
Ascending the Mountain of Vision	Wade Taylor	07/04/04	Article
Belly Ache	Vicki Camp	07/04/04	Dream/Vision
Blood Transfusion Life Impartation	Becky McLendon	07/04/04	Article
Climbing The Mountain	Robert Foster	07/04/04	Dream/Vision
Come To Me	Susan Cummings	07/04/04	Prophecy
Deception Of The Times	Bayo Omoyiola	07/04/04	Article
Do You Have His Perfect Peace	Dorothy Hedlund	07/04/04	Article
Entertainment No Longer In The Holy Place	Sandy Warner	07/04/04	Article
Flashpoints	Bill Burns	07/04/04	Prophecy
I Know Whom I Have Believed	Chip Brogden	07/04/04	Article
Listen to My Heart Beat	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	07/04/04	Prophecy
Look Forward	Angel Dahilig	07/04/04	Prophecy
Maximum Blessing	Terry Suggs	07/04/04	Article
Redeemed From Among Men	Arlette Pollard	07/04/04	Article
Remain Strong	Musa Opiyo	07/04/04	Prophecy
Repentance And Restoration	Yolanda Ballard	07/04/04	Prophecy
Something Precious Burning	Bill Yount	07/04/04	Article
Song Of The Thunderstorm	Lois Wauson	07/04/04	Article
The Abundance Promised	Shirley Lise	07/04/04	Prophecy
The Precious	Bill Somers	07/04/04	Article
The Rock	Dee Hoetmer	07/04/04	Prophecy
The Testimony Of Yeshua	Andrea Jackson	07/04/04	Article
This Day We Fight	Francis Frangipane	07/04/04	Article

Torah and Spirit	Ephraim Frank	07/04/04	Article
We Should Be Holy and Without Blame	Dorothea Montague	07/04/04	Article
Words That Changed My Life	Various Sources	07/04/04	Article
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A New Season And Promises Fulfilled	Olivia Long	06/27/04	Prophecy
A Word to My Warriors	Linda Patterson	06/27/04	Prophecy
America's Judgment	Hollie L. Moody	06/27/04	Dream/Vision
Be Ye Perfect	Ephraim Frank	06/27/04	Article
Beauty	Marion Lundy	06/27/04	Prophecy
Beheading	Ann Duffy	06/27/04	Article
Between The Green and The Gray	Bob Neumann	06/27/04	Article
Chaos Is A Prelude To Victory	June Sanders	06/27/04	Prophecy
Cherish Vision	Catherine Brown	06/27/04	Dream/Vision
Feet Of Brass	Chip Brogden	06/27/04	Article
Heaven Is Opening	Ron McGatlin	06/27/04	Article
Heaven on Earth	Ryan Wyatt	06/27/04	Article
Hedge Of Protection Is Being Removed	Stephen Hanson	06/27/04	Dream/Vision
Hedge Of Protection	John Paul Jackson	06/27/04	Article
How Do You Respond To God's Cutting Truth	Connie Giordano	06/27/04	Article
It Is Time For Revolution	Jeannette Rodgers	06/27/04	Prophecy
Lifting The Veil	Deborah Voetberg	06/27/04	Article
My Bride Is Made Ready	Dee Hoetmer	06/27/04	Prophecy
Now the Wind, then the Freeze	John L. Moore	06/27/04	Prophecy
Prophetic People	Clo DiPilato	06/27/04	Prophecy
The Coming Move of God	Larry Taylor	06/27/04	Article
The End of Days	Todd Gross	06/27/04	Dream/Vision
The Fear Of The Lord	Ron Wood	06/27/04	Article
The Institutional Church	Mary Koons	06/27/04	Dream/Vision
The Joshua Journey	Jill Austin	06/27/04	Article
The Power Of God	Luz Contron	06/27/04	Prophecy
The Tabernacle I Am Building	Jeanne Kruchowski	06/27/04	Prophecy
To Those He Calls Friends	Sandy Warner	06/27/04	Article
Vigilance	Priscilla Van Sutphin	06/27/04	Article
What is God Doing Today	Iverna Tompkins	06/27/04	Article
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A Green Irridescent Bird	Priscilla Van Sutphin	06/21/04	Dream/Vision
A Prophet's View Of Apostolic Church	Robert Holmes	06/21/04	Article

A Word To My Faithful Ones	Dee Hoetmer	06/21/04	Prophecy
Babylon Revealed	Clay Sikes	06/21/04	Article
Birthing Forth The Man Child	Bayo Omoyiola	06/21/04	Article
Called To Die, Die To Live	Tim Meredith	06/21/04	Article
Come Up Here	Vicki Camp	06/21/04	Dream/Vision
Explosive Words	Mary Clark	06/21/04	Dream/Vision
Fathers And Sons	Stephen Hanson	06/21/04	Prophecy
Galilean Tapestry	Rimona Frank	06/21/04	Article
God Is Coming Like The Niagara Falls	Kathie Walters	06/21/04	Dream/Vision
I Will Set The Captives Free	Yolanda Ballard	06/21/04	Prophecy
In The Out Door	Sandy Warner	06/21/04	Article
Nets	Wade Taylor	06/21/04	Article
Overcoming the Beast	Rick Joyner	06/21/04	Article
Paul Cain's End Times Vision	Terry Sullivant	06/21/04	Dream/Vision
Removing Wedges	Hollie Moody	06/21/04	Dream/Vision
Straight Is The Way	Susan Cummings	06/21/04	Prophecy
The Forge	Bill Burns	06/21/04	Prophecy
The Kindness of Christ	Catherine Brown	06/21/04	Article
The Revelation Of The Sons Of God	Cheryl McGrath	06/21/04	Article
The Sacred Cows of Bible Study	Bill Somers	06/21/04	Article
The Slaughter Pens	Bob Neumann	06/21/04	Dream/Vision
The Veil in Herod's Temple	Clo DiPilato	06/21/04	Article
There's A Whole Lot Of Plowing Going On	Connie Giordano	06/21/04	Article
Three Veils of God	Ron McGatlin	06/21/04	Article
Vision Of New Zealand	Judith Grobelny	06/21/04	Dream/Vision
Warning Rulers Of The Earth	Lou Engle	06/21/04	Article
Where Is The Great Outpouring	Kriston Couchey	06/21/04	Article
Wisdom Shines	Bill Yount	06/21/04	Prophecy
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A Company Of Horses	Robin Paisley	06/13/04	Prophecy
A Great White Hospital	Mark Wattenford	06/13/04	Dream/Vision
A Silver Basin	Mary Clark	06/13/04	Dream/Vision
Africa Cries for Justice	Geoff Sadler	06/13/04	Prophecy
Behold I Am At The Door	Luz Cintron	06/13/04	Prophecy
Come And See	Cindy Allen	06/13/04	Article
D-Day Wreckage	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	06/13/04	Article
Fleecing The Sheep	Clay Sikes	06/13/04	Article
Grace And Glory	Priscilla Van Sutphin	06/13/04	Article
Heaven-To-Earth Transit Lines Opened	Dorothy Hedlund	06/13/04	Prophecy

Jezebel Is Alive And Well	Carole Korakas	06/13/04	Article
Leaving The System	Joseph Herrin	06/13/04	Article
Move With My Spirit	Sandy Brunson	06/13/04	Prophecy
Natural Disasters and Shakings	Terry Suggs	06/13/04	Article
Overcoming Sin	Ephraim Frank	06/13/04	Article
Power over the Power	Gary Todd-Coldiron	06/13/04	Article
Put The - I Quit - Behind You	Sandy Warner	06/13/04	Article
Redeemed From the Earth	Arlette Pollard	06/13/04	Article
Sonrise	Cheryl McGrath	06/13/04	Article
Spain	Catherine Brown	06/13/04	Prophecy
The Ferocious Love of God	Victoria Boyson	06/13/04	Dream/Vision
The Gift of Tears	Paul Cain	06/13/04	Article
The Hungry Get Desperate	Tommy Tenney	06/13/04	Article
The Key of Knowledge	Bill Somers	06/13/04	Article
The Purpose for Tribulation	Joe Ortiz	06/13/04	Article
The Spiritual Siloam	Bayo Omoyiola	06/13/04	Article
The Tabernacle of David	Don Potter	06/13/04	Article
To Him That Overcomes	Chip Brogden	06/13/04	Article
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Upon this Rock	John Garr	06/13/04	Article
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A Final Hour Outcry	Yolanda Ballard	06/06/04	Article
Apostolic Covenant	Priscilla Van Sutphin	06/06/04	Article
Eat the Whole Scroll	Ashanti Davis	06/06/04	Article
Elections [Canada] 2004	Carla Rickard	06/06/04	Article
Empty Pages	Sandy Warner	06/06/04	Article
Enter The Kingdom	Chip Brogden	06/06/04	Article
Extreme Spiritual Makeover	Denis Drewlo	06/06/04	Prophecy
Father’s Love	Ephraim Frank	06/06/04	Article
I Am A God Of Memorials	Julie Baxter	06/06/04	Prophecy
I Will Be A Wall Of Protection To My People	Stephen Hanson	06/06/04	Prophecy
Lighting the Path of Discipleship	Cindy Allen	06/06/04	Article
My Glory Is Coming	Musa Opiyo	06/06/04	Prophecy
Prosper in The Famine	Davies Nderema	06/06/04	Article
Restoring the Fallen Tabernacle of David	Lishan Desta	06/06/04	Article
Rising Up	Paul Ekemezie	06/06/04	Article
Storms for a Season	Becky McLendon	06/06/04	Article
The Church	Harold Reedy	06/06/04	Article
The Holy Spirit's Call On Memorial Day	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	06/06/04	Prophecy

The Hour Glass and the Scales	Susan Cummings	06/06/04	Dream/Vision
The Promise of Heaven for This Young Generation	Bob Jones	06/06/04	Dream/Vision
The Secret Place	Robert Holmes	06/06/04	Article
The Storm Is Coming	Julie Joyner	06/06/04	Prophecy
The Times In Which We Live	Kathleen Umanetz	06/06/04	Prophecy
Thick-Headed Or Thick-Skinned	Tim Meredith	06/06/04	Article
Times of Change Coming	Ron Kussmaul	06/06/04	Prophecy
Tithing Finances in the Kingdom	Cindye Coates	06/06/04	Article
What Defines Revival	J Conrad Lampan	06/06/04	Article
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Who's Taken and Who's Left Behind	Joe Ortiz	06/06/04	Article
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A Total Heart Cleansing	Yolanda Ballard	05/30/04	Prophecy
Acting Pophecy (part II)	Lishan Desta	05/30/04	Article
Arise In My Compassion	June Sanders	05/30/04	Prophecy
Back To The Garden Of God	Paul Ekemezie	05/30/04	Article
Contentment with God	David Scudder	05/30/04	Article
Day Of Deliverance	Musa Opiyo	05/30/04	Prophecy
Fire And Lightening	Priscilla Van Sutphin	05/30/04	Prophecy
Fortified Cities	Mary Clark	05/30/04	Prophecy
Grow Up	Bobby Conner	05/30/04	Article
I Am Stirring Your Passion	Jana Alcorn	05/30/04	Prophecy
In Your Fullness Of Times	Olivia Long	05/30/04	Prophecy
Midnight Hour Dream	Susan Cummings	05/30/04	Dream/Vision
My Judgment Cometh	Dee Hoetmer	05/30/04	Prophecy
My Sheep Hear My Voice	George Acason	05/30/04	Article
One Question	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	05/30/04	Prophecy
Pentecost - The Bride Coming Forth	Christine Beadsworth	05/30/04	Article
Revival And The Emerging Apostolic Movement	Todd Bentley	05/30/04	Article
Sanctified Imagination	Joni Ames	05/30/04	Article
Signs Of What Is To Come	Stephen Hanson	05/30/04	Article
The 144,000	Arlette Pollard	05/30/04	Article
The Basics Of Holy Choices	Sandy Warner	05/30/04	Article
The Day After Tomorrow	Bob Neumann	05/30/04	Article
The Last Day's Church	Matt Sorger	05/30/04	Article
The Power of a Seed	Ching Co	05/30/04	Article
Times Square Anointing	Dan Fineman	05/30/04	Article
Why Reformation	Bayo Omoyiola	05/30/04	Article

Winds & Trees & Things	Steve Taylor	05/30/04	Article
Word for New Zealand	Glywn McInnes	05/30/04	Prophecy
You Are Far More Prepared Than You Think	Clo DiPilato	05/30/04	Article
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A Bride for the King	Roy Resh	05/23/04	Article
A Cleansing Sword	Bill Hernandez	05/23/04	Prophecy
Argentina	J. Conrad Lampan	05/23/04	Prophecy
Blowin In The Wind 2	Bill Somers	05/23/04	Article
Candle In The Wind	Terri Derocher	05/23/04	Article
Church Moves Into A Bar	Alan Senecal	05/23/04	Article
England You Have A Choice	Chuck Pierce	05/23/04	Article
For Those Who Long	Luz Cintron	05/23/04	Prophecy
God's Mighty Army	Yvonne Walsh	05/23/04	Prophecy
Hear The Sound of Taking Ground	Dorothy Hedlund	05/23/04	Article
Jakarta	Renee Smith	05/23/04	Prophecy
Joint Resolution Of Apology To Native Peoples	U S Senate	05/23/04	Article
Making Your Way in the Emerging Church	Mike Woelk	05/23/04	Article
More Comments The Prosperity Message	Clay Sikes	05/23/04	Article
North and South Korea	Catherine Brown	05/23/04	Article
Now Is The Time	Olivia Long	05/23/04	Prophecy
On Track	Priscilla Van Sutphin	05/23/04	Prophecy
Our Desire For Corporate Expression	Cal Werner	05/23/04	Article
Prayer for Our Cities	Clo DiPilato	05/23/04	Article
Preconceived Notions	Glenn Jackson	05/23/04	Prophecy
Refreshing the Taste Buds of God	David Scudder	05/23/04	Article
Rely On Me	Dee Hoetmer	05/23/04	Prophecy
The Arrival Of The Bride	Shirley Lise	05/23/04	Article
The Kingdom Come on Earth	Mark Wattenford - Mary Koons	05/23/04	Article
The Mountains of God	Lishan Desta	05/23/04	Article
The Word to be Released in this Season	Christine Beadsworth	05/23/04	Article
Through A Mirror Dimly	Stephen Hanson	05/23/04	Article
Walk And Rest	Sandy Warner	05/23/04	Article
You Have Asked For My Heart	Angel Dahilig	05/23/04	Prophecy
Zion Giving Birth 2	Julie Volby	05/23/04	Article
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A Matter Of Discovery	Sandy Warner	05/16/04	Article
A Message For My Bride	Yolanda Ballard	05/16/04	Prophecy
A Season of Romance	Diane Schultz	05/16/04	Prophecy
About the Bride	Megan Morris	05/16/04	Article
Acting Prophecy	Lishan Desta	05/16/04	Article
Angel of the Covenant	Susan Cummings	05/16/04	Article
April Showers Bring May Flowers	Mary Clark	05/16/04	Dream/Vision
Are We Sheep Or Goats	Dave Howe	05/16/04	Article
Beauty For Ashes	Musa Opiyo	05/16/04	Prophecy
Christ Comes	Cindy Allen	05/16/04	Article
Damnable Heresies	John Martin	05/16/04	Article
Defining Days	Bill Burns	05/16/04	Prophecy
Early Morning Prayer	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	05/16/04	Article
Holiness is Coming	Ron Powell	05/16/04	Prophecy
I Am Pouring Out My Spirit	Dorothea Montague	05/16/04	Prophecy
It's Later Than You Think	Dee Hoetmer	05/16/04	Prophecy
Midst of Week Follow-Up	Dave Prichard	05/16/04	Article
Most Powerful Force	Ron McGatlin	05/16/04	Article
Pre-eminence	Priscilla Van Sutphin	05/16/04	Article
Seeing Him Who Is Unseen	Francis Frangipane	05/16/04	Article
The Chariots of God	Shaaron Coleman	05/16/04	Dream/Vision
The Power Of A Satisfied Heart	Victoria Boyson	05/16/04	Article
The Power of My Word	Carla Rickard	05/16/04	Prophecy
The True Prosperity Message	Clay Sikes	05/16/04	Article
The Wounds You Bear	Robert Lillington	05/16/04	Prophecy
Visitations And Demonstrations	Jill Austin	05/16/04	Article
What Causes Barrenness In Church Life	Graham Cooke	05/16/04	Article
You Are Equipped	Jeanna Stacks	05/16/04	Prophecy
Your Greatest Peril	Judy Curmi	05/16/04	Prophecy
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A Rain of Fire	Ron Powell	05/9/04	Prophecy
Be Changed Into My Glory	June Sanders	05/9/04	Prophecy
Blowin In The Wind 1	Bill Somers	05/9/04	Article
Compete With The Horses	Chuck Pierce	05/9/04	Prophecy
Crossing Over	Sandy Warner	05/9/04	Prophecy
Daughters Of Thunder	Judy Curmi	05/9/04	Prophecy
Extreme Home Makeover	Mary Lindow	05/9/04	Article
God Chosen Or Chosen God	J. Conrad Lampan	05/9/04	Article
How the Kingdom Will Come	Rick Joyner	05/9/04	Article

I Am With You	Musa Opiyo	05/9/04	Prophecy
Melting Love Pouring Down From Heaven	Gloria Shepherd	05/9/04	Prophecy
My Beautiful Beloveds	Dee Hoetmer	05/9/04	Prophecy
Numbered Among the Transgressors	Arlette Pollard	05/9/04	Article
Open Wide Your Mouth	Chimezie Onyebilanma	05/9/04	Article
Out of the Ashes	Angel Dahilig	05/9/04	Prophecy
Perfected Unto Maturity	Hollie Moody	05/9/04	Dream/Vision
Preparation For War	Ephraim Frank	05/9/04	Article
Refresh The Ground And Persevere	Stephen Hanson	05/9/04	Article
River of Love	Tony Mccleave	05/9/04	Article
The Genuine Article	Mary Clark	05/9/04	Prophecy
The Great Miracle	Carla Rickard	05/9/04	Prophecy
The Greatest Time In Human History	Terry Suggs	05/9/04	Article
The Peace Of Jerusalem	Sherry Holloway	05/9/04	Dream/Vision
The Power Of God	Bobby Conner	05/9/04	Article
Thy Kingdom Come	Mike Forest	05/9/04	Article
Transitions	Priscilla Van Sutphin	05/9/04	Prophecy
Walking Forward	Jane Larsen	05/9/04	Dream/Vision
Waves Of Holy Terrorism	Yvonne Walsh	05/9/04	Prophecy
We've Asked For the Fire	Cyndee Pillow	05/9/04	Article
What The Spirit Is Saying	Susan Cummings	05/9/04	Article
When God Swore	Maria Magruder	05/9/04	Article
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A Word Of Encouragement	Bill Burns	05/2/04	Prophecy
Abundance Of Kindness	Catherine Brown	05/2/04	Article
Behold I Do A New Thing	Dee Hoetmer	05/2/04	Prophecy
Bridal Garments of Humility	Jill Austin	05/2/04	Article
Bright Lights In Israel	Faye Brown	05/2/04	Article
Driving Dream	John Martin	05/2/04	Dream/Vision
Escape to Freedom	Priscilla Van Sutphin	05/2/04	Article
His Voice	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	05/2/04	Prophecy
House to House	David Howe	05/2/04	Prophecy
How Much Time Do We Have	Ron McGatlin	05/2/04	Article
I See You My Daughters	Olivia Long	05/2/04	Prophecy
In Psalm 84	Mark Kaphaem	05/2/04	Article
Intimacy And Warfare A Vision	Geoff Pick	05/2/04	Dream/Vision
Judicial Intercession	James Goll	05/2/04	Article
Lost in Translation	Debra Westbrook	05/2/04	Article
May Day	Barbara Yoder	05/2/04	Article

Now is the Time to Press	Kriston Couchey	05/2/04	Article
Persecution and Glory	Rick Joyner	05/2/04	Article
Please Sir	Paul Davies	05/2/04	Article
Prophesy Over The White House	Sandy Warner	05/2/04	Article
Refiners Fire	Aquilla Adams	05/2/04	Article
Rehoboth	Musa Opiyo	05/2/04	Article
The Glory of God - It's Coming	Deb Okereke	05/2/04	Article
The Imperative Of Joy	Larry Taylor	05/2/04	Article
The Passion Of Christ Worldwide	Charles Carrin	05/2/04	Article
To the Church of Laodicea	David Scudder	05/2/04	Article
Un-veiled Eyes	Jacob Ray	05/2/04	Article
War Clouds	Ephraim Frank	05/2/04	Article
You Will Break Out	Chuck Pierce	05/2/04	Article
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A Prophetic Warning	John Martin	04/25/04	Article
Breakthrough	Bill Inello	04/25/04	Prophecy
Colorful Letters	Mary Clark	04/25/04	Dream/Vision
Dealing With Accusation	Sandy Warner	04/25/04	Article
Eastern Gate to the New Jerusalem	Carla Rickard	04/25/04	Prophecy
Extending the Right Hand	Arlette Pollard	04/25/04	Article
Feet Of Brass	Chip Brogden	04/25/04	Article
I Await You In The Currents	Sam Buick	04/25/04	Article
It Is Time To Rise Up	Susan Cummings	04/25/04	Prophecy
Major Surgery	Priscilla Van Sutphin	04/25/04	Article
Midst of the Week	David Prichard	04/25/04	Article
North Korea	Romy Zarit	04/25/04	Article
One In The Spirit	Terry Suggs	04/25/04	Article
Releasing The Captives	Yolanda Ballard	04/25/04	Prophecy
Return of the Prodigals	Victoria Boyson	04/25/04	Article
Revelation Vs. Fact	Stephen Hanson	04/25/04	Prophecy
Rise Up My Valiant Ones	Dee Hoetmer	04/25/04	Prophecy
Shout!	Jasminka Diehl	04/25/04	Article
Talitha Koum	Pamela Hatheway	04/25/04	Article
The Birthmark	Ephraim Frank	04/25/04	Article
The Coming Fire	Reuben Ekburg	04/25/04	Prophecy
The Day I Chopped Down My Family Tree	June Sanders	04/25/04	Prophecy
The Fullness of Times	Bayo Omoyiola	04/25/04	Article
The Undercurrent Move of God	Ron McGatlin	04/25/04	Article
The Word to be Released in this Season	Christine Beadsworth	04/25/04	Article
Those That Wait Upon The Lord	Musa Opiyo	04/25/04	Prophecy

Threshold Of Desire	Mary Lloyd	04/25/04	Article
Watchmen, Sound My Warnings	Joe Long	04/25/04	Prophecy
What The Lord Speaks	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	04/25/04	Prophecy
Wired Different	Bill Yount	04/25/04	Article
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A People of Passion	Patsy Shelton	04/18/04	Prophecy
Aloneness	Jasminka Diehl	04/18/04	Article
Authority And It's Misuse	Mario Procopio	04/18/04	Article
Bolivia	Catherine Brown	04/18/04	Dream/Vision
Contending With the Confusion of Babylon	Chuck Pierce	04/18/04	Article
Cornucopia	Dee Hoetmer	04/18/04	Article
Destiny and Discipleship	Shirley Baskett	04/18/04	Article
Fellowship	Chimezie Onyebilanma	04/18/04	Article
For The Vineyard Movement	Kathie Walters	04/18/04	Dream/Vision
From Pentecost To Tabernacles	Clay Sikes	04/18/04	Article
I Am Coming For The Prodigal	Mark Kaphaem	04/18/04	Prophecy
I AM the Author of Your Life	Priscilla Van Sutphin	04/18/04	Prophecy
Israel And The Church	David Silver	04/18/04	Article
Life and Change	Rick Joyner	04/18/04	Article
Restoration of YHVH's Inheritance	Ephraim Frank	04/18/04	Article
Saved	Becky McLendon	04/18/04	Article
Scotland	Karen Frith	04/18/04	Dream/Vision
Straight From The Father's Heart	Yolanda Ballard	04/18/04	Prophecy
Submerged In The River Of God	Musa Opiyo	04/18/04	Dream/Vision
The Breaker Anointing	Jill Austin	04/18/04	Article
The Choice	Luz Cintron	04/18/04	Article
The Conversion of Kingdoms	Clo DiPilato	04/18/04	Article
The Next Generation	Carla Rickard	04/18/04	Prophecy
The Year Of The Open Double Door	Susan Cummings	04/18/04	Article
Theomatics	Del Washburn	04/18/04	Article
Things That Hinder	Sam Buick	04/18/04	Dream/Vision
This Is The Year Of The Open Door	Bill Burns	04/18/04	Prophecy
Traveling Feather Light	Sandy Warner	04/18/04	Article
Victory In The Camp	Olivia Long	04/18/04	Prophecy
Walk After The Promises	Shirley Lise	04/18/04	Prophecy
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15 Ways To Remove The Enemy's Covering	Chuck Pierce	04/11/04	Article
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Be Strong	Denise Lagrimas	04/11/04	Article
Cities Under God's Glory	Charlie Robinson and Kevin Paterson	04/11/04	Article
Climb the Mountain	Mark Pranger	04/11/04	Article
Conformed Into An Image	Arlette Pollard	04/11/04	Article
Crossing Over	Patsy Shelton	04/11/04	Prophecy
Exceptional Purity	Mary Lindow	04/11/04	Prophecy
Faith Teaching Vs Surrender Message	Clay Sikes	04/11/04	Article
From Shadows To Light	Ephraim Frank	04/11/04	Article
From Weeping to Rejoicing	Rick Joyner	04/11/04	Article
Good Fight Of Faith	Paul Ekemezie	04/11/04	Article
I Came That You May Have Life	Musa Opiyo	04/11/04	Prophecy
Judging Trees By Their Fruit	Cindy Allen	04/11/04	Article
Just As I Promised	Shirley Lise	04/11/04	Prophecy
Led by the Spirit	John Lallier	04/11/04	Article
Led By the Spirit	Mike Forest	04/11/04	Article
Measure The Building	Stephen Hanson	04/11/04	Article
No Merchandising	Gaylene Womack	04/11/04	Dream/Vision
Passover 2004	Joanne Gavlick	04/11/04	Article
Press In Unto Me	Dee Hoetmer	04/11/04	Article
Reality Of The Supernatural	Todd Bentley	04/11/04	Article
The Architecture Of The Spirit	David Orton	04/11/04	Article
The Door Of Deliverance Is Open	Sandy Warner	04/11/04	Article
The End of The Protestant Reformation	Ron McGatlin	04/11/04	Article
The Move Of My Spirit	John Michael Hatalovsky	04/11/04	Dream/Vision
The Spirit of the Martyrs	James Moore	04/11/04	Article
Two Calls Coming	Mark Kaphaem	04/11/04	Article
Unless I Wash Your Feet	Helen Pollack	04/11/04	Article
Your Ministries for the End of the Age	Dorothea Montague	04/11/04	Prophecy
Zion Giving Birth	Julie Volby	04/11/04	Article
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A Baptism Into Destiny	Bill Burns	04/05/04	Prophecy
A Day Of Deeper Consecration	Yolanda Ballard	04/05/04	Prophecy
A Thrusting	Bill Yount	04/05/04	Prophecy
A Word To My Cohanim	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	04/05/04	Prophecy
America The Ambivalent	Nigel Cameron	04/05/04	Article
Ancient Times	Robin Paisley	04/05/04	Prophecy

Anointed To Wait	Becky McLendon	04/05/04	Article
As The Deer Pants	Sandy Warner	04/05/04	Article
Baruch Atah	Priscilla Van Sutphin	04/05/04	Prophecy
Birthing Revival Through Intimacy	Matt Sorger	04/05/04	Article
Created Things	Chris Mahon	04/05/04	Dream/Vision
Dance With The King	Joni Ames and Bob Jones	04/05/04	Article
Daughters Of Destiny	Olivia Long	04/05/04	Prophecy
Elders In The City	Charles Newbold	04/05/04	Article
Financial Healing	Maria Magruder	04/05/04	Article
Five Planets	John Lallier	04/05/04	Dream/Vision
He Is The Lord Of The Silent Harvest	Francis Frangipane	04/05/04	Dream/Vision
I Am At Work In You	Musa Opiyo	04/05/04	Prophecy
It Will Be Worth It	Victoria Boyson	04/05/04	Prophecy
Ministers Of Fire	Dee Hoetmer	04/05/04	Prophecy
Open Heaven	Terry Suggs	04/05/04	Prophecy
Passion Movie Released In Middle East	News Items	04/05/04	Article
Passover and Nationhood	Ephraim Frank	04/05/04	Article
Pursuit of Peace	Ron McGatlin	04/05/04	Prophecy
Take The Land	Shirley Lise	04/05/04	Prophecy
The Coin Purse	Mary Clark	04/05/04	Prophecy
The Root of True Confidence	Chimezie Onyebilanma	04/05/04	Article
The Smell Of Fear	Denise Lagrimas	04/05/04	Article
The Tree of Knowledge versus the Tree of Life	Mark Virkler	04/05/04	Article
Urban Warrior	William Coleman	04/05/04	Article
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A Message Of Preparation	Stephen Hanson	03/28/04	Prophecy
A New Pentecost	Jill Austin	03/28/04	Prophecy
A Year of Choice	Mark Kaphaem	03/28/04	Article
An Army Of Eagles	Dee Hoetmer	03/28/04	Prophecy
An Infected Tooth	Judy Curmi	03/28/04	Dream/Vision
Arise As Bold Warriors	Musa Opiyo	03/28/04	Prophecy
Come Out Come Up	Jeannette Rodgers	03/28/04	Prophecy
Embrace Your Cross	Mary Clark	03/28/04	Prophecy
Fireworks in Heaven	Lishan Desta	03/28/04	Prophecy
Freedom Is Coming	Shirley Lise	03/28/04	Prophecy
Fulfill the Call	Carla Rickard	03/28/04	Prophecy
Glorious Victory	Bill Burns	03/28/04	Prophecy
Greece And The Summer Olympic Games	Chuck Pierce	03/28/04	Article
Induction	Priscilla Van Sutphin	03/28/04	Prophecy

It is Time Now My Church	Ayman & Hala Mikhail	03/28/04	Prophecy
My Fire Is Upon My Mountain Once Again	Susan Cummings	03/28/04	Prophecy
Obsessed With Sanctuary	Mary Lindow	03/28/04	Article
Passover Lamb's Journey	Ephraim Frank	03/28/04	Article
Perfect Love	Lynda Bowers	03/28/04	Prophecy
Prayer to Adonai	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	03/28/04	Prophecy
Scroll of Prophecy	Bayo Omoyiola	03/28/04	Article
Seek No Other God	Arlette Pollard	03/28/04	Article
Stand In My Joy	Olivia Long	03/28/04	Prophecy
Stay In Step	Aquilla Nash	03/28/04	Prophecy
The Fall Of Jezebel	Pam Clark	03/28/04	Article
The Stumbling Block	Sandy Warner	03/28/04	Article
Thy Kingdom Come	John Martin	03/28/04	Article
Why Do We Observe Passover	David Prichard	03/28/04	Article
Wise Virgin	Don Hawley	03/28/04	Article
You Are Neither Forsaken Nor Forgotten	Janet Chamberlain	03/28/04	Prophecy
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A Parable Of Two Trees	Stephen Hanson	03/21/04	Prophecy
A People That Will Be A Praise Unto My Name	Dee Hoetmer	03/21/04	Prophecy
A Prophetic Flow	Bill Burns	03/21/04	Prophecy
Abide In His Truth	Marion Lundy	03/21/04	Article
Awake to Righteousness	Deborah Joyner-Johnson	03/21/04	Article
Disarmed	Ronnie McMullen	03/21/04	Dream/vision
Filled With The Fullness	Sandy Brunson	03/21/04	Article
From Hollywood To Holywood	Francis Frangipane	03/21/04	Article
Gain Momentum	Shirley Lise	03/21/04	Prophecy
Great Reformation Coming To America	Peter Vandever	03/21/04	Article
Hidden In The Secret Of My Presence	Patsy Shelton	03/21/04	Prophecy
Hijacked On The Way	Ron McGatlin	03/21/04	Article
Hold On To My Promises	Milt Ortiz	03/21/04	Prophecy
Know That Change Is Near	June Sanders	03/21/04	Prophecy
Laodicean Church Syndrome	Paul Ekemezie	03/21/04	Article
Listen To The Signs	Sandy Warner	03/21/04	Article
Love For The Brethren	Olivia Long	03/21/04	Prophecy
More Housecleaning	Diane Bahler	03/21/04	Article
Plunging Into The Depths Of Prophecy	Bayo Omoyiola	03/21/04	Article
Push	Shawn Bolz	03/21/04	Article
Release Of His Winds	Musa Opiyo	03/21/04	Prophecy

Reserved Seating	Priscilla Van Sutphin	03/21/04	Article
Restoration	Danny Steyne	03/21/04	Article
Thanksgiving Our Weapon of Warfare	Ching Co	03/21/04	Article
The Activation of the Creative Word	Clo DiPilato	03/21/04	Article
The Altar of Surrender	Susan Cummings	03/21/04	Dream/Vision
The Fire Of My Love In You	Yolanda Ballard	03/21/04	Prophecy
The TRUTH is LOVE	Susan Waggoner	03/21/04	Article
Unclaimed Mantles	Linda Patterson	03/21/04	Dream/Vision
Words of Warning	Dorothea Montague	03/21/04	Prophecy
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2004 Prophecy	Aquilla Nash	03/14/04	Prophecy
A Giant Leap for Mankind	Priscilla Van Sutphin	03/14/04	Article
A Parable Of Abiding	Sandy Warner	03/14/04	Article
Acceleration of Time	Musa Opiyo	03/14/04	Prophecy
Be Strong and Courageous	Mary Clark	03/14/04	Article
Contending For The Airwaves	Patricia King	03/14/04	Article
Dividing Line Set Forth	Gaylene Womack	03/14/04	Article
Divine Commissioning	Matt Sorger	03/14/04	Article
Divine Financial Strategies	Andrew Bullians	03/14/04	Article
Finland	Debra Westbrook	03/14/04	Prophecy
Horns of Righteousness and Horns of Deception	Arlette Pollard	03/14/04	Article
I Am Lord Of The Harvest	Dee Hoetmer	03/14/04	Prophecy
I Will Restore	Shirley Lise	03/14/04	Prophecy
Laying Waste The High Places	Susan Cummings	03/14/04	Article
My Witness On the Earth	Carla Rickard	03/14/04	Prophecy
Operation Mountain Storm	Joni Ames and Bob Jones	03/14/04	Article
Our Inheritance II	Ephraim Frank	03/14/04	Article
Prepare To Receive All	Dorothea Montague	03/14/04	Prophecy
Preparing To Cross Over	Chuck Pierce	03/14/04	Article
Rejoice Expect And Receive	Olivia Long	03/14/04	Prophecy
Repentance To Glory	Yolanda Ballard	03/14/04	Prophecy
The Divine Cloaking Device	Mary Lindow	03/14/04	Article
The Emerald Rainbow	Doug Fortune	03/14/04	Article
The Look Of Death	Deborah Kerekes	03/14/04	Article
The Passion Movie	Paul Jablonowski	03/14/04	Article
The Passion	Richard Lang	03/14/04	Article
The Season Of Birth Is At Hand	Ching Co	03/14/04	Article
The Ultimate Treasure	Paul Ekemezie	03/14/04	Article
There Is A Wind Blowing	Ron Kussmaul	03/14/04	Article

Viewing the Cross from the Throne	Amanda Davis	03/14/04	Dream/Vision
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A Great Turn Around	Shirley Lise	03/08/04	Prophecy
A Parable Of Persistence	Sandy Warner	03/08/04	Article
Action or Reaction	Priscilla Van Sutphin	03/08/04	Article
After The Passion	Don Hawley	03/08/04	Article
Arise From The Ashes	Dee Hoetmer	03/08/04	Prophecy
Convergence of the Ages	Jim Goll	03/08/04	Article
Council of the Lord	Jill Austin	03/08/04	Article
Darkness Will Scatter	Olivia Long	03/08/04	Article
Do Not Fear	Lance Lambert	03/08/04	Prophecy
Dream Interpretation	Donna Kazenske	03/08/04	Article
Heavenly Workshop part II	Vicki Camp	03/08/04	Dream/Vision
I Saw A Mountain As A Tower	Ron McGatlin	03/08/04	Dream/Vision
Kim Clement Expounds	Kim Clement	03/08/04	Article
Lean Not To Your Own Understanding	Terry Suggs	03/08/04	Article
Meet Me At The Well	Jeannette Rodgers	03/08/04	Prophecy
Mel Gibson - King Cyrus of Babylon	Ron McGatlin	03/08/04	Article
Our Inheritance	Ephraim Frank	03/08/04	Article
Power Purpose And Benefits	Clay Sikes	03/08/04	Article
Refrain Your Tongue From Evil	Dorothea Montague	03/08/04	Article
Remove The Occult Shield Of Protection	Rick Ridings	03/08/04	Article
Saved By The Life Of Christ	Yolanda Ballard	03/08/04	Prpphecy
Spend Time With Daddy	Catherine Brown	03/08/04	Article
The Cross And Anti-Semitism	Rick Joyner	03/08/04	Article
The Dew	Kerry Knorr	03/08/04	Article
The Release of the White Doves	Robin Paisley	03/08/04	Dream/Vision
The Secret to Walking in Great Power	Don Franklin	03/08/04	Article
The Truth is The Key	Annette Ammarell	03/08/04	Article
Then God Remembered Part II	Maria Magruder	03/08/04	Article
Walk Across America	Rusty Thomas	03/08/04	Article
Woe to the Bloody City	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	03/08/04	Prophecy
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A Continuous Work	Mary Clark	02/29/04	Dream/Vision
Beauty Removed Beauty Restored	David Clements	02/29/04	Prophecy
Celebration Of Jesus	James Moore	02/29/04	Dream/Vision

Day Of Breakthrough	Musa Opiyo	02/29/04	Prophecy
Doors And More Doors	Sandy Warner	02/29/04	Article
Fiberoptics	Priscilla Van Sutphin	02/29/04	Article
From Chaos To Kingdom	Ron McGatlin	02/29/04	Article
Heavenly Workshop	Vicki Camp	02/29/04	Dream/Vision
In The Cloud Of His Glory	Susan Cummings	02/29/04	Dream/Vision
Intimacy	Jon Hamill	02/29/04	Article
It's Time To Take It Up A Notch	Elizabeth Lyke	02/29/04	Article
Melchizedec	Ephraim Frank	02/29/04	Article
Melchizedek	Nita Johnson	02/29/04	Article
Passion of Christ	Joe Ortiz	02/29/04	Article
Passionate Pursuit	Victoria Boyson	02/29/04	Article
Recognizing The True From The False	Clay Sikes	02/29/04	Article
Sons Why your prayers are hindered	Carla Rickard	02/29/04	Prophecy
Stand and Be Still	Jane Larsen	02/29/04	Prophecy
The End	John Foster	02/29/04	Prophecy
The Intoxication of the Gospel	Billy Humphrey	02/29/04	Article
The Lost Heart	David Carson	02/29/04	Article
The Passion For The Harvest	Chuck Pierce	02/29/04	Article
The Passion movie	Bob Lund	02/29/04	Article
The Patience of God's Saints	Arlette Pollard	02/29/04	Article
The Spirit Of Truth And His Witness	Cindy Allen	02/29/04	Article
True Worshipper	Joe Cicchino	02/29/04	Prophecy
Walk In High Places	Bill Burns	02/29/04	Prophecy
Where I Dwell No Mixture Can Remain	June Sanders	02/29/04	Prophecy
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A Call For Rest	Musa Opiyo	02/22/04	Prophecy
A Place For Him To Rest	Francis Frangipane	02/22/04	Article
ACPE Word for 2004	Chuck Pierce	02/22/04	Article
An Invitation to The Bride	Mark Kaphaem	02/22/04	Article
Ascending Butterflies	Sandy Warner	02/22/04	Article
Auckland New Zealand	Karen Frith	02/22/04	Dream/Vision
Capturing the Airwaves	Patricia King	02/22/04	Article
Church In Crisis	Stephen Hanson	02/22/04	Prophecy
Church Is Going Forth	Annette Ammarell	02/22/04	Prophecy
Days of Slumber	Billy Humphrey	02/22/04	Article
Dealing With Differences	Mario Liu	02/22/04	Article
Do Not Be Moved	Shirley Lise	02/22/04	Prophecy
End Time Vision of Daisy Osborn	Daisy Osborn	02/22/04	Dream/Vision
I Love My Church	Heidi Cummins	02/22/04	Prophecy

Intercessors Release	Maria Inello	02/22/04	Prophecy
John The Beloved of Hollywood	Bill Yount	02/22/04	Article
My Words	Olivia Long	02/22/04	Prophecy
Not For Sale	Jasminka Diehl	02/22/04	Article
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End Time Prophetic Vision

2004 Prophecy

Aquilla Nash

Those of Eastern descent will be divided. Where there was a oneness of purpose among them it will no longer be so, for the Lord will bring many of them to faith in Christ. Many will know that the Lord is Lord of all nations and multitudes will come to Him. This shall cause no small stir among the Eastern world. There will be a great shaking among those who follow other gods. Those who refuse the Lord will see their strength fail. The evil they have devised will turn upon their own heads.

“Fear not America for the Lord is with you. Many have prophesied in My Name the destruction of America, but I have not spoken it, says the Lord. The haters of this Nation will seek to destroy, but wisdom will prevail against it.”

This Nation will take a turn for the good in 2004. Three men in high places of government will be set aside. Those that I have raised up to take their place will be of a different spirit and it will cause great change to take place.
The righteous of this Nation shall stand up stronger than ever. Godly men and women will stand in high places and once more the world will know America is one nation that stands under the umbrella of God’s Spirit.

Many changes will occur in areas of government throughout the world. Governmental policies will change. Many for the good of the people.

Russia will have a sudden change in leadership. At first it will appear that it is taking the nation a step backward. Then they will make a league with a nearby nation that will be for the common good of the people.

Out of Great Britain will come a governing that will set a new course for the people. It will seem like a small thing in the beginning, not much significance. Yet, it will be the start of a new course, a new direction for the people for their good.

Egypt will have a new leader. He will be much different from those of the past. He will not rule or be ruled in the same manner of those before. His purpose will be much different than others who have ruled. He will be a promoter of the people!

On November 2, 2003, the Lord gave me this interesting Word, “The boundaries of the seas will move, leaving large areas of dry land instead of water for the beaches. In other places the beaches will be covered by the sea. For the boundaries for the seas will be broken down.”

Beloved, just as surely as there are many changes happening on the spiritual level, there are many changes happening on the natural or earthly level. You may remember the Lord speaking to us about great earthquakes in places that had not experienced them before.

I said this a number of years ago, yet I must say it again, I see great change in our weather patterns. Many of us have already begun to experience this. Just as the heavens are in a stir, so it is with the earth. We will see more great earthquakes, floods, tornadoes than ever before.

Precious partner, this is an awesome day. The voice of the Spirit is saying, “Change, change, change.”

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3 Messages
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(1) The Names of God (part 2)

In the first part of this series I talked of Jehovah - the self existing one who reveals himself. I also talked about Emmanuel and Jehoshua, the names of Christ but in this message I would be talking on other names of God. Hope you'll have a nice time as you meditate on the sermon.

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

In Exodus 3:6 God told Moses his name. He revealed himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and he said that is his name for all time. It would be a memorial name.
Looking at this we will find out that the name is his covenant name and we could hold on to that name and get victories in our lives. Let us call him. He will hear us and never leave us alone.

The Word of God

In the old testament God tells us that he has exalted his word above all his names. This means that the name of the Word has a special preference in heaven. When we call him. The angels pay attention. All creatures in the heavens, the earth and underneath the earth all bow in holy reverence of that precious name Jesus.

As we behold him we would see that he is the connection between heaven and earth, the key to success in every area and that in him dwells all power. He can do anything for you if you only believe in him. He is everywhere so it doesn't matter where you call on him. My bible says he filleth all in all. He is the gateway to heaven and the only access to infinite wisdom. He knows everything so relax. Be still and know that I am God - he says. Shalom.

(2) New Seasons

November I believe is a month of new things. Experience the newness of God. Its a month of restoration. So, take in the restoration power let him fill you up for ministry and for everything he has for you. The devil doesn't have to cheat you any more. He would pay back seven-fold of everything he has ever stolen from you if only you believe.

(3) 2005

2005 would be a year of unlimited grace. It would be a year of the fullness of Yeshua Adonai. It would be a year of the manifold wisdom of God. Experience the changes. Experience him in a new way. Experience the multiplicity of God. Wake up to a new reality O Zion for its the new day of Christ.

To maintain the power flow we must stay crucified to self and earthly pleasures. We must pay the price of listening to him and sacrifice time to be with the Lord. Passover is before Pentecost and Pentecost is before Tabernacles. So, we must pass from the outer court to the inner court then to the holy of holies. We must cross from being repentant to being filled with power and then to being a worshipper and a communer in his presence daily.

Its time to be friends of God. Awake Zion. Awake friends of the bridegroom. Behold the bride in her fullness for it a hour of change.

6 Continents

Mark Griffo

Prophetic words for the 6 Continents of the World
August 4, 2004

South America

The fiery blaze of the Holy Spirit will intensify. There will be a large ongoing influx of new believers in regions of this continent. Signs and wonders, specifically healings of great magnitudes, will begin to happen. Intercessors will be crying out for their land and will bring the wave of salvations and healings into this continent. There will be a title wave of God’s presence that will overtake the church. A rapid growth of churches will emerge bringing hope to the peoples of this region. I see in the spirit stadiums being full with high praises of God being lifted up. Evangelistic crusades will fill the stadiums and outdoor arenas compelling people to come to Jesus. Joy will replace sorrow and hope will replace the hopelessness that has devastated many places. Revival fires are burning bright!

Africa

There is a call coming forth from the heart of God for leadership training upon the church. This will result in a mass harvest and an overtaking of this continent bringing them to the heart of God. Rapid church multiplication will boomerang in this continent within the next 2 years. Healing crusades and the evangelistic call will overtake this continent. We will see the raising of the dead, signs and wonders and increased Holy Spirit baptisms in unparalleled numbers. Increased ministry to the poor will emerge and be in full swing with anointing upon it in the days ahead. Rivers of revival will pour forth in the land and Africa will once again see the fruit of their land increase both spiritually and physically in the coming years. The heart of Africa will pulse with the heartbeat of God and a fragrant offering will be lifted up from this continent.

Asia

The glory of God will be seen and heard in this land in the days ahead. The cry of intercession that has wailed forth in the hearts of believers will have great effect in the days ahead. Pockets of revival will spring up upon every region of this continent. Extraordinary healings and an outpouring of love will flood the land. The house church will explode within the next 3 years and leaders will be sent forth from this territory into all continents of the world. Idolatry worship will crumble day by day and the tangible presence of the Lord will be felt.

Australia

The walls of resistance will crumble and the power of God will storm this country. Church after Church will emerge and the blaze of the Spirit will overtake the land. Missionaries, evangelists, and the full 5-fold ministry will overtake this land. They will be emerging and will trailblaze paths of righteousness with great strength in the spirit. The beauty of the land will only intensify as the beauty of the Lord increases. Families will be united and children will be preaching the good news of the gospel. The Lord will use the children of this continent to lay hands on the sick and speak deliverance to the captives. Great teachers will arise forth and proclaim the principles and proclamations of the Holy Spirit. Many will feel the waters of renewal and revival sweep across the land.

Europe

Holy Spirit fire will increase. City walls will fall down and be replaced with walls of love, peace, hope and encouragement. Ancient unbiblical ways will give way to Jesus, the way, the truth and the life. Faces of sadness will turn into faces of joy. Heaviness will turn into holiness. Signs and wonders will increase in great proportions. We will see a great cloud of glory cover the regions of this continent.

Where there has been doubt, hopelessness and defeat, we will see encouragement, happiness, and delight. Children will cry out for their cities and see immediate results. The elderly will see great hope before death. Translations and transformations will be common. The heavenly realm will be a normal happening in the lives of the believers. There will be 'hotspots' of dead bodies being raised that will change cities. Worship will increase and new songs for the church will emerge forth. Prophetic dance will be increasing and the love for the world will be seen in new ways. Teens will be filled with happiness and hope. Sorrow will vanish. I see in the spirit a youth revival emerging that will set the pace for this entire continent. The church will forge ahead fast and make an indelible impression on the world. Prophets will arise and Holy Spirit infillings will blaze a fiery path in the regions of Europe. Come Holy Spirit!

North America

America will be arising to a new place of influence in the days ahead. There will be a huge outbreak of youth revival that the churches will not be able to hold them all. There will be an emerging forth of radically changed youth that will lead the way to repentance and renewal in the days ahead. Stadium's nationwide will be filled with believers lifting up holy and righteous praise to the King of kings and Lord of lords. Revival will break forth in the children of America and there will be signs and wonders in the body of Christ with great waves of influence. There will be a title wave of the Spirit that breaks upon the states of our nation. We will see peoples of all ages come forth with new vigor for the sake of the master. The Lord will be giving new wineskins and will flow new wine in the church. Paradigms will shift from the conventional way of church to Holy Spirit led book of Acts church. Holy Spirit gatherings of believers will break forth in every city of America and it will be for the building of relationships in the body of Christ. The church will experience a new wave of finances to fund the work of the Lord world wide thought the Market place Apostles. The five fold ministry will be in full swing and the "Day of the Saints" will be arising with greater power than they have every seen. There will be a Rapid multiplication of House Churches and continued networks of this will be forming on a monthly basis. The Lord is shaking the church into place and we will see the body of Christ arising to a new level of life and relationship. We will see the believers taken to the "Heavenly Realms" and be given the view of the Father from Heavens vantage point. Proclamations and Declarations will be spoken with authority and we will see the earth full of the glory of God.

FOR ALL BELIEVERS WORLDWIDE...
WE WILL EXPERIENCE HEAVENLY REALM ENCOUNTERS
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Anointed To Wait
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We should be slowing down to let Him show us more; perfect us more. We can exhaust ourselves trying to push through with this and that OR we can wait on the LORD. We even want every bit of our love to be flowing out from Him, and every word printed to be thus saith the Lord. We do not want the printed words to be just more printed words. They should be the sure word of prophecy, or not at all.

He knows how to bring this into perfection, and we don't want it any other way. Every step must be a walk with God. We have no choice but to wait. We are chosen, so we walk HIS chosen path everything we do will be His orders. This is a walk together with God. We love each other by waiting together on God. One is not pulling on the other in the flesh.

This is a love worth waiting for. We have that love now, and we move as He orders us to move and tells us how. It is a love born out of rest in Him, and it will be perfected in quietness and confidence. What a treasure. All we need to do is stand still. Perfection is an anointing that we wait for, and because of that, we are anointed to wait. We are anointed to be perfected. We have no choice. It will happen. The Lord wants to be able to take perfection to all nations and he will. We wait until we hear Him say go. The devil wants us to run ahead and mess it up. The spiritual abortionist waits right at the doorstep, but if we have sought Jesus first, He has added the anointing to wait for perfection. Then these other things will be added.

Blessings and Shalom,
Becky

There Is A Hunger
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Hear a little parable: It seems instead of people going after the rabbit; they are going for its tracks. Thinking they will actually FIND the rabbit, they go to and fro asking, “Which way did he go? Which way did he go?” They stop and STUDY on this and that and never get the rabbit. About all we have gotten for years has been rabbit tracks, and Jesus cautioned us not to go when they say, “Lo, he is here or lo, he is over there.” He also said, “ lo I am **with you** always, even unto the ends of the earth. “ Chasing rabbit tracks instead of going after the rabbit creates a dead end existence that does not satisfy. He is **with us,** and his kingdom is **within** if we but believe. There is a hunger.

If you want the rabbit, go after him.

There is a hunger and a thirst in the land. You and I need Jesus so much, and teachings and traditions of men can’t give him to us. We have to go to the table for ourselves, and that by the Spirit. This is the food He prepares in His kitchen. At first it is just for us. Then it will be for many. We will learn of him to feed the multitudes, those that are hungry. We are waiting for the hungry to appear. THEY WILL SHOW UP. We are looking for the HUNGRY now. Expecting. They are the harvest. We prepare the table in oneness for others as he has prepared the table for us. People need to get things off their mind, and think Jesus. And these things will be added. After all did he not say you shall have perfect (complete and mature) peace if your mind is stayed on him? Jesus is our very first need. He is the first love. That is why we must continually return to Him.

There is a hunger and a thirst in the hearts of those that belong to Christ. A hunger that leaves nothing on the plate, a thirst that drinks the whole cup, and this we do each time we return to him. This is remembering him. Together we will leave nothing on the plate. Together we drink the whole cup. I have a hunger that doesn't think food. And it is constant. If we constantly hunger and thirst for righteousness, we will be constantly satisfied.   And that will keep us forever together. And the world is groaning for this manifestation. There is a hunger! A thirst! Come, come, come!

The Sheep Of His Pasture

Hear another little parable: God's sheep were in the wilderness one day, at His leading. They were grazing on the lovely herbs and grasses He had provided for them. However, there was a poisonous weed that had sprouted up, sown by an enemy. God spoke to His sheep, and said: "Touch not, taste not, handle not! For if you eat of that weed, it will kill you!" Immediately, a wolf dressed in sheep's clothing sidled up to one of the lambs of the flock and said, "Why do you not eat that lovely herb?" "Because the Shepherd has said, "Touch not, taste not, handle not!" "Legalist!" snarled the Wolf in Sheep's clothing. "You are taking that command out of context of the written word! That was a command issued forth by evil religious leaders to keep their people from enjoying their lives and their liberties."

"On the contrary," answered the sheep. "The Shepherd has REVEALED that word to me in my spirit for my protection. Therefore in this case it is WITHIN CONTEXT of His revealed word! After all, HE IS THE WORD, is He not? I will obey my Shepherd, for I know His voice, His spirit. It is YOUR voice that I do not know. You are a stranger, and you seek to steal, kill and destroy with your false sense of wisdom and your over-inflated religious pride."

The wolf in sheep's clothing jerked the weed out of the ground, quoted a chapter - and - verse scripture (out of context of the revealed word and purpose of God), "You shall take up a deadly thing and it shall not harm you," ate the weed and died. The sheep followed his Shepherd's voice and lived

The Spirit of the Lord will from time to time tell us who hear, "touch not, taste not and handle not." He is not referring to the forbidding of "things", but to the command not to partake in doctrines laced with heresy because they "look good" and "seem right."   Many doctrines will come to us, sounding good but laced with enough poison to kill us. Many times He will use our voices to issue the same warnings to our brothers and sisters in the Lord, when we see a poisonous doctrine presented. If He has told us "touch not, taste not, nor handle not," He means it.   What we hear in our spirit from the Lord comes not by much study, but by revelation. Christ is to be known, not just known about.

Blessings and Shalom,

Becky

2004 Awake and Arise

Chris Hirsh

During my time with Him the Lord led me to following Scripture

Isaiah 52 vs 1-2

" Awake, awake ! Put on your strength, O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean Shall no longer come to you.

Shake yourself from the dust, arise; Sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion! "

I believe 2004 is going to be a year of a great shifting, a paradigm shift in the Body of Christ. I believe we will be seeing the beginnings of a positioning of the Church from a state of slumber, lethargy, passivity and defeat into a state of awakening , rising up into the glorious Church she has been called to be. We will be seeing a rising up and entering into sonship, not just from a teaching and head knowledge view , but a literal living out and gaining heart knowledge of who she really is in HIM and the authority and power that has been transferred to her.

For a long time we have seen a Church that has walked bended down, crippled, defeated, passivity, comfortability, without power and walking only in a fraction of the authority that belongs to her thru HIM, but this year is the beginning of her laying down those garments of defeat, false doctrines, poverty mentality and putting on those garments that are truly hers .

This year is the year of shifting, awakening and arising to walk as sons of God and not outcasts, to walk and reclaim her inheritance in HIM, to walk in true kingdom status, power and authority. All this is not a one time deal, but a continuous process.

There will also be an ongoing process of purifying and cleansing, a call to holiness and separation as never before. The lines between light and darkness will become more and more defined and clear cut, swallowing up every "gray" areas that have been tolerated and accepted as "ok" in Christian circles. There will not be no more in between, no more sitting one the fence but we will have to choose whom we serve.

We will see the Church to leave behind and shake off those things that have held her down, ensnared, held captive and rise up and be established to rule and reign.

This year is going to be a turning point, a pivotal time, an open door for her to cross over from a place of defeat, dryness, bondage to a place of promise, destiny ,strength, power and authority.

The time is NOW!

Chris Hirsh, 12-31-03

An African American Perspective

William Ford

An Amazing Prophetic and African American Perspective on Life, Justice, Intercession, and Today's Revival

by William Ford III

The purpose of this article is to give a perspective on abortion through my Christian worldview as an African American. Together, we'll explore history in order to gain greater understanding of what I and others believe we are facing today. You'll see historic prophetic comparisons that are alarming. I'll also share a personal encounter which broke my heart and has profoundly impacted me regarding this issue. My attempt is not to solve all societal ills or address them in this article, and I'm sure others could do better. I'm only a voice. First, let's start by introducing some of the history of God's faithfulness, and the sacrifice of those who've gone before us.

Prayer Bowls Over America

Many have heard the testimony of the great spiritual inheritance representing the prayers of the saints in my family. It is a 200-year-old black kettle pot, which was used by my Christian slave forbearers in Lake Providence, LA. This kettle was used for cooking and washing clothes, but secretly it was used for prayer. My ancestors were forbidden to pray by their slave master, and were beaten unmercifully if found doing so. However, in spite of their master's cruelty, and because of their love for Jesus, they prayed anyway. At night, sneaking into a barn, they carried this cast iron cooking pot into their secret prayer meeting. As others looked out, those inside prayed. Turning this pot upside down on the barn floor, they propped it up with rocks on the edge, which suspended the pot a few inches above the ground. Laying prostrate or kneeling on the ground, they prayed in a whisper underneath the kettle to muffle their voices. The story passed down with the kettle is that they were risking their lives to pray for ensuing generations. While researching for my book "History Makers" (co-authored with Dutch Sheets), I found this story repeated in slave narratives around the country. As slaves were sold across the country they continued these secret prayer gatherings at their new plantations, and the practice of these prayer meetings spread wherever they went.

Whispered Prayers on Earth, Shouts and Loud Cries In Heaven

It is important that we understand the dynamics of what happened in the spirit realm. Revelation 5:8 speaks of *"bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints"* before the throne of God. Zechariah 14:20b says, *"And the cooking pots in the house of the Lord, shall be as the bowls before the altar."* These containers caught muffled prayers on earth, just as bowls in heaven caught their prayers as incense. Symbolically, without their knowing it, these vessels became their bowls of intercession. Another interesting dynamic is that, in Revelation 8, when these bowls are released, one of the manifestations upon earth is voices.

Voices For The Voiceless

White Christian abolitionists became voices for the voiceless. Their sermons in public became answers to whispered, private prayers. Along with black Christian abolitionists, like Frederick Douglas and Sojourner Truth, they awakened the conscience of America to the value of human life, equality, and justice. They knew intercession was more than prayer, but also a call to respond to comfort God's heart in obedience, thru whatever assignment or action given by Him. In Hebrews it says that Jesus' prayers were heard because of His obedience, and these intercessors were heard for the same reason. Revelation 8 also says that at some future point, God adds His incense and fire to these prayers, which manifest His judgment or justice on earth. And that is just what He did.

The Supreme Court of Heaven Rules Courts on Earth

In 1857, the Supreme Court passed a law which many felt sealed the fate of enslaved African Americans. The case was Dred v. Scott. The Supreme Court basically said, in a 7 to 2 decision, that slaves were the property of their masters and had no human rights. However, because of prayer and acts of obedience, hearts changed and eventually this demonic decree was broken over America.

Like the memorial stones of Joshua's day, our kettle (and others like it), is a shared inheritance and a memorial stone to this generation that reminds us of God's faithfulness to our forefathers -- He Who delivered this nation out of slavery. Had it not been for these remnant intercessors, white and black, this institution would not have ended in America. Justice came, setting slaves free in America, and God's heart was comforted thru prayer and action. Now, our generation is being called into prayer and action today to be voices for the voiceless, releasing justice in our day.

God's Heart over Injustice

Is justice really that important to God? Could He really need comfort? Isaiah 59:15-16 gives us the answer:

"Yes, truth is lacking; and he who turns aside from evil makes himself a prey. Now the Lord saw, and it was displeasing in His sight that there was no justice. And He saw that there was no man, and was astonished that there was no one to intercede; then His own arm brought salvation to Him."

Take note of two very important words in these verses: "displeasing" and "astonished." In Hebrew, these words reveal God's heart over injustice. "Displeasing" is the word "raa," which means "to spoil something by breaking or shattering it into pieces." The Hebrew word for astonished is "shamem," which means "to devastate, to amaze, to stun, or to grow numb." Think of it: When the Creator of the universe sees injustice, His heart is broken. He then seeks someone on Earth to share this burden with Him in intercession and bring relief to His heart. When He can't find anyone who is concerned about injustice, He is astonished, stunned, and devastated!

Broken Intercession

The word "justice" in this verse is "mishpat," which means "a verdict announced judicially," especially a sentence or formal decree. Whether the lack of justice is legalized racist decrees, such as the Dred Scott decision during slavery, or other court injustices, it is God's desire to have intercessors be moved by His heart and, through prayer, release His kingdom justice on Earth. I have experienced what this feels like in intercession.

During one prayer journey (called the Kettle Tour), I had an experience and a depth of travail I'll never forget. I agonizingly wept for more than two hours. While praying and seeking to find out what was happening to me, I heard the Lord say He was sharing with me His heart for America. With intensity I'd never known before, I wept over the pain and division in America. I then heard the Lord speak to me: ***"If I heard the whispered prayers of slaves underneath cooking pots, how much more do I hear the silent screams of babies being aborted in America."***

My heart, like His, was shattered to pieces. In the act of abortion, we kill that for which we once would have died, and spurn what others gave their lives to protect -- the sanctity of human life.

A New Mantle to Break Roe v. Wade

Another unjust decree is upon the nation -- the 1973 Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade. In similar form, the Court said that unborn babies are the property of their mothers, and have no human rights. Just as Dred Scott, this decision was passed 7 to 2. The similarities are eerie. In 1857, when people were outraged about the decision, Chief Justice Taney basically said that if people didn't like slavery, they didn't have to participate in it, and that they had no right to force morality on anyone else. In 1973, when people were outraged over Roe v. Wade, Justice Blackmun basically said Americans didn't have to participate in abortion, and that we have no right to impose morality on someone else. Slavery and abortion are both inhumane. So are fleshly attempts to kill abortion doctors, an action similar to some rogue abolitionists, who tried to kill slave-owners.

We haven't learned our lessons from history. Consequently, we're breaking God's heart again.

The Affects of Abortion on African American Community

The statistics regarding the affects of abortion in our communities are staggering. As a race, the affects of abortion on the African American community have been devastating. Racially, our population is on the decline in America. As a whole, millions of African American babies die every year at an alarming rate. Close to 1,500 are aborted every day. Though we only account for 11 percent of the population, more than 30% of all abortions in America are African American babies. Why are these statistics so disproportionately high, especially since blacks as a whole don't support the philosophies of this institution of death?

Is the fact that 70% of all abortion clinics are in minority communities contributing to this holocaust? Maybe it is because the same spirits of death and racism from slavery are attacking us today.

The hurts of fatherlessness, which began during the peculiar institution, has carried over to today. Part of the reason for our pain, of course, is the affects of slavery. This, of course, does not excuse immoral conduct, but does shed some light on the fruit we see manifesting today. Satan's remedy to this has been programs and facilities set up as a means to help and educate; but instead they have imposed alternatives that promote sin and death, showing no hope or future for our children. New technology has uncovered the lies made to us all: It isn't tissue, it's a person.

Humanistic Ideologies of Racism and Death

The person Satan used was Margaret Sanger, whose philosophy of population control began many organizations, including Planned Parenthood. She was a Eugenicist, who believed that blacks and other "lesser strains" of society should be eliminated. She felt the poor of all races were a drain on mankind and these weaker, "dysgenic" people should be eliminated.

Sanger once even said, *"Colored people are like weeds, and must be exterminated."*

Keeping her motives hidden, she used black clergy during the early to mid 1900s to carry and disguise her message, unbeknownst to them.

Many pastors were outraged and resisted these efforts. However some were blinded by Sanger's charisma, money, and power, and were manipulated by Sanger, thus her plan infiltrated the black community. Though her motives were not exposed in the past, they since have been revealed through her memoirs. Greg Keath, African American leader in the fight to end abortion in America, thoroughly researched her documents in the 80's at Smith College, and what he found was appalling. For example, in a letter dated December 10, 1939 to a board member, Margaret Sanger wrote the following regarding her project, code named The Negro Project: ***"We do not want word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members."*** As George Grant writes in "The Grand Illusion," *"…since minority communities are the primary targets for contraceptive services, Blacks and Hispanics inevitably must bear the brunt of the abortion holocaust."* In most communities, abortions among African Americans outstrip births 3 to 1. Our people are truly perishing for lack of knowledge. We've been lied to by the enemy.

A United Church: The Answer

Will ending abortion in America fix the ills in the black community (crime, murder, drug addiction, economic disparity, etc)? Of course not. But can we truly solve any problem in our community while abortion still exists as it is? The answers, of course, lie in the church of Jesus Christ.

The church was the answer during slavery and the civil rights movement. And a new remnant of Christians of all races, working together on this issue, must pray and be voices for the voiceless in our day: the unborn. In Exodus 10:10-12, Pharaoh agrees to let Moses and the older generations go into the Promised Land, but as a concession, he says that the children must stay in Egypt.

Moses could have taken the easy way out. After all, carrying infants and young children on the journey into the Promised Land could have been viewed as burdensome. Moses, however, rejected Pharaoh's compromise, knowing that the future of Israel was in its offspring. The same is true for us today. Our children are not our burden, they are our hope, and we must fight for their future. If not, we forfeit our own voice and existence. Dr. King has been quoted as saying that in the end of our lives, it will not be the memory of hurtful words from our enemies that wound us most, but rather the silence of our friends. As God's friends, we must be voices for the voiceless on this issue, interceding with prayer and action.

A Call to Prayer and Action Today

The angels of Revelation 8 are standing at attention, waiting for us to add our prayers as incense to the cloud of witnesses that have gone before us. No one thought slavery would end in America, but they forget about the praying remnant of cooking pot intercessors and white abolitionists, who reminded God of how He delivered Israel from Egypt. The prayers of this godly remnant broke the power of Dred Scott, and slavery ended in America.

The same God who broke the power of that unjust decree, can break the power of Roe v. Wade. Truly, the commitment of our fathers has become the calling of our time, and this generation has been called for such a time as this to shift the courts in America. The key of justice purchased by the sacrifice of our black forefathers, which shut the door to Dred Scott and Jim Crow segregation laws, must be used today to close the door to Roe v. Wade. We can turn the courts of this nation again. We must pray for changed hearts and righteous judges, who do justice and love mercy to the unborn. Also, we must reach out and pray for healing for those who have had abortions. They don't need pointing fingers, but rather open arms of mercy, compassion, and hope.

Voting is one of your greatest acts of intercession. Many believers sacrificed their lives for this generation's right to vote in this nation. However, millions of Christians of all races in the last presidential election didn't turn out. As ambassadors for Christ, we must show up at the polls! And when we vote, we must vote for candidates who value the sanctity of marriage and are against killing the unborn. There are those who say that you cannot legislate morality. Sadly, these same people don't understand how this same mindset is what kept slavery intact. The purpose of law should be to protect humanity, not destroy it. Legislation should be used as a moral means, and not as part of supporting an immoral end. Vote to protect life.

Let's agree with the prayer of Harriet Beecher Stowe in 1852 during slavery, who cried,

"O, holy church universal, throughout all countries and nations! O ye great cloud of witnesses, of all people and languages and tongues! Differing in many doctrines, but united in crying, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, for he hath redeemed us from all iniquity!' -- awake! -- arise up! -- be not silent! Testify against this heresy of the latter day, which, if it were possible, is deceiving the very elect. Your God, your glory, is slandered. Answer with the voice of many waters and mighty thunderings! Answer with the innumerable multitude in heaven, who cry, day and night, 'Holy, holy, holy! Just and true are thy ways, O king of saints!'"

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Arise As Bold Warriors

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I would have you as My servants Joshua and Caleb, who firstly had seen My hand in operation throughout their travailing and journey from Egypt. Knowing that I the Alpha and Omega was capable of doing what I said I would do, were unnerved when they beheld the giants of the land before them. They knew that of themselves they could not do the job of eradicating their enemies, yet they leaned upon Me for their strength. They refused to speak in unbelief when the rest of their brothers spread fear among the camp. They waited on Me and knew that I had given them the land for their inheritance.

As with My servants of old, you My people are on the threshold of your promised land. You have lingered in the wilderness long enough. Some of the ‘older generation’ doctrine that caused you to turn back is disappearing as My truth is etched on your hearts. The land I have given before you is your inheritance. Yet I have allowed the giants in your way as a set up to show Myself strong in you. Do not look to the natural but to the supernatural.

As these giants advance and try to stop you from moving forward declare My praises and My promises that will ensure the downfall of all that would oppose and hinder My work in you. Do you think that singular stone killed Goliath as it proceeded from the slingshot? Was it not as David released the stone, that My power went behind it? So I AM equipping My end time army with such power. Your prayers and praise may not seem all that much significant to you, yet when the focus is on Me, I would say unto you as I said to Jehoshaphat, “The battle is mine and I will fight it.” Therefore fear not. Arise as bold warriors with the armour of the Lord on you. You are victorious because I say you are victorious for truly what I have spoken shall not return void.

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My Acceptance Of You

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I have accepted you as you are because I created you as you are. I had a special blueprint for your life that was unique to you and no one else. You were and still are to accomplish My will for your life as you lean on Me for your life support. But somewhere along the line, the Deceiver wedged his way into your life and began to fill your ears with lies about yourself. The more you listened, the more you believed that he was right and you then began to question whether you were who I said you are.

I AM THE I AM. I created all things. The earth and the sea are mine.HEAR ME, SAYS THE LORD, FOR AS SURELY AS I AM I DO NOT MAKE FAILURES. In you I see the potential to be great warriors, men and women of valour who will bombard the Kingdom of Darkness. In you I see the potential to be great businessmen, dealing with the arts...you know what talents and gifts I have given you for the glory of My name. Yet you have forgotten that you are a threat to the forces of hell, for hell itself trembles at My mighty ones, strong in Me, advance to storm its gates. Satan knows he cannot stop the power and the anointing that proceeds from you, and so he knows that the only way to bring you down is by undermining your self worth and sowing seeds of discontentment.

DO NOT GIVE HIM THE TIME OF DAY. I have given you My word and the authority of My name. Go forth, knowing that no weapon formed against you shall prosper, knowing that if I am for you, who can be against you. Come unto Me therefore, and experience My rest. I stand at the door of your heart and knock. Let Me sup with you.

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Authority And It's Misuse

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> *Matt 28:*
> *18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. "*

Biblical Concepts Of Authority

I. Delegated Authorities Must Sanctify Themselves

John 17:19 For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

1 Thess 4:7 For God has not called us for the purpose of impurity, but in sanctification.

It is something neither apportioned by men nor simply appointed by God. We need to remember that it is on the one hand based upon spirituality and on the other hand based upon the humble and obedient condition of the man before God. We will now add one more point, which is, that one who is to be in authority must be sanctified from the crowd, or to be set apart from the common and ordinary.

“The Lord sanctifying Himself” means that for the sake of His disciples, the Lord refrained from doing many things, which were perfectly legitimate to Him. He was absolutely sinless. Even His anger was without sin. Nonetheless He says, “For their sakes, I sanctify myself.” He was willing to be restrained in many things.

For our sake, he accepts the restrictions, which come from men. For the sake of God’s authority He refrains from doing many things in order to manifest His separation from the world. This is what the Lord sanctifying Himself means.

In learning to be in authority, we ought to be sanctified before brothers and sisters. According to ourselves, we take a certain attitude, but among God’s children, we will be sanctified. Even our fellowship with brothers and sisters must have limit beyond which we will neither be casual or frivolous. We should rather lose our liberty, we rather will be lonely. At times loneliness is the mark of authority. It is not due to pride but for the sake of representing God’s authority.

Rom 9:21
21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

2 Tim 2:20-21
20 In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. 21 If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

Lev 10:6-10
6 Then Moses said to Aaron and his sons Eleazar and Ithamar, "Do not mourn-do not let your hair hang loose as a sign of your mourning, and do not tear your clothes. If you do, God will strike you dead too, and his wrath will come upon all the people of Israel. But the rest of the people of Israel may lament the death of Nadab and Abihu, and mourn because of the terrible fire the Lord has sent. 7 But you are not to leave the Tabernacle under penalty of death, for the anointing oil of Jehovah is upon you." And they did as Moses commanded. 8 Now the Lord instructed Aaron, "Never drink wine or strong drink when you go into the Tabernacle, lest you die; and this rule applies to your sons and to all

your descendants from generation to generation. 10 Your duties will be to arbitrate for the people, to teach them the difference between what is holy and what is ordinary (common), what is pure and what is impure; TLB

The opposite of holiness is commonness, not just sin. To be sanctified is to be different from others. Many rightful things we will not do, many speakable words we will not utter. This is not an outward pretension but the restraint of God in the spirit. Only in this way will we be God’s delegated authorities.

One who is in authority represents God in his every word and action. If we can only fly at a low level because we cannot bear the solitude of high flying, we are unfit to be in authority. To be in authority requires restraint; one must sanctify himself. Others may, but you cannot; others may speak, but you cannot. You must obey the Spirit of the Lord as He teaches within you. You may feel lonely and miss the fervor of the crowd; nevertheless, you dare not mingle with the brothers and sisters in joking and jesting. This is the price of authority. Unless we sanctify ourselves like our Lord, we are not qualified to be in authority.

Lev 10:3 -“This is what the Lord has said, “I will show myself holy among those who are near me.” In this incident God reveals something; those who are near Him should never be careless. There is a much severer discipline to them than to the people in general.

Mourning is a normal human affection and is perfectly legitimate. But to those Israelites who served God, it was forbidden lest they die. How serious this is. Those who served God were judged differently from the ordinary Israelites. What all other people of Israel might do, they could not.

The opposite of holiness is commonness. Holiness means that others may, but I cannot. Even lawful affection needs to be put under control; otherwise death can be the consequence. The people of Israel died because of their sins, but priests may die because of not being sanctified. With the Israelites, he who killed must die; for Aaron, however, if he had mourned for his sons he would have died. People in authority must pay the price for it.

The people of Israel did not live in the tabernacle, whereas Aaron and his sons were not allowed to step out of the door of the tabernacle. They must diligently keep God’s charge. The anointing oil sanctified us from our natural affections as well as from customary conduct. We should respect the anointing oil, which God gives to us.

Luke 14:25-27
25 Great crowds were following him. He turned around and addressed them as follows: 26 "Anyone who wants to be my follower must love me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters-yes, more than his own life-otherwise he cannot be my disciple. 27 And no one can be my disciple who does not carry his own cross and follow me. TLB

Ordinary brothers and sisters may continue their family affections, but god’s delegated authorities must maintain the glory of God. They ought not set loose their own affections and act carelessly or rebelliously; rather, they must praise the Lord for seeing His glory.

Those who serve are anointed by God. They should sacrifice their own affections, denying even legitimate ones. All who would maintain God’s authority must know how to oppose their own feelings, how to lay aside the deepest of their affections towards relatives, friends and loved ones. The demand of God is exacting: unless one lays aside his own affections he cannot serve God. He who is sanctified is God’s servant; he who is not sanctified is a common person.

It is therefore a matter of enjoyment. Others may enjoy, but we cannot. Others may rejoice in pleasures (for wine speaks of rejoicing), but we cannot. People serving God are under discipline that they may be able to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean. Whatever loosens the reins of restraint is not to be done.

The higher the office, the stricter the demand. The degree of nearness to God becomes the degree of

His demand. Of him to whom God entrusts more, the more will He demand.

Authority has its foundation in sanctification. Without sanctification, there can be no authority. If you wish to live with the crowd, you cannot be an authority.

May we heartily desire to please God too and thus seek after deeper sanctification. It means we will be distinguished from the common, although not separated from God's children as though we were holier than they. The more we are sanctified and are subject to the authority of God the more we may be delegated authorities.

He who is in authority does not grasp authority; he serves God, is willing to pay the price, and seeks not excitement. To be in authority requires one to climb high, to not fear the loneliness, and to be sanctified.

II. The Conditions for Being Delegated Authorities

Titus 1:6-10
6 The men you choose must be well thought of for their good lives; they must have only one wife and their children must love the Lord and not have a reputation for being wild or disobedient to their parents.
7 These pastors must be men of blameless lives because they are God's ministers. They must not be proud or impatient; they must not be drunkards or fighters or greedy for money. 8 They must enjoy having guests in their homes and must love all that is good. They must be sensible men, and fair. They must be clean minded and level headed. 9 Their belief in the truth that they have been taught must be strong and steadfast so that they will be able to teach it to others and show those who disagree with them where they are wrong.
10 For there are many who refuse to obey; this is especially true among those who say that all Christians must obey the Jewish laws. But this is foolish talk; it blinds people to the truth. TLB

An elder must not be a self-conceited person. He who becomes haughty when given authority is unfit for the elder hood. The elders of a local assembly should not be susceptible to power consciousness. Whoever is conscious of authority is not fit to be an elder, nor can he manage the affairs of the church. Only small people are proud; they cannot hear either God's glory nor can they be trusted and used by God. Hence, a recent convert must not be chosen as elder lest he be puffed up and fall into the condemnation of the devil.

Titus 2:15
15 These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.
In order not to be despised one must sanctify himself. If he is not different from others in living and conduct, if he lives loosely and without discipline, he cannot escape being despised. It takes self-discipline to draw respect from others and to qualify oneself as God's representative.

To be in authority is costly; such ones need to be sanctified from the rest and to be ready for a lonely life. Never be self-conceited, but never be disregarded either. As soon as one becomes too common, he is dropped from the work. His usefulness is gone, and his authority is lost. Authority is manifested in sanctification, not in commonness. To represent authority is to represent God; to be in authority is to be an example to all.

Prayer For Deliverance:

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe You are the Son of God and the only way to God -- that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again so that I might be forgiven and receive eternal life. I renounce all pride and religious self-righteousness and any dignity that does not come from You. I have no claim on Your mercy except that you died in my place. I confess all my sins before You and hold nothing back. Especially I confess…

I repent of all my sins and I renounce; Rebellion, Disobedience, Defiance, Stubbornness, Anti-Christ, Absalom, Adversary, Anarchy, Leviathan, Mockery, Mutiny, Passivity, Jezebel, Ahab, Witchcraft, Humanism, Independence, Obstinacy, Self-will, Control, distortion Argumentative, Hatred of authority, Pride, Arrogance, Egotism, Self-Importance, Self-exultation, Phariseeism, Superiority, Criticism, Enmity, Competition, Treachery, Accusation, Criticism, Faultfinding, Judging, Anger, Suspicion, Distrust, Rejecting truth, Intellectualism, Mind idolatry, Prejudice, Fear of authority, Fear of man, Timidity, Inadequacy, Deceit, Lying, Rejection, Rejection from Father/ Mother.

I turn away from pride & rebellion, and I turn to You, Lord, for mercy and forgiveness. By a decision of my will, I freely forgive all who have ever harmed or wronged me. I lay down all bitterness, all resentment and all hatred. Specifically, I forgive… I sever all contact I have ever had with the occult or with all false religion--particularly… I commit myself to get rid of all objects associated with the occult or false religion. I thank You Lord Jesus, that on the cross You were made a curse, that I might be redeemed from every curse and inherit God's blessing. On that basis I ask You to release me from all the consequences of my sins and all the consequences of my ancestors' sins. I take my stand with You, Lord, against all Satan's demons. I submit to You, Lord, and I resist the devil. I declare that Satan and all his demons have no place in me or power over me through the blood of Jesus, Amen!

Biblical Concepts Of Authority Continued

Matt 28:18
18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Rev 12:10-12
10 And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,
"Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death.

Legitimate Authority Has 3 Aspects:

1- (Deliverance) - empowers you to be free and to overcome Accusation, guilt, condemnation, & fear.
2- (Inner-healing) - protects, nourishes, & builds up your Inner-man while tearing down inside of you that which is Harmful.
3- (Discipleship) – helps you achieve your divine destiny and To become the person god intended you to be.

Authority that does not have these three aspects is either; control, a Jezebel force, or witchcraft. It is actually illegitimate authority.

Control and/or domination are the methods used for achievement and the wisdom that is taught in this world. Control is the substance of this evil age.

Acts 19:8-10
8 Then Paul went to the synagogue and preached boldly each Sabbath day for three months, telling what he believed and why, and persuading many to believe in Jesus. 9 But some rejected his message and publicly spoke against Christ, so he left, refusing to preach to them again. Pulling out the believers, he began a separate meeting at the lecture hall of Tyrannus and preached there daily. 10 This went on for the next two years, so that everyone in the Turkish province of Asia Minor-both Jews and Greeks-heard the Lord's message. TLB
(Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's)
KJV - Tyrannus.
NT:5181 - Turannos (too'-ran-nos); a "tyrant";
The base of NT:2962 - kurios (koo'-ree-os); supreme in authority, i.e. (as noun) controller

Note; control comes in two forms
either **manipulation** (if you're weaker than the person you are attempting to control) - passive control
or **domination** (if you're stronger than the person you are attempting to control) - aggressive control.

A Look At False Concepts Of Authority That Has Diminished The Strength, Influence, And Unity Of The Church Throughout History.

1- Control Type Leadership Will Make Disciples Unto Men Rather Than Christ

Acts 20:30
30 Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them.

Jesus said go and make disciples of all nations. It is evident that He did not mean that the believers were to make disciples unto themselves. They were to be Jesus' disciples. A discipleship program must not make disciples unto men. You should make disciples unto Jesus. You point men to Jesus, not to yourself. In control type leadership doctrines one is forced to remain under his shepherd. He cannot go to new visions. He is forever bound by the limitations of his shepherd. In true Bible discipleship one is to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ (Galatians 4:19).

Jesus, not your human shepherd, must be your master. You are to be like Jesus, not a man. You are to grow up into Jesus Christ, not the human shepherd.
In some programs there is as strong a commitment to the human shepherd as unto the Lord which is actually a form of witchcraft.

2- Control Type Leadership Will Tell You That Submission To God Is Based On Your Submission To Man.

Submission to God is not based on submission to man.
The slave thing is overemphasized. The servant role is also emphasized in these groups. This keeps the person in fear. He fears to rise up and make his own decision or to enter into his own ministry.

A Christian can call himself a slave to the Lord as Paul did, but for the Christian to be a slave to a human shepherd and his program can lead to backsliding.

Hosea 8:4
"They have set up kings, but not by me: they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off."

3- In Control Type Leadership Churches The Sheep Never Tell The Shepherd Anything.

Again, the New Testament does not honor such nonsense.
Acts 21:4: "And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem."
Here the disciples or sheep were telling Paul rather than Paul telling them.

I Corinthians 3:5-7:
"Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believe, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase."

There is no stair step authority manifested here. This says that the ministers are nothing. It is God who really counts. The ministers lead you to Christ. Paul said stop magnifying men. You have the same thing that they have. You get with it and produce for the Lord.

4- Control Type Leadership Will Emphasize That Their Church Is Greater Than Most Other

Churches Or Somehow More Special.

2 Peter 1:20
20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. KJV

Control type leadership groups have special meetings where the general public is not invited. The main training program, however, is limited to the submitted ones. Jesus took His disciples out on a special retreat, and five thousand men went with Him. He taught them all the same things.

Control type leadership groups claim that the greater truths belong to only a select few. On one occasion the disciples rebuked a man for casting out devils because he was not of their group. (Mark 9:38) Jesus then rebuked them. He informed them that the man was of Him even though he was not in their group. This man's ministry had the approval of Jesus. He had no shepherd other than Jesus.

5- Control Type Leadership Will Often Speak Of Fear Of Stealing The Sheep.

How can sheep be stolen from a man who does not own them? The sheep belong to Jesus. No one on earth owns the sheep.

In "hard core" neo-discipleship programs every speaker is censored. All books are censored. Everything has to be approved by the pastor or shepherd.

1 Cor 7:22-23
23 You have been bought and paid for by Christ, so you belong to him-be free (from being slaves of men) now from all these earthly prides and fears. TLB

6- Control Type Leadership Will Make You Fearful To Listen To And Receive From Other Pastors And/Or Ministries.

In these groups they often speak of being afraid of another shepherd. The sheep should not fear another pastor's voice. You should love all pastors. This analogy is drawn from John 10 where Jesus speaks of the sheep being afraid of strangers. He was not speaking of Christians being afraid of other Christians. That is ridiculous and very poor teaching. This type of control brings about intense division in the Body and creates distrust and fear.

7- Control Type Leadership Will Over-Emphasize The Pastor As The Father.

The pastor is the father, and earthly fathers never change families. Now this sounds cute and nice, but analogies break down. I have only one Father. My Father is in heaven. This teaching is a subtle approach to "super submission." This leads a person to believe that he must submit to the shepherd as a child would to an earthly father. Analogies do not carry through fully from the natural to the spirit. If the shepherd were your father, he would be in full command of your life. You could not make decisions without his approval. You could not mature.

Matt 23:9
9 "And do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

8- Control Type Leadership Will Emphasize That Sheep Join Shepherds Rather Than Churches.

Disciples are unto Jesus and placed in His church. Disciples are not to be yoked under human shepherds. A shepherd program may distract from Jesus' roll as the Good Shepherd. The emphasis is on obedience to the under-shepherd.

The Bible doesn't point out any shepherd over Paul or similar men. Control type leadership programs emphasize that the sheep are joined to shepherds. The truth is that the saints are joined to the Lord and a local body.

9- Control Type Leadership Emphasizes The Infallibility Of The Human Shepherd Or Leader.

David did not completely submit to the office of Saul. He ran from him rather than submit. If he had submitted to Saul and turned himself in, he would have been killed by Saul. On the other hand, Sapphire submitted to the office of the headship of her husband and was reprimanded and killed for doing so.

10- Control Type Leadership Doctrines State That One Cannot Be Independent.

The error goes like this, just as parts of the body join other parts to the head, people join other people, who in turn join other people, who finally join you to God. In other words, it is impossible to eat or receive if you are not in a legalistic network of a chain of command program. This is where they derive the idea that once you join a discipleship group you cannot be unjoined. You can readily see that the body analogy is carried too far.

According to this way of thinking, the elbow can command the hand below it or the forearm below it. Nonsense. Only the head can command the body. Jesus is your head. You had better make sure you do not follow another. You are the body of Christ. Jesus is the head. The members cooperate in the physical body with one another, but they are directly controlled by the head. Your leg does not tell your foot what to do. Many times the smallest member may receive a word for the larger, outwardly more effective member. Never should the Church consist of a legalistic structure of dogmas.

Can One Be Independent Of The Main Body And Still Be Used Of God? Answer - Yes

Typical control type leadership concepts say absolutely not. They condemn such action.

Mark 9:38,39: "Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us, and we forbade him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me."

Bible Teaching On Disciples Without Local Shepherds Or Local Over-Seers.
Acts 14:22-23: "Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue…and when they had ordained them elders in every church…"

These disciples were alone without an apostle or shepherd, but they were disciples. The apostles who started the work were miles and miles away in the meantime. They had no one to turn to but the Lord. The shepherds were appointed in the church and not over individual sheep.

The Bible teaches that individuals are to flow together in a Body that is loosely knit together with the cords of love.

Colossians 3:14: "Above all things put on charity, (love) which is the bond of perfectness."
Colossians 2:2: "That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love."

11- The Believer Is Equal To The Pastor Or Shepherd In The Eyes Of God But Control Type Leadership Groups Say Otherwise.

Jesus taught in John 14:12 that believers would do the same works that He did. In I John 4:17 it stated that the believer is as Jesus. *"As he is so are we in this world."*

In I Corinthians 3:21-22 Paul exhorts them to stop glorifying in the men who were shepherds over the people and develop their own ministry. *"Let no man glory in men. For all things are yours. Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas…all things are yours."*

Ephesians 2:5-6 teaches that the believer is seated together with Christ in heavenly places. He is one with Christ. Every believer is equal in the sense of position. God places under shepherds over the flocks to love, guide, and encourage. In no way are these shepherds to act as lords over these saints. Some saints are capable of going beyond their shepherd.

12- In Control Groups The Ministry Of The Prophet Is Infallible And/Or Final.

Today He speaks to us through His Son Jesus Christ.
Hebrews 1:1-2: "God…spake in time past…by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son…"
God speaks directly to the individual today.

There is a ministry of the prophet today. Generally, but not always, his ministry confirms what is already revealed to your heart. You must never accept anyone's word as final. You must rightly divide the word of truth. You must weigh prophecies by God's Word and mature to the point of hearing God directly for yourself.

What Is Rebellion According To God's Word?

Rebellion is disobeying God's Word. It could be preaching the wrong message. It could be going to the wrong church. Rebellion is an attitude of hate for the ways of God. Rebellion against the words of a prophet or shepherd may or may not be rebellion against God. You must fear God's Word. You must not fear the prophet or the shepherd's word. If the prophet makes all of your decisions for you it is not a faith walk. This is walking by the words of your shepherd or prophet rather than having a direct relationship with God.

13- Control Type Leadership Groups Generally Teach That The Lord Speaks The Really Important Things To The Sheep Only Through The Human Pastor Or Shepherd.

I Peter 4:11: "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God…"

The teaching in Peter isn't limited to shepherds. God will use a shepherd to speak the Word of the Lord to the sheep. He will, also, use the sheep to speak the Word of the Lord to the shepherds. If you can hear the voice of God only through the shepherd, then you are limited by the wisdom of that shepherd. You would be at the mercies of that shepherd.

One of the handbooks of modern neo-discipleship seems to indicate that *the current Words of the shepherds are "The Living Words of God" for the disciples today*. This is the FALSE foundation of their authority.

If you will go back to their own analogy of the human body you see very easily that the only member which can instruct is the head. That head is Jesus. He can give instructions to any member in His Body directly just as your head can instruct one hand to do the opposite. Jesus has a "now" word everyday for everyone who will seek Him.

14- Control Type Leadership Emphasizes Outward Submission Rather Than The Inward Leading Of The Holy Spirit.

Submission is a key word in control type leadership groups. The picture is forming the life of the children by commands. The child must submit. The child cannot run away. He has to obey. The child cannot run to another family and join that family. The child must stay with you. They insist that lives cannot be molded without absolute submission. This is only part truth in my estimation.

The leader or pastor must speak, exhort, and rebuke with all authority, but the individual must be free to respond as he feels God is directing him. God gives authority by love in teaching the Word. Each individual must be free to sort out what is the will of God, and what is flesh on the part of the shepherd.

No man is perfect. No shepherd is perfect.

15- Control Type Leadership Programs Advocate Dictatorship.

Submit to them that have the rule over you… however…

This does not give leaders authority to demand submission to their error. We are not required to submit to authority that is contrary to the Word or the principles of the Word of God. Paul spoke of false shepherds…He also spoke of those who would arise from among them who would make disciples unto themselves. The sheep must have protection against this type of ruler. Never is the saint obligated to submit to the evil and error in any so-called man of God. He did not tell them to submit to error. He liberated them from the cruelty and bondage of men. It is the stronger helping the weaker. It isn't a shepherd commanding the underdog to straighten up.

Scriptural Tithing.
Never did Paul teach that the pastor or shepherd should receive the tithe. The tithe went to the church and the church used it as it was needed.

A Minister Who Must Rule Is A Sick Person.
Jesus recognized the authoritarian spirit in His disciples, especially Peter. The disciples had argued once on the road as to who would be the greatest. Jesus later instructed them that the greatest must be the servant of all. When there is a strong authoritarian pattern seen in any group, there should be warning bells going off in your spirit.

16- In Control Type Leadership groups there is absolute submission to the shepherd.

Everyone is submitted in a regimented (army type) authoritarian chain of command. Shepherds are submitted to shepherds. Someone is between you and God at all times.

Control type leadership groups teach that to have authority we must be in line with other leaders who are submitted to each other and finally to God. This type of thinking believes that they must be in line with those whom God places over them. Authority passes through the chain of command, this is false. If you get out of the chain of command, then you have no authority. Often this teaching uses the army as an illustration of the type of authority they are teaching.

God's Word teaches otherwise.
II Corinthians 11:5: "I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostle."

II Timothy 2:5: "There is one God, and one mediator between God and man*, the man Christ Jesus."*

Peter was rebuked by a younger man of God called Paul. Paul said, "I withstood him to the face." Peter was in error, and Paul told him off. He did not submit. The dictator-type teaching would have made Paul submit to error in Peter, but God does not honor this type of teaching.

Galatians 2:11: "When Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed."

Abigail refused to submit to the headship of her husband Nabal and countermanded his orders. She sent food to David which her husband said must not be done. She later married David after God slew her husband for his wickedness. (I Samuel 25:1-42)

Your first rule in submission is to God.

James 4:7: "Submit yourselves therefore to God."

Submitting to evil in a husband, pastor, or ruler is not honored by God. Peter said, "We ought to obey

God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29) God never honors submission when it causes disobedience to Him. God, many times, will only speak to one person about your life—you.

To consistently submit to the will of another human is inviting spiritual suicide. You are responsible for your own soul. Do not turn your soul over to any man.

Ephesians 5:21: “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”

A true submission teaching involves give and take on the part of all members of the Body of Christ. It is not sheep under shepherd in a rigid dictatorship or authoritarian program. God makes all saints equal. No one is to “lord” it over another.

17- Control Type Leadership Programs Or Neo-Discipleship Programs Promote “Totally Submitted Church Bodies.” Shepherd Programs Promote “Submitted Bodies.”

In “submitted bodies” each submits to someone above him. The shepherd has the sheep under him, submitted totally to him. He in turn is submitted to the one over him. There is no room for argument, etc. We don’t find such conditions existing in the Word of God. This was a meeting of the apostles and elders. They argued and disputed. Their conclusion is that there must be an ecclesiastical structure to have authority in God. This is the exact opposite of what Jesus taught.

Following the neo-discipleship route the strong individuals are destroyed. Men with deep convictions must submit them to the shepherd. You have seen this work in ungodly governments when they want to destroy men who are leaders. Dictators remove natural leaders and replace them with small men who know how to rubber-stamp their superiors. These are yes men. This is what neo-discipleship promotes—yes men. The control type leadership doctrine and dogma rules out men of convictions. This does away with men who hear from God. This, in reality, kills the move of God.

18- The Authority Apostles Exercised Over Each Church Was Limited. Control Type Leadership Groups Teach Otherwise.

The churches, which Paul started, were only loosely connected to him. He had to write to some of them to prove his apostleship over them. He didn’t leave them in a “strait jacket” program. They demanded that he prove himself worthy of the ministry or apostleship that he claimed among them. The congregations held Paul accountable. They actually demanded proof from Paul that he was speaking the Word of the Lord.

II Corinthians 13:2: “I told you before, and foretell you…if I come I will not spare.”

II Corinthians 13:10: “I write these things being absent, lest being present, I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.”

Notice that Paul had to tell them twice in this case. He did not have absolute dictatorial type submission in operation. Paul had authority. Every shepherd or apostle must have authority, but he must not overstep this authority. There must be a balance !!! A person must be allowed to make decisions. Through trial and error the babe learns to walk.

Yes, Paul did have authority, but it was not administered in a manner to destroy the will of the church or saints. These are words of authority, but taken in the light of the surrounding scriptures, they were not given in the spirit of dictatorship or absolute authority. God’s ministers must have authority. It is an authority of love; it is not an absolute authority, which demands absolute obedience. Men are prone to make mistakes. A man must be free to find God for himself.

19- Control Type Leadership Groups Emphasize That Relating To Men Of Like Doctrine Is The Basis Of Fellowship.

They acknowledge that Jesus is the Savior and believers love one another because of Jesus. Then they turn around and say that you cannot be joined, or related, unless you are joined to others of like doctrine or come under their leadership structure.

I Corinthians 6:17: “He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit.”

Believers are joined to Jesus. The spirit of Jesus joins the believers to each other, not doctrines, shepherds, or anything else.
The Holy Spirit makes us all one.

20- Control Type Leadership Groups Are Generally Religions That Emphasize Good Works And Focus Inwardly On Themselves Rather Than On Outreach.

One trick of Satan is to get your mind on your works or ministry to the body at the cost of forgetting the main commission of making disciples of sinners, not just fellow Christians. When God’s Spirit is flowing, there is an emphasis upon meeting the needs of fellow church members but it should never be at the diminishment or neglect of evangelism. Through love, thanksgiving, and the acknowledgement of God’s grace in our lives our ministry, deliverance, & inner-healing to the Church is not an end to itself but rather it’s purpose is that all may obtain a greater degree of power and freedom within so as to adequately obey the great commission and win many to Christ.

A Look At Legitimate Concepts Of Authority And Discipleship

1- God’s People Are Not Merely Sheep.

They are the Bride of Christ.
They are Sons of God.
They are Kings and Priests.
They are Eagle Saints.

An eagle is very independent. He flies high and alone.

Paul lived a very independent life. Don’t force God’s children into the fold all of the time. Who wants an imperfect human shepherd leading him? No, you had better look to Jesus! There is a place for the shepherds. They love and protect the flock, but they do not fleece them, and “lord it” over them.

2- The Bible Teaches That God Is Your Covering.

Psalm 91:1 teaches
“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow (or covering) of the Almighty.” Read Isaiah 30:1.

Only God can cover you on vacation or anywhere else you may reside.
Your pastor or shepherd is only human. He cannot take the place of the Lord.

3- The Basis For True Discipleship Is Acting On The Word.

James 1:21
21Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

It is as you learn to obey God’s Word that you will see the discipleship of the Holy Spirit in your life.

4- As We Obey The Word Of God Christ Is Formed In The Disciple Through The Operation Of The Holy Ghost.

The Holy Spirit set these ministries in the Body. It was not a chain of command or dictatorship setting into ministries those who would be subject to a doctrine of man. Hallelujah! It is Jesus who does it all.

I John 4:17: "…As he is, so are we in this world."

You are not down under some pastor or church authority. You are one with your shepherd free in Christ. You are one with Jesus. As He is, so are you in this world right now. You can receive guidance. You can receive revelations. You are a king. You are a priest. You are an overcomer. The Comforter has come. He is leading you today. (John 14:26)

5- Christ, The Good Shepherd, Is To Be Formed In Every Disciple.

Love is an act of your will. You choose to love. You choose to obey the Lord. Any program that orders you to do something in a legalistic fashion causes coldness and doubt. God alone can command you to do something; even then you have the choice to obey or disobey. This makes your obedience an act of love and submissiveness which honors God. If it is forced on you with no choice on your part, it is servitude or slavery. Choosing to obey the shepherd is not a choice to obey God. It is an act of your will that identifies you with a man. We must be free from the oppression of man and come under the authority of Christ and only identify with the Lord.

I John 4:12: "…If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

The true disciple loves his fellow man. He does not separate himself in small sheepfolds of ten or twelve people. He identifies with the entire Body of Christ.

Matt 28:18-19
18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,

Perfect love destroys insecurity and selfishness. You cease being self-conscious and become love-conscious and therefore your focus becomes universal. Your love & focus is no longer on any select few but rather now, your love & focus is on everyone - all nations !!!

Prayer Of Deliverance

To renounce the bondages of control: prayer for release from control:

Lord I forgive everyone who has ever controlled me, and I ask you to forgive me, for being controlling as well. Your word commands me to avoid the fear of men and to not be the slaves of men.

Therefore I take the blood of Jesus and break every ungodly soul tie of control between me and my parents, spouse, children, family members, friends, enemies, employers, people and/or organizations I am in debt to, church family, pastors, people in authority, and all people in general.

In the name of Jesus I resist all control and I command any & all curses and demons of control, witchcraft, Jezebel, Ahab, passivity, death, depression, fear, insecurity, guilt, false responsibility, and confusion to get out of my soul and to never return. I am in covenant with you lord to love, fear, & worship you alone, and to remain free!!! In Jesus name, amen!

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Angels And Joy Bubbles

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HEARD: Joy bubbles are coming soon. Suddenly. Things are going to change.

VISION: I was traveling past a tree. When I looked back, I saw an angel and he suddenly turned brilliant with the Lord’s glory. His mantle went from his shoulders to his hips and it was glowing white. He had turned to face the other direction and looked like he was preparing to depart. My eyes had been opened as in a trance and I tried to keep my eyes open so I could continue to see him. I did not want him to leave. Then he turned towards me and blew joy bubbles up into the air. The bubbles were about 2-3 inches in size. He continued to blow them with the wind carrying them straight to me. I opened my mouth and they popped inside my mouth and in my face. I was so delighted as they popped! I felt the vision closing down, and I tried to keep my eyes open as long as I could. Just before it did, I saw my own company of angels accompanying me. They were floating about 6 feet above my head....

I am sending My joy bubbles. These shall pop over the heads of those with child-like hearts. They shall delight in My Presence and I shall delight in them. No good thing shall I withhold from them that walk uprightly. In their years of waiting, they have wept many tears, but they shall reap in joy as they see the fruits of their trust in Me.

"Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Ps 126:5-6 NKJV)

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Blooming Butterfly

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{Ears 2 Hear} BLOOMING BUTTERFLY From the Rhema Journals of Sandy Warner

BLOOMING BUTTERFLY
Feb 12, 2004
SANDY RHEMA
VISION: I saw a Monarch butterfly that was too big for the picture frame. It had grown outside its boundaries. The wings were not inside the picture.

VISION: I saw something coming down from heaven.

HEARD: Swallowed up in God. Sanctify. Set apart. Holy. This is My eunuch. Focused. Where we are going. I will be with you. I promise, I will never leave you. Always is forever. Forerunner. I AM taking you somewhere. Announcement. Version weary. Update energized. Advancement. A Word in due season. Deeper into the heart of God. My sheep hear My voice. Its true. I AM with you. Advancing our relationship. I promise.

SANDY RHEMA
VISION: I saw a huge giant butterfly wing made out of my vivid nightgown material. When I saw this I exclaimed out loud because it was so close to my face that it startled me. I felt the Lord was getting my attention to how close His timing was.. literally right in front of my face.

HEARD: Everything is coming up in roses.

OPENED SMELL: I literally smelled roses as I laid in bed.

INTERPRETATION: Since 1984, I have heard the Lord almost every night and scribed these precious moments. Over and over again there are so many entries with my nightgown! The one I am remembering right now was humorous to me. I saw all these brides in their bridal gowns. They were getting ready. I too had my bridal gown on, but it was hidden underneath my long silken nightgown. His emphasis all these years is that I am to simply rest in Him. He has given me enough time, energy, and provision, - for all that I need to do for what He has called me to do. I dont need to worry, but just rest and lean upon Him as My Source.

SANDY VISION: TO BLOSSOM AS A ROSE
The following is an excerpt from my book, 101+ Ways God Speaks (And How to Hear Him): "When I went to sleep on November 14, 1985, I had a strong yearning for Jesus. As I slept, He came to me and opened my eyes. I saw a huge, gigantic banner unfolding across the sky. This was so huge that it took the entire sky to unfold the banner and display what was written: It said, "THE LORD JESUS CHRIST." Suddenly I found myself in heaven looking down upon a vast desert. It was dry, brown, flat, and immense.

As I gazed upon the lifeless desert, someone was standing above and behind me declaring the scroll of Isaiah 35: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not: behold your God will come with vengeance; He will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water..." (Isaiah 35 KJ)

After Isaiah 35 had been announced, I heard the Lord say, "And the desert shall blossom as a rose. It shall happen all at once, and it shall happen suddenly." Immediately I saw the desert come to life. The sight was astounding and oh so beautiful! Everywhere blossoms emerged: this dry, lifeless region became a spacious garden of color and beauty. Then I came out of the gazing vision. As I woke, I was still in awe of what Id seen, because it was so beautiful. I knew the Lord was speaking a promise of what He would be doing to our dry, desert like, lives. He was going to rain His Presence upon us and we would emerge with life and beautiful blossoms." [end of vision]

GRANDMA ANNA POEM
Gone is the winter of a dark enclosed tomb. Gone is the darkness of hopelessness and gloom. Now look out the window and see for yourself, God's special treasure taken off the shelf. He dusts off His roses and His butterflies too. Spring needs their beauty, for it's time to renew. Watch the butterflies dancing across open spaces. See the flower petals unfolding happy faces. Life is just like that for all those who know Him. For off comes the veil, their glory no longer dim. The glory has been there, oh so

very long, But was not able to sing the hallelujah song. It was very well hidden in that secret place, But now brought out in the open space. That all may behold the beauty of His treasure That grew in the special dark tomb of His pleasure. See what I did in that cold dark place? I brought forth a rose, full of glory and grace.

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Cast Your Bread
Sandy Warner

Feb 9, 2004

Yes My child, I want you to share even what you think are just tiny little morsels that wouldn't even make a ripple in the water. How little you know about ripples! Every piece of bread you share as you cast it upon the waters of life, makes a huge difference in My Kingdom. Angels are sent, divine connections are made, Words are caught and seed is planted. In every seed is a future harvest of plenty. You are thinking too small. I rejoice over the smallest details in your life, and as you share them with others, they are multiplied over and over again. So cast your bread upon the waters and trust Me to do exactly what I have promised.

"Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days." (Ecclesiastes 11:1 NKJV)

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Emerging From The Cocoon
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ADULT
After about 14 days, the adult Monarch butterfly emerges from its now transparent cocoon. As the butterfly struggles to get free, the restricting cocoon and the tiny opening force blood from the body to inflate the wings. When this is done, the Monarch expels any excess fluid and rests. The butterfly waits until its wings stiffen and dry before it takes its first flight.

SANDY RHEMA
DREAM: I was inside some kind of a shell or cocoon and ready to come out. I saw Bob Jones and he said he could hear me knocking.

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA
HEARD: Little one, I understand your misgivings. Blessed ones waiting for God. Soon off comes the cover. Can hardly wait to see your expression. I've planned this surprise for a long time! One you will love. My bride. New cover. Snug fit. Waiting in barn. Stripes. Healed. Butterfly. Happy flying. Open wide your doors and the King of glory will come in.

VISION: I saw some Monarch Butterflies flying up from the ground.

SANDY RHEMA

HEARD: The veil was lifted.
VISION: I saw myself lifting my hands over my head as though to peel off a sweater.

HEARD: Carried you through. To the other side. Keep your focus on Me. I AM your Source. Nothing else matters except what I AM saying. Lean, My precious child. Just trust.

VISION: I saw a box upon the top shelf with the lid slightly open. A word popped out that read, "RELAX."

HEARD: Just relax. Enjoy the process. Wings. Trying to decide what to do. Let them dry. Naturally. In the wind. I love you today and always. Always is a long, long, time.

HEARD SONG: We will rest, rest, rest in the Lord. In His timing He will tell us what to do, where to go and what to say.

VISION: I saw a butterfly with its wings on a wall. Then I saw myself flapping my new wings like a butterfly. (funny!)

PARABLE: Butterflies rest with their wings closed.

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER CLIMBING OUT OF HIDING
You wrestle and struggle within the confinements of your hidden faith. It is in that place that the womb of your cocoon grows transparent and those around you can see the issues that I have been working on in your life. You struggle the most to be set free at this time because I have given you such a strong desire to share what I have given you. Always understand that if I were to pry open your cocoon and thrust you out, you would not have the strength to soar, for your faith would miss an important stage in your transition. Do not fret, in the fullness of time you will find your way out of your cocoon. I will send your opportunities that will draw your heart to begin the process.

As you emerge, greatly changed, you will climb out of your cocoon and faithfully wait upon a limb of faith. Dearest, you need not fuss about a thing. Your wings will need a little time to dry and be set in place. I shall strengthen your faith as I blow My wind upon you. As you see opportunities knocking on your door, do not feel pushed. Know that I AM gently knocking to get your attention. I will use these to set your wings. Relax in this process for I AM God and I know how to take care of My new butterfly.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Rom 12:1-NKJV)

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Sending My Teachers
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Precious one, you think that you need to see heavy visions and be this supernatural being in order to be "sent." I AM sending you exactly as you are! You ARE supernatural, because I live inside of you and together we equal super plus natural. It is time to teach. I AM birthing My teachers to come forth and share the nuggets of My Words. I will give them great creativity in how to share My gems and these shall reach many children.

I shall send you to save lives with your own personal stories of what I have spoken to you. You shall no longer be in a corner, I shall thrust you forth for I have need of you. Enjoy - for it is TIME to break through your constraints!

"And though the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers will not be moved into a corner anymore, but your eyes shall see your teachers. Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left." (Isaiah 30:20 NKJV)

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Stretching Out
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I AM calling you to stretch forth your tent stakes and expand. If you build it, they will come. I will send My rains and they shall flock to your doors. Do not misunderstand what I AM saying to you. I AM not asking you to leave or let go of what I have already planted in your life. I AM merely saying it is time to expand your sphere of influence. This new place shall have a different flavor, a different appearance altogether, but it shall also incorporate what is already in use at this time. Trust Me, that as you prepare for this growth, I will fill the expansion. I AM not concerned about you overstepping your boundaries, I AM concerned about you thinking too small. Enlarge the place of your tent, enlarge your boundaries in Me and go as far as your faith will remain safely stable. I shall take care of the rest.

"Enlarge the place of your tent, And let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, And strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, And your descendants will inherit the nations, And make the desolate cities inhabited. "Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth, And will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. For your Maker is your husband, The LORD of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy one of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. (Isaiah 54:2-5 NKJV

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Turn Right At The Cross Roads
Sandy Warner

Feb 15, 2004

I have brought you to a cross roads and because you have humbled yourself to seek My will and voice in the direction you should take, I have made you sensitive to see the road markers that I have sent before you. I have given you a sign; a change in direction. This sign is marked with a right turn. You shall know this sign by two things. The turning of this corner is marked with a choice of death to self wishes where you yield your desires to My purposes. As you surrender your personal choices to My own, this shall be a sign that you are turning the corner into the right path. You shall also recognize this sign through the umpire I have placed within your heart. After you have surrendered to My will and turn right, your heart shall be flooded with My peace.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:6-7 NKJV)

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As A Little Child

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This morning while in prayer He spoke into my heart. It was a word for a sister but also for each one of us who trust His name.

He is called El Shaddai.

I remembered Psalm 22....

But you are the one who took me from my mother's womb,
you made me trust when I was on my mother's breasts.
Since my birth I've been thrown on you;
you are my God's from my mother's womb.

Psalm 22: 9-10

Becky my dear sister, she told me that some years ago there was a situation with Romanian orphans that were being adopted by American families. These children in their orphanages, were put in cardboard boxes and left there the first few months of their lives. They were not attended as newborns are to be, not cared as newborn babies usually are. They were fed but not nurtured. No nurturing to these children handicapped them. When their adoptive parents brought them to the states they found these children were different. There was a family she knew, who took the baby to a neurologist for tests and they found that the baby's brain was wired differently. The nurturing touch of a mother causes the body to release certain substances that stimulates the brain to create its connections. That process was hindered for a lack of touch and as a result their brain connections showed up differently. I understood then so clearly, when He calls us creatures of trust, that is exactly what we are, He knows since He made us and everything reveals by working in us His purpose.

Psalm 22 says, that He caused him to trust on his mother's breasts. Then the word which He spoke made perfect sense to me. For He said to me, He is the many breasted One, and to the woman He gave breasts, one placed to each side of the heart. He also caused us to be born speechless, no one knows how to talk or walk , even lacking the fundamental coordination to grab things and that bears His purpose. He has fashioned it all, so that He causes us to be trained into trust by being born completely helpless.

When we are born, all we know to do is cry. Our sight is even very short. We can see only so far, and then is perfect, because it is the exact distance between the breast and the face. We are born with "focused" vision so to speak, set to focus on the mother's face. That is Him. That is all we need. When the child is nursing, all he sees is mommy's face and all else is blurry. When we see that face all discomfort and even the pains of hunger disappear.

He told me, that's all that is needed.

What is prayer? Why do we cram prayers with words? There is nothing wrong in talking that is not my point. All that is needed is to cry out, the tenderness of His compassionate heart can't help but coming to us, as the mother who hears her child's cries, comes to Him. Isn't it written, even if my mother and father forsake me.... He will not? His love is perfect.

He said He has placed breast to each side of the heart, because it is from His heart that we are sustained. He could have placed breast on the woman's butt. It doesn't work like that. He does not give us the refuse, the waste, but the best. He could have placed breast on the knees. No it doesn't work like that either. He doesn't plan to keep us low and distant. Instead He has fashioned them to be exactly where He can cradle us in His arms and show to us His face, sheltered by His smile.

When I nursed there was always an automatic response between my child and me. At home when he was feeding he would look at me and I would smile at him. With time, I still remember he would smile back and sometimes a little bit of milk would spill by the corner of his lips. "you made me trust when I was on my mother's breasts." The first communication in our lives is speechless. It has no words. That is the language of trust.

Our fears makes us to complicate things, sometimes like one who burns a strange fire before Him. That is what sin does to us. Separate us, creates the illusion that we must perform, do something to undo what is wrong, convince, even to create strife between Him and us. But we don't need to strive... "Look unto the child and learn" that is what He said this morning. He created us to become vessels of trust. Even in our bodies it is written in the way He has caused us to be formed and born. Our very lives reveal His wisdom.

He looks for an empty space in which He can Emmanuel. If we go silent, if we stop doing our gifted things, if we just look up to him and cry, the tender embrace and the warmth of His breast will reveal the beating of His heart never far away from us. He will clean us and feed us and teach us and lead us. All we need is cry until we come to trust. Our very need is His motive. He needs no persuasion, for love in Him has been persuaded to love. That is Who He is. But sometimes we pray, not from a place of trust but of fear and multitudes of words cover our fears. Like a child who wants to close the eyes and make the world go away, we pray like that and in closing our eyes we miss His face.

All our problems, and I mean ALL problems there are under the sun, through the ages and around the world... all of them have **One solution**. I know, He told me this morning and I tested it. I thought of every person I carry in my heart and the answer was the same. Healing? (Physical, emotional and spiritual) Restoration? Provision? Salvation? Name it. Think about it and name it. All of them have one solution: Emmanuel.

In His presence there is no need at all.

Sometimes His hand deals heavy to cause us to yield rightly. Sometimes as the first disciples we too are brought to the shame of our true condition and we face our own weakness being allowed to fail so that pride is exposed in us. We tend to esteem ourselves higher than we should and then, imagination try to take the place of faith. It is not in vain, that it is written, that He resists the proud. That is why we are allowed to be humbled like Peter who denied the Lord. Then we see who we truly are and the sting of pride being exposed is neutralized in us. Then we like Peter can become an empty space in which He can Emmanuel. No wonder his shadow would heal!

Don't look for power in the high and exalted places for He dwell in the broken and contrite heart. That He can not refuse. Cry unto Him and trust Him until you see His face, for under that face all need is met. Under that face we are clean, fed, sustained, nurtured and trained with a smile. Never of something we may have done, for in truth we can do nothing. It is because of who he cause us to become, that is His doing, not ours and that reveals the glory of the wisdom of His love. All we need to know is how to cry. Funny that is the very first sign of life when we are born after taking our first breath.

I never quite fully understood what was written on **Hebrews 5:8**

Even though he was the Son, he learned obedience through his sufferings.

I always wondered what kind of obedience a person who is not rebellious has to learn. The next verses on **Hebrews 5:9-11** continues...

"and after he had been brought to the goal, he became the source of eternal deliverance to all who obey him, since he had been proclaimed by God as a cohen gadol to be compared with Malki-Tzedek."

Today this has been opened to my understanding. Because our Savior, He is our way and if he learned obedience was not to conquer any disobedience in Him but to show us the way in which we, as creatures of trust may overcome by yielding to obedience that trusts. He learned from His birth as it is written in Psalm 22, from His mother's breasts and through all sufferings until the end. He did not come unto us as the All Knowing one, but He made Himself as one of us and allowed the wisdom of God to train Him and guide Him as one of us, to show us by learning Himself how to yield to the wisdom from above and in that wisdom to receive the secrets things reserved for us.

By looking to our Savior I can see the heart of God, to raise us from death unto life and to crown us with the glory of His presence, Emmanuel. For He speaks from under the cherub's wings, where the mercy seat is found, as we are called to look to the resting place in which we are called to sit (Yeshua), and if we sit, all labor has stopped so He can speak, even as the blood has been brought to be applied to us.

For Christ came to meet His disciples caught in the middle of the storm, far away from the shore. And when they saw Him they thought Him to be a ghost. But He was walking upon the waters in the middle of a storm. (Mat 14:24-27) which reminds me of many storm scriptures regarding the Lord but of one more than others in Nahum 1:3

The LORD [is] slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit [the wicked]: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds [are] the dust of his feet.

It is not without a teaching that the Prince of Peace came walking to His disciples in the midst of lake within a storm. Then He says to them; "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. " He who calls us to learn obedience through suffering has already suffered Himself. If we can focus on His face until all else fades we shall walk on the waters with Him. The shadow of His smiling face that rejoices in all gladness over us, from all things suffered and endured for our sake, is our shelter and a canopy of glory that shall cover Israel when He restores the tabernacle of David, Emmanuel.

For we are presently being emptied to create a space for Him among men. We are brought to decrease in our esteem so that He can be revealed and become esteemed by men, He, the desired of all nations, mankind only hope. If we trust, all we need to do is cry, "Lord Yeshua, have mercy on us for we are sinners!", even without words He will understand and supply all.

Sweet fellowship of hope is my Savior to me
loving embrace of thorns that pierced through all my dreams
in Him I find my rest in the midst of the storm
tender sight of His love that soothes my soul from fears.

All is well, all is rest, under His sight so dear
truth unveiled in the flesh surrendered in peace
I have no more to want than to lay in His arms
it is well oh dear soul, when His love casts out fear.

I know not how to love, but His love loves in me
and cleaves throughout my soul to keep me always near
and from me loves Him back leaving behind it hope
I am His , He is mine, come now joy or come tears.

Your servant in His love;
Luz C. Cintrón

Let us be glad and rejoice,
and give honour to him:
for the marriage of the Lamb is come,
and his wife hath made herself ready.

An Army Of Eagles

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Many are weak and weary from the fiery tribulations. Many do not feel that they have any "oomph" left, but now I say to you Beloved, I have not left you nor deserted you. I will come and alight upon you as an eagle and I will impart strength to you.

Rev 3:8 I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

Ask Me for My discernment, My mighty anointing to go forth in the coming battle, the time of rest is coming to an end. I have prepared you and you have done well, My beloved called out ones.

When you go forth My beloved ones, I will clothe you with the armor of MY righteousness and the greatest defense will be My love that flows through you. I have refined you and made you white. Many are already starting to see My glory radiating from you. Those who have allowed the fiery tribulations to refine them will walk as My invincible ones; no more cracks in their armor through which the enemy's fiery darts can penetrate.

Isa 13:2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. Isa 13:3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highness. Isa 13:4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. Isa 13:5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

Can you see it in your spirit? My mighty glorious army starting to link together as one of spirit. They are becoming one even as the Father and I are one. Oh yes Beloved, there is great strength and power in unity of the Spirit, an impenetrable wall that raises a standard against the evil advancing over the face of the earth.

Isaiah 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

I am coming to reclaim the earth and all that is therein and I will do it through My prepared ones. Wait in the upper room for I will soon alight upon you as an eagle to impart strength to you, vision and a mighty anointing!

Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (this scripture is for NOW Beloveds)

Did you ever envision My army as eagles? Yea soon you will be soaring as eagles. Yea AN ARMY OF EAGLES, with eagle eyes of discernment, the wings of My Spirit to soar above your circumstances, and the talons of an eagle to breakdown the strongholds of the enemy.

What a beautiful sight it is to Me, My Beloved, what a beautiful sight it is to Me. I have long waited for this hour, My beautiful ARMY OF EAGLES READIED TO TAKE FLIGHT!

Rev 4:7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.
Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within:

and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

THE BELOVED.
AMEN

Released From The Wilderness
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Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. Mal 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: Mal 3:3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Mal 3:4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

I have nearly completed the refining, the purging of My prepared ones. Now I am coming to those of My children who have ignored the voice of My prophets and the promptings of My Spirit to lay down their lives for Me. They have carried on as usual; church as usual, business as usual, not discerning the times and the season. Whoa to My stubborn ones, My hard of hearing children for the time is short and I must use drastic measures to catch their attention. I do not want to loose even one of My precious sheep but many of My sheep are not hearing My voice. Without hearing My voice they can be led astray by the many deceptions purposed by the deceiver.

I am sending out My called out ones, those who have already been prepared by My hand in the fires of affliction. They have heard the call of My Spirit early and have been through much preparation by My hand. These are the ones I am now releasing out to the marketplace, out to the Churches, out to the fields of harvest, to do My bidding and My bidding only. Won't you hear them now Beloved, won't you hear them now? Before the day of great darkness descends upon the earth, won't you hear the voice of My beloved prepared ones?

There is a voice as one crying out in the wilderness "Prepare the way of the Lord". These are My wilderness people, those you would consider "odd balls". They don't fit into your churches and neither do they fit into the world. They are those you consider odd, consider intense and at odds with what you consider normal and acceptable. My people, so was John the Baptist considered in his day!

I have those that are weeping at My feet for they discern the times and the season. They are weeping for their release, to go forth and proclaim My Word in truth. They will go forth with a two edged sword in their mouths. Will you persecute them as My prophets of old were persecuted, or will you hear them?

Today when you hear My words, do not harden your hearts! There is a voice crying in the wilderness repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand.

The Lord Of Hosts Is With You In Battle
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Psalms 24:10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

Now My warriors strong and mighty in battle, hear The Beloved. Through all your trials and tribulations you have learned the tactics of the enemy of your souls. You are now ready to set the captives free, to open the doors of the prison houses, to proclaim to the nations that the I AM, who was and is, and is to come, I AM Lord of the Nations.

Man the *ramparts, stand watch you watchman, for as I release you, the enemy will do all in his power to bring discouragement and fear; fear of lack of finances, fear about your capabilities, fear of the future. Fear of the coming events.

Know you not that I AM your high tower! Know you not that I AM your refuge! I AM your provider! Even I the LORD OF HOSTS WILL GO BEFORE YOU INTO BATTLE! My legions of angels stand at the ready, swords gleaming, READY to assist you in the battle.

I will send you to the dark places, yea to the very strongholds of the enemy and you will pull them down AND UTTERLY CRUSH THEM. ENOUGH of the decay! ENOUGH of the deceit! ENOUGH of the rebellion! ENOUGH of pride and self exaltation!

I will send you to the churches, Yea even to My own disobedient children. Yea I will send you to the most bound, for you are My army strong and mighty in battle. Do not fear for I AM with you. This is what you have been prepared for and this has been My plan all along, TO TAKE BACK FROM SATAN THAT WHICH IS RIGHTFULLY MINE!
Isaiah 45:12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.
Psa 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.
Did I not say right in the beginning that the seed of woman will CRUSH HIS HEAD! Through your belief and submission to My Son you have become the Holy seed which will crush his head.

I Rom 16:20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

AMEN AND AMEN. SO BE IT!

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*Main Entry: **ram·part** Pronunciation: 'ram-"pärt, -p&rt Function: *noun* Etymology: Middle French, from *ramparer* to fortify, from *re-* + *emparer* to defend, from Old Provençal *antparar,* from (assumed) Vulgar Latin *anteparare,* from Latin *ante* before + *parare* to prepare **1 :** a protective barrier **:** bulwark **2 :** a broad embankment raised as a fortification and usually surmounted by a parapet **3 :** a wall-like ridge (as of rock fragments, earth, or debris)

Apostles And Prophets

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BREAD FOR THE BRIDE: The Twofold Company of Apostles and Prophets

It troubles my heart to send out the following prophetic message to the Body. Bringing this message into an expressible form has cost me much anguished wrestling with the Spirit over recent days and weeks. It is not sent out in the style of a "says the Lord' prophetic word, because that is not how I received it. Nevertheless I believe it is a prophetic message from the Spirit to the church, and particularly the church that utilises the internet. As I sought to hear the Spirit clearly while receiving the fullness of this message, He has led me in intercession for the Lord's holy apostles and prophets who must be yoked together by the Spirit with a strong three-fold cord. Therefore I do not offer this sober message to the Body without having tasted the weightiness it carries.

It is time to bring this message forth trusting the Spirit to deliver it in the spirit of exhortation and love in which it has been conceived. I am aware this will not be a popular message in some circles, but the Lord's word does not return to Him void, and therefore I believe there will be a remnant who will hear. Let those who find correction within it find correction. Let those who find encouragement find encouragement. Let those who find witness shout it out. Above all may you find the Spirit of Truth, and discard anything which is found to be of the spirit of man.
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The Twofold Company Of Apostles And Prophets
And Some Considerations For The Prophetic Community

Part One

An Unhealthy Appetite

There is a growing sense of grief both in the Lord's heart and in the hearts of those who live, move and find their being in His heartbeat, concerning the misdirection of prophetic ministry among His people at this time. This trend can especially be seen within the internet church, which provides a mirror and measuring rod for the church among many nations. What I am about to share should not be taken as a blanket statement about the current state of prophetic ministry in the church. There are many genuine prophetic voices at various stages of maturity who together speak the counsel of the Lord to His church for this day. Nor should it be considered as an attempt to stifle the church's pursuit of spiritual gifts or release of prophetic ministry. None of us should want to return to the days when the prophetic office was despised and prophetic experience was scoffed at by so many in the church. What I am suggesting, however, is that the current imbalance and obsession with all things bearing the label "prophetic" needs to be addressed and redressed.

Anyone who is involved to any significant extent in prophetic ministry on the internet must surely be disturbed by the over-proliferation of questionable "prophetic words" among the Christian internet community. "What's wrong with that?" you may ask. "Didn't Joel prophesy that the Spirit would be outpoured in the last days? Shouldn't we therefore expect an increase in prophetic manifestations?" Yes indeed, but I am not talking here about what the Spirit is doing and will continue to do. I am questioning the source of much of what is fed to the church as "prophetic". Others will say "but the tares must grow with the wheat". Yes, but there is danger when tares are called wheat and we can no longer tell the difference.

With all due respect to the prophetic community, let me draw attention to the following: There are believers who publish "the word of the Lord" written in the first person tense almost every day. I don't question that the Lord speaks daily, but I question that He gives messages for His corporate church to one specific believer on a daily basis. Then there are believers who can't function without their daily internet "prophetic word fix", yet who haven't picked up a Bible in months. There are others who can't rest unless their latest dream has been interpreted by several people on a "dream list", but who have no idea how to seek and hear from the Holy Spirit for themselves. Literally hundreds of prophetic "words" are fed to the Body en masse each week through email lists, with little or no responsibility taken for discernment. And there are ministries now telling us we need to be living in the "extreme prophetic", and someone has to ask why? What is so mundane about life in the Spirit, Who Himself is the Spirit of Revelation, that we are now being called to a more "extreme" level? Some ministry leaders are teaching young disciples that unless they are being regularly visited by angels and having third heaven experiences, they are prophetically incomplete and immature. I challenge the authenticity of a gospel that emphasises manifestations and experiences while faith, character and sacrificial lifestyle take a lesser place.

It seems like there is no limit to the internet church's appetite for the prophetic in greater and greater quantities. Unfortunately, it is often quantity at the expense of quality. In such an atmosphere of frenzied feeding, each prophetic offering is devoured so greedily many don't know if they are eating healthy food or maggots disguised as bread, and many more just want a diet of candy. Far from giving the Holy Spirit the honoured place He is entitled to, this trend rather dishonours the true spirit of prophecy, as genuine words and revelations from the Lord are thrown into a common melting pot along with a putrid mix of false and counterfeit prophetic words and experiences. The Holy Spirit is precious and unique; He is not generic.

Let me repeat that I am not attempting to downplay the absolute necessity for the church to be seeking to be a prophetic church. Nor am I undervaluing the gift of prophecy or calling into question proven prophetic voices. So what am I saying? I'm saying that not everything being labeled "prophetic" is necessarily prophetic. Not everything labeled "thus sayeth the Lord" is the word of the Lord. Not everything labeled "exhortation and edification" is the right food for our spirits. And not everything posted on the internet labeled "prophecy" is actually from the Spirit of Truth. I am raising my voice to call for greater discernment amongst the body and greater responsibility among the true prophets of the Lord.

A Word About Words

Today's internet is literally alive with so-called "words of edification" that are in fact nothing more than sympathetic thoughts born in the souls (flesh) of men and women, stroking the flesh into a state of comfort and false security. They do not arise from the Spirit of Truth and have no revelation life in them. Many of these are written in the first person tense which infer the Lord Himself is speaking directly to the hearer. However, the Spirit of the Lord does not seek to comfort the flesh, but to crucify it.

At a recent workshop run by this ministry on Discerning the Word of God, several participants objected when I suggested that a particular (anonymous) internet word was not from the Holy Spirit, because it sought only to comfort the flesh and did not reveal Christ in us. Why did they react this way? Because many in the church have been trained to expect prophetic words to always make them feel good. And while the scriptures do teach that the gift of prophecy is for edification, exhortation and comfort (1 Cor. 14:3) respectively, those words mean 1) to build up; 2) to summons or call near; 3) to persuade, arouse and stimulate. I fully believe the Holy Spirit can and does use the internet to speak to and teach God's people, and for many of us it is a rich source of blessing and edification. But the church must take responsibility for discerning between that which is Spirit and that which is merely dead flesh.

In contrast, there are many words being published on the internet that are authentic words from the Lord, but they were never meant for the internet. When the Lord speaks to us prophetically, our first consideration should always be whether the word, vision, dream etc., is to be applied to ourselves. There are too many assuming that everything they hear or see prophetically must be published, when the Lord is speaking privately and individually to them. There are too many posting and speaking out words from presumption rather than unction. There are too many with a word for the Bride who do not even love her. And there are too many assuming to speak direction to the Lord's Body who have never been to the Cross.

Many using the internet to publish "words" seem to think a multitude of words will somehow prove their prophetic calling, when in fact the opposite is true. However, this is a direct result when prophetic experience is emphasised and elevated over and above intimate relationship with Christ. (Please understand that I do believe there are several genuine prophetic ministries who deliver authentic words to the church via the internet, but fewer that many assume.)

As one who has ministered to and with prophetic people over several years, let me say I believe mature prophets speak and share their revelations ONLY when directed to by the Holy Spirit. Much of what prophets are shown is for the purpose of intercession, or strategic spiritual warfare, and never passes their lips in public. True prophets do not speak for the Lord in the first person tense casually. Furthermore, in my experience there are many mature prophets who give a word from the Lord only rarely. But when they do, I listen, because I know they don't speak for the sake of gaining a reputation and a following. Like Samuel, the word of the Lord is "with them".

"I Will Come to Visions and Revelations......'

This boasting is all so foolish, but let me go on. Let me tell about the visions and revelations I received from the Lord. I was caught up into the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether my body was there or just my spirit, I don't know; only God knows. But I do know that I was caught up into paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be told. That experience is something worth boasting about, but I am not going to do it. I am going to boast only about my weaknesses. I have plenty to boast about and would be no fool in doing it, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it. I don't want anyone to think more highly of me than what they can actually see in my life and my message, even though I have received wonderful revelations from God. (2 Cor. 12:1-10 N.L.T.)

The apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians that he had been granted third heaven prophetic revelations and experiences where he had witnessed such amazing things he was unable to repeat them. Paul was writing to the Corinthian church at a time when they had been visited by what he calls "super-apostles" who disputed his apostolic authority to instruct them. The Corinthians therefore wanted Paul to prove his apostleship through relating his prophetic, supernatural experiences. Paul, however, refused to use these experiences to validate his apostleship, testifying to them instead about His experience of Christ's grace.(If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity, 2 Cor 11:30) The reality of His communion with Christ was so central to His gospel that even fourteen years after His third-heaven visit he would not allow those experiences to distract from the message of the Cross. "But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me and I to the world". (Gal. 6:14)

I'd like to share at this point that I am no stranger to profound prophetic experiences, and I'm not ashamed to say that personally I love being led by the Spirit into that place of prophetic revelation, whether it be through third heaven experiences, visions, or other manifestations.. I make a habit of sharing these experiences with those to whom I am accountable, but rarely publicly, and then only when specifically directed by the Holy Spirit. I have learned to be careful in the way I share such things even with those who know me personally. The reason for this is because that's exactly what they are - EXPERIENCES! My friends, prophetic experiences are entirely wonderful, and exceptionally exhilarating, and should be expected as a normal part of the Spirit-led life. They can be life-changing, they can provide vision and direction, and they can help lay the foundations for life-long ministry. However, they can never replace communion with Jesus and our Father, and they are not intended to do so. Even the highest forms of prophetic revelation are a by-product of our intimacy with Christ. It is His fellowship and presence we seek, not revelatory experiences for themselves. The prophetic experiences and revelations granted to Paul were so profound they were forbidden to be spoken, but his testimony still remained "For me to live is Christ" (Phil. 1:21). Satisfaction can only be found in a life of deep communion with Jesus and the Father.

Now you may feel I'm stating the obvious, but take a look around you. Many believers are pursuing revelation knowledge as a substitute for the revelation of Christ. Multitudes are believing revelatory experiences are a sign of their acceptability with the Father and a measure of their spiritual maturity. If you are one who's been led to believe moving in signs and wonders is proof of God's approval of your lifestyle and your ministry, you're believing a lie. There's only one sign that will ever be the measure of the Father's approval - yours, mine or anyone's - and it's the sign of the Blood of the Lamb on our souls. The only extreme experience we should be pursuing is extreme passion for Christ. We don't need to be extreme about anything else but the depth of the knowledge of Him (Eph. 1:17) By all means the church should be demonstrating the power of the Spirit - this is our inheritance - but only as a witness to the all-sufficiency of the Cross and the victory of the Resurrection. A gospel of power devoid of the Cross is just as dangerous as a gospel of works devoid of the Cross, and they are both rooted in false religion.

What we call "the prophetic" is now largely replacing the centrality of Christ and His Cross. How many believers in the western church would attend a conference promoting the "extreme CRUCIFIED LIFE"? Or what would be the popularity of a minister laying hands on believers to release a deeper EXPERIENCE of the Cross? How long would the line be? (By the way, if there's anyone genuinely doing this, let me know, because I want their hands laid on me!)

The prophetic imbalances I have been highlighting are only the fruit of a far deeper imbalance currently evident in the Lord's Body and serve to expose a deeper need to which the Holy Spirit would draw our attention. As I have held these things before the Lord it became clear that so many in the church are seeking identity in prophetic words, signs and manifestations rather than in the face of Christ. But then the Spirit said to me "you must look deeper to see where I want to lead the church." We must therefore move on to two important questions: Where is the exercise of discernment? And where is the fear of the Lord?

PART TWO

You may or may not share my concerns about the current direction of the prophetic in the Body of Christ. Nevertheless, I hope you will stay with me as we look at a deeper truth that needs to be realised by the church. If we will heed the Spirit He will always reveal the mind and heart of Christ for us and therefore we will grow more quickly into the fullness of His stature.

And My People Love It So.....

An astonishing and horrible thing Has been committed in the land: The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule by their own power; And My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end? (Jeremiah 5:30--31)

The prophet Jeremiah wrote these words during a time of great turmoil in Israel's history Notice he did not refer to false prophets, but to prophets who prophesied falsely. These were apparently genuine prophets who had compromised their calling for the sake of expediency. He goes on to mention priests who rule "by their own power". Rulership is not the same as God-ordained leadership. The word "rule" in the Hebrew means to "tread down, to subjugate, or prevail against". Jeremiah is referring here to a suppressive exercise of lordship of the kind Jesus warned against in Mark 10:42 and 43. In other words, these religious leaders do not seek to lead by the Spirit's anointing, but rather rule over and seek to control God's people by means of their own strength, knowledge and reason. One has to wonder how these prophets and priests, both in positions of leadership among God's people, had come into an agreement to misuse their offices in this way.

Sadly, one of the things I believe the Lord spoke to me in preparing this article was "My prophets are ruling My church...." I believe He is grieved at this time with the elevation of prophetic ministers to a place of rulership among His people. In much of the church, prophetic ministry, which for centuries was despised, persecuted and crushed by organised religion, has now been raised to such a place of authority that many of God's people give more credence to the prophets than they do to the Anointing within (1 John 2:27). Prophets are called to equip the Lord's people to know and hear the Holy Spirit, not to stand in for Him.

Furthermore, while many genuine prophets spurn this place of elevation, many others have compromised their callings to gain it. The Lord also spoke of unholy alliances between prophets and false apostles, indicating that in order to escape rejection and gain acceptance and credibility, there are prophets who have put their seal of approval on false leadership. To do so they have had to water down their primary message of uncompromised holiness and speak soothing words to the people. In return for his/her compromise, the prophet is endorsed by the false leader and each retains a place of good reputation and comfort. But the Lord goes on to say that all this is only made possible because "My people love it so." And so in this day, even as in Jeremiah's day, unholy alliances are being formed to deceive and control God's people. These are of a threefold nature between compromising prophets, false leadership and the people who want it that way. This kind of alliance should most certainly be described as astonishing and horrible because it is counterfeit and maintained by the spirit of false religion. Some of these prophets have been deceived, and these the Lord would call back to the holiness of their calling through repentance and re-consecration. The Lord's word must never be negotiable, and the Lord's prophets must never be compromised.

Now understand here that I am not speaking of ALL prophets, or ALL leaders. Neither am I legitimising those unhealed lone prophets who, having been mistreated and misunderstood by misguided leadership in the past, now refuse to walk in any form of accountability at all. No, I am referring to a false, apostolic/prophetic religious system emerging in a last days church that "loves it so."

Two Hidden Within Five

There has been much spoken in recent years about the restoration of the fivefold governing ministries of Ephesians 4:11. I am one who believes that the raising up of these five grace gifts of Jesus to His church, is a necessary and major work of the Spirit at this time. These servant-leadership ministries must be allowed to function to their fullness in order to bring the Bride-church to perfection. However, within the fivefold there is a twofold. Before the five can function appropriately two of the five have first to come into unity in the Spirit.

And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. So they all ate and were filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men. Mark 6:41-42.

In the story of the feeding of the five thousand we see a prophetic picture of the fivefold governmental ministries given by Christ as a gift of grace to His Bride (Eph. 4:7-8). There are five loaves, which must first be broken to be fit for the Bride to eat, just as the Bread of Life, Jesus, was also broken in His own body. It is in the breaking that the multiplication takes place. The five loaves speak to us of the Bread that comes down from Heaven and represent the five-fold functions of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Twelve is the prophetic number representing corporate government. The twelve baskets filled with surplus bread and fish speak to us of the full sufficiency of this Christ-appointed fivefold government to bring the Bride to maturity. What then, of the two fish? I believe the two fish represent the twofold that is hidden within the fivefold - that is the joint foundation-laying ministry of apostles and prophets. Just as bread brings a fullness and nourishment to the physical body, fish also provide an added source of essential nutrients that are unique to that species. Man does not live on bread alone but by every word that proceeds forth from the mouth of God (Deu. 8:3). Prophets bring to the Bride the rhema word tempered by the logos. Apostles deliver to the Bride the logos, impregnated with the rhema. Both together provide the Bride with specific revelation and direction for the hour.

Built Upon the Foundation of the Apostles and Prophets

Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. (Ephesians 2:19-22)

The Lord's heart is towards His holy apostles and prophets. He thinks on them and watches over them jealously. He does not love them, favour them, or bless them more than any of His other servants, but He invests much in them and guards them with a most ardent zeal. The apostles and prophets are not the foundation of the church, for no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Christ (1 Cor. 3:11). However, together they have been appointed to lay that solid foundation.

The Lord's heart is to draw together His chosen apostles and prophets with a strong binding. Until this takes place there will be no securely built foundation from which the three other governing ministries of evangelists, pastors and teachers can launch forth. The church cannot come to the fullness of Christ without the operation of all five, but I believe before the five can function together as the Spirit wills, these two foundation-layers must be bonded together by the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit is saying to us that indeed there is a threefold alliance that will be established in these days and it is a most holy alliance. It is the alliance of prophets, apostles and the Spirit and it shall not be by the might or the power of men that this alliance will be forged, but by the Spirit of the Living God. We have not yet seen this happening on a major scale in the church. What we do often see are attempts to patch up the old wineskin by re-naming and repositioning, but this is the work of the flesh and not of the Spirit of the Lord and therefore will not stand.

The Lord does indeed desire to raise up and release His fivefold prophets in this hour, but it has always been His intention that they should govern alongside the complementary ministry of apostles. It has not been an easy time of transition for the prophets while they have awaited the release of the apostles, nevertheless neither prophets or apostles will minister within the Body of Christ to their full potential until they are aligned together by the Spirit.

Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Amos 3:3

The Lord Jesus referred to the twofold ministry of apostles and prophets in His crushing rebuke to the hypocritical religious leaders of His day (Luke 11:49). He said that some of the apostles and prophets would be persecuted and killed. The book of Revelation records, however, that their blood will be avenged by God Himself (Rev. 18:20). Paul also mentioned this partnership of apostles and prophets as having been granted insight into the mystery of Christ (Eph. 3:5).

A study of the close working relationship between Barnabas and Paul will further reveal the Spirit's evident intention to establish ministering partnerships between apostles and prophets. We know that Paul was an apostle and teacher (2 Timothy 1:11), and Barnabas is listed first as a prophet and later as an apostle (Acts 13:1; 14:14). It was Barnabas who brought Paul, (then called Saul), to the twelve when the other Jerusalem disciples were afraid even to associate with him (Acts 9:26-27). Later, Barnabas again sought out Saul in Tarsus and brought him to the church at Antioch (Acts 11:25). It is clear that this unique partnership was recognised and endorsed by the leaders in Jerusalem because the council of apostles and elders referred to the two men as a functioning unit, calling them "our beloved Barnabas and Paul" (Acts 15:25). In Acts 13:2 we read that as the church ministered to the Lord the Holy Spirit said "now separate to me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Together the two were sent on three official assignments by the Antioch church and together they demonstrated the Spirit's power and suffered for Jesus. Sadly, a strong disagreement between Paul and Barnabas brought about the end of a partnership that had been ordained by the Holy Spirit, a clear case of man separating what God had joined (Acts 15:39).

A Testing of the Prophets

To whom much is given, much is required. The Bible indicates that prophets have been chosen by the Lord to exemplify suffering, affliction and patience (see James 5:10). Likewise, apostles are set forth as spectacles before angels and men and even appointed to death (see 1 Cor. 4:9-13). We could easily apply all of these statements to the life of Jesus Himself, who patiently endured suffering and affliction , was appointed to death and set forth as a spectacle before angels and men. Prophets and apostles are called to testify with their lives the fellowship of the Lord's suffering.

The Lord is calling for the restoration of a twofold foundation laying generation of His holy prophets and apostles to once again lay down their lives together daily for the sake of His church. This must happen if fivefold government is to be restored and His Bride-church is to emerge on the earth in the full reflection of His glory. One of the ways in which the church can make herself ready is by recognising, and receiving the twofold ministry of prophets and apostles.

Over the past two millennia fivefold prophets and apostles have largely been rejected by a religious system that denied both their necessity and their existence. The church has suffered much self-inflicted lethargy and ineffectiveness during this time. In recent years the Spirit has been patiently restoring the prophetic office to the church and this will surely continue. As five-fold apostles now begin to emerge from years of hidden cave-dwelling there is a testing coming for the prophets who have walked just a few steps before them.

The test for the prophets is whether or not they will now embrace their fellow apostles, making room for them in the spirit of Barnabas, who was the "son of encouragement." There is a tendency for prophets to want to gather in companies, and this is both right and understandable considering the persecution and misunderstandings prophets endure as part of their territory. However, those companies must now make way for the partnership of apostles, otherwise the Bride will suffer needlessly. Obviously, I am not here referring to the self-proclaimed apostles we witness in some parts of today's church whose purpose is to make a name for themselves and to gain position and reputation. These are merely card-carrying imposters who will not stand up under the tribulation and affliction experienced by all of the Lord's genuine holy apostles and prophets. They were present in the early church, and so they are present with us now. The church, however, is in great need of the true twofold complementary ministry of prophets and apostles together.

These are truly dangerous days for the church, when holy is mixed with profane and many who have neither been called or chosen seek to lord it over the people of God using doctrines of demons and lying signs and wonders to control and deceive. It is crucial therefore that true prophets and true apostles merge together through the eternal Spirit of Holiness to undergird and strengthen the Lord's maturing Bride. In this hour there are multitudes of emerging apostles who the church does not yet recognise as having been sent from the Lord. Just as Paul did, they come in unfamiliar style and from unexpected backgrounds. These emerging apostles are going to need the fellowship and the encouragement of the prophets. It will be prophets who recognise these apostles first. It should be prophets who welcome and support their restoration and appearance in the Body.

Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend. Prov. 27:17

Apostles and prophets have been ordained by the Spirit to complement and complete each other's callings. Prophetic zeal needs apostolic wisdom. Apostolic grace needs prophetic fire. Prophetic passion needs apostolic authority. Prophets equip the Body to discern holy from unholy. Apostles engender holy fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom. I believe we are seeing so much confusion and mixture in the church today because the prophetic life of the church is operating at this stage of transition mostly without apostolic accountability. The twofold ministry of apostles and prophets is being called forth by the Spirit to provide the elect Bride with the wisdom and holiness necessary for her survival in the season coming upon her.

Prophets of God, there is coming to the Bride of Jesus a time of both deep distress and unparalleled power. She will need the full counsel of holy prophets and apostles who walk together in the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:1-3). What will you do in the end? Will you open your ears to the heartcry of your brother and sister apostles as they come forth from the womb of the Spirit? Will you come to them as Barnabas in encouragement, support and partnership as they seek to find their place in the Body? Will you in humility and reverence before God allow yourselves to be joined to them, nothing lacking, for the service of the Lord and His Bride?

May the work of the Spirit be unhindered, who says :"Now separate to Me the apostles and prophets for the work to which I have called them."

Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

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It is impossible for us to think too highly, or to expect too much, from the power of Jesus' Blood.
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ARISE, SHINE, MY GLORY IS UPON YOU. Long have you waited for such a time as this. You have stood firm, believing through the refining fires. You have not turned away from Me but stood firm with a face set like flint, seeking Me through it all.

ARISE, SHINE FOR MY GLORY IS UPON YOU. You are now released for mighty works, signs and wonders will follow you. I will confirm the words you speak for your words are as My words.*

Oh My Beautiful Beloveds, this is the time I have longed for; My revealing My glory over the earth. Persecution will come will come with My glory, but do not fear, take heart, for nothing will touch you, or My glory, without My allowing it. You will walk in the supernatural, no longer bound by the natural laws of the earth.

As I tell you to go, you will be translated. Stones will be turned to bread for your provision. YOU ARE MY MIGHTY, GLORIOUS ARMY, being sent forth even now. The land desolate before and as you step forth at My command, the earth will be left green and restored behind you.

Nations and kings will tremble at your appearing and fall to their knees saying "truly God is within you, show us the way". They will lay provision at your feet and offer you their worldly abundance. They that have plundered you will be plundered; their goods taken from them for My purposes to be distributed to the poor and afflicted.

A GREAT TURN AROUND is upon you. A GREAT REVERSAL of how things have always been. Mine own will walk in prosperity, for their hearts truly belong to Me and are their own no longer. These are My refined stewards, those I can trust with My heart and with riches in abundance. Nothing, except for their needs will be kept for themselves; the remainder will be distributed to the orphans, the widows and the poor and downtrodden.

THESE ARE THE DAYS OF DIVINE REVERSAL AS MY GLORY COMES UPON YOU. AT MY PROMPTING, STEP INTO IN, YOU WILL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN.
THUS SAITH THE LORD.

* The Lord's words and our words are the same for the heart is ONE – a heart totally after God's heart.

A Bride For The King

Roy Resh

"…He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Rev 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6,13,22; NKJV

If you think that you are not subject to obey the whole LAW of Moses, read on!

Grace Age Our Age is called "Grace." It began nearly 2000 years ago when the Prince of Grace sacrificed His innocent Life for us. The entire Age of Grace has had one glorious, overarching purpose *Gather and prepare a holy Bride for this Prince, who is the King of Heaven and Earth, Jesus Christ!!* Every truly productive human work is a divinely-ordained mission to fulfill this single purpose, yes, to gather and make ready the human Bride of the King of Kings! All of us are called to set aside worldly pursuits and build in this Kingdom of Grace and eternal Life.

Paradise Reopened When innocent Jesus Christ died on the cross, He committed His Spirit back to the Father. Jesus had finished His charge to fulfill all of the requirements of the (Mosaic) LAW. God's holy angels rent the dividing veil in Jerusalem's Holy Temple from top to bottom, reopening Paradise and its glorious Tree of Life (eternal). Whoever worthily and with knowledge eats its fruit, which is the Body and Blood of Christ, enters the Kingdom of Heaven. Repenting of all of our sin and renouncing satan's works gets us out of his evil kingdom of darkness (spirit death). Then eating of the Tree of Life seals our Betrothal with the King of Grace, who is now the King of Heaven and Earth. Before their fall from Grace, Adam and Eve never ate of the Tree of Life, so the Believer may experience a more 'abundant' life than anyone knew before the cross.

A Bride Being Chosen Jesus betroths (pledges to marry) each mature, humble Believer who answers His call to marriage with the heartfelt desire to be His Bride. He immediately begins to develop a strong, One-to-one *intimate* relationship with each individual Bride member. The primary way that this relationship is strengthened is for the Bride to hear His voice within her human own spirit and then follow His guidance. The blood of the cross of Christ provides continuous, equal access to the Throne of Grace for all who come to God through Him with pure, loving hearts. OBEDIENCE to Jesus by His Bride reveals His glory. Our meek submission becomes a blaze of light that reveals the knowledge of our loving God to the whole Earth, as the waters cover the sea!

The Law Remains The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil remains in Paradise to tempt Jesus' Bride to decide right and wrong without Him. Many eat unknowingly of this fruit. All unbelievers remain under the Mosaic "LAW." Believers too must obey it until they learn to walk in "Grace", to walk constantly in the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, bringing glory to Christ alone! . Bride members who OBEY Christ bear one another's burdens and bring forth the fruit of righteousness this fulfills His Law of Grace.

The Great Apostasy Everyone knows that a loving bridegroom wants to have a close relationship with his intended he wants to communicate directly with her no one else should be involved! It wasn't long before clever men began to tell others that they should come to Jesus through them. "We are wise, let us teach you about Jesus," they said. "He wants us to stand in for Him until He returns." Those who establish this clergy-laity relationship reject the life of faith and must obey the whole LAW of Moses!! Believers who are captured by this hateful Nicolaitan deception often don't try to develop their own intimate relationship with Jesus so that His glory may be revealed through them.

Worship of Saints The cross and resurrection left no tomb of death for Jesus. It wasn't long, however, before people began to worship at the coffins of dead saints. In effect, they stood on dead men's bones looking backward, crying "wasn't he (she) a great saint". This abominable practice remains common among those who establish works in the name of such famous saints as: "Mary, Luther, Calvin, Wesley, Wimber…" Looking backward to dead men's good works may gain some blessing, but it's those who look forward to the living Jesus Christ who walk as His beloved earthly Bride.

We've Got the Spirit! From time to time, Holy Spirit moves powerfully upon a group a revival occurs. Other groups may receive deeper revelations of scriptural meaning. Each visitation has its own character, so it is very easy to believe: "this surely must be how Jesus Christ wants it to be forever." Great blessings may cause people to think, "isn't Jesus blessed to have us, as we are so wise, to speak through? How great we must be in His sight!!" Often groups who experience special, miraculous flows of divine favor of Jesus try to bottle up the wondrous spiritual power! Jesus has much more than the mind of man can contain, so for us it is to listen carefully for the next guidance, and pray for revival and wisdom. No individual or group has a monopoly on scriptural interpretation, on revival methods or any other work of the Holy Spirit.

I'll Stay Here Any work, be it sacred, secular or mixed, that isn't ordained from the Throne of Grace puts its advocates under the whole Mosaic LAW. Myriad are the Believers who, upon discovering that their institutions and practices are based on LAW, not Grace, remain members and continue fleshly works. These "foolish Galatians" (see 3:1) often needlessly suffer many of the LAW's penalties. It is a rare person who indeed leaves behind all fleshly human works to become obedient to the King of Heaven, and therefore not obligated to personally fulfill the LAW. The Bride member who seeks Jesus Christ first often stands out from fellow believers, and may be made to feel welcome in the more carnal assemblies. Those who know themselves as the beloved Bride of the King ought to lovingly encourage fellow believers to walk in obedience, to lead others to a Kingdom walk.

Grace Marriage God's primary unit of government is the married couple. Only Jesus can properly join a man and woman, wed them so that they are equipped to work as a team in His Kingdom. Under Grace the man and woman have a higher relationship with God than even Adam and Eve experienced before their fall. In the present Age, when God joins, the couple has moment-by-moment, equal access to the fruit of Tree of Life, in Paradise. Marriage is a very great mystery, for no two couples experience the same love relationships with each other, or with their Lord. Although many think that their union has been blessed by God, in truth only a rare couple has been joined by Him. To be joined by God both the man and woman need to have sufficient maturity in spirit to faithfully fulfill the responsibilities of a marriage relationship. Such couples have obedient hearts turned fully toward Him. They are ready to jointly exhibit the glory of our Lord Jesus through their love, for Jesus, for each other, and all others.

Family Relationships With the birth of children the family is created. Each child is born in satan's kingdom. There is no ritual or act of another which can cause someone, child or adult, to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. When children are mature enough to reason on their own they must choose for themselves to leave satan's kingdom and become a member of Jesus Christ's Kingdom of Grace. A child is responsible to parents under the Mosaic LAW until Jesus Christ's authority is accepted. Even after a young person enters His Kingdom and accepts Him as Lord, Jesus expects children to remain in close fellowship with their parents until they themselves are married.

Meaningful Fellowship Building together in the Kingdom of Heaven isn't some religious game, it's a serious work with the eternity of many at stake. Every work relationship and team should be established by Jesus, and He should be the acknowledged "Leader and Provider." The only genuine working fellowship is among Bride members because they all march to the same drummer. Nominal Believers and unbelievers who must obey the whole law may resent being left out of the authority roles, but often cause contention if they are given powerful authority. Unfeigned love and much patience may encourage such to turn their hearts fully to Jesus.

Bridegroom-Bride Relationships During this Age of Grace, Jesus is choosing and preparing a holy Bride to *rule* and *reign* with Him forever. Everything that He ordains works toward the fulfillment of this goal. He takes an interest in the smallest to the greatest task that we may be assigned. Jesus wishes greatly for us to learn obedience to Him in our daily lives. Jesus knows which of us are properly equipped to take each role in the building of His Holy Temple from the spirits of His Bride. He shapes and hones the living stones, and places them exactly where He wants them to be! It is this temple of living stones assembled together harmoniously which reveals the glory of our Master Builder.

Walking in the Light Scientific studies reveal no essential moral or spiritual differences between typical American Christian church members and their unchurched peers. The institutionalized church has failed in its primary mission: to call and prepare a Bride for Jesus Christ. It hasn’t offered its members the clear choices: *Serve Jesus as Bridegroom or the World of Mammon; Walk in Full Grace or obey the Whole LAW; Live in your spirit with forgiveness or in the selfish self esteem of your flesh.* Holy Spirit interventions will soon bring American Christianity to its moment of truth. If the institutions don’t step up to the plate, then individual leaders ought to take their callings and anointing seriously and lead others into the Kingdom Walk. The Holy Spirit is our Leader and Empowerer. Jesus will return for a perfected Bride who has learned to *love, honor and* *obey* Him! You will be blessed and our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified when you choose Him and His way!!!

The Spirit and the Bride say “Come”. Rev 22:17

Your discernment, comments and suggestions are requested.
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Note: Although I personally have had many unfruitful experiences with local pastors and their chief elders, the Holy Spirit has assured me that many will answer the final call to humble themselves and take their proper places among the anointed apostles, prophets, evangelists and teachers. We need to pray for a smooth transition from institutionalization to the freedom of the blessed Kingdom Walk.

A Baptism Into Destiny
Bill Burns

April 4, 2004

The Lord awakened me at 12:44 a.m. and said, "A great battle is about to take place for the kingdom positions of My people. Satan's plan is to unleash his fury against My people to try and disqualify them from attaining to the fullness of their kingdom positions. But, if My people will seek Me for a fresh baptism of the Spirit, I will baptize them with the fire of their destiny, and they will come forth in the fullness of their kingdom positions. The season that is before you is a season of war. It is a season in which the Church will be baptized in the fire of My Spirit, and this fire will destroy the works of the enemy that will come against My people. Tell My people to seek the baptism of fire that I will now release upon those who desire to receive the fullness of their kingdom position."

The time I was awakened is symbolic. Twelve is the number of divine government, and four is the number of the open door. Two fours would indicate a double portion or time of the fulfilling of that which the Lord spoke. Two fours equal eight, which speaks of the beginning of a new thing, which the Lord is doing.

I was looking at the calendar for May and saw that May 15th is "Armed Forces Day," and the Lord said, "My people must be equipped for war by this date, for the battle will intensify. Again, I say, receive the fire by which you will overcome the enemy." And, this scripture came to mind:

Jeremiah 12: 5 "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, Then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, In which you trusted, they wearied you, Then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?

The Jordan represents the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The prophetic question of this scripture for us is: The horsemen (more powerful assault) is coming at the season of the flooding of the Jordan (Pentecost). We must be ready to be baptized with fresh fire before the season of Pentecost arrives if we are going to withstand the enemy's assaults. The thief comes to steal our kingdom destiny.

The Lord is promising us a victory at the time of the flooding of the Jordan.

Joshua 3:14-15 So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest).

Joshua (a type of Jesus) led His people to victory against Jericho. Jericho fell because of the anointing in the shout of the people who had crossed the Jordan.

The Elijah Company
In these days the Lord is raising up an Elijah Company that will confront Jezebel's prophets and defeat her attacks against God's people. Elijah was a prophet who was baptized in the fire of the Lord. In 2 Kings chapter 1 Elijah calls fire down on two companies of men who were sent by Ahaziah who inquired of Baal-Zebub. 1 Kings chapter 18 tells the story of how Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal by calling down God's fire.

We also need this baptism of fire. John the Baptizer prophesied these words:

Matthew 3:11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Jesus has baptized us with the Holy Spirit, but we also need the baptism of fire. John said that we would be baptized with the Holy Spirit AND fire. Fire will not only consume the wood, hay and stubble (1 Corinthians 3:12-13), but it will destroy the works of the enemy. The anointing of God's fire will be released by the prophetic word in the mouths of God's people. The fire will destroy the plans of God's enemies.

Revelation 11:5 And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner.

A great battle is about to take place this spring and summer for the destiny of God's people. The baptism of fire will equip us to withstand the onslaught of the horsemen and preserve our destiny in the kingdom. Another battle for the destiny of America will take place this fall. This next election is crucial for America and those who dwell in this land. The prophets of fire will be called forth from their personal victory to wage war for the destiny of America -- one nation under God.

For this reason we have been instructed to gather our people and seek the baptism of fire before May 15. We are to be armed with the fire of God's Spirit that will dress us for battle in the armor of God's light.

Romans 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

The light of Christ will be released by the fire of God's anointing, and we shall be ready for the battle. Victory is assured!

A Time Of Birthing
Bill Burns:

Mar 29, 2004
You are coming out of a time of revelation of new beginnings and entering into a time of birthing of those things which I have spoken. Fear not, My children, and let not your heart abide in heaviness, for though trials and tribulations come upon the earth know absolutely that I am with you and I am for you and I will never leave you nor forsake you. I have come to lead you through the Valley of Despair. I will lead you out of hopelessness and will give you hope. I have come to be one with you so that you may know Me in a fresh way. I will reveal Myself to you not only as King of kings but I will come to you in intimacy and be your Friend and strengthen you for that which lies ahead.

I will reveal to you the mysteries of this world and the mysteries of your own life, the things that transpire that you do not understand or have reckoning of, for I know your heart more than you know your own heart. I call you to a place of trust today. If you know that you can trust Me, you will trust Me with your heart. If you heart condemns you, I am greater than your heart and the condemnation that has been heaped upon you, says the Lord.

I tell you that you will reckon and understand and see before you the place of turning, for this is a turning point, a place in which you will turn from that which has hindered you. You will have opportunities that will bring the grace to turn now from the path you have been on, from the bondage and mindsets, for it is the time for turning around and lining up with divine purpose.

Marsha Burns: Beloved, I want to bring you to a level of trust that you have not known, for if you have not learned to trust Me with your very life, you will certainly view those around you with suspicion. But, haven't I said that all things work together for good to those who love Me, to those who are the called according to My purpose? Then, why do you fear what man might do to you? Why do you fear being taken advantage of? Relax, and release your suspicions, and put your life in My hands and allow Me to be your refuge, your fortress, and your high tower, for I am your place of strength and protection. I will certainly show you places of danger and pitfalls if you will only trust Me to do so.

Marsha Burns
Mar 30, 2004
Remember the commandment, you shall have no other gods before Me. I say, beware of carving idols. But, you say, I'm not carving idols. Yet, you are exerting pressure against certain people to mold them into the image of your making. Just as surely as you would use chisel and hammer, you are trying to shape them with your desires, attitudes, motives, words and prayers. I execute justice for the oppressed and give freedom to those held in captivity, and you also must choose to release those held captive by your own selfish desires. Tear down the idols of your own heart so that you can worship the true and living God.

Marsha Burns
Mar 31, 2004
I have already warned you to set a watch, and now is the critical time, for the enemy will rise up to assault you with boundary violations. And, when you stand your ground and refuse to allow his intrusion, he will accost you with condemnation and guilt. Be on guard, for these violations will come under the guise of religion, and he will use those against you who live in an extreme position of self-interest. Stand your ground and keep your focus and sense of kingdom purpose or these attacks could derail you. Maintain peace by keeping vigil.

Marsha Burns
Apr 1, 2004
Matthew 13:44 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for the joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." I heard the Lord say, many of My people are seeking treasure in their field of dreams. Examine yourself to see if what you are seeking is the real treasure of My kingdom or earthly treasure. Are you seeking that which will bring only temporary satisfaction and delight? Are you seeking the approval and acceptance of man or to establish a reputation and acclaim among your peers? Now is the time to reconsider your priorities and objectives, for what you value will be your reward.

Marsha Burns
Apr 2, 2004
Now is the time to hold fast to what you knew you heard Me speak in the secret place of your heart. You had revelation and direction, and you rose up to fulfill destiny. Yet, the enemy has planted seeds of doubt with his question, "Did God say?" And, suddenly you feel lost and without direction. Not only that, but you sense the danger of the enemy's presence to destroy all that has been built. Do not stand in fear and trembling, watching and waiting on the sidelines to see what will transpire. Rise up in the Spirit; take your stand in the authority I have given you to overcome and defeat the works of the evil one. Exercise your sword of the Spirit by proclaiming the Word and bringing down the strongholds. Do not doubt or waver in your warfare. Be strong and very courageous, for victory is assured.

Abide In His Truth

Marion Lundy

God is calling His people to come into the knowledge of and abide in His Truth. A few people walk in it, some are almost there and many go in and out according to the situations in which they find themselves. This action causes negative effects in their worlds without their understanding what is going on.

Elohim is Truth-yesterday, today and forever. This never changes. His eternal plan for us is that we realize this and help Him finish His works. This was His will before the foundation of the world. He has set His seal upon it.

God was manifested in the flesh and crucified on the cross for our redemption, healing, prosperity and all other blessings. He destroyed the ‘works of the devil.’ He went down to hell, made perfect and brought out the spirits of the just people that was there. He arose from the grave, ascended up to heaven and sent back the Holy Spirit who endowed His followers with His might. This is the TRUTH.

His blood has and does cleanse from all sin that is repented of. That same blood annihilates the produce of Satan and his cohorts from our lives and circumstances when it’s applied. We have overcame that old dragon by ‘the Blood of the Lamb’ and by the ‘word of our testimony.’ This is the TRUTH.
By grasping and proclaiming THIS TRUTH God can do His will and meet our needs in this world of reality. He says to be as He is and call those things that be not as though they already are.

Through the wisdom and the word of God we understand that when we know the TRUTH, the TRUTH will make us free. It will cause us to experience Him as we should and as we desire. It will give us to see what His unique purpose is for our individual lives. It will empower us to decree that the promises of God are now fulfilled unto us in actuality.

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A Blank Canvas Of Blackness
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DREAM/VISION last night or early this morning? 10-8/9/2004

WHERE: In sound, solid sleep and protection of my sleeping quarters...was awakened instantly, seemed as wide awake, in calmness and peace.

SAW: Complete blackness.

HEARD: "She is about to 'gobble up' the whole world!"

SAW: Myself lying prostrate, face in the dirt and rocks before a looming, ominous mountain--came from no where--WOW! I have been before this mountain before, as though a primal memory.

HEARD/UNDERSTOOD: Thunder and lightenings! Words, understanding placed in my spirit at a pace faster than light. Continuing to digest it all.

SAW: The mountain was now gone, and only saw the blackness. Zooming from the blackness came two round lights, as headlights. At first only tiny specks becoming larger and this perspective gave the impression that lights were coming closer as they speedily appeared. The light on the right was flashing on and off and off and on; and the light on the left was glowing constantly with no flickering. The two lights traveled in synchronization and in an oblique angle, from the top right hand side and to the bottom left hand side in my sight of vision.

SENT TO PRAYER/PROPHET-WARRIORS for Ruach [Holy Spirit] to open our understanding.

The dream/vision ended, it seemed complete. Spiritually on my knees, I submit and shake from a fresh and healthy dose of fear and respect in awe of our YHWH [God].

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Some of what Ruach recaptures from this dream/vision:

REFLECTION, WHILE STILL IN DREAM/VISION: There was no horizon or distinction of any kind, just saw solid blackness, but not deadness nor was there any heaviness associated with it or exuding from the scene/picture shown. There was a sense of life emerging somewhere from this blackness. As though to the natural senses it could be described as "bleakness, desolation, nothingness, without hope" ~ BUT OUR YHWH (God) chai -- life...Hallelujah!

UNDERSTOOD: YHWH was about to show a simple picture with a simple message. In Ruach, seemed as though a background for a painting to show the "black and white of it", without any possibility of misunderstanding, confusion, or distraction.

Clearly YHWH (God) was showing a starting or beginning point. A blank canvas of blackness. Further understood that HE IS BUILDING UPON AND WILL CREATE, as it were 'from the ground up'. HE builds from 'the Rock", Yeshua haMashiach (Messiah Jesus). The only foundation of substance or reality. I heard the song in my spirit...'All other ground is sinking sand'....can you remember this old song? Do you hear it?

YHWH is clearing away all the lies of the enemy of our souls....ALL LIES will be wiped away, destroyed, blasted off the face of the earth, and YHWH (God) IS BUILDING HIS BODY, not man, and no longer will man's ways be allowed for Babylon's methods of building are inferior, men's methods of building do more damage and cloud TRUTH! WHAT HE HAS BUILT, IS BUILDING AND WILL BUILD WILL LAST BEYOND ALL TIME INTO ETERNITY for the foundation is Yeshua, HIS Only begotten Son, the real Redeemer, not the false!

HEARD: "She is about to 'gobble up' the whole world!"

As Ruach brought this back in my mind to see again, I began asking, "What does this mean?" I rolled the words I had heard over and over in my mind and tumbled them in Ruach seeking an answer. Without the aid and strength of Ruach, this could have seemed as a terrifying statement. It was not, there was great Peace, HIS Peace!

In my human understanding in this dream, I attempted to substitute the phrase 'gobble up' with 'eat up', for surely that sounded better; certainly more correct for such an awesome YHWH (God) to be speaking, one whom we reverence and fear, as HE belches out fire and smoke from HIS Mountain. Sensed myself prostrate, lying face to the ground before a H-ly mountain, and our H-ly God (YHWH).

In this dream/vision, I saw near the base of the looming, ominous mountain my own body lying flat on the ground, trembling...I heard and was instructed to record..."WOE unto those who change HIS words and deliver them to the Body of Messiah. Woe to those who once served HIM and now pervert HIS WILL AND HIS WAYS. Woe to HIS servants who believe that in their humaneness they can even begin to know and speak for YHWH! Woe to my servants who believe LIES and do not seek me and me alone for I AM Wisdom and Truth! Woe to prophets and priests who alter one jot or one tittle of MY WORD. Woe to priests and prophets who have fallen away from YHWH and speak from their own lips, lying lips, for they have purposely walked into paths of Babylon's darkness. They now speak for profit and extravagant worldly gain. They have no desire to hear from ME, what they must give up is too great in their eyes, for they know me not. Tell them!"

My entire being was shaken and continuing upon my face...Ruach corrected me, repeating what YHWH had SAID: 'gobble up' and then asked me "What does this phrase mean to you? I emphatically answered 'Thanksgiving'. And mulled that in my culture (the USA) Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 25th. had begun with gratitude for you O H-ly One of Isra'el. Gratitude for you as our source for ALL things. Gratitude from a people who had come under much religious persecution in another 'world', had sought You, O YHWH! A people who had prayed, planned, worked together under the leadership of men and women of Your choosing, and had sacrificed, and given up home and family and comfort to come to a new land of opportunity to live lives to Glorify You, O Mighty One.

We have forgotten and these people understood that You are the True and Living God. These people understood that You are the sustainer of our very lives. They saw Your hand of provision through the indigenous peoples whom they thought to be heathens.

There were many lessons for all to learn, one from another. Together these combined peoples found expanded knowledge and intelligence of a different sort. In celebration of You and Life (Chai) via the avenue of friendship and mutual respect, they shared food and set aside this day to come together to honor You, O Great Spirit.

Surely they praised You during this Feast, as during Hanukkah whom this holiday is patterned, they must have praised You for miraculous provision when there was no seeming way to survive. they had escaped from persecution, by Your Mighty Right Hand, for You O H-ly One of Isra'el, You provide and make a way....in surprising and monumental ways. Your ways are above our ways and your thoughts higher than our thoughts...You have redeemed, are redeeming and will redeem our souls on that day. Hallelujah!

FURTHER UNDERSTANDING FROM RUACH: Ruach impressed that it was not a mistake when I heard "gobble up", and reminded me that one can never change a single phrase or word or syllable or change the sentence structure, NOT one thing that is given.

YHWH makes no mistakes in what and how and when HE communicates to us. This arrogance of the Apostles, Prophets, Priests, Teachers and Evangelists has cost the Body in errors of discernment and forward movement and no longer will be tolerated!

Many, many, many eternal lives are at stake. YHWH said that these offices and responsibilities are vitally important, that HE is grieved as all too many consider them a mere hobby...HE CALLS to COME TO HIM TODAY!

Fall before HIM in repentance and HE will build HIS BODY, the Body of Messiah Yeshua in fullness and power and strength and tenderness and mercy and HIS LOVE for those of each tribe and tongue and nation.

REPENT! REPENT! REPENT! PREPARE, PREPARE, PREPARE THE WAY of our YHWH, HE COMES, That Day comes!!!

YHWH/Yeshua/Ruach knows HIS audience, HIS children, HIS own -- and our ability to understand specific Words from Abba on many levels. HIS PLAN is for us to come together and function together as HIS BODY, not leading but fitting in function and serving in joy! As we become rightly fitted, we will know HIS JOY, our STRENGTH in new and restorative ways...HIS WAYS, Our destinies have, are and will be fulfilled!

UNDERSTOOD: That as we come together in function as servants of El Elyon [Most High God], the delivery or every piece of information that we need will be given, that YHWH does not hold back, but the 'pieces' of information do not come together in fullness because the 'servants pride' is too great. When we become desperate enough, and lay down our lives in exchange for HIS completely, then all will be revealed, double mindedness must be eliminated at all costs, no longer may we allow Babylon to stretch and pull and distract and steal, kill, destroy our lives, for YHWH's destiny has been declared upon our lives, we must choose today, YHWH or destruction...for HIS GLORY COMES!

Are we willing? Are we willing to crucify ourselves completely, exchanging our lives for HIS....contemplate today, for HIS PLAN, HIS GLORY COMES QUICKLY! The harvest lies in the fields rotting, it is beyond White!!! Redeemed ones, on your faces, repent, repents, repent, and march, intercede, pray and Be H-ly, set- apart, as HE IS H-ly, be set apart for HIS SERVICE and GLORY and for HIS NAME;'s SAKE, YHWH!!!

Brothers and Sisters in Messiah, I pray that we not allow the deception of the enemy to steal from us at this last, end time...we are so close to HIS COMING! Yeshua is the overcomer, and in HIM, WE ARE OVERCOMERS. We cry out YHWH, Abba, Adonai Elohim and ask that YOU send YOUR angels, Messengers warring at Your command, to come to each of us today and give us courage and clarity of vision, Your VISION for the Body of Messiah, WE SEE THAT our Redeemer Comes!!! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Halleluyah!

SAW: The mountain was now gone, and only saw the blackness. Zooming from the blackness came two round lights, as headlights. At first only tiny specks becoming larger and the impression of the perspective that lights were coming closer as they speedily appeared. The light on the right was flashing on and off and off and on; and the light on the left was glowing constantly. The two lights traveled in synchronization and in an oblique angle, from the top right hand side and to the bottom left hand side of my sight of vision.

Response from a Prayer/Prophet Warriors on the previous paragraph of dream/vision:

IN Torah, the right "side" of G-d has to do with MERCY, and the left "side" of G-d has to do with judgment. I perceive that the picture is saying that judgment is coming, fast and hard like a freight train or a semi truck. The judgment will be unrelenting- constant (the left light which glowed steadily.) But G-d's mercy will come in waves (the right light was on then off, then on then off..).And as it says in James "Mercy triumphs over judgment"-if it were not for mercy, nothing would survive.

and from another:

Matthew 24:22 And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 24 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

...continuing to wait before YHWH, asking for help to understand more of what HE is conveying;

...that we may be HIS servants of honor and worthiness, glorifying HIS NAME, and NOT servants to be pruned nor tossed into the fire for habits of laziness, disloyalty, lies, or unworthiness in HIS EYES!

May we, HIS sons and daughters, be lights in HIS KINGDOM that others may be drawn to Messiah Yeshua. May YHWH be GLORIFIED!!!

We ask that before men and women all over this earth, the TRUE REDEEMER (Messiah Yeshua) BE REVEALED by Ruach haKodesh, by Your RUACH O Great and Mighty Yah [God]!

May all men be drawn to Your Son, Yeshua as a powerful magnet!!!

May HIS obedient sacrifice of Blood upon that stake on Mt. Moriah come clearly into their heart's vision and understanding that they too may have the opportunity to REPENT and fall before a Holy YHWH (God) who seeks with and extends HIS arms of mercy, compassion and tender Love, for their release from bondages and to have HIS hands lift them to powerfully and simply declare, sing, dance and sow lives of celebration for TRUE FREEDOM AND LIFE in HIM! All these gifts for peoples of the planet before Justice Himself comes! Amen!

A Blossoming Walk
Mary Clark

July 4, 2004
In a vision, I looked down at my foot and saw an ornament of precious stones. The stones were like a flower – the center was deep red and the two leaves were a brilliant green. It was growing out of the top of my foot. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I want My beloved to see something about your walk in Me. I want you to know that it is flowering forth as a thing of great beauty. I want you to know that the walk that I have provided for you is from everlasting to everlasting. It is a work that will live on. Look on the promises of your God with much delight, for they are truly manifesting in these last days. Look on them and know that one who is committed to the Beloved receives huge dividends – exponential blessings, developing in your midst, and promising you a walk of sheer delight.

I am calling My beloved to the forefront of the world's situation. I want you to know that I am leading and guiding you in My power and strength to move forward into that place of purity, grace, and hope in Me. The enemy has touted his words of ugliness long enough. I want you touting My truth in the great power of your Lord God Almighty. I want you standing fast in the face of adversity. I want you standing tall, eager to mount up with wings of the eagle and into My vicinity of great hope.

I am eager for the approaching hour. I want you to know that I am doing a fine work in hearts – a work that spills over into your walk with Me. So be of good cheer. I have made you an everlasting promise of great hope, and you are seeing it develop in your midst. You are seeing it blossom forth in your walk. You are coming into the knowledge of My great and undying love for you. This is a good reason to rejoice. This is a good reason to clap your hands and dance the dance of victory, for your God has looked on you with the kindest intent, and He is moving you forward into a glowing hour of promise and hope beyond anything you could ever ask or think. Now! Isn't this a good reason to rejoice, beloved? Isn't this a good reason to clap your hands and sing forth praises to your King of kings? For He has spoken His intent and He is bringing it to pass – bringing it to pass in your lives – in your walk, and yes, in your heart of hearts!!!

Depravity Of The Mind
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depravity – corruption; wickedness

I want to talk to My dear children tonight about depravity of the mind. I want to enable you to understand some things about the mind of man.

In the beginning, I created them – male and female – to walk in unity with Me, the Almighty One. I desired fellowship. I desired to be known by My created ones, and for them to love Me and walk in obedience to Me. Yes. I desired much. I desired more than was to be had, didn't I?

But in this day, I am doing a mighty work among man. I am wooing – drawing man to Myself. I am showing man the mind of the living God and what He desires. I am teaching My beloved children about My mind – My mind is filled with love for all of mankind. My mind is filled with good intent. Nothing crosses My mind that is not pure and holy. All of My thoughts are just and true.

I want My beloved to see this – to know this, and to follow after My will for their lives, knowing that the very best is in this path – this holy path – that leads into the loving arms of the Beloved.

I want man to see his mind for what it is – depraved. It is not a mind that thinks purity and holiness every moment of the day. No good thing can come from a mind that is depraved. Nothing can come from a depraved mind that could further My kingdom. But your mind is changing. It is lining up with My truth. You are coming into the very real realization of the goodness of your God, and desiring to be like Him – desiring to dwell in that holy place in Him – that holy place filled with His love – His kind intent toward His beloved.

Let Me tell you this, dear child of the living God: Nothing man could ever think could ever dwell in the heart of the Beloved. Man's mind just does not work in the area of holiness. Man's mind does not seek after the holiness of the living God. It is only by the power of My Spirit working within your heart, that you can ever come into the realization of the truth. So, redeemed one, rejoice in the fact that your God created you to come into a holy union with Him.

He desires to see you prosper in every area of your life. He desires to see your mindset change and become like Him – I desire to see you come into the realization of My love, whereby you will know things of purity for a certainty. You will walk in that purity, desiring to keep your focus on your Beloved – desiring to spread His good will far and wide.

The enemy likes to see you out of focus. He likes to see you floundering, but I like to see you alert and attentive to My will, prospering in every area of your life. I enjoy seeing My beloved grow stronger and setting your feet in that path of My desire. I enjoy seeing you grow in power and might, doing the work of your Father.

In these last days I am changing some minds. I am taking those depraved minds and "fixing" them to suit My needs. You will enjoy this change, beloved. You will thrill to this change. You will look on this change as miraculous, because you will know that it has come forth by My hand. So rejoice, beloved! Rejoice in the coming work of the Lord your God, knowing that it is for your good, and for the betterment of My kingdom that you are being blessed in this way.

And don't forget this, beloved: You asked Me to conform you into My image. You sought Me to do a mighty work in your heart, asking Me to make the changes necessary for you to draw closer to Me, and what better way is there for us to draw closer than the meeting of the minds. What better way is there for us to get in unity than for us to think alike? What better way is there for us to commune than for us to be on the same page? Ask yourself those questions, beloved, when you start to see the mighty changes that are coming forth. Yes! Ask yourself those questions about My work that is shining forth in you – in your mind – in that mind that was once so in need of renewing, and is now being renewed according to My will.

Ask yourself about this work that is shining forth – this renewing of the mind in a fashion that will thrill and excite, and keep you on the right path – the path that leads directly to My heart – directly into My arms of love that are open to receive you – all of you – every fiber of you! Ask yourself about this most miraculous work, and then look up, beloved, and know that just as surely as I have done this most splendid work, I have drawn you into a new place in Me – a new place of wonder and happiness. That is your destiny, beloved. That is the destiny that I have planned for you!!!

Ratified

Mary Clark

(A Prophetic Exhortation)
June 29, 2004

ratify – approve, sanction, endorse, confirm, authorize, consent

I am ratifying something very important at this moment, beloved. Yes! I am giving My consent to something that may surprise you. Hear the word of your Lord:

In seasons past, My children have walked under and umbrella of hope – hope in My coming – hope in My will being fulfilled in their lives – hope in My word being fulfilled in the lives of those that they love – hope in the living God giving them those things that would bring them true happiness – more of Him – more of His presence, manifesting in their lives. In this hour, I am showing My beloved that the time is indeed upon you when you will see ALL for which your heart longs fulfilled in your lives.

Let Me tell you something about what to expect: You may expect for your God to intervene in your life in a most substantial way. You may expect to see loved ones won over to My cause and walking in harmony with Me. You may expect to see glorious angelic activity – the goings and comings of My angelic messengers in your life. You may expect to walk in such a way that will please and surprise you.

Yes, my beloved, I have ratified those papers giving the authority for all of this to begin in your lives NOW! I say NOW! So get ready to explore the most glorious work of the Lord God Almighty, as He shines forth in a vast array of splendor in your lives, and know this for certain: It was worth it all! It was truly worth it all when you said “yes” to your Beloved. It was truly worth it all when you decided to follow after My heart. It will be worth it all when you take those steps into that place of loveliness in Me where you will see My beauty shining forth in your life, identify My will, and take those steps forward into what awaits you. What awaits you in this place? Being about your Father’s business! *THAT*, My beloved, is what awaits you as you take these next most important steps into this new realm of rich discovery. THAT, beloved, is what awaits one who is following after My heart – a newness of life that can only be described as most wondrous – a place of high activity of another realm – a place of great beauty – a place of sheer wonder, beloved – a place of the sheerest wonder!!!

About Arafat

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Friends,

This is just a short note about what is brewing here in Israel in relationship to the Yasser Arafat "carnival". As you know, the Islamic holy days of Ramadan and their aftermath (Id el F'ter) are not quite over. Thus Arafat who died last week was being preserved in a condition which the French news media called coma, even though totally on life support. This is only one of the reasons why the dictator was kept in some semblance of existence; another was the negotiation with Israel as to his burial. Arafat of course wanted to be enshrined on the Temple Mount, while Sharon deemed Gaza to be a more suitable location for that purpose. The PA was demanding East Jerusalem with the approval of Left wing Knesset (Israeli parliament) members of the Opposition. The compromise reached was the compound in Ramalla, where Arafat was confined for the past three years. A PLO spokesman announced that this location would suffice until Jerusalem is liberated and the Palestinian Stat e is formed, at which time the cadaver will be transferred to the Temple Mount. The third reason that Arafat's meeting with his Maker was deferred, was the wrangling for leadership within the P.A. The PA leadership also met with the leadership of Hamas and Jihad. This impromptu unity was only for the purpose of demanding from Israel that Arafat be buried in East Jerusalem. Don't kid yourselves; there is no love between the PA (PLO) and the other militant branches! The only reason that Arafat wielded power over all of these was because he held the purse strings to billions of dollars, fractions of which were divvied out at his discretion. However, now none of the leaders of the PA have this available to them to help control and build a so-called unified government. What you see in one part of the Arab world you will find in another - one strong leader, or family, who have the most cunning and are the most intimidating, is essential to keep the system thriving.

The Palestinian militant Islamic factions will not cooperate with those who bow to Israel, to the U.S. or to any other western nation, as to do so would be giving into the great Satan and will result in brutal deaths. To kill or be killed is the lingua franca that unites that world. Sadam Hussein was responsible for the murder of scores of people in order to gain the power and respect as a leader in Iraq. Arafat, like his colleague and supporter, made his way into the power struggle with the same terror tactics. The spiritual nature of the Arab world originates from the ancient biblical bloodline of Ishmael, Lot, Esau, Amalek, Amman, Moav etc. There was no love lost between them and Israel, as they struggled for the Abrahamic inheritance and birthright. The religious spirit that is behind Islam propels all of this. They all have one objective in common, as the Psalmist so discerningly pointed out: "They have said, 'Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more'. For they have consulted together with one consent; they form a confederacy against You (Psa. 83:4-5).

If the so called moderates of the PA (PLO) capitulate to Judah/Israel, or to Ephraim/Israel these other factions will continue to use terrorism as their rightful weapon against an occupier of Arab land (and that doesn't mean just the West bank and Gaza), as the whole Land of Israel once was ruled over by an Islamic nation and once Isalm's always Islam's. They will not recognize any other solution or compromise. Terrorism has been one of the most successful tools in their hands to date. Only extreme military force will subdue them and then only for a time, unless Islam is completely wiped off the pages of modern history. The symbol of Islam is the sword, and so is the temperament of the spirit behind it. But we must also remember that YHVH used those nations in the past to judge Israel when the latter went too far into adultery and idolatry (iniquity and sin).

The Arab world, along with most of the rest of the world, is now paying homage to one of the most evil men who have yet to stand in the hall of the infamous. He not only has innocent blood on his hands, but was also known to be a pedophiliac (lover of children), as well as a homosexual. The French Government will not release the reasons for his death or condition. It is to be kept a family secret. It does not take an expert to figure out what killed this man. The indications over the weeks were that his immune system was defective and that he suffered from some kind of virus. All the symptoms pointed to Aids (HIV). This is the only disease that disgraces and humiliates a person, and the only one that someone would want kept secret. Why?

Paul, an Apostle of Messiah, points out a Torah principle in his letter to the community in Rome: "Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due" (Rom. 1:27).

The conflict now between the nation of Judah/Israel and her neighbors is poised to enter a new phase. The times of the fulfilling of YHVH's latter day prophecies in regard to the whole House of Israel will accelerate.

"Behold, the whirlwind of YHVH goes forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind; it will fall violently on the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of YHVH will not return until He has done it, and until He has performed the intents of His heart. In the latter days you will consider it" (Jer. 30:23-24)

These are times to have our lamps trimmed with the fresh oil of the Spirit of Holiness.

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About the Bride

Megan Morris

Psalm 45: About the Bride

One night several months ago, I was writing in my prayer journal, and Holy Spirit took me to one of my favorite Psalms and started telling me things about the second half of it. I was a little surprised because I usually get stuck in the first half, which describes the Bridegroom-King. I could stay there for hours. But the second half describes the Bride, and this is what He chose to talk to me about. I've held onto it for awhile, but today I felt like I should send it out.

The three main versions of the Bible I used for this were the King James (KJV), Amplified (AMP), and the Message (MSG). :) The verses will be marked by **asterisks** around them.

**PSALM 45 -- Of the sons of Korah: A Wedding Song

v9. Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; at Your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir. (AMP)**

Here the Queen is the King's "right-hand-man." She is his helpmeet, the able partner who has earned her place as his most trusted confidante. The glory of God rests on her; Ophir was a country famous for its fine, high-quality gold. These are righteous acts done in God's strength, not "good" things done in the wisdom of man. Man-things are wood, hay and stubble. God-things are fire-tested gold. These God-things are her jewelry.

**v10-11. Now listen, daughter, don't miss a word: forget your country, put your home behind you. Be here -- the king is wild for you. Since he's your lord, adore him. (MSG)

"Hear, O daughter, consider, submit, and consent to my instructions: forget also your own people and your father's house; So will the King desire your beauty; because He is your Lord, be submissive and reverence and honor Him." (AMP)

"...So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty: for he is thy Lord, and worship thou him." (KJV) (v11 only)**

Here is a common thing: it is the language of marriage and covenant. "So shall a man leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife." "Forgetting that which lies behind, pressing on toward that which lies ahead." "If any man loves [and takes more pleasure in] father or mother more than [in] Me, he is not worthy of Me." "...and forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live." "...and they left their nets and followed Him."

If we do not release our past -- even the good parts -- we can not continue on with Jesus. We are commanded to honor our parents, but are contrarily instructed to "forget," "forsake," and, by comparison, to "hate" them. (The KJV translation of "not loving more than".) Our loyalties must be to God, not to our heritage.

Parents and homeland here speak of the relationship we had with God through a spiritual "umbilical cord." It must become a personal relationship. The King is wild for you. He greatly desires your beauty. It also says something about traditions we were raised with. These cannot become substitutes for Jesus. Forget that which lies behind you -- press on towards Jesus. He wants you present with Him in the here and now, not dwelling on former days.

It is the example of manna: new manna had to be gathered every morning; if any was kept over from the day before, they found that it was full of maggots. You can't keep yesterday's bread when it comes to Jesus; you have to taste of Him anew every day. You do not belong to your past. If you want to be married to Jesus, you can't go back. He is your Lord, King, and Master -- focus on Him, and on adoring Him.

**v12 -- "..even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favour." (KJV)

"And, O daughter of Tyre, the richest of the people shall entreat your favor with a gift!" (AMP)**

When we are being the Bride of Christ that we're called to be, even people who supposedly have everything will want what we have. Song of Songs 5:1 describes the Bride as a garden, unshared and undefiled, reserved only for the King. The King is so pleased with this garden that He invites all His friends to come enjoy her fruitfulness. It is like in the story of Esther, when Xerxes told Vashti, "Come, let my friends enjoy your beauty!" -- but Vashti refused. In this context, this speaks of ministry. Vashti was self-satisfied and only wanted to minister to her friends; she refused to minister to the ones Xerxes chose. A true Bride is a ministry to everyone, which in turn brings her favor with even "the richest of the people".

**v13. "Her wedding dress is dazzling, lined with gold by the weavers. All her dressed and robes are lined with gold." (MSG)

"The king's daughter is all glorious within: her clothing is of wrought gold." (KJV)

"The King's daughter in the inner part [of the palace] is all glorious: her clothing is inwrought with gold." (AMP)**

When Gabriel greets Mary in the Gospel of Luke, he calls her, "beautiful with God's beauty -- beautiful inside and out." (MSG) Mary was a prophetic picture of all of us, as she let the Holy Spirit fill her with Jesus. The Bride here in this verse has been through the purification process. Her dress -- the outer garments -- is lovely. Her outward acts are beautiful. The things everyone sees, her interactions with other people and her daily "public" life is beautiful -- it bears the mark of God's glory. This is because the inside is filled with the glory of God. She has been faithful in intimacy with Jesus. The beauty of her private life of devotion, a beauty cultivated in the secret place (the inner part of the palace), in her personal relationship with God, in the inner workings of her heart where nobody else can see, has bled over into her public "manifested" life. The beauty given to her in her time of hiddenness, in her "Esther" time of preparation, has paid off and she is now ultimately pleasing.

Esther's treatment started with six months of treatment with the oil of myrrh. Myrrh speaks of the sufferings of the Cross, six is the number of flesh. Her flesh is being crucified before anything else can take place. The next six months were treatments with perfumes and cosmetics. This follows the pattern of Song of Songs 4:16 in which the Shulammite asks for the North Wind and then the South Wind -- the testing and suffering before the blessing -- in order to make her garden ready to become the King's garden.

**v14-15. "She is led to the king, followed by her virgin companions. A procession of joy and laughter! A grand entrance to the king's palace!" (MSG)

"She shall be brought to the King in raiment of fine needlework: with the virgins, her companions that follow her, she shall be brought to You. With gladness and rejoicing will they be brought; they will enter into the King's palace." (AMP)**

There are a couple of things to be had from this. First, she surrounds herself with purity. Her companions are virgins, undefiled. Second, her companions may also speak of those sincere believers who have kept themselves pure from the world but haven't yet heard the call to intimacy with the Bridegroom. They haven't been "de-virginized" by the world, but they haven't become Brides yet, either.

However, as in the Song of Songs, the Bride's sincere passion for the King awakens their hearts. Here, they "follow her in to the king" (KJV); in the Song, the Shulammite says, "Draw me, and we will run after You." One being drawn results in many running to Him. Later in the Song, the virgins' ridicule and incomprehension of her devotion to Christ ("What is your beloved more than another beloved?") turns into desire to know Him personally ("Where has your lover gone, that we may seek him with you? ") when she stands in the face of pain and adversity and praises Him. (See Song of Songs 5:6 to 6:1.)

**v16-17 "Set your mind now on sons -- don't dote on father and grandfather. You'll set up your sons as princes all over the earth. I'll make you famous for generations; you'll be the talk of the town for a long, long time." (MSG)

"Instead of thy fathers shall by thy sons, whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth. I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee forever and ever." (KJV)**

No longer will the Bride be defined by those who have lived before. As much as we honor and love the fathers of our faith who have prepared the way before us, the sons that God is releasing in this final hour will outshine them all. "The latter rain will be greater than the former rain." "Behold, I am doing a new thing!"

This is a pattern Jesus has established -- a precedent God set forth in Scripture: Elisha had a double portion of Elijah's anointing; Moses led Israel out of Egypt, but Joshua took them into the Promised Land; John the Baptist, though he had an amazing ministry, was only the forerunner of Jesus. As the New Testament fulfilled the Old Testament, so will the Last Hour Generation that God is raising up fulfill the promises and prototype of the previous generations.

In this, the entire Church throughout history will be honored. As we honor Christ, He desires to honor us. The King always wants to "show off" his Queen -- we can either respond as Vashti or Esther. (When the King threw Esther a banquet, she apparently accepted it with all joy and humility.) In Revelation 3:9, Jesus promises the church at Philadelphia that, because they've used every last ounce of their strength to keep His Word and remain faithful to Him, He "will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie -- behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and learn and acknowledge that I have loved you." (AMP)

Christ will honor and glorify the Bride who honors and glorifies Him. This is the nature of true marriage, because the two have become one.

God, make these things real in Your Church so we can be just like Your Son and can be united as one with Him!

"Lord, make us ready now -- behold, our Bridegroom comes!" ("I Must Get Ready Now" - Ramey Hughes Whalen, the Selah Project)

~**~**~**~ "Your Word is my food; Your breath my wine. You are everything to me."

--Sarah Bernhardt

"Change the shape of my heart Until it becomes more familiar to Your eyes Take the place of my heart Until I become a stranger to my life I won't give up on giving You A chance to blow my mind... I'll find You when I think I'm out of time."

--Jars of Clay, "Eleventh Hour"

A Call to Intimacy
Keith Loper

Intimacy: The state of being intimate.
Intimate: marked by very close association, contact, or familiarity, marked by a warm friendship developing through long association suggesting informal warmth or privacy

Over the past several years I have read numerous Christian emails and thought I would try and contribute what I think God has been showing me about the church. Many I am sure have read the allegory about leaving Christian City. It is my opinion, that for the most part, what the remnant was has left it in part, but still holds to the traditions of the old model of man or a ministry acting as their head instead of Yeshua. This is to say, there is very little intimacy.

It can be tasted it in some writings and it can smelled as well. Worst of all, I as well as others suffer the consequences of not having complete or good discernment before we read.

Let's explore this:

Revelations 2.2-2.4 states: *I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those that are evil. And you have tested those that are Apostles and are not, and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for my names sake and have not become weary. Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.*

What I am primarily interested in looking at is the fact that this church, much like a great portion of America's church and the remnant; work for the LORD, have patience, hate evil, persevere and have the ability to not become weary in doing so. This tells me that there is faith present to accomplish all of these things. Faith in God's character. Faith in His willingness and abilities to help us do the works for His sake. This is a very scary place to be because of what He mentions next…..you have left your first love. Much of the Church in America is pursuing the work of the Lord not pursuing the Lord of the work. This puts anyone in the same place as those in Matthew 7:21-23.

- Matthew 7:21-23: *Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven. "**Many** will say to me in that day, 'Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you;* [The greek word for knew here is the same one that describes marriage intercourse.] *depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.*
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These two groups of people sound the same to me. What are the consequences if repentance is not brought forth?

- Revelations 2:5: *…I will come quickly and remove your lamp stand from its place…*
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- Matthew 7:23:…*'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.*
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It appears to me and I do not want to seem like I am trying to minimize the consequences, but if you and I will cease to carry His oil, the Holy Spirit, we will become like Saul. The Spirit of the LORD will depart from us. Furthermore, we will be told to get away from Him, not for a mere moment, but forever. Intimacy is the goal.

Where are those people supposed to go who no longer have the Spirit? Where are those to go who are told to depart? Luke 7:28 tell us that there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. They will be kept out of the kingdom. They will and must assuredly go to hell for their practicing of lawlessness. Where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.

What a terrifying thing. They go to the place that was reserved for the devil and his angels.

Is this possible? Is it going on today? Unfortunately the answer is yes. How do we know for sure? Where is He? What is He doing right this minute? Do you know? At the time of this writing He is looking over my shoulder as I type.

Sure He longs for the lost to be saved and he will help you draw them in, but you had better wait on His leading. Why? He is the King! If you don't you will be practicing lawlessness. Follow Him, not man, unless he is speaking the words of God, not me, not a doctrine, but Him. How do we follow Him? Is he a flesh and blood that we can physically follow? No, He is a spirit and we must perceive Him by our spirit to know what He is doing and wants us to do. Yeshua "only did what He saw His father do", nothing more, nothing else! That is our calling as well and to worship Him in spirit and truth!

If we want to be His friend we will do the things he commands us. Not what he commanded a day or two ago. (Unless we have not done it yet.) Our question should be; what is the curriculum for today LORD? What is it that You wish right now? We are to be courtiers. We are to serve Him and put Him at the forefront of our lives at all times. Let these words sink in deep. Gifts and their functioning do not mean you are right with God.

Can you imagine Jesus putting together a program? I can't. His teaching occurred wherever He was and there was no charge to hear Him.

There was a time and season not so long ago when God called forth a remnant from His people that attended organizations or corporations or whatever they may be referred to as, to come from amongst them and become separate. (Come out and follow Me for yourself.) Today He is calling the remnant and any of His people who will listen to the next step. I don't know specifically what it is for you, but it is further obedience to the things He wants. More intimacy. More of His heart functioning in your life and my life. Don't divorce Him out of stubbornness, arrogance and fearfulness of heart as many of you have done. The remnant is being whittled down again. This will continue to occur until He has what He wants. People who want only Him and all of the other things will follow.

Please hear me. More importantly, please hear Him. This sounds oh so elementary, but the implications of the times we live in are tremendous. Do you want America to be judged again? Do you want America's prosperity taking away? Do you want more terrorist attacks? Or worst of all, do you want to be cast out of His presence forever?

Here's a litmus test if you will:

When is the last time that you felt the Lord's presence while you were alone with Him? [daily]

When is the last time you heard Him speak to you (not through the scriptures)? [hourly]

Do you ask Him about His will for you for each week, day or hour? [hourly]

When is the last time you sat and just talked to Him? [daily] Did He answer you or was it a one sided conversation?

Do you walk with Him or do you just call on Him when you have a problem or need something?

When is the last time you wept in prayer with His burden?

When is the last time that you prayed for someone and felt the Holy Spirit move through you?

When is the last time you told Father God that you love Him? How about Yeshua?

How about the Holy Spirit?

It is not your neighbor who needs to repent first. It is you and it is me. Take the log out of your eye while I do the same to mine. I would suggest that many of us, including me, are not ready for what America is about to experience. Yes, possible great revival, but not unless there is purity and integrity in us, His people. If not, revival yes, but in the midst of one of the greatest judgments the world has ever seen. Invasion, sickness, famine, certain cities will just cease to exist. This judgment will last for many, many years and we will be left as a third world country. Don't believe it? Just look at scripture. It is full of examples of what God did to nations that continually ignored Him.

Judgment is first for you and me and then the world. I heard a very prominent preacher once say that the 9/11 attack was not God's judgment because the church was not judged first. I think we have been judged and are being judged. How? By the lack of His presence in our midst. By the lack of the miraculous in America. Sure miracles happen from time to time, but if we are so intimate with Him then why is there so much sin in the church?

Let us move away from an old mindset and move forward towards Him. Let us make a place where He can find rest in us. Lest us make ourselves ready. Let us return to our first love and not to programs. I hope you are getting my point. I can hear the aging remnant saying: yes I know all of this. I am talking to you more than anyone else. The last thing you did for God. Did you see Yeshua, the Holy Spirit or the Father doing in first? Oh, how utterly important this is. I am not there yet, nor do I think I will be next week, but I will get there for His sake. The consequences of not trying are far too great. I want to see you in heaven. I want to hear of all of your great and mighty exploits in intimacy for the LORD.

May God bless us with Intimacy!

Yesterdays revelation is todays death.

A Call To My Faithful

Yolanda Ballard

Nov 5, 2004

Never before have I seen such desperate and fervent desire to have Me move on the behalf of My people come from the heart of My intercessor army. And I AM also moved by the commitment of My people to have Me place into office the man which would stand for moral dignity and truth. And I AM also moved by the compassion of My people toward those who need to know Me as their Lord and Savior. And I AM about to pour out My wrath upon those who have hardened their hearts against Me once again.

For I said in My word that I would move the hearts of My people towards Me. I know those who I gave My life for. I know those who would seek My face in this end time hour and repent of their wickedness, but there are still those people who will not humble themselves before Me in the secret place that I provided for them.

What will it take for My people to draw close to Me once again? I have poured out My grace and mercy, and I have given them their heart's desire to have a man whose heart is pliable towards Me lead them as a nation. I have provided protection against the forces of darkness who seek to destroy them. And I have also provided the way in which they could dwell in peace and safety, but yet they still act like they don't know Me.

I love you, My people, and I long for you to come before Me to hear My voice. I seek after those who will long after My holiness to be their way of life--one who would love what I love and also hate what I hate? Why do you still go after the idolatry of the Nicolaitans? Why do you continue to be lukewarm of heart? For I do not want to have to spew you out of My mouth, but I will have to.

Come before Me once again and rent your heart and not your garments. Come before Me and pour out a heart that longs for repentance and change. And I will bless you with My presence like never before, but you must take that step to come before Me. And I will take your hand and heart and change it to having a heart of love and compassion for My will and My ways. And then you will see the signs and wonders following My true word. And then you will see the multitudes come forth who seek after a word that is full of My grace and truth.

I know My people long to have their hearts stirred once again for holiness and conviction. They do not long to continue having the freedom to express themselves in an unholy way, but many have seared their hearts against My truth and need to cry out for repentance and the deliverance they need from complacency and apathy.

If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will heal their land. But you must pray and turn in order for Me to hear you. Otherwise, I will take it that you want things and conditions in this land to stay the way they are.

Come before Me. Let Me know what you want, and I will answer you. Draw near, come before Me, and I will draw near to you. Let us break bread together and become united with one mind and in one accord. Worship Me in the beauty of holiness. Delight yourself in My presence. Yes, bask in the rivers of living water, and I will fill you to overflowing. I will allow you to excel in My gifts, and you will once again see My truth and holiness reign among those who are called by My name.

The choice is yours to make for I AM ready to move in a mighty way, but I AM waiting for those who will step out and say that they want to be counted in My endtime army of holiness. I AM looking for those who will cast down their idols of pride and mammon and just delight in having Me move in their presence. You cannot fool a true believer those who try to bleed My people of their money. Why do you use methods known by the heathen to get what you think is My will to be done?

Seek My face and My righteousness and I will provide for My will to be done. Aren't I big enough to spread My word across the land? My word spread like wildfire by man that did not have your technology before, and I will do it once again if you would allow My anointing to flow through you where you dwell. Do not be deceived by the enemy. Return to the simplicity of just knowing and loving Me, and I will do the rest for I AM your God and I AM faithful.

This is a word to the wise and humble of heart. My people know My voice and will follow. Do not be afraid to admit when you are wrong. If you want your ministry to grow, seek Me for changes in your heart and the revelation of any area that might be holding you back.

This is a new day and a new beginning. I want you to take advantage of it. True revival begins with you. As you take steps to come before Me to seek My face and not My hand, I will bless you. Then agree with Me that I will touch the multitudes with My love and repentance. Believe for the best for your nation. Believe for My prosperity to spread across the land and for My truth to prevail. This is the time and the hour where I will pour out My power and through you I will move, but you must be ready.

This is a call to My faithful.

Africa Cries for Justice

Geoff Sadler

I'm currently in Atlanta, Georgia at the G8 prayer summit which is running con-currently with the actual G8 summit on Sea Island Georgia. This afternoon we had a major visitation of the glory of the Lord. It was a heavy presence and for most of the worship time all we could do is cry out "Have mercy Lord." Most of us were either face down on the floor or weeping. When this lifted there was a real sense that what we were experiencing was God's heart for the injustice that is going on in regards to some of the poorer African nations. It was as if spiritual blindness was lifted as God revealed his feelings and opinion of what is going on globally. Two of the people leading the meeting felt also, that at the actual G8 table where the leaders were meeting there was a real feeling of not really knowing what to do, but of covering it up and so, being in a place of unreality.

Because of agricultural subsidies in the European countries and America, it means that the poorer African nations aren't able to compete in the world market, creating poverty and a feeling of helplessness in their own governments.

A lady from Kenya was asked to come and pray and as she did so, she poured out her heart about how she also, feels helpless and mistreated. Intense weeping came on the man who was praying with her and all he could do was beg for forgiveness. We were all able to pray as one after that for justice to be released for the African nations and in the world markets.

Just this morning I was telling someone that I felt that God was calling me to take to another level, the repentance and reconciliation I have been doing in regards to Liverpool's involvement in the slave trade. Going from repentance, to seeking to lavish blessing on African American and African people. Both of these experiences are the basis for the following word that the Lord gave to me this evening.

"I hear your cries for justice oh Africa and I will not be slow to act. I am raising up many voices to plead your cause in the earth. For I hate greed and injustice and I will answer you, as you continue to cry out to me for mercy and justice. Know that my hand is not too short that it cannot save and my ear is not too deaf that it cannot hear. I will redeem your lands and I will pour out blessing upon you. Know that my promises come through faith and patience. Be patient therefore and press in, in faith. Knowing that I care about it more than you do yourselves. I will answer you. I will answer you. I will answer you. So be it."

A Call For Rest

Musa Opiyo

Feb 14, 2004

Listen for My voice, says the Lord, for indeed many of you have become distracted and overcome by all the pressures of this life, and while this world has demanded your time, My time with My beloved has waned with it. It is not time to become independent, but to become dependent on Me and My strength. As you take My yoke upon you, you will find that most of what the Spirit instructs will bring minimum stress, for where the Spirit of the Lord is concerned, you are liberated. When My people spend less time with Me, their focus is shifted and many of you become discontented and discouraged. Though this is a groaning from the inner man to be refreshed at the well of My presence, many of you turn for answers and refreshment from broken cisterns and parched land. Return now and rest.

Questioning God

Musa Opiyo

Feb 16, 2004

Yesterday I was reading chapters 38, 39 and 40 of the Book of Job in which the Lord heftily questioned Job about whether he was able to accomplish the things that he, the Lord had done since the beginning of time. These questions had resulted from a complaining in Job's heart as to why the Lord had allowed all these calamities that he had experienced to come upon him. As I read the Lord spoke to me and said:

Beloved as I questioned Job when he questioned My ways and plans so I am doing it again in this season. Can man truly know My ways and thoughts? Can man truly comprehend what I have done, am doing and shall do in the days to come? Who are you to question Me. Did you create the heavens and the earth? Did you create the boundaries between the seas and the lands? Do not allow discontentment to take its place in you. Your focus is shifting and you have began to question what I am doing. You have began to question My power. I cannot be moved. With one blare of My nostrils I parted the Red Sea and created a way for Israel. In My anger I caused the ground to swallow up the sons of Korah in their rebellion. There is no victory without a battle. For many of you the battle is stronger than others, but the principle still remains the same: FAITH. For without faith you cannot please Me. Without faith you cannot launch out into the deep knowing that I am with you despite what may seem to you an impossible situation.

> *Job 40:1-3 Then the Lord said to Job, ?Do you still want to argue with the Almighty? You are God's critic, but do you have the answers? Then Job replied to the Lord I am nothing-how could I ever find the answers? I will put my hand over my mouth in silence. I have said too much already. I have nothing more to say.*

Sons And Daughters Of The Third Day
Musa Opiyo

Feb 17, 2004
For you are the people of the Third Day. With the same resurrection power that raised Me from the dead I come to raise you up out of the pit into My righteousness. You are My sons and daughters who will ride on the currents of the wind of My Spirit. You are those to whom I have put My Spirit and to whom I have bestowed favor. You are those who will not tolerate and ounce of oppression of the enemy, but who will rise up in My power and strength and declare, 'It is written.'

My sons and daughters of this day I say arise. To those who are close to despair and discouragement I say arise. To those of you to whom your finances are close to nil, I say arise, and see that your redemption draws nigh even at this time. I am your Redemption. I am your Inheritance. Even now are the angels fighting on your behalf as you declare and speak My praises. Do not be afraid to break forth into song, for I shall put a song in your heart to which you will sing in joy. You shall go out with joy and gladness for those of My people who have been in a season of mourning. This is the time and this is the season. Rejoice, sons and daughters of the Most High God.

Acceleration of Time
Musa Opiyo

Mar 10, 2004

Behold I set the plumbline of holiness among My people where your eyes shall be open and you shall see clearly that which is holy from that which profanes and mocks My name. Behold I set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Many are at the Valley of Decision at this moment, for things cannot be as the are normally, for yea, there is an acceleration of time in which the darkness which is already upon the earth shall grow darker, while My Glory shall shine upon My people in complete contrast to this darkness.

For the enemy has sent a spirit of deception to deceive and lure away even My very elect. My people it is time to wake up. It is time to be sober and vigilant, for the enemy of your souls has come with the intention to steal, kill and destroy and lead man away, yet I have called you out of this darkness that you might partake of My inheritance.

Choose this day whom you will give your heart to, your desire to, for the demarcation line has been set, and all shall clearly see who belongs to what camp. Come and let Me sanctify you in My presence, that I would teach you the ordinances of My Word. Let Me wash and purge you clean to set your feet dancing even as you embrace Me.

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Soar As Eagles
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Watch now as I release you to new heights. For it is an invitation to come up higher in Me. For in this day I am releasing My people from the anchors and weights that have held them, and they shall know a new liberty in My Spirit. As you rise up and take flight and soar as eagles, as you hear the clarion call of your God to spread your wings and let the wind of My Spirit carry you to My Holy Mountain, beware of the vultures that have been sent to distract you and sow seeds of discord among you for the purpose of stopping your flight.

For many of them shall gather above you in the sky and cause as it were a temporary darkness for the purpose of bringing fear. Yet My Warriors, fear not. For you are My victorious army of men and women, boys and girls who know that greater is he who is in you than he that is in the world. As these spirits approach, I say arise, take flight and let the glory of the Lord shine upon you.

As the eagles high pitches screech is feared and known so the enemy and his forces of darkness shall scatter at the sound of praise on your lips. For My light shall break through this fog of darkness and dissipate all that would hinder you from moving foward. Arise, and let the glory of the Lord shine through you.

"Arise, Shine; for thy light has come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."-Isaiah 60:1

A Cry From The Heart
Heidi Cummins

Feb. 6, 2004

A Cry For Our Nation! A Cry For The Church Of The Most High God!

"Lord, we have sinned against you and you ALONE!

Lord, we do not deserve to even raise our eyes to you, so great is our wickedness!

Oh, we don't even deserve to even wear your name!

Have Mercy upon us, Oh have Mercy!

Your children's eyes are full of adultery and sin!

We look to our amusements and our pastimes as if these empty things can satisfy us! We lust and we seek out those things that can never fulfill us, that can never heal us, but only bring heartache and misery and death upon ourselves!

Oh Lord, these things can never satisfy! How we need your Living Water to fill our empty souls!

Our idols have filled our hearts with iniquity!

We seek and we seek!

We lust and we lust! Only to find that we have reaped death and destruction upon ourselves!

Unless you heal your children, we will never see the light of day! Unless you come and heal us, have Mercy upon us, we are doomed to death!

Oh Lord, we don't deserve your goodness and love! Please come and heal your children, the one's who bare your Holy name! A name that is ABOVE ALL NAMES!

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS!

For you so love us, but we have forsaken you and turned aside our idols of amusement and pleasure, while you have watched your children with tears in your eyes!

You have called and called but we haven't answered!

We have turned aside to our wickedness and closed our eyes to the HOLY ONE!

Oh beloved, do not forsake your Holy God!

Oh beloved, chosen by the Lord, do not forsake the Holy One Of Israel!

Oh beloved, cry out to your Lord and your Redeemer!

Perhaps He will pity us and bestow Mercy upon us and heal us.

A people who have forsaken His Holy Name!

A people who have prostituted themselves upon their many other lovers!

A people who have merchandized and profited from the Holiness of His Name! We have turned aside from our true Love, the Lover of our souls!

We buy and sell His name without a second glance! We don't deserve to lift our shameful heads to Him!

We have treated your Name as if it were a common and base thing! Oh, have Mercy upon us, MOST HOLY LORD!

WE HAVE FORSAKEN YOU OH LORD! WE HAVE FORSAKEN YOU!

Pity us Lord.

Pity us and come heal your people who are called by your Name.

Heidi Cummins

The World Will Have To Deal With The Cross

Heidi Cummins

Jesus asked one of His disciples, Peter, "Who do you say that I am?"

Jesus is bringing this question to the whole world right now and asking this present generation, "Who do you say that I am?"

The people of the world(including the Church) will have to deal with the reckoning of the cross. It is being brought to their attention- Jesus is bringing it to the forefront of their attention.

They will have to make a choice. The whole world will have to make a choice about Jesus. They will either accept Jesus or reject Jesus based on who they believe Jesus is.

There is no more middle ground. There is no more wiggle room. You are either for Jesus completely, or you are against Jesus completely. You can't be half for Jesus anymore. You can't be half against Jesus anymore. It is all or nothing.

The choice is your's and your's alone to make. Mom, Dad, brother, sister, relative, friend, cannot make the choice for you. It must be your's and your's alone. By your words, you be held accountable.

To the world, Jesus asks "Who do you say I am?"

Every individual's destiny, hinges on that question.

Soon it will be answered by every person on the face of the earth. Those in the world will give their final answer. There will be no turning back. This will be their final decision.

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A Chosen Generation
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I sense from the Lord a time and season of sharing from the heart in the body of Christ. There is a feeling of freedom and an environment that produces refreshing when we simply express our hearts to one another. I believe that this conditions us to hear the expression of God's heart. The Lord has been ministering to me about the importance of children…Not just superficial or obvious feelings toward our young people, but a desperate and convicting revelation of the Father's heart concerning our kids.

We had a birthday party for our son last weekend. I saw in my backyard all of the children having so much fun as they jumped on the trampoline and participated in the events that my wife Carole had planned for them. The parents were scattered about the backyard standing with approval and joy at the sight of their children having so much fun and building meaningful relationships with other children. It occurred to me how much we need groups or clusters of parents to take a corporate interest in the lives of our FUTURE. The Lord ministered to me the words "Corporate Investments."

I believe that the paradigm shift that we have been expecting in the church is going to be the wholesale investment in our future…Our children. I can think of no greater investment. Can you? We must wake up as the church and build relationships with one another as parents for the purpose of sowing the family and corporate identity that the church is supposed to represent. The Bible WARNS us that we have many teachers, but few spiritual fathers and mothers.

A staggering 80-94% (depending on the study) of evangelical (church attending) young people coming out of a youth ministry or group will say "no more Jesus" by the lifestyle that they live after 4 years of college. Obviously, we have a serious problem that is perpetuating year by year. Our children are being influenced by the world instead of influencing the world. The spirit of this world through media, entertainment, divorce, and political propaganda is luring the souls of many young people into its grasp at alarming rates. If we don't get our heads out of sand and face this thing, we are going to continue to lose our future history makers and life changers…I am no longer satisfied with the "remnant" mentality. My heart desire is to see an entire generation coming into a sold-out relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. And you know what, it starts with us. It's easy to put this all on the Holy Spirit or a youth minister like we've done in the past and neglect OUR responsibility as SPIRITUAL PARENTS and nurturers.

We need fathers who will take an interest in the lives of young boys who have lost their fathers. Every teenage boy needs a father figure, who will BELIEVE IN HIM and teach him the manhood and value of abstinence. Without a strong male influence of encouragement and affirmation, a young man will continue on a path of sexual promiscuity to meet his need of acceptance and sense of value. We need moms who will come together and teach their young women the virtues of hospitality and a gentle spirit rather than the act of gossip and back-biting. Our young women need adults who will take an interest and place a higher value on their inner-beauty. I believe that the Lord desires to change our whole way of thinking in how the church views our young people. I believe the Lord desires that we make this our primary outreach. The families of the world are looking for a model that we have failed to reflect. If you were to study church history in detail, you would find that what won people in multitudes to Christ was the simple love and fellowship that existed between the families of believers.

Our young people in the church are engaging in oral sex and justifying it as "keeping their virginity." Again, we have got to get our heads out of the sand and face the truth. We would much rather turn our heads and heart in another direction. This behavior, which is rationalized by a 15 or 16 year old, will soon turn to "who will be my first sexual partner" by 18. There is only one cure for this. It is the practice of giving our young people a platform of PURPOSE in the church and in our homes. We place secular demands upon our children to excel and receive an education. At the same time, we will do little if nothing in encouraging their spiritual education through Bible study and prayer in our homes. Why?

Which has greater moral and eternal significance? Have our young people reached just one of their peers for Christ? Why not? Do they even know how or have the spiritual understanding? Again, what are we really doing in this thing we call "church."

It is time that we begin coming together as parents to corporately encourage the spiritual growth and fire of our kids. The issues and struggles that today's youth must deal with need to be communicated to an older generation who will just shut-up for a minute and LISTEN. We absolutely stink at listening to our young people as a church body. We give them no time to express themselves in a spiritual and corporate setting. Why are we not allowing and encouraging our children and teens to bring the Word of God and pray for others with their pure and uncorrupted faith? I mean, what in the world are we coming together for? The issues of sexuality, rebellion, and addictive tendencies in our young people can be easily overcome by an environment of corporate love within the church for them. They have got to know that we care deeply for them, and that we will listen to their concerns with sincerity. When they realize that they have spiritual value and are vital to the life and future of the church – they will be a light in a dark world and a history maker in their generation.

I know that my last article "Counting To Ten" was a hard word for some to digest. I am ok with that. What I not ok with, is having a generation with so much promise, not prepared to receive their bridegroom. As the church, we have been given the tremendous privilege of preparing and encouraging a generation that will prepare the way of the Lord!

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A Prophetic Word
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Whether we want to face it or not, the prophetic movement is in a season of being called to repentance for the abuses that we have allowed to infiltrate into the clarity of its purpose and function. There is a tension in the prophetic body of Christ concerning how to respond to this Fall season in prophetic ministry.

I sincerely believe that there is in fact a call from the Lord to repent on behalf of prophetic ministry and to look into our hearts for areas of hypocrisy and agenda. The problem that is arising is two-fold. The first is that there has been a lack of wisdom in calling for repentance. Many prophets are correctly hearing the Lord's call to repentance. However, this message when communicated to the body of Christ has become "slanted and mixed" with frustration, anger, and misunderstanding causing strife and un-needed finger pointing. Beloved, this is what the world feeds off of in its criticism of the church. We cannot single out a hand full of "leaders" and place the blame on them…Prophetic ministry touches the masses, but is very personal and individual in calling. (The words of the prophet are subject to the prophet) In other words, we cannot associate the good or the ugly within prophetic ministry on a few individuals. We ALL (individually) must look into the heart of God and His Word for the areas of our heart that He desires to touch and change.

Secondly, our human nature is to revert to areas of comfort in times of change and confrontation. If we are being confronted in truth by the Lord, then we need to humbly submit. We can go to the far end of the spectrum and call for nothing but encouragement, light-hearted, and soft words to tickle our ears and miss the voice and heart of God for our corporate well-being.

We must not partner with the accuser of the brethren and fall to his deceptions of causing divisions. (A house divided will not stand) On the other hand, let's not forget our mandate to build and encourage, nor to confront and proclaim truth in love.

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Building The Kingdom
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We are to seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33). But, what is the kingdom of God? Is it ministry and other "heavenly minded" pursuits? Jesus helps us understand His kingdom perspective when He said, "let the children come to me ... for such is the kingdom of Heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Based on this, we understand that the kingdom is "people." This makes good sense. Of all God's marvelous creations, people are the only ones He called "very" good.

After God blessed the first man and woman, He gave them a commission — to be fruitful and multiply. This commission extends to us as well. What does that really mean? Perhaps it means more than to populate the earth through procreation. Perhaps it means to bear good fruit and reproduce ourselves spiritually. Remember, the first thing God did upon creating man was to bless them. We are blessed of the Lord and we are also to bless one another. As we bless one another, we build the kingdom by building relationships

We read in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends." Jesus did this when He died for us (see Romans 5:8). He who knew no sin became sin for us (see 2 Corinthians 5:21). He laid down his life (died) that we might live. How do we lay down our life? It's easy to say that we have laid down our "self" or "life" for others. But how does this build relationships ... and the kingdom of God? There are some practical things that we can do on behalf of others that will truly have eternal significance.

MAKE TIME
Time is perhaps our most precious resource. It can't be bought, only spent. Once spent, it can never be replaced. The way we spend our time is a reflection of our priorities. Do we spend our time on ourselves – meeting our needs and accomplishing our agendas? Or, do we spend our time on others – meeting their needs? There must be a healthy balance; we must not neglect ourselves, but neither do we need to neglect others. We need to carefully examine the way we spend our time – making sure that we are being led of Holy Spirit as we build relationships rather than "ministering" to people because we have a desire/need to "minister." You see, once we move into ministry to meet "our" needs, we are setting ourselves up to worship the "ministry idol."

Just because we are busy doing things for other people doesn't necessarily mean that we are being led of the Spirit in building His kingdom. A good barometer to check this is to examine our close relationships. Are we spending time building the relationships with the ones (family and friends) that He has entrusted to us? Are we spending more time "doing things" for others outside of our sphere of influence than we are for our family and friends? Do we neglect the ministry in our own homes because we lack time (because we're too busy with "ministry")?

PRAY
Prayer on behalf of another is perhaps the most selfless thing we can offer. When we pray for one another, we most often do it behind closed doors. No one knows that we've poured our heart and time out for them. When we see the prayers answered in the lives of others, we can't claim any credit because all glory belongs to the Lord for His intervention.

We read in James 5:16 that we are to "pray for one another" and that "the effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." Prayer is one vitally important and practical way that we lay down our life (our time, agenda, etc.) for our loved ones. This is just one instance in scripture that we are admonished to pray for others. We ought to cherish the time that we spend with the Lover of our Soul — listening to Him and talking to Him. It's in these intimate times with Him that we can lift one another to Him. He loves for us to lift others to Him. After all, this is what Jesus does on our behalf (see Romans 8:34) ... and in doing so, we become Christ-like.

DEMONSTRATE LOVE/SUPPORT

Jesus's prayer was that we (that means you and me) be one as He and His Father are one (see John 17:22). We are "one" when we sincerely "love one another" as Jesus commands us to do (see John 13:34 and 15:12). We read of a powerful example of love in Romans 5:8. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Our Father and His Son "demonstrated" their love toward us. Notice, it wasn't enough for them to say they love us (although this is important and we are not to neglect doing this), they demonstrated love through action.

We are to demonstrate our love to one another. We are commanded to "be doers of the Word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22). We also glean from this verse that if we are a "hearer only," we are deceived. This means we follow Jesus (the living Word) by being a "doer" of His example and written word. In other words, we are to put our faith in Him into action.

Perhaps the most practical way that we demonstrate our love for another is in support. We need to support one another in the things that are important to them. Whether it be attending a special ministry opportunity (either that the Lord has opened for them to minister... or one in which they will be ministered to), attending special functions (such as baptisms, weddings, showers, retirement parties, luncheons or receptions honoring individuals), or contributing financial support (for things such as mission trips, moving expenses, or special ministry projects such as CD's, tapes, or books).

Our words become cheap when they are not backed up with action. We must support one another. Failure to do so indicates the true attitude of our heart — that we don't care, that we really don't want others to grow/succeed or that and that we are not "do-ers of the Word."

EXAMINE SELF

We must ask ourselves, "Why do I with-hold time, prayers and support from others? Do I not recognize or discern their genuine needs? Do I truly care about the body? Do I care more about my ministry or agenda than- I do about others? Am I insecure in who God created/called me to be ... and consequently feel threatened by others? Do I compare myself with others ... and feel that I don't measure up and don't have much to offer? Am I jealous of the calling, anointing, accomplishments, ministries, or success of others?" As we allow Holy Spirit to reveal the answers to these questions, we must embrace Our King of Kings who wore a crown of thorns and bore stripes for our sakes — that we might be healed ... spiritually, emotionally and physically. He desires to bring healing and wholeness into our lives ... so that we (like Christ) might be instruments of healing and wholeness in the lives of others.

CONCERNING CORPORATE BODIES

Each of us is a member of the body of Christ. As such, we are to be connected to other members in the body ... whether in churches, ministries or home fellowships. Each member in the body of Christ is vitally important to the functioning, growth and health of the whole body. For example, our hand is useful for rubbing a sore knee, wiping sweat from a brow, scratching an itch or writing a letter. None of these functions could be accomplished in quite the same way with an elbow or foot. Likewise, our hand isn't very useful for walking, supporting our body weight or thinking. These functions are supported and relied upon by different body parts. So it is in the body of Christ. Each of us has a vitally important function ... which another cannot fill (and vise versa).

In the body of Christ, there are people to be reached and functions to be performed that God has ordained for us. He has prepared us for this since birth. We need to realize that He has wired each of us differently and has prepared a different function for us. We must embrace one another with our unique differences ... and BUILD one another within the body so that each member can supply its part and reach those outside the body (those who are being drawn by Holy Spirit and who will one day believe). We must begin to invest our time, prayers and support in one another. This is a sign of spiritual maturity and security for individuals. It's also a prerequisite for a healthy body. Bodies are living organisms made up of many parts. The whole body is only as healthy as each part that makes up the whole. As we build one another, we will build a healthy body. The degree to which corporate bodies make time, pray and support one another will determine the degree to which they fulfill their corporate destiny.

REAP RELATIONSHIPS ... AND BUILD THE KINGDOM
One important kingdom principle is that we reap what we sow. When we sow into other's lives, we will reap a harvest. When we say we care, but don't demonstrate it through making time to support others through prayers and actions, our words become cheap ... and we will ultimately reap the consequences. We must demonstrate that we care through our words, prayers and actions; others will be blessed ... and so will we.

We must invest in those things of eternal significance. The only thing that really has eternal significance is the souls of people — relationships. Ministries, various accomplishments, and activities may be tools to reach others and build relationships, but they in and of themselves are not of eternal significance. We must differentiate between building ministries and building relationships. We must seek first the kingdom (relationships) ... and build the kingdom ... one relationship at a time. A Kingdom is not made of stone buildings, but of living stones. Likewise, our King does not reign over our buildings and programs. He reigns over His people and their relationships with Him and one another.

If we can't be faithful to the ones He's already entrusted to us (through practical ministry) , why should we expect Him to entrust some wonderful "ministry" to us for the sake of others? When we withhold what we know others close to us need (and what He desires us to give), we are demonstrating our selfishness, greed and insecurity ... rather than the fruit of the Spirit. When we are faithful to the ones He has entrusted to us, we will reap healthy relationships ... and produce a healthy body. We must give of our time, prayers and support for the sake of others. Only then will His kingdom come on Earth as it is in Heaven.

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Islam The Murder Of Morality
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The year is now 623 (year 2 in the Islamic calendar and Muhammad is 53 years old. The Muslims had now settled in Medina and were taking over the cultural identity of the town. Their hometown of Mecca laid 200 miles to the south and would prove to later be a place of declared war. However, the main and most pressing problem would be the desperate poverty of the refugees who accompanied Muhammad to Medina. They were unskilled in business and farming and had to hire themselves out to Medina's more wealthy as laborers.

However, these impoverished Meccans did understand the caravan trade and how the Bedouin clans would seize upon them through raids known as "razzias." Muhammad thought and realized that a program of razzias could change this Bedouin practice into a sort of Muslim sponsored enterprise. This would in turn solve the Muslim's financial problems. Medina would serve and prove to be an excellent base of attack and retreat. The Muslim razzias would be justified as a "holy mission" performed for "god." Essentially, Muslims involved could murder without qualm. If they died, paradise awaited them and if they lived, they prospered.

The first several Muslim razzias proved to be disastrous. Finally, one would be successful when they ventured far south and intercepted a caravan loaded with wine, raisins and leather goods. It was unguarded becuase the southern routes were considered safe and it was the month of pilgrimage to the Ka'ba when fighting was prohibited. Needless to say, the entire shipment fell into the Muslim's hands.

Muhammad seems to have been troubled that this razzias took place during the sacred month and berated the leader of the raiding party. The chastened leader asked if he should return the stolen goods...Muhammad consulted Gabriel, who thought it best not to return the goods! "Warring during the sacred month is greivous, said he, but to obstruct the way of god and deny him is more grievous still." (Sura 2:217)

This statement would prove to be a defining moment and principle in Islamic conduct. If accepted moral rules need not apply to the servants of Allah, Muhammad now discerned that Muslims could justifiably lie, steal, and kill to accomplish any "holy" purpose. Once this matter was resolved, four-fifths of the booty went the raiders and their families and one-fifth given to Muhammad. Thus, stealing and pillage became an expression of devotion to Allah.

"Then Jesus said to them again, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief does not come except to STEAL, and to KILL, and to DESTROY. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:7-10)

Clouds Without Water
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> *"These men are those who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved for." (Jude 12-13)*

The book of Jude is filled with metaphors or "word pictures" that help increase our vision and understanding. A metaphor or word picture is a style of language. They speak of one subject matter or activity and are used in place of another to suggest a likeness between them. I have found that I like to use the phrase, "Woven into the fabric of." This is a metaphor that allows us to paint a picture in our minds eye of the closeness and interconnection of the threads as they are sown together. We find that we will often use metaphors to communicate a thought more clearly to another. We read in the Gospels that Jesus often used metaphors to communicate spiritual and moral truth. Just as we carefully select our metaphors to express our point, Jude expressed himself by using metaphors in the verses above to provide a picture for us to discern false teachers.

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Jude used five metaphors to describe certain individuals who had "woven into the fabric" of the early church. Somehow, these people, who were HIDDEN reefs and clouds without water (virtually invisible to the natural eye), had infiltrated and corrupted the harmony and PURPOSE of the church.

So, who were these infiltrators? I believe we can discern from the verses above that they were first of all, "FALSE TEACHERS." These false teachers and their followers held to new ideas and doctrines that the early apostles had not validated through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Many of these teachings would move and grow into the second century, known as Gnosticism. Gnostic teachings fostered an environment and excuse for fleshly indulgences, including the tolerance of homosexuality as a permissible lifestyle. Gnosticism twisted and corrupted scripture to meet the agenda of its proponents.

Many of these false teachers grew up in the church and considered themselves to be "Christians." These individuals had become so wrapped up in "revelation and enlightenment" that they slowly strayed away from the orthodox faith of their spiritual fathers. The word "gnosis" is the Greek equivalent for "knowledge." These people (Gnostics) considered themselves to be superior to the masses in spirituality because of their self-proclaimed acquisition of spiritual knowledge and their claims to ultimately understand the mind of God. Simply put, these people really believed that they were a special class of the spiritual elite.

The five metaphors or word pictures used in these verses not only denounce false teachers, but they expose their strategy and tactics. The metaphors used by Jude not only reveal the character of these first century deceivers, they also vividly paint a picture for us to recognize false teachers in the church today.

The first metaphor used in verse 12 is "HIDDEN REEFS." 2 Peter 13 refers to these people as "spots" or "blemishes." I like this translation of "hidden reefs" because it goes so well with the other metaphors that all contain elements that relate to nature or what is "natural" (fleshly and temporal). The picture of a hidden reef comes into clarity when we visualize a sailboat sailing smoothly over the waters. Everything seems to be calm and still and there is no NATURAL VISION of the danger that lies ahead within the hidden reefs.

The Titanic was the largest and safest vessel of its time. The people on board were confident, comfortable, and without fear. Then suddenly and without warning, disaster struck with major destruction and even death. The real danger that sunk this mighty vessel was below the surface and out of sight of those who were on the look-out with NATURAL VISION.

One of the highlights and ministries of the first century church was the fellowship suppers or "Love Feasts." Jude exposes these false teachers as those who were hidden and would eventually "shipwreck" those who were UNDISCERNING and not grounded in the Word of God. Likewise, false teachers are "hidden" in the church today. They destroy the purposes and destinies of many of God's children through their doctrines of control and religion. False teachers will usually hold tight to "their" pulpit and not allow others in the congregation to teach or preach the Word of God. They will use the guise that they "must steward the calling of God and monitor what is spoken behind THEIR pulpit." What these "teachers" are proclaiming is that they are on a higher spiritual level than the masses. Is this not whom Jude was addressing?

Look, the purpose of authentic and godly teachers is to reproduce themselves in others for the purposes of expressing the heart and Word of God. We must create an environment of spiritual learning and destiny. We must also have the wisdom to embrace mistakes along the way as we provide a platform for people to exercise and strengthen their spiritual gifts. Any other format of "church" reproduces "religion", reliance and un-fulfillment. A reliable study has indicated that 80% of all church attendees will leave a church in their lifetime. This percentage excluded career changes or relocation. The statistics showed that the greatest reason for people leaving a church was "un-fulfillment." People simply felt that they had little spiritual value. We can see the obvious results of this in that most of our new "members" are coming from another church rather than being a new convert.

When a new-born baby is learning to walk, we do not spank or beat them down when they fall. This will only stunt their God-given ability to walk. We encourage our babies to keep trying and to keep walking with praise as a reward. We soon find that not only are they walking, but running! However, we see just the opposite in the church. We see the false teachers and hypocrites beating down those who are just beginning to move into their spiritual gifts and destiny. In other words, "they are not going to allow you to fall down or make a mistake." They demand that you either run or don't walk at all. Our job as leaders and teachers is to encourage our inexperienced sailors to avoid the hidden reefs and to check and discern the waters before venturing out. Nonetheless, we must encourage the people of God to venture out into their destiny. And finally, we always supply them and teach them how to read the "MAP" that the Lord has given us to navigate the waters of life.

The second metaphor that is used is "clouds without water, carried along by the winds." It is important that we understand the natural environment of Israel and the surrounding areas to really appreciate what is being described. After the arid or dry season, the parched land thirsts for the coming rains. Imagine the disappointment of a farmer (who has planted his crop for his livelihood) who sees the clouds blow in quickly without producing a drop of rain. These clouds give a visual appearance of hope and promise, but produce no nourishment, refreshment, and eventual fruit.

This is descriptive of not only the false teachers in Jude's day, but in our day as well. These people give a visual impression that they have water (a word from the Spirit of God) for our thirsty souls, but there is no substance or scriptural foundation to their message. We may come away smiling and "feeling" encouraged, but did the message base its foundation on the Word of God and really bring permanent change to our life? Only the words of the Bible have the power through the Spirit of God to bring lasting repentance, deliverance, and answers to life's issues.

It seems that many of the "popular" teaching and prophetic voices of today have a mandate to earn a following through messages that are comfortable and easy on the ears. These teachings are "clouds without rain" appealing to our flesh and love of comfort. However, our souls are left to thirst for the true Word of God. People have been created by God to seek what is spiritual. It is a part of our creative make-up as individuals. It is the heart and core of our spirit. People (including believers) without the Word of God will seek to drink anything to satisfy the intense thirst of their souls. Much too often, many are left to drink from "BITTER WATERS."

In Exodus 15:22-27, Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea through the Wilderness of Shur. They wandered for three days and came to the waters of Marah. "Now when they came to Marah, they could not drink the waters of Marah for they were bitter...And the people complained against Moses, saying, 'What shall we drink?' So he cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree. When cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He (God) made a regulation for them, and there He TESTED them, and said, if you diligently heed the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, give ear to His commandments and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have brought on the Egyptians. For I am the Lord who HEALS you."

Just a couple of weeks ago, we had a woman who moves prophetically in our congregation come to the front of the church in the midst of worship and the adoration of our Lord to simply prophesy by reading the Word of God. We had a first time visitor that day who had been suffering from an ailment. She testified that the power of God came upon her at that time and healed her of this serious ailment. It was just that simple — the power of prophecy through the spoken Word of God through faith in Jesus Christ. Remember, the Bible states that Jesus Christ (the Word) is the Spirit of prophecy. The beauty and simplicity of genuine prophetic ministry is to create an environment of intercession, worship, and adoration soaked in the Word of God and spoken forth in faith.

The true teaching ministry (whether pastoral, apostolic, or prophetic) does not have its focus on "cosmic" revelations to wow us. It brings healing, encouragement, and affirmation, along with challenge and even rebuke if needed, to everyday life. Everyday life is many times acquainted with hurt, questions in need of an answer, personal and emotional needs, and change. Real teachers bring the water of God's Spirit to refresh and revive the thirsty soul. They help prepare the soil and spiritual growth of others so that they bear fruit that remains. The greatest "professors" are not those who weren't quite good enough for their field of dreams; they are those who care deeply for the destinies of others above themselves and material wealth. True teachers are those who prepare the "destinies" of tomorrow.

The FALSE TEACHERS who have infiltrated the church have caused many to drink from the "bitter waters of Marah." The church is so spiritually thirsty for more of God that they have settled for messages that lack challenge, conviction, and the authority of God's Word. The church has gorged herself on fast food and junk food for so long (When was the last time you heard just one chapter of God's Word read in church?) that it has become a couch potato in its pews because they have not been given the chance to EXERCISE their spiritual gifts and abilities in a corporate setting. The spiritual needs of many "teachers" are being met at the expense of most believers going through a perpetual cycle of inactivity and un-fulfillment.

As teachers, we should be challenging and equipping people (especially young people) to share the Word of God by giving them a platform to fulfill what the Lord has called them to do in building His Kingdom. Our present model of church with its "orator and audience" format has driven people to drink from the bitter wells of psychic hotlines, New Age philosophies, false religions, and secular humanism to meet the THIRST of their soul for life's answers and true love.

Does a "false teacher" have to be pagan or an unbeliever? No, I don't think so. A false teacher is simply one who refuses to teach and speak the TRUTH.

A Crucial Hour
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Rev 3:15-21 NKJV
15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' — and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked — 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

“So many lives hang in the balance of eternity right now. This is an hour for prayer and for worship; for priestly ministry. It is an hour for speaking the Word in faith. The world is on the edge of eternity and some would have you believe that things will go on and on and on. The signs are all around you, that the antichrist is here and living and soon to gain position for his end times role. You are creating life as if you can manipulate and mimic My creation.
You have altered the life cycle of plants and animals, transferred species all over the world, upsetting the order of everything that is made. Pollution fills the oceans and lakes, and waters just about everywhere. People are dying daily from oppression , disease and starvation. Ethnic wars abound. The electronic chip system is being implemented in nations. The earth is groaning, and all is set for the man of sin to appear once major disasters catapult the economic system into chaos. The war of all wars looms on the horizon. Yet many are still slumbering, still business as usual, as in the days of Noah.

People mock My name day in and day out. Spiritual blindness and deafness has affected the lives of ordinary men and women, and children are taught humanistic and pagan principles in schools. Compromise has filled many churches called by My name, for a long time now. Don’t you think I have been patient? Don’t you think that wake up calls have been given enough to shake people? Yet people go on in their complacency and apathy. You must pray and worship and war with the weapons I’ve given you, and you must continue to REST in My arms of love in communion with ME, that you will be prepared. PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD, I have said. How did they prepare for Pentecost? That is how you need to prepare now! Worship, pray, read, LISTEN for Me to talk back to you, and then DO what I ask you to do. The wind blows where it will, and so must you also be led of the Spirit [Ruach Elohim]. Let ME be Your Adonai!

KNOW that if you are in true relationship with ME, that you will be hidden in the day of My wrath. For again I will come like a mighty rushing wind and there will be a new day, and My people will know Me, My people will agree to do My will alone!

Zeph 2:7-11 NKJV
7 Judah; They shall feed their flocks there; In the houses of Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening. For the LORD their God will intervene for them, and return their captives.
8 "I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the insults of the people of Ammon, with which they have reproached My people, and made arrogant threats against their borders. 9 Therefore, as I live, "Says

the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, "Surely Moab shall be like Sodom, and the people of Ammon like Gomorrah — Overrun with weeds and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation. The residue of My people shall plunder them, and the remnant of My people shall possess them."
10 This they shall have for their pride, because they have reproached and made arrogant threats against the people of the LORD of hosts. 11 The LORD will be awesome to them, for He will reduce to nothing all the gods of the earth; People shall worship Him, each one from his place, indeed all the shores of the nations.

You have heard the trumpet calls of My prophets and so I have said to draw near to ME, for the days grow more terrible in violence. Keep hidden in the shadow of My wings for I am Jehovah Sabaoth…I AM the LORD OF HOSTS.
I will defend My own. Throw off the unbelief that so surrounds you and CLING to ME! I AM YOUR ROCK AND HIGH TOWER. I AM THE ROCK OF DEFENSE AND YOUR INVINCIBLE ARMY! TRUST IN ME AND BE COURAGEOUS!

Matt 24:36-44 NKJV No One Knows the Day or Hour (Mark 13:32-37; Luke 17:26,27,34,35; 21:34-36)
36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 38 For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 Then two men will be in the field: one will be taken and the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding at the mill: one will be taken and the other left. 42 Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. 43 But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. 44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Mark 13:9-13 NKJV "But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to councils, and you will be beaten in the synagogues. You will be brought before rulers and kings for My sake, for a testimony to them. 10 And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. 11 But when they arrest you and deliver you up, do not worry beforehand, or premeditate what you will speak. But whatever is given you in that hour, speak that; for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. 12 Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. 13 And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

John 12:23-26 NKJV But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. 24 Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. 25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.

John 16:23-24 NKJV "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

Rev 3:3-4 NKJV Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

Rev 3:10-13 NKJV Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."'

Rom 8:20-23 NKJV For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Truth or Consequences
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2 John 4-9 NKJV Walk in Christ's Commandments
I rejoiced greatly that I have found some of your children walking in truth, as we received commandment from the Father. 5 And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another. 6 This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

7 Beware of Antichrist Deceivers
For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.
9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

2 John 10-11 AMP If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine [is disloyal to what Jesus Christ taught], do not receive him [do not accept him, do not welcome or admit him] into [your] house or bid him Godspeed or give him any encouragement. 11 For he who wishes him success [who encourages him, wishing him Godspeed] is a partaker in his evil doings.

There are many who think it is all right to compromise My Word. There are many who think that by being politically correct they can attain peace. Peace only comes through Jesus Christ! There is no peace with compromise! there is no peace to those who deny the truth. Joy comes from repentance. Joy comes from knowing ME and the sacrifice made by My Son for the sins of this world. He is your Peace Who has broken down every door.

Eph 2:14-16 NKJV For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, 15 having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, 16 and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

Those who are on the inside no longer walk trying to fulfill the law for My Son has fulfilled the law, and put to death the law with HIS BLOOD on the cross. But the Word of God stands forever and the law is to point to the TRUTH of HOLINESS, that you would know what is holy and what is profane. Yet, I have said if your holiness does not exceed that of the Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven! I have said, Be holy as I AM HOLY! The desire for holiness should come from your relationship with

ME. When you love one another you desire to please one another in every way. A child normally desires to please their father and mother. When they displease them, they should be remorseful and try to change. That is because I have built into you a conscience.

When you strive and try too hard to attain to the law, then you are not under grace, but have ventured out into the Law of blessing and cursing; the enmity. You walk in witchcraft instead of GRACE! OH WHO HAS BEWITCHED YOU FOOLISH GALATIANS I SAID! For if you abandon the GRACE of GOD, provided by the CROSS and the precious blood of My Son, then you are in opposition to it. Either you are for ME or against ME…there is no middle ground. The religious spirit has become stronger, because it IS ANTICHRIST in nature. I have not called you to be religious but in RELATIONSHIP. HE whom the Son sets FREE is free indeed. Where the Spirit of the LORD is, there is LIBERTY. Yet many of my people walk around CAGED because of the judgments and criticisms of other Christians who don't know HOW to walk by the Spirit, but are walking under the CURSE OF THE LAW which only leads to condemnation and despondency, and defeatism.

I came to give you LIFE and that more abundantly. But when you judge one another, gossip and shame one another, and treat as outcasts those of the faith, then you walk in RELIGION and not in LOVE. YOU need to be a part of the healing and deliverance for one another….IRON sharpening IRON, not criticism and judgment, controlling one another and jealous of one another.
There is much work to be done in this hour and you must learn to walk together with those who are IN ME. For those who refuse to come in, they have chosen then, their OWN WAY and not the way of LIFE. CRY OUT for the revelation of MY GRACE FOR THEM! For I desire to break every chain that binds them. Cry out for the BAPTISM that those who do not know the power of MY SPIRIT will come to know it! Cry out for mercy and TRUTH to be revealed.

HUMBLE YOURSELF for the sake of your brothers and sisters and cry out for their freedom! TRUMPET MY CALL TO FREEDOM in LOVE and MERCY and GRACE…for I am coming with a tsunami of MY LOVE. I am coming with GLORY. But My glory is a two edged sword. It exposes, empowers and it cleanses, but it can also kill. Remember the high priest wore a cord, so that if he died in the presence of the Lord of Hosts in the most holy place, that others could drag him out? Remember that if you touched the Ark without holiness, that you were instantly killed?

Do I CHANGE? AM I LESS HOLY THAN I WAS THEN? DID NOT ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA DIE FOR LYING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.
DON'T I KNOW WHAT IS IN THE HEARTS OF MEN?

No you are not under the Law, but if you are trying to be, and are not accepting of my grace, and living in PRETENSE, then you are relying on SELF, and not on ME. I WANT you to understand this, because I am coming in POWER. If you disdain the TRUTH, how can it set you free? The fullness of truth is gradually attained. You are sanctified by the Truth. So then I AM HE Who judges the by the HEART. I alone know what is in the heart of man. I am not just coming to change you. I am coming to TRANSFIGURE YOU into MY LIKENESS that you may endure the days ahead. I WANT to pour out My love and it will break every chain. ASK NOW for that LOVE, that it may break the yokes of bondage that have so easily beset you. TAKE time for yourself to spend time IN ME to truly KNOW ME!

John 8:31-32 NIV Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
1 Tim 4:2-3 AMP Through the hypocrisy and pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared (cauterized), 3 Who forbid people to marry and
[teach them] to abstain from [certain kinds of] foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and have [an increasingly clear] knowledge of the truth.

2 John 1 AMP THE ELDERLY elder [of the church addresses this letter] to the elect (chosen) lady (Cyria) and her children, whom I truly love--and not only I but also all who are [progressively] learning to recognize and know and understand the Truth--

You cannot walk in obedience to my word till every chain is broken! As long as there are demonic strongholds on your soul, then there is inability to fully walk in ME. I KNOW those whose hearts are torn because they try, but can't seem to overcome. I know those who cry out for freedom. I know thse who have hearts of humility. I WILL ANSWER your cries for freedom!
I will baptize you in FIRE and every chain will be broken! I WILL HAVE A HOLY BRIDE!

1 John 3:20-24 AMP
20 Whenever our hearts in [tormenting] self-accusation make us feel guilty and condemn us. [For we are in God's hands.] For He is above and greater than our consciences (our hearts), and He knows (perceives and understands) everything [nothing is hidden from Him].
21 And, beloved, if our consciences (our hearts) do not accuse us [if they do not make us feel guilty and condemn us], we have confidence (complete assurance and boldness) before God,
22 And we receive from Him whatever we ask, because we [watchfully] obey His orders [observe His suggestions and injunctions, follow His plan for us] and [habitually] practice what is pleasing to Him.
23 And this is His order (His command, His injunction): that we should believe in (put our faith and trust in and adhere to and rely on) the name of His Son Jesus Christ (the Messiah), and that we should love one another, just as He has commanded us.
24 All who keep His commandments [who obey His orders and follow His plan, live and continue to live, to stay and] abide in Him, and He in them.
[They let Christ be a home to them and they are the home of Christ.] And by this we know and understand and have the proof that He [really] lives and makes His home in us: by the [Holy] Spirit Whom He has given us.

Watch What I DO
Priscilla Van Sutphin

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I desire mercy and not sacrifice I have said. So though men do not deserve it, when you show it to undeserving men or women, it is a character trait like Mine. For I am good to the ungrateful, even as I have been good to you when you have been ungrateful.

I love you and adore you, and you are My precious daughters and sons! I feel that way towards all My creation, though they spit on Me, and gnashed at Me with their gritted teeth, I died for them. I am about to do some transformations in such men, who think they know everything…who think because they have everything they could ever want, they don't need Me! I will bring revelation, and I will bring judgment depending on what is best for the situation, but watch and see what I will do in them who think they have Me all figured out!

I will take those who play ME for a fool, and they will eat the dust of the earth and grovel for mercy when I am done! I will shake their foundations and they will know that I am GOD! They will no longer think they can do ANYTHING apart from ME! Watch how I come into seminaries and shake them! Watch how I shake institutions of "higher" learning! Watch how I come into the palaces of KINGS and Rulers and SHAKE them to their knees! For I am ALMIGHTY! And though they have defied ME, they will bow down at MY FEET and yours! They will KNOW that I have loved you! The power of the CROSS will heal even the most hostile and wounded soul! There will be those who are beyond foolishness, and who have given themselves to wickedness, that will be ushered into MY KINGDOM, and they will cry out and bring in MANY MORE! I will take Mafia bosses and turn them into tender hearted bravehearts! I will take drug lords and turn them into Joshuas for My Kingdom! THERE is NOTHING too powerful for ME to heal and save and deliver!

I will take sons and daughters who have abandoned ME entirely thinking I have abandoned them in their woundedness, and terminate all the power of the enemy in their lives, and they will go forth singing and shouting with JOY in their hearts and the power of the HOLY SPIRIT ruling in them, and they will subdue nations and peoples for the sake of My KINGDOM!

Will you pray and WORSHIP ME as if you believe that? Will you DECLARE MY NAME and DECLARE MY LOVE AND MERCY to ALL who come to you?
Will you embrace the CROSS, as I move among you and awaken the hearts of the LOST? KNOW that this will be MORE than you can imagine! KNOW that I am DETERMINED to have a HOLY and SPOTLESS BRIDE, and nothing can stop ME! Those who oppose this move, will find themselves in deep MIRE. Though they fight, they will not prevail. For the Son of Righteousness is arising with HEALING in His WINGS, and there will be STARTLING MIRACLES and SIGNS AND WONDERS!

Upon it’s back will come LYING SIGNS and WONDERS by demonically inspired people that will try to mimic what I do…but like Jannes and Jambres, they will not succeed. MY POWER will be UNSTOPPABLE.
MY LOVE will penetrate the hearts of EVERYONE who calls themselves by MY NAME! It will expose to all the condition of their own heart and many will be in the VALLEY of DECISION. Should they EMBRACE THE CROSS?
Or should they be politically correct…though that status will soon mean nothing in this nation! MY PLANS will overrule the plans of any man!
I am desirous of HARVEST, and there will be a great flood of souls coming into the KINGDOM, so GET READY MY PEOPLE! Get ready, for the MIGHTY ONE is coming and YOU WILL NOT BE LEFT OUT, if you are IN ME! Many will come, and many will not, but I will have a GREAT HARVEST of souls!
Do you hear the sound of RAIN? Do you hear the THUNDER?
The clouds are gathering! Get ready to REAP! SUDDENLY I WILL COME INTO MY TEMPLE!

A Change Of Arms
Laurie Bowe

I dreamed that I was standing at a small white sink with the water running, and then a square of white paper about the size of a post-it-note appeared in front of me and I saw typed words appear on the paper. I knew it was the Lord talking to me. He wrote a riddle, but He also gave me the understanding to know what He meant. It was clever and I wanted to write it down, but then it disappeared down the drain. He showed me maybe a dozen riddles or more. I was so delighted with them.... it wasn't hard or beyond me because He kept giving me the understanding... so it was fun... and He was speaking to my heart in such an awesome way. I wished I could write them down, but each one, as soon as I understood it, would go down the drain, and then He would write me another one... so I didn't even really get to dwell on each individual one. The very last one He told me, I got to keep. :) I awakened with His words ringing in my ears:

"I'm going to drain your right arm and fill your left arm."

He gave me the sense of what He meant. The right arm has skill that the left does not, and it's the right arm that I depend on for so many things. Draining my right arm means coming to the end of myself - my abilities and my efforts - and realizing that I can't do anything. And filling my left arm means His power and ability coming in and taking over where I have none.

I want that heart of trust to know that when I'm empty and can't do anything it's just about to get really good because He's about to take over.

As for the ones that went 'down the drain'. I think that there are many things that He writes on our hearts, and only some of them He reveals to our minds. And He gets to choose what He does with the words He gives us.
Laurie Bowe

A Company Of Horses

Robin Paisley

Jun 10, 2004
I have compared thee, O my love, to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots. Sgs. 1:9

I can hear the breath of the Almighty cry out in victory,

'A Company Of Horses'
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Make way for the King is coming!

Can you see them, can you hear the resounding echo in the hills as their hooves dig deep into the earth's atmosphere, they are ready my friends, they have gathered and they are here! I have never seen horses such as these, their muscles carved out like a fine tuned instrument and their manes as long as the days they have been waiting to ride in such passion. Upon their backs the riders the same as they can only hear one voice, they can only see one face and they together ride in the same rhythm, the beat of the Master's heart.

Leading this great company of horses are riders with gold trumpets in their hands and they are blowing heaven's sound through out the land. It is a dire warning to not retreat, to not give into man's thinking and man's ways but to only heed the voice of the King and ride, ride hard into the night. I see Gideon upon his horse, an ancient horse and he is leading this holy army with the deep passion of Christ and yea though a few, it is an army not to be reckoned with. They will not bend to the right nor to the left for they hear and obey only the Master's voice as they raise their torches of fire towards heaven.

Of whom the world was not worthy they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:
God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.
Hebrews 11:38-40

Do you hear the deep groaning in this verse; that they without us should not be made perfect, oh my friends, the deep calleth unto the deep and the Ancient of Days is upon us as He rides in a Holy Fire that will shake, tear down and consume all that is of man. Yes, the earth will cry out in agony as she is awakened by the King, walls will come down, kings will fall but those who have perfected the ways of the King of Kings by resting at His feet, will not only stand in the face of the enemy but they will ride hard past the forces of darkness and into His Holy Chambers. Oh such love and adoration of the Father is before us, upon us and through us,

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Ancient Times

A Company Of Horses I, II,III

Aug 20, 2004

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A Company Of Horses II

Jun 14, 2004

A Song of degrees of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

I saw in the spirit two armies, one was the company of horses that I saw several days ago, this time the Lion of Judah was accompanying them and He had fire coming forth from His mouth. He was running along side this great big and beautiful army of horses and their riders in agreement with their mission.

I then saw another army and this too was a company of horses but they were from the hordes of hell. They looked Exactly like the good army right down to the blood, but it was not the blood of Jesus that they were saturated in but the blood of death and destruction. I then heard the Father say: "Terrorism >From Within."

I then saw the first army of horses, the good and pure army and in their hands were long arrows, there were swirls of gold and silver running through them, full of life, full of God's power. The tips of the arrows was the Word of God, alive, breathing Word of God and all His promises to keep, ready to be delivered to the United States. As soon as the arrows hit their targets the people would fall down in the spirit of the Lord and be healed, some from years of sickness both mentally and physically. They then were given nations by name to cry out for, specific details and plans of the enemy exposed and Nations delivered by the Word of the Lord!

Soon both armies were side by side and running hard against the wind, I could see that the company of horses straight from the Throne room of God not once be affected by this wind but they remained still upon their horses and they rode hard to deliver these arrows. Both armies rode through state after state, through many cities, those of great darkness and those of His light.

The company of horses from the pit of the enemy were having a hard time against the company of the Lord but they remained steadfast and too continued to ride. All of a sudden I saw a horse and its rider catch an arrow and ride forth through out the city looking for his target. This arrow was now in the hands of the enemy, still words of God but not the Word of God. As the enemy found his target I saw that it was the Statue of Liberty, she not only represented New York but the entire United States. As the arrow went forth a rider too came forth from the army of the Lord, dressed in pure and holy armor and along side the rider the Lion of Judah. No longer earth bound but by the Spirit of the Lord the rider took the arrow straight in his chest and fell to the ground beside his horse. I then saw the Lion of Judah lay down beside the rider and He looked as if He was crying as a Holy roar went forth right into the heavens. Many angels descended from Heaven and they began to surround New York continuing through the U.S.

One angel began to slowly lift the helmet off of the rider who was down, as long, beautiful golden curls emerged from beneath, it was a young girl no older than 14. Oh my friends she was absolutely stunning in appearance for she bore the heart of the King. The Lion of Judah began to lick her face as a mother lion would her cub and He breathed life back into this young body. As she stood she immediately bowed before the Lion of Judah and thanked Him for sparing her life and got back on her horse to join the others in mission. Oh the army of youth that is arising with the heart of the King, nothing but nothing will be able to stop them.

The Lion of Judah began to roar as fire came forth from His mouth, a sound of fear, a holy fear to beware the false words of those masquerading in prophet attire. I saw the arrows that were sabotaged by the enemy run forth through out the U.S. being delivered as the word of the Lord to many places high in authority, governmental authority and they came forth in fire but not His fire but the fire of the enemy. Again I heard the Lord speak but this time it was a shout as thunder shook the earth and lightning hit many cities, it was His cry to awaken the sleeping, a time to pray!

"Terrorism From Within" again resounded as I saw some of the arrows in the hands of the enemy no longer containing the anointing from the King but words spoken in false array that when hit there designated target the people would instantly fall to sleep. There were many arrows hitting churches where those in authority were not pure of heart and they would deliver fear of the enemy causing many people to remain focused on the enemy and not on the Lord, for there is no fear in perfect love. (1John 4:18)

Tell My children that it is not My will for death and destruction upon the earth but everything on earth is not under My will. Tell My children to pray, to humble themselves and pray for their cities, their nations and to pray for President Bush, that he would instantly in his spirit discern the True Word of the Lord.

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (2Ch 7:14)

The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength, wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is established, that it cannot be moved.

Thy throne is established of old: thou art from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their waves.

The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.

Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, O Lord, for ever.

Amen!

A Company Of Horses III

Robin Paisley
Aug 21, 2004

But those who wait for the Lord shall change and renew their strength and power; they shall lift their wings and mount up as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint or become tired.

Isaiah 40:31 (amp)

And by the Spirit of the Lord the company of horses who were reigning with Him in heaven yet were on earth began to be lifted high up into the heavens and were brought before the Throne of God. One by one the riders dismounted their horses with armor and all and knelt before the King.

Through blood, sweat and tears they humbly wept, they humbly cried and rested at the feet of the King, the feet of the Almighty God and waited for further enlightenment. As the King arose from His throne water began to pour out from His heart, the purest of waters I have ever beheld, it was thick like honey but white as snow. The water began to fill the mouths of each and every rider and their horse until they were now standing looking as if they had never been touched by battle, but were alive and renewed with the Holy Presence of God.

To each rider was given a scroll and etched deep within the scroll were the names and addresses of those waiting for its arrival. Then the Lord in the power of holiness, in the power of love began to kiss each and every rider directly upon the lips. As the mouth of the Almighty touched the lips of the riders, His tears mixed with their tears became a message of power, a message of strength and a divine message of love for the battle ahead.

Then to my surprise but yet so like the Father, He then began to touch each and every horse upon the face, right in the soft part of their noses, and He began to whisper love notes in their ears as He kissed each and every horse, a holy impartation for the coming days.

"Awake the sleeping"

"Awake the dreaming"

"For I coming to awake even the dead!"

There was such love expressed in the Lord's words that I began to hear a groaning, a deep awakening happening in the earth as two great golden wings of an eagle began to grow out from the sides of every horse to equip them for there next assignment.

The riders then mounted their horses and returned to earth, in love, in power and with a holy fire to deliver the messages of God.

I awoke with the taste of Divine Love upon my lips.

Revelation 22:7
And behold, I am coming speedily. Blessed is he who observes and lays to heart and keeps the truths of the prophecy contained in this book.

(Amp)

A Coming Move of His Supernatural Love

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I feel Lord has been speaking to me that we are on the verge of a great move of His supernatural Love that will build His body and shake the world.

I believe the kickoff of this move will be the release of the movie "The Passion of the Christ", but this is just the beginning of the move. It is important that we realize this.

A Calling is going forth with this movie to the body of Christ. We has seen a revival of the experiential knowledge of the Grooms great love for His bride. The time has come to go forth in that love in the same manner the Christ did. The time has come to lay down our lives in His love.

When we think of the supernatural we think of Angels, miracles, healing, visitations. We will soon see that there is no force on this Earth that is as supernatural as His love.

There will be miracles of His love breaking forth in all arenas of our lives. The workplace, schools, stores, government buildings, federal courthouses. There are no laws that can restrict Gods supernatural love.

With His love at the core all other manifestations of the Spirit will be magnified. With His love at the core will see the fruit of the Spirit and the Gifts of the Spirit walk hand in hand like they were designed to do.

As apart of this move I also see the Lord walking through the churches with an axe in His hands. This great move of God is to call us to our roots in Him. For those who do not respond their roots will be severed.

I also feel like it's no accident that the movie "The Passion of the Christ" was brought to us through Mel Gibson who is a Catholic. Or that the Catholic church has been through so much controversy recently. This move will have a powerful impact on the Catholic church and the Lord will do a great work of restoration in her. She will be reminded of her calling and that reminder will be felt throughout the entire body of Christ.

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ACPE Word for 2004

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Here is the Apostolic Council Of Prophetic Elders (ACPE) Word for 2004 and Beyond
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This ACPE met in Colorado Springs, Colorado for two days to seek the Lord for a word for the Body of Christ. While some of these things will be fulfilled in 2004, we feel that we should not put a specific time table to the events because of the number of variables that can take place concerning prophetic words. Two of these variables are:

1. Intercession can change the course of the events.

2. The mercy of God that is extended when individuals and nations repent.

Reformation

Reformation will be a key theme for the coming year wherein many prophets will call for national reformations as in the time of Josiah.

This reformation will affect the way that we do church in a structural way as the church moves out into society rather than has primary functions from a church building. The church will be in the society rather than separate from it. Many new wine marketplace churches will spring up in businesses across the world. Networking will take place more in an electronic way through web casting rather than physically being in one place for all the weekly meetings.

With this move there will be a strong wave of persecution from a religious spirit. The Lord admonished us not be get caught up in a religious spirit even from a prophetic stance and allow God to show us the areas where the spirit of religion was working.

Release Of Favor

We are entering into the favor of the Lord in a profound way. This is the acceptable year of the Lord. For this reason the Body of Christ should understand how to walk in faith to see a release of this favor.

Part of this favor will manifest in favor with the lost. It is a time for prophetic evangelism. **Intercession has ripened the harvest and it is NOW the time to go into the harvest to reap, for the fields are white with harvest.** God is calling for a renewed emphasis on evangelism for every believer. Churches that heed this call and release their people into this call to win the lost will experience great growth.

Along with this favor, God will require new levels of brokenness and humility. If this does not happen, pride will enter into the hearts of those receiving the favor and they will lose what they have gained.

God is removing dead wood and uprooting old things. There is a time of refining coming to the Body of Christ. In the refining season, we will be brought into new levels of intimacy which will see the birthing of new things in our lives.

Inroads Into Hollywood And The Media
Great inroads will be made by the Body of Christ into media and Hollywood. There will be a wave of the Holy Spirit move across Hollywood and other media-related industries. We will see actors stand up in an increased measure and profess their faith in Christ.

There will be a power encounter with MTV which will result in children being set free from the wicked ways it has influenced them.

(Note: This has already begun after the half time show at the Super Bowl.)

A connection is coming between the prophets and Hollywood and media.

Apostles and prophets are going to see a new teaming on a level not realized before and this will lead to city transformation movements. This will include new teachings about the Kingdom of God and seeing it influence each sector of society. There is a time of shifting and transitioning taking place as God aligns His leaders for the new wine anointing. This will particularly occur with apostles and prophets.

2004 Year Of The More
2004 is the year of the more. We are going to see a release of finances on a bigger scale than before. Whereas some have seen release in the amounts of thousands, some will begin to receive millions. We are going to see a breaking of this million dollar barrier for major projects that the Lord has put into the heart of His people.

Revealed Mysteries

This is a year for mysteries to be revealed from the Lord. Even as God gave prophetic revelation to his prophets when Saddam would be captured, so there will be other strong prophetic and intercessory releases for mysteries that have puzzled the Body of Christ.

In seeking the Lord for an answer as to why Osama b*n Laden has not been captured nor has it has been revealed what has happened to him, the Holy Spirit convicted us that he is supernaturally being hidden by an occult spirit. The reason that we cannot break through this occult spirit is that we are not as fervent and radical in our intercession as the Muslim extremists are in their belief systems. The Lord called for a forty day fast for the Body of Christ in general to stir up our hearts in passion for the Lord and a willingness to "love not our lives unto death."

"Judicial Intercession"
Concerning the 2004 elections, there was a general consensus that we need to call for massive intercession, as the case for the courts which will affect school prayer, abortion, and other serious matters on the heart of God, will be decided in the next few years. There also was a concern expressed that this will be a "mean and dirty" election if we do not intercede. The enemy wants to "polarize" both the church and nation and cause wounds that will take years to heal.

A new move of "Judicial intercession" will sweep the Body of Christ as the Lord stirs up people to intercede for the court systems.

The Lord spoke to us through several directions that voting is a spiritual exercise. This especially needs to be spoken to the youth movements of the United States. Very few youth have voted, historically, and this needs to change to see the will of God put into place for this nation.

Mandate From The Lord For The Youth

There is a mandate from the Lord for the youth to become actively involved in what happens in their nations. The universities are quite critical in this next move of God as to whether violence will break out again or a sweeping move of revival on campuses.

This is the hour when the Spirit of the Lord is going to awaken the prophetic voice of the youth. Young people prophesying will become a move of God that will be mainstreamed and infused in church services across the world.

With this will also come the prophetic recognition and setting into place through the Word of the Lord of the leaders in the youth who will rise to bring transformation in every sector of society.

Preparation For 2005

2004 is the preparation year for that which is coming in 2005 and beyond. The first quarter of 2004 will be a time of shutting doors. The second quarter will be a time when the Lord begins to form new doors before us. The third quarter is a time to go through doors. And the fourth quarter is a time to be established for the next four years. Remember, you must shut the doors to the old to transition into the new.

A Call For Intercession

A call for intercession for President Bush concerning his stance on Israel came from this prophetic group. The decisions that he makes concerning Israel will either make or break him in this coming election. As always, there is the call to pray for the President.

A Continued Season Of Positioning

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So many of My Beloved are waiting, waiting for me to position them, some geographically and all spiritually for My plan at this time. You have seen others moved and yet you remain, but hear Me, My child, I am still positioning and you will see Me move in an instant. In an instant!.... and you will be surprised for it will come upon you so suddenly.

Some of you believe you haven't seen it because of foolish choices that you have made in your walk, of wrong moves and actions you took that changed the course of your life..... But I say to you because of your faithfulness to Me your destiny in Me is secure and will SURELY come forth.

Many of you I have already re-positioned but many of you still remain in a waiting mode and I say things will not remain "status quo". I AM beginning the final positioning of My Beloved for what lies ahead and be assured you will be positioned in the very center of My will. I will re-position many as well for you safety as the nations will continue to see more of My judgments. This is a time to stay close to your Lord and to seek My guidance and wisdom in this hour.

I have linked some of you together in unity and you have found that you have a strong relationship of commitment and love for one another. Now watch, as one by one, each of you enters the new season I have before you.

You ask when, when? You are so pre-occupied with time but My timetable is not synchronized to your earthly time. You see, My time is over the course of history and not limited to a human lifespan of time. My views and anointings are not based on gender, or age or your predisposed ideas of value and worth. Even so, My hand is upon you and as Esther entered into such a time as this, so are My Beloved. You have been living through some very intense years but still you remain faithful to Me in all you have been going through for the vision still remains alive in your heart and spirit. You have gone through intense times but they have been "strengthening times". Times of preparation and strengthening to enable you to be ready for such a time as this.

I have been uniquely equipping and preparing you for the work that I have called you to do. You have unique responsibilities and I will help you to do them. There are turning points in your life, marker moments in which the I AM, in an instant, can change your life. It has all been pre-ordained by My hand and I say, "Fear Not" for I will bring all to pass that I have promised.

I AM faithful, now see Me move. Watch as you find yourself in places of exceptional opportunities while knowing the I AM is at your side. I have prepared and I am continuing to position during "MY time and season." As Esther, you have found favor with the King by your obedience in times of long suffering. Now see My favor that is coming upon you. Watch and see just what your God can do with a strategically positioned obedient people. Positioned in place but more than that, positioned in time! I have opened and closed doors in your life and I have done it fairly and with purpose. It is late in the hour, the storms are approaching but not until all of my faithful ones are positioned and have fully entered the King's chamber... truly you have come for such a time as this..............

A Cleansing Sword

Bill Hernandez

Return, oh peoples of the Earth, and see the Glory of your King.

For I am coming with a cleansing sword to cut away all that ails you and distracts you.

Rejoice, oh barren ones, for you are heavy with child and are about to give birth.

I am coming, says the Holy One, to winnow away the chaff and establish you as pure before My throne.

Take up the crown of love and power and authority and deliver them that have no voice and them who are poor of spirit and free them.

Bring in My lost ones and I will bring you to rivers of living waters and springs of joy.

A time is coming when I will no longer allow compromise in this area of love.

I will no longer allow conditions to be placed on who receives what and when they receive it.

I will no longer allow compromise and I will no longer tolerate distinctions, for this is sin in My eyes.

Embrace hope and joy and peace of heart by embracing all I send you and make no choices of this one or that one, but choose them I send.

Make no distinctions, but embrace equality.

Choose the unlikely to succeed.
Choose the irregular and unseemly.
Choose the unattractive.
Choose them who would use you and tax your resources.

Choose whom I have died for, for these are My children, every one of them.

Make a name for yourselves by crowning the unblessed with love and acceptance.

Choose the hard road and I will make it easy on your souls.

Choose the easy road and you will find hardship with little joy.

Choose the difficult ones and I will pour out of My sanctuary miracles and signs and wonders.

Be famous in sacrifice.

Be famous in lovingkindness.

Choose My way.
Choose Me and be like Me.

Be little saviors of the lost and broken and destitute.
Be a light to them.
Be honored in your giving to souls.

Embrace the lost ones. Bring them in to the party. Fill your sanctuaries with the sick and heal them and love them and bless them.

Do this and I will fill your coffers to overflowing with more to give.

Do this and you will have many workers and ministers of joy and you will have many friends.

Bring in your lost friends, the poor, the destitute, the hurting, the fearful, the mourning, and make them your friends.

I am coming with a sword to them who deny My way of love and I will prune and prune away all that is not of Me.

And when brokenness is complete, I will raise them up to join the first wave of love.

Great consternation is coming and confusion.

How sad many will be who don't understand what I've always desired.

I have desired the unlikely and unseemly to be honored and loved and built up.

I have desired a heart of compassion and not self-seeking ways.

I have desired a mother's heart for all that would take up My sons and daughters and love them into the Kingdom.

Partake then of this great banquet. This is the great feast and the great party. This is the Groom's celebration and all are invited.

Do not disinvite and do not bar any who wish to enter, but extend a hand and even beg them to come in to the wedding feast.

Do not filter out anyone who wishes to come in. But let all partake who wish it. Let all partake who desire it.

Put away your designs to build My church and take up My design.

My design is love for all - young and old, men and women, every race, every creed, every nation.

My design is an open door policy. Let My people in and don't limit yourselves to this person or that, but let all in.

Invite all in and trust Me. Trust My wisdom. Sacrifice is wisdom.

Being last is wisdom. Being used is wisdom. Being hurt is wisdom.
Being mocked is wisdom. Being Me to the world is wisdom. Filter out none.

Filter out selfish designs and let in joy and love and healing for yourselves.

Here is Revival: Revival of love and tenderness and respect and long suffering.

Here is Revival: Revival of My ways and Revival of Who I am.

Be then instruments of My love. Be my hands and heart and feet.
Be My body and be united as one to do what I did and to be who I was and still am.

I haven't changed.

Follow My example and give all that you have.

Give your time, your money, and your resources to the lost.

Give from the abundance of Heaven placed in your stewardship.

Be wise stewards and follow My example.

Give of the riches available to you.

Keep giving and I will be the supplier.

Give and it shall be given to you to give away more. Reach into your bag and spread love generously.

A Crossroads Time

Terri Derocher

Hi everybody: Some of you are ministry friends and some are family and some are just special friends. I hope you hear my heart here, as I have tried to make it clear. Love in Jesus Christ---

We are in a crossroads time... Jeremiah 6:16 **"Stand at the crossroads and look: ASK about the ancient paths, Which one is the good way?" TAKE IT, and you will find rest for your souls**. **What YOU do...how YOU react...the decisions YOU make will change history.**

I would ask you to consider your children and grandchildren as you contemplate these things. **Do you know how accustomed Lot was to seeing what he was seeing and hearing everyday?** Are our days any different? **We have become NUMB.**

We have corporately arrived at our destination **(the present spiritual location)** much the same way Lot arrived at his. **He chose the BEST for HIMSELF. Genesis 13 : 5-11 He was motivated by his pocketbook and greed and fear of tomorrow.**

When we as a country CHOSE to be boss of our own bodies (1974) so we could kill our **inconvenient** babies and as states **sanctioned** (authorized or approved, gave permission to...as in a moral principle) to the sexual union between same sexes, **we thought we were choosing the best for ourselves ...just as Lot thought the same as he looked out upon that seductively green valley.**

Now we have ....sanctioned orgies (Key West Florida's coming Fantasy Fest) and **babies dying from being shaken....daily** all across America. Our children are kidnapped and enslaved by pedophiles. We are bombarded with porn when we open our eyes. We drug ourselves from reality and to have better sex. Our corporate motto has become " It's all about Me!!!!!" We corporately have hated ourselves and each other so much that millions of us choose plastic surgery...rather than treasure each **unique** face and the wisdom of the aged. **Human life, each one a master piece ...is precious... in the sight of Jesus. It is NOT trash to be disposed of.**

CONNECT THE DOTS

We have arrived at this place, a step at a time. We got used to a little more evil each day.

We NOW have been given another chance to repent. Liberal Supreme Court judges can be replaced ....but only if you CHOOSE our President wisely. YOU KNOW who stands for what...because the Holy Spirit has made it abundantly clear to you.

I know of ONE old friend who called me from the East coast (we hadn't spoken in years) and was shocked about my support of President George Bush. I say to all with that opinion....how do you look away and shut your ears to the cries of millions of murdered babies and how do ignore the mocking laugh of the anti-christ spirit as millions of our youth are coerced into a homosexual lifestyle through school teaching? Give me blinders for my face so I don't have to see it all

...**but LORD LET ME SEE IT ALL**....**so I can repent because I have had a part in it!**

MAY ONE of you change your mind and **understand this day we are living in ...and the chance we have to change the future. I am going to send this out to my painting ministry list and my friends & family**. This has absolutely nothing to do with painting **but it is the MOST IMPORTANT thing I can do RIGHT NOW!**

Do YOU HEAR THE SHOFAR? That is the question asked in Jeremiah 6:17 "I have appointed sentinels to direct them: LISTEN for the sound of the shofar (trumpet blast...a warning) " The Lord is waiting for your response just as in the day of Jeremiah...They said "we will not listen"

....have mercy on us TODAY Lord ....and let us listen!

Love one another....and that means also the helpless ones in our society who have no voice...including the disenfranchised homeless. MAY God be glorified in YOU and may you be blessed in Jesus' name.
Terri Derocher

Acting Prophecy Part II

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IV. The Apostle Paul and His Bodily Affliction

Among all New Testament prophets no one gets as personal in his writings as the Apostle Paul does. Paul in his letters mentions much about his afflictions and persecutions, which he had endured while traveling in his numerous missionary assignments. Paul also made mention of a bodily affliction, a possible malady, in his letters. The second part of this article is devoted to examine the nature of the apostle's afflictions in general, but most importantly to focus on his bodily infirmity in particular.

The purpose of Part II is four fold. It will show that the apostle Paul indeed suffered from a bodily infirmity; that the nature of his malady is knowable; that Paul's affliction had an acting prophecy dimension to it; and that his infirmity carried a profound theological and eschatological significance, still valid today.

4.1 Paul's Affliction

In taking a deeper look at Paul's bodily affliction, the following questions inevitably arise in the minds of those who study the Bible with reflective intent.

- As long as the identity of Paul's infirmity is not clearly stated in the Bible, is there any way to find out what it really was?
- Why is it so important to study in detail Paul's affliction, whatever it may be?

4.1.1 Paul's Affliction: What was it?

Two major lines of opinion exist regarding the nature of Paul's bodily affliction.

(i). Many Bible scholars understand Paul's bodily afflictions in broad terms as a description of the frequent physical hardships and mental anguish he suffered.[1] However, these scholars barely entertain the notion of any kind of bodily ailment or infirmity on Paul's part[2]. As the following words of Paul attest, Paul indeed had endured much hardship and persecution for the sake of the Gospel.

"*To this present hour we are both hungry and thirsty, and are poorly clothed, and are roughly treated, and are homeless; and we toil, working with our own hands; when we are reviled, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure; when we are slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become as the scum of the world, the dregs of all things, even until now*" (1 Cor. 4: 11-13); and,

"*Are they servants of Christ? --I speak as if insane--I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death. Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep*" (2 Cor. 11: 23-25).

(ii). Other Bible scholars, on the other hand, without denying the fact that the apostle had seen considerable persecution and physical hardship, however, they maintain that Paul also suffered from one or another form of a bodily ailment. However, as to the nature of Paul's bodily infirmity, 'there is no end of conjecture.'[3] Some say it was some type of eye disease, others say epilepsy, and still others say it was malarial fever, etc.

In general, Paul's description of his bodily condition, and also how others regarded him because of it, is quite unflattering. As the following series of quotes from his writings attest, Paul often used strong negative adjectives to describe his physical and mental conditions.

"*For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because* *we have become a spectacle to the world*[4]*, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off scouring of all things* " (1 Cor. 4: 9-13).

"*For his epistles indeed, say they, are weighty and strong; but his bodily presence is unimpressive*[5] *and his speech contemptible* " (2Cor. 10: 10).

"*He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself* " (Phil. 3:21).

The question, then, to be asked is what could have been the cause of Paul's feeble constitution, humiliation and slanders? From Paul's own words, there is a strong evidence that he had suffered from some serious malady, which among many things caused him weakness, embarrassment and insults. For example, Paul in his letter to the Galatians informed them that his first visit to them occurred while he still had a malady. As Paul said it, his infirmity was potentially a 'trial' to them, and his condition such that they could have easily 'loathed and rejected him' for it (Gal. 4: 13-14).

"…*you know that it was because of a bodily illness*[6] *that I preached the gospel to you the first time; and that which was a trial to you in my bodily condition you did not despise*[7] *or loathe*[8]*, but you received me as an angel of God, as Christ Jesus Himself* " (Gal. 4: 13-14).

The above quoted words of the apostle better fit with the descriptions of a malady than those for describing persecution or physical hardship (Cf. 2 Cor. 10: 10; Phil. 3: 21).

Secondly, in considering the nature of Paul's '*thorn in the flesh'* (2 Cor. 12: 7-12), the same kind of argument can be made. Paul described his '*thorn in the flesh'* as a torment (incessant affliction), a messenger of Satan, and associated it with his bodily weaknesses and insults, etc.[9]

"*Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn*[10] *in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me--to keep me from exalting myself! Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me … Therefore I rejoice in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in anguish, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong*" (2 Cor. 12: 7-10).

As Paul noted, the *thorn* was given to him by the Lord as a 'humbling' counterpoint to a potential conceit coming from the great revelations he was granted. Therefore, the '*thorn*' has to lead to humility or humiliation, and as Paul noted it caused in him infirmities, reproaches, persecutions,[11] and distress on a continual basis (v. 10). What W. Barclay noted about Paul's '*thorn*' is very astute and pertinent in this regard,

"*The word (**skolops**) can mean thorn but more likely it means **stake**. Sometimes criminals were impaled upon on a sharp stake. It was a stake like that Paul felt twisting in his body… the very word 'stake' indicates an almost savage pain; the whole picture before us is one of physical suffering; whatever the thorn was it was intermittent, for, although, it sometimes prostrated Paul, it never kept him wholly from his work.*"[12]

However, following others, it is harder to imagine the term the '*thorn in the flesh*'[13] or the '*messenger of Satan'* to be a personal adversary who followed Paul to every place he went. This is because, we don't read in the Bible about an individual or a group who followed Paul from place to place constantly to cause him endless persecution and weakness in body. But we know from Paul's life that Paul rather than losing face to any of his human adversaries; he always had the upper hand over them in any argument. But if his '*thorn in the flesh'* is some kind of malady, then it can follow Paul everywhere he went and be the cause of his physical feebleness, as well as the cause of reproaches and embarrassments. Such a malady, for its ubiquitous presence, therefore, can realize God's objective in Paul's life to keep the apostle in constant dependence on Jesus for strength and succor, and in a state of humility regarding others.

4.2.2 Paul's Affliction: Its Theological Significance

The malady, which caused Paul constant agony and frequent humiliation and reproaches, and that which he had to carry with him as a heavy burden wherever he went,[14] did it have any other significant role beyond suppressing the spirit of conceit in him? The answer is yes. As to be shown below, Paul, drawing close parallel between his trials and the sufferings of Jesus, saw a deep mystical and theological meaning in what he carried in his body.[15]

(i). **Paul's afflictions show Christ in His suffering**

Paul understood his trials as part of his calling to manifest Christ as crucified (Cf. 2 Cor. 4: 10-12; Gal. 3: 1). He saw the cross of Christ to be very active in his life; and he understood himself as one chosen of Jesus for a unique theological/ prophetic mission to 'show' Christ in his weakness and humiliation to the churches and to the rest of the world. Paul in this regard wrote,

"*Always carrying*[16] *in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you*" (2 Cor. 4: 10-12).

"*Henceforth let no man troubles me; for I bear*[17] *on my body the marks*[18] *of Jesus*" (Gal. 6:14).

"*But far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world*" (Gal. 6:14).

"*O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified*? " (Gal. 3:1).

"*I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church*" (Col. 1:24).

To Paul, his bodily affliction had a strong relationship with the passions of Jesus. For example, Paul's reference to *the thorn in his body*, or the *death of Jesus he carried around in his body* (2 Cor 4: 10), or *the marks of Jesus he carried as a heavy burden on his body* (Gal. 4:17) can be related to the passions of the Christ based on what Bible prophecies said the Messiah would endure. Prophecies of Isaiah and the passion Psalms, besides saying among many other things about the Messiah, they speak of also about his *affliction*, *humiliation* and *rejection*, etc. It is therefore, to such references, Paul alludes to for others to see how his afflictions mirrors that of Christ's. The following are some of the most commonly known passages in the OT, which give us the picture of the Messiah, particularly in his humiliation and rejection.

"*Just as many were astonished at you, so His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men*" (Is 52:14).

"*For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, There is no beauty that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were,* *our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted*"[19] (Is. 53: 2-4).

"*But* *I am a worm**, and* *no man**;* *A reproach of men, and despised by the people**. All those who see me ridicule me; they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying, "He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him*!" (Ps. 22: 6-8).

"*Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face. I have become a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to my mother's children; because zeal for Your house has eaten me up, and the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me. When I wept and chastened my soul with fasting, that became my reproach*" (Ps. 69: 7-10).

"*For my soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to the grave. I am counted with those who go down to the pit; I am like* *a man who has no strength**, Adrift among the dead, Like the slain who lie in the grave, Whom You remember no more, And who are cut off from Your hand. You have* *laid me in the lowest pit**, in darkness, in the depths. Your wrath lies heavy upon me, and You have afflicted me with all Your waves. Selah You have put away my acquaintances far from me;* *You have made me an abomination to them**; I am shut up, and I cannot get out; My eye wastes away* *because of affliction**. Lord, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You*" (Ps. 88: 3-9).

"*Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to me; in the day that I call, answer me speedily. For my days are consumed like smoke,* *and my bones are burned like a hearth. My heart is stricken and withered like grass, So that I forget to eat my bread. Because of the sound of my groaning my bones cling to my skin. I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am like an owl of the desert. I lie awake, and am like a sparrow alone on the housetop. My enemies reproach me all day long, those who deride me swear an oath against me. For I have eaten ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping, Because of Your indignation and Your wrath; For You have lifted me up and cast me away. My days are like a shadow that lengthens, And I wither away like grass*" (Ps. 102: 1-11).

Apparently, it is from such OT passages, that Paul draws his theological insights regarding his bodily affliction. Paul's mystical sounding statements like, the *fellowship of His suffering*, or the *carrying of the death of Jesus in one's body*, or *being conformed to His death*, or *being crucified to the world on the cross of Jesus*, all draw their ultimate inspiration and pattern as from the above quoted OT prophecies. It is only then by looking at such OT prophecies, and drawing parallel between them and the sufferings of Paul, that we will able to infer whether Paul indeed carried the '*death*' of Christ in his body or not.

(ii). **Paul in the fellowship of His suffering**

It is clear that Paul in his identification with the passions of Jesus does not use the terms *cross*, *death*, and *the marks of Jesus* in any literal sense, but with their mystical and figurative import. What Paul writes about his identification and fellowship with the passions of Christ is more in the terms of rejection, reproaches, humiliation, and hardship than in terms of the physical crucifixion and burial of Jesus. Paul's experience resembles what the apostle Peter wrote,

"*Beloved, do not think it strange concerning* *the fiery trial* *which is to try you, as though some strange thing* *happened****[20]*** *to you**; but rejoice to* *the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings**, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified*" (1 Pet. 4: 10-12).

Paul's words that he carried the death of Christ in his body, etc. makes theological sense based on Peter's words. To Paul, the afflictions he endured gave him the opportunity to partake in the passions of Jesus, thereby establishing a mystical union between himself and His Lord.

"*That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship*[21] *of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead*" (Phil. 3: 10-11), and realized as,
"*Always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you*" (2 Cor. 4: 10-12).

(iii). **The Cross as God's Supreme Wisdom**

Beyond its immediate and most significant role as God's method of salvation for humanity, the cross of Christ, according to Paul, also has more purpose. According to Paul, the cross hides Divine wisdom and power in a most paradoxical manner. The cross is one of the most excruciating and dehumanizing of all human experiences, but at the same time it's God's chosen instrument to achieve the overthrow of the might, rule and wisdom of the world. In what passes human accepted norm and defies the imagination of even that of the most learned, God uses the very things the world despises as 'utter foolishness,' 'base,' and 'feeble' to bring to naught the world's might and sophistication.

"*For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For consider your call, brethren; not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth; but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God*" (1 Cor. 1: 25-29).
In modern parlance, Paul is saying - The world laughs at the weakness and foolishnesses of the cross, but the last laugh belongs to our God.

(iv). **Paul's affliction as a Pattern**
Paul's affliction did not only mirror Christ's affliction for Paul's contemporaries, but it also foreshadowed, what will take place in the churches later. Many passages in the NT encourage believers to partake of Christ's suffering, to be overcomers, in order to enter the resurrection glory like their Master's. Such injunctions get ultimate fulfillment, in particular, with the church of the last days (cf. Rev. 3: 12; Heb. 11: 39-40, 12:28).

There are some Scriptural references to support this view. For example, Jesus' words when He said that He would drink afresh from the cup and eat from the bread again in the Kingdom of God (Mt. 26: 29, Lk. 22: 14-17), does not mean that Jesus will suffer pain and death a second time (Heb. 9:25-28), but that His future passion will be in and through His Body, the church (cf. Is. 63:9; Jn. 14: 20-25, 17:22-23; Col. 1:27).

Secondly, God's ideal is that the believer be conformed to the image Christ (Rom. 8: 28-30). To be conformed to the highest degree to the image of Christ entails the fellowship of His sufferings. The degree to which one identifies with the Messiah's suffering, as exhibited in the life of the apostle Paul, defines the degree to which one attains to His glory. For example, in the book of Hebrews, the believers are encouraged to imitate Christ to endure rejection and reproach like His.

"*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God… Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach* [22] " (Heb 12: 2 and 13: 12-13).

The following words of Paul repeat what he said about the purpose of his suffering in terms of the church (cf. Col. 1:24).

"*Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself* " (2 Tim. 2: 10-13).

That there is a close association between partaking in Christ's suffering and in His resurrection glory, the following words of Jesus indicate.

"*To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne*" (Rev. 3:21).

It is in this regard that Paul can be seen as a major prophetic figure, his life showing forth what will take place in the church as it enters the fellowship of His suffering. He is a transitional or intermediary figure between the passions of Jesus Christ and believers in all time, particularly those living during last days, setting them the pattern to see and to follow.

4. 3 Conclusion

It has been shown that the apostle Paul had endured a bodily affliction; besides all the persecution and hardship he faced during his preaching itineraries. It has been discussed how Paul's bodily affliction, had caused him much humiliation, rejection, weaknesses, etc. It has been emphasized that Paul's bodily ailment went beyond the ordinary in its nature and significance, in mirroring the Messiah's sorrows as found in OT prophecies. Therefore, it is said that Paul's bodily affliction reflected Christ's sufferings in a 'living' way for his generation, or that it served as the hallmarks (*stigmata*) of Messiah's suffering stamped, in a dynamic way. For this reason, Paul is said to have had an acting prophetic role besides his other major ministerial offices.

Moreover, Paul's affliction has been discussed as a prophecy, a foreshadowing, of what will take place among believers who enter the fellowship of Christ's suffering. In this case, Paul is taken as a transitional or intermediary figure between the passions of Christ and the church. It has been argued that this kind of fellowship will be most visible particularly in the end-time church, which is destined for the Throne.

In all what was said, the discussion broadly set the basis for the next section of the article, Part III. The nature and significance of Paul's bodily affliction, as well as the mystical union between Christ, the Head, and the Church as His Body, all will be taken together in order to give us a new insight into one of the signs of the last days, that of the abomination of desolation.

Appendix: The Anatomy of Shame

Charles Spurgeon: The Treasury of David (Psalm 69:7)

"Shame hath covered my face. It is a great question whether shame or death be the greater evil. There have been those who have rather chosen death, and have wiped off a dishonour with their blood. So Saul slew himself rather than he would fall into the hands of the Philistines, who would have insulted over him, and mocked him as they did Samson. So that king (Jeremiah 38:19) rather chose to lose his country, life and all, than to be given to the Jews, his subjects, to be mocked of them... Confusion of face is one of the greatest miseries that hell itself is set forth unto us by. There is nothing that a noble nature more abhors than shame, for honour is a spark of God's image; and the more of God's image there is in any one, the more is shame abhorred by him, which is the debasing of it, and so the greater and more noble any one's spirit, the more he avoids it. To a base, low spirit, indeed, shame is nothing; but to a great spirit (as to David), than to have his "glory turned into shame," as Psalms 4:2, is nothing more grievous. And the greater glory any loseth, the greater is his shame. What must it be then to Christ, who because he was to satisfy God in point of honour debased by man's sin,

therefore of all punishments besides, he suffered most of shame; it being also (as was said) one of the greatest punishments in hell. And Christ, as he assumed other infirmities of our nature, that made him possible in other things -- as to be sensible of hunger, want of sleep, bodily torments, of unkindness, contempt, so likewise of disgrace and shame. He took that infirmity as well as fear; and though he had a strength to bear and despise it (as the author of the Hebrews speaks), yet none was ever more sensible of it. As the delicacy of the temper of his body made him more sensible of pains than ever any man was, so the greatness of his spirit made him more apprehensive of the evil of shame than ever any was. So likewise the infinite love and candor of his spirit towards mankind made him take in with answerable grief the unkindness and injuries, which they heaped upon him..."

(The article will be continued and finalized with part III, which will examine the last days' sign of the abomination of desolation from a new perspective.)

Glory to God.

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Joseph: An Alternative View to the Rapture

Though innocent and pure, they accused you for naught. A woman framed you; and her lies caught you in the snare. As you stood charged by her lies, you did not open your mouth; you did not defend yourself. You did not protest your innocence, but as a lamb before its shearer, you were quiet before your accusers.

They stripped you off your innocence; they left you bereft of your honor. They subjected you to abuse, and treated you like the vilest of men. They denied you justice, and by the dint of force, they led you to the pit. They put you in chains, and consigned you to the deepest dungeon. They treated you as a malefactor, as one of their most dangerous offender. They made your lot with the off-scour of the earth, and nobody cared about your innocence. The door was shut behind you, and you were left to rot in jail.

You labored in the darkness; you served them as a slave. You were subjected to indignities; to hunger and to discomfort you became a friend. Your beauty was marred beyond recognition; and your youth languished in filth. Your hope dimmed by the day; your future looked dark and bleak. There was no one to consider your case, neither to recount your generation. There was no one to care to know who you were, where you came from, and what you were meant to be. But like a broken cistern, a shred of pottery, you were discarded and abandoned to rot and to die.

But Joseph, all this happened to you because I willed it for your good. But when I was through preparing you for My purpose, I stirred the heart of the king and sent him the nighttime dreams. Therefore, he sent his envoys to fetch you from your pit, and they rushed you to the king's presence.

But to you that day, did it not begin just like any other day – as a drab, bleak day? As another day, which you said, you have to endure, in patience and despair? But suddenly a knock came on your cell door, and your name was called out. They took you out, and washed you and shaved you clean. They stripped off you your ragged, filthy garments, and clothed you with shiny apparel. As you wondered, conjectured, and feared, they perfumed you and transformed you into a shiny person.

Then they rushed you to the presence of the king, they ushered you in to the most powerful potentate of the earth. You stood before the king; and were asked to interpret his dreams. For the gift I bestowed on you, and the preparation you received from Me, you solved his dreams and counseled him what is to be done. As My wisdom shined though you, it opened doors wide for you. It paved the way to your honor; it laid the stairs of ascension to the throne of glory.

The king honored you; and lifted you up exceedingly. He bedecked you with glory and draped you with splendor. He gave you his own ring and changed your name. You were bestowed with power and authority; and you were proclaimed next to the king. You sat on the throne of the most powerful Empire on earth, and your transformation became for fame in the world. Many stooped before your presence, and did homage to your honor. Even your enemies, saw your vindication, and they shriveled in shame.

All these I did for you, Joseph in one day, in a twinkle of an eye, as I AM a faithful God who keeps His promise to His servants; and a most powerful God, before whom nothing is impossible to perform.

Therefore, in one day, I took you up from the lowest parts of the earth - from the dungeon and from the pit, and lifted you up to the clouds of glory. In one day, I rolled away the boulder at the mouth of your grave, and called you out to resurrection light. In one day, I washed away all your filth and grime - the shame and the humiliation of defeat; and transformed you and bedecked you with honor and splendor. In one day, I broke the yoke from your shoulder and smashed the chains from your feet; I wiped away all tears from your face and made your wailing to cease. In one day, as your enemies watched in disbelief and gazed in stupor, I lifted you up in breathtaking speed and sat you on the throne next to the king. As the earth wondered and reeled, this alien, this exile, I enthroned and empowered as ruler of the earth.

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[1] Paul's missionary journeys were always nearly accompanied by persecution and hardships. See for example, Acts 13: 44, 19: 23-41, 21; 16: 16-24, 2 Cor. 1: 8-11, 6: 4: 10.

[2] For example, F. J. Dake, author of Dake's Annotated Reference Bible, argues that for an apostle who had a healing ministry, it is impossible for Paul to suffer from any chronic ailment.

[3] For a good summary of what many theologians and Bible scholars suggested on the nature of Paul's 'thorn in the flesh', see W. Barclays' commentary on 2 Corinthians, in his Bible Study Series.

[4] Cf. Job 17:6, 30:9-10; Ps. 69: 12.

[5] A*stheneia (Greek)* translated here as unimpressive. As used here and in Gal. 4: 10, the word has the cognate meanings of native weakness or frailty, or feebleness of health or sickness.

[6] Greek, *astheneia*.

[7] Exoutheneo (Greek) to regard with contempt, despise utterly, or to make of no account. Cf. Ps. 22:6.

[8] Ekptuo (Greek) to spit out, reject, spurn, or loathe. Cf. Job 17: 6; 30:9-10.

[9] Here we can see similarity in what Paul describes and Job experienced. Job's affliction was through the agency of Satan (Job 1:7), and Job suffered humiliation, rejection, pain, mental anguish, etc. because of his sickness.

[10] **Skolops (Greek)** a pointed piece of wood, a pale, a stake, a sharp stake, splinter. Here, Paul is not using the usual NT word for thorn, ***akantha.*** .

[11] Can sickness cause persecution? The answer is yes. It has been well noted among many cultures that diseases, which are considered contagious, repugnant, incurable or the consequence of sin, etc. could incite community's sanction, rejection, which all can sum up to persecution. The OT is full of such examples. For example, recall, Job's experience with is 'comforter' friends and his community (Job 19: 15-22). See also Psalm 31: 9-13; Ps 38; Ps 41; Lam. 3: 27-30, etc.

[12] William Barclay. 'The Letters to the Corinthians," the Daily Study Bible series. Notes on 2 Cor. 12: 7.

[14] According to Peter (1 Pet. 4: 12-13), a 'fiery trial' befalling believer can be an odd or strange (Gk. **Xenos**) in its nature and such a company to be regarded as a fellow traveler (Gk. **Sumbaino**). Such a charatetistic to a trial, according to Peter, has then the hallmarks of partaking in Christ's passions.

[15] Paul's exposition on the cross is two pronged. Firstly, the cross of Christ is God's means of salvation by grace to humanity. It is the instrument God used to break the cords of sin and the power of Satan. Secondly, it has a mystical significance. The cross which appears to be 'weakness and foolishness' personified to the the world, is God's wisdom and power hidden. It is used of God later to confound the wisdom and power of the world. Thirdly, it is a pattern of suffering for the church to embrace. It is a mystical instrument of communion between the head and the body, tying the believer in deep union with the Lord.

[16] Gk. **Periphero**, means to carry round, to bear about everywhere with one; to carry here and there.

[17] Gk. **Bastazo**, means to bear, to carry on one's person, to sustain, i.e. uphold, support. To bear

what is burdensome.

[18] Gk. **Stigmata**, means brands made on the bodies of slaves and animals by their owners.

[19] Did Jesus suffer from any bodily affliction? The OT prophecies allude to that, but the NT does not give us any direct evidence. The only reference in the NT to give us any clue whether Jesus had an affliction comes from Luke 4: 23, even that is not a strong evidence. Therefore, we have to argue either that the OT references to sickness and affliction do not relate to a malady, but to the sorrows and pain Jesus endured at the cross. But, on the other hand, if the OT prophecies refer to bodily affliction (sickness) and Jesus did not suffer from that, then Paul's words in Col. 1: 24 should be viewed in a new light.

[20] Happened (Gr. *Sumbaino*) meaning to walk with the feet near together, or to come together, meet with one. Literally, to fellowship.

[21] Fellowship (Gr. *Koinonia*) meaning fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse, or the share which one has in anything, participation.

[22] **Phero (**Greek) meaning to carry some burden, to bear, i.e. endure, to endure the rigour of a thing. The allusion here is the believer should follow the example of Christ in patient endurance of suffering and rejection. Note the parallel between Jesus' carrying His **cross** outside the city gates and the believer carrying the **reproach** of Christ outside the community.

Action or Reaction?

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For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction people say.
But in My kingdom, there is a different rule.
Reactions are to be according to MY will and not always equal to the
original action. I ask that if a man asks you to with him a mile, that you go two! I ask that if someone hates you, that you love them.

I ask that if someone uses you , that you pray for them.
I ask that you love those who don't love you. So in MY KINGDOM, there are different rules than in the world and it's way of thinking. Unfortunately, so many in the world have seen My own react in the same way they do! I AM changing that. I want to heal the places in your heart that have been bludgeoned.

I don't ask you to hide your emotions, but to control them, and to bring them to ME and let them out to ME. I am big enough to handle them. I have broad shoulders and I can ease the burden. I didn't ask you to hide them under a rug. I only ask you to bring them to the CROSS. To bring them to ME, and let me heal your heart and soothe your wounds that you can then forgive .
The only way you can be filled with MY LOVE is if the old garbage is eliminated. The old must be extricated so that the flow of MY LOVE will not be hindered by the darkness within. YES, I said the darkness within.

Luke 11:34-36 NKJV
34 The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light. But when your eye is bad, your body also is full of darkness. 35 Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. 36 If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, the whole body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light."

Wherever the enemy has a stronghold in your life based on a lie you have believed, then there is a demonic infestation, because there has been allowed the growth of a lie that alters one's attitude. In order to be released from that stronghold, the lie must be broken. TRUTH must have a way in and be received and BELIEVED. The lie must be renounced and repented of, and then the demon has to flee. I AM bringing some freedom carriers; angels of deliverance, who will speak TRUTH to your hearts and release you from the lies of the enemy. The sword of righteousness is in their hands and you will be changed and your will brought into alignment with MY WILL. As long as your will is occupied, you cannot obey ME fully. I must completely destroy the works of the enemy over your will so that you can be free to do entirely MY WILL.

As you hear their voice and understand what they are saying, pain will be released, and tears will be unstopped, and freedom will have it's reign in your hearts, minds, and emotions. You will then be free to counter the enemy's taunts without reacting inappropriately. You will be able to LOVE your enemies despite their wickedness towards you. You will respond in looking to ME for wisdom instead of your own ways. NOTHING will be impossible for you and MY GLORY will shine within you and without. People will begin to be drawn in ways they have never been before because of the LIGHT of MY glory in you and around you.

John 1:4-5 AMP In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men. And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it].

When I come, and when my angels of deliverance come, it will surprise and delight you at the same time. This will happen over and over until the perfecting is complete. I am coming also to make MY WORD in you complete. I am coming to bring MY LIFE to shine in you and MY LOVE to overwhelm you, and you will never be the same. Be not afraid MY BELOVEDS, for I am coming to apprehend the enemy and destroy his hold completely, and to empower you for the days ahead. Worship ME and rest in MY LOVE. Delight yourself in me and I will give you the desire of your heart.

KNOW that My plans for you are good and not of evil. I have come to bring abundant life. That is not a worldly kind of abundant life. But a KINGDOM abundance of life and light that will translate you into another dimension of MY LOVE and LIFE. Cling to ME, for I am making all things NEW!

Brotherly Love
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1 John 4:1-16 NKJV
Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.
4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.
7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. 10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. 13 By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

“My beloveds, it is time for a great delusion to come from the world that will try to encapsulate every heart to the heart of antichrist. You must know one another by the Spirit, and not after the flesh. I have said that whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and HE IN GOD.

Read carefully the words of TRUTH. It does not say that anyone who says he is Christian is a Christian. My word says, he must confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and also, that he abides in him, and he in GOD. This abides in means to make his place in MY HEART. So the heart is key. Out of the heart come all sorts of evil things.

Mark 7:21-23 NKJV For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within and defile a man."

I’ve said that a good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. So you must judge not according to the gifts of the Spirit of God, nor what the man or woman says they are, but what they LIVE. Do they bear fruit in what comes forth from their hearts. Do they give to the poor?
Do they honor the humble in heart or do they associate with the proud? Do they have MY compassion for those who are wounded and tormented? Do they exhibit selfishness or generosity of spirit? Are they willing to lay down their lives for the sake of taking up MY LIFE? How much do they exhibit LOVE to those around them? Or are they always judging and condemning? Do they know how to listen, or

are they always expressing their own opinions and not leaning on ME for My opinion? Do they forgive an apologize quickly? Or do they hoard their unforgiveness and hatred? Do they value LIFE and all I have created, or do they only think of themselves?

Matt 7:17-20 NKJV
17 Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

Matt 12:33 NKJV A Tree Known by Its Fruit "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

Matt 13:23 NKJV But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Mark 4:20 NKJV 20 But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred."

Pruning in the person who is a believer and ABIDES in Me will bring forth more abundance of fruit in their lives. ONLY I KNOW THE HEART OF MAN. That is why I have asked you to leave the judging to ME when it comes to your brothers and sisters, yet you must know enough in your heart to stay away from those who lead others captive into vain philosophies of men, and who pervert the gospel for their own gain. The lack of fruit in My church has caused My prophets and many others to walk away from association with wicked schemes of men. Others have separated themselves from the body of Christ because they cannot see the fruit.

So wide is the chasm between what is good and what is bad in My church. So many are unhealed and now that glory is shining on their hearts and they are being tested. Many are not humble, but turn in wrath from ME. THAT is key. I said, the one who is of Me will ABIDE in Me. KNOWS to abide in ME, because they know apart from ME, they can do nothing. The church is not a building. It is not a place. It is the fellowship of true believers . Wherever two or more abide in Me and worship ME, I come and abide with them. Some are afraid when they see such lack of fruit, such pride in others. Do not judge what I have not judged. I AM THE SUPREME JUDGE
of the universe.

When you have an issue with your brother or sister…COME TO ME. ASK OF ME and I will give you understanding. LOOK TO ME for all you need to know.
And do not depart from the TRUTH of My Word. For my Word is LIFE to your body and healing to your bones.

John 15:2-4 NKJV 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

I did not say that the tree that doesn't abide in the building, doesn't bear fruit. I said that the vine must abide in ME. I said, to LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. I have said, MY LOVE NEVER FAILS.

I do not get weary of your imperfections and kick you out. I AM LONGSUFFERING towards you and PATIENT. When I see all that is in your heart and all that you have suffered, I don't say " buck up , straighten up, or I'll kick you out!" I continue to love. LOVE LEADS TO REPENTANCE.
LOVE that is SHOWN is one of those fruits you look for in people. LOVE is patient. LOVE is kind. LOVE FORGIVES. LOVE ENDURES ALL THINGS.

Sudden Birth
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Mal 3:1-3 NKJV "Behold, I send My messenger, and he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," says the LORD of hosts.
2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Isa 66:6-24 NKJV
6 The sound of noise from the city! A voice from the temple! The voice of the LORD, Who fully repays His enemies!
7 "Before she was in labor, she gave birth; Before her pain came, She delivered a male child. 8 Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.
9 Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?" says the LORD. "Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?" says your God.
10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad with her, all you who love her; Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her; 11 That you may feed and be satisfied with the consolation of her bosom, That you may drink deeply and be delighted With the abundance of her glory."
12 For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall feed; on her sides shall you be carried, and be dandled on her knees. 13 As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem."
14 When you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like grass; The hand of the LORD shall be known to His servants, and His indignation to His enemies.
15 For behold, the LORD will come with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by His sword the LORD will judge all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many.
17 "Those who sanctify themselves and purify themselves, to go to the gardens After an idol in the midst, eating swine's flesh and the abomination and the mouse, shall be consumed together," says the LORD.
18 For I know their works and their thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory.
19 I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. 20 Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the LORD out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. 21 And I will also take some of them for priests and Levites," says the LORD.
22 "For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me," says the LORD.
24 "And they shall go forth and look upon the corpses of the men who have transgressed against Me. For their worm does not die, and their fire is not quenched. They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

I am coming again like a mighty rushing wind and nothing that is now in a certain order, will be the same after I come. Behold I am coming to make all things new, and every knee will bow, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is LORD OF LORDS. I will displace those who have sought to promote their own kingdoms, and I will make MY NAME preeminent! I will establish MY order, and MY KINGDOM above all others!

Do not be dismayed. Do not be discouraged. I am coming to break the chains that bind you! I am coming to raise up an army and to walk with you during this last days battle! You will NOT walk alone. You will not suffer alone! You will do great exploits in My name and many will come to the brightness of My glory! Everything is being prepared. Heavenly emissaries are awaiting their orders. You are awaiting. The saints are anxious to see all that will be played out in these times. Many things have remained a mystery. But the days ahead will bring revelation of all that was meant by the prophets of old.

I am pruning and I am refining, and I am rerooting many trees in My garden.
Nothing will be the same for any who are truly Mine! I will not disappoint you! I will not leave you out. I know your weaknesses and I know all about you. I know what the enemy has done to deceive and delude. But I am coming with power and might to set things in My order!

Suddenlies are upon you and will OVERTAKE you! You must walk in FAITH My children! SPEAK MY TRUTH! Do not give in to the wiles of the evil one who will set his face to dissuade you from the truth! He will bring such doubt and such condemnation to undermine what I have told you. He will try to confuse you and separate you from those I am calling you to be aligned with. He will send his minions to bring others NOT called to be by your side, just to try to confuse you. BUT I WILL GIVE you the keys to discernment that you will recognize his tactics and ways, and you will know what is from ME, and what is not.

Many of you are in transition. I have uprooted you from where you were standing. And I will re-route you to where I want you to stand. I have been tearing down those things that keep you comfortable in your old ways, that you would come into MY WILL and stand where I want you to stand within the ranks of My end times army. Some who thought you were only privates will be generals. And some who thought yourselves to be generals will be called to serve others in a lower rank. I am not demoting you as much as causing you to rethink your PRIORITIES. The servant of God, must be servant to ALL. I will lift up the humble. But the proud, arrogant and boastful will be humbled and brought low in these times.

For many humbled by years of rejection, this sudden shift will catch you off guard. Do not be dismayed. Do not be surprised when I give you FAVOR. For I am changing the old guard and replacing it. I am mixing and I am fixing! I will use whom I CHOOSE! I will send whom I WILL! I am the head of My church! I ask you to listen for the still small voice and to obey ME. And if you are not listening, then you may hear the loud, audible voice.
And it will SUDDENLY come to set things straight and in order.

I will apprehend the younger generation in startling ways. Do not think I have X'd them out! I will not pass by anyone. I will not abandon My turtledoves to the wild beasts of the earth. I will pour out My Spirit in unprecedented ways and SUDDENLY you will find yourself catapulted into a whole new realm of living and walking with ME. GET ready! GET READY! EXPECT SUDDEN CHANGES.

Some of these changes will come in unusual ways. You may think you have lost everything, but in fact you will find yourself gaining everything that is eternally important. Job lost everything, but then regained DOUBLE everything he had lost. WALK IN FAITH. WALK IN HOPE. BUT do NOT walk in lust of the flesh and the world. Seek ME and MY righteousness and all you need will be provided you.

I have SUDDENLY also loosed My judgments in the earth. The arrows have begun to be loosed. SUDDEN judgments will bring opportunities for My people to give and to be generous, and to share what they have with others. It will be an occasion for comforting those as I have comforted you. It will be occasion for sharing your testimony. Remember that I said, If you deny Me before men, then I will deny you before the FATHER. The days are here, and now are, when you will be tested on this. DO NOT COMPROMISE MY TRUTH! Look to Me for how to answer! Demonstrate My love to others and nothing will be impossible for you!

Ps 64:7-9 NKJV 7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; Suddenly they shall be wounded. 8 So He will make them stumble over their own tongue;

All who see them shall flee away. 9 All men shall fear, and shall declare the work of God; for they shall wisely consider His doing.

Prov 28:18 NKJV Whoever walks blamelessly will be saved, but he who is perverse in his ways will suddenly fall.

Prov 29:1 NKJV Happy Is He Who Keeps the Law
He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Isa 48:3-5 NKJV "I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass. 4 Because I knew that you were obstinate, and your neck was an iron sinew, and your brow bronze, 5 Even from the beginning I have declared it to you; before it came to pass I proclaimed it to you, lest you should say, 'My idol has done them, and my carved image and my molded image Have commanded them.'

Jer 4:20-22 NKJV 20 Destruction upon destruction is cried, for the whole land is plundered.
Suddenly my tents are plundered, and my curtains in a moment.
21 How long will I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?
22 "For My people are foolish, They have not known Me. They are silly children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge."

Ezek 37:7-11 NKJV So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.
9 Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."'" 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

Dan 8:5 NKJV And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

Mark 13:35-37 NKJV
35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming — in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning — 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

Acts 2:2 NKJV And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Acts 9:3-4 NKJV As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

Acts 16:26 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. NKJV

To India
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To My daughter India,
I AM coming to you, for I have heard your prayers and petitions.
I have seen your fastings and self sacrifice.
I am sending relief. I am sending those who will help you build.

I am sending those who will teach you to walk together hand in hand.
I am wanting concerts of prayer and worship and for MY people who are
one family in the Spirit to come together without competition, and without jealousies. UNITY is where the blessing is:

Ps 133 AMP A Song of Ascents. Of David.
BEHOLD, HOW good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious ointment poured on the head, that ran down on the beard, even the beard of Aaron [the first high priest], that came down upon the collar and skirts of his garments [consecrating the whole body]. [Ex 30:25,30.]
3 It is like the dew of [lofty] Mount Hermon and the dew that comes on the hills of Zion; for there the Lord has commanded the blessing, even life forevermore [upon the high and the lowly].

If you want to see Me move in your city, then you must come together in love and unity. Come and worship Me with abandonment and I will meet you in that place of UNITY and I will tear down the witchcraft. I will destroy the idolatry. But you must not idolize your own ministry over what I want to build. You must love one another as I HAVE LOVED YOU! I will not honor jealousy or competition between churches and ministries. This is only insecurity. I LOVE YOU, and you must believe that I love you all. I am so proud of you. I know the sacrifices you have made. I know the price you have had to pay. I know the times you have endured such great hardship and pain. I know the times you cried over your family and watched your children go without everything they needed. But I have given you a great gift of FAITH, that many in the western world have no knowledge of!

And I am coming with MORE POWER and the Spirit of MIGHT, that you will not cringe at the enemy of death. You will look him in the eye with confidence that I AM GREATER. For MY LOVE for you is as strong as death. Death is the last enemy. I will overcome if you will only believe that I love you SO much.

Eph 3:13-19 Amplified 13 So I ask you not to lose heart [not to faint or become despondent through fear] at what I am suffering in your behalf. [Rather glory in it] for it is an honor to you.
14 For this reason [seeing the greatness of this plan by which you are built together in Christ], I bow my knees before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 For Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named [that Father from Whom all fatherhood takes its title and derives its name].
16 May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].

17 May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, 18 That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];
19 [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

LOVE is the GREATEST I said. Because when you know My love, when you realize how GREAT it is for you personally, then you can receive from ME all that I AM. You can be filled with the fullness of ME!!!! I am sending apostles and prophets that You might EXPERIENCE this love in greater measure than you have before. REVIVAL is going on in other places and I want to bring it to you! Prepare your hearts and repent of any division or bitterness toward your fellow Christians, toward the lost or those who have maligned or used you. Surrender to me the pain of those things and lay them down at the cross. I WILL HEAL your hearts of any hurts and abuse. I will
Make you to experience the fullness of MY LOVE and COMPASSION.
I AM loosing MORE of My Spirit in powerful displays and it will defy your ideas of what church should be, but it will bring much healing to the souls of many people. You will laugh and you will cry, you will SHAKE and you will roll.
But I am shaking off rejection. I am shaking rebellion and idolatry and witchcraft. I will shake off

DEATH that has been over many people because of those things. But do not fear, for I AM coming like a mighty WIND upon the land and I will set MY PEOPLE FREE! MIRACLES will abound. MIRACLES like Moses performed and Elijah if you will only BELIEVE!

It is time for ancient spirits to be dealt with MY WAY. WORSHIP is key in this revival and I will raise up those worshippers who will SHAKE the nation with their sincere love and adoration of ME. I will give to them creative ideas for invading the music industry. I will supply all that is needed for I want to shake this nation loose from it's pagan foundations and I will do it in this hour! Your sacrifices have NOT been in vain. I have heard all and seen all. I will come and I will change the face of your nation.

I LOVE YOU and will come fight beside you and FOR you.

Virtual Reality
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The reality of My Kingdom is coming full force upon the earth.
The reality of My SON will be evident in the works of the Kingdom that you will do on My behalf as My ambassadors of peace.
The reality of GOOD vs EVIL in the world will be apparent to all.
Darkness is rising, and My LIGHT will also rise in YOU!
And MY GLORY WILL BE SEEN UPON YOU. (Is 60)
Those who think it is amazing to watch things in holograms or virtual experiences have not seen ANYTHING compared to what I am going to do.
Those who are enraptured with the wrong kind of power; powers of demons of witchcraft, like hypnosis, and séances, as if that were really something special, will be clamoring to figure out what is going on.

Isa 44:24-25 NKJV Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself; 25 Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, and drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge foolishness;

MY POWER is not to be bought or transferred to the mocking and unholy.
I have said, DO NOT TOUCH MY GLORY! And glory is coming that will strike FEAR in the hearts of men! I will dazzle you, and I will astound those who already know ME. So imagine what it will be like for the lost? Those things they felt SO strongly about will be overturned. Those things they put their trust in will utterly FAIL. Men will go MAD for they have chosen to trust in their own strength and knowledge instead of looking to ME, the Author and Finisher of your faith! They will be tormented because they have put their trust in what THEY could do, the money they could make.

Infirmity and Torment are consequences of dabbling in witchcraft for many. And as it rises, it will seek to take out many who have given themselves to it, in an attempt to steal as many souls as it can. BUT I HAVE MY PLANS. I have MY WARRIORS, that I have trained and empowered for such a time as this. I fed them on the BREAD of LIFE, and trained them for confrontation with darkness in ways that many do not yet understand. They will emerge from their caves and I will empower them even more greatly than they have imagined. There will be shockwaves through the Christian world and the secular news. What I do will astound many, and MANY will come to the brightness of My GLORY.

Those who have been in training KNOW and understand , and have been waiting. And you will not be disappointed in all the sacrifices you have had to make! The power of the enemy is nothing compared to MINE. My church has not seen ME as BIG enough. You've only TASTED a tiny bit of My power. Even those in revival churches have not seen the fullness of the power of MY GLORY as yet. Many have been satisfied with little. BUT I am increasing your thirst, and your hunger, that you will WANT ALL that I have for you.

I am creating a longing in My bride for the fullness of intimacy with the Bridegroom, so that just a little will no longer do. Just a tidbit will not satisfy your souls. GLORY is like that, a touch will make you HUNGRY for MORE. For in that MOMENT of time, you have tasted a bit of heaven on earth, and nothing can compare again to that beauty realm.

I will satisfy the hungry soul. I will fill those who are thirsty for ME. I will give all that you need for all that is ahead. BE ASSURED, I will defend My BRIDE as a natural bridegroom would defend his bride. The thief comes to kill, to steal, and to rob, but I am coming with MORE of MY resurrection life and you will become living flames of fire in My hands. And I will ROAR over My own, and protect them from the lies of the enemy. They will lay down their lives willingly in the day of MY POWER!

Acting Prophecy

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Acting Prophecy, The Apostle Paul And The End-Times

This paper is a discussion on the much-overlooked subject of acting prophecy in general and its New Testament and End-Time manifestations in particular. In order to define concept and to provide illustration, the lives and ministries of both Old Testament and New Testament prophets are examined. For the New Testament period, it will be the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul, which gets the focus. First the nature, then the theological and the eschatological dimensions of Paul's acting prophetic ministry is looked into with depth. Based on the preceding discussion, one of the most obscure end-time signs, that of the Abomination of Desolation, is examined with a new perspective.

I. Introduction

1.1 The Prophetic Call

Prophets are called of God for a two-fold ministry: To forthtell and foretell. They are anointed to expose and rebuke sin, impart knowledge and build up faith, and console and inspire hope (Mic. 3:8; Is. 40:1;1 Cor. 14:3). Theirs is a ministry of paradox - in the midst of luxury and national success, they diagnose pride and sin; and in the midst of disaster and ruin, they preach restoration and hope. As careful reading into the life and ministry of Biblical prophets reveal, serving God in the prophetic office required of nothing less than eagle-sighted faith, extreme moral courage, love of people and country, long suffering, and even death to self.

In the Old Testament period, if the priest was God's instrument to maintain godly order and ritual in the daily life of the nation, on the other hand the prophet was the national moral barometer. Whenever God saw His people veering off course and abandoning holy covenant, or languishing in a merciless captivity, He sent them a prophet for an answer. A prophet would be sent of God with a fiery message to rebuke and call the people back to their original faith, so that God would avert His judgment, or liberate them from their oppressors. However, in much of the Old Testament period, Israel chose most often to gag or even to kill a prophet rather than reform her evil ways. Therefore, often the prophetic call involved rejection, persecution, and even death.

When we come to the New Testament period, as compared to the preceding period, we note some changes in the message, as well as in the composition of the people preached to. In the NT period, faith in Jesus replaced obeying the Law, and God's covenant message now extended to all nations rather than to Jews alone. However, since God's ultimate purpose to call individuals and nations from sin to holiness, from perdition to salvation has not changed, the ministry of the prophet has not become less demanding in the NT period than it ever was. As the result, God's NT period prophets have not suffered less hatred and risk than their OT compatriots.

1.2 The Prophetic Message: Its Risks and Mode of Delivery

In particular it was the call to confront sin and corruption in the soul of the nation, which usually proved a risky task to the prophets. As prophets are called to deliver God's message to their generation undiluted, their message has rarely been mainstream and hence popular. Since the prophet's call is a commitment to God to call sin 'sin' wherever and whenever he sees it, the risk could have come from any quarter – king, priest, or common man. As individuals and nations usually gagged the prophet than reform their evil ways, most often, prophets faced ridicule, persecution, even the risk of being killed. They have to wait for another generation for their vindication (Matt. 23:29-30).

However, the level of risk the prophet faced depended much on the mode employed to transmit God's message. Down the centuries, prophets have conveyed their messages in three main modes: preaching, writing, and prophetic action or lifestyle. In terms of risk, to write down God's message can be considered the safest of the three methods. However, the most usual mode of delivery has been that of preaching (proclaiming) the Word of God. Nonetheless, as Scripture amply attests, when God's prophet confronted the public or its leaders through preaching, reception has been rarely warm and open. Rather rejection and persecution was the common lot of the prophet (1 Chr. 16:7-10, 18:23-27, 24:20-22, 36:15-16; Is. 50:5-8; Jer. 28:10-11, 29:26-28, 37:11-21, 38:6, 28; Am. 7:10-17; Mk. 6: 16-29).

On the other hand, the third mode of delivery that of acting prophecy was a less used and a less known method. It is this less known mode that we will look into in some detail in the following sections.

II. Acting prophecy

2.1 Acting prophecy: What is it?

On occasions, God told His prophets to carry out a strange action or to enter into a bizarre lifestyle in order to reach the ears and hearts of His people. The intention of such a bizarre act or lifestyle on the part of the acting prophet, therefore, was to arouse puzzlement and questioning on the part of the community to the point where they will be forced to seek meaning and explanation from the prophet. Acting prophecy seemed to be God's radical way of grabbing the attention of His people. God employed this style of communication for three main purposes. First, to symbolize sin, hence convict people of their sin (Jer. 19). Secondly, to prefigure a coming event, so that the people can avoid judgment (Is. 19; Ezk. 12:1-11). Thirdly, to communicate some hidden spiritual truth (Is. 7: 13-14; Zech. 11:7-14).

To preach an unpopular message may require extraordinary courage and faithful delivery of the words of God. But to obey God in acting (fleshing) out His message, as it involved enacting a bizarre looking act in full public view, can prove a most agonizing undertaking for the prophet. It could entail, misunderstanding, rejection, and even persecution. As the following sections show, serving God in the area of acting prophecy, whether in the OT or NT periods, therefore, required denial of the self-bordering on the heroic.

2.2 Instances of Acting prophecy in the OT Period

- The Prophet Isaiah walked naked and barefooted for three years to prophesy a coming captivity (Is. 20).
- Jeremiah was ordered to buy a piece of property in the land soon to be overtaken by the enemy (Jer. 32: 6-15). God told Jeremiah to remain single for life (16:1-4), to bury his linen belt by the river Euphrates and fetch it after many days (13:1-11), to break an earthen pitcher in front of the people (19), and to wear a yoke on his neck to signal a coming captivity (27, 28).
- God made Ezekiel dumb for a season (3:22-27). God also made him to lie alternately on his sides on the ground, in full public view, for about a year. In the meanwhile Ezekiel was ordered to eat a famine ration (4:1-17). We read also how Ezekiel carried his baggage as a refugee would do and leave town (12:1-16). Ezekiel lost his wife by a sudden stroke of death (24:15-24). All these happened in Ezekiel's life by the order of God so that the Jews in exile would know what awaited their compatriots and their temple back home.
- God told God ordered the prophet Hosea to marry a prostitute and ransom her back from her desertions (1:1-9, 3:1-5), in order for God to illustrate His long forbearance with disloyal Israel.
- God directed the prophet Zechariah to break his shepherd sticks, and to put his wage, the 30 units of silver, in the temple (Zech. 11: 7-14). This was to symbolize the yet the future rejection of Jesus, the Great Shepherd and his betrayal for 30 units of money (Matt. 27: 1-10), etc.

As the above-mentioned example show, serving God in the capacity of acting prophecy exposed the prophet to misunderstanding at best and to open ridicule and vehement persecution at the worst. If preaching and prophesying to confront national sin needed boldness and courage, acting prophecy required much more. For Isaiah to walk for three years naked and barefooted, or for Jeremiah to wear a wooden yoke on his neck for weeks, or for Ezekiel to lie in catatonic position for many days, might have made them a laughingstock of their generation. Neighbors might have spoken behind the back of Hosea saying that he was a false prophet who indulged his lust under the cover of the prophetic. Friends might have ridiculed Jeremiah or Paul for remaining single for life.

In summary, as the above-cited examples intimate, ministering through acting prophecy could easily prove highly agonizing to ones soul. As it involved the willingness to forgo ones good standing in the eyes of the community in order to obey the voice of God, acting prophecy, therefore, was tantamount to committing an ethical suicide. The cost of incarnating (fleshing out) God's prophetic message was immense. It meant accepting the death to ones ego and mind (soul), or the crucifixion of the self. To paraphrase Jesus in this case, the prophet in order to minister to God faithfully in this way has to hate himself and carry his cross on a daily basis (Matt. 10: 38, 16:24). Or to quote the Apostle Paul, the prophet should be crucified to the world and allow the world to be crucified to him (Gal. 6:14).

2.3 Instances of Acting prophecy in the NT Period

For those who know the Bible well, acting prophecy seem to have been more common in the OT period than it has been in the NT period. The only readily cited exception from the NT period could be just the following two,

- The occasion where Jesus rode on a donkey when He entered Jerusalem before His passion. That symbolical act depicted Jesus as a Prince of Peace (Zech. 9:9-10; Jn. 12:12-16).
- The prophet Agabus tying himself with a rope while prophesying about the Apostle Paul's imprisonment in Jerusalem (Acts 21:10-12). This act was used of the Holy Spirit to accentuate the suffering that awaited Paul.

However, in the following sections we will focus on the less recognized and much-overlooked acting prophetic ministry of the NT period, that of the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul.

III. The Acting Prophetic Ministry of Paul

3.1 Apostle Paul As a Major Prophet

If the Lord Jesus Himself established the new covenant by His blood and gave rise to the new covenant community, the church, and that during His earthly ministry that He laid down the foundation of church life; however, it was His Apostles that he used to expound the matter of church doctrine and life style. The Lord, in this regard, used the Apostle Paul more than He did anyone else. Paul expounded the mysteries and doctrines of the church, delineated the church's normative behavior and its prophetic call to the world, and outlined the church's glorious destiny in the ages to come. Paul in his writings clearly indicated the connection and continuity between the two testaments, at the same time without losing sight of the discontinuity of the New introduced by Jesus. In summary, the contributions of Paul to NT doctrine and praxis can be listed as, he

- Reaffirmed the doctrine of God
- Expounded on the cross of Jesus and its covenant making power with the church.
- Outlined the nature and ministry of the church.
- Laid down the ethical standards of the church.
- Revealed the mysteries of Christ and expounded on the Last Days.

For his extensive writing in the area of NT theology and praxis, therefore the Apostle Paul can be considered a Major Prophet of that NT period. As much great his contributions are in the above-mentioned areas, our focus in this paper however will be on his barely recognized role and ministry in acting prophesy, which as to be shown has also a profound theological and eschatological significance.

3.2 The Apostle Paul as an Acting Prophet

Paul’s ministry and life as an acting prophet has hardly attracted the notice and recognition of students of the Bible. Such an oversight has its reasons. Scriptural passages dealing with this aspect of Paul’s life and ministry either have been interpreted in isolation to each other, or else were given quite a mundane explanation. Therefore, Paul’s acting prophetic role with its immeasurable theological and eschatological significance has been obscured from the view of the church down the centuries.

Paul, perhaps soon after his salvation and before he left for the seclusion of the deserts of Arabia, by his own words, ‘*God wanted to reveal His Son in him, that he might preach him among the gentiles*’ (Gal. 1:16).

What does this ‘*revealing of Christ in him to preach Him to the gentiles*’ mean? Does that refer to Paul’s preaching and writing career making Jesus known to the world? Or does it refer to Paul showing Christ in characteristic holiness and endurance in persecution? Definitely, Paul revealed Christ to the world by all those means. But as to be shown in the following sections, the import of his above quoted words goes beyond word ministry or exemplary life style.

Paul’s words quoted above carry a deeper meaning than what has been ascribed to them up-to-now. As cross-reference to other similar passages will show, Paul’s above quoted words can refer also to his acting prophetic ministry, by which he proclaimed Christ to the nations. Paul’s life (body) could have been used of God to incarnate (flesh out) an aspect of the life of the Messiah to constitute an acting prophecy on Paul’s part. For example, Paul writing to the church in Galatians reminded them, ‘…*Before whose eyes Jesus Christ has been evidently set forth, crucified among you*’(Gal. 3: 1).

Let us stop and ponder the above words. Was Paul referring to his detailed and passionate preaching which made the Galatians to see in their minds’ eyes Jesus suffering and dying on the cross? Possibly that the Apostle may be referring to his skill to make Christ’s suffering graphic. But as the following words of Paul make it indicative, we are forced to think in terms of acting prophecy. Paul wrote to the Galatians church reminding them,

“*You know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first. And my temptation which was in my flesh you despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus*” (Gal 4: 13-14).

In relation to the above-mentioned words, Paul also had written to the believers in Colossi, saying, ‘*I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and make up that which was lacking in the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body’s sake, which is the church’* (Col. 1:24). Moreover, commenting how others perceived his bearing Paul noted, ‘*For his letter, say they are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible’* (2 Cor. 10: 10). It is this same idea that Paul also expressed when he wrote about his *thorn in the flesh*, that messenger of Satan given to him to keep him in a humble and weak state. This was the affliction, which opened his life to weakness, reproaches and persecution (2 Cor. 12: 7-10).

Paul must also be referring to this bodily infirmity when he wrote about the mark (stigmata) of Christ, which he said he carried in His body as a great burden (Gal. 6:17). He called it a brand/ mark of Christ implying as if this ‘*mark*’ was meant to identify Christ in His suffering, as no other thing would do. It is as if this ‘*mark*’ fulfils what has been said of the Messiah, and hence its observation as in Paul’s body, was meant to serve as an incontrovertible identifier, a prophetic signature, or marker of the Messiah and his suffering.

Regarding the suffering of the Messiah, part of Isaiah’s descriptions reads as the following,

‘*He shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as root out of a dry ground; he has no majesty* *nor comeliness; and when we shall see him there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with sickness (grief); and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised and we esteemed not. Surely he has borne our sicknesses (griefs) and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted…*' (Is. 53:1-4).

For example, according to some commentators on the humiliation of the Messiah their remarks are poignant. Keil and Delitzsch in their commentary on Isaiah 53 made the following remarks,

- 'The impression produced by His appearances was rather repulsive, and, to those who measured the great and noble by a merely worldly standard, contemptible.'
- 'They saw in Him 'one stricken' i.e., afflicted with a hateful, shocking disease.'

Barnes in his Notes on the Old Testament contains the following observations on the despising and rejection of the Messiah (Is. 53:3).

- The Messiah was regarded as the last of men, that is the most abject and contemptible of mankind (Jerome). He was one who ceases from men, who ceases to belong to the number of men; i.e., the most abject of men (Hengstenberg).
- 'From the sight of his suffering, as it being so offensive that people would turn away in pain – as in the case of a leper; or it might be, that he was so much an object of contempt, and so unlike what they expected that they would hide their faces and turn away in scorn.'
- He was crushed, broken into pieces by calamites and trials, indicating his severe inward and outward sufferings. As the LXX renders it, 'He was rendered languid,' or feeble. He was as if crushed to the earth.
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In short, the unique afflictions, sorrows, disdain, and rejection, which the Messiah carried, was to be mirrored in Paul as an acting prophet (cf. 1 Cor. 4: 9-13; 2 Cor. 4:10-12, 12:6-9; Gal. 3: 1; 4: 12-14, 6:14,17; Phil. 3:8-11, 21; Col. 1:24; 2 Tim. 2:9-11). Therefore, Paul did not only preach Christ by word also by manifesting the Messianic sufferings bodily. Paul's bodily affliction was a '*revealing of Christ*,' or part of Paul's '*fellowship of His suffering*,' or him '*carrying the death of Jesus in his body*.' Paul's affliction etched out and fleshed out the Messiah in His sickness and humiliation for all to see. Therefore, for the churches he preached to, to see Paul in his sickness was as if they were watching 'in real time' the shame and rejection of the Messiah.

3.3 Paul's Acting Prophecy: Its Theology and Eschatology

Paul's acting prophecy carries some didactic, theological and even end-time significance.

i). It signified the ultimate obedience in foregoing ones reputation to carry out God's will. It constituted the crucifixion of the soul in a mystical way (2 Cor. 12: 7-10, 10: 10). He wrote, "*But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world*' (Gal. 6:14). For Paul, his bodily infirmity, which invited despising and rejection, he equated with being crucified on the cross of Christ.

ii). For Paul it was a school of the crucible where He learned much about the mysteries of Christ (Eph. 3:8-9). For example, God has chosen to use such despised, weak and 'moronic' things to shame the wisdom and power of the world. The cross of the Christ is the power and wisdom of God (1 Cor. 18-31).

iii). Paul also compares his infirmity, to death and burial experience. Writing to the Corinthians, he said, '*Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which we live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death works in us, but life in you'* (2 Cor. 4: 10-12). As much as the resurrection glory of Christ came about from the depth of his obedience, Paul also expresses the desire for a foretaste of Christ's resurrection glory.

'*That I might know him and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his suffering, being made conformable unto his death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead*' (Phil. 3: 10-11).

It is a prayer for that he might have a foretaste of the resurrection glory which awaited Messiah after the ordeal of his affliction (Is. 53: 10-12; Phil. 4:9-11; Eph. 1:19-21; Heb. 12: 2).

As the Apostle Peter observed, to the degree to which we partake of Christ' suffering, to that extent we share in His glory (1 Pet. 4:13). The ultimate 'fellowship of His suffering' will be mirroring the suffering of the Messiah as described and prophesied in Isaiah 53.

iv). Paul's afflicted and humiliated body has an eschatological significance as the following words intimate.

'*Our citizenship is Heaven, from where also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body*' (Phil. 3: 20-21).

'*For you are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with him in glory*' (Col. 3: 3-4).

(Dear Reader: Part II of this article will examine the nature (identity) of the Messianic (and apostolic) affliction. Based on the forgoing discussion, it will also present a new interpretation on one of the most obscure signs of the end-times, that of the 'abomination desolation'.)

A Continuous Work

Mary Clark

In a vision, I saw Someone shake out a pink shirt. I could see that the stains that had been on the shirt were fading. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I want My beloved to see clearly that I am at work in your life. I am moving you along into that place in Me of purity and hope. Never doubt it!

I also want you to see that the work that I do is continuous. It is a process that takes time, beloved. So be patient with Me. Be patient with the work that I am doing in you, for I will succeed. I will accomplish all that I have set My heart to do. You may be sure of these words.

I want to tell you this also, beloved: I am doing something deeper than you realize. I am going deep and bringing things up that you did not know were in your heart. I know that this is a surprise – a shock – to you, but rest in the knowledge that this thing that I am doing is a GOOD thing, and it will purify you deep within as it goes forth.

Know also that I make promises and I keep them. So never doubt My word. Never doubt the living God, for His word is good. I am able to do all that I speak to My beloved, and I will do it with an expertise that will astound the watchful eye.

I want you to know that I have plans for you. I want you to know that I am in the process of fulfilling all of those promises. So be of good cheer, knowing that your destiny in Me is secure.

I have made a proposal to you. I have told you that one who follows after the heart of the living God will never be disappointed. I have asked you to turn from the world, and seek My heart, and you will know the wonder of a new day in Me. I have wooed you gently into a deeper place of My abiding love and presence. Now is the time for you to drop some things that are keeping you stagnant, and follow Me. It will not be easy to comply with everything that I ask, but be that is it may, I will enable you to walk in this new place, if you look to Me. If you call out to Me your desire to move forward, I will enable you to move into that new territory of delight. Let not your heart be troubled, beloved. I am with you. I will sustain you. I will remove those things that are a blight to your walk. Just show Me that you are willing to advance into that place, leaving all behind that is tainted with the world, and I will work on your behalf. Just let Me know that you delight in the knowledge of My love for you, and I will reach forth My hand and give you a gentle nudge in the direction of My heart. Rely on Me, dear beloved child. Rely on Me is all that I ask, and you will see and know the success that lies in walking and seeking after the Beloved.

I have wooed you tenderly into a new place in Me. I have asked that you drop your eye for the world, and look to Me to move you into a new place of hope. You have complied. You have eagerly sought to be rescued from the world and the world’s advancing doom. I, beloved, have sought you with a heart to bless. You have received only a smattering of My blessings. There is much more to come. So rely on Me. Rely on Me to move you forward. Rely on Me to remove those ugly stains that are a blight to your walk, and then, dear one, you will walk in a new freedom in Me. You will know the joy of your salvation, and rejoice with all that is in you.

That is My promise to you. That is a promise – a sincere promise – that comes from a loving Father’s heart. So rely on its truth to take shape in your life, and know, beloved, that I have singled you out for this hour for a purpose, and that purpose will be fulfilled. It will be fulfilled to the nth degree, and you will know success in your walk, and you will know that certain victory that comes with walking with the King of glory – the Lord of Hosts – the high and exalted One – your God, and your Creator!!!

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I want My children to truly know My power and walk in it. The hour is coming when mighty demonstrations will be prevalent in your lives. The hour is coming when you will recognize the will of your God, and walk in it undaunted by the enemy. But in the meantime, keep your focus on Me. Keep your eyes fixed on Me. I have a plan – an exciting plan – and I do not want you to miss out on a moment of My fulfilled surprises.

I am calling My beloved to step into a lovely new arena. It is an arena ALIVE with excitement. It is an arena that you will LOVE, because I am in it in a wonderful way. This way is ALIVE, beloved, with My interest developing solidly in your life. It is ALIVE with every aspect of My being, glowing and offering sweet contentment in your heart.

I am sending something ALIVE your way. You will recognize it as coming from My hand, beloved. You will recognize the wonder-working will of your God, coming to play in your life in a dramatic way. When this occurs, don't try to catch it, beloved. Just go with it. Just follow it into that arena that I have for you. For this is truly an arena that is ALIVE with the presence of your Lord. It is an arena filled with excitement and wonder. So follow your heart into all to which I am leading you.

I am taking you rapidly into a sweet hour of success in Me. Don't let the enemy cause you to stray. He is out to lead My children off the path that I have beaten out for them. Keep your focus, beloved, and see that the redemptive power of your God is ALIVE and holds many wondrous events for your enjoyment. But when this hour comes – when you step into that arena – follow the flow of My Spirit. Don't try to maintain a fixed position, beloved. Follow where My Spirit takes you. Don't try to capture that wondrous creature that is so ALIVE, follow it – follow it into the design of My heart, and see the world's ways fade. See the light of My glory grow brighter, and know deep within that inner peace that sanctity in Me can provide, and will, as you will to follow the light of My glory into this new arena – this new arena that is ALIVE with the presence of your God – the living presence of your Holy Master. This is vitality at its finest, beloved – its finest!!!

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A December To Remember
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While worshipping with a friend on 11/29/04, the Lord gave me a vision and spoke a prophetic word regarding the month of December. I believe that what was revealed was not only for my friend and I, but was a Corporate message that is to be shared with those who have ears to hear and eyes to see Him. This writing is given as an encouragement for those who have remained hidden deep within the earth, waiting on the Lord for His perfect time of release. It seems the time has now come and the Lord would provide us with wisdom and understanding as we step out fully into the Light of the New Day or the Third Day.

The Lord said that this would be a “December to Remember”. He did not give a lot of details, but did give a vision that was released through prophetic song. In the vision I saw the Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger. The Lord revealed to me that what most could not see was that the Babe was wrapped in an unseen blanket of God’s everlasting love and clothed in His glory. It was His love that was surrounding, protecting and keeping the Babe warm. As we enter into the season of Hanukkah or the Festival of Lights, I believe there is a profound significance in relation to kairos or the appointed time overtaking the chronos time. This festival lasts eight days, eight being the number of restoration, and commemorates the miraculous supply of oil that lit the menorah. Perhaps during this time a miraculous supply of heavenly oil, which we know as the Holy Spirit, will flow in and through the Body of Christ to bring restoration to His temple and upon the earth.

As I continued to ponder what the Lord was trying to say through the vision, it became clear that the fullness of time for the birth of the Manchild of destiny is here.

Luke 2:7 - And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

The Greek word describing Jesus being wrapped in swaddling clothes is sparganoo. It means to wrap (in cloth) to bind a newborn infant in strips of long cloth, a normal act of childcare for warmth and security. I believe that just as Jesus came into the world and was wrapped in swaddling cloths, so the Father would desire us to see that we too are wrapped in layers of His love and glory. It is His presence, wrapped around us, that provides the warmth and security we need to live. Those who are wrapped in Him have died to their carnal nature through identification with Jesus’ Finished work on the Cross and their lives are now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is their life appears, they shall also appear with Him in glory (see Colossians 3:3-4).

As we remember how Jesus first came to the earth, we are also reminded that He did not come in the way that many thought He would. He was not only wrapped in swaddling cloths, but His life was clothed in humility. He came in the humblest of circumstances, where one might least expect, in a lowly stable in the midst of some animals. Jesus, the firstborn of many brethren, was also the Light of the world who humbly came ‘hidden’ in a body of flesh. As Zion is giving birth, it seems that perhaps the King of Glory has once again hidden Himself within a humbled people that have been set aside for such as time as this.

I believe that this December to Remember marks not only a season of Divine release, but also one of Divine judgment. For those that are being released in this season, many have been marked as forerunners and have already passed through the Lord’s purifying fires of judgment. But for those that have yet to pass through or are passing through, the shaking will only increase.

So, what will this impending season of judgment look like? Many look for the day that all evil men will be slain or killed. They wait for justice to be served to those who have committed unforgivable acts. For many this is what judgment is all about. Yet, those who know the Word of God know that judgment does not start in the world, but in the House of God first. Many believe that surely God will judge His own people first. They seem to have no excuse, especially those mesmerized and serving the religious church system. Surely, they will be judged first! However, if you are waiting for fire and brimstone to strike the organized church, I am afraid that you may still be looking in the wrong place.

Many know what I am talking about when I say that the shaking has already begun. However, it has not necessarily begun within a church building, but instead has begun within individual Christians who make up the true Church or Bride of Christ. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 6 that our bodies are the Temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in us and that we are not our own. Based on this, I believe it is safe to say that the House of God that is coming under judgment begins personally, which inevitably flows Corporately as His Spirit unifies us as One in Christ.

Hebrews 12:25-29
25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.” 27 Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those tings that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

If you think God rocked your world when you first placed faith in Jesus Christ, that is not all He had in store for you. God wasn’t planning only to shake your earth, but also your heavens. The shaking that is spoken of in these verses is a shaking of every work of the flesh that has been borne out of the carnal thought life or Adamic nature. The Word tells us that we already have the mind of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 2:16), but it is through the power of God’s Word that our minds are renewed to see Him as He is and to learn to walk according to the Spirit, rather than according to the flesh. It is the Truth that sets us free. Those thoughts and actions that have been borne of the flesh life must be shaken, so only that which is of God remains. This is part of the purification process of the Bride of Christ. She must pass through the fiery passion of God’s love. He must increase within us until He is everything and we must decrease until we (our carnality) are nothing. This is the process in which Christ within us the hope of glory will be revealed!

If you are going through a great shaking in any area of your life such as relationships in the home or work, health, finances, emotionally stability, broken dreams, broken promises, or the like I encourage you to recall these words.

1 Peter 4:12-17
12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. 17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God, and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

The Lord would say to those that are suffering to, “Look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draweth nigh.” Do not focus on your problems, but instead on the answer to every problem. His Name is JESUS and He holds the answer to everything. Escape the pit of self-pity, unbelief and doubt by using all of the energy you once spent worrying to instead worship and praise the King of kings and Lord of lords! It is through partaking in Christ’s sufferings that He is moving us from glory to glory and faith to faith. Now is the time to invest all of your heavenly currency, which is faith, into the storehouse of God. Let us not be double-minded and suppose that we will receive anything if we are not placing our faith in God alone. But let us instead see a double portion of His power and presence manifested in our lives by trusting in Him to see us through!

The Lord recently took me through my own personal season of Divine judgment. Many believe judgment is a bad thing, but for those who know their righteousness comes from Christ alone, judgment is God's mercy. The things that transpired can best be described as a whirlwind. It took me by surprise and was not at all what I expected. It came very quickly and very forcefully. There was nothing I could do to control it. It quickly became clear that there were certain areas of my life that had not been fully turned over to God. So, the whirlwind came and blew my little preconceived world apart. In that time I had a vision of a mound of dirt. I believe the dirt represented the carnal nature or earth, as man was made of the dust of the earth. The mound I saw could be considered a prison, a cave or even a tomb. It was a place where all man-made ideas, presumption, and hope in any work of the flesh had sat and eventually died. It was there that I realized that no work of the flesh could have any part in what God had promised. The dreams of destiny had died and I died (my flesh life) with them. Even my idea of how God would resurrect these dreams was completely wrong. In His perfect time and way He sent the whirlwind of judgment to blow the tomb of my carnal reasoning or veil of flesh away completely. In the vision I saw that, as the dust was taken away by the whirlwind, what remained was a beautiful red stone. It was not in its raw form as one might expect a newly uncovered gem to be, but it was already perfectly cut in the shape that would reflect the most light in order to display its inner beauty the most. It was already buffed, polished and shined. It was ready to be placed in the King's crown. This jewel is spoken of in Malachi 3.

Malachi 3:16-18
16 Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, And the Lord listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who meditate on His name. 17 "They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." 18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

It is in this season of Divine release that God will reveal these jewels that He has been carefully preparing and has kept hidden under the earth or veil of flesh. They have passed through the Refiner's fire, and have been cut, polished and shined. They are vessels of honor, meet for the Master's use, prepared for every good work. They are now being positioned or set in the King's crown to be displayed for the world to see. Just as in Malachi 3:16, the Lord has looked upon the pages of His book of remembrance and knows these are those who fear Him and meditate on His name. They are called by His name and are His alone.

So, where's the judgment in all of this? We have talked about God shaking our world up and sending the whirlwind, but how can that be judgment? I believe the idea of judgment can also be seen in Jesus parable of the wheat and the tares. Matthew 13:24-26 says, "24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while he slept his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.'" He continued to say that the wheat and tares were allowed to grow together until the time of harvest.

Jesus later explains the parable to His disciples in Matthew 13:37-40, "37 He answered and said to them: 'He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.'" It is clear from these verses that the end of the age is not only a time of harvest, but also a time of separation.

I believe the only way to truly understand what is happening Corporately is to understand it personally first. I believe the primary seed is the Word of God or the incorruptible Seed of Christ that has been planted deep within our hearts by His own hand. He waters and nurtures the Seed through the power and presence of His Holy Spirit. He warms the fertile ground of our hearts or the field made of the dust of the earth with His love. These good seeds produce wheat or the offspring of righteousness also known as the sons of the kingdom. They in turn reproduce more wheat or good seeds. This circle of life is the fulfillment of God's initial command to be fruitful and multiply as given to man in Genesis 1:28. The wheat, or those things birthed through faith in God's Word, is gathered into God's barn of storehouse.

In contrast, the tares are those things borne out of the flesh. The deceiver comes when we are spiritually 'sleeping' or not keeping watch. It is while our eyes are not on the Lord that the enemy takes opportunity to try to plant his lies in our minds and what is harvested is a work of the flesh, also known as sin. James 1:13-15 explains this clearly, "13 Let no one say when he is tempted, '13 I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death." Here we see that the offspring of deception and carnal desire is sin, which ultimately results in death. Thankfully, God's grace is sufficient and He has made a way to escape death. That way is the Cross of Jesus Christ! Paul explains this in Romans 6:6-9, "6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him."

It is in the time of judgment or harvest that the wheat and the tares are separated. The tares, or those things borne out of our flesh life, are harvested. It is at 'the end of the age' or the end of our flesh life that these tares are gathered together and bound into bundles. They are then thrown into the fiery furnace to be burned. All the wood, hay and stubble of our Adamic nature are consumed in the fire of God's passionate love for a Bride pure and without spot.

It would seem that the appointed time has come for judgment to take place in a global way as the Lord prepares to reveal the sons of God that creation itself has been groaning and laboring with birth pangs together until now. They have been redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb and have safely passed through the Baptism of Fire. They have undergone the great tribulation of the crucifixion of the self-life or Adamic nature and have not been found wanting. The wheat and the tares have been separated in their lives. The tares or works borne of the flesh have been taken away and burned up, while the wheat or fruit of God's righteousness that remains is kept. That which cannot be shaken is gathered into the storehouse of the Son of Man or the heart of God. The choice is ours to make. Will we choose to try to save our flesh lives or will we lose our lives to gain His? In this December to Remember let us "Remember Lots wife". She looked back upon her flesh life in Sodom and Gomorrah and her mortal life ceased. Let us instead choose to move forward in this critical hour and choose life - His eternal life!

What about judgment? Perhaps you are wondering if I am ever going to get to the part about the unbelievers being judged? Surely there must be some justice that needs to be served to them! If you are waiting for the world to be judged, you don't have to wait long. Jesus explained in John 12:31 when this judgment would take place. He said, "NOW is the judgment of this world; NOW the ruler of this world will be cast out." So, when will judgment take place? NOW! The ruler of this carnal world is the Adamic nature or self. The only power Satan and his demonic hordes have is the power the flesh life gives him to operate. His authority was completely stripped at the Cross and his only weapon is deception! Public enemy number one is not Satan, but instead the carnal nature of a man or woman who does not know Christ or has not fully submitted to His rule and reign in his or her life. The truth is that those who do not know the Lord are already walking around condemned. They are the walking dead, who have yet to be born again. Therefore, to pronounce fire and brimstone upon them will have little affect, except to perhaps scare them into believing that they are bound for hell, which they may already be experiencing a measure of as they walk the earth. In Romans 2 Paul warns those who judge others that whatever they judge another in they condemn themselves. Let us not despise the riches of God's goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, and remember that it is God's goodness that leads us to repentance.

Even Enoch prophesied of this coming judgment. Jude 14-15, "14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, 'Behold the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.'" The way that judgment will fall upon the corruption of man's systems will be through a people who have already passed through the refining fire of God's judgment. These are a people who are no longer governed by the law, but who have learned what it means to walk in God's love, which is the fulfillment of the law. They are a Corporate Body that is empowered by the Holy Spirit to walk in the FULLNESS OF THE GOSPEL, who is Jesus Christ. They are the Firstfruits Company who have died to self and it is no longer they that live, but Christ who lives in and through them.

In this season of release this Army will begin to walk in the full power and manifest presence of the Lord. They will bring judgment upon the religious system in what is considered the Church on earth today. Not only will the Babylonian system be torn down in the organized Church by the manifest presence of God within this people or holy nation, but this order of corruption will also begin to crumble in all world systems. All works of the flesh will come tumbling down at the revelation of CHRIST IN US the hope of glory, rather than the hope for His glory to fill a building or a program or system. This Company has moved past a desire for visitation and have become a habitation of the Holy Spirit. While there is no room at the Inn of Carnality for Jesus to lay His head, He and His Father have made Their home within the hearts of those who truly love the Lord. Through the indwelling Holy Spirit, They are seated on the throne of these hearts ruling and reigning over all the earth of these earthen vessels.

The time of harvest is also the time of restoration. It is through this Firstfruits or Manchild Company that many will come to know God's love and forgiveness. Multitudes will leave of the Valley of Decision and step through the gates into the Kingdom of God. No flesh can stand in God's presence. Therefore, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Divine Order will be re-established within the earth. But we must remember that this happens one life at a time.

So how are we to move as we are released into this season of Divine destiny? I believe Isaiah 52:12 has God's answer for us, "For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; For the Lord will go before you, And the God of Israel will be your rear guard." Just what is your rear guard? It is God's glory!

Isaiah 58:8 – Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard."

I believe these two verses are parallel and that it is our righteousness, who is Jesus Christ, that has already gone before us to pave the way because He is the way! The Hebrew word for rear guard or rereward is the word 'asap'. It means to store, gather, harvest, bring in, collect, or assemble. It is clear that is it GOD'S GLORY that will bring in or gather the end time harvest that generations have waited to see. No work of the flesh will be allowed in this move of God. It will be His light so shining through us before men, that they will see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven! This sure sounds like a no sweat or priesthood ministry to me. The good news is that it is!

One last thing that the Lord desires for us to remember about the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger is His position. Jesus' position was a state of complete rest and trust in God. This rest is spoken of in Hebrews 4:9-10 "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10

For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.” The Babe lay peacefully in a manger, not doing His own work, but depending fully on His Father for everything. If Jesus, who was fully God and fully man, was found in a manger resting after being birthed, how much more do we need to follow His lead and rest in Him as He releases us into our destinies? This is the type of childlike faith the heart of God is after in this appointed season. It is the Sabbath rest that is also spoken of in Isaiah 58:13-14, “13 If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, 14 Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the Lord has spoken.”

In this ‘December to Remember’ we have many things to remember. I pray that each one of you will remember first and foremost how Jesus humbly came to earth to pay the price for your sin on the Cross out of His everlasting love for you. Remember all of the trials and tribulations that He has brought you through to mature and strengthen you. Remember how He has never given you more than you can handle through Him. He has never failed you and never will. He is more than able to supply all your need according to the riches in glory by Christ Jesus. I pray that unlike the rebellious Israelites in Psalm 78, that you may set your hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments. These commandments are to love God with all of your heart, mind, soul and strength and to love one another. By obeying this, the rest of the law is fulfilled.

May this be a December to Remember for each one of you! May your hearts swell with the joy of your salvation who is JESUS! To God be the glory! Hallelujah!

Another Look at Daniel 2
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I. King Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream

This is what the Prophet Daniel recounts on King’s Nebuchadnezzar’s dream and its meaning.

"You were looking, O king, and lo! There was a great statue. This statue was huge; its brilliance extraordinary; it was standing before you, and its appearance was frightening. The head of that statue was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. As you looked on, a stone was cut out, not by human hands, and it struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, were all broken in pieces and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.”

"This was the dream; now we will tell the king its interpretation. You, O king, the king of kings—to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, the might, and the glory, into whose hand he has given human beings, wherever they live, the wild animals of the field, and the birds of the air, and whom he has established as ruler over them all—you are the head of gold. After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over the whole earth. And there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron; just as iron crushes and smashes everything, it shall crush and shatter all these. As you saw the feet and toes partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but some of the strength of iron shall be in it, as you saw the iron mixed with the clay. As the toes of the feet were part iron and part clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. As you saw the iron mixed with clay, so will they mix with one another in marriage, but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay. And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall this kingdom be left to another people. It shall crush all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever; just as you saw that a stone was cut from the mountain not by hands, and that it crushed the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. The great God has informed the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation trustworthy" (Dan. 2: 31-45).

I. Traditional & Current View

Nearly all the interpretations provided up to now on the meaning of the dream agree on one point. They agree that the statute seen in the dream is a metaphor of the successive world empires that will rise one after the other until the appearance of the Kingdom of God on earth. The following summary presents the details of the interpretation, which all agree about.

(i). Gold head: the Babylonian Empire (circa. 606 – 536 BC)
(ii). Silver arm and chest: The Medo-Persian Empire (c. 536 – 330 BC)
(iii). Brass belly and thigh: The Greek Empire (c. 330- 27 BC)
(iv). Iron legs : the Roman Empire (c. 27 BC – 395 AD)
(v). Iron and clay feet: The revived Roman Empire destined to rise in the last days, which the antichrist will take over subsequently.
(vi). The Stone: the Messiah and the rise of the Kingdom of God.

The beauty of this prophetic interpretation is that it is simple. It snugly fits with the details of much world history, particularly as it has been since the rise of the Babylonian Empire (c. 600 BC) to the fall of the Roman Empire (495 AD). However, all the interpretations fail to clear one hurdle presented to them by this dream. Each of them, if we follow their schema, leaves a gap of some 1500 years of unexplained and unaccounted of human history after the fall of the Roman Empire until the rise of the 'revived Roman Empire' in the 'last days'. Such a long time gap cries out for a credible explanation. If we leave it alone, it appears as if it no political (imperial) activity of prophetic significance has ever taken place in the meantime. Of course, the justification for such a gap is given through the theory of the suspension of time that is said to occur between the prophetic 69th and the 70th weeks of Daniel (9: 24-27). But as to why such a gap God allows, no credible explanation has been given.

Truly, the gap is long and quite serious, and it has to be closed by any means. The following account is an attempt to close this breach. In its attempt to overcome this shortcoming, the alternative view, presents an outline of the political history (experiences) of the human race from the ancient to the modern period with a new perspective. It represents developments and phases in statecraft, world political configurations and the nature of world empires. It tries to make a sensible interpretation of the dream that will help us to understand the progress of events as God sees them.

II. Alternative View

(i). The Golden Head

The *gold* symbolizes great glory and splendor, and the *head* that of absolute power and leadership. This is the symbol of the era of the absolute monarch and the imperial warrior-king.

It is a representation of the uncensored and unlimited power of the 'ancient' monarch. Political rule is highly personalized, hence, autocratic. All the glory and splendor of the state is concentrated in the hands of the ruler. Empire means unbridled war and conquest, booty and slaves. Grand ancient civilizations, like the Egyptians, Assyrian, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Greek, Roman, etc., reflect this principle. King Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylonian empire is a good example of such empires and monarchs/ rulers.

(ii). The Silver Chest and Arms

This reflects the era of the latter-day 'Medo-Persians'.

The silver symbolizes lesser glory and splendor as compared to the previous gold. Chest and arms, symbolize power, but the existence of two arms can be used to indicate that power will be divided between two branches of the state.

Hence, this part of the dream represents the rise of less powerful and less glorious monarchs. In its historical parallel, this is seen during the political arrangements of the middle ages and the dawn of the modern era. During the middle ages, powerful regional lords and knights attenuated the king's power and shared the glory of the battle with him. And at the dawn of the modern ages, the monarch's supreme rule was balanced off by an elected or appointed parliament. Hence the monarchs of this era, did not have the full splendor or the absolute power enjoyed by their predecessors. Equally, this period's monarchs were not less expansionary and imperial, but they were with much less success and glory as compared to their ancient counterparts.

As the Medo-Persians kings who succeeded Babylon had with them the fear of God and were more religion inclined, so were the kings of the middle ages. The Medo-Persians also practiced delegating/ devolution of power, as well as having influential counselors to advise them (Ez. 1: 2; Esth. 1: 13; Dan. 6:1-2). Such was the case with the kings of the middle ages.

(III). The Brass Belly and Thigh

The era of the modern-day 'Greek.'

This part of the dream is traditionally associated with the rise of the Greek empire. In this new interpretation as well, it is made the symbol of the rise of the modern ‘Greek’ political power.

This period roughly covers the era, 1650 to 1914. It canvasses the ages of the industrial revolution, discoveries, colonialism and democratic revolutions. In the latter regard, in many ways, the French Revolution in 1789, is considered a watershed event.

Through the influence of the Enlightenment thinkers of the 17th and 18th c., the era of chivalry and the divine kingship was increasingly overshadowed and overcame. Rule by hereditary kings and nobles was replaced by the political ideals of social contract and rule by consent. Through much struggle, the common people, inspired by the enlightened philosophers and led by the liberal politicians, made their voices to be heard, and later came to assume indirect state power through their representatives. Thus faded away the power and glory of the monarch and the nobility by the rise of popular politics.

During this period, the rise of representative government was much helped by the rise of the capitalist mode of production. The bourgeois state - sometimes which had a figurehead of a monarch at the top, was no less imperial and predatory than its predecessors. Modern-day ‘Greek’ states, like Spain, Portugal, UK, France, etc., much assisted by technological advances, particularly in weaponry and transportation, achieved worldwide colonies and empires.

(IV). The Iron Legs

This is a symbol of the era of the modern ‘Romans’, where Caesar is Lord and god

This ear of the iron legs represents the age of the self-made Caesar. Here the leader has absolute power and is given total allegiance by the ruled. Here, the State is made above all and its laws are made binding on all.

This era in its modern sense represents the ‘iron’ rule of dictatorship - of the military and the strongman. It represents the era of the totalitarian state, where the state takes total control of everything, where it controls and manages the life of its citizens. In the process, the individual is made totally subservient to the dictate of the state.

In such lands, the leaders hold absolute power and develop a personality cult. They demand that that and the state are worshiped and obeyed like gods. Such leaders at the end turn out to be quite repressive, war mongering and despotic in behavior. Hence, wherever such a state existed massive havoc was wrecked on its own population, and on other lands the state may happen to invade.

In its historical parallel, such a state of unlimited power we encounter in the form of the totalitarian state which made its first appearance in Europe beginning the 1920s. In the years between the two world wars, statist ideologies like Fascism, Phalangism, Nazism and Communisms came to power in Europe, sweeping away more representative types of governments. Such totalitarian regimes brought an abrupt end to liberal democracy and the rule of law, which were beginning to take root in many countries.

This repressive totalitarian era lasted about 70 years (c 1920 and 1991). It has been the era of Phalangist Spain, Nazi Germany, Fascist Italy, Communist USSR and China, etc. It has been the age of Franco, Mussolini, Hitler, Lenin, Stalin, Mao and Pol Pot, etc. The fall of communist USSR in 1991 brought to a major close to this era of the repressive state.

(V). The Iron/Clay Feet and Toes

This symbol reflects fractured world political configuration, and it hints at the presences of some weak and some powerful states at the close of human history.

The historical parallels to this are the post-Cold War years, since the 1991, where we saw the demise of the superpower totalitarian state. Today we live in the era of diffuse world political power. Some of the power brokers in this era are powerful nations such as USA, other NATO members, Russia and China. However, the smaller nations have not been insignificant in affecting the state of the world either.

This is also the era of ethno-nationalism, where we have seen the break up of once powerful nations into smaller entities. In this era, we increasingly notice the ‘clash of civilizations’, where culture matters more than ideology. There is now much diversity, non-agreement and conflict in world politics. Consensuses are proving hard to achieve. It is no longer one imperial power imposing its will on all as in the old days. Today we live in a multi-polar world with power being spread over many states, alliances and regional blocs.

(VI). The Boulder

The stone that dislodges from the mountain and rolls down to hit the statue at its feet - to crush and destroy it, represents the kingdom of God that will appear in the last days.

It is to this splintered, fractured world, where one state is weak and another strong, that God would suddenly send His Boulder. The Divine Government will come suddenly to crush the human-made political set ups of the present time. Unlike any empire before it, God’s kingdom will encompass the ends of the earth, and more importantly, it will last forever. Unlike its human-made predecessor empires, it will not have partial world domination or last only for a limited number of years.

Conclusion

The alternative view we presented above attempted to cover the major political systems mankind have set up throughout its history. We have tried to account nearly for all the major and important political systems, which appear to have any worldwide importance.

Secondly, we tried to close the loophole (the time gap) that exists in all the traditional interpretations given on the dream of the statue. Once that gap is close, now there is a seamless transition from the political era represented by the legs to that represented by the feet.

Glory be to God.
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A Date With Father

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Halleluyahhhhhhhhh!

Shalom and thanks to ALL whom have been attending the "extended meetings". I want to share the updated word from the Holy Spirit with you and let you in on the "next steps" to revival! Last night we had a meeting where the attendance was lower than usual. As I began worshipping in a somewhat exhausted state, the Lord spoke to me and shared the scripture for the night, Mathew 25.

He specifically spoke about getting our lamps filled with oil and to be in a state of alertness for His Coming. He is the reviver and the Source of Revival. I noticed myself looking around at others worshipping and the relatively smaller size of the meeting and the Lord spoke to me and asked: "why was I concerned with this?" He gave me two illustrations to help me see the backwards nature of my thinking. The first was an illustration of my children wanting to be with me, their father. The Lord asked me if they like sharing me? I answered, Not AT ALL. In fact, they would be extremely happy if they each were the only one who got my attention. I suddenly realized, that the size of meetings, or the "ministry" was a distraction to having his attention to myself. The Lord wanted me and I needed to want Him. I began to understand the jealousy of the Lord. I realized true love is protective of the one being loved and wants to have their attention. God showed me that my kids were exhibiting love when they wanted me to themselves. I realized He wanted me to want Him that way and not be concerned about what He did for others.

Next He showed me a restaurant and said we were to have a date night. I saw that when I have a date night with Lisa, I'm not concerned with how many are in the restaurant, or how the waiter (minister) is or really even how great the food is (the teaching). I mean I want all those to be great; but really for her. I want her to love the food and the atmosphere, but my attention is on her! The Lord said we were to have date nights with Him in these meetings. We were to have great food (the Word), and great atmosphere (worship) and great waiters (ministers), but the most important is the One across the table! It is that deep Oneness of sharing our spirit with His Spirit that brings His Reality into the room. So revival is about our passion for Him and the rest is in His Hands.

Finally, the Lord told me that this revival would be generational and about restoring the generations to the Lord. This is why it is prophetic! It will fulfill the prophecy of Malachi:

"Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. "He will restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse."(Mal 4:5-6).

There is coming forth an "Elijah" company who will bring forth the restorative Word to the generations. It why God calls Himself, The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He told me that on behalf of the fathers He would bring denominations into healing including the children of Israel, the original denomination. He will have One Bride, not a fractured household!

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A Divine Encounter
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Have any of you been discouraged, disillusioned or disheartened lately? I think most of us have been. God's people are being prepared right now for His next great move. I believe that a large percentage of us have been facing at least one of these things. It is time that we have a divine encounter with God.

We can sometimes think that we prepare ourselves for these, but it is really God who initiates these encounters. I've gone through many personal struggles and wrestled with my own weakness and failures and faced my own sins, but I am taking comfort from Moses, who even after he went through all that he did, that God is still dealing to restore me.

I take comfort in the fact as I am almost at Moses' age of 80, when being on the back side of the desert, he found that God could still use him and restore him, after feeling that he had totally failed.

You know the Bible says be sure that your sin will find you out. Moses thought he had buried the Egyptian that he murdered in the sand when he was trying to defend God's people, but then one of his big toes stuck up out of the sand and Moses was found out, and so he ran because of his guilt.

And so he ran to the desert and tended sheep with Jethro his father-in-law, but really it was God setting him up for a move and a divine encounter. I have another name for God. You know we call him Jehovah Jireh and Jehovah Rapha and Jehovah Shalom, and all these things, but I have a revelation of his new name, it's "Jehovah Sneaky!" He will sneak up on you!

There on the back side of the desert, feeling as far away as he could get, Moses saw an unusual thing. Many bushes burned in the desert, but this one he saw was different. We have to keep our focus on the right things if we are going to hear from God. Moses had to keep his focus on this to hear from God.

Exodus 3 is a significant chapter for me. I have read it many times over the years, but lately the Lord has been showing me a lot more out of it.

Exo 3:7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;
Exo 3:8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.
Exo 3:9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.
Exo 3:10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.
Exo 3:11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

Here you can see that God sees all the oppression and sorrow that we have gone through. The Israelites groaned under the Egyptian bondage and cried. But God saw, because there is nothing going on that God does not see.

And He hears. He hears every word and He sees every tear. And you will see here in verse 7 that God also knows. People don't always know you or how you feel, but God does. He knows everything that you are going through and how you feel about it.

And He is the All-Sufficient One for us. No matter how impractical or impossible it seems, just keep on believing Him.

God is sending today. Like Moses in verse 10, He is using the young and the old and empowering them, just as He sent Moses this great prophet to Pharaoh. He is about to empower us to do His great work through His divine enablement. Give us courage, Lord, to receive this divine enablement.

We have a destiny and future that will fill the stadiums. The power of God will come and we will see people falling on their faces saying, "Jesus is Lord! Jesus is Lord!"

He is bringing us out to bring us in. There will be dramatic healings, and crutches and canes and wheelchairs will be discarded. And there will even be the raising of the dead! It will be in such fashion that even the media, like ABC, NBC, CBS and CNN will report it. Maybe even FOX will report it. It will be the greatest show on earth!

They will say, "Ladies and gentlemen, there is no news to report tonight, seemingly only good news! There are no sporting events to report because all of the stadiums and ball parks are filled. There are miracles taking place all over the place, even the raising of the dead! We see crutches and wheelchairs cast away and we aren't sure who these people are ministering, but they have been there for days!"

People, this isn't hype. I know hype and this isn't hype. How many of you remember the Jesus People Movement of the 70's when all those people and young people came in? It was really something. There were all these hippies coming into the church and it was really distressing to those of us who were raised up in the holiness movement. God has great grace.

I remember at the height of it, I was ministering with Chuck Smith in San Bernandino, where thousands, maybe a million people got baptized in the Pacific Ocean. We in the "holiness" camp just had fits with this new expression of God.

These people were sinners, with their long hair - and long hair was a sin in those days - but some of the folks had tongues that were longer than their hair! Finally I realized that I would rather be a hippie than a hypocrite!

One night at this campmeeting when so many of us were upset in this controversy, God spoke to me and said that He was going to do a creative miracle the next night to prove this meeting was of Him. I prophesied it and then heard Him say not to say another word about it.

I felt He told me that it would happen on the left side of where I was preaching, in that section. These kids were a mess. They were doing drugs in the parking lot, smoking their dope and popping their beer cans and we just hated it. It upset me so bad that I just wanted to dangle them over hell on the end of a rotten stick, you know?

But the next night the crowd gathered and I didn't say a word, but as it commenced, I saw some people bring in a young man whose brain had totally fried on drugs, like from acid and the like. He had to have two people bring him in, one on the right and one on the left. He couldn't walk or dress or bathe himself and he even had to wear a diaper because he was so disconnected in his brain from those drugs.

He sat in that left section and I knew that is where I felt God told me the miracle would take place, and I wondered if he was the guy. He was totally helpless, but he had been from an affluent family. Affluent, if you don't know, means filthy rich. Apparently he had a music type background, of a show biz type.

As I was preaching and ministering, I looked out into the crowd and I saw this glow around him, like a shining light on him, and suddenly before I knew what I was doing, I prophesied, "Brian, the Lord gives you a new brain right now in Jesus' Name!"

He got up and the others got up to help him but they all fell out in the Spirit. There was a Baldwin kind of grand piano in there and he went over to it, fully connected together, and in concert style, he pulled back his old dirty tee shirt, and like a concert pianist began to play a Bach lullaby perfectly.

I wasn't always so hot on that type of music in those days but it was just beautiful that night. Everyone just cried and wailed.

Even the hippies got convicted. They were almost delirious. They came up and said "We shouldn't be doing these drugs in the parking lot, should we?" And I said, "I didn't say that," because God told me not to say a word.

They said, "We need to be saved, don't we?" And I said, "I didn't say that either." And they said "We aren't saved, we need to be saved!!!" And so a whole slew of them came forward and repented, convicted by the Spirit of God without man saying a word.

We need to see the bush burn again in the desert. It's time to do business with the King. And God says, "I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh and your sons and your daughters will prophesy..."

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A Desperate Situation A Victorious God

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So many of My Beloved ones have been in a desperate situation and time. You have been made to taste the mire and the desperation that many of My own and those that I AM calling are living in and have lived in for much of their lives. You have felt the desire to give up and you have experienced the feeling of going under. Oh, My sweet Beloved servant, you have tasted what many are living under and through this, I have equipped you to minister to those, the downcast. Just as Jesus took on the sins of the world, so you, My Beloved, have tasted and taken on desperation. But hear your Lord, just as you have experienced the desperation you will experience My deliverance of this desperate situation and place. This is your testimony!

My Beloved, I have called you but because of this desperate situation and time, many question My call upon your lives. Have I forgotten you? Would I forget My Son? No... You are a joint heir, therefore I cannot forget you. Be strong and very courageous. You Will possess the land and all it's riches. Satan is defeated and you shall take back all he has stolen from you. You are the victor through My Son. The I AM has declared it and you will stand victorious.

My Beloved, if you could see the whole picture, as I do, you would see My hand IS working IN your situation. Soon, very soon you will see what I AM accomplishing in the Spiritual realm and you will say, AHA, AHA, My God was in this situation. KNOW that you are very precious to ME and I will never allow one thing to touch your life without My hand being in it. Nothing, I say nothing, will pass through your life without My knowing. You are in the palm of My hand. I hold you as a delicate bird who I have placed in My loving arm where you are safe and secure. I hold you in one hand while feeding you with the other, cupped in My hand, safe and secure. Nothing will touch you because I have placed My seal upon you and you are secure. The enemy will try to pluck at your feathers but he cannot harm you because you are MINE! I have been feeding you from My hand, I will take care of you and understanding will come.

You must look to your source, your Redeemer, the One Who loves you and cares. "In the twinkling of an eye, I will move on your behalf. In the fullness of time, I will move." I have much in store for your life and I have not forsaken you or forgotten My promises to you. Draw closer to Me for I AM moving in a mighty way and I will not delay. Stand close to ME, stand on My Word for I will not fail you. Do not lean on man, do not lean on the world, do not lean on your own understanding - and you will see through the eyes of your God who loves you far above your own understanding. Wait on the LORD and I will give you the desires of your heart and you will see **A DESPERATE SITUATION** turned around by **A VICTORIOUS GOD!!!**

I speak WORDS OF LIFE AND LOVE to you this day! LIVING WORDS and they shall not come back to me void. If you ask for bread, I will not give you a stone. Speak encouragement to others and encouragement comes to you! Sow into them and reap the harvest! As you have given, continue to give...your harvest is coming. As you have sowed out of each need, you will reap taking care of each need.

Beloved, KNOW that your pleas and your cries have touched My heart. I have heard each cry of give Me a sign, of when, of where or why? Know that MY plan is perfect and I have had to work out the details that could only be accomplished by ME, your Father and your God. Details that could not possibly be seen by the human eye or the human mind. Beloved, I will not allow you to fall. I will not allow your life to get out of My plans, no-one can stop it, not man nor any demon from hell. My plan is perfect! Your finances, each need, each commitment, each responsibility is in My hands and I have the way to meet them all. I will not delay for I have the timetable and plan in My hands. Do not give in to unbelief, stand steady in each word spoken and given to you. When discouragement comes take authority over it in My Name and speak the word ..."It is Written!" Take courage, My Beloved, My eyes have never been taken off you - My hand is ever upon you and know that if all else fails in the world, that My Word will never fail...

Take heed in the little things I AM doing and that are happening in your life. It is through the little things that the mighty plans come forth. It is still through that still small voice that I speak. It is a little thing yet it is a mighty powerful thing! Listen to that still small voice for I have mighty things to say to you. These little things will fit together to make a powerful impact on your life and ministry. Some of you would say "I don't have a ministry" but My Beloved, yes you do!

Beloved, I have called you to a life separate from the world. A life the world, or even other believers, do not understand. They will not or cannot understand what I AM doing in your life but it will we be a sign to all when it is manifested!!!! It will amaze all who see and hear of it... It will amaze those close to you... They will say "How did this happen and come about?" Those who know ME will say "It can only be the Lord." YOU WILL SAY "It can only be the Lord. He took My Desperate situation and turned it into a victorious situation. All the Glory belongs to My Lord and My God for it was a desperate situation." Many will hear this testimony and KNOW that I AM GOD. Many will turn their lives of desperation over to ME for I AM a Victorious God.

A DESPERATE SITUATION - A VICTORIOUS GOD !!!

A Door Of Authority

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A Door of Authority has Opened in the Heavenlies

Much is said in the church today about Christlikeness and we all want to be like Jesus. But what does Christlikeness really look like? If you examine the life of Christ, you will see that He was loving and compassionate; but, also, He did not coddle demons, He rebuked them. When He encountered demonic forces, He took authority over them. He did not try to reason with them, He just commanded them to leave. He had zero tolerance for the enemy!

The Terror of Hell!

Wherever Christ went He spoiled the works of darkness and caused chaos in the enemy's camp. He was relentless against the powers of darkness. Where there was sickness, He brought healing. Where sin had taken hold, He blasted it with deliverance. No demon was safe wherever Jesus went, because He took authority over the demonic realm. Demons trembled when He approached them. He was the terror of hell!

Yes, because of the authority He walked in, hell feared Him and they had every reason to. Jesus knew who He was and Whose He was!

Jesus lived in the realm of the miraculous; His life was hemmed in by one miracle after another. He did amazing, incredible things. Wherever He went, blind eyes were healed, lame men walked, the dead were raised, demons fled, and lepers were cleansed. He astonished the world and then He set the stage for you and I to walk in the same power and authority that He did. He prophesied, "Greater works shall [you] do!" (John 14:12).

Christ's Plan for Us: Greater Works!

He said that we would do even greater works than He did. He wants us to do greater works; that's His plan for us. It was His idea for us to do great, incredible, amazing things. He wants us to dwell in the realm of the miraculous. He wants us to cause as much trouble for the kingdom of darkness as we can.

Where there is sickness, He wants us to bring healing! He does not want us to beg Him for healings to take place, He wants us to command sickness to leave and healing to come in its place. And where there is demonic activity, He desires for us to cast it out. He wants us to tear down, rip apart, and ravage the strongholds of the enemy.

A Door of Authority

A door to a greater level of authority has been opened in the heavenlies, and the church must walk through it. No longer should we hang our heads in shame or let self-pity wear us down. No, we must walk in the authority of Christ! It's time for the church to operate in the authority that Christ purchased for us with His life. It is time to walk in true Christlikeness, not false humility, but to truly live like Christ in every respect.

The enemy has been busy harassing the Body of Christ. He has tried to weigh us down with accusation and condemnation until we feel weak and incapable. But why has he done this? What is he afraid of?

He is trying so hard to condemn us and convince us we are powerless, because he is absolutely terrified of us!!! The thought that we might actually discover just how powerful we are is horrifying to him, so out of his fear of us he hounds and harasses us.

What Does the Enemy See When he Looks at Us?

What does the devil see in us that is so terrifying to him? He sees the righteousness of God in us (see 2 Corinthians 5:21)! He sees untapped resources of the power of heaven! He sees the prophecy of Christ looming before him and that, at just the right moment, the church is going to break forth in the power and authority of Jesus Christ!

He is petrified of you, beloved. That's right, you may see yourself as insignificant, but believe me, you are what hell fears! When you stand to your feet, hell trembles. When you kneel to pray, it panics. And when you speak forth the truth of God in the authority of Christ, demons run screaming.

Sickness knows it must flee when you tell it to. Death knows you have power to conquer it. The enemy knows that Jesus Christ has given you the keys to the kingdom to unlock the power of heaven on the earth. The consumable, ferocious, devouring power of Almighty God is in your mouth. When you walk in the authority of Jesus Christ and command the enemy to BACK OFF, they know they must obey you.

For too long we have believed the lies of the enemy - we have tried to co-exist with him. But we can no longer tolerate the activity of the enemy in our hearts, minds, bodies, families, churches, cities, and nations.

There are no little saints in the kingdom of God; no second-hand anointings. Each one of us play an important role in the army of heaven. We must all do our part in fighting the enemy and take the ground where the Lord has placed us. You are important to the kingdom of God! He needs you!

"Stick Up for Yourself!"

I recently prayed for a brother in Christ and, as I did, the Holy Spirit spoke through me, "Stick up for yourself, boy!" The words came with power, and such wonderful revelation, too. We have to stick up for ourselves; we must not let the enemy get away with his harassment of us! It is time we stick up for who we are in Christ and not let the enemy torment us with lies of accusation and condemnation.

It's time for the past to stay in the past! Do not let the enemy get away with reminding you of it in order to keep you chained to it. Rip off the chains of condemnation and guilt and use them to strangle him. Make him pay for harassing you and your loved ones and make him fear attacking you again. You ARE the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, and great works shall you do.

I Hate Hell!

I hate hell! I hate hell having access or admittance to any member of the kingdom of God. I see a child of God as the greatest treasure on earth, and that treasure belongs to my God! How dare the enemy touch anything that belongs to Him. How dare he be so bold to think he can bring harm to the bride of heaven. His blatant audacity inflames me.

Beloved, it is time to get mad at the devil. He has tried to keep us focused on hating one another, but his onslaught against us must only rally us together to fight against him, and fight him we must! We must convince him we do mean business.

Saints, we have been too passive with the enemy for too long. No more! Grab hold of the authority of Jesus, man your battle stations and prepare for war!

Please pray this with me:

Dear Jesus,

I repent for not using the gift of authority that You purchased for me with Your precious blood. Make me the terror of hell and the joy of heaven. Lord, I thank you that I will walk in your fearless faith. And may I cause as much harm to the kingdom of darkness as it has caused me!

In Jesus' name, AMEN!

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A Day Of Deeper Consecration
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A DAY OF DEEPER CONSECRATION

Rest your weary head upon My brow and draw close, My little lambs, for I come to lead you by streams of living water where I will reveal My grace and truth to you to prepare you for what is ahead. Let go and allow Me to be King of all kings and Lord of all lords to you. Let Me have total control of all that concerns you, and rest in My faithfulness to provide all your needs. Seek Me and worship Me in the beauty of holiness for this is the day for new beginnings. Let the past melt away.

Forgive all who have offended you, and bless them with My peace. Yes, bless them that they may know Me and My ways. For when you forgive, you release them from the snare of the evil one, and you commit them into My care. And bless them that they may know of My saving grace that I AM their Savior and their Lord and that I came that they may have life abundantly.

Now, My children, I want you to receive My blessing of peace and prosperity. Receive My healing power that you may be whole. And step aside that I may live My life through you. Yes, let Me show you how you should live where you can have joy unspeakable and be full of My glory. For I AM ready to ascend on high to pull down the strongholds of the evil one. For you have remained faithful to worship Me enabling Me to be first in your lives. This gives Me great power to overcome the evil one over your home and communities and yes, over your state and nation. For when you praise Me, you crush the evil one under your feet, and allow him to be My footstool, for we are one and we work together when you obey Me and My will.

I can do nothing to overcome the evil one without you being by My side for you are My bride, and forevermore we shall be together. But now is time of great warfare, and there will be great loss for those who try to make it on their own. You cannot have great faith without relationship with Me. Yes, I have defeated the evil one at the cross, and it is finished. We have the victory by faith, but you must apply this to your life. Be sanctified unto Me. Walk in My holiness and obedience to My will. Worship Me as a way of life. Love Me, My holy ones, by loving the brethren. Die to your flesh, and allow My resurrection power to flow out, and My love will surely repel the evil one.

For this is the day of salvation, and the choice is yours to make. I came to save your whole man, and make My life a reality to you every day. Without My love you are nothing. Without My Spirit you have no life. Without My breath, life will end, so draw near, for there is no life outside of the Vine, so consecrate yourselves unto Me this day. No turning back for this is the time to reap the harvest, and a bumper crop indeed!

So rejoice and be glad for I give you the victory. Don't look in the natural, but continue to press in and believe, and I will keep My promise to you if you remain faithful to the end. Keep covered with the armor of light. Stay behind your shield of faith, and wield your sword against the evil one, and I will continue to bless you with the grace and the strength that you need. Stay united and continue to march in taking back what is yours as a mighty army. You are My bride, and I love you, says your King.

The Day For Restoration
Yolanda Ballard

Mar 27, 2004
From the heart of the Father to the heart of His people the Lord expressly gives a warm welcome that you envelope yourself in His love and grace and that you visit the lost as if they were your very own family. Love your neighbor as you would your very own family, but in this day and time many families are not close, because the enemy was allowed to steal, kill and destroy relationships, because they were not grounded in the love of the Father. But I tell you today to not allow it to happen any longer.

Be open and ready for the Lord is pouring out His grace in restoring all that the enemy had set out to do. And that includes relationships between those in the body of Christ that had been divided through the deception of the enemy in pouring out heresies, yes, lies, doctrines that were from demons, and legalistic encounters to control and manipulate My people. Yes, this is the day for restoration. My heart cry is that we be one as I and My Father are one.

Yes, join together in My truth. Cry out for Truth and restoration, for unity, for without it you will not make it against the enemy of your soul. Join together, My beloved, and open your hearts that I may teach you even the basics of My word once again to gain a sure foundation. Yes, this will be a refresher course in My word, and we will breeze through this undoing the lies of the evil one and gaining the knowledge that had been lost in the turmoil, and you will come out stronger than before, and we will build upon a sure foundation of My truth and love, and we will go out and spread the gospel of My love to those I gave My life for.

Be ready for a breakthrough, for the revelation of My light, for the purging to begin, for I AM pouring out My fire and My rain, and I AM readying My people to go out to reap the harvest like never before. For this is the time I AM pouring out My grace and glory and My love upon My Bride, and I AM restoring all that the cankerworm has destroyed, and the palmerworm, and the locusts. For you have no part of the curse that is poured out on the disobedient.

I have promised you life abundant. And those who have suffered great loss and have endured long, this is the time I will reward you for your faithfulness for staying by My side. You have looked past the loss with the hope and expectancy of restoration. And the promise is yours. For I AM the Lord of the breakthrough and of new beginnings. Let the past melt away. Keep your eyes on tomorrow, the day of new beginnings. Look past the threshold and see the open door of blessings for it is yours to take for you and your household, for the nations. Reach out and take what is yours.

All My promises to you are yes and Amen if you hold first in your life My will and My kingdom, if you will reach out to the lost, and love your families. Yes, if you meet My conditions, you will prosper and be in health as your soul prospers. And as you step out and ground yourself in My word, your joy and peace will return, and My love will flow like a river through you.

Yes, this is the day that My people rise up and be all that I've called them to be.....a worshipper, a warrior, one that will not settle for less than the best. My will be done, My kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven!

A Door Of Grace Is Opening
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For many years many from all over the world have heard about the revival that would start in the south of South Africa and spread northwards. Many have prayed and cried out to the Lord to bring this about, yet it has tarried. In 1993 I received a detailed prophetic word from the Lord, revealing the plans and purposes of the Lord for this nation. The time span for that vision is *21 years*, which commenced with the elections during 1994. September 2004 is the halfway point (10 and half years) into this prophetic vision and we are currently entering an extremely significant time and season in the Lord. We do not say that this prophetic vision is the fulfilment of the 'great fires moving from the south to the north', but we do believe that God is moving powerfully in preparation for His reign to come upon His church in a very powerful way.

The past 10 and a half years

The overriding impression we have of the Lord is His desire to come and dwell amongst His people. Yet, many do not understand the importance of a *season of preparation* before the Lord moves amongst His own. Although the Lord has a burning desire to dwell with His own bride and children, we must prepare ourselves in repentance, prayer and humility. The Lord not only desires to dwell amongst His own, but also to reign in power and to establish His kingdom. It is here that much preparation is required. In order for Christ to reign in our midst, we need to acknowledge and receive Him as our only King. The real preparation for Jesus' reign lies in our hearts. It is in our hearts that we need to surrender all our idols and rebellion to the Lord. As long as we still desire to remain in control of our own destiny and future, we are not really ready to acknowledge the reign of Christ.

Many will say that they have acknowledged Christ's lordship and desire His reign, yet unless we understand the power of surrender and the work of the cross, we are not ready for the habitation of the Lord. There is a great difference between a *visitation* by the Lord, and the Lord choosing a corporate place and people for His *habitation*. Whereas the Lord may visit many people in their need, He does not often find a place for His habitation.

We believe that in the past 10 years the Lord has been preparing the hearts of His people to be knit together in order to become a dwelling place of God in the Spirit (Eph 2:19-22). From 1994 to 2001 a great movement of prayer has been established in this nation, and today we have great stadium prayer events all across Africa. Yet, something is still missing! Simply organizing prayer vigils will not move the Lord to come and abide with His people. He desires *brokenness*. He desires *spiritual thirst and hunger*. It is only through spiritual hunger and brokenness that the heart is prepared for the reign of the Lord. Without this desperate hunger, many will simply 'play the harlot' with the Lord, and use Him for their benefit in the day of His coming.

Therefore the Lord has caused a spiritual drought in this country for the past 3 and half years. He has called many to come up to the mountain of His presence to seek His face and heart. He has caused many to do great soul searching and to acknowledge their own pride and foolishness. He has been forcing the hungry at heart to seek Him in a dry place. Although many have been called to seek Him outside the established realms of 'success and significance', only a few has heeded the call. Also many mighty men have fallen, and other faithful ones have been torn between the old and the new. Yet, there is a remnant that has pressed through the fear of isolation and ridicule. It is this remnant that is about to see the face of the Lord in a powerful way.

The next 3 and half years

There is now an invitation from the heart of the Lord to enter the secret place of intimacy with the Lord. In the next season of the Lord, those who have pressed through the desert, will suddenly find the favour of the Lord. But more than the favour of the Lord, they will find Him! He will share His secrets and heart, and give all who will truly seek Him in humility and brokenness, a *spiritual heart transplant*. He will give them His heart to understand His purposes and plans, and to do great exploits in His name.

Tremendous grace is being poured out at this time and it will be the season of the Lord’s love raining down upon His people. This rain will begin to fall over the whole nation and the true church, as the Lord is calling His people to prepare themselves for Him. Much weeping, repentance and humility will be granted to the church. This is a season for the Lord to take His people unto Himself. He himself will become their Shepherd, and they will learn to walk with Him.

Yet, it is also a season of the birthing of a new breed of elders and shepherds. These men will be men of the cross and surrender, who have been dealt with by the Lord. They have all wrestled with the Lord like Jacob, and they carry the marks and testimony of a man crippled by the hand of God. They have lost their search for power, significance and wealth, and have learnt that the most significant place for them is in the Father’s house and doing their Father’s business (not their own).

It is a season wherein leaders will surrender their own crowns, robes and rings, and they will offer themselves as living sacrifices unto the Lord. They will exchange their individual anointing for the corporate anointing of the Lord. Fresh fire will fall from heaven as the Lord receives their sacrifice of humility, brokenness and repentance, and they are transformed into workers amongst God’s people as true servants of the flock of the Lord.

This will usher in a new season for those who will hear and obey the Lord. Also many of the old structures and methods, the Lord will no longer anoint and bless.

The last 7 years

We believe that the last 7 years in the 21 years prophetic vision will be the time of the army of the Lord arising in our nation. Those leaders who have allowed the Lord to mould them into what He wants them to be, instead of what they want to be by themselves, will be mightily used by the Lord. They will train and equip the army of the Lord that will arise from dwelling in the Lord’s presence. His presence and fire will burn in their bones and they will be sent forth in great power and mighty signs and wonders.

24 & 25 September 2004

In Cape Town we believe that the long weekend of 24 & 25 September 2004 is going to be a very significant time (Friday - Heritage day and Saturday). The Jewish feast of the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) falls on Saturday 25 September, and we see this as a significant day for the commencement of the season of grace. We believe that it will be a time of God's presence and fire coming down in a fresh way, as He desires to take us into His chambers of love and grace. It will be a time of brokenness as we trust the Lord to transform many leaders, into the servants he desires and will use in the future acts of God in our city, nation and unto the ends of the earth.

There will be 2 open meetings (for anyone to attend) on Friday and Saturday night (24, 25 September).
Venue: **Brooklyn Community Church (old Oranje cinema)**
Locality address: 217 Koeberg road (extension of M5 north of N1), Brooklyn. Corner of Koeberg and Forridon roads
Dates: 24 & 25 September 2004
Time: 7:30 pm
There are no costs involved in attending these meetings and security for vehicles will be provided.

Shepherd's meeting
There will also be two elders' and shepherds' meetings on Friday and Saturday afternoon. If you are an elder (older man in the faith) or a shepherd amongst God's flock, and you feel the Lord urging you to attend these meetings, please contact me regarding these meetings.

Personally I am excited about what the Lord is doing amongst the different streams in His body. We are excited to see people involved in home fellowships and more traditional congregations coming together to share and learn from one another.

For any additional information please contact myself on 083 556 1668 or at bootj@mweb.co.za. For additional information regarding the prophetic words and visions the Lord has shared with us over the years please visit www.fatherslove.org. You can read the 21 year prophetic vision at http://mysite.mweb.co.za/residents/bootj/saword.htm. To subscribe to our mailing list please send a mail to subscribe@fatherslove.net.

Let the hungry at heart seek the Lord while He may be found.

In His name
Johan Boot

Apostolic Decrees Of Justice

Todd Bentley

October 20, 2004

Apostolic declarations, that are commissioned in heaven and sent by God, have tremendous authority to bring about His justice. The Lord will release significant breakthroughs when we declare, decree, and proclaim His will and His word. An apostolic declaration is a powerful weapon that shatters destructive plans of the enemy! It's even like a pre-emptive strike!

DECLARE, DECREE, PROCLAIM

GOD'S MANDATE FOR THE YEAR - ISAIAH 61:2

God began speaking to me about apostolic declarations at the beginning of the year. He highlighted this key scripture, "To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn" (Isaiah 61:2). Next, He revealed that one of His (five) mandates for 2004 and beyond is: to declare, decree, and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, the year of the Lord's favor, or Jubilee. He is anointing us to carry out this mandate! When we make a decree like Moses and the prophet Isaiah, it's like we're saying, "Hear O heavens and earth...let heaven and earth give witness!" "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; and hear O earth, the words of my mouth" (Deuteronomy 32:1). "Hear O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken...'" (Isaiah 1:2)

JUBILEE AND FAVOR

Did you know that Jubilee means total deliverance for us, cancellation of debts for each of us and our family, and liberation from any kind of a bondage, taskmaster, or oppression over our lives? In the anointing, we can proclaim "Jubilee!" and set into motion, like the laws of gravity, a power, or a force of power that causes everything in our lives to begin to come into divine order. Now, that's an anointing! We don't have to wait for the year of Jubilee! When God's word is declared, the angels of heaven act upon that decree, and a supernatural endowment of power comes into our lives that we never had before.

There's more! When the Spirit of the Lord God is upon us to proclaim "Favor!" everything around us will begin to change because of the favor of God. One moment we don't have this power, and then in the next moment, under the anointing, we can proclaim, "Favor, favor, favor!" Suddenly, a download of favor comes that was lacking two minutes before, like a tangible 'coat of many colors,' dropping out of heaven as an anointing. We will see the results!

Did you know that the same word for 'grace' is 'favor' and both words can be used in the same way? How many of us would just love a spirit of grace to come upon us today? God not only wants to give us favor, He wants to release the spirit of grace upon us, through a supernatural endowment of power.

GROWING IN FAVOR WITH GOD

It seems like everyone is trying to get favor, but there are principles involved that release favor upon our lives. First of all, God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). Listen guys! God loves everyone the same, but the one who loves and seeks Him the most, is the one He will favor the most. God loves the wickedest, vilest sinner just as much as He loves us, but more of His favor is released to the one who deeply loves Him, who hungers and thirsts for Him. When we fail to seek God passionately, our favor level might not be the same as other believers who are pursuing the Lord with all their heart. Jesus said to "...seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). We can actually grow in favor by obedience and by diligently seeking Him.

When we think about getting the favor of God, so often we think it's a process of 'getting into' the favor. But levels of favor grow. Jesus grew in favor with both God and men (Luke 2:52). When our favor with God grows, our favor with man grows.

King David's life of devotion to the Lord attracted the heart and favor of God even though at times there were some areas of his life that were quite messy. It was like God looked at David and said, "But this guy has a heart of passion for Me!" When David became captain over about 400 discontented men, the favor of God became evident, and this favor grew until the people made him King over Judah and all of Israel (1 Samuel 22:2; 2 Samuel 2:4).

So, growing in favor with God hinges on our intense pursuit of Him. When God sees our love for Him and our determination to chase after Him with all our heart, He not only releases favor over our lives, He releases an anointing to proclaim "Favor!"

DAY OF VINDICATION

You know, there's more than Jubilee and favor coming! Our day of vindication is coming, too! Now, let's go back in Isaiah to, "proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn" (Isaiah 61:2). The second part of that verse is to declare and decree the day of the vengeance of our God. He will release an anointing upon us so that we can actually call court into session and call heaven to be our witness, when there is injustice. It's an anointing to declare God's vindication (Definition -- vindication: defending against criticism or censure [Webster's Dictionary]). We can access the heavenly court system where the Holy Ghost presides as our advocate and counselor in matters concerning our lives, destiny, inheritance, and death.

How many of us would like God to take up our cause right now? There are circumstances in our lives -- sickness, disease, death, poverty, bondage, oppression, false accusations -- that we know are not God's will for us. Yes, we can think of all kinds of injustice, but the Spirit of the Lord is upon us to declare vindication. We know the scripture where God says, "'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,' says the Lord" (Hebrews 10:30), but He has invited us, as saints of God, into a place of the power of the decree.

We can actually approach the heavenly court system, not only to gain justice on our behalf, but also to petition God for divine judgment against our enemies. God will plead the cause of His people, but we have to learn how to ascend the courts of heaven. As children of God we have a right to see injustice removed and it will be removed when we declare and proclaim God's word, His truth. God's word prevails and disarms injustice!

THE HEAVENLY COURT

Now, let's examine some background scriptures so we can more fully understand how our decrees disarm injustice in the heavenly realm.

BACKGROUND

Recently, I prepared an in-depth teaching series on 'encounters with the throne,' after spending an extensive period of time studying 64 scriptures about this topic. Due to time and space limitations here, we will examine just a few of these scriptures in this teaching.

The heavenly court system is known by other names in scripture:

a) Divine council -- Psalm 82:1
b) Counsel of El (God) -- Job 15:8
c) The council of Yahweh -- Jeremiah 23:18
d) Council of the holy ones -- Psalm 89:7

I'd like to define divine 'council' and divine 'counsel.' When a group meets together like an administrative, advisory, or legislative body for discussion and advice, we call this grouping a council. So, when the heavenly court is in session, the members of the court form a body called the 'divine council.' But, when these members of the divine council listen to the Lord's message and engage in discussion, the members are hearing God's advice and wisdom -- His 'divine counsel.'

Below, I will list some of the members of the divine council:

a) God
b) The hosts of heaven -- also called the stars of heaven: ***"They fought from the heavens; the stars from their courses fought against Sisera."*** **Judges 5:20** *(The hosts of heaven include: the angels; the Cherubim and the Seraphim; Michael, the archangel, who is the leader of angels in battle and the archangel over the nation of Israel; and Gabrielle, who brings interpretation of divine revelation concerning times and seasons of the church.)*
c) The cloud of witnesses: the apostles, prophets, and saints of old
d) The prophets that are alive on the earth, and believers
e) The twelve disciples who judge the nation of Israel
f) The 24 elders
g) Devils

The divine counsel of God is described differently in several places in scripture. The heavenly courts can be found on earth or in heaven, and both the counsel and council of God are always linked to the dwelling place of God. It can happen in the mountain -- it can happen in the temple setting:

a) The mount of the congregation:
"For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north.'" **Isaiah 14:13**

b) The holy mountain of God:
"You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones." **Ezekiel 28:14**

c) An earthly picture linked to the tent or tabernacle of God:
"Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet home, a tabernacle that will not be taken down; Not one of its stakes will ever be removed, nor will any of its cords be broken." **Isaiah 33:20**

THE THRONE ROOM

A GLIMPSE OF THE THRONE

When he comes before the throne in the spirit, the apostle John sees God, sitting on the throne, like jasper stone and sardius in appearance. He sees a beautiful scene of worship (Revelation 4:1-11). Later, in the book of Revelation (chapters five through eight), although the setting remains the same (the very throne of God), the scene changes to a courtroom that releases judgment.

As Christians, we often have a mental picture of two distinct places in heaven: one, the throne room where the saints worship and, two, the courtroom of God where judgments are made. However, in the book of Revelation, it appears that both worship and judgment happen in the same place, just at different times. In the throne room John sees and refers to each member of the Trinity. Firstly, he identifies God as "One sitting on the throne" (Rev. 4:2). Secondly, he describes seven burning lamps which symbolize the Holy Ghost (v. 5). Lastly, we see Jesus Christ revealed in the throne room (Rev. 5) as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the great overcomer. There it is -- the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in the throne room!

The prophet Daniel gives one of the best descriptions of the throne room to be found in scripture; both the Ancient of Days and the Son of Man are seen together in their governmental authority:

"I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire, a fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened." **Daniel 7:9-10**

"I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him."

Daniel 7:13,14

In the above passage, Daniel identifies the Ancient of Days as the One presiding over judgment and the Son of Man, Jesus Christ, receiving His glorious kingdom. Both Daniel and John describe the presence of the Lamb of God.

Revelation 4, and Ezekiel 1 and 10, both describe the throne, but in two different ways. The apostle John refers to a throne on the ground, on the sea of glass like crystal. On the other hand, in his vision, Ezekiel looks up to the throne through the firmament. He sees the throne, moving on wheels within the wheels and covered in eyes. Again, both prophetic books speak of four living creatures, but in different ways. Although Revelation doesn't speak of a throne with wheels, Ezekiel describes four living creatures that actually create a celestial chariot for the throne to ride on. That's why the throne has wheels, it moves. Did you know the throne of God rides on a chariot with wheels and that the four living creatures actually form part of the chariot that carries the throne? It's a prophetic picture of the Levitical priests who carried the ark of the covenant, which was a symbol and actual sign of God's presence (1 Chronicles 15:2). Where the ark went, so did the presence of God.

Whenever we talk about the throne room we should picture it like the tabernacle of Moses (Exodus chapters 35 to 38) and the temple of Solomon (1 Kings chapters 6 to 8) -- all the tabernacle imagery. We can think of every reference to the throne of God as a reference to the ark of God as well -- both symbolize the presence of God, the place where God was. Also, both the ark and the throne moved as God's presence moved.

OPEN VISION IN KANSAS

In Kansas City, in November 2003, I experienced an open vision during a prophetic round table. In this vision, I was taken into a court scene in heaven that reminded me of our Canadian parliament when it's in session, with the Speaker of the House and members of parliament present. The scene followed the parliamentary procedure in which members speak in an open forum and discuss policies back and forth until Mr. Speaker says, "Enough!" Then everything goes quiet. He administers the entire session, but he's not the only one active in the proceeding.

Now, our image of God on the throne, in the heavenly court, may be that He is the only participant. But after I was caught up into the throne in heaven, I saw God on His throne flanked on either side by 12 thrones, making a circle, totaling 24 thrones. And then, as I looked beyond this circle, I saw more thrones as far as my eyes could see, arranged in tiers the way seating is set up in a stadium. There were thrones and thrones, and more thrones! In my spirit, I knew that the outer thrones were filled with angels and the cloud of witnesses, also called the cloud of testifiers: apostles and saints of old. They were like a jury. The apostle John reports in the Book of Revelation, "And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them..." (20:4a).

The heavenly court was in session. Then I realized that cherubim, seraphim, and the devil and demons, were a part of this divine council meeting. Below, I will discuss in greater detail one example of demonic involvement in the heavenly court room.

ACTIVITY IN THE THRONE ROOM

The divine council room, also called the heavenly court, is situated in the Throne Room. Remember, it's a place where judgments are decided upon, but it also functions as a throne room of worship. Let's keep in mind that the devil can come before the throne of judgment, bringing accusations against believers, but he doesn't have access to the throne room of worship.

One descriptive scene of demonic involvement in the council room is found in 1 Kings 22:19-23:

Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by, on His right hand and on His left. And the LORD said, 'Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So one spoke in this manner, and another spoke in that manner. Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD, and said, 'I will persuade him.' The LORD said to him, 'In what way?'

So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And the LORD said, 'You shall persuade him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.' Therefore look! The LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the LORD has declared disaster against you."

This portion of scripture gives us a picture of a court session going on in heaven. Micaiah, the prophet, begins by describing the Lord sitting on His throne, surrounded by the host of heaven. We read that an evil spirit answers the Lord's question: *"Who will persuade Ahab to go up, that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?"* The demon comes forward, replying: *"I will persuade him...I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of his prophets."* Then the Lord gives permission to the evil spirit: *"You shall persuade him and also prevail. Go out and do it."*

So, even evil spirits, at times, can be a part of the divine council of heaven to accomplish God's will! But evil spirits don't have the last say! We have a part in judgment against our adversary the devil, who is constantly battling against prosperity coming into our lives. Although we need God to bring judgment, He invites us to be involved in the divine counsel concerning our life and death, our fate and inheritance.

STANDING IN THE COUNSEL OF THE LORD

As well, past biblical and spiritual leaders had access to the divine council room. Joshua, one such leader, was seen by Zechariah standing before the Lord in the heavenly courts. After Satan's unsuccessful attempt to oppose Joshua and after his filthy garments were replaced by rich robes, here's what the Lord said to him:

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My house, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here.'" **Zechariah 3:7**

Joshua was given access to walk among the heavenly council.

Also, we can see, after examining the life of the prophet, Jeremiah, that he was a godly, righteous, man of God who stood in the counsel of the Lord and then pronounced God's judgments. In the following verses, even though God is asking the question: *"For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord and has perceived and heard His word?"* -- we can safely identify Jeremiah as one who stood in the counsel of the Lord while God's judgments were pronounced on the wicked:

"For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, and has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it? Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury -- a violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly." **Jeremiah 23:18-20**

In the last verse: *"The anger of the Lord will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart." T*he word "heart" also means "counsel."

Now that you've taken a good look at all the action in the Throne Room, you will be ready to learn how to make decrees of justice for your life.

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Apostolic Revolution
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Apostolic Centers

God is not just planting churches, He is planting apostolic centers! During the last few years of ministry, I've been in numerous cities and regions where the Holy Spirit said, "Todd, I want you to prophesy about the emerging apostolic centers and what they look like." In this strategic hour, a call is going out to many believers to take their place in this sphere. You, yes, you, may be led by the Holy

Spirit to join with others, corporately, to focus on facilitating this whole new thing that the Holy Spirit is wanting to do in the Body of Christ today. A center may well be located in your city or region, or in your nation!

The Apostolic

I must ask this burning question, "Are you aware that we are in a move of God?" I think it's surprising, the number of believers today, who are still waiting for this move to begin. Listen! I am making an announcement: "We are in one. It's still coming, but we are in it." The moment we begin to accept this, even before we can really give "language" to what it all means, is the moment we are in a better position to take more responsibility for it. Therefore, what I am attempting here today, is to begin laying a prophetic grid or framework, to describe this move, so that we can take more responsibility for it.

I'm seeing it like the crest of this next wave -- tsunami wave. The healing and the prayer movements are in this wave, but it's bigger than this. What's happening today in evangelism and the great harvest doesn't complete the picture either! I believe these three major moves of God (healing, prayer movement, evangelism/harvest) will come together and constitute one, global move. This fusion gives life and substance to the tsunami wave or move of God, but we mustn't box God in; we have to give Him freedom to speak/release more into this wave.

I want to also add that this move of God probably comes under the umbrella of the apostolic. But what does that mean? There are so many variables that take place within this context. Also, we hear so much "buzz" about apostolic churches, apostolic networks, and the apostles; we have so many buzz words in the church today.

However, a strong sense of anticipation is stirring within us about this whole new model/face that is coming to the church. But, we need a true understanding of what this is going to look like because it's going to influence and change how we will do church. Plus, when the anointing comes to activate this new thing -- and it's not even here in maturity right now -- there are going to be some specific anointings released with it.

At this point, I would now like to continue with an overview of several characteristics of the apostle and highlight nine true signs of what qualified, genuine, apostolic anointing and authority looks like.

Definition of an Apostle

An apostle is the missionary who first plants the Christian faith in any part of the world and one who initiates any great moral reform, or who advocates any important belief. An apostle must be chosen and appointed by God. There are God-made apostles, but unfortunately, there are man-made apostles, too. We need God-made apostles who are prepared, anointed, authorized, and sent by Him. Therefore, an apostle must never be appointed by any man or college, institution or church, that might want to do so based solely on their own initiative, separate from the direction of the Holy Spirit; and an apostle must not be self-appointed.

God is restoring apostles in the church today, but I would like to pause and bring a word of caution. Those who say, "I am an apostle," are the ones that we need to be careful of. Usually the ones that really are apostles don't say anything about who they are. The anointing speaks for itself. And when the anointing is there -- that's it!

Also, there are those who may have the anointing on their life for the apostolic, but it may only be for a group of ten in their apostolic sphere. Therefore, they wouldn't carry themselves as an apostle into the world at that level. In addition, there is another principle I will attempt to explain when a prophet is not received (as a prophet). ***"He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward"*** **(Matthew10:41).** Whoever does not receive the true prophet will forfeit the reward that comes with the gift the prophet bears; but, having said that, everyone is not going to receive the prophet in that office, because the prophet is not meant to be everyone's prophet (just as the apostle is neither everyone's apostle, nor the evangelist everyone's evangelist).

In addition, it is my belief that to even qualify to use the name "apostle," every person who has an apostolic network should be moving in some kind of miracles, signs and wonders, and mighty deeds.

Apostolic Anointing and Authority

I want to share with you nine true signs of what qualified, genuine, apostolic anointing and authority looks like:

1) Separation

Believers are instructed by God to abandon themselves to a lifestyle of consecration; those who will be totally separated to His purpose and call. Consecration demands a high commitment to holiness, and true apostles will reflect this way of life. ***"Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God"* (Romans 1:1).**

2) Fathering

True apostolic anointing is like being a loving father and is reproductive, producing mature sons and daughters. ***"For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers..."* (1 Corinthians 4:15).** I have a strong desire to emulate this, and by the time I'm 32 years old, my goal is to release directly from our loins and influence, 100 preachers into ministry. (I'm not talking about just taking people oversees where they receive impartation -- we've done that already.) We want to be loving fathers who are ready to send laborers/preachers that carry a very high level of anointing in preaching, ministry, character, signs, and wonders. Already, we have 11 or 12 such people, and we just ordained three and have plans to bring three new ones in.

3) Team Counsel

An apostle has a team spirit and gathers with other apostles and elders for counsel at prophetic round tables in various cities, regions, and nations. Apostles maintain an attitude that welcomes the wisdom of other apostles from different spheres and locations. ***"Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter"* (Acts 15:6).**

4) Signs, Wonders, and Perseverance

Many who walk in a true apostolic anointing can even raise the dead! (This is the most spectacular sign and wonder.) Here's what Paul said, ***"Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds"* (2 Corinthians 12:12).** Notably, true apostles never give up easily; they persevere in signs, wonders, and mighty deeds, not getting disappointed and discouraged. They just keep going. If they pray for one thousand and nobody is healed, then they pray for another thousand. Perseverance!

5) Humility

An apostle walks in humility; Paul models humility: ***"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself"* (Philippians 2:3).**
He also said, ***"For I am the least of the apostles who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God"* (1 Corinthians 15:9).**

6) Servanthood

***"Imitate me just as I also imitate Christ"* (1 Corinthians 11:1).** That's a pretty big statement for Paul to make. I've been really challenged by that verse. I've also wondered how that one would look in my life. If I really said to all the people who follow me, "Imitate me," what would that look like? Everyone in fire shirts, blond hair, trucks with flames and Harley Davidson's?! It would be awesome! The first church of the Harley, yeah! Everyone would have a bike, a truck, and an earring. Once, I actually said to my staff, "All the guys have to get their ear pierced if they are going to work for me." Well, as much as I would like to interpret Paul's statement this way, he didn't really have Harleys and earrings in mind.

Paul was telling the Corinthians to follow Christ in everything they did; they were to imitate him in living solely for the glory of God. He urged the Corinthians to have servant's hearts: ***"Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God, just as I also please all men in all things, not seeking my own profit, but the profit of many that they may be saved"*** **(1 Corinthians 10:32,33)**. The passion of Paul's life was to serve Christ and to serve others -- that humble commitment of love is a mark of the apostolic anointing. An attitude of servanthood always seeks "the profit of many that they may be saved."

7) True Revelatory Gifting

This is such a significant gifting, and true apostles receive the anointing to preach the gospel through the revelation of Jesus Christ just like Paul did.

"But I make known to you, brethren that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ."
Galatians 1:11,12

Remember, for quite some time Paul was persecuting the church of God and he wasn't one of the 12 disciples. So in effect, Paul is saying something like this: *I didn't get what I got the way you got it! I wasn't with Jesus like you, and hanging out with the apostles. I haven't even been with the apostles. I got it in the wilderness. I was hanging out for months in the Arabian desert, and for months, by revelation, by visions, and dreams, and angels – who knows how it came? I got what I got*! Also, Paul emphasized that he saw the Lord just like all the other apostles did. ***"Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time"*** **(1 Corinthians 15:8).**

True apostles, most of the time, possess a strong anointing that is revelatory and prophetic. They can actually change their "apostolic hat" to the "prophetic hat," but also step out into ministry with both hats, and like Paul, shake entire cities and plant churches with signs and wonders.

An accurate revelatory gifting will accompany a true apostle. There is a frequency of heightened supernatural experiences that come with the apostolic. Apostles have visions and dreams, receive the word of the Lord, and they experience open heavens.

8) Character

God wants to raise up apostles with impeccable character who can be completely trusted. His strategic assignments often involve life and death issues that can affect multitudes of people. So, God is always examining an apostle's character. But God doesn't just do character checks, He has a plan to build character. This plan is often an excruciating process. God repeatedly tests apostles, using trials and tribulations to reveal their real level of character. Apostles-in-the-making willingly go through this maturing process because they want to please the Lord and to fulfill His call on their lives.

Not only do tribulations help build character, they also produce perseverance and hope. The apostle Paul preached about this: ***"And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us"*** **(Romans 5:3-5).** Apostles that patiently allow God to refine their character will be fully equipped and carry a strong authority to bring a message of hope to the world -- the message of salvation through Jesus Christ!

Exceptional character and a good reputation go hand in hand. True apostles who submit to the Father's dealings will receive grace, favor, and a good name from Him. ***"A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold"*** **(Proverbs 22:1)** Favor comes from God and is something more precious than money.

9) Breaking Out

Like Paul, modern-day apostles pioneer into new territory; they don't want to build on anyone else's foundation. They boldly enter dangerous places and they live to break uncharted areas wide open with the gospel. Here is what Paul said, ***"And so I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man's foundation, but as it is written: 'To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand'"*** **(Romans 15:20,21)**. Apostles actually enjoy the adventure of new frontiers; their hearts are set on a pilgrimage. Apostles, operating in their kingly authority, will always "break out" into new territory and discover new ways of extending the kingdom of God with power.

I'm praying that this teaching on the move of God and the apostolic is stirring up your desire for more of what God is beginning to manifest.

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A Dream of New York

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Preface: The first dream or word I ever received from the Lord was in 1986 when I was but a babe in Christ. This dream concerned New York City and a coming day when it would be overrun by enemy forces. I have held onto this dream for all these years, primarily because it seemed out of place for so long, but in the last couple of years I did not feel permission from the Holy Spirit to release this dream even though the dream was confirmed in my spirit. Only last week (08/2004) did the Lord tell me to release it. I believe some dreams or words from the Lord are conditional and some are absolute judgments. By releasing this dream, I believe these future events have passed from conditional to judgment.

I was standing in a street with many tall buildings around and chaos was breaking out everywhere. People were frantically running to and fro trying to get away from something but knowing not where to go or where any safety was. I stepped into a hospital and as I was looking around the lobby, I then saw what was causing the great terror and commotion. Busting through the glass doors from the outside were soldiers shooting every person in sight, having no pity or concern for civilians. Nurses were being slaughtered before my very eyes. The soldiers had desert fatigues on with brown skin, thick mustaches and black hair. I ran out of the hospital and through several back alleys and across several blocks towards a bridge. As I ran people were being cut down everywhere, these soldiers had spilled in all over the place and were shooting everyone they could. I made it up on top of a bridge and there were a few US military personnel on the bridge with an artillery piece, but they were totally out of communication with anyone else and completely at a loss as to what to do. I told one of the soldiers to point the piece at a certain block in the distance because many of the enemy soldiers were concentrated there. They turned their artillery piece in that direction and begin firing. As I was on the bridge, I could see the skyline of the city and then knew it to be New York. I was compelled to gaze long and hard at the skyline for some reason, even though I had quickly determined what city it was. For the longest time I looked slowly from one end to other, taking in all the scenery I could remember. Then I woke up.

Having never received a recognized word or dream from the Lord before that day, I must say I was quite excited when I woke up (not gleefully excited, but a bit on the frantic side, for it seemed so utterly real and shocking). Later that day, I felt compelled to jot some of the events down and felt in my heart I should draw the skyline out to be sure of what city it was (I had never before had the slightest inclination to remember or record a dream). I took some large art paper and drew everything I could remember of the skyline.... bridges, significant buildings etc. When I was done I was once again certain it was New York, except one thing, there were no Twin Towers. Because of this omission, I hastily put the dream away on a mental shelf (so to speak) and gave it little consideration for many years. With the Twin Towers absent how could this dream be accurate or anything important I reasoned to myself at the time.

Certainly after the tragic 9/11 events this dream became prominent in my spirit. I now find it ironic that the very thing that caused me to put away this dream turned out to be the most compelling confirmation. And last week I heard the Lord tell me to release it. We must not think that any of our cities or lands are immune to hostility, even a plundering by enemy forces. Recently, Michael Bloomberg, the Mayor of New York, boasted that, 'New York will never be defeated!'. This arrogant proclamation makes me shudder. Was nothing learned from 9/11? We all know the scripture... "Pride cometh before the fall". The day and the hour is in the hands of the Father. I pray New York will clothe itself with humility before the day comes.

Giant Liberty

08/2004 *I dreamed I saw New York City and in the place where the Twin Towers once stood the Statue of Liberty now stood. However, the statue was about 10 times larger than any building in the city and it dwarfed the skyline.*

Meaning: A bloated, perverse form of 'Liberty' is the greatest idol of New York (and much of America). American Liberty, that is, the desire to do what I want, when I want, as oft I want has become the great idol of idols. True Godly liberty is freedom from iniquity and freedom to rest in the Lord at his feet. This dream is in connection with a dream I had in 02/1991 where I saw the Statue of Liberty fallen from its pedestal and laying on its back in the ocean. While I watched it a song was being sung over it with only these words being repeated..."The god of America..." and it was sung to the tune of "God bless America".

Agony, Ecstasy, And Endurance

Mary Lindow

Jun 23, 2004

DO YOU FIND YOUR SELF ASKING THE QUESTION,

"WHY IS IT THAT THE LORD IN THIS HOUR IS SEEMINGLY STRETCHING OUT AND ELONGATING HIS PROMISE TO FULFILL SO MANY HEARTS DESIRES OF THOSE NOW CRYING OUT?"

MANY APPARENTLY "GIFTED INDIVIDUALS" ARE GOING ABOUT THE REGULAR BUSINESS OF SEMINAR AND MINISTRY GATHERINGS, declaring that the "New Wine" has begun to pour out upon the earth…and yet it tastes and smells like old wine camouflaged by attempting to serve it out of a new wine skin. BUT! The wine tastes like nothing sweet, nothing new, and has the flavor of the old container it fermented in.

ARE YOU LONGING FOR NEWNESS IN SPIRITUAL THINGS FROM THE THRONE OF GRACE?

ARE YOU IN A PLACE WHERE YOU RISK LAYING DOWN WHAT MIGHT COST YOU YOUR PAST HISTORY AND WHICH WILL CREATE A NEW AND FRESH BEGINNING IN THE WALK OF THE SAINT ON EARTH?

SADLY….MANY CHOOSE TO RETURN TO THE SAFE PLACE OF FAMILIARITY AND CONTROL TO GAIN PERSPECTIVE…AND LOSE THE JOY SET BEFORE THEM.

THE FATHER IS LOOKING, LIKE A SEARCHLIGHT BEAMING AND SWEEPING ACROSS THE LAND FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT CREATING AGENDAS AND PROGRAMS TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE AN "EDGE" DURING THIS LONG SEASON OF TRANSITIONING.

HE IS ALLOWING THE BREAKING AND "COMING TO THE END OF ONES' SELF" TO CONTINUE.

FEW HAVE STEPPED OVER THE LINE INTO THE ABANDONMENT HE DESIRES FROM THOSE WHO CLAIM THAT THEIR LIVES ARE FOR HIS USE. Others still promote, compete, and posture with well-oiled machinery and full control of so-called "godly inspired events."

IN THIS CRUCIAL HOUR…
YES…. RIGHT NOW EVEN AS YOU READ AND CONTEMPLATE, THE LORD IS NOT REQUIRING ACTS OF GREATNESS AND PROFOUND GATHERINGS TO BRING GLORY TO HIS PLANS.

THE LORD SAYS THESE WORDS TO THOSE WHO WILL CHOOSE HEAR:

"THE SACRIFICE I WANT IS A BROKEN SPIRIT. A BROKEN AND REPENTANT HEART, THIS MY BRIDE, I WILL NOT DESPISE. (PSALM 51:17)
IT IS NOT ABOUT THE END RESULT…IT IS ABOUT THE OBEDIENCE TO DO THE SIMPLE, AT

TIMES MUNDANE ACTS OF SILENCING YOUR FLESHLY NEED FOR ACTION AND COMFORT."

"ARE YOU PRESSED IN ON EVERY SIDE CHILD? ARE YOU SEEING THAT NO ONE WILL HEAR YOU CRY FOR LOVE, SUPPORT, COMFORT AND KINDNESS?
THEIR INSULTS HAVE BROKEN MY HEART, AND I AM IN DESPAIR. IF ONLY ONE PERSON WOULD SHOW SOME PITY; IF ONLY ONE WOULD TURN AND COMFORT ME." (PSALM 69:20)

"THIS IS THE AGONY THAT TURNS TO A GODLY ECSTASY WHEN YOU FULLY REALIZE THAT ONLY I, GOD, CAN BE THE FULL AND WELL TRUSTED REDEEMER AND RESCUER IN YOUR SITUATION RIGHT NOW! I AM DEALING WITH THE HEARTS OF THOSE WHO STILL CLING TO HIDDEN CONTROL OVER THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE CRYING OUT DAY AND NIGHT IN THE EARTH FOR SOMEONE TO "SEND THEM" TO THE NATIONS, THE CONTINENTS, WHO ARE NOW TRAVAILING FOR AN APOSTOLIC AND PROPHETIC FRESH RELEASE AND RUSHING WIND OF THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT! I YOUR LORD AM CHALLENGING EACH HEART WHO CALLS ME KING AND I AM ALLOWING A DIVINE DISSATISFACTION AND HOLY IRRITATION TO STIR UP ALL HEARTS UNTIL THEY BEGIN TO WAIL OUT LOUD, "FATHER! WHY AM I NOT FILLED WITH THE PEACE AND DELIGHT I NEED? WHY ARE YOU NOT HEARING AND ANSWERING ME?"

"MY REPLY TO YOU CHILD IS QUITE SIMPLE:
I HAVE SAID THESE WORDS AND HAVE SPOKEN THEM TO YOU EACH IN THE WAY I KNOWS WE HEAR."

"HAVE YOU REPENTED OF SHUTTING OUT MY VOICE WHEN I HAVE COMMANDED YOU TO GIVE FROM THE TREASURES YOU NOW POSSESS? IT COULD BE JEWELS YOU COULD GIVE TO SHARE AS A RELEASE FOR ANOTHER TO BE FILLED WITH AWE IN THE GOODNESS OF MY HAND OF BLESSING. IT COULD BE THAT YOU KNOW OF THOSE NOW SUFFERING FOR HAVING STOOD FOR TRUTH AND HAVING PAID AN ENORMOUS EARTHLY PRICE, NEED YOUR HEART TO BE A GOOD SAMARITAN, ONE WHO WILL ASSIST AND BRING REST AND HEALING AND SUPPORT UNTIL THEY FIND THEIR WAY AGAIN. "

IS THE LORD SHOWING YOU YOUR TENDENCY TO BE TIGHT WITH FINANCIAL OFFERINGS AND GENEROUS HEART RELEASING GIVING?

ARE YOU DRAINING AND SECRETLY TESTING THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS WHO APPEAR TO BE HIDDEN AWAY IN OBSCURITY RIGHT NOW BY HOLDING BACK THE JOSEPH BLESSING? How long will you use your concepts of assuming they never need and hunger as they freely give to you without asking in return?

AH! THE LORD IS BREAKING YOU! And if you wonder why there is such a limited level of joy and rest in your heart, it is because until you have a heart broken, and repentant, for assuming you are allowed to call the shots in your decision making in this life…He will not expose you to His full measure of Glory! Once you have conceded to OBEY…He will return with His Fresh and sweet anointed Presence!

Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me-- now let me rejoice. Psalm 51:8

IT'S AN AGONY TO CHOOSE TO BE BROKEN AND LAID BARE BEFORE GOD but the ecstasy of allowing nothing of the soul to influence your decisions when the Lord speaks and gives command, far outweighs this present suffering between spirit and flesh!

MANY WHO ARE NOW HIDDEN AND YES, BEAT DOWN, TESTED, RIDICULED AND SEEMINGLY FORGOTTEN WILL SHORTLY AND SOON PASS THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR OF NEW BEGINNINGS AND THE START OF AN ENORMOUS KINGDOM PUSH.

THOSE WHO CHOOSE TO HEAR THE LORD'S VOICE TELLING THEM TO ASSIST AND NURTURE AND SUPPORT THESE EMERGING APOSTOLIC AND PROPHETIC GIFTS WILL BE REWARDED with the joy of knowing that they too, have passed the test of brokenness and repentance for withholding, when it was within their power to give, to bless, to sustain.

THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE SLOWLY EMERGING FROM THE HIDDEN PLACE where you have been struggling to grow in wisdom, understanding and dying to self-love.

DO NOT QUIT NOW. We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed and broken. We are perplexed, but we don't give up and quit. (2 Corinthians 4:8)

THE LORD OF PROMISE AND VINDICATION IS COMING NEAR TO YOU…WITH HEALING IN HIS WINGS!
He heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

HE HIMSELF WILL BIND UP EVERYTHING BROKEN IN YOUR HEART, YOUR DREAMS, AND YOUR REPUTATION, WITH HIS OWN HAND, AND HE WILL RESTORE YOUR JOY.

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Arafat Era Ends 11/11

Timothy Snodgrass

Arafat Era Ends 11/11 - AN 11th Hour Warning

November 11, 2004

At exactly 4:30am Paris time on 11/11, Yasser Arafat was officially pronounced dead in French military hospital, fulfilling a significant series of prophecies concerning the "removal of Arafat", and how this relates to our current timeline. For the last several years we have received numerous prophetic words from people around the world, in many cases which the Holy Spirit has verbally spoken to them that the "removal of Arafat" would be a clear sign of the Lord's soon return, and indication that major judgments were about to explode on the world scene.

The timing in which Arafat fell into a coma, November 3, Paris time (November 2, U.S. time: Election Day) is also extremely significant (read our September 15, 2004 Rosh Hashana Report). Shortly after Yasser Arafat fell into a coma on November 3, the Holy Spirit spoke to me that 11/11 would be a very significant date in history. (I mentioned this to my wife and several other ministry associates in the Philippines.) One week ago, we felt prompted to enter into a time of prayer and fasting from 11/11/04 - 01/11/05; a 3-month period of cleansing and preparation for the new year (chiefly a Daniel fast, fruits and vegetables).

On the early morning of 11/11 before the sun rose in the Philippines, I received the following vision: I was climbing a large mountain somewhere near the Indonesian coast, traveling upwards into a place of refuge. Upon reaching my destination in the mountains, I found a small city with a large population of Christians, and begin to prophesy to them about approaching judgments; but the inhabitants were spiritually blind, and could not receive the word. Suddenly, the gound began to shake, and every eye looked towards the coast. Like a small ripple in the crystal blue sea, the first tidal wave approached and had little impact. Those watching said, "Is that all!?". They began to mock God's grace and mercy demonstrated in the first judgment. But while they were mocking yet another wave approached, slightly larger; and then another, and another. Until finally one large ripple appeared on the horizon, so large that as it struck the hills on the coast the impact left a thunderous splash, towering perhaps a thousand feet into the air. Below us the water from the tsunami traveled along the river inland for nearly a hundred miles, destroying everything in it's path.

It is interesting how God always confirms major prophetic words with signs for those who are watching. On the evening of November 11, seismic activity in the Asia-Pacific region suddenly went off the scale; with a 7.5 quake in Indonesia, followed by a 6.4 aftershock; a 6.5 quake in the Solomon Islands (Solomon representing the Temple Mount, where Arafat requested to be buried), a 6.4 quake in Japan, and a 5.8 quake in Taiwan. Tsunami warnings were briefly issued in Indonesia, and the seismic jolt was felt so strongly by ships in the region that it literally knocked sailors off their feet. The jolt caused at least one shipping accident, throwing a small boat from East Timor into the path of a passing freighter in Deli Harbor.

The first wave on 11/11 was small, but other waves are coming. As the US, UK, UN, and countries around the world continue to pressure Israel to concede covenant land promised to her by God, I prophesy to you that we are now entering into some troubled waters as we approach the new year. It will only be through God's grace and mercy that we do not see these large ripples in the sea crashing against our shoreline in 2005. But nothing is impossible with God!

Blessings,

Timothy Snodgrass
Philippines

A Falling Away

Angel Dahilig

The Lord spoke this to me as I was sleeping:

"Many have said there is coming a harvest. Yes, but there is also coming a falling away, because of Me. These [who fall away] will be those who had no root and could not stand firm in the coming persecution."

Matthew 13:20-21
The one who received the seed [the gospel of Christ] that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away.

Search and study New Testament scriptures about "stand firm" (NIV) or "stand fast" (KJ).

1 Corinthians 16:13-14
Be on your guard; STAND FIRM in the faith; be men of courage; be strong. Do everything in love.

Galatians 5:1 (for understanding of the context, please read Galatians chapters 3-5):
It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. STAND FIRM then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Philippians 1:27-29
(27) Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you STAND FIRM in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel (28) without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved - and that by God. (29) For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him.

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A Final Hour Outcry

Yolanda Ballard

Jun 2, 2004
"Return Unto Me!"
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Resume the responsibility of a dedicated servant, one who has chosen to give his life for the service of sharing the gospel. Have you allowed the cares of this life distract you from ministering in the calling that I have even raised you up to have? It is not just having meat or drink to be in My kingdom, but to be full of My peace, joy and righteousness.

But many have gotten distracted to where making a dollar is your main priority. Didn't I say that if you put Me first and My righteousness all these things will be added unto you? But you haven't been putting Me first, and you are striving after these things along with the world.

What do I have to do to wake you to the seriousness of the hour? You must know that nurturing yourself with My holy word and drawing close to Me in the secret place is what you need to be able to make it through in this hour. for the enemy is coming on strong to try to snatch you away from My intimate presence. He knows that when you are close to My side and loving Me and walking in My perfect will that he cannot harm you. He can't even break your focus upon the Lamb when you are wholeheartedly loving Him.

But many have allowed their hearts to grow cold, and they no longer desire My presence. They have allowed themselves to become beat down because in the fight they were relying on their own strength. If you do not delight yourself in My presence, you do not have My anointing and power to combat the enemy and pull down his strongholds.

Instead of running into the refuge of the Lord and His fortress, you give yourself captive to the enemy's devices. You feed your belly like there is no tomorrow, and feed on every tidbit of nastiness and evil that he puts out for you.

Wake up before it is too late! This is a final warning, because the storms are getting even stronger. If you can't hear My voice now when you are running against men, what will you do when the horses are loosed? Why don't you hear My voice? It's because you don't seek My face and quiet yourself down.

My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and I will heal their land. But those who continue in their sin and disobedience, I will pour out My fire upon you. Yes, My wrath and judgment will fall upon My people for I love them and want to see them returned unto Me.

I pray healing and restoration upon My people that they would rather fall upon the Rock that they would become broken rather than the Rock falling on them and crushing them to powder. Which will it be? The choice is yours to make. Do not be satisfied with less than the best which is in My intimate presence. Awake to the seriousness of the hour. I AM calling you back.

Re: A Final Hour Outcry
Yolanda Ballard

Jun 2, 2004

Blessings to all!

This is my personal response to this message.

What I feel the Lord is saying is that many have allowed the distractions of the world to get before seeking and walking in the perfect will of the Lord. It seems like many have walked in a partial commitment in serving the Lord and in the majority of their time they are serving self. I am not pointing my finger at anyone because I know this word is directed at me. I know in my heart that I allow myself to waste much time before the television set. Mainly because I allow myself to get stressed out with the trials of life and get very tired. But the Lord wants us to overcome in these attacks and cast off all complacency once again and delight ourselves in His presence. Only then will be lifted up and strengthened and restored to the position that we are to walk in and that is seated at the right hand of the Father far above all power and principalities. We need to get behind the shield of faith and stand on His promises alone and get in His word so that we have faith in our hearts so we can use our swords effectively. We need to be more sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit in praying for others because many are walking through things that they don't share with anyone and are under great attack. God promises that if we put His will first and His righteousness He would supply all our needs. We need a strong word and we need His fire to fall to wake us to the seriousness of the hour. The fire is His love coming to purify us and it is by His grace and mercy because He loves us. Be open to the strong rebuke of the Lord. Be open and teachable and cry out for greater grace. We all know who we are that need a strong word, not just a strong word but the fire of His love. Because only then will we be able to stand!!!

Love in Christ, Yolanda

A Fire Burning

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Prophecy finds its birth in fire. The prophetic dimension is sustained by fire. The prophet brings fire. A prophetic utterance demands a listener to give himself to the fire on the altar. Prophecy brings separation - eternal values are one with the fire, earthly desires cannot share this communion.

"The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times." Ps 12:6. Apprehending a word from a furnace requires a heart willing to adjust to intense temperatures and pressure. The first requirement of the prophetic realm is a heart which is willing to bear the ferocity of the aliveness of heavenly realities. The fire of the furnace produces a mind perplexed and shattered by the complexity and otherness of the thoughts of God; a mind ready to violate common codes of the self-sustaining structures which defines and defends manageable religion.

Micah, a "minor prophet", had taken the necessary steps into the fire, and he knew the reality of heavenly heat and pursuit, and wrote: " But I am full of strength and skill and courage, inspired by the Eternal, to let Jacob know its crimes, and Israel its sins. Leaders of Jacob, listen to this, you judges over the house of Israel, who spurn at justice and twist equity, who build your Sion up with bloodshed and Jerusalem on crime, judges passing verdicts for a bribe, priests pattering oracles for pay prophets divining for money, and all the while relying on the Eternal." Micah 3:8-11 - Moffatt.

What kind of man dares to go; what kind of inner constitution will carry a man into the presence of men of authority of this world as well as before the revelling, raging mob bringing words with fire? What kind of burden, what kind of inner pressure produces enough bravery to allow a man to reduce himself to mere sacrifice, a burnt offering, an offering by fire? What happens in the secret place, what is wrought in the inner parts of man to for the sake of bringing forth moral stamina corresponding with the words from the furnace of Heaven?

Too many among us dismiss the burning bush as yet another thorn bush devoured by spontaneous combustion. The prophetic mind is occupied with the maintenance of and the operations of the fire of God. A prophet's heart is set on fire, it burns because God speaks. A word purged seven times will bring fire. A word from the Lord reveals what His fire is like.

The main concern of the prophet is the fire itself. Fire is the driving force in his life. The fire on the altar shall be kept burning, it may under no circumstances be quenched - and the prophet is there, brought into office, to keep it burning. This fundamental necessity has taken him into the priestly realm, into the business and ministry of priesthood. A mind set on fire, occupied with the fire, is a mind given to priestliness. A priest cannot allow the fire to fade, to be quenched, to go out. A priest cannot allow the realities of Heaven to fade; the testimony may never fade.

A testimony of the heavenly realities carries the fire of the altar at its core. The fire ignites words - a testimony is not words, a prophecy does not consist of words primarily but is an outburst of heavenly fire. Baptized with fire. Baptized with passion for reality. A prophetic word brings purging. A word from the furnace brings separation. It never leaves the people slumbering with an "All is well". It reveals necessary pursuits of holiness to be made by a righteous people. The fire provokes positively where righteousness is already rooted. The very same fire disqualifies and destroys where unrighteousness has established inroads.

The disposition of the prophetic man is to be defined by the fire itself. It is not generated by sternness - holiness is not harsh, not stirred by lively imagination or a bright intellect, not produced by strange moodiness or altered states of perception. Coming out from the presence, having been at the furnace, having had an opportunity to look into His face - all this, and nothing but this makes a heart burn and sets a mind on fire.

Why is the prophet of the Old Testament times so alive to, so direct and immediate in his approach as to moral issues? Why is he dramatically on target in relation to dealing with malicious practices among his people, even among foreign nations? Why do we suffer from charismatic shallowness regarding sin, regarding evil in general? Why do we suffer from a common charismatic shallowness regarding prophetic negligence in this realm? Baptized with Spirit, but not with fire. Baptized into spiritual pragmatism and religious conformity, but not with the Holy Spirit and His fire.

The fire is gone from the altar. The priest and the prophet are not present and in proper position for its maintenance. There is no passion for heavenly realities. The state of affairs is worse, much worse than when a minor prophet stood up to speak to a nation gone astray. How did he dare to speak? How long do we have to wait for a prophet carrying a burden of that kind again? Is there anybody ready to give himself to the altar? Is there anybody out there ready for that fire?

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A Flash In The Pan

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The word history of the phrase **"a flash in the pan"** is unclear, but it does apparently refer to a gold rush when miners would mine for gold and see flashes in their pans, thinking it gold. What it actually was – was pyrite. Pyrite – fool's gold – will also "flash brightly" in the light and what a miner would first assume to be a gold nugget, would turn out to be worthless. The Lord gave me the title, "A Flash in the Pan," for this article in conjunction with "revival."

The first "revival" happened on the day of Pentecost – not only to the individuals who were gathered together that day but later to about three thousand others (Acts 2:41). We know from earlier in this same chapter that people from a multitude of countries all heard about the mighty works of God in their own language(s): individuals from Parthians, Medes, Elamites, some inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus, some from the province of Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, Libya, Rome, Cretans and Arabians, (Acts 2:9-12). We can gather from these passages then that at least part of the above list included Spirit filled believers after Pentecost who no doubt at a later date returned to their own countries… places where the name and works of Jesus would have been completely unknown. Yet – there is ***no*** indication in these passages that any of these individuals did so. The "revival" remained in Jerusalem – almost entirely – until the combined persecutions of the early Christians by Jewish religious leaders and the Romans, would cause the Jerusalem believers to leave the city.

Early in the 20th Century, almost two thousand years later, two massive revivals broke out – one in Wales in 1904, and as a direct result of the Welsh revival, at Azusa Street in Los Angeles in 1905. As you study what occurred during both of these revivals you are struck by the fact that both resisted and lacked "organization," and that both flowed by and through the work of the Holy Spirit, just as the First Century church had. The individuals intimately involved in both of these revivals, Evan Roberts in the Welsh revival, and Frank Bartleman at Azusa Street were both humble, obedient servants of God who choose to be led by Him – rather than by any type of regimentation. As a result, the Holy Spirit flowed through the meetings they held and multitudes were saved. It wasn't until both of these movements eventually succumbed to mounting pressure by others to establish structure, i.e., organization, that both revivals began to fizzle out.

Listen then to the parable of the sower.

> *While any one is hearing the Word of the kingdom and does not grasp and comprehend it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the roadside. As for what was sown on this (rocky) soil, this is he who hears the Word and at once welcomes and accepts it with joy; Yet it has no real root in himself, but is temporary – inconstant, lasts but a little while and when affliction or trouble or persecution comes on account of the Word, he is repelled and begins to distrust and desert Him Who he ought to trust and obey, and he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the Word, but the cares of the world and the pleasure and delight and glamour and deceitfulness of riches choke and suffocate the Word, and it yields no fruit. As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the Word and grasps and comprehends it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields in one case a hundred times as much as was sown, in another sixty times as much, and in another thirty. (Matthew 13:18-23)*

The Lord has ***clearly*** shown me that these are four "stages," in ones Christian growth and that a believer will – more than likely - go through each of them in the order they are listed. If you examine these passages you also can see how "organization" and "revival" are not co-existent.

Each one of these verses deals with an ***individual***, not a group and each one of these verses discusses a "stage" in our Christian walk. A revival is ***only*** as good as its **LASTING** results. In other words – we can see and understand from verse 19 above that immediately the enemy will attempt (and in many cases be successful) in removing what has been sown in ones heart, i.e., the Christian equivalent of "a flash in the pan." If that fails, satan will next begin persecution(s), along with trials and temptations (Luke 8:13) to cause the person to withdraw from the Lord and His Word. If an individual is successful in overcoming those obstacles, then "cares of the world," "anxieties" and/or (to paraphrase) "fame and fortune," "glamour and pleasure" and "delight in worldly things" are another method the enemy uses to subvert an individual so that they remain "fruitless," and unproductive for the Kingdom of God. However, if the person makes his/her way through all of these areas, ever maturing in knowledge and obedience, eventually that individual will be used to "increase" what has been sown into their own heart. At that point – that person has become a "revival" meeting all by themselves and their church affiliation has probably had little (if any) impact on their own personal experiences/encounters with God and their witness to others of how He has brought them through it ***all***.

Within the last ten years there have been two revivals: at Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship and at the Brownsville Assembly of God in Pensacola, Florida, that have garnered a lot of attention. We should note, however, that the Toronto Revival appears to be that of an individual church group, one not affiliated with any "organized" religious organization and that in the case of Brownsville, it is not the entire Assembly's of God that has had revival – but only this one specific church. That makes the Brownsville revival in particular very interesting. Since it ***does*** belong to a very well known thoroughly organized denomination, you have to wonder "***why***" revival did not occur – and has not spread - through ***every*** Assembly of God church. And when revival(s) ***do*** occur – are those individuals who come forward genuinely saved – a "real gold nugget," ***OR*** are they the other kind – "fool's gold?"

A major problem that was a direct result of the Welsh revival was that ***so many*** individuals came forward for salvation that the churches were overwhelmed. There was not enough pastors and teachers available to instruct those who had been newly converted! Let's quickly review Matthew 13:19.

While any one is hearing the Word of the kingdom and does not grasp and comprehend it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart.

It is very easy to understand how this could happen when there are not enough instructors/mentors available to teach/mentor a "baby Christian." That is why God is currently raising up spiritual father's and mother's ***now***, for the greatest revival the world will ever see. If the "evil one" comes to snatch out what has been sown under even normal conditions, ***how much more*** do you think he will try in the "last" of the "last days?" True, God's Spirit will be abundantly poured out during this time, but let's not forget that there will also be ongoing spiritual warfare of an unprecedented scale.

Therefore be glad (exult) O heavens and you that dwell in them! *But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in fierce anger (fury), because he knows that he has [only] a short time left.* (Revelation 12:12)

A study of revivals shows that in almost every case what precedes the event, is individuals humbling themselves before God – ***and praying in the will of God*** – that revival take place. To illustrate the Biblical precedence for that, the Lord led me to these scriptures from
the Old Testament.

…So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with rejoicing; *And when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling.* And *David danced before the Lord* with all his might, clad in a linen ephod. *So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.* (2 Samuel 6:12-15)

The first thing to notice from this passage is from verse 13*.* ***Every six paces*** a sacrifice was made! Whatever the distance from where the Ark had been at Perez-uzzah to the City of David, ***every six paces - sacrifices were made…*** this means of course that an altar had to be prepared every six paces also! Although we are not told in these passages how much time it took to do all of this, I would think that, at the least, we're talking a number of days. After the first botched attempt by David to transport the Ark (please read 2 Samuel 6:1-8) which had resulted in the death of Uzzah, David went about it the right way this time, using the Levites (the priestly tribe) to transport the Ark on their shoulders, in deeply reverential awe, careful not to give offense again - "interceding."

We then read in verse 14 that David "danced before the Lord," with all his might. David humbled himself, as King of Israel, by removing his kingly garments. This is verified later in the same chapter in verse 20.

Then David returned to bless his household. And [his wife] Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel today, who stripped himself of his kingly robes and uncovered himself in the eyes of the servants' maids, as one of the worthless fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!

And lastly we find that David and "***all***" the house rejoiced and were offering up high praise to their God! So to summarize, revivals are:

1) First and foremost praying in the will of God. Praying for revival outside is will and direction [i.e., attempting to do it on our own] might well cause more harm than good. Expect it to take time, don't try to "rush God!"

2) Intercession, (again "if" **IN** the will of God) from a humble heart. Intercession offered up in the reverential fear of the Lord, in awe of **WHO HE IS**.

3) **All** moving in agreement as one, under the direction of the Holy Spirit and offering up our high praises to God.

All of us cry out to God for revival – to help us reach the lost, as we should. But true revival is a personal, life-long, ***lasting*** experience that brings an individual closer to God in a moment-to-moment relationship. Revivals that produce individuals that are no more than "a flash in the pan," are not God's will, nor should they be ours.

True discipleship means learning perfect obedience and walking in harmony and love with others and our Creator.

True mentorship means instructing others how to do the same.

True revival can be based on nothing less.

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Anxious For Nothing

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“Many of My children are anxious in this hour. They are fearful of losing things. But I have come to blow on My garden that the dead dry leaves may be removed. I have come to blow on my garden that seeds may scatter and reproduce. I have come that your hearts may be cleansed of all idolatry to the things and ways of this world. I am blowing and blowing and I am washing away all the filth that has accumulated in My church. I am testing and trying, excavating and rebuilding. What I do is a good work. It will bring a great harvest in the end.”

Phil 4:6-7 NKJV Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Luke 12:25-28 NKJV And which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? 26 If you then are not able to do the least, why are you anxious for the rest? 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 If then God so clothes the grass, which today is in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will He clothe you, O you of little faith?

Luke 12:29-34 NKJV "And do not seek what you should eat or what you should drink, nor have an anxious mind. 30 For all these things the nations of the world seek after, and your Father knows that you need these things. 31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. 32 "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Do not worry what you will do. For I am with you. There is nothing I won’t do for those who truly fear Me and who are intimate with Me. I WILL ARISE, and when the hem of my robe unfolds, and moves in the wind, I will loose My anointing oil, and pour out such a blessing that it cannot be contained. Come and buy gold refined in the fire! Come to ME and allow me to fill you with My love and to purge your heart of all unwarranted suspicions of My faithfulness. I will remove all doubt of My love for you…just come My beloveds and drink from the Living Fountain of Life! Listen for My voice. My sheep hear My voice and they follow ME. “

Rev 3:18-21 NKJV I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

“ I have come to bring life and that abundantly. My life in you will reproduce life in those who don’t know me. How reproductive are you. How many have you spoken to this last year about My love? How many seeds have you planted by being loving to those who don’t know or love you? For your love must be greater than that of the Pharisees! I called you to love your enemies, to be good to those who hate you, and to pray for those who spitefully use you!

I am the Bread of Life, and I am the Living Water that the lost of this earth need. I want you to live your life like you KNOW that I am coming soon! Can you see the souls who need Me? Can you feel their pain? YOU will. For when I come and make your heart as Mine…you will feel the pain I feel for those who are lost in the world. You will feel the pain of the alcoholic, the homeless, the single mother, the fatherless, the prostitutes, the angry murderer, the gangsters, the crippled and sickly. My heart is broken and I am longing for a Bride who loves as I love, and sees as I see, and hears as I hear. I will empower you with boldness and confidence to do My will alone. Ask and you shall receive, knock, and the door will be opened to you . Rejoice and be exceedingly glad for your Lord is at hand!

I will provide all you need to get through the days ahead. You may not have the luxury you have enjoyed in the past, but you will know that your needs are met, while those who spit in My face will find their needs are not met.
They will struggle and you will become the object of their wrath, because you are cared for and they are not, because they have refused the Lord of glory. Know that I will always care for My own. But REFUSE to get into complaining and discontentment that would rob you of the blessings of the Kingdom. I love you and I have a different kind of RICHES I am about to pour out. And so you will be RICH in the things of the Kingdom, the things that count for eternity. Stay close to My heart My beloveds. Stay under the shadow of My wings."

Jer 17:7-10 NKJV "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, And whose hope is the LORD. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.
9 "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it? 10 I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings.

Challah
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Again I was sitting at the computer, playing one cell and relaxing, and the Lord spoke to me " Challah" I am familiar with the fact this is a Jewish bread used for celebrating holidays, and I have eaten it before. But I looked around on google and found some interesting things. The rest I'm posting at the bottom for those who are interested to read more.

One of the three commandments incumbent upon women, "taking challah," evolved sometime following the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 C.E. **Following the rising of the dough, women would separate a piece and burn it to remind them of the offerings to the Temple.** For nearly two millennia challah has symbolically replaced the sacrificial offerings.

Wendy Hecht says in her article:
"D. Before separating the "Challah," the following blessing is recited:
Baruch atta Ado-noy Elo-hai-nu Melech ha'olam asher kid-e-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-vanu li-haf-rish Challah.
[Blessed are you, Lord our G-d, King of the universe**, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to separate Challah.]"**

The thing is, the sacrifice has been made that is the sacrifice of all sacrifices. Jesus sanctified us with His blood shed on the cross for our sins, once and forevermore. So I was seeing that the destruction of the Temple was His way to assure removal of any further sacrifice no longer needed. At least in the natural…no one sacrifices animals anymore. But Rabbi's have reinstituted Challah as a substitute.

Heb 10:12-14 NKJV
12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Jesus became our "substitute" sacrifice on the Cross. So we no longer have to sacrifice. We don't have to take the punishment either because HE took it.

Isaiah says:
Isa 53: 5 NKJV But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; **The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,** And by His stripes we are healed.
Look at this in the Amplified:
But He was wounded for our transgressions, **He was bruised for our guilt** and **iniquities;** the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace and well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed and made whole.

True guilt was erased, inherited sins [iniquities] were erased. And chastisement, which is the punishment due, & needful to obtain peace of mind and well being, was upon HIM. We don't have to go through hoops anymore to obtain forgiveness. We don't have to SACRIFICE or WORK to obtain forgiveness.

So many of us are still striving to be perfect instead of relaxing in the knowledge that HE has paid the price completely. I think a lot of us who have been abused or neglected, still feel this need to compulsively please others because of our guilt. Also because of the performance based expectations in much of the church that is lacking in GRACE. We have not fully appropriated the fullness of the LOVE GOD had for us, by the sacrifice made on the Cross. It seems it is hard to believe that He would have died for ALL sins, for every sin we commit. How could HE be that generous, that endearing, that loving, that He would wipe away even those things we continue to do out of an unsanctified soul? It is especially hard for the new believer so bruised and broken to fully understand the LOVE that was poured out for him.

Romans 5:18-21 says this:
*****18 Well then, **as one man's trespass [one man's false step and falling away led] to condemnation for all men,** so **one Man's act of righteousness [leads] to acquittal and right standing with God and life for all men.**

He's speaking of ADAM…the one man's offense led to condemnation for all men.
So ONE MAN's sacrifice, has acquitted and made all men in right standing with God if it is appropriated! HOW AWESOME IS THAT? I saw this in a new way last night as I read it. ALL the sins, and all their consequences…like all the curses for what was done, was reversed in that sacrifice Jesus made.
He is saying the results of the first sin were all washed away! When we don't see the fullness of that, we believe that original curse is still active, or we don't see that no matter what God will love us if we say YES to Him.

19 For **just as by one man's disobedience (failing to hear, heedlessness, and carelessness) the many were constituted sinners**, so **by one Man's obedience the many will be constituted righteous (made acceptable to God, brought into right standing with Him). 20** But then Law came in, [only] to expand and increase the trespass [**making it more apparent** and exciting opposition]. **But where sin increased and abounded, grace (God's unmerited favor) has surpassed it and increased the more and superabounded, 21** So that, [just] as sin has reigned in death, **[so] grace (His unearned and undeserved favor) might reign also through righteousness (right standing with God) which issues in eternal life through Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed one) our Lord.**

The law only POINTS OUT how far short we fall. But GOD's GRACE is so much greater in what He did to restore relationship, that there is NOTHING that can separate those who believe, from HIS LOVE. He does NOT get tired of loving us even when we fail again and again. He does NOT get tired of forgiving us. He only always has our best interest in mind. He sees the reasons for the sins still being there. He sees the bruises on our soul that still need to be healed. He sees the abuse and neglect that was done that left an imprint on our

soul, and demons still harassing us. He is SO COMPASSIONATE! He is ever forgiving and wise. He knows just how to get to that hidden place in your heart where you have covered over emotions that you didn't want to look at again. He will take you deeper and deeper, individually in a manner that HE knows is best to heal the woundedness as there are many levels of forgiveness. And His GRACE never runs out. Only man's grace runs out. We get tired of people continuing in sin, but for Him, it hurts Him. He is saddened by our misunderstanding the greatness of His grace. He knows whose hearts are right. We think we know, but we don't!

He is our "CHALLAH" He is our sacrificial BREAD OF LIFE. He has infinite wisdom for excavating the crevices of hearts that He knows fully. He knows how much each of us can stand to bear. And He is WITH US, Emmanuel, to help us get through every step of the way, in this ultimate lesson of life to learn to LOVE.

He has been doing things to go deeper, to get to the absolute bottom of our pain, and to instill MORE TRUST, that no matter what we know we can trust Him. He WILL be with us through everything. GRACE by definition is UNMERITED favor. It's HIS LOVE that leads to repentance. LOVE is the greatest weapon. We tend to run out of it. But His heart is greater than ours, and never runs out. His love never fails. We are all on this continuum of healing and sanctification, little by little, week by week, month by month, year by year of growing in HIM…going from glory to glory and grace to grace. And those who have gone astray are never beyond His GREAT GRACE to be restored! It is ONLY when we know the depth of His LOVE that we can be fully restored and empowered and filled the FULLNESS of His glory.

Eph 3:16-19 AMP
16 May He grant you out of **the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].**
17 May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! **May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love,**
18 That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];
19 **[That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence**, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

Many of us have not been rooted firmly in LOVE because we have not received it, except from Him, as we worship and pray and read the Word, etc. Many have not received it from other Christians or from others of our family or however. That Love given by other human beings is the main mode God uses to help us overcome obstacles which is why HE made us interdependent as the body of Christ, just as a human body is a system dependent on all it's systems to function normally. So we need each other to grow in love. If we have never seen an example of true love, how do we learn? One we learn from being dependent on Him, and that is the first and greatest. But we must have a fulfilling of the second commandment HE gave . That was to love your neighbor as yourself! That means we need other HUMANS to love and to love us in order to be whole. Despite our protective mechanisms to keep from the hurts we have received from humans, through isolation and rejection, we truly need other loving human beings. From the moment God made Eve for Adam to make them more complete we have needed each other. Some of us get so hurt that we begin to think, will there ever be anyone who tries to understand me?
Will there be anyone who ever just accepts me or encourages me?

That is NOT a bizarre expectation. Jesus said, to love one another as I have loved you. SURELY He meant it! Three times Jesus asked Peter, Peter, do you love Me? – First using the friendship kind of love verb. Then in the last time he used the agape – the highest form

of love. That kind of love is the kind Jesus set an example for in laying down His own life. Then HE tells Peter, then FEED MY SHEEP. CARE for my sheep. LOVE my sheep He was saying. Will you lay down your life for each other? Will you truly love?
For some, God has given them family to love, or friends, if we will just at least love on other human being, outside our sphere of family, it could make a huge difference. I remember a story someone once told of a woman who spent herself on some foreign students…year after year. But like the money that multiplied in the stewards hands, she gave and gave to them what she knew…and many of them went on then to steward and disciple many others, and in that way her gift of love was multiplied. That is the method Jesus used.
He started with the 12 and was intimately acquainted with them…and they in turn loved others and discipled others, and so on and so on. Each of us have different callings and different people to affect. Some are given one talent, or two talents, or five talents or ten talents. We just need to be faithful with what He shows us. And to be looking to HIM for the love so that we have it to give to each other. As we reach out to others, He reaches out to us.

Challah
Any traditional Jewish meal begins with the breaking of bread. Challah is a special kind of bread used for Shabbat and holidays. It is a very sweet, golden, eggy bread. The taste and texture is somewhat similar to egg twist rolls (those little yellow rolls that look like knots). The loaf is usually braided, but on certain holidays it may be made in other shapes. For example, **on Rosh Hashanah, it is traditional to serve round challah (the circle symbolizing the cycle of life, the cycle of the years).** A local deli makes French toast with challah. I highly recommend this. Challah is also wonderful in sandwiches with roast beef or corned beef. Traditionally, however, it is simply used as you might use rolls with a holiday dinner. **The word "challah" refers to the portion of dough set aside for the kohein** (See the List of Mitzvot, #394) ; that is, a portion that is taken out of the dough before it is baked. I am not certain how the term for the removed portion came to be used for the portion that is left over after it is removed.
There are two words for bread in Hebrew: lechem and challah. Lechem is the everyday bread and challah is the special, usually white egg bread reserved for the Sabbath. Challah is also the word that refers to the portion of dough set apart for the high priests in the Temple of Jerusalem.

One of the three commandments incumbent upon women, **"taking challah,"** evolved sometime following the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 C.E. **Following the rising of the dough, women would separate a piece and burn it to remind them of the offerings to the Temple.**

For nearly two millennia challah has symbolically replaced the sacrificial offerings. All challah that is baked today is kosher only if "challah has been taken." You'll often see that sign in a kosher bakery. Jews seem to be masters at imbuing ordinary acts with symbolism - or creating symbols out of almost anything.

Some words about Challah (or Hallah for some). Challah means dough and refers to **bread made from dough that has undergone separation.** There is a mitzvah (religious law) that **requires the head of the dough to be separated and given to the priests as tithe.** Since the destruction of the Temple, this mitzvah has been satisfied by separating a portion of the Challah (a piece about the size of an olive) and **burning the separated piece in the oven**. The preference is to separate the dough before baking but it may be done after. **Burning the separated piece is a symbolic sacrifice.** Only breads made from wheat, barley, maize, spelt,and oats require separation.

Challahs are normally eaten on the Sabbath (Shabbos). The five grains mentioned above were beyond the economic means of many of our ancestors, i.e., considered "rich man's food." To make us all rich on Shabbos, we eat Challah. **Challahs are always served in pairs** on Shabbos and Yom Tovs (Holidays). **This is symbolic of the showbreads of the Temple and the double portions of manna received in the desert** on Friday. None was received on Shabbos.

WHY ROUND CHALLAH? by Aliza Bulow
All year long our challah is braided, but it is round for Rosh Hashana. What does the challah's shape teach us about this special time of year?

Rosh Hashana is a holiday filled with physical doorways into the spiritual world. The blasts of the shofar are the prime example of this (see: Symbolism of the Shofar). But there are many others as well All year round, we dip our challah in salt before distributing it; during the High Holiday season, many use honey so that we may have a sweet year. For the same reason, many make a sweeter challah dough as well.

We also begin the evening Rosh Hashana meals by dipping apples into honey and reciting a prayer for a good and sweet year. Some continue with a Rosh Hashana "seder," sampling many different foods and reciting a prayer that contains an allusion to the food's Hebrew name.
Every Jewish custom is significant on a very deep level. Some have levels that we can access; others are beyond our grasp. Even the shape of the loaf of challah can teach us something deep about the holiday on which it is consumed.

Creative Energy

The Shabbat challah is braided. "Six days shall you work (engage in creative activity), and on the seventh shall you desist" (Exodus 34:21). Part of the preparation for the Shabbat is engaging in *melacha*, creative activity. Braiding is creative activity. The braid is a shape that does not appear in nature. (Ficus trees are hand-braided.) It is a shape that is made by humans and it is representative of the human ability to manipulate the raw material of the world. Braiding the challah strands helps us harness our creative capacities for the purpose of observing the Shabbat.
But braiding is more than that. The Talmud tells us that God Himself braided Eve's hair in preparation for her wedding to Adam (Brachot 61a). Was He merely beautifying her? Rabbi Avraham Chaim Feuer teaches that God's braiding of Eve's hair was His wedding gift to the couple. He was arranging her creative energies, channeling her imagination into an ordered form that would allow her to maximize her potential as a wife. He was both charging her and gifting her with the ability and the task of channeling the energy of the couple into positive and creative directions. The braid represents that directive, to focus and give order to the energies of one's household.
Significantly, many loaves are braided out of six strands. Six represents the days of the week that are not Shabbat. My mother-in-law taught me that braiding six strands into one loaf represents the six days of the week that are bound up in the one Shabbat. Six directed toward one, weekdays manifesting on Shabbat, this world bearing fruit for the next. The six-stranded braid offers us the direction of the channeling that we are enjoined to accomplish.

70 Faces of Torah

Round challahs are unique to the High Holiday season. Some say they represent a crown that reflects our coronating God as the King of the world.
Others suggest that the circular shape points to the cyclical nature of the year. The Hebrew word for year is *"shana,"* which comes from the Hebrew word "repeat." Perhaps the circle illustrates how the years just go round and round. But Rosh Hashana challahs are not really circles; they are spirals...
There are 70 faces to the Torah, or in Hebrew, *shiv'im panim la'Torah.* This means that there are 70 ways to understand every facet of Torah. The word *"panim"* can be translated either as "face," or as "innerness." Thus the Torah presents 70 different "faces," appearing differently depending on the psychological, intellectual and spiritual angle from which it is examined. It also means that there are 70 different inner realities for every facet we can see.
King David lived for 70 years, and, in our tradition, that is considered to be the "average" lifespan. Each subsequent year of life makes a person into a different creation than the year before. So if one lives the average lifetime, another understanding of "70 faces to the Torah" could mean that we, through living 70 years, have our own 70 faces that we can turn to the Torah. That is why we often have "aha!" moments even as we study the same concepts we studied last year, or hear the same weekly Torah portion we have heard for years in a row. Turning a different one of our faces to the Torah means that our "receptor sites" are different, and we are able to tune into a new aspect each year.

Climbing Higher

The word *"shana"* has a double meaning as well. In addition to "repeat," it also means "change". As the year goes go round and round, repeating the same seasons and holidays as the year before, we are presented with a choice: Do we want this *shana* (year) to be a repetition, or do we want to make a change *(shinui)*? Hopefully, each year we make choices for change that are positive, and each year we will climb higher and higher, creating a spiritual spiral.
The shape of the Rosh Hashana challah reminds us that this is the time of year to make those

decisions. This is the time to engage in the creative spiritual process that lifts us out of the repetitive cycle, and directs our energies toward a higher end. Have a sweet new year!

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In some Jewish communities, holiday challah is also shaped like ladders and hands: the ladder to help us reach great heights and the hand as a symbol of the desire to be inscribed in the book of life for the coming year. (Some also believe it is an amulet against the evil eye.) Among Jews originating from Tripoli, it is customary, particularly on the New Year, to make challah with caraway seeds, a symbol of fertility. Among Moroccans, challah is made with raisins, nuts and anise in the dough and served with a hard-boiled egg placed on top. These are all symbols of sweetness and fertility. Many Central European Jews also add raisins to their challah dough and serve it with a little bowl of honey in the center.

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What is Challah?

A. The pure, simple, unadorned word “Challah” means **“a loaf of bread.”** However, in Halachic terms, the word Challah has a very specific definition, and colloquially, it came to mean a certain type of bread thousands of years later.

B. The Halachic definition of Challah is a reference to Positive Mitzvah #133. It entails separating a section of dough from your kneadings and giving it to the Kohain. This piece of dough is called "Challah." Any dough which is made of wheat, barley, spelt, oat or rye is obligated in this Mitzvah. The Kohain and his family would eat the Challah while in a state of ritual purity. The Rabbis determined that the the home-baker give 1/24th of the dough to the Kohain, while the commercial baker has to donate 1/48th of his dough.

C. Biblically speaking, the Mitzvah of Challah is only observed in the land of Israel. Furthermore, according to most Halachic authorities, the Mitzvah of Challah was a requirement only in the times of the Temple. Today, no Temple, no Challah. But the Rabbis re-instituted the practice of Challah -- even outside the land of Israel -- to commemorate this special Mitzvah. However, since today we are all considered ritually impure, the Kohain cannot eat the Challah. Instead, Jewish women through the centuries knead homemade dough and then separate a piece of the dough and burn it. All kosher bakeries so the same -- they separate a piece of dough from each batch, and throw it on the floor of the oven. Today, only a small piece of dough is separated for Challah -- since the Challah isn't eaten, it would be wasteful to separate 1/24th or 1/48th of the dough.

D. Before separating the "Challah," the following blessing is recited:
Baruch atta Ado-noy Elo-hai-nu Melech ha'olam asher kid-e-sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-vanu li-haf-rish Challah.
[Blessed are you, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to separate Challah.]

E. Eventually, the soft, sweet bread loaves customarily eaten by the Shabbat meals became known as Challah .

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Rising Tides
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Ps 93:3-4 NKJV The floods have lifted up, O LORD, The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves. 4 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, than the mighty waves of the sea.

“The tide of tumult and upheaval is rising in the earth. But I am the Great Dispossessor and Deliverer. I will cause many who have struggled and been worn to be refreshed

and I will dispossess the enemy of your soul from the ground he has stolen. And I will DELIVER many who have been in darkness, into the light of My glory!
There is NOTHING that I cannot do!
There is nothing I cannot change!
There is noone that I cannot save and change!
How small so many of My people make me!
How small and impotent they think I am.
Have you not seen? Have you not heard?
Do you think the blood I shed so insignificant?
There is NOTHING that can stop what I purpose to do!

Isa 40:21-24 NKJV
21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. 23 He brings the princes to nothing ; He makes the judges of the earth useless.
24 Scarcely shall they be planted, Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, when He will also blow on them, and they will wither, and the whirlwind will take them away like stubble.

It is I Who plants, and I Who reaps in this harvest of all harvests. I am perfecting My Bride, and when I am finished, there will be a whole new church, a living, breathing organism with a heart again like Mine. AM I SO WEAK, that I cannot accomplish this? Do you have so little trust in My ability to change that pastor, that neighbor, that addicted person, that perverted person, that child, that teenager, that homeless person?

THE GLORY OF THE LORD WILL FILL THE EARTH I'VE SAID! Do you believe it? Will you die to your opinions? Will you ask Me for MY OPINION? Will you PRAY for the ones who have hurt you? Will you ask ME for the measure of love you need to love those who have used you and hated you? I love all mankind. I love that one that annoys you! I love that one that has rejected you! I love that one that has hurt you! I love that one that has rebelled against you! I know all things. I alone know the heart of that one, and all it has had to bear! Come to ME when you have a problem with someone and ask for MY EYES to see with! Ask to see them with My heart, to feel their pain. Ask what has come against them to make them that way, and I will give you the heart to pray effectively for them.
I will supply the compassion you need to understand them!

Ask and you shall receive! Knock and the door will be opened to you!
Lay down all your own ideas and come and ask for MINE! I'm not interested in your opinion. I know from whence it comes! I know the hurts. I know the pain. I know the oppression you have suffered and I know the oppression they have suffered. I know what you DON'T know about that other person. So come. Come and I will give you MY heart if you will only ask for it! And you will weep, and your heart will be broken, like Mine is for all those who are unhealed and undelivered. And now when you pray for them, you will see change!

I AM the MIGHTY ONE OF ISRAEL. NOTHING is too hard for ME!"
Yes, there will be those who refuse My love, and My ways. Ask Me and I will show you the reprobate heart. Ask and I will show you who to pray for and who not to pray for. I know all things. I know the very thoughts of your heart. So lean on ME for understanding and wisdom. I love you and you will see your joy made complete in this hour. Sons and daughters will return.
Children will have visitations and be taken to heaven. You will see great and mighty wonders in heaven and in the earth. I will make a DISPLAY of My power that the world will have no excuse for ignoring. For those who choose to go their own way, do not gloat or disdain them. I have no joy in the demise of their souls. Be thankful that your name is written in the Book of Life!"

Jer 6:27-30 KJV
27 I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way. 28 They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters. 29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for

the wicked are not plucked away. 30 Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

Rom 1:28-32 NKJV
28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;
29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Titus 1:15-16 AMP
15 To the pure [in heart and conscience] all things are pure, but to the defiled and corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are defiled and polluted.
16 They profess to know God [to recognize, perceive, and be acquainted with Him], but deny and disown and renounce Him by what they do; they are detestable and loathsome, unbelieving and disobedient and disloyal and rebellious, and [they are] unfit and worthless for good work (deed or enterprise) of any kind.

Springtime and Harvest
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“On this day of atonement I have gone throughout the earth. I have looked upon My children and the conditions of the world in earnest desire to see if there has been change. I see much that I am proud of. I see many struggling to get the healing they want. I see many suffering through year after year of affliction and rejection and still clinging to ME. I see many still grateful and thankful, when all around them is unthankfulness and ungratefulness, complaining and discontentment. So don’t think that I don’t see the awesome effort that you My sons and daughters are putting forth to change.

For many more there is still apathy, complacency, and a spirit of stupor still
over you. For many run to and fro, hither and thither doing all sorts of things, and busy with life, with no time to give to the Creator of Life. Many have compromised their walks because they no longer consider My Word, the WORD OF GOD. Many think they can form ME into their image of who they want ME to be. Many do NOT repent for their sins, and do not listen to their conscience as their hearts have become hardened by all the sin around them, and in them.

You will no longer be able to straddle the fence of life, with one foot in the world and one foot in Me. It is impossible to continue this way because the cost will be too high, and it will take you too far away from My protection to protect you from the increase in evil. Have you read My Word? It does not change. It is immovable. It will be fulfilled. The knowledge of ME will fill the earth as the waters cover the seas, and I will have a people who trembles in My Presence! You will see ME coming in the clouds with great glory not long from now, so things are escalating in the world that you have read about. HARVEST TIME IS HERE. It is FALL in one half of the earth, and SPRINGTIME in the other. So it is a time of planting seeds and gathering the fruit of seeds planted. And it is a time of burning up the chaff. It is a time of SEPARATION. Separating the fruit from the vine, as when squash are gathered, and the vines wither after being harvested. It is also a time of NEW LIFE coming forth…My LIFE!”
“Those who are wise will sow and will gather. Those who are not wise will continue with business as usual. Those who are wise will make themselves available to ME for the work of My Kingdom, as I call to them. And those who are unwise will procrastinate and hesitate instead of supplicate. I tell you that time will not be halted for those who hesitate. When I tell you to do something now, be quick to do it. Be assured that I will give you all you need to do it as well. Do not look back! Do not look at what has been done, but to what I WANT DONE AND HOW. The new thing I do will require you to be

DEPENDENT on ME for wisdom and understanding, and for the love and power you need to do it!

You cannot neglect your time with me without being led away. UNION with ME is the only way to keep your sanity in a world that is spiraling towards lawlessness! So when the Harvesting begins of souls in awakening. DO NOT GET SO BUSY that you neglect getting what you need from ME! LIFE begets life. If you receive life from ME, then you will be able to give it out to others. I caution you to come buy gold now of ME, while you have time!

There will be a universal ESCALATION. It will be worldwide and the harvest will suddenly abruptly erupt all over the world in many places where prayer and worship have sown into the heavens and will reap a great reward for the Kingdom. AWAKENING draws near. YOUR LORD is nigh! Come and drink of the new wine I am pouring out. Come you who are thirsty and drink of ME! For unto you a Son is given. Unto you glory will no longer be hidden!”

Zechariah 10:1-2 NIV
1 Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone. 2 The idols speak deceit, diviners see visions that lie; they tell dreams that are false, they give comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep oppressed for lack of a shepherd. 3 "My anger burns against the shepherds, and I will punish the leaders; for the LORD Almighty will care for his flock, the house of Judah, and make them like a proud horse in battle.

Hos 6:11 NKJV Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed for you, when I return the captives of My people.

Joel 1:11 NKJV Be ashamed, you farmers, Wail, you vinedressers, For the wheat and the barley; Because the harvest of the field has perished. 12 The vine has dried up, and the fig tree has withered; The pomegranate tree, The palm tree also, And the apple tree — All the trees of the field are withered; Surely joy has withered away from the sons of men.
13 Mourning for the Land
Gird yourselves and lament, you priests; Wail, you who minister before the altar; Come, lie all night in sackcloth, You who minister to my God; For the grain offering and the drink offering are withheld from the house of your God. 14 Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD.
15 Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.
16 Is not the food cut off before our eyes, Joy and gladness from the house of our God? 17 The seed shrivels under the clods, Storehouses are in shambles; Barns are broken down, for the grain has withered. 18 How the animals groan! The herds of cattle are restless, Because they have no pasture; Even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment.
19 O LORD, to You I cry out; For fire has devoured the open pastures, and a flame has burned all the trees of the field. 20 The beasts of the field also cry out to You, For the water brooks are dried up, and fire has devoured the open pastures.

Matt 13:30 NKJV Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.""
Matt 13:39 NKJV The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

Luke 10:2-3 NKJV Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

John 4:35-36 NKJV Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!

Rev 14:14-18 NKJV Reaping the Earth's Harvest
Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. 15 And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your sickle and reap, for the time has come for You to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe." 16 So He who sat on the cloud thrust in His

sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.
17 Reaping the Grapes of Wrath
Then another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle.
18 And another angel came out from the altar, who had power over fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe." 19 So the angel thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses' bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.

Prov 10:5 NKJV He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is a son who causes shame.

Jer 50:16 NKJV Cut off the sower from Babylon, And him who handles the sickle at harvest time. For fear of the oppressing sword everyone shall turn to his own people, and everyone shall flee to his own land.

The Heart of the Matter
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"**Juxtapositioning is going on in My Kingdom in many areas**. I am putting those together who will work together for My glory. I have alignments that are important to these times, that will bring in much harvesting, cleaning of that harvest, and training for that harvest. It is important that you listen for the still small voice to lead you into alignment with only those I tell you to! I sent the apostles out two by two. There was purpose in that! Look now at what I will do to balance out those in My Kingdom that are alone! For some, they will be married to those they go with, and for others, they will have friends from other nations, and youth that will go with them, to demonstrate My love and unity of the brethren. The apostles went in two's, but for many of you, I will send you in fours, and larger groups and more diverse to shake cities, and to shake nations. I am mixing and I am fixing, to make teams that will have diverse gifts and authority in prayer to dispel the darkness!

Harvest is on My heart! That is why I am working on you to take out all that is not of Me, and to get you to be still and listen and receive the love that will break the yoke over others. I want a pure and spotless Bride, and I will make her so! I will continue to heal and deliver, to purge and to test until you learn to work together more amiably and without competition, and sibling rivalry. I am breaking down walls of division. I am breaking down walls of intimidation and I am breaking down walls of separation. I WILL make My Bride HOLY! Steadily and surely, I have purposed to complete this work, and NOTHING can stop it! I will send forth the peacemakers and they will bring forth truth that will build unity through INTIMACY with ME. Intimacy with ME is the CURE for what is wrong with the church. If you don't KNOW ME, and spend time with ME, and neglect or ignore ME, then how can you possibly get through the tribulation that is coming? I will fulfill the prayer of My Son to make you ONE as We are one! I WILL RESTORE the true sheep of My pastures.

Matt 7:22-23 NKJV Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

There is a wind blowing that will bring the KINGDOM upon you. This wind is not the kind you can harness or control. THIS Wind will bring power as you've not seen before. This GLORY will not be able to be "managed" or "limited". This is MY GLORY, and it will go forth and through whomever I WILL. If you try to oppose it, you will be opposed by ME. FOR IT IS I WHO am in it! I AM the Wind that is coming. I WILL empower My bride to overcome, and to do the works of the KINGDOM, and for the KINGDOM, and by MY LEADING. This Wind is not something you can "TAME". **The Wind blows**

where it will!

John 3:8 NKJV The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Deut 33:26 NKJV "There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help you, and in His excellency on the clouds.

My heart is to save nations and peoples of the earth, and to snatch them from the hand of the enemy. My heart is to see them delivered and healed, so they can also sit at the banqueting table with Me. So many are quick to want to get out of this world, when I am wanting you to bring in this end times HARVEST of souls. I will not take anyone away until My will is fulfilled in the earth. Set YOUR eyes on ME, and your heart to know My heart, and I will give you the nations as an inheritance.
Be faithful in little, and I will give you much! But I have the best plan for your life that you could imagine. Are you willing to let me be the AUTHOR and FINISHER of your faith? "

juxtaposition Function: *noun*
Etymology: Latin *juxta* near + English *position* -- more at JOUST
: the act or an instance of placing two or more things side by side; *also* **:** the state of being so placed

Lawlessness – (Webster) **1 :** not regulated by or based on law
2 a : not restrained or controlled by law **: UNRULY b : ILLEGAL**
You could say…a lack of being under the Rule of the King. In other words, doing what you think is best, instead of submitting to Him.

NT:458 anomia (an-om-ee'-ah); from NT:459; illegality, i.e. violation of law or (genitive case) wickedness: KJV - iniquity, transgress (-ion of) the law, unrighteousness.

NT:459 anomos (an'-om-os); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:3551; lawless, i.e. (negatively) not subject to (the Jewish) law; (by implication, a Gentile), or (positively) wicked: KJV - without law, lawless, transgressor, unlawful, wicked.

NT:3551 nomos (nom'-os); from a primary nemo (to parcel out, especially food or grazing to animals); law (through the idea of prescriptive usage), genitive case (regulation), specifically (of Moses [including the volume]; also of the Gospel), or figuratively (a principle): KJV - law.

Confirming dream by Lanna Perry:

I was asleep and I had this dream. I dreamt that I was in like a third world place, and it was so poor, and it was just so 'low' and awful. Anyways, I then saw there were children everywhere, and they were dark skinned children so maybe I was in Africa or something...

But they were in cages, and my heart was screaming and something in the core of me was screaming I needed to get them out. I can't remember HOW I helped them, but I helped them in some way, yet I don't remember if they actually got out of the cages or not. I remember something in the core of me screaming I needed to get them out. This gut wrenching something...that was absolutely taking over me so much I wanted to double over and scream.

The next thing I know, I reach up and see a gorilla looking at me, and I hold the hand of the gorilla. Yet some of the kids looked like baby gorilla's. That was it. Then I tell people in my dream out what had happened and I just couldn't stop crying.

I have now woken up with this gut wrenching tug in the core of me, I am screaming inside to get them out. Something is happening to me, and I don't know what it is.

African Dreams

Dennis Peacocke

Africa, the "Dark Continent" of Western literature, is easily romanticized. It is raw, often primitive, and hauntingly beautiful. Like all of humanity, the people are full of virtues and full of vices. The culture is emotionally infectious and yet simultaneously filled with tragic flaws. Short of a miraculous turnaround in its continental sexual and economic practices, AIDS and other related maladies are predicted to reduce its population by more than twenty percent in the next ten or fifteen years. Most of that death will decimate the current under thirty-five population. We're talking multiple millions of people here. This crisis is easily comparable to the Plague, which reduced Europe's population in the 14th century by one-third.

Culturally, tribalism is still a dominant force in Africa. Tragically, over the last decades, it has given rise to tribal "ethnic cleansing" in the millions. Sudan, now under global scrutiny after twenty years of the ethnic-religious extermination of black Christians in the South by Arab Muslims from the North, follows on the heels of the Rawandan holocaust of the 1990s. Warring factions are active in numerous other regions throughout the continent. While these realities are often high-lighted, the truth is that Europe has been even more destructive of its own people in the last hundred years. In the main, the African populations are hard working. Considering the harsh realities of survival there, they are amazingly full of life.

The Colonial West brought to Africa: Christianity, medicine, schooling, roads and infrastructure, Western culture and order, and of course a heavy dose of patronizing exploitation. When the "free African" movements emerged in the 1950s and 1960s, hope and "freedom" promised a new era of dignity and self-determination. That dream today has turned, in many places, into a painful nightmare of slow disintegration. Removing the "exploiters," while necessary, revealed how unprepared many people were to make the Western modern world system truly work in Africa. Race is not the issue; skill sets and worldview are. To make it all the worse, Africa, rich in resources, has been repeatedly exploited by one corrupt leader and government after another. Black greed has proven as ugly as white exploitation. Welcome to fallen humanity, no matter what the color of the skin.

What seems most obvious to me in my recent visits to both East Africa and West Africa is this: What must change is the maddening exploitation of the people by a spirit of corruption, bribery, and self-serving power manifested in so many places. Indeed, a culture's philosophy of power is the single most important indicator of how justice and resources are dispensed amongst its people by its leaders.

Power is either used to empower others or exploit them. It's either about "me" or "us." The clearest example of this is Christ's legacy of the power He demonstrated at the Cross. He modeled for us all, in a totally consistent manner, that power and love must co-mingle absolutely. They do in the heart of God. Showing what "your good at my expense" looks like, Jesus set the highest of examples for all to see. Human nature in the West is no different than human nature in Africa. What is different is the hundreds of years of pre-democratic and democratic institutions that have grown up in the West, making blatant corruption more easily detectable and therefore more difficult to practice. The question is how quickly Africa can begin to win its race against disillusionment and a quiet desperation which says, "This is the way it must be."

My hope is in the message and power of the Kingdom of God. Africa has more than enough Christ-loving Christians to turn it around. The issue, as in the West, is whether or not their view of the gospel focuses as much on revealing Christ's Kingdom on Earth in the present as it does on getting our souls to heaven in the future. Africa and its people are deeply loved by God. I believe in Africa's future because in the long run I'm betting on God, and His here-and-now Kingdom focus, and that is . . .THE BOTTOM LINE!

Arise From The Ashes

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Eze 37:9 Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

The Lord will breathe an increase of anointing on those who have been through the fires of purging and feel as though they are slain, feeling like they are never to rise again from weariness of their soul.

Eze 37:10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Now is the time for destiny to come forth and we are knit together in spirit as a great army upon the earth. The Lord will bring burdens of prayer and intercession that will rise as one voice before Him, a sweet incense and as a smoke in His nostrils, to bring about the birthing of the New Jerusalem upon the face of the earth. Listen to My voice as I whisper to travail in prayer, in groanings and utterings that cannot be uttered. Gather in twos and threes and lift up your voices in prayer for the coming season. But know this my Beloved, that in the time of coming judgment upon the face of the earth, my Eagles will soar high above it and fulfill their commission. Great joy will be theirs as I move them, yea and even translate them by My spirit, to reach the lost, the hurting and the broken. This is the season of the Great White harvest and my reapers are being prepared even now.

Eze 37:11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

Not so saith the Lord, this is just the beginning. Lift up your eyes and see the salvation of the Lord. The Lord strong and mighty in battle will go before you to make smooth the path and to remove the stones. I have called you and created you for a purpose and that purpose is now to become apparent. You will greatly rejoice Beloved and you will even thank me for the fires of purging and the great preparation I have done in you for this coming season, a season when My Glory shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. Be obedient, listen to my still, small voice and you shall see great and mighty things.

Eze 37:12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

There is soon coming a releasing from the wilderness, the season of death and dying to self and you will rise as a Phoenix out of the ashes, a people strong and mighty in battle. Prepared to rule and reign over the evil one, to reclaim the peoples, yea even the earth itself, for all creation is to be redeemed back to My Beloved one, My Son.

Eze 37:13 And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, Eze 37:14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

Yea I shall place you in your own land. Some will run Places of Refuge, some will walk the highways and byways in search of the lost and hurting. Some will rise to great heights in the prophetic, hearing

My words in greater depth, clarity and in the revelation of My Word. These prophets, under My mighty anointing of power, will proclaim prepare you for the coming of the Lord, to My body and to the lost. Words of judgment will come forth like a two edged sword, cutting asunder the soul from the spirit and causing great repentance and grief in those who have for so long neglected the promptings of My Spirit and have walked in their own discernment and in the knowledge of men.

Isa 32:15 Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

Prepare My people for My Spirit is coming like a mighty wave, a Tsunami, to push you into the plans and purposes I have ordained for you since before time began. I will not be thwarted and neither will you My Beloved for My plans and purposes will come to pass. Neither that which is the heavens and neither that which is under the earth will prevent it. So lift up your voices and begin to praise Me this very day.

Isa 32:16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. Isa 32:17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. Isa 32:18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

That peaceful habitation, that quiet resting place, is in Me Beloved. As I send you forth you will know that nothing can harm you or move you, as you fulfill all that I have called you to. I will sustain you as I pour out My Sprit upon you and through you. Everywhere you go My Cloud of Glory will surround you, envelope you and they will fall in the streets and say surely God is with you. This Cloud of Glory is not for you Beloved but for My purposes, to bring in the lost and so that My Justice and Righteousness will go forth in the Earth. Great things are on the way Beloved, great things so do not give up now and say I am too weary!

From the heart of the Father.

Amen

A New Jerusalem In The Midst Of Persecution
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Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. Rev 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. Rev 12:15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. Rev 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood

which the dragon cast out of his mouth. Rev 12:17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Know you not my people what season you are in? The devil is cast down and will increase his abominations upon the face of the earth. The season is late and yet there are many who perceive it not. Hear Me again Beloved, the Devil is cast out and is upon the earth. There are persecutions coming, even against My very Beloved but take heart I will sustain you and great will be My Glory upon you as they come against you. They cannot endure sound doctrine, they will clasp their hands over their ears and shout "stop" for they are led away with the lusts of the flesh and the pride of life.

Many that have perceived the season have let their hearts tremble with fear. These things have been foretold of old and the season now is, but take heart Beloved, have I not sustained you thus far, have I not held you in the palm of My hand, have you gone short of anything, has anything overcome you that you still do not stand this day? Yea you are still standing, even through the fires of refining, and you will stand in the day of persecution.

The world sees My Beloved as failures, as not amounting to much according to the world system but I see you as My precious Beloved, refined and made pure for this season, a season that in the midst of the persecution, the world will see My Glory upon you!

I am birthing My New Jerusalem in the midst of the coming persecution, a glorious Bride, refined and made pure through the fires. This is a day of rejoicing Beloved for all that your heart of hearts has desired is coming to you. A time of signs and wonders, a time of walking in My Glory, a time of divine provision and promotion (spiritual promotion). My faithful ones have stood through the fires and the tribulations and have been made strong for such a time as this. Oh how I long so show forth My Glory, how I long for the time where I catch you up into My everlasting, ever loving arms, My Bride, My Glorious Bride, I so long for that time! The time is soon Beloved but for now come unto Me and I will give you rest. I will whisper into your ear of things you do not yet know, deep, wonderful things, deeper revelations of My Word to your heart so that you may be strengthened even more and know that you can stand on My Word , even in the midst of the fires of persecution.

Know this Beloved, these things must come to pass but in all your afflictions I am afflicted, in all your sorrows I have sorrow and My Presence will be with you, My Glory will be upon you and I shall be glorified upon the face of the earth.

THE Beloved signs off for now.

AMEN

Birthing And Travail
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Psa 32:7 Thou *art* my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah. Psa 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.
For those of My children who feel that they are straining at the bit, pacing the floor and wringing their

hands, that pressure that you feel is of Me says the Lord. There is a baby about to be birthed; **you are in labor.** Much has been placed in you through the years of refining; My seeds have been placed in you and now it is time to bring forth. I will surround you with songs of deliverance. I will place you in My ark of safety as you go through the uncomfortable labor pains.

What am I birthing through you, My beloved prepared ones? I am birthing My new church, a church made up of many parts of the body and the ligaments that hold these parts together is My love. You are in an uncomfortable season. As a woman's body undergoes many changes through her pregnancy, so you are feeling uncomfortable.

What is this new church I am birthing? It is a church where the plumb line is of Me! My standard of Holiness, My standard of Love, My anointing and **My Son will be the head.** Those who do not submit to the headship of My Son will be chastised by Me and some will be chastised publicly, for long have I spoken to their hearts and long have I spoken through My prophets, but they regarded it not.

What will the new church look like? It will look like My glorious Bride covered with the glorious apparel of My Glory and My Love (love is part of My Glory).
How can I bring in the masses? How can I bring in the lost, to a church in the state she is now in. The constant bickering, the jostling for position, the spirit of judgement that exists there, the unkind words spoken and the false foundations.
I am sending My Apostles and Prophets to you, to put My axe to the roots of unrighteousness, to the roots of slander and gossip, to the roots of pride and self suffiency. To break up and dig up the false foundations upon which you have built **YOUR church and to rebuild the church UPON MY FOUNDATIONS.** My foundations of truth, the way of the Cross, of dying to self and of giving **ALL THE GLORY TO ME.** Time is short and I will do a swift work. Will you receive them Beloved? Will you receive them?

To My prepared ones, push through this time of birthing. I will strengthen you, I will uphold you in the time of your labor pains, then I will show you the way that you must go. I am birthing a new baby, a baby that will go out to do My perfect will, to go out **BY MY SPIRIT AND IN LOVE, to perfect others.** Love from the Father.

Released To Proclaim
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Released From The Wilderness To Proclaim "Prepare The Way Of The Lord"

Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. Mal 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: Mal 3:3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. Mal 3:4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.

I have nearly completed the refining, the purging of My prepared ones. Now I am coming to those of

My children who have ignored the voice of My prophets and the promptings of My Spirit to lay down their lives for Me. They have carried on as usual; church as usual, business as usual, not discerning the times and the season. Whoa to My stubborn ones, My hard of hearing children for the time is short and I must use drastic measures to catch their attention. I do not want to loose even one of My precious sheep but many of My sheep are not hearing My voice. Without hearing My voice they can be led astray by the many deceptions purposed by the deceiver.

I am sending out My called out ones, those who have already been prepared by My hand in the fires of affliction. They have heard the call of My Spirit early and have been through much preparation by My hand. These are the ones I am now releasing out to the marketplace, out to the Churches, out to the fields of harvest, to do My bidding and My bidding only. Won't you hear them now Beloved, won't you hear them now? Before the day of great darkness descends upon the earth, won't you hear the voice of My beloved prepared ones?

There is a voice as one crying out in the wilderness "Prepare the way of the Lord". These are My wilderness people, those you would consider "odd balls". They don't fit into your churches and neither do they fit into the world. They are those you consider odd, consider intense and at odds with what you consider normal and acceptable. My people, so was John the Baptist considered in his day!

I have those that are weeping at My feet for they discern the times and the season. They are weeping for their release, to go forth and proclaim My Word in truth. They will go forth with a two edged sword in their mouths. Will you persecute them as My prophets of old were persecuted, or will you hear them?

Today when you hear My words, do not harden your hearts! There is a voice crying in the wilderness repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand.

From the hurting heart of the Father. There is more says the Lord but that is all for now.

After The Passion

Don Hawley

Mel Gibson's *"Passion"* should be recognized as a most singular and important event. First there was the heated debate about the film. It was nearly impossible to pick up something in print without finding an impassioned article. And I don't recall seeing anything so thoroughly discussed on the Internet.

Then there was the unprecedented flood of viewers as soon as the movie became available on the screen.

But what about *after* the *"Passion?"*

There have to be some advantages to being 80, and one of them is having a long-range perspective. I do not recall, in past decades, any other period in America when Christianity was so rabidly under attack by the forces of secularism. There is a virulent new hatred against all things Christian.

Many of us were surprised at the vehement anger leveled at this portrayal of the passion of our Lord. But should we have been? Have not the forces of darkness always done their best to keep humankind ignorant of what happened on Calvary, and why?

The organized church, of course, is not nearly so energized as the forces attacking it. Apathy is the general order of the day, but I believe that is about to change. I'd like to suggest that the film *"Passion"* may be the catalyst to awaken the slumbering church, and precipitate all-out religious warfare. What we likely will end up with is bitter warfare between the secular/Laodician left and the zealous religious right.

The fact that this is a presidential election year will also add considerable fuel to the fire. The abortion issue is still hot, and the same-sex marriage battle is sure to be big. Personally, I do not intend to cast my lot with either faction. Rather than line up behind intense human religious organizations, I think it wise to go with the Body of Christ. Although this invisible entity is not organized in the human sense, it is headed by the Holy Spirit.

Remember what happened in the Book of Acts. Open hatred and antagonism erupted between the secular Romans and the religious Jewish leaders. God could not accommodate either faction, and the Holy Spirit led out with signs and wonders that galvanized everyone's the attention. That kind of warfare proved to be highly effective; a relatively small group of nobodies, with no significant funding, "turned the whole world upside down." I'd like to see that happen again.

Personal Thoughts on the "Passion"

I'd like to comment briefly concerning my own thoughts on the "Passion" film, which I saw just today.

Was this film violent? Yes.

Was there gratuitous violence? No. I have studied quite a bit through the years concerning both

Roman scourging and crucifixion. My opinion is that, horrible as the depiction was, it still fell short of what Christ actually endured. Many victims died as a result of the scourging itself.

Isaiah had a vision of what Jesus would experience at the hands of the Romans.

"See, my servant will prosper; he will be highly exalted. Many were amazed when they saw him--beaten and bloodied, so disfigured one would scarcely know he was a person." Is. 52:13, 14.

"But wasn't Gibson's portrayal truly ugly?" Yes, it had to be in order to make a truthful statement. *What happened to the Savior during his final 12 hours was the ugliest experience in human history*.

"OK, so it was realistic. Did we have *to see it that way?"* Yes, because most of the passion portrayals of the past have been highly sanitized. Some of them were almost poetic. There is a serious need for Christians to better comprehend the cost of our salvation, the price Jesus paid for our rescue. Only then can we properly evaluate the *worth* of redemption and eternal life.

"But it seems just too much to ask us to watch." If Jesus, in his innocence, could go through the pain and the shame, then you in your guiltiness ought to be able to watch it.

A Continuing Need

One of the most indignant articles I read condemning the *"Passion,"* compared it to the "needless violence" portrayed in the movie *"Schindler's List."* The truth is that this film also held back some of the actual horror in the extermination of the Jews. I think it would be good for each of us to view *"Schindler's List"* annually, lest we forget and end up repeating the terrible error once again.

The old hymn had it right.

Lest I forget Gethsemane,
Lest I forget thine agony,
Lest I forget thy love for me,
Lead me to Calvary.

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My grace is sufficient for you; but now I AM pouring out a greater measure of Grace upon My children who wait upon Me. I am giving a measure that is more than sufficient, Yes, **More than enough** to sustain you, supply you, support you, strengthen you, and to send you. I have seen your arms lifted and yet your heart is weighed down. I say unto you now, I AM giving an **abundant measure** of Grace that will be **more than enough** to take you through, to help you, to keep you, to lead you, and that I might use the Life I AM within you in greater ways and in greater measure.

Come to Me and you shall see that I AM the great I AM and I AM is able to fulfill all things that have been revealed unto you and spoken to you. For in this time of season, you have struggled in your faith, you have prayed yet you have doubted and you have been weary and heavy laden. You have started and not finished. I have not left you but desired that you would seek me to find me waiting for you and that you would know My heart and know My voice. WATCH as I move you into position under My authority that has been given unto you as My children. I have given you all the necessary requirements that are needed and now I will give greater measure to those who desire to fulfill the will I have set for you.

In this time, My grace is coming to you and for you in Me. My child, My child, My precious child, I have much for you to do in My Name. Rise up and know that I have prepared you for such a time as this. Oh, that you would see Glory in the things that you have endured in My strength. It is the Grace I have given unto you to fulfill the things that you would not have nor cannot attain naturally.

For I AM making use of all that you endure and all that you have been, and all that you are. Come to Me, for I will be your rest. The grace that I have given unto you in times that have past is nothing like the Grace that I AM is about to pour upon you in this coming season. My Grace is sufficient for you and it is here for you, and now there will be more Grace, more in Abundance unto you. This grace will be more than sufficient, more than enough and it will sustain you through this hour and the season that is coming forth.

For many have gone ahead without seeking clear direction and have moved without seeking Me for Grace. Things were not accomplished, many have fallen, many have lost the Hope that I AM has given you through My son Jesus Christ. Oh, my Child if you will open your heart, renew your mind with who I AM, make way for this Abundant Grace that will take you through and enable you to stand in ways and in places you have yet to stand.

I love you dear child, know that I know what your deepest sorrows, desires, and prayers are unto Me. For I set angels that gather your songs, gather your prayers, gather your desires and they dance with them before Me. I have set them to guard you and keep you in your darkest of hours, though even in the darkest places that you sense, I am still Light, for where I AM there is no darkness. I AM the Light for you; I WILL show you the way in which you are to go. Be still and know that I AM God. My Grace will take you there.

There will be a surge within your Spirit and I will touch you with an **Abundant Grace** that is about to be poured upon you who wait upon Me. For in this Grace will be measures as never seen before in the earth. There will be those who doubted their abilities, questioned their faith, their confidence, their boldness, and even the gifts I have given you. These will begin to rise up leaving others astounded. Those who were set aside, abandoned, deserted, le It Is Time For Revolution
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I have been unctioned by the Holy Spirit to resend this word that God spoke to my heart **7** months ago in preparation for what we are getting ready to walk in. Let us **listen** and **hear** what the **Spirit of the Lord is saying** to us yet again.

It is time for Revolution!!

Through Jeannette Rodgers
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Revolution-
(1) a sudden, radical, or complete change
(2) a fundamental change in the way of thinking about or visualizing something

A day to remember, A day to stand up, A day to arise, A day to be revolutionized, A day for revelation, A day to be One with Him as He is One with you, A day to say I can, A day to say He is the Great I AM, A day to push, A day to press, A day to say yes and Amen, A day to know, A day in which our Father has created for you to know His love for you, A day in which our Lord is alive in you, A day in which the enemy no longer has chains around you, A day for a new beginning, A day that you will be set free, A day that God Almighty has made a way, A day that was created for you to say He lives in me with Dominion and Power and Majesty and Glory and Life and Wisdom, A day to put one foot in front of the other and move toward your destiny in Jesus Christ of Nazareth who dwells in you, for you to walk in Him , in the Spirit, in Love, in authority, A day of new mercy, A day to be forgiven and A day to forgive others, A day to forgive yourself, A day to love, A day to let yourself be loved, A day to reveal who HE is within you, A day to say I am coming out, A day to say I am coming in, A day to say I am coming up, A day to say I am healed, A day to declare Jesus is Lord, A day for salvation, A day to shout HE IS RISEN, A day to say I can see, A day to shout I AM rich, A day to say I AM is strong in me, A day to remember that you are no longer a victim but victorious, A day to let go of the past and live in the present that God has given you, A day where you know you are the apple of His eye, A day your marriage is restored, A day your heart is made whole, A day that you will know if you are single that God is your husband, your provision, your protection, A day to know your children will come in, A day to let go and let God, A day to soar, A day to say **IT IS TIME!!!** A day to be revolutionized in Him and through Him and for Him. **It is Time!!**

Go forth; for it is high time to stand up , rise up, push forward, press on , look to Him, follow His steps, listen to His voice, look to the Lamp that lights the Way before you.

It is high time to be **revolutionized.** It is time to reflect on the revelation that He has shown, that He has spoken from the beginning. All things that He has spoken shall come to pass in due time. His spoken word became flesh...you were called upon before entrance into your mothers womb. You were not a mistake, you were not an accident, you were called here by God to fulfill a great purpose for Him in this earth. You were created beautiful in His eyes. Your name was spoken by God and you were brought into existence for such a time as this. There is nothing that can keep you down because the Lord Jesus Christ is holding you up. There is nothing you can not do because you can do all things through Him who gives you the strength to do so. You are not defeated because He is victorious in you.
You are not broke down but being built up.
For those who are crucified with Him live with Him.

2 Corinthians 4:7-11
[7] But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. [8]We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; [9]persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed-- [10]always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. [11]For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

IT IS TIME....The Lord is saying, **IT IS TIME!!!!** We must come up higher now , for the time of this season is drawing to an end and one that is coming will be one of great and tremendous and mighty, and strong growth. For this season has been a difficult one for many; but the Lord God Almighty has set forth a word for HIS remnant and He is saying;
IT IS TIME!!!

There is purpose in all that I have set out to accomplish in you and through you. There is nothing that you have endured that I have not seen. It is MY strength saith the Lord that has held you during this process of elimination of self, of motive, of agenda so that I could arise within you. For in this hour to whom much is given much is required. I have looked to and fro for those who have stood in the fire and have not run. I have watched where you could have taken the easy road but chose the narrow, the difficult , the humbling way to Me. I am calling for a chosen and faithful people who will lift up and hold MY banner unto all nations to declare MY name and reveal MY glory that has come from all that you have endured through, unto all people. ***IT IS TIME!!!!***

Be ready!! Know your place, Know your position, Know where I have called you to stand. For I alone will do this great work through you and My glory will shine in darkness and MY light will remove darkness. For where I AM saith Adonai, there is no darkness. Let us go for as you abide in ME, I shall abideth in you. I will speak through you, I will heal through your hands, I will deliver through my authority and dominion through a spoken word that will breathe upon My people who call upon MY name and to every dry bone will come life. For I am calling a great and mighty army into place. I will hold you up, I will strengthen you, I will sustain you and keep you in places you would never

imagine you could stand. You will know that I AM that I AM has sent you and kept you through this commission (co-MISSION). This CO-Mission is one in which we will walk together.
This is... the great C0-Mission.

IT IS TIME!!! Greater Revelation, Great Revolution, to fulfill the Great Co-Mission in Jesus Christ. You may not be understood, its all right, you may think your alone but it is a mission between you and Jesus. He is there with you right now. Walking with you. Yes, He is the One who enables you to walk in Him. Don’t try to explain it, don’t try to justify it, don’t try to even understand all of it. Just do it!! Fulfill all that He has called you to do.

IT IS TIME!!

IT is the Day!!!

Abundant Blessings,
Jeannette Rodgers

ft back, or overlooked, prepare to be launched into areas you have never even imagined through the Grace that I am giving you. It is My grace that will bring you there. For surely, It is My desire that you will move in Me and that all will know My grace, My love, My mercy, My Hand, My heart, My voice, and the Way. It will be evident that it is only by the Grace given unto you that enabled you to fulfill that which I have set for you.

Come, Come, Come, For **Grace, Grace, Grace, Grace, Grace** is here for you. It is My Love filled with dominion, authority and strength, for you, that you would walk and not faint and accomplish all things that I have predestined with your Life.

A Great Divide

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All restraints have been removed . . . Do you not see and discern the time of the ages you have now entered? Defilement floods the earth - the airwaves owned by demonic forces are flowing into the houses of those that call themselves by My name. The free flowing defilement on your TV idols of Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, Desperate Housewives, etc. . . And My people open this flood up just to see! Set no evil before your eyes, that is what My commandment speaks.

The line will soon be drawn - one side stands for Me - the other side is filled with defilement. They no longer look to Me. Party and play is still the order of their day.

One shepherd has been recently exposed (Paul Cain) - some were appalled; some were religious Pharisees with their remarks saying no one should have exposed this sin before man. Do I not command to expose that which is done in secret and in darkness to be brought to the light for all to see? (I Tim. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:11; III John 9:10) Yes, there are sins that are not to be exposed until I return . . . For surely you cannot judge the intents of one’s heart. Defilement is obvious and this you are commanded to judge (Eze. 3:20; I Cor. 5:9-13) and reprove, giving such a one over to satan for the destruction of his flesh, that perhaps his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. This man (in Corinth) was exposed to the whole of the congregation.

Yea, one of large countenance and authority shall soon be exposed for all to see (as in the day of Jimmy Swaggart). On what side will you be? Surely I will then say, "who is on the Lord’s side, let him stand with Me". As Moses had said, so shall it be once again. For that was a foreshadow, don’t you see?

A great separation and divide at this time there surely will be. You will no longer wonder who is of Me; as with Moses, a separation he did call. Who responded out of the camp of Israel? Only the sons of Levi! Who are the Levites today? Those that are separated, sanctified and purified; vessels of honor and prepared for every good work (II Tim. 2:21)! They are the ones that will soon be commissioned to GO.

The sons of Levi were sent to the gates to bring forth judgement by the sword. From gate to gate throughout the camp, they slew those that did not repent! In that day, you shall be sent forth from gate to gate (doors of the church buildings) to bring forth My judgment upon the defilement that now resides within the camp (church). Your sword is My Word, two-edged it is, to bring forth this divide. Words of knowledge shall prevail, sins revealed as with Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:10-11). Slain they surely will be and great fear, once again, you shall see.

After the divide of Moses’ day, I told them "now GO unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee; behold, Mine angel shall go before thee . . . " Hallelu Jah! Do you now see? This separation shall cause you to be led into your promised land; promises and prophecies fulfilled; pouring out of My Spirit as yet to behold.

The waters (Holy Spirit), as at the Pool of Bethesda are stirring and with help only from Me, you shall receive the healing from the death (separations, isolations, brokenness, loneliness) in the wilderness; emptied out you were for Me . . . Now you are satisfied only with Me; none other will you follow; you‘ll look only unto Me. You know the time is short when this Word shall surely be. An unction you have and preparations you are making - for the command to GO will shortly be heard. Out of the chambers you soon shall be.

A Giant Leap for Mankind

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Luke 18:8 NKJV I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

One for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go…

Words from an old song came to mind after hearing “ a giant leap for mankind” .

Are you ready for the “advances of mankind”? Are you ready for their giant leaps for mankind? They have all the answers planned. They have all the solutions for the world planned. They think they can do anything. I have said before, they have their plans…but I HAVE MINE!

I know your coming out and your going in. I know the hairs on your head. There is nothing I have no knowledge of. Man is interested in the MONEY and in the SHOW – wanting glory for himself and all the riches of this world to hoard for himself. But I have a different plan. My plan is far superior to the plans of mere men. Just when you think you have it all figured out, things change. They change because I AM is in control, not man.

The IDOLS of this world will fail. They will not keep anyone from the judgments my heart has planned. Call for the crying women! Call for the men who know how to WAR in MY WAY! Call for the priests and may you weep between the porch and the altar for the souls of this world who are lost in darkness! My heart is not willing that ANY should perish. So weep My daughters and weep My sons! I am calling you to compassion. I am calling you to WAR in MY way. Will you do it on your knees? Will you raise your voices in praise in the waste places and on the hills of the earth? Will

You ARISE to the occasion? For it is NOT by MIGHT, and NOT BY POWER, but BY MY SPIRIT, that the world will be won. It takes God to worship God. It takes God to do anything right! So listen for ME to tell you what to do! Meanwhile rest in My arms of love that I may FILL YOU UP.

I have a secret store house of gifts and talents, riches and glory. I am looking for those who are willing to pay the cost. Many have already paid their “cost”. Many have gone through so much abuse and rejection and they have been willing to suffer WITH ME…and NOW I will launch them into the

destiny I have had for them. Many have thought it’s too late. But it is NEVER too late with ME. Sarah gave birth at a ripe old age, and it was miraculous. I have those that many consider too old, too weird, too uneducated, too sinful, too impoverished or too young to be useful to the kingdom. But I tell you that it is EXACTLY THESE THAT I WILL USE.

I the LORD your God, LOVE A CHALLENGE! Yes, I have chutzpah! I AM BOLD like a LION! I do NOT back down from a fight! I KNOW My enemy, and I know his weaknesses and his strengths and I know his end. And I am ALL POWERFUL, so nothing can quench My boldness or strength in battle!

I WILL FIGHT FOR YOU! I SAID, I WILL FIGHT FOR YOU! BUT YOU MUST EXPECT MY INTERVENTION! YOU MUST EXPECT ME TO FIGHT

FOR you. You can rest in knowing that the battle belongs to the Lord when it seems beyond your ability. When it seems beyond your ability then it is when I will wield MY SWORD. Do I now have thousands of thousands of legions of angels at MY command? BELIEVE My beloveds that I AM able, and I will DO IT! Remember the angels are waiting on your prayers and worship for assignments?

YES, they are waiting and listening…hoping for orders!

SO YOU TAKE A LEAP for MANKIND! TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH and believe for what SEEMS impossible. What is impossible for you? PRAY for that! And watch what I can do! TAKE A LEAP OF FAITH, and BELIEVE for the unbelieving son or daughter! BELIEVE for the unsaved brother or sister, for the unsaved husband or wife! BELIEVE for the boss who is unsaved. BELIEVE for the most wicked to be convicted! ONLY I KNOW the heart that will turn to ME! So you do your job, and walk according to the Spirit and not according to your flesh and DEPEND on ME, and I will show you the soul that is to be transformed. DANCE on INJUSTICE. DANCE on the nations! DANCE with JOY and exuberance in your heart for what I am about to do in you and through you! REJOICE I SAY! REJOICE! For the Lord Your God is coming to you in an unprecedented way, and I need you to walk in a higher level of FAITH and expectation when the world is moving in the opposite spirit of hopelessness and DOUBT! AWAKEN you who sleep and COME FORTH! COME FORTH! I am calling forth My dread champions. I am calling forth the youth who seem so unbelieving and rebellious and I will make the OUTCASTS a MIGHTY NATION!

Mic 4:6-13 AMP

6 In that day, says the Lord, I will assemble the lame, and I will gather those who have been driven away and those whom I have afflicted.

7 And I will make the lame a remnant, and those who were cast off a strong nation; and the Lord shall reign over them in Mount Zion from this time forth and forever.

8 And you, O tower of the flock, the hill and stronghold of the Daughter of Zion, unto you the former dominion shall come, the kingdom of the Daughter of Jerusalem.

9 Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no king among you? Has your counselor perished, that pains have taken you like a woman in labor?

10 Writhe in pain and labor to bring forth, O Daughter of Zion, like a woman in childbirth; for now you shall go forth out of the city and you shall live in the open country. You shall go to Babylon; there you shall be rescued. There the Lord shall redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

11 Now many nations are assembled against you, saying, Let her be profaned and let our eyes gaze upon Zion.

12 But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither do they understand His plan, for He shall gather them as the sheaves to the threshing floor.

13 Arise and thresh, O Daughter of Zion! For I will make your horn iron and I will make your hoofs bronze; you shall beat in pieces many peoples, and I will devote their gain to the Lord and their treasure to the Lord of all the earth. [Zech 12:1-8; 14:14.]

Zech 12:1-8 AMP

1 THE BURDEN or oracle (the thing to be lifted up) of the word of the Lord concerning Israel: Thus says the Lord, Who stretches out the heavens and lays the foundation of the earth and forms the spirit of man within him:

2 Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup or bowl of reeling to all the peoples round about, and in the siege against Jerusalem will there also be a siege against and upon Judah.

3 And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all peoples; all who lift it or burden themselves with it shall be sorely wounded. And all the nations of the earth shall come and gather together against it.

4 In that day, says the Lord, I will smite every horse [of the armies that contend against Jerusalem] with terror and panic and his rider with madness; and I will open My eyes and regard with favor the house of Judah and will smite every horse of the opposing nations with blindness.

5 And the chiefs of Judah shall say in their hearts, The inhabitants of Jerusalem are our strength in the Lord of hosts, their God.

6 In that day will I make the chiefs of Judah like a big, blazing pot among [sticks of] wood and like a flaming torch among sheaves [of grain], and they shall devour all the peoples round about, on the right hand and on the left; and they of Jerusalem shall yet again dwell and sit securely in their own place, in Jerusalem.

7 And the Lord shall save and give victory to the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not be magnified and exalted above Judah.

8 In that day will the Lord guard and defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and he who is [spiritually] feeble and stumbles among them in that day [of persecution] shall become [strong and noble] like David; and the house of David [shall maintain its supremacy] like God, like the Angel of the Lord Who is before them.

Zech 14:14 AMP And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem, and the wealth of all the nations round about shall be gathered together--gold and silver and apparel in great abundance.

Breaches in Communication
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Matt 12:34-37 NKJV

34 Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. 36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

Ps 12:3-5 NKJV May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaks proud things, 4 Who have said, "With our tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is lord over us?" 5 "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise," says the LORD; "I will set him in the safety for which he yearns."

Many want to speak for Me, but their preconceived ideas of how I would speak and what I would say get in the way of truth I want to speak from them. I warned My prophets over and over to seek healing that they need, that what comes out of their mouths will not be a misrepresentation of My heart. When your heart gets in the way of the heart I want to manifest to My people, then mixture is born and much that is said in these times is according to understanding mixed with pride. I am warning you to not be so proud about what you speak that you miss the truth of what is in MY HEART.

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. If you want to speak MY words to the people I love, then you must attain to the fullness of the measure of love that I desire for you. That means that you must seek after ME with all of your heart and all of your mind, and all of your soul.

If you still have envying and bitterness and pride in your heart, then it will taint the message that comes forth. I have called you to wash your feet daily. Repent and seek My face daily. If you will spend time in MY presence, then you will get the healing and the love that I have to share with others who are so love starved and needful of words that come forth in TRUTH but also in LOVE. TRUTH without love kills. It is unbalanced. When the Son of Man spoke, He spoke with LOVE in His heart for the people he healed and cared for. The only people you see Him getting angry at were the Pharisees; the pretenders. Even then, those His words were hard, they reflected His desire to love them…Matt 23:37-39 NKJV

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 See! Your house is left to you desolate;

My lovingkindness endures FOREVER. My mercies never fail. So I am telling you now, that if you will lay down all your pride, and all your pain that has not been fully forgiven, that you will save your soul from the coming judgments on the earth. But if you will not renounce your pride and arrogance, then you will be humbled. The Lord does NOT delight in the derision of His enemies! It does not give me pleasure to have to bring judgment. NOR should YOU delight in it, but rather pray to be kept from it.

Ps 106:1 NKJV Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!

For His mercy endures forever.

[chesed is the same word for mercy and lovingkindness]

[OT:2617 checed (kheh'-sed); from OT:2616; kindness; by implication (towards God) piety: rarely (by opposition) reproof, or (subject.) beauty:

KJV - favour, good deed (-liness, -ness), kindly, (loving-) kindness, merciful (kindness), mercy, pity, reproach, wicked thing.

OT:2616 chacad (khaw-sad'); a primitive root; properly, perhaps to bow (the neck only [compare OT:2603] in courtesy to an equal), i.e. to be kind; also (by euphem. [compare I OT:88], but rarely) to reprove: KJV - shewself merciful, put to shame.

The greatest commandment is to LOVE the Lord Your God with all of your heart, mind, strength and soul, and to love your neighbor as yourself.

Who I ask is your neighbor? Is it only the people you like? Is it only the people at church? Does it mean to only love the Christians? Did I not say that if you only love those who love you, then what credit is that to you?

I said to LOVE your enemies, to PRAY for those who hate you, and to bless those who spitefully use you. If your speech does not comply with this, then is it not a breech in what I have taught you? Have I not taught you that the greatest is LOVE? Love is the greatest tool in your arsenal of warfare tools. Love is as strong as death! Love covers a multitude of sins. Love NEVER FAILS. Is not the problem with rebellion and rejection in the lives of people mostly because they never received the appropriate kind of LOVE that they needed? So if you want to overcome, then you must receive of ME, MY HEART, and MY LOVE for the lost and hurting of this world.

You cannot get what you don’t ask for. I said ASK and you shall RECEIVE.

My love is about to overwhelm those who have longed for it and asked for it.

So I urge you to ask for it; to really get in a place of worship and prayer that you might receive from ME all that I have for you. I am eager to change your heart and give you mine. But you must decrease, that I might increase. You must lay down me, myself and I. Selfishness is opposite to love. Self centeredness is opposite to loving others as yourself. Incline your ears to TRUTH and put away worldly wisdom. Come away with ME and let me share with you My heart and My secrets My beloveds! Get away from the busyness. It is the enemy’s strategy to get you so busy that you cannot have time with Me. It is his strategy all the way to undermine your trust in ME. Come and find your strength in ME! For

I am gentle and lowly of heart. My burden is light.

I spoke to MOSES face to face. I have many I WANT to speak to face to face in this hour and I WILL speak to you. Moses was known as the most HUMBLE man on the face of the earth. He was dependent on Me. Yes he made mistakes as all men do. You are under the dispensation of GRACE.

But I want this dependency in you as well. I am molding you to be more dependent on ME, that I can do all I want in and through you. If you are not listening to My voice in the days ahead it may mean the difference between life and death. I live in the center of your being if you are My child. I never leave you nor forsake you. Nor will I. I am with you forever and ever. I am going to pour out such GLORY and I don't want any of you to miss out on what I wish to pour out in you. So keep your heart humble. Keep your heart soft and ready to receive from ME. LISTEN for the still small voice and know that I LOVE YOU and will not pass you by. My heart longs to love you more and to bring complete healing to your soul and body. I am not slack concerning My promises. I will quench the thirst of those who are dry and thirsty for more of ME. Come, Come to Me My beloveds…turn aside to see what I have for you.

Ex 33:11 NKJV

11 So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

Ezek 10:4-5 NKJV 4 Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, and paused over the threshold of the temple; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory. 5 And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even in the outer court, like the voice of Almighty God when He speaks.

Ps 15:1-4 NKJV The Character of Those Who May Dwell with the LORD

LORD, who may abide in Your tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy hill?

2 He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the truth in his heart; 3 He who does not backbite with his tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor, Nor does he take up a reproach against his friend;

Prov 2:11-13 NKJV

11 Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you, 12 To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things, 13 From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness;

Lam 3:37-45 NKJV Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, when the Lord has not commanded it? 38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most High

That woe and well-being proceed? 39 Why should a living man complain,

A man for the punishment of his sins?

40 Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the LORD; 41 Let us lift our hearts and hands To God in heaven. 42 We have transgressed and rebelled; You have not pardoned.

43 You have covered Yourself with anger And pursued us; You have slain and not pitied. 44 You have covered Yourself with a cloud, that prayer should not pass through. 45 You have made us an offscouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples.

46 All our enemies have opened their mouths against us. 47 Fear and a snare have come upon us, Desolation and destruction. 48 My eyes overflow with rivers of water For the destruction of the daughter of my people.

49 My eyes flow and do not cease, without interruption, 50 Till the LORD from heaven Looks down and sees.

Dramatic Deliverance
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Gen 45:7 NKJV And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

Obad 17-18 NKJV Israel's Final Triumph

"But on Mount Zion there shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. 18 The house of Jacob shall be a fire, And the house of Joseph a flame; But the house of Esau shall be stubble; They shall kindle them and devour them, and no survivor shall remain of the house of Esau, "For the LORD has spoken.

“I have a message for those of you whom I will raise up like Joseph. I am bringing forth many changes in your lives, that I may position you for great deliverances. Many of you have been used as catalysts for revival and sown many seeds for Me in a number of ways. But now I am changing the course of direction for you that you may be in a position to help MANY more be delivered from the times of great destruction coming on the earth.

So you need to draw near Me to get My plans, day to day. I have new alignments I am making to bring forth the finances that will fund the end times army and I have great ideas for making wealth for many who have a marketplace anointing. I am LOOSING those in the earth now, that you will be prepared. But know this, that I am doing this for the benefit of MY PEOPLE…not just so you can hoard and spend it as you wish. This is for the deliverance of others, not only yourself. I will invest much into your hands that you can distribute it as I will. So many lives will depend on your obedience in this matter. So do not neglect the secret place in Me. Do not fail to spend time with ME so that you can get My will translated into your hearts.

Many of you will have homes of refuge. Many of you will have communities of refuge. Many of you will have resources of gold given you, and some of that will be supernaturally provided, as you put your trust in Me. I have many plans to bless you and to bring you to the place of death to self, that many others may live and not die, but go through to the end. So many are looking for deliverance from this earth, when what I want is deliverance from your flesh and the enemy, and the world. Who will GO for us? Who will lay down their lives and pick up MINE? Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of man had no place to lay his head. He had to depend on others for support and hospitality. Many of you have too much pride yet inside of you to be that flexible. Can you give up NOW at this point, your idea of what you want to do and put it in My hands? I will give it back and provide all you need. It is a heart transition that I am calling for. I want you to be willing at any moment to change direction or roles as I lead you to. But if you are stubborn and unyielding, how can I ask you to do anything on the spur of the moment? You will then hesitate. Hesitation can get you killed in a perilous world. You must be willing to OBEY and ACT when I say to do something.

That is the kind of obedience I am calling for. Are you willing to lay down all your addictions to the things of this world and to lay down your will for

Mine? If you will, I will use you as My mouthpiece and I will wreak great deliverances through you for many who are My own, or who WILL be Mine!

I will break the power of spirits of bondage to sex, drugs, alcohol, entertainment and all forms of idolatry…if you will lay down all the idols in your own heart. But as long as you cling to your OWN opinions and your own ideas for your life, how can you be free to do what I WANT? Don’t you know how much I LOVE YOU? There is nothing that you will lack if you are willing to love Me in this way. I am asking for TOTAL SURRENDER. No more me, myself or I in the picture. Just obedience to My will. If you will love ME back in this manner. I will use you to terrify the forces of hell, and NOTHING will be impossible for you. GREAT miracles will follow you wherever you go. Great deliverance from all forms of evil will happen as you encounter the forces of the enemy.

Isa 60:1-4 NKJV

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see

Prominent leaders in business and industry will be saved and bring great change in influencing many others for the kingdom of God. For many do not see ME as BIG as I really am. To many I am still a weak, impotent God, even within My church who calls Me by their name…yet at the same time they blaspheme My name by making me a mere man in the eyes of others.

I am not a God afar off, but close at hand! There is nothing impossible for Me. NOTHING is impossible with ME. NO-THING is impossible for ME!

My love never fails, and I will not fail My church in this hour. But I AM preparing her for her finest hour and I will have a SPOTLESS BRIDE. I

have loosed many more angels for this end times scenario and I will accomplish all My heart longs to in the preparing of My Bride. You are on the precipice of revival and many are looking for me in the clouds when there is still so much more to be done to accomplish the preparation of My Bride.

Many of you are unawares of the violence that fills the lives of many of My children all over the world. They are MORE PREPARED THAN YOU ARE!

They are more prepared because they have been through much lack and pain, and they know how to seek My face and how to suffer with ME, that their pain would be accounted to them for the GLORY that is to come. I told you that if you share in My suffering , you will share in My GLORY. But that glory exposes your weaknesses, and brings awareness of your fallibility and utter nothingness without ME.

THAT IS WHAT IT IS SUPPOSED TO DO. BECAUSE IT IS NOT ABOUT WHAT YOU DO, IT IS ABOUT WHAT I DO THROUGH YOU! IF YOU COULD DO IT ON YOUR OWN, THERE WOULD BE NO REASON FOR ME. BUT YOU CANNOT GO THINKING “ Oh now I’m ready, because I am more perfect! “ NO, that ‘s not the way it works My beloveds. You are not to strive to be as perfect as the big name evangelists and teachers. You are to put all your trust in ME to move through you. In your WEAKNESS, I can be shown to be STRONG. When you are absent of pride in what you can do, then you are more ready for Me to move through you. You must become empty of yourselves to be filled with ME. Thank ME for your weaknesses. For in your weakness, people can see that it is not YOU doing the miracles and healings. It is ME.

When you think yourself the least capable, then that is when I can use you, without you taking the glory for yourself! THAT is the KEY. You can not think, only if I reach this place of perfection, then I can be used. NO! That is the voice of religious striving! I just want you to OBEY Me as I tell you what to do.

I don’t use the perfect. Not many wise are chosen, remember?

Remember always that My love NEVER fails for you. I am not here waiting with a hammer to beat you down. If you will just OBEY…then I will loose all you need to do what I have told you. BUT YOU MUST

TAKE THE STEPS OF FAITH.

1 Cor 1:26-30 NKJV Glory Only in the Lord

For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.

27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are,

29 that no flesh should glory in His presence.

1 Cor 1:25-29 AMP

25 [This is] because the foolish thing [that has its source in] God is wiser than men, and the weak thing [that springs] from God is stronger than men. 26 For [simply] consider your own call, brethren; not many [of you were considered to be] wise according to human estimates and standards, not many influential and powerful, not many of high and noble birth.

27 [No] for God selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is foolish to put the wise to shame, and what the world calls weak to put the strong to shame. 28 And God also selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is lowborn and insignificant and branded and treated with contempt, even the things that are nothing, that He might depose and bring to nothing the things that are, 29 So that no mortal man should [have pretense for glorying and] boast in the presence of God.

My Sufficiency
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2 Cor 3:5-9 AMP Not that we are fit (qualified and sufficient in ability) of ourselves to form personal judgments or to claim or count anything as coming from us, but our power and ability and sufficiency are from God.

6 [It is He] Who has qualified us [making us to be fit and worthy and sufficient] as ministers and dispensers of a new covenant [of salvation through Christ], not [ministers] of the letter (of legally written code) but of the Spirit; for the code [of the Law] kills, but the [Holy] Spirit makes alive. [Jer 31:31.]

7 Now if the dispensation of death engraved in letters on stone [the ministration of the Law], was inaugurated with such glory and splendor that the Israelites were not able to look steadily at the face of Moses because of its brilliance, [a glory] that was to fade and pass away, [Ex 34:29-35.]

8 Why should not the dispensation of the Spirit [this spiritual ministry whose task it is to cause men to obtain and be governed by the Holy Spirit] be attended with much greater and more splendid glory? 9 For if the service that condemns [the ministration of doom] had glory, how infinitely more abounding in splendor and glory must be the service that makes righteous [the ministry that produces and fosters righteous living and right standing with God]!

Many of you are struggling with things because for so long you have depended on YOU for getting through things, thinking somehow, I'd be disappointed or angry with you if you didn't perform well enough. I want you to know that I am not the harsh task master! I am not the one that drives people to strive. I AM THE ONE WHO WANTS TO HOLD YOU IN MY ARMS like a Father does his child, doting on you with love and affection.

I help you through whatever you must do…but if you will learn to lean on Me, then all your sufficiency can be in ME to hold you up, to get you through, and to direct you in what is from ME and what is not. Do not be in a hurry! I am not impatient, nor intolerant. Love is PATIENT. LOVE is KIND!

Cast ALL your cares on ME, so I can care FOR you! The Kingdom of God is so different from the kingdom of man. Drivenness is so common these days, that people do not any longer know how to REST in Me, and to just let Me help them to get through. When trouble comes, immediately they begin to analyze and work on a solution, when what I expect is for you to RUN TO ME and lay it at My feet and ask ME what to do! What do I want?

I do not want you in a frenzy over circumstances that you cannot control! Nor do I want you to take control of situations I should solve and control!

I am the RESOURCE of anything you need, so come to ME. Allow ME to take control! Acknowledge I am the One in control and allow Me to be, and watch what I can do!

Prov 3:6-8 NKJV In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. 7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.

This is one reason many are suffering in their bodies, is that they do NOT know how to rest and LET ME be in charge. TRUST has been damaged if not destroyed by abuse and rejection in their lives, and they are suffering greatly, because they do not know how to put the WHOLE OF THEIR TRUST IN ME!

Rom 10:14 AMP But how are people to call upon Him Whom they have not believed [in Whom they have no faith, on Whom they have no reliance]? And how are they to believe in Him [adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him] of Whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?

This word basic to many scriptures, BELIEVE, means to put the whole of your TRUST in ME. I know that you try to put as much as possible of your trust in ME. But some of you do not even realize you are untrusting, and therefore UNBELIEVING!!! TRUST is BUILT. It is not automatic. And for those whose trust has been trampled by the conditions of their life…they must GROW in trust. Little by little as they see ME answer the problems in their lives, and change them little by little…and LOVE on them, little by little trust is again built up in them. A parent who meets the needs of their infant, builds trust in that child. The child learns by his needs being met, for food, for being changed, by being held and loved, that the parent is someone that they can trust to be there for them. This is a gradual process.

So I UNDERSTAND those whose trust has been defiled by man's rejection and betrayal, much more than most other human beings do. I know what it takes for each person to grow in TRUST and FAITH. Do NOT JUDGE the brother whose faith is weak. Only realize that the wounding the enemy does in the lives of My beloveds will alter their ability to TRUST. And continue to love that person and to speak the truth of My Word in LOVE. As YOU love on others, their faith and love will grow. Some people will ONLY blossom, as they are loved by another special person.

2 Cor 9:8-9 AMP And God is able to make all grace (every favor and earthly blessing) come to you in abundance, so that you may always and under all circumstances and whatever the need be self-sufficient [possessing enough to require no aid or support and furnished in abundance for every good work and charitable donation].

9 As it is written, he [the benevolent person] scatters abroad; He gives to the poor; His deeds of justice and goodness and kindness and benevolence will go on and endure forever! [Ps 112:9.]

Some of you are concerned about your finances and how in the world I could ever provide for you all you might need when all you see is LACK. But that is WHAT FAITH IS…to believe something when the evidence is NOT THERE!

For some of you, you need self-control which is a FRUIT of the Spirit. You cannot love perfectly unless you have self-control. So I have been working discipline in your lives that I could trust you with MORE. Some of you need to be MORE concerned with the lives of others, than with YOURSELF! Yes My beloveds, YOU ARE YOUR BROTHER'S KEEPER. There will always be those who are weaker. There will always be the poor with you. But the poor are weaker and they are NECESSARY. Otherwise the church becomes complacent and hard. And unfortunately, the church has become complacent and hardened because of their wealth. In other nations, they know what hardship is, so they are more compassionate and kind than here. They know more about sharing than the church here! So open your eyes, and open your hearts and let the SON shine in and show you His WISDOM. Let the Holy Spirit guide your steps and your heart. Do not consider what you have as YOUR OWN. FOR I AM THE ONE WHO GIVES FAVOR TO MAN TO GET WEALTH! Be dependent on ME, for what to give, and who to give to! Be faithful and generous in giving and I will be faithful and generous to YOU.

Receding Hairline
Priscilla Van Sutphin

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I heard "receding hairline" and thought I'd gone bonkers…but then asked,

What do You want to say about that Lord…and began to get an impression

of the church as a body/person, and that person having a receding HAIRLINE…meaning that the covering of the Lord was receding a bit.

And hearing the Lord say:

In warfare of the nature that is coming and is here, because of the rise of witchcraft / lawlessness in the world , I AM raising up the Tabernacle of David to counter the growth of this witchcraft.

Acts 15:16-17 NKJV 16'After! this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; 17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the LORD who does all these things.'

You cannot do warfare the same as in the past. You must seek MY wisdom, and MY strategy for this hour. And I am telling you that if you will lift up PRAISE and WORSHIP in this hour, as you sow to the heavens, I will rain down on the earth and as you speak what I give you to speak in prayer mingled with this worship, and speak My Word, I will rain down MY judgments and MY KINGDOM will be established; My will, will be done on earth as it is in heaven. I am seeking those who ABANDON themselves to ME in worship that I might counter the worship that goes down to satan, and that it will be overcome.

How many times in My Word, did the worshippers go forth FIRST into

battle? How many examples can you find? Why did David dance naked and unashamedly before ME? Why did he establish so much worship in the temple? HE KNEW ME. HE KNEW MY PRESENCE. And he knew that I abide in the PRAISES of my people, not the complaints and not in the begging prayers, but in PRAISES, and in DECLARATIONS of My will and My righteousness.

When Gideon's men won the battle, they won against tremendous odds. Why did they win? Because he listened to ME. HE obeyed MY STRATEGY. It took a paradigm shift for them to do it. But they did it and in the obedience to MY WILL, confusion came at the blowing of TRUMPETS! And in the crashing of pitchers…representing the DEATH to the outer shell of a body I've given you…DEATH to FLESH. DEATH to YOUR OPINIONS. DEATH to YOUR WAYS of doing things. So I am asking you to WORSHIP ME in the beauty of holiness. I am asking you to use PRAISE and WORSHIP to sow to the heavens and as you worship, you will be led of the HOLY SPIRIT in prayers that will shake nations. You will exercise authority even in the DANCE that will execute JUDGMENT on the enemy of your soul. So take up these weapons of warfare and do as I ask and know that you cannot be too busy to get My instructions, and then BE in obedience. You MUST take the time to listen for the still small voice and to get your strategy from ME, then you will be able to be EFFECTIVE against the enemy of your soul. INTIMACY with ME is more powerful than any other weapon. So COME and learn of ME. LEARN TO DO THINGS MY WAY…and your way will be successful.

I have said LOVE is the greatest, and to LOVE one another as I have loved you. This is another weapon of great destruction to the enemy in this hour.

If you abide in My love, then I abide in you and there is NOTHING that you cannot do. There is nothing that will be impossible for you. How do you get My love? By coming into MY PRESENCE in PRAISE, WORSHIP and PRAYER…and then you receive all that I have to give you, in the quiet place of intimacy with you.

Some of you come to the place of warfare and praise and celebration but go not further into the place of high praise where the intimacy with me takes you high up, to soar with me in the heavenlies. I want My worshippers to have discernment to know what I AM calling for in this hour, in each time of praise and worship…to be LED OF ME in all that you do. Do not NEGLECT time with ME so that I can tell you HOW TO LEAD the WORSHIP! Do not take for granted the anointing.

I want pastors to listen to worship leaders, and to LEAN ON ME for when to stop the worship. If every week you sing the seven songs and quit…is that being led by the Spirit? WILL YOU ALLOW ME to come into the worship and to change what I WANT TO DO? Will you allow ME place to SPEAK to you in the worship, or in prophecy, or whatever way I want to speak? Do you have time for fellowship with ME? Or do you just want to hear yourselves speak? Do I have the OPTION TO CHANGE the service being that I know everything about everyone who is there. Will you allow ME to orchestrate how church is conducted? For I tell you I WILL HAVE MY WAY!

If you won't take the time to ask Me, or to listen to what I want to do, or to give ME the option to change things at the last moment, then are you being obedient? Are you depending on ME? FLEXIBILITY is something I treasure in the character of disciples. For when you are FLEXIBLE, then you will do MY will and not just what you feel like doing, or what you think is right. Do not give in to presumptive sin. DEPENDENCY on ME is another characteristic I desire in My followers. IF YOU ARE A FOLLOWER OF ME, THEN YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW WHAT I TELL YOU, RIGHT? IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW ME, THEN YOU ARE DOING WHAT YOU WANT, AND THERE IS NO DEPENDENCY ON ME, BUT RATHER A SPIRIT OF INDEPENDENCE AND REBELLION. PRAY that you may be led by MY grace and not by your own will. Sensitivity to the Spirit is born out of obedience to MY WILL. If He asks you to do something and you don't obey…then why should HE tell you anything more, if you won't listen?

I love you and I know what is best for you, My beloveds…so listen to the beat of MY HEART. Listen for the still small voice, that you may hear all I am wanting to speak to you. LEAN ON ME and I will bless you. Taste and see that the Lord is good. I am Faithful and True and I will never let you go.

So come to ME, and be not afraid to let My Spirit have rule in your life.

Father knows best.
Abba

A God Most People Cannot Handle

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"With us nearness and distance make a great difference both in our observations and in our operations, but it is not so with God; to Him darkness and light, at hand and afar off, are both alike." - Matthew Henry

In the Book of Jeremiah, we find three rhetorical questions from God, inquiring -

Jeremiah 23:23-24 - "Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see Him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD."

We are all familiar with the blasphemous title - "the Man upstairs" - used by many sinners when addressing God.

First of all, we would like to qualify that the Lord Jesus is not "a man" as some would like to think. He is the God-man - and that makes a world of difference. He is the very Son of God and Son of man.

Secondly, He is not "upstairs" or in some distant place where He cannot see, observe, or know what is going on in people's lives.

Most sinners would like to keep Him "upstairs" - at least out of their "sinful mess" - so that they could live their lives of pleasure uninterruptedly.

But, we would like to pause in this message to give the Good News to some as well as the Bad News to others that He is not only "upstairs" but He is "downstairs" as well.

In fact, to bring it down to where we live - He is in the bedroom, living room, kitchen, basement, attic, bathroom, laundry room, storm cellar, as well as the garage.

He can be found in the Church House, prayer room, courtroom, operating room, grocery store, barber shop, job facility, barroom, crack house, whore house, porno shop, casino, etc. and knows what comes across every computer screen and reads every e-mail that enters everyone's Inbox.

Somehow the devil has convinced some into believing that He is a God Who is only in one place - afar off somewhere in the blue yonder - and cannot see what they are doing.

Nothing could be further than the Truth!

In Jeremiah 23:23-24, the Lord spoke through the Prophet, saying - "Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see Him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD."

In other words, what He was expressing here was this - Am I a God nearby but not far away? Am I not everywhere - filling the entire universe? And if that is so - which it is - then where did you ever come up with the idea that you can hide from Me? What "secret place" can you find that can conceal you from my gaze?

This idea of God being everywhere scares some but comforts others. Into which category do you fall?

As already implied, many do not want such a personal God because they don't want Him "messing" with their business. He is liable to spoil their fun or ruin their party.

So what they do is fabricate a God - "the man upstairs" - a god of their imagination - who is in some distant place and happens to be senile and blind.

This is definitely not the God of the Bible!!!

Deuteronomy 4:39 tells us plainly what kind of God He is - "Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD He is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: there is none else."

Did you catch what was said here? He is not only "God in heaven above," but He is God "upon the earth beneath."

Moses, the writer of the Book of Deuteronomy, stressed - "Know...this..." and "consider it in thine heart..."

We cannot ignore this basic truth that God is situated in heaven above - clothed with all glory as the Lord of all hosts and Creator of all. But He is also God upon earth - at all times cognizant of the various happenings of His creation.

This truth should make us fear as well as offer us great comfort.

Nothing can be hid from Him and nothing goes unnoticed from His watchful care.

No matter how ingenious and industrious men are to disguise their own schemes, character, and counsels - He sees it all! His eye is the same in heaven as on earth - it "runs to and fro"(2 Chronicles 16:9). "Nearness" and "distance" "make no difference" in His "observations" or "operations."

For King David, having a God Who was so near to Him offered him great hope - as exemplified in the words of Psalm 56:8 - "Thou tellest my wanderings: put Thou my tears into Thy bottle: are they not in Thy book?"

Here we see that the Lord took notice of His servant's grievances and griefs. He wasn't so distant from him where He could not take a particular interest in David's every pain.

"Thou tellest my wanderings" - God is so mindful of him that He numbers, records, or keeps an accurate account of every weary step - every time that he was driven from one place to another...his various moves...his wanderings, fitful flittings, and unexplainable motions when in trouble or in pursuit by his enemies.

"...put Thou my tears into Thy bottle..." - David shed so many tears in his wanderings and he did not want them to fall to the ground, be wasted, or be forgotten. He desired that they would be gathered together by God and placed in a vessel of some sort so that He could look upon them with compassion and tender concern. When it was time for justice to be served, the Lord Almighty would have these tears of sorrow as a reminder to Him of all that David suffered at the hand of his enemies.

There is a beautiful allusion drawn here to a custom in the East which entailed a person being ill, in great distress, or facing a time of calamity, sorrow, and pain and having his friends gather together with a tear bottle called a lachrymatory. As the tears rolled down their suffering friend's cheeks, they would catch them in this bottle - then seal and preserve them as a memorial of this event.

The Romans had a custom whereby in great mourning - due to a death in the family - they would wipe away the tears from their friend's face with a piece of cloth and then squeeze them into a small glass bottle to be carefully preserved as a memorial of this sad event. Some would even take the tears collected in bottles of glass, pottery, or skins and offer them afterwards on the tomb of the deceased.

"...are they not in Thy book?" - Here we see that God actually has a Book of Remembrance where He records every moment of sorrow and pain which His people experience. He will remember and review them at a given time and call their enemies to account for every tear shed.

To some, it bothers them that He is a God Who is everywhere - knowing all things. They would rather have Him "afar off" in the distance somewhere. To others, you can hear them wholeheartedly singing the famous words of the chorus - "Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord..." They desire to have God so close to them at all times - recording their every step and knowing their every thought, word, and deed.

What kind of God do you desire the Lord Jesus to be? One that is "afar off" or One that is "at hand"?

Perhaps we should ask the question in this way - The "secret places" which you frequent - are they ones of your own making - fashioned to hide you from His sight because you are living in sin and don't want Him to know what you are up to? Or are they the "secret places of the Most High"(Psalm 91:1) where you constantly run in order to abide in His Holy Presence?

A God Who is "at hand" is One most people cannot handle. How about you?

May God Bless His Word.
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A Garden Of Grace

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It is some thing how man has forgotten where he came from. There is a spirit in man that makes itself as God. The leaders caged in by this spirit say, “Hey you are a god; just meditate.” They talk about the light within, but without Jesus it is an artificial light. It is a false light.

They are like just hitchhikers like Saul was: in some one else’s anointing. Those hitchhikers end up full of delusions. Serpent preaching beguiled Eve. And there certainly are a lot of “Eves” under grace, so they say. They have it all backwards. We are in the garden under grace and out of the garden under the law. Eve is under law! She is out of the garden. When we put ourselves under false “light” preached by snakes, we are told to “Go away, leave the garden, for I, the Lord, do not know you.”

Adam believed he had a good excuse for being out of the garden: He cried, “That wife you gave me.” Some how we have to make GOD feel like He is to blame for the mess we are in. Poor Adam, if there had been NO Eve, who could he blame besides GOD. However, if we are honest we will say, “Have mercy on me, Lord; I did it.” There is power and boldness in coming clean before the Lord. True repentance does that, and very quickly.

You know how the song goes:” Reach out and touch the Lord as He passes by.” However the problem is this: Hitchhikers try to reach out and touch Him and He DOES pass them by. Believers want to reach out and LAY HOLD of Him and never let Him go. Thus He carries them along with Him and they willingly go.

A man who has laid hold of Christ is in the garden by the grace of God, while OTHERS who cling to their own righteousness, their snake preaching and their own ministry, are driven OUT of the garden by the law of God. The Law of God is JUST and therefore the UNCLEAN cannot remain in the garden. The LAW drives them out.

Instead of coming into Christ’s life and His ministry (in the garden by grace), they are turned to perfect their ministry. My ministry! I will perfect it. I will turn from His life, and I will perfect my own. I have a name, and I will exalt it above the heavens. I will be remembered, and besides that, I am going to heaven! Yes I am! And I will be like the Most High God. I won’t ever have to suffer tribulation, nor will I ever be persecuted, ‘cause I’m getting ready to leave this place.” Little do they know their life becomes spilled milk, rather than the pressed oil of the anointing. Little do they know the only place they are getting ready to leave is the Garden!

When we cease building ourselves up, we can say we quit studying, and when we say we have quit “studying” (Bible schools, courses, curricula of men, we are saying we quit working on our ministry. Most Bible schools do not offer the Lord's ministry to a people. They advertise: “Come see what we can do for your ministry. We will shine it up, and sponsor you in our denomination if you promise to tithe to us and teach only what we have taught you.” I truly believe that is not what the Lord meant by "study."

To STUDY, from the standpoint of the Word of God is to PRESS IN and LAY HOLD of Christ and never let Him go! The Hebrew word for “study” indicates beating a path to. When we STUDY, we are to beat a path to Jesus by way of the Holy Spirit. Study Jesus and He will reveal Himself to you. Thus, we watch Him build HIS ministry!

What a great trade off: we trade our puny ministry for His. We get undressed and take off our ministry and become clothed upon by Christ Himself, and His anointing: HIS ministry. To put on the whole armour of God is to put on His whole anointing and His whole ministry. We can only do that when we have been stripped of our own ministry and our own righteousness. We can only be clothed upon by Him in the GARDEN and that by GRACE. Outside the garden we cannot walk this way! The world of sin and religion would point and say, "Look! They are naked. They should be ashamed, for they have no 'covering'." Christ is invisible to them. They cannot SEE that to be in Christ is to be in the Garden and to be in grace. They cannot see that they are outside that Garden and are under the law.

Any false teaching or false ministry has to leave the garden. When we see Him telling them to go away from the Garden, we cannot try to “hang on” to them and try to strike the rock a second time for them. They are not in holy agreement with the Lord. When He says, “depart from Me,” we have to be in agreement with Him, and feel the same way.. It will be sad, but perfect faith is perfect agreement.

Jesus is the Lord's perfect holiness. To have faith we must agree with Jesus. False teaching comes from unbelief. Pure agreement is precious. Holy love agrees with holy love. Carnal love is shallow, but holy love is very deep That which has driven others away has brought us into this. His Holy love drives the unholy and false out and brings IN the holy and true who have trusted Him all along. It takes the Lord to bring us to what the Lord has for us. Once we have finally learned this, we can hear Him say, “Enter in, thou good and faithful servant. For I am well pleased.”

Amen and Amen,

Becky

The Willing and Obedient
Becky McLendon

Matthew 16:23 *But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.*

It is yet that way today. Men prefer not the things of God, but cling to the things of men. It’s more expedient. It’s “tastier” to taste the onions and garlic and leeks of the world. Egypt’s seductive call is powerful.

This also sounds like when He says "Go away, ye doers of iniquity, for I never knew you." I would not want the Lord to ask me who I am? If we savor the things of man and his systems, we are candidates to be “disfellowshipped” by the LORD himself.

It would be awful to know we were an offense unto God. That is why He has put it in to us to confess our sins immediately so that we would NOT be an offense to Him. He loves a repentant heart that does not want to offend Him in any way.

It is our prayer that we never want to be an offense unto God. The burden of the Lord is upon us. We have only new cloth to share. And we WAIT to be clothed upon by Him. No other cloth will work for us.

The willing will wait...however long it takes for Him to complete us.

After so much “trying” to make it happen, I am now willing to wait for the promise of God and not try to make it happen too soon. We have to be willing to be one lone corn stalk in this world. We have to be willing to take up the cross He said to take up. The whole earth is going to be filled with crosses: Crosses that He told us to take up and then follow Him. After all, His glory is in the cross.

And the CROSS taken up is the willingness and obedience of those who will eat the good of the land. Therefore He hath said obedience is better than sacrifice. Obedience submits to Him In all things. It submits for correction. It submits for impartation. It submits to wait for Him. And then it submits to go where He is, without complaint or argument. Obedience brings a crying and weeping in us between the porch and the altar. We will never get too much of God to weep and cry. Being willing and obedient, we become a place for His perfect plan, even the habitation of those things nations need.

Blessings and shalom,
Becky

The Church that Walks with God: A Walk on the Narrow Way
Becky McLendon

The true church of God is an Enoch church. This church walks with God. It doesn't stay in one place. It walks with God and grows on a green vine. The green vine is a vine of the revelation of Jesus Christ. You have to have a revelation of Jesus Christ to walk with God. Without revelation you will still be where you were yesterday. So by revelation you are leaving this world and those around you who do not walk with God, and they don't know you have left them. This church prays: “May all the nations in the world become Enoch nations. And let us walk with God.”

Nations walk together as a body. To walk with each other we have to hear what the Lord is saying. “Our” life as we know it is the death that must be abolished to make room for His life. Then there is room for His love.

To walk with God you have to hear from Him every day. We don't get it all at once but one day at a time. It keeps us trusting Him and totally depending on Him. If we "got it all" at once we would run out and make a mess of it. Part of the burden is to hold what He gives us until He releases it. We have to grow from one revelation to the next one we don't want to miss any as that one gets us ready for the next. It is always a new love.

The saints of old knew this well, and we are learning it well. It is amazing what He has taken His saints through and where He is taking us each day. It’s always handfuls of purpose in the fields of gleaning.

Instead of many getting hearing, however, they are expelled from the green vine, bundled for discard. He has said to them: “Depart from Me.” He has said it and is saying it. Some don't even know that is what He is doing. They think they are "rejecting" people who they think are "wrong" when all along it is the Lord telling them to depart from Him. So often we think people are "backing away " from the Lord, but in reality it is much worse. HE is saying: depart!! I don't know you. This ties into the story in the Bible of the one who arrived at the wedding with the wrong garment on and he was asked to leave.

It would awful to hear Him say get out and leave.

In Christ, the green Vine, we grow from one revelation to the next one. The life in this Vine makes us not want to miss any of it. As one revelation gets us ready for the next, It’s like cooking up some thing and only His recipe is used. Nothing is added to this. In ourselves as humans we are dumb. He didn't create us to make it without Him. Revelation is the oil the foolish went out to buy when it was too late. The wise already have it. It keeps their lamps burning. Where does the oil come from but the crushed olives of the olive trees?

The self righteous are saying “My life, My ministry, my name, my IQ. But the olive trees of His testimony are saying depart from me our oil is for the wise virgins. It takes some crushing tribulation to bring this oil to the nations. So the foolish go out to try to buy the oil of revelation from the wise virgins, because they were out trying to build their ministry, not knowing that their ministry is a broken cistern that cannot hold any oil.

The power of God makes up for what we are not. When we become weightless we will be like Enoch. As he “was not,” so we will be “has-beens” but “are not” also.
When Moses smote the rock for the people he was smiting for his own water too. We will not smite for our own water either. We cannot rest. We cannot spare ourselves. We must become what they need. We get out of the way of all of God’s power in judgment.

He is asking of all: what have you done with my life? Why have you neglected what I made you for? For a church to be what the Lord wants, the church should be walking with God.

To walk with God there must be flowing out from God revelation we must be on talking terms with the Lord. It’s bad when we have to have some one do our talking for us. Forget those phone numbers on the TV screen, do your own talking.

To live in the spirit and walk with God would be the same thing. Walking with God does away with the letter that kills. You can even hear a small voice walking that close. Can you imagine what the church would be like walking with God and not missing a step? Why oh why hasn't the ministry loved the Lord enough to bring this life to a dying suffering world?

Men and women have pushed the Lord out of it to make a name and feel big. Vanity of vanity.
Men have no idea how much noise they make. And how it stinks. What we love they hate. The Lord says, “in quietness shall be your strength.” Weakness makes man noisy. So God is hearing man’s weakness railing against Him. They are driven by fear and anger. And they rail against His people.

As we get stronger we come into His quietness. Its not what people want. We are committed to what the Lord wants. As we trust the Lord we become quiet. We in our quietness hear Him and not man’s noise. So you have a choice to go to huge religious activities and endure the noise, or get with a few who truly believe and hear Him. There is a church that walks with God, not missing one step in those very small get-togethers. For it says in the word:

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

We simply become vessels for his preaching and His working the works of God.

The love of God is quiet and it is strong. Hate, pride and fear is noisy, but His love is not nervous. It’s not confused. It’s not weak. It’s not afraid.

THE CROSS AND ITS WAY

There is room AT the cross for everyone, but the way of the cross is very narrow. Straight is the gate narrow is the way. Just enough for one body: His! There is only room for the righteous: Jesus There is no room for the ungodly in the way of the cross; only the chosen can make it. This is the greater works.

However, greasy grace says, "Go on, the same as you were, you are ok and so is everyone else, but don't forget the tithes! You'll go to hell if you don't tithe and remain loyal to us. You don't need to carry a cross; Jesus took your place.” It doesn’t matter to these that Jesus himself said take up your cross and follow Him. The devil has a Bible. He knows the scripture very well. He knows it well enough to be able to twist it to fulfill his purposes. And his preachers have degrees, and are well off, living in their prosperity mansions. Preachers know Eve goes by the sight of her eyes. So guess what? They dress in robes to kill, and preach, “Hath God REALLY said?” And Eve falls for it over and over again, dragging her “Adam” with her.

2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

It is still the man of sin, or the man that sins. It is still the trials of the few that are chosen that cause their falling away. By the real being tried, the unreal falls away and the real remains. The trial Jesus went through left only the Him. All the others had to drop out. They had their “falling away.” So all would-be witnesses will have to fade away and leave only the real remains. After all Jesus went through, the Jews are still saying He wasn't the one. And when the real Jesus is revealed to many “Christians” they say the same. They all have in their minds what He should be, but He isn't.

To the carnal, the Love of God “needs to get the love of God”, because the true “love of God” cannot reveal Himself to the carnal. The Lord's corn doesn't belong on carnal ears carnal corn goes with carnal ears. So to the carnal ear God's corn is false. But the carnal shout: “now if that was so my preacher with degrees would be preaching it!”

There are not many wise and not many noble. All of God's wisdom is foolishness to man, so we who believe are asking for what is foolishness to man. If we see that ungodly men are mocking it and setting out to devour it, we can rest assured it is God’s wisdom. Fools despise wisdom and instruction. Fools say in their hearts “there is no God!” If we look around us in the world the Lord is showing us by discernment who are the fools. We can look at the TV and read the papers and see it loud and clear. But if we point it out, we are not showing “love.”

He came in one body, now He comes in “two or more gathered in His name!” Then He will come in hundreds and then thousands. And then He will COME! His glory WILL cover the earth. Instead of what was meant to feed a small boy, Jesus came and fed thousands, with that small lunch.

It is none of our talents that will feed the thousands. What happens will be the supernatural ability to play or sing, or preach in a language not our own. It will be Jesus preaching, playing and singing, and not us. And the thousands will hear with a big ear. He is says this is the way and then shows us His plan. The Lord has put this together. Nothing can change it.

Blessings and shalom,

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TO **KNOW** THE LORD
TO **KNOW** HIS WILL
IN THE SPIRIT **KNOW** IS A VERY, VERY POWERFUL WORD.
KNOW COUNTS THINGS THAT ARE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE.
YOU CANNOT ADD ANY THING TO IT OR TAKE ANY THING FROM IT.
KNOW HAS VICTORY OVER THE ACCUSERS BEFORE THEY SHOW UP.
KNOW SAYS I WILL RAISE IT BACK UP.
KNOW CONQUERS DEATH AND HELL.
KNOW WILL NOT BE LEFT IN HELL.

NEITHER WILL IT SEE CORRUPTION.
KNOW SAYS GO AHEAD BIND ME TIE ME UP .
I WILL BREAK LOOSE.
KNOW IS A SPIRITUAL BULLDOZER.
KNOW IS AN UNSTOPPABLE TRAIN.
KNOW IS THE LORD'S **KNOW.**
KNOW SETS DOWN THE THOUSANDS
AND BROKE BREAD AND FISHES
WITH BASKETS LEFT OVER.
KNOW SAYS UPON THIS ROCK
I WILL
AND I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.
KNOW SAYS AND THE THIRD DAY I AM MADE PERFECT.
KNOW GIVES US POWER OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY.
IF YOU **KNOW** THE GATES OF HELL CANNOT PREVAIL AGAINST IT.
WE ONLY HAVE A FEW LOAVES BUT WE **KNOW** IT WILL FEED THE NATIONS.

SO THE LORD IS SAYING HAVE THE NATIONS SET DOWN
I WILL BREAK THE BREAD AND FISHES FOR YOU.
SO WHERE I AM IN GOD THAT THERE YOU MAY BE ALSO.
KNOW MAKES US ONE.

A Going In The Mulberry Trees

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"And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you." Joshua 3:5

Beloved, I have been calling My Faithful Ones aside to rest at My feet and to listen for not only My Words of Wisdom but also for My instructions which will ultimately follow. I have also been calling you to sanctification, a cleansing in preparation for what is to come. I have asked you to see the sin in your life and to repent bringing every area of your life, both in your outward life and in your inward life, before me cleansed. Examining every recess of your life, even to secret sins. All preparing you to hear the 'going' but before this could be, you had to sanctify and ready yourselves before Me. Called to repentance and sweeping clean every area of your house removing any Achans that would jeopardize in your final hours of preparation. This is not the time to allow anyone or any thing to hinder what I AM doing and as always - being willing and obedient, open to MY instructions as to your moving out and 'doubt not' for the I AM is always and forever with you!

See entering My favor, restoration and blessings for you will! See visions and dreams that I have given you coming to pass, for they are! See the anointing that I AM about to bestow upon you, for I AM! See doors open that have been closed, for they will! See walking in signs and wonders, healing sickness/disease and raising the dead, for you will! As you remain at my feet, see it all and listen ..... Do you hear the sound of marching? Do you see that the Presence of the I AM is beginning to manifest itself?

My Beloved,you will hear the sound! You will hear the sound in the mulberry trees! You will hear the sound of the "going!" A Going in the Mulberry Trees! You are about to hear the sound of the going in the mulberry trees for your God is on the move!!!

A Green Iridescent Bird

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Ps 87:7 NKJV Both the singers and the players on instruments say, "All my springs are in you."
Ps 87:7 AMP The singers as well as the players on instruments shall say, All my springs (my sources of life and joy) are in you [city of our God].

In the morning when awaking, I talked to the Lord, then received a vision of a green bird, seemed to be a bit larger than a parakeet and it had beautiful
Green iridescent feathers.

So in asking why He showed me this, I got the impression it had to do with what the Lord would call His “songbirds”. I sensed that He was about to do something new in bringing forth new prophetic songs.

Ezek 40:44 NKJV Outside the inner gate were the chambers for the singers in the inner court, one facing south at the side of the northern gateway, and the other facing north at the side of the southern gateway.
[The singers and the priests lived in the inner court !]

“ I have some new songs on My heart to sing to My beloveds. I have some new things to do in bringing salvation and healing to the lost. I am sending forth singers into the marketplace and raising them up in the media to sing songs that will glorify ME, and not just themselves. The heart of WORSHIP is to glorify the King. So I am taking those who will give all the glory to Me, and I am sending them out to WAR. I am sending them into the marketplace to sing, and to be unashamed of what is in their heart for Me.

I am taking dancers, and instrumentalists, and I am going to send you forth ahead of others to lead My armies into the streets of the cities. I am calling out for you. Listen to My instructions My beloveds, for when you sing as you are obedient to My leading, this time, there will be a new sound that rings forth. There will be a new thing that I will do in your midst. I am calling some of you to go to places you have never been. I will call some of you to go into bars and poolrooms, and places where you normally would not congregate, because I want you to call to those that need their hearts healed from abuse and torments of the enemy.
Ps 68:25 NKJV The singers went before, the players on instruments followed after; Among them were the maidens playing timbrels.

Josh 6:20-21 NKJV So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.

It is not the well that have need of the Great Physician, but those who are broken and weak, and sick. I will send some of you into hospitals and retirement homes. I will send some of you to the streets of the nations to stir up worship.

I will release new sounds in the earth. And the Holy Spirit will come at your beckoning and in the midst of song, and many will be healed and saved as you reach out in love to them. I will have “service” in new places and obscure dwelling places. I will descend upon coffee houses and restaurants where live music is played. Many of you have been awaiting this hour, and it is time now to go forth. Watch how I will give you FAVOR ! I will give many new ideas for how to demonstrate worship and their giftings in malls and outdoor parks.

In those places, no one will say, play this, or play that, or only do this, or only do that. I WILL LEAD

YOU, and I will bless you as you go. I will empower you as you listen and obey ! Come and let me show you My plan. There are many who will sing, but in the middle of what they are doing, I will come over them and they will get a spontaneous song to sing over someone in the crowd, and that person will be so affected, that they will turn their life over again to Me. People who have had hard hearts, will have changes of heart. I will give them a new heart through the wooing of My Spirit through you !

Some of you who prophesy, but are worshippers, will get songs to sing over people while you minister. Some of you will get songs to sing just talking to someone, and suddenly you get a song to share, and I will give utterance through you to give them a word of encouragement or comfort. And they will know that the God who they think sits only in the heavens, has come down to earth to touch them ! There will be times when I give you something to sing over someone, and it will be their favorite secular song, something that means something special to them, that they alone knew. And by doing so, they will know that I KNOW them, and that I love them, and it is I singing over them.

I will sing love songs, and I will sing silly songs to cause laughter and to lift heaviness off their hearts. I will sing in a variety of ways to a variety of people. Trust Me for how to minister in song, when you get the prompting of My Holy Spirit to do it. People love music, and for each person out there, there are a variety of ways to reach them, and I know them personally. I know their in’s and their out’s. I know where they have been, and what they have done. I know their brokenness and their lives inside and out. So look to ME to guide you in all that you do.

And I have love songs to sing over you My beloveds. I am singing over My Bride and I am wanting to have that intimate time with you, like two people in love want time just to gaze at one another, or to talk. I want that with you My children ! I want that time to just talk to one another and to woo you to Myself. I want you to gaze into My eyes and see the love that I have for you, that it will change you and that it will change others who see it in you. Fix your eyes on ME that I may bless you and fill you with My love !
For I am in love with you My bride, and I am longing to hold you in My arms and caress you. I will comfort you, and I will wipe away your tears.

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Matt 7:24-27 NKJV Build on the Rock (Luke 6:47-49)
"Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

“I am the Living Testament and the Ruler over all things. I am not made in the image and likeness of man ! He is made in the image and likeness of Us.
However it seems that even in My church some persist in building a god who
is like they want him to look. I AM that I AM ! I AM Elohim, Creator God, and all that is made is made by My hands.
Who created the heavens and the earth ? Who threw the stars into the heavens ? Who knows all things ? Surely, the God of the Universe is not too small to handle the children in His camp that are out of order ! I know what is needed to restore My bride and My church. I know ALL things. I know the very

hairs on your head. So how could it be impossible for ME to do anything ?

I have said it, and I WILL ESTABLISH IT ! I will have a church without spot or blemish. And though many will not listen when I come with power, many will be restored and change. So be careful who you write off of your sisters and brothers. Take heed that the fear of the Lord fills YOUR HEART ! I've told you that the form is not the problem. The lack of LOVE is the problem. I AM LOVE. So am I not able to restore ?

Did I not harden pharaoh's heart ? If I can harden a heart, can I soften a heart ? Can I change a heart ? Much of what has happened to many is the result of a faulty foundation. But I AM RESTORING the ancient foundations with what I am doing. And I will have a united church ! I will have also an apostate church that is not really a church, but those who speak of Me, but with no power thereof ! But it is My angels who will weed My garden at the end of the age. So be careful My children to PRAY and to forgive and not to judge ! You too could fall prey to mammon, and flesh without My GRACE ! You too, could get prideful and stingy, and self seeking were it not for My love and grace towards you !

Weep tears My children for those who have gone astray. Listen to My heart that is weeping. Are you willing to lay down your life as I did ? Are you willing to be a bearer of My love and grace rather than harsh judgment alone? There is always HOPE when there is REPENTANCE. And though many will not repent with the move that is coming, many will. How do you know who will and who won't ? Only I KNOW ! So be not like Jonah ! Do not give up, even if you have had to leave and have been free to leave those who call themselves shepherds, but who are hirelings. Remember that it is LOVE that leads to repentance. Not cringing fear, or unforgiveness and a desire for vengeance ! I never give up on people, although many of you give up.
I don't cast them aside like flotsam and jetsam ! MY LOVE NEVER FAILS.
So even if you are hurt, please come to ME, and let me soothe your wounds, and let Me handle the JUSTICE.

I am the source of all wisdom and understanding and knowledge. So come to My feet and learn of Me, that you can be changed into MY image more and more. When great anger and violence has ruled the life of another, they only know that format of living ! It is what they are used to, and what they expect ! But I am greater My beloveds ! MY BLOOD can heal the most destitute of souls ! MY BLOOD is greater than anything that has come against them in their lives. I am the CREATOR. Satan is merely the creature ! So have greater TRUST in My ability to heal the hearts of the wicked and violent, the broken and insane ! I am coming to pour out My love in greater measure than what you have known. Will you be found WANTING, My beloveds ? Or will you build your house, your temple on the ROCK that is higher ?

Travail Part 2
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1 Thess 5:3 For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
NT:5604 odin (o-deen'); akin to NT:3601; a pang or throe, especially of childbirth: KJV - pain, sorrow, travail.

This is a famous scripture for our times. Just when the world thinks it has some accomplished peace, suddenly comes destruction, even in the same way travail comes upon a woman. It comes SUDDENLY. You don't know when it is going to come. It just comes.

2 Thess 3:8 KJV Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

OT:2342 chuwl (khool); or chiyl (kheel); a primitive root; properly, to twist or whirl (in a circular or spiral manner), i.e. (specifically) to dance, to writhe in pain (especially of parturition) or fear; figuratively, to wait, to pervert: KJV - bear, (make to) bring forth, (make to) calve, dance, drive away, fall grievously (with pain), fear, form, great, grieve, (be) grievous, hope, look, make, be in pain, be much (sore) pained, rest, shake, shapen, (be) sorrow (-ful), stay, tarry, travail (with pain), tremble, trust, wait carefully (patiently), be wounded.

Travail has a physical meaning in the Bible also, of laboring hard to accomplish something. It also has to do with being in torment or great pain.

TEARS

2 Kings 20:5 NKJV "Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD.

The Lord responded to the tears and supplication of Hezekiah and healed him. Tears of desperation often get the most attention from the Lord, just like Jacob when he wrestled. He was pretty distraught at the news of his brother coming to meet him with a troop of his men. So he sought the Lord in prayer and wrestled with Jesus literally, till he got his blessing !

Est 8:3-6 NKJV Now Esther spoke again to the king, fell down at his feet, and implored him with tears to counteract the evil of Haman the Agagite, and the scheme which he had devised against the Jews. 4 And the king held out the golden scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king, 5 and said, "If it pleases the king, and if I have found favor in his sight and the thing seems right to the king and I am pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to revoke the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to annihilate the Jews who are in all the king's provinces. 6 For how can I endure to see the evil that will come to my people? Or how can I endure to see the destruction of my countrymen?"

Here in Esther we see the tears that come, with the realization that she has responsibility for the death and destruction of her whole settlement of people in Babylon. So with tears she implores her king who in the story is a type of Christ the Redeemer, for the sake of her people ! And the whole nation ends up being given an option to fight for themselves !

Job 16:20 NKJV My friends scorn me; My eyes pour out tears to God.

Ps 6:6-10 NKJV I am weary with my groaning; All night I make my bed swim; I drench my couch with my tears. 7 My eye wastes away because of grief; It grows old because of all my enemies.
8 Depart from me, all you workers of iniquity; For the LORD has heard the voice of my weeping. 9 The LORD has heard my supplication; The LORD will receive my prayer. 10 et all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.
OT:8467 techinnah (tekh-in-naw'); from OT:2603; graciousness; causatively, entreaty: KJV - favour, grace, supplication.
OT:2603 chanan (khaw-nan'); a primitive root [compare OT:2583]; properly, to bend or stoop in kindness to an inferior; to favor, bestow; causatively to implore (i.e. move to favor by petition): KJV - beseech, fair, (be, find, shew) favour (-able), be (deal, give, grant (gracious (-ly), intreat, (be) merciful, have (shew) mercy (on, upon), have pity upon, pray, make supplication, very. OT:2583 chanah (khaw-naw'); a primitive root [compare OT:2603]; properly, to incline; by implication, to decline (of the slanting rays of evening); specifically, to pitch a tent; gen. to encamp (for abode or siege): KJV - abide (in tents), camp, dwell, encamp, grow to an end, lie, pitch (tent), rest in tent.

So here we see the meaning going deeper into the root of the word for supplication means to PITCH A TENT. So in the spirit we “pitch a tent” unto the Lord of Hosts, imploring Him for situations that we bring to HIM.

And in this case, it may be tears coming from our own heart and compassions, or maybe His tears coming forth through us…to move the heart of God. David is writing that even his bed is swimming in tears from his weeping. Certainly God is not irritated with this “emotional outburst “. Unlike men, or women, God does not grow impatient with us when we get emotional. He made us and knows all things about us. He is an emotional God filled with passions of His own. He understands our frame. If someone starts weeping or wailing in prayer meetings, don’t assume they are crying for themselves, they may be crying for YOU. Don’t go up to them and tell them to be quiet, when it may be the Spirit of the Lord moving through them, for the tears He has for the suffering of the earth.

Ps 39:12-13 NKJV "Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I am a stranger with You, a sojourner, as all my fathers were. 13 Remove Your gaze from me, that I may regain strength, before I go away and am no more."

Here the very thing causing the tears is the heavy hand of the Lord. He says REMOVE YOUR GAZE FROM ME, that I may regain strength ! Been here lately in God purifying my heart and showing me the ugly things in it.
God is awesome and MIGHTY to behold, and He is dedicated to making us more and more like HIM. And HE ALWAYS hears our prayers. Others with less heart may not understand but God understands us.

Ps 42:3-10 NKJV My tears have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, "Where is your God?" 4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude;
I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.
5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.
6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, and from the heights of Hermon, from the Hill Mizar.
7 Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and billows have gone over me.
8 The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song shall be with me — A prayer to the God of my life. 9 I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" 10 As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, while they say to me all day long "Where is your God?"

In the deepest despair that may come against us, or the ungodly prayers of
even fellow “Christians” God sees all our tears, and feels our pain. It is a comfort that nothing escapes His eyes. He is El Rohi, the God Who Sees.
He knows there are times of oppression and He sees the times of travail and tears. He will answer the broken hearted. And DEEP calling unto DEEP is the deep heart of GOD reaching the deep issues of our heart, sometimes bringing healing, joy, laughter, tears, LOVE and goodness, release from oppression, and whatever else we need ! We are connected to Him forever,
our spirit to His Spirit.

Ps 56:8-9 NKJV You number my wanderings; Put my tears into Your bottle;
Are they not in Your book? When I cry out to You, then my enemies will turn back; This I know, because God is for me.

Ps 116:8-9 NKJV For You have delivered my soul from death, My eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

Ps 126:5-6 NKJV Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, Bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

There is reward for our hearts breaking for what breaks His, and for feeling the pulse of what is bothering Him. We will reap in JOY, as we sow in tears. For we will see He ANSWERS the cry of the desperate heart !

Isa 16:9-11 NKJV Therefore I will bewail the vine of Sibmah, with the weeping of Jazer; I will drench you with my tears, O Heshbon and Elealeh; For battle cries have fallen Over your summer fruits and your harvest.
10 Gladness is taken away, and joy from the plentiful field; In the vineyards there will be no singing, Nor will there be shouting; No treaders will tread out wine in the presses; I have made their shouting cease. 11 Therefore my heart shall resound like a harp for Moab, and my inner being for Kir Heres.

Isa 25:8 NKJV He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

The good news is that there will come a day when we will no longer weep for the awful things we see wrought in the earth today. There will be a day when swords will be turned into plowshares ! There will be only JOY in His Kingdom !
Paul urged us in the Word to weep with those that weep, and to rejoice with those who rejoice. It takes true LOVE to do either. I've met very few Christians who would rejoice WITH ME, when God was doing great things in me. Sadly they usually have been jealous. Sibling rivalry reigns in the church, but it should not be so, if the hearts of people were more healed !

The weeping is for that you know. All the great revivalists were weeping men or women !
There are few Christians I know who see the weeping as a strength. Most pastors I know, have taken it to mean the woman is an emotional basket case, instead of realizing that it may be the tears of the Lord ! Others may be jealous, I don't know. But it takes discernment to know the true from the false weeping, that I do know.

Jer 9:1 NKJV Disobedience Brings God's Judgment
Oh, that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!

Sometimes the prophets are weeping because they usually have a feel for what is coming down the road. They are given insights into future days so usually they are not in the same place the church may be. They may be crying while the church overall is rejoicing, because they see what lies ahead. They cry for the sins of the people when they see the desperate need for healing and deliverance in the church and the in the world.

The evangelist who wants to make an impact needs to have a heart at one with the LORD for the LOST he is reaching out to. REVIVALISTS WEEP.

Jer 9:18-21 NKJV Let them make haste and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run with tears, and our eyelids gush with water. 19 For a voice of wailing is heard from Zion: 'How we are plundered! We are greatly ashamed, because we have forsaken the land, because we have been cast out of our dwellings.'" Yet hear the word of the LORD, O women, and let your ear receive the word of His mouth; Teach your daughters wailing, and everyone her neighbor a lamentation. 21 For death has come through our windows, Has entered our palaces, to kill off the children — no longer to be outside! And the young men — no longer on the streets!

Ok, here we have the verse that tells us what the intense wailing and screaming that becomes a part of travail is about. " FOR DEATH has come through our windows, has entered our palaces, to kill off the children "
This is the point of the wailing and screaming. It is a terrible thing to see the violence in the world today. Last year in a few days time, people had sent to me three heart wrenching videos. One was on the Palestinians teaching their children to use guns, showed them gloating over a Jew they had murdered, and holding his liver in their hand and cheering. I began to wail and scream in the spirit. I am not that way naturally. I was an RN with a master's degree and for years worked in hospitals. This is not normal behavior for me. Compassion may be, but not wailing like an Italian funeral, ok ? So then I got another video, showing how fetuses are sold as a FOOD on shelves in Taiwan. And another photo showed a man cooking one ! I wanted to throw up, again wailing, weeping, screaming ensued….intercession for this atrocity. Then another came about the Sudan and what they were doing

to Christian women there, raping and maiming them, leaving them to die. And again the same response. The LORD was wanting me in the wailing room in the Spirit because of all the violence in the world. It is stirring HIS heart, so should it not convict our own hearts ? He is weeping. He is so broken hearted for what His creation is doing to each other. Note that in the above scripture He is telling women…TEACH your daughters to travail !
He is not wanting us to be complacent. If we shut our eyes to all the horror of the world completely, then it will not change our heart. I know that nurses, after being just in a few rotations of medical surgical floors in nursing school, that we went through some heavy changes in our emotions.
We had one day a week for a couple hours where we had psych counseling session for us, because I was in a Christian program. And they recognized we would have to deal with our emotions of seeing people die, seeing difficult things happen to people. Watch children die. Nurses and doctors and other health professionals are exposed to things MOST people NEVER see. So
it was important to us to be able to talk about the feelings we had to get through the change going on in us. I was very blessed to be in that program even before I was a real Christian !

What this taught me, is that God doesn't want us to completely turn our heads from seeing the bad things. He wishes we never had to see bad things/ or situations. But if we don't look at them, we will become complacent and apathetic. We will deny it even exists eventually, or become so hard that we blame people all the time for their problems, instead of seeing the overall picture, from a godly point of view. We need to be asking God A LOT of questions if we want to hear HIS view on things.

Jer 13:17 NKJV But if you will not hear it, My soul will weep in secret for your pride; My eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock has been taken captive.
Jer 14:17 NKJV "Therefore you shall say this word to them: 'Let my eyes flow with tears night and day, and let them not cease; For the virgin daughter of my people has been broken with a mighty stroke, with a very severe blow.

PRIDE comes before a fall the Word says. We have been very proud in the western world about our affluence and blessings. We have judged others who have not had it so well. When you travel and see the reality of the world others live in who don't have it so well. It jars you, but it is still too easy to become complacent when all our needs are met. It is too easy in American society to forget about the poor of the nations, or even of our own nation. Comfort always seemed to cause Israel to go in that same direction also. So I know it is true. Every time they got wealth and comfort, they backslid ! So we need to recognize our true spiritual lack and be sure we have a reality check on our hearts from time to time. Asking for HIS heart is key to keeping ours in check.

Jer 31:16-19 NKJV Thus says the LORD: "Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; For your work shall be rewarded, says the LORD, and they shall come back from the land of the enemy. 17 There is hope in your future, says the LORD, that your children shall come back to their own border. 18 "I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself: 'You have chastised me, and I was chastised, Like an untrained bull; Restore me, and I will return, For You are the LORD my God. 19 Surely, after my turning, I repented; and after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh; I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated, because I bore the reproach of my youth.'

Like Ecclesiastes indicates, there is a time for weeping and a time for laughter. There are times to weep, and times NOT to weep. We cannot have false compassion either when people have been so rebellious that they
walk all over others.

Lam 1:2-3 NKJV She weeps bitterly in the night, Her tears are on her cheeks; Among all her lovers she has none to comfort her. All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; They have become her enemies.
3 Judah has gone into captivity, under affliction and hard servitude; She dwells among the nations, she finds no rest; all her persecutors overtake her in dire straits.

Lam 2:11-12 NKJV My eyes fail with tears, My heart is troubled; My bile is poured on the ground because of the destruction of the daughter of my people, because the children and the infants faint in

the streets of the city.
12 They say to their mothers, "Where is grain and wine?" As they swoon like the wounded in the streets of the city

Lam 2:18-19 NKJV
Their heart cried out to the Lord, "O wall of the daughter of Zion, Let tears run down like a river day and night; Give yourself no relief; Give your eyes no rest. 19 "Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; pour out your heart like water before the face of the Lord. Lift your hands toward Him for the life of your young children, who faint from hunger at the head of every street."

POUR OUT YOUR HEART like water before the FACE of the LORD Jeremiah says. It reminds me of David and how he had sinned and when his baby took sick, the first one born to him and Bathsheba, he cried and covered himself in ashes, hoping the Lord would refrain and have mercy.
But once the baby died…he ate and stopped praying. And the people were puzzled. And he told them, he was hoping for mercy from the Lord. But once the baby was dead, what more could he do ?
The weeping and travailing is the utterances and groanings of the Spirit spoken of in Romans:

Rom 8:26 NKJV Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Ezek 24:16-17 NKJV
16 "Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with one stroke; yet you shall neither mourn nor weep, nor shall your tears run down. 17 Sigh in silence, make no mourning for the dead; bind your turban on your head, and put your sandals on your feet; do not cover your lips, and do not eat man's bread of sorrow."

Here the Lord tells Ezekial NOT to weep, NOT to bemoan the dead.
The wickedness of the dead was terrible to the Lord.

Mal 2:13-17 NKJV And this is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and crying; So He does not regard the offering anymore, Nor receive it with goodwill from your hands. 14 Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant. 15 But did He not make them one, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.
16 "For the LORD God of Israel says that He hates divorce, for it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously." You have wearied the LORD with your words; Yet you say, "In what way have we wearied Him?" In that you say, "Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He delights in them," Or, "Where is the God of justice?"
One of the things the Lord showed me about this verse is that when men neglect the wife of their youth, and do not see to it the children are cared for by a father, that is SO grievous to Him. He didn't seem all that upset with Jacob having four wives…technically two wives, and two concubines.
What is upsetting to the LORD is NOT TAKING CARE OF THEM. And
when men's hearts are clothed with the violence of hating their wives, it will limit the answers they get to prayer. It is a good thing to forgive the actions of others, as if you don't, that violence of hatred in your heart will cause you much harm. Bitterness is a terrible thing in the human soul. And if you want the gift of God's heart, you cannot remain bitter, hateful, or vengeful if you expect to know His heart. God is LOVE. And he who hates his brother [or sister] does not know the LOVE of the Father. Many people are locked up from hearing HIS VOICE, or having their prayers answered because of this.

Mark 9:24 NKJV Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"

Here is another important aspect for having prayer and travail be effective.

You have to BELIEVE that you will RECEIVE an answer. There is a saying that he who expects nothing will not be disappointed !

Luke 7:36-39 NKJV A Sinful Woman Forgiven
Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat. 37 And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, 38 and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. 39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

Luke 7:44-49 NKJV Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, **for she loved much**. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Even if the tears of the intercessor were her own in a prayer group, it is a very private thing between her and God. If they ASK for prayer, great, but if not…let them work it out alone with God. The key is DON'T assume anything. And don't go up to them and say PEACE, PEACE, when there is NO PEACE.

Acts 20:18-24 NKJV And when they had come to him, he said to them: "You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, 19 serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;
Acts 20:31 NKJV Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

Here, Paul is admitting that his own life in prayer consisted of travail and weeping for the souls of others. And like the verse above these says, it is LOVE that gives us that heart that is able to weep for the souls of others.

2 Cor 2:3-4 NKJV For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be grieved, but that you might know the love which I have so abundantly for you.

2 Cor 2:4-5 AMP For I wrote you out of great sorrow and deep distress [with mental torture and anxiety] of heart, [yes, and] with many tears, not to cause you pain but in order to make you realize the overflowing love that I continue increasingly to have for you. 5 But if someone [the one among you who committed incest] has caused [all this] grief and pain, he has caused it not to me, but in some measure, not to put it too severely, [he has distressed] all of you.
Like Jesus, Paul wept at the transgressions of the flock of the Lord. It pains the heart of God when we go our own way, instead of His way. It pains His heart when we don't get the help we need, when we don't trust HIM enough with our lives to allow for healing.

Heb 5:6-9 KJV As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. 7 Who in the days of his flesh, when HE had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;
8 Though he were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;
Heb 5:7 AMP In the days of His flesh [Jesus] offered up definite, special petitions [for that which He not only wanted but needed] and supplications with strong crying and tears to Him Who was [always] able to save Him [out] from death, and He was heard because of His reverence toward God [His godly fear, His piety, in that He shrank from the horrors of separation from the bright presence of the

Father].

WAILING

Est 4:3 NKJV And in every province where the king's command and decree arrived, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

Jer 9:10 NKJV I will take up a weeping and wailing for the mountains,
And for the dwelling places of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that no one can pass through; Nor can men hear the voice of the cattle. Both the birds of the heavens and the beasts have fled;
They are gone.

Jer 9:17-19 NKJV The People Mourn in Judgment
Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Consider and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for skillful wailing women, that they may come. 18 Let them make haste and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run with tears, And our eyelids gush with water. 19 For a voice of wailing is heard from Zion: 'How we are plundered! We are greatly ashamed, because we have forsaken the land, because we have been cast out of our dwellings.'"

Jer 9:20 NKJV Yet hear the word of the LORD, O women, and let your ear receive the word of His mouth; Teach your daughters wailing, and everyone her neighbor a lamentation.
Jer 25:36-38 NKJV A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a wailing of the leaders to the flock will be heard. For the LORD has plundered their pasture, and the peaceful dwellings are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD. He has left His lair like the lion; For their land is desolate because of the fierceness of the Oppressor, and because of His fierce anger."

Ezek 7:11 NKJV Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness; None of them shall remain, None of their multitude, None of them; Nor shall there be wailing for them.

Amos 5:16-24 NKJV The Day of the LORD
Therefore the LORD God of hosts, the Lord, says this: "There shall be wailing in all streets, and they shall say in all the highways, 'Alas! Alas!' They shall call the farmer to mourning, and skillful lamenters to wailing. 17 In all vineyards there shall be wailing, for I will pass through you," Says the LORD.

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! For what good is the day of the LORD to you? It will be darkness, and not light.

19 It will be as though a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him! Or as though he went into the house, leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him! 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no brightness in it? 21 "I hate, I despise your feast days, and I do not savor your sacred assemblies. 22 Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept them, Nor will I regard your fattened peace offerings. 23 Take away from Me the noise of your songs, for I will not hear the melody of your stringed instruments. 24 But let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream.

Amos 8:2-8 NKJV And He said, "Amos, what do you see?" So I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me: "The end has come upon My people Israel; I will not pass by them anymore. 3 And the songs of the temple shall be wailing in that day," Says the Lord GOD — "Many dead bodies everywhere, they shall be thrown out in silence." 4 Hear this, you who swallow up the needy, and make the poor of the land fail, 5 Saying:
"When will the New Moon be past, That we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, That we may trade wheat? Making the ephah small and the shekel large, Falsifying the scales by deceit, 6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals — Even sell the bad wheat?"
7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their works. 8 Shall the land not tremble for this, and everyone mourn who dwells in it? All of it shall swell like the River, Heave and subside Like the River of Egypt.

Amos 8:9-12 NKJV "And it shall come to pass in that day," says the Lord GOD," That I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight; 10 I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on every waist, and baldness on every head; I will make it like mourning for an only son, and its end like a bitter day. 11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. 12 They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.

Mic 1:8-9 NKJV Mourning for Israel and Judah
Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals and a mourning like the ostriches, for her wounds are incurable. For it has come to Judah; It has come to the gate of My people —
to Jerusalem.

Zeph 1:10-12 NKJV "And there shall be on that day," says the LORD," The sound of a mournful cry from the Fish Gate, a wailing from the Second Quarter, and a loud crashing from the hills. 11 Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh! For all the merchant people are cut down; <u>All those who handle money are cut off.</u>
12 "And it shall come to pass at that time that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men who are settled in complacency, who say in their heart,' The LORD will not do good, Nor will He do evil.'

Zech 11:3 NKJV There is the sound of wailing shepherds! For their glory is in ruins. There is the sound of roaring lions! For the pride of the Jordan is in ruins.
Matt 13:41-43 NKJV The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of <u>His kingdom all things that offend</u>, and <u>those who practice lawlessness</u>, 42 and <u>will cast them into the furnace of fire</u>. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!
Matt 13:49-50 NKJV So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

Versatility
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Versatile
1 : **<u>changing or fluctuating readily</u>** **:** **<u>VARIABLE</u>** <a *versatile* disposition>
2 : embracing a variety of subjects, fields, or skills; *also* **:** **<u>turning with ease from one thing to another</u>**
3 a (1) **:** capable of turning forward or backward **:** **<u>REVERSIBLE</u>** <a *versatile* toe of a bird> (2) **:** **<u>capable of moving laterally and up and down</u>** <*versatile* antennae> **b** *of an anther* **:** having the filaments attached at or near the middle so as to swing freely
4 : having many uses or applications <*versatile* building material>

I heard the word “versatility” and asked the Lord what He wanted to say about it.

“Versatility is one of the major qualities I look for in people I want to use.
Are they able to adapt ? Are they able to change with the WIND of My Spirit ? Will they flow in the

Spirit, looking to Me for what and how to do things. Will they be willing to drop everything to do what I want when I tell them to ?

John 3:6-8 AMP
6 What is born of [from] the flesh is flesh [of the physical is physical]; and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.
7 Marvel not [do not be surprised, astonished] at My telling you, You must all be born anew (from above).
8 The wind blows (breathes) where it wills; and though you hear its sound, yet you neither know where it comes from nor where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

CHANGE is inevitable in life. Change is difficult to your humanness. It is more comfortable to the flesh to stay in a certain comfort of knowing what is and what will be from day to day.

The people at Babel were not versatile or flexible, nor were they obedient.
I told them to spread out and multiply in the land. But instead of obeying Me, they built a city and a tower and refused to spread out as I'd told them.
So then they were forced to do so by the confusion of their languages from judgment on their idolatry to self. They thought they could aspire to My greatness and to do what I did. They turned the creativity I gave them into idolatry. This is also a serious breech of conduct in this hour in the world and in My church that calls themselves by My name. They are taking My Word and turning it around to suit their idolatries and their fear of man, and their unsanctified mercies !

While the world is trying to literally produce man in their own image. This abomination will not go long without being judged as I judged the people of Babel.

I am calling out for truth-tellers ! You have many soothsayers in this age, but not many truth-sayers ! You have many who want to not cause any waves.
So I will take a RADICAL generation who have been neglected and abused, and misled, and I will draw them to Myself, and fill them with My glory and My wisdom and My POWER, and they will speak the TRUTH in love to this end times age. I will take the truth-sayers of the older generations and put them at the head of this army I will form for Myself ! And I will make them the generals who have experience and wisdom I've given. And I will give them legions of soldiers who will not love their lives even unto death !

They will GO for US into the streets, into the nations, and they will NOT compromise My Word. They will RESTORE the ancient foundations of many generations and will lead multitudes into the Kingdom of GOD. They will not build their own kingdoms, for they are radical, and will not hoard money or belongings, but will freely share with others of like kind and heart. They will convict those who are walking in their own ways and bring down the idols in their hearts.

They will have the character of their Father, to reach out into the byways and highways to bring in all who have gone astray. They will follow the lead of the Good Shepherd ! They will walk with ME, like Enoch and Noah did !
They will not break ranks when they run through defenses ! They will LOVE their own brothers and sisters. They will not care for fame and finances as much as for obedience to Me. But because they seek Me with their whole heart, I will provide all they need to do all I've given them to do. And there will be spectacular deliverances from death. There will be spectacular provision and multiplication, and miracles of many kinds !

The Kingdom of Heaven is invading earth. You will see it in your time and be amazed ! Get ready to be RADICAL for you are the sons and daughters of a RADICAL GOD who loves you with a RADICAL LOVE. Nothing will be the same ! Nothing will ever be the same !

A Great Turn Around

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Households of faith will rise up. Whole households shall be saved in a day! The movement of My Spirit is out into the highways and byways, out into houses and homes. I shall flood whole neighborhoods with My love and mercy and pour out upon them the oil of joy and spread out upon them the garments of praise.

This is a day like no other. This is a day when I shall move in to accomplish all I have promised. The poor wanderer shall find a home. He shall enter the gates of My Heavenly city and take up residence amongst My Elect. He shall thrive in an atmosphere where My presence resides. He shall be filled with the joy of the Lord and walk in wholeness. Is this too great a task for Me, My daughter? I shall set the prisoners free and set their feet to dancing. I shall, indeed, open prison doors, and out the prisoner shall walk! I will snap ancient bands and set at liberty those who were bound.

This is a day of joy and gladness, a day of opportunity, a day of fulfillment of promises, a day of rejoicing in the Heavens as the prodigals stream home to the Father's house. This is the day of My vengeance on all that has held My people captive. I will come with a sword to break loose every fetter. I shall triumph over injustice and set at liberty those who could not free themselves. Trust Me. Walk with Me and watch Me take down mountains as I march through the land unhindered. I am a great and mighty warrior. I am the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. I am the great I Am, the Lord of Hosts is My name. So you see I have arisen from My resting place and have made war with the enemy, to crush him beneath My feet, to rescue the perishing from his grip, and to establish the law of righteousness in the hearts of multitudes in this day. I am gathering in My Elect from the four corners of the Earth. The winds of My Spirit are blowing over all the Earth to bring in the harvest from the nations.

Sons and daughters shall sit and rule with Me. They shall acknowledge Me in all the Earth and every knee shall bow before Me. This is the day of a great turn-around.

I Will Fight For You

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My ways are higher than your ways, My thoughts higher than yours. Those things you are experiencing are for a purpose. I purpose to bring you into the full revelation and counsel of God. You will see Me outperform any performance by the enemy.

I have not left you or forsaken you. I have not left you without hope. Hope in God and you will see the promises come to pass. Trust in Me and you will see that I have all things in My control. Hope is not far from you. Hope is what links you to Me. Hope is found in Me.

Help is on its way. I will establish you upon the heights and blow apart any attempts of the enemy to confuse you. I will make it clear that I have given My angels instruction concerning you, to lift you up and move you forward, and nothing can slow you down.

Be alert, always intercepting the attacks of the enemy. Understand that the battle rages, but I have already declared victory. I have already silenced the enemy and made a way whereby My word shall go forth from sea to sea. This is the day of battle, but shout the victory, for I have triumphed over every foe.

Press into Me and do not be pressured by those around you. Stand firm in your commitment to serve Me and I will fight for you.

A Great White Hospital

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I was “compelled” to chronicle again the following vision I had in about 1995-96. In the vision there was another person I had just met at that time named Joanne Sappington – author of the book “My Glorious Church Without Spot or Wrinkle”.

When I was a young boy about 11 I was in a secluded “hidey hole” in Disneyland when Walt Disney came up behind me as I was drawing cartoons. I heard a voice say – “Would you like to go to work for me someday”. (as I was just writing this NOW, after all these years, I just now remembered and now realized the significance of His question in relation to this following vision. After our conversation of some time I had always looked at Him as a father figure as I had none as a child). Now – here is the vision.

I saw an amusement park – it was Disneyland. I sensed I wanted no part of it and thought to try get people to leave it, but was not having any real luck at it. It was, for me, just an uncomfortable thing being there. But then after a little while I was brought to a hospital that had been built over many years in secret. It was next to Disneyland, but was not visible to any – especially to any who were so caught up in the Disneyland rides and all it had to offer. But there were these guys who came and got me – they were like “secret agents” in the vision – although I am aware they were angels. They brought me to the front of this Great White Hospital. It was huge and I saw at the door Joanne Standing as if to open the double doors for me. They were double doors and as I came close she opened the doors and we stepped in. Walt Disney was standing just inside and greeted us, but before He showed us any of the hospital He brought us to His living quarters that were a part of the hospital. Then He began to reveal to Joanne and me the truth of our lives that had been secret and hidden. He said that Joanne and I were His actual children and that Joanne and I were twins, although we were raised separately. He brought me over to what was like a fireplace mantle and took off the mantle a pair of baby shoes and turned to me and said – these were yours. I felt the emotions starting to rise up in me that I now had a father I had never before known in life. He turned one shoe over and showed me the sole of the shoe. The soles of the shoes on the bottom were not sewn on, but rather had been “nailed” on with tiny little nails made out of pure silver. (they are called “brads”). He pointed to a place in the sole where one nail had been pulled out of the sole. He said, look here – and I saw where the nail had been pulled out and then He put the shoe down and reached to pull out His walled. Inside His wallet He pulled out a tiny little silver brad and said – “I have carried this all of your life and have looked forward to this day that we could be united again”. When I saw this I burst out into tears like a flood. (Silver represents the blood of Christ – my soul had been secured by the blood of Christ). Then He proceeded to explain to Joanne and I that He had us both taken away at birth to be raised in secret. He said that He had first built Disneyland, but it was not what He intended it to be. It had grown into something that was not His intention, but instead of trying to stop it He just let it go on and let those who grew up to run it alone. They were also his children who were running Disneyland, but they grew up in that corruption and could not brake free or be trusted to run the hospital. That is why He said He had to have us taken away at birth and raised in secret – so we would not be corrupted by the “business practices” of our brothers who ran the amusement park, because we needed to be raised to run a hospital instead. I was still weeping as He spoke. I felt healing coming into me as He spoke. I could feel that void of not having had a father being filled and the Love of a Father so filling me as well. Also – when I was a young boy I loved my sister greatly, but at an early age she became mentally ill and I felt like I lost my sister who never came back. Now, here was my twin. I was feeling like I was being so healed and brought back to fullness. After awhile having spent some time in His personal quarters “communing” with our Father – He brought us out of His Chambers to show us this hospital. It was absolutely huge and was built large enough to accommodate the entire world’s needs for healing. It was not open yet, but soon would be. Now that I think about it I was thinking it would be opened the “Next Day”. This was 1995-96 (?) – so in prophetic terms that would be the “next day” as in the turn of the millennium or what is now being referred to as “the third day”. This hospital was equipped to heal every known illness, disease and disability. This meant EVERY ONE OF THEM, from physical, emotional and spiritual conditions. He began to acquaint us with our jobs and what would be our functions. This hospital WAS OUR INHERITANCE. This was very clear. Our brothers had inherited the amusement park and all that went with it. We had inherited this hospital and all that went with it. There were many other “siblings” who had inherited this as we did, but He was addressing Joanne and me at the time. He began to take me through the hospital and show me all of the equipment in the place. It was equipment that had been placed for the sake of healing any condition that would come in. It was equipment that was not recognizable by me. There was nothing I could compare it to, because I had never seen anything like it before. He told me it was my job to familiarize each person with the equipment they would be running when the hospital opened. What a great place this was. We were dressed in the whitest of white uniforms that you could ever imagine. He also took Joanne aside and was giving her an orientation on what it was that she would be doing. It was a different job then mine was, but since we were twins I rather thought it would not be all that different. I saw the place had become very “geared up” in preparation for opening and I saw what I knew to be many angels as well as brothers and sisters working in this place, but they were working in harmony and as equal laborers although we had an inheritance that did not apply to them. We were equal laborers, but we were Sons of Our Father. (be clear here, when I say Sons it is not a “gender” term). There were other details to the vision I may remember at a later date. As the light of dawn of the next day began to rise we knew we were going to be opening up. Then at a certain time, when the Son rose to a certain position and brightness – the doors to the place were flung open and people from all over the world were lined up to come in. Everyone one of them – without exception, were healed and without effort of any sort. I saw lines outside of people lined up and it seemed like each line stretched out to a separate nation in the world. No one had a sense of “having to wait in line” as if the doors or passage into the hospital were inadequate to handle the flow. It was in fact adequate and exactly filled the need for which it was created. I wept for joy and I wept for relief to see the multitudes that were finally healed as they were and to be freed from the chains of oppression they had endured for so long. We were our Father’s children and this was our inheritance and a multitude came in.

Ps – I did see how when the hospital opened – those brothers and sisters of ours who inherited Disneyland and were running it became jealous and angry that we had inherited – “The better portion”.

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A Hard Word
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PART ONE

A Cry From the Wilderness!
Father WE CRY OUT!
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Father We Cry out to you for Justice in the Earth!
Why do the wicked prosper and your chosen ones go hungry?
Why do those who falsely prophesy in your Name
Have many who follow saying " Yes it is the Lord?"
Why is there such an abundance of false Testimony on the Earth?
Stretch out your arm Lord God and Defend Your Name
Speak the Word of Truth and Silence your enemies
Has your church gone Mad oh God? Come and contend with me
I desire YOUR answer! Are there really so few who Know You?
Are there really so few who serve you?
Speak Lord of Hosts into this earth!
My heart is grieved with the weight of wickedness that is before your People
Is there none who are serious about Your Love?
Is there none who are serious about Your Ways?
Are all in deception? Are there any true Prophets left oh God?
I have searched and found lack
I have none which to take counsel.
Lord My God! I Cry out to You
We cry out to you!
Those of us who are nothing
Those of us who have no standing
Those of us who have been counted Dung in the midst of your Congregation!
My God! My God! We require of you an Answer!
Unrighteous mammon has overtaken those who say they are serving IAM
They take widowed women, and fatherless children by the throat
Taking their bread and their substance for their professional gain in ministry!
My God have mercy on us and deliver us from this evil
Save us from the wrath of the Evil One
Save us from the wiles of evil men and women
Bring us into your Salvation and Leave us Not naked but Robe us with your Righteousness.
Forgive them Lord who Take your Anointing in Vain,
Forgive them Who use Your Holy Name for Selfish gain
PART TWO

It is Not Finished! It Has Just Begun
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Beware of those who prophesy from their own hearts in the Name of the Lord. For they will lead you and your household into captivity.

Jeremiah 5:31
The **prophets** prophesy **falsely**, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?
(Whole Chapter: Jeremiah 5 In context: Jeremiah 5:30-32)

Jeremiah 14:14
Then the LORD said unto me, The **prophets** prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a **false** vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.

Revelation 2
[2] I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil:

and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:
[3] And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

I bring you into remembrance in this last hour. REPENT of the evil workings of your heart. For I am coming soon and My Rewards I bring with Me!

Revelation 21:8
But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all **liars**, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.
Consider the Word of Your God. Do not consider it lightly. Consider it fully. Shake off the flashy lights of your religious eyes filled with spiritual stardom! You say you speak according to My Will. You say you speak as I have directed. I tell you now that you are in deception. For WHO can know the Mind of God? You are playing a game that you cannot win. You prophesy and tell yourself that you are doing so because you serve Me. You have been seduced and lured into deception of heart for vain glory! You have believed a lie and now you operate because of the lie! You love the power you feel when the eyes of men are on you. You love the importance and glory you feel when your name is lifted up because of the numbers you have attained in your fellowships. Can even these ones be in danger of the second death? I tell you the TRUTH….

Matthew 7
[21] Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
[22] Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
[23] And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Mark 7:6
He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias **prophesied** of you hypocrites, as it is written, This people honoureth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.
I tell you these things because I wish none would perish. I tell you these things now that you may have time to turn around from the allure of earthly and religious rewards. My promises are Great! My love is never ending. I have given all of Me for you. Turn around from the pride that has gripped you because of your evil desire for spiritual stature to gain position with men.

2 Peter 3:9
The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should **perish**, but that all should come to repentance.
There can be no other head, but Jesus Christ. There can be no other Savior save Jesus Christ! He is the Cornerstone. The VERY ONE the BUILDERS REJECTED! You must understand the Truth of My Kingdom.

Matthew 20
[1] For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard.
[2] And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard.
[3] And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace,
[4] And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way.
[5] Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise.
[6] And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?
[7] They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.
[8] So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first.
[9] And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny.
[10] But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.
[11] And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house,

[12] Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.
[13] But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny?
[14] Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee.
[15] Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?
[16] So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.

Matthew 19
[29] And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.
[30] But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

Matthew 21
[42] Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?
[43] Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.
[44] And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

Matthew 21
[30] And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.
[31] Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.
[32] For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

The Mystery of My Word
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There are things that have been hidden for your sake in the mysteries of the Word. These things are revealed in seasons and times. If I didn’t not conceal such things, would they be not as dust? For if they are handed over to corruptness, what benefit is that to you? What Glory does that bring forth? Therefore I have concealed My Word within My Word. When you seek you shall find the Truths I have placed right in front of you.

For those who have eyes and cannot see

For those who have ears and cannot hear

To you who are desirous of Righteousness not made of man’s hands and doctrines but the Righteousness that can only be found in Me, will I unfold the mysteries. Because of the stiff necked-ness of many I have laid waste the fertile soils, and have made barren the springs of waters. There is a famine of My Word in the Land because they loved not the Truth but held fast to the doctrines of demons. But to those who would have ears to hear, I tell you the secrets that I have placed in my Word. I will continue to unfold these things to you. But be diligent and be careful not to cast these pearls before swine lest they tear you up and tread over you. I AM looking for friends who will keep my secrets Holy. I am looking for friends that will not betray the Trust I so desire to place in you.

I have called you to be the Keeper of My Word. Those who I speak now to are being stirred in their spirit. You know who you are because the Spirit testifies in you. I will pour out more, all I ask of you is to remain silent for in due season it shall come to pass for release. Walk in love with this revelation that I am allowing you to receive. Leave your pride at the altar. What you do in secret will be blessed of me. If you speak it forth now, you shall already have your reward. Watch over My Word.

Isaiah 6

[8] Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I,

Here am I; send me.
[9] And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.
[10] Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.
[11] Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,
[12] And the LORD have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.
[13] But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

Mark 4:11
And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the **mystery** of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:

Romans 16:25
Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the **mystery**, which was kept secret since the world began,

1 Corinthians 2:7
But we speak the wisdom of God in a **mystery**, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Matthew 6:2
Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their **reward**.

Matthew 6:18
That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall **reward** thee openly.

Matthew 7:6
Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before **swine**, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

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A Harvest In The Midst Of Turmoil

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Beloveds, times are a changing, the winds are blowing, the seas roar, lashing at your coastline. So you see Beloveds, the beginning of the end. My prophesied time of judgment upon the face of the earth commences. This is a cry from My Fathers heart for My people to return their hearts to Me. Long have I stretched out My hands, pleading with the Nations, but they would not hear, so now I am allowing storms and pestilence to come upon the land so that they may seek My face, repent and come back to Me, their creator, their Father.

I would not that it be so but it is because I LOVE MY CREATION that I allow the ravages of storms and pestilence. Some would lose all their worldly possessions before truly seeking My face. Some will come nigh unto death before seeking Me.

My Father heart delights in blessing, in caring, in loving, in nurturing, but their hearts have grown cold towards Me, so these things must come upon the face of the earth, so that they may seek Me in spirit and IN TRUTH.

The earth's axis will soon be moved and cataclysmic events will occur. People will stumble as if in the dark, seeking answers, seeking a place of refuge. Will you be a place of refuge for these storm tossed ones? Will you My Beloveds, show them the way to Me?

Things are winding down, even in the universe, so when the judgment is over and the harvest in, I will renew the heavens and the earth. It is My Beautiful Beloveds, My strong and mighty warriors, those that have stayed faithful to the end, that will rule and reign over My new creation with Me.

Much is beyond your understanding, much is beyond your comprehension, but as we walk and talk together My Beloveds, I will reveal more to you of things to come.

Guard your hearts Beloveds! Do not let the things you see come upon the face of the earth sway your heart. Do not harden your hearts, for in the midst of these storms, in the midst of the cataclysmic events is when My harvest will come in. I will reap a harvest of nations of people before the great and dreadful day of the Lord. I will do everything to save those who would be saved.

The Everlasting, ever loving Father
* There has been word from the Lord about a great star coming. Perhaps this is how the moving of the earth' s axis will occur, which will bring about the cataclysmic events. such in the ages gone by?

A House Divided

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Matt 12:25-30 NKJV But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. 26 If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? 27 And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. 28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. 30 He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

“Division is a fruit of witchcraft. There is much that has divided My church, Israel, and your nation. The division is commensurate with the rise in witchcraft in the land and in the world. It is also in My church that is called by My name. But it should not be so. If I don’t control you and I am the Lord God Almighty, then why do you let others control you in an ungodly manner ? Where the Spirit is there is freedom. This is important for you to remember in the coming days. When people start controlling and dominating, and judging, then you know that witchcraft has somehow seeped in. Just what form of witchcraft is in My church ?

“Oh foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you ?” Paul said. Why was Paul admonishing them ? Why did he indicate it was witchcraft ? Because they had turned from depending on GRACE to depending on SELF righteousness and works mentality. Because they had stifled the move of the Spirit in that church. Many who had come out of paganism and witchcraft had resorted to another form of witchcraft – pretense and false teaching that promoted salvation through the LAW. He who is under the law is NOT under GRACE and therefore outside My grace, and attempting to achieve holiness by TRYING HARDER vs allowing ME to sanctify them with My glorious presence.

Many today are doing the same thing. They have veered off track by taking the road that seems right, but is far from the TRUTH of My GRACE AND LOVE. Holiness comes through sanctification in My presence. It is NOT by works and trying hard to follow rules and regulations.

This generation is needful of mothers and fathers in Israel who will LOVE them into repentance. They need those who will teach by EXAMPLE. You are to be My ambassadors of love. I didn’t call you to judge anyone. I’ve called you to discern, but not to judge. Love your enemies, be good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you I said. Love one another as I have loved you. Have I not loved you even when you have failed over and over again ? Have I left you and abandoned you when you failed ?

Have I not helped you and comforted you and steered you in the right direction and come to you in hours of trials ? Have I not encouraged you when you were downhearted and broken ? Then do not think that YOU have to be the ONE to correct everything wrong with someone else ! Sometimes just your silence and lack of sinning is in itself a strong enough message to the unbelieving or backslidden. My children are hungry and thirsty and scattered all over the earth wandering and without true shepherds. I am not looking for more hirelings. I am looking for those who will lay down their lives and encourage another – who will love and comfort the broken – who will befriend the outcast.

Will you go the extra mile ? Will you open your heart to be available to the lonely and forlorn, to encourage the homeless one with a meal or a night's sound sleep ? Will you LOVE ONE ANOTHER ? Or will you only PRETEND to be Mine ? Will you be pretenders to the throne or tenders of My sheep and lambs? Will you speak out against injustice in the land ? Will you no longer be apathetic and self protecting and reach out for the sake of sharing MY LOVE ?

My house is divided because of a lack of LOVE and kindness. My house is divided due to selfish ambition and pride. My house is divided due to pretense and arrogance and greed. Will you be one who speaks truth or who bows like a prostitute to the highest bidder ? Will you be a prostitute just so you can keep your position or have favor with one who is transgressing My laws?

Ezekiel 2 AMP
1 AND HE said to me [Ezekiel], Son of man, stand upon your feet and I will speak to you. 2 And the Spirit entered into me when He spoke to me and set me upon my feet, and I heard Him speaking to me.
3 And He said to me, I send you, son of man, to the children of Israel, two rebellious nations that have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me even to this very day. 4 And the children are impudent and hard of heart. I send you to them and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord God

5 And they, whether they will hear or refuse to hear--for they are a rebellious house--yet shall they know and realize that there has been a prophet among them. 6 And you, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words; though briers and thorns are all around you and you dwell and sit among scorpions, be not afraid of their words nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.
7 And you shall speak My words to them whether they will hear or refuse to hear, for they are most rebellious.
8 As for you, son of man, hear what I say to you; be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you. 9 And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. 10 And He spread it before me and it was written within and on the back, and written on it were words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

Ezek 3:17-21 AMP Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at My mouth and give them warning from Me. [Isa 52:8; 56:10; 62:6; Jer 6:17.]
18 If I say to the wicked, You shall surely die, and you do not give him warning or speak to warn the wicked to turn from his wicked way, to save his life, the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hand. 19 Yet if you warn the wicked and he turn not from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered yourself. 20 Again, if a righteous man turns from his righteousness (right doing and right standing with God) and some gift or providence which I lay before him he perverts into an occasion to sin and he commits iniquity, he shall die; because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood will I require at your hand.

21 Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man not to sin and he does not sin, he shall surely live because he is warned; also you have delivered yourself from guilt.

A Solemn Assembly
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“Chains and bonds are being broken as I assemble My army for these times.
I AM the Lord of Sabbaoth, and I keep My promises ! I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man that I should change My mind. I do what I tell you I’m going to do.

I am bringing you OUT OF BONDAGE, and into an era of freedom for a short time before the final unfolding of all things. Keep your eyes on ME My beloveds. The days will fly swiftly by. Keep your hearts in ME. Recall the good things I have done for you. Keep your hearts from any roots of bitterness. For I am soon to bring a great awakening to this nation that will shake all the oppression off of those who will bow to ME.

I have heard your cries for unsaved family members, for your sons and daughters and I am coming to release a revelation to them of their call, and their future. I will sovreignly lift them out of the dust and mire of idolatry and bondage and into the LIGHT of My love. I am going to SHAKE all that can be shaken. So do not look at what you can hold in your hands, but what you hold in your heart is what matters ! Throw off the veil of the world, the flesh and the evil one. I will have a holy and united church. But the division which is here will remain. It will be squelched in the hearts of the MANY who will turn to ME. But many will not and will go their arrogant way.

Multitudes in the valley of decision. Multitudes will come into the church in this hour. Many nations will be gathered. Many tribes and tongues will be saved, delivered and healed. Come to ME and commune with Me so I can give you MY plan for the nations…so I can IMPART all that I want to give you.
I love you and will be with you through these tumultuous times !

It is a time also to GATHER, so you need to have more of ME so that your work for the kingdom will be effective. I am coming to you and I will give you ALL you NEED to do what I am calling you to do. Worry not ! Fret not !
Open your hearts and open your homes. Open your hearts for the KING OF GLORY TO COME IN. Ask and you shall receive.

It is a time to reap what you have not sown. It is a time for Jehu’s in the land to rise up and for the followers and prophets of Baal to be brought low.
Though they will chatter and prattle, they will NOT PREVAIL ! And just as Jehu needed wisdom from above, so you need to find out My strategy for defeating those diviners who wickedly spew forth dung from their mouths, as if I spoke these words ! There are also witches and warlocks who WILL repent and come to the Lord of Hosts. But YOU have to be strong and face them with courage and with TRUST in the Lord Your God ! I will give you the GRACE if you will but ask ! No longer will you yield to INTIMIDATION.”

2 Kings 10:18-28 NKJV Now therefore, call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests. Let no one be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal. Whoever is missing shall not live." But Jehu acted deceptively, with the intent of destroying the worshipers of Baal. 20 And Jehu said, "Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal." So they proclaimed it.
21 Then Jehu sent throughout all Israel; and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. So they came into the temple of Baal, and the temple of Baal was full from one end to the other.

22 And he said to the one in charge of the wardrobe, "Bring out vestments for all the worshipers of Baal." So he brought out vestments for them. 23 Then Jehu and Jehonadab the son of Rechab went

into the temple of Baal, and said to the worshipers of Baal, "Search and see that no servants of the LORD are here with you, but only the worshipers of Baal." 24 So they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had appointed for himself eighty men on the outside, and had said, "If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escapes, whoever lets him escape, it shall be his life for the life of the other."

25 Now it happened, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, "Go in and kill them; let no one come out!" And they killed them with the edge of the sword; then the guards and the officers threw them out, and went into the inner room of the temple of Baal. 26 And they brought the sacred pillars out of the temple of Baal and burned them. 27 Then they broke down the sacred pillar of Baal, and tore down the temple of Baal and made it a refuse dump to this day. 28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal from Israel.

Zech 11:7-14 NKJV So I fed the flock for slaughter, in particular the poor of the flock. I took for myself two staffs: the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bonds; and I fed the flock. 8 I dismissed the three shepherds in one month. My soul loathed them, and their soul also abhorred me. 9 Then I said, "I will not feed you. Let what is dying die, and what is perishing perish. Let those that are left eat each other's flesh." 10 And I took my staff, Beauty, and cut it in two, that I might break the covenant which I had made with all the peoples. 11 So it was broken on that day. Thus the poor of the flock, who were watching me, knew that it was the word of the LORD. 12 Then I said to them, "If it is agreeable to you, give me my wages; and if not, refrain." So they weighed out for my wages thirty pieces of silver.
13 And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter" — that princely price they set on me. So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them into the house of the LORD for the potter. 14 Then I cut in two my other staff, Bonds, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

Ezek 34:6-10 NKJV
6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them."
7 'Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 8 "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock" — 9 therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD! 10 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them."

Dislodged
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The Lord said “dislodged” so looked it up in Webster:
1 : to drive from a position of hiding, defense, or advantage
2 : to force out of a secure or settled position <*dislodged* the rock with a shovel> *intransitive senses* **:** to leave a lodging place

“ I am calling to those that have been hidden soon to come out, and to be dislodged from where they have been. There is a time for sowing and there is a time for reaping. There is a time for hiddenness and a time for exposure. There is a time for being quiet, and a time for speaking out !

The dislodging won’t happen till communion with the Holy One comes. So be expectant for changes, as they are coming. And when they come, there will be an escalation to My purposes for you.

You know who you are, because you have been doing things undercover, and that will continue to be your way of operation for many of you still. You will be hidden in the shadow of MY WINGS. You will come out and go forth and do great exploits in My name. But there is a work I am still doing before you receive your commission.

I am cleansing and I am imparting, and I am empowering. I have been testing and prodding, and cleaning and buffing. I have been molding mantles of HUMILITY on my apostles and prophets and many have grown and received that mantle and asked for that humility. Others have grown bitter and anxious, and angry. But as I come, I will break the chains for those who desire more of Me. I have needed to humble many for there is much pride in the church that must be confronted, but you must not do it with anger and resentment in your heart. You must be able to have MY heart and My compassion, My strength and My Holiness to execute My justice in the manner I desire. Your words must not come out of a bitter heart.

Righteous anger will come forth in many situations, but it is different from anger arising from impatience and hatred. Just as Paul got angry with those using the girl for divination, it was a righteous anger that motivated him to
cast out the demon and release her. Some of you know the difference, and others are still a bit confused in the difference because you still have not the full revelation of My GRACE and My JUSTICE. Ask for MY heart for the lost, for the church, for the WORLD. I am bent on HARVEST and it is soon forthcoming.

I am LONGING for more time with you My beloveds. Worship and keep your minds STAYED on ME. Much blessing will issue forth in that communion with Me and My Word so that revelation will increase. Discernment will increase.
Holiness will come forth. Lay your head on My chest and learn of ME for I am gently and lowly of heart .

A Hole In The Wall

Marc Dupont

An Appointed Time

In March of this year, after ministering in Melbourne, Australia, I took a day off to visit some friends in Sydney. On the ride to Manly Beach from the airport the Holy Spirit began to speak a word to me concerning integrity for those in church leadership around the globe. Some eight months later I am sensing it is time to release the word. One of the lessons I have learned the hard way over the years is to not give a word prematurely. Often the Lord will give a word well before the appointed time of release. This may be because intercessory prayer is necessary as part of the preparation or it may be that it will take the hearer of the word a bit of time to get the whole word. On occasion, it is because the Lord wants the messenger of that word to grow into the reality of the word before it's released to others. For whatever reason, I have not sensed the timing of the Lord to release this until now.

Usually when we think of an appointed time we think of a long awaited break through of blessings. An example would be the Lord telling Abraham that at the "appointed time" He would return and the long awaited child of promise would be born to Sarah. Psalm 102:13 tells us that, at God's appointed time, He arises and has compassion on His people. Habakkuk, the prophet, encourages us to hang on to the visions God gives us because they will come to pass at the appointed time! Obviously God is good to His people all the time but there are certain appointed times of significant breakthrough. Certainly Jesus, the Messiah, came at an appointed time.

The basic understanding of an appointed time is very simple. It is a time that God has fixed, or determined to release, or impart, something at a very particular date or season, according to His sovereignty. Whether we are prepared or not, if we are the intended recipients of that impartation we either experience it, or as with Jerusalem, we can miss the time of visitation or blessing. However, not only are there appointed times of blessings but, on occasion, those appointed times are seasons of judgment. Psalm 75, verse 2, reads: "When I select an appointed time, it is I who judge with equity."

Often when the body of Christ considers judgment and repentance we make two crucial errors. First, we think that His judgment is only reserved for the lost, or those outside of the church. 1 Peter tells us, however, that judgment does not start first with the lost, or nonbelievers. Rather, it starts first with the church (1 Peter 4:17). Second, we often misunderstand God's intentions when He does release judgment on His sons and daughters. The Father's heart for us is always one of restoration rather than destruction. Sometimes He wants to break us down so that He can build us up! We fall into this second misperception because we really don't understand that God's heart is so very much for us. When God revealed a bit of His glory to Moses in Exodus 34, He stated that He was "slow to anger". Hebrews 12:11 reads: "All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness".

God is patient and longsuffering. There comes a time, however, when not out of anger but out of deep love and concern for us, He will release judgment for the sake of correction and healing. Usually, at that point, we (the sinners) are standing at a dangerous precipice. We can think of an extreme case of sin in the life of a Christian such as the man in the church in Corinth who was actually having sex with his own stepmother. Paul stated that he "decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh". It is critical that we realize Paul's motivation. He continued on in 1 Cor. 5:5, "...so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus". In such cases, God's purpose is not eternal damnation but rather to bring our hearts to repentance to come back to a place of wholeness in Christ. There is a certain sin Jesus spoke of that is unto eternal judgment - speaking evil of the Holy Spirit – but, generally speaking, this is a sin only a non-Christian would commit.

The Responsibility of Gatekeepers

Additionally, God will release judgment not only for the sake of the saint who has given himself over to a sin but also for the sake of the church. Jesus told us that to whom much is given, much is required (Luke 12:48). This is especially true for leaders in the body of Christ because in the place of their authority they become a filter, or grid, by which blessings and/or curses are released to the church. Because of their authority, they are, in effect, gatekeepers to the church. When they are practicing hidden sin, an open door for sin and/or the demonic is opened up. A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough!

When leadership is right with God - living in love, grace and humility - they are an open door for the body of Christ to experience more and more of the fullness of Christ. As leaders, we can be either vessels of purity by which pure water can flow out or vessels with mud and debris within them, which in turn release polluted water. No matter how pure the incoming water, if the vessel is polluted, mixed water flows out. The messenger is the message; the teacher is the teaching; and the prophet is the prophecy. It’s not so much the mere words we speak to the church. It is who we are that impacts people the most.

The Lord spoke that He is going to begin to release judgment and exposure to leaders in the body of Christ who are practicing sin. This release of judgment unto restoration will be on a broad level. This is not to say God is requiring leaders to be perfect because only Jesus is perfect. The apostle Paul differentiated between those who occasionally commit sin and those who ‘practice’ sin (Romans 2:1, Galatians 5:21 & Ephesians 4:19). When someone practices something, they do it over and over again to the point of getting good at it. Because of their position and ministry, leaders in the church who live in sin, keep their sin hidden out of necessity.

God did not say He was demanding sinless perfection from His leaders, rather men and women who are true examples of humility (dependence on God), grace, mercy and love. They are free to abound in receiving God’s love because they are free to be transparent due to the lack of hidden sin and the ensuing lack of hidden shame.

When David rhetorically asked, “Who will ascend the hill of the Lord,” he answered, “Those with pure hearts and clean hands.” Purity and cleanliness are prerequisites for deep intimacy with God. The apostle Paul stated that many suffered needlessly because of hidden sin. He said that many are sick and have fallen asleep (died prematurely) because of hidden sin and not judging themselves correctly (1 Cor. 11:30).

Due to a lack of truly seeking the face of God and experiencing much of His glory in the contemporary Western World church, there has been a corresponding lack of a fear of God. Paul wrote to the church of Philippi to work out their salvation in “fear and trembling” because it is the living God within them who wants to work out His will and good pleasure. This lack of intimacy with the person of God has resulted in a low regard for holiness, which combined with the lack of intimacy, creates an impotency in regards to the power of God being manifested through the church!

God wants to pour out His Spirit in an ever-increasing way. However, just as the devil found it was very dangerous to stand in the midst of the mountain of the Lord with sin in his heart, so it is true for the saints today, especially leadership. If it is true that judgment starts first with the household of God, then it is more than likely that judgment starts first with leaders. After all, the hardest words Jesus spoke to the people of Israel were for the leaders, not the prostitutes or thieves. Among the seven woes Jesus spoke of to the religious leaders of His day was the admonishment that they were like cups cleansed on the outside but filthy on the inside. This is a picture of leaders in the church who look the part of a good leader but their hearts and secret lifestyles are unclean.

A Hole in the Wall!

Ezekiel, chapter 8, relates several powerful visions the prophet experienced. One of the most poignant is of God directing Ezekiel to dig through the wall of the temple only to find the elders in deep, hidden sin. Verse 10 reads: “So I entered and looked, and behold, every form of creeping things and beasts and detestable things, with all the idols of the house of Israel, were carved on the wall all around.” It goes on to say that in front were the elders who were burning incense unto the Lord in the midst of their sin. The passage is compelling in that it relates God’s intense disgust and hatred of the hypocrisy and impurity. If that was how strongly God felt about sin in the temple prior to men and women having the Holy Spirit live within themselves, how much more should there be a priority of personal holiness today!

There are going to be some who read this and react with a concern that I am promoting a return to legalism or a performance-oriented relationship with God. It is quite the contrary. I believe God is calling us to embrace holiness and to hate sin out of a relationship of grace, mercy and intimacy with Him that only the cross could achieve. One of the classic definitions of Biblical grace is that grace does not give us the freedom to do what we want and get away with it. Rather, true grace gives us the freedom to be the person God wants us to be. The cross has given us access to God but it is up to us to choose to walk in the freedom of the cross and the Holy Spirit! We are not trying to earn anything from God here, but out of love wanting to be imitators of our Lord Jesus. At the very least we need a revelation today that the Holy Spirit is the “Holy” Spirit of God!

I do not know how long this appointed season of cleansing and pruning will be. I do sense it will go more towards the deep part of the pool rather than the shallow end. Already, just in the eight months since the Lord began to give this word, three major leaders of international ministries I know personally, who live in three different continents, have had sexual sin exposed in their lives greatly to the surprise of those close to them. I am not saying this season is unto the immediate return or the Lord, although only the Father knows the time of Christ’s return. Rather, I believe this is a John 15 time of pruning because God wants to bring about greater fruitfulness for the Kingdom of God and greater purity in the Bride of Christ.

Davids & Sauls

After Psalm 75 speaks of an appointed time for judgment (verse 2), it goes on to speak of the Lord promoting people (verses 6 & 7). This, as well, has to do with the greater fruitfulness the Lord wants to bring about through this pruning. Normally, when a Christian leader has hidden sin in their life, the accompanying guilt, shame and insecurity render them very controlling - controlling to the point of keeping the younger Davids that God is raising up from entering into their potential. Right now, there are many Davids serving under Sauls. These Davids are being kept back and, often times, attacked as David was because of King Saul’s deep insecurity. It can be hard to read these present day Sauls because, like the Saul of old, they have an anointing in their life and know how to do the outward stuff. When the Holy Spirit opens a hole in the wall of their soul, though, there can be detestable things of every sort made visible. Often, everyone knows, or suspects, the problems with a Saul, but it is not until the Holy Spirit reveals it that action can be taken.

The sins God especially wants to deal with are the big three. Just as Africa has the “big five” game animals people on safari watch out for - the lion, elephant, rhinoceros, leopard and buffalo - there also are the “big three G” sins ministry leaders must especially watch out for. They are girls (sexual sin), gold and glory.

Stealing God’s glory by constantly drawing attention to self and building one’s own empire, or ministry, may be even a more serious sin to God than sexual or financial sin. God wants to share His glory with us but He will not allow us to steal it! Taking glory to oneself rather than giving it to God can be a much more subtle sin than the other two. As others before have pointed out, spiritual pride is only revealed (by the Holy Spirit). It is not usually detected (except by others around you). One of the boldest prayers in the Bible is David’s in Psalm 139. He writes, “Search my heart, O God, and see if there be any hurtful ways with me.” God is faithful. Just as He is quick to forgive when we are honest with Him (1 John 1:9), He is also quick to give us insight regarding sin in our hearts if we choose to truly be vulnerable with Him. The problem, however, is that when one is practicing sin, shame causes one to “cover up,” much like Adam and Eve in the Garden.

In closing allow me to reiterate the fact that God is not bringing judgment or chastisement out of wrath but out of love. To quote the writer of Hebrews again: “God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness”, Heb. 12:7-10. In a nutshell, God calls us, provokes us and chastises us to holiness out of His great love for us. On the flip side, to pass off the warning signs could be costly. It could cost one’s marriage, family, ministry and even one’s health - emotionally, spiritually and physically. As 1 Peter 1:16 reads: “you shall be holy, for I am holy”! Holiness must be more than a mere confession of heaven to come!

Below I have listed a few simple steps that may be appropriate for those leaders who are in bondage and truly desire to get free. Sometimes when we, as leaders, are going through things we need the simple reminders of what we already know so well.

1. Find someone, a peer, with whom you can be vulnerable and truthful. When Jesus instructed the disciples to wash one another's feet He was speaking to a group of peers in relationship rather than the masses. Sometimes you need a peer to understand the unique battles you are facing. This may end up being someone who is outside of your church. It does need to be someone, however, to whom you can be accountable. They need to be someone who will blow the whistle on you if you do not truly proceed with steps of restoration. In Psalm 32:2 David said, "When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away." It may or may not be your body that wastes away but it will be your identity, balance and emotional health that fall apart because of the ravages of guilt and shame.

2. If your sin is "hands on" sin, such as sexual sin or financial impropriety, it needs to be brought out to the leadership team of your ministry. Most always you will need to step down from ministry for a time of restoration. Do not allow pride or fear of losing your calling get in the way. God's primary will for you is to become Christ-like rather than to simply use you in ministry. He loves you for who you are, not merely for what you do!

3. If you are a married leader who has committed adultery, you need to confess this to your spouse. The damage is already being done. Even though they may be ignorant of the actual sin, they are already being hurt. It is only through the process of confession, repentance and forgiveness that true restoration to a loving relationship of trust can be restored. It would be wise to first get good counsel as to how to confess this to family members and the church. Don't be surprised if the forgiveness is preceded by anger over the betrayal. Do, however, realize that the long-term goal of wholeness is worth the cost of bringing the darkness into the light.

4. Even if you are in a good state, work hard at building real relationships of heart to heart communication with your spouse and a few people in your leadership team or church. One of the easiest ways for the enemy to set us up is through isolation. Build relationships so we can easily take care of the "little foxes in the garden" before they turn into raging lions let loose in our souls. Building equity in relationships is like building equity in a home mortgage. It takes time and work. Once you have a lot of equity built up in a relationship, it's just as with your house. In a time of difficulty it is money in the bank and you can borrow on it if need be!

5. Lastly, and most importantly, learn, or perhaps relearn, the art of waiting on God. Many leaders are to be commended for their time spent in intercessory prayer. However, spending time simply gazing upon God, communing with Him and waiting upon His good pleasure is vital to fully walking in the Spirit of the Lord. Without this type of "watching" prayer, as Habakkuk practiced, it is easy to fail to see and hear the warning signs the Holy Spirit would give to us from the quietness of God's heart. It is in this place where we can receive from the Father those minor, easy to fix corrections rather than needlessly heading towards the big judgments that bring everything to a painful halt.
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A Heavenly Sound
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Some time ago, the Holy Spirit began ordering my steps towards those who operated in deliverance ministry and I began to see and experience how the Holy Spirit would operate through deliverance. This is also where He began revealing prophetic evangelism to me. This is simply where He begins a process of gathering a body of people for the sake of manifesting Himself in a way to cause the glory of God to be seen and revealed. When people see, they become and Christ is manifest in them and among them. When and where Christ is manifest, we can be sure signs and wonders will follow.

Even as the Holy Spirit was allowing me to experience how He ministers deliverance in this time, He kept me focused on a time ahead where these acts would cease.

NIV Luke 13:32-33 32 And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected.' 33 Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem. NKJV

It was on Pentecost Sunday a few weeks ago that I had a profound encounter with God while in services this morning. As the worship team was leading worship, I had a vision of myself and "I saw" a blast of air or wind blow on me and into me. My only understanding was that God was about to breathe on me and I was ready! Oftentimes, when we step out in our obedience, we can't see our harvest of how Jesus will manifest or appear to us; we just know He will. This morning I was feeling a heaviness on me.

After worship, our Pastor began ministering through the gifts and something he said sparked my thoughts into another direction. I remember him calling the congregation to raise their voice in prayer, in praise and in worship. As the saints began lifting their voices, some were speaking in tongues, some praying in their natural language. Some sang, some praised. I began to focus on the sound of this and suddenly, I could hear a heavenly sound. It was as a low roar. When I was fully in tune to this sound, all the heaviness and sadness I was carrying before "flew away" from me. It was like a silent "whoosh" and it was all gone. The experience left me with a strong witness in the presence of God and a deep connectedness to Him and in Him. It was totally cleansing and totally pure. Rejoicing, my thoughts immediately went to Acts 2.

Acts 2:1-4 2:1 Now when the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. NKJV

As always, the Holy Spirit operates so far outside my own understanding of how I think He will accomplish a thing or how He will manifest Himself. My focus in this writing is on a vision I was given several years ago where I believe I was being shown the day of Pentecost "FULLY COME" within the church. There will be those who are still familiar with this vision because I've shared it a number of times. It is, by far, the most beautiful open vision I've ever received. The vision actually took place with my eyes closed, but it was so vivid and so alive, I can't call it a night vision.

I was with the Lord in the outer hemisphere of the earth; in space. We were looking on the earth and all the darkness that encompassed her. Suddenly, the Holy Spirit appeared through a very large, very white dove. He descended head first upon the earth. Before I could see Him completely touch down, there was an explosion of the brightest, most beautiful heavenly light I've ever seen. My whole vision was engulfed in this beautiful Light from God. This was the end of my vision.

From this time, the Holy Spirit would continually lead me through allowing me to see where the synergy of this "white light" could be manifest. Synergy is not the Koinonea fellowship I teach about, but synergy takes place within this fellowship. Actually, synergy may be a result of this fellowship. Everything that takes place in the Holy Ghost is not easily defined or expressed. It must be experienced and we just know.

Where iniquity abounds, God will give of His Light and the grace He extends will exceed what the darkness can swallow. Knowing this, we should be strengthened and encouraged to stand without wavering when God places us in the gaps as prophetic intercessors on behalf of His people. This is a time for the Body of Christ to be drawn together in love.

Just as the stars in the night sky bring forth a greater light within the cluster, so does the new wine come forth within it's cluster.

Joel 3:18 8'In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the LORD's house and will water the valley of acacias.

Be blessed,

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Prophetic Intersession
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Prophetic Intersession That Stands In The Gaps

I can't think of a single believer who is not called into a lifestyle of prophetic intersession, no matter what their calling may be or where they are placed within the Body. Because our faith is to be shared with others, God created fellowship as a means of allowing the Gospel of Jesus to be revealed within those we share with. Christian fellowship is the only restaurant in town that serves food and drink right out of one's own belly. The bread of God's presence and the living water that flows from before His own Throne to reveal God's Kingdom within those who are so hungry for Him.

In the wonder of the miracles of Jesus feeding the multitudes, I believe the small loaves and fishes were multiplied through the synergy of fellowship that was taking place with those who were gathered with Him. Because of the ranks that Jesus assembled the people in, I know He was revealing His order that was already present within them through His Word. It was as if to say, "See, I can increase you right here, right now. I can prosper you when you see my relationship with My Father." Maybe it was at that moment, He approved their foundations and revealed His glory within their framework.

Heb 11:3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. KJV

............but it is only through faith that we see these things.

Luke 9:14-16
14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. 15 And they did so, and made them all sit down. 16 Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

The first thing I see in this miracle is how Jesus would have revealed the order between Father and Son to His people. Using a small amount of food, He revealed how His bread and fishes would be multiplied, even as it was distributed through the ranks. Beginning with His disciples, the bread being multiplied demonstrated how even the very least of those present would potentially receive the most through this order. Those who receive the most do so simply by become the very least.

My first visions of Jesus were of Him tasting the spiritual food that I ate and drank. He didn't partake of this food. Instead, He integrated the needs he discerned into His solutions and plan for my life. With this, He prepared another meal for us both to share in. The meals He prepared always satisfied His desire to heal and my desire to be healed. When the Lord prepares the bread of His fellowship, He sets it before us by invitation. It is through our own personal choice of identifying with Him and submitting ourself to His Lordship that we take and eat of His Body. In doing so, we lay down our own authority that defines how we have conquered life and it's circumstances through our own means and experiences. When we make ourself bare before the Lord by laying down own own Armour of self protection, we immediately expose all of our weaknesses and flaws t! o all who are watching this love relationship take place between us and the Lord. In this place of love and intimacy with the Lord, a trust in Him is formed that completely drives out all fear. From a foundation of trust, God desires to show us secrets of His kingdom that have yet to be known or told. God's desire is to birth the knowledge of these things out of our own heart so that the He is revealed to us through His Son, Jesus. Any other King would have given a written decree stating the terms and conditions of His covenant with us, but God gave His only begotten Son. A living Son who was willing partake of our sufferings and pass through death so that He could reveal His life within us.

As we share our heart with the Lord, He not only hears, but He truly does taste all we give Him. The table He prepares for us reveals our habitation in His dominion being seated at the right hand of God the Father as we are His habitation here on this earth. From faith to faith and from glory to glory, He establishes us in the Kingdom authority He came to impart to us to lead us in a victorious walk of faith. Through the experience of this revelation, the Word of God is written in our heart.

May the hearts of God's people be meshed together as one to prepare a greater habitation for our Lord Jesus.

In love,

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Submission That Leads to Liberty
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Hello all,

I wanted to share more of my experiences in true Godly submission that leads to liberty. Understanding more of how and when to apply the cross to our life leads us to walk more consistently in liberty. It's part of our process in growth and maturity to NOT always walk in our comfortable areas of expertise, strength and understanding. The true Christ fellowship of Koinonia flows where there is liberty, so we're first built up in how to walk in liberty consistently so that we can abide in the anointing and stay in true fellowship.

When the Holy Spirit moves on a body to expel and remove what has hindered, He will simultaneously move on the same body to release the spirit of Elijah within their testimony. In one dimension of faith, the crossing of the Jordan River purges us from thoughts and emotions that cause us to become imprisoned through our mind. Another dimension of faith at the same Jordan will expose patterns or traditions that have allowed access to the presence of evil where discernment is darkened. Still, there is another dimension that causes us to "cry out" or release a cry from the spirit that seeks the Holy one and His standard of Truth.

John the Baptist was a voice of one crying out in the wilderness. It is the presence of the one we seek that makes crooked paths straight to prepare us for the habitation of the Lord as a corporate Body. In the atmosphere of the prophetic, the apostolic realm is unveiled to us to reveal a place of consistent fellowship with the Lord. When we are in relationship with Christ, we're in relationship with the Body.

Corporate faith originates from personal faith. When we find ourselves in a place where we can't discern what is true, fear is usually the first thing that rises. The more confidence we gain through the cross, the more we understand how to abide in liberty even where we have no understanding or discernment. I'm not suggesting that we submit ourselves to abuse, but through yielding our heart long enough to allow ourselves to experience the emotions that are taking place where we are challenged, we quickly become free through our own accountability that the cross holds us to. Liberty can't stay yoked in bondage. Liberty takes on the yoke of Christ to cause us to taste the affliction of others in order to minister into their needs. When we understand how to stay liberated, we become less fearful. We first gain confidence in our relationship with the Holy Spirit and become more like Christ through this confidence. Through Christ and IN Him we gain discernment and understanding. Christ IN us releases us like helium causes a balloon to float upward. The higher we go, the more we SEE in liberty.

Godly submission is not yielding through reflex or reactions and it's never forced. Godly submission is always in the Holy Spirit to the Holy Spirit to cause us to identify with Christ (submit to Christ) in others. Godly submission reproduces the life of Christ in us. This takes place where we yield ourselves to those who mutually yield themselves to us for the purpose of Christ becoming manifest and exalted.

Blessings all,

Cindy

The Fear of the Lord
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Rev 4:1-6:1 After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." 2 At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. 3 And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. 4 Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. 5 From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. 6 Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

Several years ago, in the beginning of learning how to walk in my faith, the Holy Spirit gave me a vision of the crystal sea spoken of in Revelation 4:6 as it pertained to my own personal faith. I was given this vision as well as the applications that the Holy Spirit would reveal so I could understand and experience the difference in "sitting at the gate called beautiful" (Acts 3) and rising up in my faith so I could walk and move forward (Matt 9:6).

In my vision, I was before the Lord and He was seated on the Throne. Between Him and me was a wall of crystal clear water and I discerned this water to be God's presence. When I received this vision, I was such a new Christian that I didn't even recognize that God was giving me a visual expression of His written Word. I had just began tasting of who God really is and was very hungry to learn and experience more of Him.

Through time, the Holy Spirit has progressively used this vision to reveal how deeper worship of God always clothes us in Christ as we tabernacle with Him to rise above any oppression that the enemy would seek to yoke us with. I have also learned that as we are moving "from glory to glory", we are simultaneously being schooled and educated experientially in spiritual things so that we not be ignorant. Knowledge of God through His covenant being revealed to us through Christ destroys the works of the enemy to allow God's people to be free.

As I was standing before the Lord in my vision, I asked Him if I could enter into where He was seated before me, and He responded, "yes". In "this place with the Lord", I desired to move my body and I wanted to come into His presence but found that I could not will my body to move forward. All I could do was stretch out my right hand and place it into the wall of crystal water and I'm sure this only came by the grace of God. I could feel that it was water. I could swish my hand back and forth and see that it was water, but I could not move the rest of my body to propel it forward. I soon learned that MOTION comes in being aligned within God's perfect will and once we are aligned in God's will, it is faith that launches us in God's purposes. Without understanding God's direction and purpose, we can easily become espoused into the enemies plans. In God's perfect will, we not only receive direction, but we know and experience His heart, motives and character in all that He purposes to accomplish. Being one with God in His will, we are released as one being sent in God's purposes as sons and daughters. The Holy Spirit will continually sharpen our discernment as we yield ourselves more and more to His promptings towards obedience.

Kairos times are revealed through the witness of the Holy Spirit and this discernment is sharpened through our relationship with Him. Kairos times are appointed times in the spirit and are very significant for our growth and moving forward in our faith. Forgive me for being repetitious here, but we should allow ourselves to expect supernatural encounters with God. This is part of His nature.

It has been my experience that when the Holy Spirit is in the process of gathering these chosen ones, transition always pulls us from one direction of motion, or order, into the new order of God's predestined purposes and plans. Stuff happens in the process, but discernment causes us to tune out the voice of the world so we can tune into the voice of God and stay completely focused on PURPOSE.

It was within these Kairos times that the Holy Spirit began teaching me that worship goes far beyond standing in a Sunday morning service with my hands raised. Our worship is expressed through obedience because God prefers this over sacrifice.

1 Sam 15:22-23
To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. NIV

It is within the path of obedience that we are met with challenges and opposition, but staying aligned to God's will through the cross causes the us to be strengthened as we are being challenged. Through loosing our own life, we loose all fear and intimidation of man. Where the fear of man is removed, we gain the fear of the Lord.

Prov 9:10
10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

There is nothing like the experience of the fear of the Lord. There is such an experience of awesomeness and reverence in knowing Him and His love for us. A love that is so great that it has the power to produce a brokenness in us to cause us to be immediately transformed and conformed to the image and likeness of the one we are beholding and who is beholding us.

How and where do we find these doors in heaven spoken of in Rev 4 that will sharpen our discernment after the things of the spirit to cause us to be manifest sons and daughters rising to glory? At the threshold of it's counterfeit - the fear of man. When we no longer yield ourselves to the works of fear and intimidation of man, this door is permanently closed. In defining the works of fear and intimidation, we not only refuse to yield ourselves in fear of man, but neither do we operate in a way to intimidate others to bring control. In yielding our bodies only to the righteousness of God, heaven's door (Jesus) can never be closed to us and we find ourselves in a steady and consistent flow of progressing forward in our faith to flood the earth with God's glory. The living (crystal) waters that flows from our bellies will always serve as the plumb line of Truth that keeps us connected and directed to the Throne of God's grace.

John 7:38-39
38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

Rev 7:17
17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; He will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Blessings all,

Cindy
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Prov 2:1-8
My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, 3 and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. 6 For the LORD gives wisdom, and from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. 7 He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, 8 for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.

Prov 9:10
10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Prov 14:27
27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death.

Prov 15:33
33 The fear of the LORD teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Prov 22:4
4 Humility and the fear of the LORD bring wealth and honor and life.

1 John 4:18
18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.
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A Humble Submittal To The Saints
Vincent Xavier

Jan 3, 2004
"I want to share a dream with you that I had [a few] nights ago. The dream for the most part is obscured and scattered but at the end of it something appeared that has stayed fixed in my mind. I saw a black phone with the number 13 on it. (I did not eat Pizza the night before) I have been going over this for the past few days and seeing that phone over and over again. I shared the dream with my wife and her immediate response was WITCHCRAFT.

AS I have been thinking about it I have come to some pretty sobering conclusions about what I saw. I believe there is a CALL going forth to the realms of darkness that we have not yet seen before. A mischief of the darkest kind is brewing in the atmosphere, a mischief so dark and so subtle that most will only have a small perception of it unless one declares to them what they have sensed.

I have heard the words RECESSION and ASSASSINATION. I have warned this nation of a terrible storm called Euroclydon that is about to hit America. We saw the first fruits of this storm with the power outages on the East Coast, the hurricane that struck the Eastern seaboard of the U.S. and then the Fires that raged in Southern California.

We have experienced a measure of peace since early November, yet I sense another wind is about to blow. It may be due to the idolatry and commercialism associated with this time of the year, the war in Iraq and a host of other situations taking place presently. I have warned that this nation has crossed the line of no return since the Law Of God was removed from the halls of so called justice.

Since the winds have died down and a measure of peace has surface the Spirit has revealed to me the great month of MARCH 2004 as a time of ACCOMPLISHMENT. The Lord has shown me through His word that beginning in March there will come epic events that will cause the nations of the earth to reel to and fro, and that these events have everything to do with the Kingdom of God being manifested in the earth.

It was once said of the Apostles that they had TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN, and I believe the world is about to be turned upside down once again by the Spirit of God through His people. However, there is an urgency in my spirit beginning to stir concerning the next few months. Obviously a special assignment has been sent out against the President of the United States to ASSASSINATE him. A vigilant prayer covering must be built up stronger than it has ever been for this man.

Another obvious plot against this nation is to bring further destruction in the realm of killing and death that will cause the Economic system to finally collapse, yes even amongst our greatest times. A RECESSION has been called for and certain events will usher it in. Now please understand that I am not standing as a United States representative, because I am not. I am not an ambassador for this country or any other country in this world, but I stand fully devoted to the Heavenly Country, the Kingdom of God as a representative and ambassador of HIS. As a representative I am compelled to warn this nation as well as all others of the coming establishment of the Kingdom of God in the earth.

To those who belong to it a great time of rejoicing has come, for those who have resisted it a great day of wrath has come. I believe that what has been feared is about to come upon this nation. This nation called America does not stand guiltless before the judicial throne of Justice in the heavenlies. America is guilty of many crimes and as she judges her sins too shall be judged. Be watchful for the judgment against Sadam Hussein. America's own politicians have and continue to break every law known to man and have walked in such deception that now their eyes cannot see the truth.

I am writing these things to you who have ears to hear so that you will not be led away with the error of the wicked. There is a darkness that falls greater than any other right before the dawn. And no doubt we have come to the dawn of a new day and the light of that day shall surely shine, hopefully quicker than we think. But at this very moment the darkness is thickening, not diminishing.

All are going to give an account before God whether they are Jews, Gentiles, Heathen, Barbarian or the like. I say all will give an account and first of all those in the Church. While I have sensed a great measure of prayer within this country during the past several weeks, and have witnessed the peace and seen the fruits of it, there still remains a Babylonian mindset and a self-sufficient spirit in the masses who live in this country. Sin is not being dealt with at a national level.

The Lord Jesus Christ said of Jerusalem that Tyre and Sidon would rise up in the judgment against her for her unrepentant ways and the Lord is saying to America that because you have refused to repent on a national level you too will come into judgment with Tyre and Sidon, or should I say Iraq and Afghanistan?

There is a darkness coming over the land. Be not afraid saints of God, Be glad and rejoice for the Lord will do great things in your midst, but do not forget the Lords Justice. I caution each one that is reading this or hearing this word to BE READY! Be on the watch! "
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Twelve Stones
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It is written in the Book of Joshua that there were TWELVE men out of the TWELVE tribes who were to carry a STONE into the Jordan River and were to build a monument so that future generations would understand the greatness of Almighty God. In the book of ACTS there are TWELVE Apostles, whose deeds have become a monument unto us.

A monument is
1. “SOMETHING SET UP TO KEEP ALIVE THE MEMORY OF A PERSON OR EVENT, AS A TABLET, STATUE, PILLAR, BUILDING, ETC.”

2. A STRUCTURE SURVIVING FROM A FORMER PERIOD.

3. A WRITING OR THE LIKE SERVING AS A MEMORIAL.

4. A WORK, PRODUCTION, ETC. OF ENDURING VALUE OR SIGNIFICANCE.

According to this definition of a monument, the Book of Acts has been written in order to KEEP ALIVE what God did do! The purpose of the Word of God is to remind His people of what he has done throughout the ages.

Today, as we are living in the BEST OF THE BEST OF TIMES, we are being prepared for the greatest acts of God ever known to Man. By understanding, perceiving, agreeing and believing in what God has done in times past, we will be more prepared to receive what he is about to do.

The Book of Acts is the territory for the Third Day Church! We are being called into a Book of Acts experience with the promise of greater works than what have been. We are living in the season of the DOUBLE PORTION and therefore need to be expecting greater acts now then when the book of Acts was first written. So, the book of Acts today is serving the Church living in the Third Day, helping us understand where we are going! It is, again, the TERRITORY of the Church today!

There are THREE witnesses to an exponential event that is going to take place in the month of March 2004. We have said that the year 2004 is the YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENT, or the YEAR OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION. During this year there is going to come a great RELEASE in the people of God. This RELEASE is going to take them (the church) to their HIGH PLACE.

The CHURCH refers to all people of every tribe, tongue and culture who have called upon the name of the Lord. This CHURCH is going to walk and ride upon the high places of the earth, and their release is going to come EXPONENTIALLY!

The THREE witnesses have come through the book of Joel, the gospel of John and the book of Joshua. In the book of Joel, chapter 2:21-32 the mystery is revealed. It is therein declared that in the month of March, according to our present calendar, the EARLY and LATTER rain is going to come upon the SEED, the CHURCH. This rain as we have said before is the Hebrew meaning for TEACHING! The Early and Latter rain are the teachings that are going to actually release Gods people from all bondage and corruption. New mindsets are going to be established, as old ones are undone. A new perception is going to come forth as the veil is taken away and the light of truth begins to shine in the deepest recesses of the heart of Gods people. The dawning of the new day is going to first appear in the heart of the CHURCH. The revelation of the Spirit of God and the Kingdom of God are going to catapult Gods people into their destiny and calling, as chains of death and decay are broken. The TEACHING that is coming forth is going to BREAK and DESTROY the YOKE of bondage.

The Book of Joel speaks to the CHURCH TODAY and is declaring the time of resurrection power. That which has died is coming back to life with greater power than before its death. A new environment is going to appear in the Church and in the cities of the world. The arising of the militant triumphant Church is going to be seen and witnessed by those who are left and inhabit the cities.

The Church is going to be gathering together in homes across the land. Home-fellowships will not be just a movement for the sake of doing something new but will be the houses of restoration. In the home shall the glory of the Spirit of God abide, as a special anointing for healing shall be released. God’s people will bask in HIS presence and all attempts at performance with old church mindsets will be gone.

The presence of the Lord shall be so precious that those who lead in those homes will have a special anointing of discernment as to who is permitted into the home. For some will come who have no pure desire for CHRIST and shall desire to come into the comfort of the Spirit but will not be allowed to do so, because the carnality of their lives.

The leaders shall perceive through the gift of discernment that this person will QUENCH the Spirit if allowed in and will therefore not allow that person to pass into the home. (The Spirit gave me a vision of this in 1993) The homes of chosen vessels will be open throughout the week and the teaching that goes forth, will be followed by signs and wonders. Lives will be radically changed and transformed and MANY will be brought into the Kingdom through the Witness of the CHURCH.

The leaders in these homes will be PASTORS. The PASTORS will be subject to the APOSTLES that are in each city. The Apostles will bring forth a RECONFIGURING WORD, which will bring about the FORM in each person, that FORM is CHRIST!

There will be no challenge as to WHO is in control, for once again, JESUS CHRIST WILL BE THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH. His divine order will be realized and accepted just as it was in the BOOK OF ACTS! The people will prosper under the unction and anointing of the APOSTLE, PROPHET, EVANGELIST, TEACHER AND PASTOR!

The Evangelist will go from house to house with an inspired message from the Fathers heart. The PASTOR will take care for the people. The Teachers will break down the message that is prophesied.

Understanding shall be quickened in the minds of the people. Questions shall be answered immediately and the lights will go on. Leadership will have great power and authority, for the Lord will confirm his presence upon and within them, however, the leadership of the CHURCH will be humble!

There will not be the push for position, recognition or reward. The new leadership will take the reigns of authority from those who have abused their power. The new leadership will not be arrogant, self-centered or self- exalted in heart or mind. The only agenda of this new leadership will be the PERFECTION OF THE ONE NEW MAN IN THE EARTH! The witness of true ministry will be effective fruit! The production of FRUIT will abound under their care! The fruit of the Spirit will be abundantly released and the CHURCH will be the tree from which the nations shall EAT and be healed!

The CHURCH shall be brought to her high place and all the nations of the earth shall see and wonder at the grace of God manifested in her! She will be pure and holy.

Understand that the CLEANSING WORD has already accomplished its work! The First TWO days of the CHURCH have been cleansing and refining days but this is the THIRD DAY, the DAY wherein GOD WILL COME BACK INTO THE SIGHT OF HIS PEOPLE! The Time has come for the CHURCH to arise to her destiny and calling! She is now washed! She is now cleansed! She is now sanctified! She is now complete and ready to enter into her appointed place of Governmental authority! The church has been called to rule and reign over all the powers of darkness and she shall with the Lord of Glory rule the nations with a rod of IRON! She shall break in pieces every nation that will not bow to the KINGDOM OF GOD!

The Prophet Joel also declares to us that a time of great joy is coming to the HOUSE! We are told to FEAR NOT, BE GLAD AND REJOICE! This is the present word for the CHURCH. No matter what things appear to be or whatever may take place in the next THREE MONTHS we are NOT TO FEAR! I know that fearful events are going to come during the months of DECEMBER, JANUARY and FEBRUARY! These events may take place in an individual way in peoples lives or they will take place in National and International ways.

Whatever the case may be, BE PREPARED NOW! Prepare your spirit with JOY AND GLADNESS! Everyday make it a point to release gladness and rejoicing in your spirit. Pray with gladness! Sing with gladness. Rejoice for what the Lord is ABOUT TO DO! Some may rejoice for what he has done, but many are to REJOICE for what he has promised to do in the month of MARCH! By learning to be glad and rejoice right now you will be prepared to receive what Father is about to give to you. Great measures of abundance are coming to you! You are going to get back the years the enemy has devoured! All the years of pain and agony, hurt and depression are going to be restored. In one moment! In one season all the years of pain and sorrow shall vanish! Your new reality will consume those years and you shall walk in complete victory.

It is at this time the miracles will begin to manifest. Many that have been bedridden and constantly sick are going to be set free and are going to leap for Joy at the works of Almighty God through whatever vessel he chooses to work through! GREAT, GREAT, GREAT miracles are determined! The blind shall see! The deaf shall hear! The lame shall walk! The lepers shall be cleansed! The dead shall rise! FREEDOM! FREEDOM! FREEDOM! DELIVERANCE! DELIVERANCE! DELIVERANCE! There shall be DELIVERANCE in the house of GOD!

Please refer to the word I sent to you concerning Joel’s Prophesy a few weeks ago. Please read it again and again. It shall surely come to pass! Remember when the Lord told the disciples to go to Jerusalem and WAIT FOR THE PROMISE? So now WAIT for this promise! Look at what the disciples were doing while they were waiting. They were gathering together, praying in ONE ACCORD! They were searching the Scriptures and looking for what needed to be fulfilled. The Lord Jesus said that ALL SCRIPTURES CONCERNING HIM in the PSALMS, THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS WERE FULFILLED, yet the Apostle Peter said in Acts that “THIS SCRIPTURE CONCERNING JUDAS, MUST BE FULFILLED”. There are many Scriptures that must be fulfilled at this time in order for the

CHURCH to be prepared for what is about to happen.

Spend time in the word studying the scriptures. By doing so you may have the RECONFIGURING WORD for your local fellowship. This reconfiguring will enable the church to be better positioned for the things to come.

As you study Joel's Prophecy and break it down into its original meaning from Chapter 2:21, through 2:32, you will begin to see what has been determined by the SPIRIT OF PROPHECY for today. The next witness that came through the WORD was in John 19. While Jesus was hanging on the cross, IT IS WRITTEN THAT Jesus KNEW ALL THINGS WERE NOW ACCOMPLISHED. (John 19:28.) In verse 30 he said IT IS FINISHED! It says in verse 31 that this Sabbath was a HIGH DAY. The HIGH DAY was during the PASSOVER, which is celebrated in the First month, which according to the Hebrew calendar is MARCH. I declare unto you that MARCH is a FINISHING MONTH. Your labor, frustration, concern, and all cares are going to come to an end. The finished work, the ACCOMPLISHED WORK OF CHRIST IS GOING TO MANIFEST IN THE CHURCH!

As I have said before, because we live in the age of ENOCH, who was the SEVENTH from Adam, the TRANSLATION is before us. The Greek meaning for TRANSLATION as recorded in the Book of Hebrews, is THE DISESTABLISHMENT OF LAW. The law that was disestablished by Enoch was the law of SIN AND DEATH. We are speaking here of a generation who will fulfill the Scripture in 1Corinthians 15, concerning the CHANGE, or the TRANSFORMATION, or the TRANSFIGURATION! This generation will be CHANGED in a moment! The Greek meaning for MOMENT is AN INDIVISIBLE TIME! There is no dividing of this time. You cannot take a piece of this time away. You may be able to divide an ATOM, which is so small, but you cannot divide this MOMENT wherein the CHANGE will take place.

Since we are living in the SEVENTH DAY, it becomes clear that this CHANGE is speaking to us. For the change shall take place at the sounding of the SEVENTH TRUMPET! Is it possible that what is going to take place in March is going to radically cause our paradigms to shift? Is it possible that the SEVENTH MILLENNIUM PROMISE, wherein SATAN shall be bound and cast into a pit for a THOUSAND years and the DEAD shall rise and those who were beheaded shall come into their places of authority has come? Are we being moved into the fulfillment of Revelation Chapter Twenty?

If so, then the heavens will be opened and the ladder of God will be available for those who travel from one dimension to the next. In other words, through our Incorruptible bodies, which we will receive in a MOMENT, there will be no restraint! We will have the ability to travel like Jesus did after his resurrection. We shall appear in one place and vanish from another. Is it possible that these things are nearer than what we have thought? I know that the month of March is going to produce something great, but could the greatness of the season bring forth more than what we are presently expecting? What am I saying? I believe (not know) the fullness of the KINGDOM OF GOD is going to manifest without a veil in the year 2004, and that the months of March and June are going to be the producer months. IT IS FINISHED, said the Lord on the cross two thousand years ago!

The THIRD witness came to me through the Book of Joshua. I was reading the story of the great CROSSING from the wilderness to the PROMISE LAND. I found in the Fourth Chapter and the Nineteenth verse that the MIRACLE CROSSING took place on the Twenty Fifth Day of MARCH! Again, MARCH shows up as a time of TRANSITION! Are we prepared to CROSS OVER to the other side? Are we ready? Could our crossing be into another dimension? Could we be prepared to escape the power of gravity and go finally where no man has gone before? Could this be the time of our acceleration into all the promises of God? The Bible says it is!

The Bible, God's coded Book is being revealed and the message is becoming clearer every day that this is the time for the great transition of the Church! Perhaps it will be a simple thrust into greater effectiveness and ministry. Perhaps there will be an increase of anointing and power. But quite possibly what is about to take place is going to transcend what any of us has ever thought or dreamed! Are you ready! Are you FULL OF FAITH? You must be! You must be full of faith, for the man ENOCH was a man of Faith. It was said of Him that his testimony was that he PLEASED GOD! And what always pleases God? FAITH!

Can you believe for a mighty miracle in your life? How about a NEW BODY, a glorified body? How about a new body without sickness, disease and death? What about a body without corruption or decay? Can you believe for this now? Are all the witnesses being revealed in Gods word just for another religious experience or an average advancement into spiritual things?

NO! The Book of Joshua said that the MIRACLE CROSSING takes place in MARCH! What is interesting is that the verse that reveals the date is Joshua 4:19. It is Galatians 4:19 that the APOSTLE PAUL travails for CHRIST to be formed in YOU! Could the crossing over be from one form to another? Could the NEW MAN arise in the earth at this time, as an INDESTRUCTIBLE NEW MAN, one that can never die? Can we believe for the greatness of GOD?

The Book of ACTS, is about the witness of TWELVE APOSTLES. The WITNESS of the CROSSING in Joshua’s day were TWELVE STONES that were taken out of the Jordan River at the time of the crossing and Twelve Stones that were erected in the River. These TWELVE STONES were to be a MEMORIAL, a MONUMENT for the people that WOULD COME. We are the people that “would come” and our monument is the BOOK OF ACTS. Those Twelve Stones, the Apostles declare unto us what God did do and what God is about to do, yet GREATER!

Read it! Look at it! Explore it and pray it! Ask God to bring it to pass! Let your thirst and hunger grow! Jesus said I THIRST! For what? He thirsted for what LIE AHEAD OF THE CROSS and for what was beyond his present suffering. Will you thirst? Will you allow your spirit to groan for the things that have been written? Do it! You will never be the same!

An Invitation to The Bride

Mark Kaphaem

Friends, Fellow lovers of Jesus.

Please pray for the Bride of Christ this week.

I feel there is a supernatural invitation going out to the bride of Christ this week with the release of the movie "The Passion of The Christ". An invitation to enter into a level of Love that many have never even dreamed of. But it will come at great cost.

I ask that you intercede for those seeing the movie this week. I also would ask you prepare you hearts before you go. (Please keep me in pray also).

The invitation I see coming to the bride is being delivered by angel with a great sword in his hands. The sword has one side that is filled with flames of fire and is red hot but the other side of the sword is cold and covered in Ice.

This invitation is coming to call the church out of lukewarmness. For those who respond they will be returned to their first love and to a face to face relationship with the Groom as the Head of church. But for those who reject the invitation there will be no room left to be lukewarm.

Now is the time to fill your lampstands with oil and prepare yourselves to meet the Groom.

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As I Have Loved You
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JOHN 15 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.
12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.
13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

1. John 03
14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

My Children! Even if somebody gives everything, yet I see the heart! Even if somebody gives all he possesses, yet I look for the giver (for his undivided heart) and not for the gifts. At first, each one examine his heart, and not the deeds and gifts of the fellow man/ other one/ next one. Examine yourself that you will not be tempted, and the snare will not overtake you!

Do not look at what the other one is doing to you, but at what I would like you doing to the other one! Love one another with the love with which I have loved you! For when you do not love one another just as I love you, I cannot send you!

1. Peter 02
15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:
16 As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.
17 Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Love For The Brethren
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"He that Loveth not, Knoweth not God."

There are those amongst you who speak of loving others but your ego depicts quite a different story. You "claim" to know My Word but you harbor offence against others if they don't adhere to every doctrine that you utter. You "claim" to know Me but your forsake My Word for if you do not love your brethren whom you do see, how can you say your love ME, whom you do not see? Love amongst the brethren is one of the most crucial tests for My Beloved but unfortunately many are not passing the test.

I ask you, is your heart filled with ME as you profess, or do your actions speak otherwise? I have given you My truth and it is My desire for you to live it!!! And My truth is that there is to be love, My love, amongst the brethren.

Hear Me, I will only tolerate My children operating in My Divine Love, not out of your own egos and having your own way. If you live in the Spirit then you must walk in the Spirit, not desirous of vain glory nor provoking or envying one another.

Many proclaim to be amongst My Chosen Ones but there is a tendency for many of you to fight your doctrinal differences to the finish and in doing so you believe that you are doing Me a favor. You want everyone to agree with you over every issue. Beloved it is NOT your place to force anything upon anyone. Some of you are like diamonds cutting glass. You will cut and scratch any of the brethren because of your hardness.

I will have My precious jewels, My diamonds but there "must" be character and integrity (Lauterkeit) even in your differences. I say it again "I WILL have character and integrity" amongst My Chosen Ones. Nothing less will suffice! My heart is sorely grieved over what is happening. It is like a cancer eating away amongst My own and believe Me I WILL cut out that cancer.

I WILL NOT allow offense.

I WILL NOT tolerate smear campaigns against the brethren.

I WILL NOT tolerate hypocrisy of any kind amongst My own.

I WILL NOT allow individual egos to hurt others of the brethren.

I WILL NOT tolerate betrayals amongst My children.

No matter your differences, I ask you, do you agree in the supreme (erhaben) love that you have for Me?

Beloved, you are all washed by the same blood, given the same grace and you all believe where your final destiny lies... Therefore ... you are to love each other with a pure heart ... A love for the brethren which is kind and compassionate.

I ask you to be ever watchful against tempers and doctrinal differences which "weaken" your brotherly love. Love, humility and brokenness, if these are not included in your doctrine then your doctrine is not sound. Some of you believe you possess good sound doctrines, BUT, if you don't have true love for your brethren everything you have built will collapse. The effects of a narrow, suspicious or a selfish spirit are much too evident amongst professors of Me and My gospel.

I AM the I AM and hear Me, I WILL NOT BE MOCKED!!! Many who profess to "KNOW ME" - "TRULY KNOW ME" are DECEIVING themselves with a form of godliness. You may abound in knowledge and gifts and possess much of My truth in which to enlighten others but it will come to not unless your desire is to be a TRUE FOLLOWER OF MINE. If so, you will seek one standard, the love of the brethren .... without this, all else will be to no avail.

Love for the brethren... You know you have passed from death unto life if you truly possess it. Do you truly possess it or are you full of yourselves wanting to have your own way? Love for the brethren, for My sake!! "By this shall men know that you are My disciples if you love one another."

I cannot make it any clearer than this and to take it a step further the consequences are equally clear that though you speak with the tongues of angels, have the knowledge of all mysteries, walk in miracles having zeal for the truth ... yet... if you do not have love for the brethren you are as sounding brass or tinkling cymbals. You may make a great noise in the quest for truth BUT IN MY SIGHT - your faith is dead !!!!

The I AM has given you truth and that truth is that the brethren are to dwell together in peace and harmony. You are NOT to bear grudges in your own heart against any of your fellow brethren!! You are NOT to retaliate (vergelten) with words spoken against them to others!!!

You ARE to love them as you love yourselves and to provide for their needs whenever it is in your power to do so for how can you have My love in you when you refuse to help your needy brother? If you truly love ME, then you will love the brethren, it's as simple as that.

I am about to usher in My Glory but do not be deceived My beloved, I WILL have love amongst the brethren. I say again, I WILL ABIDE NOT the contentions, discord and schisms in your hearts! I WILL ABIDE NOT your pride, jealousy or control over others!

I WILL ABIDE NOT the unrighteous judgment that works from your own flesh! You must learn to resolve differences without harboring bitterness, resentment or anger.

For those who have spoken out against their brethren, I SHALL EXECUTE JUSTICE!!!! Your mouth speaks forth blessings and cursings. For those who have spoken against any of your brethren to others, REPENT NOW for by your words you shall see My justice and I WILL EXECUTE JUSTICE!!!!

I am a Holy God, a God of Righteousness and Justice. I employ you now to seek righteousness in every area of your walk. Ask forgiveness and repent now for words spoken against any of your brethren and seek restitution where it is possible.

If My words are not heeded, you WILL see My Divine Justice! To those of you who have been maligned by your brethren, let it go, do not try to fix it! I Am your defender, therefore do not try to fix that which is MY responsibility.

I alone shall lift you up, I and I alone.... No one, I say it again, No one can stop the destiny that I have for those who truly follow Me in every way.

LUKE 11
23 He that is not with me is against me: and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

Unlovingness
By B. Schlink

The greatest thing of all-in time and in eternity-is love. That is why there is no greater guilt than the sin against love.

We were created in the image of God, who is Love, and after the fall we were redeemed to love through our Lord Jesus Christ. Nothing pierces God's heart more deeply than our not reflecting His image of love. Yes, the Apostle Paul states in 1 Corinthians 13 that we are nothing and that our supposedly loving deeds like "giving away all we have" or "delivering our bodies to be burned" are also nothing. All our words and actions, our whole being, have to be filled with love; otherwise, no matter what we do, we will constantly become guilty towards others.

What does unlovingness include? It is passing by one's neighbour's needs and gentle requests; it is the beginning of unmercifulness. We are not really interested in others; we are not merciful to them; we do not sympathize with them. We cannot rejoice with our neighbours and we cannot cry with them. We do not spoil them with our love, we are not kind to them when they are overlooked or humiliated.

Sometimes our forgetfulness, which we try to excuse by saying that we had so much to do, is nothing but our great unwillingness to love others. But even when we seem to be working for others and busily helping them, we may actually only be trying to satisfy our own egos. Then we do not hear the Holy Spirit, when He quietly admonishes us; and when it is really important, when others really need our help, we can be very unloving.

There are not enough words to express all the damage unlovingness can do. Without realizing it, we can drive sad and discouraged people into despair, we can crush their souls by taking away their last hope. And yet we think that we have not done anything wicked, we were "just a bit unloving". But if we try to make this sin of unlovingness seem harmless, we are deceiving ourselves. We have not seen our behaviour in Jesus' light and heard what He has to say about it. That is the only thing that matters and we will be judged accordingly one day.

One of the most amazing words of judgment that Jesus spoke, that hits us to the core, was directed at the unloving, who pass by the needs of others, "Depart from me, you cursed!" (Matt. 25: 41). Only if we have been "shaken up" by these words, will we no longer be able to persevere blindly in the sin of unlovingness.

Because it is so easy for us to deceive ourselves through self-righteousness, we ought to yearn to see our words and actions towards our neighbours in the light of God. He has to show us our unlovingness so that we will fight against it. At the end of our life we will be judged according to love. Then it will be of no avail to prove that we have not committed any coarse sins such as betrayal, blasphemy or slander.

For the Holy Scriptures include this sin of unlovingness in its list of serious sins (Rom. 1:31; 2 Tim. 3:3). And when Jesus pronounces His devastating verdict, "Depart from me, you cursed", it means "into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25: 41).

Whoever does not want God to pass this sentence on him has to get to the bottom of his unlovingness in order to deal with it. The root of unlovingness is self-love. We love ourselves so much, and are so involved in ourselves, that we do not have any interest or time left over for others. Why do we love ourselves so much? Because we are separated from God, the eternal Love. "By this we know we love the children of God, when we love God" (1 John 5: 2). We do not love God; that is the real reason for our sin of unlovingness. That is the first thing that we must recognize: our relationship to God is not in order. We have not given Him our first love; we are not at one with Him.

That is why love cannot stream forth from our hearts to others. Instead we are indifferent, or what is even worse, harsh to everyone or to certain people. We are living apart from Jesus, ignoring His commandment to love others. This is where we have to begin to repent. We must ask for a repentant heart, because we do not love God and our neighbour.

God, who has promised to answer earnest prayer, will let us repent of our sin against the first commandment, not loving God above all things and our neighbour as ourselves. If we come to Jesus' cross with a repentant heart, we will hear His words, "It is finished!", "Fear not, for I have redeemed you!" He has also redeemed us from our unlovingness so that we can love. Yes, these words, "It is finished", have opened a new fount; His love will flow into us through His precious blood. Love has been purchased for us. Whoever asks for it will receive it. He will receive eyes to see the needs and sufferings of others, hands which do good deeds, and above all a heart that is on fire and overflows with love.

Could there be any other prayer which Jesus would rather answer than the prayer for love? Scripture says that it is the greatest of all. He has redeemed us so that we may be remade in His image, so that we may bear the image of love, the most beautiful image that man can bear. By loving, we will learn how to love. Then we will receive grace at the end of our life, when we have to appear before the judgment seat of Christ. Instead of hearing the devastating words, "Depart from me, you cursed", we will hear the words of grace, "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom!" (Matt. 25: 34).

O Jesus, since You are perfect Love, I will ask You: Do not tolerate anything in me that goes against love. Help me to hate my unlovingness and grant me a repentant heart, which will lead to new life. Grant me eyes to see when I have passed by others, when I have hurt them. Give me Your light and show me when I have let others wait in vain for a loving glance, word or deed. Because You have shed Your blood to redeem me to love, You must see Your redemption manifest in my life. I will not give up, until this change comes to pass in me, that Your love comes to life in me and flows forth from me. To the glory of Your name You will accomplish this and lead me to eternal salvation in Your kingdom.

AMEN.
God bless you all!
Your brother, Werner (from Germany)

Arise In My Compassion
June Sanders

"Hope deferred had made your heart sick and filled your life with pain. Promotion seemed far fetched as your accusers stole your gain. Your whimpering for deliverance and your faintest sigh; Have worked together for good, from groaning to full out cry.

Have you ever been abandoned? No, My Child, you have not! You cannot recall a time I did not show up when things got hot. For the Faith I placed within you will never prove untrue. It gives Hope to the hopeless, Sight to the Blind - Renews their View and Changes their Mind.

The process of your dying to each longing of your soul; Occurs each day as you turn loose and grasp hold of My goal. The Birthing of a Vision planned to Set My Captives Free; Is being stitched into tapestry, from your stance hard to see.

The threads are knotted and crisscrossed from your point of view; Until you choose to rise above to see things as I do. The radiance and beauty of your Faith displayed in Me; Has imploded your existence for all eternity.

My Life has burst inward into the essence of each cell. Expressing My Glory through you. All evil to expel. Seek No Longer Power That Lives Resident IN You. Arise IN My Compassion. Let Me Speak. Make All Things New."

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My Suddenlies
June Sanders

"Search not for the things I have promised. They now surround you. My Grace to Cope, My Manifested Hope have brought you through. Your environment is changing, more Favorable and True. Rearranging years of pain, bringing My Joy into View. I have Removed the Stumbling Blocks of Lies and Double Talk That were strewn along your path to Trip Up Your Walk. You Were Ordained To Walk with Me, An Overcomer's Stride. Advance, My Child, Make Rapid Progress. I Am On Your Side. You Will Soon Behold A Revival - A True Renaissance. A Change of Mood Will Intrude - Filled With My Ambiance. My Suddenlies have just begun and yet you know tis true. That My Promises made to you are coming into view. Now step into the arena of your predestined role. Communication will bridge the gap. Enlarge and make whole."

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Rejoicing In Our Brier Patch
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COURAGE FROM THE THRONE

"Among grieving thorns and thistles, My child you have survived. Your eyes see and ears hear of rewards reaped by those who strived; To cut off the prophetic influence of the Soul of God residing in you and directing each step that you trod. You no longer feel the pricking briers of the Souls of Pride, who threw you in the brier patch, thinking I was on their side. Like `Brer Rabbit' you Rejoiced and came through their trap alive, for among the thorns and thistles My Children grow and thrive. 'Prick Proof Souls' manifest best when Old Self comes to it's end. Taking on the Mind of Christ and then choosing to depend... Upon My Resurrection Power Within; that sustains My Joy despite the pains, transforming Losses into Gains.

Rejoice in your Brier Patch, among the thorns you are a Rose to bloom and reap where you were planted in the place I chose. You will now demonstrate My Glory through a yielded life. Possessed by Me to be an 'Overcomer' of all strife. For years you have met the needs of many at My command. Needs that now are so great, I allow to flow through your hand Angelic Distribution to fulfill the great demand. The tears you shed are mine to feed the hungry in your land. The Storehouse I provided will be filled with food again. Three times you evicted imposters who could not remain. You are swift to do My bidding when I warn you in dreams. My dreams renew vision. All things are other than it seems. Your enemies were mine My child and they have been subdued. Uncovered and arrested that your life might be renewed. Now waltz into tomorrow in the Dance of Life with Me. Preserving Life and ending strife as We Set Captives Free." Blessed Be The Lord God of Our Salvation. Shalom, Love, Joy and Blessed Freedom in Him, June Sanders

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All Is Not As It Seems

Carla Rickard

Oh Great Nation. Are you watching? Are you watching? All is not as it seems. All is not what you see with your eyes, and your desperate hope. There will be those who will fall, fall, fall. Can you stop it? No, because you have perpetuated it with your vain imaginations. Do you truly have Victory? You will see what I AM doing after it has come to pass and you will mourn for the foolishness of your vain imaginations.

Now to you Oh Canada. Pray for mercy for you're borders will be enlarged so fast you will feel more of an identity crisis. Oh through this, you will not look the same. You will be forced by the strange Invasion that will come upon you. You will be so perplexed. You will ask what is happening and the speed of the occurrences will be such that there will be a great declaration in the land that the end times are upon you. Many in the church will gloat as Canada is threatened but I warn you now, do not gloat for you will have what you have sown. To those quick to show mercy. Be ready. There will be many who will come to you, beg you for mercy from Your God. This is not a war that is typical of what you have seen. It is more deceptive. It is a war that determines to break the spirit of identity.

But the Lord laughs at the derision of the wicked. I hear His Voice Cry Out

"IT IS NOT AS IT SEEMS MY CHILDREN. IT IS NOT AS IT SEEMS. YOU ARE STILL SLEEPING, WAKE UP WAKE UP "

I HEAR THE LORD SPEAK.

"Stop declaring who is mine and who is not. Do you know the heart of man that you can judge it? I hear those of MY HOUSE speaking shall it be Paul Martin or Stephen Harper? Who is the Christian? The Catholic or the Fundamentalist? I speak to you now and say STOP! My ears are pricked by the wickedness of your judgmental tongues. For this cause I will move upon this government in a new way and show forth my glory by confounding the wise in the foolish things. You will call it corruption. I will call it vindication. You will call it unrighteousness. I will call it favor. Who are you to tell the Almighty Jehovah, the Lord of Hosts? Have you made man? Have you held the worlds together with your word? Wake up out of your stupor lest I come upon you quickly"

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An Impartation Of Grace

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There is an impartation of grace to My Body of Believers in this present time says the Lord. For the enemy has sent assignments against you in the form of weaknesses being attacked and the chances to fall over the same sin over and over again. He will tell you that you were never really delivered from the problem and have transgressed too far for My hand of redemption to draw you back.

Beloved they are ALL lies!!!!

If you will only wake up and realise that he is desperately trying to trip you up using condemnation and guilt in order that you would run from Me instead of TO Me. That is why I have imparted this season of grace. My grace is sufficient for you. Do not look upon your areas of struggling and despair, because My Grace shall cause you to rise above its power and exercise the authority of the Almighty God. Just come as you are. Do not hold back from Me for I do not come to condemn but I come to correct, and those I correct I do so with love. Anything apart from this is of the enemy. Let My love cover the multitude of your sins, rise up and know that the work I am doing in you shall be completed as promised. You cannot force this work for it is done by My Holy Spirit.

Receive My Grace for this hour says the Lord.

Romans 8:1
There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit

The New Song Of Praise

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I have put a new song within the hearts of My people. It is called the song of praise. This song shall be sung regardless of what the outside circumstances of a person's life is, whether negative or positive. This song shall declare My attributes, that is joy, peace, grace and truth and will replace the "blues" that have droned the spiritual atmosphere of My people. No longer will the drones of doubt, unbelief and a negative report fill the ears of the Beloved Chosen. No longer shall My people tremble at the tune of fear which is the opposite of faith, for now as the song of praise is sung by the lips of My children, joy shall overtake them as they leap out like a calf out from a stall (Mal 4: 2). As My people sing the song of praise then My angels are dispatched to war on their behalf. As My people sing the song of praise My promises and My decrees are replayed before them and their faith and resolve is renewed to fight the good fight of faith.

This is a time of war! I will have soldiers who walk in the strength and might of their God and not that of their own. As they walk step by step to the beat of this new song, the enemy's tune of fear is drowned out. There is much value in praise. I have said before that if My own do not praise Me then I would cause the very rocks themselves to declare My wonders. Why such an emphasis on praise? Because I dwell in the praises of My people. The song of praise creates an atmosphere for My Glory to be made manifest to heal the sick, drive out demons, set the captives free and knock the enemy flat in his tracks.

The enemy thought he had the upper hand, but I the Lord make a declaration to him now that I have a new secret weapon. You brought out the big guns of fear and trepidation, but watch now as My Bold Warriors war with praise upon their lips.

Psalm 40:3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

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Word and Vision For England
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I felt led to release the word and vision that I received a few months ago
for our nation.

Word and Vision for England

An enlarged aerial view of England was before me. I was standing in mid air and I began to see fireballs falling from the sky toward the land.

As they fell, the part of the fireball facing the ground suddenly changed into an arrowhead, almost resembling a flaming arrow.

As the fireball/arrow approaches the ground, their form begins to change into black crows that begin to descend over the buildings below into what is now a darkened land.

Then I heard the Lord herald from heaven, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and heal their land."

A shield then appeared over the nation and blocked the crows from descending. But as time progressed, the shield began to fade. I sensed that this was because people had stopped praying. As the shield disappeared, more of the crows descended over the land again but this time in greater magnitude.

Again I heard the Lord admonish his people to pray. As the people began to pray again I saw in the darkened sky another fire that was approaching. From far off this fire looked white and glimmering, but as the fire approached it turned into a violent red fire as it swept through the land, the black birds were scattered.

The clouds overhead began to disperse as it gave way to rain clouds and it
only took a few moments before it started raining.

I then heard the Lord say, "I am coming down to this land as the former and the latter rain and the glory and the reformation it shall experience shall be greater than the former."

Interpretation
I believe the darkened skies and the crows represented the attack of the enemy on this land and the spiritual atmosphere it has created. I believe that as a nation we shall turn to God, if we ourselves pray and seek His face and turn from our own wicked ways.

I believe also with regards to prayer, we should be persistent in prayer even though we see a breakthrough or whether the opposite occurs.

I am reminded of the story of when Elisha the prophet was about to die and King Jehoash of Israel requested that their enemies be defeated.

Elisha asked the King to strike the ground with the arrows which would represent their enemy's defeat. The King was reprimanded by Elisha for striking only three times instead of 5 or more hits.

`You should have struck five or six times; then you would have defeated Aram utterly; as it is, you will strike Aram three times and no more." 2 Kings 13:19

What we should do

Pray as the Spirit leads. I realise that this will predominantly apply mainly for those who live in this nation and those to whom the Lord impresses and puts a burden on to pray.

An Infected Tooth

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I saw a Middle Eastern man. He was nothing unusual to look at, no beard, not fanatic, just a man. He had a severely infected tooth in his upper right jaw. The infection had gotten so out of hand that it had traveled up into his right nostril. His nostril was swollen, full of pus (so he couldn’t breathe) and dripping blood.

His dentist said the man’s condition was not bad enough yet to come into the dentist office and have his problem corrected.

The man was very, very sick. I knew if he didn’t get medical attention immediately the inflammation (poison) would go up into his brain and he would die. There was no more time, but the dentist had refused to help.

Then I woke up and understood the "dentist" to be Muslim Clerics or Mullahs....They were the ones causing the "problem" to begin with.

A Joyous Jubilee At Hand

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My people this is a Day of My Consuming Fire ! I am very jealous for you my Bride . This is a day and a season to continue to focus on Me and My kingdom . I warn you before hand that the enemy would desire to distract you away from my purposes in the time right ahead of you . Be determined to die daily to self life and know Me in the Power of My Resurrection Life . The love of many has already grown cold , but as for you I will burn in you hotter still with My Consuming Fire as you yield to Me. This is the hour when I am coming with My Refining Fire to purify you so that you may be able to truly be Preparers of My Way . Do not be surprised . More falling stars will soon be revealed in the leadership of My Church , for I will ruin the pride of My people . But to those who fear My name , the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings . Know that I am raising up a new governmental leadership who have humbled themselves under My Mighty Hand . I have anointed and appointed them for such a time as this . They have wept with Me over the unrighteousness in My Church and over the harvest not yet reaped . They have kept the watch with Me and drawn close to my heart .

Do not be discouraged oh my beloved , for the hour is right upon you when you will hear the trumphet of jubilee blown throughout the land .
I am coming to let My people go and release them into their divine destinies . The harvest will be reaped plentifully and the wine will overflow . So rejoice My people - for the Glory of the latter house shall , indeed , be greater than the former !!!

America's Josiah Season
Ron Wood

Two days after the U.S. election, the Lord twice gave me a Scripture which has two layers of prophetic application. Many Americans prayed in desperation for mercy for America and for God's will to be done in the selection of our president.
***"Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before the Lord when you heard what I spoke...I truly have heard you..."* 2 Kings 22:19 (NAS)**
These are the words of a simple prophetess spoken to a repentant king.

Josiah was the king of Judah when the book of the law was found in the house of the Lord. Due to tremendous apostasy and gross idolatry, great moral confusion had gripped the culture and unimaginable neglect of God's ways had become the norm in Israel.

Financial House in Order

From his youth, Josiah walked in the ways of David. In his tenth year of reign (he was only 18 years old) he started setting "things in order" by turning offerings over to the workmen repairing the house of the Lord. He said, *"No accounting shall be made with them...for they deal faithfully."* He delegated the work and released dedicated funds.

Financial reform is more than just reducing the national debt, or wisely using welfare, or governments eliminating roadblocks to small businesses, but it includes religious affairs as well. In the kingdom of God, we are seeing a return to entrustment of large sums to missional ministry teams led by pioneering catalytic leaders who implement effective transformations. These leaders can be trusted with financial responsibility due to their personal integrity and their proven track record of honest dealings. We need to take a lesson from Josiah: get the funds into the hands of people who can do the work, then get out of their way.

Financial reform started a spiritual reformation, for in the process of doing their job, they discovered the Scriptures. As Derek Prince used to say, "You treat God the same way you treat your Bible." In other words, we relate to God the same way as we relate to His word: either respect it and obey it, or neglect it and thus despise God's rule in our lives.

Josiah's response to God's Word was to humble his soul, tear his clothes, and seek the Lord. He repented for how ignorant and how wrong they had been. Huldah the prophetess answered the king and interpreted the times for Josiah. She revealed God's heart and showed how the Lord had been watching Josiah's reaction to His written word.

Respect the Scriptures

Josiah gathered the people and read them their sacred Scriptures. Josiah began to lead them in a process of national reformation. They tore down their high places, halted gross immorality, desecrated and destroyed the altars to alien gods, cleansed their land of defilement, and reinstituted the true worship of Jehovah. It is hard for us to imagine the depth of depravity their culture had embraced.

Great blessing and prosperity accompanied these reforms. This is always the case when the salt and light of God's superior society -- by living and upholding God's wisdom and God's ways as shown in the Bible -- is injected into any culture. Much later, Josiah foolishly went to battle with an Egyptian force and was killed in an unnecessary engagement. Perhaps the pride of success had gone to his head. But regardless, he had served his generation in an honorable way.

The righteous judgments that were due to Judah as a nation were forestalled for a generation due to the courageous leadership of a great reformer. Josiah took advantage of a season of a revival of values to institute necessary reforms to forestall divine wrath.

By turning to the word of God in repentance and by pursuing what was right (this is faith in action), they preserved the kingdom and blessed the people. In the next generation, sadly, leaders once again turned back to a failed policy of wickedness, immorality, and idolatry. They departed from God's truth and disrespected the consequences of sin. The nation of Judah became terribly oppressed and was then finally carried away into captivity.

God indeed deals with nations, not just individuals. Nations, like individuals, have divine destinies (prophetically envisioned opportunities) that can be achieved or thwarted.

As Josiah went about his process of reforming Judah, he deliberately destroyed the unholy places which had corrupted his nation. In a free society, sinful people will build idols or create institutions or foster movements that are like smokestacks streaming pollutants into the air. These strongholds of sin are often defended by foolish people in the name of liberty or personal rights. In America, some of these smokestacks are labeled "media." They are often sources of lies and deceit: casting spells, belching accusations.

On one campaign, Josiah encountered a memorial. Was it a place of false worship? He asked, *"'What is this monument I see?' The men of the city told him, 'It is the grave of the man of God who...proclaimed these things which you have done against the altar of Bethel.'"* (2 Kings 23:17) Josiah determined not to desecrate the burial site of the prophets who had spoken against idolatry, saying, *"Let no one disturb his bones."*

The Bones of the Prophets

The bones of the prophets lead us to the second warning. When God gives a word concerning evil powers or wicked forces that are infecting our religious or national culture, spokesmen who are hearing and declaring God's word, the Lord's agents of change, need to be very careful. They need to be humble and careful to fully obey.

Many a hillside is littered with the bones of the prophets. It makes the soil crusty and hard to plow.

Jokingly, I used to say whenever I saw an old-fashioned country church surrounded by a cemetery with the graves of parishioners, "Those are the graves of the pastors they stoned." Some of that is undoubtedly true. Religious demons can inflame people to act like the devil. But the burial plot Josiah uncovered wasn't of prophets who had been killed by the people, but prophets who had only partially obeyed the Lord and were subsequently killed by God.

Any time a prophet is sent by God and has an assignment to take on, address, or confront an idol, a throne, a principality, or a dominion, or is told to rebuke a demonic horde which has become incarnate in a human being who has authority over people (perhaps a dictator), that prophet is walking into a dangerous place with a very specific mission with narrow parameters of safety. Picture Elijah as he confronted Ahab and Jezebel.

The only safe place for prophets of war is a posture of total obedience from start to finish. Not all prophets are called to engage in such front-line skirmishes. If they do, they need to be aligned with God's generals, apostles of transformation, and they need to be covered by a shield of intercessors.

Helping the Redemption of Christ Move from the Cross Into the Culture

The modern Josiahs and the prophets who precede them (or accompany them) are agents of God's kingdom helping the redemption of Christ move from the cross into the culture, beyond individual salvation to affecting degrees of transformation among the nations.

Sunday, I had a vision of Christ on the cross looking down at potential leaders being gathered for "investment" by His mantle. We had just heard of young ministers in Greece being prepared to plant churches and gospel schools in Iraq. I had just read of Chinese, house church leaders sending out missionaries to the Middle East in a "Back to Jerusalem" movement. I thought of the Scripture, ***"He stood and surveyed the earth; He looked and startled the nations."*** **Habakkuk 3:6 (NAS)**
The eyes of the Lord are still searching for those whose hearts are toward Him. He is still watching to see who will respond with conviction when they hear His word. He is looking from the cross for those who are unafraid of death in order to release life for the nations to be saved.

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A Kairos Year

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2004 - Will Be A Kairos Year For The Church

Coming 2004 I since upon my heart certain prophetic words for 2004. I believe the years leading up to 2004 was building for this time. I hear these words, “Such has a time as this.” 2004 will be Kairos year for the Church and many. 2004 is specifically a period of time characterized by good fortune, urgency, and favorable opportunity; it is a kairos year which is typically one of duration which must be seized or it will be lost.

There is coming a divine push with divine pull of the Apostolic in the Body of Christ. Prophets hear the words of the Lord, give prophetic words, prepare, and then wait for them to come to pass. This year the Prophets you are to follow the divine push in the Apostolic and the Apostles.

2004 is the year of Nehemiah, it is a time to build, and it is the time for apostolic builders to build. It is the year of birthing, establishing and building the works of the Spirit. This is year of divine birth of the works of the Spirit.

2004 is the year of appointed time, this is the year to run with the vision and walking in the fullness of vision. This is the year of the release of the visionaries. This is a year of divine supply and resources. This is the year of Apostolic Resources. Many Apostolic Resources Center will be established in the Body and in the World.

2004 is the year to shout grace, grace to the foundations and visions in your life. This is the year of open doors. This is the year of the Lord’s faithfulness, which He will establish you and guard you from the evil one. This is the year when we must go to the mountains and bring wood and build the temple that the Lord may take glory in it and be glorified.

2004 this is year that many of the gods of man will fall. The god of sports will fall and many others. This is a year of turning to God, and worshiping him with a pure heart.

2004 is the year of the reveling and the release of the seven thunders upon the apostolic church, the Body of Christ, the World and governments of this world. This is a year of reformation heights...

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A King Will Arise
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"The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard of things against the God of gods. Dan. 11:35

He will attack the mightiest fortresses with the help of a foreign god and will greatly honor those who acknowledge him. He will make them rulers over many people and will distribute the land at a price. " Dan. 11: 39 "He will also invade the beautiful Land. " 11: 41

“I tell you that the day is coming when men will look to the sky and wonder where their hope is coming from. For the days are hastening forward to my soon return. There are new developments that are coming to the promised land area. For as I have said, with the passing of Yassar Arafat, new things are coming. For he had a policy to gain possession of Palestine’s land. For his era has ended and with it, many things will be left behind. But what things will be new developments?   What leaders will come to the land and propose their new polices? I tell you that a leader will arise, and it will not be long before he is upon the scene. He will take all things unto himself.   He will be a military leader like no one before. He will lift himself up and set himself up on the highest place. The faith of his predecessors he will leave behind. He will desecrate the holy places. He will invade many lands but in the beginning he will promise peace, but peace will be far from his campaign. He will invade the promised land and will promise many his favor. "

"These days will come and you will know of them in the near future."

Stephen Hanson

I Have Much To Teach My People
Stephen Hanson

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(This prophetic word that is a "teaching word." There are issues and questions that we all have concerning the prophetic and the many words that we are hearing and reading about in this hour. We have questions about prophets. We have questions about when the Lord will return for His church. Through this word below, I believe that God is wanting to answer some of these questions of ours. We perhaps have set ideas and concepts that we have carried with us for quite awhile concerning some of these things. May we be open to hear what the Spirit is wanting to tell us and teach us in this hour. May we go onto maturity and onto solid food rather than continuing to be satisfied with just milk.)

"Now, brothers about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'Peace and safety.'

destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape." 1 Thess. 5:1-3

"We have much to say about this, but is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil." Heb. 5:1-14

MT 24:32 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. [33] Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. [34] I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. [35] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

"Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come." 2 Thess. 2:12

“What if anything, can be done to avert the events that are to come upon this earth? Can anything be done to change the prophetic time table? Is prophecy conditional or is it written down so that nothing can keep it from happening as it was predicted? I tell you that my word is infallible and nothing can keep it from happening as it has been predicted. But those that speak for Me are not infallible. The word that they speak, while coming from Me, can be averted. This means that through the prayers of the saints events are conditional. This means that circumstances are conditional upon the heart conditions of people. A message may have many ways of being understood. There is more than one level to a prophetic word. Look to my word and the message that was given to the seven churches. The apostle John was given a message to the seven churches that were present at that time in history. But these churches also represent spiritual conditions. On an even deeper level, these seven churches also speak to individuals. Are you lukewarm as a believer or is there an open door waiting for you in your life? There have been many abuses of the prophetic word that has been given to individuals. But I tell you, there have also been many abuses from those who have not received the prophetic words that have been given. You are not to be as children any more. You are to grow up unto the head which is my Son, Christ Jesus. Let there not be many disputes among you. While it is good to test the words that are given, it is not good to analyze things to death. It is good to test the message, but it is not good to harangue the individual. Be as mature men and women and not as babes in your understanding. Broaden your views of prophecy. Develop an intimate relationship with Me and my word, and then you will be better able to judge these things. I have said that there are dark things coming upon the earth. These things are written down in my word. I have said when they say, 'Peace, peace, then sudden destruction will come upon them. ' I tell you to be aware when people say these things. The purpose of many of the warnings that I have sent out is not to instill fear in my people, but to prepare them and to warn them for what is to come. These are the last days that are mentioned in my word. Do not try to figure out the days or the months, or even the year that I am to come back. I have said that of that season you will have no need for anyone to tell you about it, for it will be plain to your eyes. I have also said that when the fig tree's leaves become tender then you know that the time is near. I tell you that this generation began with the birth of Israel as a nation in 1967. A generation lasts for forty years. I have also said that one year is as a thousand years with

Me. So, having said this, you know that the time is very near. Do not try and figure out the exact times and dates, but be ready; for you know not what time your bridegroom will return. Listen to my apostles and prophets. Compare what they have to say with what is in my word. Do not become stirred-up by certain prophecies, but weigh them and seek a balanced approach. There is much that my church still has to learn. I will continue to warn and to teach my people, but you must be as mature men and women and not babes. "

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I Will Shed My Light
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ISA 30:10 They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the prophets, "Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things, prophesy illusions.

AM 3:7 Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.

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“The messages that have been sent out lately in this hour, have centered around many things. But I tell you that my spirit is raising the level. My spirit is bringing prophetic words to a new level. You will see these messages come to life. For there is a new breed of prophets in this hour. They will speak not what the public wants to hear, but they will speak what I will give to them. These words will speak to specific times and instances. They will cut to the quick. They will cut to the division of soul and spirit. For I will reveal things that have been hidden. I will bring to light those things that have been hidden in secret. No longer will there be a doubt about what I am doing. For you will see my light being shed upon the events that are taking place around you. These are the times that are leading up to my return. “

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A Lucrative Business

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“My church has become a lucrative business and like the business world, the focus has been on maintaining the church in the same way businesses are maintained: to make money is the highest goal, and to increase consumerism.

There is nothing wrong with writing books, or making tapes. Many are making their missions commitments this way, while others have gotten into the trap of greed, trying to accrue more and more. My house has become a house for thieves and a den of robbers, while others who refuse to compromise are ridiculed for their lack of insight. How the proud have increased !

I never made you wealthy to only bless you. I make my children wealthy to bless them, but also to bless the poor. I told you the poor you will have with you always. So I want you to help the poor, and minister to the poor more than just to blessing yourselves with entertainment. The worker is worthy of his wages. But a good steward does NOT forget the poor.

Walking around your streets in America and the western world are many who have not the ability to make wealth because they are bound by mental torments, or limited by lack of health and crippling diseases. Some of the crippling diseases are emotional. They are as real as anything else to those who bear them. I have called you to be deliverers of men. The wealth you possess as sons and daughters is not just for you. It is to be shared with the lowly. I had no place to lay my head and no permanent home once I started My ministry. Others took care of Me and were blessed. I am asking you to correct the focus of your eyes and to remove the veil of the world off how you see. In the other parts of the world lie masses of people with starving children, and miniscule wages, barely getting by.

I have much work to do, and I am going to take those you think so little of and use them to bless many. So I encourage you to buy eye salve and to see with My eyes and see with MY HEART what is to be done. The task is too great for one person or one ministry. It will take whole cities to come together…those that are Mine and to work together for the good of those who are in need. Strength will come in unity. And those who have the heart to do this work will be greatly blessed. Those who ignore the needs of the poor, or disqualify them due to their lowly positions will have their candlesticks snuffed out. What you sow, you will reap. So if you joyously pour yourself out, you will joyously reap great rewards. Freely you’ve been given to, so freely I want you to give whatever you have to give.

I will make a spectacle of the enemy in the lives of those who have sown and sown till they have nothing left, and for whom the enemy has blocked off finances in an attempt to stop the work of the Kingdom. I WILL bring all that is needed for those with the heart to give, to give in abundance. I will bless the hearts of the generous. I see all that is done. I see all that there is to do. I see the hearts who weep for the conditions of the lost. I AM coming to overturn the tables of the money changers again.”

Mark 11:15-17 NKJV Jesus Cleanses the Temple
(Matt 21:12-17; Luke 19:45-48; John 2:13-22)
So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. 16 And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. 17 Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

John 2:14-17 NKJV And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. 15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables. 16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

Luke 14:21-24 NKJV So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.' 22 And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.' 23 Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.'"

Luke 18:22 NKJV So when Jesus heard these things, He said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."

John 12:5-8 NKJV "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? " 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. 7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. 8 For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

Luke 9:24-25 NIV For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. 25 What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his very self?

Granting Favor
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Acts 2:46-47 NKJV So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 7:9-10 NKJV The Patriarchs in Egypt
"And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him 10 and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.

John 1:17 NKJV For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

“My hand is mighty to save. My ways are higher than your ways. And my delays are not nays but they are pathways to right-standing and perseverance. I am creating some divine reversals in the area of GRACE and that means a turn around in FAVOR for My beloveds for a time so that the KINGDOM may be established in the hearts of men. I am giving out great GRACE in this hour, great FAVOR to be and do all I want you to be and do. I will bless you to be a blessing. Do not think I’m doing it to make you look good however. I’m doing it to make MY GOODNESS KNOWN TO ALL MEN. If I will be lifted up, I will draw all men unto Myself. Be cautious beloveds not to give in to pride, vanity and arrogance. Giving you favor is not to be taken for granted, but it will show you My great love for you.

Be careful not to give in to selfish ambition or pride in what I've done for you, looking at others with disdain or in a superior manner. I've said to think of others MORE highly than yourselves and not to covet another's blessings or gifts. Learn to be content with the things that you have also, and to not depend on riches to pursue the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is not gained through finances, though finances help in a practical manner. FREELY GIVE if you want to receive in this hour. For as you give it will be measured out to you. If you have sown freely from a pure heart, then you can expect great rewards in this hour. If you have been stingy and resentful in your giving. Then you will also reap in like kind. So learn to be generous like I AM.

Isa 32:8 NKJV But a generous man devises generous things, and by generosity he shall stand.

Do not underestimate the talents and favor of others. Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought to. Don't look at the imperfections in others and think that that weakness has anything to do with lack of My ability to use them. I will use whomever I WILL. I will do whatever I wish and those who are weak, can be assured that I will then be strong for them.
For if you are strong, then the enemy will tempt you to think it is because of your great ability that you succeed, or that because of your own wisdom that
you have power. But in your weakness, I can be strong, and manifest My glory to show that it is in ME alone, that you can do anything at all. It is because of My LOVE for you, and not because you are so special and great, that I do this marvelous work that lies ahead.

I am pouring out GREAT GRACE upon My children who love Me and cherish Me, while the world languishes after worldly idols and mammon, My own will
be kept in the shadow of My wings because of their choice to believe in Me wholeheartedly. Nothing will be withheld from those who love Me. I am grace and I am mercy and My love endures forever. I will take you through the fire and you will not be burned. I will take you through the waters, and though they mount up over your heads, you will not drown. For I will be with you until the end of all time. Nothing will separate Me from you – I am Your Beloved Father, and I will watch over My own. Stay close to My chest and listen for the beat of My heart.

Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing who smile while they seek to devour you and your sustenance, pretending to be what they are not. Keep in the WORD to keep up your discernment. Listen closely to the still small voice of My heartbeat. Quiet yourself and listen and you will hear My voice. Stay your mind on Me and I will keep you in perfect peace. And I will direct your path."

Prov 8:35 For whoever finds me [Wisdom] finds life and draws forth and obtains favor from the Lord.
Prov 12:2 AMP A good man obtains favor from the Lord, but a man of wicked devices He condemns.
Prov 3:3-4 AMP Let not mercy and kindness [shutting out all hatred and selfishness] and truth [shutting out all deliberate hypocrisy or falsehood] forsake you; bind them about your neck, write them upon the tablet of your heart. [Col 3:9-12.] 4 So shall you find favor, good understanding, and high esteem in the sight [or judgment] of God and man. [Luke 2:52.]

Ps 5:12 AMP For You, Lord, will bless the [uncompromisingly] righteous [him who is upright and in right standing with You]; as with a shield You will surround him with goodwill (pleasure and favor).

Ps 30:5 AMP For His anger is but for a moment, but His favor is for a lifetime or in His favor is life. Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning. [2 Cor 4:17.]

Est 2:17 AMP And the king loved Esther more than all the women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the maidens, so that he set the royal crown on her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

Est 2:9 AMP And the maiden pleased [Hegai] and obtained his favor. And he speedily gave her the things for her purification and her portion of food and the seven chosen maids to be given her from the king's palace; and he removed her and her maids to the best [apartment] in the harem.

Life Force
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John 1:3-5 NKJV In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Luke 14:26-27 NKJV "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. 27 And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

“There are many “forces” in the world. Pagans for generations have given laud to forces of nature and forces that were demonic. They worship nature and worship demons. I am the Light and in Me there is no darkness. I am the Source of life and the only “force” that gives life to you. Some in oriental religions give heed to ‘forces’ or ‘powers’ they have felt and seen that come from the earth and stars, but these are demonic forces that bring infestation and distraction away from MY LIFE GIVING FORCE. You cannot harness the power of demons and think to walk in the light. What fellowship has light with darkness ? I did not call you out of darkness into the light so that you could entangle yourselves again with forces of darkness.

1 Cor 10:20-22 NKJV Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?

I see many of those who are called by My name entangling themselves with the things of this world, with the secular and pagan belief systems of this world. I see them consulting psychic hotlines when they could not get what they want or are curious to know the future, and yet they do not seek ME ?

Isa 8:19-22 NKJV And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? 20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. 21 They will pass through it hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall happen, when they are hungry, that they will be enraged and curse their king and their God, and look upward. 22 Then they will look to the earth, and see trouble and darkness, gloom of anguish; and they will be driven into darkness.

People in times past have sought out other gods when they were tired of waiting on Me, or impatient to get what they want. The enemy lured them into mixture and the whole tribe of Dan was removed from the 12 because of their idolatry. Do you think I don’t see the mixture now. Is it not the role of the priest to teach the people right from wrong ? Is that not their responsibility ? Where are those who will teach the WHOLE of the Word and tremble at My name ? Where are those who will be the opposite of what is in the world and train My people to walk according to My Word and not err? I’ve also told My people that they will be taught of ME, yet few inquire of Me before doing some things that entrap them in the nets of the enemy.

I see the mixture in the church. And I am setting a plumbline. I will look upon those whose plumbline is in line with Mine and I will smile upon them and give them more grace. But for those who seek to go their own way and divide the church due to their mixture and willful sinning, delusion will be theirs, as they have chosen it. Yet once more I will shine my light into their darkness and give them a chance to repent before ME. For My hand is stretched out still towards those I love. I am patient and forbearing with those who are My own. And once this weight of glory comes to expose your hearts, it will change you, and it will seal you for the days to come, and you who are willing to receive it, will not turn back ever again to those entrapments of the evil one. You will have greater discernment and walk in the light as I am in the light.

I have called you to bear your crosses, but I will give you even greater GRACE and GLORY that you will be able to do as I've called you to do. Don't worry about what you can hold in your hands My beloveds, for I will provide all that is needed if you will seek My face and worship Me in Spirit and in truth. Come away with Me, and allow me to fill you with My love and grace.
Come and let me show you My secrets. Even now My Spirit is searching out those who are willing to sit at My feet and learn of Me. And I will kiss you with revelation and I will illumine the scriptures that you can explain them to those who don't know them in ways that capture their hearts. Trust Me to give you all you need in understanding and wisdom.Ask and you shall receive !"

1 Cor 15:53-58 NKJV For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."
55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"
56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

See Judges chapters 17-18 on personal idolatry and Tribe of Dan's idolatry

Other Scriptures
Luke 12:15 NKJV And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."
Luke 12:22-23 NKJV Do Not Worry (Matt 6:19-21,25-34)
Then He said to His disciples, "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; nor about the body, what you will put on. 23 Life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing.

Luke 17:32-36 NKJV Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. 34 I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. 35 Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. 36 Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left."
Luke 21:34-36 NKJV The Importance of Watching
(Matt 24:36-44; Mark 13:32-37)
"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. 35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

John 5:24-25 NKJV Life and Judgment Are Through the Son
"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 5:28-30 NKJV Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth — those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. 30 I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me.

John 5:39-40 NKJV You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

John 6:35-37 NKJV 35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe.

John 6:48-51 NKJV I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

John 6:63-65 NKJV It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. 65 And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father."

Rom 8:11 NKJV But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Ancient Language of Eden
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What Was the Ancient Language of Eden...and How Do We Get it Back?"
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Injection of the "Self" Virus

By eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, by willing other than what God willed, man became unholy. Dying to the holy, heavenly image, he now lived in the awakened bestial image of the serpent. The animal being had swallowed up the celestial being, and Adam and Eve then had common flesh, brittle bones, bestial members, and needed bestial clothing.

Man was now separated from God: Lusting after the earthly, the holy anointing oil given of Christ, was dried up; he became shut up in a gross, bestial image, for his flesh now belonged to the earth and to death; the dominion of this world now dwelt within him.
(Jacob Boehme)

As the virus released by their actions permeated their beings, the light of the most holy place within the spirit of man grew dim. In the inner man, the power of the soul gradually began to subordinate the rule of the spirit. Cataclysmic shifts in the nature of man were set in motion that would not be set right till the coming of the Second Adam.
Critically Wounded

In the beginning there was only one will -- the will of Father -- and all creation lived in harmony under this solitary rule. The rebellious action of man now introduced another will into the universe -- the will of the flesh. As Adam's will supplanted Father's will, an eerie echo sounded throughout Father's created world. For the first time there was more than one will in the universe, and all nature began to groan. All creation immediately felt the impact of man's treason. Nature's silent sobbing sounds will not cease until man returns to the ancient garden and the many wills are once more merged into glorious union with the Father's will.

Critically wounded by the injection of the "self" virus, man became spiritually disabled. The focus of his life became inverted as he began to dwell on his needs and desires. The true direction of spiritual life was meant to be upward toward the heavenly atmosphere, but now man's life was turning inward and downward. As the memory of Father's presence began to slowly fade, man's spiritual energies irresistibly declined.

Scrambled in a maze of linguistic disorder, the spiritual speech patterns and heavenly grammar of the ancient language were disappearing. Sadly, the words of the old love language began to sink into a sea of forgetfulness. With a dulling of the ears and blurring of the spiritual perceptions, the language of Father was ultimately replaced by another language -- the language of self.

The Birth of Moralism

Religion became a partner in crime, seeking to control its members by moral legislation rather than helping, or at least releasing, them to find their own way back to the ancient garden and the empowering Presence.

Coupled with the emergence of this new and deadly language was the development of an evil and darkened consciousness. The serpent's promise became a reality, but not with the results the man and woman had hoped for. The shortcut down the dark back streets of self-will resulted in a new awareness of themselves. The result was immediately obvious. They had not become gods. In fact, they were being reshaped into a lower creation, their unique personalities damaged, and their consciousness coming under the domination of a new fleshly law.

A crippled consciousness would now be the rudder of man's darkened soul. For the first time, man knew good, and he knew evil. This knowledge would inexorably replace the loving voice of Father. On that day morality was born. Moralism became the substitute for spirituality. Living in the presence of Father, man had been sustained by Father's breath. His life had been based upon the power of the Presence; now it would be based upon the enforcement of the law -- the law of good and evil. He would now be defined by doing good and avoiding evil.

This new law would be the means of judging and evaluating oneself and others. Rather then seeing each other in the light of God's image, mankind would value and judge one another in the light of performance and conformity to the new fleshly law.

The Law of the Spirit vs. The Law of the Flesh

Man would forever experience the conflict between these two opposing laws -- the law of the Spirit and the law of the flesh. The law of the Spirit would always be reminding him, though dimly, of the ancient language and the Presence of Father. The law of the flesh would insidiously obscure that memory as it enforced its own rules of procedure. These laws of behavior and procedure would become the basis of all future religions.

Seeking to enforce this homespun morality on others, all future cultures would emphasize the need for humanity to live by imposed rules from without rather than being motivated by the inward life of the Spirit. In some ways these outward laws would serve as a temporary protection for man until a new law could come -- the law of grace and mercy resident in Jesus.

Religion became a partner in crime, seeking to control its members by moral legislation rather than helping, or at least releasing, them to find their own way back to the ancient garden and the empowering Presence. Presuming to be mouthpieces for the Father, religious leaders would arise to establish themselves as the authority in the community of God. Tradition and legalism would replace the life of the Spirit.

Father Has a Question for Adam

Meanwhile, back in the garden Adam and Eve stood rooted to the spot where they had thrown it all away, lost in the solitude of a frightening awareness of what they had done. Rewinding and replaying their actions again and again in their dazed minds, Adam and Eve trembled with fear of the consequences of their actions. Never had they felt such overwhelming terror. Retreating inwardly into their darkened deliberations, they experienced a deep sense of loneliness permeating their very souls. Meanwhile, a voice was attempting to break through the deep musings of their minds. Suddenly, they were arrested by the penetrating voice as it finally reached into the depths of their inner retreat. Rushing for the nearest tree, they attempted to hide from the voice.

"Adam, where art thou?"
"Who told you that you were naked?"
"Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

Questions are powerful tools to probe inward parts. The technique of psychological questioning is used in the psychiatrist's office as well as in the courtroom to find out the truth of a matter. Searching questions pierce the darkness of obfuscation, forcing man to confront the realities of his life. They compel us to examine our shame and our guilt, the destructive results of our wayward actions.

Father is the Master of the probing question, and as we will see in a later chapter, His Son also had the powerful gift of asking just the right question. It is of extreme importance that you understand the essential difference between the interrogations of man and the insightful searching questions of Father. Man's investigations are undertaken to expose and condemn. Father's questions come to reveal and heal.

The Mysterious Work of Forgiveness and Grace

Trembling at the sound of Father's voice, Adam and Eve attempted to hide themselves physically as well as psychologically. Hiding is man's perfected reaction to the horror of his actions and a natural response to the negative experiences of his life. Pulling the proverbial blanket over our heads gives us a sense of protection and security, albeit false. Through the years, man would refine this inward flight, creating great psychological impairment to his inner being. His only chance for healing is to remove the emotional coverings and in open honesty expose himself to the loving eyes of Father.

Regrettably, much of my life was spent on the pathway of this inward flight, as I sought to hide from the pain of what I perceived as my negative existence. Fearing to face the reality of my failures, I sought refuge in concealment. I lived under a false assumption that what others did not know would somehow protect me from increased pain and guilt. Fear of exposure hounded me, paralyzing much of my spiritual life. I did not understand that exposure was the only sure path to spiritual and emotional healing. Fear of exposure led me to the door of falsehood. When caught in a wrong action, I would simply lie to myself and others rather than expose myself.

To heal man, Father must expose man. Man's deep fear is that exposure will lead to even more emotional pain and condemnation. Man has good reason to fear unveiling himself. Self-disclosure more often than not leads to condemnation and judgment by others, even in the Church. But Father's questions are posed in order to enable us to see what He already knows. His questions help us arrive at a safe place of self-realization, where forgiveness and grace can do their mysterious and majestic work.

Hiding and Blaming -- Man's Answers to Father's Questions

The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate."

...The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."
Genesis 3:12-13

The couple had now lost all control of the situation. They could not get a grip on reality and moved blindly, it seems, from one sin to another. A chain reaction of deception and denial that had been set in motion was establishing future patterns of behavior for man. Rather than deal with his sin, man now introduced two very powerful psychological tools for attempting to avoid the consequences of his failures in life -- hiding and blaming.

In hiding and blaming, man fashioned a whole new vocabulary, as it were, to replace the spiritual vernacular of honesty and openness that characterized the ancient language of Eden. This dark form of communication was developed in an effort to protect man from facing the consequences of the horrible realities of his life. Thus began the dialect of blame shifting, rationalization, deception, lies, coded language, irresponsibility and shame-speech.

And Eve originated what would become the classic copout: "The devil made me do it." Enter the world of recrimination, injustice, scapegoating, and irresponsibility.
(John Shea)

The old mother tongue began to disappear as self-talk took greater control of man's speech patterns. Self-love, self-defense, and self-advancement were becoming the rule of the interior life of man. The image of self was replacing the image of God.

Now let us weep together as we examine the deterioration of the ancient language of Eden and the developing dialects of the language of self.

Language of Doubt

Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God made. And he said to the woman, "Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?"
Genesis 3:1

The matrix of the garden was an environment of total, loving trust and obedience to the spoken words of God. Love and trust were the root grammatical structures of the mother tongue. They constituted the framework of man's outer environment as well as the structure for his inner world. All things were held together by Father's word -- the outer world and man's inner space.

Having carefully followed this developing structure, the evil one knew the only way to break it down was to create a fracture in man's trust in the words of God. With subtlety, he carefully planted a seed of doubt in the thought processes of the woman. Man and woman were only accustomed to honesty and open communication, never having experienced any other language in Father's company. But then the evil one introduced a new form of speech -- deception and insinuation.

The cunning of satan opens a mortal chasm in the soul of man. As the woman pondered the serpent's words, a hint of doubt began to take shape -- doubt that would eventually grow into an act of betrayal and a breakdown in man's trust in Father.

Trust, so essential to the language of Eden, was shattered in that moment. That one small entertainment of doubt would eventually mushroom into a whole system of unbelief. The new language of that system would express this doubt in myriad streams of human thought -- skepticism, cynicism, atheism, and humanism. Man began to not only doubt Father's words, but also to question His love, misinterpret His actions, and even move to the point of questioning His very existence.

Language of Pride

"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
Genesis 3:5

In his plan to bring down God's beloved creature, the serpent proceeded to his next strategy -- the appeal to pride. Man had lived contentedly in the humble place of the creature, understanding that all he was and all he had were a result of Father's loving power. Man was the creature, and Father was the Creator. Seeking to disrupt that order, the serpent stroked man's pride. "You will be like God." Man pondered this. Could it be possible? Could man also be a god? The beguiling door to divine possibilities cracked upon satan's sly words, and the man and woman took the bait and slipped through the entryway.

Where his speech once was filled with praise and worship directed toward God, man's language degenerated into the slutty speech of pride-filled talk -- pride of accomplishments, pride of knowledge, pride of strength, and pride of life. The humble language of man was being twisted into a focus upon who he was and what he could do. Love of self would now dominate his communications with others. Self-preoccupation quickly grew to overwhelm man's speech habits, robbing him of the ability and even desire to intimately relate to Father and effectively communicate with others in the ancient tongue.

Language of Twisted Desire

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.
Genesis 3:6

In his desire to disrupt the flow of spiritual delight and desire between Creator and creature, the serpent again shifted the focus of desire away from Father's will to man's needs and wants. Eyes that were once filled with the light found in Father's presence were being clouded over with a perverted form of desire -- lust. The old words of worship and praise were being substituted with murmurs of selfish pleasure. The desire for momentary gratification was overwhelming the once content and grateful heart.

A floodgate of all sorts of evil desires rushed through the door opened by the woman -- inordinate desires for money, power, sex, and possessions would eat away at all spiritual desire. Rather than becoming gods as hinted at by the serpent, they unwittingly became slaves -- slaves to their own corrupted cravings. Rather than ruling over desire, desire would rule over them. The language of man evolved further, filled with all manner of lustful talk, eroding even further the pure speech of the love talk of Eden.

Language of Shame

He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."
Genesis 3:10

Adam had never experienced fear. Totally secure in his belovedness, he confidently performed his work in the garden paradise. Invigorated by the freedom he experienced in the presence of Father, Adam joyfully worked on Father's behalf tending the garden. Clothed with a sense of divine worth, he was never troubled with thoughts of insignificance or failure. Love of Father motivated him, not duty or addictions.

The serpent's goal to divide Adam and Father and to destroy the peace in this ancient place was beginning to be realized. When his seductive work was done, the serpent needed only to step back and let the chips fall where they may.

In a blinding, horrific realization of what they had done, Adam and Eve recoiled in shame. Falling to the ground, they groaned deep within their spirits at their treasonous deed. A penetrating sensation of shame was stripping away the clothing of personal worth they had worn in the presence of Father. Father! Oh no! They became paralyzed at the thought of Father. For the very first time ever, they feared the presence of Father. What would He think? What would He do? "*We have failed Him!*" The pain was almost unbearable.

A pervasive sense of shame is the ongoing premise that one is fundamentally bad, inadequate, defective, unworthy, or not fully valid as a human being.
(Lewis B. Smedes)

Thus, destructive thoughts of shame were introduced into the being and language of man. At first subtle, eventually they would saturate his psyche to be acted out in his daily life. Shame would drive mankind in the wrong direction -- away from the presence of Father. This is the destructive power of shame. Rather than draw us to the place of healing, it drives us to run and hide from God and others. Unable to bear the guilt of our actions we hunt for places of seclusion that result in a numbing sense of loneliness. Enter the language of self-hate, compulsive comparison with others, unworthiness, and voraciously needing the approval of others.
Father Would Provide a Covering for His Still Beloved Children

I know a lot about shame. Much of my life was lived in the house of shame. At first, it was subtle and mostly unconscious, but I could feel shame's debilitating presence encroaching on my inner thoughts. I could not have explained exactly what it was; I just knew that there was something very wrong with me. Life went on, and the accumulation of years of failure sharply defined the shame. It began drifting to the surface of my mind more and more.

I felt the awful weight of shame for my failures as a son, as a husband, as a father, and finally, as a preacher. Shame depreciated my every attempt to please Father. Years of a steady infusion of shame finally left me spiritually disabled in my mid-life years. Only when I discovered the loving Presence of Father, or rather, when He found me, did the shame lift from off me.

Man helplessly wallows in the mire of guilt and shame until the coming of Jesus. In Jesus the filthy clothing of shame is replaced with the clothing of the Spirit.

The pain that Adam and Eve felt did not begin to compare to the pain of loss pulsating in Father's heart. Though deeply hurt, He could not leave His children to wander the world uncovered. He already had a plan in the works that would take care of everything, but until its appointed time, Father would provide a covering for His still beloved children.

Language of Rejection

Therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden...
Genesis 3:23

Man had only known the Presence of Father. He had never lived a day of his life without the comforting sense of God all around him. His eyes first opened beholding the face of God radiant with love, and he had known only the security of living in that all-encompassing love. Now he was banished from the place of the Presence. There would be no more daily walks filled with sweet nothings being spoken in his ear. As the human retreated further into his own dark, self-absorbed world, he became deeply aware of a bone-chilling feeling of isolation. While relationship with Father is not totally destroyed, it is distorted and detached.

This detachment is the source of the profound sense of loneliness. At the numbing center of this loneliness man experiences a deep ache and longing for what could have been. This alienation and loneliness is woven into the very warp of modern man. His guilt and shame have driven him inward into a psychological alienation and spiritual loneliness. In this hermetically sealed condition he is prey to all the ongoing lies of worthlessness and shame.

C.S. Lewis said it well when he said he felt like a man brought out under naked heaven, on the edge of a precipice, into the teeth of a wind that came howling from the Pole.

The communal memory of what was lost in that ancient garden creates a psychic ache in the soul of man. Though unaware of its origin, he nevertheless seeks to fill this vacuum of loneliness and rejection with any and every sort of activity and relationship, or else he retreats into seclusion. The language of man is rife with expressions of names for this deep sense of loneliness and spiritual rejection.

Changed by the Realization that Father Has Always Pursued

What man does not understand is, he was driven out so that he might be brought back, changed by the realization that Father had always pursued him. The Tree of Life was kept from him for a time that it might be kept for him for an eternity. In the book of Genesis, we see man driven out of Paradise and away from the Tree of Life. In the Book of Revelation, we see the gate to Eden reopened and man once again brought into the garden with a special invitation to come eat from the Tree of Life. The Son of man will be the one to swing open that ancient gate and help man reclaim the precious ancient language.

Aloneness
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14 Apr 2004 Some time ago someone spoke to me about being ALONE ... and my spirit took hold of those words and placed them deep within the heart. But in these last few days Holy Spirit has uncovered to me some vital "informations", or rather they were soft, gentle petals of His Truth - the words of Life ...

Being alone - ALONENESS is the condition of the heart and not of the flesh ... the pure, undefiled heart that emits that clear, crystal sound of surrender to the Lover of our soul. It has nothing to do with our natural lives, whether we choose to stay single, or are we married.

The heart of our Bridegroom recognizes that sound as the echo of His very own heart, sound of freedom, of not BELONGING to the affairs of this world ... It is the sound of His heartbeat, of His passion and love for His Bride, and there is NOTHING we can do that would make Him love us more.

As we come face to face with Him, with The One - The Lover of our soul, we realize the truth and there is no more doubt. His love IS the love that lasts for eternity; love so big, love so great, love so overwhelming and so beautiful, and we finally SEE Him - not through the veil of our natural eyes, but through the eyes of eternity.

And there is that sudden falling in love, falling backward into the abyss of His arms ... Falling, falling, falling - and not being afraid ever again of anything ... That love has the strength to TRUST and believe the IMPOSSIBLE, it knows the Truth and the Reality of that other WORLD, where He is the King and where He rules forever.

Such a love knows the unlimited space of His Passion and His Rest, assured in the ultimate knowledge of loving and being LOVED. Forever!!!

Jasminka

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Birthing of The Vision
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BIRTHING OF THE VISION

We are called to be the VISIONARIES, people of the Kingdom Realm, living in the now and carrying the vision from that Realm with passion and strength - nurturing it, until it reaches full term and is birthed through our willingness, and only by the Spirit of the Lord.

As the seed of the Vision is deposited deep within us, time is needed for that Vision to develop and grow - through our prayers and communion with the Author of that Vision.

There is such a Vision that goes beyond anything that human mind could ever conceive . It is so large and so bold that one human being can not carry it alone.

Jesus had the Vision of that ONE DAY, and that is why "with the joy that was set before Him He endured the cross". (Hebrews 12:2)

My heart rejoices, for in the life of Jesus that Vision is plainly written, not on the tablets of stone, but on the tablet of His heart, His flesh, and He was running with it, all the way to the cross. So that all who would take the time to read it would CATCH that same Vision, and RUN, RUN, RUN - until the whole earth has conceived it and given birth to that Vision.

For in that ONE DAY the true sons of God will emerge - the Manchild himself - the Christ Generation shall walk that victorious walk, in the very power of the Spirit Jesus Himself has walked. It is the power of Love that is stronger than death, love that can come only from countless nameless and faceless people, walking in the Spirit and denying the flesh, just as the Firstborn among many has done to show us the way. THIS IS THE WAY, WALK IN IT ...

The Vision contains the Life as it was intended to be, the impossibility becoming possibility, the total and complete wholeness of the person, victorious Kingdom life for kings and priests of the Most High God. Our lives holy and blameless because of the blood of Jesus, our bodies temple of our God, pleasing to Him in every way ...The Vision of Jesus living in each one of us, and His Body so large, overtaking the earth, filling every corner and every space, until this natural realm is taken over and completely gone.

Names and faces will not matter anymore for the Son of God, Jesus Christ Himself will live in us. Paul's words will become our truth : "I AM CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST: NEVERTHELESS I LIVE; YET NOT I BUT CHRIST LIVETH IN ME, AND THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD WHO LOVED ME, AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME." (Gal. 2:20)

The time of birthing of that Vision is at hand ...

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Open Door
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Last year I had a "vision" of an "open door" in a dark space - prophetic utterance as an "invitation" from God, to enter those doors and see what is behind ... I was very excited about all of it ... I shared it with some of the people, but I believe now that it was premature, and I am learning to "hold my peace" and listen to His voice and His leading, and seek His timing in everything ...

Sunday, 04-04-04 was an incredible day .... I felt in my spirit the "shifting" and "change" of the Time ... It felt as the Reality of the Kingdom Realm has overtaken and "swallowed up" this Natural Realm, and since than I am so much more sensitive to it, and are more prone to recognize and see into the Spirit ...

His Invitation to us is to venture through that DOOR (or we can use the word PORTAL in the Heavenly Realm) and to experience The Supernatural, so it can become part of our every day living ... It is TIME for His Mysteries to be revealed, He wants to do it, and is looking for those with spiritual eyes and ears opened, the hearts set upon Him in constant pursuit, with desire to truly KNOW Him (not about Him).

The more time we spend in that "getting to know" mode, the better we will know God, closer we will become, and more "intimate" we will be ...

Before we "liked" what we saw and heard about God ... now, as we have closer and more intimate and personal relationship with Him, we can say that we "love God" ...

It is called progressive knowledge of God as a Person. Drawing closer to Him, spending quality time with Him, will produce even more desire to know Him even better, and the "liking" will change into "love" ...

So when we grow closer in the relationship, the natural thing is to share and disclose the "secrets" (He uses the word "Mysteries") to each other ... It speaks of intimacy where the result is the Trust ... Trusting each other with each other ...

Intimacy ALWAYS produces trust ... and that intimacy is found in abiding (spending time) with Him ... and the willingness to give ALL for the Love of our life.

That door in Heaven is open now, and while it is opportune time we need to enter in, before it shuts again ...

I can't help but draw the parallel between the doors that are spoken of in the Scriptures ... The one from Revelation 4:1and Isaiah 22:22, and the one in Matt 23 where the Invitation was issued for the Marriage Supper and so many have refused to come, with normal, everyday excuses ...

Sadly enough I see it in the "Church world" that is populated by all those that are constantly finding excuses and refuse to come in ... So then, the servants were sent to bring in anyone (from highways and byways) that would come ... All those that by the standard of the "churchianity" are unworthy (drug-addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes, and such ...)

In another parable in Matt. 25 there is the description of foolish and wise virgins, the lack of extra oil, and the need for it that led foolish virgins to seek after it from those that SELL, and while they were gone, the door was shut. It was opened only for a certain time, and than it was SHUT, and no one could come in ...

Shut door (wedding - marriage), speaks to me of INTIMACY ... The Bride and the Bridegroom are shut alone in the chamber, where NO ONE can come in. That is the time where all longing and all desires are fulfilled, the time where love has found love in completion of every need and every want of the heart. It is the ultimate love story EVER told ...

SOS 5:2 " I sleep but my heart waketh; it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled; for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night."

SOS 5:4 " My beloved put in His hand by the hole of the DOOR , and my bowels were moved for Him."

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A Love So Fierce

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"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins ... and not for ours only but also for the whole world." (1 John 4:10; 2:2)

A prophetic declaration of the love of God to the WHOLE WORLD is about to be unleashed with a fury of fire to melt the hearts of men. We may at times forget how to love, but God "so loved the WORLD that He gave His only begotten Son." (John 3:16). As bad as the world may seem at times, God has not forgotten or given up on the world. With a love so radical, so forgiving, so sacrificing, so fierce; how could He possibly give up on humanity. His heart radically burns for the saved and unsaved alike. His heart is ravished for the Muslim and the New Age-er. His passion is that ALL would be saved and come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ. (1 Timothy 2:4) God sends His love to us, "in that while WE were yet SINNERS, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

There are many people in the world today that are deceived by false religions and worship false gods. When people in India and much of the Orient look into the face of their gods, they see mean and evil countenances with sharp teeth and claws. There is a sense of hatred in the faces of these hideous idols created by the imaginations and hands of man. Is this really a "god" that you could LOVE and feel LOVED? The gods of the Egyptians, Assyrians, and other ancient cultures were even more diabolical looking and had an appetite for human flesh – even child sacrifice. How could these gods have possibly created the LOVE that burns in your heart or the love of a parent toward their child? You can only create what is within you.

You will find upon review, that all pagan religions and writings are void of a God that LOVES them. It is completely alien for the Muslim to know that God created them for a loving and intimate relationship and that He loves them UNCONDITIONALLY. The only benefit that the moon god Allah could offer a pious Muslim woman would be that of a "heavenly prostitute" for a cold blooded murderer. My dear Islamic friends, who really is your god? What is his NATURE?

The Greeks and Romans were serving a myriad of gods that were waiting to strike them with a lightening bolt at the first instance of weakness or failure. For the intellectual or strong Greek, these gods took great joy in trying to trick mankind so as to prove their supremacy. It was as if the gods were playing a sort of cosmic game with mankind for their amusement. How could it be that a "God" could truly LOVE them? We need to realize how revolutionary this revelation was to mankind at this time in history.

Preston Eby tells a famous Confucian story that some missionaries discovered when they got to China. It is a story of a young man of a wealthy father, who one day stole a large portion of his father's wealth and ran away from home. He took the money and wasted it in riotous living. The years passed and finally it was all gone and he came into destitution. Finally, through an intermediary, he appealed to his father to take him back again. With open arms, his father accepted him back into the home and prepared for him a great feast. Does this sound familiar? As they sat feasting together, all eyes were fixed upon the son. There was a big smile beaming on the face of the father which broadened as a look of horror suddenly spread across the countenance of the son. The son grasped at his throat, finally realizing too late that he had been poisoned! And Confucius says, "So it shall be with every son that dishonors his father." How infinite is the gap between this story and the story that Jesus told of the prodigal son. Jesus came to REVEAL and display the Father's LOVE to humanity. Jesus stated that He came not to condemn the world, but to save it. (John 3:17).

The heart of the Lord and His word to the church today is simple. Humanity will become like and resemble in their actions the gods that they serve. I believe that it was Alexander Hamilton who said, "people deserve the government that they have, for it is a reflection of who they really are." Trying to change an Islamic country to a form of democracy will never work as long as the people remain violent in their core religious and societal beliefs. Violent people produce violent governments — whether secular or spiritual. We not only take on the nature of the god we worship, we take on their countenance as well.

Jesus came to PERSONALIZE a loving Father and God to humanity — His creation. People seem to have a difficult time moving in the pure beauty of faith and need to see and experience things with their natural senses. God even overlooked our lack of faith and completely revealed Himself in Jesus Christ that we could look and gaze upon His love for us. Jesus shows us what the NATURE of God is like.

Jesus showed us a love so fierce and so powerful that it would have to finish its course on a cross dying for our well being and salvation. Has another "god" ever proclaimed his love in such tenderness and depth, let alone suffer death on his creations behalf? This astounded the world at this time with utter shock. Does it still today? I seriously doubt it. We are casual and numbed to the love of God by the cloud and pollution of religion that has created religious DUTY rather than spontaneous and passionate love.

Suppose that I came home to my wife Carole with a dozen long stemmed roses. Carole would say, "O Danny, thank you. They are beautiful." As she is about to hug me, I hold out my hand and say, "Don't mention it. It's my duty."

Well, what has happened here? The roses only have meaning if they are given spontaneously from my heart. Actually, without the spontaneity of passionate love, the roses actually belittle her. God did not perform a duty in His appointment with the cross. The Rose Of Sharon died for us out of a passionate love for relationship. On the other hand, the "dutiful religion" we see and experience so much of is a far cry from the dying to ourselves that Christ set as an example of love for us to follow.

I realize that many reading this have been beaten down and abused by the trials of life. A great many people, even though surrounded by many people, are lonely and feel isolated in the purpose and meaning to life. I know more than a few believers who are in financial difficulty and wonder if anybody really cares. Some have suffered lay-offs and job closings after years of faithful commitment and may even feel that God has abandoned them.

Many who are parents know the care and love you have for children who have been hurt and wounded. It is a love that reaches and extends out in the midst of every facet of need. It even extends to a child who is wayward and has run away from his or her family. We can try to imagine the love of the greatest and most caring parents, but it pales in comparison to the measure and unimaginable depth of God's love for you.

Because of His great love toward us, we hold within us the greatest of treasures and inheritance — His Holy Spirit. We are the New Testament Ark of His covenant. What made the Old Testament Ark of value was not the acacia wood overlaid with gold. Nor was it the tablets (God's law), Aaron's rod that blossomed (God's power and authority), or the jars of manna (God's provision). It was the manifest presence of God.

No other "god" has given humanity the gift and inheritance of His Words, power, authority, and perfect provision. Even the essence of His holiness God has given to us who believe. "Be holy for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:16) But the most astounding gift is that He gave us Himself! Like the Ark of old, His presence gives us value, meaning, and purpose. Of all that God could have chosen to call Himself, He simply said, "I am LOVE." When God fills us with His Spirit, He fills us with His love. God is telling us in His Word who He is. The words leap off the pages revealing to us His very nature. When we speak of caring we know that God is charitable, but He is not "charity." When we think of justice, we know that God is just, but He is not "justice." However, love is different. God IS love. Love is the revelation of the Father's very nature and being.

"And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in Him." (1 John 4:16)

Finally, we have those who do not believe or have faith in any "god." Actually, these individuals exhibit some of the "greatest faith" among the peoples of the earth. The Bible says that we are all without excuse and that God has revealed Himself to every man through something down deep in the spirit of within us. (Romans 1:20) To BELIEVE that there that is no God takes a tremendous amount faith considering the complexity of LOVE.

I can understand the scientific argument for evolution or the Big Bang theory. It makes perfect sense to me when I contemplate it on the surface. But as I dig deeper with UNDERSTANDING into the complexities of everyday life, I find serious faults and discrepancies in this "faith."

Imagine if I were to take all of the atomic and molecular particles in the entire expanding universe and combine it into one massive entity. In our scientific and natural understanding, we would obviously have the greatest source of power and mass conceivable. With this tremendous entity of power, could we or "it" produce just one drop of LOVE? Even those who believe in evolution must hold that everything has a starting place or origin. The question that the faithful atheist must answer is, "where was the origin of love and emotion?" Where did the freedom to experience and have passion come from?

The most intellectual and brilliant minds of men can justify and argue against the origins of God's creation. However, trapped within the confines of a finite mind, they have failed to UNDERSTAND the origin of the greatest gift given to man — The LOVE of God. "God IS love." And the love we express and experience from others can only have its origins within the heart and nature of God. It is His love for the whole world that permeates the hearts of mankind and gives them the ABILITY to love.

Jesus said that the whole world would know that we were His disciples by our love for one another. Does the world, your neighbor, your family, know that you are Christ's disciple?

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A Message For My Bride
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Reach out and touch the hem of My garment for I AM about to pour out an abundance of rain. Yes, this is the day of the latter rain outpouring, and I AM about to pour out an anointing that will break the yoke of bondage that has been upon My people. Yes, I AM about to set the captives free and refresh the weary. Why don't you just bow down and worship Me, and cast all your cares upon Me so that I can lift you up once again?

I know its not getting any easier for the enemy knows that these are the end times, and his time is running out. So he is coming on like gangbusters trying to devour all that he can, and he is using spiritual pride, and he's using complacency and deception and all kinds of tactics to divide the brethren. Especially those who were once close friends in My body, but don't allow this to happen. Unite yourselves closer than ever, and pull down the strongholds over your individual areas in which you dwell.

And yes, those who dwell in Israel, I want you to make sure that you keep covered with My love so that you can shine out with My glory and grace. I want to draw in the lost with a special grace. Yes, I want to touch those that have such a hatred for My people, and turn them around so that they will become a mighty army that lifts up and protects My kingdom. Yes, I want to raise them up to be dread warriors against the enemy. They will no longer be dread warriors towards My people but towards the enemy who once raised them up and trained them to devour My people.

So, I say to you this day, Israel, you will no longer be called one who not only will be hated by the world but one who will be treated with respect, because they will know that they have a God who will back them up showing signs and wonders. Yes, I will pour out fire from heaven, and devour My enemies, those who will not turn even when I reveal Myself to them, for I AM a just God, and I gave My life that all would be saved.

So, I want you to rejoice that you are not on your own for I promised that I would be with you till the end of time and that no weapon formed against you will ever prosper. I will supply all your needs and care for you like a chick underneath My wings. Fret not for the enemy will not destroy you. What the enemy means for harm I turn for your good. So, I want you to rejoice and even dance in the streets, because you do have the victory, and every enemy that comes against you will be scattered in seven directions.

Today is the day of salvation. Today is the day of the latter rain outpouring, and I AM calling you to stand with Me, and pray for My peace to reign in the land. Pray that My will be done, and My kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven. Rest in Me for I will restore you and bless you and give you a long life. Draw near as I draw near to you. Yes, draw close, and I will hold you near, and pour out a kingly anointing upon you. I raise you up as My mighty warriors and My worshippers that know only Me as their God. I AM most pleased with you. I delight in you. I love you, says your God.

Ambrosia

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Main Entry: **am·bro·sia**
Pronunciation: am-'brO-zh (E-)& Function: *noun*
Etymology: Latin, from Greek**,** literally, immortality, from *ambrotos* immortal, from *a-* + *-mbrotos* (akin to *brotos* mortal) -- Date: 15th century
1 a : the food of the Greek and Roman gods **b** : the ointment or perfume of the gods
2 : something extremely pleasing to taste or smell
3 : a dessert made of oranges and shredded coconut

Well, I got this word, then had to immediately look it up and was surprised at the root meaning. I've heard of the food, but had not remembered the immortality part. Also was reminded of the perfumed small bottles of oil I got while in Israel of spikenard, lily of the valley, frankincense and myrrh.

So asking the Lord what He wants to say and got:

"I am setting up a very wealthy banqueting table for my sons and daughters to come feast at. I am wanting to share more of the Word and the wisdom about My Word so ask when you read for wisdom that comes from above. I am a wealthy Father and I love to lavish my children with gifts, just out of My love for them.

I am pouring out anointings and rubbing my bride with oils, getting her ready for her wedding day. I am preparing her like Esther was perfumed, and readied to go into the king. I am rubbing and rubbing on you and like lotion penetrates the skin softening it and making it pliable, and oil penetrates, leaving the smell of it…I am softening you to the work of My Spirit, that you will be pleasing to your King when He comes to make His home in you in greater measure.

Esther was rubbed with myrrh for 6 months and then other oils. Myrrh is the symbol of suffering and death. Some of you are dying some more to your own agenda and thoughts of what life should be for you. Some are surely being rubbed with myrrh, for only then can you be raised in glory with Me.

Romans 8:17 Amp
And [if] we are His children, then we are His heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ sharing His inheritance with Him; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

I gave up My glory, that you could receive salvation and healing and all that I have planned for you. A good Father is not selfish with his children. He does not take the food off the plates of his own children to feed himself, or covet what they have for his own. He isn't given to partiality and stinginess. He longs to impart something of worth to his own that will endure for eternity. I AM that Good Father and I know exactly what I am doing. I know the beginning from the end. I know what will help you to lay down your life as I laid down Mine. I know what will build your character and what will heal your character!

Nothing will be left untouched when I am finished. I am the perfect Creator! You were not an after-thought! I know you inside and out. I know you in ways no one else does. I do only what is good for you. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

I also know how to set the table and just who to set next to each other. Just like at a wedding feast you take care to set some next to others, I know who fit together and who do not. My wisdom is wiser than the wisdom of men. I am aligning you with those who will work together with you and bring to the table talents you had not thought of. I can see ahead to the outcome of what I am bringing together and Father knows best!

I am also accurate in My timing and will see to it that all is worked out in perfect timing and preparation

for each task and each team.
Just like football teams pick new players and lineups for each year, I am lining up teams in My army that will be perfectly suited to bring down strongholds over cities and nations, tribes and clans. Each warrior is suited with the appropriate tools and weapons of warfare. So trust Me in putting it all together.

Just like a flower arrangement is made with varying colors and types of flowers, I am assembling My army in troops and teams that will destroy the ramparts of the enemy. Apostolic teams will go forth in power and glory to shake the nations. Nothing will be withheld from those who are willing to go for Us.

Prepare your hearts for battle My love. Put on your armor daily! Do not forget the enemy is prowling about for whom he may devour. Do not think I will allow him the upper hand! I know his ways and am greater and more powerful than any weapon he can bring against you.

I then saw a match striking, and what seemed like a powder keg being lit.

What has been a small ember burning inside you, is nothing to what I am about to do in you! I am turning up the HEAT My Bride and all that you have longed for will be fulfilled. Keep your eyes on ME!

Was led to look up strike and some stood out :

Rev 19:15-16 NKJV
15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Zech 10:11 NKJV
He shall pass through the sea with affliction,
And strike the waves of the sea:
All the depths of the River shall dry up.
Then the pride of Assyria shall be brought down,
And the scepter of Egypt shall depart.

Zech 12:4 NKJV
In that day," says the LORD,"I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; I will open My eyes on the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the peoples with blindness.

Mal 4:6 NKJV And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,
And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Acts 23:3 NKJV Then Paul said to him, "God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit to judge me according to the law, and do you command me to be struck contrary to the law?"
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Harbor Lights
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I have called you to be harbor lights to those who are in darkness.
I am raising up a prophetic generation that can speak into the lives of the lost what the Father is saying so they will know that Jesus is the only solid Rock upon which to stand. There are many storms on the horizon, and like a harbor light that warns the ships of impending danger, I have called many of you to be harbor lights that speak to this generation.

Some of you have been given a small number of people to influence in a significant way. You go about your daily lives and you shine with My radiance and you generate warmth and love to all around you. This is who I have made you to be. And many will come to the light of My glory because you are faithful in all you do to reflect My character; My love.

For many ships, there is fog and smog that inhibits their view of the harbor light, obscuring their view. But with My light within you, nothing can obscure the view. My light drives out the darkness. It makes a clear path to the Light that is within you, that others can see My mercy, My love, My peace and kindness. Even a little bit of light drives out the darkness.

I want My children to have the FULLNESS of My light so that whatever obscures the vision in another may be destroyed and brought to illumination.
The fullness of My glory comes only when you know the fullness of My love.

Eph 3:17-19 AMP
17 May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love,
18 That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];
19 [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

Some are content with just some love, as it’s more than they may have had before. But in this case it is ok to be discontent. It’s ok to want more and more of My love. My love will drive out the darkness. It is as strong as death. So it is a powerful tool against the enemy. I am fixing to DEMONSTRATE on a fuller scale, the power of My love to My own, that they may fully recognize it’s value, and receive the fullness of what I want to pour into you.

So ASK to be filled with it! Ask for it to be poured out in your love feasts.
Ask for it to permeate your very being. ASK and you will be filled. Come into My courts with thanksgiving for what I have given you, and into My gates with praise, and you will find Me there, pouring and pouring and pouring into you all that you need of this love. I am sending that river of honey that will annihilate all the jealousy within My church. It will destroy all competition and selfish ambition. It will destroy all that has kept you from intimacy with Me. It will come with FIRE and burn off all the dross left in My people, that they might finally realize the value of My love for them.

My love will transform you, and you will begin to understand one another and love one another in the manner I have desired for you to do. You cannot do this all yourself. Many have tried and failed. BUT when I come and do this in you, it will not fail. My wisdom is above all your earthly wisdom. Your eyes will be made new, and you will see each other much more clearly. I admonish you, that if you will come now, it will be a far less painful experience when I come into the church with this river of fire. Lay aside all the busyness, and come and spend yourselves on Me, come to Me and let me touch you and make you new. You will also gain wisdom for how to touch the lost without judging them. You will no longer focus on their sins, but rather on loving them for who they are to Me. You will learn to trust others to ME. You will no longer be filled with the lusts of this world. All insecurity will flee. Come and gaze upon My beauty, that I may fill you with it!

Hope is Eternal
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Ps 31:24 NKJV Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

I AM your Hope and Your Salvation. Is there anything too hard for Me?
Is there anything or anyone beyond My repair and restoration? Am I Who created all living things unable to do anything to change people. Was it not I Who hardened pharaoh's heart? Was it not I Who made the lame walk and the blind to see.

I can change those who are blind in their hearts, even as I changed My servant Paul. It is unbelief that holds you back at times My children. You think somehow I have grown tired and weary of your prayers, or of your statements of faith. I am not deaf. I am not ignorant or apathetic to the needs you have. I know what it takes to form character in a man or woman…to make them people of FAITH and PERSERVERANCE.

Do you think you have what it takes to perservere under terrible persecution like My Chinese children? Do you think you can sway a nation as they have with their martyrdom and their perserverance under hardship? For you will have to in the days ahead. Will you be bravehearts? The most terrible one is coming and unless you are strong in the power of My Word and in the Power of My BEING, being made more and more in the image and likeness of Me, can you endure the firey trials that lie ahead.

My ways are PERFECT. My timing is always perfect. I know what it takes to stretch a man or woman and I know what it takes to motivate them. I know you! I know you perfectly! I know that what you think you have endured is NOTHING in the Western world compared to My children in the Eastern world. So I am doing what is best for you. I know the plans I have for you, plans for good and not for evil to give you a future and a hope. So don’t think I don’t have every step mapped out. You grow impatient in your humanness, but I am NOT impatient. I am the Patient One.

Rom 5:2-5 NKJV through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

I am fitting you and molding you and making you into the toughest fighting machine of all time. I am fitting you in with foreigners even that there will be cross cultural blending of characteristics and learning of HUMILITY as many of other cultures know much more of humility than you do. You are a proud nation but you are being humbled, that you might be saved. Surely in a flood of great waters I will save you.

Ps 32:6-7 NKJV For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You
In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him. 7 You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

I AM Your bastion of HOPE! I am HOPE that endures forever! I AM the Eternal Hope of mankind. If I am your Hope, then you should expect good, and not bad, even if circumstances change. For good and evil falls on both the righteous and the wicked. But those who HOPE in their God will never be put to shame. They have an eternal promise and a reason for being. You are only strangers here. Your home is in the heavenlies. I am a MIGHTY GOD and you are My children. So do not forsake the HOPE that lies within you.
Know that no matter what comes, I AM WITH YOU! I AM EMMANUEL.
I am always with you! I will never leave you nor forsake you.

You have reason to rejoice for although trouble may come, I am giving you a decision of FAVOR and I will sustain you amidst all the trials coming on the earth if you will stay YOUR hope in ME. I will keep him in perfect PEACE whose mind is stayed on ME! Speak My Word and BELIEVE My Word for it is LIFE and health to your soul.

Ps 33:18 NKJV Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him,
On those who hope in His mercy,

Ps 71:14 NKJV But I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more.

Ps 119:49 NKJV ZAYIN Remember the word to Your servant, upon which You have caused me to hope.

Ps 119:81 NKJV KAPH My soul faints for Your salvation, but I hope in Your word.

Ps 130:5-7 NKJV I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I do hope. 6 My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning — Yes, more than those who watch for the morning. 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD; for with the LORD there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption.

Prov 10:28 NKJV The hope of the righteous will be gladness, but the expectation of the wicked will perish.

Prov 13:12 NKJV Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.

Prov 26:12 NKJV Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

Jer 14:8-9 NKJV O the Hope of Israel, his Savior in time of trouble, Why should You be like a stranger in the land, and like a traveler who turns aside to tarry for a night? 9 Why should You be like a man astonished, like a mighty one who cannot save? Yet You, O LORD, are in our midst, and we are called by Your name; Do not leave us!

Jer 17:7-8 NKJV "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,
Which spreads out its roots by the river, And will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green,
And will not be anxious in the year of drought, Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Jer 29:11-14 NKJV For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Zech 9:12-13 NKJV Return to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope.
Even today I declare that I will restore double to you. 13 For I have bent Judah, My bow, fitted the bow with Ephraim, and raised up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and made you like the sword of a mighty man."

Rare Beauty
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There is one whom My heart beats for. She is devastating in beauty and rare in this world. She is one who has said yes to me in every area of her life. She has said, take over Lord, You know best. I am nothing without You.
Take my heart. Take my mind, perfect my will, that I can be and do all you want me to be and do.

Who doesn't want a bride like this? I can see the heart in you My bride.
I see the heart that says yes and leaps to obey and to say have Your way.
Thus I have made My plans for those who are of this bride, even if their flesh is resistant, even if their circumstances seem dim, because they have said yes to ME. I will say YES to them when they call. I

will do whatever their heart desires that is in line with My will. I will provide for them abundantly out of my storehouses. The wealth that belonged to others will be brought them. For when they were sick, when they were weak, they thought of others besides themselves. They gave out of their weakness and were not selfish with whatever they had.

I will their families. I will restore their lost ones. I will restore gifts in them
to make them shine like the stars in the heavens. They will hear My voice behind them saying “ This is the way, walk in it “. They will ride on the high hills of the earth. They will restore the lame and sick and tormented because I can trust them to say yes to My will in their lives. Their families will be blessed. Their health will be blessed and they will be restored. They have not wanted to stay in judgmentalism and criticism, but have tried to keep themselves from strife and condemnation of others. THIS is My bride.
These are those for whom I will do anything. They consider the poor and they do not judge them or resent them. They have My COMPASSION, and they walk in LOVE.

They go through persecution and affliction without complaining. In the midst of pain and hurt, they turn to ME and WORSHIP ME! They refuse to be counted with the ungrateful. They are thankful for all I have done, or allowed without resenting Me. They are now coming forth as GOLD and they will be wrought like gold and in the fire, they will GLOW! They will radiate My beauty. I will give them a coat of many colors to wear and they will be given the scepter of authority. The crown upon their heads will be gold, fitted with precious jewels, for they are such to ME…rare and precious jewels.

Job 23:9-10 NKJV When He works on the left hand, I cannot behold Him;
When He turns to the right hand, I cannot see Him. 10 But He knows the way that I take; When He has tested me, I shall come forth as gold.

Ps 68:13 NKJV Though you lie down among the sheepfolds, You will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold."

Ps 45:7-17 NKJV You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of gladness more than Your companions. 8 All Your garments are scented with myrrh and aloes and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made You glad. 9 Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir.
10 Listen, O daughter, Consider and incline your ear; Forget your own people also, and your father's house; 11 So the King will greatly desire your beauty; Because He is your Lord, worship Him. 12 And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The rich among the people will seek your favor.
13 The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace; Her clothing is woven with gold. 14 She shall be brought to the King in robes of many colors; The virgins, her companions who follow her, shall be brought to You. 15 With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought; They shall enter the King's palace. 16 Instead of Your fathers shall be Your sons, Whom You shall make princes in all the earth.
17 I will make Your name to be remembered in all generations; Therefore the people shall praise You forever and ever.

Mal 3:17-18 NKJV
17 "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." 18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

Mal 4:2-3 NKJV
2 But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise
With healing in His wings; And you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves. 3 You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this," Says the LORD of hosts.
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Termites
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Termites have invaded My house for some time now and the structure that has been will no longer be, because it is eaten away. The shell that is standing is only that in many cases and true foundation has rotted.
Just as termites eat away at the wood that holds up the building, so these termites in the spirit eaten away at all that holds up My church.

I am bringing in some fire starters that will exterminate the termites and drive out all vermin, and reestablish TRUTH as it's foundation in ME. Behold I am the Masterbuilder and anything not built on My truth is a counterfeit.

1 Cor 3:10-15 NKJV
10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

I Am Truth and My words have not been as important to some as the words of My prophets. Yet they will stand forever as the standard of righteousness. My words are sometimes hard. But unless they are the words upon which all others are evaluated…that foundation is faulty. My words are not there to entertain, like many think they should. They are TRUTH and they are LIFE for those who eat them. When you eat something, you don't just taste it, but you swallow it, you digest it, it becomes then a part of you.
It's no longer something you hold in your hand or your mind, but it becomes a part of your life; you live it!

When it lives inside of you and becomes a part of you, it becomes what you are about. You live it, and don't just talk about it. Many talk a good talk. But their walk is far from their talk. Truthfully, all that is set apart for My use as a precious vessel will be tried by fire. And if you are sincere in your heart, you will withstand the fires of affliction, persecution and suffering, and you will come forth as gold.

Firestarters are regarded as dangerous people by some. But by others they are treasured, because they bring purification and challenge the wrong thinking that many have based their lives on. Some of these firestarters will be your youth, because I have been busy building their thinking to align with My principles. Be careful that you don't dismiss the challenges to your thinking that they will bring. You will know who they are, because they will challenge your ways of thinking and cause you to look at what you truly believe. They will recognize the phonyness of those who are pretenders.
They do not stop till they get the right answer. They have keen discernment and can smell when someone is a liar. They are also keen observers and can tell when someone is saying something just to impress, and when they are actually speaking from truth that has been digested.

I have others that will not have all the truth, but will have such a desire for Truth, that they also will challenge the status quo in many churches. They will tear down the idols in the House of the Lord, by their very prodding for the truth. Watch how you react to My firestarters. For I will not take it lightly if you do to them what you have done to my older prophets. Being real will count for much with this generation. Ask yourself, are you able to be real with them? Can you resist covering up, can you be who you really are? They are a hungry generation. They have endured much damage. They need healing, not just damage control. They need love that is real, not just adjusting to your ways of doing things.

Rev 3:18-22 NIV
18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.
19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. 20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he

with me.
21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

How did I overcome? Did I not rely on My Father for strength and everything that I needed in My hour of trial? And so must you rely on Father to get you through the trials that are coming. Do not think you can hide anything from Him. He knows all things and every part of you. He loves you and will do only what is best for you.

This winnowing will cause strain in the systems that are white washed; church systems, marriage and family systems. All will be tested and come forth as gold when refined by the fires.

Cling to Me, for I am a God close at hand, and not afar off. I was the fourth man in the fire in Babylon and I will be with you in these trials. Many have already been through their trials and are now coming out to freedom. They have learned to worship Me in the midst of trial and affliction. They will help lead you out!

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America's Judgment

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I experienced the following vision ~~

There was a tremendous mob of people. They were milling around. The noise was incredible. For some reason, I sensed that all these people were claiming to be Christians.

I heard some of the people preaching and prophesying. Whenever someone began to preach and / or prophesy, crowds of people would run over to this person and gather around them. Then, another person would begin to preach and / or prophesy, and large crowds of people would then run over to that other person to listen to them.

Soon, there was a tremendous confusion of sermons and words from the Lord being shouted out to the crowds of people. The whole scene was one of absolute chaos and confusion.

But suddenly, I heard a small whisper. Some of the other people appeared to hear the small whisper also. We began to follow the sound of this small whisper to its source. The source was the Lord.

He was standing out in a desert, wilderness scene. A small group of people were standing quietly and solemnly around the Lord. In contrast with the mob of people I had just left, this group of people was extremely quiet and silent. They were very intense and totally focused upon the Lord. They were looking off in the distance, as if waiting for more to join them.

I watched as the Lord began to hand out small, rolled-up scrolls to each person. As each person received a scroll, they would stand to the right of the Lord. Soon, each person had received a scroll.

"What is this scroll, Lord?" someone asked.

"It is a message from Me," the Lord replied. "I have given to those of My children who have heard My still, small voice a message to deliver. They each have their orders from Me, and know exactly who to take the message to, and what the message is. They are to go only to who I send them to, and speak only what I have told them to speak."

Immediately after I experienced this vision, the Lord instructed me to go and take a nap; that He was going to speak to me in a dream.

The Lord telling me He is going to speak to me in a dream has never happened to me before, so I tried this voice to see if it was really from the Lord or not. I went to take my nap, and before I fell asleep, the Lord spoke the following to me. He said ~~

"I will be speaking to you in visions and dreams, and you will not understand them. I will instruct you who to speak of them to. These people will know what to do with them, and what they mean. This is a time of many voices clamoring to be heard. Pay close attention to whose voice you do and do not listen to. Take heed to your soul."

I then fell asleep and had the following dream ~~

I was in a room. The walls of this room were covered with pictures of babies being born. I was going from picture to picture, studying each one. Each stage of labor was represented.

This was the whole dream. Upon awakening, I was extremely puzzled and perplexed by this dream.

The next day, I experienced another vision. This was a horrific vision to me, and I've held it inside for another day because of how truly horrible and frightening it was to me.

I saw an angel with a large scale step out of the portals of heaven. This was one of those old-fashioned type scale that has like a small bowl on each side. As one side is weighted, the other side goes up and vice versus.

This angel began to place weights upon first one side of the scale, then the other. When both sides were equally weighted, a voice called out, "Hold!" (I somehow knew this voice belonged to the Lord.)

There was a very intense waiting silence after this command was called out.

I then realized that I was way up in the heaves, looking down on the earth. My attention became directed and centered upon the United States. I saw like a shield in place around America. Angels were on the inside of the shield, bracing themselves against it.

I then saw hordes of demons on the other side of this shield, pushing frantically and furiously against their side of the shield. They were howling angrily. It terrified me.

I saw those with the small rolled-up scrolls running with their message from the Lord. They were weeping and wailing as they ran, and also as they delivered their message. After they delivered their message, they would fall flat on their faces and continue to wail and lament.

Many who were the recipients of these messages also fell flat on their faces after they received and read the message. I heard their cries of repentance echoing throughout America. (The dream about the babies being born came back to my mind at this point. What I was seeing in this portion of the vision made me think of a birthing of revival brought about through tears of repentance and godly sorrow.)

Others who received the message, threw it away in disgust and disdain after having read it.

My attention then became focused upon Washington, DC. (I was still way up in the heavens in this vision, looking down upon this scene.) Something was transpiring within the White House. I saw some sort of "waves" undulating out from within the White House. These waves had some sort of far-reaching repercussions.

When these waves came forth from within the White House, I heard the angels who were still pushing against the demons on their side of the shield begin to wail and keen. When the demons saw the waves emanating from within the White House, they began to scream with victory.

The angel with the scale put one more weight upon one side of the scale. One side of the scale hit the ground.

When this occurred, the shield around America fell down, and the demons streamed into America, howling and in a frenzy.

I heard a voice proclaim, and once again, I knew it to be the Lord's voice ~~

"America! America! How oft I sent My prophets to you, and you scorned and ignored them. How oft I revealed Myself in majesty and power to you. You enjoyed the power and majesty, yet not the cost of following Me.

"Your ground is soaked with the blood of the innocents, and how shall I ignore or overlook this when it continues daily to occur? Your streets overflow with degradation. Many of your churches reek with hypocrisy, and My sheep have been driven away and have been left to wander alone; where they have become meat and prey for the wolves.

"Yet, I would wipe out these sins, and blot out their remembrance; if you had only returned unto Me with all your heart. I have stayed My judgment for a season. I will stay it no longer. You have been weighed, and have been found wanting. I have no pleasure in your judgment, America. Prepare to meet your Maker."

I then watched scene after scene of carnage and terror befall America. I just don't want or desire to go into detail about it. My heart was breaking as I witnessed all of this, and I was myself filled with horror and terror.

I went into the bedroom of each of my three precious, wonderful little children. Tears of fear fell down my cheeks as I gazed down at each one of my sleeping children, wondering in my heart what would befall them. If some of these scenes I witnessed actually do come to pass, I know that one of my children at least, would not survive. She has need of special medical supplies for insulin dependent diabetes. These supplies would be extremely limited to impossible to locate or receive if any of this vision actually occurs in her lifetime.

I don't have a time frame for any of this. If I am mocked or ridiculed for sharing this vision, I accept that. Once again, let me repeat, I pray this vision is false or does not occur. I will continue to pray and intercede for my country, and for a spirit of repentance to sweep across the shores of America. Yet, part of me feels that judgment will only be stayed if such a spirit of repentance does occur. The judgment is set. Too much has occurred within the borders of America for there to be no reaping of what has been sown for centuries.

I love America. I love my country. I love being an American. I love the American flag and our national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner."

I will continue to pray for a spirit of repentance to come upon my nation.

In Him,
~~ Hollie L. Moody

A Matter Of Discovery
Sandy Warner

It's A Matter Of Discovery - Practical Teaching About Revelation

NOTE: When the Lord speaks to us, it is always in part. Once we swallow what little He has said, He builds upon it with another part. I apply this in a practical way by using the computer search features to find common words He had already spoken. For instance, at the time of writing this post, this first entry is what I heard:

HEARD - I will go with you. It's a matter of discovery. Go gifted one. Soar.

SEARCHING FOR COMMON WORDS When pondering the above phrase the word "discovery" was quickened to me. I typed in the word discover and the rest of these entries are excerpts of some of the things I had already heard about the concept. As you will see, each entry has a little more light shed on the quickened word "discovery." By the end, we have a fuller picture of exactly what we are discovering.

HEARD: Delivered.

ANOINTED HANDS: I opened to the scripture:

Luke 10:18-19 NKJV And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Then I turned to 2 Words to Ponder with the titles: Ruling Authority and Fruit of Deliverance.

HEARD: Say now ruling hands. He brought me forth into a large place. Gifted. You have yet to discover how truly gifted you are. Personality. Rainbow. Instinct.

WORD TO PONDER: INCREASE A STEP AT A TIME I AM constantly delivering you from a strong enemy, when you use the gifts I give. As you grow and grow in your gifts and authority, I will bring you into larger and larger territory. You have yet to discover how truly gifted you are. I have planted a great wealth of My anointing within you, and in the days to come you shall recognize it as "instinctive intuition" which is actually My Holy Spirit within.

"They demonstrate that God's law is written within them, for their own consciences either accuse them or tell them they are doing what is right." (Rom 2:15 NLT)

HEARD: It was a long war. Stand. Overcomer. Did you let it slide? Not at all. Resist. There's a change coming. Valiant ones. Kept My watch. Beauty for ashes. Equipped. Things will never be the same. I AM with you says the Lord. A new alignment. Broader, expanded territory. Front lines. Defeated. Move into your place. Be free.

I kept you. Strong, unyielding and resistant. A long war effort and then some. Neighbors "Intimidation and Bullying" towering over you. I took them. It's true says the Lord. Defeated. Penalty. I drew a line. A line that says halt. And now you have room to expand.

Test the waters. Sweet medicine. There's healing. Loose them. Dead ones on the cross. Yielded to Me. It's a sacrifice says the Lord. Willing ones. Erase your sins. Forgotten. I only see glory. My Love for you. Kept. Do you understand? You will. Let Me carry you to the finish line. Well done, My servant. Thank you. Let's see what we can do for her. She's Mine. She will shine. My glory in her midst. I laugh with joy. As she discovers.

VISION: I saw myself spreading my hands and then looking at my palms.

HEARD: I AM with you says the Lord. New beginning. Effectively immediately. Now begin. Rejoice. Such joy.

VISION: I saw my Beloved. He slipped in beside me and we did a little twirly dance together. WORD TO PONDER: DELIVERED MY VALIANT ONES My valiant ones, keeping My watch, you have been through a very, very long war lasting many years. You faced strong, unyielding forces. They towered over you in strength, intimidation and bullying. And yet you stood and did not give an inch of territory. Through it all, you yielded to Me, and became My sacrifice for whatever purpose I chose. Thank you, faithful friends.

The towering giants who were too strong for you, I have spoken against them and drawn a line. I said, "Halt, you can not pass My divine restraint." And now I AM removing them from your midst, so that you will have a broad and free territory in which to expand. These giants are like hewn trees in a forest, cut and stripped for a pathway out of the battle. I AM removing them with My mighty hand.

I know you are tired from such a long battle, but remember loved ones, expanded borders beckon. Yes, they are bought and won with a price. But oh what joys await you as you test the waters for yourself! Stretch forth your hands to heal. Shine with My glory. Dance and twirl with joy, for I AM delivering My valiant ones.

"I will love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies." (Ps 18:1-3 NKJV)

HEARD: It's a matter of discovery. Justice going to bat for you. Hold My hand, precious, we are going somewhere. Move you up a notch.

FINAL NOTE: As you can see by my search using the word "discover" there was quite a revelation of where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. This post is a relevant Word for us today, because I started with the most recent Word the Lord gave to me, then I circled around the concept to add further detail, then bringing it back to the last Word given in chronological order. In example, where we are at right now, is the God of Justice is going to bat for us! Praise Him!

If this concept of connecting words is new to you, it might take a stretch of faith to accept that all these specific entries with the word "discover" were meant by the Lord to join together. I have been keeping daily records for 20 years and have thousands of examples of Him joining common Words to pinpoint exactly where we are. He has thoroughly planted this as a foundation in my life in how He speaks. His Words and ways are very intricate, weaving in even the tiniest details. His works are a movement of His Spirit and not a skill of the mind or brain, however He gives us signposts to help us stay on track and confirm our journey along the way. These signposts are little common denominator words that continue to build revelation into an ever increasing and expanding circle.

CONCLUSION

WORD TO PONDER: REVEALED AS YOU GO
Yes, your Lord God of Justice has gone to bat for you, dear ones! You have suffered so much at the hands of the giants. As you have yielded to your own personal crosses and died to self, this has touched all of heaven. A great expanse of territory has been bought and won with great price. You shall go forth conquering that which stands in your way. Go forth, My faithful ones. You will not go alone, no, - not ever. I will go with you. My light shall shine before you as you move forward. I hope you will enjoy your trip, for it will be a road of discovery. Wonderful healing is awaiting you in your new land.

Deut 29:29-30:1 KJV The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Heb 11:8 NLT It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.

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Boring Through The Pressure
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May 14, 2004
All who live righteous in Christ Jesus shall suffer tribulation. The enemy hates My Name, and anything that I love. Fear not, beloved, for even though you feel you are in a tight and crowded place, I will bring you through to the other side. As you trust in Me to do this, you are boring through the pressures. This is creating a channel to pass through for others who are following the same path. Yes, your persecution is a sacrifice, but how beautiful are those who walk in My pathways of servanthood. These pressures are really your friends, for they are moving you forward through a birthing canal. There is light on the other side of this and joy awaits you, My friend.

"So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rev 7:14-17 NKJV)

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How May I Help You
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[A Revelation About the Holy Spirit]

Many times this past year I have heard the phrase, "How may I help you?" At first I wondered if there was something that I wasn't doing that needed to be done. I wondered if I needed to pray more. Then I began to hear the phrase more often and I wondered if I was hearing the angels ask me this question, because angels are sent to serve us as heirs of His kingdom.

This week I heard the simple phrase again during the night. "How may I help you?" The flash of the following scripture came to mind. It was the Holy Spirit that had been asking me that!

John 14:16-18 NKJV
And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever -- the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

I was reduced to tears. The powerful Lord God of the universe had humbled Himself so much, as to come in the form of the tiny, still small voice and ask a simple handmaiden a simple question. I went to bed with a heart full and no answer. I was overcome and deeply humbled. With all His power in the world, all I could think of was the humble heart of a Servant asking me this question.

AUDIBLE VOICE [2/17/04]
A few hours later, in the early hours after midnight, from the vicinity of the foot of my bed, I heard the very cheerful, audible voice of a Man who said, "Good Morning!" I could not see Him, but I knew He was the Holy Spirit. Then in His still small voice He spoke to me. Here is an excerpt of what I heard Him say:

HEARD: I AM a Person. Just like you, with feelings. This is where I belong. VISION: I saw an identical picture of what I was literally doing. I was laying on my side, with my head on my pillow, and my hand resting upon my cheek.

HEARD: Pillow talk. Resting beside you. Where I belong. On that side too.

[I laughed out loud! I had just turned over on my other side in bed with my hand in the same exact position! How precious He is!]

HEARD: Inside of you. I wait every day. To commune.

Acts 7:49 AMP
Heaven [is] My throne, and earth the footstool for My feet. What [kind of] house can you build for Me, says the Lord, or what is the place in which I can rest?

John 14:23 AMP
Jesus answered, If a person [really] loves Me, he will keep My word [obey My teaching]; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.

CONFIRMATIONS
Right after that night I received 2 emails. One lady said, "Can I help you in some way?" The very next day another wrote and said, "Is there anything I can do to help? What are your needs?" With the same beautiful and humble hearts as the Holy Spirit, this was the Voice of My Lord speaking to me. Once again I was overcome and wordless at the heart of this King Who is a Servant.

John 13:3-9 NLT
Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel he had around him. When he came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, why are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus replied, "You don't understand now why I am doing it; someday you will." "No," Peter protested, "you will never wash my feet!" Jesus replied, "But if I don't wash you, you won't belong to me." Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!"

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER: COMMUNION
My love, how I long for our fellowship and communion! I so long for when you will awaken to My voice. I earnestly wait for our quiet times when all distractions are set aside. I love to bring you good cheer and speak My Words to comfort you and put strength into your being.

Your first training ground to hear My voice has been at night time when the distractions of the day are forgotten. I live within you and also along side of you as you toss and turn in your bed. PEACE. I AM there, dear one! I AM making my resting place within you and along side of you. A day is fast approaching when you will be at such rest in Me that you will be able to hear My still small voice even during the busiest of days. All shall grow out of our intimate times of communion.

John 16:7-15 NKJ
"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

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Humility And Answers
Sandy Warner

May 10, 2004
How I have longed to place you and connect you with where you belong. Yes, and how long you have yearned for this, dear heart. Remember, that servanthood takes the lowest place. Servanthood does not demand its own place, it waits till all are placed. This means trusting that what is left is exactly where you belong.

You will find that as you come low before Me, the river of My Presence washes your feet from the dust of the world. If you bend lower, it will wash your knees from bruises. If you lay even lower My river shall flow through your whole body, and the ashes of your pain will wash downstream, never to be seen again.

Isa 61:3 NKJV
To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

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Separation And Ashes
Sandy Warner

May 12, 2004

As the years of shaking mount, even as the birth pangs of a travailing woman, I AM drawing all things to a climax. That which belongs to Me will be separated unto Me and purified. That which does not belong to Me will be increasingly warned, lest they be separated from Me for eternity.

The fuller's soap and the refiner's fire have one thing in common& ashes. The refiner's fire burns the dross and leaves the ashes. Fuller's soap is made from ashes and oil. It is the ashes of repentance that cleanses soiled garments. Lay low, bowing your heart in humility before Me. I will mix the blood of My Son, and the oil of the Holy Spirit with the ashes of your life and offer mercy. I will restore your losses and join you forever with Me.

Those that stand proud and defiant, hardening their hearts with willful sinning, will receive judgment. Judgment is My last option before eternal separation. Those that leave Me no other choice, I will judge. Even in judgment I love with an everlasting love. All things are coming to harvest. My house will be full before the door is shut.

Mal 3:2,3 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifer of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

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A Message Of Preparation
Stephen Hanson

March 24, 2004

DA 11:36 "The king will do as he pleases. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god and will say unheard-of things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, for what has been determined must take place.

1TH 5:1 Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, [2] for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

Rev. 13 [16] He also forced everyone, small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on his right hand or on his forehead, [17] so that no one could buy or sell unless he had the mark, which is the name of the beast or the number of his name.

"I tell you that things are going to be changing for the world over the next few months and year. For government systems will take on a new change of direction. Osama Bin Ladin will be found out by the end of the year. His capture will be good for the minds of many of the American people, but many in his original country will mourn for his capture. I tell you that you cannot root out all evil. You pull out old weeds from a garden and new ones will take their place. Even though these things will happen, liberalism will take on the form of much of the American governmental system. For the political party will be one of acceptance. Liberalism will be the order of the campaign coming this fall. No more will agendas be made as they have been made. I tell you that America will be losing ground with the rest of the world in terms of its ethical impact. For marriages and children will be held in jeopardy because of new laws that will be passed. I tell you that it is a short time before the anti-christ figure comes upon the scene. He will exalt himself above all others. I tell you that when they say "peace and safety" then beware, for that is when the real deception comes."

"Look to the east, for when you see the nations gather together then you will know that they are jockeying for position. Then out of a middle eastern country he will come. He will promise peace to many, but I tell you that peace will be far from his campaign. Do not take the mark that he desires, for with it then he has full control. You don't need to build-up resources for this day, for I will take care of you. I will take care of my people, and I will establish them in all of my ways. My people will be safe in times of trial and in times of distress. So, set you hearts and minds on Me and not on these things. Behold, I will come, and my kingdom will be an everlasting one. The sound of weeping and the cares of the world will be gone. I say these things to prepare you for what lies ahead."

Seek The Building Of My Spirit
Stephen Hanson

March 27, 04

1CO 3:10 By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. [11] For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. [12] If any man builds on this *foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, [13] his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. [14] If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. [15] If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.*

2SA 7:5 "Go and tell my servant David, `This is what the LORD says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? [6] I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. [7] Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" '

"A new day is coming. A new day is coming for many of my people. No more will my people be lacking. I tell you that the enemy of your souls will not triumph over you. From the rising of the sun to its setting down, I will watch over you. I tell you that difficult days are ahead but I will watch over you. Beware of what the world will promise you. Know that I will see you through the trials and temptations of this life. The waters will not overtake you and the flames will not touch you. I tell you that divine protection is found under my wings. Nothing will harm or hurt my people if they are found under my wings. "

"I tell you these things because you are entering into a new era and time. For the church, as a whole, will be going through a lot of changes. What are those changes? "

(The Lord showed me a vision of a small church. I was looking at it from above without a ceiling or roof on it. The walls were made of dirt and people were beginning to leave. Many of them were climbing up on ladders on the sides of the building, where the dirt walls were. They then climbed up and walked away. I noticed several pieces of rubble and rock where once a building was. There were pews and other accessories that one might find in a church today, except that the building itself was set into a dirt enclosure. The scene changed and now I saw jewels and riches being spilt upon the ground. As I watched, a man was taking something and was dispersing or scattering it upon the ground from side to side as he walked. This continued for some time, and then the vision faded.)

"I tell you that many within the body of Christ will pursue after riches in this hour. Those who pursue after the things of this world will be consumed by it. A new type of church will emerge out of the ground. It will be a place where I have "hollowed" it out. You will need to be in "protection" in these days, for no more will governments and agencies be a protection for you. Seek the building of my spirit."

Stephen Hanson

A Mighty Weapon Or Loose Cannon

Conrad Lampan

The Church: A Mighty Weapon Or Loose Cannon?

I enjoyed so much reading a word this morning received by a prophet here in Wales, a clear picture of what God intends to do, and about the central position of God's Word in the fulfillment of His plans.

Words Needs To Be Turned Into Action

However, when I read words like the one I mentioned, I cannot help it but to point to a situation that we certainly need to look upon. While the prophetic, words and revelations and visions have increased dramatically in the last number of years and will increase even more dramatically in these last days, I see however a disconnection between words and action. Psalms 68:11: "The Lord gave the Word, great was the company of the preachers". While we hear lots of words still there is little action. Obviously some words are not to act upon immediately but to ponder and wait, however we need to be aware that there are many revelatory words from God that are linked to action on our part if they are going to come true.

A friend of mine told his students at the Bible School he leads in Spokane, WA "You have heard from God once, you have heard twice, thrice, even four times, how long until you start moving on what God has told you?

I have a great concern, and I am aware of how difficult a task it proves to be to bring a clear focus to the church. I mean for example: we hear so many words pointing to the harvest, the greatest harvest ever, but we do not see many people sowing. It is like people looking to the fields, unplowed, unsowed, singing to the rain to come, but unprepared and waiting for that rain that will bring the harvest. No amount of rain will bring forth a harvest if something has not been sown first. If all what we sow is rain we can expect to reap only mud.

The Church Is The Church Not The Nation.

I also see a let's say positional attitude in the church that is at odds with what the Bible teaches. We have received words about our nations and what God wants to do in our nations, but many if not most in the church fail to see that God uses the church to bring forth His plans, it is not the nation itself that ushers the blessings, no, the instrument is the church. In a sense we have assimilated the church to the nation, which is not true, the church is the church, and the nation is the nation. The church is planted in the nation, and although our nation might be considered a Christian nation, we have to admit that there is not much of Christ in our nation, and this in the end is to be blamed on the church itself, because we have blend in and made church and nation one thing. This in the end means that instead of transforming our nation, we are conforming to our nation's standards.

What I am saying above was the failure of Israel too. Israel was the nation of God, we can say the "church of those days". But Israel failed to fulfill God's plan of blessing the nations, mainly because they blended in with almost every nation assimilating their customs and life styles. The same is true of the church today; as long as the church keeps blending in, not keeping the holy separation from the world we cannot bring any good thing to the nation. We need to recover in a sense the saltiness of salt. If the church does not realize her unique position as a separated people, and not part of the world, then it cannot bless the nation either. We can bless only from a position of blessing and not from a cursed position. As long as we persist in bringing worldly methods, and views into the church, we will be standing on the same accursed ground where the world stands; what blessing can we give from there?

OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD IS THE STARTING POINT

We also need to recover the sense of obedience we see in the disciples in the Bible. How can we expect that people would move in what they hear from our prophets, if they do not obey the most basic commands from the Bible? The fact remains that there are quite a few commands in the Scriptures that do not need any confirmation, we just need to obey them: Go, preach, heal, teach, compel them...and so forth; we do not need any special revelation that tells us that we need to preach, or to pray, or to give, we just need to obey what God said in His Bible.

Basically the last paragraph shows the disconnection I was talking about at the beginning. God is revealing His plans for our nations, and for the end times revival, for the last harvest, amazing plans, amazing perspectives; the picture is so awesome! However the fulfillment of it all is linked primarily to obeying the basic principles as stated in the Great commission and all the other commands the Lord gave us. Of course God’s plans will be fulfilled because He spoke them. But we might find ourselves out of them, if we do not go back to the basics of obeying the Word.

Many people would argue that leaders seem to carry on everything without allowing the people to participate, so it seems that ministry belongs to the few; but this is a two side coin, while it is true that there are ministers that do not allow their people to get involved, there are also a lot, I’d say an awful lot of people that do not want to get involved, they’d rather pay someone to do the work.

We need to reconnect the church with her reason for being; otherwise the church is just a prettily wrapped empty box, or worse yet a loose cannon.

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A New And Bold Church

Thomas Gibson

For thus saith the Lord. My power is blowing through the church. It will burn with fire all things. Those that stand on the Word in truth shall remain. Those that stand in the power of this earth shall be brought down.

No more shall sin enter at the door. I will prevent this by My power, saith the Lord.

With a new and bold church I will enter these last days with power. No more worldliness in the church. My power shall flow as it once did when I left this earth.

Those things that remain from the fire I will take out of the financial institutions that dares call itself "church" and I will build again My people.

So says the Lord of all.

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Angelic Activity

Timothy Snodgrass

Dec 10, 2004
There is much angelic activity over the nations of the earth as we draw closer to the return of Jesus Christ. In order to overcome in the days ahead, we need to change the entire way we think. We need to think like angels. Our entire consciousness must undergo reformation. At our current mindset and way of thinking, we will not survive the shakings on the immediate horizon. The enemy wishes to create stress, which is the opposite of peace, but we must now be transformed into ambassadors of peace. As the earth begins to shake and travail, we must decide: we can either be messengers of fire, or messengers of stress. The Body of Christ is now being called into a new marriage, an alignment and partnership with the holy angels. Our thought patterns must undergo a quickening, a change, a reformation, a communion with the divine. Like lightning, our thoughts travel at the speed of light as prayers to the Throne. Although we have the wisdom of the ages available at our fingertips, we choose to live in darkness, addiction, dependency, stress, and defeat. This pattern must change by an act of our will, and must change now, or nations will perish. Do not remain chained to the spiritual and mental walls created by the enemy. Rise up above your adversary and overcome before it is too late, for the righteous judgments of God are now at hand. Though the earth shakes and is rent like a veil, remember that you are just a pilgrim passing through this small blue world among an eternal sea of stars, and that your pilgrimage is almost over!

Merry Christmas from the islands of the sea,

Timothy, Juliet, Joshua and Esther Snodgrass Philippines

ISLANDS IN TURMOIL – REACHING OUT TO PHILIPPINE STORM VICTIMS

Recent storms in the Philippines have left nearly 1,800 dead or missing, thousands of homes destroyed, and 650,000 storm refugees who have displaced by mudslides and flooding. Many of those who have lost their homes have been fleeing to larger cities for shelter. I was recently touched by a family of four living on the sidewalk not far from us. All of their belongings were stuffed into one small box, and they were dressed in mud-covered rags; the mom was rocking a two-week old infant in her arms, while their young daughter was sleeping on the sidewalk, her legs covered with insect bites. Two weeks ago they had a home in the mountains, and farmed a rice field. Now they had nothing. The Holy Spirit placed it on our hearts us to buy them some new clothes, and make sure they had food and water every day. This was the beginning of an ongoing outreach to local storm victims. Please continue to intercede for beautiful people of the Philippine Islands, especially during this time of disaster.

An Alabaster Box

Bill Yount

Hurricanes Are Literally Breaking An Alabaster Box Open In The State Of Florida To Release A Sweet Anointing Over The Nation...Tell Florida To Hold On!"

I asked the Lord, "Why are all the hurricanes smashing the state of Florida?"

The Father answered me with a question, "What is stronger than all of the hurricanes put together, yet sweeter than honey?" The Father went on to say, "Hurricanes are literally breaking an alabaster box open in the state of Florida to release a sweet anointing over the nation!"

I heard a strong angel proclaiming over the state of Florida, "If you're going through hell, don't stop!"

"Operation Blue Roof" has been set up by the state to cover the roofs of houses and properties that have been damaged throughout the whole state. The blue roofs are blue plastic covering to temporary protect the roofs until they can be repaired. I sense these blue roofs represent 'spiritual' royal authority that is coming to cover the state of Florida. I saw 'roofing' angels descending upon the whole state proclaiming, "It's time now for 'royal' roofing to begin to be put on this state, upon the rooftops of houses, churches, schools, and government."

"Florida, I'm Giving You a 'Storm Runner' Anointing"

I sense the Lord wants to release something corporately, at this time, upon Florida that is more powerful than all of the hurricanes put together. I sense hell already has regretted its attack against this state. But God has allowed it for His Glory.

There is now being imparted into the state of Florida a "Hurricane Anointing" that will be known in hell by its authority over the powers of darkness throughout America.

I sense the Lord is taking the fear of storms out of His people throughout that state giving them a "Storm Runner" Anointing to run through troops and leap over high walls and storm the very gates of hell and deliver the prey back from the enemy for America! I sense a fountain of youth has been tapped into by the shaking of the hurricanes, releasing awesome mighty young warriors in children and youth that have been made strong through the storms and will become fearless towards giants in the land of America.

"Great Medical Breakthroughs Will Come Forth"

Looking back on the floods of the hurricanes, it will be said that in every place that there was troubled waters there will come forth great healings. There is healing in those troubled waters now! Great medical breakthroughs will come forth from this state of Florida to be released to the world. Hurricanes shook many breakthroughs free.

Every time a Hurricane was hitting you, it was breaking your alabaster box open more to be poured over a nation and the world!

Nahum 1:3 ***"The Lord has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet."***

"O Florida, thou mighty state of valor!"

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Ancient Times

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And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."
John 1:51

The days of seeing the heavens expanse open up before us are truly upon us! We have literally and spiritually broken through into new levels where we will walk into open heaven areas and be overwhelmed at the vastness of His Presence. We are also creating in our own living spaces open heavens, a portal into Heaven by simply just resting in Jesus, lying at His beautiful feet. With the new revelation that is pouring through these portals there will be many who will find themselves hungry for this knowledge but who are unwilling to spend time getting to know Papa and will operate mainly out of the second level realm, and with this we must continue to seek the Lord with all our hearts so that we will be able to discern between that which is spoken from this realm and that which comes straight from the Throne Room of God.

I have recently been visited by the two most glorious angels I have ever seen and their visitation not only had to do with the book the Lord has given me to write but also for the times we are coming in, they have much to deliver to us. The first angel was so glorious to look upon, as if I was peering right through him and into the past. His eyes were of no earthly color, but of amber and upon his forehead were written **Ancient Destiny.** (I must stop there and save the rest for the book.) Smiles………!

The second angel was much larger in size and bore the name **Wisdom and Revelation.** Both of these angels accompanied me on my trip to Moravian Falls where Yes, there truly is an open heaven, I have never seen such an awareness of His Glory in one area before, absolutely beautiful! Just hearing the words Ancient Destiny brings about a sweet taste in my mouth, oh to savor that which comes forth from **The Ancient of Days** for the coming days of divine visitations! In a vision from the Lord I saw beneath the earth a womb and inside this womb etched deep within its walls were the words "**Historic Womb.'** Much wealth of revelation is about to be birthed and in this release the Ancient of Days will breathe upon us His Ancient Winds from the four corners of the earth, these winds will bring forth our Ancient Destiny's. With this ancient wealth coming forth from the deep we must keep in mind that the enemy will also be hard at war in bringing up the past with false accusations, regrets and past sin but we must keep our eyes upon Jesus and He will be our Rock. All that is taking place right now has much to do with Divine Order in the body of Christ.

Daniel 7:9 "I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire."
7:13-14 "I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him, and there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."
7:21-22 'I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them, until the Ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the Saints of the most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."

Before leaving on my trip I kept seeing in the spirit, large golden eagles soaring low to the ground, while in Moravian Falls I saw them land. Many golden eagles were stationed all over the world on dry land in order to protect the saints the Lord has taken underground. This deep burial in the Lord is required for the days ahead so that we will hear Papa's voice ever so clearly even through the most darkest of times. I could see many saints going underground in what appeared to be through snake holes and the eagles standing guard above. I then saw many rattlesnakes making their way back to their homes and the eagles would wait until only their tails were left visible and pick them up with their large powerful talons and literally drop them into much larger holes nearby, full of fire, what an awesome seen of God's grace, mercy and love! We are being given back our land precious saints, our inheritance that was stolen by the enemy and the only way to do this is to keep close to Papa's heart and He will send in the reinforcements, the Golden Eagles, Amen!

While in Moravian Falls I had the most joyous visit with Bob Jones, he and his wife Viola are truly the most humble of God's people I have ever met. Bob spoke mainly on the need of many saints who are not hearing or feeling anything from the Lord at the moment to step out into situations and plans the Lord is not directing quite yet, this will lead to much work in the flesh instead of the rest the Lord is requiring in Him. By waiting upon the Lord, He will lead you out in the right timing, into the right situations and then there will be no striving but freely moving by the spirit of the Lord. I will share more of this visit later when I have had time to digest all that took place.

Don't forget to check out Pleiades star cluster! It is a cluster of seven stars seen this weekend; Venus and the Pleiades are coming together. It happens every 8 years: Venus glides through the Pleiades star cluster. Venus 'as the morning star' was called by the ancients, Lucifer.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! Isaiah 14:12

And the Pleiades mentioned in Amos 5:8

Seek him that maketh the seven stars (Pleiades) and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night: that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his name:

Venus gliding through Pleiades says much of what lies ahead, and every eight years speaks of new beginnings, seven stars 'perfection.' So here we see a glimpse of darkness coming but His Light is what turneth the shadow of death into the morning!

I pray the Lord so blesses you and that His mighty favor will fall upon you, and His love will saturate you like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; (Psalms 133:2)

Much of His Love your way,
Robin Paisley

A New Day Has Dawned
Dorothea Montague

My beloved people...

A new day has dawned, a day when I shall move among My people in a way that you have never known.

~ You shall be aware of My presence with you in more power.
~ You shall hear My still, small voice speaking to you.
~ You shall receive instant answers to your prayers.
~ You shall be infilled with the Holy Spirit as I pour out My Spirit on all flesh in these days.
~ You shall be instilled with a holy boldness to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of salvation to all.
~ You shall be endued with My power and anointing to see those instantly healed, for whom you pray.
~ You shall receive power over the enemy and he will flee from you.

I have created you, My children, for just such a day as this, when in the midst of great tribulation in the world you shall have victory over the enemy and take your world for Me.

O, My people, you shall experience walking in the supernatural with Me with wonders and miracles following you. Great miracles shall be manifested through you as you pray.

A great love shall abound amongst My people which shall foster a new desire to help each other. You shall have a new compassion for the poor and needy and you will enter into ministries of providing for them.

All of these blessings I shall bring upon you even as tribulation abounds around you. I have long been preparing you for tribulation. There are still many of you who avoid dwelling on the prophecies which tell of events to occur in the last days. As you do you negate the blessings that I am bestowing on those who are being obedient to My instruction for these difficult days.

O, My people, I am calling you now to come into the ministries I have ordained for you for these days. I am calling the youth to commit their lives unto Me and to become a part of the great army of youth whom I am raising up. This will be a powerful army, filled with My Holy Spirit and on fire for Me. As they submit unto Me I shall prepare them to stand before multitudes and speak forth the messages of truth from My Word which I shall give them. They will receive training from Me rather than from sources of higher learning. This army of youth shall march across the world, filling sports complexes and every available meeting place and multitudes will gather to hear them. I have long been preparing them, filling each with the power of My Holy Spirit, enduing them with the Gifts of the Spirit to operate in the ministries I shall give them. I shall manifest miracles through them and countless numbers will come into My kingdom through their ministries, countless numbers will be miraculously healed through their ministries. I shall send them forth, two by two to minister then bring them back to army headquarters for rest and refilling of the Spirit. They shall walk in My glory and all will know that they have been with Me.

Many aged preachers, teachers and evangelists shall transfer their mantles onto the shoulders of the young and I shall anoint them with power for ministry. They shall walk through times of tribulation with My protection surrounding them.

I speak to parents and all those in authority over these young people and I admonish you not to put boulders in the path of these young people but rather to help and encourage them in their ministries.

I speak to the youth of the world...fear not but step out in faith and embrace the ministry I have chosen for you and you shall rejoice as fruit from your ministry comes into being.

Manifest in These Last times

My beloved people, hearken to the Word of the Lord....

He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. (1 Peter 2:20,21)

My people, you are indeed living in the 'last times' as you witness what I am doing throughout the world, leading you to belief in My Father and giving you faith and hope in Him. As never before in the history of mankind I am sending forth those whom I have prepared, 'to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.' As never before and according to what has been prophesied by prophets of old, I am pouring out My Spirit on all flesh.

O, My people, do not turn away from the manifestation of My Spirit, do not turn away from the tasks I am calling you to do. I say unto you, now is the appointed time, now is the day of salvation.

Behold, now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation. (2Cor.6:2a)

Go forth, My children, and touch the lives of all whom you meet, telling them the Good News of salvation in Me.

Tribulation, as foretold to occur in the last days has come upon every part of the world. Great suffering has come upon many countries and many are dying from hunger, especially My little children. I am calling you who have been blessed with abundance of this world's goods to give to the needy in far off lands. You do not comprehend the blessings you shall receive as you give unto others.

I am calling you to seek out those with sickness and disease in their bodies and fervently pray for them and with them and I will bring healing unto them. I have instigated great healing services in every part of the world and countless numbers are being miraculously healed. I have raised up many to operate in healing ministries but, I tell you, My beloved, to each of you I have given power to lay hands on the sick, pray for them and see them recover. Go forth, under My anointing and do so.

My precious people, I am bringing many of you into times of new beginnings and you shall walk on new paths with Me. You shall have a new fervor for Me, for My Word, for prayer and with compassion for others. As you step out in faith to minister wherever I lead you, you shall see the miraculous in operation and you shall marvel as you see what I am doing in and through you. Your faith shall rise to new heights as you believe the truth of My Word and see manifestations of it come into being. Faint not as you observe what is coming upon the world. Trust in Me with all your hearts and I shall protect you.

But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isa. 40:31

I shall use you, My people, to bring in the great revival which is even now in progress even in the midst of tribulation throughout the world. Great multitudes of unbelievers shall be swept into My kingdom.

O, My people, I yearn for each of you to stand before Me and receive the mantle for ministry which I have destined for you and go forth in My power to win your world for Me.

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An Era For The U S Ends

Timothy Snodgrass

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The last 4 days have been very interesting since I arrived in the United States from the Philippines. While in flight from Taiwan to Los Angeles, President Bush condemned Israel at the UN General Assembly for not adhering the 'Roadmap', and the United States once again began pressuring Israel to concede covenant land promised to her by God. Immediately afterwards, Hurricane Jeanne shifted course, striking Florida just before midnight on Yom Kippur as shofars blew across the land on Tishrei 10.

Hurricane Jeanne was the 4th hurricane to strike Florida this year. The pattern '4' in Amos represents irreversible judgment with cannot be changed or altered. As shofars blew across the land at closing of Yom Kippur, an era for the U.S. ended and a call was issued to prepare for what is yet to come during the next three years of cleansing. Hurricane Jeanne is very small compared to many of the unexpected events which are about to follow. But the purpose of these limited judgments is not destruction, but ultimately salvation and a call to repentance across the land. For God is not finished with America yet, but has a plan and destiny for the United States.

If you live in the Southern California area, and would like to intercede with us tonight in Yucca Valley, below is directions to get to Grace Community Church. I will also be speaking in Sunnyvale (near San Jose) on Tuesday, and in Orange County once again before departing the United States.

Blessings,

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A New Pentecost
Jill Austin

Apostolic Power: Pressing In For A New Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4 - When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord ... and suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire ... and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Kingdom of God can only successfully invade the dominion of Satan when we are endued with power from on high. You must have spiritual power to advance the Kingdom.

How did they do it? Jesus warned the disciples of their need to wait and receive the power of the Holy Spirit: "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." (Luke 20:49). As they met in the Upper Room for ten days, their only agenda was to pray and wait on God. They knew that they must have more. They were not leaving with anything less!

The Outpouring Of The Spirit

Holy Spirit brings the government of God. What is often overlooked is that the Acts 2 outpouring was what birthed the early church. Holy Spirit is more than a phenomenon of fire and wind or just a renewal movement - the Third Person of the Trinity invaded the Upper Room to establish the Kingdom of God!

Being baptized by the Holy Spirit was more than just speaking in tongues. The enemy has so religiously minimized this experience by convincing us that if we speak our five or ten words in tongues, then we have arrived. Unfortunately, often we still do not have apostolic power! Holy Spirit is not just tongues. In Acts 2:8-11, He brought a miracle of languages with over fifteen languages being heard by the crowds. People heard the testimony of Jesus, but in their own native tongue.

The Great Commission for souls was birthed. The wind and fire of the Spirit drew a huge crowd who then heard Peter preach his first sermon. This holy tornado of the Spirit yielded 3,000 souls that day. For the first time, Peter was endued with power and moved in apostolic authority with the power of the Holy Spirit backing his words. Signs and wonders followed the apostles and churches spread like wild fire (Acts 2:41-47).

Summary

Do you want to walk in this fullness of apostolic authority? When you speak, does the power of conviction pierce hearts? How do we get this great outpouring of the Holy Spirit? We must have an even greater desperation. Today, the Lord is calling for another Pentecost! Imagine the power of Acts synergistically combined with the astonishing signs and wonders of Exodus! This is the hour we are approaching as we near the second coming of Christ. God is going to explode in an expression of power that we have never seen before! Are you desperate for a fresh baptism of fire from the Holy Spirit?

Prayer: Lord will you burn in me a holy desperation to move in apostolic authority with signs and wonders following. I want to move in the Holy Spirit and establish the government of God on this earth!

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A New Kingdom Generation In Love With God

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My heart weeps with Joy as in my mature years, the new generation - the fruit of the sacrifices of the saints comes into view. The Spirit of God is moving upon and within children. There is nothing more beautiful than seeing young children completely in love with Jesus as the Holy Spirit moves upon them. It is so encouraging to see teens moving in love and power of the Holy Spirit.

Children experiencing the manifest presence of God and intimate oneness are saturated with God and filled with His love. They are transformed from natural to supernatural living - from worldly or religious ways to the pure and holy joy of the Lord.

"But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;" (1.Cor.1:27)

There is no higher call of ministry than becoming a forerunner of facilitating the work of God in children. Summer camps for kids can become "Son bathing" opportunities as children and youth are led to surf supernatural heavenly realms with Jesus by the Holy Spirit. Church nurseries and children's group meetings can become powerful supernatural love experiences with God. "OpenHeaven.com IRN CRC" will soon be offering helpful practical material and testimonies from forerunners who are experiencing the supernatural transformation by the Holy Spirit of children and youth in the presence of God.

The following is a response from parents to meetings with one forerunner helping facilitate the moving of the Holy Spirit in children:

"This past weekend David Walters ministered at our church, Living Word Fellowship, in Wellsboro, PA. What a blessing! Our children were so full of strength and encouragement, and John and I, as parents, were really challenged to dig deeper with our kids in their walks with the Lord. Here is a brief testimony of our family's experience following the meetings.

NICHOLAS, age 12: Nick entered in so eager and ready but slightly apprehensive. Asking the question, "What if I pray and nothing happens". I responded with scripture, "If you ask the Father for bread will he give you a stone". Nick immediately teared up and shook his head no. It seemed to break that negative mind set off of him immediately! As John and I prayed for him, there was an intense anointing obvious over him. We encouraged him to just lay back and receive. And very quickly his prayer language came. He laid before the Lord praying in tongues for nearly and hour, and then sat up and drew a beautiful picture of himself receiving the holy spirit! Later when I asked, "SO, did you get BREAD!?" He responded, "Better, I got warm bread with melted butter and honey dripping all over it!" I love his description of the Holy Spirit!

TAYLOR. age 8: Taylor also was eager to receive, which in a sense shocked me because of his typical shy nature. Although I will say that his typically overly withdrawn nature seems to have been dismantled with the ministry he received this weekend. Taylor lay down before the Lord, and also immediately received his prayer language! As I was praying over our daughter Isabelle, and John was praying over Taylor, I looked over and his cheeks had a rosy glow, and his face was just radiating the Holy spirit! After laying for awhile, he got up and came over and prayed over his sister for over 30 minutes! Later when we asked him later about his experience, he said, "It was easy! And then it was fun, and I didn't want to stop". I asked him if he had to just forget about being his shyness. He said, "Oh, no I could never be shy about this! I just couldn't be shy about it!"

ISABELLE, age 6: Initially both John and I were praying over Isabelle, and her tiny chin just started to quiver, and her body was visibly responding to the Holy Spirit. After a short while, she began to weep before the Lord. This tiny one lay before her Father, receiving the tears of the holy spirit and crying out "Jesus I love you, Thank you Lord!" with up lifted hands for close to a hour and a half! A couple times I asked her questions about what was going on. Initially I felt, due to her responses to my questions, that the Lord was giving her his heart for the Lost. Then at one point her eyes opened, and it was clear she was having a vision. She began crying out the name of Jesus over and over again. I asked her if she could see him, and she vigorously nodded her head yes, and started weeping harder! Later when the tears lifted, as we tucked her worn out little self into bed, she told us that Jesus came to get her and he flew her up to heaven, she saw gold paths, she saw angels, they worshipped together, then she rested under His Wings. She said that the Devil was mad and tried to stop the angels. She said that Jesus told her how much he loved people.

OK, so my hands and heart are shaking as I write this. Our Father gives good gifts to his children, even the tiniest ones. This Mommy and Daddy are so overwhelmed by God's goodness, and the Holy Spirits infilling of our children. Rejoice with us! Thank you for your wonderful ministry!"

Blessings and Love,
John and Tracie Loux,

Angelic Midwives
Bill Yount

I Saw 'Angelic Midwives' Hand Delivering Many Babies From Abortion This Coming Year!...Many Will Survive In 2005!"
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I heard a strong angel decreeing over the earth, interrupting the spirit of abortion as wombs were opening, "Not that one, you don't! These are made in the image of God!"

Prayers seemed to have mounted up and taken wings to ascend to the throne room crying out on the behalf of the unborn. I heard many angels communicating, "We just got a breakthrough assignment to deliver the unborn! Tell them to keep crying out and pleading the Blood of Jesus...the spirit of abortion is beginning to be notified, 'Let My Babies Go!'"

"ANGELIC MIDWIVES" ARE BEING ASSIGNED TO "HAND DELIVER" THE DELIVERERS

It seemed like a season equivalent to when God had called Moses in his mother's womb to be a deliverer to the nation of Israel. In Moses' time Pharaoh sent a decree to destroy every male child being born. But the fear of God came upon the midwives and they saved these babies. Moses was one of these babies who was delivered. I sense that these kind of "hand delivered" babies deliver nations!!!

And I sense that once again a season of intervention is in where the fear of God is beginning to fall on abortion clinics as "angelic midwives" are now being assigned to doctors and nurse practitioners.

A stronger cry from the throne became even louder for intercession as an angel began proclaiming, "I think we got another Moses here! Another David, another Deborah, and, yes, there is another Esther coming out of that womb! Keep prayer coming up. . . these babies have an anointing for the nations!"

THESE CHILDREN WILL BE "ARROWS IN THE QUIVER"

I saw the Holy Spirit begin to overshadow many mothers who, like Mary, were overwhelmed what to think and to do next as they were surprised by what was in their wombs. But the Holy Spirit began to melt their hearts, as it was revealed by God Himself, "Fear not, that holy thing which shall be born of thee is of Me. You are not carrying a mistake, you are carrying a miracle!"

I saw in the Spirit many babies being offered up for adoption. God had already handpicked married couples and placed His desire in their hearts to extend their families. These children appeared as arrows in their quivers who would eventually speak with the enemies in the gates of their cities and nations!

"Babies unplanned are Heaven's surprises; unplanned by man for Satan's demises!"

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Lazarus Will Rise
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"Your 'Lazarus' Will Rise In 2005! ... I Will Visit Cemeteries, Seminaries, And Sanctuaries.... With A Special Visit To Insane Asylums!" - A Year Of Resurrection And Life!

It was as though I overheard the Father speaking to the angels... "Your New Year's assignment will be cemeteries, seminaries and sanctuaries.... with a special visit to insane asylums! The dead will rise in 2005!"

The Father continued to whisper heaven's secrets to the angels.... "If it's dead, I can raise it! But only if it's dead! Get ready to roll some stones away. 'Lazarus' will rise in 2005! My favorite specialty is still splitting graves wide open! Get ready to loose them and let them go!"

I sense many who thought the Lord was too late in the past year in answering their prayers will discover that God is still right on time in 2005! Resurrection Power will attack dead nations, dead churches, dead preachers, dead dreams, dead visions. "My Resurrection Power works best among the dead!" If you have anything that has died in your life, you are right on schedule. This will be the year of Resurrection and Life! Even the dead will hear His voice!

Insane asylums were high on God's list for the year to free tormented minds in the earth! New minds are coming to people on the earth... the very mind of Christ! Legions of demons will go with new minds arriving! New 'spiritual and physical' hearts will be given out also. Multitudes who are dead in sin and trespasses, many who have backslid and have gone back into darkness will come forth and be raised into newness of life.

I saw angels filling up monasteries bringing revelation, honoring the dedication of monks, Catholic priests and nuns, as another great move of God in the Catholic Church was in the making!

I sense the Father saying. "I will bring many up out of their horrible pit this year."

The twice dead will begin coming into God's Kingdom this year. I saw as though the sea was giving up her dead, as though these souls were coming up from the pit itself. There were pornographic stars, mass murderers, witches, many from the occults and eastern religions. Souls that had committed horrendous, indescribable crimes. It was as though hell itself was vomiting up these souls. Hell was letting go of them. The gates of hell were opening and these souls were being released as the command was being given... "Lazarus, come forth!"

I saw whole cities in the earth coming under the influence of Resurrection Power. Huge buildings and historical landmarks first appeared as though they were oversized grave-markers on top of the ground. Lying beneath these monuments were God-given dreams buried six feet under. Dreams of a city being lit as a candle on a candlestick, giving light to a nation were wrapped in graveclothes stuffed inside of coffins. Dreams of shattered households being turned into homes that would eventually effect a whole neighborhood were held captive inside of dark tombs. There were unmarked graves representing impossible dreams of street people crying up through man-hole covers for brotherly love to flow through her streets.

I then saw a river begin to flow deep beneath these cities. It began rushing and then finally gushing forth like a giant geyser. These torrential waters rising began flooding the streets of these cities, raising beggars and street people out of gutters and sewers. They were coming up through man hole covers as being flushed out of hell by the power of this river rising beneath the city. Light began to pierce darkness as this river flood increased lifting the caskets with God given dreams as they finally were pushed upward breaking the surface of the ground. Dreams were being resurrected throughout these cities. The surfacing dreams themselves then started breaking their coffins open and pushing over monuments causing them to fall into the now empty graves. It appeared that God was turning whole cities upside down, inside out and right side up! Their time of visitation had come!

"Lazarus... Come forth!"

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America Needs Prayers

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There's a lot on God's heart to be accomplished by the great nation of America. The nation that one day chose the sentence "In God we trust" to be its slogan & it was the prayer of the Americans for long "God bless America". Now it's far from that & America is badly in need for intense prayers. America needs prayers for awakening from her spiritual slumber which passed to almost all levels in the land, including - sadly - the church. A prayer for repentance. A prayer for being aware of the consequences of choosing the enemy's ways to be hers & not the fear of the Lord.

In a vision, the Lord showed me that America is destined in a way to stand like Moses on the mountain as is in Exodus 17. There was a battle taking place underneath and there was no way for that battle to be won without the lifted hands of Moses up there on the mountain. There is a great role for America in the whole world in taking its destined place up there in the presence of the Lord regarding the battle fields underneath. In the vision, the enemy was holding a staff trying to beat Moses on his legs to prevent him from standing in the gap on the mountain trying to hinder God's purposes to be done on earth as it is in heaven. This is exactly what the enemy is trying to do with America, both from the inside and the outside. Our heart prayer is that the Lord would open the eyes to see the beats that the enemy is keeping to do.

Accepted or not, America is seen in many places around the world is representing Christianity. The enemy is continuously trying against the Lord Jesus, His mighty work on the cross, His precious Blood, His love to the whole world and His Heart to reveal His Redemption to all mankind. The enemy is keeping attacking so it is quite natural for him to concentrate his attacks on a figure that represents the Lord.

Throughout the last few years, God used America as His extended Hand to many places all over the earth. The thing which stirred the enemy too much. However, in God's Heart, still there is a lot to be expressed on reality through that nation. It is the destiny of this nation to be the catalyst for God's purposes to be fulfilled against many strongholds in different spots of the world, east and west. Among the important spots that God is intending to use America as a catalyst are the highway nations of Isaiah 19: 23 - 25. In this strategic part of the world, in the end times, there is a deep sense that America will play a role like Moses on top of the mountain and Joshua in the battlefield (representing the highway nations).

There is a deep need for the American Church to understand how to stand in the right place and how to raise hands "both hands". Moses went to the "top of the hill" (v.10) and he kept "held up his hands"(v.11) and "his hand remained steady till sunset" (v.12). Need to notice where to stand, how to stand raising both hands (not one) (fair Godly opened eyes), how to stand steady till the time HE sees. There is a DEEP urge for the church to stand and keep on standing.

Our prayer is that God will make an open eye of understanding and an enlightenment in the church of America so that they will not be satisfied by the many knowledge and prophecies they got and received but to pray for a piercing and penetrating Godly directed, sharply targeted prayers.

The coming two months till the day of election is a very crucial time and there is high expectation that the enemy will try to do an extraordinary demonic attack so as to make a shift and a diversion in the mass opinion towards ungodly choice (like what happened in Spain in the last election). May God open the eyes of His people in America to discover the hidden agendas of the enemy whether from the inside or from the outside. There is a cry of travail that the Lord wants to release in the hearts of His saints in America and those who love it that America will not loose its time of visitation. May the awareness of its important role for the end times be raised in the hearts of God's people. May the fear of the Lord will come over the people so that they will understand the critical situation of the time. May the unveiling work of the Holy Spirit reveal to the people the serious consequences of wrong choices. May God give understanding not just knowledge and wisdom, not just intelligence to know God's ways and to follow it in such a time like that.

We need to ascend, lift up both arms and worship the Lord fervently and seek His Will to be fulfilled. We should press not for partial fulfillment of God's purposes but for His complete Will and Plan to be completely and fully done.

May God protect America,
May God stretch His Mighty Hand over America,
Let the blessings of the Godly fathers find a way to come into reality & flow to other nations.
In Jesus Mighty Name.

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A New Season And Promises Fulfilled

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"Your righteousness reaches to the skies, O God, You who have done great things. Who, O God, is like You? Though You have made me see troubles, many and bitter, You will restore my life again; from the depths of the earth You will again bring me up. You will increase my honor and comfort me once again. I will praise You with the harp for Your faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praise to You with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to You... I, whom You have redeemed." PS 71:19-23

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "YES" in Christ. And so through Him the "AMEN" is spoke by us to the glory of God." 2 COR 1:20

"Then the Lord awoke as from sleep, as a man wakes from the stupor of wine. He beat back his enemies; he put them to everlasting shame." PS 78:65-66

My Faithful Ones, you have been going through the longest of seasons. A season of years for many and a season of sufferings. You look about you at a dreary and an unjust world and you see suffering coming on the innocent and My faithful ones while evil men continue to triumph. Still you stand with hope and belief that your God will come through for you and will turn the tables rightside up again and that you will step into a new season of your life and see the promises fulfilled.

Some say, why do you continue? Why don't you give up, you haven't received My promises after all this time, therefore why do you stand against all odds? But even walking 'through' the darkest valley of suffering, still your confidence remains in Me. Some say I have forgotten you....sometimes even you have thought I have forgotten you. Sometimes you feel as if I AM asleep, that I don't care or worse that I AM unaware of your situation. But even then you still remain committed to ME. While others have turned away from the path you remain steadfast even through the pain you are enduring.

I ask you, can the I AM forget one promise that I made to you? What have I promised you? Have I promised you your healing? THEN EXPECT TO BE HEALED! Have I promises you finances? THEN EXPECT YOUR INHERITANCE! Have I promised deliverance to you and your family of all that plagues you? THEN EXPECT DELIVERANCE! ALL of My promises to you WILL be fulfilled. They are "YES" but not only YES, they are "AMEN", IN CHRIST, to the Glory of your God, through you!!! You are the apple of My eye and the object of My Glory......

But, you say, I have been waiting for "years" for this day, but I say unto you.... the I AM has been waiting for this day since the world began. Beloved, I have heard every cry of "How long, Lord, How Long " as Satan has been working on you as never before to have you doubt even one promise that I have given you. You have prayed and you have believed, even though many times you felt to be the weakest of My faithful. Now you shall see Me act and when I decide to act things happen very quickly. As I fulfilled My Word to send a Savior, now you will see Me fulfill My word to you as you leave this long, long season behind. Old things are passing away and new things now you shall see. I have given you exceedingly great and precious promises. As this new season fast approaches, rejoice and give Me the praise for all that I AM about to do as you walk into A New Season and Promises Fulfilled.

Anticipation
Sandy Warner

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I AM coming, dear one. I AM riding in a semi truck loaded to the max, completely full of benefits, and all for you. Wait till you see all that I have planned for you. I AM as excited as a fiancé, ready with bouquet in hand, and a kiss for the one I love.

Walk worthy of your calling, dearest, for we are not to be unequally yoked. I have chosen you to be My wife. I will be with you always.

"His voice and speech are exceedingly sweet; yes, he is altogether lovely [the whole of him delights and is precious]. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem!" (Song of Solomon 5:16 AMP)

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Angels And Joy Bubbles
Sandy Warner

HEARD: Joy bubbles are coming soon. Suddenly. Things are going to change.

VISION: I was traveling past a tree. When I looked back, I saw an angel and he suddenly turned brilliant with the Lord’s glory. His mantle went from his shoulders to his hips and it was glowing white. He had turned to face the other direction and looked like he was preparing to depart. My eyes had been opened as in a trance and I tried to keep my eyes open so I could continue to see him. I did not want him to leave. Then he turned towards me and blew joy bubbles up into the air. The bubbles were about 2-3 inches in size. He continued to blow them with the wind carrying them straight to me. I opened my mouth and they popped inside my mouth and in my face. I was so delighted as they popped! I felt the vision closing down, and I tried to keep my eyes open as long as I could. Just before it did, I saw my own company of angels accompanying me. They were floating about 6 feet above my head.

VISION: I saw joy bubbles popping all over in the room. HEARD: Wings. Angel’s wings. They take flight. Yes you too, let’s go for a ride.

VISION: I saw 2 angels blowing bubbles up into the air.

HEARD: Angels. Joy. Right now. Meet you at the joy bubbles. Pop.

EXPERIENCE: Today, when I was ministering to a lady, I had the impression the angels were going to bring her joy bubbles. I told her that the Lord was going to restore her joy and that He was going to send her angels with joy bubbles. So, I started declaring this and was popping pretend bubbles all over her. The Holy Spirit then reminded me of the giant bubble wands we had bought last summer. (One of the ways the Holy Spirit speaks to us is bringing things back to our memory at the appropriate time. John 14:26) So, I said that they would also be bringing several giant bubbles at least 3 to 4 feet wide. She was giggling delightfully at this. When I finished ministering to her she kept laughing and then told me that on the way to the workshop today, there were people blowing bubbles above her from the top of the overpass and her car was bombarded with bubbles.

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER JOY BUBBLES COMING
I am sending My joy bubbles. These shall pop over the heads of those with child-like hearts. They shall delight in My Presence and I shall delight in them. No good thing shall I withhold from them that walk uprightly. In their years of waiting, they have wept many tears, but they shall reap in joy as they see the fruits of their trust in Me.

"Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Ps 126:5-6 NKJV)

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Effervescent Bubbles
Sandy Warner

SANDY RHEMA
DREAM: I was in this huge pool and Jesus was in the pool with me. The pool had gentle waves of effervescent water and it was washing me. There were millions of tiny sparkling bubbles in the water and they felt like energizing tingles one might experience in a Jacuzzi, only more gentle and tickling.

SANDY RHEMA
HEARD: Effervescent bubbles.
VISION: I saw some shiny stuff on my hands and then noticed iridescent colored bubbles on my thumb. HEARD: My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Exactly. I carry you. Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of My mouth. Jesus. Join Me. Out of the mouths of the prophets. Good Word.

HEARD: Don't be afraid to give whatever you can give. Don't be ashamed. Willing. It's not enough. Yes it is, it is plenty. It's a process, the anointing.

WORD TO PONDER GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE
I have given you My anointing within you and upon you. Allow Me to flow through you to touch a hurting world. You think that you do not have enough to offer, but I tell you it is enough, it is plenty. As you grow in what you have, I will give you more. And likewise, My anointing grows in your life as you release what you have. So, open the door and be willing. When you join in service with Me, remember, My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Man does not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceeds out of My mouth. Won't you join Me? I will quicken My Words and bring loving touches of life.

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt 11:28-30 KJV)

GRANDMA ANNA EXPERIENCE
Tonight, while I was playing free cell on my computer, the Lord's Presence came upon me and I started receiving the most amazing download of bubbles inside my head! It felt like 7UP in there! It would subside and then come again. One time I thought I would swoon with it! I also yawned and yawned. I wondered if I was getting some kind of deliverance. I also wondered if the Lord was clearing plaque out of my brain. Something was sure going on up there! I still have such joy!

HEARD: Perfect trust brings liberty. Frowns gone. Bubbles and bubbles. All heaven laughing.

NOTE: Years ago the Lord told me He would lead me with His power upon my head. I have had many interesting experiences since then.

"With the precious things of the earth and its fullness, and the favor of Him who dwelt in the bush. Let the blessing come 'on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers." (Deuteronomy 33:16 NKJ)

SELAH WORD: 7UP IN YOUR BRAIN
Loved one, how I love to surprise you with My sensory delights! You said it felt like 7UP in your brain? And how you enjoyed the loving feeling it gave you? Just wait until even greater quickenings come! Then you will really giggle!

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. (Romans 8:11 KJV)

CONCLUSION

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WORD TO PONDER EFFERVESCENT WATER FROM MY THRONE
Let Me wash you with the cleansing stream of My Spirit. As you worship Me, it releases a flow of My Presence that bubbles forth. I AM with you, child. I AM with you in this cleansing stream of life. The bubbling of My Spirit is like effervescent water that refreshes, quickens and cleanses. This is My river flowing from My throne. As you immerse yourself in Me, My anointing bubbles cling to you and burst forth life to all you touch.

"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" (John 7:38-39 KJV)

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Genesis
Sandy Warner

Jan 5, 2004
I have created a new genesis. It is a new beginning. Look upon the freshness of the tender greens as they cover this new creation. Look upon this tiny starting place and know that someday it shall be like a great forest, rich and vibrant and full of life. Just as I hovered over the face of the waters when the earth was but a baby, so I AM hovering over this new birth. Even as I brooded over Mary and she brought forth My Son, so My Presence broods over this new beginning. You have witnessed the dawn of My new beginning. My Spirit has spread an ankle deep covering over it. Someday the waters from My throne will be so deep, they shall pour forth like a huge falls with mighty power and they shall be waters deep enough to swim in. The whole earth shall be covered in My Presence.

"Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The beast of the field will honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen. This people I have formed for Myself; They shall declare My praise." (Isaiah 43:18-21 NKJV)

"And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters were to the ankles. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over." (Ezekiel 47:3-5 KJV)

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My Bride Awakens To A New Day
Sandy Warner

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After a long winter's nap, My bride is awakening to a brand new day. It is time to do Kingdom business and I will raise her up to do so. I will train and establish her to usher in My Kingdom for I will do it all through her. Yes, My Kingdom on earth, will be brought through the willingness of her love. My wife and I, we are an inseparable team. It is My joy to give her the Kingdom. I know the way that she takes and I will perfect all that concerns her. She shall walk in My power with My government upon her shoulders. She shall point the way to her Husband and there is nothing I wouldn't do for her, My love.

"I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or by the does of the field, do not stir up nor awaken love until it pleases." (Song of Solomon 2:7 NKJV)

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Triumphant Overcoming
Sandy Warner

"WHAT YOU DEEM AS DEFEAT, I CALL 'TRIUMPHANT OVERCOMING'"

Precious one, what a courageous journey you have taken and how proud I AM of you to have trusted Me in sharing My Words. This has been a journey of faith. While you were yet a youth in My Spirit, I called you and gave you many signs of confirmation upon your life. You were so insecure that the mere thought of it made you tremble! How I love challenges! (Smile, dear one!) I had special assignments in mind just for you. You were perfect for the job.

I began by giving you My Words, but I called you to pray them instead of sharing them. You were My intercessor, partnering with Me in matters of importance to My heart. All along the way, I continued to give you confirmations, My signs that you really were hearing Me, and growing along the way. This was a journey of faith, for you had no person to give these Words to, or no one to give you a direct confirmation. I taught you to fly on the wings of faith as you held onto My confirmed Words.

"What a Story of Overcoming!"

I gave you the promise that one day we would be married as one, as happens to others of My fold. I said I would give you My Word as a two-edged weapon to soften the hearts of men, and to pierce the demonic spirits. This weapon would never run dry, for it is dipped in My eternal fountain of blood. This weapon would bow so low as to touch the ground in humility, then grow up as a pure white mantle, softly caressing your shoulders in governmental authority. This weapon would be like tall angelic wings covering you from behind.

You have accepted My Words of promise over your life. And what a story of overcoming! Against all odds, against every demonic current and onslaught, you continue to travel upward and press into Me. Whenever you come to the end of your rope, you lie spent before My feet, even as a salmon who has come home to spawn.

"What You Deem Defeat, I Call Triumphant"

My bride! What you deem as defeat, I call triumphant overcoming. You may feel beat up and dented having stood against all odds, but what you do not know is I that I plant mysteries in many of My children for them to discover. I have planted one inside your own spiritual womb.

I have planted many children in your own particular womb who are following the same path as you, My beloved. Your journey will be multiplied over and over again, as I plant My Words of promise within the insecure ones, and they also will take the courage to trust Me and follow My promises into fulfillment. These are My triumphant ones who so love Me, that they will reach beyond the limits of their own insecurities to go wherever I send them. They will fly on the wings of faith, built through one loving confirmation at a time. When My Words come to pass within their own lives, they will become My signs to a broken and crippled world.

"I will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: to Tarshish and Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles." (Isaiah 66:19 NKJV)

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A North Wind Is Blowing

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Jesus called his listeners hypocrites, because they could not understand the signs of the times in which they are living.

He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It's going to rain,’ and it does. And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It's going to be hot,’ and it is. Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time? (Luke 12:54-56).

In light of this rebuke, I am puzzled most of the prophecies for America are so positive. I am amazed that the Christian prophets seem to be ignoring the economic signs that warn of troubles ahead for America.

Looking from the outside, many of the key economic indicators for the United States are negative for the future.

> **Household** debt has risen to 114%, of annual disposable income, a record high.
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> Household saving is 0.2% of household income, lower than at any time since the great depression.
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> New mortgages worth $2 trillion were issued this year to finance a bubble in the housing market.
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> The average ratio of house prices to incomes is now well above levels that proved unsustainable in the past.
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> **The government** budget is nearly half a trillion in the red this year.
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> The government deficit for the next 10 years is estimated to be 5 trillion dollars.
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> The federal government has trillions of unfunded liabilities for future pension payments.
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> **The trade deficit** is now more than a $½ trillion, well above 5% of the economy;
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> The United States spends a billion dollars a day more than it earns. It has to borrow almost 80 percent of the world’s saving, to fund this shortfall.
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> Some projections suggest the trade deficit could exceed $1 trillion per year by 2010.

> **Net foreign liabilities** are expected to reach $3.3 trillion, or 28% of GDP, by the end of 2004.
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> China holds about a trillion of US dollar assets (cf 1 Sam 13:19-22).
>
> Total American debt is more than $30 trillion – three times what the nation earns in a year. The last time debt was so high was in the 1930s.

All these trillions tend to blur together, but they are easier to see than a wind change. Their risk is compounded by dependence on Middle Eastern oil and a difficult war.

These statistics are certainly not the signs expected in a nation that is being blessed by God. He promised that the nation that obeys him will lend to many nations and borrow from none. It will be the head and not the tail (Deut 15:6; 28:12,13). At the end of the Second World War, America was the world's largest creditor, now it is the world's largest debtor. America has gone from being the head to the tail in one generation.

A few years ago, I shared a parable called the Commando Army, warning of an approaching economic crisis. I believe that this word might now have become relevant for America. The Unites States might be going to experience and Economic Shaking to wake it from slumber to God's higher purpose. The message of the commando parable is that Christians, who understand the season they are living in and use the time to prepare, can initiate a great victory for Jesus, when the shaking comes.

I am not sure if American Christians have joined in the property speculation and indebtedness that has swept their nation. I hope they have kept free from debt and the bondage it brings, because in these times, they should be getting free from debt, so they can stand together and not be shaken, if the American economy hits a bump in the road. The Commando Army parable is a vision for how this can happen.

I was intrigued by the vision of Crash of the Two Planes (LaTonya Williams (11/21/04). I wonder if the red and white plane represents the American dollar going down lower and lower. (The US dollar has lost a total of 35% against the Euro since early 2002). All the experts are saying that a slow decline in the dollar is a good thing, but they seem to be ignoring reality. They are saying, "Nothing is going to happen, its fine," but the dollar just keeps falling.

The bomb could represent a crisis for the American economy caused by a collapse of the dollar. The military base could represent spiritual commando armies getting ready for the shaking. After the bomb, much of the land remained green, the sky was blue, and people kept talking and having fun. This is a reminder that the productive sector of the American is so strong that it will survive the shaking of a dollar crisis. Many people will be shaken, but few will be destroyed.

I wonder if the second plane could represent the economic crisis spreading, much later, from America to Asia and Africa (yellow and brown).

Some Christians naively assume that an economic shaking would pave the way for the advance of the gospel. They forget that most economic collapses weakened the church and opened the door for tyrannical political leaders (like Lenin in Russia and Hitler in Germany). Christians will only be able to take advantage of the opportunity that shaking brings, if they have prepared in advance. We are living in a time of peace and plenty. We should be using this to Get Ready; so that we can stand when shaking comes.

We are living at a pivotal time in history. While things are going badly for the church, the situation is even worse in the world. You don't have to be a prophet to see the dark clouds on the horizon. The kingdom of man has over-reached itself and is rotting from the inside.

God is shaking the nations, so his people can establish the Kingdom. We can share in that victory, if we understand his plans and get ready for battle. The shaking of world system will be a great opportunity for the church. In times of crisis, power flows to those who understand what is happening and are ready for action. Joseph understood what God was doing, so he was able to use the seven good years to prepare for the seven bad years. He rose to power during a crisis, because he understood what was happening and knew what had to be done.

The times are urgent. We should be using our time to prepare for the political, economic and social upheaval that is coming. We should be joining together, so we can advance God's Kingdom when the kingdoms of the world collapse and fall. Radical change is needed, so we can shine brightly in the darkness and share in the victory that God has planned (Being Church Where We Live).

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Black man, do you know how favoured you are? You are indeed very special.

Black man was the first to be seen on planet earth the scientists say. No wonder Adam means dark earth. Adam was a black man and so are you.

In fact it was discovered that the garden of eden was located in a place in the continent afrique which is now africa though that part has been removed from africa now. but, the oldest map of Africa then called Afrique contains that part. We are indeed very special. Consider the black race and you will see we are indeed very special.

No wonder the enemy was after us. But we are now free from bondage.

Angel On Assignment

Jill Austin

As I strapped myself into my seat, I felt the hot tears welling up again. I turned and looked out the plane's window to hide the emotional flood that was assaulting me. I was reeling from the news of my mom's death.

When I had played it out in my mind, I'd always imagined her dying in my arms. I would be there to comfort her, to stroke her hair, and whisper words of love as she slipped from this life into the next. Instead I had been on the other side of the world in New Zealand.

In the last five weeks I had ministered in eight different cities -- 55 meetings in all. When the call came about my mom's death, I stayed up all night crying and packing. I was physically exhausted, but even worse, I was grief stricken, completely overwhelmed by the loss of my best friend, and my inability to do anything about it. I tried to still my heart to hear God's voice on this two-hour flight -- the first leg of the arduous 20 hour flight back to Los Angeles.

When Death Came

Just a few days ago the Lord woke me up at 4:00 in the morning. I sensed a spirit of death was coming against my mother. I phoned and found her in tremendous pain. I called several friends and asked them to pray and visit her. Over the weekend she did better, but Monday morning she admitted herself into the hospital. Her left lung collapsed and she was put on a respirator.

I had received an emergency call from a nurse right before I was to minister to a large crowd. She told me that my mom was in critical condition. Immediately I was overwhelmed with grief and a profound sense of powerless. I couldn't get there. Everything inside of me was screaming, "I'm on the other side of the world. Please Lord, keep her alive until I get home."

I knew there was nothing I could do and there was a church full of people waiting for me. I began to cry. Then I remembered Mom had told me that no matter what happened to her I should keep ministering. I did the meeting with tears streaming down my face. The Lord moved powerfully.

"He's Coming For Her!"

As soon as the meeting was finished I called the hospital and was surprised to talk to Lillian, an old friend of mine, who had pushed through hours of bumper-to-bumper traffic to pray for her. This Hispanic pastor from East L.A., who lived and ministered in the barrio, had never met her before.

My mom had been a medical doctor who worked for over 30 years at the L.A. County Hospital in the midst of a sprawling barrio. She loved the poor, the outcast, and the broken and even reached out to her patients' families. The Lord brought Lillian as a wonderful picture of how my mom had poured her life out to thousands of homeless and destitute people. Now, alone on her death bed, she was attended by this Hispanic woman.

"Lillian, I'm so relieved you're there. Quick, break the spirit of death. Tell my mom to wait for me to get back from New Zealand. Tell her to fight for life." Suddenly a realm of eternity opened. I saw a vision. In the distance a glorious man was emerging. White light illuminated Him. He was getting larger as He quickly approached. His face was radiant and His fiery eyes penetrated my soul. I knew He was coming for my mom.

Startled, I cried out, "No, wait Lord! I need to get home to be with her." But even as I spoke the words I knew nothing would deter Him. He came closer. I could feel His unstoppable determination and love. It was her time. Urgently I said to Lillian, "He's coming for her. I see Him now. Quickly, get right down to her ear and pray the prayer of repentance." I hung up the phone and prayed until I felt a release in the Spirit.

"She Laughed Herself Into the Arms of Jesus"

Later, Lillian told me that when she entered the hospital room it felt lonely and depressing. My mom was in a coma and had been unconscious for hours. As she prayed, the atmosphere began to change. She was aware of angelic activity moving throughout the room. The darkness was displaced by a glorious light.

Lillian continued, "I told her about the Lord and to my surprise your mom sat up, laughed, and said, 'Now I know what Jill meant.' Then I said, 'Betty, your womb has brought forth a prophetess, so now you can have the prophet's reward. Just run to Him.' She literally laughed herself right into the arms of Jesus." Lillian told me, "I felt Him come for her. She went peacefully into His arms. And do you know what? She sounded just like you when she laughed."

The Angel in a Business Suit

As the plane lifted off from Christchurch, New Zealand, I prayed through my tears, "Lord, my whole world is falling apart. Because I left to minister to thousands, I wasn't able to comfort the most important person in my own life." Waves of pain rolled over me as I was trapped in a cocoon of grief, wondering if I had made the right choice.

My sister was already at the family home, where I had been living with my mom. She had told me that mom didn't want a funeral or memorial service. I opened my Bible and was surprised to read, "A man may have a hundred children and live many years...but, if he does not receive a proper burial, I say that a still born child is better than he." (Ecclesiastes 6:3-4)

The last thing I wanted was to talk to anyone. I was embarrassed that I was so unglued in a public place. I just wanted to disappear; I was overwhelmed and distraught. The comforting voice next to me invaded my space by tapping my Bible and saying, "I know the author of that book."

Through my swollen eyes I saw a slender business man in his mid-40's with slightly graying hair. He looked very British and very proper dressed in his expensive suit, not someone I would naturally be drawn to. I was surprised that I wasn't offended by this intrusion. Instead I felt warmth and acceptance coming from him.

My heart began to tremble as a spiritual energy enveloped us. I felt a heightened sense of the Lord's presence and He whispered, "Don't be afraid." Revelation came to me that this man was a divine messenger, an angel of the Lord. I knew then that it was all right to share the grief that was engulfing me.

I said, "I have a question for you. My mom just died and my family tells me that she did not want a funeral or memorial." I showed him the passage and asked what it meant. He said, "She doesn't have to have a funeral, but she should have a memorial or celebration meeting to release the fullness of her radiance and honor her life's work. It's a public witness testifying to the fullness of her life."

Knowing and Going

As he spoke I felt life penetrating my grief and releasing deep comfort and much needed hope. I wanted confirmation of her salvation, so I asked, "Is she with the Lord?" He gently said, "Mankind measures a human life by years, but Jesus measures a life by the passing of seconds. And the last three seconds are the most important to Him. In those last three seconds Jesus is the most forgiving and has the most mercy. God is a God of details, right down to the last second."

He continued, "Many people are 'knowing and going.' They go back and forth, leaving and returning to the Lord throughout their lives. We almost lost a young man last week, but in the last three seconds we got him into the kingdom. We have many people like that all the time."

"No One Can Steal a Human Life Out of the Hands of Jesus"

I talked to him about the heavy spiritual warfare in New Zealand that targeted us. We experienced witchcraft, and Satanists were praying against us. This made me wonder if my mom had been taken out early by the enemy. My angel assured me, "No one can steal a human life out of the hands of Jesus. It was her time to go home.

"When a person is preparing to die, his heart either gets more cynical or more tender toward the Lord. When you look over the last several months, weeks, and days, what was your mother doing? What was she talking about? What was she focused on?"

Although I was still on the plane, we entered a different realm. The atmosphere literally changed as we became engulfed in the tangible presence of the Lord. He quoted scriptures and they became more than three dimensional. They opened up portals and doors into eternity. I was flooded with colorful visions. Time had no limitations; I was in a place of eternity without earthly boundaries.

It was as though the two of us were sitting in a private movie theatre, seeing past events, flash backs of my life and my mom's life. I was seeing, feeling, and hearing conversations of our last several weeks together.

My trip to New Zealand had been delayed by two days because the airplane ticket was lost. My mother followed me around the house reading to me from a book on angels and talking about God. I wondered at the time if the Lord was preparing her to go home. These visions settled my heart once and for all that she really was with Him.

Many of my unresolved questions from the past were answered. I also received preparation for what was ahead. These heavenly experiences gave me confidence that He was indeed orchestrating everything.

Following Jesus to the Uttermost Ends of the Earth

I apprehensively asked, "Did I pass the test?"

He said, "The city of Christchurch is the uttermost ends of the earth and you were willing to leave your mother and follow Jesus here. You certainly passed the test."

My heart warmed as I heard the love and acceptance in his tender voice. He opened my Bible and read:

"Then He said to another, 'Follow Me.'
"But he said, 'Lord, let me first go and bury my father.'

"Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.'
...But Jesus said to him, 'No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for

***the kingdom of God.'"* (Luke 9:57-62)**

A Test of Forgiveness

He looked at me with his penetrating brown eyes and solemnly said, "You have another test coming. However you judge, you shall be judged, and however you measure, it will be measured again to you."

Somewhat taken aback I asked, "What does it mean?"

"Forgiveness."

"Who?"

"You must keep your heart right. When you get home, and the family inheritance is divided, you will be plundered."

The plane landed and he held my hand as we walked up the ramp into the terminal. I felt strength and peace flood my being. I was greeted by friends who were there to help get me to my international flight. I turned around to look for him, but he was gone. I knew I'd been ministered to in this great time of loss by an angel on assignment.

Return to the Nations

Six months later I was once again sitting on an airplane crying, "Lord, I don't even have a home." I had been living with my mom, but the family home had been sold. My few belongings were in storage. I'd given my cats away. Two suitcases stuffed with my meager possessions were stowed in the plane's belly. I had no phone. I was on my way back to New Zealand with no return address. My whole life was turned upside down. My mom, my home, and my city were behind me.

On the week of September 25, 1992, a radical revival and visitation hit our meetings in Christchurch, New Zealand. The Lord broke in miraculously in a little inner city church, gripping people with heavenly encounters -- salvations, deliverances, and healings. Open heavens penetrated the atmosphere releasing angelic activity and waves of heavenly glory.

I sensed the presence of the living witnesses, the ones who had gone on before, and my mom was with them cheering me on. September 25 just happened to be her birthday. It was one of her dreams to someday visit New Zealand. I smiled as I realized she had finally made it.

The Austin Comet

When I left New Zealand the Lord directed me to live in Kansas City. When I got there I found out that Bob Jones, a renowned Kansas City prophet, had predicted that a literal comet, called the Austin Comet, would be discovered in the heavens. He also predicted that a "comet" named Austin was coming to Kansas City on December 5, 1992, on the tenth anniversary of his church's founding. That's when I showed up.

The celestial Austin Comet was discovered by a New Zealand scientist and could be seen in the heavens from 1990-1994. During those years I ministered 12 times in New Zealand and saw the Lord shake that nation with His glory.

(For a color picture of the Austin Comet see this website: http://www.psiaz.com/schur/astro/IMAGES/COMARCH/aus5-4~1.jpg. They also took a picture of the Austin Comet on April 27, which is my birthday.)

Heavenly Strategies

In the middle of all the chaos surrounding my mom's death, the Lord sent me a divine messenger. Looking back, I identified several ways the angel helped me.

- **Direction:** The angel told me to do a memorial service. As a public witness telling of the fullness of her life, I hosted a radical prayer and celebration meeting. I displayed all her photographs, needlepoint, and jewelry and I could feel the glory in the room. It was an open heaven.
- **Comfort:** He showed me that the days and months before Mom died she had gotten closer to Him. This gave me assurance of her salvation.
- **Revelation:** I wondered if the enemy had taken her out prematurely. The angel assured me that no one could steal a human life out of Jesus' hands.
- **Encouragement:** The angel reassured me that I was faithful to God's call on my life in going to the ends of the earth.
- **Divine Orchestration:** He helped me to trust that I was where I was supposed to be. God had brought someone to minister to my mother on her death bed when I couldn't be there. I actually participated when I had an open vision and saw Jesus coming for her.
- **Warning and Strategy for the Future:** Unfortunately, what the angel said about being plundered by my family came to pass. Although it was hard to forgive when I was left homeless, having the advanced warning prepared my heart. I was not taken by surprise when I lost the family inheritance.

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Anatomy of Hate

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Hate has been sent a strong delusion and believes lies. But love has had a hole bored in its ear and is hearing what love is saying. Hate is the accuser. Whenever the accuser jumps on you, it is hate trying to break you down. Hate does not know the truth about you. Hate believes lies. Hate is always damned, therefore it spends its life damning others. When it thinks it is telling the truth. It is lying.

Hate is the teacher of false doctrine. It is like quick sand. Only love can bring them out.
We must be his love towards them.

Hate exalts itself, is proud. It is so smart, or so it thinks. But it hates love and thinks love must be abolished. Hate wants us to hate each other; it wants to divide us. Hate is the dragon that tries to devour the man-child, because the man-child is God's love in bodily form.

But love is saying we will love each other more as a people, even to perfection. God builds His house of love, and hate is shut out from it. Love has a table spread in the presence of hate, and hate condemns all that is on that table. Hate is insanely jealous of the things of God and the people of God. It hates that the people of God are chosen from the foundation of the earth, and it has no part in that love. Hate warns the people to stay away from this love. Don't touch their table.

Hate is our enemy. That is why it tries to “break the dishes” in the House of Love. But it does not understand, love holds onto that which is holy and precious. And soon the whole table will be set with the “dishes of Love.”

Paul was a hater. But the LORD rescued him on the road to Damascus. The LORD knows how to rescue haters, but at first it will look very bad for them. How they receive His rescue determines whether they will go on with Him or hate even more.

Jesus died for the haters. So shall we "die" for them, and at their hands. That’s why things that have been had to be. From the time we were born, hate has tried to destroy us. Hate wanted our mothers to abort us. It has succeeded in many cases. Hate has caused many to succumb to addictions and disease. However, hate will never separate us from the love of God, if we love God with all our hearts. We have been born one.

There is a pride that goes with hate. It exalts itself. It says God’s people are just dummies. The antichrist is hate. It sits in the temple of God. So those that have hate believe they have God .

Hate says, “ I will ascend into heaven and be like the Most High God. Hate preaches death, saying, “You have got to die.” And then sets out to kill and destroy to prove itself to be right. Where there is persecution there is hate. And persecution only comes about when love is abounding in the hearts of God's people. Where there is love, there is a crying inside. It is the cry that weeps between the porch and the altar, crying MERCY MERCY Lord and how long O Lord till you avenge us?

Hate says to hate, “Let’s get married, and have kids like us.” So they go to the preacher and get married, hate-to-hate, joined to conceive hate and give birth to hate. Whole congregations of people can be founded on hate! It is some thing how the blind haters think their thing is more important than what the Lord wants, or what the Lord has made them for.

In case you are looking for the antichrist, look for hate, and you have found him.

Hate opposes all that is called God. And hate is a spirit. Pride comes before a fall. I believe we could even say hate comes before a fall. Strokes I believe follow hate, and, many times, high blood pressure. Hate comes out of the root of bitterness. And bitterness is the basis for all disease. It is a place for cancers to grow. It is a cancer-breeding ground. Bitterness IS a cancer. It is a tumor that has festered up with things that a person should have “gotten over” a long time ago, had they trusted God.

Hate has come to lie, hate, steal, kill, and destroy. But in Christ, we are NOT destroyed; we remain!!

Blessings and shalom to you all.

Becky

Journal From A 7-day Fast of Stillness
Becky McLendon

For several days, I had heard the "still small voice" of the Lord prompting me to "fast" unto Him. It was during that time that I read the article and exhortation from Chuck Pierce concerning a seven-day "fast" of being still before the Lord. I kept going back to that article and re-reading it. On Friday Sept. 3, the Lord said "DO IT!" So I did. I went "off line" except for very minimum time during that week, and went IN to the Word. Chuck had outlined a series of scripture readings for each day, and the Lord prompted me to follow it. Day one was simply a beautiful time of refreshing in the Psalms. But from then on the warfare, Chuck had said would happen, did!!

(Day 2 Saturday, Sept. 4) of a seven-day "fast" of stillness)

The effectual, fervent prayers of a righteous man availeth much. (James 5:16)

A SELF righteous man can get nowhere with God. A SELF righteous man's prayers are NOT fervent, NOR are they effectual.
They CANNOT avail much. They are the prayers of an open grave.

Matt. 6:5-15: Self righteous pray-ers are as the heathen. Righteous men pray in secret and the effectiveness of their prayers are their open reward.

God will judge the iniquity of self-righteousness. With sudden judgment and sudden death.

He gave this word while I was walking:

"Woe to those who walk the paths of their own righteousness, for I have had enough of your iniquity. You know not day or hour of My coming suddenly to you. A wall will suddenly appear before you which says:

"I have had enough of your
self-righteousness,
your religiosity."

"My finger has written upon that wall:

MENE: God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it.

TEKEL: Thou art weighed in the balance and art found wanting.

PERES: I have divided you (away from My flock) and given you to the Medes and Persians (the enemy)

"I have turned you over to Satan for destruction of your flesh and no pleas for mercy or even the prayers of My saints will avail anything, for the King of righteousness has stood up, and the enemy of My people has to die.

"Yes, this is a wall of death. Haman met it and died by his own devices. Ananias and Sapphira died by it in their own religious lies and self-justification. Cain died inwardly from it, as Abel's blood cried out from the earth and testified through Abel's martyrdom. Korah and his people died from it in their presumption that they were as anointed as Moses to lead My people, when I had chosen Moses as my anointed one. Ham was cursed immediately when he looked upon My servant Noah, with whom I had established My covenant, and went out to report his father's nakedness to his siblings.

"Consider the religious elders who dragged the adulterous woman to my feet and threw her down on the ground, demanding the Law be satisfied. The finger of God wrote, and they were struck to the core with the knowledge of their iniquity. They knew a wall had suddenly appeared before them. They had come face to face with the only One who is without sin and the only One who could cast the first stone. However, the stone was not cast by that Holy One. They were stopped cold in their iniquity. This iniquity brings sudden death.

"Great fear and trembling to you, you whited tombs who judge all by outward appearances and deeds and do not properly discern My body from within. You drag My people through your own dung and mud in judgment and accusation. You base righteousness upon church membership, frequency of "attendance," how many times one has read through the Bible, a regimented prayer program, ecstatic worship and manifestations, exhibiting "gifts," having a "ministry," how loud one prays, praises, shouts or wails, your hair length, your manner of conformity to religious rules. But you do not know Me. Therefore I do not know You.

Enough! Go away you doers of self-righteousness. I never knew you."

I certainly obtained a clear vision of areas of self righteousness hidden in my heart.

Day 3 Sunday Sept 5 of the Fast of Stillness

Ezekiel was commanded to eat the roll of God's words given to him. For the first time in all the times I have read Chapter 3 of Ezekiel I "SAW" and "HEARD" things never before perceived! God said to Ezekiel that he was to "cause thy belly to eat and fill thy bowels" with this roll that I give thee..."

In scripture, the BOWELS (*Me eh*) refer to the intestines, womb, belly, stomach, the INNERMOST PART, HEART...associated with God's emotions. The abdomen means COMPASSION. So God commanded Ezekiel to eat the scroll, to eat His words but go further than just taking that word in. Go further than merely reading and studying it. God went so far as to say "study to show thyself approved....CAUSE THY BELLY, your innermost parts, the seat of your emotions, your reproductive facilities, to EAT MY WORDS THAT I GIVE YOU. When we study God's words, we are to let it go into our innermost parts: the holy of holies in us, so that we will be MOVED WITH COMPASSION in all our dealings.

It is out of the BELLY that the Living Waters flow! It is out of the HEART that spring issues of LIFE. Our public MOUTH reveals what lies within our BELLY, be it life or death, blessing or cursing. We may speak truth, but without LOVE. We may speak words of hard judgment, but without being MOVED WITH COMPASSION. So EAT God's words that HE gives you. And in that EATING, CAUSE your BELLY to eat and FILL YOUR BOWELS.

God sends His Ezekiels with His words to HIS PEOPLE. They are a people of the Captivity! Man has been speaking MAN'S words to them, and they are destroyed for lack of vision (revelation knowledge and understanding). Man "studies" the Bible all the time, and it is usually what he has chosen for himself, and usually the interpretation of other men. True study of the scripture is to "eat the scrolls of GOD's words" and to "cause the belly to eat them" also. The keys are these: Let GOD give you HIS words to study, then study them. With the getting get REVELATION and UNDERSTANDING of those words. "Cause thy belly to eat them!" This study shows you to be APPROVED unto God to preach what He preaches and nothing more. This study keeps you from adding to or taking away from the book of the testimony of God's words.

I think I will "study" more, causing my "belly" to eat His words!

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Behold I have made thy face strong against their faces and thy forehead strong against their foreheads as an adamant have I made thy forehead" Ezekiel 3:8

A strong face or forehead is one that is firm, valiant, sound, powerful, violent and hard. It is powerful and able to resist. The word "strong" usually carries with it a sense of violence. It connotes a stubbornness, and being unyielding in the things God gives to one to accomplish.

A people of "strong face and forehead" is being made able to butt heads with a rebellious people and not back off. They are being held silent until the completion of the course, and will emerge with a "talking-in-your-face-confrontationalism" with the words that God gives us.

God is sending his Ezekiels to butt heads with HIS OWN PEOPLE. These are God's words that He gives us, that we have "caused our belly to eat and our bowels be filled", so, moved with compassion for the people of God, we go out and butt heads with them. This "butt-head immovability" is is born out of love and compassion for the people of God. God's words to His rebellious house seem much harder than the words to the lost! They are also resisted more violently by God's people than they are by the lost.

Love and compassion behind the words God gives us serves to bring REPENTANCE to God's people: A people who say they "have need of nothing." It is the ONLY KEY to true revival, because it SLICES into the heart of self-righteousness and exposes the dong, the worms, the creeping things, the false idols, the abominations of desolation that have desecrated His sanctuary. God's people have become antichrist and have seated their antichrist selves in the Holy Temple of God, thus the abomination of desecration is already set up. They are whited tombs full of dead men's bones.

We must have revelatory understanding of the words God gives us before we dare presume to step out and speak them. We are to receive them into our most interior part, our feelings, our intellect, our center, our place of caring for, our place of comforting so as to bring about repentance and restoration amongst a rebellious people. We are to HEAR (Shama) the words that God gives us. Hear with attention and obedience. We are to GIVE OUR UNDIVIDED LISTENING ATTENTION to the words He gives and not be occupied with "many things."

God says to His messenger: "LOOK AT ME WHEN I AM TALKING TO YOU. For if you don't, how can you even expect to be effective and full of My authority. You are to hear Me spiritually and not be filtering My words through your vain assumptions. You are to preceive the message, to SENSE THE SOUND. Cause thy belly to eat My words, if you are going to go out to a rebellious people to butt heads with them."

O, Lord, my God, heal me of ADD of the spirit. (Attention Deficit Disorder) I want to eat Your words and thoroughly digest all that You say.

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Ezekiel was sent forth, having been "lifted up in the spirit" and gone forth in bitterness and in the heat of his spirit."

The words that God has given us to eat, and we have caused our bellies to eat them, creates within us a bitterness, a sad heart that is FIERCE, and WILD with the heart crushing experience of being in the midst of family turmoil. The people of God are a violent people in their wickedness and iniquity. The family is torn up, the body is dismembered and dislocated. Like Ezekiel, we say, "I have to go to my loved ones (God's family) and declare to them the "Sudden Death Playoffs" The scores of the Wheat and tares are tied right now...there has to be a SUDDEN DEATH to produce the victory. God is judging unbelief IN THE HOUSE. MEMBERS OF OUR OWN HOUSEHOLD are about to become our enemies.

We are going into a sudden death play off, and the victor WILL be the Lord.

We go forth in the HEAT of our spirit: a hot anger, which is God's hot anger, against His rebellious people. The words we speak in this heat demonstrate God's anger, His wrath, His rage and indignation. This is not going to be an easy one.

However, His hand is strong upon us. He has laid hands upon us to choose us. So we go forth in power and strength and with His full assistance.

What is the SUDDEN DEATH message?

"Tell the wicked they shall surely die. In their state of spiritual death, they shall die. In their dying they shall die. Tell them, who are teetering on the brink of sudden spiritual death which will suddenly physically die,

"STOP what you are doing.
TURN AROUND and GO BACK!
ALL the way to your First Love!!!
Or you will DIE!
In your sin, you will DIE!

"You, O, messenger, whom I have chosen, YOU are responsible to warn the wicked and speak to My people in captivity. Why? You ask. To turn formerly righteous men BACK to their righteous state lost by committing iniquity, so they will NOT DIE in their sin, and that former righteousness be blotted out of the Lamb's book of life. His name, his character, will be erased!

"You, O, messenger, whom I have chosen, WARN the righteous that they SIN NOT, and thereby they will LIVE."

When do we do this? After we have been committed to SILENCE, to sit where they sit and be astonished (SPEECHLESS). We basically become a RECLUSE, shut up "in our house," speechless until He speaks His words and sends us. THEN WE SPEAK.

Some of you are understanding this and you have already felt the hand of God "strong" upon you. We are in the times of announcing "SUDDEN DEATH." with words from God that our bellies have eaten!

With your words in my belly, cause me to give them out in your authority to bring repentance amongst your people that they may be made whole.

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Day 3 Sunday and Day 4 Monday.. intense battles with temptations of old behaviors....cravings for sugar and /or chocolate. Wanting to return to old patterns. Irritability. and temptation to get on the computer and exchange emails or call friends on the phone. and chat. In the heat of battle. GOD WILL WIN.

Day 5 Tuesday. The worst intensity of warfare in my members ever. The Lord said GO FOR A WALK. Everything in me balked at it...I couldn't breathe. I hurt all over. Anger intense. Wanted to call friends for "support." Wanted to email people with prayer requests. The LORD said, Be STILL and KNOW that I am God. I said to myself: "I HAVE TO FIGHT THIS THING." Again, the LORD spoke: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD. YOU MUST TRUST ME TO FIGHT THIS BATTLE and WIN IT. Finished the walk. Now I await the victory.

Day 5 of the Fast of Stillness

Exodus 12-15.

The Passover

This lamb is without blemish: meaning it is entirely whole, faultless, upright in conduct. This lamb is a DIVINE STANDARD that man must attain. He must try to meet all requirements of God's law. Be

NOT ODIOUS in relationship to God. We have the faith of Christ and He is our Lamb without blemish. We, in our following, become lambs without blemish also, for God hath said, Christ will present unto Himself, a church without spot (blemish) or wrinkle, but a complete and perfect church.

The people were to completely roast this lamb with fire and eat it ALL, including the purtenance: the nearest, the center, the interior of a things, the part IN THE MIDST, the BOWELS. Purtenance suggests the HEART of the mind, the SEAT of thought and desire. It is all that is within, the inward part of the body which is the seat of laughter, thoughts. The SPIRIT...the entire inner being. When we eat ALL of the lamb, we partake of the ESSENCE of Christ and become that ESSENCE in ourselves! Only this way can "death" pass us over!!!

In order for us to be "perfect and without blemish" it is more than putting blood on the doorposts.. It is getting into the ESSENCE of the One who shed that blood, eating Him completely. It is CHRIST IN US the hope of glory! And that comes from partaking of all Him.

This brings to mind the day the Lord woke me up saying "You will have ALL of Me, or NONE of Me." What I had of Him, I would LOSE, if I did not desire ALL of Him. That came alongside His promise to shake my theology! Our theology HAS to be shaken if we are to eat the whole Lamb.

Day 6 of the Fast of Stillness: Joshua 5,6, and 7

The reading today was Joshua 3,4,5, and 6. THIS JERICHO WILL FALL. God hath spoken it. And I will NOT, like Achan, cling to ONE THING of it! The Lord is my very present help in times of trouble!

It is interesting to note that no one could cross the Jordan until the people which came out of Egypt were CONSUMED because they "obeyed not the voice of the Lord." He sware that He would not "show them the land." To be consumed indicates be finished, ended, completely destroyed. Wickedness HAS to come to completion before it can be destroyed.

Crossing Jordon was for the NEW generation. And this new generation was circumcised immediately upon crossing Jordan. And after the circumcision, they remained STILL until they were WHOLE. Could it be that the Lord wants us WAITING on Him until WE are made whole? If we are this "glorious church" we need to be WHOLE, and that can only come from WHOLLY eating the WHOLE Lamb. For each step, or level we go in God we need to remain still until we are WHOLE before moving on to the next one.

To be WHOLE implies to LIVE, to live anew, recover, to be well, make alive, be refreshed, and this life comes from a right relationship with the Lord, not by incantations or rituals. The choice between life and death is ours!

Through eyes of faith, both His eyes and ours, God has given us "Jericho" and the king and his mighty men of valor to us. While God was judging the disobedient Israelites, just out of Egypt, He was working on behalf of those with whom He had just renewed His covenant. And He does the same today. Obedience in every thing is necessary for our "Jericho" to fall and the "city" to be captured and spoiled. HOWEVER, we can see through Achan, the consequences of one who breaks faith with God. When even ONE breakes faith with God, it affects the whole "nation". The relationship enjoyed with God is broken. When one member is "dislocated" the whole body hurts. We don't just speak of "America" here but of the whole "nation" of God, universal in all generations.

Our individual trespasses affect the entire Kingdom. God cannot work in our favor to give us victory over our enemies if there is sin in the camp. In Joshua 7 it was only after Achan and his family was completely consumed that God released Israel from their guilt in the matter. Achan's sin was not simply one of stealing goods or even covetousness. He defied God by disobeying Him.

Sin in the camp must be removed before God can make us victorious again. Jerecho had been a pagan city which defied God's word. Something to consider here. Are we, in our attempts to "get along" with everyone and to be "politically correct," bringing sure defeat and judgment upon ourselves as believers? Yes. Sudden terror came to the Israelites at Ai...sudden defeat, sudden death comes to those who take the accursed things when God has said NO. The Joshuas carry the burden of the church on their shoulders because they are one with Christ. He that has taken the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire and all with him will be destroyed. He has transgressed the covenant with the Lord.

The solution: 2 Chronicles 7:14.*"If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, pray, seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, THEN will I hear from heaven, I will forgive their sins and heal their land."*

"I the Lord thy God do not change."

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Day 7 Of the Fast of Stillness

Emerged confident that significant deliverance has taken place, that what the Lord has said is established, that I carry in my heart His burden for His people, and that there will be more "Fasts of Stillness" as He directs.

Blessings and the shalom of God upon you and your house.

Amen.

Becky

Abundance Of Kindness
Catherine Brown

Embracing the Abundance of God's Kindness"
A Look at Genesis 24

Releasing Heaven's Resources - The Abundance Of Kindness

Kindness is a subject that has been much on my heart of late and I feel it is something the Lord wants to stir in each one of us...learning to be kind to others and learning (or re-learning) how to be kind to ourselves.

During the last couple of months, we've looked at prioritizing relationship with Christ, flowing out of intimacy with Him into fruitfulness (John 15) and waiting patiently until the word of the Lord comes with release and fulfillment of our Kingdom destiny (Philippians). Today's teaching from Genesis 24 is a continuation of this journey through Scripture and encourages us to embrace God's kindness.

The Commissioning

"Abraham was now old and well advanced in years, and the Lord has blessed him in every way. He said to the chief servant in his household, the one in charge of all he had...go to my country and my relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac." Genesis 24:1-2, 4

The story of Abraham's servant is a wonderful encouragement to us today as servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. Just like Abraham's servant was, we are entrusted with an ambassadorial anointing from heaven to step out and fulfill the Great Commission. When it's time to move on a faith promise, the Lord lets us know by His Spirit.

But "What If...?"

Abraham's servant was an obedient man, but nonetheless still had questions and some doubts and anxieties as to the success of his mission. He asked his master, "What if the woman is unwilling to come back with me?" (Genesis 24:5) but quickly received a profound word of holy hope. Abraham gave his servant an incredible promise of success for the journey he was about to undertake in faith - he was to have angelic accompaniment! An unseen protector, one sent from heaven, would assist this mere mortal to complete the task set before him.
"He will send his angel before you so that you can get a wife for my son from there." Genesis 24:7
Likewise today, the Lord releases his ministering angels to assist those who will inherit salvation (Hebrews 1:14).

Having questions is ok! It's what you do with them that counts. Holy people are honest people. Holy people have a whole and healed heart. The remedy to worry is to put God at the center of whatever concerns you. Once He is rightly established at the core of the issue, all our anxieties melt away in His loving embrace. Abraham's servant did just that and was able to move on to the next stage of his journey.

The Blessing Of Covenant Relationship

Buoyed up in his faith, the servant then entered into a covenant agreement with his master and swore an oath to him concerning this matter (v. 9). As New Testament believers, we have entered into a covenant relationship of grace with our Lord Jesus Christ. He is faithful to provide for us and to protect us. Covenant brings many benefits including grace, mercy, forgiveness, and a renewed relationship with God. Through Holy Spirit we may experience an inward transformation and walk in the freedom of those who have been released from condemnation through Christ's sacrifice (Romans 8:1-2). Christ is our mediator and sanctifies us through His blood.

Content and securely anchored in his covenant relationship, the servant then left to fulfill his mission, taking with him all kinds of good things (v. 11). As his master's representative, he was entrusted with considerable wealth and resources. We, likewise, have been given every good gift in God (Ephesians 1). Heaven's resources are poured into us and through us by God's kindness in order that we might be a blessing. God longs for his bride to take up her royal inheritance. Perhaps you need to ask the Lord today for your inheritance?

Trusting In God's Favor And His Kindness

"Then he prayed, 'O Lord, God of my master Abraham, give me success today, and show kindness to my master Abraham. See, I am standing beside this spring and the daughters of the townspeople are coming out to draw water. May it be that when I say to a girl, 'Please let down your jar that I may have a drink,' and she says, 'Drink, and I'll water your camels too' - let her be the one you have chosen for your servant Isaac. By this I will know that you have shown kindness to my master." Genesis 24:12-15

Trusting and believing in God's kindness, the servant laid a prayer fleece before the Lord and God moved in power.
"Before he had finished praying, Rebekah came out with her jar on her shoulder." (v. 15)
God responded with a Kingdom "suddenly" and gave the servant the God-given desire of his heart. Similarly, we too may believe for God's "suddenly" in our lives as we learn to trust and obey Him and rejoice as we see our hopes and dreams fulfilled in Christ. I have found that God's "suddenlies" are usually preceded by much soul searching, patient waiting, and pursuing Him in prayer. Then comes the breakthrough, bringing with it much joy and favor. Waiting, then…whoosh!

Obedience to God brings blessing and favor. Being in favor with God often means we are shown favor with man. This is not favoritism, nor is it manipulation. Rather, it is the outworking of God looking kindly upon a person and treating them with tender regard.

Blessed Are The Pure In Heart

Rebekah, the bride-to-be, is described as being very beautiful and she was a virgin (v. 16). Her beauty, purity, and virtue of heart reflect a picture of the Bride of Christ perfected by our Lord's sacrifice at Calvary. Jesus taught his disciples that only the pure in heart will see God (Matthew 5:8). We can rest in the truth that the Righteousness the Kingdom demands is the same Righteousness that God gifts in grace to every believer. Holiness is not about striving or legalism. We are holy because Christ is holy. We are a chosen people, a royal nation and a people belonging to God (1 Peter 2:9).

Hurrying to meet Rebekah, the servant requested that she give him a little water from her jar. It takes humility to know when and how to make a request and make your needs known. It also requires humility to receive another's act of servant hood on our behalf. Jesus graciously washed His disciples feet, setting an example both for them and us as believers. It was because of His security in relationship with His Father that Christ was able to be perform such a meek act of service. Christ came as the Servant-King and taught us to model perfect love and compassion. Moreover, Jesus also taught that if we do this (i.e. live lives of humility and show kindness) that we will be blessed (John 13:17). We are encouraged to be like Christ, who made Himself nothing that we might have life eternal (Philippians 2:7).

Sometimes our pride may get in the way of our needs being met and we may not ask for help at all. At other times we may ask for help, but perhaps we ask with wrong intent in our hearts. The apostle James teaches:
"You do not have, because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." James 4:2-3

God wants to bless His children. He especially wants to gift us with Holy Spirit and He has already seeded the heavenly places with every blessing as our inheritance. Don't be afraid to ask for what you need, because the Lord knows every hair on your head and cares infinitely more for you than you can ever ask or imagine. He longs to pour out Holy Spirit on every single believer (Luke 11:13).

Child Of God - Drink From His Presence!

Rebekah responded to the servant thus:
"'Drink, my lord,' she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink. After she had given him a drink, she said, 'I'll draw water for your camels too, until they have finished drinking.' So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels." Genesis 24:18-20

God is gracious to refresh His children and to give us His life-giving water, meeting all our spiritual, emotional, physical, and practical needs. Jesus Himself, stood up on the last and greatest day of the feast and proclaimed that if anyone was thirsty they should come to Him and drink from the life-giving waters of Holy Spirit. Beloved, if you are feeling worn out, wounded, weary or dry, drink from the well of joy and salvation of Jesus Christ today.

Rebekah displayed a willingness to serve, and in her humility was used by God. All the Lord is looking for is our availability. We don't have to qualify. Jesus qualified us in Grace when He poured Himself out as a love offering on the Cross, canceling the power and the penalty of sin and death. Take Christ's kindness to your own heart and don't be afraid to ask for a double portion. God wants to tenderly bless YOU His child.

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An Open Letter To Prosperity Teachers And Pastors

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The Body of Christ has suffered many distractions in its journey to Christ's return. One such distraction has swept through American churches like wildfire and occupies much of what is termed Christian Television. This false doctrine is now being taught in many foreign countries, as the hopeless, distraught, and downtrodden are being shown hope through a doctrine that promises much, but delivers little. The potential damage of this doctrine cannot be measured in words. The spirit of anti-Christ is rampant deceiving the very elect with false promises and appeals to our flesh (1 John 4:1-6). I offer this open letter to be judged, particularly by those who subscribe to the modern day prosperity message. I asked that those who read this take the liberty of God's spirit to pass it own to those who may benefit from what is written here.

Having been a disciple of "The Prosperity Message," having served in a Board capacity in one of these large ministries, and having given hundreds of thousands of dollars in adherence to these teachings, I initially felt I had an intimate understanding of this message, and yet later became mystified as I began to suffer a drastic financial demise. I had no known sin in my life and felt that I was following God's instruction with money, at least to the point of what I was being taught from this doctrine.

The emphasis of these teachings seemed always to relate to my giving, with little emphasis upon anything else. As things got worse financially we gave until it hurt; and if giving alone would suffice we would have survived with flying colors. We gave away everything but the kitchen sink in an effort to get God to move in our increasingly dire situation.

On the day of my final collapse, I clearly heard the Lord say I Samuel 6:1-13. During the years following, the Holy Spirit revealed that I could hear God for His general direction, but lacked patience to wait upon His 'how to' (the specifics within the scope of direction). Scripture tells us "…with wisdom, get understanding." Wisdom is God's 'direction;' understanding is His 'how to.' The prosperity message, with its single-minded instruction (GIVE) left me with little teaching to understand my dilemma. All efforts in counsel with my Spiritual mentors produced little in the way of explanation. Some theorized I was in some type sin, or simply lacked faith. The fact that the message (doctrine) could somehow be flawed didn't seem to register with any of them. Crisis produces reality and crisis I faced! The Word (instruction) I knew and applied was having little effect. True divine revelation, when applied, will always produce divine results. The fact that the word I depended upon in the midst of a crisis produced nothing, was my first signal of 'flawed doctrine.'

I was to further realize that while I had heard of God, I didn't really know Him (Job 42:5,6). During a time of meditation upon these scriptures I realized that my relationship with God lacked intimacy –I did not have a personal relationship that allowed me to go to God with any confidence. In the difficult years following, I was transformed from carnal Christian (seeing things in the natural), to spiritually discerning what God was doing in my life. I realized that what was going on inside of me was far greater than what was going on outside. I finally realized that what had happened, though extremely difficult on my flesh (going flat broke at 51 with a new baby), would eventually produce something new and exciting in my life – a relationship with my creator!

I also heard another phrase that was to impact me heavily; this from 90 year old Arthur Burt, a welsh minister. I heard Arthur say in a tape, "God was not about improving me; he was about removing me!" This was the beginning of an understanding that my salvation was not about me; it was and is about Him. When my focus went from my needs getting met, to hearing and obeying God that His needs be met in the earth, things began to happen in the natural world in which I live. What I gleaned has changed my life! When I meet His needs, by hearing and obeying, He meets mine, because the greater always includes the lesser (Matthew 6:33). When I stopped chasing money (Matthew 6:32), and began to seek His face, hear and obey, His favor began to find me. Why? The "why" can be found in another teaching from my old friend Arthur; THE GREATER ALWAYS INCLUDES THE LESSER. The greater (doing His will), always includes the lesser (my needs being met). I am realizing that the greatest gift I can ever give God is myself.

Since this difficult experience and my subsequent financial recovery, I believe what I experienced and learned is revelation of a much deeper truth. I offer this word to be judged. What surfaced through this occurrence was truth beyond what I knew as "the truth." I learned that true prosperity in God extends far past money, and in fact, includes all aspects of life. What I had ascribed to as 'the truth,' was in fact a perversion of truth – "Give generously and God will generously give to you." While this is "a truth," it is not necessarily "the truth." The simple 'give to get' part of "the truth," in my humble opinion, has been over emphasized by most prosperity teachers; particularly those who depend upon the Body of Christ for their living.

While many will not publicly acknowledge this, it is my heart that some at least will acknowledge the mistake of 'preaching and teaching to meet personal needs and ambitions.' Rousing sermons on 'giving' are often given during times of financial need. The manipulation and hype surrounding much of this is self-serving. It is not what we do that matters to God, but rather why we do it. If our motive is Holy Spirit inspired we are on the right track; if the motive is to simply serve self in some way, we are selfishly operating in the World's System. God is revealing His Kingdom (ways) in contrast to the World's way. These two systems are constantly competing for our affections, and the one we choose determines our ultimate outcome. A 'called man' cannot touch the World's System and find success, nor can he can fail following the Kingdom's Way (hearing God and obeying).

In concluding the points of the above paragraph, many feel their intellectual understanding and application will suffice – it will not in this hour! Seminary is no more a qualification before God than tending bar. In fact, the bartender may have a better shot at hearing God than those caught up in their own self-righteousness. Those prone to religion are least prone to relationship.

We are coming to a time of distinction in understanding the difference between 'good' and 'God.' Good works are often called "God's works," when in fact God has little to do with it. IF IT DOESN'T ORIGINATE BY THE SPIRIT, IT AIN'T GOD! Do not confuse intellectual assent with the Holy Spirit! The words "preachers and programs" go together like "horse and carriage." Like all preachers, all church programs and doctrine are not Spirit inspired. Those called to the end-time remnant will discern this difference.

The Body of Christ is constantly being pummeled for more money to build unnecessary buildings, purchase unnecessary airplanes, furnish lavish homes, establish more programs, more TV time, more, more, more! Many will have to give account to God for what amounts to selfish ambition and greed. While many are quick to recognize sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, and orgies as sins of the flesh, few recognize "SELFISH AMBITION." Our society accepts and even rewards ambitious people. The Word of God is crystal clear on this subject: It (selfish ambition) is an act of "the sinful nature" and "those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God." Please take the time to read Galatians 5:16-21. Selfish ambition is sin and many who represent themselves as Spiritual fathers move by their own ambitious desires. We should not be ignorant of Satan's devices used to gain advantage over humans. Any ambitious effort outside the leading of the Holy Spirit is sin for me, for you, or anyone else called of God. Let me confess to all who read this – I fight this daily in my own life so I can little point the finger, but hopefully this offers light!

My testimony, and what I say here match – I am not teaching scripture without first walking in the revelation. It is at this point that I offer a caution TO THOSE WHO CAN RECEIVE IT: Beware of those who teach beyond what they walk in. We will overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony (Revelation 12:11). There is an anointing to covey truth based upon testimony that far exceeds any other form of spiritual man-to-man communication. Revelation isn't revelation until you hear it, believe it, walk it.

The next great move of God will be 'The Kingdom of God,' and those who are leading this move are "the Sons of God." True sons will only teach what they walk in. You will know them by the fruit of their life – their life is their testimony. If a man's teachings do not line up with his life, BEWARE! As stated, the anti-Christ spirit is deceiving many today, and much of this deception is being heaped upon the Body by men whose lives do not line up with what they teach and preach. I will not digress on this point, but should you have interest in further explanation please read 'Discerning The Spirit Of Anti-Christ' at www.lighthouseprophecy.com.

From my financial demise, and many other of life's difficulties, I discovered that God indeed does bless our giving, but only if we are moving under a direct unction from the Holy Spirit. Obedience to His Spirit, whether it is giving or some other directive, invokes the favor of God. At this point, God began to focus me on Romans 8:14, "because THOSE who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." I reasoned that if there are some "THOSES" who are led by the Spirit of God, then there must be some THEMS who are not. "Those" is a word that suggests separation from the rest of the pack.

I knew that I occasionally heard God for His general direction, but the Holy Spirit revealed that I was NOT being led of the Spirit in all I undertook. I am only now beginning to see the depth of my past carnality as a Christian. My traditional thought process calls for me to answer my own questions and supply my own needs. As I move deeper into God, I am seeing His great willingness to communicate with me in both general and specific areas, as well as provide for me. Now, when I move outside the boundaries of the Spirit I can feel it. When self jumps up in me, and it often does, God in His great mercy reveals my own greed and selfishness.

Much of the modern day prosperity message appeals to our greed (carnality). It often brings to mind some form of Christian lottery. The "giving to get" syndrome is rooted in a self-serving doctrine that points to self's ability to provide instead of the sovereignty of God – "You give, and God will have to give to you!" The very motive of this message is rooted in selfishness.

Once we get acquainted with our own greed, we then open ourselves up yet another lesson - Being our own provision! I heard the Holy Spirit say that a needy man can chase money just like a greedy man. In my hour of greatest need my search for money was intense, and at its height the Lord spoke Matthew 6:31,32 to me. "So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat? Or what shall we drink? For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them." Chasing money when our needs are great is a natural thing to do, but only the rest of God will produce the provision of God. As God once said to me, "When you stop, I start. When you start, I stop!" I was soon to learn that true rest in God (Hebrews 4) produces trust and obedience, and trust and obedience produces the provision of God. During this period I also got a John 5:30 revelation… "Of my own self, I can do nothing." For years everything I tried turned to manure until I simply quit trying and started obeying.

Another grave and carnal error by many in the Body of Christ is in following 'THE LAW' in tithes and offerings. When we engage the law as a lawful act instead of hearing the witness of the Spirit in our giving, we forfeit the grace to hear God for His specific instructions (Galatians 5:1-4). As I disengaged from the law (in my giving) I was released from the curse that the law brought upon me (Galatians 3:13,14). Amazingly, I began to hear God clearly with reference to giving. I also realized that God owned a 100% of every dime I am ever provided, not 10%. If He indeed owns it all, He is indeed willing and able to tell me what to do with it all. Once I learned that God owns it all, not the tenth I had been taught, my stewardship responsibilities took on new meaning. I entered into a new and deeper understanding of stewardship.

True stewardship is all encompassing; it involves all, not part, BUT ALL. As a brief conclusion to this point, let me say again that tithing, as a law will produce a curse upon your finances. Test this word. Try praying and hearing God in your giving and see God's hand in your life in new and exciting ways. Read and meditate the above-mentioned scriptures and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you. God intensely desires to commune with His people, but our traditions make the word of God to no effect (Matthew 15:6). What does this really mean? Our tradition or our way is to consult self, to depend upon self for answers; to be directed by our soul, when God desires that we hear from His Spirit within us. As amazing as this is, many of us know little of hearing His Spirit speak to us. Hence, we are bound by our own traditions. Often the unGodly counsel we take is from ourselves. Read Psalm 1 to understand why failure is so widespread among Christians.

Part of the false doctrine taught by many Word of Faith ministers is found in making the Bible God. The emphasis seems to always be upon reading the Word, with little emphasis upon getting before God, seeking His face, hearing and obeying. Meditating before God is an incredible missing link in the Body of Christ today! God's spoken word to us is masterfully confirmed by His written word, but when we do not first hear the Spirit on 'the Word,' we simply substitute our lack of an intimate relationship with Bible reading. This also contributes to the powerless state of the Church.

Intellectual assent is no substitute for an intimate relationship. Please understand that I am not saying the Bible is not the Word of God – it is! But what I am saying is that with a right relationship with God, "His sheep hear His voice," which is often His specific instruction to us apart from the logos. God desires to speak to us in specifics. In business, He will often give me specific direction relative to a real estate transaction. This type communication cannot always be found in the Bible, though often God will confirm specific instruction through His written Word.

I sense that we have gotten off base in our priorities. Instead of teaching the Body of Christ the prosperity message and good stewardship, we should first teach 'Sonship;' how to hear the Holy Spirit for ones self (Romans 8:14). Once intimacy is established, God and man can move in complete synchronization. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." It should not come as a shock that the Spirit does not lead every Christian?

We must lead the Body of Christ into hearing and obeying God. When enough individuals are hearing and obeying, an Army will arise whose commander and chief is God. The corporate Body will begin to operate in a power never seen before in this earth. Sonship will begin to dictate stewardship and every other aspect of our being. The emphasis will shift from 'doing' to 'being.' Individuals moving in synchronization with God's Spirit will connect to other parts of the Body to which they are called. As these parts unify, strength will come as properly connected parts begin to operate in the order and power of God – THE BODY OF CHRIST WILL ARISE!

God is beginning to birth His Church in preparation for His return. SONSHIP IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE IN THE CHURCH TODAY!

What is God's purpose for the local church? To vest His corporate authority upon His Church; an authority that exudes the character, revelation, and power of God to all who come in contact with it. What is the believer's objective in the local church? To BECOME a Body/Church that is without spot or wrinkle – a work that is pleasing to the Father, which is totally controlled by the Holy Spirit. Every man must hear God as to his part in this work.

I think it fair to say that as this victorious assembly begins to emerge, the attacks of the anti-Christ spirit will continually test and expose true motives in the hearts of men. Prosperity or any other doctrine will NOT be permitted to come ahead of God's plan for His Body. As the Corporate Christ begins to come together as a remnant Body, the "called," will be separated from the "chosen" (Matthew 22:14).

If we are to be part of the promised seed of God we must distinguish between that which is blessed of God and that which is "chosen." There are many ministries today which are anointed and blessed but are still works of the flesh, having their origin in the minds and strivings of men, not in the heart of God. Like Saul, they may lead the church for a while but they will soon pass into oblivion. While Saul enjoyed the blessing and following of the people, David appeared cursed, and so it is until the appointed time (Galatians 4:1-7). Saul could not tolerate God's chosen heir to the throne just as

Ishmael could not endure Isaac and taunted him. There is enmity between that which is born of the flesh and that which is born of the Spirit.

What then is the difference between the "called" and the "chosen?" The distinguishing feature between flesh and spirit is that the fear of the Lord (obedience) is greater than the fear of men or circumstances. One of the ultimate tests of being chosen is deciding who we fear the most, men and circumstances, or God. The spiritual nature of man must rule over the soulish nature. Spirit draws unto Spirit and soul draws unto soul (flesh). God's "chosen" always yield to that which is spirit. Those who love self-promotion and men's approval more than the things of the Spirit will always reject truth. The "chosen" of God are those who fear Him the most. Their emphasis is not prosperity or getting blessed, but obeying the living God and fulfilling their role and destiny in God's great plan for the age in which we now live.

As God separates us from the ways of men and those who practice such ways, we will soon find ourselves in a unique company of believers who share common beliefs in coming out of the Babylonian World's System (Revelation 18:4). It is in this unique company (assembly) that God will release His power. Let us not be sidetracked by the teachings of big name TV evangelist or pastors alike. Lord, grant us the wisdom the see this distraction for what it is, and have the courage to stand against it. Let us all ask the question, Is it prosperity or Sonship that we should be seeking? Is it prosperity or Sonship that we should be teaching? Judge this word!

Comments: 'Open Letter To Prosperity Teachers'

Various
Dec 9, 2004

Dear List Members,

The subject of "The Prosperity Message" strikes a cord with many of us. The abuses of this message are many, but truth seems to be finding its way into our hearts.

I also took the liberty of sending this word to some of my old friends who make their living espousing this message. Their replies (to me personally) have been interesting. Of some interest to this discussion, there seems to be some understanding of past errors, but as yet, and unacceptance of wholesale change.

In Him,

Clay

Clay,

I left one of those churches also. I am in a great well balanced Church now with an Awesome pastor. Its unfortunate how many people are stuck in this kind of "Money Cometh" teaching. Its also a shame that the majority of them that do decide to leave are not going to any church after this so they just go back to what they were doing before they got saved. Thanks for passing it.

In The Secret Place,
Elaine

Hi Clay,
Good article.
Have you seen this one lately?
John

Title: The Holy Bible, King James Version 2 Pet 2:3 (KJV)

3And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

Clay,

I want to commend you for your stand for the TRUTH in God's word. I have been an ordained minister, but due to all the garbage that has been and is still being taught from the pulpits of churches across this nation, I have refused to allow myself to be a part of this flim flam. I turned in my papers years ago, and said "no more" to this farce that is being perpetrated on God's people. I have recently left an independent church, in which I have served a pastor and the flock for 17 years in various capacities. This man has been led astray several times by people who have come to the church with ways to get rich.

The first was a woman who successfully fleeced a number of the flock, then flew the coop, costing not only lost monies, but a full three-fourths of the congregation. Another was an admitted con-man, who duped another several of the flock out of nearly one MILLION dollars. He wound up in jail, but NONE of the money was recovered. Some bank account off-shore we are sure. I stayed through the both of these hoping that Pastor had learned his lesson, as he refused to pay heed to all the warnings from a great number of voices prior to the first two rascals that came through. I had been part of the church leadership during the first two incidents, but left as the pastor embraced the third party to come along. I had given him a written word that I am positive that I received from God. It was a very strong word, but He refused it. Others in the leadership, including his son, the asst. pastor, said that it was a true word. The word was ALSO given him by two other men who moved in the prophetic gifts, a FULL YEAR after I had first delivered it to Pastor. He refused to hear them also. Shortly after that I left the church. My wife and I have been having bible studies in our home since then, and God has surely opened our eyes to the error that is being taught from the pulpits across America.

I long for the day that I have opportunity to teach to others outside our small group, the truths that we have found in our Revelation studies. God sure has a way to de-bunk so much of what has been taught in error for so long. God bless you and the ministry that you oversee, for many will be enlightened by this letter that you have sent out.

I know that there will be critical voices raised in protest, but these are the ones who are blinded by the lust for the riches of the world, rather than the riches of the Kingdom of God.

Hurray!!!! Thank God, somebody finally said it!!

Shalom Brother Sikes,

I saw your open letter posted on InJesus. I did not have to judge it, because it is something my wife and I have been living the past 8 years. I am sure you already know the most terrifying thing you could say in the midst of these kind of organizations. The spoken word as it is given to you by Ruach HaKodosh and to start to teach others the same. This teaching is seldom met with open defiance and in many cases when first presented it is received. The rub comes many times not from leadership but followers who realize they themselves are responsible to walk as He walked.

There are many who still seek an earthly king to follow. In due time leadership will show you the door. This is pervasive through out Christendom where ever legalism, tradition, or personal power is involved. One thing you wrote struck a cord. That was your reference to David and how he was perceived and treated. One more thing, do a word study on Nicolaitanes, you will find it strikes true to what you have seen. Be encouraged and enter into His rest.

Thank for your obedience it encouraged us. Shalom Andy and Nancy Tapins- FireFall Christian Redemption Ministries.

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YOU GO CLAY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! PRAISE GOD!!!!!!!!!!!

Thank you and God bless you as you bless and glorify Him, Linda Spagnola

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AWESOME WORD AS A PASTOR IN SOUTH TEXAS IN A STORE FRONT ASSEMBLY WE ARE THE SONS OF A MIGHTY GOD RECEIVING A WORD FROM HEAVEN NOT HANDLED BY WORKS OF THE FLESH PRAISE GOD FOR THE MOVING OF HIS HOLY SPIRIT AND THE VOICE OF TRUTH THAT SETS US FREE!! PASTOR CANTU

Hello Clay,

Glory to our mighty awesome risen king: Jesus!

If you wanted a response--"judge"-- please let me. I'm feeling chatty and grateful.

I was surprised by God in 2000---and through a series of wonders ended up pastoring the church my granpa built the year I was born. Dad had stewarded a remnant of five.....When I agreed, my siblings returned and we hover at 11. And here I am again measuring the stupid stuff. This was never even a dream of mine...but it has become a willingness.

No matter what the text, HE has me teach on hearing Him and becoming a people of whom it is said, "behold how they love each other." Hear Him, obey Him........I speak it at least once every Sunday, often more. I talk about hearing each other on the telephone and knowing who it is at the first word or two and we do that by spending time with each other, by being intimate. And it is essential that we do the same with HIM because we will be deceived otherwise.

I taught "the Crucified Ones" for five months and every week it was.......hear HIm; obey Him. They decided to do a verse-by-verse of the Revelation of Jesus and it's still, hear Him, obey Him!

Three of His people are over 80 and have known Him all their life but week after week they don't think they even saw His hand, much less heard His voice. The ones in their 60's are so overwhelmed by their families troubles and lack of any evidence of God (addictions) that .... I'm seeing them speak His word every now and then; with authority and humility as tho' they were quoting Him. Makes me nearly cry.

They all now know love isn't pretty but it IS vital and it makes us like HIM. For a while I had them read Paul's love chapter. I still send them to Romans 8; 1 often. I teach them fairly regularly that tithing doesn't cut it if HE said to give more or none.......and Voting is of little consequence if you don't hear God before you pull the lever.

I find myself nagging when I'm away from them (they're 160 miles round trip from my house) by all the time telling people I will no longer say, "Lord, stop me if this isn't You." They have so many good things that God didn't tell me to do.

Walking in the power of the Holy Spirit is an amazing thing and I'm not talking about big deal stuff (yet). I don't heal or deliver yet (in HIM, of course) but after an entire hour of hiccups I did hear enough to ask my 86 year-old to pray for someone's finger so his hiccups would leave (we'd prayed, given him sugar, breathing exercises....when you're small you can.) Thank God for His deliverance and healing even if it did take a while. I've had no income since 2000 and am current on all the bills, lacking nothing. And I sense HE's changing this but haven't heard how yet.

Thank you, Clay. You echo what I am learning. If HE shows you .... please pass on any tips on teaching it.

Sha'alu shalom Yerushalayim, SaraLou

Thank you Clay!

A much needed and timely word but one that will be reviled by the "money men"! I pray that many will follow this path to true victory and real peace.

MATTHEW 16:25-27.
For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for ME will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? For the SON OF MAN is going to come in HIS FATHER'S GLORY with HIS angels, and then HE will reward each person according to what he has done.

Too many have lost this fundamental principle in their blind pursuit of prosperity. It is not how much we have but what we have done with what we have that counts. Little is much when blessed by YHVH! Do we trust YHVH, man or self? Do we love? Do we accept the unacceptable ones? Do we put others first? Will we ever truly die to self? This and a million other servant things are truly the way to follow the principles of the KING'S servant. Be blessed, Magdala, Doorkeep for THE ARK

Clay,

What a wonderful exhortation!! I have run across so many believers in these recent years who are being taught by the Holy Spirit Himself the very same understandings and wisdom. It is very encouraging to see it and hear it. I have experienced almost the exact same set of circumstances you have … and expect many others are in the same boat. You have a tremendous ability to communicate. Please keep it up.

Your exhortation reminded me of the Rich Young Ruler in Mathew 19. His problem too was his view of "ownership". Jesus put before him many of the commandments … except the first one where his real problem was located. Jesus then masked the first one (you shall have no other God before Me) by saying "If you want to be perfect, go sell what you have, give to the poor and come follow me (notice He didn't say, "Sow it into my ministry."). At that point in time, the RYR could not do it.
I hope that later he did. I know there have been times where I found many places in my life where I had said "no" as well … only to have the mercy and grace of God continue to work on me.

The interesting thing is the discussion that followed as Jesus and the disciples were watching this RYR make the wrong choice and walk away. It was clear that the RYR believed that if he obeyed, he would never be "blessed" again … it would all be gone forever … it made him sorrowful. However,

Jesus never said that. In fact, because of this RYR's view of ownership ("It's mine!"), he couldn't enter into the kingdom of heaven.
Jesus observed and mentioned as he walked away that this was a hard thing … but that with God all things were possible. He then relayed a story of a landowner in Mathew 20. With this story of the landowner, He was telling them just how possible it was and what the RYR's life as a mature SON would and could look like if he had said "yes" instead of "no" to Jesus' instruction.

All the characteristics of this landowner and the way he did business and conducted himself are indications that he went about his life in intimate relationship with the Father. He did things that were not self serving, things that do not necessarily make business sense. Instead of always wanting a good deal, he gave a good deal. He was good and knew that the goodness of God draws men unto repentance. At the same time he was steadfast and strong to others … very much like Jesus on numerous occasions.

The ownership question is exactly why the Bible does not teach much, if any, about the tithe in the New Testament. It is simply because God did not want to convey to us that He only owned 10% of us. The question that always lingers in my mind when I hear "That is mine." from someone is "But whose are you?" Its only after we recognize that it is all His, and make a free, love motivated choice from the heart to give it all to Him, that we can then HAVE all that is His.

I remember God speaking as clearly as He has ever spoken to me one morning when I was studying about the tithe. I had seen what the tithe was used for which was actually a number of things but primarily for provision to orphans, widows and Levites (priesthood). The conversation went something like this: "Son, in the Old Testament, the tithe was holy unto Me.
You have seen what I used it for. Now stop and meditate on this question: If you lived back then and were a typical Jewish believer and you made $10, how much would have been Mine?" I replied, "$1.00 Lord". He then replied, "OK, forget about the other $9.00, how much of the $1.00 is Mine?" I replied, "All of it, Lord." He responded, "What I want to ask you is 'Why don't you make a choice to become that $1.00. Would you make a choice to become the tithe?' If you will, I'll then be able to use you to do the same thing I used the tithe for in the Old Testament. Namely, to minister to the orphans (those without a father – Me), to widows (those without a husband – Jesus), and to Levites (those who actively minister the gospel … not necessarily limited to "pulpit" ministers)."

Wow! I really had a new perspective. I really understood something about ownership that I had never seen before. I understood how to divide the Word that in Matthew 6 speaks about the birds that neither sow nor reap but are provided for, but in 2 Cor. 9 speaks that if you sow sparingly, you'll reap sparingly. It has to do with the attitude and viewpoint of ownership that we take in approaching the Father. If we view our sowing and reaping as "Kingdom sowing and reaping" as opposed to "personal sowing and reaping", it then makes all the sense in the world. But if we view it as "personal sowing and reaping" we slander the work of the cross (Phil. 4:19, 2 Cor 8:9).

Ultimately, I saw that giving is ministry (Rm 12:8, 2 Cor 8:4). I saw that if I continued to look at it as something that it was not, I would never see it for what it is. I saw what the Macedonian bunch from the churches in Phillipi saw. FIRST, they gave themselves to the Lord (became His), and then unto Paul's bunch BY THE WILL OF GOD (2 Cor 8:5). In other words, they got to a place of understanding ownership, then out of intimacy began to do that which was instructed by the Father. Its funny tome to see the difference this understanding made versus what we see today. This Macedonian bunch implored them with much urgency to receive their ministry of giving. We have back-to-front in today's church.
In our day, Paul's bunch is doing the "imploring urgently" because of wrong beliefs on all sides.

This is what is changing. I believe it with all my heart. The Holy Spirit is operating with a directive from the Father to bring this understanding to full age. Many are seeing the truth, and beginning to proclaim it … but they are doing so without an agenda to hold someone up and say "You have been wrong, now repent!!!" Rather, they are doing so out of a motivation of love alone for the Father and the Family. Not for price or reward (Is 45:13).

What father would enjoy having their children shout with joy from the mountain tops, "My father provides a roof over my head, clothes for may back and food for my tummy only as I give unto him!!!" I would consider that an insult of the highest order.

"Father forgive us."

Thanks again Clay. I know I have rambled, but your exhortation brought back some great stuff to the mind of this business man. Thanks for your consecration … and keep communicating the revelation you receive … you a very gifted at it.

Grace To You,
Russ Gressett

Thank you Clay Sikes!

This revelation from someone else who has been indoctrinated by the "Prosperity Message" blessed my soul. Several years ago after being in a "prosperity ministry" for almost 5 years I began to have the same thoughts as you have described in your letter. For a while I thought it was me, something was wrong with me, that if I was really doing all I was supposed to do I too would be walking in the same prosperity. I mean I am anointed too right! We gave and gave, everything we had and were "proud" to give it. We were excited as we futily awaited our return.

When I discovered it "the return" was not coming in the manner we were expecting I began to get a clue. Although I was seeking to know God with all my heart and I DID have an intimate walk with Him, something had to be amiss. I had already written a book on being intimate in the presence of God. Of course it was difficult to tell anyone else how I felt because everybody we were friends with ascribed to the same message, give to get. Then my husband's car broke down and he had to hitch hike to church 4 times a week to serve in the ministry. He came home one night from church after taking the train from work to get there and my eyes were finally opened. He was excited as he came in telling me about the $300,000 car our pastor had just purchased (cash) for his wife.

I was not excited. I said something is dreadfully wrong with this picture. Not that I begrudged the pastor or his wife getting the new car; I simply didn't understand why we were faithfully serving a ministry, giving all that we had, tithes, offering, giving to the man and woman of God, and still placing money on the pulpit steps 3 times a week, (thinking we were hearing from God) and were without transportation to continue getting there to "give to get."

It was then that I knew we were not in the will of God. We also had a ministry and I was flying all over the country preaching, many times buying my own airline tickets and paying for hotels, running up credit card debt as my pastor was teaching us that we should continue to give ourselves out of debt. As you well know that never happened.

Something was dreadfully wrong. I'm so glad that we have been liberated for several years now and thank God you have too. Sometimes the hard way seems to be the way that God teaches us, maybe so we'll never forget it I'm not sure. But I can tell you that I'll never forget that lesson; we do have a closer walk with our Father. We've learned the right principle of giving as well as the right principle of tithing. And we're no longer operating in bondage.

Thanks again, for sharing and our desire is that the Pastors and Teachers teaching this message will get the revelation as well. We do teach that God's people are to prosper, but not at the expense of the Body and a true relationship with the Father.

We will keep you in our prayers and thank God you got the REVELATION as we did.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

YOU HAVE TRULY HEARD OUR LORD!!! I SALUTE YOU!!! CONTINUE IN THE RIGHT PATH!!!! GREAT WILL BE YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN!!!

Angel of the Covenant

Susan Cummings

Summaries of Various Experiences with the Angel of the Covenant and the message he comes with.

These experiences that Susan had are all real, and each one is a separate visitation and message, but putting them all together, we can see a pattern that the Lord is wanting us to understand. His Word is now being fulfilled and we, the People of God, will be vessels that the Lord will use to facilitate some of the fulfillments.

I have placed these in order of event. Some of these are dreams, and some are visions. Some are Prophetic Encounters and experiences while driving or on the phone. We have tried to make all of the messages clear...

“MY ANGEL OF THE COVENANT HATH COME DOWN”

I am lying upon my bed, sleeping deeply. Suddenly, I am being swept over with waves upon wave of lightning and with great cracks of fire in the spirit. I can see myself in my dream lying on the ground. Great cracks of lightning are cracking over me. I can see a being standing over me. This being is so big that I cannot see all of his form. He is standing over me and there are clouds above me, and all around Him, and He goes on and on beyond the clouds.

I am overwhelmed by His presence, and the lightning cracks throughout my whole body, and my spirit. I cannot move, nor can I open my eyes, yet I can see everything. I hear the voice of the Lord say, “My Angel of the Covenant hath come down.” The voice is so strong that it echoes through my whole being. The lightning cracks through my being, and I am frozen in place with the Holiness of this angel. I can only lie there, and see this form above me…………

The Lord then says,

“My angel has come down to earth, and has come into the midst of My Own, and shall stand with them, while I pass by. For I now have passed over My People, and now I will pass over the earth, and it will disclose it’s blood. I required blood to be shed for the life of Mine Own, so that I might pass over with My Mercy, and now I will require blood for the earth.

For the Trumpet has already sounded, and the hosts are in place, and the righteous have assembled at My Call. Now I have required that My Justice be meted……

I have sent My Angel of the Covenant to you. He stands in the Holy Place, and shall remain there until I have passed by, and He will cover My Own, and be with you until the end. My Holy Fire has been released, and it comes to stand before you as a witness.

What I have wrought this day will now be seen in the earth, and no man will stand before Me, without My Blood upon him. Nothing will stand before My Holiness without My Blood Covenant Seal upon it. My Sanctuary will no longer be defiled, for I have come to My House, and have now stood in your Midst. And the profane has been cast out, and has now been removed from it’s place before Me. My Angel with the Flaming Sword now stands to prepare the way, and nothing shall enter in, that is not covered with My Holiness again.

What is wicked will now be seen as wicked, and will now be without My Presence and My Word will not be upon it anymore. For I have sought, and searched, and have now measured all things, and have rendered My Righteous Judgment, and the division of the holy from the profane is now complete, and I have now decreed that the Fire has begun………"
Daniel 4:22-26 Jeremiah 4:22-26 Matthew 4:22-26

Susan Cummings
4-22-03

4:22 am

Clarification on the Angel (Messenger) of the Covenant Dream

I have had several requests for more understanding on my dream of the Angel (Messenger) of the Covenant coming. Today, I felt the Lord give me more understanding for you. Hopefully I can convey this accurately for your benefit.
-Susan

In Malachi 3: The scriptures speak of the Lord's angel (Messenger) coming to the Lord's people. This angel is sent forth to usher in a period of refining and cleansing in the people, and also to usher in the plans and purposes of the Lord in their midst.

Malachi 3
[1]BEHOLD, I send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me. And the Lord [the Messiah], Whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; the Messenger or Angel of the covenant, Whom you desire, behold, He shall come, says the Lord of hosts.
2But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;
[3]He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and He will purify the priests, the sons of Levi, and refine them like gold and silver, that they may offer to the Lord offerings in righteousness.
[4]Then will the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in ancient years.
[5]Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against the false swearers, and against those who oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and who turn aside the temporary resident from his right and fear not Me, says the Lord of hosts.
[6]For I am the Lord, I do not change; that is why you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.
[7]Even from the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My ordinances and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord of hosts. But you say, How shall we return?
[8]Will a man rob or defraud God? Yet you rob and defraud Me. But you say, In what way do we rob or defraud You? [You have withheld your] tithes and offerings.
[9]You are cursed with the curse, for you are robbing Me, even this whole nation.
[10]Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your income) into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and prove Me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.
[11]And I will rebuke the devourer [insects and plagues] for your sakes and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground, neither shall your vine drop its fruit before the time in the field, says the Lord of hosts.
[12]And all nations shall call you happy and blessed, for you shall be a land of delight, says the Lord of hosts.
[13]Your words have been strong and hard against Me, says the Lord. Yet you say, What have we spoken against You?
[14]You have said, It is useless to serve God, and what profit is it if we keep His ordinances and walk gloomily and as if in mourning apparel before the Lord of hosts?
[15]And now we consider the proud and arrogant to be happy and favored; evildoers are exalted and prosper; yes, and when they test God, they escape [unpunished].
[16]Then those who feared the Lord talked often one to another; and the Lord listened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who reverenced and worshipfully feared the Lord and who thought on His name.
[17]And they shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in that day when I publicly recognize and openly declare them to be My jewels (My special possession, My peculiar treasure). And I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him.
[18]Then shall you return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who does not serve Him.

Revelation 10 also speaks of the Angel of the Covenant.

Revelation 10

The Angel and the Little Scroll

[1]Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. [2]He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, [3]and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. [4]And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down."
[5]Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. [6]And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay! [7]But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

It is a signal of the divine time of the return of the Lord into the affairs of men, and of a sovereign visitation to bring forth His Will. Those who recognize this new time of visitation and dealing, and embrace the Lord in it, will be brought forth, but those who have chosen to go their own way will now suffer much trial and loss.

The fear of the Lord is returning to the House of the Lord once again. Purity and Holiness will be restored to those who embrace the workings of the Lord during this time. Those who reject this season will be left outside of God’s purposes and will miss the visitation of the Lord.

In this time of purification, the Lord will judge the things that have not born fruit in our lives, or that have defiled His House. He has also come to release those who have judged themselves first, and have allowed the holy Spirit to refine them, into their place in the outpouring and harvest to come.

In the dream, I listed three sets of scriptures that the Lord had quickened to me.

Namely, Daniel 4:22-26
Jeremiah 4:22-26
Matthew 4:22-26- Which is incorrect, it should be 5:22-26

In Jeremiah 4:22-26:

The Lord is stating that His People have not known Him intimately, and therefore have no understanding or wisdom. They had not chosen to pursue Him and to become like Him. Creation knows God and trembles, yet, we don’t. We have walked as barren and have lacked the fear of the Lord. But the Lord is changing this now in this season. He is restoring Holiness again.

In Daniel 4:22-26:

The Lord states that he is removing those who have exalted themselves and who have not humbled themselves in God’s sight. There is much pride and arrogance in the church, and the Lord is bringing down everything that exalts itself against the knowledge of Him.

In Matthew 5: 22-26:

The Lord is dealing with the true condition of the heart. He knows the heart and that we have offered impure offerings to him, with impure motives, and not in love. Malachi 3 addresses this also. The Lord will no longer accept those who would come to him with unclean hands and unclean hearts, and He will not look on sin anymore. There is coming a true fear of the Lord back into our midst, and the Lord will raise up a Holy Remnant who will walk in Truth and Love.

Isaiah 40 tells us to prepare ourselves and to prepare the way for the Lord is coming to deal with men, and we will know His Judgments in our midst. For He is Holy.

Psalms 24 tells us to cleanse ourselves before we come to Him, and to prepare ourselves, for He is coming back into our midst, and He will once again be Lord in His House. Man will not rule, but God will remove those who have ruled in His Place wrongly.

I pray that these scriptures have given you some more understanding of the times that we have now entered into, and how you can begin to seek the Lord as to your part in the plans and purposes of the Lord. It is time for the bride to rise up and to stand before the Lord in the earth and be seen as Holy.

May the Lord bless you all and cause you to know Him more!!!!!!!
-Susan Cummings
4-24-03
5:16 pm

The Angel of the Covenant Is Now Moving

On March 28, 2004, Prophetess Susan Cummings saw a vision of the door of Heaven standing open over Pastor Patrick O'Marra and a Light shining down, in front of him.

Susan said, "The shaft of white Light before your destiny, step into the Light son, I see you stepping into that pillar of Light, the pillar of Truth, and that Light is so bright it's coming out of your hands, it's coming out of your eyes, it's coming out of your mouth, it's coming out of your ears, it's shafts of Light that are exploding out of all the orifices of your body."

The Lord says, "You have seen it from afar off but now it is drawn nigh to you, you have heard of it from afar but now it is within you, you have asked to walk in that many times now it's within you because it's My Time, now you will stretch out your hand and I will perform it, now you will speak forth My Word and it shall be, now you will open your eyes and you will see, for this Day the vision has come to be, for this Day My pillar of Truth abides in thee, for it is no longer a promise but a reality, for I have sifted you and I have weighed you and I have tested your heart for this night now I give you a brand new start, I have created you son to walk with Me in this dimension that's why the drive within you compelled you and has become a part of you and now will come out of you, for My Word is Light and I spoke it forth and it came to be and My Word that abides in you will now be a reality, for it is a Living Word a pillar of Truth and as you speak forth at My Command it shall be for I will perform it and even create it as you obey Me, for you also have passed under My rod and have not denied Me, so look son, look further past the horizon, stretch out your hand further out past the seas, for the cloud does come and they will surely Rain upon thee, 7 times you have gone out to look and now it is forming and it's coming, and you will warn them and you will tell them prepare because a Great Rain is coming, a Great Storm is coming, many look for mantles, and many look for swords, but few reach out for My Word, few reach out for that pillar of Light, few reach out as you have this night."

Susan said, "A ball of Light has come in the room and this ball of Light is, there's lightning shooting out of it and the Light is so bright, it's white but it's like Fire and lightning is shooting out of it and it's making this noise like Maria makes, that noise, the wings of the Cherubims, and this ball of Light, the Light is so bright and the lightning is streaking out of it and it's making that noise Maria makes.

An Angel is stepping out of it, it's the Angel of the Covenant and He has a book in His hand. He's giving us the book, He says, "I make My Covenant with you." I see Him giving you (Patrick) the book and I see Him saying to you: "You will write the vision for you stand in My Light." Patrick, He's giving you that book, your standing in this pillar of Light and He's handing you the book and He's saying, "Write the vision for it is My Covenant and it's Time to write it, it's Time for the Word to come forth and to become and to be done!"

"Take it out of His hands." This is part of the fulfillment of the prophecy written in Revelation 10:1-11.

And I saw another angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire. And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth forever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that are therein, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: But in the days of the voice of the seventh

angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his prophets.
And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book (scroll) which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book (scroll). And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings. Revelation 10:1-11 (Gk)

Then, on March 31, 2004, Susan had a dream while in Rochester, NY.

In the dream, she had a vision of a loud voice that spoke to her as she was lying on the couch, saying, “Large Man Walking.” Then a very large foot stomped down very hard right by the couch where she slept. It was so big that she could not see over it, or around it. The whole couch shook, the room shook, the house shook, and the earth shook. Then, a voice said very strongly to her, “The Terror of the Lord is coming.”

Then, on April 1, 2004, Susan saw another vision of the Angel of the Covenant as they were driving to a meeting to Naples, NY.

He rose straight up out of the sea of water, and had a bright sun that shone around His head and face. He had His right hand raised to Heaven, and swore by Him who sat on the throne, and said, “That which was, and that which is, and that which is to come, now shall be, for the Father will now be glorified through thee.” The vision ended.
Revelation 10 Daniel 12 Malachi 3

Revelation 10

The Angel and the Little Scroll

[1]Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven. He was robed in a cloud, with a rainbow above his head; his face was like the sun, and his legs were like fiery pillars. [2]He was holding a little scroll, which lay open in his hand. He planted his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land, [3]and he gave a loud shout like the roar of a lion. When he shouted, the voices of the seven thunders spoke. [4]And when the seven thunders spoke, I was about to write; but I heard a voice from heaven say, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said and do not write it down."

[5]Then the angel I had seen standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven. [6]And he swore by him who lives for ever and ever, who created the heavens and all that is in them, the earth and all that is in it, and the sea and all that is in it, and said, "There will be no more delay! [7]But in the days when the seventh angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God will be accomplished, just as he announced to his servants the prophets."

Daniel 12

The End Times

[1] "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people-everyone whose name is found written in the book-will be delivered. [2] Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. [3] Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. [4] But you, Daniel, close up and seal the words of the scroll until the time of the end. Many will go here and there to increase knowledge."

[5] Then I, Daniel, looked, and there before me stood two others, one on this bank of the river and one on the opposite bank. [6] One of them said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the

river, "How long will it be before these astonishing things are fulfilled?"
[7] The man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, lifted his right hand and his left hand toward heaven, and I heard him swear by him who lives forever, saying, "It will be for a time, times and half a time. When the power of the holy people has been finally broken, all these things will be completed."
[8] I heard, but I did not understand. So I asked, "My lord, what will the outcome of all this be?"
[9] He replied, "Go your way, Daniel, because the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. [10] Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked. None of the wicked will understand, but those who are wise will understand.
[11] "From the time that the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination that causes desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. [12] Blessed is the one who waits for and reaches the end of the 1,335 days.
[13] "As for you, go your way till the end. You will rest, and then at the end of the days you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance."

Then again on April 11, 2004, Susan saw the Angel of the Covenant for the fourth time in two weeks. This experience was while driving to the airport. Pastor Patricia Kim, Pastor Patrick O'Marra, and Susan were in the van. On this afternoon, Sunday, April 11, 2004, the Lord showed Susan a vision of the Latter Rain, while she was driving…..and then the experience began to happen also….-

I first felt it as we were driving down the street on the way to the airport, Susan says. It began pulsating and was like a fireball in the van, then the Lord said, "I Am the Lord thy God, walk uprightly before Me." and now it is still pulsating but it feels like He's pouring out of it into the van. It's like He's going to fill the van up, like Golden Rain, that Golden Latter Rain is going to fill this van up, that pulsating is right there, you can feel that pulsating, that because the ball of Fire is in this van, it's about this big…… Susan says…. Joel 2:23.

It's right here, the Angel of the Covenant travels in that ball, and it's amber color, orange amber color, it's not red, it's like a Golden orange, "I feel like the Lord is saying, "We are now complete, its like He has completed the work that He has begun, now He is going to extend out, I just see Him lengthening, extending out because, its like what happened today, it's like finally all the pieces are now laid, you know everyone's is in their place, and functioning, now He's going to extend out, and I saw a note tablet and a stamp go down and it stamped and it said, GO, it's like now you can go, extend because everyone is right.

"The burning ones (fiery angels) will go with you everywhere I send you, for they have been given unto you, for just as I placed My hand upon you, they have also placed their hand upon you, for they have been sent to go with you until the end, for they are ones that have been held in reserve, they will go with you, they will go with My sent ones, for My burning ones are assigned to My sent ones and they will go with you as I Am in you, they will go with you, and wherever I take you they will be with you, and it is as you were saying earlier.

"Wherever the Word goes we go, because it's like the wheel in the wheel, the wheel went wherever the Lord went at the same time, it's like they are assigned and given that wherever we go they go, I can feel that, I can feel that, it's like it's a part, it's become a part of you, it's like they been given and assigned, I can feel that, they go in tandem, there's 7 that go with us, of the 8.

But this the presence of the Lord here that amber colored flaming ball is still right here, actually if you put your hand out you can feel it, you can feel where it is, you can feel it in the Spirit, when I was sitting here driving I could feel that right through me, it feel like a Wind.

I feel a power emanating, sometimes it's Fire, but this time I feel like pulsating against my skin, like the Lord is breathing on me, I feel a pulsating, and it's all centered, it's like the Lord is riding right here with us, Patrick said, "I see colored lightning, it's striking, it's blue, that is the lightning from the Throne Room according to Revelation 4:5.

And out of the throne proceeded lightnings, and thunderings, and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

And the throne is blue color, sapphire blue according to Ezekiel 1:26."

And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness of the appearance of a man above upon it. Ezekiel 1:26

Susan said, "I never saw colored one before but is was blue, it's getting foggy in here," Patrick said, "That's that cloud of the Revival angels,"

Susan said, "Now this is weird, there is an angel on top of the van, he's sitting on the luggage rack with a harp in his hands, he's on top, he's got a white garment on, he's got a gold sash, belt, he got not really blonde but kind of burnished gold hair, it's a big harp, kind of that kind they have in the orchestra, he's playing the harp," Patrick said, "This is the angel that appeared to me on November 2, 2000, he was behind the veil with his arm across the strings about the play the harp, that veil has now been removed, that veil was removed on March 11, 2004, and remember I told you that the Lord said, : "The next thing to happen was the angel would now play the harp," which is what your seeing now, so what the Lord said would happen has now happened!" Susan said, "What does that angel do," Patrick said, "He's the angel from Revelation 14:1-3, about the angels harping with their harps on Mount Zion, it just came to me that that scripture I gave you earlier in the prophecy to you, it mentioned about, ye children of Zion, Joel 2:23."

Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given to you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. Joel 2:23

Susan said, "Is that in my Joel 2:23, cause that the scripture you read to me earlier, cause when the pulsating first started the Lord said, "I Am the Lord your God, walk uprightly before Me,"

Thank you Lord we are children of Zion, he is playing the harp and the lightning is striking blue, and there's an angel on either side of the van, one of my side, one on your side, outside the van, and they both have trumpets, and there silver trumpets, there long skinny, long skinny silver trumpets, those are the ones that are blown by the Tabernacle too, the Priest's blow the long silver ones, they're not the ram's horns, they're the long silver ones,

Make thee two trumpets of silver, of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. And when they shall blew with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And if they blow with but one trumpet, then the princes, which are the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves to thee. When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east part shall go forward. When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journeys: But when the congregation is to be gathered, ye shall blow but ye shall not sound an alarm. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets, and they shall be to you for an ordinance forever throughout your generations. And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then shall ye blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginning of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; that they may be for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God. Numbers 10:1-10

The Angel of the Covenant is ahead of us and He's standing, and He's very big actually, and His head is almost touching the clouds, and His feet are on the road ahead of us, and He has the book in His hand and it's open and speaking, He's reading from the book.

See, before, He had one foot on the land and one on the sea and He was holding the book, and he swore by the Father, that which was, and that which is, and that which is to come, is now to be, for the father now will be glorified thru thee, that was the announcement.

Now, He's reading from the book, He didn't read from the book before He just made the announcement, but all things will now be accomplished, well, now the books opened and he's reading it, He speaking it, that's the announcement stage, but now, He's reading from the book, He's declaring that.

There are angels all around, they're all, (it's kind of like when Elisha prayed for his servant, Lord open my servants eyes that he may see the hosts) but they're not chariots, just angels but they're all standing above the trees all along the horizon, and they're heads come just to the bottom of the first layer of clouds, there about, I don't know how tall that is, they're all standing all the way around, all the way around.

The Angel of the Covenant is reading from the book, and the lightning is striking blue, and the Angel of the Covenant says, "These things I have now spoken you now Go and Do!" Susan looked at us as she spoke that, Susan said to us, "He is saying to us, "What I have spoken in My Word you must now Go and Do!" The Living Word, the things He has spoken now, He speaking in the Spirit to us, so our spirits know, and all Heaven is in attendance cause it like they are attending, attendance of the Lord saying,
"Go and Do!" Like a Commissioning service or where you're brought before the King as an audience, it's like the Lord is saying, "I've laid all the foundation now, everything is in readiness, everybody is ready now, now you Go and Do, I've prepared you, but He is reading from the book, proclaiming those things because it's open."

Patrick it's open, the book is opened, He reading them now, He said, "All things must now be fulfilled," well now from the opened book He is speaking them forth, so not only is He walking, the Lord walking in the earth, He is now speaking those final things so they can now be accomplished, that had been sealed up in Daniel, and in Revelation, is now being spoken, uttered, what was sealed.

So that those Words that are now going out will now be accomplished by God's people, and there is a huge Rainbow, it starts right over there by those trees and goes all the way up, it goes down over that way, it goes all the way across.

Some of the angels, their heads are below the clouds, there's some standing behind them, oh, they're in ranks…. some standing behind them are taller, and actually you can see their shadows behind. Their heads go to the second layer of clouds, there's a first layer and there's a second layer. Their heads go to the second layer, they're standing in ranks, the shorter ones are in front, the taller ones are behind, the Angel of the Covenant isn't there anymore, He's gone, it's just the ranks are still there, there still standing all around.

And you know the amber colored ball is not just one solid color amber, it swirls, it's kind of like you would look at the sun, how it has variations in it, flames of the sun kind of move around, you can't look at it directly, you know when they take pictures and stuff, it shows the movement of the sun, the amber swirls and has different hues and different things in it.

Those two angels are gone now, and this one just left. This is all the Throne Room experience with all the different angels that are in the Throne, around the Throne Room, it's like they're all positioned for an announcement or proclamation, or declaration. The hosts are still there, the ranks are still there, I can see them, there all standing along the horizon facing us, but they' re all in file, and there's ones in file in ranks, layers, usually I only see one row, I usually don't see layers.

The shafts of Light coming down from the clouds, shinning straight down," (All three of us saw these) "great shafts of Light are shining straight down, the rainbow is straight ahead, now you guys should be able to see this, it's about this far from the edge of the road, it comes straight up, it's not real dark, it's kind of a Light, but the rainbow colors and it's on the right hand side, and it goes up over the road,"

Patrick said, "The Lord just told me what this is, today is April 11, 2004, one month from March 11, 2004 when He removed the veil, now exactly one month later He is performing the next part of the vision of the huge angel with the harp playing it, remember it says in Joel 2:23 that the Former and Latter Rain would come in the first month, and it's been one month since the beginning of the fulfillment of the vision revealed to me on November 2, 2000, and in that vision I saw the Former Rain of the anointings of the people of the past being restored and the Latter rain of the End Time Move of God!"

The Understanding- This vision experience of Susan and ourselves began with the manifestation of

Joel 2:23, the ball of Fire- the Former and Latter Rain coming in the first month or one month since March 11, 2004 when He rent the veil between God and us and between Heaven and Earth. Now one month later according to Joel 2:23 the Lord is pouring out the Golden Rain- the Former and Latter Rain!

-Susan Cummings and Pastor Patrick O'Marra

Cross Over
Susan Cummings

Cross Over, Child.

Step over from where you are, and step into My Purposes for you. It is time for you to decide. It is time for you to move. You cannot remain where you are, and remain IN Me. You must move on to walk with Me any further.

Cross over.
Step out of the bondage of fear that torments you day and night. Come out of the place of death, and step into Me. For I am your God. Nothing that is given to Me can remain in it's bondage or remain in captivity.
Your fear has driven you to despair and to doubt My Word and My Faithfulness to you. Reach out and take My hand. Allow My Word to draw you into renewed Faith and into true Hope. Nothing in My House dwells in torment. You have remained there long enough.

Cross over, Child.

Come out from the unclean thing, my child. You have remained in your defiled state long enough. You cannot see My Face unless you deny your flesh and it's appetites and cling unto Me. I am your Healing and your Deliverer. I will bring you out from the torment that drives you.
No longer will you be overtaken by the enemy but you will rise up in Holiness and stand in garments of Truth and Holiness. Receive the Truth, embrace it, and walk forth out of the pit, and be free In Me.
Cross Over.

Press through the Cloud of Confusion that covers your life, child, and be renewed in your soul. Pull down those thoughts and vain imaginations that speak constantly to you, and that never leave you. Forsake the counselors that have gathered around you and who do not have My Word upon their lips. Nor do they have My Heart. Seek Truth, and receive it.
Those dark clouds that have been with you for your entire life must bow their knees to Me. Give Me your Life. Do not hold back yourself from Me anymore. You cannot continue to go your own way anymore, or your thoughts will totally sever you from Me completely. You must take your thoughts captive, and use My Word to establish true authority and relationship with Me. Come to Me completely.

Cross over, Child.

Free yourself from the cords and chains that bind you. Never think that you are forever captive, as you were never taken over forcefully, but by your slowly embracing the deceptions. It is with the lure of enticements, and the listening to them that you were slowly bound. Remove those lies and be free tonight. Take control and stand upon My Word.
Never give Holy Ground to an Unclean Person or devil. Never give what is Holy to the Unholy. Use your authority and rise up into your place and take what was stolen, or you will never be free. The cords are tightening, child. Unless you shake yourself you will be totally bound, and will be unable to break them, so you must see the Truth. Rise up!

Cross Over!

Taste not the pleasant things of the world anymore. For the flesh takes delight in what is not profitable for you, and it is bringing you into a place of compromise and ineffectiveness. If you choose to continue to partake, you will be given over to your desires and they will blind you and become your

defeat and master.
It is time for Holiness and Purity of mind, body, and spirit. It is a narrow path that Mine will walk, and that Mine will choose. Walk worthy of your calling, and walk in My Light.

Cross Over, My Child.

It is time.
Now, is the Time, to be free.

-Susan Cummings
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An Open Vision
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Prophetic Message 01-07-04

"A few months ago I shared a three part DREAM that I had concerning the coming storm to America. In the first phase of the dream I saw TIDAL WAVES mounting up far out at sea.

During the next phase of the dream I saw the waves of the sea roaring and a tumultuous storm cloud growing darker and darker as it came nearer to the shore.

During the third phase of the dream I saw people running for their lives who had been at ease on the shore. The Spirit called the storm I saw in this dream Euroclydon. Since that time, which was back in July or August a terrible storm hit the eastern seaboard of the United States, the power outages in New York and other eastern states took place, the fires in Southern California raged and other terrible events took place.

A few weeks ago I wrote a humble submittal to those who would hear concerning more to come! I warned that there was another wave about to crash upon the land and since that time, floods, mudslides, fifteen deaths in San Diego alone caused by “flu” and earthquakes have shaken California.

On January Fifth, 2004 while driving north on I-15 I was at perfect peace with the Lord and enjoying the beauty of that day. I had been in prayer and had drawn very close to the Lord in my heart. As I was driving in perfect peace with my eyes wide open, I saw several nuclear bombs explode in several cities across America at the same time. Immediately the scripture came to mind about the UNWALLED CITIES.

I did not want to see this vision and actually asked that it would depart from my mind. Yet as I continued to travel down the road I began to sense the seriousness of what I had seen. The Spirit began to speak to my heart about a SERIES OF EVENTS that will take place SIMULTANEOUSLY.

The Lord revealed to me that the reason there have been no suicide bombers blowing up malls and other people oriented facilities is because in the mind of the terrorist there is a knowledge that if they were to walk into a place or be on a bus and blow it up, there would be a quick intervention that would arrest the entire population of men and women from these foreign countries throughout the United States. One explosion would not fulfill the intent and purpose of what has been planned against this country.

What is happening at this time is a planned and plotted series of explosions at the same time that will cripple and cause to collapse the nation in one day. When I saw this vision I saw cities fall in a moment. What has propelled me to write this is that approximately twenty minutes ago I was told that a “Dirty Bomb” was found in a locker in Las Vegas Nevada. I know in my heart that there are nuclear weapons in this country that are planted in several cities throughout.

My prayer and hope is that as Elijah heard the plans of the enemy behind closed doors, that someone will take heed to what I am sharing and will begin to make noise in the ears of those who must hear. The last thing the Lord reminded me of was a teaching that I had heard several years ago about CITIES OF REFUGE. He has planned those cities obviously way ahead of what is about to happen. I am very concerned about the next two and a half months in America.

Let me close by saying that while the vision was intense and sobering, there was not one ounce of FEAR. I will say to all who are listening that San Diego, California will be a CITY of REFUGE in the days ahead. There will be the fulfillment of prophecy in this place!

Every seed that has been planted will come to fruition. The book of Acts will be an open expression in this place. Please pray and be sober like never before. The greatest moment is near to come for Gods people, those who love the Lord Jesus Christ with a sincere heart and are willing to lay their lives down for him and follow him wherever he leads."

Prophetic Word For March 2004
Vincent Xavier

01-09-2004
Since November 7th 2003 the Lord has been revealing to me certain events that are going to take place in March 2004. This understanding has been given on the heels of a prophetic unction that was released in June 2003, which was a proclamation of the YEAR OF RELEASE. (**This word is attached to this document**) With the word YEAR OF RELEASE came the knowledge of Gods people being brought to their HIGH PLACE so that they may ride and walk upon the HIGH PLACES of the earth. With the understanding of the HIGH PLACE came the knowledge of how this would come to pass. The Lord said it was an EXPONENTIAL SEASON! Put together the Lord is revealing that HIS PEOPLE would come to their high place in an exponential way in this the year of release. The year of release began or was prophesied of on PENTECOST 2003 over the airwaves on our radio program in San Diego. Sometime during the month of October, 2003 I asked the Lord what the year 2004 was going to be, he said the year 2004 is the YEAR OF ACCOMPLISHMENT. (**This word is attached to this document**) When I looked up the word accomplishment I saw that it meant SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION! Now as was said earlier, on November 7th the Spirit began to reveal certain events that were about to occur and added emphasis in revealing the month in which these things would come to pass. I want to share with you the order of events that have been revealed and will in some cases present details of how it was revealed.

1. November 7th, 2003: I was led to Joel Chapter 2:21-27 The Spirit said prophesy this word over San Diego, California. The word came after the fires. The details of **this word are attached to this document**. The essence of Joel's Prophecy is that it was to occur During the FIRST MONTH which, according to the Hebrew Calendar is March. The Lord chose to reveal to Joel the month in which the events were to take place and so again he has revealed it. Please read Joel's Prophecy in Chapter 2:21-27. If you have a concordance and a Hebrew Dictionary, look up each word and phrase and be amazed at what the Lord is planning for this new season.

2. The next place the Spirit led me was in John 19: 28-31 In theses Scriptures I saw where it was written "JESUS KNOWING THAT ALL THINGS WERE NOW ACCOMPLISHED, THAT THE SCRIPTURE MIGHT BE FULFILLED SAID, I THIRST." I looked at the word ACCOMPLISHED and began to marvel. It was the second confirmation I had received, but what really surprised me was the TIME Jesus said this. In verse 31 we read; "FOR THAT SABBATH DAY WAS A HIGH

DAY" The HIGH DAY was the PASSOVER. I went to Exodus TWELVE and saw the Passover was celebrated in the month of MARCH! I understood that Jesus was on the cross during the PASSOVER SEASON and he was saying on the cross in the month of MARCH, IT IS FINISHED! IT IS ACCOMPLISHED! A great study in Exodus 12, 13 and 14 would bless you richly because in those chapters the EXODUS or the COMING OUT OF THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE IS REVEALED! Again it was the month of MARCH that the people CAME OUT!

3. The next place I was led in the Scriptures was to JOSHUA Chapters three and four. Please understand that I was NOT looking for these verses. I was simply in prayer and study before the Lord and would come to places in the Scriptures that revealed these passages. After reading of the MIRACULOUS CROSSING of the Israelites from the wilderness to the promised land I saw in Joshua 4:19 that the crossing took place on MARCH 25th. Here I saw the people coming out of the HOUSE OF BONDAGE into the wilderness in March and now they were coming out of the wilderness into the promised land in March, 40 YEARS LATER! Again I would strongly recommend you read Chapters Three and Four in the book of JOSHUA.

4. The next place the Spirit led me was in ACTS Chapter TWELVE. This is the story of Peter being imprisoned after the killing of James the brother of John who was one of the SONS OF THUNDER. (And though it was THUNDER that clapped in those two men, it was the lightning that was to strike in the days of Peter.) The twelfth Chapter of the book of Acts is a parallel to Exodus chapter TWELVE. In the third verse of Acts Twelve it is written; "THEN WERE THE DAYS OF UNLEAVENED BREAD" This again was the month of MARCH! What happens in this chapter is that Peter is in prison but the ANGEL OF THE LORD arrives on the scene. LIGHT shines in the prison, the chains fall off Peters hands, the Angel speaks to him to put on his sandals and gird himself, which is the same message God gave to Moses to tell the Israelites on the night of Passover, "THUS SHALL YOU EAT IT, WITH YOUR LOINS GIRDED, YOUR SHOES ON YOUR FEET, AND YOUR STAFF IN YOUR HAND." (Exodus 12:8) In the 8th verse in Acts 12 the angel tells Peter to "GIRD THYSELF, AND BIND ON THY SANDALS. CAST THY GARMENT ABOUT THEE AND FOLLOW ME." The essence of Acts 12 is found in the 10th verse where it is written, "WHEN THEY WERE PAST THE FIRST AND SECOND WARD, THEY CAME UNTO THE IRON GATE THAT LEADS UNTO THE CITY. I want to declare unto you right now that the Iron Gate represents the gate of bondage that has held Gods people captive for two thousand years and outside that gate is the CITY, which is the KINGDOM OF GOD! Our FREEDOM! OUR RELEASE! OUR INHERITANCE! Back to the verse; "WHICH OPENED TO THEM OF HIS OWN ACCORD: AND THEY WENT OUT." STOP!!!! It was in the month of March that Peter was released from prison in a supernatural way just as the Israelites were delivered from the HOUSE OF BONDAGE! His chains fell off his hands EFFORTLESSLY! The Iron Gate opened before him EFFORTLESSLY! And HE WENT OUT! Oh I challenge you to read ACTS TWELVE from verse 1-19.

(COMMERCIAL)
Please understand that I have a FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE LOCKED UP IN ME that MUST BE RELEASED. What I have shared with you is just the outline of in depth research that has occurred over the past few months. What the Spirit has revealed is rich and prevalent for the CHURCH TODAY! There is a level of hope and expectancy that must arise in the heart of Gods people over the next SIXTY DAYS! The word of the Lord is declaring plainly what it is that God is preparing for his people. But the intense insight is far reaching. If you are interested in hearing this word in conference form then please let me know and our fellowship will set up the conference. If you would like me to come with this word to your fellowship I am willing.

When I saw all the events taking place throughout the WORD I have become convinced that March 2004 is going to be a month of miraculous intervention between God and His Church. I have come to the place where I am convinced that MARCH 2004 may very well be the time of the TRANSLATION, or the disestablishment of the law of sin and death, which has captivated Gods people for two millennium since CHRIST. I further understand the RISK involved in saying such things and the risk of proclaiming a MONTH that God will do great things, BUT I cannot but speak the things the Lord has revealed to me. The LEAST of what MARCH will usher in will be nothing less then what I have shared with you in this letter. You will indeed GO OUT of the house of Bondage, OUT of the Wilderness and you will come into the CITY, the KINGDOM OF GOD where the supernatural becomes natural and the extraordinary becomes ordinary. Your chains, whatever they may be will fall off of you, doors will open that no man can shut and God will be Almighty God.

In closing I want you to know that over the past few years I have written with a contending anointing against the United States of America. It was said to me that this anointing was likened unto Jeremiahs anointing when he contended with Israel. But let it be known that as Jeremiah wept for his people, so I have wept for this nation. The hard writings have been an attempt to provoke Gods people to repentance from Governmental idolatry, man worship and compromising sinfulness. I have written to a remnant that have come out of Babylon and have compelled all who would hear to come out as well. I KNOW that my Father, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has told me to write the warnings I have and I KNEW that these warnings would be read and heard by “watch Dog” agencies and other intelligence groups. To them I pray that their eyes will be open and that they will know the truth of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God. These warnings have not been one sided or unbalanced. They have been perfectly balanced with the WHOLE council of Gods word. I declare unto you who love the Lord in Spirit and Truth that your time of RELEASE is come. Be ready! Be on the watch! The Lord shall do GREAT THINGS FOR YOU!

May Gods peace and blessing be upon each one of you this day.

In Christ Jesus our Lord Vincent Xavier

Acting Prophecy Part III

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The Abomination of Desolation

Introduction

One of the most cryptic signs of the last days is the ***abomination of desolation.*** This sign is first recorded in the visions of the prophet Daniel (chapters 8, 9, 11 and 12), and the Lord Jesus reiterated the sign in His Olivet Discourse in Matt. 24:15 and Mk. 13:14.

Part III discusses the prophecy about the Endtime Antichrist and sign of the abomination of desolation from a new perspective. The ideas to be discussed are organized under three main sections.

Section 1 contains a summary of the prevailing views on the prophecy about and the identity of the Endtime Antichrist and sign of the abomination of desolation. Section 2 introduces the new interpretive approach used to study the original vision of Daniel (chapter 8), and carries the result obtained from applying the new method. The Third Section presses the result obtained in Section 2 to its logical conclusion. It presents the discerned relationship between the prophecies about the Antichrist and some major political and ideological movements of the 20th C.

Justification of the study

All of the prevailing viewpoints on Biblical Endtime prophecy each have something important to say and contribute to our understanding of the identity of the Endtime Antichrist. But it cannot be considered redundant to seek for further understanding into the true meaning of these two important elements of Biblical Endtime prophecy – the Antichrist and the sign of the abomination of desolation. Hence, the following re-interpretation of these two major objects of eschatology is presented to enhance knowledge in this area. Such an additional effort to delve meaning does contradict the original intentions of God - 'Many shall search and knowledge will multiply' (Dan 12:4).[1]

Section 1: The Prevailing Views

Some of the most widely accepted views on the Antichrist and the sign of the abomination of desolation can be summarized as follows. In its primary prophetic sense, the prophecy has been associated with the activities of the anti-Jew Syrian King, Antiochus Epiphanes. In what this king did to the Temple and to the faithful Jews when he invaded and occupied Judea in 171- 165 B.C. many see the first level fulfillment of Daniel's visions.[2] However, the mention of the sign of the abomination of desolation by the Lord Jesus in His Endtime teaching (Matt. 24, Mk.13), gave a renewed life to the sign. That made it clear that the sign is still in the future at the time Jesus spoke in 33 A.D. The Lord Himself then left the door open for another round of interpretation and expectation. Therefore, since then, there have been diverse views how the sign was or will be fulfilled.

Some Bible scholars teach that Jesus' prophecy about the sign of the abomination of desolation was fulfilled when Rome destroyed the Second Temple in 70 A.D.[3] These scholars see the figure of the Antichrist in one of the Antichristian Roman Empire Caesars. Equally there are many other Biblical scholars who believe otherwise, saying that most of the signs Jesus gave on the Endtime, including the sign of the abomination of desolation, are still in the future. These teachers explain saying that first should arise a worldwide ruler, the Antichrist, who will sit in the restored Temple in Jerusalem, declaring himself to be god (God). [4] The, it is the declaration of himself, though a man to be god (God), which will constitute the sign of the abomination of desolation.

Moreover, there is also a third alternative viewpoint, a fringe teaching, which argues that the prophecy about the Antichrist and the abomination of desolation should not be taken too literally. This perspective asserts that the prophecy about the Antichrist will be fulfilled when the Endtime church is swept by widespread false doctrines. The rise of such false teachings will constitute the manifestation of the spirit of the antichrist, and its domination fulfill of the prophecy about the abomination of desolation. Though false teachings and teachers have plagued the church in all its history, it is said that, such a spirit of the antichrist will manifest and magnify itself more than ever in the Endtime. Therefore, among those who subscribe to this viewpoint, there is little expectation for a king called the Antichrist to reign worldwide.[5]

Section 2: The New Interpretation Method Applied

To understand the sign of the abomination of desolation in a new light, first we have to go to the original vision of Daniel in chapter eight and reinterpret it from a new perspective. Daniel's vision in the eighth chapter opens as follows,

"… I saw in the vision that I was by the River Ulai. ***3*** Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and there, standing beside the river, was a ram which had two horns, and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. ***4*** I saw the ram pushing westward, northward, and southward, so that no animal could withstand him; nor was there any that could deliver from his hand, but he did according to his will and became great. ***5*** And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. ***6*** Then he came to the ram that had two horns, which I had seen standing beside the river, and ran at him with furious power. ***7*** And I saw him confronting the ram; he was moved with rage against him, attacked the ram, and broke his two horns. There was no power in the ram to withstand him, but he cast him down to the ground and trampled him; and there was no one that could deliver the ram from his hand." Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven. ***9*** And out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. ***10*** And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them" Dan. 8: 2-10.

Daniel saw this vision around 538 BC. As the Book of the Maccabees and secular history attest, Daniel's vision had come to pass by accurately predicting the events, which took place in the Middle East region during c. 300 – 100 BC period.[6] However, it will be totally wrong to limit the understanding and application of this vision (and the other related visions of Daniel's), only to the events that took place in that time frame and in that confined region.

We have a solid precedence in the New Testament usage of Old Testament history and prophesy to enable us to seek for wider and deeper meanings in Daniel's vision. We also find enough exegesis precedence in Bible scholarship to take a vision like Daniel's beyond its local and immediate context and apply it to far distant future events, including Endtime events. For that matter, the angel that was sent to Daniel to help him understand the vision had told Daniel that the vision has application to latter day events.[7] If so, then Daniel's vision should be interpreted in such a way that it becomes fully applicable in a meaningful way to make us understand better God's workings in the last days. But the question will be - which of the available Scripture interpretation methods should we choose to attain our intent?

If Daniel's vision is to apply to latter day events in its totality, there is a need for adopting a different interpretation method. One such technique is the figurative interpretation method. The figurative approach is chosen, because, Daniel's vision is inherently typological, and hence such an interpretive approach will allow us to fully grasp the larger issues implied in the vision. [8]

Once we adopt this interpretive method, the next step will be to single out the major protagonists and historical processes found in the vision for closer scrutiny, to evaluate them for their typological value. Later, we will map these protagonists and historical processes to their figurative counterparts of the last days. Only after such a course, then we will assign the abomination of desolation a new meaning based on what we have come to establish through the new approach. Hence, the logic we will apply to identify the abomination of desolation will be inductive rather than deductive.

5.1. The Broad-Strokes of His-story

Daniel's vision can best be understood as a canvass of human history painted by God with broad strokes. But to fill the details and to know how to apply the vision to larger human issues, first we have to unshackle the vision from the tyranny of the local and the immediate context.

First level discernment of Daniel's vision leads us to the following insight: some titanic forces shape history; and these forces will be in conflict for mastering the world. Such a conflict in its drive and intent can be understood as a clash of civilizations, a clash which will basically be cultural, political, and even economic in nature. The competition and conflict between the opposing 'civilization' forces will progressively accentuate and finally climax, in the latter part of human history, in the form of a horror unleashed by one of the rival forces. This horrifying assault will involve an unprecedented carnage carried out against the forces which side with God, and it will be accompanied by a sacrilege committed against the temple of God. It is such a horror and sacrilegious act that is called the abomination of desolation in the visions of Daniel. The instigator of the horror will be Satan, but those who implement it in history will be his human agents.

5.2. The Prophetic Drama: Decoding Types and Figures

In much abbreviated form, Daniel's vision can be summarized as: First, the Persians will be dominant in the world stage. Later on, the Greeks will challenge and overthrow the Persian Empire to be the dominant world force. But soon, the Greek Empire will break up, and several dynasties will arise from it. Later on, one of the Greek dynasties will invade the land of Israel and desecrate the Temple.

But our interest goes beyond the immediate and literal sense. From names and symbols and from actions and reactions (alliances, battles, etc) of the major protagonists, we should be able to discern valid figurative and allegorical counterparts to be matched to latter day characters and events.[9] To fully understand the latter day application of Daniel's vision, first we have to unravel the allegorical and figurative codes of the vision. This we proceed to do now.

(i). The Persians

In Daniel's vision, the Persian Empire is represented by a two-horned ram, and at the beginning of the prophetic drama, the ram stands as the world dominating power (Dan 8:20).

But beyond the literal and the shadow, what is the prophetic symbolism of the Persian (ram)? This is what we can learn about the Medes and Persians in the Bible: They are commissioned by God to destroy Babylon and to liberate the people of God, the Jews; they are used of God to restore the Second Temple; their first king, the one who overthrew Babylon, King Cyrus, is called the Anointed One of God, and hence made a type of Messiah (Is. 45: 1). Moreover, among all gentile empires, it is the Medes and Persians who get no word of judgment from the prophets of Israel. Hence, for these and other similar reasons, we can say that the Medes and Persians can be taken as symbols and shadows of godly people (forces). Therefore, in their latter-day manifestation, the 'Persians' will be all those groups of people who will openly acknowledge the power of God in the universe and in their lives. So the latter-day 'Persian' will be all those groups who practice and support religious faith and uphold traditional values.[10]

(ii). The Greeks

On the other hand, the Greeks, who are represented by the he-goat in the vision, are the opposite of the Persians in their worldview and life style. It was ancient Greek philosophers and writers who laid down the first groundwork for modern philosophy, science and art. Hence, based on their legacy, the Greeks are taken as a metaphor for the secular and rational mind-set. Based on both Scriptural and secular usage, the 'Greek' is therefore a type and symbol of groups and nations whose main focus is the material than the spiritual, the empirical than the transcendental, reason than faith. Therefore, in the following interpretation of the vision of Daniel, the Greeks will symbolize those who are mainly after intellectual, rational or secular pursuit.[11]

5.3. Spiritualizing the Prophetic Drama

Daniel's vision opens by showing the meteoric rise of the Greek Empire and its quick triumph over the Persians. In order to apply our figurative interpretation to this part of Daniel's vision, we have to look down the corridors of human history to find a historical event(s), which bears resemblance and parallel to such a power encounter and outcome as depicted between the literal Persians and the Greeks. The only time in history we see the clash of cultures as symbolized by the conflict between the 'Persian' and 'Greek' forces would be the Enlightenment Period of the 17th century. During that Period, particularly in Western Europe[12], there was a sudden burst of intellectual and artistic activity. A crop of rational and secularizing philosophies, groundbreaking scientific discoveries and theories, and creative works of art flourished. It was as if intellectual and artistic activity was suddenly released from its traditional and religious milieu. Attendant to such resurgence in rationalism in much of Europe, soon culture, economics and politics were enlivened with secularism and modernity.

However, as the new 'Greeks' increasingly asserted their influence in society, confrontation and clash with the forces of the *status quo* became inevitable. In those days, more than any section of society it was the church and the monarchy, which represented and upheld traditional values and institutions. Soon it was destined that the 'Persians' of those days – that alliance of the monarchy and the church, was to square off with the emergent 'Greek' – the intellectual and philosophers of the day.

During the Middle Ages, the church and the monarchy were the dominant force in all Europe. The hegemony of the two institutions was quite uncontested and unquestioned. Even when they were challenged now and then, they had always emerged victorious. However, as time passed, both church and monarchy lost their vigor and vitality, and could not march with the times. Inevitably, they were perceived as bastions of backwardness and oppression. By the 16th C., following the general revival in learning, vanguards of thought and reform began to question the long-held dogma and institutions of society. As the result, slowly the church and society began to lose legitimacy in the eyes of the public. To wit: The scholastic and rationalist 'Greek' 'he-goat' was moving in with rapid speed into the stage of human history. Its assaults were soon to take the unprepared church-monarchy - 'Persian' 'ram' - by surprise.

The 'Greek' animal, to its advantage, was armed with a single conspicuous horn between its eyes. The 'Greek' force became more ferocious by the day as its indignation built up against the 'Persian' *status quo*. But the 'Persian' ram was not in the best of shapes to take on the battle of ideas with the 'Greeks'. At least one of its 'horns' was growing backward!! [13] The church and monarchy were to engage in a conflict with the intellectuals, for which they were ill prepared.

Soon it became apparent that the church and the monarchy - the bulwarks of faith and tradition, were no match to the swift-footed philosophers and scientists of the day. As revolutionary ideas flourished and new scientific discoveries were made almost by the day, long-held views and institutions gave way to forces of secularism and modernity. The foundation of traditional society was undermined from the uninterrupted intellectual barrage of the 'Greek' mind. Consequently, the *status quo* was nudged out of position and influence, or was violently overthrown.[14] In such a manner, over a few centuries, the 'Greek' mind achieved ascendancy. Culture and politics was 'Hellenized', first in Europe and later throughout the rest of the world.

5.4. The Fracture of the 'Greek' Power

As Daniel watched further in the vision, he saw the following taking place,

"Therefore the male goat grew very great; but when he became strong, the large horn was broken, and in place of it four notable ones came up toward the four winds of heaven. ***9*** And out of one of them came a little horn, which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Glorious Land. ***10*** And it grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them." (Dan. 8: 8-10)

In its allegorical sense, this part of Daniel's vision, predicts that the forces of secular modernization will not remain united for long, but break up into various camps and factions. As history shows us, in the midst of its power and ascendancy, the 'Greek' - intellectual force - unleashed by the Enlightenment Period, broke up into various factions.

To wit: the break-up in the 'Greek' camp, soon after the victory over the forces of tradition, would give rise to 'four horns pointing to the four winds of heaven.'[15] This predicts that myriad of ideological and philosophical positions and factions will break out from the secular camp. Figuratively speaking, then every point on the ideological compass will now become possible - 'East', 'West', 'North' and 'South' will be just a few of the major 'scholarly' positions to emerge. Soon after, the focus of the vision shifts and concentrates on one of the 'four' horns; and it is from this horn that, subsequently, will arise a sub-horn (little horn). For all its peculiarities, particularly its antipathy to religion and God, it is this 'little horn', which is singled out by God for special attention and recognition.

From its small beginnings in the camp of the 'Greek's', the 'little horn' will grow in power to become an irresistible force later on.[16] To all those who acknowledge God (i.e. 'Jews'), it will be this branch of the secular forces, which will become their worst insidious enemy. As the result, religion and traditional institutions will come under its ideological siege. Persecuting religion will be just one of its *modus operandi*.

5. 5. Identifying the latter day 'little horn'

Then, of all the offshoots of the modern day 'Greeks', which one of them best fulfills the description of the 'little horn'? As Daniel tells us, the identifying marker of the 'little horn' should be its 'Greek' heritage, and its virulent opposition to God.

As the history of the Enlightenment Period shows us, as that movement progressed, various branches in the secular movement surfaced. These various groups later morphed into their own species, later to coalesce into schools of thought, philosophies, ideologies, parties, or institutions, etc. Particularly, those secular groups with political orientation, they became mainly responsible for much of the social and political revolutions and reforms that took place in the ensuing post-Enlightenment centuries.[17]

Regarding God and religion, secularists took up divergent positions. The major positions adopted were: Atheism, deism, and agnosticism. However, it has been those with a distinctly atheistic orientation, which became rabidly anti-God and anti-religion, by undermining the tenets of faith and persecuting the adherents of religion. With which of the branches of the latter day 'Greeks' should we then associate such kind of behavior towards God and religion?

As we have discussed earlier, the Endtime manifestation of the 'little horn' carries both secularist and atheistic characteristics. And according to Daniel's visions, the 'little horn' also unleashes a horrifying persecution against God's people and desecrates the Temple. If we carefully survey the history of modern secular thought, no other school of thought than radical socialist and communist ideology best fits the figurative/ historical description and career of the anti-God and anti-religious 'little horn.' [18]

5.6. The Birth Marks of the Latter-day 'little horn'

Much of the socialist/ communist ideology is the brainchild of 19th century political science philosophers, Karl Marx and Frederick Engels. These two men, more than anyone else, laid the foundation of atheistic socialist ideology (communism) among the working class of 19th C. Europe. Afterwards, communist ideology conquered the vast lands of Russia in 1917, and later after WWII it expanded into much of Eastern Europe, China and South East Asia. Particularly after WWII, socialist/ communist ideology became such a pervasive worldwide socio-economic and political movement that its influence controlled the politics and economics of many developing nations in Asia, Latin America and Africa. Many countries in these continents fell under the spell of radical socialism in one or another form. By the time of its near extinction in the 1990s, communism has succeeded to bring close to a third of mankind under its rule or influence.

Wherever communists were in power, traditional values and institutions in general and religious faith in particular was under continuous threat. They regarded religion as the relic of mankind's primitive past; therefore, they labored hard to uproot it through ideological brainwashing or police torture. Adherents of religion suffered endless persecution at the hands of communists. Their punishment included death penalties, labor camps, exile, dispossession of wealth, job discrimination, etc. Particularly, Christians and Jews carried the brunt of such persecution.

Section 3: Endtime Events and the Antichrist

5.7. Profiling the Endtime Little Horn

In order to easily identify the nature of the Endtime 'little horn', first we have to draw its profile based on relevant Biblical passages, which are traditionally associated with it.[19] At the same time also in order to understand the true meaning of the abomination of desolation, an alternative meaning to the term sanctuary/ temple will be developed. It is only after lying the groundwork with such important starting steps, that then the meaning and identity of the antichrist and the abomination of desolation fixed and associated with appropriate Endtime events.

(a). The Little Horn

Much has been written on the identity - origin and career of the Endtime 'little horn' or the Antichrist. Sundry individuals, institutions, and even nations have been suggested as fulfillment of the prophecy about the 'little horn' (antichrist). In this regard, some of the most cited candidates have been, the Roman Caesar Nero, the founder of Islam - Mohammed, the Roman Catholic Church and its popes, Adolf Hitler, Communism and its leaders, and much recently the New Age Movement and the Masonic Lodge. These names are in addition to all those false Messiahs who down the centuries declared themselves to be the personifications of the Second Coming of Christ.[20]

However, if we let Scripture speak for itself, this will be what will emerge as the profile of the Endtime 'little horn' (Antichrist).

- It will be a branch to arise from the victorious 'Greek' dynasty (Dan. 8: 8-9)[21].
- Starting from small beginnings, it will amass political power through intrigue and conspiracy. Literally, it will be a master of intrigue (Dan. 11: 21, 23).
- Though it has its roots in Christianity, it will abandon the Faith. It will deny God and Christ. It will be a master of deception, succeeding in misleading many people. The Lie it promotes will cause many to fall away from faith in God (Dan. 8: 25; 2 Thes. 2:3, 9-12; 1 Jn. 2: 18-19; Matt. 24:24; Rev. 13: 14).
- After it comes to political power, it will establish a policy of controlling and distributing wealth (Dan. 11: 24b, 43, 49; Zech. 11: 16).
- Those who acknowledge him and owe him allegiance, they will receive privilege and influence. Merit will have little space in the empire the antichrist (Dan. 11: 39).
- Because of the mighty deeds it is able to accomplish many will be duped about its supernatural strength (Dan. 8: 24; 2 Thes. 2:9-10).
- It will be a power, which will be quite marked for its haughtiness and impiety. It will be a cruel dictator, which will inspire terror and sow much destruction (Dan. 7: 23-25, 8:23-24; Rev. 13: 1-10).
- It will utter words of arrogance. It will lift IT-SELF up against God. It will attempt to play the role of God in the life

of the people, promising redemption for humanity (Dan11: 36; 2 Thes. 2:4).

- Its survival skill will convince the gullible in its invincibility (immortality) (Rev. 3-4).
- It will have utter disregard for traditions and customs of the people, including to the observance of religion (Dan 7:25, 11:37).
- It will be intensely hostile to religion to the point of desecrating God's temple. God's people will suffer unparalleled persecution at its hands. It will carry out a horrifying act that will leave the sanctuary of God profaned and desolate (Dan.7:25, 8:9-13, 25, 11: 30-31; Rev. 13: 5-7) .
- It will build up military power, and will engage in territorial expansion. It will attempt at worldwide influence and dominance (Dan. 11:38 –44).
- God's people are advised to be the first to recognize the intentions of the 'little horn' as it first emerges in power. When it maneuvers its army in position, it is time to leave town. They should flee its presence to safe zone in time (Matt. 24: 15-21; Lk. 21: 19-23).
- The nations that would come under its control will languish under its mismanagement (Dan. 7:23, 8:24, Zech. 11: 15-17).
- Its final demise will come not through human force but by what can be regarded as Divine judgment (Dan. 8:25).

Based on the foregoing profile of the Endtime 'little horn' as well as the discussion carried out in Section 1, and after canvassing the landscape of secular ideologies and systems, none comes closer to meeting such descriptions than atheistic Communism (Marxism-Leninism). It is this ideology, more than any other political/ ideological offshoot of the Enlightenment period, which better fits the picture we have drawn above as the profile of the 'little horn'. For example, and as well recorded in history books, the worldwide Communist movement (Marxism-Leninism) has been openly anti-God and anti-religion. It has proven itself as a very revolutionary movement geared towards overthrowing and abolishing the older order. In all the places it has gained absolute power, Communism has unfailingly has shown its antipathy to national tradition and custom. Moreover, it has been known well for its widespread persecution of the faithful, being responsible for the death and suffering of untold of millions. Communist totalitarian states have given rise to many brutal dictators, who have proved evil geniuses. Such leaders brought about much build up in the national military force, leading to bellicose and expansionary policies.

(ii) **A digression**: **The twined little horn**

However, there is also another kindred anti-God force of the last days, which we must consider here. This 'secondary' anti-God political system we have to make mention of for deep spiritual and historical reasons. This one, like Communism, it also drew its ideological inspiration from the offshoots of the Enlightenment, from little reputed intellectual works of some 19th philosophers and artists.[22] It, like its other totalitarian counterpart, was also a political messianic movement whose goal was the setting up of a secular utopia for its own kind. It, like Communism, caused massive destruction to nations, and untold persecution and suffering to the people of God. It, like Communism, was also openly anti-God. A leader of fierce countenance, a man who has been considered as an evil genius, led the ideology. This man was able to make a Lie to prosper in his hands.

This second ideology and political system we consider here along Communism is Nazism. Nazism under Hitler had shown itself a sworn enemy to God's people, the Jews. It dedicated itself to their total extermination, murdering some 6 millions of them in the most gruesome manner.[23]

We will discuss Nazism before Communism to show how Nazism also fulfilled the prophecy about the Antichrist and the abomination of desolation. However, Communism will still remain the main focus, as it is the better fit of the two anti-God ideologies for the prophecy about the Endtime 'little horn.' But before, we discuss any of them in relation to the abomination of desolation; first we have to determine the true identity of the sanctuary/ temple, which the Bible says would be profaned by the anti-God forces.

5.8. The Sanctuary Profaned

According to Daniel (8:10-13, 23-27), the 'little horn' will become progressively more arrogant and hostile to God. Eventually, it will unleash violent persecution against God's people, and as the result, God's sanctuary will experience a horrendous desecration and desolation.

'*And it (i.e. the little horn) grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered. Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, "How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot*?" (Dan. 8: 10-13).

But what is the nature and identity of the sanctuary of God that would be profaned in the last days? Is it the Temple in Jerusalem; or some church building; or as some say, the body of believers, which the Bible also considers as the temple of God? Which of these sanctuaries of God is the one to be profaned by the Antichrist? Which of these possible meanings of sanctuary/ temple meant by God - in the ultimate sense - as the sanctuary of God?

It can be recalled that the commonly accepted schools of interpretations on Endtime Bible prophecy, nearly all associate the sanctuary to be desecrated with the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem. Only one fringe interpretation school considers the body of believers (churches) to be the sanctuary of Endtime prophecy. However, even this interpretation gives little room to consider an evil political power, which the Bible says, will arise in the last days to cause fearful destruction to the land and to the people belonging to God. Hence, this interpretation school clearly overlooks the warning given about the intense persecution the political 'little horn' will unleash against God's people (cf. Dan. 8: 23-27). Did not Jesus warn that God's people should not waste time, but flee as they see the 'abomination of desolation', because unparalleled atrocities and sufferings would follow? So we cannot deny the fact that the Antichrist would be a secular political power opposed to God's people, to cause them physical harm and destruction.

At this point, it obliges us to establish whether it is a physical structure or building (temple/ church), which is referred to by Daniel as the ultimate sanctuary of God which will be profaned and left desolate by the Antichrist, or else if it is the mystical/ figurative temple, that is the people of God themselves, who would suffer untold atrocities at the hands of their secular enemies. For many Endtime prophecy students, the temple/ sanctuary of God is the physical place where God's people gather for worship, whether be it the Temple in Jerusalem, or the synagogues or the church buildings. But even in the true sense of the word even these structures derive their sanctity only because the people of God meet there to worship God. There is a good Scriptural reason to consider the people of God themselves as the ultimate and true sanctuaries of God, where God's primary concern lies. Therefore, it is God's people, either in the collective or in the individual sense that should be considered as the ultimate sanctuary of God. Such an understanding of the believer(s) as the ultimate sanctuary where God takes up His residence and His worship occurs continually. Such a conception is not only in the Old Testament implicitly but also in the New Testament openly.[24]

"Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool; what is the house which you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? All these things my hand has made, and so all these things are mine, says the LORD. But this is the man to whom I will look, he that is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word" (Is. 66:1-2 RSV).

"But it was Solomon who built a house for him. Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with hands; as the prophet says, 'Heaven is my throne, and earth my footstool. What house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? Did not my hand make all these things?' " (Act. 7:47-50 RSV).

"Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are" (1 Cor. 3: 16-17 RSV).

"The Jews then said to him, 'What sign have you to show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews then said, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he spoke of the temple of his body" (Jn. 2: 18-21 RSV).

Hence, when we talk about the temple/ sanctuary of God hereafter it will be primarily in the sense of God's people and remotely in terms of a physical place or structure. In this case, then the focus of the desecration and desolation of the sanctuary will be acts of cruelty (horror) committed against the people of God by the anti-God secularist power.

"At the end of their rule, when the transgressions have reached their full measure, a king of bold countenance shall arise, skilled in intrigue. He shall grow strong in power, shall cause fearful destruction, and shall succeed in what he does. He shall destroy the powerful and the people of the holy ones. By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall be great. Without warning he shall destroy many and shall even rise up against the Prince of princes. But he shall be broken, and not by human hands. The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true. As for you, seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now" (Dan. 8: 23-26).

According to this word, in the last days would arise a cruel autocrat, a dictator, who would be a master of intrigue and conspiracy work. This secular power would amass much political power in its hands, and then unleash an act that would astonishing and unprecedented in its destructive scale.

The secular power, which would arise in the Endtime, would mislead many through its demagogy, making many to believe the Lie for the truth. It would be able to accomplish feats of endeavor. It would be pretentious in its claims and be impious in its behavior towards God. It would kill many of those who belong to God. God's people would be openly marked for persecution and destruction.

As we consider the sanctuary of God that would be profaned by the 'little horn' principally as God's people, and not as a physical place like the Temple, synagogue or church.[25] then the desecration of the 'temple' would become the gross violation of human dignity that God's people will suffer at the hands of the God-haters. Their desolation is then the destruction of their livelihood and even their life. Hence, the Endtime manifestation of Abomination of Desolation is mainly the wanton and barbaric act committed against the true temple of God, which are His people.[26]

5.9. The 'Little Horn' in Action: The Destructive Lie

Next we will consider two historical instances of the latter day where an atheistic and authoritarian power humiliated and destroyed the temple of God in the most astounding manner. Here we will be first considering the unparalleled persecution and murder of the Jews at the hands of the Nazis. Next we would consider the career of Communism and its widespread persecution of the people of faith, particularly Christians.[27] What we find out about the Jew's persecution at hand of the Nazis and their subsequent history is intended to serve us as a type to what would happen in spiritual Israel, i.e., the church.[28]

This how one writer described the rise of the Nazis and the Communists in the 1920s,

"At the very moment the American intelligentsia turned to totalitarian Europe for spiritual sustenance and guidance in orderly planning, [Europe] was in fact embarking on two decades of unprecedented ferocity and desolation – moral relativism in monstrous incarnation."[29]

"If the decline of Christianity created the modern political zealot – and his crimes – so the evaporation of religious faith among the educated left a vacuum in the minds of Western intellectuals easily filled by secular superstition. There is no other explanation for the credulity with which scientists accustomed to evaluating evidence, and writers, whose whole function is to study and criticize society, accepted the crudest Stalinist propaganda at its face value. They needed to believe; they wanted to be duped."[30]

(a). The Nazis

In the political and economic uncertainties in post-WWI Germany, Hitler emerged from total political obscurity to set up his Nazi party. In the late 1920s, Hitler 'established himself as a brilliant and innovatory speaker, a hard-working party organizer and an authoritarian leader of terrifying will-power.' Those who gathered around him also believed in the necessity of a strong leader, a totalitarian state, and racial purity and world leadership for the German people. To this end Hitler and his henchmen conspired and maneuvered themselves to power. Though they apparently came to power through constitutional means, once they got the power they clung to it in the most unconstitutional manner. The Nazis in power proved to be the lawless ones par excellence. They ruled by decrees rather than by constitutional laws. What the Fuehrer willed, it was the law of the moment. It was the devils that have assumed state power.

Through their skill in organizing and controlling social life, authoritarian rule, and Hitler's irresistible demagogy, the Nazis were able to impose order, security and industrial efficiency in Germany unseen over the previous two or three decades. The rapid rearmament policy the Nazis followed accompanied by suppression of workers unions, allowed Germany to experience economic boom under the Nazis. This did not fail to make positive impression on many Germans. To many, therefore, Hitler appeared as a miracle worker, working order out of chaos, and bringing optimism out of the national malice. His popularity was not low by any means.[31] The Deception latter to come in the open, for the moment was taking root in the hearts of the German people - that Hitler had the Answer and provides the Solution. But soon the consequences of endorsing the Nazis were to be made apparent to all.

The Nazi party under Hitler was a highly disciplined, methodical, and ruthless organization. The Nazis set up a police state, and they ruled through fear and total allegiance to the State. Their main ideology was racial purity of the German race. They taught that a purified German race is historically destined to rule the whole world. To that end the German nation, had to be cleansed from what the Nazis considered 'polluting' racial elements and people of inferior quality. So the Nazis set the stage to make human sacrifices to the ideology they preached. It happened that it was mainly the Jews and the Slavs who carried the brunt of Nazi hatred and became the major victims of Nazi extermination plans. The Jews were condemned to die, while the Slavs were mainly intended to become the slave-labor class for the Teutonic master race.[32]

True that, Jews have known much hatred and persecution nearly in every nation they were dispersed since the Roman days. However, what they experienced at the hands of the Nazis was unparalleled in its cruelty and magnitude. For Hitler to realize his millennial Third Reich dream, solving 'the Jewish Problem' was a centerpiece of his ideology.

"The 'Jewish problem' was central to his (Hitler's) whole view of history, political philosophy and program of action."[33]

In the years they were in power, Hitler and his henchmen murdered some six million of Jews in the most gruesome manner. Hitler's race idea was clearly satanic, and its implementation most horrific. "At Auschwitz, where 2 million were murdered, the process was run like a large scale industrial operation."[34] Hitler in all his arrogance opened his mouth and uttered obscenities against Jews and their God. His hatred of Jewry and their religion was impeccable, and he mobilized all his power and resources to the total annihilation of the ancient people of God.

Through the sweeping police actions of the ruthless secret service and the army, the Nazi regime herded Jews inside from Germany itself and from many other European lands and sent them to the concentration camps. In these camps, Jews were worked to death, were starved. Many were sent to science and medical laboratories where they were experimented with as human guinea pigs. Millions of them were murdered in the Nazi gas chambers.

"…There were no rest periods and anyone leaving his zone was shot, 'attempting to escape.' There were floggings every day and 'several hangings a week.' Potato-turnip soup was served at midday, a piece of bread in the evening.[35] Fritz Saukel, head of the slave-labour system, had laid down: 'All the inmates must be fed, sheltered and treated in such a way as to exploit them to the fullest possible extent, at the lowest conceivable degree of expenditure.'"[36]

"Then they would feel the gas and crowd together away from the menacing columns and finally stampeded towards the huge metal door with its little window. Where they piled in one blue clammy blood-spattered pyramid, clawing and mauling at each other even in death. Twenty-five minutes later the 'exhauster' electric pumps removed the gas-laden air, the great metal door slid open, and the en of the Jewish *Sonderkommando* entered, wearing gas-masks and gumboots and carrying hoses, for their first task was to remove the blood…before dragging the clawing dead apart with nooses and hooks, the prelude to the ghastly search for gold and the removal of the teeth and hair which were regarded by the Germans as strategic materials. Then the journey by lift or rail-waggon to the furnaces, the mill that ground the clinker to fine ash, and the lorry that scattered the ashes in the stream of the Sola."[37]

Thus was humiliated, desecrated and destroyed the sanctuary of God, His own people – the Jew. Hitler and his race ideology was that abomination which left God's people desecrated in the most horrifying manner. Only a few of the European Jews who were wise enough to discern the devil in Hitler and his sinister plans for the Jews were able to flee the looming menace in time, to flee to safety to other countries (cf. Matt. 24: 15- 20).

The ferocity and the scale with which the Nazi regime destroyed know little parallel in the history of man.

"The Third Reich…lasted twelve years and four months, but in that flicker of time, as history goes, it caused an eruption on this earth more violent and shattering than any previously experienced, raising German people to heights of power they had not known in more than a millennium, making them at one time the masters of Europe from the Atlantic to the Volga, from the North Cape to the Mediterranean, the end of a world war which their nation had cold-bloodedly provoked and during which it instituted a reign of terror over the conquered peoples which, in its calculated butchery of human life and the human spirit, out-did all the savage oppressions of the previous ages." [38]

The founder and leader of the Nazi party and regime, Adolph Hitler, carried many of the hallmarks of the Antichrist listed above. He was charismatic but deceptive, intelligent but an evil-genius. He was with a cruel heart with infinite capacity to hate and destroy on a mass scale.

"The man who founded the Third Reich, who ruled it ruthlessly and often with uncommon shrewdness, who led it to such dizzy heights and to such a sorry end, was a person of undoubted, if evil, genius. It is true that he found in the German people, as a mysterious Providence and centuries of experience had molded them up to that time, a natural instrument which he was able to shape to his won sinister ends. But without Adolph Hitler, who was possessed of a demonic personality, a granite will, uncanny instincts, a cold ruthlessness, a remarkable intellect, a soaring imagination and – until toward the end- an amazing capacity to size up people and situations, there almost certainly would never have been a Third Reich."[39]

In Hitler the world saw an abomination that made desolate, he authored the Transgression, which unleashed an awful horror human history ever witnessed. Nazism was evil incarnate, its destructive power energized by the devil. Hitler made the Lie of racial superiority to prosper in his hands, and many were deceived by the Lie and became his agents of desolation.

(b). Revolutionary Communism (Marxism-Leninism)

Next we will consider revolutionary Communism (Marxism-Leninism) the primary manifestation of the 'little horn' and the abomination of desolation. In the following paragraphs we will expound the features of Communism in order to see what a close parallel exists between it and the profile of the little horn provided above.

(i). Communism: The Child of the Enlightenment

Communism has its origins in the rational and secular worldview set loose by the Enlightenment. As acknowledged by its proponents, Marx's communist ideology drew much inspiration from 18th and 19th C. British political economy, French and English utopian socialist ideas, and the dialectical and evolutionary works of F. Hegel and C. Darwin. Revolutionary Communism, more than any other offshoot of the secular-humanist camp, was the most radical and materialistic in its propositions. It openly and actively rejected traditional institutions and customary values, and called for the total and complete overthrow of the old order. [40] Marxists worked for their political ideal - the establishment of a completely new social, political and economic order organized around an autocratic socialist party and state. Most often, their methods to achieve their goals were conspiratorial, violent and ruthless.

For example, as Johnson observed about Stalin, the former ruler of the Soviet Union, Stalin was running a Cultural Revolution, an attempt to change the fundamental human attitudes over the whole range of knowledge by the use of naked police power.[41]

(ii). Communism: Anti-God and Anti-Religion

Marxism in its conception of history and the origins of the universe was purely materialistic; it has no room for God in the origin of the universe and the affairs of men. For example, the German 19th C. philosopher, Ludwig Feuerbach who strongly influenced Marx with his atheism was, "an early and prominent atheist, who denied all supernaturalism and attributed all talk about God to talk about nature. Man, he said, is not dependent on God but on nature."[42] The origin of the idea of God and the practice of religion was attributed to the fear man had of the natural forces in his primitive days. Therefore, the idea of God and faith in Him will no longer be necessary once man is able to comprehend the workings of nature. Hence, Marxists reject the idea of God totally as relic of the lower stages of historical development of mankind. Instead they deify the rational, scientific man. Man can liberate himself from all the forces, which hinder it from attaining his perfectibility.

The founders of revolutionary Communism assiduously wrote and agitated against any form of religious belief as an unnecessary relic of man's undeveloped state. For example, Karl Marx noted that religion is the opiate of the masses and a drag on progress, and, hence, one of the primary tasks of the working class when it comes to power would be to destroy all religion.[43] Similarly, Lenin expressed his hatred of the church in the most venomous terms. He considered priests as gendarmes in cassocks. According to Johnson, Lenin's idea on religion was pure atheism,

" Religion was important to him, in the sense that he hated it. Unlike Marx who despised it and treated it as marginal, Lenin saw it as a powerful and ubiquitous enemy… he had an intense personal dislike for anything religious… From the start, the state he created set up and maintains to this day an enormous academic propaganda machine against religion. He was not just anticlerical like Stalin, who disliked priests because they were corrupt. On the contrary, Lenin had no real feelings about corrupt priests, because they were easily beaten. The men he really feared and hated, and later persecuted, were the saints."[44]

It was such hatred and rejection of the Divine which took the form of most dangerous policy measures once the Communists started to take state power beginning in 1917 in Russia. As history showed, the Communist totalitarian party and state proved highly inimical and destructive to the organization and mission of the church, as well as to the survival of the individual believer. The Communists attempt to wipe out the idea of God and the practice of religion, cost the church and the faithful much in the form of martyrdom, long and short term imprisonment, exile and material sacrifice, etc. Communists general attempt to set up a secular utopia led them to engage on massive scale social engineering and brutal suppression of all whom they considered opponents. The church and the faithful individual fell victim to the grandiose Communist attempt to make the 'New Man', which will overcome all natural forces and usher the endless era of bliss.

(iii). Communism: The Lie as the Redeeming Truth

The communist party was projected as the incarnation of the infallible word of Marxism-Leninism, which everyone has to follow without any deviation. For example, in the words of V. Lenin, Marxism has a status like that of the Bible among the faithful.

"'From the philosophy of Marxism … cast as one piece of steel, it impossible to expunge a single basic premise, a single essential part, without deviating from objective truth.' " And, "Orthodox Marxism requires no revision of any kind either in the field of philosophy, in its theory of political economy, or its theory of historical development.'"[45]

The whole assertion of Marxist theoreticians has therefore been: If the teachings of Marxism-Leninism were strictly followed in statecraft, inevitably would follow the Perfect Society. It was claimed, unlike other social philosophies, that Marxism-Leninism was scientific, therefore, able to provide the Solution to the varied problems of humanity. One need only to follow it thoroughly and apply is wholeheartedly to see its good results.

Since Marxists believed in the inherent goodness and infinite capacity of mankind, they believed in the perfectibility of man. They placed much faith in the assertion of Darwinian evolutionary and Hegelian dialectical laws to believe that mankind was on a course of progress to achieve a higher order of existence. To achieve his Perfect State, man did not need the help of the supernatural. As Schaeffer observed such view of mankind contradicted the fallen nature of man.

"The Perfectibility of Man was the basis of much of the Enlightenment and of the French Revolution. Theoretically it was a basis of the Marxist-Lenin revolution in Russia. [However] Each place this concept of the Perfectibility of Man has been acted on it has led to tragedy, to political chains, and to the loss of humanness."[46]

Marxist taught that Communism could usher in a secular utopia, a classless, secure and prosperous society, which would know no end. This assertion placed a direct challenge to the Christian millennial worldview. Projecting their vision of a secular perfect world, the Communists confronted humanity with a stark choice. The choice had to be made between them, the secular messiahs, or the Christian Messiah, Jesus Christ.

"Marxism, which provides remarkable evidence of the power of dominant key ideas to inspire and direct man, is undoubtedly one of the greatest challenges to traditional religious belief… the thinking of Marx had religious overtones, whether from his own Jewish background or from a Christian atmosphere…Marxism can be called a quasi-religion insofar as it calls from its followers a devotion and a commitment that is in their empirical character resemble commitment and devotion that characterize religious people...Furthermore, like a religion, it has provided themes of fulfillment and hope – a revolution interpreted as the initiation of a Communist world society that would be a final consummation. There are many logical similarities between the doctrine of the Marxist millennium and the Christian doctrine of Christ's Second Coming." [47]

It should not come as surprise that many were deceived to by the words and deeds of the Communists to believe that the Communist system was the promised Kingdom of God come in a secular form. Therefore, as one Christian philosopher put it, Communism has been a Christian heresy.

The sad fact, however, was this - under Communism the heart of man that was intended at creation to worship only God and to be His sanctuary now was forced to enthrone Man as god, the man-made Communist ideology as savior. To achieve this goal, Communists by terror and persecution, propaganda and economic blackmail, induced people to reject God and embrace dialectical materialism as the liberating Truth. Thus God was exiled from the hearts of many.

Hence, millions were seduced and compelled to believe the Lie that man is his own god and can save himself. The Lie uttered at the Fall of man in the Garden of Eden – 'You shall be like God', came closest to its fulfillment through the ideology of Communism. Because, Communism, more than any other ideology has had a very well-thought out atheistic philosophy and attempted for several decades to set up a worldwide Millennial–like Utopia on earth, it more the Nazi ideology comes closer to fulfill the prophecy about the Antichrist.

(iv). Communism: The Communist State as the Red Beast

If Nazism was a political utopian ideology, a secular messianic aberration based on race theory, Marxism, on the other hand, was an ideology of the zealots based on class warfare. According to Communists, in order the Perfect Society to emerge, first society has to be broken up through class warfare, and only later it could be made up again according to the Marxism-Leninism blue print. Therefore, old social relations have first to be smashed ruthlessly, the propitiated classes should be dispossessed mercilessly, and the toiling masses have to be empowered economically and politically with little delay. Only class-based revolutionary struggle led by the Communist party would start and then complete the liberation of the masses from oppressing natural and exploiting social forces.

Based on the above theoretical framework, everywhere Communists assumed political power, beginning with the Russian Revolution in 1917, assumed absolute power to organize, direct and control every aspect of social life. Individuals' rights were suppressed in the name of the common good. Therefore, individual's right did not count much under Communism, only the so-called interests of the masses, as defined by the Communist elite. Any disobedience and deviation from the Party dogma and rules, was considered treason to the party and state and was suppressed with outmost severity.

Society had to render absolute allegiance to the Communist state. Acknowledging any other power, like Jesus Christ, for example, as source of truth and guidance in the life of the people, amounted to treason and anti-revolutionary activity.

Under Communism the state was elevated to a god-like status. It was the most centralized State, overseeing every aspect of life in society. Its orders have to be obeyed at any cost and to it belonged every allegiance. In such a state, Marxist ideology was defied as the objective and infallible truth. The Communist party leaders were seen as the owners of revealed truth, with power to lead the people to total redemption.

Consequently, any allegiance to God or any other customary authority was considered criminal offence in the Communist lands. This inevitably led to conflict between the true believers and the Communist rulers. To true Christians who could only acknowledge Jesus as Lord, the new communist Caesars could not be worshipped and obeyed as Lord without compromising ones faith. As Schaeffer observed in this regard,

“ The humanist worldview with inventible certainty leads in the direction of statism. This is because humanists, having no god, must put something at the center, and it is inevitably society, government, or the state…”[48]

“The early church carried out their civil disobedience in the only way available to them. They came to the clear issue of worshipping Caesar or not, and rebelled in refusing to do so, though they knew the cost. It seems to me that in most the Iron Curtain countries the Christians are in about the same position as the early church. They are not in a position to change the system because of their low numbers, because as Christians they are systematically shut out of places of influence, and because of the iron control. Thus they must resist, in the manner the early church did, when they were commanded to disobey God…if apprehended, paying the price [meant] being sent to the labor camps in Siberia, which at times still means certain death, and certainly great suffering. The labor camps take the place of the lions.”[49]

Under Communism, as under Nazism, the people belonged to the state and not the other way round. Hence, the people were dealt with in every manner in order to make the state ideology a success.

(v). Communism: Temple Defiled

But what has been the legacy of Communism - this secular messiah, the pseudo-Christ - over the 70 or more years of its existence? Did it bring to its subjects any spiritual liberty and material bounty, as promised? Was peace, prosperity and bliss its legacy? Is that what its records show?

In the name ideology and economic policy, millions of citizens were killed, interned in prisons, or exiled in Communist lands. As their records show, Communists have been heartless and barbaric to the extent of exterminating and persecuting the populace to fit their ideological ends. For example, In the 1930s under Stalin’s campaign to collective Soviet agriculture, it is believed that some 10 million rural dwellers and others had perished.

“During these years something like 10 percent of Russia’s population passed through Stalin’s penitential machinery…Churches, hotels, even bathhouses and stables were turned into gaols; and dozens of new ones built. Within these establishments, torture was used on a scale, which even the Nazis were later to find difficult to match. Men and women were mutilated, eyes gouged out, eardrums perforated; they were encased in ‘nail boxes’ and other fiendish devices. Victims were often tortured in front of their families… In 1942-45, there were many more Soviet camps, most of them larger than the Nazi ones, and containing many more people… Most of the camps, however, served a definite economic purpose…Lenin and later Stalin built up the world’s second-largest gold industry and huge gold reserves, on the backs of men working a sixteen-hour day, with no rest days, wearing rags, sleeping often in torn tents, with temperature down to sixty degrees below zero, and pitifully with small quantities of food.”[50]

Another major country, which came under the influence of Communism next to Russia, was China. In China Communists took power in 1949. The Chinese Communist leader, Mao tse-Tung indulged in social engineering and politically motivate terror campaigns with consequences not less than that of Stalin in Soviet Russia. For example, Mao’s Great Leap Forward, his attempt to transform Chinese agriculture into a commune system, had a high human cost. It led to man-made famine, which killed some 40 million Chinese.[51] Mao’s rule was a ruthless and autocratic as much as Stalin’s was. Wholesale killings of political opponents, consigning intellectuals and dissidents to labor camps, persecuting and controlling the churches have been a common occurrence in Communist China.[52] Regarding the policy, which the Chinese Communist followed in relation to the churches, what Aikman notes here is quite revealing.

“On coming to power, therefore, what the [Chinese] Communists needed to accomplish in relation to China’s Christian population was twofold challenge.. First, they needed to intimidate into total compliance or cow into silence any prominent Catholic or Protestant Christians leaders who opposed the new regime. Any center of impendent civic leadership, and hence potential political opposition, could not be permitted to survive beneath the new mandate. Second, to avoid totally alienating the entire mass of Christian believers in China while they were still consolidating their power, the Communists needed to co-opt a large portion of the clergy. These were not to be just passive supporters to the new regime, but active enthusiasts…the Communists had planned the infiltration and control of Protestant Christian churches carefully and thoroughly. . It was during this period of mass reeducation all over China that the terms ‘thought reform’ and ‘brainwashing’ first acquired wide currency. The large majority of Protestant clergy in China went with the process. The price for resistance ranged from public denunciation, arrest, imprisonment, and possibly execution.”[53]

Aikman ably chronicles what Chinese church leaders had to pay for standing firm for Jesus Christ and rejecting Mao’s secular Utopia propaganda. Many Church leaders and priests were shot to death for so-called counter-revolutionary activity. Many others were sent to labor camps as long as 20 years where they labored under harsh conditions. Police torture and surveillance of churches is still a common occurrence in China today.

Believers faced similar persecution in countries where Communists took power. In former East European Communist block counties, China, North Korea, Vietnam. Cambodia, Laos, Cuba, Ethiopia, Christians churches were closed, and believers suffered martyred at the hands of Communists.[54], [55] What took place in Cambodia at the hands of Communist in the mid-1970s was horrifying.

The Communist elites, which seized power by force all over Indo-China in April 1975 immediately, embarked on nationwide programs of social engineering, with grave consequences to the population. The models and inspirations were Stalin's collectivization of the peasants and China's Mao rural communes. But it was in Cambodia, where the worst atrocities against humanity took place. The most horrifying atrocities against the people were justified in the name of total social revolution, where everything from the past was anathema and had to be destroyed. At the hands of the ruling party, the Khmer Rouge, mass terror was the chosen weapon to hasten history, and realize the envisioned Communist Utopia without delay. Millions of members of so-called parasite classes, undesirable elements and counter-revolutionaries died under the social engineering policies of the Khmer Rouge. Most died while attempting to flee the Khmer devils, got executed by the Communist, or died under the harsh conditions of the rural villages to which they were forced to live after driven out of the cities and towns.

"About 100,00 Cambodians were executed, 20,000 died trying to flee, 400, 000 died in the forced exodus from the towns, a further 430, 000 died in the camps and 'villages' before 1975, and a 250,000 more in 1976. Hence between April 1975 and the beginning of 1977, the Marxist-Leninist ideologues ended the lives of 1,200,000 people, a fifth of the population."[56]

The Khmer Communists like their predecessors, Lenin, Stalin and Mao, were heartless ideologues. The human person was an expendable sacrifice on the altar of Ideology. They were prepared to commit mass scale atrocities in the name of ideology.

"Like Lenin, they were pure intellectuals. They epitomized the great destructive force of the twentieth century: the religious fanatic reincarnated as professional politician. What they did illustrate the ultimate heartlessness of ideas."[57]

(vi). Communism: Militarism and Imperial Expansion

Communists believe in strong military and police power to impose and control their autocratic rule. This has to be done to use their parlance to protect the dictatorship of the proletariat from internal and external counter-revolutionary forces. So everywhere, Marxist-Leninist parties, inevitably a large-sized 'peoples army' characterized each state. The first and leading Communist country, Soviet Russia for long time maintained one of the largest armies of the world and it became one the largest arms producer of the century. It was mainly Russian armament, which was exported to other communist nations to bolster their dictatorial grips on their own citizens. Most of the former and present day communist nations have had the highest per capita number of soldiers and defense expenditures.[58]

The virtual strength the Red Army demonstrated in WWII in defeating the Nazis, was soon used to occupy many East European countries under the Soviet orbit as satellite communist nations. Soviet Russia exercised influence in Communist China's policy until the early 1960s, and was the undisputed controlling force in other Communist oriented countries of the region. Soviet expansionism in Asia, the Middle East, and Africa and to some extent Latin America was quite marked.[59] Among other factors, it was helped by the winds of change that were sweeping the developing world in the post-WWWII years. Soviet influence and expansionism was carried out in the guise of supporting national liberation struggles and in the name of assisting developing nations to pursue independent economic and political policies from their former colonial powers. In many developing countries the Soviets supported left wing movements and armed revolutionary insurgencies; engineered coups to bring Communists to power; propped up unpopular socialist governments with massive economic and military aid; and even at times launched direct military invasions in support of their client regimes, etc.[60]

However, according to Daniel chapter 11, the pretensions of the 'little horn', in our case, that of Soviet Russia's expansion and world domination will not go unchallenged. Another secular world power will strongly challenge its posturing. Particularly in its latter stages, the Antichrist's empire would encounter a stronger challenge, which would leave it exposed for its true nature. The charges it used to hurl on others would return back on it; and it would be made to retreat back to its own homeland (Dan. 11: 18-19). As winds of change sweep against it from various directions, it would try to save its empire, but that would be too late. Once retired and confined to its provinces, it would stumble (make false steps), and as the result meet its demise never to rise up again (Dan 11: 44-45). [61]

Conclusion

There is no other better way to end the discussion on the desecration and desolation of the human person at the hands of 20th C godless ideologies than to look at the reflections of the present Pope, John Paul II. The Pope is one of the few persons of who has witnessed the emptiness and horrors of both Nazi and Communist ideologies. The Pope is also unique in the sense that he as a Christian scholar devoted himself to the metaphysical study of the plight of the PERSON. His deep reflection on the degradation and pulverization of man's fundamental uniqueness at the hands of modern day godless ideologies is unprecedented.[62] What Naugel notes below about the Pope is quite noteworthy in light of what has been said in this article about the Antichrist and the abomination of desolation.

"[The Pope] witnessed first hand the devastating consequences of various humanistic ideologies which promised a utopian dream but delivered a cultural nightmare, stripping away the freedom and dignity of countless multitudes (emphasis added – Ed.). In due course [he] became convinced at intuitive, experiential, and philosophical levels that the fundamental crisis in the West rested squarely upon false ideas about the nature of persons... [He] was not only concerned about the devastation of those who suffered under the icy grip of the Nazi and Communist regimes, but he also recognized the disfiguring consequences of upon those held in bondage to the excess of Western individualism and selfish capitalism. Regardless of location, for [him] various political and economic systems based upon secular and atheistic assumptions led to a profound betrayal of the true nature and nobility of persons."[63]

The Nazi atrocity against the Jew had at least one positive outcome - the setting up of the Jewish own homeland, the state of Israel in 1948. One of the mottos of the founding fathers of the re-born state of Israel was: No more again. After 2000 years of exile, persecution at the hands of Christians and gentiles, and lastly victims of unprecedented Nazi atrocities, finally God allowed the Jews to set up their own kingdom (state). This God allowed coming to pass so that the Jew will no longer be trampled under the feet of the gentiles.

There is a spiritual lesson from Israel's story. How the restoration of Israel's kingdom (state) was preceded by the rise of the godless Nazi regime and its evil deeds, this carries a deep spiritual lesson. The story of Israel is intended to shadow the story of the Christians, how first they would suffer intensely at the hands of another 20th C. ruthless godless power. The fall of this anti-God power would be a harbinger of the rise of the Kingdom of God in the earth.

“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it (he) is near--at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place” (Matt. 24: 32-34 NKJV).

Appendix

Common Biblical Passages on the Antichrist

1. ‘And it (i.e. the little horn) grew up to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and some of the stars to the ground, and trampled them. He even exalted himself as high as the Prince of the host; and by him the daily sacrifices were taken away, and the place of His sanctuary was cast down. Because of transgression, an army was given over to the horn to oppose the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth down to the ground. He did all this and prospered. Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said to that certain one who was speaking, "How long will the vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices and the transgression of desolation, the giving of both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot?" (Dan. 8: 10-13).

2. “At the end of their rule, when the transgressions have reached their full measure, a king of bold countenance shall arise, skilled in intrigue. He shall grow strong in power, shall cause fearful destruction, and shall succeed in what he does. He shall destroy the powerful and the people of the holy ones. By his cunning he shall make deceit prosper under his hand, and in his own mind he shall be great. Without warning he shall destroy many and shall even rise up against the Prince of princes. But he shall be broken, and not by human hands. The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true. As for you, seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now" (Dan. 8: 23-26).

3. “In his place shall arise a contemptible person on whom royal majesty had not been conferred; he shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom through intrigue. Armies shall be utterly swept away and broken before him, and the prince of the covenant as well. And after an alliance is made with him, he shall act deceitfully and become strong with a small party. Without warning he shall come into the richest parts of the province and do what none of his predecessors had ever done, lavishing plunder, spoil, and wealth on them. He shall devise plans against strongholds, but only for a time. The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true. As for you, seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now" (Dan. 11: 21-24).

4. “The king shall act as he pleases. He shall exalt himself and consider himself greater than any god, and shall speak horrendous things against the God of gods. He shall prosper until the period of wrath is completed, for what is determined shall be done. He shall pay no respect to the gods of his ancestors, or to the one beloved by women; he shall pay no respect to any other god, for he shall consider himself greater than all. He shall honor the god of fortresses instead of these; a god whom his ancestors did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and costly gifts. He shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god. Those who acknowledge him he shall make more wealthy, and shall appoint them as rulers over many, and shall distribute the land for a price “ (Dan. 11: 36-39).

5. “At the time of the end the king of the south shall attack him. But the king of the north shall rush upon him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. He shall advance against countries and pass through like a flood. He shall come into the beautiful land, and tens of thousands shall fall victim, but Edom and Moab and the main part of the Ammonites shall escape from his power. He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall become ruler of the treasures of gold and of silver, and all the riches of Egypt; and the Libyans and the Ethiopians F62 shall follow in his train. But reports from the east and the north shall alarm him, and he shall go out with great fury to bring ruin and complete destruction to many. He shall pitch his palatial tents between the sea and the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, with no one to help him” (Dan. 11: 40-45).

6. ‘Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbat’ (Matt. 24: 15-18).

And as the Lord Jesus has it, the moment the people of God notice that such an anti-God secular power, which is not worthy of the place, it stands in, ruling power, then it is time to flee without wasting a minute. Waiting too long will make the difference between survival and death. The people of God should pray that God will give them the right conditions to facilitate their migration to a safe place out of the reach of the Antichrist power.

7. “As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? And you know what is now restraining him, so that he may be revealed when his time comes. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but only until the one who now restrains it is removed. And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the breath of his mouth, annihilating him by the manifestation of his coming” (2 Thess. 2: 1-8).

8. “And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads; and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names. And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority. One of its heads seemed to have received a death-blow, but its mortal wound F42 had been healed. In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. They worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?" The beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. Also it was

allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered. Let anyone who has an ear listen: If you are to be taken captive, into captivity you go; if you kill with the sword, with the sword you must be killed. Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints" (Rev. 13: 1-10).

9. "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. And this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming; and now it is already in the world. Little children, you are from God, and have conquered them; for the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and whoever is not from God does not listen to us. From this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error... Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh; any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist! Be on your guard, so that you do not lose what we have worked for, but may receive a full reward. Everyone who does not abide in the teaching of Christ, but goes beyond it, does not have God; whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. Do not receive into the house or welcome anyone who comes to you and does not bring this teaching" (1 Jn. 4: 1-6, 2 Jn 1: 6-10).

10. "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, [F17] son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. "Those who see you will gaze at you, And consider you, saying: 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms, Who made the world as a wilderness And destroyed its cities, Who did not open the house of his prisoners?'" All the kings of the nations, All of them, sleep in glory, Everyone in his own house; But you are cast out of your grave Like an abominable branch, Like the garment of those who are slain, Thrust through with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit, Like a corpse trodden underfoot. You will not be joined with them in burial, Because you have destroyed your land And slain your people. The brood of evildoers shall never be named" (Is. 14: 12- 20).

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[1] Or to use the words of the man of God, Ravi Zechariah, "Let My people think!'

[2] Antiochus Epiphanes belonged to the dynasty of one of Alexander the Great generals who divided the Greek Empire after the death of Alexander. Antiochus Epiphanes invaded the Jewish state (171- 165 BC) and attempted to Hellenize the nation's culture and obliterate the Jewish faith. The king in his most defiant act to Jehovah God set up a Zeus statue in the Temple in Jerusalem and sacrificed a pig on the altar. What According to the Book of the Maccabees, what Antiochus Epiphanes did fulfilled the prophet Daniel's predictions, given some 300 years earlier.

[3] In this case the sign of the abomination of desolation was fulfilled when the Roman soldiers carried their imperial ensign into the Temple ground. That act was sacrilegious, making an abomination to stand in a place where it did not belong. The final act of Temple desecration, however, was the razing of the temple, where it was left desolation for centuries to come. This viewpoint, among those who study Eschatology, is known as Preterist.

[4] According to this viewpoint, in the last days, the Antichrist will allow the Jews to build the Third Temple, in which he will later set himself up as God. This act of deifying oneself as God in the Temple will then fulfill the prophecy about the abomination of desolation spoken by Jesus. In this regard, the Antichrist, will be the last-days' version of the anti-God, anti-Jew, Greek king, Antiochus Epiphanes. Those with Pre-millennial eschatological belief hold to this viewpoint.

[5] In the last days, there will be a great falling away from the true faith in many churches. Satan as a last ditch effort will release lying spirits to sow error and deception among the churches. It will try to mislead even the elect if that was possible. As false doctrine is an ***abomination*** to God, those churches, which will follow such teachings, will become spiritual barren lands **(*desolation).***

[6] Many scholars see in Daniel's visions (chapters 8, 10 and 11) accurate prediction of the meteoric rise of the Greek Empire; its success in overthrowing the Persian Empire (c. 300 BC); the conflict the Greeks developed with the Jews (c. 171 – 165 BC); and the rivalry and struggle that ensued among the Greek dynasties, and at the end the overthrow of Greek power by the Romans.

[7] Even the angel, who was sent to Daniel by God to help him understand his visions, had repeatedly emphasized to Daniel that the visions referred to the latter days. And Jesus said as much. Jesus had associated the sign of the abomination of desolation, with events to take place in the last days.

[8] Interpretative methods, which use allegory, typology and figurative language, are commonly used in the New Testament to interpret Old Testament history and prophecy. For example, see, Jn. 1:29, 6: 30-35; Rom. 2: 25-29, 1 Cor. 5: 6-7, 10: 1-4; Gal. 4: 21-31; Heb 9; 1 pet. 3: 18-21.

[9] Chapters 10, 11 and 12 in the book of Daniel continue with the same theme as contained in the eighth chapter. Therefore, in the paper, repeated allusions will be made to the other related chapters.

[10] Unlike the Greeks, it can be said that the Medes and Persians were more inclined to religion than to science and philosophy. The Persian religion of Zoroastrianism, in its system of belief was dualistic. It recognized the existence of two powerful deities in the universe - the Good One and the Evil One, and ultimately the Good One will triumph over the Evil One to set up a worldwide empire of bliss. The Persian religion, then as compared to that of the Greeks, comes much closer to the religion of Israel in its ideals. On the other hand, the ancient Greeks had their pantheon of gods, but these were known for their jealousy and debauchery.

[11] In the vision, the symbol of the Persian was a ram and that of the Greeks was a he-goat. Such symbolism carries significant meaning. There lies the clue who is the good guy and who is the bad guy, in the eyes of God.

[12] As Daniel saw in the vision, the rise of the 'he-goat' (Greek) is from the west. This was not only literally fulfilled through the

rise of Alexander the Great, from the western side of the then known world, but also proved true in the allegorical sense much later. The revival of modern science and philosophy and its swift ascendancy on the world stage, came from the West - from Europe, and not from the East - the Asiatic lands.

[13] In a figurative sense, we know that a horn is a figure of power and strength. But one of the two horns of the ram ('Persia') was growing backward. This tells us that at least in one aspect, the Persians had lost the progressive edge and had become backward and reactionary. At least, one aspect of their power and influence had become blunted. On the other hand, the horn on the 'Greek' animal was conspicuous and it was located, of all places, between the eyes. This tells us that the source of 'Greek' strength will come from discernment, i.e., knowledge and wisdom.

[14] The struggle between the modernizing forces and those of tradition, at times was a bloody confrontation, erupting into social revolutions and civil wars at times.

[15] Such a break up in the apparently monolithic secular humanist camp, led to the emergence of myriad of factions. The divergent viewpoints and ideologies the factions held, most often pitted them against each other. Daniel's vision in chapter 11 deals with such kind of rivalry and struggle between two branches of the 'Greek' Empire, namely, the northern and southern branches. This in a prophetic-figurative sense, points us towards the latter part of human history where two dominant secular powers (ideologies) will struggle for supremacy in the world.

[16] Cf. Dan. 11: 21-23. The 'little horn' will gather power through intrigue and other clandestine means.

[17] They, more than any other group, became responsible to the rise of the modern nation state, each with distinct national - ideological, economic and political orientations.

[18] From the additional descriptions given to us about the little horn (or the king of the 'North') in Daniel chapters 8 and 11, we can extract more evidence to correlate the 'little horn' with the communist ideology. For example, the little horn has utter disregard to tradition and accepted forms of faith; its beginnings is conspiratorial and involves revolutions/ coups; it takes control of the economy and redistributes wealth; it will be worshiping the god of the munitions, indicating it will heavily relay on brute power and militarism; that it will launch a worldwide conquest and expansion campaign, and that it causes much havoc, etc.

[19] The 'little horn' is also commonly known as the Antichrist (2 Thes. 2: 2-12; 2 Jn 1:7) and the (Red) Beast (Rev. 13).

[20] Some of the cult leaders who claimed the title of Messiah include such figures as the Americans Charles Mason, Rev. Jim Jones and David Koresh, the Korean Rev. Moon, and the Japanese Asahara Shokou. For one aspect of a discussion on this subject, see David Gorenberg's book, The End of Days .

[21] Hence, as we have seen earlier, it will be an offshoot of one of the major branches of the Enlightenment Movement. It means that it will be part of the secular-humanist movement, which would dominate the Western mindset beginning the 17th C.

[22] For the intellectual roots of Nazism, see William L. Shirer, ***The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*** (New York: Touchstone, 1990), pp. 97-113. Shirer traces the origins of German (Aryan) racial superiority and the theory of the Superman, which led to the megalomaniac deeds of the Nazis, to the works of the following major philosophers and writers: the Germans, Fichte, Hegel, Treitschke, Nietzsche, R. Wagner. As well as the lesser lights of the Frenchman, Gobineau and the Englishman, Chamberlain.

[23] Though Hitler did kill many Christians for their faith, those whom he killed for their religious identity by far a larger number were Jews.

[24] Stephen in his last sermon, which led to his martyrdom, brings out this idea most. He argued with the Jewish religious leaders that God's ultimate temple is the human body (the believer's heart) and not the Jerusalem Temple (acts 7: 44-50). To support his point he quoted 1 Kgs. 8:27 and Is. 66: 1-2. The apostle also quite underlies the fact the believers are collectively and individually constitute the ultimate temple of God (1 Cor. 3: 16-17, 6: 19-20; 2 Cor. 6: 16-18; Eph. 2: 21-22). Paul by quoting Lev. 26:12 to support his interpretation clearly indicated that its was Israel the nation which was collectively the true abode of God and not necessarily the tabernacle or the temple she had. Jesus also referred to His body as the temple (cf. Jn. 2:19-21). Jesus words in Jn. 14: 23 give some indication on the ultimate meaning of the human body as the temple of God.

[25] One can include all other classes of people who as well who refuse to submit to the dictates of the impious secular power, and hence suffer similar fate as does the people of God. Humanity, in the general sense, it can be argued that, is the bearer of the image of God and His potential temple..

[26] The perpetrators of this indignity against the people of God are 'despised powers' - educated barbarians ('Greeks'). The designation, 'little horn' implies as much the inferior quality or the low estimation given to such intellectuals by God, as anything else (Dan 11:21). See also Ps. 119: 141 to see that the word 'little' implies despised.

[27] Israel and the Church, are the two ecclesia of God. Both have been selected as the repository (abodes) of the oracles of God. Israel incarnates the OT, and the Church the NT. God, who is the WORD (Logos) resides and manifests Himself through a chosen people. See for example, Is. 49:3; Rom. 9: 4-5; 2 Cor. 3: 3.

[28] In a wider context, one can consider all human kind, irrespective of nationality, class or creed, as the ultimate and potential temple of God. In this case, any power that attempts to take the place of God in the life (heart and mind) of mankind is the false Messiah ('little horn'). Some of the anti-God forces more than others have been quite violent in their opposition and persecution of those who resist such an usurpation.

[29] Paul Johnson, ***Modern Times***, (New York: Perennial, 1991), p. 261

[30] Johnson, p. 275.

[31] According to Johnson (p. 295) "By the mid-1930s Hitler was running a brutal, secure, conscienceless, successful and, for most Germans, popular regime. The German workers, on the whole, preferred secure jobs to civil rights which had meant little to them."

[32] Johnson, p. 381.

[33] Johnson, p. 413.

[34] Johnson, p. 415.

[35] It is said that the 'little horn' will suspend the morning and evening sacrifice for 2,300 days (Dan 8:13). That is for about for 6 years and 4 months. If in this case if one considers food as the required sacrifice for the upkeep of the human-body temple, then, the Nazis by starving the Jews for the duration of the Holocaust (1939-1945) fulfilled this part of Daniel's prophesy. (NB. However, based on ones preferred calculation, if one doubles the 2300 days, one arrives at duration of about 12 years and 8 months. This gives us roughly the period the Nazis lasted in power (1933 – 1945)).

[36] Johnson, p. 417.

[37] Gerlad Reitlinger, The Final Solution (London 1953) quoted in Johnson's ***Modern Times,*** pp. 115-116.

[38] William L. Shirer, ***The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*** (New York: Touchstone, 1990), p. 5.

[39] Shirer, pp. 5-6.

[40] According to prophecy (Dan 11:36-39,) the Antichrist will be anti-traditionalist. The 'little horn' will have a clean break with the traditions and customs of the people. What it will bring into national life will be an imported god, a foreign idea, with little root in the customs and traditions of the people. The idea being foreign, then it has to be bolstered and secured with force of arms. The subject people have to pay a very stiff price to comply. Only those who conform can make a living out of the system.

[41] Johnson, p. 453.

[42] J. McDowell and D. Stewart, ***Handbook of Today's Religions***, (San Bernardino: Campus Crusade, 1982). p. 421.

[43] McDowell and Stewart, p. 421.

[44] Johnson, pp.50-51

[45] Johnson, p. 53.

[46] F. Schaeffer, ***A Christian Manifesto***, (Westchester: Crossway. 1982), p. 125.

[47] Encyclopedia Britannica III, Macropedia, "Philosophy of Religion," Chicago, IL: William Benton, Publisher, 1978, vol. 15, p. 598 in J. McDowell and D. Stewart, pp. 435-436.

[48] Schaeffer, p. 114.

[49] Schaeffer, pp. 122-123.

[50] Johnson, pp. 304-306.

[51] David Aikman, ***Jesus in Beijing*** (Lanham: Regenery, 2003), p. 214.

[52] Johnson, pp. 544-574.

[53] Johnson. pp. 52-54.

[54] Brother Andrew, **God's *Smuggler*** (Grand Rapids: Chosen Books, 2001).

[55] Aikman.

[56] Johnson, p. 656.

[57] Johnson, p. 657.

[58] This conforms Daniel's words that the Antichrist will worship the god of strongholds (Dan. 11:38). In modern parlance, that he puts much faith in military build up and use of military power.

[59] According to prophecy (Dan 11:18) the 'northern power' (Antichrist) will succeed in his expansion campaigns until it is stopped by an opposing power. In its Middle East and Africa adventures, many ME Arab countries will be spared its control; but north and northeast Africa would come under its influence (Dan. 11: 41-43).

[60] In this instance, the case of Hungry (1956), Czechoslovakia (1968) and that of Afghanistan (1980) can be considered as clear cut cases of direct Soviet military interventions.

[61] See Dan 11: 18-19, 44-45.

[62] David K. Naugel, ***Worldview: The History of A Concept*** (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2002), pp. 39-40.

[63] Naugel, pp. 39-40.

A Place For Him To Rest
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In the kingdom, there are no great men of God, just humble men whom God has chosen to use greatly. How do we know when we are humble? When God speaks, we tremble. God is looking for a man who trembles at His Word. Such a man will find the Spirit of God resting upon him; he will become a dwelling place for the Almighty.

Entering the Sabbath Rest of God

Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? -Isaiah 66:1

God asks for nothing but ourselves. Our beautiful church buildings, our slick professionalism, all are nearly useless to God. He does not want what we have; He wants who we are. He seeks to create in our hearts a sanctuary for Himself, a place where He may rest.

In the Scriptures this rest is called "the Sabbath rest." It does not, however, come from keeping the Sabbath, for the Jews kept the Sabbath, but they never entered God's rest. The book of Hebrews is plain: Joshua did not give the Israelites rest (see Heb 4:78). And after so long a period of Sabbath-keeping, the Scripture continues, "There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God" (Heb 4:9). This rest was something beyond keeping the seventh day holy.

The question must be asked then, "What is this Sabbath rest?" Let us explore Genesis in pursuit of our answer. "Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work" (Gen 2:3). Before God rested on the Sabbath, there was nothing special or holy about the seventh day. Had the Lord rested on the third day, then it would have been holy. Rest is not in the Sabbath, it is in God. Rest is a prevailing quality of His completeness.

Revelation 4:6 describes the throne of God as having before it, as it were, "a sea of glass, like crystal." A sea of glass is a sea without waves or ripples, a symbol of the imperturbable calm of God. Let us grasp this point: the Sabbath was not a source of rest for God; He was the Source of rest for the Sabbath. As it is written, "the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired" (Isa 40:28). And even as the Sabbath became holy when God rested upon it, so we become holy as we put away sin, as the fullness of God settles and rests upon us.

In our study, we are not associating God's rest merely with the sense of being rebuilt or rejuvenated, which we obviously need and associate with human rest. The rest we seek is not a rejuvenation of our energy, it is the exchange of energy: our life for God's, through which the vessel of our humanity is filled with the Divine Presence and all-sufficiency of Christ Himself.

Enveloped and Permeated with God

The Hebrew word for rest was "nuach" and, among other things, it meant "to rest, remain, be quiet." It also indicated a "complete envelopment and thus permeation," as in the spirit of Elijah "resting" on Elisha, or when wisdom "rests in the heart of him who has understanding." God is not looking for a place where He can merely cease from His labors with men. He seeks a relationship where He can "completely envelop and thus permeate" every dimension of our lives; where He can tabernacle, remain, and be quiet within us.

When God's rest abides upon us, we live in union with Jesus the same way He lived in union with the Father (see John 10:1415). Christ's thought-life was "completely enveloped and thus permeated" with the Presence of God. He did only those things He saw and heard His Father do. He declared, "the Father abiding in Me does His works" (John 14:10). There is rest because it is Christ working through us! Jesus promises us, "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it" (John 14:14). How vain we are to think we can do miracles, love our enemies, or do any of the works of God without Christ doing His works through us!

This is why Jesus said, "Come to Me . . . and I will give you rest" (Matt 11:28). In a storm-tossed boat on the sea of Galilee, Christ's terrified disciples came to Him. Their cries were the cries of men about to die. Jesus rebuked the tempest, and immediately the wind and sea became "perfectly calm"-even as calm as He was (Matt 8:26). What program, what degree of ministerial professionalism can compare with the life and power we receive through Him?

You see, our efforts, no matter how much we spend of ourselves, cannot produce the rest or life of God. We must come to Him. Many leaders have worked themselves nearly to exhaustion seeking to serve God. If they spent half their time with Him, in prayer and waiting before Him, they would find His supernatural accompaniment working mightily in their efforts. They would become passengers in the vehicle of His will, a vehicle in which He Himself is both Captain and Navigator.

Cease Striving, Know, then Obey

To enter God's rest requires we abide in full surrender to His will, in perfect trust of His power. We learn to rest from our works "as God did from His" (Heb 4:10). It requires diligence, however, to enter God's rest (see Heb 4:11). To "rest from our labors" does not mean we have stopped working; it means we have stopped the laborious work of the flesh and sin. It means we have entered the eternal works which He brings forth through us.

The turmoil caused by unbelief is brought to rest by faith. The strife rooted in unforgiveness is removed by love. Our fearful thoughts, He arrests through trust; our many questions are answered by His wisdom. Such is the mind which has entered the rest of God.

The church needs to possess the knowledge of God's ways, for herein do we enter His rest (see Heb 3:812). We gain such knowledge through obedience to God's Word during conflicts. As we obey God through the testings of life, we learn how to deal with situations as God would. Consequently, it is of the utmost value to hear what God is speaking to us, and especially so when life seems to be a wilderness of hardship and trials.

Therefore, the Spirit says, Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, as in the day of trial in the wilderness. . . . Therefore I was angry with this generation, and said, "They always go astray in their heart; and they did not know My ways"; as I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest. -Hebrews 3:78, 1011

He says, "they always go astray in their heart . . . they did not know My ways . . . they shall not enter My rest." Let us understand: Knowing God's ways leads to His rest.

We must see that there is no rest in a hardened heart. There is no rest when we rebel against God.

Our rest comes from becoming honest about our needs and allowing Christ to change us.

Thus Jesus said, "Learn from Me . . . and you shall find rest for your souls" (Matt 11:29). Stop fighting with God and learn from Him! Let His Word put to death the torments of the sin nature. Cease struggling, cease wrestling against the Blessed One. Trust Him! For eventually His Word will plunder the defenses of your heart. Be committed to your surrender! In time He shall no longer use adversity to reach your heart, for you shall delight in being vulnerable to Him. Continue your diligent yielding until even His whisper brings sweet trembling to your soul. Far more precious than the men of a hundred nations is one man perfectly given to the Spirit of God. This man is God's tabernacle, the one to whom God looks . . . and is well-pleased.

He says, "Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? For My hand made all these things, thus all these things came into being" (Isa 66:12). Yet, incredibly, one man with one quality of heart captures the attention and promise of God. "But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word" (v 2).

God looks to the man who trembles when He speaks. For in him the holy power of the Most High can, without striving, abide in perfect peace. He has learned the ways of God; he delights in obedience. He has chosen to give God what He asks: nothing less than all he is. In return, this man becomes a place, a holy place, where God Himself can rest.

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A Prophecy For Native America

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And after I have plucked them up, I will return And have compassion on them and will bring them back again, Every man to his heritage and every man to his land. (Jeremiah 12:15)

This scripture pertains to both Jew and Gentile. The Lord has said that He shall pluck up the nations from their land who have touched the inheritance of Israel, and He shall pluck up the house of Judah (praise) from among them. Then shall He return and have compassion on them and restore them to their heritage and their land! The house of Judah (praise) is in the process of being plucked up from these nations and sent back into His Holy service, to worship the Living God. Although there are many Jews who are in this cycle of restoration; (and we wait with great anticipation for the revelation of the one new man to be complete), I am really referring to the Gentiles who are among the house of Judah (praise). They as well have been plucked up and called to worship the True and Living God!

The America that exists at this present time is a mongrel nation. I myself am a mixture of French, English, Scottish and Welch. You may also include me as Native American by the sole virtue of the fact that I am a full blood Wannabe! America, as much as she wants to be, is not a nation unto herself; Native Americans are the True Fathers of this land. All indigenous peoples who originally bore the children of the land are the fathers.

Those Gentiles of foreign nations who heard the call of the Living God, and migrated to North America, came with a true commission. If they had only known the lover Jesus in an intimate way they would not have operated in the kind of fear and arrogance that led to the senseless slaughter of a ravishingly beautiful people, Native Americans. Had they followed the examples of the apostle Paul and his ministry to the Gentiles, there would be no need for all this discourse. Our forefathers were all puffed up with religion, which kept them blind to the fact they were on equal terms with the Native Americans as Gentiles. Perhaps the greatest tragedy is the lost chance for Christian Gentiles to embrace Native American Gentiles in the love of Christ instead of the religion of man! Or is it? I say that this is not forever a lost opportunity. The forefathers of what is now the United States were foreigners, and guests in this land. Native Americans were the stewards and the true fathers of the real America, (Turtle Island). Though they didn't see that then, let's not skirt that truth any longer. Native Americans are the fathers in this land, and they will gather the children together in unity in the last great revival.

Malachi 4:6:
"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to the fathers."

O if the missionaries only knew their true place when they came here. If only they understood the ways of God. When the Lord brings a wave of healing, restoration, and revival to the Native Americans on a large scale they will receive the grace for the kind of forgiveness that Jesus pours out. Not even a sparrow falls to the ground with out our Father in heaven knowing it. When we come to know Him and see Him for who He really is we have no choice but to let go of our own judgments; especially those judgments that give us soulish protection from our deepest wounds.

There is not only a heart of reconciliation that God has for the indigenous people of this nation, but there is a mandate of recompense. Casinos are NOT the price. The Lord has said, they shall be returned to their heritage and to their land! This scripture speaks of both Jew and Gentile, and certainly Native Americans. They indeed have been plucked up, and since then, the house of Judah (praise) has been found in them and they have been released by the Lord as His remnant and forerunners, making highways in the dessert for the rest of the native nations of this land, and in foreign lands as well.

Prophecy

As you, the indigenous fathers of this land receive the Lord in these last days; you will have the grace to forgive the evil that was forced upon you. You will step into your destiny in Christ, not as nations, but as one nation.

Your heritage; land, language, art, dance, and music, yes your whole culture shall be restored to all of you. The diversity of the Native American Nations and the mongrels who also reside on this land and represent the nations of the whole world will come together in unity under the True and Living God to embrace one another in Love, and in Christ, to the glory of God and to the destruction of the religious spirit. The Native American role as fathers in this land will be known by the great revival they will lead in the last days.

The Lord has reserved America as His trump card. Although America has hit a record low in spiritual life in these days, we also have prophecies of destiny for America. We have all wondered why God has moved in such a supernatural realm in 3rd world countries, while America seems to be in a spiritual slumber. But the Lord is about ready to bring America into the greatest revival that the world has ever seen.

Habakkuk 1:5 (amplified):
"Look around [you, Habakkuk, replied the Lord] among the nations and see! And be astonished! Astounded! For I am putting into effect a work in your days [such] that you would not believe it if it were told to you..."

Acts 13:41 (amplified):
"Look, you scoffers and scorners, and marvel and perish and vanish away; for I am doing a deed in your days, a deed which you will never have confidence in or believe, [even] if someone [clearly describing it in detail] declares it to you."

"The first shall be last and the last shall be first". Another way to say this is "The former and the latter shall rain together". The Lord has saved the best wine for last yet again! Indeed America is the trump card of the Lord. Would anyone dare to believe it? Would anyone be inclined to hear the word of the Lord? This land has a history of firsts and lasts. Those native to this land are the first. The foreigners who came in the last few centuries are the last.

Native Americans and the pilgrims celebrated the first Thanksgiving. The Natives at that time were looked upon as the elders of this land. In fact, Columbus called them God's people. The children of this land will know this truth again. I tell you that the Native Americans and all the other nations which are represented here in North America will share the banquet table of the Lord in the last and most powerful time of thanksgiving this natural world has ever seen, in what will be realized as the last great revival in the world. All nations will be flowing to Zion. Come let's go up to the mountain of the Lord. All the nations of the world will find the unity and brotherhood of Christ in this land, and the fathers of this land will lead us in the song of the Lamb. Prepare your hearts O Native America. The Lord is going to restore the very roots of your ancient culture, and bring an anointing to heal your people and your land in the very midst of it. Rejoice, for your hour is close at hand! Amen and Amen!!!

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Mal 4:5-6 NKJV Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. 6 And he will turn
the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

2 Cor 12:11-12 NKJV Signs of an Apostle
I have become a fool in boasting; you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing. 12 Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

“I made a covenant with the world that before the day of the Lord, I would
send Elijah to restore the hearts of the children to the father and the hearts of fathers and mothers to the children. Hearts are restored when they know the truth of MY LOVE! Hearts are restored when they have embraced forgiveness and let go of bitterness and pain, grief and sorrow for all that they have been through.

I have come to set men free – FREE to WORSHIP ME ALONE! I am the Father and it is MY HEART the lost need to understand and to be reconciled to! It is MY heart that those in the CHURCH need to be restored to! Then I can restore to them all that has been destroyed in their lives. If they are yoked to man, and not to ME, then they continue to go in circles. They continue in a cycle of dependency that is NOT on ME. Independence from ME is NOT the goal of the church. Many are pursuing a dream that is a lie. Many are pursuing self-sufficiency, and success in the way the world means success. THIS IS NOT MY PLAN! It is your plan. It is the way of the world.

Even now, I am loosing the reigns on many of My chosen apostles. They will not come to you wearing “ apostle” on their T-shirts and claiming to be what they are not. Many false apostles have gone forth luring people unto themselves. But I send apostles to lift ME up…When I am lifted up, I will draw all men to Myself. The apostles and prophets POINT to the KING. The apostle does not laud himself and hoard riches unto himself. He uses the riches to build the kingdom, so that all will SHARE in the necessities of life…and so that none are in LACK.

They are presecuted because they bring a message of REPENTANCE like the early apostles did, and as I MYSELF DID! They are persecuted for calling my children to repent and to cast aside the ways of the world. It is not a call that many would want to take on. If you look at their lives, you will see that their way was not the easy way. They took the narrow path.

They stood for HOLINESS and RIGHTEOUSNESS and they lived that holiness and DEMONSTRATED the Kingdom. They didn’t just talk about it, but people’s lives were changed when they prayed for them. They established true doctrine. And it is this FOUNDATION that I am restoring. The church is built on the blood of the apostles and prophets. Never were they loved but by those who were truly Mine. They endured hardship, as true soldiers of the Cross. They took up their cross and followed ME. They didn’t hesitate. They didn’t hesitate to GIVE THEIR ALL TO ME and for My Kingdom!

They walked in HOLINESS. They did not walk according to the ways of the world and their own desires. Without holiness, no one will see GOD!
2 Cor 7:1 NKJV Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness

of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
1 Thess 4:7-8 NKJV For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness. 8 Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.
Heb 12:14-16 NKJV Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Apostolic power comes with apostolic holiness. THAT is why you are meandering through roads of faith and trials My beloveds. You must be willing to lay down your life if you want to keep it! You must be willing to lay down all the hidden sins, and all the hidden sinful attitudes that keep you from the holiness I WANT for you! I am perfecting you in holiness that you might receive the power I want to pour into you.

I AM THE SOURCE of all you need. So what it takes is coming to ME. RECEIVING FROM ME. Laying down your life, will cause you to save it! Sanctify yourselves with the TRUTH! Know that if you want all of ME, to be filled with the fullness of ME, that you must know MY LOVE in great DEPTH and to know the beauty of MY HOLINESS! Worship Me and I will lift you higher My loves. WORSHIP ME through the pain. Worship ME through the loss and sorrow, through the trials and temptations! For I AM RESTORING. AND, I am building greater FAITH to show you that I will take you through anything. So that when MY judgments fall, you will be able to lead others into the TRUTH of My covenant.

Many of you are walking on water. You are in a walk or test of FAITH, because you have ASKED ME for greater faith. How can you gain more faith without it being tested My love? Cling to the sweetness of MY WORD. SPEAK IT INTO THE HEAVENS. SPEAK IT TO THE DEMONIC REALM, that they might know that you are clinging to ME, and not to sorrow over circumstances! Shout from the rooftop what you hear in your ear! REJOICE in ALL THINGS, and you will overcome all things!

The one thing all my true apostles knew, was the power of MY LOVE. They walked and talked with ME. They knew ME. They knew My heart. And they learned to demonstrate it to others through all they went through on My behalf. They suffered WITH ME, and they received MY GLORY! They learned to grieve over what I grieved over. They learned to rejoice in all things, and prison doors opened, and ways of escape from death were realized due to their learning to PRAISE ME IN ALL THINGS and under all circumstances. PRAISE is the key to LIFE, and authority. The enemy comes but to steal, rob and destroy your joy, peace and happiness in Me. If you can show him, that you will not ALLOW IT TO BE ROBBED, then you will walk in more power and authority than you have ever known, rather than getting into complaining and self pity and sorrow!"

1 Thess 2:6-8 NKJV Nor did we seek glory from men, either from you or from others, when we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. 7 But we were gentle among you, just as a nursing mother cherishes her own children. 8 So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become dear to us.

1 Cor 12:28 AMP So God has appointed some in the church [for His own use]: first apostles (special messengers); second prophets (inspired preachers and expounders); third teachers; then wonder-workers; then those with ability to heal the sick; helpers; administrators; [speakers in] different (unknown) tongues.

Eph 2:20-22 NKJV having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.
James 5:17-18 NKJV Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

Luke 11:48-51 NKJV In fact, you bear witness that you approve the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. 49 Therefore the wisdom of God also said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they will kill and persecute,' 50 that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, 51 from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation.

Luke 9:10 NKJV Feeding the Five Thousand
(Matt 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; John 6:1-15)
And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida.
Mark 6:30-31 NKJV Feeding the Five Thousand (Matt 14:13-21; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-14) Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. 31 And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.
Eph 4:11-13 NKJV And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ —

2 Peter 3:2-9 NKJV that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, 3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, 4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation." 5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, 6 by which the world that then existed perished, being flooded with water. 7 But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. 8 But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

Jude 17-19 NKJV But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: 18 how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. 19 These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit.

Rev 2:1-5 NKJV The Loveless Church
"To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,
'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: 2 "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; 3 and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. 4 Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

Eph 3:2-7 NKJV if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

Gal 1:15-17 NKJV But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately confer with flesh and blood, 17 nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me; but I went to Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

1 Cor 4:9-14 AMP For it seems to me that God has made an exhibit of us apostles, exposing us to view last [of all, like men in a triumphal procession who are] sentenced to death [and displayed at the end of the line]. For we have become a spectacle to the world [a show in the world's amphitheater] with both men and angels [as spectators].
10 We are [looked upon as] fools on account of Christ and for His sake, but you are [supposedly] so amazingly wise and prudent in Christ! We are weak, but you are [so very] strong! You are highly esteemed, but we are in disrepute and contempt!
11 To this hour we have gone both hungry and thirsty; we [habitually] wear but one undergarment [and shiver in the cold]; we are roughly knocked about and wander around homeless.
12 And we still toil unto weariness [for our living], working hard with our own hands. When men revile us [wound us with an accursed sting], we bless them. When we are persecuted, we take it patiently and endure it.
13 When we are slandered and defamed, we [try to] answer softly and bring comfort. We have been made and are now the rubbish and filth of the world [the offscouring of all things, the scum of the earth].
14 I do not write this to shame you, but to warn and counsel you as my beloved children.

2 Cor 11:1-6 AMP
1 I WISH you would bear with me while I indulge in a little [so-called] foolishness. Do bear with me! 2 For I am zealous for you with a godly eagerness and a divine jealousy, for I have betrothed you to one Husband, to present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. [Hos 2:19,20.] 3 But [now] I am fearful, lest that even as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, so your minds may be corrupted and seduced from wholehearted and sincere and pure devotion to Christ. [Gen 3:4.] 4 For [you seem readily to endure it] if a man comes and preaches another Jesus than the one we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the [Spirit] you [once] received or a different gospel from the one you [then] received and welcomed; you tolerate [all that] well enough! 5 Yet I consider myself as in no way inferior to these [precious] extra-super [false] apostles. 6 But even if [I am] unskilled in speaking, yet [I am] not [unskilled] in knowledge [I know what I am talking about]; we have made this evident to you in all things.

2 Cor 11:12-33 AMP But what I do, I will continue to do, [for I am determined to maintain this independence] in order to cut off the claim of those who would like [to find an occasion and incentive] to claim that in their boasted [mission] they work on the same terms that we do.
13 For such men are false apostles [spurious, counterfeits], deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles (special messengers) of Christ (the Messiah). 14 And it is no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light;
15 So it is not surprising if his servants also masquerade as ministers of righteousness. [But] their end will correspond with their deeds.
16 I repeat then, let no one think I have lost my wits; but even if you do, then bear with a witless man, so that I too may boast a little.
17 What I say by way of this confident boasting, I say not with the Lord's authority [by inspiration] but, as it were, in pure witlessness.
18 [For] since many boast of worldly things and according to the flesh, I will glory (boast) also.
19 For you readily and gladly bear with the foolish, since you are so smart and wise yourselves!
20 For you endure it if a man assumes control of your souls and makes slaves of you, or devours [your substance, spends your money] and preys upon you, or deceives and takes advantage of you, or is arrogant and puts on airs, or strikes you in the face.
21 To my discredit, I must say, we have shown ourselves too weak [for you to show such tolerance of us and for us to do strong, courageous things like that to you]! But in whatever any person is bold and dares [to boast]--mind you, I am speaking in this foolish (witless) way--I also am bold and dare [to boast].
22 They are Hebrews? So am I! They are Israelites? So am I! They are descendants of Abraham? So am I!
23 Are they [ministering] servants of Christ (the Messiah)? I am talking like one beside himself, [but] I am more, with far more extensive and abundant labors, with far more imprisonments, [beaten] with countless stripes, and frequently [at the point of] death.
24 five times I received from [the hands of] the Jews forty [lashes all] but one; [Deut 25:3.]
25 three times I have been beaten with rods; once I was stoned. three times I have been aboard a ship wrecked at sea; a [whole] night and a day I have spent [adrift] on the deep;

26 Many times on journeys, [exposed to] perils from rivers, perils from bandits, perils from [my own] nation, perils from the Gentiles, perils in the city, perils in the desert places, perils in the sea, perils from those posing as believers [but destitute of Christian knowledge and piety];
27 In toil and hardship, watching often [through sleepless nights], in hunger and thirst, frequently driven to fasting by want, in cold and exposure and lack of clothing.
28 And besides those things that are without, there is the daily [inescapable pressure] of my care and anxiety for all the churches!
29 Who is weak, and I do not feel [his] weakness? Who is made to stumble and fall and have his faith hurt, and I am not on fire [with sorrow or indignation]?
30 If I must boast, I will boast of the things that [show] my infirmity [of the things by which I am made weak and contemptible in the eyes of my opponents].
31 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ knows, He Who is blessed and to be praised forevermore, that I do not lie.
32 In Damascus, the city governor acting under King Aretas guarded the city of Damascus [on purpose] to arrest me,
33 And I was [actually] let down in a [rope] basket or hamper through a window (a small door) in the wall, and I escaped through his fingers.

2 Cor 12:10-12 AMP
10 So for the sake of Christ, I am well pleased and take pleasure in infirmities, insults, hardships, persecutions, perplexities and distresses; for when I am weak [in human strength], then am I [truly] strong (able, powerful in divine strength).
11 Now I have been [speaking like] a fool! But you forced me to it, for I ought to have been [saved the necessity and] commended by you. For I have not fallen short one bit or proved myself at all inferior to those superlative [false] apostles [of yours], even if I am nothing (a nobody).
12 Indeed, the signs that indicate a [genuine] apostle were performed among you fully and most patiently in miracles and wonders and mighty works.
1 Cor 15:10 AMP But by the grace (the unmerited favor and blessing) of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not [found to be] for nothing (fruitless and without effect). In fact, I worked harder than all of them [the apostles], though it was not really I, but the grace (the unmerited favor and blessing) of God which was with me.

1 Cor 12:29-31 AMP Are all apostles (special messengers)? Are all prophets (inspired interpreters of the will and purposes of God)? Are all teachers? Do all have the power of performing miracles? 30 Do all possess extraordinary powers of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire and zealously cultivate the greatest and best gifts and graces (the higher gifts and the choicest graces). And yet I will show you a still more excellent way [one that is better by far and the highest of them all--love].
1 Cor 9:5 AMP Have we not the right also to take along with us a Christian sister as wife, as do the other apostles and the Lord's brothers and Cephas (Peter)?

Rom 16:7 NKJV Greet Andronicus and Junia, my countrymen and my fellow prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.

Acts 5:17-20 NKJV Imprisoned Apostles Freed
Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, 18 and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. 19 But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, 20 "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

Acts 2:37-39 NKJV Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

Acts 2:42-45 NKJV And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

Acts 4:34-37 NKJV Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

Acts 5:12-14 NKJV Continuing Power in the Church And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. 13 Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. 14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

The God of Jeshurun
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I was sitting here playing one cell and listening to worship, and I heard...

"Who is a God like that of Jeshurun..."

So I looked up the scriptures using this name, and the meaning.

I believe it is a call to the body to come right again...to become righteous.

Of course that only happens as we surrender to HIM, and get in His presence, and are molded by the circumstances and interactions He brings into our lives. We have to cooperate with His Most Holy Spirit. It also seems to be saying that destruction and judgment is at hand - perilous times.

I thought to the encounter at the coffee shop tonight. I was sitting with two youth and one older man. We were talking about rehabilitating prisoners, and how different things could be done to bring responsibility, healing and accountability into their lives, and about the local marine base that was shut down and how it could be used for that.

Shortly thereafter, an elderly man came by with little cards he was passing out to beg for money. He was deaf per the card. I signed to him "Jesus loves you", and indicated I had no money, and the older guy he gave a card to, didn't want to give, so I asked him if I could borrow a dollar so I could give him something and he obliged me and I gave the man a dollar, and later went to the bank to get some money to repay him.

Now as I'm writing this, I am convicted that it was a perfect opportunity to DEMONSTRATE the love of God through praying for him, like Peter outside the gate beautiful. [**Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I can give to you!**] And I am horrified at my own lack of sensitivity at that moment in not looking to the Spirit. But here we had just talked about rehab, and how people discard the homeless and don't care for them, yet in that moment, none of us did all that was needed, I am ashamed to report. Here I have been to India and seen the deaf hear, and seen such miracles, yet I didn't even ask if he would like prayer. The others were only talking about helping, but when the opportunity came - nothing. We get so caught up with what we are doing we ignore the obvious sometimes. One youth had just given smokes to a young guy that was out of him, who I was discerning was fully packed with demonic bondage, angry and bitter, and tormented. Here we all had opportunity to DO something to demonstrate the love of God. I am thinking, why didn't I get the dependency on HIM in that very moment? Maybe it wasn't time, but I've done it before, then I thought that God wanted to say something about this enactment.

One of the things we had spoken of, was my recent attempt to rescue a young woman I met in Romania from abuse she was experiencing...beatings and abuse from the very people who were supposed to help her. So this other ministry wrote and I mentioned her and they offered to call her and visit her! I was so shocked they would be willing.

Then they did, and it all turned into a fiasco. In the melee of events it was hard to discern from my end what was truly going on. **Then the Lord gave me an object lesson.**

A friend had been visiting and she happened, as she left, upon a small sparrow that had been carried out of its nest by crows intent on eating it. It was lying in the driveway about 15 feet from my car. She had disrupted the crows, but then called me to come look - like maybe I could rescue it, and it was in shock, unable to move much. I revived it enough such that it began to respond and peep, but wouldn't open it's mouth to drink water from the dropper or anything and later that night the poor thing died separated from it's parents.

This friend is also someone I have tried to help, but who has been very unteachable in certain areas. Sometimes though our intentions are best, they are interfering with what God is doing. Sometimes we do what we think is best and it still doesn't work. **Without HIS guidance, and fullness of revelation from Him, we can flounder around and not be effective. I pray next time I will be able to be more dependent to hear what the Lord is saying, to be more consistent with relying on Him.**

OT:3484 Yeshuruwn (yesh-oo-roon'); from OT:3474; upright; Jeshurun, a symbol. name for Israel: KJV - Jeshurun.

OT:3474 yashar (yaw-shar'); a primitive root; to be straight or even; figuratively, to be (causatively, to make) right, pleasant, prosperous: KJV - direct, fit, seem good (meet), please (will), be (esteem, go) right (on), bring (look, make, take the) straight (way), be upright (-ly).

JESH'URUN

(jesh'u-run; "upright"). An honorable surname given to Israel (Deut 32:15; 33:5,26; Isa 44:2; in the latter, "Jesurun" in the KJV) **and representing Israel as a nation of just or upright men. The epithet righteous nation, as we may render Jeshurun, was intended to remind Israel of its calling and involved the severest reproof of its apostasy.**
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Isa 44:1-20 NKJV God's Blessing on Israel

"Yet hear me now, O Jacob My servant, and Israel whom I have chosen. 2 Thus says the LORD who made you and formed you from the womb, **who will help you:** 'Fear not, O Jacob My servant; and you, **Jeshurun, whom I have chosen.** 3 For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, and My blessing on your offspring; 4 They will spring up among the grass like willows by the watercourses.' 5 One will say, 'I am the LORD's'; another will call himself by the name of Jacob; another will write with his hand, 'The LORD's, 'And name himself by the name of Israel. 6 There Is No Other God "**Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts**: **'I am the First and I am the Last; besides Me there is no God.** 7 And who can proclaim as I do? Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me, since I appointed the ancient people. And the things that are coming and shall come, let them show these to them. 8 Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not told you from that time, and declared it? You are My witnesses. **Is there a God besides Me?** **Indeed there is no other Rock; I know not one.'"**

9 Idolatry Is Foolishness

Those who make an image, all of them are useless, and **their precious things shall not profit**; they are their own witnesses; They neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed. 10 Who would form a god or mold an image that profits him nothing? 11 Surely all his companions would be ashamed; and the workmen, they are mere men. Let them all be gathered together, Let them stand

up; Yet they shall fear, They shall be ashamed together.
12 The blacksmith with the tongs works one in the coals, fashions it with hammers, and works it with the strength of his arms. Even so, he is hungry, and his strength fails; He drinks no water and is faint.
13 The craftsman stretches out his rule, He marks one out with chalk; He fashions it with a plane, He marks it out with the compass, and makes it like the figure of a man, According to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house. 14 He cuts down cedars for himself, and takes the cypress and the oak; He secures it for himself among the trees of the forest. He plants a pine, and the rain nourishes it.
15 Then it shall be for a man to burn, for he will take some of it and warm himself; Yes, he kindles it and bakes bread; Indeed he makes a god and worships it; He makes it a carved image, and falls down to it. 16 He burns half of it in the fire; With this half he eats meat; He roasts a roast, and is satisfied. He even warms himself and says, "Ah! I am warm, I have seen the fire." 17 And the rest of it he makes into a god, His carved image. He falls down before it and worships it, Prays to it and says, "Deliver me, for you are my god!"
18 They do not know nor understand; For He has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, and their hearts, so that they cannot understand. 19 And no one considers in his heart, Nor is there knowledge nor understanding to say," I have burned half of it in the fire, Yes, I have also baked bread on its coals; I have roasted meat and eaten it; And shall I make the rest of it an abomination? **Shall I fall down before a block of wood?"** 20 He feeds on ashes; **A deceived heart has turned him aside;** And he cannot deliver his soul, Nor say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?"

Isa 44:21- 28 **Israel Is Not Forgotten**

"Remember these, O Jacob, And Israel, for you are My servant; **I have formed you**, **you are My servant;** O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me! 22 I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, And like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you." 23 Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel.
24 **Judah Will Be Restored**

Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself; 25 **Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, And makes their knowledge foolishness; 26 Who confirms the word of His servant, And performs the counsel of His messengers; Who says to Jerusalem, 'You shall be inhabited, 'To the cities of Judah, 'You shall be built,' And I will raise up her waste places;** 27 Who says to the deep, 'Be dry! And I will dry up your rivers'; 28 Who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd, And he shall perform all My pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, "You shall be built," And to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid."'

This is the second time in a few days that I got the above verses 24-27.

Deut 33:24-29 NKJV

24 And of Asher he said: "**Asher is most blessed of sons;** Let him be favored by his brothers, and let him dip his foot in oil. 25 Your sandals shall be iron and bronze; **as your days, so shall your strength be.**
26 "**There is no one like the God of Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens to help you, And in His excellency on the clouds. 27 The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy from before you, and will say, 'Destroy!'** 28 Then Israel shall dwell in safety, the fountain of Jacob alone, In a land of grain and new wine; His heavens shall also drop dew. 29 Happy are you, O Israel! **Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help And the sword of your majesty! Your enemies shall submit to you, and you shall tread down their high places."**

Deut 33:3 NKJV Yes, He loves the people; All His saints are in Your hand; They sit down at

Your feet; everyone receives Your words.

This 333 number has come up lately along with 222 and 22:22.

I read that in the book of Songs, it says My beloved 22 times and My love 22 times. Some of these number combinations seem to represent to us, the love of the LORD for us and how much He will be with us in this final hour of history.

Deut 32:1-47 NKJV Song of Moses
1 "**Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2 Let my teaching drop as the rain, My speech distill as the dew, as raindrops on the tender herb, and as showers on the grass. 3 For I proclaim the name of the LORD: Ascribe greatness to our God. 4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He.**
5 "They have corrupted themselves; They are not His children, because of their blemish: **A perverse and crooked generation.** 6 Do you thus deal with the LORD,

O foolish and unwise people? **Is He not your Father, who bought you?** Has He not made you and established you?
7 "Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; Your elders, and they will tell you: 8 When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel. 9 For the LORD's portion is His people; **Jacob is the place of His inheritance.**
10 "He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; **He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.** 11 **As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, 12 So the LORD alone led him, and there was no foreign god with him.**
13 **"He made him ride in the heights of the earth, that he might eat the produce of the fields; He made him draw honey from the Rock,** and **oil from the flinty Rock**; 14 Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock, with fat of lambs; and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats,

I capitalized the Rock words here to emphasize that it is symbolic...we draw honey = sweetness from the LIVING WORD. And we also draw OIL from the flinty Rock...the Spirit of God.

15 "**But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked;** You grew fat, you grew thick, You are obese! **Then he forsook God who made him,And scornfully esteemed the Rock of his salvation. 16 They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods**; With abominations they provoked Him to anger. 17 They sacrificed to demons, not to God, To gods they did not know, To new gods, new arrivals that your fathers did not fear. 18 **Of the Rock who begot you, you are unmindful, and have forgotten the God who fathered you.**

I thought to a vision someone sent me tonight of the coming of the new age leader...and that is type of provoking Him to jealousy with worshipping demons

or another god...a form of godliness with no power thereof, or the wrong power.

19 "And when the LORD saw it, He spurned them, because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters. 20 And He said: 'I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be, **for they are a perverse generation, Children in whom is no faith.**

The above is surely for now eh?

21 They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to

anger by a foolish nation. 22 **For a fire is kindled in My anger, and shall burn to the lowest hell; It shall consume the earth with her increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains.**
23 **'I will heap disasters on them; I will spend My arrows on them.** 24 **They shall be wasted with hunger, Devoured by pestilence and bitter destruction;** I will also send against them the teeth of beasts, with the poison of serpents of the dust.

25 The sword shall destroy outside; There shall be terror within for the young man and virgin, the nursing child with the man of gray hairs. 26 I would have said, "I will dash them in pieces, I will make the memory of them to cease from among men," 27 **Had I not feared the wrath of the enemy, lest their adversaries should misunderstand, lest they should say, "Our hand is high; and it is not the LORD who has done all this."'**
28 "**For they are a nation void of counsel, nor is there any understanding in them.** 29 Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider **their latter end!** 30 **How could one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them**, and the LORD had surrendered them?

31 For their rock is not like our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. 32 **For their vine is of the vine of Sodom and of the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter.** 33 **Their wine is the poison of serpents, and the cruel venom of cobras.**

34 'Is this not laid up in store with Me, sealed up among My treasures? 35 **Vengeance is Mine, and recompense**; **Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things to come hasten upon them.'**
36 **"For the LORD will judge His people and have compassion on His servants, when He sees that their power is gone, and there is no one remaining, bond or free**. 37 He will say: 'Where are their gods, the rock in which they sought refuge? 38 Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise and help you, and be your refuge.
39' Now see that I, even I, am He, and there is no God besides Me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor is there any who can deliver from My hand. 40 For I raise My hand to heaven, and say, "As I live forever, 41 **If I whet My glittering sword, and My hand takes hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to My enemies, and repay those who hate Me. 42 I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword shall devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the heads of the leaders of the enemy."'**
43 "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; **for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and render vengeance to His adversaries**; **He will provide atonement for His land and His people."**
44 So Moses came with Joshua the son of Nun and spoke all the **words of this song** in the hearing of the people. 45 Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel, 46 and he said to them: "Set your hearts on all the words which I testify among you today, which you shall command your children to be careful to observe — all the words of this law. 47 For it is not a futile thing for you, because it is your life, and by this word you shall prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess."

There has been a "sign" lately, related to me of a billboard or sign saying " HAVOC" .

Main Entry: **hav·oc**
Etymology: Middle English *havok,* from Anglo-French, modification of Old French *havot* plunder
1 : wide and general destruction **: DEVASTATION**
2 : great confusion and disorder

Toys for Tots
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Are you ready for awakening among your children?
Are you ready for an outpouring on the children?
I am asking because whenever it has come before, many adults assume the total role for building My church. But I am going to do a mighty work in and through your children. I brought them to you as a gift. They are My children too, and I am going to pour out some gifts that are unexpected.
You will find your children suddenly catapulted into doing things you thought you could not imagine!

I will raise up some mighty Josiah's, and Micah's to confront even your own idolatry! They will ask questions you don't know how to answer. But I WILL ANSWER THEM! I hear the cries of My lambs scattered throughout the nations and I hear them crying because of abuse, neglect and strife. Children themselves are My gift. They are precious to Me, and they should be most precious to you. But I have some hard things to say to you My people.

Are you ready to listen? Will you stop for a moment and see that the conditions in which SO many of My children live is horrific for any child?
Children being taught to hate. Children being taught to shoot guns. Children used as cover for adults in the midst of war. This disdain for their lives is the highest form of witchcraft to Me. I CARE for My children. Teaching little children to do violence, is an abomination to Me! Children are being shot to death in many of the nations of the earth. Children are hungry and starving in many places in the world. Who will care for them? Who will shelter them from the abuses of this world? WHO WILL STAND UP for Me against the wiles of the evil one?

I've told you that complacency will be judged. Complacency is when you think it will never happen to your child, when you can see that others are in such dire distress and circumstances that even many adults could NEVER endure, and do nothing about it!

Do not think that if you sit comfortable in your homes, and do NOTHING to help the children of the world that I will not judge it! Most people are OBLIVIOUS to the needs of others in these times. Selfishness has gone to new heights in the world. Children are being murdered not only in the womb, but in the streets of major cities of the world. Children are being abused sexually and killed by parents. WHEN WILL YOU OPEN YOUR EYES AND SEE THAT I SEE. MY EYES ARE OPEN TO THEIR CONDITIONS AND MY EARS OPEN TO THE CRIES IN THEIR HEARTS.

Some are so abused, they think there is no other way of life that exists, and they hurt and mutilate themselves because they think that they are worthless! Some roam in gangs in the streets due to neglect. Mothers are not home to care for them, because fathers have left or both parents are working. Women are overstressed having to do the work of raising of them, and trying to earn a living at underrated jobs.

In some places they are cared for but only as a means to have a ministry, rather than for the precious souls that they are! In some places they are like in concentration camps with no one to give them affection.

When will you take notice of your condition oh Church? Will you open YOUR EYES and OPEN YOUR EARS? Will you DO something to ease their suffering? Will you care about something beside your own life? Will you lay it down for MY LIFE birthed in you? There are so many sorrowful situations that come to my ears and eyes daily. I have to look at it every hour of every day. FOR THIS REASON, My judgment will come to those who are complacent and apathetic! Apathy runs rampant throughout the world! Children are taught to do drugs even by their own parents! Who would ever imagine such a thing could happen?

And now, when the abomination spoken of in My word is running rampant also over the rights of children, how can you not speak up? What am I talking about? I am talking of the beasts that rule the world that molest and abuse children and try to garner their RIGHTS in a “civil” society! Their rights to abuse young children. DO YOU THINK I SHOULD RESTRAIN MYSELF, WHEN I HAVE TO VIEW THIS DAY AFTER DAY? Their little souls are murdered every day. And if that weren’t enough, there are Satanists who murder them to attain demonic power, and the ones who kill them in their own homes are no different. SELF has been exalted in the nations.

Behold I come soon to carry out MY JUSTICE. Will you awaken to the sound of the trumpets being blown and open your hearts to do what is right in the eyes of Your KING? Will you no longer be apathetic to the needs of the poor and broken? Will you, MY CHURCH, take them into your hearts and into your homes. Will you lay down your life as I did Mine for you?

I tell you that even your children will prophesy to you, saying what have we done to help? For years I have warned you that perilous times are coming.

I will now use the mighty little ones to trumpet MY WARNINGS and you WILL take notice. You will be astounded with what I do in them. Do NOT say “they are too young LORD! “ For I will use them to speak prophecy! I will use them to bring healing and deliverance! I will pour out MY Spirit on ALL FLESH. PREPARE YOUR CHILDREN for the days ahead. TEACH THEM THE WORD! EXPLAIN the Word to them! STOP trying to pretend the world is going to change for the better when you can see the signs of the times.

I will raise up children and I will raise up youth VERY QUICKLY NOW! I will use them because the adults do not want to change! They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover! I urge you to not negate them when they come to you with dreams and visions, but to SEEK MY FACE to help them interpret what they are seeing. Work with them, and do not work against them or you will find yourself fighting with ME! And My actions will be swift.

I am loosing angels now as I speak. Many of them will have heavenly encounters and will be taken in trances to heaven to see the things their parents are not even looking for because they are too BUSY to take time for Me! You are on the threshold of awakening! KNOW that nothing YOU have done will accomplish this. Be careful NOT to take credit for what ONLY I CAN DO! Whole schools will come under the power of My Spirit and they WILL be saved! They will walk with ME and talk with ME. They will KNOW me.

I want to say that I am so proud of you who have loved your children and prepared them, and shown them what is important. HUMBLE yourselves that you might receive what I will pour out in and through them! You will minister some of you as FAMILIES to families!

And I also have a word to those whose children have been attacked by the ravages of the enemy who has known they are a special generation. DO NOT GIVE UP on MIRACLES. For you are about to see a DIVINE REVERSAL that will astound you! I WILL DELIVER THEM! I WILL HEAL THEM! I will fulfill the call on their lives! I am coming soon to accomplish this so do not despair! Do not think I haven’t seen your heartache and groaning for their lives! You will see the most fantastic miracles, and many of them will come THROUGH the children! Come now and let us reason together! Come and ask for WISDOM.

The YOUTH are going to be turned around in a way that will also astound many! Those of you who have children that have fallen prey to drugs and alcohol and drugs through the devices of the evil one, will see a GREAT RESTORATION. Overnight I will turn them from despair to DELIGHT!
And your hearts will REJOICE in singing because of the miracles I do in them and through them!

Indecision
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James 1:5-8 AMP
5 If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him.
6 Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind.
7 For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord,
8 [For being as he is] a man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute), [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides].

I want to let you know that I, Your LORD, AM NOT INDECISIVE! I Am is not lacking in wisdom or counsel. I see the end from the beginning. I see the future and I know the past. I knew the decisions you would make long before you made them! I chose you from the foundations of the world, and it is I Who will accomplish My perfect will in you.

Isa 11:1-3 NKJV (Isa 9:1-7)
There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; 4 But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, and faithfulness the belt of His waist.

A bruised reed I do not break, and smoking flax I do not quench. I know what it takes to make each person who is indecisive into someone who will make a decision to come to Me or to do what I will! I saw before the foundations of the earth each person's life in response to the hardships of life. I saw those who would grow bitter and difficult. I saw those who would stand up under the hardships without hating, and who would persevere. I have shed many tears for all your difficulties, because I AM the High Priest who watches over your souls. I know each crevice in your heart where pain is hiding! I AM all seeing. I am Jehovah Rohe [GOD WHO SEES] and I know the way you take though you cannot see it all at once. The steps of a righteous man are ordered by the Lord My Word says. I KNOW YOU! I KNOW THE RESPONSE YOU WILL HAVE in any given situation. I saw IT before the beginning of time, so nothing surprises Me! You see? I am not appalled at your mistakes! I knew you would make them. But I saw the end from the beginning. And I know that I will finish all that I set out to do in your life and in the lives of others who love Me. Nothing you do is a surprise to Me.

Matt 12:19-21 AMP He will not strive or wrangle or cry out loudly; nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets; 20 A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering (dimly burning) wick He will not quench, till He brings justice and a just cause to victory. 21 And in and on His name will the Gentiles (the peoples outside of Israel) set their hopes. [Isa 42:1-4.]

I, the I AM, know every pain in your heart, every hidden sin, even when you yourself do not see it! I will illuminate your darkness, and make all things known, because I am DECIDING on your behalf to make you, MY BRIDE to stand out and be arrayed in My GLORY, so that all the world will see you the way I see you! So that they will know that I have loved you!

Song 1:5 NKJV I am dark, but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem,

Mal 3:17-18 NKJV "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him." 18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

My will is NOT to harm you, but to perfect your CHARACTER! I Am working on your heart. I am doing heart surgery. I want you to have MY HEART towards others, and to see as I see. So lay down My beloveds, and allow me to do that surgery, so that your heart can be healthy again, and so that you will have My discernment! You will no longer be indecisive, but you will STAND in the TRUTH of who you are in Me. And you will STAND in the light of My glory and exhibit MY LOVE and KINDNESS to the thirsty and hungry world. You will no longer vacillate between belief and unbelief! You will walk in FAITH and KNOW deep in your heart My faithfulness to you, and the depth of MY LOVE, so that you will be unafraid.

Joel 3:14-16 NKJV Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. 15 The sun and moon will grow dark, and the stars will diminish their brightness. 16 The LORD also will roar from Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem; The heavens and earth will shake; but the LORD will be a shelter for His people, and the strength of the children of Israel.

I AM ABOUT TO ROAR OVER YOU MY BELOVEDS! I am roaring because the enemy has sought to devour all that he can! Do not merely accept whatever happens. Seek MY FACE, and seek MERCY, for I am NOT a God of destruction, but of RESTORATION and LIFE. There is one who is the destroyer! He seeks whomever he may devour. But that is not My heart. I am seeking to rescue you out of the darkness and to bring you to LIFE. When you don’t listen to ME, then I may allow him to touch certain things like he did to Job, MY servant, so that your heart will be turned to ME, to seek ME with ALL your heart. I do not rejoice over destruction. It breaks My heart when that is the only way for people to understand what is important, and to DECIDE FOR ME ~ instead of against My ways! I am bringing forth many surprises for My people in this hour. I am RESTORING relationships, I am RESTORING gifts and callings, and things you have been robbed of. I am RESTORING your souls! I am purging the dross off your life so that you might come forth as gold!

Job 23:10 AMP But He knows the way that I take [He has concern for it, appreciates, and pays attention to it]. When He has tried me, I shall come forth as refined gold [pure and luminous]. [Ps 17:3; 66:10; James 1:12.]

Ex 1:21 NKJV And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them.

Job 21:9 NKJV Their houses are safe from fear, Neither is the rod of God upon them.

Prov 18:10 NKJV The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.
Prov 18:12 NKJV Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty, And before honor is humility.

Mal 3:17-18 NKJV "They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him." 18 Then you shall again discern between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

A Parable Of Two Trees
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EZE 17:22 " `This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. [23] On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. [24] All the trees of the field will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.
" `I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.' "
JN 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. [2] He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. [3] You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. [4] Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.
JN 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. [7] If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. [8] This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

"I would say that a tree grew great and beautiful. It grew and showed great splendor in itself. The time came for it to produce fruit. I would tell you that instead of rich fruit it was rotten. This tree boasted of its great stature. It said, 'Behold, I have grown to such a great height that I could do almost anything.' This tree could do amazing things. It could perform great miracles. It could raise the dead and heal the sick. This tree had studied about these things and had gone to seminars to learn how to do this. "

"The second tree that stood beside this one was much smaller, but its leaves were very lush and green. This tree had lent its help to many of the younger trees around it. When it had been cold and rainy, it had been a canopy for the other ones. I tell you that when harvest times come, I tell you that the fruit from this tree will be very ripe. "

The meaning of this is as follows:

"The first tree represents many who have grown tall in their gifting. They have done great signs and wonders, but they have not lent help to others. The second tree has spent most its time showing how it can help those around them. I tell you that when the time comes I will judge them accordingly. "

What Looms On The Horizon
Stephen Hanson

March 14, 2004

MT 24:32 "Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves *come out, you know that summer is near. [33] Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. [34] I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. [35] Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.*

COL 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. [3] For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

"I tell you that the days are moving nigh to my soon return. This world is not your own though, you need to set your sights on what's above. Wars and rumors of war will continue. By this next fall the scene will change. I tell you that a new president is on the horizon. No longer will a Republican agenda fill the walls of the White House. For I tell you that a new regime is coming. Things will not be as they were. New policies will be made. When these things are set in order, then the world will be propelled into the last days. It will be as it has been prophesied in my word. For soon after these things have been set in order, the figure who sets himself up as the "most high," will come upon the scene. Woe to those who follow his policies. "

"I tell you that the sheep will be scattered, but surely, my hand will be outstretched to them. You will be hated by all nations because of Me. But I will feed you and give you drink by living waters. Surely, this generation will not pass away until all these things will be accomplished. "

"Be strong my people, for you will need my strength in the days ahead. "

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A Parable Of Abiding
Sandy Warner

Mar 12, 2004
You have often wondered what it means to abide and how to do it. You question where you are, where you are going, and haven't a clue. Relax, dear one, I AM teaching you how to abide.

Consider the blind man who has moved to a new city. As he listens to the sounds, experiences the smells, and deposits what he touches into memory…he is leaning upon Another who has eyes to see. His companion walks with him giving him understanding and insight into what his senses are experiencing.

Every move he makes, everything he experiences… he listens, learns and remembers. His daily life is a safe refuge because he clings to his Companion. And that is abiding in Me. Abiding is living in a constant state of expectancy where your whole being is leaning upon Me for your sight, your hearing, your discernment, your understanding and all your needs. Abiding is a constant state of friendship and intimacy in all that you are and do. So, precious, when you question what is going on in your life, cling to Me and learn.

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me." (John 15:4 NKJV)

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Marching Orders
Sandy Warner

Mar 10, 2004

A divine set up is about to take place. I will catch you in your hiding place, and bring you out. For I AM giving you marching orders to go forth outside your comfort zone and beyond your existing boundaries. I will stretch you during this time and help you cross over beyond your own limits into new places. You will know My power beyond all that you have ever known before and you will go forth with anticipation, joy and blessings. Joy shall bubble up as you finally lay down your past and walk into your new beginnings with faith, hope and love. Listen to the trumpet calling. For I AM passing out marching orders. You shall share your own history of trusting Me in hard times. No longer will you hope for your marching orders, you will DO IT and do it triumphantly. Go for it!

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!" (Psalm 118:26 NKJV)

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Resting In The Clouds
Sandy Warner

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[Open The Door To Rest]

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA

EXPERIENCE: Today I was so tired I fell asleep in my chair. HEARD: Handmaidens usually do too much. They wear themselves out.

Upon awakening I looked out the window and saw a sign in the sky in the clouds. The clouds looked like a lady sitting at a desk. Then she turned into a duck. It's head was turned with the bill tucked under the feathers of its wings. That is where its oil glands are located.

In my thoughts, I likened the oil glands to His anointing. The duck's bill was even receiving what I would call an anointed mouth as it rested. Lord, help me apply this lesson while I am working at my desk or out and about. I so desire to live in Your anointed presence by way of Your Kingdom principles. I want to come into your rest in all that I do and say and not be so stressed out.

SELAH WORD: LEARN TO REST WHEREVER YOU ARE
Beloved handmaidens, learn a lesson from the ducks. They rest with their bills comfortably tucked into the feathers where I placed their oil glands. Likewise, search out the oil of My presence. You will find it in My place of rest. You are wearing yourselves out with too much activity. I have not placed all that stress upon you. Come into My resting place and hide yourself in the shadow of My wings. That is where you will receive My anointing.

"So God's rest is there for people to enter. But those who formerly heard the Good News failed to enter because they disobeyed God. So God set another time for entering his place of rest, and that time is today. God announced this through David a long time later in the words already quoted: "Today you must listen to his voice. Don't harden your hearts against him." This new place of rest was not the land of Canaan, where Joshua led them. If it had been, God would not have spoken later about another day of rest. So there is a special rest still waiting for the people of God. For all who enter into God's rest will find rest from their labors, just as God rested after creating the world. Let us do our best to enter that place of rest. For anyone who disobeys God, as the people of Israel did, will fall."
(Hebrews 4:6-11 NLT)

SANDY RHEMA
I had been thinking about the doorway to His throne room. For many years I had been interceding over this.

HEARD: Just opposite the doors. To the throne room. The wait, it won't be that long.

VISION: I was lying on my back looking up at the huge doors, waiting for them to open. I had my hands behind my head, my right leg crossed over my left knee, and I was bouncing my calf and foot back and forth, like I used to do as a child. When I was bored as a child, I would lie on my back, crossing my knees in the same fashion, and look up at the cloud formations in the sky.

The Lord was tongue and cheek telling me that I was to wait in front of the doors, and I might as well relax while I was doing it!!!

CONFIRMATION: Today, my son and I are outside watching Wayne pressure wash the house. My son (knowing zilch about my rhema this day) puts his arm around me and chants: "One, two, three, four. We need someone to open the door. Five, six, seven, eight. We need someone to open the gate!"

CONFIRMATION: When I came back in I glanced at my Family Circus calendar: The family was looking at the clouds and an outstanding sky. Jeffy asks, "Is it an ad for something Mama?"

This confirmation was a 2 fold joy, because today was also the day I took the cloud photos in to get negatives made for my book cover.

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER: REST AND WAIT FOR YOUR DOOR OF PROMISE
Long you have waited for My promises to come to pass! As you wait upon Me, I want you to learn to rest in your faith. It is one thing to believe Me, it is another to rest in the process. Resting does not change your focus or anticipation, it merely gives you a relaxed contentment as you do so. Dear one, I will grant you many joys with signs along your pathway. These will delight your heart as you fully rest in Me. I AM able to perform that which I have promised. What joys await you, dearest!

Heb 4:1-3 NLT
God's promise of entering his place of rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to get there. For this Good News--that God has prepared a place of rest--has been announced to us just as it was to them. But it did them no good because they didn't believe what God told them. For only we who believe can enter his place of rest.

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The Rat Race
Sandy Warner

Mar 9, 2004
It is New Year's Eve going into 2004 and my newly married son just called, asking me if he and his wife could come right over. I am thinking, "That's a strange question, since when does a son call and ask his mom if he could come over? Something must be up."

He proceeded to tell me that our precious daughter in law had just opened the glove box and there was a huge, live wood rat staring her in the face. She screamed and jumped out of the car the same instant. This scared the rat so badly that somehow it ran behind the sealed dashboard and now they didn't know what to do.

They had spent Christmas with her folks, a few hours south of here. The house was in a wooded area and it must have come in from the cold, then bummed a ride on their trip home. Just overnight, it managed to shred paper, chew the car seat, eat the Christmas snacks, poop, and make a nest inside the glove box.

I wondered if the Lord was wanting to say something to me since I had just read about the rats in Iraq and how they are scaring people and even biting them. It was quickened to me that sometimes the Lord warns us through negative parables, (rats are unclean in the scriptures) so I prayed and asked Him what He was saying. He answered my prayer the following morning.

I woke New Year's Day to a beautiful carpet of snow. We don't get a lot of snow around here so this was a special treat and I wished I had not put away my new unfinished Christmas puzzle the night before. I would have enjoyed doing it on the window table with such beauty surrounding me. But last night, I felt I would be wasting time by doing puzzles and besides that, I wanted to get ahead in the Ears2Hear posts so I could take some time off. {I won't tell you how many times the Lord has told me throughout the years not to rush, rush, rush so I can rest, rest, rest…}

I had just completed another series and was praying about upcoming Ears2Hear. As I was going through rhema, I opened a directory that was quickened to me and my eye landed on the following entry:

SANDY RHEMA
HEARD: Slow down. Pause. Take a break.

QUICKENED GLANCE: My eye fell upon the following comic. Often when the Lord talks to me, He draws my eye to something when at the same time I am thinking about something of similar context. He quickens where my eye lands and His personal Word is revealed to me. This is one of my most favorite ways to hear Him, - through quickened eye glances.

QUICKENED COMIC: [From Family Circus] Billy's Dad, with brief case in hand, is walking out the door. He says, "It's off to the rat race." So little Billy, school books in hand, goes out the door and says, "It's off to the mouse race!"

OK Lord, You have my thorough attention. The rat in the car… our cars, or any kind of transportation, are our symbols of either our ministries or our relationships with You. Yes, once again you got me. TAKE TIME and enjoy the moments of every day, WITH You… enjoy Your daily benefits.

Ps 68:19 KJV
Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

I have decided that this post is a keeper and so I am "busy" working on The Rat Race, (and enjoying it). "Ring, ring, ring." …

It was my Sonshine. He has just reported that they now have one "foot long" DEAD rat. Praise the Lord! Further more he said that at midnight (New Year's Eve) their car alarm went off. It must have been the rat. Well Lord, we got Your alarming message, loud and clear. Thank You for loving us enough to alert our attention with negative parables. Open our ears to hear You in all the ways You speaks to us.

Prov 1:2-7 NKJV
To know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding, to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; To give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion -- A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, to understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

THE RAT STORY CONTINUES
Wayne warned him that it might be a good idea to set another trap. We were all surprised at that idea. Nevertheless, our son set another trap. The car alarm again went off in the middle of the night and guess what? Another dead rat waiting for him in the morning. When the Lord really wants to get our attention, He usually doubles the message. Loud and clear, stay out of the rat race and take time to pause and rest in Him.

PAST RHEMA ABOUT RATS

Years ago, someone asked me if I would like to be a part of their ministry. This person was getting about 1-6 hours of sleep a day and working nonstop. I felt that it was a trap to get me off course. The Lord confirmed it by giving me a yucky rat dream.

People often quote the following scripture but don't stop to apply it in context. To me, this scripture says that He sends dreams to warn us about going in a certain direction, or even warns us regarding our motives.

Job 33:15-17 KJV
In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction, that he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.

After the rat dream, another confirmation came when I was listening to a sermon about slowing down and learning to rest from undue stress. He was saying that it was very important to the Lord for Him to have put resting on the Sabbath in the 10 commandments. He mentioned that over-stressed people can't even sleep. He said those who run the rat race, end up being a rat!

HEARD: Hey, busy believer, what can I say? Life style, slow down. Relationship. Cast your care.

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER CATCH THE RAT
Beloved, I do love your passion and zeal for life. And I especially love your enjoyment of the ministry to which I have called you. However, you get knocked off kilter when your goals became ambitions merely for the pursuit of getting them done. It is further awry when you are hurrying to finish so that you can go play.

In a busy world, so often you forget about our relationship. When you slow down, you learn to listen to what I have to say through your daily life. You learn to enjoy the moments of every day, instead of pushing your way through them, so you can enjoy the end of the day.

Do not get caught in a rat race of speeding forward. Rather, take it a day at a time knowing I have a perfect timing and a way to fulfill everything. Remember to pause and listen. I may quicken a particular thought and draw your eye to land upon something that sheds light on that same thought. Often, where I draw your eyes, are answers to questions you have prayed. If you are so goal oriented that you miss all the scenery in your day's journey, life becomes a maze and a rat trap. Slow down, and learn to pause. Take what you are doing at the moment and turn your heart towards Me. I may have something very special to say to you.

"And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word." (Luke 10:39 KJV)

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Time To Recharge Your Batteries
Sandy Warner

Mar 8, 2004
My special warrior child, I have watched you bravely stand strongly against the opposing forces. While you were pouring yourself out as a soldier, I carefully surrounded you with My protection and covering. You reached way beyond your own limits with compassion for others even weaker than yourself. Now you are totally spent. Enough already!

Your batteries need recharging. You have learned well the secret to My power. It is being plugged into My Presence and My Word. It is leaning upon Me in all that you do, and knowing your Source of life and strength.

I AM calling you into a new place, dear one. It is a governmental mantle. You shall be given the authority and power to release the captives and heal them of their warrior wounds. Even as you were wounded and recovered, so shall you recover others. This will be a new level of anointing, for I AM turning up the dial on your gifting and My power shall flow even stronger than you have known.

"O God, You have taught me from my youth; and to this day I declare Your wondrous works. Now also when I am old and gray headed, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come." (Ps 71:17-18 NKJV)

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A Parable Of Persistence
Sandy Warner

Mar 4, 2004
[Persistence in Prayer]

SANDY RHEMA
VISION: I saw my son's keys.
HEARD: Teach them to pray.

Yesterday my son lost his keys in the house. We rarely lose things in our home, because it is so organized. (One of the reasons is because I can't stand looking for things!) So we turned the house upside down for those keys. All the while I kept saying, "Lord where are the keys?" We went to bed and still no keys. I continued to pray and asked the Lord if He would either tell me or show me a vision of where they were. As a result, the above is what I saw and heard! That was not exactly what I had in mind, but the Lord wanted an object lesson instead.

This morning as our son was getting ready for school, not only did he not find his keys, but he couldn't find his watch either. He said he would be lost at school without his watch and went to school in the mulli-grubs.

I woke up feeling like I was fighting a bug or the flu, but it was time to pick up the house. As I glanced at my table, there was an old outdated tape recorder and some tapes that did not belong on it. Because I felt so yucky, I didn't want to put it all away, but neither did I want to leave the mess on the table because it bothered me.

I took the recorder and put it on the kitchen counter. Then I looked at it on the counter and said, "That's stupid to clean the table and then clutter my counter!" So I dragged myself into the next room closer to our storage closet and dumped it on that table. I looked at that table and said, "You are almost there, just put it away!" I walked into the storage closet and dumped the old recorder into the box with the old earphone paraphernalia and recorder cords.

For some strange reason as I was doing it, I thought to myself, "Wouldn't it be terrible to dump this in the box, never looking inside the box, and all the time my son's keys are in there???" So even though I felt so weak and sickly, I lifted the box down from the high shelf and glanced at the contents. I saw no keys.

As I was starting to put the box back, I thought, "What if his keys are at the bottom of the box, and I stopped too short?" So I lifted the earphones and cords and there were the keys just waiting to be found! How they got there I did not know. I was quite amazed that the Lord has coaxed me one halting step at a time towards the bottom of that box.

This was most definitely a story of persistence. I could have stopped anywhere along the way, and every step was an overcoming one, because I felt so weak and sick. It was not an easy task, but in spite of myself, the Lord answered my prayers and drew me the whole way. I wondered how long it would have been if I had just dumped the recorder in the box without looking. It could have been months till we used that box again.

I told Wayne the story at lunch about finding the keys, and that now our son had also lost his watch. We prayed again. When he came home from school, he saw the keys hanging from the kitchen counter knob, where we usually paste little notes to him. He was grinning ear to ear and thanking the Lord. When he entered his bedroom, the Lord directed his eyes and they fell upon the crack between his storage chest and bed. You guessed it… his watch. As he came out a few minutes later, very happy, Wayne related a very exciting story!!!

Earlier he came in and asked me where his measuring tape was. I didn't know, and was feeling very wiped out and laying down so he searched by himself. Evidently he went into his shop a second time and said, "Lord the enemy is stealing from us and this needs to stop right now!" As soon as he said this, he looked down and saw the corner of his measuring tape sticking out of a place he had already searched.

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER: PERSISTENCE RECOVERS ALL
Beloved ones, I know you are weary and frustrated with your losses. I AM drawing you to get your focus off your misery and begin to exercise through prayer, the rights I have given you. It is time to learn how to recover what has been stolen.

Ask Me for help to restore your losses. I seek and find that which is lost. Join Me! Be persistent in your faith until you get your rewards. Do not stop short of your goal, do not settle for less. Begin to put your foot down and command that what the enemy has stolen be returned.

Dear ones, I know you are weary, hurting and discouraged. Let go of the outdated tapes that repeat in your mind. Put the past behind you and don't give up. Be persistent. With one foot in front of the other, overcome one step at a time. Keep going, you are almost there. As you trust Me to answer your prayers, I will draw you along the right path in spite of yourself. If you do not give up, you shall recover all.

1 Sam 30:3-4,8 NLT
When David and his men saw the ruins and realized what had happened to their families, they wept until they could weep no more….Then David asked the LORD, "Should I chase them? Will I catch them?" And the LORD told him, "Yes, go after them. You will surely recover everything that was taken from you!"

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Daffodil Glory
Sandy Warner

Mar 2, 2004
[Persistence Brings Reward]
A few years ago, I read the following story circling the Internet. It so touched my heart that I saved it to post at the right time.

The Daffodil Principle
by: Jaroldeen Asplund Edwards

Several times my daughter had telephoned to say, "Mother, you must come see the daffodils before they are over." I wanted to go, but it was a two hour drive from Laguna to Lake Arrowhead. "I will come next Tuesday, " I promised, a little reluctantly, on her third call.

Next Tuesday dawned cold and rainy. Still, I had promised, and so I drove there. When I finally walked into Carolyn's house and hugged and greeted my grandchildren. I said, "Forget the daffodils, Carolyn!

The road is invisible in the clouds and fog, and there is nothing in the world except you and these children that I want to see bad enough to drive another inch!"

My daughter smiled calmly," We drive in this all the time, Mother."

"Well, you won't get me back on the road until it clears and then I'm heading for home!" I assured her.

"I was hoping you'd take me over to the garage to pick up my car."

"How far will we have to drive?"

"Just a few blocks," Carolyn said, "I'll drive. I'm used to this."

After several minutes I had to ask, "Where are we going? This isn't the way to the garage!" "We're going to my garage the long way," Carolyn smiled, "by way of the daffodils."

"Carolyn," I said sternly, "please turn around."

"It's all right, Mother. I promise you will never forgive yourself if you miss this experience."

After about twenty minutes we turned onto a small gravel road and I saw a small church. On the far side of the church I saw a hand lettered sign "Daffodil Garden." We got out of the car and each took a child's hand, and I followed Carolyn down the path. Then we turned a corner of the path, and I looked up and gasped. Before me lay the most glorious sight. It looked as though someone had taken a great vat of gold and poured it down over the mountain peak and slopes. The flowers were planted in majestic, swirling patterns, great ribbons and swaths of deep orange, white, lemon yellow, salmon pink, saffron, and butter yellow. Each different colored variety was planted as a group so that it swirled and flowed like its own river with its own unique hue. Five acres of flowers.

"But who has done this?" I asked Carolyn. "It's just one woman," Carolyn answered. "She lives on the property. That's her home." Carolyn pointed to a well kept A-frame house that looked small and modest in the midst of all that glory. We walked up to the house. On the patio we saw a poster "Answers to the Questions I Know You Are Asking" was the headline.

The first answer was a simple one: "50,000 bulbs," it read.

The second answer was, "One at a time, by one woman. Two hands, two feet, and very little brain."

The third answer was, "Began in 1958."

There it was. The Daffodil Principle. For me that moment was a life changing experience. I thought of this woman whom I had never met, who, more than forty years before, had begun, one bulb at a time, to bring her vision of beauty and joy to an obscure mountain top. Still, just planting one bulb at a time, year after year, had changed the world.

This unknown woman had forever changed the world in which she lived. She had created something of ineffable magnificence, beauty, and inspiration. The principle her daffodil garden taught is one of the greatest principles of celebration: learning to move toward our goals and desires one step at a time, often just one baby step at a time, learning to love the doing, learning to use the accumulation of time.

When we multiply tiny pieces of time with small increments of daily effort, we too will find we can accomplish magnificent things. We can change the world.

"It makes me sad in a way," I admitted to Carolyn. "What might I have accomplished if I had thought of a wonderful goal thirty-five years ago and had worked away at it 'one bulb at a time' through all those years. Just think what I might have been able to achieve!"

My daughter summed up the message of the day in her direct way. "Start now," she said.

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER: BIT BY BIT
Bit by bit, one step at a time, I unfold My plans for your life. I have given you My promise, that what I have planted in your life is intended to be a hidden wealth that will come forth in the right season. As time passes, you shall see seasonal manifestations of these, My planted treasures. Stay faithful to Me and believe My Words spoken to you. In the fullness of time I shall multiply it all for My glory. As you look back from whence you came, you shall know without a doubt, that no matter what, I have done far beyond what you could ever ask or think.

Always remember that when your life comes into blossom, that it came from persistent time on your spiritual knees.

1 Cor 2:9 KJV
But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

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Head First
Sandy Warner

Mar 3, 2004
Long you have labored and long you have held onto My promises. I am so pleased with your tenacious heart! After all this time of holding on, you may think that you don't know what you believe or what is going on. You may feel helpless and hopeless. Remember that during birth, a baby is upside down and not in control of its environment. A baby is not born with its feet planted on the ground, stable and set. It is born, upside down and held. So, let My Words take their course in your life as you experience the birthing of My promises. As your promises come to fruition, they will emerge in their infancy stage. Do not despise the day of small beginnings. Even Jesus was born in a manger.

"And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." Then He said to another, "Follow Me." (Luke 9:58,59 NKJV)

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Healing Instruments
Sandy Warner

Mar 5, 2004
What's coming Doc? Yep, that's what's coming! It's healing in a new day and you shall walk in a new level of anointing. I will make you like doctors of healing and you shall become My instruments for even

the most delicate surgeries. And these patients won't have to pay anything. For My healing waters shall be freely given to all who would come.

"Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink--even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk--it's all free! Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen, and I will tell you where to get food that is good for the soul!" (Isa 55:1-2 NLT)

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My Quickened Words
Sandy Warner

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The Words that I speak are alive. They give life. Some times you question if what you hear is My Word for your life. If I were to hook you to a jumper cable and charge you back to life, does it charge someone else? No, it is meant for your life. Does the battery question the Source of the charge? No, it simply detects life and energy and receives it. My Word connects with your heart and charges you with belief. My Words put a bounce in your walk of faith, by giving you a momentary lift off for the next step.

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63 NKJV)

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A People of Passion
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My Heart Is Longing For A People of Passion
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Ah saith the Lord God; my eyes are going to and fro searching for a people of passion. A people that are burning with a passion to do My will. A people that are even burning with desire for My will to be accomplished in and through them. A people that will say even as My servant David did, " Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God." His heart fixed and longing to fulfill all that I had destined him to be and to accomplish. And as My Son said, "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done." For the things, which will be accomplished through My own in these end times, will cost them everything, and I must have willing and obedient hearts. Hearts that are afire with a passion which will become a driving force and they will lay down their lives, deny themselves, pick up their cross and follow the example of My Son into total obedience regardless of the cost. The way of the cross is the only way for resurrection life, and resurrection power to be birthed in My own, and into the earth. The flesh must die, so that the spirit can be totally free to soar into realms of My Glory.

So many of My people think that they will enter into the wondrous things that I am about to do but their complacency and apathy is a stumbling block. They think that they will be able to ride of the coat tails of the forerunner's of this next great movement with a spirit of passivity but yea it will not be so, saith the Lord God. There will be no room for spectators only for participators. I am shaking everything that can be shaken in order to move those that have become complacent out of their comfort zones and into a place of passion.

Oh, how My heart is longing for a people of passion, saith the Lord.

Apostolic Releases

Sam Buick

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FOUR APOSTOLIC RELEASES AND INCREASE: Apostolic proclamation, apostolic power, apostolic suffering and affliction

Bible:
2Co 12:12 The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles

Jas 5:10 As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Ro 8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

2Co 4:17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,

2Co 7:4 Great is my confidence in you; great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort; I am overflowing with joy in all our affliction.

Four Apostolic Releases And Increase:

Beloved ones, there is in this hour a fresh release of the Spirit in the nations. There is coming forth the rising of the Apostolic anointing as has yet not been seen in this generation. There coming such an unction of this four fold release and in its coming, it will come as a great and mighty wave! There is a great swell coming over the nations. From every tribe and nations now comes this Apostolic anointing.

This anointing is known as a "father" anointing for in it there is the SOWING of seed, and the BIRTHING of new and great and mighty exploits through the Spirit. Now is the appointed time for much sowing has gone forth and not that the time of germination has come, BIRTHING of this new release in the apostolic anointing.

Beloved, many have cried out for the prophets and for the apostles, and now comes forth the apostles. Beloved do not be blinded by the gifts and by the charisma of people. Look for the seal of My Spirit upon the hearts of these mighty men and women whom I have separated unto Myselft. They have been hidden for a season as David was hidden with his mighty warriors in the cave of Adullam. They have been hidden so as to remain unspoiled by the religious order of the day. Now the time has come forth for My light to shine through these dear ones. Now is the time for true APOSTOLIC FATHERING to come forth in the nations.

The signs of true apostolic ministry shall now arise in the nations.

1. Apostolic proclamation

Beloved you shall see the rising up of the proclamation of the gospel of the Kingdom. Just as the Early Church proclaimed with conviction the fullness of the Kingdom in the Son, and went forth to all the nations, now you shall see that same ZEAL and FERVOUR in a NEW GENERATION of apostolic ministry. This apostolic ministry will be seen through the same Spirit that was in Paul and Peter and others. Apostolic ministry shall be seen in great evangelistic manifestations of the Spirit, where the heart of the apostolic fathers will be revealed. The new wave of apostolic ministry will be characterized by the HEART OF THE FATHER in these apostles, who will call many out of darkness, and who will hearken the PRODIGALS TO RETURN, and who will call together those called out of darkness into My marvelous light, and establish NEW WINESKINS that will hold this NEW APOSTOLIC WINE!

There will be radical change as the Gospel of the Kingdom is proclaimed! Radical change. You shall not recognize the fullness of the Kingdom and the new apostolic wave that sweep over the nations!

2. Apostolic power

Precious ones, this wave of apostolic power will come as an onrushing wind! All will be made low. All that is not of Me within the church will be swept aside and all things will be in submission as unto Me. This wind that is coming forth will be of such intensity and life and brilliance that NO MAN will be able to stand. The unction of My Spirit will be poured on the "ordinary people" who will do "extra-ordinary" exploits in Me and through Me.

This power will manifest in the most unlikely of people. The NEW WINESKINS now coming forth will stagger the established order. There will be many who will not know how to "navigate" this new move of My Spirit.

Beloved I declare to you, that at this hour, GREAT SIGNS shall FOLLOW the proclamation of the SON and the KINGDOM of GOD! When you will proclaim the Son and the fullness of the Kingdom, you shall see signs confirming who I am in your midst! These signs will be an offence to many and many will become confused and angry. Many will wonder as to why and how My Spirit can move in this way and dispense grace through the vessels now coming out from Adullam's cave!

There is a new wave of apostolic power coming through a new generation of apostolic servants. These servants will NOT be tied to any denomination or affiliation. They will be KNIT TO ME! They will flow in My grace and power because they will be HIDDEN IN ME! They will have no loyalty to any man or human system. Their loyalty and allegiance is ONLY TO ME! They will walk in the power and might of My grace and strength. They have NO ONE ELSE and NOTHING ELSE! I AM THEIR ALL IN ALL!

YOU SHALL KNOW THEY ARE OF ME BY THE SIGNS THAT ACCOMPANY THE PROCLAMATION OF THE KINGDOM AND THE MANIFESTATION OF "NEW WINESKINS"!

3. Apostolic suffering and affliction

Beloved ones, be aware of what you are crying out for! Be aware of counting the cost for this apostolic wave that is now coming upon the nations! This NEW GENERATION of apostolic ministry will NOT COME, other than through great suffering and affliction.

Many have been hidden in the cave of Adullam, away from the "Saul's" that control body life in the church! They have been hounded and persecuted in the church system! They have suffered rejection and ridicule and have been assailed by all kinds of accusations! Many have been trampled and discarded as if upon a trash heap! Many have endured and hung on simply because they desire Me more than their own lives! I have redeemed them! I have hidden them in Me! Now this generation who have suffered, they will rise up! They will rise up! Their sorrows shall be turned to great joy in this hour! They will arise to new heights in Me! They will be vindicated in Me! They will find LIFE in ME! They will give all that I have and continue to give them away to all who hunger and thirst after Me!

Beloved be aware, and count the cost! Be aware that to embrace this new wave of apostolic ministry means to embrace not only the proclamation and the power, but ALSO the APOSTOLIC SUFFERING and AFFLICTION that will prepare you for this ministry, and will also FOLLOW AFTER YOU!

You will be hounded and you will be ridiculed and ostracized throught he spirit of jealousy that flows in the church! You will be discarded and cast out of assemblies because of the grace and beauty of your lives before men! You will be judged and cast down! You will be mocked! You will lose EVERYTHING for My sake! In the very end, you will realize that at this hour, as the FOUR FOLD RELEASE comes on the earth, that it will all be worth it!

Count the cost! Beloved count the cost! Be aware of what you are praying and crying out for! DO NOT BE FOUND WANTING OR LACKING! THIS VISITATION WILL COST YOU EVERYTHING! ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE?!!! ARE YOU? I AWAIT YOUR RESPONSE BELOVED! I WILL GIVE MYSELF FULLY TO THOSE WHO EMBRACE THIS APOSTOLIC WAVE NOW COMING ON THE EARTH!

A Prophetic Cacophony
Priscilla Van Sutphin

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A couple weeks ago, I was at church and a young couple was leading worship who normally are not solely responsible for it. After a bit, the music suddenly was more like a cacophony; noisy and non-orderly and I felt the Lord say that this was a sign of how His body functions –" in a disorderly manner independent of Me" and " The music that comes forth sounds to My ears like this" (very terribly noisy) a non-harmonious sound - Everyone doing their own thing but so many still ravaged and embittered by rejection and unhealed!

It was like there was no melody to follow – just sounding noises! It was all well intentioned and enthusiastic, but very OFF-BEAT! Women were waving flags in colors of fuchsia and purple. And the singer had the same color in her sweater. Suddenly there was just the sound of the guitar and people got very quiet and still.

Then the singer sang: " Beloved, let us love one another for he who does not love does not know God. Beloved let us love one another! "

And then there was more about thanking God for all He has done. I realized I was watching a prophetic enactment for something the Lord wanted to speak about.

Then I got Psalm 30……

The Blessedness of Answered Prayer

A Song at the dedication of the house of David.***

I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, and have not let my foes rejoice over me. 2 O LORD my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me.

3 O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. 4 Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name. 5 For His anger is but for a moment His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning. 6 Now in my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved." 7 LORD, by Your favor You have made my mountain stand strong; You hid Your face, and I was troubled. 8 I cried out to You, O LORD;

And to the LORD I made supplication: 9 "What profit is there in my blood,

When I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?

After this there were a couple more songs, and then the People sat more, and I had an reminder about how when David's first baby died, he worshipped. Anything good or bad should bring our worship! When Job lost all his children and belongings He cried out, " The Lord gives and the Lord takes away, blessed be the name of the Lord!"

Cacophony : harsh or discordant sound : DISSONANCE 2; specifically : harshness in the sound of words or phrases

Dissonance
1 a : lack of agreement; especially : inconsistency between the beliefs one holds or between one's actions and one's beliefs

b : an instance of such inconsistency or disagreement 2 : a mingling of discordant sounds; especially : a clashing or unresolved musical interval or chord

The word 'agree' is the Greek word sumphoneo; to agree harmoniously or to symphonize.

NT:4856 sumphoneo (soom-fo-neh'-o); from NT:4859; to be harmonious, i.e. (figuratively) to accord (be suitable, concur) or stipulate (by compact):

KJV - agree (together, with).

NT:4859 sumphonos (soom'-fo-nos); from NT:4862 and NT:5456; sounding together (alike), i.e. (figuratively) accordant (neuter as noun, agreement): KJV - consent.

NT:4862 sun (soon); a primary preposition denoting union; with or together (but much closer than NT:3326 or NT:3844), i.e. by association, companionship, process, resemblance, possession, instrumentality, addition, etc.: KJV - beside, with. In composition it has similar applications, including completeness.

Ps 133 NKJV Blessed Unity of the People of God - A Song of Ascents. Of David. 1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! 2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments.

3 It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion;

For there the LORD commanded the blessing — Life forevermore.

Dew, rain, water, oil are all symbols of the Holy Spirit. One of the meanings of dissonance is the inconsistency between one's actions and one's beliefs.

I believe the Lord is saying that

"Many are coming together to worship ME, but that worship is like a noisy gong. It is like a clanging symbol, because there is a gap between the belief in what they believe and what they do. So many are unhealed because the overall church has not taken time with people to help heal them. The hurts have been glossed over and bandaged as if putting a bandaid on a gaping wide wound."

I used to be a nurse, and when I was a nurses aide working in an infectious disease ward, we would sometimes get people who had major surgery but an infection got in the wound, and you would have to debride the wound with peroxide or another solution and dress it with gauze, and you would see this massive wound all open, no stitches. It would be like taking this wound a huge man and trying to put a bandaide over it. That would be ridiculous.

It speaks about this in Jeremiah…

Jer 6:10-15

10 To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Indeed their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot give heed. Behold, the word of the LORD is a reproach to them; they have no delight in it. 11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD. I am weary of holding it in. "I will pour it out on the children outside, and on the assembly of young men together; For even the husband shall be taken with the wife, the aged with him who is full of days. 12 And their houses shall be turned over to others, fields and wives together; For I will stretch out My hand Against the inhabitants of the land," says the LORD. 13 "Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, everyone is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely. 14 They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, saying, 'Peace, peace!' When there is no peace.

15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I punish them, they shall be cast down," says the LORD.

I have so many times seen churches who just want to do the quick prayer at the altar, if that, and leave people the rest of the time on their own to get what healing or deliverance they may need. But the body has been sick, and it has sorely lacked the power it needs to bring true healing. And when the Spirit does come in power, then voices immediately rise up against it because of the form it comes in, and it gets quenched. It is a very sad state of affairs.

I have been in the Toronto movement shortly since after inception, and even in renewal churches, the Spirit has not always been allowed to move at His will. The Spirit still has to move over for our agenda, and so in many it has waned. We have disdained His presence and are in sore need of repentance.

Our flesh wants IT'S agenda more than the Spirit's. I was in one church for a time, and they would bring in renewal speakers and the Spirit would move, but then things would go back to business as usual, and I would think, what is wrong here Lord? Why doesn't it happen when they aren't here? Why aren't we seeing more miracles, hearing more prophecy, seeing YOU do more healing? Like John Wimber used to say, when he was first saved he asked the church, "When do we get to do the stuff?" [in the bible]. Unless we are healed enough, how can we do any works without running dry. We need to be constantly renewing our mind, washing it with the Word, and to always be submitting to soaking prayer when the Lord illuminates our darkness, that we might be thoroughly healed as much as possible. We cannot COVER the woundedness by hiding under a bandage. The wound is still infected if there is bitterness and anger. So there must be a spiritual DEBRIDEMENT of the woundedness in order for healing to occur. The yucky, unclean infection must be excised and cleansed in order that new tissue will grow correctly and be healthy.

The cacophony is due to lack of LOVE. LOVE bears all things, endures all things, never fails, is kind and generous. It doesn't covet position and power to itself. It rejoices to see others prosper and grow. It rejoices at the successes of others, and is not competitive or jealous. It takes time with people, and doesn't dismiss their concerns, it doesn't gloss over their woundedness. It helps in spiritual and practical ways. And we need to give of our TIME if we expect to see growth in God's children, even as we give our time to raising our own children in order to see them grow. People who are wounded need NURTURING, not just lecturing or a quickie prayer!

And in order for people to agree, we need to know HIS LOVE.

1 Cor 13:4-8 NKJV Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; 5 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 6 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never fails.

The enemy opposes love. The enemy is about fear. The enemy's troops do not agree on anything except hatred for God and us. There is power in agreement. When a husband and wife pray together it is a very powerful thing the Lord once told me. Because He said, if any two agree as touching anything, it shall be done for them. At Babel, the Lord saw the agreement of man opposing HIM and He said…Gen 11:6 NKJV And the LORD said, "Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

So if we walk in love, we may be able to agree if we walk in the Spirit, and then ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE.

Matt 18:19-20 NKJV "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

1 John 5:7-8 NKJV And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

If They agree as one, and Jesus prayed that we may be made ONE as THEY are ONE, then surely in this hour of perfecting His Bride, He will fulfill the prayer of Jesus in John 17, at least among the wheat.

We make the body complete when we walk in harmony with each other! We need churches without WALLS. We should be recognizing others in the body by the Spirit, not the flesh. When I was in

Bucharest, they took me to an American church. But when I tried to give a prophetic word after service to the pastor, he wanted to know my credentials, where I went to school, and whom I was associated with. Help • Privacy Policy • Feedback • Meet Jesus

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A Prophetic Cacophony - Part 2

...He didn't ask the LORD, and wasn't even open to the fact a total stranger might just be sent by the Lord. Maybe it will take persecution to unite us.

I remember a storm in the Chicago area, years back where it snowed so much that many roads were blocked, and I remember working in the hospital in Elmhurst at the time, and how one man had to bring his wife in labor to the hospital on a sled, because there was no other way he could have gotten there. Many people did not show up to work. But it was the first time, I saw people work together for the good of all without complaining! It seemed that under the pressure of the situation, walls came down. People treated each other nicer, and were more cooperative and humble.

Phil 4:2-7 NKJV Be United, Joyful, and in Prayer

2 I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life. Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

I find the sequence of this passage interesting. He implores the church to unity and to gentleness, to pray through everything. Then he says the following:

Phil 4:8-9 NKJV Meditate on These Things

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Paul says from his jail cell, to MEDITATE on things that are holy, noble, just, pure, lovely and of good report, and virtuous, anything praiseworthy.

This is how to guard your hearts and minds as he says above that! Then he says, what you learned and saw and heard in him, to DO. And God will be with you! So we must not just believe. We must ACT on our beliefs and in accordance with them. It is putting faith into ACTION. Just like James admonishes us to do.

James 2:14-24 Faith Without Works Is Dead (cf. Gen 22; Josh 2:1)

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

18 But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble! 20 But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

22 Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? 23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. 24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.

RIVERS OF EDEN

From Priscilla Van sutphin: Just after finishing this, I got the following from Debra Westbrook:

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Unite and Ignite
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God sends us forth to the nations with a clear trumpet call. Recently we ministered in Trinidad from June 10-21. This was a glorious trip for us as, once again, God showed Himself faithful on our behalf, establishing covenant relationships and flowing with His presence over His people. Before we left, God spoke these words to our heart.

If they will unite, I will ignite!

Clear and simple. Unity is important to the heart of God and essential to an outpouring of His glory through His people. But, unity is not a horizontal agreement between people but first, must be entered into with a vertical agreement with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

John 17:20-23
"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.
NKJV

As we enter into oneness and intimacy with God, then unity is established between us by Holy Spirit in the bond of peace, Jesus Christ. Unity abounds in the Godhead and as we enter into intimacy, the overflow of this unity into us through relationship with our Lord, flows outward through us to other people. It is not anything that can be hyped up or manipulated but is pure and simple, flowing from the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit into us and through us to others. God made it clear that for Him to ignite this nation with an outpouring of Holy Spirit, unity must be established within His Church.

Unity is like the key to the ignition switch of an outpouring of God's Spirit as on the Day of Pentecost!

There is so much more to say here but I will write more in the coming days.

Distemper
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Prov 16:32 KJV He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
Prov 16:32 NLT It is better to be patient than powerful; it is better to have self-control than to conquer a city.
Prov 16:32 AMP He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, he who rules his [own] spirit than he who takes a city.
Prov 16:32 NIV Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city.

Temper/anger
OT:639 'aph (af); from OT:599; properly, the nose or nostril; hence, the face, and occasionally a person; also (from the rapid breathing in passion) ire: KJV - anger (-gry), before, countenance, face, forebearing, forehead, [long-] suffering, nose, nostril, snout, worthy, wrath.
OT:599 'anaph (aw-naf'); a primitive root; to breathe hard, i.e. be
enraged: KJV - be angry (displeased).
Prov 19:11 NKJV The discretion of a man makes him slow to anger, and his glory is to overlook a transgression.

In asking the Lord if He had something to say, He spoke “distemper”.
“Recently it is believed to be the culprit in the death of a number of African lions”. See:
http://www.vetinfo.com/dencyclopedia/dedistemper.html
Also this article has all the details about the RNA virus that causes it and other information that may be helpful for other than spiritual reasons.
http://www.animalhealthchannel.com/distemper/index.shtml#transmission

The Lion is a symbol of the apostolic ministry. And I felt when I read about the lions suffering from this, that the Lord was impressing upon me, that the true apostles in the land that he is raising up across the world, have had a certain frustration going on in them about the conditions of the church and the world. But that letting that frustration develop into anger, other than righteous anger is a bit like Jonah when he didn’t want to go to Ninevah. He knew the kindness of the Lord, but his heart was not one with God’s heart towards the PEOPLE of Ninevah. For the Lord is not willing that any should perish.

“So what do you want to say Father?” I asked. And I heard…

“Many of you now are going through treatment for distemper. Your anger has infected you and turned to pride and resentment, and unless you get some “shots” of My love to your heart and soul, you will not fulfill the call on your life. I am not frustrated easily by your own weaknesses or sin.
Yet many of you have judged others unjustly without recognition of your own sin and weaknesses. I am SLOW to anger and full of kindness and I am not given to wrath easily. Though there is plenty to be angry about in the world today. Things are proceeding as expected and foreseen.”

Joel 2:13 NKJV So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm.
Nah 1:3 NKJV The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked. The LORD has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.
Ps 145:8-9 NKJV The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy. 9 The LORD is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.
Ps 103:8-10 NKJV The LORD is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. 9 He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities.
Prov 15:18 NKJV A wrathful man stirs up strife, but he who is slow to anger allays contention.

“Many of you, I have intention of using to correct the problems in the church, but if you are sent to correct you must do it with no selfish ambition or vengeance in your hearts. You must go in LOVE and obedience, and not because you have “an axe to grind”. You cannot have resentment in your heart for what has been done to you, or what I HAVE ALLOWED to soften you and break your pride. Oh yes, some of you are still mad at ME for allowing things in your life that made you the person you are! But you are not seeing the whole picture that I see.

Many have rejected you because I was making you more and more like ME.
Many have rejected you because of the calling on your life, out of jealousy and their own selfish ambition. Many have been slain in the sanctuaries, and bludgeoned by the greed of those building their own kingdoms. But I have a miraculous plan. For I have said that if you share in My SUFFERING, that you will also share in My GLORY! So cast aside all your anger and all your
bitterness My sons and daughters, for nothing that has happened to you will be for nought in the days ensuing. If you will repent of your bitterness and anger, and resentment towards ME, and others, I will use you mightily to bring down the plans of the enemy and to reap the great harvest of the centuries. But if you continue in anger and ill speaking and bitterness of heart. You will be PASSED OVER. ASK and it shall be given you! Knock and the door will be opened! Just ask Me, and I will heal the brokenness of your heart. Come away with Me and LET ME touch you! And all that has happened will be reversed and you will see Divine reversals in your life and circumstances. Inquire of Me, and I will show you all you need to do.”

Lamentations 3:1-42 NKJV
I am the man who has seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.
2 He has driven me away and made me walk in darkness rather than light;
3 indeed, he has turned his hand against me again and again, all day long.
4 He has made my skin and my flesh grow old and has broken my bones.
5 He has besieged me and surrounded me with bitterness and hardship.
6 He has made me dwell in darkness like the dead of long ago.

7 He has hedged me in so that I cannot get out; He has made my chain heavy. 8 Even when I cry and shout, He shuts out my prayer.
9 He has blocked my ways with hewn stone; He has made my paths crooked.
10 He has been to me a bear lying in wait, Like a lion in ambush.
11 He has turned aside my ways and torn me in pieces; He has made me desolate. 12 He has bent His bow and set me up as a target for the arrow.
13 He has caused the arrows of His quiver to pierce my loins.
14 I have become the ridicule of all my people — Their taunting song all the day.

15 He has filled me with bitterness, He has made me drink wormwood.
16 He has also broken my teeth with gravel, and covered me with ashes.
17 You have moved my soul far from peace; I have forgotten prosperity.
18 And I said, "My strength and my hope Have perished from the LORD."
19 Remember my affliction and roaming, The wormwood and the gall.
20 My soul still remembers and sinks within me.
21 This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope.
22 Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" 25 The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the soul who seeks Him. 26 It is good that one should hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. 27 It is good for a man to bear The yoke in his youth. 28 Let him sit alone and keep silent, because God has laid it on him; 29 Let him put his mouth in the dust — There may yet be hope.
30 Let him give his cheek to the one who strikes him, and be full of reproach. 31 For the Lord will not cast off forever.
32 Though He causes grief, Yet He will show compassion According to the multitude of His mercies.
33 For He does not afflict willingly, Nor grieve the children of men.
34 To crush under one's feet All the prisoners of the earth, 35 To turn aside the justice due a man Before the face of the Most High,
36 Or subvert a man in his cause — The Lord does not approve.
37 Who is he who speaks and it comes to pass, when the Lord has not commanded it?
38 Is it not from the mouth of the Most High That woe and well-being proceed?
39 Why should a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?
40 Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the LORD;
41 Let us lift our hearts and hands To God in heaven.
42 We have transgressed and rebelled; You have not pardoned.

“REALIZE My sons and daughters, that I love you immeasurably, and beyond anything you can imagine. There is no one that loves you as I do. I was not wanting pain or discomfort and oppression in your life. Yet many of you in your bitterness of heart have come to expect pain and lack of comfort because of the things you have suffered. I AM WANTING TO RESTORE all things. I have said that the knowledge of ME will cover the earth. I want you to change your expectations to fit with MINE for you. I want you to believe how much I love you and am for you!“

Isa 11:9-12 NIV
9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
10 In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. 11 In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea. 12 He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth.

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Ps 106:32-33 NKJV They angered Him also at the waters of strife, so that it went ill with Moses on account of them; 33 Because they rebelled against His Spirit, so that he spoke rashly with his lips.

Ps 55:11-13 NKJV Destruction is in its midst; Oppression and deceit do not depart from its streets. 12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me; Then I could hide from him. 13 But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my acquaintance.

Ps 55:9-10 NKJV Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues, for I have seen violence and strife in the city. 10 Day and night they go around it on its walls; Iniquity and trouble are also in the midst of it.

Ps 31:20 NKJV You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence
from the plots of man; You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.

OT:7379 riyb (reeb); or rib (reeb); from OT:7378; a contest (personal or legal): KJV - adversary, cause, chiding, contend (-tion), controversy, multitude [from the margin], pleading, strife, strive (-ing), suit.
OT:7378 riyb (reeb); or ruwb (roob); a primitive root; properly, to toss, i.e. grapple; mostly figuratively, to wrangle, i.e. hold a controversy; (by implication) to defend: KJV - adversary, chide, complain, contend, debate, ever, lay wait, plead, rebuke, strive, thoroughly.

Food You Know Not Of - Part II
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Part II

John 5:39-40 NKJV You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. 40 But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

The scriptures are given to us for our edification and encouragement and comfort, but if we don't seek the AUTHOR of the Word, then, we only have
Relationship with the words, and not THE WORD Himself. Reading scripture and meditating on it builds our spiritual IMMUNE system. We fight the enemy with the Word, so if we don't get it into us, we have nothing to fight with. We absolutely need the Holy Spirit to help us to understand the Word anyway, so it is a wise thing to ask Him to help us even as we pick it up to read, to show us meaning for our lives in it. I have found that I can remember scriptures more when the Lord illuminates them! As you ponder the scriptures, He can give light to them and you will understand them better, and this way
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apply them to your own life.

Ps 23:5 NKJV You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over.

Even in the midst of attacks from the enemy, and in the midst of turmoil, the Lord will set before you, His illumination of scriptures, that you will be able to be encouraged and to rest in His arms. He will anoint you with the oil of GLADNESS and you will overflow with anointing to give to others.

Matt 22:29 NKJV Jesus answered and said to them, "You are mistaken, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God.

See He was chastising them that although they thought they knew the scriptures, they really did not know them, because they did not know God's heart or Him. Relationship is two ways, not just us speaking to Him, but He speaking to us, if we will stop and rest in His presence and not withdraw from it too soon to hear. Quietness seems a hard thing for westerners to adapt to. To just sit and relax, and meditate on Him. We feel guilty for not DOING something. But it is in the quietness and rest that RESTORATION comes, and often the REVELATION also of so many things He wants to show us. That is where we get our DIRECTION. Psalm 23 says, Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me! The rod and staff are His direction and guidance.

Job 6:6 NKJV Can flavorless food be eaten without salt?

What does salt represent? Incorruptibility, covenant, preservation from corruption, that which endures.

Job 23:12 NKJV I have not departed from the commandment of His lips;
I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.

We must grow to treasure the words of His mouth more than food. I remember that Smith Wigglesworth would read the bible before each meal he ate, thinking to fill his soul with the word , as much as his body with regular food. I'm not saying we have to do what he did. Just that we should love the WORDS of the Lord, Rhema or Logos. And we need to fill ourselves with them as much as with natural food. Our Spirit needs strength to fight also, so we should seek Him for all that our body and soul and spirit need in order to be whole.

Job 12:11 NKJV Does not the ear test words and the mouth taste its food?
And again… Job 34:3 NKJV For the ear tests words as the palate tastes food.
This is a lesson in discernment. If we fill ourselves with His word, then also discernment grows, so that when a lie is spoken we recognize it as a lie. If we fill ourselves with TRUTH, then lies become more apparent.

Job 36:31 NKJV For by these He judges the peoples; He gives food in abundance.
The food spoken of here is His voice speaking to you through the Word or through His own mouth to your heart and mind.

Job 38:41 NKJV Who provides food for the raven, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?
Ps 78:25 NKJV Men ate angels' food; He sent them food to the full.
John 6:31 NKJV Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"
Deut 8:16 NKJV who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end —

Manna represents food in the natural for the stomach, but in the spiritual it represents Jesus, Who is the Bread of LIFE. What comes from His mouth is life to our body and strength to our soul. And we need that LIFE daily!

Rev 2:17 NKJV "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.'"

Isaiah also talks about a "new name" which according to Conners symbolizes the releasing of NEW REVELATION…
Isa 62:2-4 NKJV
2 The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD will name. 3 You shall also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. 4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

Hidden manna is available to those He has close relationship with. We just need to be AVAILABLE. If we quiet our spirits and bodies before Him, He speaks. Hidden manna are things in His word, yet not fully understood. God tells His secrets to you. He reveals. But again, I emphasize, you must be available to hear.

Ps 104:21 NKJV The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their food from God.
Ps 111:5 NKJV He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.
Ps 136:25 NKJV Who gives food to all flesh, For His mercy endures forever.
Ps 145:15-16 NKJV The eyes of all look expectantly to You, and You give them their food in due season. 16 You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

Look how many scriptures affirm physical food, for those who are His, and
there is an alignment also to spiritual food. God will not leave us comfortless or directionless, though sometimes He seems to restrain His voice and you must make a decision and use your best wisdom. In order to eat food, we wash it, and prepare it, and cook it sometimes, and then eat of it. And when it is digested it gives us energy to perform the normal everyday activities of life. We also must chew on the word to digest it…ponder it, meditate on it. Then it gets into our soul and mind, and we can apply what's in it.
Josh 1:8-9 NKJV
8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

Prov 23:2-3 NKJV And put a knife to your throat if you are a man given to appetite. 3 Do not desire his delicacies, for they are deceptive food.

Wow, this is a hard saying, yet it is an admonition against idolatry. Do not desire the Kings dainties as it says in Daniel as deceptive food, causes our spirits to be oppressed. Likewise when we eat rich foods, not meant to be taken in or to be the bulk of what we eat, then our bodies suffer toxicity. Gout is one of those diseases.

Prov 30:8-9 NKJV Remove falsehood and lies far from me; Give me neither poverty nor riches — Feed me with the food allotted to me; 9 Lest I be full and deny You, and say, "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor and steal,
and profane the name of my God.

It is part of our human nature to be satiated with where we are, and in this complacency can develop. So tis better to have what you need and not be given to excesses. God always knows best. The overly fed, often forget where they were, and what they were, and then give in to apathy and complacency.

Ezek 47:11-12 NKJV Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine."

Dan 4:11-12 NKJV The tree grew and became strong; Its height reached to the heavens, and it could be seen to the ends of all the earth. 12 Its leaves were lovely, Its fruit abundant, and in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, The birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches,
And all flesh was fed from it.

Dan 4:21-22 NKJV whose leaves were lovely and its fruit abundant, in which was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and in whose branches the birds of the heaven had their home — 22 it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your dominion to the end of the earth.

Note the similarities of symbolism in the above scriptures. God aligns trees to men. In Is 61 He calls us TREES of righteousness. So the trees by the river in Ezekial 47 refers to us. This is a promise to those who stay by the river that comes from the throne of God: that our leaves will not wither and our fruitfulness will not fail. "They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine." So our fruitfulness will continue as we stay immersed in Him, abiding in Him, communicating with Him. And that fruitfulness will be food to others who are needy. And our leaves…our prosperity in the midst of abundance or famine will be medicine to the masses. Leaves represent that prosperity amidst any conditions of the world. Prosperity of soul, not money so much as the whole picture of one whose life is immersed in God and is full of His love, His patience, His mercy, His joy, His kindness, His goodness, His self-control. Praise the Lord!

Hag 2:10-14 NKJV The People Are Defiled
On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying, 11 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Now, ask the priests concerning the law, saying, 12 "If one carries holy meat in the fold of his garment, and with the edge he touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or any food, will it become holy?""'
Then the priests answered and said, "No."
13 And Haggai said, "If one who is unclean because of a dead body touches any of these, will it be unclean?" So the priests answered and said, "It shall be unclean." 14 Then Haggai answered and said," 'So is this people, and so is this nation before Me,' says the LORD, 'and so is every work of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean.
Here Haggai gives a word from the Lord about separation. It is similar to the parable of the leaven in the New Testament. A little leaven leavens the whole lump. So does our sin affect everyone else in the body. A person who is backsliding does not read the WORD. I remember once when I was married, that my ex would be just the best person when he was in the Word of God, but the moment he wasn't you knew it. His behavior would change, and get looser and looser, more and more rationalizing behavior. Self came back on the throne. And it is true for me as well. It's just easier to see in others.
There are also times when God just has us laid out with a carving knife and sometimes in those times, all you can read is Psalms. So it is not definitive, but I have seen so many who proclaim to be Christian and do not walk accordingly, and you find out that they are not reading the Word, nor they worshipping in intimacy with Our Lord. It seems to be a barometer sometimes. The WORD is LIFE to our souls even as natural food is life to our bodies.

Prov 3:8 NKJV It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.
Prov 3:18-19 NIV She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed. 19 By wisdom the LORD laid the earth's foundations, by understanding he set the heavens in place;

Prov 4:20-22 NIV ………..listen closely to my words. 21 Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; 22 for they are life to those who find them and health to a man's whole body.

From The Rising Of The Sun To Its Going Down
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Ps 113:3-9 NKJV 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down the LORD's name is to be praised. 4 The LORD is high above all nations, His glory above the heavens. 5 Who is like the LORD our God, Who dwells on high, 6 Who humbles Himself to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth? 7 He raises the poor out of the dust, And lifts the needy out of the ash heap, 8 That He may seat him with princes — With the princes of His people. 9 He grants the barren woman a home, like a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD!

Ps 50:1-4 NKJV God the Righteous Judge A Psalm of Asaph.
The Mighty One, God the LORD, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth. 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.
4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that He may judge His people:

" From the rising of the sun till it's going down, I have made a covenant to My people. I will come and I will pour out LIFE. There is NOTHING that can stop Me from doing my mysterious and marvelous work! NOTHING, NOTHING, NOTHING can stop what I have prophesied would happen.
No matter what happens, what I WILL for MY PEOPLE will not fail!
The coming harvest will come at a great price, but it WILL COME, and I will pour out GREAT GLORY. I will sanctify My temples with My glory, and all will be made new! I will NOT keep silent at the wickedness of the wicked.
I will not remain indifferent as they are! Am I a man?

Will I not purge my threshing floors? Will I not level every mountain and raise up every valley? Will I not RESTORE that the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the seas? Surely My hand is not too short to strengthen. My power not to dim to bring forth what I have commanded?
Fight the good FIGHT! STRENGTHEN your bands! Strengthen those who are weak and faint of heart, and weary! CALL FORTH those who have been hidden. TRUMPET FORTH all that I tell you in your ear! BELIEVE MY REPORT. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken and declared that from the rising of the sun to it's setting, NOT one WORD will be broken! I make peace and I make calamity. I bruise, and I RESTORE! I lift up, and I bring down low!

Nothing happens that I am surprised by it. I am all-knowing. Men may mock the law. Men may create a picture of Me in their minds that reflects their own desires, but I REMAIN THE SAME, yesterday, today and tomorrow!
I have a covenant yet to write on the hearts of men, that will astound the unbelieving! I have a day of surprise for those who thing I am dead or sleeping! All is in MY HANDS, and My arm is not yet broken! I will come forth like a MIGHTY MAN, and all will be done according to MY PLANS.

The heart of the priest should be as My heart. The law should be written in their hearts, and on their lips. But sadly, men are changing even My WORD to reflect their own predispositions. Again, I am not surprised, I have known their schemes and plans. And I tell you, that when the enemy comes in like a flood, I WILL RAISE UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM. My remnant Bride will be a standard that will SHAKE THE EARTH! A FIRE will devour before them for I WILL BE WITH YOU, and I WILL bring forth justice and righteousness, despite the evil plans and plots of men. MY NAME WILL BE LIFTED HIGH ABOVE ALL NATIONS! AND GREAT EXPLOITS will mark My soldiers of glory! Be not dismayed at the opposition that surrounds you now! SPEAK FORTH MY WORD, and WAR like a good soldier, and I will bring forth Your righteousness as the noon day!

Keep your eyes on Me, and watch what you say with your mouth, for the enemy is looking for any open door to attack you with. ASK FOR MY OVERCOMING GRACE, and I will give it! GET READY MY BRIDE FOR A FLOOD OF MANY WATERS IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD. AND KNOW THAT I WILL SHAKE MY FIST AT THE ENEMY OF YOUR SOUL, TILL HIS CAGE IS RATTLED, BUT KNOW WHEN IT IS, HE WILL BE ENRAGED AND INCREASE HIS FORCES. But so will I

INCREASE MY POWER WITHIN YOU to withstand all his plans!”

Isa 45:6-13 NKJV That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; 7 I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things.'
8 "Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it.
9 "Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands'? 10 Woe to him who says to his father, 'What are you begetting?' Or to the woman, 'What have you brought forth?'"
11 Thus says the LORD, The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: "Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons; And concerning the work of My hands, you command Me. 12 I have made the earth, and created man on it. I — My hands — stretched out the heavens, and all their host I have commanded. 13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; He shall build My city And let My exiles go free, **not for price nor reward**, "Says the LORD of hosts.

Isa 59:19-21 NKJV So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.
20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD. 21 "As for Me," says the LORD, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore."

Mal 1:11- Mal 2:9 NKJV
11 For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations," Says the LORD of hosts. 12 "But you profane it, In that you say, 'The table of the LORD is defiled; and its fruit, its food, is contemptible.' 13 You also say, 'Oh, what a weariness!' And you sneer at it," Says the LORD of hosts." And you bring the stolen, the lame, and the sick; Thus you bring an offering! Should I accept this from your hand?" Says the LORD. 14 "But cursed be the deceiver Who has in his flock a male,And takes a vow,But sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished — For I am a great King," Says the LORD of hosts," And My name is to be feared among the nations.

Corrupt Priests
1 "And now, O priests, this commandment is for you. 2 If you will not hear, and if you will not take it to heart, to give glory to My name," Says the LORD of hosts," I will send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them already, because you do not take it to heart.
3 "Behold, I will rebuke your descendants and spread refuse on your faces, the refuse of your solemn feasts; And one will take you away with it. 4 Then you shall know that I have sent this commandment to you, that My covenant with Levi may continue," Says the LORD of hosts. 5 "My covenant was with him, one of life and peace, and I gave them to him that he might fear Me; So he feared Me and was reverent before My name. 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and injustice was not found on his lips. He walked with Me in peace and equity, and turned many away from iniquity.
7 "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. 8 But you have departed from the way; You have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi," Says the LORD of hosts. 9 "Therefore I also have made you contemptible and base before all the people, because you have not kept My ways But have shown partiality in the law."

A Promise From The King

Yolanda Ballard

Jan 3, 2004
As the year comes to an end and a new one is well on its way, I want you to look to Me like never before, for I AM going to show you things that will surely amaze you concerning what I will have you to do. For I have taken you through the fire in preparation for a deeper calling upon your life. You have been more than willing to serve Me and have been patient in seeking My face, and now I will surely reveal to you what you have been waiting for.

I will pour out My glory in a fuller measure, and give you the discernment you will need for I AM taking you up to a higher level in worship and warfare, and that means that you will be coming against greater devils. For we all know what My word says, and that is, "Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." But you can't go into battle without knowing what you are up against. Many have been come against hard where you might feel like you aren't able to stand this pressure any longer. But I will not allow you to go through anything you cannot handle if you look past the natural and look to Me. For I AM the author and finisher of your faith, and you have the mind of Christ, and the joy of the Lord is your strength. With all the Truth you have going for you, you will truly overcome, succeed, and take the land.

Rise up in the might of your King. Let out a mighty shout of victory for our God reigns. Reach out and touch My hand and unite your heart with Mine, and I will take you forward as one in a mighty march against all that has tried to hinder My work in this land. Yes, unite ranks and hearts, and begin to praise Me. Yes, reach out and lean on My faith to take you through. Don't trust in your own understanding, but in all your ways, acknowledge Me, and I will direct your paths.

And yes, I have promised you health and prosperity if you delight yourself in Me. Put Me first in your heart and in all your ways, and My righteousness will be yours. For you have a promised package if you love Me and obey Me. This is the day for quickened blessings. This is the day to stir up My anointing by basking in My secret place in worship and intimacy. Draw near to Me and I will draw you even nearer so you will even heart My heart cry for the lost and My heart beating even more for you.

Yes, feed My sheep. Look out for one another with a kind word of encouragement and a helping hand for you can't make it on your own. Include Me always in your agenda. Don't leave Me out, because of vanity and independence. Cast off the pride and unbelief. And I will show you the way to stand to pull down the strongholds, and once and for all be the bride I called you to be. Yes, I have called an army of worshipping warriors, a bride with boots on, but you must not entangle yourself with the affairs of the world, and be My kingdom-minded.

This is the day to step out and take the land for I AM calling you to battle, and worship will be your greatest joy and asset that will lead you in the fight. I have given you My armor. And I've given you My sword and shield. Your greatest and most powerful weapon besides worship is My love for without love you are nothing against the enemy. So do not allow the enemy to separate you in any way taking sides over affairs you think are important. For nothing is more important than My love shared through grace and truth.

This is the day for salvation and to take a stand. May your heart and mind be pure, and from this day forth walk as a victor in My might. A new day to you, new beginnings. All things are passed away, washed in the blood and made whiter than snow. Nothing to hold you back. Reap My promises. Gather the wheat together. Spread My word and be discerning, says your King, for We are going on.

A Prophetic Flow

Bill Burns

March 14, 2004
Lift up your voice like a trumpet, says the Lord. I have come as the eagle to spread My wings over you and to release a prophetic flow that shall be given to you. I say to you, speak and proclaim in the land My soon return. Proclaim My goodness among the nations. Speak aloud the word that I give to you, even if it is only for your ears, and hear the sound of My trumpet that will stir your spirit. You shall be strengthened and empowered by My presence. I come to give voice to My people and speak to your hearts those things that I am about to do, for I will reveal the mysteries of the age and those things hidden in darkness. I will reveal to you, My chosen generation, that which is to be spoken in this hour. Arise with hope and be renewed. Be anointed for you are My voice in the land. Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
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Marsha Burns: Mar 15, 2004
Watch for opportunities and be aware of situations designed to produce an attitude adjustment. Examine your own heart when circumstances arise that challenge you, for you will be able to see more clearly than ever your state of mind and make the necessary adjustments to align yourself more perfectly with My character and nature, says the Lord. Yield quickly in the Spirit to these corrections because stubborn refusal to respond in a godly manner equates to rebellion. Beloved, this is in preparation for what is ahead. You cannot move forward without this adjustment, and now is the time for modification.

Marsha Burns
Mar 16, 2004
I speak to you who, because of need and presumption, have set up certain people and relationships in your own heart as idols. You elevated them in importance and worth, and when they did not perform according to your expectation or meet your particular need, you began to tear them down. You were in error to put them up and you are in error in tearing them down. This process had nothing to do with what they did or did not do; it has to do with the unrighteous motives of your own heart. You need to see others as I see them, says the Lord, and to love one another as I have loved you -- not according to their performance with regard to your life or any merit of their own, for this is to judge according to the flesh instead of righteous judgment. See those around you in light of the fact that I love them and they are precious in My sight. Choose to be in agreement with the mind of Christ. Walk in the Spirit.
Marsha Burns

Mar 17, 2004

Examine your hearts and pay particular attention to those things that you do that are motivated by fear. Your tendency is to set up elaborate systems of protection to avoid being hurt. But, this attitude will become a place of isolation and bondage as you cut yourself off. Now is the time to overcome fear of man and fear of what others can do to you. "If God be for you who can be against you?" I speak to many who are afraid of being deceived, but have I not said that I am with you to direct your steps? Will I not guide you and bring truth? For light will suddenly burst forth in the darkness if you will only trust Me to show you the way. I AM with you.

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March 18, 2004: Turn from all wicked schemes and evil devices. I know you thoroughly, says the Lord, and what you have been successful in hiding from men is not hidden from My sight. You have not only sinned against man, but you have sinned against Me, and you can be sure that your sin will find you out. You are entering a season of exposure. What has been spoken in secret will be shouted from the housetops. What has been cleverly disguised in deception and darkness will be brought to truth and light. This will happen on every level. Everything from gossip and slander to criminal activities will be disclosed, for I am calling you to righteousness and holiness. This is truly a season of cleansing and purging. Be sensitive to conviction, and do not harden your hearts in rebellion. Walk in the integrity of My Spirit, for now is the season of the preparation of My Bride. 1 John 1:9, "if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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Consider the seed of offense planted in the ground of your heart. This is how it grows -- it calculates, enumerates, delineates, separates, repudiates, isolates, violates, retaliates, contaminates, and obligates others to choose. Offense shuts the door to your brother and opens the door to the devil. A brother offended is harder to win than a walled city, and contentions are like the bars of a castle. (Proverbs18:19) Eradicate this noxious weed. Forgive.

Apostolic Strategy

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***"…the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work…'"* Acts 13:2**

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God is restoring a new level of the 'apostolic' to His church.

But for this to occur we must cut through the extraneous and get to the foundational. In an age of communication and information overload we are desperately in need of distinguishing between the primary and the peripheral.

And so, in this teaching my object is to uncover the primary strategy for an apostolic release and show how the kingdom of God may increase on earth.

Distinguishing between 'Strategy' & 'Tactics'

To do this we must understand two terms:

'Strategy' – *the art of war – the planning and direction of the larger military movements and overall operations;* and

'Tactics' – *the art of disposing armed forces – the carrying out of the larger strategy through manoeuvres in actual contact with the enemy.*

The former consists of *foundational principles* which are inviolable and universal, applicable to all peoples and all times. They look at the big picture – to where, when, and why troops and resources are best directed to ensure victory.

The latter consists of *situational procedures* – methods that will vary depending on circumstances to deliver troops and resources in implementing the strategy. For example, troops and supplies may be dropped in by parachute, or they may be landed by boat. It deals with the logistics of a specific mission.

Tragically the church devotes most of her energies to the *'tactical',* trying to implement and improve practical programs, assuming they are integral to God's larger *'strategy'.*

The *'tactical'* must come out of the *'strategic'* and relates to the management of either the church (this management is called the 'diaconate') or the sphere of the apostle (the 'apostolate' which is managed by the ministry of 'helps and administrations'). This opens the difference between the *'church'* and the *'work'* which we will unpack later in this study.

The *'strategic'* is macro-leadership the *'tactical'* is micro-management. But one must flow out of the other – the latter out of the former.

This article therefore will take us into the 'war room' – into the macro. There we will explore the apostolic strategy for the global expansion of the gospel and the increase of His kingdom on earth.

Defining the term 'Apostle'

To do this we must first define the term *'apostle'.* The Greek word *'apostolos'* simply means *a sent* *one.* Jesus used the verb form of this word when He declared, "As the Father has sent (*apostello*) me, so I send you" (Jn 20:21). Every believer clearly has an *apostolic* commission. The marching orders have already been given. But how are those orders delivered in a given situation so that the body of Christ might move into the apostolic – into its commission as a sent one?

This is where the apostle kicks in. Along with the prophet, they are the pivotal ascension gift ministries for the healthy functioning of the body and the releasing of the saints to the work of ministry (Eph 2:20; 4:11-14). In other words, the body cannot function 'apostolically' without the full and mature functioning of the apostle.

The use of the term *'apostolos'* in classical Greek is highly instructive. First, in the context of Roman colonial expansion, it was used to refer to the commander of a naval expedition sent out to establish a new colony; and secondly, to the whole fleet and colony which was founded by that commander.

Nature & Function of the Apostolic

The Holy Spirit has lifted this term from its classical context and embedded it within the sacred text to describe for us both the nature and function of the apostolic.

Sent from God, the primary function of the apostle is to plant the colony of heaven on earth. This is far larger than just planting new churches. It encompasses this, but has more to do with the increase of the kingdom both in a quantitative and qualitative sense – the raising up of a new humanity enjoying "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Rom 14:17; see also Rom 8:29; Heb 2:10).

This is born through the corporate and plural nature of the apostolic. We have just seen in the original usage of the term the thought of leadership (the commander) and the corporate (the fleet and the colonists).

While not teaching explicitly the corporateness of the apostolic ministry, the Scripture does teach it implicitly by way of a model.

Paul, for example, on his 3rd missionary journey returning from Greece "was accompanied by Sopater of Berea, and by Aristarchus and Secindus of the Thessalonians; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia" (Acts 20:4). Through this corporateness the gospel spreads and the kingdom is expanded.

Paul said of his associate Timothy, "For I have no one else of kindred spirit…But you know of his proven worth that he served with me in the furtherance of the gospel…" (Phil 2:20, 22). Likewise, Luke in his record of Paul's 2nd missionary journey provides us clear testimony to the corporateness and effect of Paul's ministry in the spread of the gospel. "And a vision appeared to Paul…a certain man of Macedonia…saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' And when he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them" (Act 16:9,10). It is important to note that while 'he' (Paul) had seen the vision 'we' (Paul's team including Luke) sought to go. Through the apostle, Luke concludes that "God had called us to preach" – a vivid picture of what could be called the 'corporate apostle'.

It appears that Paul's apostolic gifting was the catalyst for the release and function of other ministries. His life and dynamic irrepressibly found expression in a company of intimates (see Rom 16:1-16). These men and women, while free, subordinated any individualistic pursuit of ministry, resulting not in an organisational structure, but in a pure and powerful demonstration of the body of Christ – of free men walking together in relationship as love-slaves to Christ.

Paul – the Prototype Apostle

And so, the history of God's activity through the church is primarily a history of 'men and movements'.

He calls and commissions 'apostles' through whom he raises up a work. After the ascension of Christ

Peter, James, and John, all had their spheres of ministry from which flowed related movements of followers and co-labourers.

However, as significant as these men where I would suggest that there is one man and movement which is the normative model – the prototype.

This, in my view, is Paul – the pioneer *'apostle to the Gentiles'* (Gal 2:8). A man sent to the ethne – to all tribes, tongues, peoples, and nations (see Acts 26:16-18). His mission was universal – to ALL nations.

Let me explain.

Peter, by contrast, was recognised as an *'apostle to the Jews'.* This was according to a divine commission, as was Paul's apostleship to the Gentiles (see Gal 2:7,8). James and John were also established as 'pillars' in Jerusalem – the Hebrew church (see Gal 1:19; 2:9, 12; Acts 15:13; 21:18). Although, tradition later places John in Ephesus (living out his days towards the close of the first century as an old and venerated leader of that church); and Peter in Rome.

However, Paul was the chosen instrument to take the gospel to the nations in accordance with God's purpose (see Acts 9:15; 26:15-18; 13:47; Isa 49:6; Rom 1:1; Gal 1:15). This was primarily an issue of call and revelation:

"…God who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles…" (Gal 1:15-16)

Because of his call to the nations God entrusted a unique revelation to Paul. This revelation was not received from any man, nor revealed to previous generations,

"…the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. I did not receive it from any man…I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ" (Gal 1:11-12).

He did not receive it from Peter, James, or John. In fact Paul's revelation was so unique he could describe it as 'my gospel' (see Rom 2:16; 16:25; 2 Tim 2:8; 2 Th 2:14; 2 Cor 4:3).

He also warned of a 'different gospel' in contrast to the gospel that he had preached (see 2 Cor 11:4; Gal 1:6, 8, 9). Paul's gospel was so distinctive in contrast to that of Peter, James, and John, and so integral to the establishing of the new covenant order that he publicly withstood Peter in Antioch to protect it (see Gal 2:11-14). Peter, writing many years later, acknowledged that Paul's revelation was 'hard to understand', but had evidently accepted the rebuke affirming his writings as 'Scripture' (see 2 Pet 3:16).

So, what was the revelation that others found so hard to understand – and what was unique about it?

Paul explains,

"Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation… In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of ONE BODY…" (Eph 3:2-6).

It is the revelation of the 'ONE BODY' in which there is neither Jew nor Gentile (see Eph 2:11-18; Col 3:11; Gal 3:28; 6:15; Rom 2:28, 29). Until this revelation the gospel (with the exception of Cornelius's household – Acts 10) was viewed as exclusive to the Jew. And even after the outpouring of the Spirit at Cornelius's house the Gentiles were still subjected to the ritual law. Certain individuals came from

James in Jerusalem to Antioch demanding the Gentiles submit to circumcision. Conflicting with Paul's revelation of the gospel this precipitated the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15) and triggered Paul's later confrontation with Peter at Antioch because of his withdrawal from the Gentiles (Gal 2).

This revelation of the 'ONE BODY', as we will see in part two, is the essence of the apostolic mandate.

Part 2 of 4

Antioch – the Prototype Apostolic Church

Before we expand on the revelation of the 'ONE BODY', viewing Paul as the apostolic prototype for the universal church, let us explore the beginnings of that ministry.

If we are to understand the intent of the Holy Spirit in any given direction, we must go back to the first instance of that direction. This provides the model for all future development.

To do this we must return to the city of Antioch . It was from here that the Gentile mission was born, becoming the true parent of the universal church. The action of the Holy Spirit in this city creates the DNA for the apostolic – it becomes the prototype for gospel expansion and kingdom increase.

Focusing on Antioch, Acts chapter 13 divides the record of Acts in two – the first section (ch 1-12) finding its focal point in Peter's mission to the Jews, and the second (ch 13-28) finding it in the unfolding Pauline mission to the nations. Significantly, the first reference to Paul as an 'apostle' does not occur until chapter 14 (vs. 4, 14) – after he has been sent from Antioch.

Acts 13, therefore, provides the ingredients for the release of the apostolic.

Let us examine this in more detail:

A 'Gateway' City

First, we see that Antioch was a 'gateway' city.

Antioch, in Syria, the third largest city of the Roman Empire after Rome and Alexandria, was a commercial and political hub. Close to the frontier between the Greco-Roman world and the Orient, it contained a highly cosmopolitan population. It was the gateway between West and East – a city through which commerce, government, many nationalities, and belief-systems found access to larger geographical regions and spheres of influence.

The international complexion of the city and therefore of the church is reflected in its leadership –

"In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the Tetrarch) and Saul." Acts 13:1

In addition to Barnabas from Cyprus and Saul from Tarsus, the leadership consisted of Simeon called Niger (meaning 'black') obviously from Africa; Lucius of Cyrene, from Libya, in North Africa; and Manaen, 'brought up with Herod', a member of the Jewish aristocracy.

As the master-strategist, in this melting pot of the nations, the Holy Spirit chose to give birth to the apostolic. It became the launch pad for the Gentile apostolic mission – for the colony of heaven invading earth.

And so, the 'Antioch model' illustrates that the Holy Spirit is strategic in choosing 'gateway' cities for the raising up of the apostolic.

Even so, it must be remembered that 'forerunners' and 'saviours' most often come from or minister in obscure places before strategic expansion. He sent, for example, John the Baptist into the wilderness; Amos was called from a small country town, and Jesus came from Nazareth . Paul was also taken into Arabia for a season before his strategic placement in Antioch (see Gal 1:17 , 18).

The Church of the City

'…in the church in Antioch…' Acts 13:1

God is restoring the church of the city. The coming worldwide visitation will be so extensive, and so, intensive, that one group will not be able to contain it. It will demand a new wineskin – the emerging city-church.

The apostolic church knows nothing of our modern denominational divisions. It was not denominated by theologies or celebrities, but by geographies. Geographical boundaries and civil jurisdictions alone determined the church's boundaries. They were not in competition with one another. When the apostle addressed a church he would speak, for example, to the whole 'church of God in Corinth' (1 Cor 1:2). Evidently, the church, even in these large cosmopolitan cities, was functioning as one unified body.

This brings us again to the content of Paul's revelation of the mystery – 'that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of ONE BODY…' (Eph 3:6).

The revelation of the 'ONE BODY' was not only the 'message'; but also the 'method' of Paul's apostolic mission to the Gentiles. Once received it was modeled in the city-church of Antioch and then in Paul's apostolic team. Conceived in the womb of the city-church it was thrust out from the 'ONE BODY' of Antioch to plant and nurture the corporate Christ, city by city, throughout the nations. Paul and his team had hands laid on them by the Antioch church and were *'sent'(apostello)* out (see Acts 13:3). And so, "the inhabitants of one city will go to another and say, 'Let us go at once to entreat the Lord and seek the Lord Almighty'" (Zech 8:21).

This is in vast contrast to many of the 'apostolic networks' we currently see operating.

Flying the flag of a particular 'network' new members are 'recruited' to that network rather than 're-formed' into the 'ONE BODY' of the city. Consequently they are defined and denominated by their membership with that particular 'apostolic network' rather than by the church of the city. This in my view is not effectively different to our existing denominational divisions.

Because we are in transition this deficiency is understandable. We are emerging from a sub-normal Christianity. And so, the fullness of the apostolic ministry will occur only in harmony with the restoration of the city-church. This will occur as a work of the Spirit and will require distinguishing between two very different spheres of ministry – between the 'church' and the 'work'. It will also demand that one serve the other, but more of this in Part 3.

The apostolic Gentile mission began in Antioch and will continue until the 'full number of the Gentiles has come in' (Rom 11:25). As the parent of that mission, Antioch has imparted its DNA and will, therefore, play out in every authentic expression of the apostolic.

Just as the Church of Ephesus, 'tested those who claimed to be apostles... and found them false' (Rev 2:2), contemporary apostles will also need to be measured and tested.

The marks of an apostle apart from the 'miraculous' (signs, wonders and miracles – 2 Cor 12:12), are seen in the 'man' (in their fellowship of Christ's sufferings for the sake of Christ's body - see 2 Cor 4; 6:3-13; 11:16-12:10; Phil 3:10; Col 1:24-27); in their 'message' (the revelation of the mystery – the one body – Eph 3:2-6); and in their 'method' (the Antioch prototype as discussed here).

The revelation of the mystery – of the Father's purpose to raise up a MATURE CORPORATE CHRIST in every city – is shown to the 'apostles and prophets' (see Eph 3:5). It will drive them not to build empires and networks but to spend their lives in growing the 'church of the city'. This is the peculiar mission of apostles, prophets, and teachers who are set in the body as the spearhead of heaven coming to earth in a given locality (see 1 Cor 12:28). They do not exist for themselves – to be a successful and growing network – but for the body of Christ of each locality to come to 'the fullness of the stature of Christ' (see Eph 4:11-14).

This DNA only comes by the Spirit – " …it is now being revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets" (Eph 3:5); and is therefore one of the proofs of true apostleship.

Without it, new 'apostolic networks' will only prove to be an aberration – as self-serving, sectarian, and schismatic as the historic denominations.

And so, when Paul planned to visit Rome, for example, he addressed himself 'to all in Rome (to the whole church of the city)…I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong…' (Rom 1:7,11). He was concerned to impart something of the Spirit to the whole church of the city that would add to their corporate maturity. His apostolic passion and purview took in the whole horizon of the city-church. He was not looking for recruits to grow his own network.

It is time to ask ourselves whether we are merely building a 'successful' network or the corporate Christ!

In Part 3 we will discover the role of prophetic worship, prophets, and teachers in releasing the apostolic.

Part 3 of 4

The ‘Church’ and the ‘Work’

Despite the apostolic message and method finding its focus in the city-church, the ONE BODY, there is a clear division of labour. Paul and Barnabas, at the direction of the Holy Spirit, were to be separated from the ‘church’ to the ‘work’.

This is the birth of the apostolic. Hands are layed on them and they are ‘sent’ (apostello), immediately embarking with John Mark, on the first missionary journey into Asia Minor (modern day Turkey), preaching, winning disciples, planting churches, and appointing elders. On returning to Antioch they give an account of their labours and after a lengthy stay Paul returns, this time with Silas, to “see how they are doing” (Acts 15:36), thus providing oversight for the towns and cities previously visited.

The ‘church’ and the ‘work’ are distinguished in missiology as the ‘modality’ and the ‘sodality’. They are two distinct spheres of calling. The former referring to the local sphere of congregational life. The latter referring to a trans-local sphere – in fact, to the brotherhood, or association of an apostolic company, separate from the former but given to the work of serving it along with a larger region.

This pattern has been reflected throughout the Christian movement in the various reforming movements, brotherhoods, and missionary movements of both the Catholic and Protestant traditions. However, because of the subnormal condition of church life they have been limited in their ultimate effect despite the often reforming nature of their origins. They have in most cases been born of a true apostolic or prophetic commission.

Even so, in response to the spiritual malaise of the church they have separated from it and given themselves to specialist areas such as missions, prayer, education, or mercy – but, in isolation to the true apostolic burden of the ONE BODY, the corporate Christ of a city. And yet this is the DNA of the original ‘sodality’ of Antioch.

Consequently, our current understanding of so-called ‘para-church’ ministries is aberrant (so also our understanding of the ‘local church’). As the Holy Spirit restores the fullness of the apostolic and prophetic foundation of the ‘new thing’ God is doing, many ‘para-church’ ministries will either become a part of the city-church diaconate or become fully-fledged apostolic movements serving and facilitating the restoration of the ONE BODY, the city-church, across whole regions of the globe. Others may become ministries of 'helps' to those movements that have a true and proven apostolic commission. And some will be shut down as the Father plucks up all those things He has not planted.

The Foundation of Apostles and Prophets

If apostles and prophets, in union with Christ as the chief cornerstone, truly are the foundation of God's dwelling (see Eph 2:20-22), these transitions and realignments will only occur as the foundation is re-laid.

This is why intimacy with God is so foundational to what is going down right now, but more of that in a moment.

In any building process first things must be first – first the foundations and then the superstructure – "…God sets first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then…" (1 Cor 12:28). This means that for the "dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit" to be raised up across a whole city – for a citywide revival – apostles and prophets are not optional. In fact, without them it begs the question as to what we have really been building. It explains in some measure why the church has stalled in the West, particularly the new city-reaching and church growth technologies.

A restoration or rebuilding process demands the 'uprooting and pulling down' of all that is not true to the original plan. Only then can the 'building and planting' proceed. This is the work of reformation as God shakes all things that can be shaken, so that only the unshakeable will remain – every human system, structure, and sentiment will be shaken until the Kingdom only remains. Our present 'local church' structures are currently experiencing this. The traditional model of a pastor-led congregation operating as a denominational franchise will phase out as the city-church wineskin built on the foundation of apostles and prophets replaces it. This is the Father's original pattern – a MATURE CORPORATE SON revealed in every city (see Eph 4:11-13; also for a full explanation see chapter 9 of the author's book, 'Snakes in the Temple: Exposing Idolatry in Today's Church').

And as it was at the first the heavens will again, at this end of the age, resonate with the Father's pleasure as He declares over the CORPORATE CHRIST, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!" (Mtt 17:5). God will rivet the attention of whole cities and nations as a visible cloud of glory descends over them sweeping multitudes into the Kingdom.

But how will this occur – and how will the apostolic foundation be restored.

The Antioch prototype provides the strategy.

Prophets and Teachers

"In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers…" Acts 13:1

It would appear prophets and teachers prepare the way for the release of apostles. Through prophetic teaching and declaration a shift occurs in the spirit realm that releases new or higher levels of the apostolic.

This kind of teaching is not just the transfer of information. It is not Greek Academe, the teaching of seminaries or Bible Colleges, but rather that kind of prophetic teaching which is truly transformational. It is not man's wisdom acquired from book learning, but a wisdom taught by the Spirit. It is food for the spirit which comes from the Father's heart through those sent as ascension gift ministries to the church (see Eph 4:11). They are those that Jesus promised that He would send as "prophets, wise men and teachers" – they are John-the-Baptist-type prophets, reformers, and revolutionaries sent to prepare the way of the Lord (see Mtt 23:34).

And as they prophesy, as did Ezekiel, there will be a "noise, and a shaking as the bones come together, bone to bone" (Ezk 37:4-8) – a re-formation of the church – in fact, a restoration of the ONE BODY, until their breath enters them and they "stand on their feet as an exceeding great army" (v 10) –

a cohesive fighting force with ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE, ONE LORD, and ONE GOD and Father, over all and through all and in all (see Eph 4:4-6). And so, “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work"”(Eph 4:16).

The Body of Christ is now entering a phase of prophetic teaching and declaration strategic to the restoration of apostles and the city-church.

Prophetic Worship and Intimacy – birthing the Apostolic

“As they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said…” Acts 13:2

These kinds of prophets and teachers are given to the Lord in ministry to Him. They know what it is to play to an audience of One. They are not ecclesiastical functionaries – professional ministers and church technicians – but men of the Spirit. Like David they have hearts after the heart of God and know how to lose themselves in Him – to fall into the Great-Heart Himself.

They are not ‘doing’ worship to bring God down – trying to coerce Him to perform or manipulate Him.

Priests after the Order of Zadok

They are priests after the order of Zadok. Having remained faithful to the Lord and to the sanctuary while others pursued their idols of growth and success they alone, in this new temple of the city-church, the MATURE CORPORATE CHRIST, will be permitted to “come near my table to minister before me” (Ezk 44:16).

Those Levites who pursued other gods will bear the consequences of their unfaithfulness. They will still minister at the gates of the temple before the people – but never in the sanctuary before the Lord (see Ezk 44:10-16). The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him – and so, His hidden counsels, the hidden things of His heart, will only be revealed to those who have denied all other lovers, remaining true in their devotion to Him.

Over the last five years, with some of the more obvious manifestations of the current renewal subsiding, the Lord has been searching hearts to see whether we would continue to pursue Him, or resort to ‘business as usual’ – to man’s programs and planning. Those who have crossed the invisible line of unfaithfulness in the present season will visibly wear the consequences in the next. They will be supernaturally withheld from having significance in the restored temple of Ezekiel’s vision – from the new temple of the city-church. The most unlikely will emerge as the apostles and prophets of this new era of the church. Those who have lead whole churches and movements in their headlong pursuit after the Baals of growth and success will not regain their birthright in the intimate things of God even with weeping.

And so, the apostolic is born of intimacy. Union with Christ is what true apostles are all about, providing the foundation for the dwelling of God with men.

Out of intimacy with the Father the next season will see an increased level of prophetic teaching and declaration – a declaration of the secret things of God’s heart as they pertain to the MATURE CORPORATE SON – to the restoration of the city-church built on the foundation of true apostles and prophets with Christ as the chief cornerstone.

To the surprise of the religious system a new breed of Zadok-like apostles and prophets will be released into the Body of Christ to prepare the Bride for the harvest of the nations.

In Part 4 we will discuss the apostolic strategy to harvest cities and nations.

Part 4 of 4

Rebuilding the ‘House of the Lord’

God is once again calling out a remnant from the church's Babylonian captivity.

Just as ancient Israel, when the seventy years had expired, were set free to return and rebuild the temple, so too the people of God in this hour (see Jer 25:11-12; 29:10-14; Ezra 1:1-5). The prophetic clock has been ticking and the time for our release is imminent. But it is a release with a purpose – *'the restoration of all things spoken by the holy prophets'* (see Acts 3:21) – to restore and rebuild the house of the Lord.

But we have misunderstood the 'house of the Lord' – we have thought it was our 'paneled houses' – our 'local churches' – our franchise outlet for the latest so-called 'apostolic network', new movement, or historic denomination.

We have forgotten that Jesus said, *"I will build My church"* – that He is completely single-minded about the restoration of *"one flock with one shepherd"* (Jn 10:16) – the one church of the city.

We have prevaricated by saying, *"The time has not yet come for the Lord's house to be built"* (Hag 1:2). But the time has come – the Lord is asking, *"Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?"* (Hag 1:4).

We have wondered why it's so hard to 'do church' – why there is so much 'burn-out' – so much failure and frustration – and so little growth.

And so, the Lord is saying,

"Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much, but have harvested little…You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home I blew away. Why? …Because of My house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house." Hag 1:5-9

The Lord is about to stir the hearts of His people again. As they hear the prophetic sound of the Haggais and Zechariahs, Zerubbabel and Joshua, the apostolic builders, with a remnant people will leave their sectarian and selfish interests to return to the work – to the rebuilding of the city-church – the raising up of the dwelling of God by the Spirit (see Hag 1:12-15).

"Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit"

But because the status quo (building our ministry, movement, church, or denomination) is such an immovable mountain the word of the Lord will declare,

""'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit'…'What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'Grace, Grace!'

Then the word of the Lord came to me, 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it...'" Zech 4:6-9

The mountain of entrenched patterns – two-thousand years of religious traditions, structures, and sentiments – of self-seeking and self-promotion will fall before the omnipotent Spirit. What is impossible to man is possible to God. All things that can be shaken will be shaken, so that only the unshakeable will remain.

The release of God's people and the restoration of the city-church are imminent. Its foundation will be re-laid, but it will be by the Spirit, not by any human might or power – there will be no twelve-step city-reaching strategy to pull it off!

The foundation of apostles and prophets with Christ as the chief-cornerstone is the first step. And it will only be re-laid through a deep work of the Spirit. False foundations – denominational, celebrity, and self-seeking agendas will be ripped up and discarded in this new move of the Spirit. A deep repentance will grip the hearts of many as they are called to *"raise up the age-old foundations"* (Isa 58:12).

All across our cities and nations these reformational forerunners are now being prepared for release. They have been called by the Spirit into places of obscurity and anonymity. Just as those who, in debt, distressed, and discontented were called out from Saul's palace to David at Adullam (1 Sam 22:1-2) in preparation for the throne – for the third and apostolic anointing – so too, a remnant forerunner company for the restoration of the apostolic city-church. They will prove to be the embryo of a new wineskin that will harvest whole cities and regions of the earth.

True Servanthood – *"known, yet regarded as unknown"*

As 'no-name' apostles and prophets they will make way for the King. They will be buried in Christ as the chief-cornerstone – hidden in God – obscured in the anonymity of true servanthood – *"known, yet regarded as unknown"* (2 Cor 6:9). A foundation is never visible, except as it is being laid. And so, for a short season there will be a re-emphasis of their role in the process of rebuilding and restoration. But as they are put in place, in Paul's words,

"…God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe…we are fools for Christ…" 1 Cor 4:9-10

As true apostles they will receive the sentence of death in themselves – they will decrease, so that the life of God may increase.

And so, again in Paul's words,
"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ" 1 Cor 3:11

And this foundation is more than the doctrine of Christ. It is not knowledge about Christ. Rather, it is being immersed in the knowledge of Christ – a union of spirit – the intimacy of bride and groom.

Buried in this knowledge (through prophetic worship, declaration and teaching), prophets will prepare the way for a new release of the apostolic according to the Antioch prototype.

Apostolic Strategy for Maximum Impact

But, once launched into the nations these new-breed apostles will employ a certain strategy – one that, for Paul, harvested cities and nations.

They will go to the *'Jew first'*, signifying the old order of man's religious systems, with a prophetic challenge (see Rom 1:16; 2:9,10, Acts 13:46; 18:6; 28:17-31). From them a remnant will believe and come out identifying with the 'new thing' that God is doing. As the old order resists the time will come to withdraw and go to the Gentiles – this will signal the harvest of a new kingdom era.

In particular, this pattern was evident during Paul's third missionary journey. In Ephesus,

"Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord". Acts 19:8-10

True to the apostolic pattern of separation between the 'church' and the 'work' ('modality' and 'sodality' – refer Part 3) there is no indication Paul presided over the infant church of Ephesus in any kind of eldership or pastoral role. Rather, he gave himself to the apostolic work of teaching and training.

The School of Tyrannus became an ‘apostolic training centre’ which impacted the whole region. Ephesus, being the commercial and religious hub for the whole of Asia (modern day Turkey), was the strategic choice for maximum impact.

Apostolic Anointing for Miracles and Multiplication
How did this work? On the principles of replication and multiplication. Paul, out of a fathering relationship, instructed Timothy,

“…the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will also be qualified to teach others.” 2 Tim 2:2

Four generations of leadership are embedded in this one apostolic directive. Paul not only replicated his life and ministry in Timothy, but it then multiplied through him to the third and fourth generation and no doubt beyond.

Along with *“extraordinary miracles”* this is how *“the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power”* throughout the whole of Asia (Acts 19:11, 20). It is no coincidence that when the apostles at an earlier date released themselves from administration and gave themselves to prayer and the ministry of the word that, *“the word of the Lord spread” and that, “the number of disciples increased (multiplied) rapidly”* (Acts 6:7).

Addition is one thing, *multiplication* another. Believers were ‘added’ to the church initially, but as the apostolic grew they began to ‘multiply’ rapidly (cf Acts 2:41, 47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:1, 7; 9:31, 35, 42; 11:21, 24; 12:24; 14:1, 21; 16:5; 17:12; 19:20).

From Christ, as the “Apostle and High Priest of our confession”, this apostolic anointing for miracles and multiplication will flow into His body as it comes to maturity.

In Ephesus healing and deliverance occurred through handkerchiefs touched by Paul. The seven sons of Sceva, using the name of Jesus to exorcise demons without faith, where mocked and overpowered as the demons screamed, “Jesus I know, Paul I know, but who are you?” The whole city was seized by fear and the prince demon of Artemis (Diana) was so shaken that a citywide riot against Paul ensued pouring into the 25,000-seat theatre. The temple built to Artemis was four times larger than the Parthenon in Athens and the cult was so powerful that it presided over the religious, economic, and cultural life of the whole city and region. However, through the apostolic anointing for miracles and multiplication it was bound from this time. While there is no record of Paul confronting this prince power head on, at a later date John stood before the altar of Artemis commanding the demon to leave. Instantly the altar split into pieces and half the temple collapsed!

Apostolic anointing and strategy leads to maximum impact! This is the time to return from our Babylonian captivity, from our self-seeking, and re-build the temple of the city-church – to rediscover the foundation of apostles and prophets with Christ as the chief-cornerstone.

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A People That Will Be A Praise Unto My Name

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Isa 33:10 Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

Do not look to the left or to the right, for your deliverance will come from Me. Look to the hills from whence comes your deliverance. Some trust in horses, some trust in chariots. Why do you look to Egypt My people for your deliverance from your circumstances?

Psa 121:1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. Psa 121:2 My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth. Psa 121:3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Psa 121:4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. Psa 121:5 The LORD *is* thy keeper: the LORD *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.

Psa 20:7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. Psa 20:8 They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. Psa 20:9 Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call.

Isa 54:4 **Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame:** for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

Have I not said that I will open the door? Have I not said that I will hold you by the right hand and show you the way in which you must go? Many are fretting, looking for that open door, anxious to move forward in your call. Yes the world awaits the revelation of the Sons of God. Creation awaits redemption, but for now My children I have to teach you patience, longsuffering and fortitude.

Rom 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

You are to have the attributes of My Son before I reveal MY SONS to the world. Lay down your own agendas, lay down your presumptuous thoughts about what awaits you in your calling. All self seeking, all self glorification must cease. Long have I suffered My name being brought into disrepute. Long have I suffered the mockings of My Holy name, for My children have not brought glory to Me! Now when I send our My prepared ones, MY SONS, they will go forth ablaze in My Glory!

Rom 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

There will be no mistaking who is LORD, CREATOR OF THE UNIVERSE AND ALL THAT IS THEREIN. You will stretch forth your hand in faith and I will do creative miracles. Yea limbs will grow where there were only stumps, eyes will appear in empty eye sockets. There will be no mistaking that I, THE LORD GOD JEHOVAH, IS GOD!

The miracles will not be for you Beloved, in that day, but that the world will know who I AM. Kings will bow down to Me in that day I will reveal My power through you. My name will no longer be mocked. My people be ye Holy even as I AM Holy! My name will no longer be mocked, the world will see who I AM.

So now you see Beloved, why it is just a little longer, a little more refining and I WILL SEND FORTH A PEOPLE THAT WILL BE A PRAISE UNTO MY NAME!

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, **might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:**

Phi 1:11 Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, **unto the glory and praise of God.**

Eph 1:12 **That we should be to the praise of his glory**, who first trusted in Christ.
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A Prophet's View Of Apostolic Church

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John the Baptist was the greatest prophet ever been born of woman. Yet he never appeared on TBN, never made an album, never started an international itinerant ministry. There was no JohntheBaptist.com, he did not heal the sick, never joined a frequent flyer club and gave no words of knowledge. The 700 club would not have had his mailing address. John offers us an excellent view of the conduct of a New Testament (NT) prophet, as he related to Jesus, the Christ - our Chief Apostle and the High Priest of our confession.

Prepare the way. John made way for Jesus. Fundamental to his calling was to prepare the way of the Lord (Isa. 40:3). Prophets of the NT make way for the apostolic church to emerge. "He must increase, and I must decrease" (Luke 3:30).

Edify the congregation. John prepared the hearts of the people for Jesus (Luke 3:18). He edified them with exhortations to holiness (not pampering them with soft words). Prophets of the NT edify and build up the people of God (Acts 15:32) moving them away from sin.

Yield to apostolic leadership. John was yielded and submitted to Jesus (Mark 1:7). He affirmed the worthiness of Jesus. Prophets of the NT know their place is second to the apostolic elders (1 Cor. 12:28), and that they work upon the foundation of the apostle.

Launch apostolic ministry. John baptised Jesus, preparing him for ministry (Matt. 3:13). Prophets of the NT work with teachers to launch apostolic ministry from their midst (Acts 13:1) and travel with them to resolve disputes (Acts 15).
Team ministry. The work of John (water baptism) worked seamlessly with the work of Christ (baptism by fire and the Spirit - Matt. 3:11). Prophets of the NT do not work alone, but partner with apostles (Eph. 2:20) in laying the foundation of Christ in the church.

Free to release, not gather. John did not keep disciples to himself, but let them pursue Christ when He came (Luke 7:18). Prophets of the NT recognise that they are leaders in the church (Acts 15:22), in the larger context of teachers and apostles.

Sharing the sufferings. John was not exempt from the apostolic sufferings of Christ, and was beheaded (Matt. 14:10). Prophets of the NT are promised suffering and persecution (Matt. 23:34) next to their apostolic buddies.

Restore sons to fathers. John demonstrated the spirit of Elijah, restoring sons to the fathers (Matt. 11:14). Prophets of the NT move in the spirit of Elijah, bringing back the fathering nature of the apostolic church (Mal. 4:5,6).

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A Prophetic Warning

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Recently I've begun to sense that many who believe they have a ministry and expect it to come to fullness soon are being very cautious not to offend anyone within the institutional church because they believe that as soon as they receive the anointing they are waiting for that the churches will throw out the red carpet for them and they do not want to spoil things. However I believe God raises up prophets to speak His clear words to the apostate people to warn them rather than to appease them. In this light I believe that I should re release this word the Lord gave me in Feb. 2003 for I did not fully understand it until now.

The revelation began as I had set down for a moment about 10 minutes before the first person came through the door of our sanctuary on Sunday Feb 2. I picked up my Bible and let it fall open. I began reading a familiar passage from Mark 13 when my eyes were drawn to verse 14 and the words “abomination of desolation” I heard the Holy Spirit say “get your concordance and dictionary”. It seemed He wanted me to see something I had not been aware of before. Strong’s concordance calls “abomination” something detestable. And “desolation” as waste or something come to naught, or loneliness or solitary.

Webster’s defines “abomination” as extreme disgust and hatred, detestation and loathing , idolatry.

“Desolation” as laid waste, void of inhabitants, loss of companionship, loneliness and gloominess.

The Holy Spirit prompted me to re read vs.14 with this new understanding.

Mt. 13:14 When you see, hear, feel, sense God’s extreme disgust, hatred and loathing of His Church being laid waste, void of inhabitants (inhabitants who are actually occupying the land and steward it wisely for Him rather than for their own profit) full of gloominess (people without joy in the Holy Spirit, disheartened and without hope) full of loneliness (surface relationships) and loss of companionship (two cannot walk together unless they be in agreement) Let the person who senses this (anyone who is actually enjoying true intimacy with the Holy Spirit will feel God’s heart ,whatever His mood) Then let those who are in Judea “My Church” flee to the mountains (the secret place of Psalm 91)
I was given to understand that He was speaking of judgment about to come upon the Church similar to Jesus cleansing of the temple only more so and for the final time.

He then began to unfold understanding of the following verses.

(Mark 13:15 NKJV) "Let him who is on the housetop not go down into the house, nor enter to take anything out of his house.
Strong’s concordance lists “ edifice” as the primary word rather than housetop.
Webster defines “edifice as a large elaborate building such as a palace or church.
A person on a housetop can see farther than a person standing on the ground.
This speaks of ministers and ministries who are in high places who should have better vision and understanding of the times and seasons.

The instruction here is that they should leave immediately because God is going to judge the entire church and anyone who does not leave will be judged along with all the rest. They are not permitted to take anything out with them as in Jericho where all will be destroyed and no mementoes allowed.

The leaving may not be a literal physical departure as much as a total surrender of the credit they have been taking that belongs totally to God.

(let the reader understand) They are not one bit better than the least in God’s kingdom and would not even be where they are if not for His grace.

(Mark 13:16 NKJV) "And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes.

This worker pertains to one who has a ministry (though pure) with roots in a corrupt system. Remember that the field is in the system, Judea or Church which is about to be judged. This person is told to flee to the “Arms of God”

And not attempt to take anything with him, for his work is corrupted by the corrupt system “root”.

(Mat 7:18 NKJV) "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

The entire system is corrupt therefore will be done away with in order for the new to come forth.

(Ezek 20:38 NKJV) "I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

(Mark 13:17 NKJV) "But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

Those who are pregnant represent those who believe they are pregnant spiritually and are about to birth something new into the old system. They are unable to let go of their visions for greatness in man’s kingdom that bears God’s name. Woe to them because they cannot bring themselves to leave and will be judged along with the rest.

Nursing mothers represent ministries that are dependent on their founder for their very existence and therefore feed the leaders ego with their dependencies. These persons are so addicted to this that they would die rather than leave this dependent child. Abraham was required to surrender his Isaac and because of his obedience he was used of God mightily.

(Luke 14:26 NKJV) "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

Then the Spirit directed me to Luke 17:30-37 which is known to be another account of the same teaching of Jesus. Prophesy can be fulfilled more than one way and the Holy Spirit is saying this is just one of those ways that is now and for the Church.

(Luke 17:30 NKJV) "Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

He is saying that through the impending judgment on His Church that the Son will be revealed in the remnant and the world will marvel whereas now they loath the Church because they see the hypocrisy more clearly than we do.

(Luke 17:34-37 NKJV) "I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed: the one will be taken and the other will be left. {35} "Two women will be grinding together: the one will be taken and the other left. {36} "Two men will be in the field: the one will be taken and the other left." {37} And they answered and said to Him, "Where, Lord?" So He said to them, "Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together."

I had always been taught and believed that this referred to the rapture of the Church but in light of what the Spirit was indicating to me I looked in the concordance at the word “Eagles” and learned it is assumed eagles because of it’s “wind like flight”. Some translations say “Vultures”

I also was aware that as Christians we are taught that eagles are regal birds often used in scripture to depict spiritual heights and special vision. Also believed that they always catch their prey and eat it alive if possible.

In one of God’s coincidences (coincidence is taken from the root “to coincide”) therefore coinciding with the present revelation, I had perchance viewed a TV documentary just 2 days earlier about the spawning of salmon.

In this story it was shown that as the salmon have died following the laying of their eggs that the stream banks were lined with many eagles, all vying for the dead carcasses of the fish and it was said that eagles prefer dead flesh.

Then they showed a juvenile eagle trying to get something to eat among all these adult eagles. Every time he would get a hold of a dead fish an adult would come and take it away from him. Tiring of this he finally ventured out into the stream and took a hold of a dying salmon and dragged it to shore in spite of it’s feeble flopping and began to eat it. None of the other eagles even paid attention to him as he consumed his prize. Therefore I believe the Holy Spirit was pointing out that there is no real difference between eagles and vultures as far as this scripture is concerned. Those taken out are the wicked among the Church who go to a place of death and there will be consumed by vultures and eagles (scavengers both).

I submit this only as a reporter of what I believe the Holy Spirit revealed to me and that He used these scriptures to convey a message of impending judgment upon a corrupt system that cannot be salvaged.

(Mat 9:17 NKJV) "Nor do they put new wine into old wineskins, or else the wineskins break, the wine is spilled, and the wineskins are ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved."

6 days following this revelation I had a powerful dream that I would not have understood if not for this. I will submit the dream later this week.

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A Prophetic Worldview
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We are well into some of the most interesting, challenging, and dangerous times in human history, and will continue to experience them daily. In order to survive, much less prevail in the times ahead, we must start to perceive the future more clearly, and take proactive steps to be prepared.

The church must also take more proactive steps to engage in what is unfolding if we are to be the light and salt that we are called to be in our times. The gospel has made the greatest advances in its history in the last two decades, but in the West and many other countries, it has been pushed to the very fringes of existence, and can retreat no further. Indeed, it will not retreat any further. The recapturing of lost territory will begin now, and we will see many great spiritual victories in America, Europe, and the Middle East.

To be the salt and light that we are called to be, we must understand the times, and the darkness and corruption that we are called to confront. After reviewing a few of the basic principles of what is now unfolding, we will address some specific principles of what we must do. We can know in great detail what is happening, and what is going to happen, and still be overcome by the times if we do not apply the faith and truth that we have been entrusted with.

Our Battle

As the Lord said in Matthew 13:39, "...the harvest is the end of the age..." The harvest is the maturing and reaping of what has been sown in the hearts of mankind. This includes both the good and the evil. All the seeds that have been sown in man are now coming to full maturity. As these mature, the battle between them will rage from one end of the earth to the other. Understanding this most basic conflict will be necessary to understanding the world in the times ahead.

We must also understand that there are other ways to deal with conflict than to fight them head on. There is a way to actually win some fights by refusing to fight, at least until the time is most advantageous for us. Every general knows that choosing the battlefield can give the greatest advantage in any battle. Many of the great military victories in history were won by generals who repeatedly refused to be drawn into a conflict until the battlefield suited their strengths, or magnified their enemy's weaknesses. This is something that Christians must learn.

Too many needless defeats have come because Christians have allowed themselves to be drawn into conflicts on the basis of issues rather than by a true leading from the "Lord of Hosts," or the "Lord of Armies." Most of the ground that has been lost by the church was lost because the devil was allowed to choose the battlefield, and/or the timing of the battle, and God's people ran ahead of Him to engage in it.

Of course, the Lord and one faithful person is an overwhelming majority against the entire host of the enemy, but we must understand that for the Lord to fight for us we must be in obedience to Him. He insists on being the Commander of the host. Any army that is not disciplined, or under the authority of its commander, is not likely to win any battles. We have lost too many battles with this kind of foolishness and cannot afford to lose any more. We must, above all things, learn to be submissive to the Head.

A More Powerful Weapon

We must also understand the most basic spiritual truth Paul wrote about in Philippians 4:7, ***"And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."***
Because of the increasing conflict and fears that are spreading throughout the world, it is more important than ever for us to find, and abide in, the peace of God. Christians, who serve the One who

is above all rule, authority, and dominion, should have a profound peace in the midst of any circumstance. This is one of the foremost characteristics of one who is truly abiding in Christ -- they will have a peace that is beyond human understanding.

This peace will increasingly give Christians a great advantage in the coming times. It will cause them to become a marvel and calm in the midst of the storms that will turn multitudes to the Prince of Peace.

We are told in Romans 16:20 that "...the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet." This is very interesting since the title that the Lord uses for Himself, more than ten times as that of other titles, is "Lord of Hosts" or "Lord of Armies." He is a martial Leader, but what crushes Satan is not His martial power, but His peace!

We know that if God just wanted to destroy the devil, He could do so with the blink of His eye. The Lord Jesus could have destroyed the devil immediately after His resurrection. However, He did not do this for our sakes. Conflict is one of the greatest tests of character and what works maturity in us faster than anything else. The Lord does not want it to be easy for us, or He would have made it much easier. What He is seeking is for us to learn and grow from every conflict we face.

We must not waste our trials. Those who waste trials by not responding in faith or growing in the peace of God through them, will be increasingly overcome by the times. Those who use their trials to grow in faith and the peace of God will increasingly stand out as overcomers, and the world will turn to them for light to see through the darkness. The peace of God is one of the most powerful weapons we have been given, and to prevail in the times ahead, this must be understood and lived.

The Battlefield

We abide in the kingdom of God by abiding in the Spirit of God. When we abide in the Spirit of God, we will obviously manifest the fruit of the Spirit. The "peace of God" (see Philippians 4:7) is the linchpin fruit of the Spirit. By this I mean that if we lose the peace of God, we will quickly lose our patience, love, etc. When we lose our peace, we lose our footing in the Spirit and begin to slide into the grip of the evil that is called "the works of the flesh," such as fear, anger, jealousy, etc. When we fall to these, we not only lose our own battle, but the devil has succeeded in getting us to change sides, fighting for his purposes. Instead of calming the storms of conflict in the world, which is the spirit of death's ultimate purpose [conflict], we add to it. This is why almost every attack of the devil against us is first intended to rob us of our peace. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. If we are under His authority, we will not lose our peace. If we lose our peace, at best we will be drawn into fighting battles on the devil's turf and on his terms. It is likely to get even worse, so that the devil actually has us fighting his battles for him. His turf and his terms are basically to start fighting in the flesh, abandoning our "divinely powerful weapons" which will always defeat the devil.

We are told in Ephesians 6:12, ***"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places."***
To summarize, when we lose our understanding of the spiritual nature of the conflict, we lose both the battlefield that we can win on, and the weapons with which we can win.

The obvious strategy of terrorism is to sow fear throughout the world, robbing the world of its peace of mind, and peace in general. The devil uses fear to bring people into bondage to do his will just as the Lord uses faith to set us free to do His will. These are basic counter-powers in the ultimate battle for the souls of men. That is why the peace of God, which guards our own hearts and minds, is what we must guard above all. This peace is rooted in our trust in God, His love for us, and His power to use all things to work together for our good (see Romans 8:28).

As fear continues to rise in the world, the kingdom of God will also grow stronger as His peace grows within His people. Again, it is fundamental to the coming conflict that we guard the peace of God which guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

DO NOT LET ANYTHING STEAL YOUR PEACE.

Regardless of how bad and confusing things get in the world, we can be sitting in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. From that place we will never lose sight of the fact that no matter how it may sometimes seem, we will win! We are already assured of ultimate victory. In the end, it will be proven that truth is stronger than any lie, and that the righteousness and justice of God are the guiding principles that true wisdom seeks.

So, the first battle will almost always be the devil's attempt to get us on his turf, or in the flesh, having departed from our position in the Spirit of God, which is maintained by abiding in the peace of God. Again, do not let anything steal your peace.

The Present Battle Array

I have given so much attention to the importance of abiding in the peace of God because of some of the things that I am about to share. If we become overly focused on these situations, instead of keeping our focus on the Lord and His ultimate victory, we will become gripped and controlled by fear. By that, the devil will at least win a victory over us personally, and that does not have to happen. However, if we do not understand the devil's schemes and do not learn how to effectively fight them, he will win far more than he should in this growing conflict.

Isaiah 30:25-33 seems to directly address the attack on the World Trade Center. Every verse is worthy of an in-depth examination, which would require a book instead of a bulletin. For now, I ask you to read it carefully. We will examine a few of the more pertinent highlights in more depth, with my remarks being in parentheses after each verse:

"And on every lofty mountain and on every high hill there will be streams running with water *on the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall*." vs. 25 *(emphasis mine)*
(The great slaughter was more than just those killed in New York and Washington on September 11, but it began a time of great slaughter in the world. Even so, there will be streams of water on every lofty mountain and high hill. Mountains and hills often represent governments in Scripture, and water often represents the Word of God in Scripture (see Ephesians 5:26). This is the day when God's Word will be flowing to governments everywhere.)

"And the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun will be seven times brighter, like the light of seven days, on the day the Lord binds up the fracture of His people and heals the bruise He has inflicted." vs. 26
(The light and healing power of the Lord will be multiplied during this time.)

"Behold, the name of the Lord comes from a remote place; burning is His anger, and dense is His smoke; His lips are filled with indignation, and His tongue is like a consuming fire;" vs. 27
(This is the time when the world will begin to experience the wrath of the Lord, and His words will be burning like fire.)

"And His breath is like an overflowing torrent, which reaches to the neck, to shake the nations back and forth in a sieve, and to put in the jaws of the peoples the bridle which leads to ruin." vs. 28
(This is the beginning of the shaking of the nations that is spoken of in Hebrews 12.)

"You will have songs as in the night when you keep the festival; and gladness of heart as when one marches to the sound of the flute, to go to the mountain of the Lord, to the Rock of Israel." vs. 29
(At the same time, rejoicing will be known by God's people so that it will even seem like a festival in the midst of what is happening. Many will turn to the Lord as a result of this.)

"And the Lord will cause His voice of authority to be heard. And the descending of His arm to be seen in fierce anger, and in the flame of a consuming fire, in cloudburst, downpour,

and hailstones." vs. 30
(Prophetic authority will greatly increase in His people. Usually the fulfillment of "the arm of the Lord" (see Isaiah 51:9) in biblical prophecy comes in the form of human armies. He does at times use natural events such as earthquakes, storms, etc., but it is most often armies.)

"For at the voice of the Lord Assyria will be terrified, when He strikes with the rod." vs. 31
(Biblical Assyria includes the territory from present day Iraq to Sinai.)

"And every blow of the rod of punishment, which the Lord will lay on him, will be with tambourines and lyres; and in battles, brandishing weapons, He will fight them." vs. 32
(Islam does not have inspirational music, and music will become a powerful weapon in this battle.)

"For Topheth has long been ready, indeed, it has been prepared for the king. He has made it deep and large, a pyre of fire with plenty of wood; the breath of the Lord, like a torrent of brimstone, sets it afire." vs. 33
(We will see fire consume many in this battle.)

War in Heaven and on the Earth

God has established two types of government on the earth; one is civil government, and the other is His spiritual government. It is imperative that we understand the realms of authority that He has given to both of these, their distinctions, and their relationship to one another. In Romans 13:1-4, Paul addresses the purpose of civil authority:

"Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

"Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

"For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same;

"for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil."

I have heard Christians say that America and other nations should not retaliate against their enemies when attacked because of the Lord's exhortation to turn the other cheek when struck. We need to understand that civil governments have a different mandate than the one He gave to His church. Confusing these two mandates has brought considerable confusion through the centuries, and continues to do so. The Lord is preparing His church for ruling in the age to come, but we are not called to rule in this present age. That mandate has been given to civil governments until the Lord sets up His kingdom on the earth. Civil governments are "a minister of God" that "does not bear the sword for nothing," but is "an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil." Since we are commanded to pray for our governments, we should pray for them to be able to fulfill this mandate effectively, avenging evil, and bringing wrath upon those who practice evil.

Verse 29 speaks of there being songs and gladness of heart when the wrath of God is seen, so it is right to rejoice and celebrate the victories of good over evil. If we are in unity with the Lord, we will do this. It is a shame and a tragedy the way that even our own news media has so focused on the negative aspects of the conflict in Iraq, giving almost no coverage to the good that has been accomplished. When good news is not celebrated, and bad news is, it should make it very clear which spirit is presently in control of the media. Do we even want to receive our information from such a source?

Right now, great victories for truth, righteousness, and justice are being accomplished by our armies, and it is right to celebrate them. There are problems, and everything is not being done perfectly.

However, only the foolish or naive should expect them to be done perfectly on earth. In this present age, even the best solution to a problem is often only a little better than the worse solution, and both will be messy. Even so, the ultimate result of the Lord bringing His judgments on the earth is rejoicing, and that is being done now by those who have understanding. It will increase as read in Psalm 98:1-9:

"O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.

"The Lord has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

"He has remembered His loving-kindness and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

"Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.

"Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre; with the lyre and the sound of melody.

"With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout joyfully before the King, the Lord.

"Let the sea roar and all it contains, the world and those who dwell in it.

"Let the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains sing together for joy before the Lord; for He is coming to judge the earth; He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity."

Rejoicing in the Lord is fundamental to those who understand Him, His ways, and His acts. God is working mightily through current events even if much of the media is trying to make it look like the devil is winning. Great doors for truth, righteousness, and justice are being opened in a part of the world which has known so little of these for so long.

Iraq really will begin to know truth, righteousness, and justice, and become a pillar of strength for its neighbors. Because the real war is not against "flesh and blood" (see Ephesians 6:12), but one of the strongest of all principalities in the spiritual realm, the war does need to be fought in prayer more than in the natural realm now. We must pray for our leaders and our soldiers, celebrating what they have accomplished, but not expecting them to accomplish that which is our part -- the battle in the heavenly realm.

The Iraqi people, and indeed the Arab people, are some of the Lord's choice people, and will give us some of the greatest apostles and prophets in the last days. We must pray for truth, righteousness, and justice to be established over biblical Assyria. The ultimate result of present events will be the fulfillment of Isaiah 19:19-25:

"In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord near its border.

"And it will become a sign and a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the Lord because of oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Champion, and He will deliver them.

"Thus the Lord will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the Lord in that day. They will even worship with sacrifice and offering, and will make a vow to the Lord and perform it.

"And the Lord will strike Egypt, striking but healing; so they will return to the Lord, and He will respond to them and will heal them.

"In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

"In that day Israel will be the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth,

"whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."

The Big Reversal

For a time, it may look like the opposite is happening in the Middle East, but truth, righteousness, and justice will prevail there. The Lord deeply cares about all of the people of the Middle East. At the same time, many of the nations that have taken their freedoms for granted, that have turned from God as the only true Source, will see peace, and freedom, swiftly eroding before being lost altogether. Europe is very close to suffering a future of more oppression and even more destruction than it suffered in the last century. Her leaders have been taking her down the path to a terrible future that will be far different from the one that they have promoted.

However, this dark future is not inevitable and can still be changed. Europe has learned very little from the conflicts of the last century and is still basically headed in the same direction that caused the previous devastation. Anyone who sounds the alarm is called an "alarmist," and is ridiculed and shunned.

It is a good thing that America is now distancing itself from the general direction that Europe is taking. American politicians that cow-tow to European leaders and want to lead America toward a closer alliance with her "traditional allies," would lead America to a likewise terrible future. Contrary to what these are promoting, the "Old World" is not the "traditional" ally of the New World. The New World should not try to follow the old. This is not to imply that we should not have any relations with Europe or align ourselves in the things that we do have a common interest in, but Americans should not be overly concerned when most European countries prove not to be true friends of America. Again, Europe is headed for a terrible future if it does not make a radical change to its present direction.

The EU and the Antichrist

Many Christians around the world view the European Union (EU) as the platform upon which the antichrist will seek world dominance. The EU is a godless and blatantly anti-Christian organization. However, when viewing much of Europe's "Christian" history, it is understandable why so many Europeans want nothing to do with anything Christian again. Their history with Christianity is very different from that which is found in the United States and other "new world" and even "third world" nations, yet they fail to make these distinctions.

Without question, some of the greatest souls to have walked the earth over the last two thousand years were European Christians. It was also European Christianity that gave birth to the greatest systems of government and justice in the world, which set the stage for the incredible advancement of civilization that the world has benefited from since. It is also true that some of the most evil, oppressive tyrants in history were also Christian leaders in Europe. These are likewise remembered not only by the general population of Europe, but by Jews and Muslims as well.

However, it is a fact that the strongest, most stable, and most free and prosperous nations on earth are almost entirely founded on the Protestant and Evangelical Christianity that was born in Europe. The reason for this is that the Reformation made salvation personal instead of corporate, the result of being a member of an institution. This focused on the importance and value of individual faith, instead of just membership in an institution, and gave infinite, eternal value to the individual, which gave birth to governments and systems of justice that upheld this view. This freed the creativity and initiative that has benefited the world. European statesmen likewise gave much to advance the civilization of the entire world. For these things we should be grateful, and it is right for us to honor our "fathers and mothers." Even so, the present generation of European leaders are not our fathers and mothers, and the other nations of the world would be very foolish to follow them in the way in which they are headed.

Much of Europe is in danger of an Islamic takeover much sooner than anyone has considered. Most European nations not only have large Muslim populations now, but traditional Europeans are aborting their children at such a rate that most now have negative growth rates. At the same time, Muslims are having very large families. By this attrition alone, many European nations will have a Muslim majority in a short time. However, there is another factor that will speed this up even more. When Turkey joins the EU, the floodgates to Muslim immigration in Europe will be thrown wide open, because there are open borders between all EU nations.

The pattern for Islamic takeover of a country has been seen repeatedly in Africa. The Muslim population remains very docile and compliant until a majority is reached. Then they become ruthless in their subjugation of the rest of the population. Anyone who does not understand the basic purpose of world dominion by Islam does not really understand Islam. Europe is their next main, natural target, and it is very likely that they will succeed to a great degree.

Germany and Britain -- the Salvation of Europe

Germany, the nation that brought so much destruction to Europe in the last century, is the main hope for the salvation of Europe in this one. The European Union has been built on the back of the German economic strength, and the Germans have been willing to pay a very high price for inclusion into the European community. This is mostly the result of the continued guilt many Germans feel because of the Nazi regime, which other European leaders have learned how to manipulate. However, the price that the German people have to pay to carry this heavy burden for the rest of Europe is far more than their leaders told them, and the benefits are far less than they were promised. The German people will soon realize this. The awakening of Germany and all of Europe to what is happening to them by the EU, by opening the door wide for Islam, will be one of the ultimate sources of salvation for Europe.

The German people have a "martial gift." They are going to understand "the Lord of Hosts," and they will follow Him. Germany will help stop Islam in Europe, and help save Israel, ultimately becoming one of Israel's best friends in the world. At least for a time, Germany, Britain, and America will form a genuine alliance, and a much more natural one, and become pillars that uphold freedom and democracy in the world, along with many other partners.

What the enemy was able to use to bring so much destruction to Europe in the last century, conflict between Germany and Britain, may be the salvation of Europe in this century. Britain and Germany are natural allies, and together they can save Europe. We must pray for Europe, and especially these two countries. Both must cast off the guilt of the past, not forgetting its lessons, but moving ahead and using them as a moral compass. The British Empire accomplished far more good for the world than bad, and the same is true for Germany.

Africa and the New Breed

There is a new breed of leadership that will soon arise in Africa that is principled and decisive. Africa will begin to unite and, through this unity, it will prosper. It will also find ways to combine the best of both the European cultures and influences in its heritage with the best of Africa, forming a dynamic new engine of progress. This too is from the Lord.

Missionaries from Africa to Europe will also help lay a foundation for the Lord's deliverance for Europe. These are "bread upon the waters" that returned from the many great missionaries sent forth from Europe. These will have a moral clarity that many Europeans have lost. These missionaries from Africa may be viewed by many as "simple," because their education is different in many ways, but they will have the wisdom of the Queen of Sheba to know how to find true wisdom.

As Africa unites, it will become a powerful economic, political, and military force in the world. Reformation and Evangelical Christianity will reach new heights in Africa, and so will the democracies founded through them. There will be a mighty struggle for their birth and survival, but this too is a part of the process they must go through. It is Africa's time.

China and the Far East

China will also continue to rise until it becomes one of the most powerful economic, political, and military forces in the world. China will become increasingly desperate for Middle Eastern oil, devising a long range plan for controlling it. To do this, it must weaken America, and it is doing so by supporting the terrorism that is causing so much instability in the rest of the world. When it perceives that America is weak enough, China will march on the Middle East with the pretense of bringing stability to the region. However, their real purpose is to gain control of the oil. The Chinese will give no quarter to Islam, and will ruthlessly seek to wipe it out, along with Israel. It will be Israel, with God's help, that turns back China, which will ultimately result in the joining together of Israel, Assyria, and Egypt that is written about in Isaiah 19.

Russia

Russia is destined to have many struggles as it rebuilds after communism, but it will experience the greatest revival in history. Russia will, likewise, have a great conflict with China, and it will be devastating to both nations. However, Russia will become the source of some of the greatest moves of God in the last days. The Russian people will be blessed with great joy and spiritual prosperity from the Lord. Russia will become very rich in all of the true treasures and, in many ways, the marvel and envy of the world.

The Collapse of the Present Energy System

Few are now talking about it, but before the end of this decade, the world will have used more than half of its fossil fuels. This is a well known fact that no one seems willing to face. At the same time, consumption continues to climb at an increasing rate. One of the downsides to democracy is that they seldom face problems until they are at crisis level. This energy crisis becomes bigger every day that it is not faced, and when it cannot be avoided any longer, facing it will have devastating consequences to the world economy. Gasoline prices will multiply in a matter of months to over $20.00 a gallon in the United States and much higher in Europe and Asia.

At the rate the energy prices multiply, the standard of living will be falling. We are still a few years from this, and there are answers to this problem in alternative sources of energy, but these alternatives are not being developed at the rate that they should, and we are already quite far behind the curve. Solar power, wind power, hydraulic power, and nuclear power could already be reducing our need for fossil fuels by over 50 percent.

It is not likely that the world will start facing this problem as it should for another five to ten years, but when it does, the changes will be rapid. If we are wise, we will begin planning for them now. Christians should be on the forefront of conservation, thinking fuel efficiency in all of our planning.

At the present rate of consumption, over half of the world's fossil fuel energy reserves will have been consumed in less than a single century. Think about how selfish we will have been to use up the world's energy like that! Christians who reverse their own consumption of energy will be doing the right thing, and this is how the wealth of the wicked will be given to the righteous.

If we stop running to the store for every single item, instead making lists and disciplining ourselves to go only once or, at most, twice a week; if we will carpool, buy efficient vehicles, and use public transportation whenever we can, we will begin to save a substantial amount right now. We should set a goal of reducing our own energy use by a substantial percentage each year, and use the savings to get out of debt. The ones who do this will be the ones who will have the financial reserves to buy when the world starts selling -- at bargain prices.

Our Great Need

In this age we can only "prophesy in part," and what I have presented here are a few brief scenarios that are obviously just a small part of the whole picture. I believe some of what I have shared here is fixed, and will certainly come to pass. I think some of the directions that some nations are heading can be changed by prayer, repentance, and/or revival. Presently, we are in desperate need of leaders who serve world leaders like Daniel did -- without compromising their beliefs, without defiling themselves with the world's food, who have the spirit of divine wisdom and revelation to understand the mysteries that the Lord is revealing, and a devotion to the Scriptures and biblical prophecy, interceding to see it fulfilled.

The world's problems are becoming increasingly complicated and dangerous. However, the answers to the world's problems are very simple. Man was created to rule over the earth, but to do so in fellowship with God. Without God we will inevitably come to a tragic end in anything that we seek to do. By the end of this age, all of mankind will have learned this lesson -- we cannot make it without God. We are in need of strong, wise, decisive leadership -- qualities that are only found by those who have built their lives upon the true wisdom of the fear of the Lord.

Many Christians, because of the numerous teachings and prophecies about the nature of the coming antichrist, have tended to shy away from any kind of strong, decisive leadership. Even if these teachings and prophecies about the nature of the coming antichrist are accurate, to shy away from strong, decisive leadership is the worst possible response to them. This only makes the vacuum bigger and easier for evil leaders to fill. Christians, who are followers of "the King of kings," and are supposed to be becoming like Him, should therefore be the strongest, wisest, and most decisive leaders on earth. This is stated in Daniel 11:31-32:

"And forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

"And by smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action."

We see here that, at the very time the "abomination of desolation" is being set up, the people who know their God are displaying strength and taking action. There has never been a more important time for strength and action by Christians. This is, in fact, the nature of true Christians. To be the "salt of the earth" or "the light of the world," one cannot be passive.

The New Leaders

A new breed of Christian leaders is beginning to emerge that is not seeking to build their own kingdom, but rather the kingdom of God. They are not seeking to use the people for their own interests, but are expending themselves for the sake of the people. They are not professionals or hirelings, who flee from trouble or confrontation, but they will be ready and willing to risk even their own lives for the people and the sphere of authority that has been entrusted to their care. They will not cower in fear at even the greatest threats of the enemy, but will walk in a manner worthy of their calling -- in faith, courage, and integrity, standing for truth, righteousness, and justice without compromise or wavering.

As the world's problems are becoming so complex and dangerous, moral clarity is one of the greatest gifts that a leader can have. Because of the erosion of basic morality and integrity in much of the world, world leaders have become much more prone to choose the path of least resistance rather than seeking to do what is right because it is right. Therefore, when a leader does arise with basic and simple moral clarity, they will be hated and feared by a majority of the world's confused, opportunistic, and politically motivated leaders. Even so, the greatest leaders understand this and will be willing to take the pressure to do what is right.

Because the world's problems are becoming increasingly complex, simple and honest solutions are almost always going to be the right answer to them, despite the ridicule and even rage they tend to generate in those who do not live by a clear moral compass. In the coming times, we will be given many choices between the morally wise and those who seem to be more worldly wise. We must start viewing moral clarity as the most important characteristic of any leader that we follow.

Ronald Reagan was a good example of this and what can be accomplished in this fallen world. He was a relatively simple man, but his greatest strength was his moral compass. He saw right and wrong in black and white and he was devoted to doing what he perceived to be the right thing. It was this kind of moral clarity that started the cracks in the Iron Curtain and the collapse of communism -- one of the most diabolical and deadly evils to come upon the world. Communism was born through the philosophy of humanism combined with relativism. Such ultimate tyranny will always be the ultimate result of these.

Moral clarity and moral resolve will always push the darkness back. Martin Luther is one of the great examples of this in history. He was but a monk, living in a small village in a nation that at the time was broken and obscure. However, when Martin Luther took his stand on his convictions and refused to compromise them regardless of the consequences, the whole world changed. No conqueror in history changed the political landscape of the world as much as that one monk did by taking his stand for the truth as he saw it. Even though he was not right about everything, and even had some very bad theology mixed into his beliefs, he did have moral clarity in a time when very few others did. Such will set the course of history just like he did. Such people are desperately needed in these times.

The Trouble Gate

The Lord made it clear that the end of this age would see the greatest times of trouble the world has ever known. However, this was not meant to be discouraging, but encouraging. We are told concerning the apostle Paul that he went about **"Strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, 'Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God'" (Acts 14:22)**. Note that it does not say Paul went around discouraging the saints by talking about tribulations, but rather "encouraging them." Many today are bringing far more ultimate discouragement to the church by not addressing tribulations or troubles. The end of this age will know the greatest troubles because it will be entering the kingdom age. Troubles should always be viewed by Christians as a gateway to the kingdom -- an opportunity.

As we are told in Hebrews 12, everything that can be shaken will be shaken. Everything that is not built on kingdom principles will not survive the shaking that is coming upon the world. However, it is encouraging to know that everything which has been built on kingdom principles will survive and become the bridge into that age. Some governments will qualify and some nations will not experience a complete collapse.

We must keep in mind that "the great time of trouble" that is the end of this age is the result of man trying to run this world, that God created, without God. The ultimate lesson that mankind will learn from this entire age is our desperate need for God -- His fellowship, His leadership, His wisdom, His mercy, and His grace. Even so, many Christians have foolishly swung to the extreme of thinking that doing anything is futile. For Christians not to do anything, because of a fatalistic view that "nothing can be changed anyway," is one of the most tragic delusions of our times. We are here to be the "salt of the earth" and "the light of the world." This means Christians should have the solutions to the world's ultimate problems.

However, without exception, the solution to every human problem is the Cross and acknowledgment of the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Regardless of how complicated the human predicament becomes, we must not allow ourselves to be beguiled from the purity and simplicity of devotion to Christ (see II Corinthians 11:3). This is the ultimate truth that we must never compromise or our salt will have lost its saltiness, and our light will go out.

As the most wise human leader that ever lived once wrote, **"But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day. The way of the wicked is like darkness; they do not know over what they stumble" (Proverbs 4:18-19)**. So if we are walking on the path of the righteous, which is the path of doing what is right, we should have increasing clarity and light until we are walking in the very fullness of the light. If this is not a basic characteristic of our personal lives, then we have somehow departed from the path. If this is not the basic characteristic of our church life, then we have somehow departed from the right path as a church. The same is true of a nation.

We most often get distracted from the right path by departing from the simplicity of devotion to Christ. Complication is the path that leads to darkness, and stumbling over what you cannot even see. The worldly wise are the most foolish human beings on the earth, but to the immature or undiscerning, they come across as wise and learned because of their comprehension of the complex. The truly wise may seem to overly simplify things at times, but they are the ones who see, and they are the ones who will enter the gate into the kingdom. Follow moral clarity above all things.

Summary

These are the times that the prophets of old desired to see, and we have been chosen to live in them. For all of eternity it will be a great honor to have been one of the saints to live in the last days. The Lord has saved His best wine for last. It will be one of the greatest of all human mistakes to be spiritually asleep through these times. For this reason, He is graciously sending another "Great Awakening" to wake up His people to the times that we are in. This awakening is already spreading across whole continents and has by no means finished its course.

We are about to awaken to the truth that true Christianity is the greatest adventure and the most fulfilling life that one can have on the earth. It is also the most difficult. Christianity is not for the faint of heart. As the times grow more intense, it will require increasing courage, faith, resolve, and endurance to continue in the faith. Even more than these, it will require increasing love for God and an increasing love for one another. For this reason, those who stand through the times that are upon us will be numbered among the greatest saints who ever lived.

Recent church history reveals a pattern of great in-gatherings followed by great pruning, followed by even greater in-gatherings, etc. Like birth pangs, these cycles are becoming more frequent and more intense as we get closer to the birth of the new age. This is the age in which Jesus will reign over the earth with His faithful who have stood true when tested.

The earth has also been experiencing its own birth pangs and the entire world is about to tremble with the struggle to give birth to the coming age. For this reason we will know the truth of Hebrews 12:26-29:

"And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.'

"And this expression, 'Yet once more,' denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire."

It is not wrong for us to love our countries and to seek to serve them, but we are entering a time when even the most trusted institutions created by man will be shaken. Only those that were born in the heart of God and have a foundation in Him, will remain. Even so, that which was added to them that was not from Him will be stripped away by the shaking. Again, that which was not born of God, regardless of how good it may seem, will not survive the shaking that is coming. We must build our lives and put our hope only on the kingdom of God that cannot be shaken.

The kingdom of God is coming to the earth and the Lord's will is going to be done on the earth just as it is in heaven. Regardless of how much we have been blessed, living in great places, having great jobs and lifestyles, if our hope is not rightly placed in the kingdom of God and our devotion isn't focused on the kingdom above all things, we will soon prove to have been some of the greatest fools in history. Good can be the worst enemy of best, and we must not allow our devotion to be to any other good but the kingdom of God.

A wise saying for the world at this time is, "If you do not change your direction you will end up where you are headed." Without major changes in direction, many of even the most stable countries in the world are soon going to experience unprecedented catastrophes. We must heed the warning of Psalm 32:6:

"Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found. Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him."

This means that we should not wait for the floods to come to start building our houses upon the Rock. When the floods come, it is too late. Seek every day to sink your roots deeper into the truth that alone can make you free, and seek every day to get closer to the Lord. He alone is our Rock.

What Are You Fighting For

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The world's problems are getting bigger, more complicated, and increasingly beyond man's ability to solve. The end of this age will be marked by cascading problems that have surpassed any human ability to deal with them. This is the ultimate fruit of man trying to live without God. Not only man, but the whole creation will forever be able to look back on the history of the earth and see what the results are when trying to live without God. In the midst of this, there will be a testimony of what it is like to live with God.

In spite of the way that man has rejected God, God has not rejected man. He continues to offer answers to the pressing problems that are the result of our own selfishness and rebellion. He still causes His sun to shine on the just and the unjust. He still gives His rain to all. That is the remarkable God we serve. The testimony of who He is, and what He is like, is abundant throughout the creation. It will become even more clear and brilliant through the darkness that is coming.

As stated previously, God's judgment at the end is not from vindictiveness at having been rejected, but His judgment was set from the beginning in the simple truth that we must all reap what we sow. This had to be so. There could be no true authority given to man if there were not also true responsibility. There could be no accomplishments if there were not also consequences.

The catastrophic problems that will be man's judgment will mostly be of our own making. One thing that will become clear to the discerning is how closely the spiritual and natural worlds are linked. With the spiritual pollution, there is corresponding pollution of the natural world as well. With each spiritual disease, there seems to be a corresponding natural disease that reflects it as well. We will discuss this in more detail later, but it is a basic truth.

In spite of man's foolishness, rejection of God, and rebellion against Him, the Lord will offer man solutions to even the greatest problems right up to the end. The Holy Spirit is called **"the Helper"** (see John 14:26) and His nature will never change. He remains faithful even when we are unfaithful. He will never stop trying to help, and neither should we.

When the Lord healed the ten blind men, only one of them even returned to thank Him. The Lord, who knows all things, knew that this would be their response when He healed them, and He healed them anyway. He healed them because He wanted to help them whether they acknowledged Him or not. As Peter said in Acts 10:38, **"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him."** It does not say that He healed those who would turn to Him, but **"all."** What an amazing God we serve!

As our calling is to be like Him, and do the works that He did, we need to be willing to help everyone we can, regardless of whether they turn to the Lord or not, and regardless of whether they are even thankful or not. If we would determine every day to do good and to help someone, we would be amazed at how much more fellowship we would be having with the Holy Spirit.

While the devil is releasing his hordes to do evil, to oppress and destroy, God is raising up an army that will do good, save, and liberate. As the world enters into increasing chaos, it will be very familiar ground for the Holy Spirit. When He first moved upon the earth, it was in chaos, but look at the beautiful creation He made out of it. He thrives in chaos! As we see the chaos in the world rising, we should see it as an opportunity for the Holy Spirit to move again.

One of the most important things we can do at this time is to grow in our faith in the Holy Spirit to deal with chaos. We need to view every trial in our personal lives as an opportunity to grow in this faith. Regardless of the chaos in our families, our jobs, our schools, our cities, and in the nations, the Holy Spirit can handle any of it with ease. We must not waste these trials, but grow through them. That is why they have been allowed in our lives.

As Paul wrote in Philippians 1:6, **"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."** We can be sure that the Lord will finish what He begins. This is true of us and everything He does. Every university that was begun for the purposes of Christ will return to Him before the end, and will be perfected in its purpose. Many of these are now being used for the devil more than for the Lord, but that will change. The same is true of man in general, and that too will change. In the end everything God began to do with man will be completed, and perfected, as will be the case with everything else He began to do.

This is what Peter referred to as **"the restoration of all things"** in Acts 3:21. Mankind and the earth will be restored to their original purpose and condition. This will be true of **"all things."** This is why the Lord came to the earth, and why He went to the cross. If we are going to be like Him, and do the works that He did, we must be fundamentally committed to redemption, reconciliation, and a complete restoration.

When Israel crossed the Jordan they were entering the land that had long ago been given to their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but which had been possessed by heathens. The same is true of many things since. Science, the study of the creation, is something that the Lord wants man to do. However, much of it has been possessed by the heathens, but it will be reclaimed. God is currently raising up some to retake biology, chemistry, physics, and all other forms of science. In many ways they will have to have the courage, resolve, focus, and wisdom of the great generals. They will fight until all of the enemies have been driven out of this land.

There are others being raised up to take back the media, music, movies, television, cities, and even nations. These will be some of the greatest conquerors who have ever walked the earth. They will be true knights of the Holy Spirit, who fight for the King of kings.

What are you fighting for? This is a question we must all soon answer. We are here to fight, and to conquer. The emerging church will not be content to just hold its ground. It will be looking for land to retake for the coming kingdom. We will do much of this by having the answers to the world's worst problems. We will have the light that dispels the darkness. His people will have the helping hand that will pull others out of the quicksand. However, we cannot pull others out until we ourselves are standing on solid ground. Let us build our fortifications upon that which cannot be shaken, and then go forth from them to the sound of the battle.

Being the Salt and Light by Walking in the Truth
Rick Joyner

It is crucial to not just know the truth, but to love the truth. Today I am going to take it one more step to walking in truth. Knowing the truth is important, but not enough. Loving the truth is important, but not enough. We must live what we believe if we are going to be true. Jesus did not come to just be the Way or just be the Truth, but He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. If we are going to truly know Him and follow Him, He must be all three to us.

The harvest that is the end of the age is the maturing of everything that has been sown in man, both the good and the evil. This is why it will be the fulfillment of **Isaiah 60:1-2, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness will**

cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples, but the Lord will rise upon you, and His glory will appear upon you." Here we are told that at the same time the great darkness is coming upon the peoples, the glory of the Lord is appearing upon His people. This is the time that we are coming to, and to walk through the great darkness that is coming, we are going to need the greatest light.

Character and Power

Before the very end of this age, it will require both the character of Christ and the power of Christ to prevail. This is the Lord's intention - to compel us into the Light. The lukewarm will not make it through what is coming. The clear differences between the light and darkness will continue to increase. For this reason it is inevitable that increasing division will come all over the world. The lines are being drawn, and the sides chosen by all who live on the earth. This is the great **"valley of decision" (Joel 3:14).**

It is for this reason we should all be committed to the truth of **Proverbs 4:18** in our lives, **"But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day."** If we are still on "the path of the righteous" we should be experiencing more light and understanding each day. Those who are on the path of the righteous will have a hunger for the truth and a conviction to obey the truth and will walk in it. These are two basic issues that we should always be watchful of in our lives. This becomes increasingly important as we proceed toward the end of this age and see **Hebrews 12:26-29** coming to pass:

"And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven.' And this expression, 'Yet once more,' denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire."

Everything Seems to Be Getting Less and Less Stable

The long trusted institutions are showing great cracks in their foundations. Even the governments that once seemed so strong are beginning to totter. This is because of the shaking that is already beginning to take place. The Lord, in His mercy and patience, is allowing it to come upon the world gradually, in increasing waves, just as contractions come upon a woman in labor. As we get closer to the birth of the new age in which Christ will reign over the earth, the contractions will become more intense and more frequent.

However, we have a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and if we are building our lives on it we will not shake either. This is leading to a place where Christians will become the only stable ones on the earth and all others will be increasingly disconcerted and fearful. Every life will become either full of increasing light and faith, or filled with increasing confusion and fear.

We are coming to the time when the economy, schools, banks, police, and even some of our most trusted governments, are going to become less and less stable. This is not something that should surprise us, but something for which we need to prepare. This is, in fact, already the case for most of the world. There are many countries where it is hard to determine who will be in power from day to day. Police departments are corrupt, supporting the ones who offer them the most. The economies of these countries are based more on the black market than on the stock market. However, these are also the places where some of the strongest Christians are found in the world. In some of these places the Christians are turning their shaky, national governments into strong, stable ones. These still may not be up to the standards enjoyed by some countries over the last few centuries, but great progress is being made. This is from the Lord.

Right Foundations

The nations that are stable today are mostly the ones who are benefiting from strong Christian foundations. These too will be tested, but to the degree that they are built on the right foundation they will stand the test. Therefore, it is one of our purposes as the salt of the earth and the light of the world to help steer them to that which alone can stand the testing that is coming.

It is for this reason that if we are blessed to live in a democracy where we cannot only speak the truth, but also vote for righteous leaders, we are failing in our purpose if we do not do so. Many well-meaning, but deceived Christians think that it does not matter who they vote for because God is going to put His people in office regardless. This is not the case. As we are told in **Psalm 115:16, "The heavens are the heavens of the Lord, but the earth He has given to the sons of men."** This means that He has given man the authority for what happens on the earth. As it has been well said, the only thing required for evil to prevail in a place is for the righteous to do nothing. If it happens on our watch, then it is us who have allowed it.

It is because the Lord has given the authority over the earth to men that He will not intervene on the earth until we pray. He knows what we need even before we ask Him, but He will even Himself comply with our authority, and only give us what we ask for. That is why the Lord Jesus continually referred to Himself as "the Son of Man." He could not redeem the earth as God, but had to do it as a man. Until He returns and sets up His throne on the earth, He has given the earth His church as the salt that preserves and the light to show the way.

The Power of Prayer

Because prayer can move the hand of God, there is nothing more powerful that we can do on this earth than pray. Therefore, an intercessory prayer meeting can accomplish more for the good of the earth than the United Nations and all congresses and parliaments combined. However, this does not mean that we are wasting our time voting or participating in the political process. As we are discussing walking in truth, walking involves touching the earth. If we are going to walk in truth, we are going to stand for truth in every way that we can touch the earth. This is one way that we can effectively be the salt and light we are called to be. To not take advantage of such an opportunity is a dereliction of our duty as citizens and Christians.

As Christians, we should be far more devoted to our duty to the church and the kingdom of God, but that does not negate our duty as citizens. In the next United States Presidential term, there will likely be many judges appointed, including Supreme Court judges that can have a very basic impact on the moral direction of the nation. Not only the President, but the Congress, as well as many state officials, will have a major say in who these judges will be. It was not the Congress but the courts that removed prayer from schools, legalized abortion, and have in many other ways flagrantly opposed the standards of righteousness and justice established in the Scriptures. In most Western nations it has been proactive judges who were used to try and remove the Word of God from having any influence in our culture. We should be praying for all government officials and using our vote to put in office those who will not only lead well, but place in other appointed positions the ones who will be righteous. This is part of our responsibility on earth that has been given to us.

There will be nations that have been built upon a strong foundation according to God's standards of righteousness and justice that will stand the shaking that is coming. If our nation does not pass this test, it is because the Christians in it were not the salt and light that they were called to be. To be the salt and light that we are called to be, we do not want to get overbalanced in our devotion to the natural, but neither do we want to neglect anything that we can do. Vote, and vote according to the Lord's standards of righteousness and justice.
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On Australia
Rick Joyner

Australia will emerge as one of the most strategically important nations in the world over the next two decades. It will be one of the leading nations in the newer world that is about to emerge. Australia will begin to fulfill its original name, "the great South Land of the Holy Spirit." The people of Australia will have a special love for the Holy Spirit and they will know Him and His works. As they do this, the Holy Spirit will move upon the desert interior of the nation, beginning to make it fertile and fruitful. This will be a sign that the heart of Australia is being changed.

Australia has been given the opportunity to become one of the great "new" nations in the world. It will be different from the European model, the American model, or the Asian model. Australian independence is a gift from God. This has and will be abused by some, but it must be maintained. Australia must be willing to set its own course in politics, economics, and faith.

There is a revolution coming to the whole church and much of this will be driven by Christian education. Australia is called to be a leader in this. There are great churches in Australia, but even so, Christian schools in Australia are accomplishing more for the coming purposes of the Lord than the churches are at this time. However, neither the schools nor the churches have yet perceived the spiritual revolution that they are called to lead, and both are still far from their full purpose. There will be a revolution without rebellion, but a revolution of purpose.

Just as it took Australia a long time to realize its own calling to be a separate nation, it is taking the church in Australia a long time to understand its own unique calling in the Lord. However, the coming spiritual revolution in Australia will come and it will begin to radically transform not only the church life of the Christians in Australia, but transform the nation into a fresh breeze for other nations.

The Lord has put the adventure spirit in the heart of Australia. Australians will mobilize for a noble cause like few other people on the earth. Much of this devotion is the Australian attraction to adventure. The Lord put this in the Australian heart for the purpose of mobilizing one of the great missionary forces in history. In the coming years, Australian missionaries will be found close to the great spiritual advances in almost every country.

This attraction to adventure, which is in the heart of Australians, will be the key factor to mobilizing and motivating the youth of Australia. As the youth in many nations will be drawn to the increasing anointing coming on worship, the arts, and the power gifts of the Spirit, Australian youth will be drawn far more to the adventure of foreign missions. Australia will not lose its youth to missions-it will lose its youth if they are not given to missions. The churches and ministries that have the strongest missions will begin to draw the next generation and arise as the great lights in the nation. However, the youth must be trained, equipped, and engaged in the good fight. They will not settle for just being spiritual tourists. They are warriors and the ones who will take new territory for the kingdom.

For all of the great cities of Australia and the nation as a whole, missions will be the key to the future. All that are given to missions will return abundantly multiplied because a generation will arise that will use the blessings for the right reasons. Seek the "great grace of God," that which is by and through His Holy Spirit. Then seek to carry the grace of God to those in need. You will then have all of your needs met and will not be in danger.

PERTH

I saw Perth becoming like a staging base for a great invasion. International ministries started to gather there and others were raised up from among the churches already there. Then a steady stream of ships began leaving for Africa, with an occasional ship turning north toward Asia.

As ships often represent leader-ship, I felt that these represented many leaders being sent to Africa and some to Asia. Some of these ships were troop ships and some were cargo ships. The troop ships were foot soldiers and I knew they represented missionaries going to Africa in great numbers and also to Asia, but in lesser numbers.

NOTE: The cargo ships that I saw were mostly carrying energy in the form of fuel oil, gasoline, and natural gas. I felt strongly that this was both natural and spiritual, but I want to address the natural first. Australia has been blessed with great energy resources that it will learn to distribute wisely, not just for profit, but to nations that will use it wisely. Powerful nations will try to intimidate Australia into selling them their energy resources, but Australia must resist such pressure. These resources are a gift to help developing nations. These nations will become a much bigger blessing to Australia in the long run than the powerful ones such as China who will only increase their intimidation once they see that it works.

In the vision when I saw these troop and cargo ships arrive at the ports, they linked up. Then the troops formed convoys for carrying the energy into the countries. Everywhere they went the lights would come on in villages. I felt these represented churches that were being birthed from the people and resources coming from Western Australia.

There is a great spiritual window of opportunity opening for Perth. If the churches in Perth will unify, the Lord will put Perth on the world map of the church and use it to gather one of the great harvests for the last days, especially in Africa. Perth has been somewhat isolated for a reason. This is a blessing and a protection from the Lord.

SYDNEY

Sydney is already a beautiful and remarkable world-class city. If it humbles itself, and will turn to the morality and integrity of the Lord, it will become one of the most powerful business centers of the world. Great companies that will arise in Australia will be based in Sydney and many others will move their headquarters there. Then Sydney will become the gateway city of the South Pacific and a major door to Southern Asia.

There are many true worshipers in Sydney and their worship is touching the Father in a special way. They are getting heaven's attention. For this reason some of the great prayer ministries will also be raised up in Sydney that will give birth to powerful spiritual change throughout the region and make the way of the Australian missionaries victorious. Through them Sydney can become a city of power that stands with the great and influential cities of the earth.

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A Refuge Safe From The Storm

Angel Dahilig

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The LORD is close to the brokenhearted,
And He bindeth up all their wounds;
Not with stitches and salves, but
With His compassion and tender mercies.

When the afflicted, oppressed, and fearful
Need a shelter from the storm,
They need only to run to the Great Shepherd,
To the Protector and Lover of their souls.

Weary from the storm, they collapse at His feet,
Where He carefully lifts them up by His Right Arm,
And carries them gently over His shoulders,
through the night rains.

Here, they are safe,
as they rest and trust in His Love,
And in the Protection and Strength
of the Great Shepherd.

He carries them to the Shelter,
that He Himself has built --
A Place of Refuge
To keep His sheep, safe from the storm.

There, He Himself feeds them.
There, He Himself provides them their water.
There, He Himself keeps them,
Until the storm has passed them by.

"See, I AM the Great Shepherd.
I have prepared a place for you.
If it were not so, then I would not
have told you.
My sheep hear My Voice;

They follow after Me.
So, come, and I will provide for you living waters
and a shelter for your soul."

Matthew 5:3-4
"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "

Matthew 11:28
"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

John 10:27
"My sheep listen to my voice;
I know them,
and they follow me."

Deut. 31:6
"Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid or terrified because of them,
for the LORD your God goes with you;
he will never leave you nor forsake you."

John 16:33
"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.
In this world you will have trouble.
But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Psalms 23:1
The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

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Argentina
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I just received this email with an account of a prophecy given in Singapore for the nation of Argentina.

"There were around 22,700 pastors from 162 nations. All gathered there, and in the last night, one of the Asian servants went up to the stage and began to cry very loud...in that moment, 1,000 Levites (music servants) brought a roll of 30 feet high. When they began to open it up....it was an Argentine flag of about 300 feet long and 10 meters high!! I was so amazed! This pastor was crying and began to say : Argentina, praise! Argentina, Praise!!! ARGENTINA, PRAISE!!!!! Isaiah 42:13! Argentina, Praise! The Lord has chosen you to reach out the world! You will gain the world!!! There's a new time for Argentina! and I will began with my holy movement in the beginning of 2004 until 2009... 2,000,000 souls will be gained by year, 10 million persons will be gained in 5 years! Argentina will be conquered place by place, city by city, neighborhood by neighborhood!" and then, the 1,000 Levites put the flag on the floor and began symbolically to play the "shofar" (an ancient Hebrew horn used for the sound of Victory and War) and dance on the flag. Then, this man began to say "There is a place in Argentina where God's going to begin all of this...God's saying ...Mendoza....San Rafael, Mendoza!" then, everyone there on the flag bowed down and prayer over San Rafael, Mendoza. The moving of the Holy Spirit was so strong; you couldn't stand on your feet there. This man continued saying, “37% of the religious leaders...I don't know what's the main religion of Argentina, but 37% of the religious leaders of Argentina will be visited by the Holy Spirit. Argentina is the last frontier to conquer.... Don't worry about the world, worry about Argentina, because I have Argentina in one hand... And in the other I have the world. If Argentina is gained ...the world will be gained." Then this man called all the pastors from Argentina present there, and there were only 9 pastors and prayed for them and anointed them, and declared that Argentina is the land God's chosen for gaining the Earth for the sake of Christ."

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The Pastor or the People
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I was just reading Psalm 106 which brings an account on how the people Israel managed to provoke the Lord to anger and how the Lord in His grace saved them. When I came to verses 32 and 33 I was literally struck.

“They angered Him also at the waters of strife, so that *it went ill with Moses on account of them* because *they* rebelled against His Spirit, so that he spoke rashly with his lips”
(NKJ version. *Italics* mine.)

We all have read or heard or know first hand of pastors who have fallen in a variety of sins, and also heard of how their congregations have suffered, and have felt betrayed by their pastors. Have you? I have heard and seen it in a lot of places.

However my contention today as I read this passage again and again is that we always blame the pastor or leader for his own fault, which ultimately is true, but before that leader fell, what was the role of the congregation? How did he or she get there in first place?

How many pastors have lost their ministry, and like Moses had to “behold from afar off” whatever blessing God had for them because their congregations were never supportive? It makes me cry when I think back and realize that so many of them were pushed over the edge by congregations that were "lusting after their own hearts, having lost all sensitivity" (paraphrasing Ephesians). Those same congregations which were so unsupportive, uncaring, insensitive, just looking after themselves, when their pastors were found in trouble it was the same people that were ready to tie them to the stake and light the fire that would finish their ministry, or even their life.

Some would argue that if the congregation is not well taught it is the pastors fault altogether, however when reading Ephesians we find that Paul was addressing the people rather than the pastors, and as he puts it they are not in good shape because they have hardened their own hearts, and lust after their own ideas and desires.

I was visiting a town in the Midwest in America and was told about this church that has changed 7 pastors in less than 5 years, simply because not one of them suited their ways! In another church it was discovered that a group of people were undermining their leadership using witchcraft! Could you believe this? A friend of mine had to leave his pastorate because the church considered that there were more important things to take care of than the salary of the pastor. When he realized that the situation was not going to change and that his children were suffering too much he simply had to resign and go back to work. The list would be too long to write it down here, I just wanted to bring a few of the most flagrant cases I know of.

Now, I am not defending sin. If a pastor or leader or teacher or whoever God has put in a position of certain responsibility sins, in whatever kind of sin, that person is responsible before God for His sin. No I am not defending sin, but I am arguing that the people, the congregations are not without sin when they treat their leaders like expendable material; or when they do not care for them; when the people do not support their pastor, when they do not pray for him or her; when all their conversation about their leader is simply gossiping; or when they look at their pastor as their "employee" altogether subject to whatever desire they might have at the moment.

Moses was punished because of his "sin with his lips" because of the provocation of the people. It is sad that he was punished, and in first place it is sad that he sinned. Yes, he was punished, but the people did not go without punishment. God is patient but sooner or later His wrath will reach us if we first do not cry out for mercy.

The people of Israel were sent into captivity, once and again, and they did not seem to learn their lesson. Finally they were scattered over the world, so much that their own nation disappeared. For almost 2000 years Israel did not have a land, they did not exist. Have we ever wondered why there are so many churches that close their doors and simply cease to exist? We are used to blame the pastors or leaders, however maybe it was not the pastor; may be it was the people.

The Lord said of Israel "they have made my Spirit angry, therefore My Holy Spirit became their enemy". Wow! Or should I say woe? Woe is me! Woe to us, if the Holy Spirit ever becomes our enemy. It is about time that the church stops playing games with God's Holiness.

Whose Revival
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What do we think when we read in some announcements for conferences, or seminars, or other gatherings, sometimes happening in the same area at the same time, and each claim to have received a word from God promising that revival will start during "their" conference? The implied message of those announcements is that God has chosen "this" and not "that" conference or seminar or even church to bring forth revival into that area.

When I hear or read such claims I gather two things immediately.

The first thought that comes to my mind is that God has not spoken. God never ever said that He would build our church, or our conference, or our gathering. He said: “I will build MY church. HIS Church. Period.

The fact remains that after the conference has finished revival has not actually happen so we can reasonably ask where is the promised revival? we hear quite a few different explanations as to why God’s “word” was not fulfilled that range from ‘it was not yet the time’ to ‘the people did not respond’. Of course the blame always go to the people or to God.

The real answer to this question is a much simpler and prosaic one: GOD HAS NOT SPOKEN.

The second thing I gather is that we have developed an awful and very dangerous ability to use God (or try to use Him) to promote our own thing. We need to turn the table before God Himself does. We are to be the instruments the God will use and forget about God being your means to achieve your own goals or agenda.

Revival is at the bend; it is coming simply because it is in God’s heart. Revival is coming because He desires it for His own purposes. However the clue as to whether it will hit me and my church lies in an attitude and not in a word.

In 1982 a revival hit Argentina that proved to be the longest ever in the history of revivals. The pastor of the church where it started was asked by some visiting pastors: “Brother, can you tell us what you did in order to have this revival? One would expect a complicated answer, or a series of steps that took them into revival.

The answer?

WE MADE OURSELVES AVAILABLE TO GOD.

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A Rain of Fire
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But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his wonderful name!
For the time has come for judgment, and it must begin first among God's own children. And if even we Christians must be judged, what terrible fate awaits those who have never believed God's Good News? And "If the righteous are barely saved, what chance will the godless and sinners have?" So if you are suffering according to God's will, keep on doing what is right, and trust yourself to the God who made you, for he will never fail you. 1 Peter 4:16-19 NLT

My Children,
A rain of fire is falling upon My church. You ask, why have recent events left you feeling isolated and alone. I tell you as long as you look upon your brothers and divert your attention to the circumstances from without you will never allow for the work within. I have driven you into the wilderness to reveal by fire thy thoughts and thy sins.

I am purging and purifying My people. By My Spirit shall I burn away the dross and reveal the true treasures of the hidden man, yes, the gems buried beneath the sin of self seeking and indifference.

I will once again give you eyes to see your own faults and not those of your brothers. Do not condemn thyself but see this as My love restoring you and establishing you.

Your hearts will once again confess sins at My altars and praises from the devoted shall once again be heard in the corridors of heaven. That which is without value shall be consumed and the beauty of holiness shall radiate from hearts which seek My Kingdom and It's Righteousness.

I shall return for a Bride without spot and without wrinkle. Shall I not prepare you for that day? Yes, this is necessary to reveal the truth about your hearts. It will renew fervor and restore holiness. You shall not be ashamed on the day of My appearing. I come to gather My elect, My treasures.

Blessings,
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Admonition to the Men Of God
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Come back, we beg you, O God Almighty. Look down from heaven and see our plight. Watch over and care for this vine that you yourself have planted, this son you have raised for yourself. For we are chopped up and burned by our enemies. May they perish at the sight of your frown. Strengthen the man you love, the son of your choice. Then we will never forsake you again. Revive us so we can call on your name once more. Turn us again to yourself, O Lord God Almighty. Make your face shine down

upon us. Only then will we be saved. Psalm 80:14-19

I hear your cries for those who have turned away from hearing. I hear your cry to turn their hearts once more to Me. I am mindful of the needs of My Church and I will not forsake My people, for this I have promised. I am the husbandman and I will faithfully tend My vineyards and wild animals will not ravage it's fruit.

I will thoroughly purge and dress the vine so that it will bring forth more fruit. Yes, the harvest time is just ahead. Grieve not the limbs that I remove. Fruitless limbs take away the health of the entire vine. This must happen or you will be powerless to be partakers in the last great ingathering. Take My hand, I will lead you. Loose thy affections from all things thou hold precious and leave them in My keeping.

Turn from all distractions and seek Me completely! Truly only then shall your heart know complete satisfaction and thy soul shall be at rest. I do not set Myself to strip thee of all thy earthly ties but I am calling you to give Me all thy affection.

Yield to Me the love you have for the institutions. Do not have a divided heart. I would that you understood that those which remain are as one man and those who have left thee have left Me. They are as fickle lovers who seek only thy strength and thy wealth. When they have gorged themselves at thy table, they leave having only considering their own bellies. When have such men characterized My Kingdom?

Surely your focus must turn once again heavenward from whence cometh thine help. Give Me wholly thine hearts affections and I will meet thine every need. I am coming to revive and refresh thee, to cleanse and quicken thee. Yes I shall cause new life to spring forth and the desert places shall bloom again. Grieve not ... Rejoice!

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Postcards From God
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Jesus Said:
Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.
For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.
And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.(Matthew 10:34:37)

O Man of God,
I have placed the fire of self judgment in My church. I have ask that a man judge himself by the standard of My word. To judge the motives of his heart and the thoughts of his mind by the same

accord. Should not a man bring his thoughts into subjection to My truth and shall he not look at them in the light of My written Word. For I have covenanted to bring you into the fullness of the stature of Christ, this I will do as you bring to Me the issues of your heart. I have set before you open doors this day and I ask you to be governed and directed by My Spirit. Acknowledge Me as it is written and I will direct your steps.

Beloved, if a man set his earthly family above My will shall he not be considered unfit. Yet, you say your consideration for your family is out of love for them and how can love be wrong, I say it is out of personal preference and fear. At the heart of the issues you bring, have you not concerned yourself with thoughts of how others would feel if you followed completely the path I set before you. Ponder this, Is not the heart treacherous and a deceiver? Can the Flesh know the will of The Spirit? I have not come to comfort flesh but as it is written: Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

And again it is written: For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would, I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Yes, an unregenerate man minds the things that are after the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
Have I not spoken through My servant Paul: to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
Yes, carnal reasoning is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

My Child, then set a watch that you might know My ways and allow My ways to govern your path! For My sheep know My voice and another shepherd they will not follow, even if that shepherd be thine own flesh.

May unexpected Blessings come to your house today,
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A Release of Special Favor

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The Lord is releasing special favor upon His Bride. For even as it was for Esther, he is has extended his scepter for us to come into the Holy of Holies and experience Him in a new way. This is a time when our spiritual eyes will be opened, when the scales will fall off as the Lord gives us revelation into His will for our families, communities and nations. It is also a time that He is releasing many into the sphere of the secular and giving favor to many to even stand before kings and rulers to simply be that light that will shine.

It is a time for us as believers to simply yield to him and by faith take hold of and embrace the calling upon our lives. Where he has sent us, it shall not be without his involvement and planning. He is releasing a special favor on the Church and an opening of our eyes that we may realise that our life and being is all about HIM and to simply bring all to the cross.

PROPHETIC WORD

IT IS BEING DONE NOW, says the Lord. Receive My grace and My power to move you forward in this season. For behold I shall direct your steps and lead you in My righteousness. There is a great hunger and desire in the heart of man to be intimate with Me and to know Me, and I am sending you, My people, as laborers in the field to gather the harvest, to those who will say, 'Here I am, send me.' Truly this is a time for My revival fire to sweep across the lands of the earth. I give them to you as your inheritance, says the Lord, for you are My sons and daughters of the resurrection power.

In His service... Mel.

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Mary Clark

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I have said words before that I am about to do a mighty work in your midst. I have told you to look forward to many wondrous things. Well this is the hour when you may look and see My work manifesting in your life in a wonderful way. Let Me reiterate: All systems are go. I am ready to proceed with My plans. All is lined up according to My will. It is time to blast off into the things of your God, beloved. It is time to BLAST OFF into the things that I have prepared for those who love Me!!!

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The High-top Sneaker

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In a vision, I saw a high-top sneaker. Someone was trying to lace it with string cheese. I thought to myself, that person is not going to be able to tie that string cheese in a bow without breaking it. Why did you show this to me, Lord?

I want My dear children to see something with clarity. The ways of man just will not support My work. No! Man's ways will not support My work. It must be My way or no way at all. You ask Me why I would make such a statement, and I will tell you the facts:

Your God looks on man's ways and scoffs, because man does not know the ends and outs of every situation. Man looks from only one angle – at the most, two. Man has a certain standard of criteria that he lives by, and it is not up to My standard.. That is why I say that man's ways will not support My work.

I am asking that My children lay aside their own ideas and listen to Mine – follow My instruction. You will see that if you will follow My lead, laying aside your preconceived notions, that you will know victory – victory in the market place – victory as you minister to your fellowman. But if you insist on doing things your way you will know defeat. That is the long and short of it, beloved. That is the truth of the matter. Now take heed! Follow My instruction, and know victory even if My ways seem foolish to your mind at the time. Pay your mind no heed. Follow My instruction, and see My will develop in your midst.

I am calling My dear children into a relationship of truth. I want you to know that I am with you all the way. I will not forsake you. Don't you forsake Me and My ways, beloved. Follow My lead and you will know a certain success in the process, but if you go with your mindset you will know defeat. I am eager for you to follow after My will, laying aside the old staid ways of doing things. I am eager for us to come into a unity of mind. I am eager for you to know Me and know My will in your daily life, without skipping a beat. So don't pretend that you don't hear Me when I give you some instructions that are a bit off the wall. No! Follow My lead, and I will guarantee you that you will know success. You will not only know success you will dwell in a success that can only be counted as great victory – great victory for your Beloved, and great victory for My kingdom.

Know this: Many are trying to do things their own way. They are trying to act out My will in their lives without listening to My instruction. That, beloved, will get you nowhere in your walk. It will get you nowhere! Follow My lead, and you will know victory. But if you follow after your notions – the notions that the world has instilled in you – you will be sliding on a downhill slope into failure. And that is a fact, beloved. That is a truth that you can take to the bank!!!

The Silver Basin
Mary Clark

In a vision, I saw a silver basin filled with water. There were many feet around the basin. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

This silver basin represents many things to My dear children. It represents My redeeming work on your behalf, and it represents My servanthood to mankind. I want you to realize the extremes that your God went through to call you His own. I want you to stand fast to this truth.

In this day, I will be calling you to wash many feet in My name. I am calling you to show forth the servanthood of the living God. So gird yourself with your towels, kneeling down before those I send to you, and know with each act of servanthood that you perform on My behalf, you will be shining forth My glory, and you will be revealing My heart to bless and to love mankind.

I am calling for you to take your place around My basin – My silver basin of redemption. It is a place where you will dwell in the knowledge of My great love for you and for all of mankind. I want you to reveal My heart, and show forth My will for each person that I put in your path. I want each of you to know that the hour of powerful demonstration is upon you. Stand fast in this truth. For just as surely as I have called you to be My servants, performing on My behalf to the masses, I have called you to demonstrate My wondrous will as it shines through with promise. So don your towels of purity and hope, and know as you kneel before another to wash his feet, that you are also washing My feet, and bringing forth a new hope to all who will receive.

This is the hour to shine forth the glory of the living God. It is the hour to step into the splendor that I have provided for your enjoyment. So get ready to kneel before your fellow man, and give to him the gift of hope that lies in becoming one who serves another unceasingly. Isn’t that what it is all about? Serving others as I served while I was on earth? Serving others with a heart that is tender and caring? Yes! That is what this walk in all about, beloved, so get ready to shine forth My caring heart, and know with each example that you show of your God, you are pleasing My heart – pleasing My heart most satisfactory!!!

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Welcome Home
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Psalm 84: 10 Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

I want My dear children to know something today. I want you to know that I do delight in you and in your willingness to follow hard after My will. It delights Me to have you draw close to Me. It delights Me to know that is where you want to be – near to Me – in the courts of your God.

Let Me tell you something, beloved, about the courts of your God. They are extraordinary – far, far, beyond all imagination. Far, far above anything you could ever think. My courts are magnificent. They are wondrous. They are filled with holy treasure. Yes! My courts are certainly the place you would want to be. To know that this is your desire, when you have never seen them, delights Me, beloved. It delights Me to know that you long to be close to Me – One Whom you have never seen.. You have never beheld My face full of My wonderful glory, and yet you tell Me that you delight in Me and prefer to be a doorkeeper in My house than to live in any dwelling on earth. That does delight Me, beloved. You are blessed doubly because of that longing that you have, and your desire to let Me know. Yes! You are doubly blessed!

Know this too, dear child: I have some wonderful things in store for you. You, who delight in the Holy One, Whom you have never seen, have some wonderful surprises in store for you. So get ready to see a full manifestation of My glory in your midst, and know, dear child, that it does delight My heart to bring this wonder of wonders to you –My beloved.

I want you to know that I went to great expense to bring forth this shining hour. I gave much, knowing that My true beloved would fall into line with My will – have that yearning for Me and My dwelling place in your heart. I knew that hour was to come. I knew that you would bring delight to My heart in a way that nothing ever could. And now here we are, beloved: On the brink of that wondrous hour when you will walk in a fullness of My glory – fullness that you never dreamed.

Oh, My beloved, do you know how I have looked forward to this wondrous hour – this time when we would walk hand in hand into the plentitude that I have for you? No, you do not. But it is enough for Me to know, dear child, that the hour is finally upon us, and soon you will know My all-pervading goodness. You will see the design of My heart take shape in your hearts in a wonderful way. You will declare your allegiance to Me yet once again, and I will hear once again with a thrill in My heart.

I want you to know that a time of wonder is surely upon those who take delight in serving the Almighty King of glory. I want you to know that it pleases Me greatly to see this hour unfold in your midst. For you see, I have had this plan in the works from the beginning – from the beginning, dear favored one, and all the time I had you on My mind, in My heart, in the very center of My heart of hearts.

Oh, glad tidings I bring to you this night – the gladdest of tidings as I tell you these words of truth: I have made a way for you to enter into a most intimate holy union with your Beloved. I have made a way for you to be so close to Me that we will be one – we will be united in a wonderful way – a way that screams of unity – sweet, holy, unity. There will be no denying that you are in unity with your Beloved, dear child – no doubt at all. It will open a season of the greatest hope to My dear children – a season of inexplicable wonder – a season of the sheerest delight. And it is coming soon, beloved. It is coming soon.

So know this night that I am pleased to call you My own. I am pleased to draw you closer to Me. I am pleased to bless you beyond your comprehension, and bring forth this hour of sweet unity with the Beloved in your heart of hearts. I have designed a wonderful place for you – a place of rest and peace – a place of joy and unrestrained happiness. I have prepared it. You have longed for it. Now get ready to enter, dear child. Get ready to enter into that place – that wonderful place in Me where you will know that you have arrived in the courts of the Almighty One to His good pleasure. Welcome, beloved. Welcome to your heavenly home. Welcome to all that I have gladly provided for you. Welcome to all that was bought at great expense that you might know Me in this manner.

Welcome home, beloved. Welcome home!!!

Zorro Rides Again
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In a vision, I saw Zorro, riding his horse really fast. Then I heard the Lord say, "Zorro rides again!"

Zorro rides again. He is headed right straight into your heart. He has many magnificent feats that He would like to accomplish in record time. You say, "Why, Lord, Zorro is a fictitious character. What could You be talking about?" I tell you, beloved, just as this fictitious hero went forth doing his good deeds, I am going forth doing My good deeds in hearts. I am going forth straightening out things that are all kinked-up, smoothing them to My liking. But I must hurry. I have just so much time to accomplish this feat. I need to be really quick, and I will be.

I am doing a magnificent work – a wonder-filled work in hearts. I am setting things right that have been turned topsy-turvy. I am showing man just what the living God has up His sleeve, and it is good – it is outstanding! I am bringing about a work, according to My timetable, that will delight My children's hearts. My children are eager for the completion of this work. They are asking Me to hurry up the process. I am completing it according to My expertise – according to My timetable. It is looking good. Be patient, little ones, be patient. It is coming along nicely, according to My will. It will be good. It will be worth the wait. It will be worth every moment of waiting, for when I shine forth My glory upon the face of the earth, all will be lined up according to My will and nothing will fail – nothing will be askew in this work. You will applaud it. Bells will ring in heaven. Hands will clap in wild, ecstatic applause from My throne, for I am bringing about a stupendous work. And just as Zorro went forth on his horse with breakneck speed, your God is setting about His business, bringing forth His will at breakneck speed. But don't be concerned, beloved. I will be fine – just fine. My steed never loses his Rider. When we are going about the Father's business, we are one – we are in total unity – we are eager to do His will and see His kingdom flourish on earth as in heaven.

So know this: I am doing a wonderful work. I am accomplishing it according to My will – according to My expertise, and the work that I do will be completed without a flaw. My children are eager for the completion. Be patient. I do know what I am doing, and I am doing it well. You will see the light of My glory, and know that I have accomplished My will with the expertise that only the holy One could deliver. That is My plan, dear child of God. That is the plan that I have set before Myself, and I will accomplish it with a will of iron, for have I not said that My desire is to do the will of My Father. That is what I am doing. That is what I am bringing forth. That is what you may expect!!!

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Salt of the Earth
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In a vision, Someone took the top off a salt shaker, and poured salt into His hand. He then took the salt and threw it on the bed where two of my good friends were sleeping. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I want you, My children, to know that I am about to enter your dreams. I am about to reveal Myself to you in these dreams. When I do, you will know that something truly wonderful has happened in your heart. You will know that the Almighty has come into a new arena of your life, showing to you the wonder of His great love for you. You will identify this as a most extraordinary event. So get ready for a most pleasant visitation from the One Who is Love, and rely on Me to intervene in your dreams – in your sleep-time – with great truths and wonders that will please your heart, that will bless you substantially, and will open a new hour for you to walk tall into the things that I have planned for you to enjoy.

I am about to pour forth something salty in your dreams that will enable you to rise up strong in this coming hour. This salt will fortify your heart, and bring you into a place of rich discovery in Me. Yes! I am bringing forth something that will give a different flavor to your sleep-time. Get ready to explore a new arena. Get ready to draw closer to your Love, and know deep within that I have called you to enter into a new hour of wonder, and it will shine forth when you least expect it – when you are in dreamland.

My heart is being extended to you, displaying My will, and that is to bless you, strengthen you, and move you deeper into My will shining forth for you to come into a new place in Me – a new place of My great love being made known to you, and offering to you a new hope in your tomorrows.

Get ready for a visitation. Get ready for something unusual to come your way, and know that it comes by way of something that will add much flavor to your life, making things that are about to appear in your life more palatable than you ever dreamed they would be. Get ready, beloved, for a happening that will come when you least expect it – in your place of sleep – in your place of dreamland – the dreamland that I will enter and sprinkle liberally with something that will make your future more palatable than you ever imagined. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good, and He has made a way for you to know this fact firsthand. Get ready for a sample soon. Get ready for a sample, but it will only be the beginning. It will only be the beginning of what I have in store for your enjoyment – all for your enjoyment!!!

The Frosting on the Cake
Mary Clark

I am putting the frosting on the cake, beloved. I am spreading it smoothly. There are no lumps, and every inch of My cake will be covered with My delicious white icing. Yum! Yum! What a delight to My eyes. What a delight to My heart!

I am spreading My frosting. I am preparing My bride for the dance of love. Get ready to comply with My wishes, as I whisk you off in My embrace. Get ready to know the True and Eternal One in a wonderful way.

I am preparing My bride for the last days. I am clothing you in a white – a sparkling white – a white that will blind the eyes of the world, but will open the eyes of those who wish to follow after the Beloved. This is the hour – this is the time to know the goodness of the living God as is shines forth, bringing you into a place of resplendent beauty.

Many have testified of the love of the living God. Many have spoken of its richness. You are about to experience this wonderful love of your God. So get ready. The time is upon you.

I am putting the frosting on the cake. My bride is looking glorious. She is shining forth the goodness of the living God. I am putting a covering on her that is completely My very own design. It is lacking nothing. It is complete in its splendor. So know that the hour of wonder has dawned, and the Beloved is taking you into a new place – a new place of His great wonder. Know too that My hand is doing a most exquisite work. Now is the hour to shine forth, beloved, revealing the heart to your God. Now is the time to know deep within the love of the Master – the thrilling and most complete love of your Holy Master.

For something wonderful is coming your way. It will arrive soon. It is a work that is being completed by My most gracious hand, and you will identify it by its beauty and the bright shiny cherry that I am placing on top. Yes! As I complete this wonderful work, you will know that the hour of completeness is upon you, and you will see the bright, red cherry to prove it. Identify this work, beloved. Receive all that it entails, and know deep within that your God has singled you out for the finest of hours to display His great wonder – the great wonder of His purity and hope as you step forth into His arms of glory and reveal yourself to the masses as My bride, My beloved, My holy love!!!

Big Change
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In a vision, I saw a young man cup his hands around his mouth and yell something. What was he saying, Lord?

That young man was making a proclamation to the world. He was telling all of mankind that the living

God is winding things down, and they had better get ready for His return. He was serious, and his message was urgent. Those in the world who heard him looked on his message with disdain, while those who belong to the living God clapped, danced, and sang with hearts surrendered and eager for their Lord's return.

I want to add these words to those of the young man. I am a God of great strength and power. I am eager to see man come forward and surrender to Me. I am eager to display My might and power to the masses, and let them know that surrender to Me is sweet. But I can see that all of mankind will not receive this message, so I am going to do something BIG. I am going to cause something BIG to happen on the face of the earth that will shake mankind and help mankind to get his attention off the world and on me. I am going to do something that will make a substantial difference in the way that man now lives. I am going to show man that he is not as self-sufficient as he thought he was. I am going to show him that the Almighty God wants to enable him to move forward in Him. When mankind sees this, he may do one of two things: He may surrender, finding that in that surrender the Lord God Almighty has shone forth His glory to his heart, or he may turn away from My approach, seeking more of the world's ways, and becoming sorely disappointed, but unable to give up his quest for the things of the world.

All that I have spoken is about to happen, beloved, and when it does, I want you to remember these words. I want you to embrace My truth now, and know that with your surrender to Me will come an extraordinary wonder into your heart that will satisfy, fortify, and strengthen.

These are the words of the Almighty God being spoken through His servant. They are words of truth and urgency. Get ready to know something deep within your heart that will enable you to combat anything that comes your way in the future, for in embracing Me and My words of truth you will know an incomparable strength within, and you will be able to aid in the salvation of mankind. You will be able to shine forth the glory of your Lord, displaying His loving character, thereby wooing mankind into that place in Me that you have found that is so rich in substance.

So get ready to go forth in My name, displaying My goodness to the masses, and know that I will be with you, upholding you all the way. Do not look at the conditions of the world around you, beloved. Look at Me. Stay focused on Me, and know deep within the wonder of belonging and being maintained by the living God in an extraordinarily new way – a way of great wonder and truth – a way that will show you the true meaning of life – a way that will lead you into that place of irrepressible joy and well-being no matter how the circumstances around you look.

These words I have spoken to prepare your heart for what lies ahead. Embrace this truth, and know deep within that when your God called for change, He was speaking of drastic change. He was speaking of things taking on a totally new look, and this would come by His hand. He was speaking about upsetting man's system, and declaring His own. That is what Your God is talking about. I am not talking about something small in the eyes of man. I am talking about something BIG – something that will truly get the world's attention. I am talking about a change coming to the face of earth that will be so BIG that it will upset the whole system that man has built and looked to for his substance. Yes! Beloved, I am talking about drastic change that will be looked on by man as a huge explosion of wonder – not wonder as you see in your God, but wonder as you see is disaster – that kind of change!!!

April Showers Bring May Flowers
Mary Clark

In a vision, I saw Someone twirling a white umbrella. The umbrella was trimmed with a colorful, floral fabric. It was very pretty. Then I heard the Lord say, “April showers bring May flowers.” Here is what He has to say to us:

I am the Holy One Who has your future in Me secure, beloved – secure – again, I say, “SECURE!” Look forward to all that I am bringing your way. Look forward to seeing the mighty fall, and the weak lifted high.

I am being about My Father’s business in this hour. I am readjusting some things. I am taking some things totally out of the picture that were once looked upon as “holy.” Know that the work that I do will complement those who follow after My heart. Yes. You go hand in hand with My work, beloved, as you follow after My heart.

I am extraordinarily glad to call you My own. I am extraordinarily delighted to present the coming hour. It is surely coming by My hand, and it will be a work that will ring true in the halls of heaven for all of eternity.

I said that April showers bring May flowers, and that is a truth that I want you to look on in this hour with much anticipation. For just as surely as you will see the showers of rain come forth, you will see the goodness of your God declared in the blossoming forth of His beloved. My beloved will shine forth My goodness, revealing many wonders in the process. I wish to explain Myself with accuracy in this piece, so hear Me out and know that the words that I speak are essential to your well-being. So take them in. Digest them, and know the wonder of walking in My will in a totally new way.

I am bringing forth an hour when the rain of My glory will intensify to such a degree that there will be times when you will call out to Me to desist from this rain. I am going to rain My glory on those who have called out to Me their willingness to move forward into My work. I am going to give you a deluge of My omnipresent glory that will certainly get your attention. You are going to ask Me, “Father, why so much? Why are You pouring down on us this copious amount of your glorious rain – Your most pronounce glory?” I will tell you why now, beloved: There is work to be done, there is little time to do it, and I am making a way to equip you for My purposes in a way that will not be completely understood. But know this: This plan that I am undertaking will accomplish My wishes, and you will know a certain success in your life that will take on the quality of the surreal. Now that is all that I will say on the subject at this point, but know this: April showers are bringing forth May flowers, and you are going to blossom forth for Me – you are going to show the world something of the greatest importance: The living God abides in your heart, and He is moving powerfully in your midst. Get ready for a deluge. Get ready for a blossoming forth. Get ready to behold the signs of the time from a front-row seat, beloved – a front-row seat!!!

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Ascending Butterflies
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BOB JONES QUOTES
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"Foundation ministries. Governments. In heaven's time, that cocoon is going to start wiggling. It's getting weaker in here. I can just feel it. There's gonna be a jail break. And that wall is breaking down and I am going to kick loose again. And the cocoon of the anointing is going to open and you are going to find out you're not a worm, but a butterfly. For a metamorphous has taken place"

"God's government is getting ready to come forth. And this agreement is like a loaded gun. And you are going to begin to see power down here. Taking from the enemy. You are going to see salvation like you have never seen before. And the blank checks is going to do it. Do you understand? Papa has signed it. And He will only bless it in His government. But we are getting ready to see a government that you can't deny. We are getting ready to see a government down here established in heaven. Man's been trying to get a government up here. If the real thing happens, it will come by heavenly visitation, by angels, and this apostolic is going to happen and I wouldn't touch it. It's getting ready to break out of a cocoon and I am not going to help it one ounce. If you help a chicken come out of the egg, you will kill it. If you help something that has been in metamorphous, you will kill it. I'm not going to touch it. God's doing it, He said He's going to do it, and He's doing it. His heavens are

"You're getting ready to get translated or raptured. (Laughter in audience.) Me being a good Baptist I like to put my Baptist doctrine in it. But this is the kind of rapture you come back with. Every day before the throne and back with the results of it. Translated from this present darkness into His marvelous light. Get ready for the Holy Spirit to move on you like you have never seen before. And when this cocoon breaks, I think some of you are going to be the most shocked at what He has already done in your lives."

"Already you have access to heaven. You are already seated with Christ in heavenly places. Why haven't you gone there? Because you have been changing. Now the translation begins. The butterfly ascends on high and comes into the light of God. And when it is joined with Christ, it only has one purpose and that is reproduction, conception. You are getting ready to reproduce on scales you have never seen before."

MONARCH BUTTERFLY REPRODUCTION
+ From the egg to adult stage is about 4 weeks. + Adults live from 2 to 6 weeks. + Adults lay an average of about 700 eggs, one at a time. + In one month, those 700 eggs will reproduce. + This cycle continues until it is time to migrate. + Monarchs go through 4 or 5 generations per year. + Up to 1 million butterflies migrate to either California or Mexico each year.

CONCLUSION
{Words to Ponder are summaries of His quickened Words}

WORD TO PONDER: BIRTHED AND TRANSLATED TO THE THRONE
When I plant a promised seed in your life, it grows under My divine watch care and in perfect timing. The time for birthing is already in motion and no one tells the mother when it is time to yield her child. Rather, it is the child that releases the hormones into the blood stream saying it is time to break free from the confining place. And this is the same in ministry. My Seed within you quickens the time to go forth.

My Love, I have promised you many journeys to My throne room. And you have already been here. I have allowed you to remember snippets of those times, so that you will know that I fulfill My Word in your life. Those things that you have not remembered, do not regret. I have ordained exactly what you shall remember and exactly what you are not to resurrect into your natural mind. Your spirit man remembers everything, so do not worry about your destiny. Just submit to Me and My timing will bring all to fruition. My plan is birthing many children so that My house will be full. When My house is full, all shall come to a climax.

"This boasting is all so foolish, but let me go on. Let me tell about the visions and revelations I received from the Lord. I was caught up into the third heaven fourteen years ago. Whether my body was there or just my spirit, I don't know; only God knows. But I do know that I was caught up into paradise and heard things so astounding that they cannot be told." (2 Cor 12:1-5 NLT)

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Butterfly Migration

Sandy Warner

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Monarch Butterfly Migration Facts

+ Only the last generation of the summer migrates south, because the rest do not live long enough. Statistics say this is probably the largest generation, and also probably has the highest mortality rate before it reproduces the following summer.

+ They do not reproduce in the winter. This is because they migrate before they are completely matured. Even though they look just like normal adults, they are not sexually mature.

+ They begin their migration when they feel the chill in the air. This is late summer or early fall. They travel to warmer climates in order to survive the winter.

+ Up to 100 million Monarch butterflies migrate either to California or to Mexico each year.

+ Eastern populations migrate to Florida, the Texas coast, and in Mexico.

+ Monarch butterflies follow the same migration patterns every year.

+ They soar like birds upon the air currents, instead of flapping their wings. They are dependent upon the wind current going in the right direction.

+ The energy they need for the long trip comes from the milkweed they ate as caterpillars and the nectar from the flowers.

+ In their winter abode, they cluster together creating a shingle effect that protects them from the bugs and the rain. Each butterfly hangs with its wings over the butterfly beneath it, and so on - just like a roof! This gives warmth to the whole and the weight of the cluster also prevents the butterflies from being blown away. Some of these butterfly clusters are massive.

+ They winter until March, then they retreat back home again.

PARABLE OF MIGRATION
The Monarch Butterflies rise to the wind currents and soar south in order to escape the harsh and cold winter. Likewise, there are some believers whose faith will have grown to such a degree, that they will be able to rise above the circumstances of the world's dark storm. They will dwell in warmer conditions and find increasing comfort in dwelling in unity with kindred hearts who have taken the same journey.

There are quite a few entries in Annie's Visions that speak of 2 different groups of people: those that are above the storm and those that are beneath. The Lord tells her that only those who have come into their inherited possession will have the storm beneath their feet. One of the purposes of the storm is to bring all His own into their inherited possessions.

After studying her visions and praying over their interpretation for many years, I have come to believe there are at least 3 criteria for placement. The first may be the timing of when a person was naturally born and how long they have been a Christian. The second is how quickly a person submits to the Lord, laying down their rebellion and yielding themselves to the training process of death to self. Last is the appointment of their calling and placement, because in a couple of her visions the Lord tells her that those who are above the storm have the task of helping and working with those beneath the storm.

{Her books are out of print, but they are in the process of reprinting all 4 books into one larger book. We will announce when they are released. For more information about Annie, please visit our website: www.thequickenedword.com }

SANDY RHEMA
VISION: I saw a butterfly and it landed on the ground very gently. HEARD: In Him all things are made. Ride out the storm, you did that.

VISION: I saw a butterfly come from a long distance. It was so beautiful. Then all of a sudden I realized it was coming to me. I quickly pulled my sheets over my face thinking that I could hide. But the butterfly landed right on my face. It was very gentle.

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER: USE YOUR STORMS AS OPPORTUNITIES
If you learn to make use of every trial and every circumstance and embrace it ALL as allowed by Me, I AM able to bring you into your promised possession without delay. Every time you run from Me, rationalize your circumstances or refuse My voice, it delays My perfect will in your life. Dear one, I have many good gifts, promises and your inheritance waiting for you. I build line upon line in your life without skipping steps.

No one escapes the storms of life. However those who take advantage of their personal storms, believing Me through them, will rise in faith above the world's darkest storm. They will have learned that each storm brings promotion, and each storm has its reward. They learn to rest and soar on the winds of My Presence, and relax their faith as they let Me carry them to a warmer place.

Mark 4:37-41 NKJV
And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

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A Siege Is Coming

Stephen Hanson

July 12, 2004

The word below was given to me starting July 6 and was finished on July 12. The Lord began speaking to me while near the area where we will be moving to. This is not the first time that some of these things have come forth concerning an invasion or war that would break out within America's borders. These are serious things to consider and I believe that we need to take them before His throne, so that we might be prepared for the days that follow. The time frame is uncertain; it is in His timing. However, it is clear that those who place their trust in Him will be found in "safe habitations." Also, after sending out the prayer request and update yesterday, my wife mentioned to me that perhaps some of these things didn't need to be said. If I've pleaded our case in the wrong way, I apologize. We all need each other, but we need to look to God's provision first.

NA 3:14 Draw water for the siege, strengthen your defenses! Work the clay, tread the mortar, repair the brickwork!

ISA 54:16 "See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc;

"The land that you are in is a land that has been forsaken by some, but I tell you that it is received by Me. For I tell you truly, this land will be protected from the siege that comes upon the United States. The winds will blow and will bring havoc upon much of the land. Many will seek other forms of security in that day. There is no protection that will save them other than myself. Some will seek to run to other lands. Some will seek political and military strength; but I tell you, an invasion is coming. Have I not warned, and have I not mentioned these things before to you? Yet many still choose to disbelieve. "

"Shelter can be found in Me, so seek that shelter. For these things will come and who will you run to? I tell you there are many things forthcoming that many think will never come--but these things are written down in my word. With the dawn of a new year the pendulum will begin moving. America cannot withstand the onslaught from within, nor can it from the outside."

"You ask, 'Can these things be prevented?' I ask you, "Can you stop the full speed of a freight train as it moves down the tracks?" Your sin has reached its capacity. Yet many choose to ignore these things."

"The land will be scorched and it will be changed forever. Your borders have been protected in the past but a time is coming when the walls will come down. "

Stephen Hanson

Find Rest In Me In The Midst Of The World Around You

Stephen Hanson

June 29, 2004 *(I am leaving early tomorrow morning for NM. We are all going to check out the area where we will be living in August of this year. So, you won't hear anything from me until around July 10 when we get back. Pray for traveling mercy and that it would be a good adventure and time together. Thanks.)*

MT 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. [29] Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. [30] For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

MK 6:30 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. [31] Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

MT 18:2 He called a little child and had him stand among them. [3] And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. [4] Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

(All throughout my time with the Lord as this message was coming forth, I first saw a room where there were tools and various craftsmanship-like devices and pieces of carpentry. My sense was that this was a room where many of us have our various gifts and skills. God was wanting myself and others, to lay these things down, and yet I also sensed that He was in the process of refining and perfecting these gifts and skills because He is also the Great Carpenter and Creator. After this scene, as I was worshiping, the Lord brought me to a door that opened up into a beautiful vista that looked out onto a waterfall and lush trees and forest. This is the place where He wants to bring us to give us times of refreshing in Him. Then I saw a little child who was climbing the edge of a stone wall. On this wall were many things of His kingdom. There were books of different types and all kinds of beautiful things that one might find a vast library.)

"Out of my fullness, I am giving a new resting place in Me. I am giving a rest that is seeing beyond the days of tomorrow. I am giving a rest that the mind can not know, but only the spirit can understand it. Drop your weapons of warfare and lay them at my feet. Do not toil in your own strength and do not go about doing your own business. Let me handle many of the affairs that you do not understand. Lay down your skills and gifts before Me. It is time to go away to the lonely mountain and find your rest there. Leave the cares of this world behind you. Leave behind your bow and arrow and all your weaponry. Find strength along the mountain path that you take beside the mountain stream. You must not take anything with you---only yourself. Open the door to my spirit and partake of my fullness there. Breathe in the air and the smoke that is around you. Be as a little child that would explore the secret chambers of my spirit. I want all of my children to be as a little child in Me. I want them to be playful, and creative, and learning new things every day. Too many of them have become dusty and boring. These times of resting are essential. For strength is needed for the days ahead. Find rest in Me, in the midst of the world around you."

Stephen Hanson

Will You Listen, And Will You Be Ready
Stephen Hanson

July 17, 2004

DA 5:27 Tekel: You have been weighed on the scales and found wanting.
JER 22:21 I warned you when you felt secure, but you said, `I will not listen!' This has been your way from your youth; you have not obeyed me.

"Tell them that time is running out. Time is running out for those who would want to come to know Me. These things are said because there are dark days ahead. The world is on the brink of new things that are coming.

The Lord showed me a scene of a Middle Eastern man who was standing on top of a high place. He had a gun and shot it into the air. Then in his hands he held a net. Below him were a group of people, seemingly of Caucasian descent. He then took the net and tossed it forward and it encircle all of these people and they were captured. Out of the midst of this scene, a long scroll came and on this scroll was written:
"A decree is ordered that America is held in the balance."

"In not a long period of time a captivity will occur. Your national security will be breached. At that time the world will be propelled into the things that written in my word. Then the prophetic time table will be laid out and will occur. I told Jeremiah of a captivity that would come and they did not listen to him. Will you listen, and will you be ready when these things happen? "

Stephen Hanson

A Storm Is Coming
Stephen Hanson

Oct. 23, 2004

“A nation has invaded my land, powerful and without numbers; it has the teeth of a lion, the fangs of a lioness. Joel 1:6

“I tell you that a storm is brewing and it is not the kind of storm that one would normally see in nature. There are many forces gathering together to make a plan.”

[The Lord showed me a pair of binoculars that someone was looking out of and I knew somehow, that they were for me to look out through. After I began to look out of them, I looked out into the distance and saw a very large group coming towards me. At first I thought it was an army of some sort. However, as the group came closer to me, I saw that they were people, citizens of a country, who were fleeing from something. There were thousands and thousands of them. The road that they were on turned towards me more and I saw that they were very much in panic and fear from what they were running from.]

“The scene that you saw represents a group of people who were running from a nuclear attack—for your nation, United States will be invaded. Woe to you New York City, for you will be ones held as running from a raging storm. Woe to you Washington D.C., for your battle is also like this. Will your arsenal ward-off the enemy? Where will you run, and where will you hide from the enemy?”

“I tell you that these things are coming. Prepare your homes and prepare your hearts. But I tell you that those who seek my shelter will be safe.”

Stephen Hanson

Blessed Is He Who Does Not Give Into The Beast
Stephen Hanson

Oct. 17, 2004

“There is no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and his image, or for anyone who receives the mark of his name.” This calls for patient endurance on the part of the saints who obey God’s commandments and remain faithful to Jesus. Rev. 14: 11-12

(At the beginning of this prophetic word, I looked overhead and noticed that there were three ravens that flew overhead. Each time I noticed them, and heard the flap of their wings as they soared above me and went off into the distance beyond the school that I live nearby. I believe that each of these ravens symbolizes the forces of evil as they have begun their onslaught in the heavenly places.)

“I say that the era that many of you are living in is an era that specifies the end of all things. Look at the events that are around you, and tell Me, those of you who think otherwise. This is a time when many will look to other forms of religion. This is a time when many will fall from the faith. This is a time when it calls for deep faith and endurance. Behold…. evil encircles round about you. The forces of evil plan to unleash all of their fury. This time marks the beginning of these onslaughts. But remember that He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. You were born for such a time as this, and you will be seen through these times. These things will mark the season that you are entering into, and they will follow you the next few years. Remember that I’ve told you that that figure would arise who exalts himself. He will arise and will make himself known during the summer of 2006. The number that speaks of him also corresponds with that time frame. Remember those numbers, for they speak of June 6, 2006. But I will not leave you comfortless. Blessed is he who does not give into the beast, but follows my spirit in these days. “

Stephen Hanson

A Shaking In The Heavens and In The Earth

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Indeed what can be shaken shall be shaken. For I am moving in this hour says the Lord to shake to the core the foundations laid by man and challenging the false doctrines that have been circulating round My church. I am moving to expose the hearts of man for they really are. I am moving to restore My Kingdom not built with human hands but by the power of My Spirit. For yea there is a rearranging and shift occurring in the heavens, as I have said before that I will not only shake the earth, but now the heavens shall rumble at the sound of My voice.

Why are you doing this, you may ask? I am moving to establish My Divine Order and authority in My church. No longer shall she be led blindly by every wind of doctrine and any spiritual fads, but she shall become a holy bride, without spot or wrinkle. I am separating the true from the false. I am filtering My House of all that defiles from all that is pure. But what I am primarily doing is removing all stumbling blocks and all hindrances from before My Bride that would stop her seeking Me with all her heart. I am restoring intimacy with the Bridegroom that the Bride has never known before. So stand back and let Me do My Work.

For those who remain in Me I shall remain in them and My Word shall remain written on their hearts. But for those who venture outside the boundaries of My will, you shall come under My severe judgment. I chasten those that I love and I love My people too much to allow them to remain as they are.

A shaking is coming. Remain on the Rock and you will not be moved.

Heb 12: 26-29 NIV
26. At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." 27.The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken-that is, created things-so that what cannot be shaken can remain. 28. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverance and awe 29. for our God is a consuming fire

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Words, Words, Words

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I AM Alive and My Word is living, sharper than any two edged sword. My Word brings life to those who are mine and judgment to those who oppose Me. There is nothing that proceeds from My mouth that is not faithfully accomplished in due time. My due time may not be your opportune time, but I will tell you that when My Words are accomplished, it is at just the right moment every single time. My Words bring deliverance to those held captive in chains to the enemy. Just a single word and the chains fell off from My disciple Peter as he was held in the prisons of men. Just one word and Lazarus was raised from the dead. That is indeed the power that My words hold. And if you still have doubts in your hearts, My creation tells it all. Behold the mountains, the mighty rivers, the celestial bodies. Were they not a result of My spoken word?

Believe that My words are truth and that when I speak a word over you it shall come to pass. Only a matter of time and it shall be fulfilled. If I don’t do what said I would do, would that not make Me a liar? Yet I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life. In Me you have life eternal. In Me you live and move and have your being. In you I have placed the power of the creative word because you were made in My image and likeness. The ball is in your court as to the outcome of the words you speak. What shall it be, blessings or curses? Life or death?

Gal 6:7 NIV
Do not be deceived: God is not mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Sow life and you will reap life. Sow peace and you will reap the same. Speak kindly of one another and you will expect the same back. But if your words constantly spell doubt, unbelief, anything contrary to My Word, then do not be surprised of you reap the same. I am raising up a people who are led of the Spirit to speak only what I tell them to speak.

Life and death is in the power of the tongue. Which one will you author?

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A Season of Romance

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The following is a word I believe the Lord gave me this morning for His body, His bride. I have been feeling the fire of His love literally burning inside of me for several days since and during the "In the Mantle Conference" in Melbourne, Florida.

I sense we are entering a divine season of intense intimacy with the lover of our souls. We are about to become putty in His hands. Who cannot obey and follow a lover like this? Through His intense and passionate love He is about to ruin and transform us. Get ready for the ride of your life for He is truly a dangerous lover.

"Holy fire. I am releasing holy fire that will consume everything that seeks to take My place. I am wooing and drawing My bride. I am overtaking her with holy passion, holy fire the likes of which she has not yet known. I will so captivate her with My love, My blessings, My presence that none else will even compare to My love. Like a bridegroom on his wedding night I will romance My beloved beyond her wildest expectations. She will not look away; she will have no other desire but Me. Her eyes will be fixed on Me as I entice her with my fiery passion, My touch, My words of love and romance. I will dance with her. I will romance her. I will captivate her heart and her soul until she is so in love with Me that none else will draw her eye or her heart. She will only have eyes for Me. No other lovers. No other lovers will ever compare to Me. None will love her as I do. None will bless her as I do. None will cover her as I do. None will bestow such depths of fiery passion as I will. I am My beloved's and she is mine."

As The Deer Pants

Sandy Warner

[Open the Door to Intimacy]
Apr 1, 2004

SANDY RHEMA
I look back to the year after I graduated from high school as the hardest year of my life. I had a very hard time adjusting to change and spent a great deal of time wrapped in miserable thoughts and emotions. That year, I also felt the plunder of my own personal compromise with giants of sin and wrestled to overcome them. It was during that time that I experienced a wonderful comfort singing Psalms to the Lord. My most favorite was singing Psalms 42. When I sang my heartache to the Lord, it blew away the torment I felt and also brought me into comforting intimacy with Him.

Ps 42:1-5 NKJV
As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say to me, "Where is your God?" When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast. Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance.

SANDY RHEMA
I slept poorly last night and am resting this afternoon.

NAP TIME HEARD: Daughter, I love you. I will strengthen you. My beloved.
VISION: I saw a beautiful doe sitting down in peace.
HEARD: It's you.
SONG IMPRESSION: Then I remembered the words to the song: "As the deer pants for the water, so my heart pants after You."

VISION: I saw an angel get into the back seat behind the driver's seat of our car. He was crammed into the car and way too big for it! He was long and lean, with well toned muscular legs. The car door was still open and I saw him duck back under the car roof and lean out of the car in order to give me the most beautiful smile.

HEARD: I am here to help you. Strength.

[I was so touched that the Lord understood my weariness and had sent an angel of strength to strengthen me. Just that smile alone was enough to see how much the Lord loves us. I was so encouraged. I also thought of a beautiful deer laying among the green grass in peace. In the 23rd Psalm, it says He makes me lie down in green pasture and leads me beside still waters. Many animals will not lie down if they are agitated with unrest.]

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA
EXPERIENCE: I had just finished reading some past rhema and scripture (Psalm. 42) about a deer. I closed down the computer to go to lunch. As I was driving, suddenly out of no where appeared a young buck racing along side of me on the drivers side of the road. I could have reached out and touched him. I must have been going 35 miles an hour. I could scarcely believe my eyes. I knew it was a sign to me. I slowed down and the deer still kept pace with me. When I got to the corner, it crossed in front of me and went under the underpass and up the hill.

I am so humbled by His communing with me in such an obvious way. How I love Him. It was His way of encouraging Sandy and myself in our current circumstances.

CONCLUSION

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WORD TO PONDER: DEEPER YEARNINGS
My Beloved, the one who pants for Me! How I love your deep yearnings for Me. Take the effort to nurture your thought life with creativity birthed from My Spirit. Use discipline to turn from thoughts not edifying. Bring all into obedience and quiet yourself before Me.

There are seasons and times when I draw close to My people. I want to draw closer to you and will place within you My yearning to draw closer to Me. If you give heed to My gentle call, we will be given many precious bursts of life together in a new and meaningful way. I await your response, dear one.

Ps 42:1-2 NLT
As the deer pants for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I come and stand before him?

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Pray For Those Over You
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Apr 2, 2004
When you find yourself caught within the captivities of Babylon, - in your city, in your occupation, in your school, or in your government, pray for its peace and prosperity. For you too shall prosper in peace. I know the plans I have for you, and they are for your good and not your calamity, no matter where you are planted.

Jer 29:7,11,12 NLT
And work for the peace and prosperity of Babylon. Pray to the LORD for that city where you are held captive, for if Babylon has peace, so will you… For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen.

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Resist Compromise
Sandy Warner

Mar 30, 2004

[Closing the Door to Compromise]

Last night I watched a true story movie. I was disappointed over the bit of carnality in the story (rated PG), it was not necessary. Since it was a true story I wanted to see how the ending resolved. As it turned out, it had a totally lousy ending and injustice reigned in the courtroom. When I went to sleep I had the following dream:

DREAM: I dreamed I saw a vision of an old fashioned lady with a cigarette dangling in her mouth. She was one of the occasional characters in the true story movie I saw last night. While in the dream, I was agreeing with the Lord that she had a carnal mouth in her language, but then rationalized watching the show, saying the ending was good.

[This dream was an object lesson from the Lord, because in reality it was a terrible ending of injustice reigning in the court system.]

HEARD: The end does not justify the means.

VISION: I saw a long line of people. One person started to compromise, then I saw the group of people compromising more and more and more. It started with one and then went down the line. In the vision I realized that one bad apple can ruin the whole lot.

1 Cor 5:6 AMP
Do you not know that [just] a little leaven will ferment the whole lump [of dough]?

VISION: I saw a pair of gloves and they were red. [INTERP: Red can mean several things including sacrifice, but in context to my seeing a lot of red stop signs lately, red in this vision means to STOP. Gloves in past rhema represent our destiny.]

HEARD: My point exactly. Compromise, did you miss something?

Col 3:7-8 NLT
You used to do them when your life was still part of this world. But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.

QUICKENED MAGNETIC SIGN: Watch your step, everyone else does.

HEARD: Painful. Compromise.

HEARD: How's my luck holding out? (Then I heard the name of an elder I used to know.) Blind. Compromise in the institution.

VISION: I saw a door was swinging closed but it only closed half way.

HEARD: How fast can I go? How fast do you want? We have to allow them to make mistakes. Compromise in the fast lane.

HEARD: Compromise. To raise a familiarity of the comfort zone.

HEARD: 3 weeks late into the hard winter. That is a parable.

HEARD: Holiness is what You want from me. Take my mind and transform it. Take my will and form it to Yours. Help them overcome this. Compromise.

VISION: I saw a pastor very alarmed when he found out that the degree of the coming enduement of power - that he had been waiting for, was exclusive for holiness.

HEARD: Do not argue. A holy people. Zipporah.

Ex 4:24-26 NLT
On the journey, when Moses and his family had stopped for the night, the LORD confronted Moses and was about to kill him. But Zipporah, his wife, took a flint knife and circumcised her son. She threw the foreskin at Moses' feet and said, "What a blood-smeared bridegroom you are to me!" (When she called Moses a "blood-smeared bridegroom," she was referring to the circumcision.) After that, the LORD left him alone.

HEARD: Spirit of compromise. Before they died, they were spent. I died, I died, I died.

[INTERP: Before they finally yielded to the Lord, they spent themselves arguing and striving with Him about compromising His holy standard.]

HEARD: A built in mike. They need to hear My voice. Some powerful stuff is coming down the pike. Oh Father teach us Your way. Are you with Me?

HEARD: The unholy spirit versus the Holy Spirit.

WARFARE: I was taken up into a trance and wrestled in the sky with some kind of a powerful being between 11:11 and 11:56 PM. It attacked my back and I could not reach it. Finally I got a strong grip on it and whipped it around like a bull whip, over and over again, repeating the name of Jesus! Supernaturally I was given a very strong will and would not let it go until it yielded. I woke still fighting. I prayed that I would know its name and that I would understand what this fight was about because this was quite a fight and I did not know what I was fighting. Then I went back to sleep.

DREAM: I was dreaming that I was warring against this same spirit. I was at the microphone explaining what the war was about and I looked over in the kitchen area where I had placed some kind of an object lesson. Then a women that I knew who operated in a carnal and counterfeit spirit went to the kitchen and said, "There are no right or wrong answers." Still in the dream, I felt this was spoken under the influence of compromise, or the Ahab spirit.

HEARD: That's what this is, a tug-a-war. Close the door. Compromise.

CONCLUSION

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[The following is an excerpt from the Word to Ponder, Before the Second Wind]

WORD TO PONDER: I PRAY FOR MY BRIDE, MY WIFE
Dear Father, I pray for My beloved. I love My bride! The battle has been long and under the strain of her load she has fallen, not knowing which way is up. Hear her cries for help and send her mercy. For I long to send her mercy, I long to bless her with My second wind of refreshing and endue her with My power.

Father, help her to choose the right path — the pathway of holiness. For only in that path can she overcome the insurmountable odds sent against her. Even now the deceiving antichrist spirit is in the world. The only way she can overcome this is to cut off its luring passions and lusts. My bride has been lured into carnal entertainment and this deceptive spirit is stealing the heart of My wife! Instead of being washed pure by the water of Your Word, she has fallen into compromise through the brainwashing of carnal filth.

Give her mercy and operate on the cataracts that blind her vision. Let her see the deception and return to Me, her Husband. Oh Father, she is so close to death! Help her to sever this, for this same spirit that is mesmerizing her to sleep and compromise is also the same spirit that can one day trod her under foot. The only way to escape that day is the pathway of holiness.

Even now We are measuring the temple that encompasses those who dwell in My most holy place; those who have separated themselves from the outer courts of the world. Even now You are offering this same grace to others, to cut off the death grip of carnality. And even now You are offering access for those to come into Your most holiest place.

"A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray." (Isa 35:8 NKJV)

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Shore Up Your Walls
Sandy Warner

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Precious one, My discipline in your life has taken its toll upon your faith. Now that you have chosen to totally devote to Me that part of you which was running away, I want to recover and strengthen you.

Be comforted, that by totally yielding yourself to Me, you are quite safe. Standing before you is a large shield, raised from the ground to heaven. Standing behind you is a tall warring angel to cover your backside. Directly over your head is a large canopy. This is your home, like a tent, only this booth is a rock solid fortress, and even better than that. The better part is that I have safely tucked you into this rock crevice. This is in the crevice of My arm, right next to My heart. You are safely shielded from the heat, dear one.

And now, as you have earnestly prayed to receive a promotion in your seeing gifts, I AM preparing a new pair of glasses for you. You shall see things as they really are. Rejoice for that which was lame is now put back into joint.

Heb 12:11-13 AMP
For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it [a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness--in conformity to God's will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with God] So then, brace up and reinvigorate and set right your slackened and weakened and drooping hands and strengthen your feeble and palsied and tottering knees,

[Isa 35:3.]
And cut through and make firm and plain and smooth, straight paths for your feet [yes, make them safe and upright and happy paths that go in the right direction], so that the lame and halting [limbs] may not be put out of joint, but rather may be cured.

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To Fall Or To Fly
Sandy Warner

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Yes, the enemy seeks to bring you down, but I seek to hold you up. In the distance there is a light coming closer and closer, shining brighter and brighter. You ask Me, "Is this a falling star, or a floating one?" It’s your choice. You can keep your focus on the plan of the enemy or you can choose to believe Me. I AM the One Who keeps My stars suspended without strings. They float with feather light elegance amidst the darkened landscape. I spread them out like a canopy, set firmly in place. Will they stand? Always. They are protected and then some. You may feel suspended in mid air, with no place to plant your feet, but remember the One Who holds it all together, will also keep you afloat..

Amos 5:8-9 NLT
It is the LORD who created the stars, the Pleiades and Orion. It is he who turns darkness into morning and day into night. It is he who draws up water from the oceans and pours it down as rain on the land. The LORD is his name! With blinding speed and power he destroys the strong, crushing all their defenses.

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As They Lay Sleeping

Marie-France McDowell-Smith

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As my precious sheep lay sleeping, I am watching over them with songs of love and beauty. I, the great I AM, fill their souls and hearts and minds with Ruach, and slips of remembrance of me imprinted as they journeyed my throne room remain as they awaken each day.

Lingering is the fragrance of roses and lilies from the garden as we have walked in early morning, spoken, communed one with another.

My music continues to resonate within their spirits, the magnificent beautiful resonance that is more protection than my own begin to understand. It is a literal wall of protection as voices are lifted upon high to Me forming praise with their lips.

I see them as they continue to glide upon a sea of glass, the hearing of angels' wings round about each one. O, could you but see the activity stirring all about...angelic activity of enormous power and protection. And soon you shall!

This is the season to ask and receive...more of the elusive matters of the heart and soul than material, temporary commodities...oh, that my sons and my daughters would more so desire the eternal riches from my throne room, the matters that change their eternal character to the likeness of my Son, Yeshua ha Mashiach...I call to them, I call and ask them to come closer to my heart, listen to my whispers of love toward them.

When they begin to truly hear, they will walk closer to me in My ways and in HIS footsteps for all time. I call out in the early morning to see if any respond, if any awaken to take time with me...but most sleep carried away by the cares of this world.

I carry my own to higher levels, to the heavens above, breaking through warring angelic encounters and pollution of spirit, to places of beauty and power where nothing can touch them from other realms, protected by My Mighty Right hand, and witness the release of captives from eons of time.

Set free and arising to new life and destinies to fulfill...come forth my Armies, for the time draws close, you will sing and shout and dance as David, confusing and confounding an enemy set for slaughter. Yeshua (Jesus) HAS OVERCOME THIS WORLD; YOU TOO OVERCOME with your sacrifice of praises to My Holy Name...fall upon your faces and seek Me, truly seek me and I shall be found.

I, the great I AM have not been completely forgotten upon this earth ... sing forth, shout forth, praise My Holy Name, O precious remnant mine, all mine. Gather together and see the spectacular that I will display at the coming Feast as I have prescribed...precluding the Feast of all times. Prepare your spirits, clean and ready for the filling to overflowing as golden honey from your Glorious YHWH [God].

My warrior ones, upon your knees, upon your faces! Stand guard! You the greatest, the strongest, my warriors -- protect the lingering and the weak of the assembly, that none should be left behind....none! I conscript you to speak out My truth to those holding too closely their own philosophies, their own ideas of who they are in My end-time army and who I AM...for they have placed themselves above my people as taskmasters and not servants...I have called servants, not villains of harshness.

Some have modeled themselves after the pattern of this world, forsaking My voice and direction....SPEAK OUT MY WORD. Help them to release their fears, these high and mighty ones, allow them to crumble and weep. When they repent, I will lift them up. They will receive more of My love through you. For truly the tenderness and compassion of your YHWH is upon you My remnant, to give away to them, to cover as a blanket of love and draw in those who are most afraid. Many of these are the ones who will be most empowered in service to their King. Awaiting them is the filling of Ruach, the flow of Ruach, the freeing of Ruach upon their souls. Show them the Way, HIS NAME IS Yeshua (Jesus).

In this way, I will raise them to the positions and functions that I have destined for them. As an intricate puzzle nearly complete, all people in their places, all alliances connected, all readied for their continued service to Me. My deliverance comes...HE COMES- - My deliverance for ALL people around this earth. Those who are not only called by My name, living out My love in their lives, but those sealed with My love for the price has already been paid, HIS name is Wonderful.

I hear the crying out night and day of My servants who have come before you and servants now nearly vanquished by the constant pounding of the enemy upon their lives. Pray for one another, love one another in deed and not word alone. For if you but speak only and love not in deed, you make mockery of who I AM.

HEAR ME, MY PEOPLE, HEAR ME...Your deliverer comes, I come in terror and tenderness. My own, my prepared remnant in pockets of protection and provision. Stand ready, gathering all who are part of your circle of responsibility and love. I COME! Give My Truth away without delay! TO ALL PEOPLES give it freely and give it fresh, as quail provided each new day! Meat for My assembly in need of strength and endurance for the VICTORY March to come. Draw within yourselves My joy, your strength, My song, and let it flow over onto all in your midst!

Love, Abba

A Storm Watch

Danny Korakas

Aug 26, 2004
Yesterday, the Lord began speaking to me about "summer storms." Carole and I live in South Georgia near the coast and the weather during the hot summer months can be very unpredictable. Storms with very strong winds can seemingly and suddenly come from nowhere and unannounced. Many go to work with an umbrella regardless of the sunshine in the morning or the forecasted predictions.

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, IF NEED BE, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (1 Peter 1:6-7)

Like the storms of nature, it is natural to experience storms in our lives. As spirit-filled believers, we need to get our heads out of the sand and face the reality of storms in our lives. A warped theology has crept into the church that says we as believers need not and should not suffer storms in our lives. Well, the first thing we need to realize is that storms are not only inevitable, but they are necessary.

The ant is an insect that certainly does not boast of tremendous size. Neither does it possess great intelligence or strength compared to other species on the earth. However, the ant is WISE in that it PREPARES for the "winter time" by storing up a surplus in the summer. Their WISDOM is far beyond and out of proportion to their physical size. Just like the small ant, the wise man uses the joy and benefit of the sunny days to prepare for the cloudy or stormy days that are certain to come.

We will all suffer cloudy days in our lives. We all must deal with the loss of life and death. We all suffer various hurts and rejections along the path of life. Peter stated through the Holy Spirit that we would certainly experience "VARIOUS TRIALS." Beloved, what the Lord would have us know is that rejoicing comes through the VICTORY that He has already planned on our behalf. Every trial or situation in the life of a child of God, whatever it may be, must pass from the Son to the Father and then to us. With this being the case, EVERY situation that passes through God to us must have a very important purpose in His love for us.

You will have in a crisis whatever you bring with you when the storm hits. You will have whatever resources you have brought to the storm. Some people have prepared for difficult times and some have not. Like the ant, we can easily endure and conquer the storm by what we have gathered in the shining of the Son. The secret of abundant life and victorious living cannot be purchased. It is simply knowing the weather patterns of life and being prepared with a surplus of God's power and GRACE. It is gathering in the Word of God and His promises. It is storing up the riches of God's love and care for us in every situation and trusting Him to work everything out for our good — even the purifying of our faith.

I also realize that this will not be a popular message with some. However, it is vital as we approach the exciting and awesome days that lie ahead as we anticipate our Lord's return. We must be a people that recognize the storms and winds of life and embrace them with great GRACE. This IS our witness to the world. It's easy to be loving when everything is lovely. It's easy to be patient when everything is going your way. But the REAL YOU comes out and surfaces under fire and pressure. It is the storms in life that reveal to us who we truly are and why they might be necessary in our lives.

Trees that are constantly watered and fed on a well manicured lawn do not have to work their roots down deeply for water and nutrients. You will notice that when the storms come, it is these tree that are uprooted and toppled. However, trees that have endured stormy seasons and winds of change have dug their roots down deeply and are firmly anchored. Actually, without resistant winds, a plant never grows to its potential strength. Even what may seem to be dry times can have great benefit in that it causes the tree to dig deep and search for water.

The Redwood trees in California have some remarkable qualities in that besides being the tallest and greatest of all trees, they are likewise the oldest. For hundreds of years they have weathered storms, earthquakes, drought and wildfires. What is fascinating about the giant redwood tree is that its roots only go down an average of 4 feet. It doesn't take long to ponder how a tree of such height could withstand the wind and storms of life under such weight. Their secret of success and longevity of life is that their roots all hold and interconnect with one another! They essentially hold each other's hand in case one might fall through adversity.

What a lesson we can learn from the redwoods. I believe we are allowed to encounter much in life because we fail to hold each other hands in our SELF-consumed society. It is the storms of life that drive us into the arms of one another. The Psalmist continually cried out to God as his refuge and strength in His times of trial and affliction. The Psalmist recognized that the storms in his life drove him into the shelter and arms of a loving Father. To embrace rather than resist the storms of life brings understanding that our roots and relationships are made stronger. I believe that the "root" of everything within the kingdom of God hinges upon RELATIONSHIPS.

The importance of this message rests in the understanding of WHERE we seek our shelter in the storm. How many storms will we have to endure before we realize that the only reason it was allowed to exist was to move you into the arms of God? What will it take for you to reach out and hold somebody's hand? What will it take before our hearts are truly broken for the needy sitting right next to us in church? Or, do we even know? The mighty redwoods do. Are their relationships DEEPER than ours at only 4 feet?

I have never before sensed such a greater anointing for weeping and broken hearts. The supernatural ability to sense the needs of others is going to increase exponentially. This will be one of the greatest TESTS that the church must pass if we are to move to the next level of evangelism — the genuine caring for one another. This IS our witness to the world.

And the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then all his brothers, all his sisters, and all those who had been his acquaintances before, came to him and ate food with him in his house; and they consoled him and comforted him for all the adversity that the Lord had brought upon him. Each one gave him a piece of silver and each a ring of gold. Now the Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning." (Job 42:10-12)

Job would look back upon his life and realize that God's hand and heart was upon him through the greatest of life's difficulties. Likewise, Peter could say with a clear conscious that we can rejoice through the difficulties we experience as well. Even as Peter would backslide in his commitment to the Lord by denying Him; Jesus spoke to him beforehand saying, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have PRAYED for you, that your FAITH should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, STRENGTHEN YOUR BRETHREN." (Luke 22:31-32)

What ever situations or storms we may encounter in life, we can be sure and have faith that Jesus is praying and interceding for us and that He loves us with an everlasting love. I believe that the Lord is sharing with us to do the same concerning one another.

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A Time To Prepare For The Future
Stephen Hanson

MT 24:4 Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. [5] For many will come in my name, claiming, `I am the Christ, ' and will deceive many. [6] You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. [7] Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. [8] All these are the beginning of birth pains.
MT 24:9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. [10] At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, [11] and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. [12] Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, [13] but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. [14] And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

NU 35:9 Then the LORD said to Moses: [10] "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: `When you cross the Jordan into Canaan, [11] select some towns to be your cities of refuge, to which a person who has killed someone accidentally may flee. [12] They will be places of refuge from the avenger, so that a person accused of murder may not die before he stands trial before the assembly. [13] These six towns you give will be your cities of refuge. [14] Give three on this side of the Jordan and three in Canaan as cities of refuge. [15] These six towns will be a place of refuge for Israelites, aliens and any other people living among them, so that anyone who has killed another accidentally can flee there.
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"I tell you that the winds are blowing in a new timeframe for the body of Christ. No longer will you wonder and wait for those times that are leading up to my soon return.

For surely, you are living within that last generation. You will see that the birth pangs will come to a climax. The birth pangs will intensify and bring forth many things. It will be a time when many will run to and fro looking for answers. I tell you that even the elect will be deceived. You have seen droughts in the Midwest and the western United States. You have seen flooding in many of your rivers. You have seen fires burn up many sections of the land. You have heard of the war in Iraq and have seen the death toll. But I tell you that this is but the tip of the iceberg. For now, many false leaders and spiritual guides will come upon the scene. For the deceiver has a plan to mislead many. I have told you that a new era is coming to the White House. I tell you that policies will change. I tell you that you will have a brief period of success and hope; but then your land will be taken by storm. You will be seen as a land that once held the promise but has fallen. What can be done about these things that are impending? I say, to fortify yourselves and get your own houses in order.

Remember that I will not leave my own people. I care for the fatherless and those who have been forsaken. A time will come when you will have cities of refuge for them. A time will come when you will have places of safety to build. Remember that I instructed Noah to build an ark. Some of you likewise, will be instructed to build these places of refuge. Do not let others caution you against this. I am your instructor and I will guide you. Consider the ant, oh sluggard, and how he builds. A wise son plans for the future. I would not have you to fear but to plan ahead. Then when the devastation comes you will be on "safe ground." Be wise and plan ahead. In its time and in its way, it will be instructed and known. These are the days that many will have looked into. These will be the days that many have pondered over. I will not leave my body fatherless or without hope. "

Who Would Heed The Warnings And Yet Have Hope?
Stephen Hanson

Aug. 2, 2004

EZE 33:1 The word of the LORD came to me: [2] "Son of man, speak to your countrymen and say to them: `When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman, [3] and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people, [4] then if anyone hears the trumpet but does not take warning and the sword comes and takes his life, his blood will be on his own head. [5] Since he heard the sound of the trumpet but did not take warning, his blood will be on his own head. If he had taken warning, he would have saved himself. [6] But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes the life of one of them, that man will be taken away because of his sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood.

HEB 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. [2] This is what the ancients were commended for.

"I tell you that a great awakening is coming to those who hear my word. To those who would hear it and embrace it, I would say to prepare yourselves for the days that lie ahead. The days will be filled with the promises of hope. I say that hope will never disappoint you. You will find disappointments in this life, but I have told you to look beyond this life."

"I have told you of the impending storm that is coming. I tell you that it is a storm, and you would be wise to heed the warnings that I have given. For surely, the darkness will fall upon this land. But I tell you, just as a storm cloud has a silver lining, so in the midst of the storm that is coming, there is the silver lining of strength and endurance. For truly, to those who would heed the warnings, a supernatural strength will be imparted. For as the ocean waves lap against the coastlines of your land and the land is taken by siege, so will the ocean waves of my spirit lap against your heart and give you the full attributes of my arsenal against these days. For truly, in the natural, ocean waves will rise against your coastlines. But these tidal waves will not be as a result of natural phenonomen, but they will rise because of an attack----and you America will fall to your knees. And when these things come, you will know that I warned you beforehand. Then in the midst of this turmoil, a leader will stand up. He will promise world peace. He will claim and promise many things, but do not believe him. His fate is sealed. Behold....I come quickly. Who would heed the warning, and yet have hope?"

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America The Ambivalent

Nigel Cameron

April 2, 2004

Dear Concerned Citizen
I've just come from the White House, where I was privileged to watch the President sign into law the Unborn Victims of Violence Act.
This is known to many as "Conner's law" in recognition of the ghastly homicide of Laci Petersen and her unborn son. That dreadful crime put wind in the sails of this legislation, which brings federal law into line with that of many states. The Unborn Victims of Violence act treats those who are murdered in the womb in the course of the commission of a crime against their mothers as victims too.

The issue here is not, of course, abortion, and there were "pro-choice" as well as "pro-life" members of Congress voting it through. Abortion is not in general a crime, so the Unborn Victims Act offers no protection against it. But by drawing attention to the significance of crimes committed against the unborn it underlines the deep ambivalence of Americans on this most divisive of questions. For while their mothers carry them in the womb, unborn babies are distinct individuals. Of course, we know this in experience. The "pro-choice" mother who conceives a child she plans to carry to term speaks about "my baby" as much as the pro-lifer.

More than thirty years after Roe v. Wade the question of abortion is unresolved in American life. From one point of view, the Court took the matter out of the hands of legislators, and therefore the people who elect them. Yet it has not proved to be quite so simple.

Look at the furor over "partial-birth" abortion, a gruesome late-term procedure that has now been prohibited in federal law. Plenty of people who are generally "pro-choice" support the Partial Birth Abortion Ban, including politicians who generally vote down "pro-life" legislation. Why is that? Because, plainly, the closer the baby gets to birth, the harder it is for anyone to overcome the intuitive acknowledgement that it really is a baby. And the harder it gets for them to stomach the grisly killing techniques involved.

Yet courts in three states have blocked enforcement of the law, while they hear challenges to its constitutionality. Earlier state laws have been struck down as unconstitutional, and while those who drafted the ban on partial-birth abortion sought to make it challenge-proof it is inevitable that these federal cases will end up in the Supreme Court. We should follow their progress, in Nebraska, New York City, and San Francisco, follow the arguments, see who gives evidence – as the drama of ambivalence is played out for all to see.

The point is this: as a society we are thoroughly ambivalent about the unborn.

Side by side with this ambivalence we find a wide range of opinions that do not always reflect the “pro-life” v. “pro-choice” alternatives we find in the media. Plenty of Christians check the “pro-life” box when they are asked, but when push comes to shove and they face problem pregnancies they resort to abortion. Plenty more, including large numbers of priests and pastors, do little or nothing about the issue, even though they toe the line and say they are against it. By the same token, there are “pro-choice” women who would never have an abortion, but who defend the principle. And there are others who are deeply happy with abortions done in response to fetal handicap and inherited disease – the kind of eugenic abortion that not so many years ago some evangelicals supported.

Some people, though, are not ambivalent at all. A few weeks ago I was debating Peter Singer, Princeton bioethics professor who has been called “the world’s most influential living philosopher.” Singer candidly believes that handicapped babies should be killed if their parents wish. He has no illusions about abortion, so he is happy to call the embryo and fetus a human being, and to argue that since as a society we kill them before birth, why should it trouble us to kill some of them after they are born?

Ironically, when he opens his mouth and comes out with the logic of what someone has called his “robotic utilitarianism,” people listen. But he is so candid that they draw back. Even “pro-choice” listeners have been made to think again, since when Singer says that there really is no difference between taking the baby’s life before and after birth, they are more liable to believe him than us. Of course, he’s right, as we have been saying all along. Let us continue to work for the day when logic will prevail and the unborn be fully welcomed into the human community.

When I get home what I’m most looking forward to is holding Tessa, our latest grandchild, four weeks old and still as little as many an unborn baby. That’s when I find our ambivalence hardest to understand.

After The Apprentice

Judy Curmi

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I was watching portions of an episode of the reality TV show "The Apprentice" starring Donald Trump. After the program was over I received the following message.

What I look for [in a person] is totally different than the picture the world has created of what constitutes success. Success in the world is associated with being driven. My Spirit does not drive, but leads day by day and hour by hour, down paths the world knows nothing about.

The closer you come to ME, the farther you will divorce yourself from the world and the things of man. Man's desire is to elevate himself and he frequently does this by attacking and belittling others. There will be NO attacking in my kingdom. There will be NO belittling in my kingdom. Both of these are foreign to my nature and my method of thinking.

Attacking others to raise ones own self-consequence is anathema* to me. Attack is a favorite weapon of the enemy, yet many of my children (even those who are supposed to belong to me) embrace it with great gusto.

Where is your discernment? Where is your desire to pursue the things of MY kingdom? You can not have it both ways! YOU CAN NOT ACT LIKE THE WORLD AND BELONG TO ME! You can not be in pursuit of the world and its goals and belong to me. If you wish to belong to me then you should be pursuing the things of my Spirit and of my eternal kingdom.

The world will give you brief accolades, but the attention of the world will never fill the gaping hole in your spirit that is supposed to be filled by me. Nothing else can fill that space, for I myself created it, with the Purpose in mind of having a relationship with you.

It is as simple as a flower needing water. Nothing else can fill that need. Without water the flower will wither away and perish. So it is with you. I AM the food you need. I AM the living water you need and nothing but nothing can replace my Presence and the role I wish to play in your life.

Money, honors, titles – all of these fade away before my magnificent Presence. What is true, worthy and of real value is easily seen in my Presence. The false and the useless quickly come into perspective and are seen for what they are, valueless junk that needs to be discarded or jettisoned from your life.

Don't be mesmerized or entrapped by the world. Don't be seduced into giving up your soul for a brief fling with what is valueless. Only that which is of true value will remain forever!

Many individuals who are considered "valueless" or of little consequence will surprise you, for they have stocked up treasure of great consequence in heaven. This is the treasure which has true value and will last forever. This is the kind of treasure that those on earth who think they are rich now would gnash their teeth to get their hands on. My treasure (true and lasting treasure) has never come from consorting with the world, but by recognizing my voice and following after me and the things of my Spirit.

This is NOT something that can be achieved intellectually or by using one's thought processes, reasoning or natural mind, for the things of the flesh are flesh, and the things of the Spirit are Spirit. One road leads to death and one road leads to Life.

One path opens the door to the treasures of eternity. The other opens into a dark and empty room that is totally devoid of any life or joy. The treasures of this world will turn to cobwebs. No one wants cobwebs and no one has any use for them! So it will be with everything you have done to satisfy your flesh and bring glory to yourself.

The humble will be the ones with authority in MY kingdom. This is just the reverse of how the world thinks and operates. That is why the earth must and will be cleansed. I will have a beautiful house. I will have a beautiful bride.

I AM going to win this battle, no matter how man strives against me. Man's striving and rebellion are as nothing to me. They are not too hard for me to deal with! Nor will I sit back forever and allow the unregenerate and degenerate man or woman to do just as they please.

Enough is enough. I have called, warned, begged and pleaded. Most individuals paid me no heed at all. So be it. I now begin to display each man's fruit for all the world to see. Some of it will be very unpalatable indeed.

This can only change when people are willing to let me set their worlds right side up and give the control of their lives to me. Your life must be in MY hands or I can not be your shepherd. If you have not chosen me, then you have certainly chosen someone else!

Your treasure is where your heart is. So, where is it? Which door have you chosen? Which treasure have you chosen, the one you can see [now] or the one you can't see? How unwisely some choose! Do not let yourself be pulled into the trap, lest you stand before me naked with nothing to show for your life but cobwebs and ashes and no excuse of merit or value.

Your Jesus

**Anathema: 1. A formal ecclesiastical ban, curse, or excommunication 2. A vehement denunciation; imprecation; curse 3. Someone or something cursed, reviled or shunned*

PART II

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I have just said, *"Attacking others to raise one's own self-consequence is anathema to me. Attack is a favorite weapon of the enemy, yet many of my children (even those who are supposed to belong to me) embrace it with great gusto."*

You show your opposition to me by denouncing or expunging* the character of others and trivializing their accomplishments.

All of my children are valuable to me and I do not rate one more highly than another. I do not make an A team, B team, C team, D and F teams. My perception is very different than yours, but who has been personally querying of ME to find out what MY opinion is? NO, your minds are already made up. Your heels are dug in and you are positive that you are right!

Such attitudes are not a part of my eternal kingdom, for the person who is filled with my Spirit is humble and malleable to my will. – All I have to do is whistle, and they turn their head to listen to me.

Sorrowful times are upon you and mankind is not prepared. He is either busy trying to build his own kingdom, or he is conniving with others, trying to bring someone else's kingdom down!

Such are the useless follies of men and the barrenness of their thinking. No fruit is produced except for stinky, unpalatable, inedible fruit. The few good fruit trees I myself have hidden away for this final hour.

The final hour is almost upon you. It is nigh – at the door – and the doorbell is being rung right now. The wise man would lock his door and put on the dead bolt, but by not being wise children, you will fling this door wide open for the hoards of hell to rush in. [*Rev. 9:1-12*]

You wanted this because you did not want ME in any way, shape or form. So I am giving you what you desired and I will allow the process to run its full course. The holy and profane will be separated; the good and the evil; that which is full my life and that which is lifeless.

You have dug your pit. You have chosen what you desired. To you it will be a bed of suffering,** for evil fruit can never bring forth good results.

**Expunge: 1. To omit, erase, strike out, obliterate 2. To eliminate physically; annihilate*

***Rev. 2:18-23 And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, Who has eyes that flash like a flame of fire, and Whose feet glow like bright and burnished and white-hot bronze.*

I know your record and what you are doing, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your recent works are more numerous and greater than your first ones.

But I have this against you: that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and who is teaching and leading astray my servants and beguiling them into practicing sexual vice and eating food sacrificed to idols.

I gave her time to repent, but she has no desire to repent of her immorality [symbolic of idolatry] and refuses to do so.

Take note: I will throw her on a bed [of anguish], and those who commit adultery with her [her paramours] I will bring down to pressing distress and severe affliction, unless they turn away their minds from conduct [such as] hers and repent of their doings.

And I will strike her children (her proper followers) dead [thoroughly exterminate them]. And all the assemblies (churches) shall recognize and understand that I am He Who searches minds, (the thoughts, feelings and purposes) and the [inmost] hearts, and I will give to each of you [the reward for what you have done] as your work deserves. [AMP]

A Total Heart Cleansing

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Come before Me, My children, with fasting and with prayer for I am your God, and I desire you to walk in true humility and repentance.

For this is the time and the hour where I will pour out My power upon you, but you must be ready.

You must be a pure vessel to carry My glory and My power.

Too many in this hour have become deceived in thinking that what they are doing is purely of Me and it is not.

Too many have taken my Words in vain and twisted them to their own justification of what they are doing.

Come before Me with an open and teachable heart, and I will show you the error of your ways in justifying your own works.

I am calling you to true humility, My people. I am calling you to true repentance.

If you are willing, I will pour out upon you my gifts that will enable you to walk in My perfect will.

I will enable you to stand up bold.

You do not need to fear man or any other created thing because I gave you authority over all the power of the enemy.

You do not need to hide your convictions any longer. If I am for you, who can be against you.

You do not need to compromise your faith. Walk with Me uprightly not hiding your light in any area but just shine My love and grace upon others.

Do not hold back in any area that I am calling you to walk in. Just step out boldly in faith and I will meet your every need. Be My people and I will be your God.

What is the true motivation of your walk with Me?

Are the things you are doing from a pure heart of adoration of Me or are they from a heart of competing with one another out of jealousy.

This is a time to truly examine your heart.

Are you making a name and a fame for yourself or are you lifting up My name?

You need to truly examine your heart and be honest even with yourself. What is motivating most of your actions in ministry.

Is it love or pride? What is keeping you from receiving all that I have for you?

For My hands are tied when there is willful sin present in your life.

Do not suppress that which isn't of Me any longer.

Let the truth of your actions rise to the surface so that I can skim it off that you may be clean through and through.

You are My people and I understand what you are going through.

I have been tempted to sin in every area but I had victory over it all that I may come through victorious for you that you may overcome.

Pridefulness and deception comes in many different forms for the enemy is so subtle trying to trip you up in it.

There may be deceitfulness in your own heart and not even know it.

Who knows the heart of man, unless I reveal it to you?

That is why I say be open and teachable and I will show you the error of your ways that you may be humble and broken before Me.

Like the alabaster box, unless it is broken open, the fragrance of the perfume cannot come forth.

So I encourage you, My children, if you want to be used in a great way in My end time army, humble yourself before Me that I may clean your heart.

Cry out for the baptism of brokenness that I may freely flow through you.

This is the time and the hour that I will pour out My power.

But only on those who are ready.

Open up that I may show you the error of your ways and show you that of your heart that isn't of Me for I am ready to do a total heart cleansing of those you are willing.

Dying brings forth life. Brokenness brings forth freedom in Me.

Beside Still Waters
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(An Encouragement for Close Fellowship)

Beside still waters I will lead you. I will supply all your needs if you will look to Me and Me alone. Have I ever left you where you had to beg for bread if you put Me first in your life? Then why do you fret now when your faith is tested so severely? When you are tested in this fashion, you are experiencing the fire of My love that has come to purge the dross that is deep in your heart. When you have trouble trusting Me, it is because you have put other things in your life before Me. For I have promised you that if you put Me first and My righteousness, I will surely supply all your needs, and you will not lack any good thing.

This is the day of the latter rain outpour of My Spirit, and I have come to pour out both fire and rain. I have come to purge you and to make you pure in heart. How many struggle with attitudes against your brother? How many struggle with giving Me the first fruits of your day for I delight to be with you where you will both bask in My presence and at the same time serve Me in the intercessions of My heart. For yes, I have come to share with you the burdens of My own heart if you will get before Me and be still and listen closely. For I have not called you to carry the burdens that you have chose to bear but My own.

Listen closely to My own heart cry for I long to travail through you to change the tide for many are in great loss and spiritual upheaval of their soul and need their lives turned around, and I need you to cry out for them. These situations you are not aware of, because these people have hidden this situation well, because they have chose to look to Me alone. For they are a rare breed, and I AM most pleased with them, but at the same time the enemy has come on strong like with Job to sift them like wheat. For I have My hand upon them and will only allow the enemy to go so far, but I need My midwives to step in and to press in for their breakthrough.

Now is the day for salvation and for the latter rain outpour of My Spirit, but you must be ready and willing to be used in a mighty way. Do not put your own comforts first. Seek My face and put My will before your own, and I will bless you in ways that you have never imagined could happen in your lifetime. For I will raise you up as spiritual kings and priests of war. Yes, I will strengthen you with My armor. I will teach you how you should wear it, and I will teach you how to use it. I will undo the lies of the evil one about spiritual warfare. I will pour out fresh truth and manna upon you and set you free that you may run even towards the enemy with courage in your heart. I promised that your enemy would be scattered even into seven directions. You are not to retreat but to stand bold with head set like flint against the evil one. Don't back down on My promises, pursue your inheritance for I have given you the land and even the nations as your inheritance.

Yes, this is the day of the latter rain outpouring of My Spirit, and it all begins with you. Are you ready to be used mightily? Are you ready to forsake all for My power and might to flow through you? Why do you allow the enemy to distract you? Why are you satisfied with less than the best for I have called you not only to serve Me but to be My most intimate friends. I love you and I call you to My side to lead you by quiet streams to bless you with My presence that you have never experienced before in this measure. Yes, I AM ready to pour out My Spirit out upon you in full measure, but you will never be able to hold it or even contain it unless you have first been in My presence where I can stretch you and even measure all your heart can contain.

If you fall upon Me, I will break you like the alabaster box and pour out through you My fresh and sweet fragrance. But if I fall upon you because of your rebellion to My will, you will surely turn to dust, for I cannot allow My people to continue to go their own way and say that they know My name. These are the end times, and you must prepare before Me. The enemy has come to sift you, and I have come to turn up the flames for I must have a pure in heart people. Draw close to Me and continue in close fellowship, and only then will you have My peace and My joy flow as one through you. And only then will you know My love through the storms. And only then will I be able to lead you by still waters and refresh you and restore you. Yes, draw close while you have the time.

A Thrusting
Bill Yount

There will be a 'Thrusting' for those who have been 'Trusting' Me for their Entire Households!"

In the Spirit, I saw Heaven full of harvest sickles that were destined to be used by the angels, to be thrust into the earth for a sudden reaping of final harvest. What appeared to be the largest harvest sickle in heaven captivated the angels' attention as the Father decreed:
"With one thrust of this sickle whole households will be brought into My Kingdom! Pick it up! There will be a 'thrusting' for those who have been 'trusting' Me for their entire households!"

Right before the order to thrust this sickle into households, it appeared that all hell was coming against these families upon the earth - sickness, bondage and relationships that seemed impossible to ever be reconciled.

But these were the families heaven was about to break loose upon! If all hell is coming against your household, you are right on schedule. Keep trusting for the thrusting!

I sensed the Father saying, "Before I return to the earth, you will literally see whole household salvation taking place. Mega churches have not been built large enough just for the household harvest that's about to come in! Have you noticed how many cities are building bigger stadiums this hour? Do you know why? It's not for sports. I started with Promise Keepers drawing men into stadiums to awaken them to their wives. But now I am going to awaken whole families that will need larger facilities to worship Me in."

Families Are Coming Home

Recently I was traveling with a prayer partner as we were driving past a housing development. I said to him, "Why are so many people building huge houses these days when only the husband and wife are living there? It doesn't make sense."
But I just heard the Father say, "Bill, their families are coming home! Their children whom they haven't heard from or seen in years are about to come up the driveway. These houses were built for these last day family get-togethers who will experience church right in their homes! They will need a big house for some big parties - just for the prodigals that are on their way home!"

I saw angels descending with yellow gold ribbons, decorating the trees in the front yards of houses. Angels who throw parties when the lost get saved where descending upon rooftops declaring, "It's party time! - Thrust ye in the sickle!"

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I Will Bring In The Harvest
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With Three Nails And Two Pieces Of Wood - I Will Bring In The Harvest!"
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In Italy (where The Passion of The Christ was filmed) expert harvesters have discovered that grape vines produce more fruit when grown on cross like poles... they get more sunshine and fresh air.

I saw the Body of Christ plowing with great difficulty in the field of labor. Finally our plow seemed to hit a stump in the field and we couldn't go any further. With all our efforts and praying this stump remained unmovable and steadfast. Our hearts were broken for we knew God had placed us here to plow in this great field of Harvest.

But this "stump" in the field was stopping us.

I then heard the Lord say, "You have hit treasure! This is no ordinary stump of an ordinary tree. You have just hit the base of the tree of Calvary. It's the cross growing in your field! You must not, I repeat, you must not remove it. It is growing in your field to remove you out of the way from hindering My Harvest. You will have to embrace this cross and die before I can release resurrection power into your field of labor."

As we beheld the cross growing in our field, we began to experience a "severe pruning" in our spiritual gifts, especially in the area of the prophetic. He was cutting and pruning us back to bring forth a more sure word. He was adjusting our gifts, callings, and ministries to bring forth the fruit of "Servanthood" in our lives. I felt the Lord say, "Your gifts are showing more than your fruit. You are embarrassing Me!"

I then remembered right before the cross - they beat on Jesus and cried out to Him -Prophesy to us! But He didn't... there are times you don't prophesy - you just show others how to die - to self, gifts and plans.

As we embrace the cross, death and surrender will bring forth fruit that will remain to bring in the Harvest. In fact fruit is the Harvest - it will bring it in.

Many are spiritually "stumped" in their lives, families and ministries this hour. They feel they are at a cross-roads and are looking for a fresh word from heaven to tell them what to do. Many are asking, "Lord, should I go this way or that way?" But I sense the Lord saying, "Go this way =|= spread out your arms. You are not at a cross-roads, you are at the Cross!"

Have you been betrayed? You are nearing your cross. Have you been rejected? You are getting closer.

Don't run now. If you miss your crucifixion - you will miss your resurrection!
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Ascending The Mountain Of Vision

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A mountain tree if it would see
The far horizons and the stars,
May never know a sheltered place
Nor grow symmetrical in grace.
Such trees must battle doggedly
the blasts, and bear the scars.
-Loyal Marion Thompson

The Lord is seeking those who are willing “to come apart” and "ascend” the mountain of vision to be there alone, with Him.

“But know that the
Lord has set apart
him that is godly
for Himself.”
Psalm 4:3.

There is much that yet remains hidden, which the Lord desires to reveal to those who intimately desire Him, and are willing to come apart to spend quality time with Him, alone.

To these “set apart” ones, He is saying,

“Come up here, and
I will show you things
which must be
hereafter.”
Revelation 4:1b.

“The eyes of your understanding
being enlightened; that you may
know what is the hope of His calling,
and what is the riches of the glory of
His inheritance in the saints.” Ephesians 1:18.

It is His desire that we become one of these, to whom “the mysteries of the Kingdom” will be revealed.

“It is given to you to know the mysteries
of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it
is not given.” Matthew 13:11b.

Our coming into this realm of “spiritual vision” requires our being “separated” from all that is seemingly good, in order to be brought to the best. Therefore, many weights (acceptable things not born of the spirit) must be laid aside, that we might climb unhindered into this “set apart place” of union with Him, in the outworking of His end-time purposes (the mysteries of the kingdom).

“Rise up, My love, My fair one, and come
away...look from the top of Amana, from
the top of Shenir and Hermon.”

Song of Solomon.2:10b, 4:8b.

For those responding to this call into the higher realm of spiritual vision and insight, there is a priceless reward.

“I press toward the mark for the prize of
the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 3:14.

This poem by Loyal Thompson, expresses in the imagery of a mountain tree, the price and the reward for our persevering in the ascent up into the realm of Kingdom identification with our Lord.

“A mountain tree if it would see.”

A mountain tree speaks of elevation. It is a lone tree, jutting out from the crest of a very rugged, wind swept mountain, far above the peaceful forest beneath. There is a reward for its singular loneliness, and its struggle to survive – It can see

“The far horizons and the stars.”

Here, this lonely battered tree can view the distant skyline, or look up into the expanse of the Heavenlies in all their glory; for this mountain tree abides in a pure clear atmosphere.

But, there is a price; it has been set apart from all others. As a result, it

“May never know a sheltered place
nor grow symmetrical in grace.”

In the forest beneath, each tree is sheltered and protected by those that surround it. Because of this protection, these trees are symmetrical, fully formed and beautiful in appearance. However, they cannot see “the far horizons and the stars,” as their vision is very limited.

Because of its exposure, high on the mountain, this mountain tree is both scarred and gnarled by the storms it faces. It must continually withstand its contrary environment - all the opposing buffeting forces, as it struggles to maintain its place of vision.

“Such trees must battle doggedly the blasts,
and bear the scars.”

The determination, obedience, and faithfulness, in abiding in this place of pure atmosphere and vision is rewarded; for this “tree” (us) sees with clarity, not only those things close at hand, but also the “far horizons and the stars” in a perspective of which others merely dream.

Although Jesus had twelve disciples, only three, Peter, James, and John, were taken by Him into a high mountain apart, where He was transfigured before them (Matthew 17:1-2). These saw His visible Glory while Moses and Elijah talked with Him. They received an understanding which could never have been imparted to them in any other way.

So also in our day, those called up into the “mount” are able to view the stirrings, movings, and interventions of God, pertaining to the world and to His Body, with a clarity and perspective that is not available to those who rest below, in safety and comfort.

Few are willing to ascend the mountain with Him and then abide there, for “vision always has a price.” John the Baptist said, “He must increase, but I must decrease” (John 3:30). In other words, “The way up is down.” This paradox applies to those who would come up into the mountain top.

Abraham was called alone, out from his kindred and country, into a land he knew not. There, he became the friend of God and the progenitor of a set-apart nation.

Joseph was sold alone, into a strange country where he suffered alone, in a dark prison. There, in a time of dire need, he became the head of a nation, and saved his people.

Moses fled into the wilderness alone, where he met the Lord at a burning bush. From there, he led Israel from bondage, into their own land.

Jesus went up into a mountain alone, to pray, and to call unto Him whom He would.

“And they came to Him. And He ordained
twelve, that they should be with Him, and
that He might send them forth to preach,
and to have power to heal sicknesses, and
to cast out devils.” Mark 3:13b-15.

These became the foundation upon which the Body of Christ is built.

Today, many are resting in the safety of the sheltered place, satisfied with the surrounding protection it provides. These appear as being beautiful to the eye and “symmetrical in grace.” But something is missing; they are not in “the mount of vision.”

There are those who cannot remain satisfied in the place of sheltered comfort, and passive acceptability. These who are “intensely hungry for more” are responding to His call to “rise up and come away.”

Never again will they be able to rest in the safety and security of past experiences or visitations, but they are pressing onward toward this mountain realm of “higher vision and revelation.”

Each pioneer paid a price for the vision they received. Few of them were understood or accepted in their lifetime. With the “new understanding” that “truth and vision” are always costly, may we join with these saints of old, and begin our ascent upward toward this realm of clear vision.

We have marched around the mountain long enough - let us linger no longer. One thing is certain:

He knows the way, and He desires to lead us there.

A Time Of Opening

Russ Hughes

It has been some time since I have given a word about a particular season, but during a prayer time with our worship team, I felt prompted to bring the following word.

I believe it speaks of a particular window of time starting sometime this Autumn and lasting for around 18 months. It may be localized and for our particular community, but it may also be a word for the wider community of believers around the world -- I ask you to weigh it.

A time of opening is about to start. Opening of ears to hear the Lord's voice, opening of eyes to see the Lord's face, opening of hearts to receive the Lord's words, opening of mouths to speak the Lord's blessing.
The Lord is going to open doors we thought were locked; He is going to bring release for many captives: release for those bound in long-term sickness, release for those bound by years of unforgiveness, release for those caught in habitual sin and life-destroying patterns of behavior.

He is going to open doors of opportunity. He is going to open doors of finance. He is going to open doors of favor.

DREAMS ARE ABOUT TO BECOME REALITY

The Lord wants His people to walk with Him as never before and trust Him as never before. The time of dreaming is about to become the time of reality; the time of longing is about to become the time of fulfillment. The Lord is enough, sufficient, and more than able to do these things. Walk away from the props of mere existence and walk through the open door of life.

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A Time Of Rooting Up And Plucking Out

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A weeping and wailing and a gnashing of teeth will be heard in the outer court as I come in judgment to those who have refused My promptings and to heed My prophets. There have been seasons of planting but now comes a time of rooting up and plucking out of those who walk after the dictates of their own hearts. I am putting an axe to the roots of their perverse ways and I will burn as wood, hay and stubble their works that were not ordained by My spirit. I speak not to the babes for I will yet have compassion, I speak not to the wounded who seek My face for their healing, but to those who have long perverted their way before Me.

Mat 15:13 But he answered and said, *Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.*
Amos 4:11 I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, AND YE WERE AS A FIREBRAND PLUCKED OUT OF THE BURNING: YET YE HAVE NOT RETURNED UNTO ME, SAITH THE LORD.
Jude 1:12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, FEEDING THEMSELVES WITHOUT FEAR: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

Those who dwell in the inner court of My presence will be covered in this time of judgment. Did I not say that I am coming to judge My house and set My house in order before bringing judgment upon the nations? Why are your faces now pale with anguish, why are you walking in confusion about the things sent to try you? These things are sent to expose your innermost parts of the heart so that it may be you will be saved in that great and dreadful day of the Lord.

It is in the fires that you are refined. It is in pestilence and tribulation that you will be purged of chaff. It is in storms and whirlwinds that I have My way. Oh that you would have heeded My commandments, then your peace would have been like a river and My anointing would drip off your head like the oil off Aaron’s beard. You would have been like a strong tree planted by the waters, with your roots deep in the river that flows from My throne, but you would not heed Me, nor the warnings of My prophets in the opportune time for refining. Now the days are short and the end approaches and I am doing a quick work in those that would hear AND OBEY.

Isa 48:18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

Those that have submitted to My refining fires are now a strong tree under which many will find refuge in the storms. They walk in resurrection life, in My anointing, speaking life to those who would hear, bringing healing to the wounded and setting the captives free. These are the first fruits of My remnant, My Bride. They are known by their love for Me and for one another.

Romans 6:5 FOR IF WE HAVE BEEN PLANTED TOGETHER IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS DEATH, WE SHALL BE ALSO IN THE LIKENESS OF HIS RESURRECTION

But I have many children who have remained obstinate and un-repentant. Do I not say in My Word that if a tree does give forth good fruit that it will be cut down and thrown in the fire? Examine the fruit of your life, ARE YOU BRINGING FORTH LIFE OR DEATH, DOGMA AND SELF TAUGHT KNOWLEDGE OR MY WORDS BY REVELATION OF MY SPIRIT, JUDGMENT AND DIVISION OR UNITY AND LOVE.

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Jesus Took a Towel

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Some time ago I heard a taped message by a well known minister with the title of: Jesus Took a Towel. The text was these verses from John 13.

> John 13:
> 1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.
> 2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;
> 3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;
> 4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.
> 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.
> 6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
> 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.
> 8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.
> 9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.
> 10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.
> 11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.
> 12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?
> 13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.
> 14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
> 15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
> 16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.
> 17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

There are many messages you can preach from the above verses. The importance of servant hood. The need to be cleansed by Jesus. The betrayer in the midst. The way to set an example. Etc., Etc,

What the Lord showed me was something quite different. It began when He got my attention by something very odd in the text. Look again at verse 5. *"After that he poureth water into a bason, and* *began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded."*

What is so strange about this is that Jesus is wiping the men's feet on a towel that he is **wearing,** not one that he is carrying.

My wife will often give her dog a bath. When she does, she puts on an apron to keep herself clean and dry and she uses one or more towels to dry the animal.

But Jesus is wiping the men's feet on himself! He is getting the mud and filth off their feet and on to the towel he is wearing, onto himself. This is really strange! And it's awkward: You try doing that!

The bible is full of strange things like that. Often they are clues that there is a deeper spiritual meaning to be found in the passage.

Salvation
First of all we need to see that the washing of the feet represents our salvation.

Peter says to him "*Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me."* So what does this tell us? It tells us this.

Unless we are cleansed by Jesus, **washed in His blood**, we can not have any part with Him. That is we can't have any relationship, we can't know Him as our personal savior without the cleansing of the blood. The foot washing then is a picture of our salvation.

Next we consider the fact that Jesus is getting his towel that he is wearing all dirty, while he is washing the men's feet.

The Sin Bearer
The deeper meaning here comes from the idea that clean garments represent righteousness, and that filthy garments represent sin. We find a reference to filthy garments in Isaiah.

> *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; …. Isaiah 64:6*

And clean garments are spoken of in revelation.

> *… And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Revelation 7:14*
>
> *And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright and pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Revelation 19:8*

So Jesus washed the disciples feet but in the process all their dirt, which stands for sin, gets on him. What this passage is showing is that Jesus cleansed us by taking our sin upon himself.

We can see it stated in another way in Peter, who speaking of Jesus, says:.

> *Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 1 Peter 2:24*

And also these passages from 2nd Corinthians and Galatians say something quite similar.

> *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2nd Corinthians 5:21*

> *Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: Galatians 3:13*

It is also found in the old testament when the ministry of the suffering servant, Messiah, is prophesied.

> *He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. Isaiah 53:11*

What this is saying is that Jesus took our sin upon himself, or he became sin, or became a curse, for our redemption.

Here are two more verses closely related to this theme.

> *For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Mark 10:45*

> *So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. Hebrews 9:28*

His normal clothes represent his Divine nature. That is what he set aside when he became a man to suffer and die for us.

The towel representing his human nature was clean, reflecting his sinless condition. But in saving us he had to take on our sin. And so the towel gets all dirty as he does this service. This is what the foot washing illustrates.

When He is finished, he sets aside the dirty towel and puts his own clothes back on. This speaks of Jesus once again taking on the Divine nature after his resurrection.

There is a veiled reference to this in the book of Zechariah, where Joshua the high priest is a type of Jesus.

> *And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him*
> *And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?*
> *Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel.*
> *And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. Zechariah 3:1-4*

This scene shows Jesus as a man coming to the judgment seat of the father, still bearing our sins. And we see the Lord, [the Father] rebuke Satan the accuser. After all Jesus was innocent! Then he gets a change of raiment, new clothes. His divine nature is restored to him before he is raised from the dead.

Another passage depicting the servant hood of Jesus, our messiah, is in Philippians.

> *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:*
> *Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:*
> *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:*
> *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Philippians 2:5-8*

To sum up the entire scene, what Jesus has done here is to act out his entire ministry in a symbolic form.

He rose up from where he was seated represents leaving His throne in heaven
Setting aside his clothes is his incarnation. He was born naked into this world.
Taking a clean towel is the sinless human nature that he took upon himself.
Washing the men's feet is washing us with the blood.
Getting the towel dirty, is bearing our sins for us.
Putting his own clothes back on, is his resurrection in a glorified body, taking His divine nature back once again.
His sitting down again speaks of sitting on his heavenly throne once again, at the right hand of the father.

> *So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? John 13:12*

Lord, help us to realize and be thankful for what you have done for us sinners.

All The Power You Need

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Our Children's Deliverance

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"It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her master's much profit by fortune-telling. Following after Paul and us, she kept crying out, saying, 'These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation.' She continued doing this for many days. But Paul was greatly annoyed, and turned and said to the spirit, 'I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!' And it came out at that very moment" (Acts 16:16-18).

Did you notice that Paul did not even ask the girl's permission before he cast the demon out of her? Nor did he ask the permission of her owners. He did not ask her parents or aunts or uncles. He did not even speak with the girl, but he spoke to the demon inside of her, over which he had full authority! And it came out of her right away and she no longer had any power to tell the future (see Acts 16:19).

Paul did not spend hours counseling the girl on the dangers of divination. He didn't take any time to convince her that she could and should be delivered, he just spoke to the demon and drove it out of her in the name of Jesus Christ.

Too Caught Up
Sometimes, I think we can get too caught up in what our *limitations* are as followers of Christ instead of just *following Christ*; He took authority over demons. He didn't counsel them out, beat them out or preach them out, He simply cast them out, and then told the people to sin no more.

I believe it is a deception of the enemy to try and get our focus to be on our limitations as Christians. If he can get us caught up in questioning or doubting whether or not we have authority, he will keep us from taking authority over him. Then he will be able to continue his evil schemes in our lives and in the lives of those we love.

The message in Acts 16:16-18 is so powerful, because if we examine it we see it says that Paul's motive for delivering her was that "Paul was greatly annoyed." The demon was simply bothering him and so he cast it out of her, rendering it powerless to affect him and the girl.

He didn't know the girl. He wasn't her pastor or parent or master; he had no earthly authority over her. All he had was the authority given to him in the name of Jesus Christ. The demon that was harassing him didn't have a chance.

Many times I have been approached by other believers who came with their list of rules that I must follow in order to be success in taking authority over the enemy. By the time I am done listening to them, I am more confused than ever. I end up feeling like there is no way I could possibly measure up to all their rules and restrictions. They make me feel hopeless and powerless. But, I finally made up my mind that I'm going to continue to "walk on water" until they can prove to me that I can't.

All Paul had was annoyance and Jesus and he changed a young girl's life. The demon "power" that manifested through her was gone and she was set free.

The Children of This Age

In this day and age, with the enemy parading his power before the young people of this generation and enticing them to do evil, we need to know the authority we have in Christ.

The children of this age feel powerless and helpless to help themselves, and they are greatly influenced by the ungodly power they see in movies, books and games. But we can, like Paul, take authority over the power in them and command the demons to come out.

One day several years ago, my husband and I were led to go into a store that sold video games. We were appalled at the high level of blatant demonic activity in the games we saw. Even the covers of the games were filled with glorified demons and lust-filled pictures of scantily dressed women. We were further offended by the fact that the clientele of this store were primarily children.

It did not take us any time to decide that this store should no longer be in business! So, together we commanded it to go out of business in Jesus' name. We also commanded that every demon in every game that had been sold by that store would leave the game and not return. Within a few months it closed!

For my husband and I, our annoyance came by the blatant parading of evil before the eyes of innocent children. We became righteously annoyed! Our mother and father instincts took over and we wanted to obliterate the devil for hurting these kids.

Those children were not ours, but they were God's; He made each one of them. So, because they were His children, they became ours. We could not stand to see them tormented by demonic spirits merely because they didn't know any better.

The children didn't know the demonic power that was in those games, but we did. And the demons knew that we knew, and they became afraid, because they were exposed to people who would take authority over them and render them powerless for the sake of God's Kids.

Church, it's time we stop debating our authority and just simply take authority over the demonic realm. This generation desperately needs us. There are so many young people that have gotten entangled in darkness, and the demonic powers are tormenting them. They are depressed and suicidal; they need deliverance. Yes, they need to be told the truth about witchcraft, etc.. But, until we can get close enough to them to effectively train them, we must get rid of the tormenting spirits.

We need to show our young people where the *real power* lies, so they will no longer want the imitation. The real power is in Jesus Christ. He is the real super-natural power. He has conquered the evil power of our enemy and given us the authority to render them powerless (see Luke 9:1). Jesus won at Calvary, and that victory is ours today.

Do not let the enemy convince you that you are powerless. You have all the power you need, because you know the ALMIGHTY, ALL-POWERFUL GOD of the universe. And HE is ALL THE POWER YOU NEED

Access To The Throne

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How to Obtain ACCESS TO THE THRONE OF GOD"

"Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne..." (Revelation 5:6)

John saw a Lamb! A Lamb who had been slain, yet He stood! He was dead, yet He lived! All hell came against Him, yet He stood in fearsome triumph over His enemies. Not even death could hold Him; the grave could not keep Him. The throne was His destiny, and now He stands having triumphed over His enemies and taken His rightful place on the throne of heaven!

Who is this man? Who is this Jesus? Do we yet truly know Him? We have seen Him as the Lamb who was taken to be slaughtered, who relinquished His life for our sake. But do we know Him as the fearsome Lord of all of heaven?

Yes, He was tortured and mocked! Yes, He was truly crucified! And, yes, He was buried in the tomb! But death was not for His goal; His goal was the resurrection from the grave! It was to endure everything hell could throw at Him and become the champion of heaven. He is our triumphant King!

The King of Heaven endured the cross for our sakes so that He might restore us to Himself. We were dead in our sins, but He triumphed over death to release us from its grasp. It was for our sakes He died, and it was for our sakes that He lives.

The Lamb rules, having been slain, yet now He lives!

COMPLETE RESURRECTION

Jesus endured a season of death, but He did not remain dead. Death was merely the means to give us life and life abundantly. And though we too may undergo a season of death and destruction of our flesh, that is not where we will stay...that is not God's goal for us. His ultimate goal, in allowing us to face trials, is for us to live an abundant life with Him.

Though you may suffer a little while, God will restore to you all that you have lost and more. He does not restore you halfway, but He gives you a full and complete resurrection, with not even the smell of death on you.

As we stand with Christ having endured the fire, we look on our enemies with great authority. Having endured all that hell could throw at us, we have been made fearsome before our enemies. We can stand now with the Lamb and rule with His authority, having access to the throne!

OUR PRAYERS ARE A GIFT TO HIM

"The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints." (Revelation. 5:8)

As the elders in heaven worshiped the Lamb, they brought before Him bowls filled with our prayers. And a part of their worship was presenting our prayers to the Lamb! Beloved, your prayers are a gift to Him and bring Him great pleasure.

Can you imagine? In the midst of all the majesty and glory of heaven, in the middle of that awesome scene, Christ gives our prayers access to His throne! Our prayers play an important part of heaven's worship and honor to the Lamb...they are that important to Him.

Jesus rules now having triumphed over His enemies -- all the glory of heaven worships and adores

Him -- yet He finds joy in our prayers. And because our prayers are important to Him, they bring great joy to all of heaven.

Because our simple prayers bring Jesus joy, they are very important to all who know and love Him. Those who truly love the Lamb will want to bring to Him what He will find enjoyment in. And saints, He enjoys you!

THE BRIDE IN CHAINS

My youngest son, Cole, had a vision. He saw a woman whom the enemy had entangled in chains. She was held captive by the chains that bound her. I believe this vision was what the bride of Christ has looked like for many years, and the church is still very much entangled in the world -- enslaved by it.

We need to see our beauty and our value in Christ. As we begin to see ourselves the way He does, we will be set free to be all that God desires us to be. Furthermore, we will reign with our Beloved and rule with His authority.

You are the bride of heaven; you are what Jesus wants! Moreover, He wants you to rule and reign with Him. That is why the requests of His bride (the prayers of the saints) have access to His throne continually. He could have anything in this universe, but what He chose was you. He chose to die for you and to restore you to your place by His side, to rule and reign with Him.

Though you were deemed unlovely and rejected, though you endured torture and mistreatment, He sees you as beautiful. The rejection of others has not made you disdainful to Him. No, it has made you lovely in His sight and He wants you even more. Though you are rejected and despised, He finds you lovely...you are what He wants! You have not received the praise of men, but of heaven.

He is the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright Morning Star. He reigns in glory and yet He says to you, His bride..."Come! Whoever is thirsty, come." He says, "Whoever wants Me, come; experience all that I have for you. Experience the wonders and glories of Me."

YOU ARE NOT INSIGNIFICANT

Are you beginning to see yourself the way that He sees you? Can you see your beauty? He wants you to see yourself through His eyes, not through the eyes of rejection and pain. He wants His bride to see herself as beautiful. May you truly see yourself in Him; may you truly see your worth and value, and may you see your beauty!

You are the bride of heaven! Though He has all the splendor of heaven, it would be nothing if He couldn't have you there with Him. You are what He died to save; you are what He loves.

You are not insignificant to Jesus, but the sole purpose of His death and resurrection.

When you begin to see your beauty as His bride, you will value your prayers as much as He does. You will know that whatever you ask for in His name, according to His will, will be given to you. You will see that you truly do have access to the throne of heaven.

Dear Saints, throw off the shackles of condemnation and worship the Lamb. He loves you; dance with Him!

Autumn Trees Without Fruit

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"These men are those who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever." (Jude 12-13)

Last week we shared on the exposure and traits of "false teachers." I would like to discuss this week the effects and ultimate demise of false teachers. The Bible states that these teachers resemble "autumn trees without fruit."

"Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, 'Let no fruit grow on YOU ever again.' Immediately the fig tree withered away." (Matthew 21:18-19)

This has been a story that has drawn many different conclusions as to why Jesus cursed the fig tree. Even though Jesus saw the fig tree from afar, He certainly would have known that the season for ripe figs was not at hand. The key reason is in the verse that follows: "And when the disciples SAW it, they marveled, saying, 'How did the fig tree wither away so soon." (Matthew 21:20)

It was important to Jesus that the disciples clearly saw what was transpiring in His reasoning to curse the fig tree. It is just as important to see that Jesus called the fig tree "you," meaning something was deeply personal to Him concerning this fig tree. Could it be that Jesus was recollecting an event in history that forever affected His heart and was the ultimate reason He was moving toward Jerusalem to suffer the cruel fate of the cross?

The Bible says that mankind (you and I) were created by Him, through Him, and for Him. (See John 1:1-5) We must realize the depth and affection that Jesus has for us as His people created in His image. He designed us for intimate relationship along with providing us everything that we needed for an abundant life.

"The woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the EYES, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed FIG LEAVES together and made themselves coverings. (Genesis 3:6-7)

The "you" that the fig tree represented was the serpent — the master "false teacher" who deceived Adam and Eve to desire "gnosis" (The tree of the knowledge of good and evil) over the intimate relationship and provision that God had offered through Jesus Christ. (The tree of life)

As Jesus was on His way to the cross to die for the salvation of mankind, I believe that He could not help but remember the visual manifestation of man's sin — the wearing of fruitless and barren FIG LEAVES. It must have pierced Jesus' heart to see mankind, who once walked in His perfect love and image, step out from his hiding place corrupted in the covering of fig leaves. The passion, love, and humanity of Jesus could not help but curse this fruitless "autumn tree" that took Him back in time. Today, Satan still whispers through autumn trees: "Surely you will not die. For God knows in that day ... you will be like God."

This provides us a better understanding of why God did not accept the offering of Cain. Cain, as we know, was a farmer by occupation. Abel, on the other hand, was a shepherd of livestock. The Bible tells us that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground and Abel brought an offering of the first-born of his flock. Both of these young men were raised in a God-centered home whose parents feared the Lord. I believe that both of these men worked hard on their offering – especially Cain who would have had to work the soil in the heat of the day. Cain's offering was born out of hard labor in soil that God had cursed. So why did God not accept Cain's offering?

First of all, Cain would have had to know that his parents covered their sin from the "fruit of the ground." God had clearly demonstrated His acceptable means of covering the nakedness of sin and what was a pleasing offering of atonement. Adam and Eve were ignorant to the sacrifice that God desired. However, Cain and Abel would have surely been taught through their parent's mistake that God required the sacrifice of an innocent animal (the shedding of blood) to cover the sin of humanity. God had a prescribed way of worship and it was not the fruit of the ground.

We have "Cain's" and "Abel's" in the church today. Likewise, our spiritual parents in the faith have taught us the acceptable offerings to the Lord. When the "Cain's" of today bring their offerings of what may seem full of tremendous labor and works, it is found unacceptable to God. Why? Because, like Cain, they are serving God in their own way, rather than serving God His way. False teachers will naturally gravitate to the cursed earth (world) for their means of direction and reason. They base decisions on carnal logic of what is right and wrong, rather than childlike faith and simple obedience to God. It should be no surprise that once Cain realized that his offering was unacceptable to God, the Bible says that "Cain was very angry and his countenance fell." This is the response of a RELIGIOUS person when confronted with TRUTH.

The false teachers of today have a lot going on in terms of activity and programs, but over the long run, they produce little to no spiritual intimacy with Christ in others. The institution of hyper-religious activity is a clear sign of a person that has not been healed of rejection and is trying to earn the following and approval of man. (This was the mentality of Cain in his jealousy toward his brother Abel.) False teachers will emerge from the body of Christ because of their need for affirmation and the praise of men. (These are the tares that dwell among the wheat.) The curse of Jesus upon this tree revealed its true nature as being "twice dead." First, there was no fruit. The ability of a teacher to reproduce Christ in others is in the seed that he sows. However, our seed is always in the fruit that we produce. And second, there was no root system that was grounded in the truth of God's Word. The hiding behind "fig leaves" will never cover the nakedness of their self-serving motives and agendas. 2005 will be a year that the Lord will bring the power of His protection to the body of Christ as He exposes many who proclaim to know Him, but don't.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 'Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in your name, cast out demons in your name, and done many wonders in your name?' "And then I will declare to them, I never knew you." (Matthew 7:21-23)

The effects that these "autumn trees without fruit" have had on the body of Christ is far-reaching. You can only give what you TRULY have. If a pastor or a teacher in the church does not have an intimate and on-fire relationship with Jesus Christ, what can they possibly give you of any spiritual benefit? The Pharisees could quote the first five books of the Bible by memory. They tithed to the smallest herb and fasted weekly. But Jesus said, "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20) They use activities, programs, and control to HIDE their shame of not truly knowing Christ. The effect of a true teacher will have a primary mission — to cultivate a loving, reliant, and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

The next metaphor that Jude uses in exposing false teachers is "wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam."

The metaphor "wild waves" is a picture of disobedience through a lack of self-control. Water is a wonderful metaphor of the Holy Spirit. Jesus would use "water" to paint a picture for the woman at the well concerning the gift and outpouring of the Holy Spirit. However, water when attached to wildness and waves paints a completely different picture of erosion and destruction.

When the prophet Samuel was sent to Saul, he warned Saul to carefully heed these instructions: "Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox, and sheep, camel and donkey." (1 Samuel 15:3)

The Bible does not say that Saul refused to obey. He didn't change his mind about anything. There was nothing that we can SEE that was blatantly rebellious or disobedient. Saul gathered his army as the Lord spoke through the prophet and attacked Amalek. Everything on the surface looked great. What a "spiritual warrior" that Saul seemed to be for God. He attacked and killed thousands of the Amalekites with their livestock. However, we read that Saul spared Amalek. Not only that, but Saul spared the very best of the livestock and gave it to the people so they could offer a sacrifice to God. Well, to the people this must have seemed like a very spiritual thing to do by a very spiritual man. I can imagine the people saying, "what a godly king we have in his service to God and us."

But God had a completely different view of what had unfolded in this event. The Lord share with Samuel that He regretted setting Saul as king over His people! Saul had agreed to follow the instructions of the Lord, but didn't think that the "cultural trends" of keeping the enemy king as a trophy of his endeavors would make much of a difference. Saul killed thousands upon thousands and spared just ONE. We could say that Saul was 99% obedient to the call. However, we read later in this story that God called it REBELLION.

Many pastors and teacher are saying, "But look at all the good that I have done." They may say, "You're just looking at the 1% or the very small things that I have done wrong instead of all that I have done right." When Samuel caught up with Saul in 1 Samuel 15, Saul rejoices in the fact that "he carried out the Lord's instructions." I am convinced that Saul really believed that he carried out the purpose of God's instruction, but God called it rebellion. The difference between Saul's opinion and the Lord's opinion is that Saul was a "hearer of the Word and not a doer of the Word."

The 1% that Saul failed in as a leader was complete obedience to what God had called him to. Saul desired to create an image of religiosity that was valued and praised by man. The root problem in Saul was spiritual insecurity. Insecure leaders are so busy trying to equip themselves that they become negligent in equipping others. This is the calling of a true teacher.

"Wandering stars" is the last of the five metaphors that Jude uses to paint a picture of false teachers. Up to the advent of the sextant, mariners and travelers used the stars for reference points and guidance. This reliable guidance was made possible by the fixed position of certain stars, such as the North Star. These fixed stars are very few, as most "stars" shift or move across the sky as the earth moves in its yearly cycle around the sun. Can you see the picture that Jude is painting for us to see?

Many so-called leaders in the church are posing as "guiding lights" for the people of God, only to lead them astray from the truth of God's uncompromising Word. New Age doctrines with emphasis on yoga and eastern forms of "self-enlightened" meditation have crept into the more modern and health-conscience church. "Prophets" will sell you a word and teach you how to prophesy for a bargain

$50.00 conference fee. Since when do we read in the Bible of prophets selling anything that belongs to God? I am all for charging money to cover the expenses for conferences and events. However, those called to prophetic ministry must be very careful what they are charging for. Jesus paid the ultimate price for all of us to receive God's best. We didn't pay a dime. Is this our model?

"Prosperity teachers" promise material wealth and financial freedom if you give your money to them. They call it giving to God. Really? It seems to me that they are preaching a message that they are not willing to believe themselves. If God will supernaturally take care of all your needs by sowing into a ministry, then why do THEY have to keep coming back to you year after year for more money to cover their financial issues? These are wandering "stars" that lead many people into disillusionment and even greater poverty by their false teachings. Sowing and giving IS a Biblical principle. However, these false teachers do not want to tell people the entire truth. The Bible says that if we are lazy (both naturally and spiritually), we will suffer poverty. You can sow till the cows come home and make others wealthy, but if you are naturally and spiritually lazy, you will indeed suffer loss and never improve your financial standing.

I sensed a need to write this article as we move into 2005. "5" is the number of GRACE. Great grace will come to the body of Christ as God in His sovereignty exposes the many false teachers that have infiltrated the church. Even on many prophetic web-sites, there is avoidance to list articles that really deal with TRUTH when it may draw a possible negative response. Avoidance of the truth is usually the product of a need for recognition or the fear of man. The hand of God is coming over the church and we must dig to the deepest part of our souls and discern what it is truly in us. The TRUTH and character of church leadership is not so much how well they treat somebody when they come to fellowship for the first time, or how well they treat someone while they attend. It is how well they treat someone when they decide to leave because of un-fulfillment.

We are already beginning to see the direction that the Lord is taking the church and the prophetic movement in this fall season. Surely, many who have abused the privilege of SERVING God's children will be exposed. Likewise, the church will have to come to terms with her antiquated and religious traditions of control that have paralyzed the church in her commission. Many will "fall" in this Fall season and the Lord will bring forth a teaching leadership whose heart is for Him and the destiny of His people. They will be the greatest of martyrs in that they truly laid their lives and reputations down for the destiny and purpose of others.

A Tidal Wave Of Christianity

Robert Fitts

September 11th focused a lot of attention on the growth of Islam.
What most pundits and scholars have missed is the incredible growth of Christianity, and where it's growing. We like to think of ourselves as the Christian West. But there is growing evidence that the center of Christendom has moved. Africans are running to accept Jesus Christ. It is a scene playing out all across the developing world.

It may sound like an exaggeration, but it's not: Christianity is sweeping across the southern hemisphere and Asia like a tidal wave.
"The scale of Christian growth is almost unimaginable," said Dr. Philip Jenkins, distinguished professor of History and Religious Studies at Penn State University.

Jenkins shocked and probably panicked some of America's political and media elite with his acclaimed book, The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity. Jenkins argues the greatest movement of the past century was not communism or capitalism.
Do the math and the winner is Spirit-filled Christianity, or what he terms in his study as "Pentecostalism."

"The modern Pentecostal movement begins at the start of the 20th century," Jenkins said. "So say this begins with a few hundred, a few thousand peoples. Today you're dealing with several hundred million people, and the best projections are by 2040's or 2050's, you could be dealing with a billion Pentecostals worldwide. By that stage there will be more Pentecostals than Hindus. There are already more Pentecostals than Buddhists." Jenkins says in just 20 years, two-thirds of all Christians will live in Africa, Latin America or Asia."

Back in 1900, there were about 10 million Christians in Africa, representing about 10 percent of the population. Today there are 360 million, representing just under half the population.

That is one of the most important changes in religious history, and I think most of us didn't notice it," he said. A lot of people still haven't noticed it. When scandal or controversy hits an American church, the U.S. news media tends to treat it like a worldwide crisis for that denomination.

But it is not a crisis for those churches in the developing world.
Most of them are not gripped by debates over homosexuality or abortion that is a problem for European and American liberals. They believe the Bible. "The Bible is alive in Africa and Asia and Latin America,"
Jenkins said. "Overwhelmingly, th[is] kind of Christianity is one which is very Bible-centered, which takes the Bible very seriously, takes authority very seriously, both the Old and the New Testament, in a way which I don't think western Christianity has done probably since the Enlightenment." But the growth of Christianity threatens Islam, and Christians are being slaughtered in places like Nigeria and Indonesia.

Jenkins thinks the conflict will intensify in nations where the two faiths compete. And he debunks the notion that Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world. Christianity is growing faster." If you look at the 25 most populous countries in the world in the mid-21st century, 20 of those are going to be divided to a greater or lesser extent between Christianity and Islam," Jenkins said.

Then there is China. There are about 80 million Christians in China, according to former Time Magazine Correspondent David Aikman, who predicts China will be a Christianized nation in 20 to 30 years.

He does not predict a Christian majority, but a China that is 25 to 30 percent Christian. Enough, he says, to change society and government. "If you have a Christianized China, the leadership of China would reflect a Christian worldview to some degree," Aikman said. "A China that's Christianized would not be a threat to the United States."

And Aikman says the Chinese church leaders have a burden to take the gospel the rest of the way across the globe, to the Muslims.

"It's part of a sense that they call 'back to Jerusalem,'" Aikman said.

"They believe that just as the gospel originally came out of Jerusalem and went to the West and to North America and Europe and came to China, now the Chinese need to bring it back to Jerusalem, not in the sense of evangelizing the Jewish, but in the sense of completing the circle so that the gospel message is available to everybody in the world."

Imagine Chinese reaching the Muslims, Koreans evangelizing Indians, Africans taking the gospel back to a largely godless Europe.

African Matthew Ashimolowo is the pastor of the fastest growing church in England. "God is sending people who used to receive missionaries to now be missionaries around the world," Ashimolowo said. Kenyan Bishop Gilbert Dya has one of the largest churches in London.

"I am in this country, believing that God sent me here in Great Britain to make a voice on His behalf to let them know that they need to repent and come back to God," he said.

The developing world is not only a growing base for world Missions, Jenkins says it is becoming the center of Christendom again. "Jesus said His church would last until the end of time. He never used the word, 'Europe.' Christianity is returning, I think, to its roots. It is a religion that originated in the Middle East and in Africa. Perhaps it went away for a while, but now it's back," Jenkins said.

Auckland New Zealand

Karen Frith

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I saw the Lord hovering above Auckland, the feeling of his great love for the people was strong.

Next I saw the Lord as the Rider on the White Horse, in his hand was a huge banner with REVIVAL AUCKLAND emblazoned upon it. The banner was huge and was being waved over the Churches and Auckland.

At the edges of the Banner were Flames of Fire, and a wind started to blow powerfully. The more the wind blew the more the Fire was ignited.

The Rider on the White Horse was holding the Banner and was fighting with unyielding passion and strength for Auckland, his beloved. He was fighting the Battle.

The scene changed and this time I saw the Church of Auckland, in the form of a huge wheel. The wheel had been cleaned up, freshly oiled, restored and was now ready to move. Sparks were flying as it gained momentum.

The wheel was brilliant to the eye, a fine pale gold, so bright it was hard to look at without your eyes getting sore. The Glory of the Lord was there and the Glory was being transported wherever the Wheel was going.

To the left of the Wheel I saw a big heart, it was alive, beating and warm. Every heartbeat was filled with Worship and Worshipping. The love of the Father was flooding in and there was healing, unity and reconciliation for all.

I could see many worshippers, ministering unto the Lord. It was glorious.

I then looked up and saw the River of God flowing from the Throne of God. The River flowed through the Heart and touched all the Worshippers. It looked like a tremendous rushing waterfall. The water was so loud, yet it was matched by the sound of incredible worship. It was like a taste of Heaven.

I was then shown to the right side of the Wheel. There was an Altar and it was made up of loose stones.

The stones I understood were us, the congregations – the people. As we experienced the Love of the Father and his healing touch and continued worshipping him an Altar was established.

The Fire from the Revival banner passed over the Altar and ignited it. It was amazing for as the Fire touched the Altar, the people declared “He is the Lord! He is the Lord!”

I then noticed that underneath the Altar , were some lush leaves called “Healing Leaves”. As the Fire touched the Living Stones, they were ejected out – commissioned to Evangelise, Preach, to teach and to move in the gift of healing.

They carried the Revival Fire with them and ministered locally, nationally and some internationally. The healing leaves were not only for healing but salvation for the lost.

I was then drawn to the Wheel again, and noticed that below the wheel were the Intercessors. They were positioned between a desert below them and the Wheel above them. The River of God and The Fire of God touched them. As they were touched by God, the prayers increased.

The Intercessors proclaimed the word of the Lord and spoke life in to the desert. As they proclaimed the word, life started to spring up and new things grew in the desert soil. New birthing! The River of God was soaking the earth and it was becoming a fertile and good soil for sowing, reaping and harvesting

Authority

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Your enemy, the devil, is a defeated foe. I won the victory over him when I died on Calvary and rose from the dead. Before I rose I descended into hell and I took from the devil the keys of power and authority that he had long ago stolen. He was powerless to stop Me then, and He is powerless to stop Me now.

I have given you, My Church, this authority that I won over the devil in My death and resurrection. This authority cannot fail you because it is not dependent on you -- it is dependent solely on what I have already accomplished when I laid down My own will to obey the Father's will.

Nonetheless, this authority only prevails when you use it to accomplish My purposes. If you do not use it, it will not prevail for you. If you use it awry, it will not prevail for you. But when you use it in accordance with My will and to accomplish My Father's purposes, you walk in the same authority that I walked in.

You have been given power to defeat the devil, to foil his plans, even to command demons. You have been given My authority to break the power of torment, of sickness and disease, of oppression and poverty that the demonic realm would unleash on people. I have given you My authority to set captives free and to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Little one, are you using the authority that I have given to you? Are you watching Me to see what I am doing, that you may do it with Me? Are you listening to My voice and obeying My command? Are you doing what My Father is doing to advance His kingdom and to set people free from the oppression of the enemy?

Or are you cowering in a corner, afraid of the one who I have already defeated? Even though he is a defeated foe, he is still a foe and he can still be dangerous. His greatest offensive weapons are lies and deception. He will try to convince you that he has greater power than you do. And if you do not exercise the authority that I have already given you, then his power is effectively greater than yours -- for he is using his against you and you are not using yours.

Child, I did not give you spiritual armor to polish and brag about and to leave in your closet. I gave it to you to use, that you would have a defense against the fiery darts of the enemy, that his lies and deception and attempts to cause fear would have no power over you. The armor of God are your defensive weapons, and I fully expect you to use them once I have given them to you.

Likewise, I did not give you My authority so that you could bury it under a bush to keep it safe. I gave it to you to use. It is not intended to be solely for your own protection, should the enemy devise plans against you. No, I have given you defensive armor for that.

The authority that I have given you is intended as an offensive weapon to accomplish My purposes. It is intended for you to go forth into battle at My command to set the oppressed free and to advance My kingdom. It is intended for you to break the power of sickness and death and addiction and bondage off of the lives of the lost, so that they may understand the good news and turn to Me. My authority is intended to enable you to be My witnesses and to make the devil powerless to stop you as you do what you see Me doing.

I have given you My authority and I have made you unstoppable. I have given you all that you need to be My witness and advance My kingdom. I have placed My Spirit in you to show you My will, so that you can see and do what My Father is doing in this earth. I have given you authority over all the power of the devil and I have placed My anointing in your hand. Now listen to My voice, hear what I command you and obey Me. Rise up and fear no more, for I will make you a victorious and overcoming one.

Now go forth. Use the authority that I have given you to accomplish My purposes.

A Vision For The Church

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The Net

Introduction

This vision is based on my own experience and sense of what God seems to be doing in the world today. I do not claim it to be a `prophecy', but I do I believe there to be prophetic insight here – much of it gleaned from others.

The global perspective is where we start, since I am sure this needs urgent restoration across the Body. In the past certain individuals and groups – especially missionary and parachurch organisations – have carried the torch for world evangelisation. But we are all called to have the world on our hearts. For many of us the first verse of Scripture we learnt was John 3:16, `For God so loved the world…' God has always had the whole world in focus, although He is active in every part. We too need to see things this way, His way.

From the global context, however, we need to see how these principles work out at the local level. The global and local are two aspects of the one church. If the Body is the sum of the parts, to function effectively all the parts need to work in harmony, allowing the flow of Holy Spirit life through the whole Body that is His home. So as well as having a global perspective, we need to understand what God is doing at local level and become passionate about what local church life could be like if God REALLY had His way there!

There are two dangers to avoid here: firstly, for those networking across the Body to drift into a superficial world of exciting relationships that have no ultimate effect `on the ground' where most people are. The converse danger, however, is for local believers to get so buried in their own needs and aspirations that they neither see how they fit in the wider picture nor experience the life that flows from the wider Body.

What follows is an explanation of what I believe God is doing in the Church today, in its global and local aspects, with some concluding thoughts. You may not agree with everything I have written, but I hope it will encourage you to think and pray about the issues raised and the significant times we are living in.

GLOBAL ASPECT

The net now forming

At this very moment in history God is beginning to cover the world with a network of interlocking relationships between groups of believers in every place. Although the net is in a very early stage of development, it is forming at a rapid pace. Initially, God is joining key individuals and groups together, making critical personal and geographical connections for His future purposes. But His intention is to involve everyone who is willing to be a part of this net.

Divine initiative

In the process, God is releasing the Body of Christ world-wide from many of its traditional and `neo-traditional' constraints in order to make room for new developments and allow for the level of joining that is required. This does not mean that old forms are being summarily discarded, but that they are being naturally superseded by new relationships and priorities. This is more a case of evolution than revolution, as God in His mercy increasingly takes `hands on' control. While many of our endeavours and relationships, new and not so new, are being used by God, He is also overtaking our initiatives with His own in order to achieve His desired outcomes His own way! There will be no doubt in the end that it was God Himself who formed the new wineskin that is soon to appear.

The call to prayer

God has made the success of this joining dependent upon our co-operation with Him, primarily in the place of prayer. This has always been the way God works. It is all the more important now, given the difficult times that we live in and the greatness of God's present-day purposes. Today God is promoting prayer everywhere. There is an unprecedented call to urgent prayer in and for the nations. Starting spontaneously, many national, regional and international prayer movements are emerging - and already they are beginning to connect with one another. Prayer centres committed to twenty-four hour prayer for the nations are springing up all over the place, and are also being linked. This global network of prayer foreshadows the network of kingdom life that we are talking about. Special seasons of intense intercession are happening somewhere all the time. There is a tremendous increase world-wide in prophetic revelation in the place of prayer. Flexible and mobile prayer teams are becoming a common feature in the advance of the Kingdom. Sometimes these teams are going out to prepare the ground for intensive evangelism. More often they are dealing with unresolved issues from the past through warfare prayer and acts of penitence and reconciliation. These are remarkable developments. Yet there must still be an exponential increase in prayer across the whole Body for the true Bride of Christ to come forth, ready for Christ's return. There are some signs that this kind of increase is beginning.

The significance of Israel

At the same time, God is restoring some key understandings to the church concerning the place of Israel in His purposes at the end of the age. Israel is, as it has always been, God's time clock. We are to watch its face more closely than ever, seeking to bless that nation and co-operate in what God is doing there and among Jews everywhere. Above all, we are to pray for Israel – especially for the peace of Jerusalem. Our attitude to Israel and what is happening in the Middle East as a whole affects other aspects of our lives, even though the relevance is often not revealed to us. We need to be prayerful and vigilant. We need to love the Jewish people unconditionally, wherever we find them. We also need to be sensitive as to how they might relate to the global net we are expecting.

The destiny of the nations

The relationship between believers in different countries – especially between those in Western and Third World countries - is of particular significance as this net forms, since any barrier obstructs God's purposes. God has chosen to distribute gifts variously among the nations. The church in each nation needs to give what it has and receive what it lacks, each using its redemptive gift and fulfilling its national destiny, in order that the whole global Body of Christ might be built up. In particular, the church in rich nations must face up to its responsibility to release the practical resources that God has so graciously given to it, in the knowledge that God will give back to us out of the abundant spiritual treasures He has placed within His church in poorer nations. As is true from believer to believer and congregation to congregation, so from nation to nation: we need each other and the gifts that we bring to each other to be complete.

The structure of church

Another important area of new insight is to do with the way we express church. The DAWN (Disciple A Whole Nation) strategy, the Cities for God initiative and the burgeoning cell church movement are just three particular reflections on what it means to be church at the turn of the millennium. Other ideas about how to be church in the home and in the world, or how to penetrate the profusion of subcultures in Western nations and reach minority or unreached people groups around the world, are being given variously. As has always been the case, the Holy Spirit deposits revelation as and where it suits the Father's purposes. This increase in revelation itself bears witness that the end draws closer. None of these insights are complete in themselves, but must be seen in the light of the Big Picture of what God is doing and the net that is forming.

The release of apostolic teams

An essential element in the process of change now taking place is a fresh release of apostolic ministry, according to the New Testament pattern. In contrast with some recent models, the emerging apostolic dimension is not so much about setting government in place but about releasing ministry to `go' in order to bring maturity to the Body of Christ. This `going' can be to a place, a group or a nation or nations. A key feature of this emerging ministry will be the creation of flexible, mobile apostolic teams that will move from place to place, bringing that which is lacking into local situations everywhere, establishing new churches wherever they are needed. The relationship between the local and mobile will be one of mutual submission, always looking for the leading and anointing of the Spirit. The teams will operate out of local bases, often communities of local congregations already flowing together in God's purposes. Some will grow within and out of existing missionary organisations and parachurch groups, recognising the significance of their historic role, but embracing new ways of going about their calling. The teams will vary, changing in personnel to fit particular situations. They will function relationally, as the Spirit leads. Often these teams will overlap and interact with one another naturally, as and when appropriate. There will be no set form for them, although we will see prophetic, teaching, evangelistic, healing and other ministries functioning regularly through these teams. What counts will be the gifting and anointing God wants in a particular team at a given time for a specific situation. Many teams will be multicultural and international in make-up. This will express a powerful witness to the world and into `the heavenlies' of the unity of the church. These teams also strengthen the mesh – representing translocal relationships - which link the knots in the net, so that the whole net can become strong. Some teams are already operating in a limited way. Others are beginning to form. Thousands more are needed in order to see the whole net come into place.

The manifold wisdom of God

It must not be thought that the net or the apostolic teams that operate across the net represent a simple, uniform structure – as the image of a net might imply. In fact, while the principles hold everywhere, the outworking on the ground will be a profusion of many and different expressions of church life as God makes a supreme revelation of His `multifaceted' wisdom and incarnates Biblical truth in myriad different contexts through His church at the end of the age. In many ways the variety and diversity will be greater than we see now. The wonder of it all will be the strength of the unity, the level of co-operation and the underlying faithfulness to the Scriptures that will characterise this church. What might seem structural chaos to many will, in fact, be the true organism - as distinct from organisation – that is Christ's Body, the Church.

The preservation of wine

Neither must it be assumed that present denominational and other organisational structures will necessarily disappear. When Jesus used the metaphor of wine and wineskins, he was not rejecting old wine, but simply showing the foolishness of putting new wine in old skins. There is old wine that is good, very good. But it needs the old skins. Perhaps this speaks of the accumulative wisdom of the church that is preserved in, what may seem to many of us, archaic containers, yet has brought us to where we are now and still provides kingdom life for many millions of people today. As long as it is kingdom wine, it is worth drinking. I believe there will be older structures, forms and practices that will be interwoven into this great net of kingdom relationships, becoming part of the rich variety and diversity we have already spoken about.

The call to give

All these changes call for a great release of people, time, money and other practical resources into the work of God's Kingdom . Hospitality will become a commonplace gift, to the point where no-one can really call his home his own. Many practical comforts – especially in the West - will need to be `liquidated' into finance for the kingdom and more often than not released into the Third World. People will be required by the Spirit to uproot and go to far flung parts of the world. The UK in particular will have a special mandate to send people. Bibles, Christian books and magazines, worship material and other resources will be needed in abundance to feed the coming growth in the church. The many apostolic teams will need to be equipped and supported to do the work they are called to do. All this will be required, despite increasingly adverse economic conditions world-wide. More than ever before we will need to know how to give, how to pray and how to trust the One who holds everything in His hands.

LOCAL ASPECT

Change at local level

Nowhere is the change that is taking place more evident or needed than at a local level. The local church is the microcosm of the global church. However, what constitutes a locality is often a complicated matter. For most believers it is important to be able to identify with some clear geographical region beyond their own group - yet without becoming as ego-centric about that area as we can be about our group! The biblical concept of a `city' is helpful, if understood to include a town, borough or other administrative area. But it is a fact that unity can be complicated, and many of us are relating to one other at different levels, from immediate neighbourhood to large, urban conurbation. The principle to bear in mind is to pursue as far as we can unity at EVERY level, but discern the main perimeters of local church for us. Some will probably need more wisdom from the Spirit here than others, depending on specific local circumstances.

Defining local church

Bearing this in mind, we can define local church, in its simplest, biblical terms, as the sum of believers in a given area – one body of people irrevocably joined to one another, without barriers of age, race, background - together expressing the life of Christ to the community around them. This definition does not preclude variety within and among local expressions of church, but it does insist that these will be facets of one local entity and that this unity be explicit in terms of identity and vision. This is the local church that the Spirit is working to restore at this very moment in history.

A fundamental shift

While many people adhere to this definition in theory, the practice is often very different. Many still refer to their own congregation as their `local church' and treat it to all practical purposes as a self-contained, independent structure with respect to vision and mission – even if another one meets directly across the road or operates in the same patch! I believe God is challenging this unbiblical and unwarranted autonomy. Scripture says that we are members of one another. It is only we who often restrict this to relationships and ministry within `our group', forgetting that most epistles were written to the church in localities, not individual groups. Anyway, there is no limitation on our unity. This principle of interdependence is as true for families as for nations, and needs to be manifest in every arena – including local church, as we are defining it here. I believe that God has this issue - a vision for true local church in true unity for common territory - near the top of His agenda today, and that the winds of change at local level are there for those who have eyes to see it. That is one reason why there is such a restlessness at local church level - certainly in the West. It is a sign of the fundamental shift taking place.

The church now emerging

The fact is that many Christians including church leaders are no longer content being cooped up within an independent congregational structure and vision, often feeling restricted by too small a vision with little progress towards stated goals. There are probably more Christians than ever struggling within their local fellowship situation, hankering (probably unwittingly) for a bigger vision to live within. Some are frustrated where they are; others are moving uncertainly between congregations, or out on their own somewhere. Whether this is good or bad, of course, depends on individual attitudes and particular circumstances. But it is happening, and we cannot ignore it.

New alignments

One of the most significant developments locally are the many links that are forming naturally between Christians across congregational fences, usually where a common `heart' for the common territory is felt, quite often forging bonds that are at least as real, meaningful and fruitful as those experienced within their own respective groups. In particular, young people are getting together across traditional boundaries as if it was the most natural thing in the world and they won't be returning to the way it used to be either: they are the future happening now! Some leaders are uneasy about this, because it seems to cut across their own initiatives and agendas. Of course, issues of rebellion, running from personal issues, etc. are part of the mix. Yet this restless tension and spontaneous re-aligning is to be expected when God is changing things. Upheaval of this kind always brings both good and bad elements to the surface. However, whatever negative forces may be at work, the solution is not to be reactive and try to preserve the status quo at all costs, it is to press through into what God has taken hold of us for whatever THAT costs. When you consider that it is often at the local level that we find most resistance to change - both in human and spiritual ways - then things are bound to get interesting when God starts moving here!

The front line

When considering what God might be doing at local church level, we need to remind ourselves that it is here at the local level where for most people the `rubber hits the road' in terms of kingdom life. The local church as it exists in cells and congregations, homes and public places, schools and workplaces, is the real front line of God's kingdom. This is where the vast majority of believers live out their faith day after day, and it is not so easy here to stay focused and faithful in often mundane situations. We can so easily get side-tracked into secondary issues and petty concerns. I believe it is here that, quite frankly, the enemy gets us most battened down in various kinds of pride, complacency, self-seeking and other ways of preserving what we have without us really being aware it! Over the generations satan has been largely successful in cutting us off from one another locally, effectively blunting the local church as a powerful force for God's kingdom in the area. If he can now get us to take the present renewal and focus inwards on our own group and its mission, he will have seriously restricted our ability to disrupt that long held hold over our localities. And if he can neutralise the church at this level, all the exciting movement at translocal level is of little consequence. Remember, just as the whole church is the sum of its parts, so is the local church the main substance of all that makes up the universal church. Because the local church stands on the front line in God's kingdom purposes, it is imperative that we listen to His voice at local level. In the light of what we have said about local church and, indeed, the whole sweep of God's dealing with His people - I think it is entirely unreasonable and unrealistic to ask God to move powerfully in our localities, yet expect Him to leave untouched all our structures and systems however biblical we think ours are! We really must choose to co-operate with God as He works to set His people in each place free to be all that they were meant to be as an instrument for the advance of His kingdom in these latter days.

The present renewal

I believe that much of what we are reaping now goes back to what happened a few years ago, when a fresh wave of the Holy Spirit broke out and impacted many churches in the Western world especially in the UK. One of the prophetic 'slogans' of the time was 'Jesus wants his Church back.' This was clearly a true word from the Lord to His Church. But many people interpreted this within their own narrow mindset of what church, even local church, meant. Leaders preached a half word - `Jesus wants THIS church back', or even `Jesus wants OUR church back'. Some saw it largely in terms of the renewal of their own stream or denomination. Yet this was not what had been proclaimed. Jesus was after HIS church, ie the WHOLE thing back, the Church he died and rose again for. It follows that, if Jesus wants His Church back, it is so he can manifest his Headship over and his purposes through that Church. Why should we assume He will leave things as they were in terms of the structure of the church locally? Might He not consider the independent ways we operate as belying the unity that He Himself prayed for? There is a strong argument from outside the church that our disunity does more to prevent a lost world finding the saving love of the Father than any other single factor. As the Owner, Jesus has every right to do what he likes with what He owns - including demolishing or reordering as he sees fit - so that he can build what He has in His heart to build. For those who believe in the net now forming and the united expression of local church that is emerging, this is no surprise. We must face up to the fact that much of what exists in our localities church wise will need some radical attention before we see what we are believing for begin to take shape.

A reformed local church

The fact is God is restoring something more akin to the picture we see in the New Testament of local church life in terms of its unity, simplicity and flexibility. He is taking the best of what we have brought with us down the centuries and through more recent decades, adding new forms for the needs of the present time, and connecting the whole thing together. What will emerge is one interlinked network of believers in a given area, together covering that area with many and varied small and middle-sized groups. Older groups will bring the best out of their own particular history and multiply it, but always seeking to further the overall progress of God's kingdom in the area (and beyond). Many new groups and new types of church life will form. The cell-based church model provides valuable principles as to how we might become much more flexible through its emphasis on small groups (although at present is heavily postulated towards an independent church structure). Relational unity among recognised leaders is a clear prerequisite for what is coming, as is grass roots prayer across denominational and other lines. United leadership is needed now to bring some cohesion within the wider local Body. This must work in hand in hand with outside input `into' the area (not just `over' individual congregations), bringing what is lacking into the Body and knitting the local into the translocal scene.

An apostolic church

However, the relational connecting that is happening is the starting place for, not the fullness of, what is coming. It is not ultimately about having a strong group of pastors who are bringing their congregations together and flowing together for the sake of the gospel locally encouraging though this is. Rather, it is about having the right leadership ministries released within the whole local church and surrounding community, in conjunction with appropriate help from outside, so that Ephesians 4 can be fulfilled and maturity might come. For a variety of reasons, we have tended to shy away from the key issue of the role of apostles and the apostolic in the church today. Once we realise that the apostolic is all about the church 'going out' and that the reason for having apostles in our midst is so that the whole church might become apostolic, then we can begin to appreciate and covet this ministry. God is restoring the so-called 'five-fold ministries' in these days including the apostolic - in order to complete His mission. But this is about function not title, servanthood not government, and will more likely than not challenge many of our previous notions relating to these leadership ministries. However, if we keep in view a local (and universal) church that is growing ever closer to maturity as a teaching, pastoring, evangelistic, prophetic and apostolic community of believers, we will welcome among us those who are strategic in helping this come about.

Call the elders…

In particular we need to see true spiritual 'fathers' or elders take their place amongst us, in our churches and communities. By this I mean those appointed and anointed of God (not man) to provide a spiritual canopy over the territory for the sake of the people who live there believers and non-believers alike. This is more than and different from simply a gathering of congregational leaders. It is a divinely ordained group of men (and women) sharing responsibility and authority in the Holy Spirit for specific regions. It does not even have to be an explicit group that meets and has an overt function. It may include individuals active in secular fields, exercising eldership and exerting influence there, but all joined by the Spirit towards a common vision. These elders are not necessarily of high profile or active in conventional church leadership. They will want to serve not rule, and the bulk of their ministry will relate to the hidden ministry of prayer. They will discern and build in harmony with the travelling apostolic teams we have already identified. They will release, simply by being in place, a plethora of ministry in the local community. The important thing is that these elders be recognised and honoured by the church and, to some extent, the wider community. We will know when they have come into position because of the new sense of strength, security and freedom in the Holy Spirit that will be evident as well as the fruitfulness that will follow hard on the heels of their inauguration. This is a restoration of New Testament patterns and a fulfilment of our desire for God's order. But beware God's serendipity here! There is little doubt it will all look very different from what we have been expecting!

Local and translocal

It is perhaps important to stress again here the God-ordained interdependent nature of the whole church, local and translocal. As we have asserted or implied a number of times already, there is in reality only one church of Jesus Christ. So even local churches as we are defining them here are no more self-sufficient than an individual person, cell or congregation, and therefore need to be joined to the wider body to be complete and have real success. The purpose of the apostolic teams mentioned earlier is to establish, help and support local churches and their leadership as appropriate, so these churches can mature and multiply, finding their own key ministries from within as well as receiving ministry from outside. In the process, these visiting teams will be making kingdom connections - facilitating the wider networking essential for global church expansion, and also being agents for the creation of specific mutual, life-giving relationships between local churches in different parts of the world, as the Spirit makes such links. Again, this is in contrast to much of the apostling we have known in recent decades. In the past, these apostolic relationships 'at a distance' were mainly vertical and functioned within a particular denominational or stream context. Those will have to adapt in a changing situation. Either they will continue as a helpful but less significant support to one part of the local body, or evolve into a significant ministry to the whole local church - or simply disappear. As I mentioned earlier, some local churches (as we have defined them) will become apostolic home bases for traveling teams. However it works in each situation, there will be amazing and strategic links around the world that will mean in a very real and meaningful sense that to be part of the local church is to be part of the church world-wide.

The Flow of the Spirit

How the local church will be organised and express its life will vary from place to place as it does now, according to the history, culture and (hopefully) the present needs of that area. We must never interpret the principles here as representing or determinant of any specific form like Macdonalds opening another virtually identical restaurant in yet another town. God intends displaying His manifold - ie ‘many faced’ - wisdom for all to see. He is a God of variety not uniformity. But there is an essential underlying understanding about unity and priorities which is non-negotiable for the future. We must be ready to die to our own ideas and desires to be part of God’s greater purpose for the locality in which we live and, indeed, his global purposes. We need to realise that perhaps more than ever before it is true that the river of God’s Spirit flows where hearts are being joined, gulfs are being bridged, vision is corporate and a destiny is being pursued together.

The challenge today

At the present time it is important that each local congregation ask itself a fundamental question about how it views its life and ministry. Does it operate out of an independent mindset, expressing a unilateral vision, with only a secondary or optional regard to what else is going on locally? Or does it seek out fellow local believers, desiring a corporate vision for an area together, looking to find its place in the wider context? The latter situation must become normative for everyone to prosper. Sadly, much of the local linking that is going on today falls short of this principle, reflecting a struggle with issues of priorities. The truth is that until a group (or, let’s face it, the leadership of that group) acknowledges that its own destiny and success is irrevocably tied up with that of all other groups in that area and, indeed, the whole church world-wide - it will not give the necessary priority to finding and following a corporate vision, and in consequence will not be able to fully play its part in fulfilling God’s highest purposes for that area.

CONCLUSIONS

The end is in sight

We have looked at the net that God is making, His fishing net. As in the parable Jesus told, God is building a net for a great catch of fish (people) at the end of the age. Looking back we can see that He has visited His church in recent years to encourage us and restore many things to us. And now it is time for Him to build the end-time net. God is always moving things forward, according to His own schedule. We cannot afford to stand still or miss His timing. As the 90’s started, many prophetic voices were predicting the transformation we are talking about here. One particularly respected voice prophesied that the church at the end of the decade would be almost unrecognisable from the one at the start. Yet, despite some significant developments, this profound change has not yet happened: so were the prophets wrong? I don’t think so. In my opinion the prophetic insight was correct, it is the church that has been painfully slow to respond to the Spirit. We are far more entrenched in our familiar surroundings and resistant to change than we think we are, and that has kept us, I believe, behind God’s schedule. However, in many ways the 1990’s have been a watershed for the church. We have certainly seen more failure of past methods and structures than we have success with our new ones. But most believers are agreed that there is no turning the clock back now. The scene is set for a fulfilment of the hopes of the early 90’s, and, indeed, of the biblical expectation of a glorious church before the end comes.

The last great push

So where is it all going? Where does it end? Many people are talking about revival today. Others speak of great harvests of souls to come. Yet God has more in His heart than even these wonderful things. The Scriptures are clear: we know our mission mandate is fulfilled when we see Jesus return in glory. It is my firm conviction that we are entering the final stage in history and that the present stirrings in the church and the world particularly events in and around Israel - are the beginnings of the final great `push’ of God’s Spirit, in partnership with God’s people, that will ultimately usher in the return of Jesus. However, He will only come back to a spotless Bride in a fully evangelised world. The net represents both the Bride of Christ in its global completeness, as the body is joined together, and the Church’s mission fulfilled, as it spreads over the face of the whole earth. We are all called to be part of this great enterprise.

A final warning

In all this change, we need to watch ourselves carefully. It is vital we remind ourselves constantly that it is God who is at work right now bringing about this great transformation. Rebellious, divisive and critical attitudes and behaviour on our part with regard to God's people and any existing church structures are never justified, and will seriously hamper, if not severely undermine, what God is doing at the present time, if given the space to do so. We must watch our heart attitudes, preserving the unity of the Body at all costs, following the footsteps which lead to the Cross. We need more grace than ever to stay right with God and right with one another through this time of change, looking to God to lead us forward and for us to simply find the grace to follow. Out of an undying love for the world God sent his Son to die for all people. God will only work His purposes out through those who will share in that same heart of love and self-sacrifice, and share the same vision to see the whole world netted with living Church, bearing witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, so that the end might come.

As each part does its work…

As you have been reading this article concerning the Church at the turn of the Millennium, I hope you have been listening for what the Spirit might be saying to you through it. It is time for all God's people to be seriously asking Him to take from us all that obstructs His highest purposes through us. We then need to ask Him to fully include us in what He is doing today - both in the nations and down our street - rather than ask him to simply bless what we are doing. Expressed in different words, there is a need for sincere and radical repentance, ie. turning from that which is not lined up with God's will to that which is. We must then ask in simple sincerity: show us, Lord, our part in Your great scheme of things and we will do it. For the whole Church is built up as each part does its work. Ultimately, the church on earth boils down to you and me and every other Christian seeking to do what God tells us to do in the power of the Spirit. Let's ask God for the grace to do it!

Phil Townend - June 2001

A Visitation Is Nearing

Luz Cintron

This morning, before dawn it was so weird around here. I have been dreaming stuff and the Lord started to explain what I had just dream even within the dream. The presence of the Lord was strong and peaceful. Then when I awoke as I opened my eyes I could see the from my bedroom door opened, that the dinning room was full of tiny little white lights, and I mean thousands of them all over on the wall that I could see from where I was. They looked like the tiny Christmas tree lights but there was also like a wood structure of some sort with narrow wood planks crossing here and there. I did not have the full view since I was still on my bed. The lights dimmed and the vision disappeared and I said to the Lord "Now that was so nice I wish I just could have seen more of it " and Presto! It all lighted up again and I was looking at it. It stayed on for a while but I had no desire to get up and walk into the dinning room. For some reason I was peaceful and content to see as I was shown and no had no curiosity to pursue the matter any further, so I just looked into the corner that I was being shown and listened as He spoke . The wood structure was of a deep dark color similar to black. It was covered in some places under the lights that could not be seen, as when one plants a vine or any other creeping plant and places this sort of things for it to grow and crawl on it. Some parts you see it some parts you don’t.

I continued praying then I heard a phone ring as if it would have been in my bedroom but the ring was not of my phone. It was exactly at 5:59 because the Lord told me to look at the clock. 5 through grace, 50 a deliverance and 9 in the fullness of the Spirit, in all fruitfulness of His gift, as He is a gift to us purchased through blood to allow us to receive Him, He is the very womb of God from which His Sons shall emerge volunteering in the day of His power.

This is as far I can receive from this now, I felt sadness and peace. His love was the foundation of all of it. I feel that a visitation is nearing to us. A visitation of His glory. As the Lord showed His glory to the children of Israel at the inauguration of the Aharonic priesthood (*Lev 9:23), so it will be when the sons of God near their day for they are priests to Him.

In one of the dreams I was visiting a believer, and she shied from me fearing that I was bringing a hard word. Later on she came near and asked me what it was all about, I kept quiet. Then she continued to speak confessing that fear had kept her from nearing to hear. There was much sadness in my heart because I had been sent with a word of hope and blessing and encouragement, but she was not able to receive it because of fear. When she confessed that to me, the time to give the word was gone. I only answered, Now you would not know. If only you would have known, but its OK, I guess that is the way we tend to react."

It was not about qualifying or not, she was not disqualified, just an opportunity that was very much missed. It was about a love that in blindness finds itself still captive of fear living its punishment. But that is not love since from its root it lacks the sure foundation, for we love not in or from ourselves, but because He first loved us. If our hearts receive His love as He gives it to us, then we will find love with which to love Him back and love each other and no fear will be able to hinder the resolve of His love in us.

The Lord longs to Emmanuel and live with and among us. That is what He is still seeking but few open their dwelling place unto Him. When He declares in His word that He does not change He is Truthful. He has not changed at all. He longed to dwell among Israel. They could have been known as the people among whom God dwelt but fear kept them and they asked Moses to listen to God and stand before God for them. Now He comes and seeks exactly the same. Who will answer? Who will say here I am and listen? Is not about what to do but about standing still and seeing His deliverance, of us first from our own delusions and fleshly mindsets. It is about what He can do with the obedience and trust of man when He dwells in their midst. Yeshua came and lived among us doing many things even though very few trusted then, but when the Son of Man comes back will He find faith? Have we learned the lesson better than those before us? Will the heart of His Bride find its perfection?

Like the little girl that ceases from childhood and finds her first impressions of love is enamored of it, but she must one day leave that stage and find how true love is and even what true love is. For the love of God consist not in that we have loved Him but that He loved us first and that was manifested in action giving His very life, His only begotten and what should love be in and among us, if it doesn't translate in that laying of our lives for one another unto Him then we do not have Him at all. A time of silence is to come to awaken love in which love will be revealed in its true nature as with fire, because glory is found manifest through the ashes (of things revealed) since His glory He does not share with flesh.

Amen!
Luz

A voice says, "Proclaim!"
And I answer, "What should I proclaim?"
"All humanity is merely grass,
all its kindness like wildflowers:
the grass dries up, the flower fades,
when a wind from Adonai blows on it.
Surely the people are grass!
The grass dries up, the flower fades,
but the word of our G-d will stand for ever."
Isaiah 40:6-8

* Aharon raised his hands toward the people, blessed them and came down from offering the sin offering, the burnt offering and the peace offerings. Moshe and Aharon entered the tent of meeting, came out, and blessed the people. Then the glory of Adonai appeared to all the people! Fire came forth from the presence of Adonai consuming the burnt offering and the fat on the altar When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

Leviticus 9:22-24

A Vision In The Office

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It was 2:30 AM and I couldn't sleep, so I decided to go downstairs to my office and see if I could write an article on some things that had been on my mind. My mind however just drew a blank, so I decided to lie for a while on the couch in the office. It was then that I begin to hear from the voice I know so well. But before sharing it with you I should warn you that most of it might sound like an over active imagination of one who stays on top of current events around the world. In fact, God and I have had a serious conversation over if I should say this was a vision. But God has clearly instructed me to tell others what I have seen, so here it is, you are the judge.

God spoke to me and said I have found your heart and efforts pleasing but you still have much to learn and I will teach you many things about my Church. The time is very near when panic and chaos will grip the hearts of men and many will die from the fear of what they are seeing. The things you are about to see are for you to tell those who will listen.

It was a Mall, where I am not sure but there were dead and wounded bodies scattered over a large area and as soon as I saw this I was in a different place looking down on a large gathering of a sporting event. Many were already dead and others were gasping for their breath and dying even as I looked at them. One man spoke to me, saying they have already destroyed our economy by cutting off the oil, now they want to kill all of us.

I thought I'd keep seeing this type of disaster but to my surprise I found myself in a Church, judging from the interior and the looks and sounds I thought it must be a Baptist Church. As I sit there in the presence of God unable to speak I heard the Pastor give a short glib standard salvation message, and I watched the people who were frightened and unable to understand why all this was happening to them. Many were destitute without food and no way to purchase any. One man interrupted the Pastor and said why haven't you prepared us, why haven't you warned us? The Pastor begins to cry and the people got up and left him standing behind the pulpit. It was then I noticed an amazing thing, the Pastor fell to the floor and he was dead.

Then we were in a city center and I watched as people were looting and screaming obscenities at each other. Some were shooting and arm robbing the ones that had just stolen the goods from the store just moments before. I looked at the Bank and it was closed and people were trying to get in but the doors were locked.

There were military troops on the streets of the larger cities and they were shooting people with impunity, no one could believe what was happening. As they ran almost aimlessly in pure panic, we followed one man to his home. He greeted his wife and two small children with, I didn't do any good, and I don't know what we are going to do now. He sits and turned on the TV and the news about Israel was on. Israel was under heavy attack and they had already destroyed Damascus. It was believed that many missiles were on the way from Iran. Egypt had launched a full-scale attack and it was feared that Syria had launched missiles with chemical and biological warheads. I turned to God and said you promised that Israel will not be destroyed again, but He reminded me that it wasn’t the end of the story and to wait and see His Word come to pass. Looking back at the TV it showed how suicide bombers had killed many all over the country and everyone was frightened to the point of not knowing where to turn for help.

It was then God showed me Believers who had bonded together and had a Pastor who had prepared them, their love for each other was obvious and many were coming to them for help. But even more important many were being drawn to them as their love was a witness for Yeshua.

I ask God why more Pastors hasn't prepared the Believers, and He told me that they have been desensitized by Y2K and felt they couldn't tell them to prepare again. But those Pastors who knew to prepare their congregations and did not will wish they had never knew Me; I will tell them I never knew them. It was then God said to me, "only those who truly know Me would overcome and witness My great salvation, for all Temporal things will perish but those born of the Spirit will see Eternal Life." I then ask God what would He have me to do? God told me then, that I was to continue on the task set before me and not to look back, that many would be saved.

End of Vision, like I said you be the judge.
Shalom,
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A Word To My Cohanim
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A Word To My Cohanim
"When you divide the land by lot for inheritance, you are to set aside an offering for Adonai, a holy portion of the land. Its length is to be 25,000 [cubits, that is, 8 miles] and its width 10,000 [three miles]; this entire region is to be holy. Of this there is to be reserved for the holy place an area 875 (feet) square, with eighty-seven and a half feet for open land around it. Alongside this region you are to measure a length of eight [miles] and a width of three [miles]; in it is to be the sanctuary, which will be especially holy. It is a holy portion of the land; it is for the *cohanim* who serve in the sanctuary, who approach to minister to Adonai; there will be a place for their houses and a place set aside for the sanctuary. A portion 8 by 3 miles will be owned by the L ' v ' im who serve in the house; it will also have twenty [gatekeepers'] rooms. You are to give the city possession of an area, alongside the offering of the holy portion, one-and-a-half by eight [miles]; it will be for the whole house of Isra'el.

'The prince is to have the territory on both sides of the holy offering and the city's holding; it will extend westward to the western border of the land and eastward to its eastern border; and the length [from the far side of one] of its two parts [to this far side of the other] will be the same as the length of one of the [tribal] portions. His possession in Isra'el will be limited to this, and henceforth my princes will not wrong my people but will give the land to the house of Isra'el according to their tribes. Adonai Elohim say this: "Princes of Isra'el, that should be enough for you! Get rid of violence and looting, do what is right and just, and stop evicting my people from the land! says Adonai Elohim'.

"You are to have honest balance-scales, an honest eifah [a one-bushel dry-measure] and an honest bat [a five-gallon liquid-measure]. The eifah and the bat are to contain the same volume --- the bat is to contain one-tenth of a homer, and the eifah is to contain one-tenth of a homer; the homer is to set the standard for measurement. Also the shekel, is to be twenty gerahs, your maneh will be the sum of a twenty-shekel piece; a twenty-five-shekel piece and a fifteen-shekel piece.

This is the offering you are to make: one-sixth of a bushel from every ten bushels of wheat, and you are to give one-sixth of a bushel from every ten bushels of barley. The law for olive oil is to be half a gallon from every fifty gallons, which is the same as ten bats or one homer, since ten bats equals a homer. From the flock, take one sheep from every two hundred being pastured in Isra'el; [all these are to be used] for grain offerings, burnt offerings and peace offerings, to make atonement for them, says Adonai Elohim. All the people in the land are to present this offering to the prince in Isra'el. The prince's obligation wil be to present the burnt offerings, grain offerings, and drink offerings at the feasts, on Rosh-Hodesh, and on Shabbat --- at all the designated times of the house of Isra'el. He is to prepare the sin offerings, grain offerings, burnt offerings and peace offerings to make atonement for the house of Isra'el.

"Adonai Elohim says this: 'On the first day of the first month you are to take a young bull without defect and purify the sanctuary. The *cohen* will take some of the blood from the sin offering and put it on the door-frames of the house, on the four corner's of the altar's edge and on the supports of the gate of the inner courtyard. You are also to do this on the seventh day of the month for everyone who has sinned inadvertently or though ignorance. Thus you will make atonement for the house.

"On the fourteenth day of the first month you are to have the PESACH, a feast seven days long, *matzah* will be eaten. On that day the prince will provide, for himself and for all the people of the land, a young bull as a sin offering. On the seven days of the feast he is to provide a burnt offering for Adonai, seven young bulls and seven rams without defect daily for seven days, and a male goat daily as a sin offering. He is to provide as a grain offering a bushel [of grain] for a young bull and a bushel for a ram, and for each bushel [of grain] a gallon of olive oil.

"On the fifteeth day of the seventh month, during the feast [of Sukkot] he is to do the same thing for those seven days in regard to the sin offerings, burnt offerings, grain offerings and olive oil.'

I AM Adonai Elohim, and I have something to say to My *cohanim; I want to show you things from My throne room perspective*. I will provide for you. I tell you to divide by my specifications, to comply with Torah. This is not law, this is My instruction for your good and for the protection of the people, all of the people. My Torah provides for ALL My people, the old, the weak, the strong, the young, the ill and infirm, none are excluded as you obey My Torah.

Selfishly take now for yourselves and lose it all for your rebellion toward me, or obey and know that provision has and will be made for you by ME, the True and Living God, the Holy One of Israel. Choice is demanded of you this day.

Do you see that in My Word, I have made specification, provision for you My *cohanim*. This is not to be of your concern for I provide for My own. Have I not said that mine will never beg for bread. Fall prostrate before Me, and see that I give it all to you, in My sacrifice, I have given all for you, I AM your inheritance.

You, My *cohanim* are to teach the people the difference between the common and the holy, between clean and unclean. All that is devoted to Me in Isra'el will be yours. Obey Me and inherit all that I have commanded....for I AM your inheritance.

I tell you today My *cohanim*, cease the violence in the land, do what is right and just. Demonstrate, oversee and set the standard for fairness and honesty in the market place, in the land, and in families.

Remember to honor Pesach and observe Resurection Sunday. Spread the blood upon the door posts of the house, the corner's of the altar, and upon the supports of the gate of the innercourt. Wisdom is speaking My *cohanim*! Do you seek her above silver and gold?

I AM mercy for those who inadvertently sin or in ignorance sin, My mercy flows in My blood...tell them. Go to the hiways and byways and bring them to Me. My banqueting table is set for them, the last of the invited guests. Teach them, reach them for My names' sake, and in the authority of my name, Messiah Yeshua, and in the power of My shed blood upon Calvary's hill.

My Word is very specific; quickly learn from those skilled, understand the numbers and the measurements. I speak to this generation and to this time. Are you listening? Understand the pattern that I AM showing you. Do you see the perfection, the symmetry, the music, the mathematics, the beauty of My Torah?

Do you see the link between Pesach and Sukkot and know that the My people are ignorant. Have you only taught them from man's perspective? Listen to me! Teach them. Learn from My Ruach haKodesh and teach the people...for I AM Your Prince, Your Jehovah Shalom, Jehovah Shamma, Jehovah T'sikenu, Jehovah Nissi, Jehovah Jireh, Jehovah Rophe. I AM sending out an alarm to you My *cohanim*!

I AM the great I AM; I will fill you with My Ruach haKodesh, I will give you strength and Joy unimaginable for this time, you will rise up with great vitality, energy and wisdom for such a time as this. Be about Your Abba's business, I will provide...even now I am touching the purse strings of many and the flow will come soon, for despite all of their worldly wealth, evil has come to their door...focus upon My direction, your service to me, and see what I shall do for you. I tell you My *cohanim*, prepare My people.

My *cohanim*, the deep hunger in My people is stimulated by Me. Encourage the people now! They must eat at My table for the famine and GREAT WAR begins soon.

Joseph company arise and complete all that has been assigned you. Help My people to complete their preparation! Feed My sheep! Teach them to hide My Word in their hearts; to cover their minds with My Torah! *Cohanim*, cover the lintels of their minds with the blood of Messiah Yeshua, so that death will pass them over and they will be relased from Egypt, bondage broken, release theirs at last. Do it now and see the riches that they will carry with them to the Promised Land, My protection, My provision, My peace....they will carry MY GLORY!

In My Tender Love to you,
Your Abba

A Word To My Warriors

Linda Patterson

June 22, 2004
Third Day Warrior get ready, sharpen your sword for the battle is about to begin!

There has been a shifting, a shaking a wilderness making of warriors tried and true. Yes, My warriors as you have been tried and tested and I have watched you, I have examined your ways, your thoughts and the very intents of your heart. You have come through the wilderness and the fire into My glorious presence. You have answered the call to come up higher and have met Me in the Secret Place.

You have been relentlessly pushing against a wall that seemed like a fortress, that seemed an insurmountable obstacle and as you have cried out to Me with your whole heart
the breath from My nostrils has knocked the wall over and you have vaulted forward into the new day, the third day, the day of My power, the day of My release, the day of My victory.

Throughout the nations of the earth I have assembled My army. They have been called and commissioned in the Secret Place and are ready for war. From the foundations of the earth and throughout the tunnels of time victory has been assured. The Captain of the Hosts charges forward on a white steed, unfurling a banner across the nations, “Holiness Unto the Lord”.

Changes are coming quickly! What was not shall be, what was shall be no more.
Arise now my victorious, overcoming warriors of the morning. Give a shout for truly I have given you the city.

A Word To My Faithful Ones

Dee Hoetmer

I come today to give you much encouragement and support. To fill you with My love and to cradle your weary head. You have said in your hearts, is there no end to the trails, no end to this weary way?

You have been through the refining fires and rejected it not, but sought My face through it. It is now time for restoration of body, soul and spirit. I will revive you, I will renew you! I will make your feet as hinds feet, even as a Roe. Your spirit will be light and your heart will have exceeding great joy.

You see My Beloved, you are to be My bright and shiny ones as the world is enclosed in darkness. You are My representatives upon the earth, endued with My Spirit, My Glory, My Authority!

Do not weep and mourn My Beloveds, this is the start of a new hour in Me. Have I ever been unfaithful? I WILL DO WHAT I SAID I WILL DO! I will restore your body, your weary mind, and your spirit. I have not brought you this far in Me, to leave you where you are. No indeed not! All has been My plan and purposes for you, ordained since before the beginning of time.

I have knit your heart with Mine, your desires are now My desires, your heartbeat now My heartbeat. It has been a labor of love, this that I have wrought in you. Do you really think I will now leave you where you are, broken and weary upon your bed? No, again NO!

I am faithful to fulfill all your purposes. Every step you take will be ordered by Me. Every word you speak will be ordered by Me. My Beautiful Beloveds, “you have come a long way” and I AM WELL PLEASED WITH YOU! THE REFINING IS DONE, MY GLORY IS TO COME, yes you will shine with My Glory. All that look upon you will know that you are Mine, redeemed, restored, forgiven and the life you now have is My resurrected life, THE POWER OF MY RESURRECTED LIFE, THE AUTHORITY OF MY RESURRECTED LIFE, that is now beginning to dwell in you by My Spirit. You have felt the tingling in your fingertips, yea even in your body. This is the start of My Resurrection Life beginning to flow through you. As you step forth, the earth will be redeemed, brought under My RIGHTFUL LORDSHIP AND DOMINION!

You will say it was worth it all as, you see what I do through you, My Beautiful Beloveds, representatives of Me upon the face of the earth!

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Beloved You Are In Me

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I am speaking simply as a time of refinement and purging upon My body I decree. I would that none be lost, that all, even the simplest of My children, understand the season they are now entering.

My judgment on My church comes, first to the shepherds and then to My sheep. I will be merciful for I know your hearts; those that willingly bow their knees to Me will have an easier time of this time of refining then those who willingly refuse to bend the knee. Those who know better, but sell themselves to the ways of the world to protect their image and their kingdoms will feel the hand of My judgment more severely. I am not a harsh God to those who are humble before Me, but those of My children who refuse to change their ways and plan and purpose their own ways, will have a hard time of it.

Beloved I speak to you as if still babes. You are entering a time of refining, a time of cutting away of all fleshly desires, of all that is not of Me, for I WILL have a Bride, spotless and without blemish to declare My glory upon the face of the earth. I will be gentle with those of gentle hearts and even seem harsh with those who have harsh hearts. To those I say fall upon the Rock before the Rock falls upon you! THE CHOICE IS YOURS BELOVED, will you bend the knee so that I can change you to all that I have called you to be?

TO MY BELOVED WHO ARE IN ME, those who have submitted to My refining fires and have allowed themselves to be purged, A GLORIOUS SEASON AWAITS YOU. You are My forerunners, you have My protection, provision and guidance. I will open the doors to the churches to you. Sometimes you will not be received but those who have wisdom will hear. You are My forerunners to lead the rest of My sheep, yea shepherds even with tender hearts of servant hood. YOU WILL SHOW THEM THE WAY INTO A DEEPER PLACE IN ME. Be kind, be patient for they will now go through the refining fires as you did. Be merciful and graceful as I have been with you. Discount none for you do not see their hearts as I do! I will show you who to minister to!

My Beautiful Beloveds, I have a job for you to do, a work I have amply prepared you to do!

Isa 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; Isa 42:7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. Isa 32:3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. Isa 32:4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

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Awake to Righteousness
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“Awake to righteousness, and sin not.” (I Corinthians 15:34 KJV).

Have we actually been asleep to righteousness, as the above Scripture states? Looking at the world, one could definitely come to this conclusion, as many are slumbering in sin because their senses are dulled as to what is right and wrong.

The question arises: Have some Christians fallen into this snare of indifference? We need to seriously ponder this in our own hearts. The enemy will set a trap to capture those who seek after their own pleasures, which is all too easy to fall into if seeking the Lord wholeheartedly is not our priority. Being righteous should set us apart from those who are of the world. We are called to be lights—not caught in the darkness that controls those who do not know the Lord.

To understand what it means to be righteous, let us look at just a few of the thirty-six attributes in a thesaurus. Righteous means to be: honorable, goodhearted, noble, moral, honest, trustworthy, guiltless, blameless, and having a clear conscience. How do we measure up to this definition?

Basically, if we are righteous, we are pure and do not sin. Can we truly be pure in our world today? It is a high calling, but Jesus is our standard of righteousness. If we will aspire to become like Jesus, then we will eventually become righteous. As we can conclude from the above Scripture, we are instructed to awaken from our slumber, and to be just that—righteous.

Righteous vs. Religious
There is quite a difference between being righteous and being religious. The scribes and Pharisees had the appearance of being righteous, religiously doing good works, but on the inside, they were full of pride. The most stern language that Jesus ever used in the Bible was when He talked to the scribes and Pharisees, speaking seven woes against them. Here is just one:

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also” (Matthew 23:25-26).

This truth is hard to hear, but God placed it in the Bible for a purpose and for us to learn from. The Pharisees were the epitome of the religious spirit. They made sure that they “appeared” righteous, but Jesus could see their hearts. They were anything but righteous, as their hearts were full of pride.

The world, which so desperately needs Jesus, picks up on the legalism that follows the religious spirit, and turns them completely from the Lord. This is why the Lord spoke so harshly to the scribes and Pharisees because He knew what they were doing to the lost. Jesus came to save the lost, and they were turning many from following God, thinking they were doing Him a favor by persecuting those who did not live up the their “holier than thou” standard.

Jesus said: “… unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:20). Jesus gave this warning to us as well. It may seem like we are a far cry from being anything like a Pharisee, but we may need to think about that again. Let us pray and ask God to remove pride from our lives and help us become righteous, as He is. He will help us.

Sobering Truth

I was recently told the following story and it broke my heart. A young lady had just met the Lord. She was having a few drinks, and a Christian began berating her for drinking—telling her it was a terrible thing to do. She felt condemned, guilty, and rejected. Her thoughts were: “Why even bother trying to be a Christian—I can’t do it!” It is likely that this young woman had not even been a Christian long enough to learn that some of things she was doing were wrong. Sadly, the harshness with which her behavior was confronted did not encourage her toward righteousness, but discouraged her.

New Christians are not changed overnight and they will still have many of their old ways, as we all did when we first came to the Lord. We may have a tendency to immediately try to “fix” someone when they first become saved, but we cannot be the Holy Spirit to others. Which one of us became perfect overnight? It takes time for healing and the Lord to change new followers into His image. So we must have patience with others.

We can correct someone about a matter that is in fact true, and yet do it in a wrong spirit, causing wounds instead of the liberty that comes from the truth of God, which sets us free. Furthermore, wounds can be very deep and the person who is being healed has to want to be healed. But with time, as they seek the Lord and develop their own relationship with Him, they will become more like Him and be changed into His image. We must always remember, it is God who will do the changing, not us.

Choice Words Follow the Righteous

The situation with the young Christian woman could have been so different if she had heard encouraging words, instead of condemning words. Proverbs 10:20 states: “The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver, the heart of the wicked is worth little.” We would all like to take things back that we have said, so it is very important to be careful with our words to begin with. We want our words to be as “choice silver,” but this takes the practice of self-control and prayer. You see, being righteous comes from the outgrowth of our relationship with God. As we become more like Jesus, our words will become like His.

The Heart of Jesus

Jesus had many friends, and most lived questionable lives. Why did they want to be with Him? Because they felt accepted by Him. He loved them and it showed. He came with open arms to those who were not accepted by the so-called “religious” of their society, the scribes and Pharisees. Neither was Jesus accepted by these same religious ones, but was rather delivered up to be crucified by them.

Jesus came to save the brokenhearted, having great compassion for them. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit (Psalm 34:18). He is our example of righteousness and we should likewise help those who are crushed in spirit. My heart goes out to that young lady who so recently met the Lord. She too may have been brokenhearted or crushed in spirit. Who knows the reason why she was drinking too much? We do not know her past or her heart. Perhaps she had been addicted to cocaine, and she was trying desperately not to get a fix, so she drank instead. Those who are addicted, or have been addicted to drugs, know that it is difficult to stop. Instead of condemnation, she needed someone to accept her just the way she was. She needed a friend to love her through her problems.

When someone is going through a process of healing, the last thing they need to hear is condemnation from anyone. They have enough condemnation and guilt from the enemy, without others heaping coals on top of that. The Holy Spirit is the One who does the convicting. We must pray for that person, leave it with the Lord, and just be a friend. Remember: “Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins (I Peter 4:8 NIV).

If we are becoming righteous, then we are taking on the nature of Christ. When we truly love the Lord and know that He loves us, that love will shine forth from us as an extension of our relationship with

Him, and then it will be given to others. This is the essence of being righteous.

Just Accept

What keeps those who may not “look” like Christians out of the churches? Most of the time it is guilt and condemnation from the church. Maybe some have ten tattoos and two nose rings. God loves them just as they are and we should too. Why does it matter anyway? God looks at the heart, not the outside, which should be our example to love others as well. As we grow in His love, becoming more righteous, we will begin to love those around us.

What about a homeless person? They need compassion, not condemnation. Those just getting out of prison need friends to surround them. They may have met the Lord there, but when they return to society, it is all too easy to fall back into sin. I Corinthians 15:33 states: “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company corrupts good morals.’” If they are not accepted in the church, where else are they going to go? Sadly, they will go back to where they are accepted, to their old friends and old ways. We can make a difference in this world—we can love the unlovable through the power of His love.

We are called to be “the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do men light a lamp, and put it under the peck measure, but on the lampstand; and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men…” (Matthew 5:14-16).

How can we awake to righteousness and make a difference? By letting our lights shine in a dark world that has no hope. Accept and love those who may be unacceptable in the eyes of many, just as Jesus in His life on earth gave us as an example. The world is a sad and lonely place. The unsaved and the hurting need the Lord, the brightest Light of all. May we learn to be compassionate, just as Jesus cares for us.

Light arises in the darkness for the upright; He is gracious and compassionate and righteous (Psalm 112:4).

One Christian is just a single light, but it is still a light and many can be drawn to the Light within us. But if we all shine together, the world will become a brighter place. Proverbs 4:18 states: “But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day.” As we individually become more like Jesus, corporately we will become the righteous lights the Lord has called us to be. And, we will make a difference.

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Awaken
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"Awaken my children to the arrival of my Sons. You who operate in discernment will recognize them when you see them. They will not come with great fanfare and ceremony; no, they will come in my Spirit operating in my power. They will lack nothing, they will ask for nothing, but rather will be my blessing to you (my children).

They will have my counsel, my power; They will not judge by what they see or hear, but rather what they have heard me say. They will speak my words, which will release my power. You will know these whose sole purpose will be to usher my people into my Kingdom upon the earth. You will know them by their fruit, and their ultimate fruit is their testimony (their life), not mere words. They live for my glory, not theirs, and they are obedient unto death."

The Davids Are Coming
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Can the Institutional Church system, as we know it, fulfill the plan of God? Could the system (government) that is found in most churches today precipitate many of the problems that we now see? These questions are cause for a search into deeper truth, and as such, cause us to understand the spiritual relevance of the (Church) structure that now serves most of Christianity.

During a recent time of prayer I felt I heard the Lord say that the spirit of anti-Christ is not coming; he is already here! He has set himself up in the house of God in the form of the carnal church, led by carnal men who have taken God's (the Holy Spirit's) place; men who are led by their minds instead of God's Spirit. Many Church leaders have unwittingly substituted themselves and their thinking in place of God and God's Spirit, and in the process become Gods unto themselves and their flocks. Only God can occupy God's place in the temple (in us) in order that God's true destiny to spawn in our lives individually and corporately.

The exodus we see in the Church worldwide is not made up of rebellious backsliders and quitters; to the contrary, many of those leaving are seeking more of God, hungry for a true form of worship and assembly. As is the center of much discussion these days, the Institutional Church is housed in a system (government) that man erected, which finds its support and structure in a system that has evolved since the pure structure of the First Century Church. This revolutionized system (structure) we see today has little scriptural basis for its existence - a one-fold pastor led form of leadership (devoid of the five fold ministry), enforcement of the tithe, and the laity clergy divide that tragically separates the body into two parts; none of which are evidenced in New Testament scripture.

This system operates through the efforts of men. Men working through men produce human results - Men working through God produce Godly results, and while there has been grace upon the Institutional Church for many years, it appears that this grace is lifting as God continues to reveal a true Godly structure (for His Church).

God's ordained structure for anything ignites and invites God's power (Isaiah 9:7). I do not think that many, outside of leadership, could reasonably debate the fact that the Church is powerless, ineffective and besieged with problems. Unfortunately, the Church is more like Saul's army assembled on the battlefield trembling at the taunts of Goliath, rather than the conquering David that God desires. It seems an injustice that we have the greatest power in the universe residing within us, yet we as a people have been powerless and ineffective to conquer this earth for our Lord. Could it be that our structure, the very foundation upon which we act as a Body, is wrong?

Prophetic men and women men are beginning to recognize that it is not God's plan for His people to live in the earth in this powerless and ineffective state much longer: He is now taking direct steps to implant His power and effectiveness in His true (Davidic) people for His destined purposes to be fulfilled in the earth. As the David's come forth, Goliath will fall! But where are the David's? They sit idly in a system that does not recognize the powerful gifts that reside in them; gifts and offices of ministry that will change the world. The most under used and unrecognized talent in the world lies dormant in church pews all over this world.

But be encouraged, in this hour in which we live, it appears that God is much less prone to bless the works of men, all the while using those who truly know Him to create His works through them. Presumption that we all used to so routinely get away with now seems to bring sobering retribution. Acts in the church and business) outside of the leading of the Spirit of God can now be seen for what they are - acts of men. "Except the Lord build a house its builders build in vain." If we believe these assessments, the facts beg the question; can God's authority truly operate in and through the works of men? Can God's people within this system ever find their appointed destiny? Can those who cling to the system do so and remain in God's will? Can any real peace be found within the current church structure?

Isaiah 9:6,7,8 is a prophetic reflection of God's view of government. It further evidences that the government, order, and structure of God rest upon the back of Jesus. These scriptures clearly reveal that God ordains government (structure) according to His plan.

Isaiah 9:6-8 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Almighty will accomplish this."

Another interpretation of Kingdom/government is God's perfect order - the hierarchy, position and placement of things according to God's will and plan. Godly structure (government) is evidenced by God's peace. In God, government precedes peace. Peace is a blessing that flows out of good government. If there is not peace in a situation, it is because there has been a breakdown in the government of that situation. Bad government produces confusion, dependency, and poverty whereas Godly government produces order, initiative, and productivity.

Could it be that God is about to radically change the Church as we know it to a structure more akin to the First Century Church which turned the world upside down for our Lord?

For many in the Church today there is knowledge that something is wrong. "What is it?" we ask. "Is it me?" "Is it my Church?" "Is it my Pastor?" The knowledge that something is wrong pervades the Church from Savannah to Siberia; the Internet and many prophetic websites and lists confirm and link us to this truth. Be comforted that your situation is neither unique nor unusual, but of greater significance, be aware that God is signaling CHANGE. A new Davidic order is rising up and out of the existing Church, replacing the order of Saul. There is a separation now taking place as the Spiritual seed begins to separate from the carnal. Ishmael can no longer live in the house with Isaac.

Recently a friend of mine was heard to say, "Don't tell me that something is wrong - I already know that, give me solutions!" As I pondered and prayed as to why this remark sparked such an unsettling in my spirit, clarity began to emerge from the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of the Lord grants us a sense of the problem, then provides His solutions: It is important to note here that our solutions are not necessarily His solutions, and our ways are not necessarily His ways. The era in which we now live has revealed problems in the Church and now is the time for God's solution, God's way. Has the Church realized yet that man's way will work no longer? Perhaps we should continue another two or three hundred years playing church! Have we tricked ourselves into believing there is real power in the Church?

The key to solving a myriad of problems in the Church is found in solving the main problem. When the main problem is dealt with, in an almost cataclysmic fashion, things will begin to dramatically change as God's people begin to walk in God's power. The problem that glares at us constantly is a powerless Church; a Church taunted by Satan on a daily basis much the same as Goliath taunted the Armies of God. Financial hardship, defeat, sickness, sin, divorce, jealousy, vain ambition, hype, programs, formulas, and relational failures permeate the Church from the pulpit to the pew. Since we know this is true, let us examine accurate, word filled, Holy Ghost inspired prophetic revelation for our solution.

Step one in resolving the problem is recognizing and accepting that anyone who has accepted Jesus as Lord must also understand that they have a destiny to fulfill, a part to play in this move of God. Any activity short of God's plan for our lives (destiny) will not fulfill us, will not produce the continuing joy of the Lord in us, and will not sustain us financially or relationally or any other way. It is important to note that outside of our destiny, we can have some degree of happiness (without the continuing joy of the Lord), we can have relationships and we can make money; however, a called man or woman will know the difference in their heart of hearts. Said differently, you cannot be holy in Dallas, if you are called to be righteous in Cleveland.

A well known lecturer once said that he had traveled Christian circles for years and seen thousands upon thousands of miserable Christians, yet never had he seen anyone pursuing and walking out their destiny, who was not filled to the brim with vitality, life, and enthusiasm - "Jesus came to give us an abundant life" John 10:10.

In facing the powerless Church question, understand that the human resources are now in place to release this great power, but the old system (Saul's armor) under which these human resources operate will not permit them the freedom to be used - the whole creation awaits our adoption as sons. Just as Saul's armor constrained David, so too has the old order constrained those who are called to demolish Satan's strongholds, strapped with the heavy cumbersome equipment of Saul. I feel the solution is prophetically answered in I Samuel 17. As you may recall from these verses, David was appalled that Goliath so freely taunted God's people. With confidence he prepared to face Goliath, yet quickly recognized that the old order (armor) would not work. Similarly, as we recognize that the old order will not work for the Church, we too must seek the new Davidic order that God is raising up in this hour. To have what we have never had, we must do what we have never done. Much prophetic revelation is found in the meaty verses of I Samuel 17.

"Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. I cannot go in these, he said to Saul, because I am not used to them. So he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine" (I Samuel 17:38-40).

As with David, we must recognize that God is doing a new thing to bring victory to a less than victorious Church. Let us examine further the prophetic implications of these scriptures - " I cannot go in these, he said to Saul, because I am not used to them. So he took them off. Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream…"

The order of Saul was built upon a one-man system, the direct results of men directing God. This one-man system of Saul had more to do with man's leadership than God's. As a downward spiraling parallel, we see the Church dissolving from the powerful First Century Church, utilizing the entire five-fold ministry; to the one fold Pastor led system of today. Through the traditions of men, we have systematically eliminated four folds of ministry to the Body of Christ and of equal importance, knocked countless thousands out of attaining their destiny and purpose in the earth. Many powerful, destiny filled ministries sit idle in pews, bound and constrained by an order that does not recognize any calling except Pastor (See Ephesians 4:11,12). The present day Church structure, for the most part, denies 80% of the equipping ministries the opportunity to do what they were put on earth to do. This diabolical system cuts the Body in two ways: It first denies ministry to those who need such from other folds - Evangelists, Teachers, Prophets, and Apostles and secondly, keeps these respective gifts on pews sitting idle and stagnant.

David realized, as we must, that victory would not come through the way battles were typically fought. David dared to look to a different non-traditional manner to attain victory against Goliath, so too must the Church. In more than a twist of irony, let us look again to the word - "Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream…" I submit to you that as the Davidic order replaces the order of Saul that a true victorious Church will emerge as the five-fold ministry begins to find its way back into the Body of Christ. As David reached into the stream he pulled five smooth stones to the surface. Symbolically, many of those who are being raised up in this hour will be those that have been hidden from the Body, submerged for years, yet washed by the water of the word until all rough edges have been smoothed. Any stone that David chose was enough to bring Goliath to the ground.

Destiny releases the power and purpose of God in us, in the earth, and in the heavenlies. When we touch destiny and purpose, we know it - it witnesses in our spirit; a surge of power is felt in our mind, body, and spirit. Many apostolic and prophetic anointings lay dormant as do other callings within the Body, but soon will awaken as the emerging Davidic order brings change to the Church. The Church cries out for solutions to its problems, BUT IS IT READY FOR REAL ANSWERS? Much of the solution will require change from those in the old order of Saul, and many like those in Saul's company will be ever so reluctant to join David the anointed and called King. Any change that has ever affected this world began in the hearts of men, so too will this move of God begin in the hearts of men.

All change must begin within each of us seeking change. At the risk of sounding redundant, let me state again THAT THOSE DESIRING TO SEE CHANGE MUST REALIZE THAT IN ORDER TO BRING CHANGE, WE MUST BE WILLING TO CHANGE. The willing and obedient eat the good of the land and fulfill their predestined call. Just prior to David's Kingship he held up in the cave at Addulum (I Samuel 22). What a choice his followers had to make - a cave with David or a Palace with Saul. The palace represents a close parallel to decisions faced today: Saul offered comfort, stability, safety, prominence, position, power, influence and acclaim. David offered a cave, actually a hole in the side of a mountain, but deep in the hole was a dream. The order of Saul deals in the seen; the order of David in the unseen.

Those with an affinity for the external will likely stick with Saul, while those with the eye of the Spirit will follow David to the death. "All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and he became their leader" (I Samuel 22:2). The Davidic Order WILL NOT attract those who are happy with things just the way they are. We now live in the age of the Laodicean Church - "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm - neither hot nor cold - I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing. But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked" (Revelation 3:14-17). John saw a Church in his era that prophetically speaks to a Church in another era and that era is now! In summary, the spiritually contented will stay with Saul, while the spiritually discontented will hold up with David.

Several years ago the Lord spoke to me over a period of time and said several things that changed my life. First he said, "Anything growing will change - be open, be flexible, be willing to change." This phenomenon is true in both the natural and the spiritual world. GROWTH REQUIRES CHANGE. Though all change isn't a sign of growth, all growth is a sign of change! Our growth will require change, but even more importantly and initially, our willingness to change. He then said, "Ignorance often comes disguised as tradition." With those words, when combined, I realized that traditional thinking is dangerous in dealing with spiritual matters. I had hindered my own spiritual growth by my own preconceived traditions, much of which emanated from my soul. He then said a final word that has changed my life forever. "The sin of presumption often hides itself in noble purposes." As with Sarah, I have been guilty of trying to help God by assuming roles that God had not assigned me (See Genesis 16:3), but because the purpose appeared noble and good, I presumed it to be God. This incredibly dangerous error, in my opinion, has stopped more people from fulfilling their destiny and walking in the real power of God than any other aspect of Christianity; evangelist acting as pastors, businessmen in ministry, ministers in business, teachers acting as prophets, programs in place of prayer, organizations in place of an organism, etc.,

Much of the modern day Church is a result of works of the flesh (Ishmael). Said differently, presumptive decisions based on noble purposes run most churches today. IT IS HERE THAT WE IDENTIFY WHY WE HAVE A POWERLESS CHURCH - IT IS RUN FOR THE MOST PART BY WORKS OF THE FLESH. That which is a work of the Spirit will produce Spiritual results. That which is a work of the flesh will produce the results of the flesh - Works of God produce Godly results while works of men produce human results. Judge for yourself the state of the Church.

Before leaving the subject of presumption, let us look deeper into why it reigns in the Church today. God's word is filled with scriptural assurances that if we seek him for answers, he will provide them. His Word also gives us many scriptural assurances that God will guide and lead us beyond our need for critical answers, even to the extent of telling us in Romans "those that are led by the Spirit of God are called the sons and daughters of God."

Despite these assurances, we still operate in presumption in many areas of our lives. Self-rule is a product of trusting self more than God. As one Pastor put, "Why do you think I went to the Seminary?" A major characteristic of the Davidic order rest in the fact that God does the leading. David always sought God for specific direction after learning that he was not only to get the direction of the Lord, but also the 'how to' within the confines of that direction (See II Samuel 6:1-13). Saul took matters into his own hands and lost his kingdom, not only for himself, but his heirs as well. Sadly, Jonathan stayed with his father, Saul and met an untimely death. How many who linger in the house of Saul will birth spiritual death for themselves and their families? During a recent time of praying in the Holy Spirit for several hours, I heard the Lord say that He is raising up a victorious Church, a warrior like David who operates in the true power and strength of the Lord. As I asked the Lord about the initial steps that we must take in arriving at this victorious place, He spoke the following to me:

The Body of Christ is made up of people, not buildings, not denominations, not ministries. It will be through unifying and joining of those called to be joined that God's power will be released in this hour. Two parts in the world only equal two: two parts in the Kingdom equal ten - "One can put a thousand to flight, two can put ten thousand to flight." Proper joining results in proper sharpening - "A man sharpens his brother as iron sharpens iron." Body parts when properly joined will have the strength they are designed to have and perform the functions they are designed to perform. Just as a finger apart from the hand has no functioning power, so too are the parts of the Body of Christ apart from those to whom they are called. Praying in the Holy Spirit will release the knowledge, the enabling, and the joining that God desires in this hour.

The Army of God is now beginning to make strategy for VICTORY; the primary focus of this strategy involves unifying the Body and joining the parts that are 'called' to be JOINED. We must pray to properly discern and join the Body properly…This is not a joining for the sake of joining, but rather a fitting of the parts that are called to be JOINED.

Begin to look for the Davidic Order - it is soon coming to a town near you!

Purpose Ignites Power

"Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he" (Proverbs 29:18). "Enter the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way easy, that leads to destruction, and those that enter by it ARE MANY"(Matthew 7:13).

There 'ARE MANY' Christians today without purpose, without vision, and without a quest for destiny;

and the end thereof is to perish and destruct. As we humble ourselves and pray for a deep abiding hunger for God - a one on one personal relationship, not to be confused with the blessing of God, or the knowledge of God, but for God Himself; as the hunger fills us so too will the purpose. The purpose and will of God will ignite within us as we earnestly seek the God of things, not the things of God (Matthew 6:33).

Any foundation that is not built on knowing God is a false foundation. Many confuse the knowledge of God with knowing God - there is vast difference! Hebrews 11:10 begins to point us in the right direction. Abraham knew not where he was going, but he knew what he was looking for. "For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." Our ultimate calling is to ultimately believe. Relationship produces understanding, which produces vision. Abraham knew only what was in his heart and he was willing to forsake all to pursue it.

As Abraham, we too are seeking a city with foundations and the foundation of the city in which we are to abide is Jesus. The strength and type of any building is its foundation. Our spiritual lives are a reflection of the foundation underneath us, the invisible strength upon which we stand. "No man can lay a foundation other than the One which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 3:11).

Relationship produces vision and vision produces power. We need a continual God given revelation of what we are to pursue and truly come to a place of trust where we lean not unto our own understanding. There are times ahead in which this revelation will become increasingly important. "Unless the Lord builds a house, those who build it labor in vain" (Psalm 127:1). "I can of my own self do nothing…"(John 5:30).

Most of us are not receiving revelation before we pray or before we enter into an endeavor, and consequently our efforts are in vain. We need to come into a God given vision and purpose, EVEN IF IT IS SLOW TO UNFOLD, for as we seek first the Kingdom of God, all things shall be added unto us. God wants us to come as little children, "…except ye turn and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3).

We are being brought into the Kingdom as we find our appointed places in God. We are now beginning to be caught up in the whirlwind of the Holy Spirit. As with Abraham, God is shattering our earth bound natural existence that is keeping us out of the Kingdom and the supernatural plan and provision of God. We are God's planting and we will begin to flourish as His Kingdom comes. As the call upon our lives takes form, and as we move into the place that our Father has prepared for us, we begin to enter into His Kingdom. Our Father is now gathering us who are straggling and bringing us into line according to His purposes.

Awhile back my wife and I saw an excellent movie entitled ENEMY AT THE GATE. The World War One story line revolved around the Russian Army's historical defense of Stalingrad as a last line of defense against German invasion. The movie, whose events were based on historical fact, serves to illustrate a major point in understanding purpose and destiny and its relationship to God's power operating in our lives.

As the battle progressed, it became apparent to Russian military leaders that the battle was no longer simply a battle for a city, but of much greater importance, a battle for the country; the dire consequences of which meant German domination. As knowledge of the greater importance became known among Russian ground troops, their routine fighting and somewhat mechanical defense of the city transformed into a mission with great purpose and passion. A new invigorated purpose ignited a strong action, the results of which were the turning point of the battle and eventually the war. The greater purpose released an invigorated passion, which turned the tide of battle.

True passion can only be ignited by purpose, vision being the ultimate motivator. Now translate this into spiritual terms and the spiritual energy of a God appointed destiny: "Men perish without vision." God's vision within the heart of a man is the strongest motivator any man will ever know while walking this earth. As the historic World War One example reveals, purpose ignites power. We have come to the prophetic hour in time in which our purpose and destiny can be found with great clarity as our hunger for God grows.

Let us look at another point that ties into vision and purpose: "Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." The fear of the Lord is earnestly hungering for Him, walking in obedience to His direction, worshiping and being in His presence, accepting Him on His terms, and ultimately seeking His power and purpose to work in and through us. Simply stated, Fear of the Lord in a Biblical and Spiritual sense IS obedience and compliance to God's agenda, which IS our destiny.

When we operate in a true fear of the Lord, there is a oneness between us and God that unites God's purpose and power in our life - the place where we touch true God breathed, God inspired destiny; the type that changes circumstances, people's lives and moves us into the ORDAINED plans, purposes, and POWER of God. True fear of the Lord establishes (releases) the Authority of God in us. Scripture tells us that God's people perish for a lack of knowledge or, said differently, God's people perish for a lack of knowledge of the Spiritual Authority and purpose God desires us to walk in. Purpose ignites power in a natural sense, just as God's purpose ignites supernatural power is a spiritual sense. When we move in God's purpose (our destiny), we can expect all heaven's backing; we can expect to be able to accomplish what we, on our own, are not capable of accomplishing.

"The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are ANY WHO UNDERSTAND, any who seek God." If we seek, we have a Biblical promise that we will find our purpose and authority. POWER FROM HEAVEN CANNOT COME WHERE THERE IS NO ESTABLISHED AUTHORITY, AND AUTHORITY CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED LESS WE SEEK HIM FOR IT. Seeking Him, establishes the Authority through which the power can operate.

God is calling the Church to walk in and live in His anointing (for us) and not be satisfied to simply sit under the anointing of another on Sunday morning.

The word of faith movement taught us to know who we are in Christ, now our Lord desires us to know who He is in us. When WE begin to know Him and who HE is in us, and GAIN KNOWLEDGE THAT HE WANTS TO WORK THROUGH US, we will begin to see HIS PURPOSE AND POWER OPERATE IN US.

When we truly recognize that it is not about us, but Him who lives in us and His will, we can with confidence speak His word into circumstances by the leading of His Spirit and see the circumstances change - "Whosoever shall say unto this mountain..." (Mark 11:23).

Until now, we have been content to have the Lord revealed TO US, but the day has arrived that he wants to be revealed IN US. This new wine will require new wineskin. God doesn't simply want to bless us, he wants to inhabit us: Better said, and contrary to present Church doctrine, He doesn't want to improve us - HE WANTS TO REMOVE US! He wants us doing what He does, saying what He says and STRATEGICALLY moving away from the Church mindset of being blessed, to being a blessing!

"His intent was that now, through the Church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal plan which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Ephesians 3:10).

"Through the Church," which is God's people, is God's "manifold wisdom," which is God's word, being made known to THE ENEMY AT THE GATE. With this in mind, now understand Luke 10:19, "Behold, I have (GIVEN UNTO YOU POWER) to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and (OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE EMENY), and (NOTHING) shall by any means (HARM YOU)."

Vision, or a sense of purpose should become our quest with our Lord. It is the ultimate motivator and will bring a quality of life that cannot be measured in words. When we grasp God's vision for our lives, especially as it relates to specific purpose, a supernatural spiritual energy is released in us TO PERFORM THE PURPOSE. As you touch this energy you will find that it transcends spirit and releases a natural physical energy that will touch your mind and physical body, just ask Moses, Abraham, Joshua or Caleb.

AWAKEN! AWAKEN! NOT ONLY TO THE SPHERE, BUT TO THE FACT, THAT I HAVE GIVEN YOU SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE. AWAKEN EARLY TO UNDERSTAND THE SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY I HAVE GIVEN AND THE SPHERES OF ITS APPLICATION. I MAY SPEAK BUT A SINGLE WORD FOR YOU TO KNOW WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN POWER TO PRAY AND SPEAK MY WORD.

Manifestation Of The Sons Of God (The Davids Are Coming)

'Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God' (Romans 8:14). Notice that this scripture does not say "all Christians," or "all preachers," or "all church leaders" are sons of God…only those led by the Spirit of God. As the Spiritual Church continues to be birthed out of the Carnal Church, we are beginning to see the sons of God manifested - those men and women who have died to themselves and who are 'about doing the Father's business.' A distinguishing characteristic of a true son is the continuing grace of God - the grace to pray, the grace to hear, the grace to move according to the plan of God. Grace and humility are virtually synonymous terms.

Humility, staying bowed before the Father, draws the grace of God like a magnet draws metal because God gives grace to the humble and resist the proud (James 4:6). Staying bowed before the Father means hanging onto His every word - the words He speaks to us. We can only have faith for what we have heard the Father say and if we are not hearing, it is safe to assume that we are not bowed, in a state of humility, before the Father (I Peter 5:6).

Our hearing (faith) is proportional to our humility. God desires a pre fall, Tree of Life relationship with His sons and daughters, those that are led by His spirit (the humble), those who do not live life on their own terms by the vanity of their own minds (the proud). God's true sons live completely on His terms staying bowed before Him; spending time with him, hearing Him speak, and doing what He says. They do not live from the Tree of Knowledge where they judge from their own mind, but from the Tree of Life where men do not live by bread alone, but upon 'every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.' They have a great revelation and understanding of Jesus words, "I can of my own self do nothing" (John 5:30). They have come to the end of themselves and recognize that without Him, all else is fruitless and neither worth the time nor the effort.

We know that idolatry is sin and yet often commit it unknowingly. Often the idol we place between us and God IS US: our own intelligence, our own way of doing things, our own traditions, our own theology, our own doctrine. Let us look at the consequences of this lifestyle in Jonah 2:8 - 'Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.'

God is calling us to a place where we function effectively as tools in His hands. We must be about the Father's business, accomplishing His will, NOT OUR OWN. We are to "Forget not His benefits" as we become (God's) purpose minded, we will never again have to be resource minded (like the pagans in Matthew 6:32). If nothing else is remembered in this reading, remember this - God pays for what He orders…when we become purpose minded, we'll not ever again have to be resource minded. In the process of doing God's will all needs are met. What a unique and wonderful Kingdom dynamic. While we are busy doing His will, our needs are being taken care of because the greater (doing His will), always includes the lesser (taking care of our needs). When we fulfill His desire, our desire is seen to. This is just one of the benefits of staying bowed before the Father, in a state of humility, obeying His every word.

When we continuously use the mind (the arena of reason) instead of the Spirit for direction, we unconsciously forfeit the grace to hear God for His directed purposes. Galatians 5:1-4 further reveals the consequences of our actions.

'It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery (the world's system, man's way - using the mind over the Spirit). Mark my words! I Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised (engage the old way of mind over Spirit), Christ will be of no value to you at all. Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; YOU HAVE FALLEN AWAY FROM GRACE.'

'You are made sons by faith in Christ Jesus…' - (Galatians 3:26): 'You who are trying to be justified by law (the old way of doing things) have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace.' We are made sons by faith in the new way, Jesus Christ, hearing God and obeying him. We become alienated from Christ and lose the grace to hear the Father when we engage the old way (making major decisions from the mind). There is a right way with God and a wrong way as we see in Jeremiah 6:16-19 - There is a good way that God blesses and a wrong way that He does not bless.

Read Galatians 3:26 and 5:1-4 in the context of the following: THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT IS NOT AVAILABLE TO US IF THE DAILY GRACE HAS FALLEN AWAY. Engaging the old way ("the yoke of slavery") will cause the grace that could be ours to fall away; we have re entered a form of idolatry, a form of the old law (way) by looking to self for answers… when we do this we lose the grace that could be ours to hear God for specific direction. Jesus made it possible for us to hear God individually for direction in our lives, yet we forfeit the grace to hear Him as we return to the vanity of our own minds for direction.

It is possible to be a Christian and live without the ministry of grace offered by the Holy Spirit. When Paul said the Galatians had fallen from grace he didn't mean they had lost their ability to go to heaven. He meant they had fallen from their dependence on the Holy Spirit…they were reverting to other methods, and in so doing deprived themselves of the Holy Spirit's ministry of grace for daily living. The letter kills, the Spirit gives life.

There is a prophetic sound that is being heard with clarity, "Ishmael can no longer live in the house with Isaac." "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for the slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with the free woman's son" (Galatians 4:30). Ishmael represents the child of the flesh, the original son (the original way). He taunted Isaac much the same as our natural mind taunts us as we begin to move in the things of the Spirit. We all began by using our mind (looking to self for answers) instead of God's Spirit within us, yet now is the time for Ishmael to be put out of the house. "We are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman" (Galatians 5:31). It is time for the child of promise to reign: Jesus enabled us to walk by the leading of the Spirit.

Our inheritance is based upon our growing up and becoming mature in God (Galatians 4:1-7). We will never receive our inheritance until we grow up - trusting God, hearing and obeying, discerning Spiritually, spending time with God etc., Part of that maturation process is putting Ishmael out of the house; in fact, out of our house! Beginning in verse 28 of Chapter 4 of Galatians, 'Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. At that time the son born in the ordinary way persecuted the son born by the power of the Spirit. It is the same now. BUT WHAT DOES THE SCRIPTURE SAY? Get rid of the slave woman and her son, FOR THE SLAVE WOMAN'S SON WILL NEVER SHARE IN THE INHERITANCE WITH THE FREE WOMAN'S SON.' We have come to the time where the two cannot occupy the same house. We can no longer mix living from our minds with living by the Spirit. The two can no longer live in the same house. A little leven unleventh the whole lump.

I belabor this point because of its vast importance in understanding sonship. Those who allow human reasoning to rule their decision-making are the seed of Cain; they produce Ishmaels. Ishmael is a work of the flesh - the very essence of human reasoning. When we make decisions by human reasoning and do not seek the Lord for His will, we will inevitably produce another Ishmael. Ishmaels are always produced by a lack of patience, which promotes the idea that it is always best to wait until we are sure we have heard God before we act. Again, we can only have faith for what we have heard God say, which not only includes His direction, but also His timing. When we follow exactly what God says, we will birth Isaac and Isaac is the seed of promise.

Ishmael and Isaac can no longer live in the same house because there is enmity between the two. Said differently, we can no longer allow human reasoning to stay in the house with being Spirit led. There will always be enmity with between that which is born of the flesh and the true seed of God. As we know, Abraham eventually put Ishmael out of the house, recognizing the mocking and taunting nature of Ishmael toward the true seed -Isaac. As a wonderful Biblical example for us and to Abraham's credit, he was able to recognize Ishmael as a work of the flesh, further realizing that every tree can only bear fruit after its own kind, hence he chopped the tree down and got rid of it. So too should we when we recognize our works of the flesh.

Even though God blessed our Ishmaels for a while, when Isaac appears, that which is born of flesh MUST BE DRIVEN OUT. Flesh cannot be an heir with that which is born of Spirit. Many make the mistake of using their mind for the purposes of God. Many Churches today are governed by the seed of Cain. If Sarah could shout one phrase to all of Christian humanity it would be "The Sin Of Presumption Often Hides Itself In Noble Purposes!"

We must begin to distinguish between the things that God blesses and those that He inhabits. Ishmael was a work of the flesh, having been born of the bondwoman and remaining in bondage (Galatians 4:21-31). Ishmael was not the promised seed, but he persecuted the true heir and does so to this day, yet God blessed him and made him a great nation. He blessed him because he had a covenant with Abraham, and he often blesses our works of the flesh, to a degree, because of the covenant He has made with us; however, he will not inhabit them. The time has come when the child of the flesh must be cast out. We must now look beyond that which may have a blessing upon it and give our attention to that which He inhabits. He inhabits what He orders, and if we cease from our own works and ways, He will be sure, by His grace, to give us His works and ways - the place He inhabits, the place of His blessing. The rest of God can only be found in obeying the work of God. This type rest is not necessarily the absence of activity, but rather the absence of anxiety. We find peace and rest in the middle of God's assignment and specific purpose for our lives.

God is looking for true sons upon which to build His Kingdom in the earth. Those who move in the vanity of their own minds are hirelings, not sons. Building new things in the earth on hirelings is not only negating God's building pattern and methodology, but also a ticket to failure and loss of time, capital and energy - this is a business-economic revelation, a ministry revelation, a personal revelation; True Sons Are About the Father's Business.

Though I have less than a year of walking in this in my own life, I realized recently that in following God's instructions totally (his guidance and direction), all of which started out as selfless acts has now resulted in over a million dollars of my existing debt being paid off (during the last six months) in addition to many relational and Spiritual blessings. The intellectuals (Ishmaels) have repeatedly attacked me over messages like this. They can argue with the doctrine all day long, but they cannot argue with the testimony.

A willingness to only do what the Father says draws the grace that provides specific instruction by the Spirit, which leads to life and it more abundantly.

God Is Calling A Remnant

The Spiritual Church is being birthed out of the Carnal Church; much of which is happening with Home Groups and Cell Groups whose hunger for God exceeds any tradition or soulical ties to men. As always, God has a pattern whenever the Whole either cannot or will not fulfill God's Purpose. Historically, the Lord has taken a Remnant out of the Whole in order to secure His Will on behalf of the Whole. Of all the nations in the world, He chose Israel to be the Remnant. Out of Israel, He chose a handful of faithful ones to carry out His will. Of all the people carried to Babylon, Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were the only ones who did not defile themselves. The Church is a Remnant compared to the world, and the Overcomers are a Remnant compared to the Church. 'He gave some... till we ALL' (Ephesians 4:11-13). The Lord uses SOME until He gains ALL. This is the Remnant Principle that we have seen historically and are now seeing in the earth today.

A Measure Without Measure

Becky McLendon

Give, and it shall be given unto you; good **measure**, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same **measure** that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Luke 6:38

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the **measure** of the gift of Christ. Ephesians 4:7

Eph 4:13 - Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the **measure** of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the **measure** of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. Ephesians 4:16

Could it be we may be waiting on something that’s already there? Call the spiritual post office. We have already received something we don't know about yet. We have been delivered some thing in the spirit we have not seen work yet. The Lord will reveal shortly what it is. And if we call the spiritual post office, we will find out it is already there ready to be delivered. We may have missed it the first time, but now we will get it. We have received some thing that is waiting to see action. We have received his measure.

What about love? Can it be measured? How many people would know or guess their love has to be converted? We are brought into situations we can't love any more, and then he loves. Yet people say...OH you need to show LOVE. But they don't understand the Love they are talking about

If we love Jesus, his revelation is going to be loved. His love has no measure, for he is the measure. So we do not measure out this love. We love according to how he measures it out to whom he will. This is not what we have been taught all our lives that says, "You have to love everybody, because God loves everybody." Man cannot measure perfect love. We can only love with the measure of Jesus! And that is immeasurable, because man has no standard by which he can compare that love.

How do you measure life? Life is measured in Jesus. And HE is without measure. Man counts life as breathing and existing and grabbing for whatever makes him look good, feel good, and promote self. But when Jesus came to give us life, there was no man made standard by which to measure that life. Jesus is the measure.

Can perfection be measured? Could we say a measure of perfection has been given? A measure of faith? A measure of love? He IS the measure that is given, and there is no end to it. He cannot be measured and He is our measure! Jesus is the MEASURE. He is the immeasurable measure. So the MEASURE HE gives is without measure! We are converted to that measure. LIFE is measured in Jesus. And HE is without measure.

Can the mind of God be measured? The mind of God has no IQ. What would you compare it with? it is without measure! The mind of God cannot be "tested" and profiled. There are no statistics, no norms to compare the mind of god to. It is just little minds that think about I Q.

Some people think Genesis to Revelation is an end to God's word. But what is Revelation but a revelation of the measureless measure of Christ to those who come to understanding? But most bind the word of God up between the covers and to man’s private interpretation of it. It is their measure, but not the measure of Christ.

How do you measure the deep? The deep is measured in the same way: In Christ.

There is no tool to be laid to the measure of Christ. And man has been trying to "measure Christ" ever since the beginning. In all of this arguing about oneness vs. trinity; once saved always saved vs. predestination; sprinkling or dunking; pre-post-or mid-tribulation; and other lengthy worn out debates and discussions spawned in the belly of Babylon, they have neglected the experience of the measure of Christ that we have all been commanded to be full of and to grow up into! The willing and obedient will always find predestination has been on time for every thing ahead of it.

Think of the centuries in the history of mankind that man has tried to measure God with his own puny little tools, and then set his findings as absolutes to teach to all generations. Yet God says we are to search the unsearchable riches of His kingdom. He is telling us right there that He cannot be measured by our means of measuring.

He is only measurable when we grow up in the fullness of the measure of Christ! Truth and revelation will only be known by those that have a cross. It doesn’t come out of books but out of God only.

Amen and Amen,

Becky

A Word To The Church For 2004

Heidi Cummins

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"Know WHO you believe, know WHY you believe and know WHERE you are going!

My children, you have got to know Me and know Me well! You must make Me a priority in your lives! I say this not to condemn you, but to give you the strength to go thru the times ahead. This is a time to put all unnecessary things aside and seek My face. I said that those who seek Me with their whole heart WILL find Me- You WILL find Me! I AM not far from you, if you will but seek Me as you would seek for hidden treasure.

But those who only have a nonchalant attitude towards Me will not be hearing from Me- I am seeking people who will worship Me in Spirit and in Truth. People who LOVE the truth! Who love ME! People who do not love falsehood! People who do not love the things of this world! People who love Me with a pure heart! I am not looking for perfect people, only people who WILL LET ME perfect them! That is what I am looking for!

I am raising up an army of Holy warriors who are consumed with My purposes and My desires. This army knows that they can't do ANYTHING in themselves, but they have learned that by relying on Me, they receive MY power. Power that I give them by My Holy Spirit. It CANNOT be worked up by themselves thru wishful thinking or desire thru self-exaltation. Those who would seek to exalt themselves will be exposed for the charlatans that they are! You cannot play games with God and think that you are getting away with it! It is MY power, and the glory belongs to ME alone! My true disciples recognize this, and are filled to overflowing with My power, My love, My glory!

So seek Me while it is still daylight. I want My children prepared and ready for what's ahead. You MUST love the truth and all that the truth stands for! I AM the truth! You must not turn aside to falsehood and false teachings. You must speak truth to one another in love. I am making you overcomers. This world will see the manifestation of MY true sons and daughters and will marvel at them in the midst of great difficulty. It will be a time where those will grab hold of you and say, " Who is this Great God of whom you speak? Who is this God?" And you will have the answers because I will put the right words in your mouth to say at that time. It will not be you speaking, but My Holy Spirit speaking thru you. So you don't need to worry. Worrying is for cowards!

Trust Me that I WILL accomplish what I started. I will do EXACTLY what I said I would do in My word. You need to know My word inside and out. I will make it very clear to you what you need to know. I do not want My church worrying about unimportant things. Only a few things are necessary. Trust Me as you have never trusted Me before. I AM your faithful Lord and I will bring you thru it all just as I said I would, even if the world looks like it is falling apart. As I was with My chosen people throughout history, I will be with you too. I was with Daniel in the fiery furnace. I was with Joseph. I was with Moses. I was with all of My disciples down thru the ages. And I am with you! I AM THAT I AM! The world was not worthy of Me and the world is not worthy of you! So rejoice, and trust Me in EVERYTHING!

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A Word To Intercessors

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O ye warriors of faith. Abide faithful. Ye are the chosen generation, a royal priesthood. Therefore go ye up the mountain and return not until you`ve had an encounter with me.

I am faithful I would not allow any brother who trusts me to go unrewarded. I reward those who come faithfully to seek me. My reward is with them that honourably seek my call.

Call unto me when you are in trouble. I will give you aid. I will help you accomplish the call that I`ve purposed for you before the world began.

O ye intercessors, hear ye me let me speak with you one by one for faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

I have waited for this time to speak with you concerning all that I`ve planned concerning you. To you my bethrothed ones do I reveal myself. I am coming soon for you who wait for me. Therefore seek me on your knees. Pray hard that you may be found worthy to inherit the throne of my father. In my father`s house there are many mansions. I wouldn`t have told you that I go prepare a place for you. I have prepared a place for you where you must all come to. Seek this place always. Let your light always shine that they may see you and glorify your father which is in heaven.

My Dear Children

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My dear children, I have loved you with an everlasting love. Therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn you. I willl be close to you and you shall harvest all that I`ve seen concerning you.

My dear children, come unto me with a fervent heart. Come dont be delayed. There is an harvest to reap. Come and be fruitful in the land of your harvest. Come and reap those seeds that you`ve sown. Come and be filled with Sprit. Come my children and enter your harvest. I have waited until this time to tell you all I have concerning you. Come be closer to me and I will be closer to you more than ever before. I will be your God and you will be my people.

As the harvest seeds are being spread so you shall reap. More and more until you come forth to be all that I`ve always wanted you to be.

Come forth for you are God`s sons. You shall rule. You shall prevail and all shall be well with you.

I will mend your wounds

I will mend your wounds - saith the Lord and all those who repay one another will come to understand

that I love them. I love you and I dont want you to know the depths of satan. I want you to know God and heal your depravity.
Come for your healing. I want you all to just forgive those who have hurt you. You have been of help. Now you shall repay one another with the same love I have loved you with.
I will men dyour wounds and heal your depravity. Your depressed soul shall come into life (as you delight in thanksgiving) for I will give you of your harvest. You shall taste of it and smile. Your joy shall be limitless.
Now you shall come forth and all that I have prepared for you will begin to manifest. They will begin to come to the earth. I have prepared for you. Your little ones will come and the day will be a happy one.
I am healing, restoring the wounded back to shape. I have kindled a fire. Now it shall glow. Now it shall burn until the flames are flames of insights. I have set ideas alrady on your inside and they will make you what I want you to be. Dont loose concentration on your study. Take time to study. Never loose hope. For this hope do I give you in double folds. Let me teach you wisdom. In my name you shall excel.
Come out of the fiery flames and live with me. I am your God therefore seek my ways and I will be with you wheresoever you go.

Walk in Love
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Walk in Love to wards your neighbours. For that is the fulfilment of the law. You must all walk in love if you want perfection for love indeed is the bond and the seal of perfection.

Therefore walk in it. Be ye perfect as the Lord your God is perfect. Move in accuracy. Don't be tempest tossed for love feareth no evil. For perfect love casteth out fear. Therefore walk in it and be thou perfect.

A Word To My Body

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Cease from all striving, cease from all works, for why would you die O' Israel? Why would you call down upon you My Mighty Hand of Judgment? Turn to Me; it is in Me that you will find life, not only true life on earth, but eternal life.

I see you struggling Children, struggling to enter into My anointing, to enter true worship If your works could save you, then why did My Son die? Your own works could have saved you? No a thousand times NO. It is by entering into the finished work of the Cross that you enter into My Rest, into My Life, into anointing of My Holy Spirit.

Oh proud and haughty ones, did your flesh save you when you came to the Cross? Did your fleshly deeds and works NOT STINK IN MY NOSTRILS? Then why O why, IF YOUR FLESH WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE THEN, WHY DO THINK IT IS NOW?

O'Lord you say, but I am washed in the Blood of Jesus and that makes me acceptable. The washing by the Blood does cleanse you from sin and makes you My child, by the spirit of adoption. You indeed address Me as Father and rightfully so, for that I am, but as you walk you are to crucify the works and deeds of the flesh! DIE TO SELF WILL AND WORKS AND DO MY WILL, AND THE WORKS THAT YOU DO MUST BE BY MY HOLY SPIRIT!

O precious one, I see you reading and studying, trying to memorize My Word, but you NEED THE REVELATION OF MY HOLY SPIRIT, to take you into the life that is in My Word. You weary yourself with much studying but WHERE IS MY LIFE IN YOU?

You weary yourself with works and you say it is unto Me. DID I TELL YOU TO STRIVE, DID I TELL YOU TO LABOR OR DOES MY WORD NOT SAY THAT YOU ARE TO ENTER INTO MY REST?

Heb 4:7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. 4:8 For if Jesus had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day.4:9 THERE REMAINETH THEREFORE A REST TO

THE PEOPLE OF GOD 4:10 FOR HE THAT IS ENTERED INTO HIS REST, HE ALSO HATH CEASED FROM HIS OWN WORKS, AS GOD DID FROM HIS.

IT IS AT MY FEET THAT YOU WILL BE RENEWED. IT IS AT MY FEET THAT YOU WILL BE TAUGHT; in quietness and rest, in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, WITH A HEART RECEIVING AS A CHILD.

Know you not that your religious works stinketh in My nostrils? COME TO ME MY CHILD, SIT AT MY FEET, cease from all your labors and RECEIVE FROM ME. Receive the living water of My Spirit that you may have life. THAT LIFE, THAT LIVING WATER IS FOUND IN ME AND NOT IN YOUR ENDLESS LABORS AND STRIVING.

I AM THE GREAT PHYSICIAN, COME TO ME AND I WILL RESTORE AND HEAL YOU AS YOU EARNESTLY SEEK MY FACE. I LOVE YOU MY CHILD, I AM WAITING FOR YOU.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, PIERCING EVEN TO THE DIVIDING ASUNDER OF SOUL AND SPIRIT, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 4:13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: BUT ALL THINGS ARE NAKED AND OPENED UNTO THE EYES OF HIM WITH WHOM WE HAVE TO DO.4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession. 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin. 4:16 LET US THEREFORE COME BOLDLY UNTO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY, AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.

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A Word Of Caution

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We have seen many with a misconception that the Lord is going to do away with leadership in the church of Jesus Christ. Throughout all of history and all of the scriptures there was always the leadership structure that the Lord Himself set in place. Kings and Judges were used of the Lord in the Old Testament. Leaders of the various tribes of Israel were used of the Lord to give direction and leadership to the people of God. Moses, David and Joseph were leaders given of God in their day.

Joseph learned to submit under the leadership of a godless Pharaoh and the Lord honored him. Daniel submitted under a godless governmental structure and the Lord promoted him. The Tribes of Israel were set up with very specific structure and leadership. The "congregation" was the twelve tribes under the leadership of Moses, Aaron, and his sons.

In the New Testament, the Lord Himself appointed and gave to the church, Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers for the "Equipping of the Saints" to do the works of ministry, see Ephesians 4:11-15.
Many people today sense the shift that is taking place in the Body of Christ and the Lord Himself is reorganizing His Church and Breathing fresh life upon it, but He is not doing away with the very structure that He has put into place in His Body. There are some aspects of fellowship, teaching, encouraging, and the corporate anointing that can only happen as the church gathers corporately as His Body.

Yes, there is much wrong with the church, but abandoning it for individual motivations will not make it better. There is a form of rebellion in the Body of Christ today and we must be careful that we are not sowing into that nature. Much of it directly ties into the nature of our culture.

Many do not want to have to be accountable to any form of leadership and do not realize that our character is greatly formed and grown as we learn how to walk together in the body of Christ through relationship and submitting ourselves to those whom may have more wisdom and understanding than us. Yes, there is control in the church, but we don't throw the baby out with the bath water.

We must find five fold leaders and ministers that we can align ourselves with and walk with. God is the author of leadership and has given it through-out all of Biblical history. I really believe that we must be careful that our leaving of churches is TRULY motivated only by our Lord Jesus Christ and not by our deceiving ourselves into thinking that we know better than those the Lord has called us to walk under for instruction, protection, growth, equipping and character building. After all, it is His Church and He loves His church, even with all of it's flaws.

Let's freely embrace the new things that our precious Lord is doing in His church, but remember that those that God has given authority to, must also walk under authority and learn to submit to one another.

I am concerned that there is simply a lot of individuals out there who truly want to seek the Lord, but have not learned how the Kingdom of God is set up in His church. The Lord gave the structures to the church. Check out I Timothy, II Timothy and the book of Titus. Please check out the book of Acts again and the need for the council at Jerusalem in Acts 15. There are many such examples in the New Testament.

Even in the book of Revelation, the first three chapters, the Lord Jesus walks amongst the lampstands, His churches, with admonition, encouragement and exhortation. In our zeal for more of God, we must learn to walk in wisdom which is given from the Lord above and see the bigger picture of what He is doing. The church of Jesus Christ has endured for over 2000 years and in environments of structure. I'm not sure that He would do away with it now.

The first century believers gathered daily "in the temple courts, and from house to house." It is not either/or, but both/and. My prayer is that instead of leaving churches with complaints and grumbling, that many will learn how to work together and love each other. That is the true fruit of the Lord Jesus' followers.
Blessings to you,
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A Word Of Encouragement
Bill Burns

Apr 26, 2004
I speak a word of encouragement to you, My children. Do you not know that I see your trials? Do you not know that I see your struggles? I have seen you in those trials and tribulations from the day your were born; I have seen you bathed in the blood. I am increasing your strength and power in these days, says the Lord. I am giving you an anointing, the anointing of the breaker, the anointing of the breakthrough. I will come and deliver you and bring you to victory. My word declares that I will always bring you to a place of triumph. Lift up the hands that hang down, and strengthen your feeble knees. Gird yourself for battle, put on your armor, and go forth into battle, says the Lord, for the battle is Mine, and I will surely bring victory if you will but believe. Arise and strengthen yourself in Me, then I shall undertake on your behalf. I will rout the enemy even as I have from days of old. You shall possess the good land and gain the victory, says the Lord. Only believe!

Things Are Written
Bill Burns

Is it not written that all things must be shaken before the end of the age? It is not written that My Church will be judged first? Those things are written, and the scriptures cannot be broken. Indeed, I am coming in these days to shake you. Have you considered that I will chasten those that I love? I will shake you for My purposes so that all the things that are not worthy of Me may be removed and that your mind be renewed and your eye become single in focus on the Lord of Glory. Get ready for the shaking and the judgment that now comes at this time. I will have a Church without spot or wrinkle. I am preparing My Bride. She shall be glorious, circumcised of tongue and of heart, and will worship in spirit and in truth. These are the days of the fulfillment of those things that were written long ago, for many have wondered, and many have desired to see these days. The angels have desired to look into the events of the end of the age and see and understand the mysteries that will be revealed in My Church before that great Day of the Lord. Get ready. Get ready to be shaken. Get ready to move in power.

Rise up, My people, for you are My battle axes. It is time to gird up the loins of your strength and go forth as a mighty man to battle. I, the Lord, have risen up like a mighty man, and I will do battle on behalf of My people. I come with a sword and a sling and a bow. I come with hail stones from My storehouse in the heavenlies. I, Myself, am angry with the enemy. I am against the voice of the enemy, and I am now arising to go forth to battle. I will bring judgment upon those who are against My people, says the Lord. I will pull down their vain imaginations, and I will make a distinction between those who are truly Mine and those who are not.

Come into the Holy of Holies, for in abiding and rest you shall be victorious, says the Lord. As you abide in My presence you shall take on My nature. As I show your fingers how to war, I will send you forth. I have strengthened your arms to pull the bronze bow, and I will send you forth to loose the arrows at the enemy. This is your inheritance, to pull down the strongholds and the powers of the kings that are set against My people and against My land.

Apr 19, 2004

Marsha Burns: I keep hearing in my spirit the phrase "situation ethics" which means moral judgment according to interrelated conditions instead of absolute principles. And, I heard the Lord say, do not judge any situation according to what it appears to be. You cannot judge by past experience. You have not been this way before. You must not judge by the flesh, but you must yield to the work of My Spirit to bring you through this current dilemma. What worked in the past to bring solutions and conclusions will not work in this situation. Now is the time when you must not operate out of preconceived notions, but you must seek My wisdom and follow My leading in dealing with the things you face. I am bringing you to a higher level of conduct, and you can trust Me to direct your steps if you will only yield to My direction.

Marsha Burns
Apr 20, 2004
A spirit of insanity has been loosed against My people, says the Lord. The door was opened through a curse of intimidation and accusation. Forgive those who have cursed you and release them. Rise up and break this assignment of intimidation, fear, rejection, accusation, heaviness, condemnation and isolation. Refuse to entertain the spirit of insanity. I have not given you a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Begin to move in the power of My great deliverance and liberty, for surely I will bring clarity once again to your thoughts and emotions.

Marsha Burns
Apr 21, 2004
I am releasing a wave of My Spirit that will wash away all lies and deception if you will yield and be washed by it. Children, do you not know that you are not concealed in deception and hypocrisy? Nothing is hidden from Me or from those who walk in the Spirit. You are only hiding from yourself. The problem is that your fear of man is greater than your fear of God. You use deception to protect yourself from rejection. I am calling forth a people who will be open and honest with themselves, with Me and with others. Come into the freedom that absolute truth produces. Be washed and cleansed even from little "white lies" for they also are sin. Colossians 3:9, "Do not lie to one another since you have off the old man with his deeds."

Marsha Burns
Apr 23, 2004
Resist the temptation to be overwhelmed with your responsibilities. Indeed you are facing situations that require a response, but by My grace I have given you the ability to respond with wisdom. The enemy has sent a spirit of intimidation to make your circumstances loom before you like a mountain too big to climb and too wide to get around, but this mountain is only his lies designed to immobilize you with fear. Do not be afraid. Move ahead with courage and assurance that I am with you. You can make your plans, but know that I will direct your steps, says the Lord.

Apr 26, 2004
Marsha Burns: You have fled from the face of a controlling spirit, and you have been hiding in a spiritual cave. You have seen the wind and the earthquake and the fire. You have endured shaking. Hear My still small voice, and wrap your face in your mantle. I have called and chosen you for such a time as this. I trust you with this testing and this trial, and you will come forth in victory, says the Lord.

Marsha Burns
Apr 27, 2004

Beloved, your speech betrays your heart. Let the meditations of your heart be pleasing, for the words that come forth will either accuse or excuse yourself and others. Allow Me to purify and cleanse your heart so that your communication is not corrupt. As you yield to the work of My Spirit, you will only meditate on truth, for I will thoroughly purge you of fear and deception so that you are free from hypocrisy and duplicity. I will touch your lips with the coal of My fire so that you will only speak from pure motives of peace, love and joy. Prepare to be transformed as the fire of My Spirit comes forth to produce the power of life and health.

Marsha Burns
Apr 28, 2004

I am the living Bread, says the Lord, and you also must become broken bread and spilled out wine to impart the sweetness of your communion with Me. Yet, you tend to want to keep yourself protected and in a state of preservation instead of freely sharing the revelation and hope within you. This is because in times past you have innocently cast your pearls before swine, and they have turned and trampled you. But, I tell you the truth, they did not reject you; they rejected Me. Do not recoil and retreat in self-protection and isolation; rather take the time to develop a more acute discernment of the nature of those you might share with. Hold yourself in reserve until you find a hungry heart and a thirsty soul and then share the bread of life and pour the wine in abundance.

Marsha Burns
Apr 30, 2004

My children, temptations will arise to be drawn into conflict, but I tell you that the enemy has set a trap that will result in accusation, condemnation and rejection. Do not take the bait. Remember the proverb: "Do not answer an fool according to his folly lest you be like him." Guard your heart and your mouth, and be willing to walk away without expressing your dissatisfaction or disagreement. These are days of provocation, but you can quite easily pass the test through awareness and self-control.

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A Wall Of Fire Round About Her
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Out of the years of obscurity, there is arising a people of understanding in the kingdom of God. After 2000 years of building in the earth, the church has come to a crossroads in her journey and much like the children of Israel in the wilderness, she has been unwilling to cross over into the promise of her inheritance, settling for a life of disillusionment which falls short of her 'pre-destined' purpose (that which is purposed in the heart of the Father).

What is our purpose? Is it to build the greatest ministries, build the largest buildings, and have the best the world has to offer? Do not misunderstand my questions, for I do believe that it is alright to have nice things and prosper naturally in the earth, but the question is, should that be the primary focus? What is the role of the church? Is it to teach the children of God to prosper?

Recently I heard one prophesy that gold was going to begin to manifest among the children of God and that it would be everywhere! That it would be all over them and all around them and within them. That they would be able to release the gold and it would provide all that they had need of, that they would be rich beyond measure, and never again would they be in lack for anything and they would be able to minister to the needs of others. Throughout the day at break times, it was the constant topic of discussion and my spirit was grieved beyond measure.

Gold has always stood for the deity of God, the character and the divine nature of God. The true interpretation was that the nature and character of God was about to be made manifest within, through, and upon His chosen. That as they came into this place with God, they would operate out of the same realm as the Son to release provision in the earth. Both spiritual and physical.

The problems of understanding in the church today, are the same ones that Jesus confronted in His day. Continually the Lord had to deal with man's unwillingness to 'hear' what the Spirit of the Lord was saying. Much of the focus today within the church world is on extremities. Father is not dealing with externals, He is dealing with internals and eternals. He is in the eternal day and has 'predestined' His vision and purpose to be manifested out of the realm of eternity into the earth. Whether we realize it or not, we already dwell in eternity (seated with Him in heavenly places Eph. 2:6) and He is bringing many sons unto glory (Heb.2:10)! His sons are about to be manifested in the earth! The victorious ones in Him, the royal priesthood (Melchizedek Order), the holy nation of the living God! The true church is about to be manifested in all of His glory!

I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, And said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle therein: For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her. Zech. 2:1-5

As the angel went to measure the city (church), another angel stopped him and told him to RUN to Zechariah that Jerusalem would be as TOWNS (plural) WITHOUT WALLS! The multitude of people and its provision would be so great that the only limits and boundaries would be God Himself. Her boundaries are a WALL OF FIRE, GOD HIMSELF (For our God is a consuming fire Heb. 12:29).

Her boundaries are limitless, for God is her limit. He is the glory in the midst of His people, for they dwell in Him and He in them! Can you see/hear it? Zechariah was seeing the New Jerusalem of Revelation 21 where God Himself and the Lamb are the TEMPLE (the dwelling place).

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. Revelation 21:22-23

We are told in the scriptures that 'we are the temple of the Holy Ghost'(1Cor. 6:19) and 'yet we live and move and have our being in Him (Acts 17:28)'. In the above scripture, we see where the Father and the Lamb are the temple, THE ONLY TEMPLE IN THE CITY which is the New Jerusalem, which is the bride, the Lamb's wife (Rev. 21:9-10). Oh my Father, grant to us understanding and enlighten us by the revelation of Your Spirit!

Ho, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the north (judgment), saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD. Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of BABYLON (religious confusion). For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled (drawn out, plundered) you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me. Zech. 2:6-9

This church has come out of condemnation for they know that they have been judged in Christ and therefore flee from judgment! This is a people born of the Spirit of the Living God who are not any longer constrained by the dictates of the flesh but free to move in the realm of the Spirit as the Father wills!

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is EVERY ONE that is born of the Spirit (John 3:6-8).

The confusion which plundered them, the traditions of their fathers which made the word of God of none effect, they have come out of and the religious system of man is becoming a spoil in the midst of them. These are they that worship their Father in SPIRIT and in TRUTH (John 4:23).

Babylon means confusion (by mixture). When Jesus gave the Parable of the Sower to the people, the disciples came to Him privately and asked Him to explain to them concerning the parable. When you look at the scriptures, you will find that He said something very interesting to them,

Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables:That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. And he said unto them, KNOW YE NOT THIS PARABLE? AND HOW THEN WILL YE KNOW ALL PARABLES (Mark 4:11- 13)?

Jesus was telling them that the parable of the sower was the key to all the other parables because the primary principle of this parable is the SEED! The secondary principle is WHERE IT FALLS! God's word is HOLY, a PURE SEED! In Ezra 9:1-2, we find that the princes came to Ezra complaining that *"the people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands (world), doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the HOLY SEED HAVE MINGLED THEMSELVES with the people of those lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass."*

THE PRINCIPLE???? DO NOT MIX THE HOLY SEED! When you mix the Word with carnal thoughts and ideologies, it spawns mixture, i.e. confusion (Babylon).

Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised up out of his holy habitation. Zech. 2: 10-13

These are a people whom join themselves unto Him in purpose of heart. The Lord is about to move in an unexpected way to many and yet it will be a way long anticipated and expected by others. In this time that we are in, the Lord is about to be raised up out of his holy habitation! No longer hidden, no longer obscure, no longer retained but fully manifested!

Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit. Ephesians 2:19-22

We are the city without walls, the holy habitation of God which is being fashioned by His Spirit. AND we are being built TOGETHER, FITLY (to be closely joined) framed together. Lord in heaven and earth, give us eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit says to the church!

If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious, Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. 2Peter 2:3-5

As lively stones, we will NOT be chosen of men, just as He was not chosen but rather was rejected. To know Him in the power of His resurrection, we will fellowship with His sufferings (Phil. 3:10), and one of His greatest sufferings was rejection of HIS OWN. Scriptures plainly tell us that HIS OWN KNEW HIIM NOT (Acts 13:27) and neither did the world!

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not (1John 3:1).

For those that eyes to see and ears to hear, we have come to the third day (seventh day) which is the time of resurrection and completion. Yet, beyond this we have the fourth day (eighth day) which few have perceived. Yet it is all encompassed in God's eternal day. For time only governs the natural elements, but does not exist with God. God is not governed by time. We are in His day ALREADY if we are His, where the end meets the beginning and weds in covenant to become so intertwined together that they lose their place in one another. So it is with the body of Christ growing up into the Head, which is Christ. It is time for the people of God to AWAKEN UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS and arise to their inheritance in Him for they are the FULLNESS of Him which FILLETH ALL IN ALL! It is in that awakening unto righteousness (out of the cloak of the lie of condemnation) that we truly can see Him. And when we SEE Him, we shall be LIKE Him (1John 3:20) for as He IS, so ARE we IN THIS WORLD (1John 4:17).

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, *but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned . 1Cor. 2:9-14*

It was over twenty years ago that I went into cardiac and respiratory arrest and was 'caught up' in the Spirit before the Lord. It is as fresh in my heart today as it was then. Truly it was a time set in the heart of the Father for the release of a journey of illumination, refreshing, release and revelation. As I was before Him, he spoke these words to me "I shall be a wall of fire around about you and the glory in your midst" as He released me for my return.

So extraordinary was my time with Him, suffice it to say that words cannot express that which is infinite. It would be a couple of years later before my eyes fell upon the scripture in Zechariah 2:5. When the written word met the spoken word in my spirit, it released vision and a journey toward manifestation. His church is not a building of bricks and stone, but it is a people clothed in His presence, woven into the fabric of His nature, and a painting of His character. A people personifying His love, His grace and His mercy. A people filled with song!

In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks. Isaiah 26:1

Bulwarks: a fortified wall; a safeguard; a rampart; a means of protection or defense. This people are a city which is strong in the power of His might with SALVATION appointed for their walls and protection. SALVATION is their FORTIFIED WALL which cannot be penetrated, even by darkness. Truly she is resplendent in beauty encompassed about by the fire of His presence. Truly He is radiant beyond comprehension and her glory forever!

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. Revelation 21:1-3

A Word Over Indonesia

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And the Lord would say to you Indonesia, that I am breaking the power of Islam over you. I have heard the cry of your intercessors, and I am calling you My warriors, those that are in that land, to pray for your nation, for indeed the enemy has planned a mission of manslaughter over the peoples of the islands, yet your prayers My intercessors are more powerful than you think. For remember that the weapons of your warfare are not carnal, but mighty in the pulling down of strongholds, and bringing every captive mind to the obedience of Christ.

Rejoice for the enemy is fighting a losing battle. For from within the midst of the turmoil I will raise out of you apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers who will carry My message of salvation and power throughout the land and unto the ends of the earth. My will shall be done in Indonesia. And the Lord says I will institute leaders that are godly, even now I am placing those of My choosing in the influential spectrum. Fear not, My people of Indonesia, only continue to pray for your nation.

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A Spirit Of Joy And Thanksgiving

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My people you are entering a new season of joy. A spirit of thanksgiving shall overtake you even as you ponder on all the things that I the Lord have done for you. For indeed I am faithful and I have shown My mercy in abundance. My provision has been poured out to you even as the windows of blessing have been opened. Rejoice, for in rejoicing, you give no foothold to the enemy and there is no discontentment. Rise up, and lift your voices in praise and adoration for all the things I have done in your midst. For I am He who has mercy on you, says the Lord. So move forward in this new season and rejoice, that your joy indeed may be full. If you are to dwell in the past, let it be spent thinking about how My faithfulness has led you to where you are. I am the same yesterday, today and forever. Be assured of My abundant protection and provision for your lives, for I am the Lord your God Almighty.

Awake From The Slumber

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Awake, those that have slumbered. Be watchful and know that the battle is increasing in the heavenlies for the souls of men. The enemy has lulled many of My people to sleep in these days through complacency and undiscernment of the times. Know ye not, My warriors, that this is a fresh season in which I am releasing My anointing and power in greater measure? As My Spirit moves amongst the hearts of men and bringing many into My kingdom, daily are many added into My army. The enemy knows his time is up. He is stubborn and does not accept his defeat. He has pulled out the big guns and weapons that are meant for the destruction of My people.

That is why I say awake from your sleep and be sober and vigilant, for your adversary the devil is walking about seeking those that he may devour. In complacency he has led many into deception and distortion of My word. Yet you are My victorious conquerors who I will use to crush his efforts. The battle is never over in the heavenlies, My people, but as you wage war under My direction against his forces, I, the Lord, empower you with My strength and ability. Trust in Me alone, and lean not on your own understanding, but daily stand on the wisdom of My word and the voice of the Holy Spirit.

It is truly time for My people to awake, says the Lord.

My Presence That Makes You Whole

Musa Opiyo

January 7, 2004

Hearken to My voice and understand wisdom. For out of Me flows rivers of pure water to refresh your soul. Draw closer to My presence and let My fires refine you. Let My presence make you whole and complete, for I AM in the business of bringing restoration to those of a broken heart. My ways are higher than your ways, My thoughts are higher and are always toward you My beloved. When will you stop and realise that I desire intimacy with you? Yes I saw you when you veered off course and sinned against Me. I saw as you came to Me and asked forgiveness. Did I not cleanse you from the defilement of sin? Why would you remind me about that which is in the past?

Have I not indeed said that if you confess your sin, then I am faithful and just to forgive you of your sin and to cleanse you from ALL unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)

Did I not say that the "just shall live by faith"?

Did I not declare that there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ, to those who walk according to the Spirit and not the flesh (Rom 8:1)

Do not let guilt and condemnation and your past sins hold you back. Now is the time to press into me. Enter into My presence with thanksgiving, into My courts with praise. I admonish you, Beloved, to leave the comfort of the outer and inner court, and draw into the holy of holies where My presence resides.

Make no mistake, I do not condone sin. But if you bring that which is a weakness for you before Me, I become your strength. Fear not, for I have not called you this far to quit, but to press on to the mark of the prize that it Jesus Christ. Remain faithful in that which I have given you to do. Do not be wavered or moved by doubt or unbelief, but stand firm, with your armour close by, for the devil is a liar and walks about seeking those that he may devour and lead into deception, but I raise up My army of warriors and intercessors, who unlock the keys in the spirit realm and cause major shiftings through the prayer and praise. Fear not, only be aggressive toward your enemy, for I have given you the victor, says the Lord. For I surround My own like a tower. I AM their strength in the time of the storms.

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Awakening Of The Watchmen

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WATCHMEN, IT IS TIME TO STAND AND TAKE YOUR PLACE UPON THE WALLS

"I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say to me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved." Habakkuk 2:1

It is time to set the trumpet to your mouth and to declare what you see.

"Set the trumpet to thy mouth." Hosea 8:1a

Watch, for I shall speak to you in the night visions and upon broad daylight what you shall see concerning My people.

My admonition to you, My watchmen is:

"No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath enlisted him as a soldier." 2 Timothy 2:4

I have assigned to each of you different posts. To one, it is to watch over cities and nations, to anothe, I have placed to watch over families and communities, still others I have placed upon you the burden of watching over My church, My Bride.

"And the Lord answered and said unto me, 'Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it." Habakkuk 2:2

" When I say unto the wicked, tnou shalt surely die, and thou givest him no warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his way, to save his life, the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hand. Yet if thou warn and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul." Ezekial 33: 8-9

Give warning to My people as I direct you. Share with them the whole counsel of My word.

My watchmen, it is not time to fall asleep on the job, for in these end times the enemy has sought to plunder My people and to scatter My sheep. Stand upon your watch and give warning and encouragement even according to My will.

To many of you I am giving the responsibility of nations. I ask you to ask Me for the nations, that I may give them to you as an inheritance. To those I have placed the responsibility over cities, pray for your cities, that they may become places where My revival fire would break out in great measure.

To those that I have given the responsibility over families and communities, intercede for your loved ones and those closest to you, for My Spirit shall give you the utterance to pray according to My will.

To those whom I have placed the responsibility to watch My church, be faithful to sound the trumpet and declare My will and purposes to her that she may grow and mature in My word to be the Bride that I made her to be.

" And the Holy Spirit helps us in our distress. For we don't even know what we should pray for, nor how we should pray. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed unto words." Romans 8:26 NLT

TO GOD BE THE GLORY,

AMEN.

You Cannot Face This Battle On Your Own
Musa Opiyo

You are facing many battles to which you cannot fight on your own. I Am your Commander in Chief. I Am the Almighty God who fights for you. You, My people, need to stay close by Me and know My ways, for when you know My ways, you will know first of all that I never leave nor forsake My own. For I am indeed the God of the Breakthrough, and I am breaking through your situations and showing Myself mighty. You cannot sustain in the coming days on your own. You were never made to be the 'lone ranger' but you were made to submit.

Many of you at this time are submitting to your circumstances in the natural. You have resigned and thrown in the towel saying, 'Its is impossible'. I hear words like 'I have been down this road before and I keep getting the same results'. My children, if your faith and reliance is not found on Me, then is it no wonder that you have played 'musical chairs' in despair, discouragement and defeat? I say unto you to rise up above what you see and see through My eyes. Look at your life and the coming days through My perspective. Examine your hearts today. What are you truly holding on to?

Is it worth it to gain the whole world and loose your soul? And what is in the world that draws you back? Is it wealth and riches? Do you not know that millionaires have committed suicide despite their riches for lack of love? My people, you are Mine according to the covenant I made with you through the blood of My son. Do not lean on the world nor the ways of the world. Do not be drawn in by what the enemy puts before you, for remember you are soldiers of the Most High God. I have warned you through My Word not to entangle yourself with the affairs of this life, that you would please Me who enlisted you as a soldier.

When the enemy throws his fiery darts, thrust out the shield of faith. I have not called you to complacency and to depending on yourself, but to rely on Me. be holy even as I, the Lord am holy. I am returning for you, My love, as spotless and without error. Endeavor to live worthy of My calling on you. Be encouraged and know that even as My hand is upon you, I will not allow you to slumber nor fall.

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Are We Sheep Or Goats

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Sheep and the Goats.

M't:25:31: When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

M't:25:32: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

M't:25:33: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

M't:25:34: Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

M't:25:35: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

M't:25:36: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

M't:25:37: Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

M't:25:38: When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

M't:25:39: Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

M't:25:40: And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

M't:25:41: Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

M't:25:42: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

M't:25:43: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

M't:25:44: Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

M't:25:45: Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

M't:25:46: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Where do we stand? Are we sheep or goats? Are we building for ourselves? Thinking we are doing the Lords work but are really serving ourselves. Serving our man made houses be it what ever we like to name it.

House fellowship, Cell church, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, Free Church, Independent fellowship, Evangelical, Fundamentalist, Liberal and many more.

Each one with its own rules and doctrines.

Each one thinking in their hearts that we are Gods true church and all others are out of the will of God and need to be converted to our cause.

Many today getting together so they can influence others to become like them and all the time watering the gospel down so as not to upset anybody.

I heard someone say just recently that it does not matter what system we use as long as it gets bums on seats.

Many ministries big and small today are looking to make a name themselves. Looking to be number one, To be better than others in Christianity. Heaping grander titles upon themselves. Pride has come in a big way and many don't know it, Our hearts being deceived by its wants and desires. Saying in our hearts look at what we are building for Christ. But when water and wind comes the sand will be washed away.

The Lord said that we should not do as the gentiles do, Should not be lording over each other. But what do we go and do, Look to the world for our programs and ministry strategies. Look for ways to put ourselves above others.

It may look good and efficient in our eyes, Get the numbers in but this should not be amongst us. This makes weak christens at best and leaves many unsaved among us thinking that they are ok.

Someone said to me "But I like titles and being in charge" I heard another say "I hear God better than you, That why I am in charge". "We are going to the biggest church in town and everybody else will follow us". Comments like this reveal the real hearts of those persons, Hearts of pride.

In the mean time many are being hurt and killed. The sheep are being trampled underfoot. The poor being let down, Ignored and pushed aside or just counted as a number on a seat, To be milked so the ministry organization can grow fat on their meat.

And all done in the name of Jesus Christ.

Are We sheep or goats?

In which shoes do we stand? Our own big boots or are we shod with the gospel of Christ. When the Son of God comes to call us to give account which side shall he place us on, Right or Left, Sheep or Goats.

Will he say to us "Well done my good and faithful servants, Enter into your Eternal rest, Enter into your inheritance my people.

For you fed me when I was hungry, Visited me when I was in prison, Came and healed me when was ill. For as you did it for the least of these my bothers, You did it unto me".

Or will he say "Depart from me ye cursed into eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you did not feed me, Sick and you did not come to heal me, In prison and you did not visit me".

Then it would be to late and a waste of time trying to argue with him. For the very fact that we are trying to argue with him proves that we are out of the will of the Lord.

That we are still trying to justify yourselves before the Lord just as we tried to justify our actions before men when on earth.

Boasting about good we are, About how good our ministry is. How do we treat others around us? How do we treat our brothers and sisters?

Do we ignore them. Do we use them for our own good. Cut them off in our pride. Do we just speak to them or visit them when we want them to do something for us.

Search your hearts, For we have all done things like this at times.

Remember the world around us can see if we are true or not, Can see if we really love our bothers and sisters. Remember the Lord said "That it will be by the love that you show for each other that all men will be drawn unto me"

Or do they see us biting and hurting each other. Divided against each other. The house of God broken down by our actions.

Broken by our goat like behaviour.

Where do we stand? Are we sheep or goats? Examine your hearts this day. Enquire of the Lord. Repent before its to late.

Come let us reason together says the Lord. For even though your sins be red as scarlet. They shall be white as snow. Come Speak with me. Come repent. For I want none to perish but all to have life eternal. Do not use the gifts that I have given you to look good in the eyes of men, Using them to build your own houses. But use them in the service of others. To build them up. So I may build my church in them. So that they will be set free into what I would have them do for my Kingdom Says the Lord.

Are we a sheep or goat? Are you a Sheep or Goat?

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All Who Will Yield

Barbara Lynch

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Let me take you back to the beginning. In the beginning there was no man, only My family. But as I created all things, I created man in My image and I breathed My life into him. Man was My perfect creation and he was all that I am. But satan came along in total jealousy of My man and corrupted My men and changed them into his image. Now I am coming for My men. All who will yield to My calling, I will turn back into My image, and all who refuse My calling, will remain in the realm of the satanic forces and will one day perish and be eternally damned.

My purpose and plan was to have man be as I am. To have them flow in My spirit and to lift Me up. But man was corrupted by the evil in this world, and man has forsaken the only true and living God. I am restoring My purpose and plan for men. I will bring them to the forefront once again and they shall do the mighty works that I have called them forth to do.

There will be no more compromise in My men, for they will no longer fulfill the lusts of the flesh, for they will be so totally consumed by My Glory, that all else will grow dim and perish. Their only thought will be to obey Me at all costs. They will no longer look to the dregs of society to fulfill their deepest longings, for I have come to fulfill those deepest longings with My Love and My Glory.

Total Abandonment! It will take total abandonment in this day and in this hour to fulfill the works that I have started in each and everyone of My men, and that will occur, for the love of money and the lusts of this world will grow strangely dim in their eyes and they will have conquered the enemy of their souls and will follow Me totally and completely. My men are arising, even as I speak and they are coming forth to fulfill their total destiny in Me.

Compassion For The Lost

Barbara Lynch

I received this word on April 15, 2004, but I have not submitted it until now. I feel it needs to be heard today. I believe this is where the Lord is at, at this given time. We have been hearing of all the destruction that is coming, but in the midst of all this, God is also speaking of other things and about the lost and dying and telling us the desires of His heart for these souls.

Little has been said of My great love and compassion for the lost and the dying. The church must arise and listen to My voice and what I have to say about the down trodden.

I am surely a God of Love and Mercy, and My Grace is extended to all. Those who are enslaved by the enemy need My Love, Mercy and Grace shed abroad in their hearts. They are bound by the enemy and they cannot free themselves and it will take My true saints ever interceding on their behalves to bring them full circle round, into complete freedom from the snares that the fowler has them bound with.

Saul is a sure example of the entrapment of the evil one. But I came and set the captive free and then used him for My honor and My glory. It is now time that we step out of the boundaries of the church and we go out into the highways and the byways and share the love of the Lord to the lost and dying world. If My people will only free themselves from the cares of this world and if they will only turn their eyes upon Me, I will surely give them the path to walk on that is strewn with lost and dying souls in need of their savior.

Take heed this day church! Rise up from your bed of comfort and go forth and preach this gospel of love to this lost and dying generation. Speak not of the things of this world, but give them the Gospel of love! The gospel of peace! The gospel of resurrection power! The gospel of salvation!

I am calling My church forth today! To go forth into the highways and byways and compel them to come into the house of the Lord. In the house of the Lord many signs, wonders and miracles will occur. These signs will be for the lost and they will believe and they will receive. But first I must find a preacher. I must find someone who will say: yes Lord, here I am, use me, and commit all their ways unto Me, the true and living Father.

Then I will empower them with power from on high and they shall go forth completely full of My Glory and My Resurrection Power and My Holy Spirit will compel the lost to come into the house of the Lord.

Are You In HIS Place Of Safety

Marie Stewart

Jul 20, 2004
Good morning one and all, blessings to you today in the name that is above every name, the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ of Nazareth, The King of Kings, and the Lord of Lords.

The word of the Lord says in, Math. 6:6; But you, when you pray, enter into thy closet (room) and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward you openly.

Can we focus right now on what Jesus said. But you, meaning us, enter into your own individual closet, or room, and when you have shut the door, etc.. We have to first of all enter, that is a step of faith. We must make a decision to do it first. Then we must take the time to follow through. We must put every distraction out of our way and enter into the secret place of the most High so that we can abide under the shadow of the Almighty, and no other shadow will be able to be near us.

When we shut the door, then no one else can get in, and in that room, where there is no other shadow, (when it is only He and us,) then we will be under the shadow of the Almighty. This is true intimacy, it is when we enter in, and He enters into us, and the two become one, then the interaction takes place, and then the Fathers will and purposes are conceived in that place of intimacy.

The seed is only planted in the secret place, and I believe this is the place of Holiness, the place where our Father resides. He is in our hearts by the power of His Holy Spirit, who is, in essence God, amen. In the Old Testament the High priests had to have on their foreheads a gold platelet, and on that platelet was inscribed, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD.

Holiness is a lifestyle not just a name, Be you Holy as I am Holy, how can we do that, only by the power of the Holy Spirit within us, and it is in the secret place of the most High that we are made Holy. Only the Holy Spirit can make us holy, we cannot do it by ourselves, why, because we are not supernatural, He alone is.

Psa. 91: 1;He that dwelleth, (my interpretation, He that has made up his mind to stay permanently, he that has decided nothing shall draw him out of that place, he that abides, stays in the shadow of, he that walks in the spirit so that he does not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. In the secret place of the most High.

Where would that be, well doesn't the word of God say, that it is God who is within you to will and to do of HIS good pleasure. Could that secret place of the most High God be in our heart, or spirit. That means that the closet, the room, would be a room in our heart.

It is in the heart that all work of God is done in our lives. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks, out of the heart flow the issues of life, faith is of the heart, and as our minds are renewed to the word of the Lord, our hearts are changed and then we are changed into His most glorious image.

It is in that secret place that He meets us, it is in worshipping Him in that secret place, where it is only He Himself and us, that we are changed, and healed, and turned around, IF we are going in the wrong direction. It is in this place that we meet with THE LOVER OF OUR SOUL, and it is there that He whispers in our ears and tells us how much He loves us.

Do you know that God Almighty, the Creator of this Universe is crazy about you? When I learned that and really believed it, it changed my walk in God forever. The fear of man left, and the fear of God came, and I walked in a dimension that I never thought possible, and signs, miracles, and wonders, followed me.

Perfect love came and cast out all fear, and there was no more condemnation that I received. It would go as quick as it came.

I started to learn who I was in Him, but most important WHO HE WAS IN ME.

No condemnation could catch up with me after that. He loves us church, with an everlasting love, and He is not fickle, but loves us unconditionally. That means whether we are good or bad, when we are flying in Him, or in a low place, when we sin and miss it.
He alone knows we are but flesh.

When he taught me that, it was when I sinned that I had to run to Him, and not run away from Him, I would just fly into His arms and ask Him to change me, and he would.

So remember when all hell tries to tear you apart, run into that secret place, shut the door, (my interpretation, what I learned by the Holy Spirit in my walk,) stay off the telephone, get out of books and tapes, don't ask council of anyone but the Lord, stay out of strife, so I can hear His voice, when the answer comes, and I don’t miss it, and last but not least, be still and KNOW that he is God, and that He alone has the answer, and not even the most anointed person I know can help me, but it is in my secret place with Him that the answer will come.

Last but not least. We can never get pregnant with the will and purposes of God until we are first intimate with Him. So lets enter in today into the secret place of the most High, and we shall then be under the shadow of the Almighty, and no matter what comes against us this day, we will know that we are in our safe place, because He is our refuge and our strength and our ever present help in time of trouble, Amen.

A Year of Choice

Mark Kaphaem

2004 - A Year of Choice, Will you Elect the Administration of God? mkap@insightbb.com 3/21/2004

2004 is a very important year in the Kingdom of God. In the natural we are in a election year. In the Spirit we are in a year on God calling out His Elect.

In the natural we cast a vote for our leader. In the Spirit, the leader of the church, Christ Jesus, is casting a vote for you! Many are being called. How many will be chosen? How many will run for the Kingdom of God?

In the natural, when you have two opponents that are diametrically opposed, it is unlikely they will win over each other's supporters. So instead they use a tactic called voter suppression. The second best solution to having them vote for you, is to not have them vote at all. This is done by discouraging the opponents supporters. In the spirit, the enemy will be doing everything he can this year to discourage those called by God from becoming the Chosen of God, His Elect.

To combat this wave of discouragement from the enemy, the Lord is calling up Bravehearts to the head of His army. You will see them coming up through the ranks. Unlike the Scottish nobles in the movie Braveheart, he is calling up leaders who have no interest in compromising with the enemy to gain land and tittles. These leaders are not interested in land and tittles. Their only interest is leading the body of Christ to Freedom! Over the last year the enemy had come to destroy these leaders, but in the process he only woke them up. They are now on the warpath!

Like in the movie, the enemy will be coming with his heavy horse this year. A wave of accusation, gossip, rumors, lies, slanders, half truths, greed, lust, pride. To stand up to this wave, the Lord has equipped His Bravehearts with His most powerful weapons. Faith, Hope and Love. The greatest of these is Love. He has called out warriors who are determined to love at all costs.

William Wallace issued a challenge to the troops on the day they stood up to the enemies heavy horse. Some were ready to flee the battle because they knew it may cost them their life. He told them, run and you may live, for at least a while. But lying in your beds many years from now, would you not gladly give every day, from this one till then, for just one chance, one chance, to return here, and tell our enemy, that you can take my life, but you can never take my freedom!

Bravehearts, come forth into the calling and anointing of God given for this very hour.

A Year of Knowing
Dennis Drewlo

2004 - A Year of Knowing

A Year of Preparation: (Know the Plan)

"Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the presence of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you must go with this people into the land that the LORD swore to their forefathers to give them, and you must divide it among them as their inheritance. The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid.." Deuteronomy 31:7 "So Moses arose with Joshua his servant, and Moses went up on the mountain of God." Exodus 24:13

A Year of Courage (Know the Word)

Moses, my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them." Joshua 1:2-3, 6 "Be strong and very courageous. Obey all the laws Moses gave you. Do not turn away from them, and you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of the Law continually. Meditate on it day and night so you may be sure to obey all that is written in it. Only then will you succeed." Joshua 1:7-8

A Year of Commitment (Know The Cost)

"But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15 "For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it-- " Luke 14:28

"For the eyes of the Lord moved to and fro Through out the earth that He may strongly support those Whose hearts are completely His." (II Chronicles 16:9)

A Year of Consecration: (Know the Father - Intimacy):

"But the anointing which ye have received of Him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things,and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in Him." ~ I John 2:27 "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of His knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish." Second Corinthians 2:14-15 "So let us know, let us press on to know the Lord." - Hosea 6:3a

A Year of Stepping Out (Going By Faith - Going Before Knowing)

"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going."

Hebrews 11:8 Stepping "out of the boat" - "." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus.

A Year of Relationship, Not Religion (Knowing Each Other & Knowing the Father - A Time to Get Real With One Another... Transparency)

Now is the time to strengthen relationships in the Body. Be transparent. "Confess your faults one to another..." - James 5:16

"Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known." - Luke 12:1-2

"And we beseech you, brethren, that you come to know those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you. -1 Thessalonians 5:12

A Year Of Intention (Knowing & Going With Purpose)

Intentional with the unsaved and with the members of the Body of Christ.

"Jesus went up on a mountainside and called to him those he wanted, and they came to him. He appointed twelve -- designating them apostles -- that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach and to drive out demons (Mark 3:13-15, RSV). "As Jesus was walking by Lake Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew. They were throwing a net into the lake because they were fishermen. (Intentional casting of the net) (19) Jesus said, 'Come follow Me, and I will make you fish for people.' (20) So Simon and Andrew immediately left their nets and followed Him. (Intentional (21) As Jesus continued walking by Lake Galilee, He saw two other brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. Jesus told them to come with Him. (22) Immediately they left the boat and their father, and they followed Him."

"So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart." (Nehemiah 4:6)

A Year of Caution, But Not Fear (Know Your Enemy)

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.: Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings" (I Peter :8-9). "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." (2 Corinthians 2:11)

A Year of Access (Knowing The Way):

"By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God." (Romans 5:2) "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father" (Ephesians 2:18). "In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him"(Ephesians 3:12).

A Year of Contentment: (Knowing the Source)

"Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content." - Phil. 4:11 "Godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment"

(I Timothy 6:6) "Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who carries out wicked schemes. Cease from anger and forsake wrath; do not fret; it leads only to evildoing" (Psalm 37:7-8) "O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days" (Psalm 90:14). "For He has satisfied the thirsty soul, and the hungry soul He has filled with what is good" (Psalm 107:9) "The fear of the LORD leads to life, so that one may sleep satisfied, untouched by evil" (Proverbs 19:23).

"Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need" Philippians 4:11-12.

"If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content" (1 Timothy 6:8). "Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, 'I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you'" (Hebrews 13:5). "Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10)

A Year of Inheritance (Know Your Birthright)

"that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all"

(Ephesians 1:17-23). You are born again, redeemed by the blood of the lamb, filled with the Holy Spirit, and seek to live by every word that comes from the mouth of God (John 1:12, 3:3,7; Eph 5:18; Rev 5:9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Deut 8:3) You will not be conformed to this world, but will be transformed by the renewing of your mind so you can prove the good and acceptable and perfect will of God. (Romans 12:2)

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A Year Of His Release

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2004 - A Year Of His Release

1. Released from a spirit of fear into HIS spirit of strength and confidence.

Proverbs 14:26 - In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence and HIS children shall have a place of refuge.

2. Released from a spirit of infirmity into HIS spirit of health and prosperity.

3 John 1:2 - Beloved, I wish above all things that you will prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.

3. Released from a spirit of insanity and confusion into HIS spirit of a sound mind and clarity.

II Timothy 1:7 - For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

4. Released from a spirit of poverty into HIS spirit of spiritual and earthy prosperity.

Joshua 1:8 - This book of the law (Scriptures) shall not depart from your mouth. You shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein. For then your way shall be prosperous and then you will have good success.

5. Released from bondages of curses into HIS spirit of freedom and truth.

I John 1:8-9 - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, HE is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

6. Released from chains of traditions into HIS new beginnings.

Isaiah 42:9 - Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

7. Released from a spirit of rejection and criticism into HIS spirit of acceptance and adoption.

Romans 8:15 - For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, ABBA, FATHER.

8. Released from a spirit of apathy and lethargy into HIS spirit of perseverance and diligence.

Ephesians 6:18 - Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

9. Released from a spirit of deception and lies into HIS spirit of light, life and revelation.

I John 1:7 - But if we walk in the light, as HE is the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ HIS Son cleanses us from all sin.

10. Released from a spirit of unrighteousness and uncleanness into HIS spirit of righteousness and holiness.

I Thessalonians 4:7 - For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

11. Released from a spirit of shame into HIS spirit of wholesomeness and integrity.

I Timothy 4:12 - Let no man despise your youth. Be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith and in purity.

12. Released from a spirit of idolatry and witchcraft into HIS spirit of love and purity.

Matthew 22:37 - Jesus said unto him, “Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.”

Release – 1) to set free 2) to let go 3) to let loose as in releasing an arrow 4) to grant freedom from obligation, tax or penalty 5) to set free from pain, cares 6) a setting free or being set free; deliverance, liberation 7) giving up or surrender to someone else. (Webster’s)

II Corinthians 3:17 – Now the LORD is that SPIRIT and where the SPIRIT of the LORD is there is LIBERTY!

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A Year Of Unveiling & Unlocking

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Many shakings are happening almost everywhere in the world. Conflicts, east & west between powers are increasing. Such shakings are taking place on many different levels. It is even including shakings on nature level.

Through such conflicts & shakings, God is aiming to remove the veil, to Unveil & Unlock. This has already started and will continue taking place more vividly in year 2004.

This "Unveiling & Unlocking" will be aiming both the Church and the nations level. On the church level, this is a year the Lord will unveil the roots. This is a season God will address the old issues or breach and bring healing and deliverance and give supernatural strength to bring forth things that were hindered. God wants to bring the church to a place, a higher place, where she could see things from above, from God's eye view and where she could know and discern the signs of times & consequently to know how to pray the right effective prayers. The prayers that will have their great impact to bind & to loose. He will bring the church to a new level of authority and release a new administration of government to agree with Him and declare the very things on His heart. The Lord is calling His church to behold Him in complete submission and to behold a place of dominion.

On the world level, the verse: "You crushed the leader of the land of wickedness, You stripped him from head to foot. With his own spear You pierced his head" Hab:3:13b,14a , is describing the Unveiling that God is going to do. With his own spear, You pierce his own head.

God is working to reveal Himself for those who were rejecting Him. HE is stretching His mighty Hand towards the nations using these shakings & conflicts to unveil the work of the enemy.

What does the world needs to come next after that "Unveiling"?!. Deliverance, cleansing, revelation, Knowing of the Lord Jesus all must come next. How all this could happen? They all could happen by the work of the Holy Spirit through the Church.

God is working to deliver a church that is coming in full armor & full authority. The prophetic apostolic church. And as what happened with Joseph in Genesis when he was released out of prison. He came out using the prophetic to reveal and "Unveil" the dream. Then he practiced his Godly given authority to speak the Godly intervention in the situation. God is raising & will keep on raising the Joseph Church. Amen.

The Lord will come with unity and a move of reconciliation on relationships on all levels. On personal level, He will restore old or hurting relationships and even ongoing relationships with deep hidden barriers. On the church level, He will restore relationships in different aspects. And even on nations levels, nations will come into alignment that are destined by God and bridges will be built among them and old ancient relationship will be restored (we need to pray only the nations that need to come into alignment to come together and no other coalition). Nations that were divided and separated are destined to restitute.

There are some necessary keys that the Lord is going to give to this church, the Joseph church. These keys are crucial for the coming battle. They are very essential in making the currently happening "Unveiling" is of great impact in changing the face of the earth & in bringing forth God's will for the nations. Among these keys are the true unity [which is not just nice talking but a real challenge]. Also, Humbleness is very crucial. A new revelation about the key of Worship, the Lord will give. The worship that will bring the true meaning of Psalm 149:6 "May the praise of God be in their mouths and a double-edged sword in their hands, to inflict vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters, their nobles with shackles of iron, to carry out the sentence written against them. This is the glory of all His saints". A new dimension for the key of Faith even in the midst of challenges. The Faith that rejects all kinds of Fears. The Faith that brings into reality all what's on God's heart. The key of practical Love will be needed in an unprecedented way.

There is a deep work by God in His church. A change of character. Above all, there is a new dimension of intimacy with God, HE is calling His bride to. Our heart is to run to the river. Being immersed in the beauty of the Lord, enjoying His wonderful presence. A deep feeling that God is waiting for His church in that very intimate place to show Himself to His bride with all the might that never seen before.

Finally, again it's a Year of Unveiling.
Lord God, we put this year 2004 & all the coming time in your hand seeking you for ourselves, our families, our churches & our nations. We need you Lord. We seek your presence, your mighty Hand. We apply your precious Blood on every single item & every single moment in our life & proclaim a wall of fire around your people, your church & your plans for the nations.

Ayman & Hala,
Cairo, Egypt

Are You Running Low On Oil?

Rhonda Hughley

Recent events have shaken not only the world but also the Church. So much fear, confusion, grieving and pain. What is going on? What is the Lord doing in the middle of the shaking?

The doors and windows have swung open wide and the Lord is calling His Church out of Her lethargy and dullness into Her identity and destiny. Don't be mistaken - this will be the finest hour of the Church! Jesus is longing to touch the hearts of people everywhere who are looking for security and hope in the midst of the turmoil and confusion. The stage is set for revival, the question is - is the Church prepared?

We hear things like 85% of Americans consider themselves "christian" or that we are a "christian" nation, etc. While it's encouraging that many people believe in a higher power and pray, the true condition of the Church in the United States is startling according to recent surveys by Barna Research Group:

- there has been no net church growth (by conversion) in any county in the U.S. for 20 years and 4,000 churches close every year
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- it is estimated that 10 million of born again Christians are unchurched which means it's not just the world that is disillusioned by the Church but the Church is as well!
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- it is estimated that 41% of people IN the church haven't accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. We need a harvest IN the Church before the Church can bring in the harvest from the world!.
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What does this mean? It means we have a huge gap between our perceived spiritual condition and the reality of our spiritual condition. This gap has caused a double-mindedness and lack of effectiveness in the Church. We have lost our righteous standard and therefore much of our spiritual influence and authority. We are being tossed about as a result - looking more like the world than the Bride of Christ and agent of transformation and restoration in the earth. Our hearts have become divided in our affections, our eyes are cloudy and our hearing dull. Jesus addressed this situation in His letter to the Church of Laodicia when He rebuked them for their lukewarmness. He said "you say 'I am rich, have acquired wealth and don't need a thing'. But you don't realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked" Then, He counsels them to buy from Him gold refined in the fire, white garments to cover their nakedness and eye salve that they may see.

I believe the Lord is saying this very thing to His Church in the United States. We must recognize our spiritual poverty and humble ourselves and ask Him for mercy that He may turn to us, and heal our land.

The Church must begin to walk in Her destiny and minister with authority as a reflector of His glory and releaser of His life into our communities. We are living in critical days, the window of opportunity is open for God to send revival to His people. He longs to lead us out of our captivity!

The shaking and purifying work begins in His house. If we aren't walking in freedom and righteousness what hope does our city have? If the Church doesn't look like Jesus where will people go to find comfort and peace?

The counsel of Jesus in Luke 12:35 is key in preparing us for the days ahead. He encourages us to be "dressed, ready for service and to keep our lamps burning". In order to be prepared, we must have fresh, pure oil in our lamps! We must be alert and watching. What is the condition of your oil? Are you running low? Let Jesus refill you with fresh, pure oil that will burn brightly!

Beloved, even in the midst of confusion and chaos, we have a Rock, we have a purpose and we have a destiny! Ask Him for gold refined in the fire, ask Him for pure white garments and ask Him for eye salve that we may see clearly in the days ahead.

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Back To The Future

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The Lord has for some time now been speaking to me the phrase "Back to The Future" Now I know this is an old movie, He sometimes shows me things in songs, movies, and other ways, but I knew He was trying to show me a particular thing that is happening in the Spirit right now in particular for the body of Christ that would lay hold.

Do You Not Believe That I Can Go Back And Cover Time?

He reminded me of sometime back, maybe five or six years ago, I had been asked to pray for a lady that was to undergo a very dangerous surgery, as some of us had been asked to pray at a particular time slot for her very life because of the delicacy of the procedure. I Never say that I will pray at a certain time for anyone because I am always thinking I might forget to do so, and it so happened that very day I got a call to come answer a phone at a local business which was not my usual day. Now my schedules' slot was from 3:30 pm-4:00 pm to pray for her while she was in surgery. Well ,you might have guessed, around 4:30 pm ,I looked at my watch, and the realization hit me! OH NO! I did not hold to what I had promised,, oh my, if she had died I felt it was my fault! I started asking, begging almost the Lord to please forgive me, I had let her down and felt it was too late. Well, God and my time table is different according to Him. As sweetly as could be, He whispered to my heart," Do you not believe that I can go back and cover that time for you if you ask me to? I can go backwards in time, and I can go forward. I can do anything. I forgave you backwards did I not for Past sins?" He can go back in time! Yes, He can go back I time and cover us for the Future. As bizarre as that sounds it is God. The Lady came through the surgery with flying colors. God watched over His word and did the healing He promised .

Mantle Yet To Be Given Out Again

I have been asking Him as of late, what do you mean now, "Back to the Future"? He has been reminding me of the servants of old, the mantles they have had not been given out to others yet, or others have not taken then when offered. Mantles as far back as the Bible. We have to go "Back" to go Forward to the Future in what God wants for us to do fully as a body for this coming move His Spirit is bringing will require us believing and receiving All that He has for us, even if it makes no sense. Does it make sense for a small boy to give up a few fish and loaves of bread and feed multitudes with it? No it is a Super-natural occurrence. GOD is SUPER-Natural. WE are SUPER-Natural. God is in us. We are His off-springs. Therefore Nothing is impossible. Not with Him in us.

Angels Still Visit

I was given the opportunity by the Lord to go to Boise, Idaho to speak at the church where pastor Rowland Buck preached, a man of God (now gone home to be with Jesus) that many in the body of Christ need to go Back to that period of time and ask the Lords forgiveness for misjudging what God was doing through this precious man of God. Gabriel had visited him time after time, had angelic visitations over and over there in that chosen place. The Lord showed me there, that that was a Well where He would visit again there in that place and would carry it on to other places that would grasp and believe, I needed to go Back to go onto the future, Rowland Buck was a fore-runner. I want angel visitations, do you?. We had photos taken there that night in his very office (or where the office was previously when Gabriel appeared), right smack dab in the picture above our head, showing up on the film was a Red Fire Trumpet and appearance of fire at the top! Gods angels are still there on assignment!! Super-natural things! We can have these mantles Now to carry on into the future IF we will only BELIEVE.

Taken Back In Time And Knowing The Future

There have been incidents where the Lord has taken men and women (very well known ones even now) back in time and showed them things that were on documents and asked them even to pray and intercede to change some things. There have been times God has carried some away in the spirit and showed them even ancient writings that have been uncovered as of late to show He is real and He is miraculous. I DO think God can do that, why not, He is God you know. I also know He can project us through time. Not astral projection like New Age, but God projection like "Ancient Of Age"! YES! Look at Phillip! Acts 8.

God has Transported Me and Others -One Moment You Are Here, The Next You Are There.

God has done that for me. I have been needing to be some place to speak, time wise impossible. God-wise, Possible, and before I knew it time and time again, without conscious thought look up at the town in front of me where I needed to be somehow skipping through what we call "time", and not being late! I am talking hours lost. I have had witnesses in the car with me to testify of this over and over again. I want that More Lord. I will go Back to the Future and get that. God wants to give it to me. He wants to give it to you also. Ask for it!

Go Back And Get The Seeds

I was sent to the grave of John G Lake sometime back also, and there was a pine cone from the tree that grows at his grave. The Holy Spirit instructed me to pick up the pine cone and break it in small pieces, each one of those small pieces was to be given to those He asked me to give it to plant seeds of the Healing Revival that He is planning on the Earth again in great magnitude. The seeds came from the grave of this great man of God. Some will have to go "Back" to go on to the future of what God is doing and re-visit the wells of healing through this man and others like him, like Kathryn Kulman and so on, even Bible men and women that have mantles waiting to be picked up to be carried to the future. Go back by the Holy Spirits' help and get them and bring them here NOW to be used for the Master.

Go Back To The Future To Ask For Forgiveness From Others

Many will have to go back and ask forgiveness from some as the word instructs. If a brother is offended at you, leave Your gift at the altar and go be reconciled to your brother before you can go On to the Future to what God is calling you to. That is why there is no Power today that we all should be experiencing. We need to the One thing and then we can go ON to our destiny. God is truly calling us to: GO BACK TO THE FUTURE. Are we ready? YES!!! Lets all go.

Back To The Garden Of God

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Ezek 28:13—*You were in Eden, the garden of God.*

Do you know that you were in the Garden of Eden, albeit in the loins of Adam? When Adam and Eve were driven out of the garden, you also left the garden, in Adam. In this article we want to explore the possibility of going back to dwell in that garden. One may ask, is the garden still in existence? The answer is that there is some dualism with every story in the Bible. This dualism requires that we see every story from both the ordinary (or worldly) and the spiritual (or heavenly) viewpoints. However, the spiritual viewpoint is superior to the worldly.

2 Cor 5:16—*So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.*

In Hebrews 3 and 4, the Bible deals extensively with entering God's rest. God's rest is the spiritual antitype of the garden of God. We need to get a closer view of some portions of Hebrews 3 and 4, but before that, it is important that we see something that happened when man exited the garden of God.

Gen 3:22-24—*And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever." 23So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.*

Due to man's eating of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil, God decided to banish him from His garden or His rest. Prior to this point in time, man simply enjoyed the fruit of God's labor, without needing to do much work. But now God says that man has to work the ground. After man was driven out of God's garden, a cherubim and a two-edged flaming sword that flashes back and forth were placed on the way that leads to the garden. Someone once told me that a person that is sharp could get past the flaming sword (assuming that the cherubim is not watchful enough). I told the person that it depends on the frequency of oscillation of the sword. Now, looking more closely at Gen 3:24, we can see that the sword "flashes" back and forth, an indication of a very high frequency.

Has God removed the cherubim and sword that guard the way to His garden? This question is important because these same guards also exist in the spiritual antitype. The answer to the question is no. Since Gen 3:24 is part of Scripture, it cannot pass away (Matt 24:35). The fact that the flaming two-edged sword still guards the way to God's garden means that no one enters God's garden alive. Any person who wants to enter God's garden must get ready to die, with faith that God is able to raise the dead.

Heb 11:17-19—*By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, 18even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." 19Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death.*

Note the phrase "figuratively speaking" in Heb 11:19. That is the spiritual viewpoint, which is the emphasis in this article. Hence, saying that no one enters the garden of God alive should only be seen figuratively. God raising the dead or resurrection should also be seen figuratively.

From the spiritual viewpoint, what is the two-edged flaming sword?

Heb 4:12-13—*For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. 13Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*

The sword that guards the way leading to God’s garden or rest is the word of God. Heb 4:13 represents the work of the cherubim in Gen 3:24. So you see, Hebrews 4 that is about entering God’s rest, which we have seen to be the spiritual antitype of the garden of God, also has the spiritual antitypes of the two-edged flaming sword and the cherubim. Let us now look more closely at some quotations from Hebrews 3 and 4.

Heb 3:7-12—*So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, 8do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, 9where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did. 10That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, `Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' 11So I declared on oath in my anger, `They shall never enter my rest.'"*
12See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

The person who hears the voice of God is the person who hears the word of God preached. If the person hardens his heart, that is equivalent to keeping away from the flaming two-edged sword and hence the garden of God. But the better thing to do is to allow the word of God to slay the natural or worldly thinking in that person. Heb 3:12 sums it up by saying that not yielding to the word of God makes a heart to be sinful and in opposition to God.

Heb 3:18-4:3—*And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? 19So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.*
4:1Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. 2For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith. 3Now we who have believed enter that rest, just as God has said, "So I declared on oath in my anger, `They shall never enter my rest.'"

The Lord Jesus Christ put the condition for getting back to God’s garden this way:

Luke 14:26—*"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters-yes, even his own life-he cannot be my disciple.”*

Anyone who wants to enter God’s rest must die to self and the world. Much of Christianity of today does not meet this standard. That is why there has not been much of God’s rest in the Church. As we approach the great end time move of God, He is already speaking to the Church through prophets and emphasizing the urgent requirement for His own to die to self and the world. That is the only way to expect resurrection power. No death, no resurrection.

2 Cor 5:1 (KJV)—*For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.*

The spiritual antitype of the earthly house or our body is self- and world-centered life. This form of life with which we have been covered must be dissolved so that God will clothe us with His anointing and power, so that, like the Lord Jesus Christ, we may go about doing good. The way to dissolve the earthly house is by determining to fulfill the word of God at all cost. The Word will become our (eternal) life. That way, the Word would be made flesh—the apocalyptic man-child.

Now we are in the Pentecost season. According to an article I saw on the Internet, Pentecost in the Old Testament was originally an agricultural festival celebrating and giving thanks for the "first fruits" of the early spring harvest (Lev 23, Exod 23, 34). By the early New Testament period, it had gradually lost its association with agriculture and became associated with the celebration of God’s creation of His people and their religious history. By the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70, the festival focused exclusively on God’s gracious gift of *Torah* (the "Law") on Mount Sinai. It continues to be celebrated in this manner in modern Judaism.

Can you see how the celebration of Pentecost among the Jews gradually shifted from a worldly point of view to a spiritual point of view? These things do not happen by chance; God is responsible for this paradigm shift.

Among we Christians, what we mostly see in Pentecost is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, that is, being clothed with a dwelling from heaven (2 Cor 5:1). What we often miss out is the prior dissolution of the earthly tent, before the heavenly dwelling can come down. In looking at the Pentecost described in Acts 2, we often fail to connect it with Jesus’ dying on the cross and the disciples abandoning their families, friends and the world to wait for the promise of God—they died to self and the world. This is why we have found it so difficult to replicate the Pentecost experience of Acts 2.

Many prophets are saying that this year’s Pentecost season will be different. From the month of June, new things will begin to happen. That is the reason the message about the need to die to self and the world has suddenly become the current emphasis of God. A number of committed Christians I met recently have told me that God specifically ministered to them about the need to die to self. Patsy Shelton wrote extensively about this matter on Apr 22, 2004 (www.ft111.com/shelton.htm). Those who respond to this current message of God will be clothed with a dwelling from above in this Pentecost season.

This Pentecost season will be but a beginning of the great end time move of God. Prophets are also indicating that the long-awaited end time tribulation is about to begin. This will help to drive many more Christians towards dying to self and the world and hence further increase the great move of God.

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Beauty For Ashes
Musa Opiyo

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I the Lord am giving beauty for ashes. I am changing the old tattered garments stained with sin, past guilt and shame and replacing them with new robes of righteousness. You shall not be held back by the past. What was done was done. Today, My Most Holy Spirit says, Today, if you will hear My voice, do not harden your hearts in rebellion as did the children of Israel. I am making a new way for My people. I am teaching you faith in Me and renewing your resolve to come up higher. My Spirit is doing new things at this present time, and they can only be done through vessels who have washed themselves in My River and in My Word, armies of men and women who have said yes and have made themselves available to be used by the Spirit. To these people I say, I am exchanging beauty for ashes.

During your time of preparation I have burnt with My Holy Fire things that were not of Me. Old friends, relationships and alliances have come under close inspection and what was not of Me was all wood, hay and stuble that was consumed by My Fire. So many of My children have laid their possesions, their jobs, callings, gifts and ministries upon My altar signifying their willingness to surrender all to Me. Some I have dealt with so severely that by the time you were through, it was though there was nothing left. You have looked to Me holding the ashes, and to you now I say I am doing an exchange. I shall replenish that which was stolen by the enemy. What you have surrendered to Me has not been in vain for I shall equip you with something even better than you expected.

Remain faithful. Do not look at what you have and say it is not much, for surely what you have given, I shall give you back a hundred fold. I shall fill your lives with Joy and Peace that you have not comprehended before. Your ministries and harvest fields will take a new turn as you see Me work through you more effective than ever. Come under the shadow of My wing and take refuge.

Job 42: 12a So the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than the beginning....

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Contend With The Enemy
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You Are On The Winning Side

May 13, 2004

Stand and declare My promises before the face of your enemy. For you shall stand boldly before your adversaries and demand a recompense of all that was stolen, yes, even that which the locust, cankerworm and palmerworm consumed. You shall contend against the demonic forces and you shall subdue your enemies because I have given you the victories. It is imperative to understand that your enemy is not your brother or sister, that one who does not agree with your views or one whom you do not see eye to eye with. Remember, My children, that your war is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers and rulers of this world. To your natural eyes you fight an unseen battle, yet in the Spirit you are waging fiercely against the enemy of your souls.

Fear not the enemy's empty roar, for it is merely his way of intimidation to drive you back and to prevent you from moving forward into My plan and purpose for you. You are a city set on a hill that is shining My Glory throughout the whole earth. You are those who are victorious and who will not back down at the threats of the enemy. I have place you strategically where you are and equipped you with sufficient tools with which to do My work faithfully. You are not where you are by chance or accident, but I the Lord have led the course of events in your life according to My purposes to refine you and to prepare you for what is ahead.

Don't give up now. You have come this far and have won many victories to take a second glance back. The past is the past, and I have made a way for you to go through unhindered but your eyes must be focused upon Me so that your faith is focused and steadfast. Remain planted in My word and in prayer. Call those things that were not as though they were. My Word carried creative power to turn an obstacle into a stepping stone over the stumbling and into My way. Arise, fearless warriors. Go forth equipped with My Word and the strategies which I shall show you. I have given you the victory. Accept it, take it and declare it says the Lord.

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Blood For Sale

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I had a vision last night and heard an almost audible voice saying, "BLOOD FOR SALE, BLOOD FOR SALE!!!" Now that got my attention. What He showed me was a bloodbank where these dead-looking men whom I could only suppose to be vampires were handing out blood for a price. Where they got the blood, I was not yet sure, but He showed me later in the vision.

I sat up and reached for a pen and paper in bed and I heard the sounds of angels crying out in unison, their voices fading as it went:

NOT BY MIGHT
Not By Might
not by might

NOT BY POWER
Not By Power
not by power

BUT BY MY SPIRIT SAYS THE LORD!!!!!

Then I heard spoken:

It is in this hour that I am taking the church into a place of introspection and examination before Me to see if they are clinging to ME or to their own dead works. For the life is in the BLOOD and if the blood covers you, all that you do should LIVE! Is it your blood, my precious Bride, or MINE? What are you trading your sorrows for? Are you laying them down for the joy of the Lord or for the joys of the flesh which bring more and more sorrows later on? For My Joy is released only when you lack your own strength or refuse to cling to it. I'm bringing My People to a new level. It is a
place where you can step past the vampires and say "I have The Blood, thank you, and it covers all my transgressions and heals all of my diseases, and meets all of my needs. I will not receive and pay for it as if it were that given for free!"

It was then that God showed me that those who had bought the blood at the bloodbank saw that they had bought back their OWN blood which had been stolen from them by dead works and slave labor. It was not adequate blood for it was dried up and used up and never amounted to anything anyhow.

Back For The Future

Robert Ricciardelli

Jul 16, 2004
We believe the Father is beginning to take His children "Back For The Future". He is taking us back to the foundations that established the early church. Restoration to foundations that work, "Back For The Future". He has always been a builder beginning with a seed, a word, the lowest denominator in creation. He begins with an individual and then makes a family. Then many families make a community and many communities make a nation. We have built in many ways like the world's system, top down structures that seem to house that which needs to be released. God builds bottom up, seed to harvest, servant towards the Master.

In the book of Acts, the pattern was lived out in his people, flourishing as the Spirit of the living God flowed through individuals in a Spirit led relationally powerful way. Homes and families extended outward like a flood of love and unity capturing the hearts of communities in a way that we have not since seen. We are beginning to see transformation pockets like this all over the world right now, where pioneering individuals and leaders have decided build God's way. "Unless the Lord builds the house, we labor in vain", **Psalm 127:1**. They have decided to lay it all down for His will and His way. They have chosen to forsake competition in ministry for transformation in unity.

Men and women of God have begun to choose to do what the Father is saying to the church. It is the heart of Father for the church to live out His Son's prayer that we become one even as Father and the Son are one. We are beginning to see underground churches in places like China and Vietnam flourish because it is based on family and on relationships and that every believer must be willing to die to self on purpose towards the Father's will.

In the mean time, in our western churches, we are seeing many of God's people not being released into the harvest of the marketplace. Many are crippled by systems that create few laborers for the harvest but many spectators not knowing what to do. Many of them are hearing the sound of Father and crying out, "There has got to be more to this Christian life and my purpose in it". Do not get me wrong, I am not trying to throw stones at the church of today. I love the church of today, but we need to realize that all of us believers need to lift up our leaders in prayer and in the mean time begin to get into the game.

The game is on folks, God's green light is on and although the enemy has had his way by paralyzing us for a season, a long, long season, that season is over. It must be over and we are watching an army being raised up that is nameless and faceless. The days of one man band or few man bands are over. The day of the Saints is here to bring many laborers into the harvest. God's orchestra of incredible unique instruments of His glory, are being enabled to release a symphony of His light and His truth through his love.

The orchestra will not look to man but begin to look to the Maestro to release them to play His tune. We will all be unique, but in obedience to Him and His design, we will create a sound that the enemy will not be able to withstand and we will be able to spread it across the world because we now have all the musicians involved. I have no idea how I got into this musical analogy as I am writing this, but it sounds good to me.

Joyce and I were recently in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. I never even thought about Cedar Rapids until I found out that there was an Italian named Francis Frangipane there. We were introduced to Francis a few years back on cable TV and I immediately looked him up and found out that sure enough, there was at least one Italian in Iowa. We signed up for His "In Christ's Image" online training and it had a tremendous impact on our lives and ministry. We had no clue the truths that we began to apply to our lives were going to be tested so soon. In Iowa, many nations and people from all over this country were in unity during this conference. The same unity we need to begin to believe for across the world. The one thing we can all agree on which is the foundation of our faith, Jesus Christ and His pattern for our lives.

The revelation to walk out our days as ambassadors of our Lord Jesus Christ and to model His image and His heart of un-offense in a world of offenses was vital to where God was taking us, and is taking us. When the revelation grips you to die to yourself and your ways and to prefer even your adversaries, there is an indescribable freedom unleashed. We truly believe that each of us must be accountable to seek Jesus and **His righteousness**, and as we do, all things in this world will be appropriated for us and fear and anxiety will hold us no longer.

"Back For The Future" means that we must go back to the foundations of our faith. Back to the essence of Christ and the pattern He has set for us knowing that without the Comforter it would be impossible, but with the precious Holy Spirit, it is not only possible, but very probable in our obedience to His word. We must bring the gospel into our homes and families. I encourage every family to begin to open their homes and as God leads, He will add a neighbor, a friend, a relative to come and join us. As two or three are gathered in His name, His presence will bring healing and restoration, as well as a resolve to stir up the gifts in each other. There will be a release in what we need to truly make a joyful noise in our communities.

In **Proverbs 27:2** it says,
Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; A stranger, and not your own lips.

Humbling Before Tumbling
Robert Ricciardelli

Jul 31, 2004

> *"Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall" (**Proverbs 16:18**).*

Pride is the root of many of man's problems and the root of man's fall from grace. As we see pride seeding into the anti-Christ spirit in much of the sins of mankind, we must also recognize that maybe, just quite possibly, the opposite of pride would be the seeding into the virtues of Christlikeness and the many fruits of the Spirit of Christ that follow.

*"Therefore, anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven" (**Matthew 18:4).***

The disciples asked Jesus who would be the greatest in the kingdom of heaven, and Jesus brought forth the answer in such a simple and yet profound way. The answer was humility, and that humility, as a little child. I love the simplicity of God's word. He did not make it complicated so that you needed a certain degree or pedigree to understand it. How could He bring forth the gospel in any other way, especially knowing that many of the authors were not of any noble pedigree or schools of great learning?

Let's look at the humility of a child. The first thing that comes to my mind is the fact that a child is so open to learn from their parents and the world around them. They welcome the process of going from "Da-Da" to "Daddy" in dialogue. They are like a sponge to see the world and desire to drink up the truths that come their way. I always love to say, "I know what I know, I know what I don't know, but, **I do not know what I do not know**". I mean, the revelation from Father as we grow up should never cease to be unfolding. There are things we know today that last year we had very little clue of. There will be many area's God will uncover in our lives and the world around us next year that will make us say, "Lord, I had no clue on that last year, thank you Father".

I think most of us know that we must walk in humility before our God, but what are ways to get us there. One significant way is to realize that Father resists the proud and gives grace to the humble and then with that revelation, cast all of our cares on Him!

*"You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for **God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves**, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." **(I Peter 5:6-7)***

Always remember, pride says, "God I have it figured out and can do it on my own, so by trusting God completely by casting everything on Him, then He will perform it through us and only He will get the glory for that which He has performed in and around us.

*"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up" **(James 4:10).***

John Ruskin said, "I believe that the first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean by humility, doubt of his own power. But really great men have a curious feeling that the greatness is not in them, but through them. And they see something divine in every other man and are endlessly, foolishly, incredibly merciful."

Can you see something divine in everyone around you? Are you incredibly merciful toward others? Have you really come to terms with the area of pride in your life?

Some people spend their whole life seeking to become well-known, accepted, popular and famous only to find themselves further and further down and out. Why is that?

"A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor"
(Proverbs 29:23).

Many of you know how much I desire unity in God's people and I pray daily the fulfillment of Christ's prayer to the Father for all of us. This will only be birthed out of true humility.

My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father--that just as you

are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me.
"I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are-- I in them and you in me, all being perfected into one. Then the world will know that you sent me and will understand that you love them as much as you love me. ***(John 17:21-23)***

I truly believe humility is one key ingredient missing in the body of Christ today, that without it, unity will never come. I talked recently with Jackson Senyonga of Kampala, Uganda. He pastors a church there of about 30,000 and is a key leader in his country and also you see him in the Transformation Video's. Watching how the Lord in his sovereignty has transformed that nation, and of course the process is not complete, I asked him how this happened and what was it that began the process?

He said, "The leaders and people of this country knew that without unity and working together in Christ, our very existence was in jeopardy". Each leader in many denominations began to see Christ in all the other leaders and that dominated every issue of doctrinal difference which in the end does not matter, which in the end, it does not matter to God". He also told me that within two weeks time, He can fill a stadium with every leader in the region, because of the barriers that have been broken due to the humility of knowing that Father's agenda and ways will always supersede our agenda and ways. This is a man and this is a nation in majority that has chosen the way of humility, the way of the cross, and the way of the Christ.

Father, may we see the world as you do, may we see each other as you do. May we lay aside those weights and judgments that so easily beset us and choose humility. May we choose not knowing anything but our love for you and our love for others, especially if that "anything" would keep us divided from fulfilling your purposes in unity. May all the verses in the bible on "one anothering", be on the forefront of our lives. May we seek relational rightness, rather than technically having to be right. Father we lay it all at your feet. We only know in part, and may that part be a willing and humble servant choosing to serve you and your kingdom in the humility of a child of the King in Jesus name, Amen!

Babylon Revealed

Clay Sikes

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("Come Out of her…" Revelation 18:4) Clay Sikes
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God is equipping His remnant people with an understanding of the times. It is not His desire that His very elect be deceived, thus He is raising voices in the wilderness to proclaim prophetic truth for this hour in which we live. This teaching is heavily influenced by several prophetic voices, including Joseph Herrin and Arthur Burt, who believe the mandate in Ezekiel 33:6,

"But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes the life of one of them, that man will be taken away because of his sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood."

This word is a shot across the bow of our proverbial boats to warn us, to encourage us, but most of all, to awaken us. Let us awaken from the slumber of self-will, presumption, and apathy that we may follow the steps that have been ordered for us since the beginning of time. Let us be willing to share this word with others and not shrink back when opportunity knocks.

Joseph Herrin recently wrote, "Babylon is a land of works where man must accomplish every task and fulfill every mandate. Babylon knows nothing of rest and faith. Oh yes, Babylon speaks very much about faith, but it is a faith that is rooted in man's ability. Babylon's faith is founded upon man's ability to envision some end and to see it through. Babylon is built with blueprints, and planning sessions, and organization, and fund drives, and pep rallies, and the sweat of untold men and women. Then when it is all said and done and some project has come to completion, the people of Babylon feel justified to stand and proclaim:"

"Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built…by the might of my power…?" (Daniel 4:30).

"Zion, however, is not seeking to build anything of her own will and initiative. Zion is a people of faith. Zion knows that salvation is of the Lord, as is sanctification, and as is glorification. Zion does not labor to build a city, for she seeks a city not built with hands whose builder and maker is not man, but God. Zion does not seek to work for the approval of Yahweh, she works because she is approved by Yahweh…Zion is a city of rest. This does not mean that those who are of Zion are doing nothing, it means that they are doing nothing of their own initiative. They are doing those works that God prepared beforehand for them. They are not dreaming up their own works, nor are they stretching out their hands to labor in fields to which they have not been sent."

In April of 1988 God began dealing with me about this very time in which we now live, and about understanding the difference between the World's System and the Kingdom of God. He spoke a powerful prophetic word to me that has not only sent me on a quest to understand, but also produced life-changing events as slowly I am learning to walk in the Kingdom. It is my destiny to continue this search for truth, and share it whenever possible. A true watchman can not only see through darkness, but also articulate what is being shown. I pray the voice of the Lord is heard in this word (John 10:2-4).

It began on an afternoon jog with God speaking clearly, "Forego the world's system for your reward and gain the Kingdom's method of receiving. If you engage the world's system you will be dependent upon it for your reward." Without realizing it at the time, God was speaking Revelation 18:4 to me, "Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues." I knew I was being called out of something much better than anything I had experienced, but wasn't sure of what. I also knew I was being called into something, but wasn't sure of that either. Was it my business; was it my church, the town I live in, my group of friends, or simply my method of doing things? I didn't have a clue. During much of the last sixteen years, God has revealed the dichotomous nature of these two systems, especially in the realm of personal experience. When I touched one system it produced life, while touching the other produced death. Experientially, I began to see a pattern.

I have touched the World's System with severe consequences, while touching the Kingdom with equally drastic results on the opposite end of the spectrum. Some are aware of my testimony. You can argue my doctrine, but you cannot argue my testimony. As stated, one produces death, while the other produces life and it more abundantly. One is based upon my goodness, good ideas, good intentions, creative ideas, and motivations, while the other is based purely upon entering His rest, ceasing from my own works and being obedient to do what the Father has said.

These two systems are constantly competing for our alliance and affections. Most of our training, indoctrination, and natural inclinations are aligned with one, while the spiritual force of God, the peace within us, is aligned with the other. One is natural, the other Spiritual. One requires that we think, analyze, toil and strain to succeed (Genesis 3:17); the other requires prayer, hearing God, and obeying (Genesis 2:15). One requires us to work for things; the other allows things to work for us. One is based on works, the other based on obedience.

The amount of lordship that we maintain over our lives relegates which of these two systems we are most tied to. Again, self-will, coupled with intellectual logic and reason epitomize the World's System, while faith, trust, hearing, and obeying God are aligned with the Kingdom. In the World little is accomplished without toil. Toil is work that is accomplished only with great and painful effort. We labor in the Kingdom of God, but the Lord's yoke is easy and His burden light. In His Kingdom, far more is accomplished with less effort. All toil brings weariness, but the labor in Christ, regardless of whether it is secular or a Spiritual endeavor will bring rest and refreshment. "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest in your souls" (Matthew 11:29).

The World's System or Babylon in human form IS ME DOING MY OWN THING! Babylon is all about me; my ideas, my great works, my goodness, the righteousness I have attained for myself through my works. Much of what we see in the Institutional Church today is man doing man's thing. Much of what we see with most Christians, and I include myself, IS ME DOING MY OWN THING! The system that I engage the most is the system to which I belong. Does the Spirit lead me, or am I led by my own ambitions, good ideas, intentions, and conveniences? Make no mistake about it; at the risk of redundancy, Babylon screams that righteousness can only come through works. God's word says something different.

"So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts" (Ephesians 4:17,18).

"Do not deceive yourselves. If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a "fool" so that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness" and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." So then, no more boasting about men!" (I Corinthians 3:18-21)

Most are caught short in understanding the Holy Spirit's desire to guide and lead with specific instruction. There are others who have progressed beyond the point of the first group, but who will not yield to the Spirit when it is not convenient. And then there are those who after hearing a bit of God's instruction act presumptuously calling their presumptive efforts GOD, and blaming Him when things don't work out! This is not Sonship as described in Romans 8:14 "Those that are led by the Spirit of God are the Sons of God," nor is it walking in the Kingdom. Those who truly walk in the Kingdom are completely yielded to the Spirit of God and will wait patiently upon the Lord to speak or move before they themselves move. If we are not completely yielded, we are yet engaging the World's System because we remain dependent upon ourselves. The instant we divorce ourselves from self-dependency and self-will is the moment we enter the Kingdom and its benefits.

Perhaps we are beginning to see that Babylon is not a place or even a system as much as it is a condition of man's heart. Much of what we call the Church today is an outcropping of Babylon, just as we could say about other physical evidences of Babylon; American corporations, the stock market etc., but these are simply limbs from the tree, not the root of the problem. The root of the problem is the condition of man's heart, which says, "I don't need God!" It is man's supreme confidence in himself: his intellectual prowess, his expertise, his financial might, or political power. We see this spirit in individuals, institutions, governments, business, armies, churches, and sports to name a few.

Our ability to hear and obey is dependent upon the depth of our dependence upon Him. If we are not hearing, we are not depending, and many unfortunately have yet to learn to completely depend upon

God. How dependent was Christ, who is our example, upon the Father (John 5:30)? TOTALLY!

Here is where the rubber meets the road. It is not enough to conform to Christ in outward form and actions. OUR CONFORMITY MUST BE INTERNAL. Without internal conformity we will never see true Kingdom life upon this earth, and we will be called "lawless" on our day of judgment. We can act like Jesus and even perform the way Jesus did, and still be rejected by heaven. What is internal conformity? Internal conformity is simply doing the will of the Father; seeking God, hearing His instructions, and obeying.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, BUT HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name cast out demons, and in your name perform many miracles? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME: YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS" (Matthew 7:21-23).

Matthew 7:21-23 in NIV calls those who are not submitted to the will of the Father, "evildoers." How many well-meaning Christians do you know that are Spirit-filled, but not Spirit-led? God's word calls them "evildoers." How can you do the will of the Father if you do not regularly hear His voice? (John 10: 2-4) Have you seen those with extraordinary gifts to preach, heal the sick, do miracles, and yet felt no witness to them as strong men of God? Many prophesy, cast out demons, and perform miracles, yet do not do "the will of the Father." These men, despite their outward appearance, are not walking in the Kingdom upon this earth, nor will they enter the Kingdom of heaven according to Matthew 7:21-23.

We can put on a show for, and even fool man with our external conformity to Christ, doing miracles, prophesying, and preaching the gospel, but until we line up inside with an internal conformity committed to hearing God and obeying, we are lying to ourselves and to the people we lead. Internal conformity is being the Father's son; being led of the Father's Spirit: a Romans 8:14 Sonship. Jesus only did what He saw the Father doing. He realized that of His own self He could do nothing (John 5:30), which really means that He had a revelation that any works outside the boundaries of the Holy Spirit's leading would profit little. Jesus existed to do the will of the Father, and so should we. Lawlessness is acting on your own initiative independent of God's Spirit. There are many Shepards leading sheep, who themselves have never become sons. The spirit of Babylon is alive and well and explains the chaos and powerlessness that we see in most churches today.

Jesus never did anything outside of hearing from God. He did nothing on His own initiative while remaining totally submitted to the government of God. He is our great example of what INTERNAL CONFORMITY is all about; He is our key to walking in the Kingdom upon this earth and the key to our entering the Kingdom of Heaven when our journey is finished. How can we have faith for what we have not heard: anything that is not done in faith is sin, so to move without hearing, to act without a confirming word (which often is the inner witness of the Spirit producing peace), is to act foolishly.

Through God's mercy and grace, many of us have survived being Spirit-filled, yet not necessarily Spirit-led Christians. For some of us, the consequences have become greater and greater, the fire of the consequences revealing the level of importance in taking time to hear and obey. Those who have experienced these consequences have an incumbent responsibility to share this word and subsequent testimonies with those who have not. Let us become that voice in the wilderness teaching that there is much more to our Christian life than simply being Spirit-filled, that they too can become Spirit-led.

Be Aware Of Infiltrators

Yvonne Walsh

THE WORD SAYS….

Proverbs 6: 12-19 (Amp)
A worthless person, a wicked man, is he who goes about with a perverse (contrary, wayward) mouth.
He winks with his eyes, he speaks by shuffling or tapping with his feet, he makes signs (to mislead and deceive) and teaches with his fingers (on the computer??)
Willful and contrary in his heart, he devises trouble, vexation and evil continually: he lets loose **discord** and sows it.
Therefore upon him shall the crushing weight of calamity come suddenly : suddenly shall he be broken, and that without remedy.
These six things the Lord hates, indeed seven are an abomination to Him.
A proud look (the spirit that makes one overestimate himself and underestimate others)
A lying tongue
And hands that shed innocent blood,
A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans
Feet that are swift in running to evil
A false witness who breathes out lies (even under oath)
And he who **sows discord** among his brethren.

Like bed bugs, they spread the irritation and the EVIDENCE of their presence is:

1. They lie—you can't nail them down, they make excuses, devious, sly, evasive.
2. They point with their fingers—blameshift
3. A perverse mouth—a different agenda and perspective—irreconcilable differences!
4. Winks with his eyes—makes light of, signals intentions, pretends not to see what they don't want to see, makes it a joke, mocks our dedication and purpose.
5. Shuffles with feet—ungrounded, restless, not meshing in the group, cat on hot bricks
6. Perversity of heart—not prepared to work with group's agenda and purpose of group—wants to change basic foundations—often to "modernize" or be more "PC"
7. Devises evil continually - because it comes from a demonic source. Eventually this will show up as the mole gets more confident, but can be found out if leaders are aware
8. Sows discord—when there is discord in the group SOMEONE is causing it. This is an important clue that someone is at odds with the purpose of the group.

HOW THEY WORK

Let's look a bit more closely at how INFILTRATORS work in the Church

Definition

AN INFILTRATOR IS ONE WHO BECOMES PART OF A GROUP (OR CHURCH) IN ORDER TO GET INFORMATION OR TO INFLUENCE THE WAY THAT GROUP THINKS. THEY MOVE SLOWLY INTO A PLACE, SYSTEM OR ORGANIZATION. THEY SEEK TO JOIN A GROUP BY STEALTHY MEANS, WITH AN UNFRIENDLY PURPOSE.

They will appear to be innocuous, unassuming, modest, quiet, "behind the scenes" people, even "invisible". They try hard NOT to draw attention to themselves, so that they can do what they want to do without being noticed. They make friends and influence others who have credibility and who leaders listen to. They INFECT these people with dissatisfaction and mistrust of leaders motives, and any other way that may create disharmony..

An infiltrator is an undercover person. They actively undermine the organization by causing dissension among the members, or by promoting time consuming, or even harmful activities. An infiltrator who pushes others to engage in behaviour that is contrary to the organizations goals or ethical standards is an "agent provocateur".

Moles and infiltrators in the Church have strong agendas and want to destroy the work of God. They are unequivocal in their goals. Church people are usually trusting people, believing that NO ONE would wish us harm. We assume God will stop them, and that everyone who comes to our meetings wants what we have—for the right reasons. We NEED to know that some do NOT want what we have, and wish to destroy it. These people are out there, ready and willing to do harm.

Their behaviour is hard to distinguish from a sincere new person's involvement. How do we tell them apart? An infiltrator may suggest activities to meet "needs" which take resources away from more valuable objectives. They will try to build profiles on the church's beliefs, habits, and weaknesses (which they will exploit). At the same time they will shield their true selves from others. They can talk the talk, so look deeper. Check out their credibility and backgrounds if concerned. Some churches follow up on newcomers by checking out with their previous church—sometimes this is beneficial

There are several "modus operandi" but one is to present a somewhat more active role, but confine themselves to less prominent work. They don't take the initiative, but the work they do is valued (or is in an important but less valued area). This helps them to build trust and credibility.

Some infiltrators will attempt to gain key forms of control, such as communications, secretarial, or financial. They aim to find out how the church or group functions and potentially destabilize group dynamics. Some specialize in disruptive tactics such as sowing disorder and demoralizing meetings, heightening conflicts. They will seek to exploit group sensibilities by posing (as a person in need, for example), or spreading rumours and innuendo of sin (which will be untrue)

Infiltrators seek information .. The extent to which they are able to infiltrate our groups depends on our seriousness and responsibility in learning about and working within the security of our culture. Once identified, appropriate action is needed to undo, contain or remove the danger. I have heard on one large church which is aware of this—they have people on the stage, scanning the audience, and if they pick up on someone, that person is quietly removed from the meeting. When God moves, or wants to move, it is critical that we allow Him to do so

Leadership roles are best done with long standing, TRUSTED members — exercise caution, and ALWAYS seek God on WHO should be in responsible positions. Think through possible consequences, and be prepared to deal with them. And we must be very careful of offering support and sympathy to those who harm others.

It is valuable for us to learn more about the covert actions of these people. An often neglected part of our strength is our knowledge of and protection from people who may harm us. We do NOT need to be afraid, for "greater is He (who) is with us".. But we do need to be wise and aware.

AND THE LORD SAID...
My daughter, ANY work done in My Name will attract those who wish to muscle in and destroy it. Like a hole in a dyke, ANY sin still present in lives, acts as a gateway for the enemy to use to access My work. "The enemy comes in like a flood"… and if given access he will do just this. Flooding is devastating and some areas never fully recover—BUT they show up weaknesses and areas of vulnerability.

My people often rest at ease, with a false sense of security, thinking that all is well, but often all is not well. It is only in the testings and times of pressure that weaknesses (sins) and stress fractures become evident. It is time to shore up the boundaries, seek My face, repent of your sins, that I may heal your land. Often the flooding damages and destroys all in its path—victims who are not to blame for a "hole in the dyke" somewhere else. Never blame the victims but pray for them. Flooding gains momentum as it goes, and so in the spiritual. Unless people are GROUNDED in ME, they can lose their footing and be swept away in the flood of evil. Unless they are aware, they can be caught out by surprise—and the enemy loves a surprise attack—it is the terrorists greatest weapon.

The enemy will seek to flood My Church, My people, My creation with his evil, devastating force, B U T ...
When the enemy comes in like a flood, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL RAISE UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM. (the Amplified adds… and put him to flight). Isaiah 59:19

A STANDARD is:
1. A required level of quality
2. 2.A distinctive flag
3. Ordinary, regular, not rare

4. Generally recognized as authoritative

My daughter, WHEREVER My Name is honoured, or spoken, the enemy is attracted to it. This is, after all, the enemy's main purpose. He has a morbid fascination with the things that pertain to Me—out of jealousy, anger, envy, fury and hatred, frustration and old failings. He has NO GOOD FEELINGS about Me, My people, My Body or My work. It rouses his hatred and antagonism like NOTHING ELSE does.

When My Name is spoken—either in love or hate—you can be sure the enemy's ears prick up. You can be equally sure that when you pray, I act. When you ask for protection, I give it. When you ask for wisdom I give it—either as an instant aid or an understanding and wisdom gift that develops and grows as you know Me and My word better. You can be very sure that what you ask for I respond to. Always. Sometimes I hold up the full answer until other things have developed that I want you to see, or that must be done—but I have your answer in My hand, ready to deliver it at the exact right time.

When My Name is used—in whatever context—I hear and respond—be it in a loving answer or divine judgment. NO OTHER NAME in HEAVEN or ON EARTH has the power of My Name. My Name resonates through Heaven and hell—it inspires love and awe, or fear and dread, depending on who used it and how.

I have given My children—My TRULY BORN AGAIN ones, the right and authority to use My Name, to call upon My Name, to Know My Name. But it depends on the level of relationship I have with you, how I honour that. Some use My Name unwisely or selfishly.

My intent is not to frighten anyone, but to awaken My people to the dangers around them. The world in NOT a safe place any more—not that it ever was. But the enemy has unloosed some of his most ferocious demons in these days to act in cruel and harmful ways against My creation. They don't stop at just My people either, but seek harm for harm's sake. To inflict pain and fear in carefully calculated ways.

I need My people to RECOGNISE the hour and seek My Face and PRAY! Pray for those in authority, and those who need protection. Pray for a turning to Me for salvation, protection and covering. My hand must be on My people in a "heavy" way for the times are serious and the impact powerful of the evil being loosed among those I have created with such loving care

I ABSOLUTELY HATE these things, but without the prayers of My People, I have no "authority" to move—because of man's free will.

PRAYER and PRAISE are the weapons of My choice for you. As powerful as the enemy is, My weapons in the hands of My blood bought children are more, MUCH MORE powerful. Lift Me up in your prayers and your praise. Love Me, enjoy Me, Praise Me, Trust me and your prayers will please Me and enable me to accomplish much. I love My people and My creation passionately and have no desire to allow evil to flourish in the garden.

Lord, we ask You to deal with those who have or use a Jezebel spirit in the church, and flush out and deal with all moles and infiltrators, who are infecting and "devouring" Your people.
Lord, make us aware of the moles and show us the evidence of their activity. Keep us from being frightened, but give us bold spirits full of praise and trust for Who YOU ARE.
May Your name be magnified in our churches again, and in our countries.

Psalm 32:6 For this cause, everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found.

PERSONAL EXPERIENCE
I had an experience some years ago, that helped me gain insight into the subject of infiltrators. I was the President of our local Woman's …. group. One of our Board members was quickened by the Holy Spirit, to look into the New Age belief system, and she told us what she was finding out as she went along. However, those in authority over us told her not to worry about it as it wasn't necessary, so in some embarrassment she dropped it.

However, unknown to us at that time, a lady who had started coming to our group, was a witch. She came in appearing to be a very humble, new Christian. Every time we had a public meeting, the most bizarre things happened. We were constantly putting out fires but had no idea what was going on. We were finding perfectly sound relationships floundering, and whatever could go wrong, did. She asked for a job to “help” and got to look after the tape library - and destroyed everything she didn’t like. and so it went on. Eventually, this lady got herself onto our Board and everything became clear. She had a very strong agenda, which would have made the whole *spiritual* part of our group defunct. She wanted to change the whole purpose of the group!! Every prayer meeting, she wanted to talk about issues - anything but pray. She passionately hated prophecy. And so on. The discord she sowed was immense—she was a spiritual terrorist!

She gave her testimony at one of our outreach meetings and we were so shocked – she almost glorified her past experiences, (she was very proud of them) but had no godly, spiritual answers for her hearers at all. Sadly, those in authority over us who had attended, thought she was wonderful because it was a new field! They showed no discernment at all. In fact, they got her to speak to all the other groups in the area, saying that she would grow by the experience. They just would not listen to our comments. She would cry in their presence and tell them how hurt she was by what we were not letting her do, and it worked!! She got their full support! Needless to say, she would be anything but like this with us!

In the end, the whole Board and I resigned. And the lady who caused the trouble? She moved to another area to live, and the group struggles to survive.

We found out so much about this side of things through this. It is often easier to see in hindsight – but they are valuable lessons. The clues had been there but we didn’t recognize them as warnings: for example, she never spoke about Jesus or the Holy Spirit, only God and “Lord” - and we wondered who her Lord was! She SAID she spoke in tongues—but no one heard her. She prayed while we worshipped. An infiltrator with the wrong spirit cannot worship. She never USED her Bible, although she carried one. Her testimony of “salvation” was odd—she saw an aura round her son and then she believed. We believe she was camouflaged. “By their fruit shall you know them” - Christlikeness or soulishness?

We, like most Christian groups were well aware of those with a Jezebel spirit, but were not aware of **moles or infiltrators**, their agendas and how they function. Since then, I have looked into this and am convinced that many churches and Christian groups have been infiltrated and are unaware of it. Where the Jezebel spirit will want the high ground and seek position and prominence, (is often “extrovert”), the “mole” or infiltrator will be as unobtrusive as possible, so as to be hard to detect (an “introvert”) . WE MUST PRAY THAT GOD EXPOSES THESE PEOPLE AND SHOWS US HOW TO LIMIT THE DAMAGE—and bring good out of the messes they leave behind.

Baruch Atah

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I heard “ Baruch atah” and thought it might mean blessed are you, but went to check out the ‘atah’…and sure enough that is the meaning in Hebrew.

Matt 5:3-20 NKJV
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
17 "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. 18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. 19 Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.
The first thing that came to mind was the Sermon on the Mount.

Then I asked the What it is the Lord wanted to say and heard:

“ Blessed is the man who endures under temptation, and refuses to give in.
Blessed is the man who hears abusive words and does not yield to the temptation to answer back in like manner. Blessed is the man who is mocked and scorned for believing in Me, and does not get angry, but instead cried tears for the one who is deluded and ignorant. Blessed is the man who defies all logic trusting in Me for everything, when others are scurrying around in their own self-sufficiency, for he has grown to know the kindness of Hashem. [Blessed be His name !] Blessed is the man who loves his wife and children and does not abuse them. Blessed is the man who loves Me, and is faithful to My Word ! Blessed is the man or woman who considers the poor and outcast. Blessed is he who does not forget his own flesh and blood.

Cursed is he who tells men to do the word, but does not do it himself.
Cursed is the man who leads others to leave intimacy with Me and gets them to love him instead of Me. Cursed is he who teaches little children to be ashamed, because he has abused them. Cursed is he who abuses his wife without any shame. Cursed is he who thinks I approve of hating any other man or woman. Cursed is he who delights in running to evil and comes into My temple on Sundays to make himself feel good ! Cursed is she or he who chooses to walk in bitterness of soul knowing there is a means to get free. Cursed is he who loves his own words or the words of others, more than listening for My Voice. Cursed is he who ignores the poor, the widow, the crippled and maimed. For, blessed

are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

Truly I tell you that when you walk in your own ways and do not consider Mine, you are in danger of hell fire. I love you and adore you. I do all you ask that is in ME. I teach you if you are willing to listen. But if you ignore Me and go your own way, how can you say you have relationship with ME ?

I said, “ If you love Me, then obey Me ! “ I didn’t say obey what you think I mean, obey what you think is best, or obey in word only. I said to obey ME.

I AM a LIVING GOD, a living Being. I am a person. I am not a god of wood or stone ! They do not talk, but I speak. *My sheep hear My voice and they follow ME.* The voice of another they do not follow. The voice you follow has to FIT with the written Logos. For example, I would never tell you to take another wife, while still married to another. That is foolish and delusional. Man often thinks that if he has favor with Me, receives good things from Me, that then he can do whatever seems to please himself, instead of pleasing ME.

You tend to be independent because of the fall. You must LEARN to be dependent on ME. Independence from ME is not a relationship. It is an abomination because it is IGNORING ME. I came to RESTORE relationship with the Father and ME and to provide access to the Holy Spirit Who once in you remains forever. But if you stay in a place of independence from ME, then you are REFUSING My counsel. You are refusing relationship with ME, like a man who refuses to love his wife, or a wife who refuses to love her husband ! That is not a marriage. How then can you be My BRIDE if you refuse to come to ME ? Are you not then like Vashti – the disobedient and independent wife of Ahasuerus ?

There is no independence in a relationship with Me ! That is why marriage between a man and a woman is so much like a relationship with Me. The woman is not independent of the man and the man is not independent of the woman. They become ONE. Just as the Father and I and Spirit are One. When you think you know better how to do things, that is PRIDE. Pride exalts SELF. It thinks IT knows better what to do than others. Then it exalts it’s way of doing things above what is told to others, causing strife and competition. That is also the undergirding of CONTROL. People think they know what is best for others instead of allowing others to move and have their being in ME, they want to control them. Men and women must learn that dependence on ME is the only way they can get along. What did I say ?

Matt 6:33-34 NKJV 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

I do not CONTROL you ! I admonish you to obey Me, but I do not control you. So why do you allow others to control you ? I am Your ADONAI, Your Lord and Master. So why do you make other men your LORD and MASTER ?
Did I not say there is only ONE GOD ? You cannot give allegiance to Me, and at the same time make others your gods. That is the fruit of mammon.
Mammon is trusting in something other than Me.”

Luke 16:13 KJV
13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

MAMMON
mamonas NT:3126, a common Aramaic word for "riches," akin to a Hebrew word signifying "to be firm, steadfast" (whence "Amen"), hence, "that which is to be trusted"; Gesenius regards it as derived from a Heb. word signifying "treasure" Gen 43:23; it is personified in Matt 6:24; Luke 16:9,11,13.
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“Do not give heed to the doctrines of demons for they are plenteous in these times, but study the true Word and show yourselves approved. I have sent you the Teacher that you might rely on Us, and not your own or someone else's thinking. It is important in this hour. Remember that I am your SOURCE of everything you need ! Eat the scroll ! "

1 Tim 4:1-3 NKJV Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron, 3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

1 Tim 4:6-11 NKJV 6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed. 7 But reject profane and old wives' fables, and exercise yourself toward godliness. 8 For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come. 9 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance. 10 For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe. 11 These things command and teach.

1 Tim 4:12-16 NKJV Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. 14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. 15 Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all. 16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

2 Tim 3:1-9 NKJV
2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! 6 For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, 7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith; 9 but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

2 Tim 3:12-15 NKJV Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Made to Order
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"My order defies all man's logic. My Kingdom does not run the same as man's kingdom. My Kingdom runs on LOVE and HOPE, and PEACE, TRUTH, and JOY…and all that is good and holy. The carnal mind cannot understand the things of the Spirit. The wind blows where it wills and nothing can stop what I want to bring forth in this hour. The plans of man will be laid low, and My plans will prevail. For though the earth languish and bring forth birth pangs and all manner of shaking, MY ORDER will prevail in the hearts of My people. For I will do a GLORIOUS thing in their midst and nothing will be left the same. Everything I make STANDS. Everything I produce will stand.

Though the mountains fall, and the earth tremble, My will is exalted in all the earth. My church will be made to order, in the way I want it ! I WILL have My way. My ways are much higher than your ways oh man ! I WILL have the PRE-EMINENCE ! All that exalts itself in defiance against Me will fall to the ground and made to nothing.

My people will testify of My glory and they will not love their lives even unto death ! They will STAND in the rays of My glory and My fury will be against all who oppose them ! I AM a JEALOUS HUSBANDMAN ! YOU will not touch My glory without consequence !

I AM HE WHO SITS ABOVE THE HEAVENS. AND MY ORDER WILL PREVAIL AGAINST ALL THAT IS UNHOLY ! Who will ascend the hill of the Lord ? He who has clean hands and a pure heart !

Psalm 24:3-4 NKJV
3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.

I will bring My house into order and they will have love for one another when I am through. They will not break ranks when they run through defenses !
They will appreciate one another's place in My heart ! They will look at one another and see ME. They will see with My eyes and hear with My ears. They who are My remnant will rise up in this hour as a mighty army and they will be something to reckon with the enemy ! The enemy has some secret weapons in this hour, but I TOO HAVE MY OWN SECRET WEAPONS !

Martyrdom is coming to the earth in unprecedented measure already compared to the past. Yet many do not even want to hear of the suffering of their brothers and sisters, or the torture and maiming, because they do not want to accept that I have allowed such a thing to happen. FEAR has gripped their hearts too tightly. Many as in the days of Gideon will succomb to the fear of the enemy in the coming tumult. But I WILL DEFEND My own till their hour of assignment on the earth is finished !

Better for you to fear HIM Who holds the keys of Death and Hell than the one who goes about like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Fear will cause you to be devoured My beloveds ! The thing that Job greatly feared came upon him ! So fight off the fear and come into MY arms of love to be soaked in My LOVE, that fear may be driven OUT ! He who fears is not perfected in love ! I want you to be perfected in love that you may receive the fullness of ME !

Eph 3:16-19 Amplified version
16 May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the
[Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].
17 May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love,
18 That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];
19 [That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge
[without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself] !

I am a God of RESTORATION and not destruction ! Man reaps his own destruction because of the destructive nature of SIN in his heart. But I am a RESTORER and a FATHER to all who are Mine. Too many are concerned with getting out of the fight. I want you prepared to fight MY WAY. And to SPEAK MY WORDS into existence prophetically ! DECLARE MY WORD unto the heavens and it will not return VOID !"

Mic 7:8-13 NKJV Israel's Confession and Comfort
Do not rejoice over me, my enemy; When I fall, I will arise; When I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. 9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my case and executes justice for me. He will bring me forth to the light; I will see His

righteousness. 10 Then she who is my enemy will see, and shame will cover her who said to me, "Where is the LORD your God?" My eyes will see her; Now she will be trampled down like mud in the streets.
11 In the day when your walls are to be built, in that day the decree shall go far and wide. 12 In that day they shall come to you from Assyria and the fortified cities, from the fortress to the River, from sea to sea, and mountain to mountain. 13 Yet the land shall be desolate because of those who dwell in it, and for the fruit of their deeds.

“And who was trampled oh sons of man in the streets ? Who was it that dogs licked her bones ? YES , Jezebel, who is the harlot church is about to be judged. For judgment begins in the house of the LORD ! When My judgments are in the earth, My people will learn righteousness ! She who criticizes and refuses to curb her tongue…she who exalts self over Me and robs MY GLORY will be humbled and I will exalt the humble in this hour !
Her witchcraft has reached far and wide, causing My people to abandon GRACE and mercy, humility and forgiveness ! But I WILL RESTORE TRUE SHEPHERDS. And they will exalt only ME in this hour !

I will POUR OUT GLORY and it will transform My Bride and humble those who are proud and arrogant in their hearts. It will break the chains that have bound my people and they will arise a new MAN. It is soon upon you for the wicked are escalating in their plans, and I must have a church ready in this hour to reap the Harvest of all time ! “

Mic 7:15-20 NKJV "As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt, I will show them wonders." 16 The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; They shall put their hand over their mouth; Their ears shall be deaf. 17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent; They shall crawl from their holes like snakes of the earth. They shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of You. 18 Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?
He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. 19 He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities.
You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. 20 You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, Which You have sworn to our fathers From days of old.

Barely Recognizable, Having Gone Through The Fire

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Today Katelyn, our 16 year-old daughter, went with a friend and her family to the local county fair. This is a regular part of rural life in the midwest. Each county has a local fair where there are rodeos, tractor pulls, demolition derbys, 4H competition [animals, crafts and cooking], and of course the carnival rides. I am certain we will hear stories tomorrow of the wonderful activities shared throughout the day.

With Katelyn gone, this left Jeanette and I alone to spend some time together. What a treasure! We enjoyed the day by spending time with one another, doing some things we like to do, and relax around the house.

After getting back from a drive through the park, Jeanette made a statement that the Lord used to fashion a message in my heart. She said that we are barely recognizable, having gone through the fire.

While at the park, we talked about some of the things we have been through the past several years together. In a nutshell, you would have to say we have been through the fire. Fierce fire. Fire that burnt away a lot of things in our lives that didn't seem so bad, but must have been from the Lord's perspective. Fire that consumed parts of us. Fire that burned. Not just a pretty fire, but a fire that burnt up, that was hot, unpleasant, and a downright fearful thing.

This fire burnt up our dreams. This fire burnt up our very lives. I lost a way of providing for my family for a time. As a result, we went through bankruptcy. We were forced to move to another community. We lost every relationship that we counted dear. We lost every position, title, and station in life. All that was left was our love of the Lord and of one another.

In many ways, we are barely recognizable, having gone through the fire. NOTHING is the same. We don't recognize our lives as being like other people's lives. We seem strange after this experience. We don't even recognize ourselves any more.

After thinking about what Jeanette said ... I must agree. We are barely recognizable after going through the fire.

What I believe the Lord is wanting me to share right now is this ...

Are you willing to go through the fire with Me? Are you willing to let Me strip everything that is of importance from your life? Are you willing to let Me burn and consume all the idols, all the things that compete with My Lordship in your life? If you let Me do My fiery work, I will come as the Lord of hosts and establish My rule. My absolute rule.

The Lord would say, there is a burning coming to America. If you will embrace the fire, you will escape the burning. If you will embrace Me in the flames, you will escape the burning to come.

Those that embrace the fire, will not be recognized. Being barely recognizable will save your life in the future burning. Do not be eager to retain your own identity, or that of religion, but allow Me to consume your identity. I will take you off the grid, so to speak, by burning your idols and replacing them with a simple lifestyle.

Those that embrace the fire, will be used to build places of refuge. Places of refuge from the future burning. I will not leave My holy people alone, but I will provide a habitation, a dwelling place, during the time of burning. These places of refuge will be My provision, for that specific time.

I have given the Elliotts a vision for the Three Inns. I have given others visions too. These places of refuge will be shelters in the coming burning.

Do not fear, but embrace Me in the fire. Run to Me. Allow Me to do what you cannot do yourself. Allow Me to burn all that is a blemish and a smudge, replacing them with gold. Yield to My fire. Embrace Me in the fire.

Keep radically following Jesus!!

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Railway
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Railway. Men will plan a railway through a countryside or a city or a town. They have committees and they plan where the railways are going to be laid. It is not just a "oh, let's lay it here" it is carefully planned out and they have to build the bridges to go across the rivers. And they carefully put it through towns. They have to build railway crossings through the town to make it safe and through country sides they go around mountains or go through mountains and it is all very carefully planned out. Some places don't want the railway go come to their town. And some cities want a railway to come through because they think it will help business. Some don't want the sound of the train whistle late at night, and the mess that goes along with having a railroad, the tracks, the whistles, the cars, etc. some just don't want it in their town. So some people fight it and some people welcome the railroad because of their businesses. They build their business right beside it for easy access to the railroad.

Your lives are like a very carefully planned railway. A railway I have very carefully planned. In everybody's life I plan the tracks. I put them down carefully. I plan them over the land, the rivers and the countryside. Railways always build from town to town to town. It is not just out there. It goes somewhere. It just doesn't go into a river and stops and the train goes in the river. It has meaning it has purpose and it has a plan. And it always goes somewhere. Your life right now you seem to think that your train has stopped. And so it has stopped. But I soon will start it up again. You must be patient for your train to start up again. I do have a plan. I have your tracks and are being laid out as I speak. They are being carefully laid down and soon your train will start up again. And you will have a purpose and you will go somewhere. The train has been stopped and the train did stop and I stopped it for a purpose. But now, now I am going to start laying more tracks down. In a new place. You are going to new place. A place you have never been before. And I will lay down the tracks carefully all you have to do is follow. Just like a train. A train doesn't think, a train just goes and does not think. it just goes on its tracks and it just follows the track. And the engineer just kind of sits there and he regulates the speed but he doesn't steer there is no steering wheel in an engine it is all planned out and the train goes on the track.

Be careful not to jump the track but stay on the tracks that I am carefully going to lay down. I am going to start this very day, this very night, laying down new tracks for you to follow and you just must wait for Me to lay them down. A train cannot go without tracks. So don't try to go without you first seeing the tracks. I am going to start laying the tracks down and then I will tell you to get on the train again. Then I will lead you where to go. It will be really soon. Let Me lay down the tracks first. I have to lay down the tracks down first and then you can start going somewhere again. You and Me we will all start going somewhere again. I have a plan and purpose and your track and your train will go somewhere. Be patient and wait for Me to lay the tracks.

Be Aware That No One Deceives You!

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"Do not think that I have come to bring peace,
but rather I have come to bring a sword!

I will divide between the truth and the lie,
between the holy and the profane,
between the sheep and the goats,
between those who love me, and
those who love lies and their own lives more than me.

My sheep hear my voice and they follow me.
They follow "The Lamb" wherever he leads.
For they love not their own lives,
even unto death!

They have overcome!

Be aware, that no one deceives you!"

Matthew 24:4,7-10,13-14,34
4. And Jesus answered and said unto them, TAKE HEED THAT NO MAN DECEIVE YOU.
7. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places.
8. All these are the beginning of sorrows.
9. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and YE SHALL BE HATED OF ALL NATIONS for my name's sake.
10. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.
13. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.
14. And THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM shall be preached in ALL THE WORLD FOR A WITNESS unto ALL NATIONS; and THEN SHALL THE END COME.
34. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

John 15:19-20
19. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.
20. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. IF THEY PERSECUTED ME, THEY WILL ALSO PERSECUTE YOU;
27. AND YE SHALL ALSO BEAR WITNESS, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Rev. 12:11
And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb,
and by the word of their testimony [witness];
and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Rev 2:10-11
10. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.
11. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Luke 6:22
22. Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.
23. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

Hebrews 11
32. And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:
33. Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions.
34. Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens.
35. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection:
36. And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment:
37. They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented;
38. (OF WHOM THE WORLD WAS NOT WORTHY:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
39. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise:
40. God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

Matthew 10:16-42
16. Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.
17. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues;
18. And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles.
19. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.
20. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.
21. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.
22. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.
23. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.
24. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.
25. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have

called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?
26. Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.
27. What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.
28. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
29. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.
30. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
31. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.
32. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.
33. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
34. THINK NOT THAT I HAVE COME TO SEND PEACE ON EARTH: I CAME NOT TO SEND PEACE, BUT A SWORD.
35. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law.
36. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.
37. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
38. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.
39. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.
40. He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.
41. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward.
42. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

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Homepage

Birds Being Let Out Of The Cage

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A vision and a word from the Lord

I walk through an ancient door, and behold the walls are white stone. There are no windows, no exits. There is only the entrance that I have just entered.

I notice there is no roof. Ah, the sky is so beautiful and clear blue with bright light shining as in the Springtime, above me. There is not a cloud in the sky.

Then, I notice on the far wall, there is a large square glass container full of birds. They are beautiful from what I can see, but the glass is clouded over with steam and lots of moisture.

Suddenly, I notice that this cage has no windows or openings, so the birds can breath fresh air. They are suffocating, and their beautiful multicolored feathers are wet with perspiration and lack of oxygen.

I say, "LET THEM OUT!"

I hear, "But they are suppose to be in the cage. That is where you keep birds."

I say, "Not when they can't breathe. LET THEM OUT!"

I hear, "If we let them out, they will all fly in different directions. They will go all over the place. We will never be able to contain them again!"

I say, "LET THEM OUT!!"

No one moves to set them free. These stubbornly stand stern, and do not move from their places. They are determined not to let them go, even at my command.

I decide that I must let them out myself, because those around me are too ignorant to see that soon they will die. They don't realize they will have no birds anyway, if they leave them in this state.

I push past one person standing in my way. Finally there is movement, but not to set the birds free. They only move to hinder me from getting to the little birds held captive.

I go quickly around another that steps between me and the birds. I am quick on my feet and much stronger than all in the room.

Alas, I am in arms reach of the glass compartment. I grab it off the wall, and have to tug it away from someone trying to keep me from breaking the birds' prison open.

I peer inside to see them all looking at me. I hear their little peeps as whispered prayers. I view their weakened movements as gestures made, to let me know that they are full of hope, even though weary from no air. I comprehend and see their faith, even in this situation. They have waited so long to be set free.

I say, "BE FREE."

Behind me I hear many voices crying, pleading, "No. Please, NO! Stop! What will we do without the lovely birds that sang for us so beautifully?"

I don't listen. With my mighty Right Hand, I pry apart the cage, and I break the glass that separated the birds from me.

Fresh air floods the cage. I watch as the first one realizes that he can fly. He looks at me with such gratitude and such joy. I see tears roll down his little dark eyes onto his lovely yellow feathers. He is so overwhelmed with the realization that he no longer has to stay in the cage, and can go where the wind carries him.

From years of being in the same place with all these other birds, he waits until all that he loves, are also strong enough and refreshed enough to go along with him. He has so much love. I am amazed, that this trap has not made them hard, yet so tender and loving for one another. He peers up at me and I know his heart is overwhelmed with love for me as well, because I have opened the cage.

After he sees the others are ready to fly, he leaps out and sores into the air.

Then, another gives a beautiful shrill whistle of delight and flies free. This continues until all are out of the cage.

I am delighted to see them soaring overhead. They dip and dive as if to dance with Joy in mid-air. They sing the most beautiful tunes, that seem to harmonize. Their tunes are testimonies of their freedom and with one voice, in unity, they sing.

I listen and giggle with laughter. I rejoice with them as I watch the beautiful diversity in all they do, with amusement. Now, they can do their heart's desire. Years in the cage of dreaming is over. Now, they will do what has been on their heart as they sat helplessly in the cage.

I look above, and I see that every one of them are soaring above me, yet they will not leave my sight. They dance around high above my head, as if they are singing praises to me.

Word from the Lord on the vision given:

"My people. Need I explain this vision? Need I tell you who these birds represent? Need I tell you whom my servant represents as she opened the cage and sets them free?

The birds are my people that have suffocated in man made cages. These were traps lay long ago for them by the enemy and foolish evil shepherds have obeyed the enemy's voice to keep them held tightly. Through their ignorance of My ways, they have been found in error.

My beautiful song birds have longed for the skies above, yet their wings have been made to lay dormant. These have been unable to fulfill what they were called to do. I made wings for flying, yet they were made to sit in cramped uncomfortable spaces too small to contain them. There has been little or no breath of my spirit in these places, and yet, these that have been trapped in hopeless situations have not lost hope. They could see there was more, and through a glass they beheld the skies, but they were never able to be free to move further than the boundary of the cage made for them.

These particular birds have come to a place of desperation and all they can do is look up. These birds, have spent their efforts, until there is nothing left to give. All they can do is hope and look through the stale air in the cage, watching and waiting for rescue. It has appeared to them by circumstances around them, that this was all that they would ever do. It appeared to them that this was what their life was to be. Nothing more than to spend it trapped and then to die without a breath of the Spirit to rekindle their strength again.

The ancient walls white, are the church buildings that have not made an avenue for those lovely ones I sent, to go freely in and out as I directed. Religion has sealed the windows and sealed the doors. They have made rules of old as ancient laws too hard to bear and impossible to follow. There is no room for grace behind these walls. These have said you must have a covering. Yet, they don't know that the true covering has left them and made them vulnerable to the elements of the world. These are the ones that hinder my path to my dear ones.

I have said, "LET THEM OUT!"

If they do not willingly let them go, I will bring them out of bondage by my mighty right arm. I will do it with force and intent, as I enter the religious sanctuaries, not to sup with them, but for my people to be set free from their strongholds. Some will not even recognize me as I come in to release my people, and they will resist Me. They have forgotten whom they were to be serving.

Fly away, my beautiful birds. Soar like you have seen the eagle soar, while watching from your traps. Fly high and rejoice. Dance in the heavenlies! Sing a melodious tune unto Me, for I alone will release you to exercise your wings.

You will be released into a new level. Will I not make you to fly to the highest heights? Will I not cause you to be far above those that suppressed you? Your enemies are no more, says Your Lord and Master. I rejoice in what I am about to do for my lovely ones, oh, my gentle birds that love Me and worship me.

In your dry places, your heart has become tender and you love much. I will use you in the coming days. You have been perfected in your prisons. Now, I will shake the very walls that hold you, and you will be set free to do what I have called you to do in these last days, says Your Deliverer, Your King and Your God."

"Our Lord, you are a friend of your worshipers, and you make an agreement with all of us. I always look to you, because you rescue me from every trap." Psalms 25:14-15

"I praise you, Lord, for answering my prayers. You are my strong shield, and I trust you completely. You have helped me, and I will celebrate and than you in song." Psalms 28: 6-7

Praise the Lord!

Boldness, Courage And Confidence

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Scripture taken from Amplified

Psalm 138:3
When I called, you answered me; you made me bold and stouthearted.

Proverbs 28:1
The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

2 Corinthians 3:12
Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.

Proverbs 14:26
26 In the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children shall always have a place of refuge.

Hebrews 13:6
6 So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm [I will not fear or dread or be terrified]. What can man do to me?(A)

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Bold means fearless and daring. It is not another word for arrogance. For to be fearless and daring implies there must be danger of some form present! There must be a real or perceived risk for one to assume to be fearless and daring. If there is no danger, there needs to be no boldness.

Often times courage and confidence is exchanged for the word bold in scripture. Courage means : a quality of spirit that enables you to face danger of pain without showing fear

Courage is the ability to confront fear in the face of pain, danger, uncertainty or intimidation. As stated in the encyclopedia. In many New Testament scripture the Lord spoke against those who were cowards.

Revelation 21:8
But as for the cowards and the ignoble and the contemptible and the cravenly lacking in courage and the cowardly submissive, and as for the unbelieving and faithless, and as for the depraved and defiled with abominations, and as for murderers and the lewd and adulterous and the practicers of magic arts and the idolaters (those who give supreme devotion to anyone or anything other than God) and all liars (those who knowingly convey untruth by word or deed)--[all of these shall have] their part in the lake that blazes with fire and brimstone. This is the second death. [Isa 30:33]

I thought this subject would be good to cover right now, mostly for my own learning as I have recently been experiencing a boldness like I have never experienced in a very long time. It's a boldness which speaks " no turning back"; it speaks, " I'm not putting up with lies and games". At first this newness of being bold concerned me as I thought perhaps I was losing my ability to remain patience and steadfast. When I began to consider it more closely, I realized that it is the Holy Spirit within me that is rising up and taking control of a situation wherein the enemy may have put a stumbling block in front of me. What I find most interesting, and I am sure that the reader will as well, is before this boldness took form, I was struggling with the desire to faint. As we seen the scripture quoted from Revelations, that is not what the Lord would have us do!

Have you ever felt like you don't have the time or desire to play children's games? This is likely due to the fact that you are maturing in the Lord. I believe that Paul reached this stage in his maturing as a Christian. He said,

1 Corinthians 13:11
When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; now that I have become a man, I am done with childish ways and have put them aside.

A child will remain in an argument until he gets his way. A child will pout when he is denied his desire. A child will use emotional manipulation to get his need or desire met. This is not boldness but rather tactics. Boldness comes with knowing our authority and most of all the Love of God which is shed abroad in our hearts. Boldness requires that we face down anything that threatens us without showing fear. Not as a bully would, but as someone who is confident in the Lord taking care of us. The battle is the Lord's. If the Lord is for us , who can be against us?

When do we lose confidence in the Lord not taking care of our problems? This usually occurs when we are too sin conscious. We must confess our sin. Yet the Word says that when we do so, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sin! Knowing His love for us produces boldness!

Ephesians 3:17
May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love,

Therefore we should OPERATE in boldness at all times. Boldness tells the enemy " BACK OFF". Boldness tells sickness " OUT OF MY HOUSE NOW". Boldness works together with authority. For when fear is present, it is boldness that must respond!

Some believe that boldness is shouting, yelling, screaming, etc. However God's kind of boldness is one such as found in Jacob.

Genesis 32
24 And Jacob was left alone, and a Man wrestled with him until daybreak.
25 And when [the [a]Man] saw that He did not prevail against [Jacob], He touched the hollow of his thigh; and Jacob's thigh was put out of joint as he wrestled with Him.
26 Then He said, Let Me go, for day is breaking. But [Jacob] said, I will not let You go unless You declare a blessing upon me.
27 [The Man] asked him, What is your name? And [in shock of realization, whispering] he said, Jacob

[supplanter, schemer, trickster, swindler]!
28 And He said, Your name shall be called no more Jacob [supplanter], but Israel [contender with God]; for you have contended and have power with God and with men and have prevailed.(B)
29 Then Jacob asked Him, Tell me, I pray You, what [in contrast] is Your name? But He said, Why is it that you ask My name? And [b][the Angel of God declared] a blessing on [Jacob] there.

Boldness is not letting go of the Truth. Boldness IS steadfastness. It is not about an emotional reaction. Its about " standing" fearlessly against the pressure to bend other wise. It is not about being rude. It is about being decided, determined, settled with the issue.

Sometimes emotions will seem to rise up with boldness as the gas needed to be taken seriously. However emotions are not the source of boldness. The source of boldness is the Truth of God. Knowing that you know that you know, will produce this boldness. Knowing you are to be and are, dead center in the will of God will produce this boldness.

Ephesians 5:17
Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is

Nothing and no one will deter you. You will not need to convince others of your conviction, for the purpose of boldness is to bulldoze down all those obstacles that are places in your way. Faith is the fore runner of Boldness. Once faith is established it must then incubate until boldness is birthed to get the job done.

Boldness is the took needed to overcome factors of fear such as intimidation, rejection, physical and emotional danger of all types and sorts. Fear paralyzes, boldness energizes!

The Lord has not called us to be cowards. The Lord has called us to be bold. For the Lord fears nothing, for the spirit of fear does not come from God!

May the Lord increase you in boldness, teaching you all things through His Spirit who knows all things.

Be Changed Into My Glory

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"Today marks a Complete Departure of an era of your life. You are dumping the trash of a lifetime. Things that brought only strife. You will carry them no longer, but will relinquish them to Me; for the Time has come to Recycle. Be Changed Into My Glory.

I have reprogrammed your mind-set to no longer carry a grudge. The misfortunes that you have suffered; I Alone and Time Will Judge. Created by Me to show forth My Glory, possessed by My Love; no weapon has ever succeeded as you have Risen Above Circumstance that overwhelmed others who Kept Not A Single Eye; but looked for their Help from another and on Me did not rely.

Rejoice and look up for your Redemption is nearer than you think. Be Recharged in My Dominion for you are Truly on The Brink; Of Massive Manifestation Of The Sons And Daughters Of God. Your Talk and your Walk will come in line as your Feet are Shod; with Confident Trust and Steadiness to Stand Fast as I Prepare to Send you To Recycle the Lost. Rescuing them from despair.

Emptying the Coffers of Hell before they reach that sad estate. Restoring them in My Righteousness as Through You I Radiate. I Will Give Hope to The Hopeless as I AM Lifted Up In You; To Demonstrate My Kingdom Through Them As I Have Done Through You."

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Beauty

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In a vision, I saw someone encircled, just engulfed in swirls and swirls of beautiful light. “This is My Shekinah,” said the Lord. “In My house are many mansions. Many rooms you have not explored yet. There are many areas that have yet to be unveiled. I will be opening up My mansion of BEAUTY now. Be ready for this phenomenal occurrence. Now are you My sons and it does not yet appear what you shall be. I Am appearing and you SHALL be LIKE Me. I, indeed, shall break forth as Lightening and the world shall see Me, the King, in My BEAUTY. The former beauty shall be restored to you, as I shall give you beauty for all of your ashes. I will restore the AWE of your CREATOR. That Light within that has, seemly, been hidden from view shall openly appear to mark the place of My presence as the Star in the East did to announce My entrance into this world. I shall publicly demonstrate My power and My glory in variegated hues. My Shekinah shall burst forth in all of its radiance and perfection. When My BEAUTY shines in it’s fullness, you won’t believe the greatness of My manifestations that will happen even if I were to tell you now? Look to see people being saved whose hearts seemed to have been hardened against the Lord. Look to see the cripple and lame to walk and people healed of dreaded diseases on a larger than ever, widespread scale. Look to see the ministry of My Spirit coming forth in all kinds of marvelous, extraordinary ways.

This Shekinah, this Splendour will not be adulterated by the spirit of the world, the flesh or the devil. It shall be the BEAUTY of My HOLINESS and ADORNMENT that shall shine out of My secret place of peace and love.” (I saw, in a vision, clods being broken up). “Prepare your heart. Break up the fallow ground so I can have an abundant entrance” says the Lord.

VISION:
I admonish you by the Spirit of the Lord, to try with all of your heart to get into ONENESS with Him. About 6 weeks ago in a vision, I saw some little white crosses at the head of graves. I knew that more people would die in the U.S. as a result of terrorism. There were a lot of little green trees all in back of the crosses. They were 'Trees of Life." The Lord reminded me that the "Tree of Life" is symbolic of the Word of God and He said that His people are to become The Word. It is imperative that this happens and PRAY, PRAY, PRAY about the world situations.

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Beachcombers

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I Saw 'Angelic Beachcombers' Storming The Beaches; Bringing Spiritual 'R & R'!

They appeared to be angelic beings with metal detectors searching for treasure on the beaches of the earth. What seemed to be washed up upon the shores of life through storms and spiritual shipwrecks, disregarded by many, were now in great demand in Heaven. Much treasure was buried in the sands of beaches upon the earth. As angels began to dig deeper in the sand, an outline of what appeared to be a large treasure, a form in the image and likeness of God appeared just beneath the sand - a human being! Angels began reporting to Heaven that many who were made in the very image of God had actually buried themselves and had died spiritually trying to find rest and relaxation in the pleasures of the shifting and the quicksands of life. But Jesus now appeared walking on the waters along these shorelines of the nations. The waters were being anointed.

As these 'angelic beachcombers' continued to dig many of these lost treasures free, the grains of sands beneath them began to cry out the sweetest word ever heard upon the earth... "Repent!" The grains of sand seemed to speak this word with so much love, like no human voice had ever spoken to these treasures before. In fact, one angel wrote with his finger across the beaches the word repent and then built a heart shaped sand castle around it as Heaven proclaimed... "Kings and queens of the earth were meant to live in castles. Return to Me!"

True 'R & R' was coming to these worn, broken lives as they began being kissed by the 'Sun of Righteousness' rising upon them with healing in His wings! Sweet 'Repentance and Restoration' was invading the beaches and shorelines of nations!

I then heard the Father commanding these 'angelic beachcombers'. "Begin on the beaches of the earth and then begin to move inland, combing the mountains and the valleys, the cities, and don't miss combing through My own House to search and bring forth My treasures who have buried themselves in their own 'church traditions' and are locked up inside those 'church walls'. Compel them to go out 'now' into the highways, the byways, the cities, and the beaches and pick up the spoil that lies waiting."

"I'll see you at the beach... "

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Beheaded

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In the Fall of 1999, I had a dream of a loved one being beheaded. When I woke, I was so terrorized by the idea that I dared not mention it to a soul. A few days later, I was sitting in a large church known for teaching the Gospel of The Kingdom, listening to a powerful prophet of God graphically describe the scene in Revelation 20:4. All I could do is stand to my feet and weep in the midst of the congregation as God's Word flooded of my heart, freeing me from the fear of being beheaded. The Spirit of Understanding was being unleashed in the atmosphere of that meeting. I was no longer victimized by a dream. I began embracing a revelation; a Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Authority to the Beheaded

In order to understand the passage in Revelation 20, we must first review the opening statements in Revelation, Chapter 1; " **the Revelation of Jesus Christ …"** To understand this book, is to know that it is a book that reveals Jesus and it is a blessing to all who read it. It's not scary or something to dread. It's something to understand figuratively as it is written in symbols and metaphors. Now the text in Revelation Chapter 20 reads this way:

"I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years." Rev. 20:4

Here we see the identification of the corporate body of overcomers, as it is confirmed in Rev. 3: 21; "**to him that overcomes will I grant to sit with Me in My throne**." They were given authority to judge having been processed by the judgments of God themselves, for "Judgment must begin at the house of God," (1 Peter 4:19), they are now qualified "To execute the judgment written: this honor have all His saints." (Psalm 149:9). Here they become "laborers together with God," in the restoration of all mankind.

"**Beheaded for the witness of Jesus... and the Word of God**." Beheaded, no stronger word could be used to speak of the process of ending all carnal mindedness, and being renewed into the mind of Christ. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:5). The RENEWING OF THE MIND brings an end to self-will, in it's attitudes and thinking, so that we can mind spiritual things and bear witness to Him alone. His Word is truth, and we lay down our own life " and they loved not their lives unto the death," that His truth might dwell in us richly, filling our thoughts, directing our steps. Then whatever outward persecutions come our way, because we do not think as the world, with joy we shall overcome, and be found pleasing to God. " They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark." No longer do they bear the imprint and character of this world's system, they have repudiated any allegiance to the flesh, and now bear the marks of God, conformed to His image, that He might be exalted. Truly, they are the Lord's.

"**And they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years**." Whether the "**thousand years**" is a literal time span, or a figurative one, really doesn't matter when we are "**reigning with Christ**." For as Peter reminds us, "**Beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day**." (2 Peter 3:8). The Psalmist David concurs, "**For a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.**" (Psalm 90:4).

To be with Christ, to "**live and reign**" with Him, that is the issue! Again the Psalmist reaffirms this: " Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere!" (Psalm 84:10). It's not the time frame that matters, it is LIVING WITH CHRIST NOW! For "they which receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall REIGN IN LIFE by one, Jesus Christ." (Romans 5:17). His life is eternal!

How Jesus Responds to a Beheading

The scriptures tell of the beheading of John the Baptist in Matthew 14.
It is most comforting to note how Jesus responded to such a thing. We would be wise to imitate Him.

“When Jesus heard what had happened, He withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed Him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them and healed their sick.” Mathew 14: 13-14

Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). He can be trusted to do the same today; heal the sick! It is also key to note 1 John 4:17:
As He is, so are we in this world. We must continue the ministry of Jesus. The best war the Church can wage on terrorism is do the works of Jesus against all odds. It is also comforting to see what the Lord did after He healed the sick. He fed the multitude! (Matt. 14:16-21) Something of epic proportions happens in the Kingdom when there is a beheading. The pure in heart see God even in bleak darkness. We will see what we are looking for. If we are looking for God in this hour, we will not be denied. The Lord is surely appearing in and through His people.

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Beheading
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Dearly loved saints of the Lord Most High

Tonight I AM would come with a reassuring Word to all that have ears to hear. For fear would try and reign and cripple My own - for many have yet to learn that to try and save their life means they will lose it and to deliberately and systematically lose it to the Lord Jesus Christ means that they, in fact, gain eternal Life with the Creator of the Universe.

Hear ye, hear ye, the Words of the Lord:-

My dear ones, cradled in the palm of My hand, realise, know and understand that there is about to be a revolutionary change of Headship. For this is what My ownership is about. The church of Babylon has as its 'head' the god of this world. The nations and countries of this world have this same 'head.' but did I not say that the earth is mine and the fullness thereof? Yes, this is the Truth. The earth is Mine.

So comes a beheading - the demise of the rulership and ownership of the Babylonian system and then comes a fullness of installation of the Headship of My Christ. For you see, the Bride belongs to the Bridegroom. She (the church, the remnant) is Mine. Her Headship has been ordained since the beginning of the created universe. All things are to be summed up in Christ as the Head. Then flows the anointing as like unto flowing down Aaron's (the high priest's) beard.

The anointing flows when the Headship is right. So, precious ones, this is the time for the Christ to take His headship with full jurisdiction. This is His Time for the fullness of all things to be made manifest In Him.

This is the time for the apostate church to be decapitated and laid aside and for the True Church to raise up in worship and Truth. For truly as she is now positioned upon the earth, multitudes are in this worship position already. All over the world dear broken ones are falling at My feet in adoration. There is a circle being formed and a layering effect. Picture if you will, saint upon saint, broken and desperate; abandoned and cleaving to her love. Each one in perfect union and harmony with Himself. Each one reaching thru time and space into the realm of the Righteous. Unto My very throne. Yes, they all cry out to me; harmonise with My Will and sing love songs to the Unknown God. For they esteem what they have not seen and for this much accreditation occurs.

As the harmonious adoration continues and increases a layering and elevation occurs. More and more are added and placed on top of their brothers and sisters that have laid down their lives for their Lord. So picture if you will an apex shape filled with women and men, boys and girls all in the sweet array of white garments prominent with the fragrance of Christ their love.

now superimpose this picture over My mountain. Zion. And here you have My Church being built. Pure and Holy as He is pure and holy. Under His Headship ; one spirit; one body; one faith; one baptism. Ah...........the glory.......satisfies me.

So dear ones, realise that the increasing violent beheadings throughout the world is the enemy's counterfeit of My current move.

War against his arm of death and the ungodly violent deaths

and embrace My Arm of Justice and the pure Headship of Christ.

love In Christ,
His Servant and lover, Ann

Belly Ache

Vicki Camp

6-25, '04 short dream scene / vision …
I saw a man standing holding his upper belly with his crossed arms as if in some pain.
Not sure how to write this next part as it will sound very strange.....but on the ground near him, which the man was looking down upon, was laying some kind of bunched tubes or scrolls,,, that somehow were a *part of him* that had become dis-connected or lost 'out of him'....... like he had lost and was still losing some of his very being/essence 'parts'.

I watched as he then abruptly turned around his direction, and still holding his stomach began to run 'home'........ I felt him sensing he must 'run home', 'must get home'....... somehow this was the fix and repair for him. This was going to make him whole again - had to 'get back to home'.

-- I guess I could write much about this prophetic dream scene, and probably get needlessly wordy :) , but I feel to not do that. I will only mention that Rev. 2 came to me of this scene as I awoke - the portion about *'…you have left your first Love'*,,,, with the understanding of the need to return to 'first-Love' ,,, as in 'run back to home base'.

My great appreciation and thanks to my friend whom I shared this dream with, who then advised me to look into Ezekial 3... Yes!
For both Ezekial and John the apostle - - The Word of God, prophecy, is a book, a written scroll ......

The Word of God, prophecy, presented as a scroll of God' writing to be ingested, and then given out..........

To Ezekial the prophet,
"... : open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee." - Ezek. 2:8b
" Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness. Then He said to me: "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them." - Ezek. 3:1-3
v. 14 *"So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the Lord was strong upon me.........."*

To John the apostle on Isle Patmos,
"And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book (scroll). And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.... " - Rev. 10:9-11a

I hope and trust this short piece and prophetic dream scene will be as instructive to others who may read this, as it has been to myself. Lord Jesus Christ IS and always will be our "first Love"; HE is to be our "home and our base", to Whom we can and must run to ……

"...; for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." – Rev. 19:10b

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Weeding
Vicki Camp

June 24, ’04 (vision/insight w./instruction)
I heard the Lord clearly speak,
“I am weeding my garden.”
I was taken into a vision where I saw Jesus; He was working in a garden pulling the weeds out.

I saw this was a garden of rows. The soil was dark and looked to be fresh rained upon or watered for I saw the weeds easily yield-up from this soft dark rich looking soil. What surprised me was that this “garden” Jesus worked was actually an orchard, with rows and rows of small young fruit trees. These were fruit trees not full grown yet, only a few feet tall, at the most.
I saw that ‘this garden’ was a well cared for young orchard.

The little trees -- branches not yet leafed, or budded, or fruited - Early springtime I thought, for the weeds seemed to be in some fresh abundance, but not established nor too large yet. Jesus looked from His work to me and nodded a 'yes'…to my unspoken thoughts; It was the time of end of winter, early spring season, and I knew this depiction was a ‘season in The Spirit’, not an actual natural season.

Jesus was dressed in what looked to me like a biblical times garment / robe that was wrapped up and tied up so that he could ‘work’ unhindered by his clothing. He had a cloth wrapped on His head, somewhat like a bandanna -- The sun was shining strong and His face reflected it’s Light. He worked on His haunches, occasionally standing to over-look all of this His’ orchard, the whole…...

I watched Jesus work for some time, then I saw Him pull a clump of nasty weeds near one of the small healthy looking trees. The whole weed clump and small tree came out into Jesus hands, both together! Jesus looked at me as He extended His hands for me to see the little tree and the weeds.

“What do you see, watcher ?”

“Oh,,,, I do see Lord, the roots of this little tree and the weeds have all grown together…the roots,,,, their roots are entangled with each other.”

Then He began to instruct me about these trees in this, His' orchard garden. These healthy little trees may be likened to his own beloved ones, *‘My fruitful people who walk in My Spirit.*’ He said that in doing His garden work, *‘My weeding’* , sadly some of His’ trees do not want to *let go* of the peripheral weeds that surround them closely, growing.

I then felt led to look closer at the rows of trees, and it became suddenly like a zoom-in viewing. I could now see each weed had a label, nasty spirit label names, and also some I read were actual people names (!); Each various type of weed, crab grass, thistles, choking wild vines, mean thorns, and the more. I was enabled to see these up close and labeled with these 'names'. I recognized many of the bad spirit names, but I did not read any names of persons I would recognize --There were only these many weeds with labels I read, with many repeating 'like-kind-weeds' with label names of various bad spirits, and some obviously not so good weed-type-persons …..

I looked back to Jesus. I saw as He took the small tree which had been pulled up, still in His hands, and I watched as He gently extricated it's roots from the weeds and their roots. He then placed it back in it's tree hole, filling then tamping the dirt down around it once again.

Jesus made me to know that, once again, He was giving this tree another opportunity, for *'My Father and I are longsuffering'*…….I was to see that this little tree lived and moved and had it's being of Holy Spirit. I was to know that it had great healthy further potential if it would simply yield in more suppleness to His weeding procedures – in letting go of the surrounding invader weeds.....

"I want you to see in this depiction and understand also, that My Spirit will not always strive with man.
Look again."

I did so, and I saw Jesus reach right over a few of the rows of these little trees to a small bloated looking young fruit tree. As I looked more carefully at this tree I saw that it was dark spotted, sickened of some disease, it's bark was missing in some areas, and it appeared as swelled. This tree was surrounded by weeds and I could see winding young brambles and wild vine of some sort growing up it's trunk and out onto some of it's branches,,, When Jesus touched it the whole thing came-up out of the ground with all of it's attached weeds and thorn vines, where it then fell apart (!); Rotten and wormy looking wood in the core of it's main small trunk. I felt I could even smell the 'putrefying' shown…it was so real.
I was reminded of the scripture then, about not yielding to sin which can so easily beset (entangle, ensnare - Heb. 12: 1)

"I am weeding my garden,"
Jesus explained to me further,
"As I work, some will stand firm of good root to grow forward. Some whose hearts I know are eager and right will be re-worked by Me again, and some who will not let go of the weeds and thorns, as Judas would not, have already rotted where they stand, and will be discarded. My Spirit will not strive with man forever."

The Lord paused for a long time, looking seriously at me as I received this warning word. I thought of Paul writing,
"...fools - you started well in The Spirit, but now think you can finish by the flesh…… " (my loose remembrance paraphrase, - Gal. 3)

The Lord pointedly made me to note; These trees were not new shoots, nor little blades of new growth, but rather He stressed to me that these were full of form, developed little trees In Christ. I was to see/understand that these were not full grown yet, but in plain fact these young fruit trees of this vision were not representing babes In Christ. These ones, these little trees Jesus cared for in this His' orchard were full form of fruitful crop giving ability already (!), just not grown full stature for the larger, greater crop …….. yet.

I feel The Lord was showing and saying, for myself (and for some of us) to heed that our growth is not delayed or even stunted at this time by weeds and wild vines; Not tendering towards spots of yuk disease,,, or the worse - Rotted right as we stand,,,, where we are standing.
small synopsis: Shown me = not late Winter tree vine pruning for our better growth direction, but rather early spring-type ground-surround clean-up weeding work being done by our Lord Jesus. Keeping to mind/heart that these weeds depicted are not me, or us.
This is what I hear our Lord saying in part, concerning this vision,

"Yes, I do touch and heal and bring again fresh health and life, but to those who are not supple to obey My touch, My weeding of the ground surround - these ones are in danger of being discarded. Hear Me.

I speak to you, my sons and daughters already developed, to let loose of all close growing weeds as I pull them from the surrounding soil. I will expose them to you in front of your face.

I am weeding My garden again this sap re-stirring season, before the leaf bud and the new bloom come in Glory; Caring over My orchard for a new more abundant crop of harvest that is in the making, My making.
Be supple in My Hands of working.
Know that I SEE YOU as finished In ME; Thus I bend down to you, working and caring over My grounds, for you, touching you whom I love
– I am not a God far off !
My fruitful ones, today My hands of working are rooting out the weeds that surround, even these which are attempting to choke off Life – You are to let loose.
Understand that even as the vision depicted this is a foundational ground level clean-up which I work.

Grow on beloved, into My full height of stature; My ones moving on to larger crop in My FREEDOM and LIBERTY of ministry. This is My desire -- Even as you love Me, it is your desire also, for I've implanted this into you since Our beginning.
Continue to stand firm,, yet being supple wise ones of My Spirit."

-v.c. ~ Bill & Vicki C. Write the Vision http://write-the-vision.net
"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord; As the waters cover the sea."
-Hab. 2:14

Be Strong

Denise Lagrimas

Sometimes in the midst of things we forget that God Almighty knows us and understands us in fact He created us just to be His. He longs for us to love Him and wants to encourage out hearts. While in a deep place of prayer for the nations I heard these words below and I truly was humbled. I looked at my oil bottle and had to see if I have poured out properly. Beloved be encouraged for we serve the God of "the blink of an eye" and in that blink mountains move and things happen.

> *When will you understand how deeply I long to fulfill the desires of your heart. Do you not know that I am the God who remembers the heritage of yesterday and I know those who stood on the mountain and cried out to me with a loud cry. My eyes look to and fro upon the earth and I see the nations that truly long for me and my salvation. I see the hearts of the true worshipers and those who are crying out for me. I have not looked away but have dispatched My angels to cover the earth and prepare for My glory to fall. Look to the west and see the redemption of the sin filled cities as they are transformed into a beacon of light and serve as a notice to the pagan nations. I am coming and I will pour out My Spirit. Prepare the lands for blessing, pour out the oil of repentance and cast out the wickedness, Look to the east and see My honor bestowed on the beloved. As far as the east is from the west so My love is for the beloved. Be strong and of good courage for I will cover you with My right hand and pass before you that you may see My glory. In this hour Kings will fall and new Kings will rise up and I will have My purposes fulfilled so we may commune in eternity.*
> *Let the earth cry out for peace and let the sword of truth divide for I will have excellence in the land. I know all who are mine and I know your heart so again I say be strong and of good courage for soon we will be together.*

May this encourage you. He knows us........
Denise Lagrimas

and they overcame by the blood of the lamb and the
word of their testimony not loving their lives even to death Rev.12:11
http://us.geocities.com/chosen91ministry/index.html

Be Still!
Dennis Rainey

Be still, and know that I am God.

This has a personal reminder to me of my former days. There was a time when my two sons were young that in one week, we had baseball practice, wrestling practice, soccer practice and karate practice. In the weekend we had to choose between a wrestling tournament, a baseball game and a soccer game. It was too much and impossible to be still and know He is God. Parents that are filling their children with activities and sports, please listen to this message. By the grace of God and much pain, my children are learning to be still, but the early years of this type of hyper activities did not help the cause. I am not condemned but have learned and desire to bring forth truth to others. R.R.

Psalm 46:10 (NIV)

I wonder if you share one of my concerns for my children: the pressure to be busy. Do you find it as difficult to "be still" as our family does?

There is a strong current in our country to involve our children in a myriad of activities at younger and younger ages. Parents naturally want to produce the brightest, best-dressed and most-talented children. They fear that, if they don't provide Tommy with music lessons at age three, gymnastics at four, art and nature studies two afternoons a week in the summer, and T-ball by the time he is five, that he will grow up handicapped.

And what do the children feel? Do they really want all this activity? Or have their parents persuaded them to want it?

It is my opinion that children who grow up with an abundance of activity and busyness become adults who can't live without it-sort of "activity junkies." They don't know how to contemplate, to rest, to think, to "be still, and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10).

And many parents are not much better. Why, really, are we hurrying so? We need to ask, "Why am I involved in Junior League, PTA or the midweek women's Bible study? Or working full-time?" I've had to ask just how essential it was for me to do the watercolor painting, sewing, quilting and handiwork I used to do. Gently over the years, He has guided me in setting aside (perhaps just temporarily) most of these activities in order to have time to be more focused as a mother.

It isn't always easy to give up such busyness, or to assert authority over your schedule. But I wouldn't trade the opportunity to instill a calm heart in my children for all the busyness in the world.

Discuss: Do you feel that you and your family are too busy? What activities do you and your children participate in primarily because of social pressure? Have you taken a recent inventory of family activities in order to rank their importance?

Pray: Pray that God will increase your ability to claim your time schedule for Him, and to experience His presence even in the midst of necessary busyness.

Be Ye Perfect
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

In response to letter 230 [Overcoming Sin] a brother wrote the following:

Thank you for sounding the note of victory over sin, and DARING to hold out the very words of Yeshua regarding perfection. So few dare to do this in the current Christian world. "Through Him"--Amen! That's the only way, but it IS the way, and it WORKS.

Thank you too, for striking what seems to me a godly balance between leaving it all up to God, and trying to do it on our own. "Work out your own salvation" is a part of "all truth," and yes, there are some things left up to our own initiative. We are "workers together with Him." We have the responsibility to make choices: sow to the flesh, or sow to the Spirit.

This is good gospel, my friend! Keep sending it out! We CAN be

what we ought to be, praise God, and by His Spirit working in us, we ARE.

Yours for the truth,

Tim

Tim's letter was very encouraging and helped me press a little further into this message of "perfection". Two of the scriptures that were quoted at the end of letter 230 contained "perfect" or "perfecting". With that in mind, I decided to do a word study on those two words. In Paul's letter to the Ephesians we see that the body of Messiah has been given workers *"for the perfecting* [Strongs 2677 kat-ar-tis-mos - perfecting, complete furnishing, thoroughly completing or maturing] *of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect* [teleios: perfect, of full age, completeness] *man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah"* (4:12-13). Just as a side note, the word "katartismos" is sometimes translated as "equip", which is interpreted by some to mean a method or a technique on "how to do" this, that or the other, depending on what method they devised. These 'methods' will not necessarily mature the disciple unto full stature.

Yeshua also spoke about the "perfect man": *"Be therefore perfect* [5046 teleios - tel'-i-os - perfect, of full age, completeness, fully mature], *even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect* [teleios]" (Matt. 5:48).

Recently I have been challenged to believe what Yeshua and the Apostles all taught about the saints (the set apart ones) maturation and ability to express the Father's life and nature in its fullest sense, measure or stature in this lifetime. Almost everyone, including myself, has been led to believe that the power of sin is a permanent feature and more influential, powerful or higher ranking than the Spirit of Holiness. *"Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin; for His seed remains in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God"* (1 John 3:9-10).

Paul was emphatic that our victory over the power of sin, the devil, the flesh and the world was only "through" Yeshua our Messiah and Lord (ref Rom. 7:25). The Greek word for lord/master is "kurios" and means "supreme authority or controller". Those of us who have lived within a democratic system are under the impression that we have the freedom to decide, "what is right in our own eyes". This predisposition got our ancestors into a lot of trouble, as it bred rebellion against the Creator and His Word/Torah. Satan's lies and deception led us to believe that we are our own gods and are lords over our life. By using this little trick Satan actually set himself up on the throne, and we gullibly left him there thus making him our lord or master. When we cooperate with sin, or anything that is not a part of our new creation life in Messiah, we come under the principalities and powers of Satan's kingdom, despising the grace of our Heavenly Father and His way of redemption through His Son.

Thirty years ago, after being filled with the Spirit, I had gone through a seminar called "Life in the Spirit". In that teaching we were admonished to "get off the throne of our life" and to "allow Jesus

(Yeshua) to get on it”. This teaching made most of my spiritual walk into an exercise of an “on again/off again” game of proverbial musical chairs with Yeshua, as it implied that I was actually lord over my life. Since I did not succeed in getting off the throne permanently, I had to give up and compromise by “letting” Yeshua become my helper to get me through life’s problems. He could be Lord when I needed Him, but when things smoothed out a bit I could take over again.

This past year I found out (not that I wasn’t told at the beginning of my spiritual birth), that when I became a believer in my salvation and redemption, and embraced Yeshua’s death (the cross), I actually died. If that is the case, then how could I be on any throne ruling over my life? With a little more teaching from the Holy Spirit and the Word, I found out that there is another spiritual kingdom, rule and authority that are operating in me and making their nature known through my ignorance of the truth of the apostolic Gospel. If those spirits can make me believe lies or doubt the scriptures, or who I am in Messiah Yeshua, they will sit on the throne of my life and govern my thoughts, words and deeds. In other words, they will have a ready channel to express the nature of their spiritual kingdom, and because they had a good start before I became a believer (through the “flesh”), it will not be hard for them to continue, as they have already worked their evil nature into my soul. But there is a way out of this mess. As stated above, we can be delivered by the power of the Spirit of Holiness as we embrace Yeshua’s authority/Lordship through the obedience to faith. The Word tells us that *“anything that is not of faith is sin”* (Rom 14:23), which is a pretty sobering statement.

In Hebrew the word for spirit (“ru’ach”) is masculine and for soul (“nefesh”) feminine. As we know from nature, the male provides the potency for life and the female takes it into herself, giving birth to the nature of that which came in from the male. There are only two spiritual seeds/sperms that impregnate the soul of man, as is seen with Cain and Abel, Ishmael and Isaac and Esau and Jacob. Paul tells us to cast out the bondwoman and her son. In other words, deliverance must be an integral part of our spiritual walk. *“In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever does not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loves not his brother”* (1 John 3:10). We are a new creation being, and as such any residue of the old nature inherited from Satan’s spirit sperm/nature must be sent away. *“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting* [epiteleo: perfecting, accomplishing, executing, performing] *holiness in the fear of the supreme authority of our Heavenly Father”* (2 Cor 7:1). We must work out our salvation by cleansing ourselves. He has already put into us everything pertaining to life and godliness, as well as the power of His Spirit in order to accomplish His purposes, thus we have no excuse except to plead guilty of ignorance from lack of knowledge. The scriptures warn us that, *“My people perish” or “are destroyed for lack of knowledge”* (Isa. 5:13; Hos 4:6). This cleansing is necessary so that the bride (soul) will be without spot or wrinkle and can be fully merged with the New Spirit Man (Yeshua), who is wooing the soul into a divine love affair with Himself. He is impregnating my soul with His fruit/nature: *“The fruit* [“karpos” -fruit of ones’s loins, i.e.his progeny, his posterity] *of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance”* (Gal. 5:22).

In calling Him Father/Abba we are proclaiming that we are His offspring and are just like Him. *“We know that whosoever is born of God sins not; but he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not”* (1 John 5:18).

“He is the Rock, His work is “tamiym” [perfect, without blemish, upright, without spot]; *for all his ways are judgment; an Elohim of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He”* (Deut 32:4).

Shabbat Shalom
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Back For The Future

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We believe the Father is beginning to take His children "Back For The Future". He is taking us back to the foundations that established the early church. Back to foundations that work, not of the law, but of relationship to Him and each other. The early church was alive and well, and they did not have programs and big buildings. Silver and gold had they none, but oh, what they had was so much more, as they lived and moved and had their being in our Lord. It is almost like the church must be born again, AGAIN! As we go back to where we were before man made religion and other doctrines began to bind us from thriving in the Holy Spirit and in relationship with each other, we are now being birthed anew into the saints Father desires us to be.

Many have been hearing this call for years now towards doing things the way they did them in the book of Acts. More importantly then simply returning to the way things were done, **we need to return to the One who did the things that were done**. The Lord is insisting on building His house, all other architects and builders, please step aside. Can you imagine what would happen, if we let the Creator come and re-create His church? Many of our finest programs would be eliminated and how could we be comfortable without the programs, buildings and all the fine entertainment?

Jeremiah 50:6 comes to mind:
"My people have been lost sheep.
Their shepherds have led them astray;
They have turned them away on the mountains.
They have gone from mountain to hill;
They have forgotten their resting place." NKJV

This is how God's people have been led astray, from mountain to hill, from program to program, from hype to hype and so on. They are constantly moving and busy and never entering into His rest, which of course is intimacy with our heavenly Father!

And here is the Message Version

"My people were lost sheep.
Their shepherds led them astray.
They abandoned them in the mountains
where they wandered aimless through the hills.
They lost track of home,
couldn't remember where they came from.

We have lost track of home, we cannot remember the beginning, the apple of our eye, the source of our strength, the Alpha and the Omega. Lord help us!

The people are worn out from all of the meetings and programs and busyness that Father most likely had no part in. It is the major cause of a church that is not dynamic, that is not walking in power as the army of the Lord…Not yet!

Father is knocking, can you hear Him? As we allow the Lord in, we then can begin to establish Him as the foundation. Then we can truly love and honor Him and each other in Him. We will meet in the buildings, we will meet in the homes and in the marketplace and we will begin to manifest as true son's and daughter's of the King because He is the lover of our soul and the guide in every jurisdiction of life he leads us.

In the book of Acts, God's people flourished as the Spirit of the living God flowed through them in a Spirit led, relationally powerful way. Homes and families extended outward like a flood of love and unity capturing the hearts of communities in a way that we have not since seen. We are beginning to see transformation pockets like this all over the world right now, where pioneering individuals and leaders have decided build God's way. "Unless the Lord builds the house, we labor in vain", Psalm 127:1. They have decided to lay it all down for His will and His way. **They have chosen to forsake**

competition in ministry for transformation in unity.

Men and women of God have begun to choose to do what the Father is saying to the church. It is the heart of Father for the church to live out His Son's prayer in John 17, that we become one even as the Father and the Son are one. We are beginning to see underground churches in places like China and Vietnam flourish because it is based on family and on relationships and that every believer must be willing to die to self on purpose towards the Father's will.

In the mean time our western churches have been sluggish in releasing into the harvest of the marketplace. Many are crippled by systems that create few laborers for the harvest but many spectators not knowing what to do. Many congregants are hearing the sound of God and crying out, "There has got to be more to this Christian life and my purpose in it". I am so thankful for the church of today, you and I would not be here without it, but a shift is happening and we might as well partner with the Father in the way He desires to build in the coming years. All believers need to lift up their leaders in prayer and in the mean time begin to get into the game.

The game is on folks, God's green light is on and although the enemy has had his way by paralyzing us for a season, a very long season, that season is over. It must be over and we are watching an army being raised up that is nameless and faceless. The days of one man band or few man bands are over. The day of the Saints is here to bring many laborers into the harvest. God's orchestra of incredible unique instruments of His glory, are being enabled to release a symphony of His light and His truth through his love.

The orchestra will not look to man but begin to look to the Maestro to release them to play His tune. We will all be unique, but in obedience to Him and His design, we will create a sound that the enemy will not be able to withstand and we will be able to spread it across the world because we now have all the musicians involved.

The one thing we can all agree on which is the foundation of our faith, Jesus Christ and His pattern for our lives.

The revelation to walk out our days as ambassadors of our Lord Jesus Christ and to model His image and His heart of un-offense in a world of offenses was vital to where God was taking us, and is taking us. When the revelation grips you to die to yourself and your ways and to prefer even your adversaries, there is an indescribable freedom unleashed. We truly believe that each of us must be accountable to seek Jesus and His righteousness, and as we do, all things in this world will be appropriated for us and fear and anxiety will hold us no longer.

"Back For The Future" means that we must go back to the foundations of our faith. Back to the essence of Christ and the pattern He has set for us knowing that without the Comforter it would be impossible, but with the precious Holy Spirit, it is not only possible, but very probable in our obedience to His word. We must bring the gospel into our homes and families. I encourage every family to begin to open their homes and as God leads, He will add a neighbor, a friend, a relative to come and join us. As two or three are gathered in His name, His presence will bring healing and restoration, as well as a resolve to stir up the gifts in each other. There will be a release in what we need to truly make a joyful noise in our communities. Father, may it be so in each of us!

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Birthing Forth The Man Child

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According to the timing of God, we are in a season of birthing forth the will of God.
At this time the church is pregnant with a man child which is the perfect church. We have hitherto been groaning in the Spirit just like the woman in Rev. 12. We have been desiring rest. Wanting to birth the will of God but now in this season we will begin to birth those dreams. To birth the man child church the church has to go through some processes namely:

Travailing

As it is written as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth, the church will bring forth after travailing. We have to pray. intercede with fasting and fervency and look up to God. As we look unto him the babe in us leaps for joy. It conforms to the Lord's plan as we behold him. Let us therefore give the Lord no rest till he makes Zion, a place of beauty for it is written out of Zion, the perfection of beauty God hath shined.
The church was indeed birthed in the midst of prayer and the perfect church will indeed manifest in the midst of prayer.

Cleansing

God must purify his church. He will have to wash her with the washing of water of the word of God. Making her pure - without stain and without wrinkle. God will purge his church with his fire as well. The refiners fire will purify the church and make it as gold. Part of the cleansing is done in trials where God refines us for his use .

Impartation

There must be the impartation of the 5 fold graces if there is going to be any perfect church. The apostles, prophets, teachers, pastors and evangelists must impart the church so that Christians will carry the 5 graces in themselves even where they are not called to the five fold ministries.

Love

We must all walk in love keeping all the law for by so doing we fulfill the law. Love is the greatest of all the fruits of righteousness and when we walk in love we walk in the Spirit.

Wisdom and knowledge

We must live a life of wisdom in order to live a perfect life. Wisdom and knowledge would build God's house. Understanding will raise it up. Lets covets God's best this season, Wanting to know him more.

Holiness

It is written - Without holiness no man can see God so we have to be consecrated before God watching day and night. That's only way in which the devil cant win us.

Worship

The father seeks true worshippers and true worship means to offer one's life totally to him. We must die to self if we must walk before him and be perfect

Faith

We must believe God's word and believe it with our heart if we are to be perfect. The bible said that Enoch pleased God before his rapture and that gives us the picture of what we are to do if we to be perfect. He said to Abraham - walk before me and be thou perfect but he never became perfect until he learned to put his faith in God so let us walk in faith.

Something will be happening our way as we go into the season of birthing forth the will and the purposes of the kingdom. We will be changed. We will be transformed and we will never regret ever waiting upon the name of the Lord.

The Angels Of Worship
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Its a beautiful thing to see angels worship God. It teaches us how to reverence God more and how to serve him in Spirit and in Truth.

The Seraphim's

In Revelations 4 and Isaiah 6 the seraphim's are seen worshipping God. They cry Holy, Holy, Holy (One for the Father, one for the Son and one for the Holy Spirit) night and day worshipping him.

With their six wings they worship him. Covering their face with 2, flying with 2 and covering their feet with 2. This teaches us how to worship.

We must worship him with reverence and humility yet maintaining our spiritual status before him.

Each of them possess a face different from the other. The Ox face, Eagle face, Man face and Lion face. They all show different roles of Christ. The ox face represent his servanthood, the eagle face represents his deity, the man face represents his humanity and the lion face represents his kingly role.

The Cherubim's with 2 wings

The cherubs that covereth are unique symbols of worship. With their 2 wings they cover the mercy seat worshipping him who sits between them.
Lucifer was one of these anointed cherub that covereth and he worshipped God with his divine musical abilities. The cherubs do use their musical abilities to praise God. They are ever in his sight when covering his seat, when walking on the stones of fire and in whatever they do.

The Cherubim's with 4 wings

These ones follow God wherever he goes. The bible says God rideth upon a cherub and Ezekiel 1 tells more about them. They carry his presence. They have 4 faces each and they worship God with their endowments. The chariots of God are 20,000 even thousands of angels David said. These ones have wheels under them and they are like chariots.

Our guardian angels

These angels always behold the face of God in heaven. They worship him and always rely on him for direction. They hearken to the voice of his word obeying his commandments.

Other angels

Other angels too do worship God one way or the other. Like the angel of revelations that showed John the beloved the city - New Jerusalem. He is a messenger angel and he gave God the glory and first place. The warrior angels who are for defense and security also worship God with their jobs. With their stern face they show God's severity and judgment

A Call

> *Come worship me like the angels. O come from away and enter into my throne room. O come, don't be late. Let us have wine and dine together. Come for the harvest is ripe and the seeds sown into the ground are all grown. Come let us celebrate. Enter the harvest with joy. With joyful gladness you shall reap. Come let us celebrate as we harvest together, for the seeds sown into the ground are all ripe.*
> *Worship me with delight and praise me with your songs for I am here to hear you, The angels are praising me and I am enjoying their songs. Won't you join them in praising me? I desire truthful worshippers who will worship me in Spirit and in truth. Therefore come and worship me with a song. Sing with your heart for I am moved at your praises that come from the heart. I will fill you up so you could do your task. Don't be late my love for my heart pants and wait for you . Come for ye are my delight - This is a call from heaven.*

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Bridal Garments of Humility

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> Isaiah 62:4-5 - *You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married…and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.*

One of the greatest, most breath-taking moments in a wedding is watching the bride promenade down the aisle, wrapped in the most glorious of garments. Crowds hush and all eyes are affixed for she has captured the room just by her appearance.

Even today, Holy Spirit is training us in humility to rule and reign with Him as His Bride. If the Bride is to be equally yoked to the Bridegroom, she must wear the same wedding garments He wore. If Jesus, the King of Kings, chose a crown of thorns, how much more should we adorn ourselves in the beauty of meekness? If He forsook His divine robes of righteousness for earthly burlap robes, how much more should we wrap ourselves in a mantle of humility?

At the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, each one of us will be wrapped in different garments, brilliantly embroidered with the fruits and rewards from our earthly lives. A stunning, colorful, tailor-made royal robe will be our portion.

A Secret Testimony

In the Lord's great wisdom, it's as though the outer garment that covered each person was a simple burlap robe - a mantle of humility. Underneath that robe is the beautiful royal robe of our gifting. The Lord displays these at different times, but most of the time it is a secret testimony between you and the Lord.

Walking in humility is a heart issue, a lifestyle, an attitude that is God-given. An impartation of humility is different than a decision of humility. You can't instantaneously grow humility in your heart. Rather, it is a journey of a lifetime of matching your heart with God's heart. Ask God to do whatever it takes to make you a pure reflection of His Son.

Prayer: ***Lord, I give you permission to do whatever it takes to kill my pride. Help me to be the first one to run to the cross, humble out, and say "Yes" to you, Lord - always. I need Your help to forgive and always put other people before me, even as You sacrificed everything for me. I want to cloak myself in a garment of humility so I am a Bride that matches her Husband.***

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Behold I Am At The Door

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Allow me now to rise up after you
allow me to be one with your desire
Oh that your hand would move my heart of stone
from where I stand beholding you,
a prisoner of hope.

Don't knock on doors, my king
but place your hand in me
dripping in me your myrrh
awake me through the night
that I may watch with you
as you watch for mankind.

I slept but my heart yearned
your name resounded clear
though spoken under breath
awoke my heart to fear
the goodness of your heart
surrendered for me
complacency stood far
while you pursued me near.

Such love never has been
and faithfulness as yours
never seen by mankind.
In you we have seen God
the Father of our souls
long suffering and love
incarnate where you stand.

Oh that you would abide
where all of our sorrows hide
that you would come inside!
That your would open swift
the latch that closed the door
as painful as maybe
You that all pains have bore.

Listen to me, my love
I drank my vinegar
my feet now stand in filth
and naked through the night
I search for you and long
to find you were you stand
and came losing it all

rejected by my kind.

Listen to me, if now
your heart compassion finds,
to this that once refused
to follow through the night.
Of all that I once had,
remains nothing in here
my heart within me faints
despair assaulted me.

Still I stood to behold
the beauty of your face,
a glimpse would prove my love,
its worth all I forsake.
"Who is God but my Lord?
Who is love but His heart?
Who is my all in all
except His tender smile?

Come in, and take it all
not much remains with me
but all that is, is you,
even in lack or fear...

Will I be risen up
to look upon my heart?
Only You know, my Lord
only you love like that.
All that remains in me
your waterfalls of life
posses in longing streams
that bids me wait to rise.

I may be needy, naked
and feeble but... I know
That faithfulness is with you
enough to become hope.
And that this hope is sure
extended on the cross
to embrace all my weakness
to engulf me with love.

Sustain me now I plead you
with the breath of your mouth
or I die because nothing
can sustain me now.

My Beloved is ruddy,
my beloved is handsome,

my beloved is rugged,
through his sufferings, ransom.
He was given to rescue this one
sentenced to death in exchange
or my love he bore sin and bore pain.

My beloved is lowly
my beloved is tranquil
my beloved is meekness
nailed to bleed his love gladly.

My beloved is gentle
my beloved stands firm
my beloved's face is set
like a stone hard flint.

My beloved is tender
my beloved is mighty
and relentless and ruthless,
unwaveringly faithful
and unshakably highly.

My beloved gentle
like a dove in the morning
whose wings have been bathed
in the dew of his longings.

That is why when He calls me
all my soul rise to meet him
in the midst of my misery
and surrounded by weakness.

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Behold I Come Quickly

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Mic 2:7 O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD straitened? are these his doings? DO NOT MY WORDS DO GOOD TO HIM THAT WALKETH UPRIGHTLY?

Behold I come quickly to beat fine that which is not of Me. I will beat it finely and blow away the chaff.

Matthew 3:12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Zep 2:3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger.

Proverbs 28:18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved: but he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

O' proud and haughty ones, why do you persist in the ways of the flesh? If you can do all things in the flesh, THEN WHY HAVE I GIVEN YOU MY SPIRIT? Repent quickly from your striving and all earthly wisdom. I AM the Spirit of Wisdom and Counsel and the Spirit of Might! The doors are soon closing for those for those to enter into My Glory; My Glorious wave of Glory that is coming upon the earth. My visitation such as the world has never seen before. But there are many of My Children still in fleshly striving, in religious works. THEY DO WHAT SEEMETH RIGHT UNTO THEM, BUT THEY ARE NOT IN MY REST, NOT WALKING BY MY SPIRIT.

Put away from you carnal knowledge and carnal striving, FOR WHY WOULD YOU RESIST THAT WHICH WOULD BRING YOU INTO MY REST AND INTO MY GLORY. Know you not that you are no longer your own? Why is it that you persist in your own ways? Rise up in the Spirit, lay aside all striving and vain self-glorification and sit quietly before Me, seeking My Face. Receive your instruction from Me! In quietness and confidence shall be your strength, and that strength comes from Me as you cease from your religious striving and labors.

I seek vessels though which to show forth My Glory, but how can I do that when you are still so full of self? This perversity must come to an end speedily before I come with a swift sword, in righteous judgment to deal with the perversity still in you. He that hath an ear let him hear!

Rom 9:22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: 23 AND THAT HE MIGHT MAKE KNOWN THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY ON HIS VESSELS OF MERCY, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Behold I come quickly, repent therefore from your carnal ways. That which is flesh is flesh, that which is spirit is spirit. I will no longer allow a perverse mixture. THIS DAY IT IS YOUR CHOICE O SON OF MAN. CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY: THE PERVERSITY OF FLESH AND RELIGIOUS STRIVING, WHICH STINKETH IN MY NOSTRILS OR THAT WHICH IS BIRTHED SOLELY OF MY SPIRIT.

YOUR RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE PUFFETH UP THE FLESH. Your carnal judgments destroy My righteous ones with its perversity. You keep alive that which should die and kill that which should be kept alive. REPENT QUICKLY THEREFORE, before I come with a swift sword to forcefully and decisively come to cut asunder that which is unclean from that which is clean. You have many leprous sores on your soul, but you are too proud and haughty to come to Me for healing from that which ails you and perverts your ways!

Eze 13:18 And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe to the women that sew pillows to all armholes, and make kerchiefs upon the head of every stature to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive that come unto you? 19 And will ye pollute me among my *people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, TO SLAY THE SOULS THAT SHOULD NOT DIE, AND TO SAVE THE SOULS ALIVE THAT SHOULD NOT LIVE, by your lying to my people that hear your lies? 21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and DELIVER MY PEOPLE OUT OF YOUR HAND, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. 22 BECAUSE WITH LIES YE HAVE MADE THE HEART OF THE RIGHTEOUS SAD, WHOM I HAVE NOT MADE SAD; AND STRENGTHENED THE HANDS OF THE WICKED, THAT HE SHOULD NOT RETURN FROM HIS WICKED WAYS, BY PROMISING HIM LI FE 23 Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations: FOR I WILL DELIVER MY PEOPLE OUT OF YOUR HAND: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.*

No longer will My righteous ones be held back by your unjust judgments, your binding critical and haughty ways, FOR I AM TRULY A KNOWER OF HEARTS, and those with upright hearts will be snatched away from your evil clutches and perverse ways, as I fill them with My Glory. Then truly truth and error, light and darkness will be seen by all!

Eze 16:50 AND THEY WERE HAUGHTY, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good. 51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done. 52 THOU HAST ALSO JUDGED judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame for thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they: they are more righteous than thou: yea, be thou confounded also, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

WHY WOULD YOU MISS OUT ON THE COMING WAVE OF MY GLORY, WHY WOULD YOU BE LEFT BEHIND? REPENT QUICKLY AND BE PARTAKERS IN MY GLORIOUS NEW WAVE UPON THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

It pains My Father’s heart My rebellious children, but I am a Holy and Righteous Judge, behold I come quickly with a swift sword to divide asunder soul and spirit, the precious from the vile, the flesh and it’s carnal ways, from the ways of My Spirit. In this new move I will not allow perversity, carnal striving and unjust judgment to persist. You already see afflictions and torment in My Body, repent you therefore, turn and live.

Thus saith the Lord of Hosts

Merriman Webster’s
Main Entry: **lep·ro·sy**
Pronunciation: 'le-pr&-sE
Function: *noun*
Etymology: Middle English *lepruse*, **from *leprous***
1 : a chronic disease caused by a bacillus (*Mycobacterium leprae*) and characterized by the formation of nodules or of macules that enlarge and spread accompanied by loss of sensation with eventual paralysis, wasting of muscle, and production of deformities and mutilations
2 : a morally or spiritually harmful influence

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Behold I Do A New Thing

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I have heard this repeatedly for several days now, so Father I ask You now what would You say Lord?

I do a new thing Beloved, a new thing. This has not been perceived of even in your wildest dreams. You have heard the prophets speak of signs and wonders, of the dead rising, of the blind seeing, of the deaf hearing. You have also already heard of My doing creative miracles, but now hold on Beloved for I do a new thing.

In a single day I will birth this; My people I will rise up as a mighty army. SUDDENLY THERE WILL BE CONNECTIONS MADE AND THESE CONNECTIONS ARE OF MY SPIRIT SAITH THE LORD You have wondered how you were going to move out into your calling My beloved faithful ones, for there is a lack of finances, a lack of support in every way that you will require, to move out to what I have called you to do.

Many have been in a quandary, many have been in deep pain, waiting for My promises to be fulfilled and that is the new thing I am going to do. SUDDENLY THE PROVISION WILL BE THERE. Suddenly those I have called to walk alongside you will be there. Suddenly you will know the path you are to take. It will be like the clouds have parted and the sunshine poured in through these dark days of waiting and waiting.

These days of waiting for My timing, I have used this time to teach you, to refine you and to strengthen you says the Lord, but the hour of your release is upon you.

Yes you will face giants in your promised land but take heart for I am with you in battle. It is in My authority that you now go forth and nothing will stand in your way as you obey Me, move as I tell you, speak as I tell you and do all at My prompting.

I have heard your prayers and seen your tears. WILL I BRING A THING TO BIRTH AND THEN NOT RAISE IT UP? Clap you hands in glee, dance before Me for what has been birthed will be raised up to maturity.

It has been a long season of travail but you have brought forth and now I will raise you up in your calling that My will be fulfilled on the face of the earth.

AMEN.

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Merriam_Webster Dictionary
Quandary - a state of perplexity

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Birds Coming In From 4 Corners Of The Sky

Kem Tillford

The sky was the strangest color blue/gold I've ever seen in Oregon. It was early morning as I was returning home from taking my 3 kids to school when I began to notice flocks of these birds coming in from all 4 corners of the sky it seemed. They would fly in little groups, big groups and meet together, mix it up (what looked like fellowship) for a while and start to realign themselves to fly down South. The Spirit of the Lord settled upon me so heavily that I actually pulled my car off the side of the road to continue watching this as I sensed He would show me something wonderful through this natural wonder.

For 2 hours I sat on the roadside weeping as each time these birds would get lined up and ready, another flock would come and join the throng. This would disrupt the alignment, they'd fly around, fellowship for a while, realign and start to fly off.. then another and another and another group of birds followed this same pattern for what seemed to be a long time. (I prayed that the Lord would keep the police from pulling up behind me to see if I needed something as I did not want interruptions in this beautiful thing the Lord was showing me, not to mention how I was going to explain that I was in tears over watching these birds...it'd be off to the loony bin.) Finally the sky had become so darkened by the mass of these flocking birds that no more flew in so they were able to finally line up in unity and begin flying off in the same direction, one group after the other after the other, totally unified as One Body. I saw there until they all cleared out and the sky was once more this blue/gold color, clear no clouds.

I wiped my the tears from my eyes, pulled back onto the road and the Lord clearly revealed that this is what He is doing with all of the children in His flocks right now. Each group of birds seemed to represent many different parts of the Body of Christ and also those who are His within denominations to house churches to wherever His own may be found and He is gathering us all up into perfect unity so we can all head in the direction that He's calling us to. No more time is left for divisions over denominational rules and traditions or peripheral things that serve only to divide. Agreement on one core doctrine of Who the Son of God is, what His shed blood on the cross has done for all of us, we must know Him and be known by Him as He's returning for us.. that is what we all can confess with our mouth to agree upon and find peace with each other...

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Breakthrough

Bill Inello

April 24, 2004

My people I will tell you again behold what I am doing in your lives. You are in a season of breakthrough. A season of skipping over from one level to another. You cannot allow the flesh with its distractions to weigh you down, for this is the enemy's ploy to keep you distracted and My work in you delayed. Do not look to or care how things look. Look to Me for I desire to bring you into My realm. Release those things that have been of a distraction and lean upon Me. Fret not, for My Most Holy Spirit shall speak to you and guide you into My truth, but you must also be willing to listen and heed.

I Open New Doors

Bill Inello

March 14, 2004

"Behold in this season I open new doors for you. But in order to proceed forth into what I have prepared for your future you must shut some doors to the past. Doors of hurt, unforgiveness and resentment must be closed in order to embrace those I have placed within your midst. Sin must be confessed and dealt with. Fear not, for My Spirit shall give thee direction. You are not alone, for I the Lord shall direct your path and you shall cross over the Jordan into your Promised Land, says the Almighty"

Bright Lights In Israel

Faye Brown

Greetings Saints,

Since I am a hidden one, live totally recluse, dwelling in caves and wilderness, I seldom make contact with others, but I have received something I need to share.

I listen only to the word I receive for myself, and lean not on others, for God is faithful to inform me of whatever is on His heart for the time. I heard a word from Him, saying, "something is about to change". Later I received a paper from a friend who listens to Clement that confirmed he had received the same message. I have spent much time in seeking the Lord on the words I heard. On April 24, I heard a word from the Lord, saying bright lights in Israel. This is the understanding I received. It does not contain everything that will happen, but it will give a counter-balance to the evil, and hope to believers. I have been taught of the Lord, the truth of Israel.

So this word was not referring to that nation but to those true Israelites among all nations. Some are going to manifest, great light from within is going to manifest Outward. Shining forth as angels would glow. The glory hidden within our mortal bodies will be plainly seen. The reason being is trouble so harsh, that will frighten the sheep and lambs so much they will stampede in fear. The true sheep will take heart, the goats will be plainly seen because of their fear and unbelief. God is going to allow whatever it is to happen. He controls the interplay of good and evil. What He can't use to purify His own, He will restrain. Those who love and trust Him He will steady and make to remain faithful. I have no word on what this trial will be. But worldwide lights manifest forth in those who are full-grown and committed to Him. Raising of a Standard.
God Bless and Keep You.
Faye.

Blowing In The Wind

Bill Somers

> *1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*
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> *The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind, the answer is blowing in the wind.* Bob Dylan, ancient American folksinger.

Part one.
More and more, I'm coming to see that today's church has a tremendous diversity of opinion on the topic of the Kingdom of God. [This is a function of Heinz's Law of Eschatology. That says, for any given topic of eschatology, the study of end time prophecy, there are 57 varieties of opinion.]

What exactly is the Kingdom of God? There are those who think the Kingdom of God commences when Jesus returns at the second advent, and establishes his capitol in Jerusalem, to rule for 1000 years. And there are those who think that it's up to the Church to establish the Kingdom, or to build the Kingdom or expand the Kingdom. Some are even at the point of claiming that the way to do this is by electing Christians to public office. And then there are those who think that the kingdom of God is present anywhere on the earth where there is a strong Christian witness or wherever revival breaks out. Still others think that the Kingdom of God is what you join when you become a Christian.

About a year ago I wrote a short essay on the topic. [Essay on the Kingdom of God.] One definition I use is to say, **The Kingdom of God is wherever God is King**. It's kind of obvious when you put it that way. Also I conclude that the church does not *establish* the Kingdom of God but the church *becomes* the Kingdom of God, when certain things come to pass.

Lately on meditating on the question, I feel led to expound on an operational definition based on the Words of Jesus in John chapter 3.

> *John 3:*
> *1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:*
> *2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.*
> *3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*
> *4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*
> *5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*
> *6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*
> *7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.*
> *8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

Now here Jesus speaks about the kingdom in two different ways. In the first case, he talks about seeing the kingdom of God. [Verse 3] Then he talks about entering into the Kingdom of God. [Verse 5] The conditions for each are different. I'm going to try to analyze what he is saying and what the difference is. Lets look again.

> *Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

What does it mean to see the Kingdom of God? In Luke 17 it says:

> *Lu 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:*
> *21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.*

The Kingdom does not come with observation. The Greek word here is *parateresis* meaning, according to Strong's, inspection, i.e. ocular evidence, or proof based on sight.
What God is saying here is The Kingdom is not something you see with your eyes; it's something within. I don't think he was saying the Kingdom was within the Pharisees but that the Kingdom is something that comes to be within an individual. You can't look for it here and there, but within one.

The Greek word for *see* here is *eido*. It can mean to see, to know, to be aware, to behold, to consider, or to understand. So perhaps Jesus is saying here, unless you are born again, you cannot understand or know about the Kingdom.

Then he says:

> *Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

What does it mean to enter into the Kingdom of God, and how is that different from seeing, knowing or comprehending the Kingdom? The word here in Greek is *eiserchomai.*

By the way, it doesn't matter whether Jesus spoke Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, Latin or the valley girl dialect. The Word of God is written in Greek [or Hebrew] and that's what we have to deal with. We trust that the Holy Spirit of God who inspired the writers of the New Testament knows what he is doing. He dictated it in Greek.

Eiserchomai is defined thusly ; to enter (literally or figuratively):--X arise, come (in, into), enter in(-to), go in (through). No surprises here, Jesus is saying you can know about the kingdom, but you won't belong to it, unless you meet the conditions. Just like people can know about a country, and even visit that country, but becoming a citizen is a little more complicated.

Supposing that *Born Again* means what we usually think of; that someone is saved by coming to know and acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ. Then he is able to know things somewhat more than what the bible calls a natural man. As in 1st Corinthians 2 where we read:

> *1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.*
> *12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that **we might know** the things that are freely given to us of God.*
> *13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
> *14 But **the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit** of God: for they are foolishness unto him: **neither can he know them**, because they are spiritually discerned.*

What we see here is that the natural man cannot know or understand any spiritual matters, such as the Kingdom of God. But those who have received the Spirit can. And we're assuming that someone born again, has at least a small portion of the Spirit to allow them this understanding.

But now we also see that to really become a part of that kingdom, to enter in, it takes something more. It requires being born of water and of the Spirit. What exactly does that mean?

Usually we think of *born* as in *when were you born*. This refers to the manner we come into this world. Nicodemus clearly had this in mind when he said "*How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?*
Our good old *American Heritage® Dictionary* tells us that *born* is derived from the verb *bear*. The primary meanings of *bear* include: hold up, support, carry, relate or to have as a quality. So when a person enters the world, he is carried by his mother for a season and finally comes forth. The mother bears the child means the mother carries the child. The child is born means the child was carried, and

the child came forth. It is passive voice, meaning it’s not something that you do, it’s something that is done or happens to you. Getting born, after the flesh is not something you initiate or control. Perhaps it’s the same with being born of the spirit.

> **bear** (bâr) *verb*
> **bore** (bôr, bor) **borne** (bôrn, born) or **born** (bôrn) **bear·ing**, **bears** *verb*, *transitive*
> **1.** To hold up; support.
> **2.** To carry on one's person; convey.
> **3.** To carry in the mind; harbor: *bear a grudge.*
> **4.** To transmit at large; relate: *bearing glad tidings.*
> **5.** To have as a visible characteristic: *bore a scar on the left arm.*
> **6.** To have as a quality; exhibit: *“A thousand different shapes it bears”* (Abraham Cowley).
> **7.** To carry (oneself) in a specified way; conduct: *She bore herself with dignity.*
> **8.** To be accountable for; assume: *bearing heavy responsibilities.*
> **9.** To have a tolerance for; endure: *couldn't bear his lying.*
> **10.** To call for; warrant: *This case bears investigation.*
> **11.** To give birth to.
> **12.** To produce; yield: *plants bearing flowers.*
> **13.** To offer; render: *I will bear witness to the deed.*
> **14.** To move by or as if by steady pressure; push: *“boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past”* (F. Scott Fitzgerald).
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> *verb*, *intransitive*
> **1.** To yield fruit; produce: *peach trees that bear every summer.*
> **2.** To have relevance; apply: *They studied the ways in which the relativity theory bears on the history of science.*
> **3.** To exert pressure, force, or influence.
> **4.** **a.** To force oneself along; forge. **b.** To endure something with tolerance and patience: *Bear with me while I explain matters.*
> **5.** To extend or proceed in a specified direction: *The road bears to the right at the bottom of the hill.*
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> Excerpted from *The American Heritage® Dictionary*

So being born of water and of the Spirit, is to be carried by water or by the Spirit; and also possibly to come forth from the water or from the Spirit.

Coming forth from water seems to refer to water baptism. It symbolizes one’s death to the flesh, or death to self, and coming forth as a new creation in Christ. Notice how Jesus rebukes Nicodemus for thinking along fleshly, literal lines.

> *6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

Then comes the clincher in verse 8. Notice that Jesus compares someone born of the Spirit with the seemingly random blowing of the wind.

> *8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

Our dictionary tells me that the word *spirit* is derived from Middle English, from Old French *espirit*, from Latin *spìritus*, breath, from *spìrâre*, to breathe. The root meaning of *spirit* is breath.

The Greek word is pneuma:

> pneuma (pnyoo'-mah)
> from 4154; a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit:--ghost, life,

> spirit(-ual, -ually), mind.

And once again you see that the root meaning is breath, and by extension a current of air or a breeze. No wonder Jesus compares it to the wind. This wind is the very breath of God. Jesus is saying that being **born of the spirit** is like being **carried by the wind**. You don't know where it's coming from and you don't know where it's going. You just go along. That means you must have unquestioning obedience to the Spirit of God, the ultimate in faith and trust that comes with total yielding.

Now what did Jesus say about the kingdom of God?

> *Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

Let's rephrase that in a positive sense. If a man is dead to self, and led by the Spirit, he can enter the Kingdom of God. So what is the Kingdom of God? The answer is blowing in the wind.

And this is just another way of saying exactly the same thing Jesus says in Mathew 7:21.

> *Mt 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

It's those who are obedient to the word, that enter in. Those who enter the Kingdom of God are those for whom God is King, and not self. Our definition of the Kingdom still makes sense once we see that the Kingdom is within someone for whom God is King. The first commandment reads:

> *Ex 20:2 I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.*
> *3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me.*

Isn't that saying the same thing? And Jesus refers to the first commandment thusly in Mathew22.

> *Mt 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.*
> *38 This is the first and great commandment.*

So if one is led of the Spirit and truly obeys the first commandment, he has entered the Kingdom of God. No wonder Jesus says in Mathew 6 to seek first the Kingdom.

> *Mt 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*

Blowing In The Wind

Bill Somers

Part 2

> *1Co 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.*
>
> *The answer, my friend, is blowing in the wind, the answer is blowing in the wind.* Bob Dylan, ancient American folksinger.

In part 1 we looked at defining the Kingdom of God on the basis of Jesus' words to Nicodemus in John 3.

> *5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*
>
> *8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.*

Our conclusion is this: If a man is dead to self, and led by the Spirit, he can enter the Kingdom of God. So what is the Kingdom of God? The answer is blowing in the wind.

Then we looked at other ways Jesus expressed the same thought. One of these is here in Matthew 7.

> *Mt 7:21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

Then when his men asked him how to pray, he mentioned the Kingdom again.

> *Lu 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.*

If we look at the second half of this verse, we can find a case of parallel statements. *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.* I'm going to rephrase these slightly to bring out an interesting feature.

> Thy kingdom come, as in heaven, so in earth.
> Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

The point here is that these are not two different requests, they are the same request repeated in slightly differing language. Looking at it this way it's clear that the kingdom is where his will is done. Doing his will is entering his kingdom. And to the extent we do his will, that is the extent of his rule in our lives. Praying that it be **as in heaven**, is praying that it be done totally and absolutely.

There is a transition into his kingdom coming to us in these end times. Here and there people are reporting that they spend more and more time in his presence and in his perfect will. This will increase dramatically with the outpouring of the spirit that is beginning. We will shortly see his kingdom fully and clearly established in his people. It's what we see in Isaiah 52, where the people of God are proclaiming his Kingdom has come on earth as in heaven, with the words Our God Reigns.

> *Isa 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!*

This will be here on earth, as in heaven and before the second advent. Meanwhile the adversary's rule increases over the rest of the world. This can be seen in Isaiah 60.

> *Isa 60:1 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.*
> *2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.*

Let's look at some other aspects of what the kingdom means.
We hear a lot of talk saying the church is not under the law, but look at how it's phrased here in Galatians 5:

> *Ga 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*
> *17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*
> *18 **But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law**.*

That is to say, you are not under the law only if you are fully led by the Spirit, not before. Now notice how the idea of receiving the Spirit is linked with faith in Galatians 3:

> *Ga 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the **hearing of faith**?*
> *3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?*
> *4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.*
> *5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*
> *6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*
> *7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.*

And in verse 7 you see how it's also linked with the Children of Abraham. If one is of faith and receives the spirit by faith, one is a child of Abraham. Then if one is totally led by the spirit, being dead to self, you are in the Kingdom, the household of Abraham, the house hold of God.

Look at this passage from Romans, and notice in Romans 8:1 how it defines what it means to be ***In Christ***. That is to walk after, or be led by the Spirit, not the flesh.

> *Ro 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.*
> *Romans chapter 8*
> *1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ** Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*
> *2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*
> *3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*
> *4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but*

> *after the Spirit.*
> *5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.*
> *6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*
> *7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.*
> *8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*
> *9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.*
> *10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.*
> *11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*
> *12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.*
> *13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*
> *14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*
> *15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*
> *16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:*

Now notice verse 8 where it says:

> *Rom 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

And compare that with Hebrews 11:6 and you can see how being led of the spirit is linked with having faith.

> *Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Next note how being led by the spirit is equated with being Sons of God.

> *Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.*

Let’s look back at the idea of being under or not under the law.

> *Galatians 5: 18* ***But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law****.*

Here in Second Corinthians we see the written law contrasted with the Spirit.

> *2 Co 3:2 Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men:*
> *3 Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart.*
> *4 And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward:*
> *5 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;*
> *6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for* ***the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life****.*

The written word, or letter of the law, is comparable to the flesh. It's only as the Spirit speaks the word to us that life is imparted. This is the hearing of faith. This is brought out in John 6:

> *Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I **speak** unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.*

Hebrews 4 brings out an example where the word of God did not profit those who heard it because of lack of faith. They did not hear with the ears of the spirit, but only with the flesh. They could only get the literal meaning, not the spiritual, and did not enter into God's rest.

> *Heb 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.*
> *2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being **mixed with faith** in them that heard it.*
> *3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*

The promise of entering his rest is one of those described in 2 Peter as leading to partaking of the divine nature.

> *2 Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

There are many other elements that could be brought out in this subject, but we will end with a selah and summarize.

Summary
Entering into the kingdom of God is like blowing in the wind. It is to die to self, to become a son of God, to do His will here on Earth, to be of the household of faith, to enter into his rest, to be in Christ, to have Christ be in you, to partake of the Divine nature, and be led of the Spirit. Ultimately it is to partake of the Tree of Life and the unity of the brethren.

Behold Now Is The Time

Heidi Owens

2004 - "Behold now is the time!"

The Lord says: The year 2003 was a year of grace. I trained you, took you through deliverance, equipped you, and prepared you. Now s the time to put to work all I have done in you. There will be no shame, only pride in me. Nor fear, only holy boldness. No sorrow only the joy in me which is your strength. I will send you out but never alone always at least in 2's and 3's. This is the season you will take back everything the enemy stole from you, everything you allowed him to take. You will take it all back. We will go in together and I will restore it all to you.

"Sound the battle cry. Blow the shofar. Where are the drummers? The war march is on! Take back the kingdom, take back your streets, your cities, your families, your inheritances. I will raise up a standard in this season such as has never been seen before. I will go before you as I went before Israel. I will lead you into battle and you will knock down all those who oppose you. I will take you out of the trenches and across the battle fields, pick up the spoils!

"In this next 3 mos I am pouring out such revelation, that my people will be dazed. The first part of this year of restoration, I will restore visions, dreams, hopes, songs. I will pour out the oil of gladness on a tired generation, and restore the hope. Then you will say 'Look how the Lord has breathed life back into us!' Then nations will say 'Look how great the Lord is! He has given us His eyes!' Then the lost will say 'I want a God like that!' Then our enemies will say 'Great is the Lord God of Salvation!'

"I HAVE poured out my spirit upon all flesh. Even the animals on the earth will testify of my goodness! Behold now is the time!"

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Bolivia

Catherine Brown

"With Incredible Mercy I Will Embrace You"

Vision received March 25, 2004
I awakened with the word 'Bolivia' in my mind and on my heart. I had no direction for prayer at that point, simply a preemptive sense of God's anointing.

God's Kingdom Is Being Securely Established in Bolivia

Later in the day the urge to pray for Bolivia became so strong that I pursued the Lord and in prayer received this vision. In the prophetic experience I saw a huge metal nut and bolt being screwed down into the nation of Bolivia. The nut and bolt were massive and were fixed firmly and bolted down most securely. I had a profound sense of God's Kingdom being secured/established in Bolivia. The glory of God was released into the atmosphere. I felt the weight of it in the Heavenly realms.

Then I noticed a young man whom I recognized. He is a worshipper, an intercessor and one who is radically set apart to love Jesus and worship Him 24-7. He, along with a number of others, were dressed in construction clothing, complete with hard hats/helmets. They were acting in a delegated Kingdom supervisory role watching over and helping to direct that which was coming down out of the Heavenly realms.

I looked up, interested to see precisely what was coming down from Heaven. At this point I saw two things. One was a massive golden gate and the other an exquisite golden throne. The throne represents the increase of the manifest presence of Jesus, brought about through prayer and abandoned worship of believers, of whom my young friend was one.

The Lord is Raising up Lovesick Worshippers

I suddenly remember that he was in Bolivia at that very time, along with a group of folks from the House of Prayer in Kansas. They were in Bolivia to establish a House of Prayer and Praise. I see that the Lord God is raising up an army of lovesick worshippers in Bolivia to birth the Kingdom destiny of this nation. Bridal intimacy will unlock the beautiful presence of the King and His Kingdom in Bolivia. I see many lighthouses of prayer being birthed and night vigils of prayer and praise. I see whole families making pilgrimage to encounter the reality of Christ. I see the people of the nation quietly and confidently, with great humility, finding a profound depth of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As with every move of the Spirit, there will be healings and miracles along with the wonder of salvations.

The gate represents the authority of the Lord in the nation of Bolivia. I have such a profound sense of God's Kingdom being mightily established in the nation, and that which is not of Him being overruled. The gate represents God's government in Bolivia. It speaks of the revelation of His wisdom, mercy and Person. The gates of hell shall not prevail against the Kingdom of God in Bolivia. Even in shaking, the gates of the Kingdom of God will not be removed and Jesus' presence will prevail and overtake and overrule the dominion of darkness. The Lord's light will uncover corruption and lawlessness, and with incredible mercy He will embrace Bolivia and rescue all those with a heart to respond to His Voice.

Blessings of peace and grace,

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Breastplate of Righteousness

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Revelation 15:6

A picture can speak a thousand words
Revealing truths that were once unknown
As images mark impressions
Within the depths of a man's heart and soul
Causing wisdom to claim possession
Over untruths that had taken hold
Of men who called upon the Lord
In search of revelation to the mysteries
Spoken by prophets long ago.

Angels who art in heaven
Adorned in God's righteous robes
Portray a picture of man's salvation
As a revelation for all to behold.

Holy are the angels set on high
Who in harmony with God's purposed design
Emerged from heaven's temple doors
Bearing evidence that the risen Lord
Now reigned from God's holy throne
And that God's judgment would now be known
According to the righteousness
Of God's beloved Son
The Redeemer, Savior, the Holy One.

Angels who art in heaven
Adorned with breastplates of gold
Manifest unto us the purpose of salvation
As judgment unto righteousness is made known.

> *"And the seven angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with golden girdles." Revelation 15:6*
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> *"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?" Hebrews 2:1-4*

The manifold depths of revelation of God's grace, judgment, and salvation according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ, is a mystery that even angels desire to look into. Man's eternal purpose, which God has purposed in Christ, is still a mystery that confounds many men of this present age. Men who continue to seek after truth and justice within the darkness of unbelief, have yet to understand that to place their faith in Jesus Christ, is to gain understanding of, "the breadth, and length, and depth, and height" of God's love, as the promised Holy Spirit, released from God's throneroom in heaven, moves in power and authority within their lives.

Yet, it is God's desire that the eyes of men's understanding be opened to see and comprehend the great riches of His glory that is theirs through faith in Jesus Christ. And that men obtain salvation from the penalty of sin, which is death, through partaking of the living waters of eternal life, God's Holy Spirit, which flow forth from God's holy temple that fills the heavens. God, whose mercy endures forever, continues to send out men equipped with the truth of the riches of His glory, to those still held captive to the prince of darkness, whose cruel voice of accusation against God's goodness continues to hold reign over those who have not obtained salvation according to faith in Jesus Christ.

> *"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." Hebrews 2:9-11*

Jesus Christ, who now sits on the right hand of the Majesty on high, within the temple of the testimony that fills the heavens, judging the nations in righteousness, was once "made a little lower than the angels" so that He could taste death for every man. So that men, born of the Adamic nature, deserving of the penalty of sin, which is death, could obtain the salvation of their souls, found in the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, took on "the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit." (Romans 8:3-4) Jesus Christ, unto whom God has committed all judgment, so "that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father" was obedient unto death, so that sinful men, could be justified by His blood, and saved from the penalty of sin, which is death, as they partook of eternal life, through the infilling of the Holy Spirit.

On the day that the Virgin Mary gave birth to Jesus Christ, an angel appeared unto shepherds in the field, who were "keeping watch over their flock by night." The angel brought "tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people." Though the inhabitants of the earth sat in great darkness, and in the shadow of death, the true Light of the world, whose righteousness would shine brighter than the sun, was born in the town of Bethlehem, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn.

And as an angel announced to shepherds in the field, that "unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord", who would be found "wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger," there suddenly appeared a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Angels who had desired to look into the things God would accomplish through the Messiah, where men were forgiven their sins, so that they were reconciled to God, and where everlasting righteousness would reign within a kingdom built unto the Messiah, sang songs of praise unto God, as the baby Jesus lay in a manger, wrapped in swaddling clothes.

The Lord, Jesus Christ, was not born with the nature of angels, but of the seed of Abraham. So that He might be a merciful high priest in things pertaining to God, He "was made like unto his brethren", of flesh and blood. Because God's Spirit of Holiness would cause Him to suffer whenever encountering the fleshly, Adamic nature, He could not sin against God by giving into temptation. Yet He was still tempted in all ways that men are tempted, so that men would be made to realize that He understands the infirmities of the flesh.

Because Jesus Christ understands the infirmities of the flesh, He has compassion on those who are "out of the way." God so loved the world that He sent His Son into the world, not to condemn the world, "but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17) Today, men who are born of flesh and blood are helped in overcoming the infirmities of the flesh, as they turn to God's beloved Son in faith, and are filled with God's sanctifying, life transforming, eternal Holy Spirit released from God's holy temple that fills the heavens.

> *"Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they." Hebrews 1:2-4*

When Jesus Christ walked upon the earth, in the likeness of man, it was said that He was "made a little lower than the angels", so that He "should taste death for every man." Angels, "who are ministering spirits" are not born into the world as partakers of flesh and blood, as Jesus was; nor has God ever said to any angel, "Thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee." God has never spoken to any angel the words, "Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool"; yet, these words have been spoken of His beloved Son.

As Jesus Christ walked the earth, in the likeness of man, it was said that He had been made a little lower than the angels. This was spoken not to exalt angels above Jesus Christ, but to help men understand the mercy of God's longsuffering toward mankind. That the Son of God would come to the earth, and walk in the likeness of man, blameless in all His ways, yet suffering as He encountered the infirmities of the flesh, and then, in obedience to the Father, allow Himself, as a flesh and blood man, to be nailed to a cross and crucified, was a proclamation to the world, of the longsuffering and love of God, toward mankind.

Angels who desired to look into the things pertaining to mankind's salvation, where men are reconciled to God as their sins are forgiven, so that they walk in righteousness, partakers of God's eternal kingdom, were never intended to be priests over God's holy people, as Jesus Christ is. Men, who are partakers of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, are not to worship angels (Colossians 2:18), but are, like the heavenly messengers who rejoiced the day Jesus Christ was born, to worship the Son, for He alone is worthy to be praised.

Jesus Christ, who sits on the right hand of God within the temple that fills the heavens, has "obtained a more excellent name than" the angels who have been created to minister unto God. It is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, "who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature." It is Jesus Christ, who through His blood that was shed upon the cross, has reconciled all things unto God, things on earth, or things in heaven. It is Jesus Christ who is able to present men "holy and unblamable and unreprovable in His sight." There is no other name worthy to be praised, above His holy name.

God has sent His heavenly angels to men to reveal God's impending judgment, to announce His hand upon a situation, and to declare through words or physical appearance that God had given His approval or disapproval in a particular situation. God's heavenly messengers have been sent of God, to speak unto men news of heavenly events that would come to pass. God's angels have been sent of God to bring "good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

As Apostle John looked upon the vision of the temple built upon the testimony of Jesus Christ (Rev. 15:5-6), he saw seven angels come out of the temple. These seven angels, through their appearance, spoke volumes of God's purpose toward mankind; and through Apostle Johns letters, this message is shared with mankind. Angels, who desired to look into things that God had purposed for mankind, were now demonstrators of the mysteries that God purposed toward mankind.

In earlier visions, Apostle John had seen men who had obtained victory over the beastly, carnal, Adamic nature, as God's sanctifying Spirit put to death the deeds of the flesh, so that they gladly sang a song of praise unto God. Having partaken of His holiness that crucified the old man, they sang unto God with understanding and with thanksgiving. After that vision Apostle John looked and saw a vision where the temple of the testimony of Jesus Christ that fills the heavens is opened. Through this vision, a greater depth of revelation to the mystery of God's relationship with mankind, through His beloved

Son, is given.

To understand the message spoken regarding the heavenly tabernacle, it will help to understand the commandments that God had given to Moses, regarding the earthly tabernacle that housed God's testament written on two tablets, which are the Ten Commandments that were given to Moses upon the mount.

According to the commandments that God had given to Moses, he was to build a tabernacle of testimony for the service of the children of Israel. Moses was given specific instructions on every detail that concerned the tabernacle, which housed the ark that contained God's testimony written on stone tablets, including what the clothes the priests, who ministered before the Lord, were to wear. God required that the priests be clothed in attire that would represent His relationship with the children of Israel. For example, the breastplate that was worn by the priest, was said to represent the "breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place."

The breastplate of judgment that the high priest was to wear, according to God's commandment spoken to Moses, proclaimed that he, "bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the Lord continually." The statute of God also required that all priests, when they came to minister in the holy place, were to wear fine linen coats, girdles, bonnets, "for glory and for beauty", and breeches "to cover their nakedness." In Ezekiel, we are told that the priests were to wear linen, and never wool or any other garment that would cause them to sweat. After the priests were clothed in their linen garments, they were to be anointed, consecrated and sanctified, so that they may minister unto the Lord in the priest's office.

Today, according to what Jesus Christ has accomplished for mankind through His obedience unto death, a temple has been raised in the heavens, for the service of those who walk with faith in His holy name. Men no longer need to look to an earthly temple, in hope of being in right standing before God, so that they may experience the blessings and protection of God. Jesus Christ's precious blood, which purged the heavens, has expanded the temple stakes, so that all who call upon the name of Jesus Christ may be blessed with "all spiritual blessings, in heavenly places in Christ." God's heavenly temple has been raised up to house the testimony of Jesus Christ, so that men may partake of the glory found in God's Holy Spirit.

> *"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained in the Scripture, Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believeth on him shall not be confounded." 1 Peter 2:5-6*

The tabernacle built upon the testimony of Jesus Christ, is for the service of those whose faith is placed in God's beloved Son. And as the angels in Apostle John's vision demonstrate, those who are partaker's of God's heavenly temple will be "clothed in pure and white linen", which signifies that they are to stand before God as a "holy priesthood." God's holy priesthood is adorned in the holiness of God, His Holy Spirit, so that they do not stand spiritually naked before God, as they willingly offer sacrifices of praise unto the King.

Those who receive the testimony of Jesus Christ, so that they are partakers of the spiritual blessings that fill God's heavenly temple, are clothed in robes of righteousness. The robes of righteousness have been made pure and white by the blood of Christ. A man adorned in robes of the righteousness of Christ, is a man led of the Spirit of truth. When a man is led of the Spirit of truth, he will rest from his carnal, Adamic laboring, which looks to the flesh for understanding, purpose and inspiration. When men are led of the Spirit, they will no longer "sweat" as they did when walking according to the flesh, which will always be at war against the purposes of faith.

According to the old covenant, the priest was required to wear a breastplate, signifying God's righteous judgment toward His people. The angels in Apostle John's vision also wear breastplates, which are made of gold, as they come out of the heavenly temple. This signifies that those who are to stand as holy priests, who minister unto the Lord, are to “Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.” (Ephesians 6:14) God’s judgment toward those, who are partakers of His heavenly temple that fills the heavens, declares that they have been made righteous by the blood of Christ. Their hearts are now aligned with the purposes of God, who is the righteous judge over all creation.

Yet the seven angels, (seven representing fullness, completion and perfection), have in their hands seven plagues. The angels reveal to us that in order for God, who is perfect and blameless in every way, to complete His decree of judgment upon the earth, He must pronounce the judgment of condemnation upon those who refuse His hand of grace, just as He has judged those who have turned toward Jesus Christ in faith, unto righteousness. Both judgments reflect the righteousness of God. Both are perfect in representing God’s position toward mankind.

God’s throne is forever and ever: “a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of thy kingdom.” Those who love righteousness, having partaken of the righteousness of Jesus Christ, will rejoice that they have been anointed ”with the oil of gladness.” Yet, those who refuse God’s hand of grace will continue to walk under God’s judgment of condemnation. Because they do not understand who God purposed them to be in Christ, they will continue to look for purpose in the darkness, and find that peace continues to escape them. May God’s holy priesthood who, united through the Spirit, “are built up into a spiritual house”, continue to fight the good fight of faith, as they demonstrate through their lives, and through the words they speak, the good news, that Jesus Christ is the truth and the way unto eternal life.

> *“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: for by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist.” Colossians 1:12-16*

Be Ready For Power

Geoff Pick

I AM stirring up enemies of the world's system. The powers over your nation [the United Kingdom] shall be shaken and dislodged. The god's of mammon and greed will be destroyed, as their kingdom proves empty and futile.

Only those who trust in ME shall know my peace and joy. Others will be unsettled and unable to rest.

I AM coming in power forcefully upon the earth and my people will see my hand at work for them magnified and exalted as I come to fix the mess.

In speaking out boldly I AM will release My power, at the direction of My trusted servants. Be ready to command the power that I AM clothing you with.

Be ready to declare My salvation to neighbours and friends with whom you speak and expect the moment of salvation to come quickly.

I AM redefining the boundaries, rewriting the "rule book". The now season is upon you, when those things that have seemed to take ages to occur will suddenly take place.

Be ready and walk close beside me, this is not a moment to hold back or sit back, but to strike out and capture the lost ground.

The joy of my Gospel will be known again, not the boring Gospel or the irrelevant Gospel, but the Living Word imparting life, health, wealth, wisdom and healing … breaking the hold of sin and releasing the captive souls… bringing the lost into the walls of salvation and life.

Forgive and be forgiven and know the fragrant love of MY forgiveness as never before…
"FREE… FREE!… **FREE !!!** "

Enjoying the life within and seeing the power of MY kingship extended across the earth.

12th February 2004 (Geoff Pick)
In humility surrender and receive

[Every time we reject the things of God's Spirit because we do not fully comprehend or feel it does not fit with our ways of doing things, we are moving in the spirit of religion.]

I require a people who say
" We are really nothing before you O God come teach us. We are not experts of religion, we know how to become children of God. Our God is sovereign and we give him fully the right to move amongst us in ways that we do not know or understand. We are ready to receive all that He wishes to impart. O God we hunger in our hearts for you, we fall at your feet we shake inside in Holy fear of the Almighty. We will not sit in the judges seat. It is our lives that are to be tested and weighed and we welcome the refining fire and call upon our merciful Father."

In HIS presence we will draw near to listen, and wait for His wisdom to flow, we do not speak the words of fools.

A huge key is turned in a lock, it is the one who calls to us -
"I stand at the door and knock do not delay and resist - the moment will pass too soon", receive the light while it is shining upon you, do not hide from the flames of the Holy God, but let His light shine in and release you from all that is to your shame.

"I come that they may first surrender to me that they might be vessels who are ready and able to receive the full measure of the power that I bring".
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Breaking Away
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I find the account of and relationship of Nabal and Abigail to be one of intrigue and a prophetic signpost of what is transpiring within the religious system of today's church. The story is given to us in 1 Samuel 25. In the story we read that David and 800 of his men were in the land of Maon and in need of provision and food. Nabal, who was in the vicinity, was shearing some of the three thousand sheep that he owned. David, knowing that it was a feast time, assumed that Nabal would supply some of his surplus to the needs of his men. The Bible says Nabal was a very wealthy man. Nabal was very rich in worldly possessions, but we will soon find that he was bankrupt in spiritual wisdom and understanding. "Nabal" in the Hebrew language sounds like the word for "fool." In the Hebrew language, word play on names was very indicative of a person's natural and spiritual disposition. Nabal, as we shall read, would certainly fulfill the meaning of his name.

The wife of Nabal (Abigail) was a woman that the Bible says was not only beautiful, but of good understanding and wisdom. David, as a "type" of Christ completes the main characters that I would like to parallel in what I believe is transpiring in the church today.

"Now I (David) have heard that you have shearers. Your shepherds were with us, and we did not hurt them, nor was there anything missing from them all the while they were in Carmel." (2 Samuel 25:7)

David, in protecting Nabal's SHEPHERDS in the wilderness, thought it just and right to ask a portion of Nabal's prosperity and abundance. David sends "ten young men" who represent PROPHETIC MESSENGERS to ask Nabal to provide and give to "your servants and to your son David." (2 Samuel 25:8)

Nabal responds by denying that he even knows David. Of course this would be untrue. He surely knew ABOUT David, but did not know David personally. Nabal refused to give of himself and would not so much as offer a flask of water to the messengers. This is perplexing, considering that hospitality was the virtue of this culture and time. To add insult, Nabal says to David's messengers, "There are many servants nowadays who BREAK AWAY each one from his master." (1 Samuel 25:10)

Nabal is representative of the religious and dogmatic who know about the Lord, but do not know the Lord. Why would Nabal make this statement about "breaking away" if he didn't know about David and his relationship with Saul? David would come to a place in his life where he would remain loyal and honest to Saul, but would have to leave the leadership ordained by man and the old order for the anointing that awaited him from the Lord. Saul's SPIRITUAL JEALOUSY and INSECURITY would actually force David to pursue a greater destiny. This also would lead to Saul's ultimate downfall.

We see the same leadership traits today as well. Spiritual jealousy along with religious insecurity is forcing many to "break away" from the old order. When the young men came back to David (Who had been anointed and appointed king by the LORD at this time) and told him all that Nabal had said; David said, "Every man gird on his sword.' So every man girded on his sword, and David also girded on his sword. And about four hundred men went with David, and two hundred (Watchmen) stayed with the supplies."(2 Samuel 25:13)

I have heard and read many prophetic declarations of the judgment that is coming to various parts and facets of the world. Although I agree that God in His justice will judge the world and the one who commits evil, we must not forget that justice and judgment is manifesting in the church to an even greater degree. David, at this point, had executed judgment upon Nabal for his unwillingness to share and give of what the Lord had so generously blessed him with. Likewise, the Lord is exercising judgment upon the church system for its lack of generosity and recognition of His anointed in the wilderness.

We see this lack of recognition of those the Lord desires to anoint within youth ministries – our future. How many student pastors have equipped their juniors and seniors to win their peers to Christ? Have they won just one soul to Christ yet? Student ministers are not professional babysitters. 96% of all evangelical youth group seniors will say "no more Jesus" by the life they live after four years of secondary education! Only 4% will say "Yes" to Jesus by the life they live and confess after college. Obviously, the equipping of our young people is so pathetic that 94% are being influenced by the world, rather than changing or influencing the world. (Barna research)

The church should not be a place where "pastors" validate the money given to them by doing, teaching, and preaching everything. It should be a gathering together of believers for the purpose of encouraging and equipping one another to change the world through Christ. It is not a place where we deposit our weekly praise into our eternal account. True children of God worship as a lifestyle throughout the week. There is so much MORE than a set of hymns or three fast songs and three slow songs, the tithe and offering, and then a 30 minute word. Did God intend this to change our world and communities around us?

The church is a living organism in which EVERY body part has a part and function to fulfill. True leaders that are anointed and appointed by God, desire to facilitate others as we gather together. They enjoy seeing the common man and new convert being challenged to bring the Word on a Sunday morning! They don't need to teach and preach every Sunday and Wednesday because they trust God with HIS church. They thrive on seeing the saints of God moving in teaching, prophesying, interpreting, singing, dancing, equipping others, and expressing the love of God in how God has designed them – even if they mess up.

Many leaders have missed the purpose of coming together and have replaced it with religious tradition and fruitless agenda that has little eternal significance. Twenty-six hours a year (30minutes x 52 weeks) of sermons or lectionary outlines is not preparing the saints for their destiny and "one shot" at being a history maker for Christ. It's time to let go and be the equipping and "Davidic" leadership that the Lord is calling forth.

Nabal was not a very good leader of his household. He demonstrated past hurts and rejections by his possessive nature and unwillingness to share. His possessive nature demanded an unbiblical submission in his remark that "there are many servants nowadays who BREAK AWAY each one from his master." The "Nabal type leadership" in the church is going to receive a revelation that submission is earned through the FUNCTION and love that God has called them to and not to a TITLE. David would honor Saul as king (title) but would break away from Saul because of his failure to fulfill his FUNCTION as a righteous king. The die had been cast and justice and judgment was proclaimed over the household of Nabal for his unwillingness to help and promote whom God had anointed.

"Now one of the young men (one of Nabal's servants) told Abigail, (a type of the true church) Nabal's wife, saying, 'Look, David (a type of Christ) sent messengers (prophets) from the wilderness to greet our master: and he reviled them. But the men were very good to us, and we were not hurt, nor did we miss anything as long as we accompanied them, when we were in the fields. They were a wall to us both by night and day, all the time we were with them keeping sheep." (1 Samuel 25:14-16)

What is interesting is that the servant went to Abigail and not the "master of the house." This servant is a godly example of how discernment and communication should be used in the body of Christ. He does not GOSSIP or speak slanderous remarks about Nabal, but speaks clearly to Abigail in regard to a potentially disastrous situation that was coming to those who were related to Nabal. We also notice that Nabal was so consumed with his AGENDA that he was "ill-natured" toward anyone who would attempt to speak truth to him. This is another pitfall of insecure leadership in the church.

I started attending a new fellowship some years back (I was relatively new in town as well) and prophesied at a men's meeting that a spirit and principality of division was over the entire county. As I traveled back and forth across the county line, I could easily sense this principality that had gripped this county for many generations. There was racial division, division within churches, division within families, and divorce was permeating the fabric of this community. I prophesied that this church needed to immediately begin marital enrichment and encouragement along with strategic intercession and repentance. This "prophetic direction" didn't match the comfortable AGENDA of the "leadership." Consequently, I was promptly told that I "missed the boat." It wasn't long before an un-proportionate amount of married couples divorced and left this church. It also wasn't long before I realized that people were BREAKING AWAY from the chain of command in their communication to church leaders on spiritual related issues. The servant in this story does not go to Nabal, but to Abigail (someone who would listen attentively) for help and act upon the truth.

Abigail exercised one of the primary traits of the true prophetic mantle — the willingness to LISTEN. The natural and the spiritual mind-set are interconnected. If you do not listen attentively to people, or if your mind is on what you're going to say next rather than absorbing what someone is speaking to you, then you can assume that this is how well you truly listen to God. If we are not good listeners, we can be assured that our prophetic expression is tainted and corrupted by our fleshly thoughts and agenda. The Bible does not correct or look down upon the decision of the servant to contact Abigail. This is contrary to the demands of submission and chain of command ideals that many leaders in today's church expect and demand. If you are a leader in the church and people are talking behind your back, it is most likely due to fact that you will not listen to criticism of YOUR agenda and YOUR vision for the church. If you are a true leader, it is not about your vision anyway. It is about LISTENING and encouraging the dreams and visions of others and then being a part of helping provide a platform or medium for them to grow.

"Then Abigail made haste and took two hundred loaves of bread, two skins of wine, five sheep already dressed, five sheafs of roasted grain, one hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys. And she said to her servants, 'Go on before me; see, I am coming after you.' But she did not tell her husband Nabal." (1 Samuel 25:18-19)

Through prophetic insight and understanding, Abigail quickly considers what she must do. She gathers and prepares ALL that David had requested and goes to meet him...without telling Nabal. Abigail had to consider the problem. She then quickly determined a course of action. She implemented the plan, and then failed to seek Nabal's permission. In fact, she refused or thought it best not to tell him anything. The common and RELIGIOUS viewpoint would be that Abigail was in REBELLION toward the leadership and should be disciplined. However, in the Bible, we find quite the opposite.

"As she rode on the donkey and came down under cover of the mountain, David and his men came down toward her; and she meets them. Now David had said, 'Surely it was in vain that I protected all this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; but he has returned to me evil for good. God do so to David and more also, if by morning I leave so much as one male of all who belong to him." (1 Samuel 25:20-22)

Abigail searches out David and finds him coming with justice and judgment. Many in Abigail's position (those coming out of ill-natured and controlling households) would have simply allowed David to pass by. However, Abigail possessed the mantle and anointing of a true prophet.

"When Abigail saw David, she dismounted quickly from the donkey, fell on her face before David, and bowed down to the ground. So she fell at his feet and said: "On me, my lord, on me let this iniquity be! And please let your maidservant speak in your ears, and hear the words of your maidservant. Please, let not my lord regard this scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with him! But I, your maidservant, did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent." (1 Samuel 25:23-25)

We notice that Abigail never criticizes Nabal to his face or to any another besides David. She only brought the truth to her "lord" what had been revealed to her. She goes on to display the hallmark and character of the "burden of the Lord." The PRIMARY purpose of prophetic revelation is for the purpose of INTERCESSION. Abigail assumes the responsibility for Nabal's actions. We see this common denominator in all of God's prophets – the intercession and vicarious repentance on behalf of the sins of others. To have publicly called her husband a "fool" would have placed a stigma upon his life and ruined his reputation. We see a lot of this in church today. We criticize leaders and GOSSIP to others rather than taking our discernment and concerns to the Lord. What is important is that we act and move in the AUTHORITY that the Lord has given us. Abigail stated that "I did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent." Why would Abigail make this statement? It would not have made any difference whether or not she saw the young men if she did not have the authority to act.

"Now therefore, my lord, as the Lord lives and as your soul lives, since the Lord has held you back from coming to bloodshed and from avenging yourself with your own hand, now then, let your enemies and those who seek harm for my lord be as Nabal." (1 Samuel 25:26)

We can clearly see Abigail's prophetic insight into the heart of David. How could she have known about the recent events and mercy of David sparing Saul's life? This was a prophetic word given to David that would later bear witness in his life as he would face the accusation of bloodguilt before God. Abigail pleaded that if David followed through with his plan, he, and not Nabal, would be the guilty party. Under the law, David would have been found guilty before God in his act of RETALIATION. When we attack another believer publicly, we also, are found accused of "bloodguilt" – we kill the character and reputations of others.

Abigail demonstrated spiritual maturity in her prophetic gifting. She did not defend Nabal, but offered a prophetic word and prayer for David to fulfill God's plan and destiny for his life and that he fought for God.(1 Samuel 25:27-30) Abigail prophesied that David walked in the supernatural protection of God and that his enemies would be surely defeated. Why would he want to jeopardize such an anointing and calling upon his life? It’s too bad that David didn't remember this prophetic word in his dealings with Uriah. Not heeding this prophetic word (bloodguilt) would prohibit David from his ultimate dream and greatest purpose – the building of the Temple for the Lord's presence.

The purpose of this article is two-fold. One, is that we need to understand that the Nabal-type leadership in the church is being judged and dismantled through the BREAKING AWAY of God's people. Neither David nor the Lord chastised Abigail for breaking "rank" and moving in the authority and destiny that the Lord had called her to. We have got to come to terms with this. You have one shot at your spiritual dress rehearsal for all eternity. Our crowns are earned here on earth to be laid down "at the feet of our Lord" in heaven as we meet him. We must come to a place of understanding that "man" does not hold the keys to another's spiritual destiny and gifts. Spiritual authority comes from God and is "recognized" by man. The problem is that the church has abused the recognition (especially the "David’s" in the wilderness) of others based on agenda and misunderstandings of how God anoints certain individuals. We have a tendency as the church to validate a person's gift to the Body of Christ by our own understanding of how WE would steward or operate in that gift. The problem with this line of thought is that we are all very different in our spiritual maturity and emotional makeup. The only way to gain excellence at anything in life is to practice in an environment where mistakes are allowed to be made and encouragement and loving guidance is given as the result of mistakes.

The second is that prophetic maturity will be needed and expected from the Lord as we move into the new order and fresh wineskin of the church and bride that Christ is coming back for. We need to understand that the killing fields of gossip and slander will be an irremovable stain on our wedding garment. Like Abigail, let's not defend the Nabal system and individuals in the church. We need to speak TRUTH more than ever before...but without intercession before the Lord; our motives most likely reveal a hurt and wounded spirit.

Although Nabal would not so much as give David a flask of water, God, through the insight, understanding, and obedience of a WOMAN prophet, would supply David with two skins full of wine and more food than what David had asked for! "So David received from her hand what she had brought him, and said to her, 'Go up in peace to your house. See, I have heeded your VOICE and respected your person." (1 Samuel 25:35)

The Lord would "break away" Abigail from a life of oppression and foolishness to the destiny of being the bride to the king. Let’s break away from the Nabal mentality in the church. Let's pray and intercede for a shift in obedience to our calling as the church. So many understand and realize that something has to change, but are so unsure as of what to do. Well, maybe its time to "break away" to a fellowship of believers that will allow you to move in the authority and calling that Father has called you to. It would here that Abigail would find and marry her king.

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Islam -- The Temptation
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After Muhammad repudiated his concession that the pagan goddesses were intercessors to Islam, a conflict with the Quraysh would intensify. The Quraysh and the peoples of the Arabian peninsula had been worshiping the ancient pagan goddesses for centuries. The Quraysh approached Muhammad's uncle, Abu Talib (Abu Talib was a well to do power broker of sorts.), and demanded that he withdraw his hand of protection over the newly formed Muslims that had grown from a hand-full to a sect.

The withdraw of Abu Talib's hand of protection would almost certainly guarantee Muhammad's assassination. When Abu Talib refused, the exasperated Quraysh formed a league within Mecca's other families and clans against the Hashemites. Since the Quraysh could not prevail militarily, they chose what would be called in Arab history as the "Boycott," thus cutting off food and supplies which would force the Hashemites into an isolated corner of the cities outskirts.

The famine only worsened and provided Muhammad with a crucial question that he had to answer. He could end the boycott and famine by renouncing the protection of his family and followers which would be delivering himself up to his adversaries and face a certain death. (Children and adults alike were perishing in the midst of this boycott and famine.) Or, he could consolidate his followers to resist and fight. This of course would be seen as a declaration of war against the predominate Quraysh.

It would be during this "Boycott" that Muhammad would make his choice and forever define the difference between the founder of Christianity and the founder of Islam.

As the followers of both Christianity and Islam grew from their conception, they would both face dangerous hostilities and threats of death. The religious leaders along with the governments that were in place were antagonistic and bent on destroying these movements. It would be the RESPONSES of Jesus Christ and Muhammad that would prove to be profoundly different.

"Now when the tempter (Satan) came to Him, he said, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread..' But He answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down . For it is written: 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you cast your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, "It is written again, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God."

Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve." (Matthew 4:3-10)

In Matthew 4:3-10, Jesus was tempted by Satan (the prince of this world system) in four (4) distinct areas.

1) Extreme hunger and the need of provision. Jesus put His trust in the Father and His promises to meet every need.

2) The stewardship of authority. Jesus only did what He saw the Father do and said what He heard the Father say – the Word incarnate.

3) Greed and lust for the power and the things of this world. Jesus' heart was set and focused on a kingdom that would be called the "Church." He was setting up an ETERNAL kingdom that neither rust nor moth would destroy.

Jesus was shown all of the kingdoms of the world and they were laid out before Him. All that Jesus had to do in this time of need was SUBMIT (submission is the meaning of Islam) to the prince of the world system and all of the pleasures therein would be His. In reality, for this to actually happen, it would need a political strategy to draw people to your side and the threat of the sword to butcher those who resisted. Jesus understood this very well along with the fact that Satan could not simply give what was not his. Only the "world system" is in the realm of his authority.

The forth temptation of Satan is almost always missed, but it is the most piercing and yet most honorable of all temptations that would forever prove the deity of Jesus Christ – "IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD." This temptation and statement has never been posed to any other besides the Lord Jesus Christ. Only to the real Son of God could Satan have made this remark.

While Jesus rejected the offers of Satan, events would unfold in Muhammad's life and he would choose the exact opposite road.

1) To pillage and steal in the name of "god" rather than trusting in God would be the means of acceptable provisions.

2) The idea of complete authority and a theocratic state of "submission or death" became increasingly appealing to Muhammad. True love can only come through the gift of free expression. The God of Israel - The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - offers us the freedom to choose so that we can express and receive real and genuine love. Islam is based and thrives on forced submission and conversion. Those who choose not to submit are "infidels" and subject to death. This bondage has produced a loveless movement with an unloving "god."

3) Muhammad's personal lust for women and all that the world has to offer grew as he aged. He commanded in the Koran that a man could have only four wives, while he had 9 at one time. He demanded that 1/5th of all the plunder through raids (razzias) be given to him as "The Prophet" – as he now desired to be called. The temptation of conquering through force and attaining the kingdoms of the WORLD become the obsession of Islam and its founder.

The forth temptation defines the stark differences between Jesus and Muhammad with even more clarity. Muhammad's theology was that he was the final prophet of god. He stated that the revealed truth came to him through Gabriel. Jesus, on other hand, speaks as God Himself. Jesus came in the likeness of His creation to identify with their issues and offer a way to heaven that mankind had proved it could not accomplish. Jesus taught the importance of loving our enemy, whereas Muhammad taught that it was acceptable to kill and even rape a woman in front of her husband in times of warfare to show humiliation and superiority to a defeated foe. Jesus taught to give to those in need and that God promised to meet our every need in turn. Muhammad taught that it was acceptable to his god to steal and rob from others to meet the needs of Muslims. Jesus taught that God loves us so much that He was willing to die for us and take our sins upon Himself that we could have relationship with a Holy God. Muhammad taught of a god that demanded the murder of others with a reward of "70 virgins in heaven." There is never a mention of the god of Islam loving or caring for mankind – only judgment.

The Bible says "that you will know if a tree is good or bad by its fruit..."

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Beauty Removed Beauty Restored

David Clements

Emissary Ministries
(Given at the Western Wall Jerusalem) Spoke to Israel.

Where once my Beauty clothed my People in majesty all has fallen.

I removed Myself from you because you hardened your heart to me.

Now the curses of My Word have overtaken you and stand in the midst of your own ugliness trying to pray to me while you deny and curse My Son, Yeshua.

Return to me Oh Israel and once again I will adorn you with my Love.

Accept My Ways which are the Ways of Yeshua.

Turn from the broken foundations of dead religion and I will build a new temple of my presence in your midst.

You are the crown of my creation oh man!

You are the temple of my presence!

Not the broken wall of religion in front of you.

I AM a destroyer of walls both within and without.

Accept then the Messiah Yeshua that you have rejected - For I AM He - Great in majesty, full of power and glory AM I.

I AM your deliverer and it is only I that can deliver you from your fallen state.

Even now you walk before me crippled and broken, begging for provision. All across my land you beg in the streets and seek peace. Turn unto me and then you will see my Son, Yeshua.

I AM that you can be and without me you will never be. Return then to me with weeping for it is in sorrow that I will gather you up and once again call you my own.

I AM the Ancient of Days maker of the Ancient Way.

I AM Love.

I AM Judgement.

I AM.

But I am not the wall you pray to.

I AM the Rock of Ages, a living God.

Fall then in fear before me and I will lift you in Love.

Cease to listen to these usurpers, these Rabbis, who stole place from my priests and call My Son Yeshua the cursed on. Listen rather to me the Ruach Ha Kodesh and you will hear the truth.

This then is the Ancient Way, to be led of My Spirit, the Ancient of Days.

No power on earth can match the power of Me for I AM love.

The rushing fury of the wind.

The burning of the fire.

I AM the consuming fire, the love you seek.

Yet you do not understand for your wisdom has confused you.

Go back then to My Word and understand that I AM not as the Rabbi you see. I study not the Torah but rather I AM the Way.

Go back then to My Spirit and listen and you will see and hear the truth as you did in the days of Old.

Come then my beloved Israel. Repent of your cold heart.

Turn from your ways and find My Ways. The Ancient Way is the only Way.

Then you will see the Glory that once covered this mountain and you will see and understand that I desire to cover you with myself and fill you with my presence.

Then again they will call Jerusalem the Golden City for I will dwell in your midst and I will be your light and the light of all Nations.

Receive then your Messiah my Son who wept over you many years ago and continues to weep over you. He alone is your High Priest and beside Him there is none other. You are the sacrifice upon my altar so burn with my fire and be reborn by My Spirit and you will see an end to your suffering and a restoration of My Beauty!

REVELATION - THE UNVEILING OF YESHUA - Number 18

After these things I saw another angel descending out of the heaven, having great authority: and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried with a strong voice, saying, Great Babylon has fallen, has fallen, and has become the habitation of demons, and a hold of every unclean spirit, and a hold of every unclean and hated bird; because all the nations have drunk of the wine of the fury of her fornication; and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have been enriched through the might of her luxury.

And I heard another voice out of the heaven saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye have not fellowship in her sins, and that ye do not receive of her plagues: for her sins have been heaped on one another up to the heaven, and God has remembered her unrighteousnesses. Recompense her even as she has recompensed; and double to her double, according to her works. In the cup which she has mixed, mix to her double. So much as she has glorified herself and lived luxuriously, so much torment and grief give to her. Because she says in her heart, I sit a queen, and I am not a widow; and I shall in no wise see grief: for this reason in one day shall her plagues come, death and grief and famine,and she shall be burnt with fire; for strong is the Lord God who has judged her.

And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication, and lived luxuriously with her, shall weep and wail over her, when they see the smoke of her burning, standing afar off, through fear of her torment, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! for in one hour thy judgment is come. And the merchants of the earth weep and grieve over her, because no one buys their lading any more; lading of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and pearl, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet dye, and all thyine wood, and every article in ivory, and every article in most precious wood, and in brass, and in iron, and in marble, and cinnamon, and amomum, and incense, and unguent, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep, and of horses, and of chariots, and of bodies, and souls of men.

And the ripe fruits which were the lust of thy soul have departed from thee, and all fair and splendid things have perished from thee, and they shall not find them any more at all. The merchants of these things, who had been enriched through her, shall stand afar off through fear of her torment, weeping and grieving, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, which was clothed with fine linen and purple and scarlet, and had ornaments of gold and precious stones and pearls! For in one hour so great riches has been made desolate. And every steersman, and every one who sailed to any place, and sailors, and all who exercise their calling on the sea, stood afar off, and cried, seeing the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like to the great city? They cast dust upon their heads, and cried, weeping and grieving, saying, Woe, woe, The great city, in which all that had ships in the sea were enriched through her costliness! for in one hour she has been made desolate. Rejoice over her, heaven, and ye saints and apostles and prophets; for God has judged your judgment upon her.

And a strong angel took up a stone, as a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall Babylon the great city be cast down, and shall be found no more at all; and voice of harp-singers and musicians and flute-players and trumpeters shall not be heard any more at all in thee, and no artificer of any art shall be found any more at all in thee, and voice of millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee, and light of lamp shall shine no more at all in thee, and voice of bridegroom and bride shall be heard no more at all in thee; for thy merchants were the great ones of the earth; for by thy sorcery have all the nations been deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all the slain upon the earth.

Come Out Of Her My People
David Clements

4:30 AM SUNDAY 2/22/04
Jerusalem, Israel
Mount of Olives Spoke to the Church.

I AM the redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. I redeemed you with my blood from Egypt and I led you out by my Spirit yet you have returned.

Just as Israel watched and saw the beauty and power of my presence so have my people the Church. I have visited you repeatedly yet you return to the Gates of Confusion, Babel. Even now great works calling themselves my Church have the sign of no Glory over them. I have called you out and even spoken to you and told you what to do yet you turn back.

Already judgment sits in your houses and you do not see that it is because you have turned from my ways. You have turned to the comfort of religion instead of seeking me and walking by My Spirit. For a time I have allowed this weight to sit upon you that you might return unto me yet you will not. I have warned of the working of witchcraft whereby you attempt to manipulate my blessings and keep your flesh comforted, yet you will not hear my voice.

Now I say that if you will listen to what the Spirit has to say to you, the Church, you can be restored. If you will not listen then you will perish for I Am sending a seal of judgment forth that will seal you into your delusion.

Because you have not loved truth but rather loved comfort and the systems of that evil witch Jezebel, who's city is Babylon, I will give you into your comfort.

Your comfort is no longer serving you but it is containing you and causing you great suffering. You must let go of Egypt to receive the wealth of My Presence. Do you not yet trust me?

Since Israel such a thing has not happened that a people given up their God to drink from empty cisterns. Yet you go and you go and you drink from the Babylonian Church and you never get your fill.

My manna lies in the wilderness. For in the wilderness you can still find the tabernacle of My Presence.

I Am everything that you have been searching for.

Flesh is what must be sacrificed to draw me for I detest everything that comforts your flesh and causes you to be in Bondage.

Time after time I have warned you not to even look back at this wickedness yet you have returned like a dog to his vomit. Even now you spurn this Word and say it is too hard. This is why I accuse Babylon of killing my prophets and saints. Those who I have called to lead you out have been accused and condemned because the message was not comfortable.

The message demanded too much of your flesh so you turned to Babylon for comfort because as well as a system of government she is a system of religion. Watch each time the people try to elect a Messiah when I Am your Messiah. The two systems have always been one and always will be one. You think because your occasional blessing that comes from this whore makes you feel good that it is from me. I Am not the blessings of this present world but rather the blessing of My presence is eternal and of the age to come. Money, cars, houses and the like are not blessings if they come without my Presence.

When My People was the last time you heard my voice and experienced the power of My Presence amongst you. Do you think that you will find Me in the place that I have gone from. Even Israel goes to a ruined wall to seek me while on top of this wall sits the house of a demon. Do you not think that I could visit this place again and destroy the evil that sits upon it? I left because of the evil of Israel and I have left many places that call themselves my Church because of their evil. My desire is to dwell in you.

Read then again My Church the warnings that I gave to the 7 Churches and to the leaders of those Churches. In each was a remnant and now I call that remnant out. Stop reasoning about how and when and where and just do what I have called you today. Then I will assemble you together and call My Shepard's over you and breathe new life into you. Come out and come unto me then you will willingly let go of all that you think you are holding onto. Rather "it" is holding onto you!

Receive then the final admonition to obey Me and stop arguing with My Spirit for I will soon cease to contend with you. This is the end and it becomes more perilous each day. Things will never be the same for soon increasing judgment will come to nations who depend on their armies and laws for security. Even now men stand in places of government and call themselves mine while they do evil in the backrooms of power.

Stay in Church or be the Church it is your choice. Be mine or be hers it is your choice.

Are you confused? Then understand that your confusion comes from standing in the gate of confusion, Babylon! Come then and stand in Me for I Am the Way, I Yeshua Am the Gate that leads unto eternal life. But make no mistake the way to me is still the Cross and it will crucify your flesh. You must join in the suffering of the cross to experience the power of My resurrection. Come out then before it is too late!

Where will you come? Come to me then come to one another. Open your homes up and begin to meet with one another. Not for a social gathering but for a Holy Convocation! Go back into the wilderness and find the leading of My Spirit. Even some of these that call themselves home Churches are just as fallen in rebellion as the others.

This must be by My Way and not yours. I have called and trained Holy Ones to you receive them! Learn from them as in times of old I sent ones to teach you.

Sing psalms and hymns, study my Word to be approved and learn the Way of Love. Leave behind that which I have told you to leave. Become transparent and stop putting on masks, trying to be someone else. Come and be transformed into My Image. Can you not see that you are caught in the web of your life.

Come out then and be free in Me.

Come out and be the ones I use to free others. Let the Truth set you free! Babylon is a lie and she is about to fall I call for you to come out because all is shaking now and soon the earthquake of My Spirit will bring all down, suddenly.

Birthing Revival Through Intimacy

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The Next Move Of God Will Be Birthed Out Of Intimacy

What an incredible night we had. It was the last night of our Signs and Wonders Conference in Iowa at Heartland Assembly of God, March 13, 2004. There was a serious impartation granted by the hand of God Himself. As we went deeper into worship the glory of God came into the room. The air was heavy with His presence. As I lay on the floor soaking in His Glory the power of God so overwhelmed me, my body began to shake under the intensity of the visitation. I heard the inner audible voice of God speak to me about the next move of His Spirit. He told me "This move will not be brought by any one man. It will come from My Spirit." I then saw the Lord dancing with a baby in His hands. I knew the infant was the next move to be birthed by the hand of God. I was aware that the presence I was experiencing was the very breath of God, and a foretaste of the next wave of His Spirit.

A White Glory Mist Formed In The Rafters Of The Church

As I stood to the pulpit all I could do was bury my head in my Bible. As I held onto the podium the worship team continued to play. The Lord spoke that He would strengthen me to be able to share the word He had written on my heart. As I lifted my head I could visibly see a white mist glory cloud hovering near the ceiling of the church. Several others could see it too. It was the manifest glory of God. All around the sanctuary people were weeping and shaking - some on their knees and some standing. The Lord was impregnating us with the seed of revival. He began to speak to me that revival would be birthed out of intimacy.

He brought me to Genesis 1:2 "*The earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters*."

Then to Genesis 2:7 "*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being*."

The Breath Of God Was Released

During our time in worship the Holy Spirit hovered over us the way He overshadowed Mary when she became pregnant with the Christ child (Luke 1:35). There was a genuine seed of revival deposited in our spirits. At one point during worship, the manifest breath of God, the "ruach" of God, was breathed into us and we were filled with new life. The worship leader could no longer stand behind his keyboard but could only lie across the altar groaning under the weight of His presence. It was like when the cloud of glory filled Solomon's temple and the priests could no longer stand to minister because of the cloud (2 Chron. 5:14).

The Lord spoke to me about this next move being birthed out of intimacy. He brought me to Song of Solomon 3:1-4:

> *"By night on my bed I sought the one I love; I sought him, but I did not find him.*
> *"I will rise now," I said, "And go about the city; in the streets and in the squares I will seek the one I love."*
> *I sought him but I did not find him. The watchmen who go about the city found me; I said "Have you seen the one I love?"*
> *Scarcely had I passed by them, when I found the one I love. I held him and would not let him go, until I had brought him to the house of my mother, and into the chamber of her who conceived me."*

Five Important Principles From The Song Of Solomon

There were several important principles the Lord revealed to me out of this account of the Shulamite woman searching for her Beloved:
1) She was so longing for the One she loved, that she was willing to be inconvenienced in the middle of the night to get out of bed to go search for Him. She couldn't wait till morning. The Lord is causing His church to arise out of the bed of our comfort and complacency to search for Him.

2) She didn't find Him right away. She had to look and search for Him. The Lord is not always easily found. Sometimes there has to be a persistent search for God until we find Him.

3) The watchmen couldn't tell her where He was. There are those times where we need to find God for ourselves. We can't live off of someone else's experience or anointing. We have to dig our own well and find the presence, power and anointing of God in our own lives. Other people's testimonies can encourage us. But we must always press in to find God for ourselves.

4) When she finally found Him she wouldn't let Him go. When we find the Lord we must not be easily satisfied. Many times when we are spiritually seeking and pressing in to God, we get a taste of His presence and then stop seeking or holding onto Him. This is where we miss it. We must be like Jacob who wrestled with the Angel of the Lord all night until He blessed him. He would not let Him go. This is how we must be with the Lord. We must not let Him go until we have the fullness of what He wants to bless us with. When Jacob wrestled with God there was a name change from Jacob to Israel. He went from "Deceiver" to "Prince with God." There was a deep transformation that took place in Jacob. As we wrestle with God and refuse to let Him go until we have His full blessing and favor, there will also be a deep transformation in us as we become more like Him, being transformed into His image.

5) They entered the chamber of intimacy. This is where new birth is conceived, in the secret place with God. It is in this chamber of deep intimate love with God that His seed of revival is imparted into us.

The Overshadowing Of God's Spirit

The next move of the Spirit will be birthed out of this place of intimacy with God, with the overshadowing of God's Spirit in our lives. Psalm 91 declares "*He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty*." The shadow of God is the place where His glory covers our lives. It's a place of refuge and protection from all the plots of the evil one. It's also the place where God infuses His strength and life into us.

In Genesis 1:2-3 there is a creative force and life released under the hovering of the Holy Spirit in Creation. Under the shadow of the Spirit there is creative power and authority released to bring order out of chaos and light out of darkness. It was under the shadow of the Holy Spirit that God spoke creation into existence. When we are under His shadow there is a creative power released in us and through us to declare into existence those things that God desires to manifest in the earth.

In Luke 1:31, 35-38, it was under the overshadowing of the Spirit that Mary became pregnant with the Christ child. What was impossible became possible. The supernatural became natural. The key to Mary receiving the impartation she received from God, to carry the seed of the greatest move of the Spirit in history, the birth of the Son of God, was her simple act of agreement. Her response to the Lord was "*Let it be done unto me according to your word*." In verse 45 it says "*Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord*." God just needs our agreement and simple faith to receive the fullness of all He wants to give us.

As the presence of the Holy Spirit overshadows His church in this hour, there is coming an impartation to carry the seed of the next move of God. The secret place of intimacy with the Lord is vitally important to receiving the fullness of all He wants to birth in the earth. It will be out of this place of abiding under His shadow that the creative force and power of His Spirit will be released in our lives, including the move of extraordinary signs, wonders and miracles. This demonstration of God's power through His people will be a direct result of the time spent in the secret place, under the shadow of His glory. We must guard our time with God and guard the seed He places in us. Out of the secret place of intimacy will come the release of life and power to see the glory of God cover the face of the earth.

Bronze Serpents And Golden Ephods Revisited

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"The people came to Moses and said, 'We sinned when we spoke against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take the snakes away from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. Then the Lord said to Moses, 'make a serpent and put it on a pole.' So Moses made a bronze serpent and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze serpent, he lived." (Num. 21:7-9)

"And he (Gideon) said, "I do have one request, that each of you give me an earring from your share of the plunder. (This was in reference to the defeat of the Ishmaelites whose custom it was to wear earrings) Gideon made the gold into an ephod which he placed in Ophrah, his town. All Israel prostituted themselves by WORSHIPING it there, and it became a snare to Gideon and his family." (see Judges 8)

BUT: "Hezekiah did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father David had done. He removed the high places, smashed the SACRED stones and cut down the asherah poles. He broke into pieces the BRONZE SERPENT that Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it."

What is interesting about both the bronze serpent and the golden ephod is that they were never intended to hurt or harm God's people. On the contrary, quite the opposite, especially the bronze serpent. Even the golden ephod may have had good INTENTIONS. However, there was something about these two objects that became a disaster for God's people because they eventually led to a departure from TRUE worship.

We read in the Bible that because of the people's COMPLAINING and insolent WORDS, God sent poisonous snakes into their camp to discipline them. Well, this certainly brought forth an attitude change in the hearts of the people! The people of course quickly repented and God directed Moses to mold a snake and set it on a pole in the middle of the camp. Anyone who was bitten and dying would live by simply looking at the Lord's provision for their healing. Those who refused to look at "God's" PROVISION died.

We see clearly in John 3:14 that what may have been perceived as a strange way for God to heal was to be a "type" or a picture of God's way of forgiving and healing us from our sin and sickness through Jesus' death on the cross. It would seem that the Lord would instruct Moses to mold a bronze lamb. After all, "Jesus is the "Lamb" of God who takes away the sin of the world." However, it is clear in Galatians 3:12 that He (Jesus) became a curse for us. "He was made sin on our behalf." (2 Cor.5:21) And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross.

The Israelites were careful to preserve this bronze serpent for about 10 generations! However, over the years it became a religious relic and icon. So much so, that it resulted in the abandonment of worship in spirit and truth. I would like us to look closely at the scripture verse to "worship the Lord in spirit and truth." First of all, can you see spirit in a literal sense? Of course not, the Bible says that the Spirit is invisible and like the wind. We truly worship in spirit when we do not NEED the external VISION of a choir, a worship band, or a Sunday morning occasion. These are certainly wonderful expressions in themselves; however, do we REQUIRE them (What is visible) to live a life of worship? Do we need events or icons in our lives to stimulate us or "get us in the mood" to worship Him who is invisible? Father desires worship that is from our heart and INTERNAL. He desires that we have such an intimate and personal relationship with Him that we do not need people or external things to MOTIVATE us to draw near. The Lord desires that we draw near because of our love for Him. The word "truth" in the original Hebraic context and language means "to be hidden." We worship in "Spirit and Truth" when we do not require what is seen or to be seen.

The Bible continues to say that until Hezekiah's time the Israelites had even burned incense to the bronze serpent! Burning incense is a "type" and picture of sacrificial prayer. We can see that even the prayer life of the people had become "RITUALIZED." Sadly, we see many denominations encouraging "canned prayers" -- as if these were to move the heart of the Father when all along what really moves His heart is a REAL and genuine conversation from OUR heart. Our Lord just wants us to be real. I know this may seem judgmental, but it is not meant to be -- to have a personal prophecy spoken to me with "Thus saith the Lord" puts me in the "really" judge this prophecy mode! I mean, I never speak to my Father in Old English and neither does He to me. We have ritualized with tradition so much of the church (even the prophetic movement) that even its language has become a "bronze serpent" in the name of the Lord!

As I continue, it is important that we stay focused on the "SYSTEM" and not the people who have been innocently INOCULATED over the course of years by the traditions of men. Hezekiah destroyed this stumbling block of ritual and traditions of man and revival broke out in the land. It is becoming obvious that the Lord is raising up men and women CALLED to destroy the bronze serpents and golden ephods of the church. Imagine the persecution Hezekiah must have endured -- even being king. I would imagine that the RELIGIOUS community was outraged. I mean, after all, wasn't this a God-given object? After all, wasn't this the object that God had told Moses to mold for the salvation of His people so many centuries ago? The Bible says, however, that Hezekiah's destroying of the bronze serpent was good and right in God's eyes. It seems on the surface to be contradictory. But the issue at hand was making spiritual OBJECTS (including man) and practices an obstruction to our relationship with the Lord. Father does not desire that we go to "man" for our AFFIRMATION, but to Him --only He can fulfill our deepest relational needs. He does not delight in our RELIGIOUS PRACTICES, but in our RELATIONAL PURSUIT.

It is true that we are directed by the Lord to fellowship, meet together for worship and to share in God's word, but these times of meeting can digress into prideful denomination and non-denominational TRADITION. Preserving our religious traditions, rituals and forms that are so predictably man-made can become more focused upon than worshiping the Lord in Spirit and truth. It's time we, like Hezekiah, gain the courage to confront in wisdom and love the bronze serpent the church has become in hampering the spiritual and relational growth of believers.

Gideon's golden ephod is another idea that seemed good on the surface -- only to go bad. Gideon did right in that he turned down the people's request to become king. Gideon knew that God alone was to be their King. "I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you. The Lord shall rule over you." (Judges 8:23) It began to go bad when Gideon REQUESTED a financial reward for his services. The DESIRE for gold from man rather than INHERITANCE from God among leaders has normally spelled their ruin. The Bible says that each person only gave one earring, but combined corporately it amounted to one thousand 1,700 shekels (over 40 pounds of gold)! Gideon had the gold molded into a golden ephod and set it up in his home town.

The parallel is that we are "arm twisted" and requested to give a financial reward to the "system" in order to make our golden ephods for our cities. You have heard me state many times before that millions of dollars are invested in dead cement stones for buildings instead of investing in needy living stones. Whether it be those who are scrapping to keep their lights on and feed their children or those who need an investment into their spiritual gift and destiny. How are the resources of your congregation being spent? What is being fashioned and built -- dead or living stones? I'll tell you what is sad: Is that many of these people in need of finances are being told they are in their financial position because they don't tithe!

Those who need a spiritual investment to see their ministries launched are played like a second fiddle to a building, program, or someone across seas who is more worthy of "God's" money. This is essentially leadership not stewarding the "TALENT" that has been given them. They bury it and soon find it taken from them and given to another! And they wonder why their congregations are not growing ...A wonderful article has been circulating this week written by David Ravenhill titled "Modern Day

Money Changers." He exposes and confirms the modern day hucksters who are getting wealthy at the expense of God's people. He encourages us to be very discerning in giving to these money mongers that prey upon people's emotions. He goes on to encourage giving more to the local church. However, I must say that I find the same abuses in the local churches as I do with the "religious idols." (ministry superstars)

"Then Gideon made it into an ephod and set it up in his city, Ophrah. And all Israel played the harlot with it there. It became a SNARE to Gideon and to his house." (Judges 8:27) Gideon had the gold molded into a replica of a priestly garment that was solely intended for the high priest. The root problem here is that Gideon was not a priest in the Old Testament pattern. Gideon's intentions may have been good, but it became a snare to him and his house because it did not line up with God's Word. Gideon tried to replicate a ministry FUNCTION that God had not called him to. The result is that it would eventually lead the people astray from true and heart-felt worship and obedience.

There are many in ministry who are called to the function of "pastor." However, many are also trying to replicate themselves as that of prophet, apostle, evangelist or teacher. The Lord did not ordain that ephods be made of gold, but of cloth. In the same way, we are made and designed to be a particular BODY PART with its unique abilities and functions. It's high time that 1 Corinthians 12 be established in the church once again with each member fulfilling their part and destiny. Why do we desire to be called Doctor, (Doctor? Give me a break.) Reverend (Most Revered) or Pastor? Does the rest of the body of Christ go by a title -- like "Nurse Sue" or "Architect Joe?" It is not the title, but the function that validates our ministries. And if this is true, then why do you need a title ...Has the title of bond-servant become rejected in the lust for recognition within the church?

The golden ephods today are elaborate building projects and programs that do not line up with God's Word and the people who institute them. People who no longer proclaim the Word of God in truth and have strayed from Biblical foundations have become golden ephods. They are wolves in sheep's clothing preying on the needy and oppressed. Just as in Gideon's time, "golden earrings" are collected with promises not based on truth and principle. Buildings and MINISTRIES have become objects of worship because of the worldly desire for power and position. Yes, one of the churches greatest objects of worship is the ministry IDOL.

This prophetic word is important in that the Bronze Serpent and Golden Ephods in the church hinder the growth of God's people. The SYSTEM becomes empowered while the people perish for lack of VISION. The focus becomes religion rather than relationship with Christ. It functions with one-man ministry rather than each joint supplying its part Unfortunately, many leaders can become so enamored with their own ministry TRADITIONS that they will go to any length to preserve them ... just like the bronze serpent when it has departed from its original purpose and function.

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Be Set Free
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We had a wonderful time in the Lord last night. I was not sure what the Lord would have me speak on. The message was not prepared fully and I felt as though there was something important that was to be said, and I didn't know what that would be! I was dried up. However the Lord did tell me he wanted me to talk about offense and strongholds. Here is what the Lord by His Spirit brought forth to all of us at the same time last night.

Colossians 2
[16] Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:
[17] Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ.
[20] Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,
[21] (Touch not; taste not; handle not;
[22] Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

TAKING OFFENSE
Offense by definition means to be repulsed by something or to become resentful. It doesn't just mean to have your pride insulted. It is a more severe than a moment of ego deflation. It is the cause of roots of bitterness that create strongholds in our lives.

STRONGHOLD
noun 1. military **defensible place:** a place that is fortified or that can easily be defended

2. **concentrated area:** a place where a particular group, activity, or set of opinions is concentrated
There was much covered in this study but for the sake of time, it will be condensed to a few major points.
The Lord showed us that when offense occurs we retreat to a fortified place where we remain. It is in this safe place that we can become trapped having no one enter or no one leave. If an offense isn't quickly dealt with and healing takes place, we will build these areas of fortification in which to retreat when an attack comes. This is especially true when the same form of attack occurs to our person over and over again. This is the most powerful tool of the enemy against us. Once the enemy can get you to TAKE offense and bring you into a place where you become resentful and defensive, he has managed to get you to operate out of a stronghold. All your life experiences will occur out of operating from behind this fortification. The Lord does not want us locked away but in liberty. Once you are operating out of a stronghold you lose freedom. You must remain in that area to defend the " place".

To break strongholds in our lives, we must take its head off. The head of a stronghold is the OFFENSE. The Lord tells us to flee from evil. Offense is an evil and its important to remove yourself from the situation or person used in the attack, so that the Lord can do a quick healing work on you. Otherwise you will be vulnerable to greater attacks that will build deeper fortifications.

There are many methods in which to do so. But first it should be mentioned that many of us have had many attacks of offense and now fully operated, or at least close to that capacity, in the area of stronghold! This area leaves us vulnerable. No one leaves or no one enters the stronghold.

There are only a few ways to break a stronghold and most of them will be from the inside. A place so well protected and defended is not easily penetrable. Knowing God's Love and acceptance of us is the only way to break a stronghold that has been well fortified for many years. Love will burn a whole through those walls over time.

The best way to break a strong hold before it becomes a habitual stronghold, is to cut off the head of offense. Without an attack or PERCEIVED attack, the enemy can not push back the army of God into stronghold positions.

Sometimes the way to cut off the head of defense is to remove ourselves from the line of fire until healing can take place. If we do not, we are at risk of being hit with many more attacks of Offense creating greater strongholds! It is not wrong to retreat and receive healing. It is wrong to give up. To overcome we must be able to take the time that God can heal our wounds. We are not to LIVE in those wounds, but to quickly take the measures necessary in the Lord to recover. Many times we end up living in strongholds is because we have not taken care of ourselves as we should by allowing time to heal small wounds. Without that time, the wound becomes infected and can make sick the rest of the body!

That may look like cutting off relationships with certain individuals whom the enemy uses to send the spirit of attack. One can retreat in the Peace of God without causing offense to those whom you must pull back from.

Once this is done and the Lord can use that time alone with you to mend your wounds, you will not retreat into a stronghold so easily! But you will be strengthened through the healing. You will receive Wisdom and understanding so that when the same type of attacks come at you again, you will know how to stand without taking it in and avoiding your stronghold!

By not functioning out of a stronghold that had been developed by many years of offenses, you are not as subject to the attacks of offense!

The only stronghold we should have is Jesus Christ!
There is another point the Lord made to us that night and it is this. Our cross that we are to pick up and carry, is our own human nature. When we carry it, we are worthy of Christ Jesus for He was known as the Son of Man, the Man of Sorrows.

When the Lord said he came to give us life and life more abundantly, he wasn’t just referring to good times. He was giving us permission to feel, to experience in fullness! If that means our pain is more intense, it also means our Joy is more intense! If we have much for ashes, then we have greater beauty!

Keep these close to your heart as you meditate on the first scripture of Colossians. Let No Man! Be free to be you! Christ Jesus loved WHO YOU ARE AS YOU ARE enough that He made a way to the Father when there seemed to be no way!

Some Supporting Scriptures (obviously there are many more!)
1 Corinthians 10:29
Conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other: for why is my **liberty** judged of another man's conscience?
2 Corinthians 3:17
Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is **liberty**.
Galatians 2:4
And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our **liberty** which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage:

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Be Strong and Courageous
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Be strong and courageous, for I am surely with you. I am with you, and I will hold you secure in Me.

In days of old, men walked seeking after the heart of the living God in a way that is not understood by men today. Men walked according to My promises. My promises were just and true then, just as they are today. But know this, beloved: You have the better covenant. You have a covenant of great purity. The purity lies in My shed blood on your behalf. The purity lies in My accomplishment for you.

My heart is to move you forward. I want you to know this with a certainty. I want you to cling to this truth with all of your heart. I am with you. Be strong! Be courageous. I am on your side, just as I was on the side of your forefathers. I am on your side, and I will see you arrive safely into your inheritance of glory. I will see you arrive into that place of wonder in Me.

What is this place like? What must you expect? I tell you, beloved, the fruit in this place is beyond your expectation. The soil in this land is rich for planting, and yields a high crop.

So do not despair when the enemy tells you that this territory is filled with giants. Do not despair! For I am with you, holding you secure, and this territory belongs to the Lord God Almighty and His chosen, and every where you place your foot belongs to you, beloved. It belongs to you, for I have spoken My heart on this matter, and My truth remains. My truth lives forever.

I am calling for My children to come forward into formation. I have prepared this formation for you to apprehend the enemy and his cohorts. This is the hour when truth will arise in your hearts in a spectacular way. So get your hearts ready to enter the promised inheritance. Get ready to MOVE, beloved. I want you ready to move – *NOW!*

Joy, Joy, Joy!
Mary Clark

In a vision, I saw Someone write something in a language that I could not read. Then the Lord told me that it said “Joy, Joy, Joy!!!”

Joy, joy, joy is what I am about to present to those who are called My own – joy unspeakable and full of glory. Yes, it is on the way. It is certainly on the way, My beloved. So get your hearts ready to receive all that they can contain. Get your minds ready to stand in amazement at My goodness to you, and know that the time has arrived when you will see much that I have spoken about to you.

It is on the way. It is certainly on the way. Watch for the signs of My approaching goodness in your vicinity, and know that the time is here, the time is right, and the time will benefit from the splendorous activity that I am bringing to all who will receive...

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Between The Green And The Gray

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Last Sunday morning I had one of those strange experiences that jumped back and forth between the REAL WORLD and THE VALLEY OF VISION. Now I have been thinking on it since then and acutely aware of the flow of THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT at this time. Brother Bill Somers wrote a great article called "THE SACRED COWS OF BIBLE STUDY". But it came at the right time and place for my whole attention. In our correspondence he shared with me his article on "THE ULTIMATE REPAIR KIT". It seems that both of us have been prompted to look at THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN. Likewise we are both concerned about the "SACRED COWS" that inhibit the growth and development of THE CHILDREN OF GOD.

Sunday morning as a family we went out to lunch. We were going to meet another couple at a restaurant. This is something people do all the time. But something went wrong. I missed a turn I had made before. The problem was the "sign" I watch for "was not there". So I "got lost" for about 10 minutes. Now I knew within a mile or so that "something was WRONG". I just could not figure how I could miss my turn. That may have been the problem, I was triggering my thinker rather than stopping and turning around. I just kept going expecting to find a "familiar road". Only I did not.

Eventually I confessed to my wife I was "lost" and had to go home to "find" the "RIGHT ROAD". Only I was not sure where to turn. You have to understand that I live on the continental divide. The roads are "narrow", the usual two lanes with no shoulders. Go off the road anywhere and you have deep trouble. Eventually I came to a place to where I could "see" beyond the dips and curves of the road. What I saw was a "peak". One of the few around Mount Mitchell. I could "see" it and it is a "landmark". Only I "knew" it was almost 40 miles away no matter which road I took. It "looked" close....but was not. Mt Mitchell is over 6000 feet high and it's sisters top 5000. I was at about 2500 feet and all I could see was the green of the peak and the gray overcast sky. Everything just blends. Hard to differentiate distance when everything "blends together".

Eventually we found a familiar road and got home. So we started out again for our appointed lunch. Now when I came to where I "expected" to see the "SIGN" that marked my "TURN" I slowed down to a crawl. There was no sign...just green. Everything was green. Here in North Carolina we have "KUDZU". A super fast growing "ground cover" that can defy the law of gravity. The "sign"..."landmark"...I expected to see was covered by kudzu. In fact kudzu covers everything in it's path.

In the SPIRIT we have "kudzu" growing well. It covers the signs and landmarks that we have grown used to. We spirit-filled believers are cruising down our roads confident in our "memories" of what should be. Only things have changed. The coming storm has left us an overcast sky so THE SON can not be seen. And all across the land KUDZU has simply taken over and covers everything. Miss one turn and you are lost.... for awhile.

Eventually you realize that you are LOST...and then you turn around and go back. This is the idea of repentance. And you got to "go back" and find the "right road". The GREEN and the GRAY blend in the distance. We can see THE MOUNTAIN OF GOD, but not THE ROAD to get there. Many people say straight is the path. Only JESUS said STRAIGHT IS THE GATE...the PATH is NARROW. Now THE PATH can be straightened. That is the job of HIS SERVANTS.

JESUS came to show us THE WAY...THE TRUTH...THE LIFE. The only way to ETERNAL LIFE is that we "we pick up our cross and follow HIM". The only ones who can follow are those who HEAR HIS VOICE. We are at a time where there are many voices, many distorted images. Lots of places where we can miss the turn we know we have to make. But the road looks the same when you have no idea in which direction are traveling. Sometimes you have to screech to a stop and acknowledge something is wrong.

It is not fun to realize you are on the wrong road going nowhere you are sure of. It is not easy to admit you need directions to get where you desire to go. But that is why HE GAVE TO US THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT. Now all we need is to listen and obey. That too is hard...sometimes.

Selah
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Blood Transfusion Life Impartation

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Blood transfusion is what I am hearing today
Love is a blood transfusion
In Christ's love, we have blood for each other as His body and for the nations.
Blood = life.
Impartation = transfusion.
Anointing = life = impartation = transfusion.

When the word says their blood cries out...He means life cries out. Life cries out for impartation, transfusion, to be sustained forever. Life cries out for anointing.

The Lord has shown me that what has happened to us during our earthly lifetime has seemed unbearable at times, but it has been for our good.

He has shown me that I was persecuted even before I had an anointing, and so were you, if you belong to the Lord. If you are truly going after God and hearing His voice, all the circumstances that brought you to this place were in His foreknowledge and He allowed these things to get you here today. **The circumstances and persecutions to come will bring you to perfection.**

When my natural father chose alcohol over his baby daughter, he basically persecuted me. When he left us, he rejected me. My blood has cried out ever since he drove off that day when I was three years old. However, I see now, everything that has happened, every rejection, every persecution, every disappointment was allowed for my own "good" because God foreknew where He would have me in the fullness of time. **God has definitely caused all things to work together for good in my life because He foreknew that I loved him and was called according to His purposes, even before I knew it.**

When we come to see that everything that has gone on in our lives has brought us to where we are in Christ in this present day, disappointment, frustration, dissatisfaction and bitterness will FLEE. **We can finally THANK THE LORD IN ALL THINGS**. What a blow to our enemy's agenda! And oh what victory as we step over the graves of defeat and death into LIFE ETERNAL AND ABUNDANT!

Look at things as they are in the natural. How many times have you heard advertisements pleading for blood. "**We do not have enough blood to give transfusions." "We have a blood shortage."**

Remember? God said "TRANSFUSION".
Remember? He said:
Love is a blood transfusion In Christ's love, we have blood for each other as His body and for the nations.
Blood = life.
Impartation = transfusion.

So what the world is saying in the natural, reflects what is going on too often in His church. The church does not have enough BLOOD (LIFE) to give transfusions (IMPARTATION). The church is not walking and LIVING in the LOVE that imparts LIFE. **We have a blood shortage. We have a LOVE shortage. We have a LIFE shortage. We need a transfusion! We cry and groan for it.**

What has kept the church in this perpetual "blood shortage"?

Too long Cain’s sacrifice has been honored in the church, even KNOWING that Cain’s sacrifice was never approved of God. **Sacrifice requires blood to spill, and life to be given** over to Him. Cain’s sacrifice glorified the works of Cain’s own hands and made CAIN look good.Cain has thrived in a humanist religious setting. But **Cain’s sacrifice has NO BLOOD IN IT. NO LIFE. NO ANOINTING. NO LOVE**. But whenever Cain realizes that his sacrifice is no longer honored, Abel is persecuted and dies at his hands. Abel is now dying daily as God separates the holy from the profane. Cain is NOT happy, and Abel’s blood is spilling worldwide.

We see here the separation of wheat and tares. Wheat sheds its blood and gives up its life for others. Tares seek to save their own lives and continually offer up the “fruit of their hands” as a sacrifice. Wheat is gathered to die of all earthly ties and reach perfection in Christ, and tares are bundled for burning with nothing left to show they even existed.

People from persecuted nations have said many times: If you are NOT being persecuted, even to the point of bloodshed, you might need to find out why! This grain of wheat HAS to fall to the ground and die to produce the FULL EAR. Only the FULL EAR can HEAR the voice of the Lord. . Persecution brings the grain down, to go into the earth and take root. Persecution brings forth the LIFE-CRY that God HEARS. His golden censer is FILLED with prayers from the FULL EARS who have cried out. Persecution because we are in this LOVE, this LIFE in HIS NAME**, marries us to the Lamb forever**! The FULL EAR will hear the FULLNESS OF GOD, and know Him forever.

Life cried out in me the other night, it was one of many nights over the years, and I know that He heard my cries. I also know that if you are truly His, your life, your blood is crying out too. The Abel in us will cry louder now, as we join the cries of the saints under the altar. He WILL vindicate. He WILL avenge our blood. He DID come that we may have LIFE and that more abundantly. We can say as Job did, "I know my redeemer lives...and though my flesh be destroyed, yet with my eyes I WILL SEE GOD."

The Lord also spoke about blood types. In the natural there are people with a certain blood type that makes them UNIVERSAL DONORS. Jesus’s blood is of that type. And when we receive His blood transfusion (anointing, impartation, LIFE, and LOVE), we, too, become UNIVERSAL DONORS. Remember He said “**We have blood for each other in His body AND for the nations.”**

Are you ready for the blood transfusion of a LIFE TIME from the DONOR whose blood is given for all? Are you ready to be a UNIVERSAL DONOR for your brothers and sisters in the Lord AND for the nations?

I believe I am.

Blessings and shalom.

Becky

Blood Out Of A Turnip
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I don't know how many times I heard my mother say you can't get blood out of a turnip. What a prophetic statement. We can say about many religious “meetings” and organized fellowship programs: "I came here to get life and all I get is turnips.” To be honest, it’s like being at a funeral, when you cannot get a blood transfusion. A body is kept alive by the BLOOD that flows through it, NOT by turnip juice. Turnip juice can save no one.

When people don’t pray for each other in the anointing of Jesus, it is an unequal yoke. Married couples, groups of people, and whole congregations of people: if they do not pray in the anointing for one another, and truly love and care for one another, they are not giving life to each other. There is a blood shortage; a life shortage; a love vacuum. They cannot give blood if they don't pray for each other. They cannot give blood if they constantly criticize each other and demand to have their own needs met, their own agenda satisfied. They are like a turnip trying to give blood. You can’t get water out of a rock or blood out of a turnip.

And how can they give blood except they are sent? Turnips force their own brand of religiosity upon others and say it is all “in the name of Jesus,” but there is no LIFE in what they do. We don’t want to be a turnip. . Turnip preachers don’t give blood. No life impartations there. And turnip preachers “turn up” everywhere. Turnip preachers preach to turnips in the turnip patch, and give forth only turnip juice.

Turnips are also like broken cisterns, and broken cisterns don't have blood. Neither do clouds without water, or vinegar and gall. Only that Fountain filled with blood has blood. And only if all our fountains are in Him, can WE give blood, impart life!

We drove past a church one night...I saw all those cars around it, and the Lord asked: “What is it they are getting?“ He then said, “Nothing.” Then He revealed about the transfusion. He said, “Like the Blood Banks of the world, they have no blood for transfusions...Nothing to impart.” That is sad...it was known as a "spirit filled" church. He said, “They go to sing, dance clap, fall down at the altar, cry a tear, say amen and put money in a plate for the newest building project, but they get no blood. No life is imparted to them.” Turnip juice. And His people perish.

He said: “YOU CANNOT LOVE WITH THIS LOVE WITH OUT GIVING SOME ONE SOME OF THIS BLOOD.”

Jesus couldn’t love with this love without giving His blood, without imparting LIFE to us. What makes US who are made in the likeness of His image any different towards others? He did not come that we may produce TURNIP JUICE. He came to transfuse us that WE can transfuse others with this LIFE, in this LOVE.

So let him that hath an ear to hear this receive a blood transfusion, and go PREACH THIS GOSPEL that transfuses, imparts LIFE. Leave the turnips in the turnip patch for the varmints to feast on.

Blessings and shalom,

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Behold The Miracles Begin

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2004 - “Behold, the miracles, ………begin.”
This is the year I will truly show myself to you my people, that are called by My Name.

I will reveal myself to you in a way you have not seen before. I will move in your workplace, creating new opportunities to be a witness for me.

I will create in you a NEW Heart, a Pure Heart, a heart of GOLD, that no temptress can cross to you on.

Get ready, Get ready Get ready ! ! ! ! !
for I am about to open the windows and pour out a blessing you cannot contain, and whatsoever things you bless, I will Bless, and whatsoever things you will curse, I will curse, and I will do it because it pleases Me, for yea, the time has come when I say ‘ENOUGH’, you have waited long enough, and now you shall have that thing you have been waiting for, that thing you have been praying for, that thing you shall be accounted for, for to whom much is given, much is required, and I call you now out of the dust, to come forward into MY light, MY truth, MY righteousness, and MY Perfect Will that I have preordained since before time as you know it, was, it WAS.

Behold, I bring it to you and place it within your reach, and it is yours for the taking. TAKE IT! RUN with it, and do not look back or lest you become a pillar of salt!
I have much for you on my plate, come and eat, and see it is sweet to the taste.

Yield yourself totally to me, and I will move through you, in a way, that you think not, for behold, the miracles, ………begin.

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Breaking Through
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Beloved ~

This last season has been a season of winter, dying to self. A stripping, a pruning, a place of transparency, vulnerability.....a time to let the light of the Father shine upon new places in our hearts to bring cleansing and healing. "With every new level of light (or glory) reveals an old level of darkness!", a quote from Jim Goll! The Lord's asking us to ascend, and in the ascending it reveals the "high places" in us that still need to come down.....the areas that oppose the spirit of the Lord. Ouch!

For the last six weeks or so I've been very still before the Lord. Waiting only on Him, and Him alone! David learned to wait on the Lord, and it is in the waiting that the "Father's strategies" come forth, as I will confirm with scripture.

I am sensing today to release some things the Lord has placed in my heart. I speak these things as I am still also walking them out myself. We must walk the word to have true authority to speak it out!

In this time of waiting the Lord directed me to several specific scriptures and began to "down load" what I sensed to be His heart......

2 Sam 5:6-8 "And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, who spoke to David, saying, "You shall not come in here; but the "blind and the lame" will repel you, " thinking, "David cannot come in here." Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion (that is, the city of David). Now David said on that day, "Whoever climbs up by way of the water shaft and defeats the Jebusites (the lame and the blind, who are hated by David's soul), he shall be chief and captain." Therefore they say, "The blind and the lame shall not come into the house."

Keep in mind we are the place where his glory dwells, a spiritual house!

David had to defeat the enemies in his own city first, Jerusalem, the City of David. This speaks of the "blind and the lame" spirit. The sewage or strongholds in our own lives. He had to overcome the things at home (inward break through) in order to march forward and possess the promised lands (the outward breakthroughs)!

As I was waiting on the Lord, I sensed him showing me that these two strongholds, "the blind" and "the lame", speak of the disabilities within us that have held us back. The "blind spirit" comes against our "vision" (with out vision we perish!) and "the lame" comes against our ability to move forward in to our "God given destiny" our very DNA and purpose for which He formed us. The lame spirit comes against our ability to move forward in ministry, our transportation, our feet, our movement in Him and through out the earth!

These strongholds are mindsets, roots of bitterness, anything within us that opposes the spirit of the Lord moving completely through us and us completely yielded to him. This can pertain to an individual or corporately as a ministry......!

The Lord is asking us to let Him deal with these areas in our hearts. He's very serious about this! It is His tender mercies to deal with them now. There is a special season, a "window of opportunity" to have these areas dealt with gently and delicately, "if" we will, but yield to His spirits dealings during this time...... He will cut off the old, the negative and everything that has held us captive and held us back IF we will yield!

2 Sam 5:10 "So David went on and became great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him." 2 Sam 5:17-20 "Now when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David King over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. (David was able to go to His stronghold of home because he had dealt properly with the things on the home front! It left no foot hold for the enemy to attack!)

The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. So David inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will you deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand." So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them; and he said, "The Lord has broken through my enemies before me like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim."

Ok, once we have dealt with the "inward stuff" then comes the "outward". The things that are staring you in the face that look like insurmountable mountains that would take an earthquake to move them out of your way!

The Philistines were the "Giants" in the land (they represent those mountains), but as David "waited" on the Lord, the Lord, a mighty man of war, gave David his strategies. And the Lord came through for him like a mighty wall of water!

When I was a kid my brothers and I had a three foot swimming pool. We went around and around in this little pool and suddenly the lining, (without warning) went under the frame and the water, the pool and three kids went sailing down the sidewalk into my moms rose garden. The force of the water was incredible, not to mention a lot of fun, we felt like we were surfing. When God brings His break-through it will be like a mighty rushing wall of water, that no force can or would even dare to try and stop.

He is looking for a remnant people who are willing to be dealt with to the point of bringing them into a higher level of purity for the his end time purposes.

Look at this scripture with me. 1 Sam 22:2 "And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him. So he became captain over them. And there were about four hundred men with him." These men were David's remnant army!

What kind of person does it take to want break through bad enough to endure the fires of affliction to bring us to a place of purity, to a place where the Lord can really use us effectively???

I'll tell you what kind! Men and women who are in "DISTRESS, IN DEBT AND DISCONTENTED~ HOLY DISCONTENTMENT~!!! That is the mix it will take, are you desperate enough, and want it bad enough to face what ever hell that may come your way for your break through???

David took these four hundred men and led them apostolically in to victory after victory in to their prophetic destiny. They over came ALL the Lord's enemies, every single one of them! And David's kingdom had peace after they defeated the enemies! That is the Kingdom of God, and that is what our Father yearns to give each of us, but we must be willing to let him deal with us first and then bring the "breaker anointing" to release us into our destinies moving the mountains one after another out of our way!

Before we can have the outward "break through" we must deal with the inward "break through". The Lord's coming in to deal with us, so He can take us out! Out to be apostolic! The Lord's apostolic church is breaking through, apprehending, coming forth, over taking, moving past, overcoming, moving forward, pressing through, and overcoming. We are pioneers, not settlers, we are in the present and moving to the future. We have the future in mind, we are future oriented. What can we yet do, what has the Lord said to do? We are not afraid of controversy, but see it as an opportunity to advance the kingdom. The apostolic church overtakes the "blind and the lame" spirit, pushing through, and taking territory, pioneering, fathering and mothering.

I sense I need to wrap this up with one more thought and prayer. The word "contend"....

Early in January as I was praying I felt something different while I was praying. It was if I could feel things changing as I prayed, I could feel the authority of my prayers going out and changing things in the heavenly realm. I don't say this pridefully, but honestly. This is what I believe the Lord spoke to me. There is a new power and authority that has been released to the body of Christ to CONTEND!

Contend in the dictionary means: To strive in opposition, or rivalry, to compete, vie - to maintain, or assert, argue. Then in Strongs Concordance it says this: Grapple, wrangle, hold a controversy, to defend, adversary, chide, complain, debate, plead, rebuke, strive thoroughly!

Those are pretty strong words aren't they! Jude 3 "....I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to "CONTEND" earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints." It is already a done deal, but we must pray! We must fight, struggle, wrestle over it and take it back in prayer.

I know I can feel the difference when I pray, and I am no one special, you can do the same thing. There has been a special release this year to contend in faith for the things that the Lord has spoken to each of you! Don't wait any longer.... I urge you to CONTEND~~~~~~!!!!!

"Father I take my hand of faith and I reach into the eternal realm, the unseen realm, the supernatural realm and I pull down in to the natural realm those things which you have spoken over your people. Those promises you have made to us. I pull them down. And Lord, just as Saul was apprehended by the very presence of the Lord Almighty and you completely changed him, even to name him Paul, you have apprehended us for a special destiny and purpose. I apprehend that which I was apprehended for by taking my hand of faith and reaching in to your supernatural realm and pulling it down in to the natural realm. Lord you said to speak the words of this new dimension that we have now ascended to and WE will do that, and I do agree with the body of Christ that this year we will see breakthrough personally and corporately. We will contend until we see it released in the natural, we will push through and apprehend this year! WE will receive break through and the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be glorified! WE will overcome the "blind and the lame" spirit. We will see past them in to our future and destiny. We will not look to circumstances in the natural, but look with the eyes of our hearts towards you and you alone! We will wait on you....just as David..... and yes we will see the victory.....

Isa 62:10-12 "The gates are open! For the breaker goes before you! Build up the "high" way to the Lord." Woo-ho! WE say yes Lord!

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Babes vs. Those Of Full Age

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At some point in the life of every born again child of God who is growing an developing into the person God has ordained that they become, there will be occasions to participate in "wait training." The life we are called to requires it; for it is part of that maturing process which molds, strengthens, and perfects us as we have seen. None are excluded or excused.

We know, of course, there are many who have not yet reached maturity, for there are new ones born daily into the Kingdom of God. We praise God for them! Obviously, some have not had time to enter into the growth and development process, for they are new babes in Christ as described in Hebrews 5:12-13, living only upon the "sincere milk of the Word."

All must develop one day, one step at a time, learning about life in the Spirit "line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little," Isaiah 28:10. Our all-wise, loving God gives ample time and protection for those who are in that phase. Babes in Christ Jesus are not yet ready to enter into the rigors of "wait training." Babes must be fed on time, cleaned up and provided safe places to grow and develop and rest in the Lord. That is one of the primary responsibilities of the local church watched over by a leader with a pastor's heart. There they can be fed, tended, nurtured, trained, and taught those first principles of the faith and the elementary principles of Christ.

"But solid food is for full-grown men, for those whose senses and mental faculties are trained by practice to discriminate and distinguish between what is morally good and noble and what is evil and contrary either to divine or human law. Therefore, let us go on and get past the elementary stage in the teachings and doctrines of Christ, the Messiah, advancing steadily toward the completeness and perfection that belongs to spiritual maturity.....if indeed God permits, we will now proceed to advanced teaching!" Hebrews 5:14-6:1 & 3 (Amplified Version)

Though the Word of God often refers to God's followers as "children", the passage in Hebrews speaks only of two stages: those who are considered "babes" (newly born spiritually), and those who are "full age", or mature. In this last stage, we include those growing and developing ones who are obediently following on in the process where they are. They are "mature"...for their spiritual age...just as a 4th grader is "mature" for his or her age...they are progressing on schedule...not drawing back from God or His Word.

The study of "wait training" is not directed to the "babes" but to the obediently developing ones AND to the stubborn, rebellious, and lazy who need to repent and return to the life of running with "patient endurance and active persistence the course that is set before them" Hebrews 12:2 (AV)

There are a great number of spectators in the ranks of the church today who have lazily hidden behind the name of "babe" too long! Their actual life practice reveals that they have not personally taken seriously the commands to develop - to change - to mature in process. They show by their unchanging and on-going fleshly behavior their disobedience to walk in the sincere "fear of God " and the true knowledge of Him. (Psalm 55:19 NIV)

Many think that such a slip is not noticed, but in the serious end times in which we are living, God is watching for those who are producing the mature "fruit of His Spirit" in their lifestyle. In the passage found in Matthew 7:19-23, this becomes more urgent and clear: "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus by their fruit you will recognize them. Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evil doers!'" (NIV)

A sharp warning such as this is sobering to the sincere soldier of the cross! God is long-suffering and full of mercy. He has faithfully shown to all who have called upon His Name in truth that He is love, but He is not a man that HE should change or repent. He has never changed from His purpose of having a "people made ready for His coming"! He has never changed from His purpose of preparing His Bride to be ready for the Holy marriage that is to come! He has purposed to have a mature Bride, one who is full grown and ready to enter eternity with Him. To look at many in the church today, there is a preoperational transformation that must yet take place....

Looking unto Jesus,
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Behold Your God

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My Beloved, although the calling upon your life is a call from My throne, My desire is for you to pursue Me and know Me in a way you have never known Me before. Many of you 'still' say "I don't have the background of faith as many well known people of God." I say "You have ME and I give you **MY** desires and **MY** faith. Pursue ME, not man - to truly know "My doctrines" not what man *'perceives'* as My doctrines. My faithful ones must have a deep yearning for ME - there can be no other way. Now is the time to truly **BEHOLD YOUR GOD**, the calling is secondary to My presence in your life, therefore cry out for a deep hungering for **ME** and allow **ME** to fill you with **MY** presence and you will witness the blind to see, the lame to walk and your needs met!"

Many of you are struggling because some would tell you that you need to be doing something. My Beloved, as I cradle you in My arms, allow ME to carry you. Do not struggle as though you need to be doing something for I AM carrying you. Stay close in your heart to My heart for it is no struggle to Me to carry you, allow Me! Remain safely in My arms, it's where I want you. Beloved you are so precious to Me. This is what I want you to sense with every fiber of your being - that you are so very precious to Me. I long to hear your words of love to ME. You have been so consumed with concerns that I have missed hearing your words of love to Me and more than anything I want you to hear My Words of love to you. Beloved, Know that I AM carrying you.

I AM placing upon you a hunger and a thirsting for Me. A hunger and thirsting that you have never known before. I AM birthing within you a new love for your Father, your God. Just as I placed a birthing in Sarah, at an impossible time, so I AM placing with you a new love in what seems an impossible time. You shall see Me and you will know this Love. You say in your heart "I already know you God" but I say to you, this love will surpass anything you have ever known and it will increase your faith and increase your hope as you place yourself in My mighty arms.... Selah

Many of you feel that nothing is happening in your life let alone in your circumstances. Are My hands idle? Are My arms short? I say unto you: "No, not one day are My hands idle in preparing you for the calling that I placed upon your life - for your call, your ministry and your service. My hands are not idle, preparations have been in the making. I have prepared your heart and I AM preparing your heart. I would not send My child out into the world without preparation. My love and My compassion must be "seared" into your heart for the chosen you will encounter. You must have MY love and MY compassion. I AM preparing you - you must only be willing. Willing to go through the fire of preparation and like Job although you have not understood, your eyes and your heart were ever seeking Me - and you will receive back DOUBLE for ALL that you have lost, refined as pure gold, My most precious stone.

Behold, My Beloved, Behold Who I AM, behold ME... Do not give any place to the enemy when he strikes, but say "Behold My God, Behold My God." Do not allow the enemy to steal your joy and **BEHOLD YOUR GOD**!!! In all things give thanks according to My Word. Beloved, I AM a Mighty God, I can do ALL things! I have chosen you as messengers and I use messengers to deliver My people. I chose Moses as a messenger to deliver My people and he inquired of Me when Pharaoh refused to set the people free, so it is with you. Inquire of Me.... I do not see it as unbelief, inquire of Me and I will deliver you that you may be My messengers.

Beloved, I have not forsaken you. Can I forsake MY SELF ? NO .... I have called you for My purposes. If I would forsake you, I would be forsaking Myself and that I cannot do... You have a call and a purpose and it is all OF ME - I have prepared the way and devised the plan, a plan designed by ME and it CANNOT fail. For many of you the enemy has tried to stop it by taking you out, but you have stood strong. Now, he can only "try" to foil My plans but they are MY PLANS, all mine and they CANNOT fail. So prepare to follow where I AM leading you and I promise - you will not be disappointed or ashamed.

I AM ready to pour out great and mighty blessings into your life, for I AM a great and mighty God. You will see that your "whens" have become "nows." I AM moving on your behalf, stand and receive. You will begin to really move out in your calling... Doors that have been closed will now begin to open. Get ready, My Beloved, get ready to see your God move in ways you have never seen but desired to see .. Keep your eyes on ME, don't get caught up on things or in your circumstances.

Not by might, nor power but by My Spirit says the Lord. I AM moving by My Spirit. It cannot fail as My Spirit is in control and is moving in a mighty way on your behalf. Keep the Sword of the Spirit close to you it will be your direction and guide. It will satisfy all longings and continue to uplift you and I need built up sons and daughters to go forth In My Name! Move by My Spirit, stay by My Spirit and be directed by My Spirit! Do not say I cannot do the work but say ***"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me! I am the vessel in His hands! I am the vessel that He has emptied - emptied of self and filled with HIM! I am the vessel that has been emptied of the things of the world and filled with the things of God! I am the vessel ready to reflect His Glory! I am ready to walk His walk and I am the vessel who will go where HE leads! I am ready!!!"***

A move of My Spirit shall go forth in this day. A move unlike any that has ever been seen before. A move that will put a deep yearning into the hearts of My people. A move that will draw the lost to Me. Beloved, you are a part of that move, the instruments in the starting of this move of My Spirit. I have been honing you and refining you and My Words in your mouth will go forth as a two edged sword. It is My Word that will accomplish what I intend it to accomplish. I AM causing a stirring in your innermost being to see My face and hear My voice as never before. This stirring and this desire is from Me. In these final moments of preparation I have much to say and instruct you on and it's that still small voice that you will hear. My Beloved, expect the windows of heaven to open wide! There is much to say and much to do in your life and calling. Stand in faith, as you have never stood before, believing I will do what I have said I would do... Faith is the key that unlocks the door to what I have spoken over you. Believe, believe what I have said for "it shall be done!"

You have stood and waited and now be of good cheer because you have found favor In Me. My Word says: "Wait upon the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." You have waited for Me and I AM fulfilling My Word by giving you the desires of your heart. See the salvation of your Lord and My promises fulfilled. The I AM is moving you out in My power BY My Spirit. I AM calling forth My Beloved, a Holy people, holy and consecrated to Me and called for My purposes. I have consecrated you and pulled you aside for My hand to be upon your for My purposes. I am sending you forth for My purposes... I AM sending you forth In My Name... You will see millstones that have been around you neck BROKEN IN MY NAME! YOU WILL SEE RELEASE! Receive it, proclaim it and be free from all that the enemy has tried to use to hold you back. My way will be made clear unto you. You shall now see the crooked ways made straight and open doors where they have been closed.

My Word shall go forth and accomplish what I intend for it to accomplish. I have spoken My Word over you and it SHALL be accomplished and no demon in hell can stop it from coming to pass. Stand on what I have spoken, do not waiver, what I have said, I WILL DO!

It is spoken and it is done! **BEHOLD YOUR GOD**!!!!

Confusion In the Camp of the Enemy
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"FATHER" in HIS infinite Wisdom and Power and by HIS SPIRIT will cause the plans of the enemy to be blown away in total disarray!!! There shall be confusion in the camp of the enemy as Yahweh causes the footsteps of HIS weakest saints to sound as an approaching army! It will be through the attacks of the enemy that Father will make a way where there is no way and confuse the enemy and bring glory and honor to HIS great name out of these adverse circumstances!!!

Yes, it is so, saith the One who is Faithful and True! I will bring forth fruit and harvest where there has been none, and will confound and dumbfound the wise with the simple things and the simple ones saith the Most High! That which was deemed unworthy, I will make worthy and purify and cleanse even as I did with MY high Priest Joshua, yes even the brands that I pluck from the fire! They are Mine and I shall do as I please with them!!! I will exalt that which is base and make base that which is exalted! Even so, the first shall be last the last shall be first! I have spoken it, and shall I not cause it to come to pass? Behold, I AM THAT I AM AND I AM WHO I WILL BE! Amen! So Let It Be!

I Have Been Preparing Many Daughters
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I HAVE BEEN PREPARING MANY DAUGHTERS. Favored ones amongst women by your Father and your God. I chose you and you sought Me and I have been filling you with Myself and preparing you for the work I have for you. You are blessed amongst women because of your obedience and My favor is upon you. It is time to put your painful circumstances behind you and proclaim "I am blessed amongst women." I say unto you, your circumstances are behind and before you is your new life, your new way, new beginning and MY blessings.

For many, you have felt like Job, sitting in ashes, wondering when I, your God would move on your behalf. You have tried to figure me out but you have found that it is futile to try to figure My ways as My ways are beyond your understanding. Keep your eyes focused on Me, and as Job, you will see that your redemption truly draws nigh, even at your door.

For many of you, I AM releasing My beautiful daughters from the cages that have held you. I AM opening the door and releasing you. Although many have seen this cage as a sort of prison holding you prisoner, I meant it for a place of safety and protection while I prepared you for release. I saw you as a delicate bird, that if you had flown off would have encountered more dangerous obstacles, so I placed you in a cage of safety until you were prepared for release. Your prison has really been a gilded cage, a place of safety. Now I AM releasing you and although you look like a delicate bird, you have been built up and prepared for all that you will encounter.

As a butterfly is released from her cocoon, so I AM releasing you and you are coming forth as a beautiful butterfly. I have prepared you for your calling and you are coming forth as one prepared by My hand. Your beauty is above all that you could imagine and you will fly, My pretty one, you will fly!!! O' daughters of Mine, you will understand and rejoice as you see My hand unfolding the mysteries and opening doors.

My daughters, listen to the wooing of My Spirit as He woos and blows like a gentle wind for He is wooing you into the Holy place where I wait expectantly for you to come. The gentle wind of the Spirit is saying "Come into the Father's chamber, He is awaiting you and He has much to disclose to you and many blessings to pour upon you." I AM whispering "Now is the time, now is the time." Heed My wooing, heed the gentle woos of My Spirit as I beckon you.

My chosen daughters, at times you have been in much distress. I have seen your distress and I AM aware of your inner thoughts and cries. Would your loving Father, send you into a place I have not prepared you to go? I know each place you will go and I see all that you will encounter. As your loving Father, would I send you without preparation? No, and you have allowed Me to prepare the good work in you. Now is the time for you to trust In Me with all of your heart and hear My voice and to know that I AM a God of My Word. Does My word depend on your works? I say "No, My daughters" - it is because of My love for you that I have given you great and mighty promises. Only believe My love for you. Only believe in the fulfillment of My Word and promises. As with the woman with the issue of blood was convinced of My power and Who I AM - I AM calling you to be convinced of My love for you and be convinced of Who I AM. Turn any dismay around and BELIEVE.

My Spirit has been moving to and fro, preparing the paths for those I have called. The way has been prepared by the Spirit of God. Your preparations are sure and are down to the exact minute. Walk in surety, step forth in surety for what I have for you. The mantle has been prepared, take up your mantle and move in My Spirit.

Prepare yourself My daughters, for the restraints are falling off like fetters. The things that have held you back are being removed and they will hold you no more. Your time has come - My Glory is coming down, be ready. I AM moving, My daughters, and the time is nigh!!! There is always an appointed time and I say your appointed time is nigh. Prepare yourself for the event that you have been waiting for - you are the honored guest and I have made all the arrangements and prepared the way and now it is the time for your "coming out."

I AM giving you "clarity of mind and thought." Seek My face and allow My thoughts to be your thoughts. You have sown and reaping and harvest time is here. You may have sown in tears but now you shall reap with joy. Your ministry is clear, you shall reap and harvest. I have laid on your heart your calling. I have given you My desires deep in your heart and now you shall go forth in that calling.

Lo, I AM with you. I have never left you alone. My hand has been on you every step of the way. Remember that I AM your beacon to follow. When you feel you have lost your way, turn to the east, west, north and south - look for My beacon of light, it will guide you.

I HAVE BEEN PREPARING MANY DAUGHTERS. It is your time for breakthrough. It is your time for release. A new day is dawning, be prepared to act on what I shall reveal to you. My angels have been released on your behalf this day. Messengers frm My throne bringing to you all that I have promised. Break forth, My daughters, break forth, do not allow the enemy to get in the way. The I AM will open the door before you, walk through that door for My hand is upon it and you.

I HAVE BEEN PREPARING MANY DAUGHTERS -
Now is the time for "WATCHING AND PRAYING."

WATCH for the answer "with expectancy."
PRAY for "love, grace and favor."
PRAY for "clarity" and PRAY against the enemy who would try to discredit what I AM doing.

My Daughters, watch with expectancy, speak words of faith and "see the fulfillment of My Word."

Rise Up O' Woman of God
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RISE UP O' WOMAN OF GOD.... You are passing over the Jordan into the promised land. I have prepared you and I have guided you. Each word that I have given you was a preparation, like the manna I gave to the children of Israel. - and like the children of Israel you have become very weary, at times, of the manna. But this was to feed you and to sustain you. NOW, I AM taking you from your wilderness and into your promised land. I will go with you... I will go before you ... and I will go behind you. You shall move into the land that I have prepared for you.

As you draw near to the river to go into the place that I have called and prepared for you, do not be afraid to step into that river for it will part for you. Much preparation has been done in you and in the same wise much preparation has been done in the place I am calling you.

So many times you thought I was doing nothing, but the fact remains a great and mighty work has been done unbeknownst to you. I have never forsaken you although you may have thought that I have. Many times I have been carrying you and protecting you and guiding you through areas that you were never aware of, all the while holding you in the palm of My hand. Beloved, I saw every question, every concern, every tear - never forsaking you...EVER!

I have placed upon each of you a calling like no other. I have placed upon each of your hearts - a hunger and desire to serve Me. An all consuming desire, consuming your thoughts at this very time and times past. Through times of doubts, loneliness and hardships ... times when you have cried out to Me "Where are You God? You promised to move mightily in My life, where are you?" I say to you, here AM I in your midst. Even when you are surrounded by distractions, and the distractions have been many, I AM in your midst. Keep your eyes and your heart focused on Me, do not be moved, for I will move mightily. Many are called but few are chosen and I AM well pleased that you have stood and remain firm in your calling. One word of caution, My daughters, **"YOU ARE SERVING ME, not man!"** You have faced opposition in the past and you will face opposition in the future, such is the course of one who TRULY follows Me. Mankind will try to dissuade you - set your face like flint - only following and serving ME.

Over these past days and hours I have been placing within your spirit a stirring of hope and a stirring of assurance in your heart for the call upon your life. This stirring will begin to bring the flow of My Spirit. You have sensed that there is a moving, "a tangible" moving taking place. Do not denounce it but grasp and lay hold of what I lay before you. The time of being held in limbo is now coming to an end for My Spirit is moving in a mighty way.

Give ear to My Word and remember My precepts - they are for instruction and wealth. Take note of every jot and tittle - they are for a purpose. I do not give words of non effect or non meaning. Each word to you has been carefully picked for you edification and for you instruction. Do not discount My Words but take heed and give ear. Weigh them very carefully!

My Beloved Daughters, you have been in a most vulnerable place because it is the place where I am positioning you to enter and claim your inheritance. A place where often all you can do is "stand." My daughters, through it all, I AM delighted with your obedience and My recompense and reward is with Me. My daughters, I will never allow you, My faithful ones to lose or miss your inheritance and blessings - you can be sure ALL that I have promised you will be fulfilled.

Breakthrough, breakthrough, breakthrough ... I AM the Breaker and I AM breaking through every door and every hold that would try to bind you. You Lord God Almighty is doing this thing and I AM breaking through on your behalf. I AM reaching out My arm to you this day and I say come away My Beloved to that secret place reserved only for you. The time is right, the day is here, I AM calling you forth. It is no accident that I have chosen this season to bring release to you and to your calling. It is a new beginning that you are celebrating - a new day and a new hour is dawning, so lift up your eyes, My daughters and see your Father and your God bring to pass all that I have promised. Lift up your eyes for a mighty work has been accomplished. Lift up your eyes for your new day is dawning and your call been made ready. Lift up your eyes to the hills from which cometh your help - your help cometh from the Lord! Lift up your eyes for the unveiling...

You will stand in amazement in what I AM unveiling. You will 'watch' in amazement at the unveiling. I said I would do it and I AM fulfilling My Word. You will see that shortly it will be your triumphant day, a day of breakthrough, a day of triumph over all the enemy has tried to do to hold you back. It will be a day of laying forth the plans I have for you and the triumphant entering into those plans. It is a glorious entering in of you with your King. Listen, My daughters, for the trumpets are sounding and My angels have gone forth.

Get ready for your glorious visitation. Get ready to receive the voice of your God as the mysteries of My will shall be revealed to you. Do not question My instructions but move in them. They will bring an excitement to your spirit and music to your ears. You will say "I can't believe it" but Beloved, you WILL believe!

Don't believe or settle for the lies of the enemy that would say it's not going to happen. Let the words of My mouth be the final say in your life, knowing you can rely on what I say and know that it is truth and it cannot change or fail! My daughters stand on My Word it is life to you. Stand fast, stand fast and don't let go. Your vision, your dream, your hope is in the making, don't let go. Hold fast, stand fast and you will see the I AM bringing into the physical realm those things I have accomplished in the spiritual realm. You will stand in amazement for your thoughts, your conceptions of what I would do could not even begin to compare to what I AM really doing. You will stand amazed at what I AM bringing forth.

The way has been hard and the road has been rough but it is time to **RISE UP O' WOMAN OF GOD**, rise up and take your rightful place. A place of distinction and a place prepared for only you. I have been knitting you with like sisters who have known much heartache, suffering and pain and those who have 'no need' for personal glory - cherish My precious gift unto you! The hour and minute is upon you - **RISE UP O' WOMAN OF GOD**!

Called To Die, Die To Live

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June 12, 2004

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psalm 116:15.

"The Lord loves the smell of roasting lamb," Jill Austin.

Not only is our death precious to the Lord, HE is the one who is trying to kill us!

It's not like we haven't been warned. Just think of all the ways Jesus tells us that He is going to kill us; trading old wineskins for new, pruning our vines, circumcising our hearts, losing our life to find it, forsaking all to follow Him.

"Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you," 1 Peter 4:12.

We all agree that the blood of Jesus is so very precious to us. But did you know OUR blood is precious to Him?

"He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight," Psalm 72:14.

Quit fighting it.

I know from personal experience. I fight it, I try to fix it, I run from it, I pray against it, I indulge my flesh to ease the pain. I even begin to miss that part of me that the Lord is killing. I get angry, I complain loudly, I get depressed, I pout. Hey, I hope I'm not alone here! Can you relate?

So what should we do?

Humbly submit. Relax and let the Master Surgeon finish His work. After all, He is the one who is allowing this in your life. You belong to Him! He is the potter and you are the clay.

"Trust and obey For there's no other way To be happy in Jesus But to trust and obey."

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you," 1 Peter 5:5-7.

Dear Friend, whatever you may be going through, just know that you are not alone. Seek peace before solution. Reach out an encouraging hand to someone who has it worse then you. And look up, for your redemption draweth nigh.

Very soon you will be soaring with the eagles!

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Consecrated To God

Paulette Jackson

Lev, 27:28:

(KJV) Notwithstanding no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy unto the LORD.

(CEV) Anything that you completely dedicate to me must be completely destroyed. It cannot be bought back or sold. Every person, animal, and piece of property that you dedicate completely is only for me.

(DRB) Any thing that is devoted to the Lord….shall not be sold: neither may it be redeemed. Whatsoever is once consecrated shall be holy of holies to the Lord.

(GNB) None of you may sell or buy back what you have unconditionally dedicated to the LORD, whether it is a human being, an animal, or land. It belongs permanently to the LORD.

(MSG) "But nothing that a man irrevocably devotes to GOD from what belongs to him, whether human or animal or family land, may be either sold or bought back. Everything devoted is holy to the highest degree; it's GOD's inalienable property.

Devoted thing: that which is cut off from common use and given up to God without the right of recall…an absolute unredeemable grant to God. **Every devoted thing *is* most holy unto the Lord**; and therefore not to be appropriated to any use but His.

Things or persons devoted, are distinguished from things or persons that were only sanctified. Devoted things were most holy to the Lord, and could neither be taken back nor applied to other purposes.

We have been sanctified by the blood of the Lamb and set apart unto God. Let us (called to be His ministers) DEVOTE and CONSECRATE ourselves (cut ourselves off from anything common or earthly in origin (though it may be acceptable and not sinful, nevertheless, not separated solely unto God). As the priests and prophets were consecrated solely to the Lord, so we must not dare give ourselves to “common” use but our lives must reflect their true ownership of God. What may be ordinarily permitted and not sinful, may not be allowed and may even be considered sin for those who are called into the five-fold ministry—dedicated to Him and cannot be appropriated otherwise. This is a solemn consecration that the Lord takes seriously, and we must do the same (irrevocably give ourselves to Him). These are the ones of special estimation and purpose, have His unique mark of ownership as well as special promises - “touch not mine anointed, nor do my prophets any harm.”

This means that my life is lived for HIM first, and no other priority is given that highest demand or place. Everything else takes a back seat to Him. Whatever and whenever He calls in my heart to go apart from my activities and be with Him, or do something for Him, this must be instantly obeyed…at His beck and call. My life is no longer for my own pleasure and will, but for His pleasure and will only. That means decisions are not mine to make, but according to His divine will and direction; plans may be changed because of the Master’s necessity; even social events and the people I associate with are His choice, not my own. If He so chooses that I am isolated from the world for a season and at times to just “be with Him” for His good pleasure and hear His voice, then that is my will and desire, notwithstanding if others may not understand or criticize my actions. I am HIS PROPERTY!

Decisions, plans, events, friendships, associations, activities, desires, hobbies – ALL are His choice, not mine; His will, not mine.
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Call To Holiness

Musa Opiyo

Dec 7, 04

I am calling you, My people to walk in My holiness. Too long have many of you compromised My word to be accepted by men. I have called you to shine forth My light to a dark world. There can no longer be any mixture. The line is being set between those who are for Me and those who are not. Those that choose to walk in My counsel I will give the grace to walk by My Spirit and live that uncompromising word that I have placed within you. Who's side are you on?

Blessings,
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Come To Me
Susan Cummings

Listen to Me, My Child. There is much for you to do, and you cannot do it still holding on to your life and your situation. There is no preservation of self in My House. All who have given themselves to Me, have done so without any reservation and without with-holding anything back. There is nothing that you can do, but to come to Me.

Self-preservation has always prevented My People from coming to Me. It has always been fear that has been the root of the self life, and it is pride that causes them to hold back from Me. You must lay down everything, and take My Hand, and not look back anymore. For if you continue to look back, it will ensnare you and cause you to walk away from Me.

All that is not wholly given unto Me, will become a snare unto you. As with all of My Children, it is always your choice whether or not you will fully abide in Me. I desire those who totally desire Me, and who wholly have given themselves to Me, and who love not their lives more than Me.

The perspective that you now have will change when you have totally given it all to Me. For you cannot see what is ahead clearly until you do. When all of your self gets out the way, then the path ahead clears up. Take no thought for the path, for I have already laid it out, and walked it ahead of you. I will faithfully be with you as you now walk that which I have made for you. Take the next step.

Come to Me.

Shake off the cares and the concerns that others have weighed you down with. Leave them at My Feet and let Me take care of them.

Shake off the doubts and the fears that dog your thoughts and your steps and hinder you from following Me fully, and put your trust In My Faithfulness.

Shake off the lies of the enemy and of the liars that tell you that you won’t make it, or that you will fail Me and not pleasing to Me.

Shake off the sins that so easily beset you, and count the cost, and choose who you will serve, either it will be your flesh, or it will be Me.

Shake it all off, and give Me everything, for I will take it all and give you more, so much more. It starts with more of Me. I Am all that you need.

Take Me now.

-Susan Cummings
06-22-04
12:00 midnight

http://groups.msn.com/CummingsFamilyAdventures
http://topica.com/lists/JustHisWords
http://www.xsorbit6.com/users/remnantaflame/index.cgi

Never Fear What You Hear
Susan Cummings

Never fear what you hear, child. The only one you are to fear is Me. You have been listening to others, and to things that have caused fear to enter your heart. You are to allow nothing to enter into you that would cause you to fear. Every word, or thought that comes to you, must be judged by you, and discerned, and then properly dealt with. Cast down those things that cause you to fear, to doubt, to waver in your faith, and to be burdened.

I have not given you the spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.

Prepare yourself for changes. I have told you this repeatedly. One of those changes is that hearts of men would fail them for the fear of the things that are to be soon experienced upon the earth. Have I told you to fear? I have told you to come to Me, and to sit at My Feet, and to rest and refresh yourself in My Presence, and to learn of Me, and to be strengthened for the times ahead.

I have not told you to look around at what everyone else is doing, and to listen what all of the others are saying, without coming to Me first. You must keep your focus. You must remain solidly upon My Foundation that I have established you onto. Let nothing distract you from My Presence. Remain In Me!

Everything that I have told you concerning your walk with Me, I will certainly do, as you walk it out with Me. Do not think that I will change My mind. What I have told you, is what I will do. The only change that will occur is the change that comes from your choices along the way. The choices you make affect your path, and your future. Trust in Me. I will not fail you. My Word is true.

I have My Timing for all things, and it won't agree with your concept of what My Timing should be, so you have to die to your ideas and completely trust Me in your life. My Ways are not your ways, and My Thoughts will not be in agreement with your thoughts. You must weigh all things according to My Word, and by My Holy Spirit. Then you must choose to walk in My Truth or in your own understanding. I know what I am doing, and just when to do it, in your life. You cannot see everything that I am doing. Trust in Me, and do not fear anymore, but cast all things at My Feet.

I said in Hebrews 4 that I have a place of rest for My People. But few enter in, and truly and sincerely partake of Me. I am always available, but few indeed come. Few come and choose to remain there with Me. Some come in, and then immediately go back out, but they only have a taste, but are not transformed. They miss the intimacy and the fullness of what I would have given them as they came to know Me. Oh, that My People would come to Me, and remain In Me, and truly know Me!

These are those who will be overcome with fear, because they have not known Me, the Prince of Peace.

-Susan Cummings
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Come To Me And Learn Of Me

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Jesus says it is the narrow Gate AND the narrow Path that leads to Life, and only a few will find it. There is a Path that you must walk, and the Path is a process that Jesus calls "discipleship". Discipleship is not an optional extra to people who are already born-again. I don't believe that you can make Jesus your Savior, and later on, at your discretion and at your convenience, make Him Lord. I believe He must be Lord OF all, or He isn't Lord AT all. Many people just want to trust in Jesus to save them from their sins and take them to heaven when they die, but they don't want the process of discipleship. They are willing to enter into the Gate, but they are not willing to walk the Path. That's what it amounts to. Many Christians have entered the Gate, but very few of them are actually walking the Path. There they are, sitting just inside the Gate, rejoicing in a future hope, rejoicing in a future heaven, rejoicing in a future reward, but they don't realize that being a disciple of Jesus does not simply mean praying a prayer or believing something or joining something. It is a process. It is the Path, in fact, that leads you to Life. The Gate does not lead you anywhere - it is only the beginning of the journey, it is not the destination.

Now, what is a disciple? What really is a disciple? Well, a disciple, according to the Scripture, according to the usage of the term if you'll look this up in Strong's Concordance, a disciple is a learner. A pupil. A student, if you will. Let me ask you a question. If Jesus call us to be His disciples, and a disciple is a learner, a pupil, a student, what does that mean? It means...

"COME TO ME, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and LEARN FROM ME" (Matthew 11:28).

Underline that, highlight that, write that down, but make special note of that phraseology. "Take My yoke upon you and learn OF Me," King James says. "Learn FROM Me," New King James says. "For I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden light."

Now that word "learn" there, where He says "learn of Me" or "learn from Me", that is the same root word as "disciple". A disciple is one who learns. When He says, "learn of Me" He is saying, "Be discipled by Me. Learn Of Me. Be my pupil. Be my student. Come to Me and be discipled by Me." That is discipleship. "Come to Me and be discipled by Me." We could say "Come to Me" is the Gate, and "Be discipled by Me" is the Path. We could say, "Come to Me (enter into the Gate) and learn of Me (walk the Narrow Path)." Do you see that? The Gate, and the Path. It's not just coming to Jesus, it is LEARNING of Jesus! Coming to Jesus, everyone [is] coming to Jesus - but how many are LEARNING of Him? "Come to Me and be discipled by Me. Come to Me and learn of Me."

What's my point? To be a disciple of Jesus means you are a student of Jesus. A pupil of Jesus. A learner of Jesus Himself, as opposed to going someplace to learn ABOUT Jesus from someone else. It's a very fine, fine distinction. See, most churches will want you to come to church and learn about

God, learn about the Bible, learn about church doctrine, learn about their denomination, learn about their religious ways and customs and philosophies and traditions. But that is not what Jesus said at all. He says, "Come to Me and learn of Me." "Come to Me and learn of Me." "Come to Me (that is the Gate); learn of Me (that is the difficult Path)."

So what was He doing? Was He teaching them teachings? Was He giving them doctrines? No, He said, "Come and be with Me." It says in Mark that He selected twelve disciples. Why did He select them? Not just to give them some teachings. Not to give them some doctrines. But it says "He selected Twelve that they should be with Him and that He might send them forth to preach" (Mark 3:14). Your primary calling as a disciple is to BE with Jesus, because that is how you LEARN OF HIM. It is not learning about the Christian faith - that is a thing. It is not learning about Bible doctrine - that is a thing. We're not talking about things, we're talking about a Person. It is not learning about Christian things or religious things or spiritual things. It is not learning about the Bible. It's not even learning ABOUT Jesus, it is learning OF Jesus FROM Jesus. Can you see that? Can you see the difference between coming TO Jesus and learning OF Him, versus coming to someone else and learning ABOUT Him? The difference is night and day, and for the majority of Christians, they don't know a thing in the world directly FROM Jesus, they only know what they have heard the church say, what brother so-and-so said, what sister so-and-so said, some book, some article, some tape they got off of the Internet or off the television set. They don't have a personal, intimate, experiential, knowledge and knowing of who the Lord is for themselves because they have never come to HIM to learn of HIM. They go everywhere else but Jesus to learn ABOUT Him, but they never come to Jesus to learn from Jesus. And that's what being a disciple of Jesus is all about. If you go anywhere else you are their disciple, you are not the disciple of Jesus.

It is learning OF Jesus FROM Jesus. Here's what I believe - now, you check yourself out and see if you believe this as well. I believe Jesus is alive. I believe He LIVES. He is not a million miles away off in heaven either. But He is an ever-present help in time trouble. He says I will never leave you, I will never forsake you, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. I believe He is risen, I believe He is alive, and I believe He is well able to teach us and disciple us HIMSELF if only we will come to Him. If only we will come to Him and learn of Him. He is alive. He did not just hand down some teachings because He knew He was going to die, and so He gave some teachings to the disciples so they could keep the message alive and keep the Gospel going forth in His absence. Absolutely not! He is alive, and He is teaching us, and He wants to disciple us, if only we will come to Him and learn of Him.

Call to Prayer
Dutch Sheets

Praying friends,

During the night watch early this morning, the Lord spoke the following words to me:

"The hour of reckoning is at hand. It takes much to stop the momentum of a free fall. Once the fall is stopped, it requires much effort and hard work to turn things around. This election is about stopping the free fall. It will take more than intense, knowledgeable intercession to turn things around. It will require the whole body of Christ. All the parts; all the gifts; all the ministries."

He told me other things but this much I can share right now. All of us are needed to stop the free fall. When I was able to get on my computer, I found this call for special prayer from Dutch Sheets. I commend it to you. Besides praying without ceasing at home, ask the Lord to show you where and with whom you are to pray as well. Corporate prayer can bring corporate anointing. God is leading Gary and me to travel to two different locations for 24 hours of prayer. He's going east, I'm going south. Where are you supposed to go to get away from telephones, TV, and your normal life demands? At this critical time, we don't need to listen to the latest polls or what this expert or that "in-the-know" person says. We only need to know what the Spirit of God says.

RaJean

October 28, 2004
Dear Friends,

Up until now the Holy Spirit has not led me to issue a call to prayer for this year's elections, as I did in 2000 (others have done so and many are praying). That began to change this morning as I sensed clearly that the warfare over this election went to another level—big time! As it was in 2000, it is an all-out war in the spirit realm for the soul of this nation and I sense in my spirit that we have not yet broken through into victory. If we lose this war—and make no mistake, we can lose it if at any point we yield to apathy, overconfidence, weariness, or anything else that might cause us to not finish well—the results will be devastating.

Do not make the fatal mistake of laying the results of this election solely on the will and sovereignty of God. As He did in 2000, God is requiring a partnership with the praying church in order for righteousness to prevail. We must not allow a faulty theology that simply says "we have asked God to intervene, the rest is up to Him" to give us a false sense of security. Sometimes asking is all that is necessary, sometimes not. In this battle it absolutely is not. Just as when Israel did not possess Canaan, and also when Jerusalem missed a visitation from Heaven in Christ's day, God's will alone will not decide this election (Hebrews 3:18-19; Luke 19:44). In 1963 we forfeited God's will by removing His influence from our schools; in 1973 we missed God's will by allowing abortion to be legalized. And make no mistake about it, our lack of action at this point in time can cause us to miss God's will and send us spiraling downward again.

We must move into spiritual warfare now as never before. There is a persistence that must be exercised, striking the ground until complete victory is assured (2 Kings 13:14-19). By those who understand the principles of spiritual warfare, there is a kingdom force that must be employed in the spirit until the powers of darkness yield to the forces of light (Daniel 10:12-14; Matthew 11:12; Ephesians 6:12). There is a binding and loosing that must occur until confusion reigns in the enemy's camp (Matthew 16:18-19). The kingdom rule and will of God must be released in intercession and declaration until Heaven's desires prevail on earth (Matthew 6:10).

Don't let up. The next 3 days will determine the fate of America for decades—maybe forever. Also, I believe the purposes of God in many nations are at stake, not the least of which is a great harvest of souls around the world.

Take some radical steps. I am changing my schedule and going to Washington DC for the next 3 days in order to pray in the way I believe the Lord is leading me. Though this is not practical for most of you, here are some suggestions for the final 3 days leading up to this election:

1. **Fast**. Some are already fasting; I am asking for thousands more to join them. Ask God to lead you as to what kind of fast, and use wisdom concerning medical factors.

2. **Join together in prayer meetings and prayer services**: the prayer of agreement is powerful—use it.

· Turn Sunday school classes into prayer meetings.

· Take time in Sunday services this week for prayer.

· Have special prayer services Saturday, Sunday, or Monday nights.

· Move home/cell groups to Saturday, Sunday, or Monday nights and devote them to prayer.

· Do prayer “conference calls” with friends and prayer partners.

3. Get up earlier than usual and pray before beginning other activities.

4. If possible, do a night watch—get up through the night and pray; or pull an “all nighter” if you feel the strength to do so.

5. Pray Isaiah 22:22!

6. Send this prayer alert to every praying Christian that you know. Please give it to your pastor far enough in advance of Sunday’s services so that he can plan.

Finally, this is not a partisan issue; it is simply a righteousness issue. God must have a man in office who seeks His face. If all of us do our part, we will prevail in this election and see America take another turn toward righteousness and revival.

For His Cause,

Dutch Sheets

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Contending For The Airwaves
Patricia King

The Lord is going to launch many of His people into strategic positions that will capture the airwaves. The influence of television, movies, radio and other forms of visual media have often been used by the enemy to poison and pervert the mindsets of society. This is going to increase and the enemy has a plan to raise the level of demonic influence through the airwaves. The airwaves must be contended for. They belong to the Lord and He desires to use them as one of His most valuable tools during the season of harvest.

Many Christians will be called to take great steps of faith in the coming days. Some will be called to lay some of their ministry mandates down in order to enter these new avenues of Kingdom influence. The battle will be great and many intercessors and financial supporters will be called to the fight. Entire prayer movements will be raised up specifically to birth the new level of anointing that will be released through the airwaves as a righteous standard. This coming move that will release the army of God's "air traffic controllers" will be a move of great camaraderie amongst believers. The media industry that is propelled by the world system is governed by a predominant self-exalting and idolatrous spirit that is anchored in greed and desire for fame. God's company of believers will move in an opposite spirit – one of humility and servanthood – those who are jealous for the glory of God.

There will be a demonstration of team amongst those who are called to partner in this season of contending for the air waves. Many will sacrifice much in order to see a historical breakthrough at this time.

A further thrust of believers will be launched to conquer the airwaves and to influence media around the time when Mel Gibson's movie, The Passion of The Christ launches in the theatres.
(Please pray for Mel Gibson and for the movie to have great favor and impact in the harvest.)

Breakthrough And Breakout
Patricia King

February 2004
The Lord is calling His people to experience great breakthrough in the coming months. There will be increased pressures and resistance in the spirit realm and natural circumstances will press hard against many…BUT, the Lord will give GREAT VICTORIES. He is taking His people to another level of experiential victory.

The Word of God will carry a sharpened edge on it for those who will meditate on the Word and stand on its authority. All the promises of God are yeah and amen to His people. Days of breakthrough and breakout await those who will war with the promises of God. Tenacity is a value the Holy Spirit will call for amongst the people of God in these coming months. Contend for the breakthroughs you need. Do not grow weary in the battle. Stand on the Word and you will breakout with the testimony of the Lord on every side. Financial miracles in particular will be awaiting those who fight the good fight.

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Enlarged Ears
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"Enlarged Ears for Greater Depth and Accuracy"

Over the last year, I have seen a recurring vision of ears enlarging. Sometimes I see the vision over individuals that I am praying for and sometimes for the general Body of Christ. The vision is in regards to an increased ability that is coming to God's people enabling them to hear the word of the Lord with greater depth and accuracy. He desires our prophetic revelation to increase. "He who has ears, let him hear what the spirit is saying to the church."

Hearing from Him Directly

I believe He is clearly saying, "Do not lean to your own understanding but in all your ways acknowledge Him." It is possible to hear from our own mind, thoughts, and doctrinal/theological interpretation rather than from His heart directly, but the Lord is calling us to a new level of submitted posture in His presence. The fear of the Lord is going to come to the people of God concerning the receiving and delivering of prophetic revelation. It will be EXTREMELY IMPORTANT to hear the accurate word of the Lord in the coming days – lives will depend on it. The Lord spoke three things to my heart that are essential for growth in our ability to hear.

A Call to Purity

1. The Lord is calling for purity of heart and lifestyle. Compromise will clog the ear and make it difficult to hear with accuracy.

A Call for Your Time

2. Spend time with Him. Only in His presence shall we be able to separate the voice of distraction and the stranger from His true voice. The Lord spoke concerning the false prophets in Jeremiah 23:22 "But if they had stood in My council, then they would have announced My words to My people and would have turned them back from their evil way and from the evil of their deeds." Because they did

not stand in the council of the Lord but spoke from their own heart, they led the people into deception. If we stand in His council we will hear the word that will deliver lives and bring forth fruit.

A Call to Faithful Obedience

3. Obedience to what the Lord speaks. The Lord will entrust His people with more insights concerning the mysteries of the Kingdom as we walk in faithful obedience to what He reveals to us.

The following scripture came to me concerning David's posture of inquiry before the Lord:

Psalm 27:4 One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

Prayer directives:

1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to release conviction concerning compromise in our lives.
2. Pray for believers to be drawn to spend time in the Lord's presence and for all distractions to be removed.
3. Pray for an increased ability to hear the voice of God in every believer.
4. Pray for a large company of prophets to be raised up who are hearing the accurate word of the Lord. Believe for them to proclaim with boldness.
5. Pray for obedient hearts that will respond to the word of the Lord.

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Come Alive In 2005

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Hi Loved Ones,
I have been seeking the Lord this season in connection to the Day of Atonement for an overview of 2005. We all see and know in part. Enclosed are various parts He has given to me that are connected with His theme of Coming Alive in 2005. May the Lord restore fresh hope and His plan for you in 2005!

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Lovingly,
Sandy

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DEAD PROMISES COME ALIVE IN 2005!
~Wake Up to Old Promises ~
2 Kings 4:32-36 NKJV
When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm. He returned and walked back and forth in the house, and again went up and stretched himself out on him; then the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. And he called Gehazi and said, "Call this Shunammite woman." So he called her. And when she came in to him, he said, "Pick up your son."

There are many of you, like this Shunammite lady, who have been given specific divine promises you never asked for. After the Lord gave you these promises, you lived through a time when you were really stretched and trusted Him for these promises. Your faith for such was planted and well watered with confirmations from Him, only to see the promise die. If you bring these dead seeds before Him, the Lord is going to resurrect them with life. This will happen in a season of suddenlys. The process shall unfold before your very eyes, in a series of waxing warm until you finally embrace the promise that is fully alive in clear sight.

The Key: Bring the lifeless seed of God's promise and place it before Him.

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FROZEN HEARTS COME ALIVE IN 2005!
~ Hopeless Hearts and Souls Will Melt in Degrees ~

Ps 147:18 NIV
He sends his word and melts them; He stirs up his breezes, and the waters flow.

Many have become numb in their hearts to protect themselves from the pain of old wounds. This has caused them to be unable to feel the Presence of God, to experience the passion of worship, to have hope for a blessed future, have meaningful relationships, and experience the joy of living His abundant life. These old wounds are soul giants that are locked within a frozen encasing unable to be drawn out for healing. The Lord will bring circumstances into these lives to warm the emotions and melt them back to life once again. This will take a lengthy season. This process started in 2004, of which about one fourth of the ice melted. The year 2005 will see additional warming of these layers. As emotions melt, this will be a pendulum of both joys and sorrows. As hope is rekindled and laughter returns, old wounds will also surface. When they do, it is time to cry out to the Lord to be released from the pain of old infections and be set free. He wants to bring healing to the wounded souls so that as a result physical bodies may be healed. It is also time to yield the emotions for Him to consecrate so they may be used for Him.

3 John 2-3 NKJV
Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

The Key: As the emotions come alive, give them to God to consecrate. Keep your focus on Him as the joys and the sorrows surface.

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JOB'S RESTORATION COME ALIVE IN 2005!
~ Job Prays for His Friends ~
Job 42:10 NKJV
And the LORD restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Since 1989, in various degrees, there have been some chosen ones like Job, who have gone through some serious testings. They were brought before the throne room and accused by the enemy. They were given over to a lengthy season of great suffering for which few had understanding. These chosen ones have maintained their integrity and their faith in God as Sovereign, in spite of their circumstances. Many of these faithful ones have been reduced to a life of prayer simply because that is all they could do. They are already functioning in their awesome gift of authority to release others who are not innocent. These praying ones are moving on in 2005 to begin the double fold restoration of all they lost. Others will awaken to the authority in their prayers and they will be fueled to pray more and more for others and this will be seed planted for their own release and restoration.

Job 22:27-30 NKJV
You will make your prayer to Him, He will hear you, and you will pay your vows. You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways. When they cast you down, and you say, 'Exaltation will come!' Then He will save the humble person. He will even deliver one who is not innocent; Yes, he will be delivered by the purity of your hands."

The Key: Pray, pray, pray.

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JOSEPH COME ALIVE IN 2005!
~ Joseph's Test Is Over and His Vision Comes Alive ~

Ps 105:15-20 NKJV
Saying, "Do not touch My anointed ones, and do My prophets no harm." Moreover He called for a famine in the land; He destroyed all the provision of bread. He sent a man before them -- Joseph -- who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, He was laid in irons. Until the time that his word came to pass, the word of the LORD tested him. The king sent and released him, the ruler of the people let him go free.

Leaders of great authority have gone through lifelong testings and preparations to be prepared for end time positioning. They have lived through divine setups of God's Sovereignty and lived to tell about it on the other side. Their zeal, ambition, servanthood, humility, integrity and leadership skills have been purged and prepared to walk into becoming provisions for the body of Christ. Many of these Josephs shall reign in the business community as sources to release provision for jobs and income. Other Josephs shall impart spiritual provision of bread for the hungry souls. Other Josephs shall be released to literally provide for the homeless and the poor. Other Josephs shall move forward into deliverance ministries where they will free the famined souls. In the year 2005 the vision and plan for implementation shall come alive. These Josephs shall be supernaturally protected, favored and set up by the King of kings to begin to build their places ordained by God.

The Key: Use the character testings of your past as memorial stones to build your place that is foreordained by God.

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JEWELS COME ALIVE IN 2005!

~ God's Buried Treasures Will Appear ~
Mal 3:14-18 NLT
"You have said, `What's the use of serving God? What have we gained by obeying his commands or by trying to show the LORD Almighty that we are sorry for our sins? From now on we will say, "Blessed are the arrogant." For those who do evil get rich, and those who dare God to punish them go free of harm.' " Then those who feared the LORD spoke with each other, and the LORD listened to what they said. In his presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and loved to think about him. "They will be my people," says the LORD Almighty. "On the day when I act, they will be my own special treasure. I will spare them as a father spares an obedient and dutiful child. Then you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not."

There is a remnant within Christianity who yet mourn the compromising of God's grace in all the areas of society, church and government. They have chosen to remain steadfast in obedience to the Lord. This year, a line of distinction between the righteous and the unrighteous will become more clear as judgments upon carnal living become more and more evident. Having been deluged by the darkness around them, this remnant of God's people are like buried treasures in the sands of time. He will draw them up, dust them off and mark them with His favor and distinction. His favor will shine and make them come alive in 2005. It will be their prayers that spiritually and physically save the unrighteous from reaping the folly of their wicked deeds.

The Key: Live in holy obedience resisting the carnal compromise of the world.

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VISION TO REBUILD, COME ALIVE IN 2005!

~ Unveil the Plan of Restoration ~
Acts 15:15-17 NKJV
And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: 'After! this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the LORD who does all these things.'

Lost in years of hopeless decay and being the tail and not the head, the church has fallen and become the object of scorn and ridicule. Without a vision, the people perish and the Lord is going to give you a vision, a hope, a plan, a road map, an idea, a mindset, a perspective, a clear view of HOW TO COME OUT OF CAPTIVITY. He is answering years of prayers where you have cried out over the losses and captivities in your personal lives, families, churches, businesses, finances, relationships, health, schools, government, military, towns, etc. He is going to give you a future and a hope. He is going to enlighten the hearts and minds of His people and give them the grace to plan a plan that can be implemented and built upon in the coming years. Gentlemen, we shall rebuild. GLORY!

The Key: Ask Him for your personal plan, the way out of captivity and into prosperity.

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NEW FRESH GROWTH, COME ALIVE IN 2005!
~ The Color Green ~
Isa 43:18-19 NKJV
Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The color green will be highlighted and quickened this year. Green represents new growth, fresh start, prosperity, financial provision and preparation for fruit yet to come. This will be likened unto the fresh green growth on the tips of evergreen trees in the spring, along with the buds on all trees after a long winter's hibernation. It will represent new beginnings and hope when things come alive once again, bringing with it great anticipation for a future and a hope.

The Key: When you see the color green this year, let it remind you of His awesome promise to rebuild your life with new beginnings and a fresh start.

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Mentoring Between Generations
Sandy Warner

Sep 29, 2004
The doorway to bonded, nurturing relationships between generations is now open. I AM calling and commissioning the hearts of many to accept the assignment of teaming with those of a different generation. I will bring many wonderful benefits to those who receive this special joy. They shall partner with Me and with one another to hear My Word and release it for kingdom business. They shall receive the joy of increased fellowship but that is not all. This will form tandem relationships where the joining of such will increase the yield for all. The mystery of My multiplication factor is that it will require less effort and will be a lighter load, but it will produce a huge crop.

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." (Mal 4:5-6 KJV)

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Created For Relationship
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Sep 27, 2004
Like the radiant sun on a cold day, I have been silently shining My face upon you. You have often wondered why I would touch you in such a way. This has been My love language melting your mask. Yes I know your pain, dear one. You may have hidden it from yourself, but you have not hidden it from Me.

I created you for relationship. I planted this need so deep that even you do not understand its depth. The enemy has known this, and has plotted to steal relationship from you. His plot has been to so thwart these blessings that you would feel alone and isolated even among a full house or a crowd.

You have suffered the bitter coldness of thwarted expectations. Trying so hard, longing to be loved for who you are, and proving yourself worthy for the fellowship that you were created to have… Life has not gone the way you hoped or planned. You have also faced the gripping truth of a masked world full of facades: those who would extend their hand, when they only want what is in yours. This final blow sent you into an isolation of soul whose only safe place was barricaded with ice. How well I know and understand your attempts to numb yourself from these things.

I too know this pain. I have suffered this in heaven and on earth - My very creation seeking My face for what I can give them, not for Who I AM. Their love for their Father stands second to their lust for power, dominion and pleasure. They put all aside to pursue their kingdoms, yet they do not understand there is nothing more important in all of heaven or on earth … than relationship.

Yes, I have been mostly silent as I have warmed your layers. Your numbness has even kept Me at bay, even though that has not been your desire. I brought you through this time, dear one, and now you know My heart more because of it. I have wanted loving fellowship just like you. And I want you. Yes, dear one it's over, and your ice has melted. You are adopted and chosen as My own. You belong to Me.

Rev 3:20 KJV
Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

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A Mother's Love The Power To Keep
Sandy Warner

Oct 3, 2004

Let my life be poured with sacrificial love.
A sweetened fragrance through Your gentle dove.
Your keeping power is what I've been given.
For these my children I have striven.
My life is not my own, to my children I belong.
Let the orchestra of heaven play my life's song.

As You have kept me, I do keep them.
So nothing is stolen by the one who condemns.
I'm about my Father's business when each day I wake.
I linger in His Presence for my children's sake.
As they go about their busy days
I long to be near them in every way.

I long to be with them and hold them in my arms.
And keep them from seduction, from the one who charms.
I am weak and know not how.
To the One Who is strong, to Him I do bow.
His keeping power is what I trust.
It's a walk of faith - that is a must.

Oh Lord - to touch their hearts, to touch their souls.
To bring them comfort, to make them whole.
Their sorrows are many, their pain is great.
Let me lighten their load, let me lighten their fate.
I yearn to touch them, I long to abide.
In fellowship and communion walking side by side.

A perfect circle of united trust.
Joined with the Father, the One Who is just.
We will know one another as He knows us.
Bonded in communion and holy trust.
No big I or little you.
Only servants for Him that are humble too.

We stand united across the land
As our sons grow up into a man.
To rule and reign on earth below.
As it is in heaven what's bestowed.

> *John 17: 20-22*
> *I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me because of their testimony. My prayer for all of them is that they will be one, just as you and I are one, Father--that just as you are in me and I am in you, so they will be in us, and the world will believe you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are-- I in them and you in me, all being perfected into one.*

Awakened!
Sandy Warner

Sep 26, 2004

AWAKENED!
In the early morning hours when time is not yet stirring,
I AM there beside you, like a gentle purring.
I whisper My secrets into your ears
for My hope of your coming years.

I await with anticipation that I will be your first greeting,
that you would call on Me, for our joyful meeting.
If you listen for My voice
I will answer your wish and your choice.

Listen My child, to My song.
I sing with joy over you all day long.
Hope once was lost, but now is kindling
A brighter day is here, a beautiful tomorrow is shining.

I am planting My dream into your heart
And promises for a shining future right from the start.
Let My joy settle in and put a bounce back into your step.
Let the sobers be gone, for you are divinely kept.

I love your smile, I love your humor.
I love all of you and that's no rumor.
I AM your Friend, as we walk our road,
One step at a time, we enlarge our abode.

Humble beginnings, not yet known.
Turn to radical outpouring of world renown.
Each step of enlargement is for your progress
There will be no turning back, no regress.

You are adopted, My jewel, My child!
No longer alone, your way is bought and won.
The price for you can not be measured
Your worth to Me is My deepest treasure.

From a rich heritage your future will spring
Your horizons are glorious, the angels do sing.
Armed with family and friend's commitment,
You will never, never, give up.

Your business will be their business, as you build My kingdom here.
Since you don't know when, at least you'll know where.
You are My torch to push back the dark.
Great weight you will bear because you are marked.

You shall wade in My river, My power you shall know.
You shall be My builder because I trust you so.
You keep your focus on what matters most.
Now that you are awakened, your grand opening I do toast!

You have a great big beautiful tomorrow shining in your day,
There's a great big beautiful tomorrow that's not just a dream away.
Live it out each moment with your faith, mind and heart,
We will walk together in this brand new start.

> *Jer 29:11-14 NKJV*
> *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

Calendar Year 2004
Marie-France Smith

1. Wisdom in Ministry - (PURITY AND INTEGRITY WILL DISTINGUISH HIS MINISTRY FROM THE FALSE)
Godly wisdom in new ministry will come upon the earth as many billions of people will open to the True and Living God, El Elyon, as HIS OWN extend mercy and loving kindness to those in their time of GREATEST need.
2. Good stewardship - (MATURITY IN BODY; fitted together, functioing as HE DESIGNED)
God's people will release a fragrant offering to Elohim in every area of their lives - their time; their love; their sustenance; their affection/devotion; their minds -- and as their ALL is focused upon Yeshua/Jesus they will become completely HIS.
3. Completion, rest, and fulfillment - (SALVATION)
People will divinely experience these seemingly elusive and very desirable goals---completion (shalom, wholeness), rest, and fulfillment in body, mind and spirit. ALL will be theirs as they repent and come to Yeshua haMashiach. God will beckon them to enter into HIS Kingdom; Brilliant, shining LOVE their countenance from the Holy One of Israel.
4. The Ruach haKodesh/Breath of God - (LABORERS IN HIS FIELDS OF WHITE)
God's surrendered, sanctified and redeemed ones will sow; HE will reap. As more believer's begin to worship HIM in spirit and truth, The breath of GOD will cause the release of their gifts and talents. They will be filled with HIS LOVE for all peoples (from every tribe, and tongue, and nation); the FINAL HARVEST will be gathered for HIS NAME'S SAKE and GLORY!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Glory to the Lamb for HE IS WORTHY
And they sang a NEW SONG, saying:
Rev 5:9-14
HE IS WORTHY TO TAKE THE SCROLL AND TO OPEN ITS SEALS
BLESSING AND HONOR AND GLORY AND POWER BE TO HIM WHO SITS ON THE THRONE AND TO THE LAMB,
FOREVER AND EVER!
AMEN!!!

Tell them I AM Coming SOON!
Love,
Yeshua/Jesus

5764
Marie-France Smith

Psalm 57 and Psalm 64 = 5764; Revelation 5, 7, 6, and 4 = 5764

PSALM 57
[1] For the Leader; Al-tashheth. A Psalm of David; Michtam; when he fled from Saul, in the cave.
[2] Be gracious unto me, O God, be gracious unto me, for in Thee hath my soul taken refuge; yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I take refuge, until calamities be overpast.
[3] I will cry unto God Most high; unto God that accomplisheth it for me.
[4] He will send from heaven, and save me, when he that would swallow me up taunteth; Selah; God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.
[5] My soul is among lions, I do lie down among them that are aflame; even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
[6] Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; Thy glory be above all the earth.
[7] They have prepared a net for my steps, my soul is bowed down; they have digged a pit before me,

they are fallen into the midst thereof themselves. Selah
[8] My heart is stedfast, O God, my heart is stedfast; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises.
[9] Awake, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp; I will awake the dawn.
[10] I will give thanks unto Thee, O L-rd, among the peoples; I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.
[11] For Thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and Thy truth unto the skies.
[12] Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; Thy glory be above all the earth.

Psalm 64
[1] Hear my voice, God, in my complaint. Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
[2] Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, from the noisy crowd of the ones doing evil;
[3] who sharpen their tongue like a sword, and aim their arrows, deadly words,
[4] to shoot innocent men from ambushes. They shoot at him suddenly and fearlessly.
[5] They encourage themselves in evil plans. They talk about laying snares secretly. They say, “Who will see them?”
[6] They plot injustice, saying, “We have made a perfect plan!” Surely man’s mind and heart are cunning.
[7] But God will shoot at them. They will be suddenly struck down with an arrow.
[8] Their own tongues shall ruin them. All who see them will shake their heads.
[9] All mankind shall be afraid. They shall declare the work of God, and shall wisely ponder what he has done.
[10] The righteous shall be glad in Yahweh, and shall take refuge in him. All the upright in heart shall praise him!

Revelation 5
[1] I saw, in the right hand of him who sat on the throne, a book written inside and outside, sealed shut with seven seals.
[2] I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book, and to break its seals?"
[3] No one in heaven above, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look in it.
[4] And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look in it.
[5] One of the elders said to me, "Don't weep. Behold, the Lion who is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome; he who opens the book and its seven seals."
[6] I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.
[7] Then he came, and he took it out of the right hand of him who sat on the throne.
[8] Now when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
[9] They sang a new song, saying, "You are worthy to take the book, and to open its seals: for you were killed, and bought us for God with your blood, out of every tribe, language, people, and nation,
[10] and made them kings and priests to our God, and they reign on earth."
[11] I saw, and I heard something like a voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousands of ten thousands, and thousands of thousands;
[12] saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who has been killed to receive the power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing!"
[13] I heard every created thing which is in heaven, on the earth, under the earth, on the sea, and everything in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion, forever and ever! Amen!" [1]
[14] The four living creatures said, "Amen!" The [2] elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 7

[1] After this, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree.
[2] I saw another angel ascend from the sunrise, having the seal of the living God. He cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to harm the earth and the sea,
[3] saying, "Don't harm the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the bondservants of our God on their foreheads!"
[4] I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the children
of Israel:
[5] of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, of the tribe of Gad twelve
thousand,
[6] of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand, of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand, of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand,
[7] of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand, of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand, of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand,
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[13] The stars of the sky fell to the earth, like a fig tree dropping its unripe figs when it is shaken by a great wind.
[14] The sky was removed like a scroll when it is rolled up. Every mountain and island were moved out of their places.
[15] The kings of the earth, the princes, the commanding officers, the rich, the strong, and every slave and free person, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains.
[16] They told the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb,
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[2] Immediately I was in the Spirit. Behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and one sitting on the throne
[3] that looked like a jasper stone and a sardius. There was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald to look at.
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[8] The four living creatures, each one of them having six wings, are full of eyes around about and within. They have no rest day and night, saying, "Holy, holy, holy [1] is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and who is and who is to come!"[9] When the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to him who sits on the throne, to him who lives forever and ever,
[10] the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives forever and ever, and throw their crowns before the throne, saying,
[11] "Worthy are you, our Lord and God, the Holy One, [2] to receive the glory, the honor, and the power, for you created all things, and because of your desire they existed, and were created!"

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Selah

5764
Marie-France Smith

Psalm 57 and Psalm 64 = 5764; Revelation 5, 7, 6, and 4 = 5764

PSALM 57
[1] For the Leader; Al-tashheth. A Psalm of David; Michtam; when he fled from Saul, in the cave.
[2] Be gracious unto me, O God, be gracious unto me, for in Thee hath my soul taken refuge; yea, in the shadow of Thy wings will I take refuge, until calamities be overpast.
[3] I will cry unto God Most high; unto God that accomplisheth it for me.
[4] He will send from heaven, and save me, when he that would swallow me up taunteth; Selah; God shall send forth His mercy and His truth.
[5] My soul is among lions, I do lie down among them that are aflame; even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.
[6] Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; Thy glory be above all the earth.
[7] They have prepared a net for my steps, my soul is bowed down; they have digged a pit before me, they are fallen into the midst thereof themselves. Selah
[8] My heart is stedfast, O God, my heart is stedfast; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises.
[9] Awake, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp; I will awake the dawn.
[10] I will give thanks unto Thee, O L-rd, among the peoples; I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.
[11] For Thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and Thy truth unto the skies.
[12] Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; Thy glory be above all the earth.

Psalm 64
[1] Hear my voice, God, in my complaint. Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
[2] Hide me from the conspiracy of the wicked, from the noisy crowd of the ones doing evil;
[3] who sharpen their tongue like a sword, and aim their arrows, deadly words,
[4] to shoot innocent men from ambushes. They shoot at him suddenly and fearlessly.
[5] They encourage themselves in evil plans. They talk about laying snares secretly. They say, “Who will see them?”
[6] They plot injustice, saying, “We have made a perfect plan!” Surely man’s mind and heart are cunning.
[7] But God will shoot at them. They will be suddenly struck down with an arrow.
[8] Their own tongues shall ruin them. All who see them will shake their heads.
[9] All mankind shall be afraid. They shall declare the work of God, and shall wisely ponder what he has done.
[10] The righteous shall be glad in Yahweh, and shall take refuge in him. All the upright in heart shall praise him!

Revelation 5
[1] I saw, in the right hand of him who sat on the throne, a book written inside and outside, sealed shut with seven seals.
[2] I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book, and to break its seals?"
[3] No one in heaven above, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look in it.
[4] And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look in it.
[5] One of the elders said to me, "Don't weep. Behold, the Lion who is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome; he who opens the book and its seven seals."
[6] I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

[7] Then he came, and he took it out of the right hand of him who sat on the throne.
[8] Now when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each one having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.
[9] They sang a new song, saying, "You are worthy to take the book, and to open its seals: for you were killed, and bought us for God with your blood, out of every tribe, language, people, and nation,
[10] and made them kings and priests to our God, and they reign on earth."
[11] I saw, and I heard something like a voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousands of ten thousands, and thousands of thousands;
[12] saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who has been killed to receive the power, wealth, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing!"
[13] I heard every created thing which is in heaven, on the earth, under the earth, on the sea, and everything in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion, forever and ever! Amen!" [1]
[14] The four living creatures said, "Amen!" The [2] elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 7

[1] After this, I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, so that no wind would blow on the earth, or on the sea, or on any tree.
[2] I saw another angel ascend from the sunrise, having the seal of the living God. He cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to harm the earth and the sea,
[3] saying, "Don't harm the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, until we have sealed the bondservants of our God on their foreheads!"
[4] I heard the number of those who were sealed, one hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel:
[5] of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand, of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand, of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand,
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Canada Ablaze!
Todd Bentley

Fresh Fire Ministries - Revivalist Todd Bentley Jan 30, 2004

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A special message from the desk of Revivalist Todd Bentley: Friday, January 30, 2004

Dear friends,

Please take just a few seconds to read this prophetic message prayerfully. Ask the Lord if this is what you have been waiting for in North America? I'll start with a prophetic word the Lord gave me followed by words from other ministers about an imminent visitation of God.

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Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. (Habakkuk 2:2,3)

O Canada, O Canada! I see the nation of Canada Ablaze! I see revival fires burning from sea to sea. The Spirit of God has been burning within me. A new passion for our nation has been birthed within my spirit in recent days. Canada, it is time to launch out into the deep with the Gospel of Jesus!

Recently, I have received many prophetic words about how God wants us to strengthen our focus on the nation of Canada. It is time to put things straight and to preach the gospel in the streets of this great nation! We have taken the gospel into more than twenty five nations with major crusades, and outreaches in the last year. God has given us a great harvest of over 140,000 souls for the Kingdom of Heaven.

The Lord has been speaking to my heart, impressing upon me the need to invest time, money and ministry into Canada. God has promised us at Fresh Fire that there is a time of great favor and provision coming to Canada in a mighty way. This new season will open the hearts of people to hear the gospel. Well, I would like to proclaim that this time has come-God is releasing the grace and favor to evangelize Canada now!

Canada's emblem is the maple leaf. It has been prophesied that the emblem represents the leaves of healing from Revelation 22:2: "The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." We have traveled around the entire world seeing God move in a mighty way, experiencing miracles, signs and wonders. In every nation we have traveled to, the Lord has demonstrated His healing power with a great number of healings.

Now it is time for a mighty move of the Holy Spirit to flow through to the country of Canada too! Take just a minute to look at these powerful words prophesied over the nation of Canada.

Dr. Rodney Howard-Browne

Recently in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Dr. Rodney Howard-Browne, of Revival Ministries International, spoke this powerful word over the land of Canada. He was ministering at The Secret Place conference when Holy Spirit moved upon him to release this prophetic proclamation.

"I see a wave sweeping across this land. For in days gone by there have been moves of the Spirit that have been limited within the local churches, but this next wave shall go far beyond the walls of the church. It shall go into the market places; it shall go into the schools; it shall go into the universities; it shall go into places of business; it shall go into the prison systems; it shall go into the government. Ha, Ha!

Get ready, get ready! Get ready, get ready, get ready, get ready! I see Canada on fire; I see Canada ablaze! I see Canada burning with the glory of God! Get ready, get ready, get ready, get ready!

This move of the Spirit of God shall come from Heaven. Now, there will be those within the religious sector because it did not happen the way they thought it should, and because they could not control it, and because they could not put their finger upon it-they will oppose it. But do not fear nor be dismayed, for the wind of heaven shall blow upon this land and the fire of God shall fall. A great harvest shall be reaped and there shall be whole regions shaken by the fire and the glory of heaven! Get ready, get ready, get ready, get ready, get ready, get ready! Hallelujah!

The plan of the enemy will be stayed. for a season. The plan of the wicked one will be thwarted-get ready, get ready, get ready-for He has saved the best wine for last! Hallelujah, glory to God!

Paul Cain

"God is not done in the city of Toronto and Canada! There is a second wave of revival coming, both to Toronto, Canada and the world. The renewal in 1994 was only the beginning. There is still another wave coming. Just as the tide goes out, it must also come back in due season."

Bobby Connors

(January 8, 1997) In this prophetic experience Bobby was told this: "It's coming down the track and around the bend! The volcanic activity near Bend will announce one of the greatest healing revivals in history. This healing revival will start around Hamilton, Ontario and then blaze across Canada to Vancouver. From there it will turn down the north-west coast of the United States and across the Pacific to the Far East. The Lord then said that this local area in the North West was a seed bed of the healing anointing like that which was upon John G. Lake. The Lord is turning up the heat; it will bring about a refining, and purifying of His people so He can release healing in the Earth in an unprecedented way."

Fresh Fire Launches Canada Ablaze

I am pleased to announce that Fresh Fire Ministries will be launching four evangelistic Crusades in the great nation of Canada this year! Since receiving the prophetic words about the revival destiny of Canada, we at FFM, have felt strongly directed of the Lord to help prepare our nation for what is upon us.

Each of the Canada Ablaze Signs and Wonders Crusades will focus on salvation, outreach, and healing ministry. Fresh fire will host these crusades in numerous cities. Our ministry teams will partner with local churches and ministries that have a heart to see Canada Ablaze with the fire of revival, that have a desire to see God break out with miracles signs and wonders in the streets of our cities! We are looking for people that have a passion to see whole cities and regions shaken with the power and glory of God!

These Ablaze Crusades will include training and equipping seminars. There will be training, teaching, and impartation by myself and many other evangelists like Rodney Howard-Browne and Keith Miller, just to name a few. We will employ all forms of evangelistic outreaches with the demonstration of God's Powers to heal the sick bodies and broken lives today.

These massive city-wide outreaches and crusades will require months of planning prior to each series of meetings. We plan to canvas entire regions with mass media advertising including television, radio, newspaper, and billboard advertising. There is a mighty wave coming to North America!

How YOU Can Get Involved

Perhaps as a Pastor or an evangelist you have a stirring in your heart to get involved with this massive wave of evangelism. If you would like more information about how your ministry or church can help participate and sponsor part of Canada Ablaze, contact us here at Fresh Fire. You can contact Ken Greter here by emailing him at ken@freshfire.ca or call us at (604)-853-9041.

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CANADA A Nation After God
Shirley Lise

I will expose the lies and bring back order in the land. I will house the poor, open doors to the needy. I will no longer let the world dictate policy, but I will bring My counsel to the people. I will enter the doors of homes throughout the nation and walk My living epistles in!

I have a way of opening doors. I have a way to reach the hearts of those within homes across the nation. This is the day when I shall move My pawns in to take the land. I have designated those of My choosing as a healing balm to the nation of Canada. I have fully-equipped My holy warriors to storm the gates of hell. I have given them anointing oil that will flow from their hands unto those in need. Watch Me rearrange things. Watch Me line things up with My will and purpose. The doors will fling wide open as I move My chosen ones into position.

A transition will bridge the gap and make a way for the chosen of the Lord to enter homes and businesses. Watch Me make the transition. Watch Me take those who have been fully-equipped in the presence of the Lord into the homes and households of multitudes.

This is the day when I shall release My power in the midst of those who have followed Me into the harvest fields. I am aligning My Own, positioning them to take their place on the wall, and readying them for action. Commit your ways unto Me and I will lead you out and on and into the highways and byways, into places of darkness to bring the light. Be ready to go, for I am sending you. You will go across the land as a witness of My glory and resurrection power.

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I Will Bombard The Enemy
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I Will Bombard The Enemy From Inside The Gate
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Watch and you will see that I am giving detail after detail of the new move of My Spirit. You can see that I have opened a door you did not expect, and ushered you in. I will take you into places of My choosing to be a light and I will gift and equip you with the goods so that doors of opportunity will open before you. Be ready to be marched into places of darkness to bring the light. Just as you have been "invited in" to paint, clean, and re-orchestrate affairs in the natural realm, you will do so in the spiritual realm, for the spiritual and natural go hand and hand. What you are assigned to do in the natural, you are also commissioned to do in the spiritual.

I will equip you with expertise, skill, stamina, and ability to perform the tasks set before you. This is the new movement of My spirit, out into the highways and byways, into the homes of those who need help.

Watch what I do to encourage those I send you to. I shall move in amongst them to put the house in order. I will inspire them to open their hearts and lives up to the scrutiny of My Spirit. I want to heal and forgive. I want to bless and release. I want to give hope and purpose. This is what I am doing. I shall come with fury to dispel lies, to break strongholds, to disassemble what has been put in place by the enemy, and I shall indeed, set the captives free. And they shall come, and they shall bow down and worship Me, says the Lord. And I shall bring them into the full inheritance of the Saints.

This is the new move of My Spirit, to reach across borders, over boundaries set, to nullify the work of the enemy, and to raise up a standard of holiness in the lives of the people. I will bombard the enemy from inside the gate. I have opened the door for you to move in and exercise authority. Love never fails. Love and servanthood are the two qualities I am using to outsmart the enemy. Love will conquer all. True love will dissolve walls of resentment and bring joy to the captives.

Watch me come in like a flood to dismantle hierarchies that war against Me. I will have the upper hand, says the Lord, for I have declared freedom to the captives, sight to the blind, and the crippled shall walk again. This is the day of revival in the midst of your offspring. This is the day when your sons and your daughters shall run with the mandate to evangelize nations. I am bringing them into their inheritance, into the full measure of My spirit and into the full revelation of Christ. This is the day when I shall slay the enemy at the gate and break his power to seduce. This is the day when I shall come through on promises made to set your children free.

Rise Up
Shirley Lise

Rise Up, Come Up Onto Higher Ground!

Fathom My riches. Watch My hand move. Watch Me take down walls and build bridges. Watch Me intercept the fiery darts of the enemy and override his attempts to slow progress.

I am moving My army forward. Yes, it is a battle, but remember that I am the victor, that I will fight for you and declare your victory. I have imparted much into you, and you will carry it forward out and into the places I would take you. Do not fear or be intimidated by those around you or by your circumstances. Have I not called you to rise above circumstances and not be affected by them? Haven’t I called you to a higher calling? You will move on in the call as you rise above those things of the Earth.

I have given you sight. I have opened your eyes to a higher level of maturity in Me. You need not be bogged down and arrested in your tracks by circumstances. You will see Heaven's floodgates open and a display of My splendor. You will look on and see and know that you are not of the world and its ways, that you are not affected by negative circumstances, that they do not dictate to you, but you are able to rise above them. This is the sight I am giving to My Beloved in this day, the ability to rise above what you see in the natural realm and to see in the realm of My Spirit. Those things you see and hear in this level will be what influences your moves and decisions, and you will not be touched by those things transpiring in the natural realm.

I have, indeed, called you to the higher calling, so rise up and take your place on higher ground. What you will see, those of long ago desired to see. You will see the movement of an army moving across the land conquering every enemy in its midst. You will see victory over every evil thing that comes your way, and you will walk in holiness, untainted by the affairs of the world.

Rise up, come up onto higher ground, and you will walk in victory over the enemy. The battle rages, but My army of warriors is able to defeat every foe. Call forth those things in the Spirit. Call them forth as if they be, for soon the realm of My Spirit will be more real to you than the natural realm. Soon you will see things through My eyes. Soon you will live and move and have your being in Me, unaffected by those things that take place round about you.

This is the day of your rising, of being taken up into Heavenly realms and eating at My table, for the banquet has begun! Rise up, My precious ones. Do not look down, but look up! I am moving things forward. I am putting into place all those things I promised. I am lining things up in the Heavens and soon you will move out into those things assigned to you by your Heavenly Father. Do not look to the natural realm but rise up into the realm of My Spirit, and move ahead. Great are My ways, high above the ways of men, high above the Earthly realm!

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Candle In The Wind

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Jesus is not a candle in the wind....HE IS THE LIGHT of the World! John 8:12 Right now as the wind picks up tremendous force in the spiritual and in the natural (here in the Northwest we had a tornado yesterday) I see us standing....STANDING in the face of this onslaught of debris flying by and it is because we are hid.....HID....hiding right behind Christ. He is taking the full brunt of this wind!

(Webster's-- orig. a heavy blow or attack 2. the shock (of an attack) or impact (of a blow) 3. the heaviest or hardest part to bear, the brunt of /the blame!)
He is taking the full force that has been aimed against YOU! ...but you are invisible to the enemy!

Pastors, Ministry Leaders, Cell Group Leaders, Street Preachers, Homeless caretakers, Presidents & Kings.....Stand and PROCLAIM the truth the Lord has given you! I hear the Lord say "Did I tell you stop proclaiming the truth? Is the battle too big for me? Have I not given you strength to stand! You can do ALL things through Me!"
The water is rising in this storm....The Lord has never said what the outcome would be for many of the things He has called you to do....and you have done them in obedience. That is all He desires of you.... is your obedience.

I hear ..."BUTTON Down the HATCHES!" I asked my husband, the old Navy man about that, and he confirmed ...water cannot get in and SINK the ship! So the Lord would say....."Get ready.....BUTTON DOWN THE HATCHES.... and get ready to ride this storm out with me!"

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you: and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze." for I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;....Isaiah 43: 2&3

Prepare, prepare the way.....for the King is coming and He is beautiful, and glory filled (just full of miracles and SPLENDOR), and full of wisdom and strength and truth and..... He carries the keys to the kingdom to give to YOU!

May you and your family be blessed in Jesus' name--Terri Derocher
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Carnival Atmosphere

Bob Jones

The Danger of Allowing a "Carnival Atmosphere"

A Vision from Bob Jones

A few weeks ago, Bob was given a unique vision that displayed a portion of the enemy strategies to entice and lure young people away from the destiny prepared for them. This is a different day than any prior generation. There has been a supernatural impartation released from heaven into a body of people who hunger for the reality of Christ. No imitation or substitute will suffice.

Only the Lord Jesus revealing Himself in every expression we find depicted in the Bible will satisfy this hungry company. It is something of an "all are nothing" mentality. If they cannot discover the "real" in Church, then the enemy will provide enticements outside of the Church with false hope and counterfeit spirituality.

In his vision, Bob was shown a Church and its surrounding grounds. This Church was called to bring the revelation of Jesus to their area. However, on the grounds a carnival or fair had been erected. On the surface, the carnival seemed harmless enough with various activities and amusement rides. However, below the surface all manner of evil lurked. It was a demonic enticement to distract and entrap young people into a false spiritual atmosphere. It seemed to incorporate things that young people desired. In reality, it brought death and darkness in lieu of life.

Hidden Spirits of Apathy and Lethargy

In the spirit, prophetic eyes were allowed to see that hidden pentagrams and other demonic symbolism were employed to release the spirit of apathy and lethargy. Likewise, the enemy hoped to steal from the people devotion to Christ and introduce carnality veiled as spirituality in its place. It was actually a play on words. The "carnival" was a trap to release greater measures of "carnality" in the Church.

"For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be." Romans 8:6-7

This was being exposed so that we could counter the assault through prayer and intercession. Bringing the adversary out of darkness into light is the first step in victory. Satan had carefully orchestrated the carnival so that it appeared innocent enough with veiled spiritual activities. However, at the heart it was the thief.

The Warning

The vision was emphasizing a warning against allowing carnality to flourish in the Church. This was represented by a carnival atmosphere that is often allowed. The Scripture warns that jealousies, envying and divisions were the signs and fruit of carnality. They are the attributes of being unspiritual and under the administration of fleshly impulses. The apostle Paul stated,

"for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?" 1 Corinthians 3:3

When Bob first shared this vision in a local Church, there was an individual present who knew of a radio program entitled "Carnival." The program employed as an emblem for its sponsorship the pentagram. This seemed to be an affirmation and timeliness of this message.

The essence of the message is an admonition to carefully pursue and embrace only the spiritual life we see depicted in the Scriptures. Specifically, we are called to live and experience the Apostolic Church revealed in the book of Acts. That is the spiritual atmosphere that is to be realized in this day. It is the only impartation of life that will satisfy the hunger and thirst of a needy generation.

Our quest is the infilling of the Holy Spirit that was made real to the early Apostles and available to us in this day. According to the Scripture,

"you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8

That is Church administration as God intended it. Any other activities, programs and worldly enticements would only be an empty substitute. The people want the reality of Christ, especially the young.

Come And See

Cindy Allen

Come And See! Come And Know!

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At present, the Holy Spirit is moving to position the Church to possess a new level of authority. Before we can possess new and greater authority, we must know the accountability and responsibility of walking in that level of power and anointing. The five fold expressions of the Ministry of Christ begins being revealed to us at a foundational level where and when we begin abiding in a prophetic lifestyle of accepting accountability. This accountability teaches us how to stand the ground we've been given as we are being transformed into one who can possess the land through the word of our testimony.

These ministries of Christ are received into our lifestyle as we are given discernment in where and how to yield ourselves so that we may receive of these expressions and functions (Ministries) in Christ. This discernment is given by the Holy Spirit.

It should be understood that the five fold ministries of Christ have functions that are released within the anointing and purpose of the Holy Spirit. The ministry of Christ (singular) will always serve to gather, to heal and to bring to restoration.

The presence of this Life (Ministries) of Christ within our testimony launches us into greater levels of faith; a faith that is purposed to catapult us deeper into the presence of God. The members of the Body of Christ are being gathered to "come and see". Translated, "come and see" means to come and intimately KNOW what it is to become so interwoven in the essence of God, you no longer know where you end and He begins.

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD TO HEAL

In preparation for us to be made ready for this transition, the Holy Spirit reveals to us any areas of our life that are in need of healing. The Holy Spirit works with us privately in a manner that allows us to intimately identify His personal inner witness. It is through our personal relationship with the Holy Spirit's inner witness that we begin to see God's character so that Christ may be formed within us. Christ is the rock on which we stand. The teaching and counsel of the Holy Spirit will always be towards showing us and leading us into greater standards of Christ. These standards of Christ become goals for us to walk towards and reach so that He may be manifest in us and our lives. Through abiding in Christ in this way, we experience the anointing. It is within the anointing that we begin seeing the patterns of Christ and boundaries that we are to walk in so that we are mindful to protect the anointing. As our relationship with Christ is strengthened in this way, we begin discerning Him more in others. Through this discernment, we identify Christ in others to cause us to become more mindful of protecting and nurturing the anointing of Christ in them as well.

Where Christ is manifest in two or more, fellowship will become a manifestation where God's glory is seen and experienced. True fellowship in Christ will always produce an overflow. We are being led to these experiences of Christ to cause us to forsake and abandon everything that has disallowed Him to be made known through the mindsets and traditions that we've held onto in the past.

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. 3 You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. NIV

We alone are personally accountable to walk in the standard of Christ that is being revealed to us. This faith in Christ can only be revealed to others through the witness that becomes present through the application of this word being demonstrated in our own lives. Thus begins the unveiling of the principal (of application) of the two witnesses.

Where the word of our testimony is balanced with the works of our testimony, Christ is formed in us and His manifestation can be clearly seen by others.

Where two (or more) are gathered in the name of Jesus, the sonship of Christ that these walk in independently will become one witness. The Holy Spirit will then move as the second witness through the overflow of anointing to reveal the fruitfulness of Christ as another witness is being gathered.

God the Father honors His Word with His Word. Just as Christ became the Word made flesh, we become living Epistles through abiding in His sonship. The patterns of the Life of Christ will always produce this same Life through multiplication and increase to prosper those whom the anointing is drawing.

Once we have made Jesus Lord over everything in our lives, we then move into a dimension of reigning with the one we have given Lordship over all things. This is our place of rest in Him. We are continually strengthened and refreshed in His rest because we abide in Him.

As we depend only on God's spirit, we have no faith in our own strength or power. There IS understanding and knowledge in God's spirit and He freely gives of Himself. We are abiding in Him and resting, even when it appears we are in warfare. God delights in showing us His power and will continually honor us through His fellowship with us.

In His Love,

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Come Boldly To The Throne Of Grace

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Thomas Manton - "Mercy is an ocean that is ever full and ever flowing." George Barlow - "Grace is what all need, what none can merit, and what God alone can give."

Hebrews 4:16 - "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

It is absolutely amazing to think that God Almighty - the Creator and Governor of this universe - would petition us as frail creatures to come to Him in our time of need.

Matthew 11:28 - Yet, the invitation is out - "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Isaiah 1:18 - "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow..." James 4:8 - "Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you..."

Hebrews 4:16 tells us - "Let us therefore come..." God is petitioning us to come to Him, and all because we have such a Great High Priest Who is touched with the feeling of our infirmities - Jesus, the Son of God - Who is able to save to the uttermost all those who come unto God by Him, seeing He ever lives to make intercession for them
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Consequently, the writer of Hebrews encourages all believers to approach God, and to approach Him boldly. The way has been made into the Holy of Holies.

Hebrews 10:19 says that we have "boldness to enter into the Holiest by the Blood of Jesus." Ephesians 3:12 says that in Jesus we have access and boldness with confidence. Ephesians 1:6 - Because of Who Jesus is and what He accomplished on Calvary's Cross, we can come to God without reservation, openly, frankly, without ambiguity, free and fearless, and with total confidence. We are now "accepted in the Beloved." We are no longer outcasts, foreigners, or strangers. We will not be cast out or rejected.

Come.

Come unto God.

Come boldly.

Jesus made a way.

It's the new and living way.

PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!

When we come, let us remember that we are approaching "the throne of grace." It could very well be the throne of judgment. But because of our Great High Priest and His atoning Blood sprinkled on the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies in heaven as well as in our hearts, God's throne becomes a "throne of grace" for us. Here is where we lay hold of all of the Lord's favor, good will, and loving kindnesses towards us.

The writer of Hebrews designates two main reasons why we should ascend to this throne of grace - to obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A man by the name of Thomas Manton said - "Mercy is an ocean that is ever full and ever flowing." So we never need to fear that the supply of the Lord's much needed mercy will ever run dry.

Ephesians 2:4 tells us that God is "rich in mercy." 2 Corinthians 1:3 refers to God as the "Father of mercies." Psalm 100:5 says - "For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting..." Numbers 14:18

says - "The LORD is longsuffering, and of great mercy..."

Oh, Christian, let us obtain mercy. Let us lay hold of it...make it our own...claim it...and receive it. There is a plentiful supply. Let it be our first humble cry. Lord, have mercy on us! Lord, show Your kindness and good will to us in our misery and affliction and come and help us.

Let us always remember one thing as F.B. Meyer so aptly points out - "Always distinguish between the words "attain" and "obtain." We can never attain or earn God's gracious help by prayer or service, but we can obtain, appropriate, and take it."

Hebrews 4:16 - "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy... "

Besides obtaining mercy, we are instructed to approach the throne of grace for grace itself.

Andrew Murray said - "Grace in God is His compassion on the unworthy." George Barlow said - "Grace is what all need, what none can merit, and what God alone can give." Richard Sibbes said - "Grace is above all conditions." J.C. Ryle said - "Grace is stronger than circumstances."

While in this world, we definitely need something that is above all our conditions and stronger than our circumstances. God has given it to us in His grace.

Hebrews 12:28 - Most importantly, we need God's enabling grace in order to serve Him "acceptably with reverence and godly fear." In order to do that, we must have some form of strength, help, support, and direction to keep us from temptation and sin. He has made provision through His grace.

Thomas Brooks once said - "The life of grace is the death of sin, and the growth of grace the decay of sin." He also said - "As heat is opposed to cold, and light to darkness, so grace is opposed to sin. Fire and water may as well agree in the same vessel as grace and sin in the same heart."

The Apostle Paul stated in Romans 5:20 - "...But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." OH, HALLELUJAH! What comforting words! God has made provision for us to live above sin - free from its shackles and chains. His provision is His grace.

No more do we need to feel downcast or discouraged.

No more do we need to struggle against the temptations of sin.

The Holy Spirit invites us to come to the throne of grace.

Come boldly.

Here we will obtain mercy.

Here we will find grace.

All because of Jesus - our Great High Priest.

Praise His Holy Name!
May God Bless His Word.
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Contemptuous Brothers & Five Smooth Stones
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Yesterday while waking up from a dream that had to deal with how David's brothers treated him at the front-line. This is when Goliath was taunting the Israelites, and after reading the account of David Vs Goliath in 1 Samuel Chapter 17, something just happened and I came into a new revelation of the power of the five smooth stones and how the enemy is trying to dissuade us from using them. I believe I am supposed to share this with other leaders and the body of Christ as well. Since it deals with the Five-Fold Ministry Model that God is trying to restore to the entire church at this time.

The first thing that was in the dream was the enemy using David's own brother to try and cause him not to fulfill the vision and calling that God had for him, to not get to the point in his walk to even need the Apostolic Stones as weapons, to not go forward and take hold of the Five-Fold Ministry Gifts that were needed to take down the enemy Giant in The Land.. This happened in my dream where 3 voices of the past spoke to me and basically said, "how dare you believe what God has in store for you, if you cant take care of the small things how dare you expect God to move in and do major miracles." From an earlier verse David's father sent him to check up on his brothers and to bring them and their commander some extra provision in the form of roasted grain, bread, and cheese. *13 Jesse's three oldest sons had followed Saul to the war: The firstborn was Eliab; the second, Abinadab; and the third, Shammah. 14 David was the youngest. The three oldest followed Saul, 15 but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's sheep at Bethlehem.* And just like in the passage there are 3 voices of dissent and contempt from the 3 oldest brothers of David.

They despised him for his lack of fear and wanting to take down the Giant that had everyone else walking in fear and not faith and trust in the Lord. These men needed someone like David to come in, and stir up the water to be an overcomer and not look at the natural circumstances of life, and basically trust God for what He says. Then to justify their own insecurities they always distort the true meaning of why these overcomers are sent into their midst in the first place. Here again David's oldest brother says this to him, *"I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle."* They not only try and stop them through talk of unbelief but then they try to shut up the voice of the Apostolic and Prophetic from effecting others. These older brothers are this way because they don't want to hear the true voice of God but rather they want hear a candy coated message of peace, peace where there is no peace, like in Jeremiah's day. They only want the prophetic if they have to have it, when they can control the person giving the message. And as far as a true five ministry model they always want to distort this as well.

But as you can see in Christendom Today, as in Jesus' day, and in the time of David almost whenever someone comes in; on fire and truly believing that they can take the hill, and believe God for miracles. The old system that represents David's more mature brothers raise their heads and speak unbelief and contempt towards people committed in walking what God has for them. Trying to always keep them down, and are mad like Saul later is at David because God is with the David's, and not with many of the older brothers who have grown old and stiff necked to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The older brothers want a outer covering of what appears as right living and are even talking spiritual warfare but they really don't believe it, and their trust is not in the Lord or they would have charged ahead at first at Goliath like the servant David did when he arrived on the scene.

Now these older brothers have a way of trying to shut up the true prophetic voices of God, through major control and intimidation. But as we see in the scriptural account of David someone will hear the true message of faith and overcoming and tell the people who are truly in spiritual authority, and then the person of spiritual authority will validate them and recognize them as truly being sent by the Lord. This is what is written in *I Samuel 17 verse 29 "Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?" 30 He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter, and the men answered him as before. 31 What David said was overheard and reported to Saul, and Saul sent for him.* So even when they try and stop the move of God, if it is truly ordained by the Lord and the vessel that is being used does not falter or cower down to their intimidation then the true message and vision for that time, can't be shut up the true move of God will prevail.

But as we see as David is questioned by Saul as to his spiritual fitness he is testifying to the measure of miracles that he has moved in . David had killed the lion and the bear, in hidden times when nobody else was watching and he overcame. These smaller victories had qualified him to take on the spiritual giant that Goliath had represented. But as he is getting ready the old move of God that was established as the authority for that season wanted him to put on their mantle and armor. "*38 Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. 39 David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them. "I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off."* But as one can see that was not the mantle and anointing that God had for the forerunner of the next move of God , for he had him do things way different than the Saul movement would have done it. So David says, *"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off..*"

Then David goes into the spiritual battle the way God want's him to with only a Staff, sling, bag, and five smooth stones*. "40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine."* As I was reading this passage of scripture it occurred to me that at this time by walking in faith that David was promoted from his priestly shepherd calling that he had turned over to someone else before he went to the battlefield, to the office of an Apostle with the five fold ministry giftings at his disposal. I am going to say something here that I believe is true, and that a true Apostle can work at times work in all of the other four giftings, such as a Pastor, Prophet, Evangelist, and Teacher. So I believe the Staff Represented his Rod of Authority like Moses had & it also represents the Apostolic Authority to take out the giants and principalities in an area that God had decreed him to do. The sling was the weapon that God gave him to accomplish defeating Goliath. And the five smooth stones in the stream represent the true gifts of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher. The key is the smooth stones in the stream that have been washed in the river of life for a very long time to wash away the rough edges that cause us to be ineffective in ministry. But these gifts were in fact perfected by the River Of Life and ready for David to use to take out Goliath.

I in fact think that Goliath had a disadvantage and that was David brought five times the needed weapons to fight and defeat him in battle. Now one might be thinking right about now that this is nonsense but think a minute here is the crux of the matter. That was revealed to me that every gifting ahs the power and authority to take down the enemy when properly employed in God's kingdom. Here is the narrative again, *42 He looked David over and saw that he was only a boy, ruddy and handsome, and he despised him. 43 He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 "Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" 45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head.."* As one can see whenever we confront the forces of darkness they always will rail false curses at us and try to convince us of their power over the situation, and they will always threaten us with some form of loss and or physical death.

That is why in Revelation John said, *"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. 11They overcame him, by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.* We must be like this unafraid of death, and ready to face whatever the enemy is trying to throw at us if we are going to effective, we must have this much trust in the Lord to trust him with our lives like the early church did to be a testimony even unto death. The reason that the enemy giant tries this tactic of hurling insults, curses, division, fear, etc., is to try and get us of the task at hand, which is to take him out and have the faith to believe that God will intervene when we stand on His word. As the scripture says Goliath despised David, cures him by his gods, and tried to make David turn and look at his self by calling him a dog and making fun of his apparent obsolete weapons. The enemy uses these tactics because he knows that when we have trust and faith in the power and authority that God has given us believers that he has to admit to the truth that God is in control, and God alone has the power to let him stay or force him to leave.

If we would grasp the disparity of the kingdom of God being in control, versus the limited weakened power of the Devil we would all walk more victorious lives here right now, myself included. One time I had a vision where the church I was attending had a ministering angel assigned to it and this church was in the country and had around 30 or so acres of grass & hay land around the church building. In this vision the Angel of the Lord was around 300-500 ft tall and had his hand on the church building , and this wolf-like black dog was trying to approach the church property to cause division and trouble, and the voice of the angel said, “ you cannot pass through these grounds, and this sent the dog running scared. When the black dog got close it had to leave and walk many miles away around the church property, and it was deathly afraid of the Angel stepping on it and crushing it like we would a bug on the ground or kicking it around sending the black dog hurling for many miles. This vision showed me that the devil and his fallen angels are on a tight leash and that he is very limited on what he can do and they know that God is waiting for us to advance His Kingdom and subdue the earth and restore that which was lost, in Jesus name. And when we do, Satan loses and spiritual authority is set in place the way God want’s it.

Getting back the I Samuel 17 story we are at the confrontation line and David takes on Goliath, and as I said before, “David has five times the needed firepower to take out the Giant in the land.” Here is what is written, *“49 Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground”* Here is what is so amazing about this it occurred to me that the stone sunk into his forehead and then he fell face-first towards David. The stone sank in and the Devil was faced with the truth of God that pierced the lies that this power believed the true power of God made it surrender. This shocked and awed the fallen power into acknowledging it was subject to the Spiritual Authority of God. Goliath had to bow down and pay God homage just like the impotent god Dagon had to when the Philistine people stole the Arc of The Covenant, they put it in the same temple as their god, and in the morning their god was bowing facedown towards the Arc, and the next day his arms and head were broken off and the idol was still bowing facedown towards the Arc. The important thing to remember once the truth is inevitable the enemy has to acknowledge God sovereignty and in fact the enemy must submit and bow the knee to the true God. And when this was going on David walked up and took Goliath’s own sword and used his own weapon against him and this totally destroyed the enemy. “*51 David ran and stood over him. He took hold of the Philistine's sword and drew it from the scabbard. After he killed him, he cut off his head with the sword. When the Philistines saw that their hero was dead, they turned and ran. 52 Then the men of Israel and Judah surged forward with a shout and pursued the Philistines to the entrance of Gath ”* So once the power of the principality or spiritual giant is broken a flood of faith will fill an area, and people who were moments earlier filled with fear and unbelief see the true overwhelming power of God, and they cannot help but advance the Kingdom of God, and the work for a season is effortless.

The reason that I said that David had a fivefold advantage was any of the fivefold gifting when used right could have taken out Goliath. For instance I feel that if it were an Apostolic Stone that David flung it would have had the wisdom and timing to be effective when using the authority of God in the stone, so the Authority of God would have sunk in and pierced the skull of the enemy. If it had been a Prophetic Stone it would have had some revelatory gifting that the stone, that would have had spoken truth about God’s mysteries and hidden things it also would have sunk in and rendered the giant bowing. If it had been an Evangelistic Stone the truth about Jesus and God goodness would have sunk in and brought him bowing down. If it had been a Pastoral Stone the truth of covenant of David being circumcised would have brought the giant bowing down before the Lord. And if it had been a Teaching Stone the truth about God’s written word would have sunk in and brought the Giant down. And when you have five offensive weapons that all work in a powerful team and are directed and trained by being in the River of Life for a long time, you for sure can take out the giants of the land in God’s perfect plan.

In closing sometimes when in you are going into a battle that God has ordained, many will try and talk you out of your destiny test, and when you overcome that onslaught of doubt and unbelief, a bigger one will occur when you have the attained five-fold ministry gift, because the enemy will try and get you to look at the situation and try to get you to walk in fear, but when you stand firm the truth of the matter will pierce the enemy and he will have to bow a knew to God and then we will have the ability to kill him with his own weapon. Sounds good to me lets take the hill with the Lords will.

Praise Be The Lord

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Come Back America

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(Vision and intercession)

Today I can feel a strange tug and pull, a yearning in my heart towards America.
It is how one feels when a child is far away, and you long for them to be kept safe until they return home.
It seems this is the Lord's heart in this time.
Way beyond who will be President, and what the elections will bring, I feel the Lord's longing, His call for America to return home.
There has been so much grace.
There has been so much time given.
There has been such a stretching away from the original path that I see a person walking far over on the left of my vision, almost out of sight.
The call is so strong now – "Come back".

I cannot think of a nation the Lord has blessed more than the United States of America, or one that He has used more to bless other nations.
He has given me a great love for the nation and the people – I have had an American flag hanging in my office for years.
But right now, I sense that the focus on which of two men will win the election has taken away from the focus that God is OVER the nation.
Neither Bush nor Kerry will be the saviour of the nation, and the Lord is yearning for the hearts that once were His alone but have turned off to the side.

As I look at the lone figure afar off, I know that if that person goes any further they will fall right out of the picture.
I sense that they have pushed so far out only one of two things can happen – they will fall out of sight, or the Lord will erect a wall to stop them going further – either of these is a frightening prospect.

My prayer and the great weight in my heart today is "Come back" – come back to the One source of safety and protection, come back to the centre of the path.
I pray for the Christians in the United States that today they will seek FIRST the Kingdom of God, and all else will fall into place.

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Christ Comes
Cindy Allen

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2 Cor 3:16-18

16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. NKJV

As we continue to experience God's glory increasing through our fellowship in Christ, it causes me to continually think on the Ark of the Covenant. Presently, I'm most drawn to the cherubim of glory because of what is taking place.

Heb 9:3-5

3 and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the **Holiest of All**, 4 which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant; 5 and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the **mercy seat**. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail. NKJV

Before I ever began having prophetic experiences of crossing the Jordan River, I spent a great deal of time studying the Ark of the Covenant. I read all I could find, and my studies only caused a hunger for something that I had no understanding of to end up driving me into the face of what God was calling me into. I would like to expound a little on what it means to prophetically cross the Jordan. First of all, the Holy Spirit is performing the Word in our life to cause us to become living Epistles through our sonship in Christ. I've shared that when I first began experiencing God's glory, it immediately identified my flesh and was terribly uncomfortable. As soon as these areas are brought under subjection to the Lord, God's fire becomes very desirable to dwell in because it causes us to be extremely conscious of Him. Abiding in the realm of the spirit, we desire to stay within the fire of God and His fire begins manifesting into His glory. Soon God's glory begins pulling those we are in relationship with into this fire to accomplish the same purposes and to sanctify our relationships. This sanctification in our relationships allows Koinonea to begin taking place.

The Holy Spirit began revealing the Jordan River to me when I found myself in fellowship with laws, traditions, or patterns that were outside of covenant relationship to God. The Holy Spirit would always reveal God's will so that I could cross over and align myself in covenant relationship with God. As soon as this would happen, I would immediately be increased in my vision, perception and understanding of the things that the Holy Spirit was showing me. The wrong things I found myself being in fellowship with, began with traditions revealed in relationships that were in place in my home, extended family and then in my church family.

The reason the Holy Spirit prophetically uses the Jordan River is because we can only cross over through applying the cross to our own lives. The cross causes us alone to be accountable for our own spiritual healing. Crossing these darks waters stops the flow and releases a fresh flow of grace from the Throne of God to reveal Christ to those who were once kept within these boundaries. Where the standard of Christ is raised, veils are removed....which takes us back to 2 Cor 3:16. 2 Cor 3:16- Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Now, through grace...., 2 Cor 3: 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. NKJV

Again, back to sharing how Koinonea is causing God's glory to increase in order to reveal how this is taking place. With our faces unveiled, the glory is reflected from one to another so that we are continually transformed through discerning Christ in those we fellowship with. We know Christ in ourselves, but fellowshipping with HIM in others produces a synergy within God's glory that causes each one to be catapulted deeper into God's presence where greater faith is activated.

Christ comes in His glory through this fellowship so that we are immediately transformed in God's unveiled presence. Although God's glory keeps us continually broken, there is no judgment and very few words when the glory is manifest. We do not usually experience the glory transforming us during fellowship with each other. This usually takes place separately and privately when we are alone in God's presence. When we are broken in the presence of God's glory, we are immediately re-created into the vessel that will hold the glory that is being imparted to us. This brokenness is very different than the brokenness we are accustomed to when we are decreasing so that Christ may increase. When Christ comes through Koinonea, we increase; but the experience of increasing in Him is extremely humbling.

Be blessed when you sense that the Holy Spirit is preparing you to step into the waters of the Jordan in order to stop the flow of tradition. When these waters are stopped, the veils that cover the faces of people are removed. Old boundaries are removed as Christ is revealed through a new flow of grace.

Blessings to all,

Cindy

Cultural Change Must Come Before Political Change

Don Walker

For Christians, our hope is not in politics but in the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Political systems do not change men fundamentally, though we do have a name for those systems that believe they can change men—totalitarianisms. Marxist political regimes believed they could inculcate virtue, creating "the new man" (a term they took from the Bible). The aims of Christian democracies founded on Christian truths are more modest—chiefly protecting life, liberty, and property. Because our ultimate hope is not in politics, *we should lower our political goals and heighten our cultural goals*. We should work for cultural transformation by means of preaching the Gospel and making disciples who are applying God's truth in all areas of life; only then will a "Christianized" political order come about incrementally, over the course of time. We should think of working from the bottom up rather than the top down.

This means, among other things, that if we want to change the slate of candidates with whom the two major parties confront us, we must change the culture. Politics are only a reflection of the culture. If we want to elect some one president who both understands and faithfully stands by Biblical principles of government, we'll need to change the culture so a rather wide consensus supports such candidates. *Culture is the dog that wags the tail of politics. If you don't like the look of the tail, don't try to cut it off; get a new dog.*

In other words: We can't get a new president until we get a new culture. We must be willing to vote for less than ideal candidates while working zealously for pervasive Christian influence in popular music, education, technology, media, movies, and elsewhere in the culture.

Harriet Beecher Stowe, through her novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, influenced the national conscience concerning the issue of slavery in her day. Today its not the novelist, but the film maker (unless the novel is made in to a movie) who wields the greatest influence. Take note of the influence exercised by people like Steven Speilberg, Michael Moore, or Mel Gibson. If believers captured the Hollywood movie industry we would have little trouble capturing Washington, D.C.

Undoubtedly talk radio has emerged as an influential force in our nation. The overwhelming number of the prominent talk show hosts are on the conservative side of the political spectrum. While they often exalt "family values," imagine if they were responding to the national problems with explicit Biblical answers. Imagine if they even began to call our nation to repentance.

What would happen if the overwhelming number of journalists in our nation were Christians with a Biblical worldview? What would happen if the major educational institutions were once again Christian in their worldview? What would happen if the Christian recording artists began to "crowd out" the vulgar ones? What if the leading businessmen and economists were all using the Scriptures as their textbook?

Once the culture begins to reflect the values of God's Word electing a president with a consistent Biblical worldview will be easy. Until then, we must either work faithfully with the historical options God has granted us, or support third-party candidates that may more consistently adhere to God's prescription for civil government, but are not going to get elected. He has not placed us in a historical situation that permits us to vote for the ideal "electable" candidate. So, God expects us to vote responsibly, thoughtfully, and prayerfully for the candidate that most accurately reflects Christian convictions.

Evangelical Schizophrenia

Don Walker

Probably the most amazing phenomena of recent Christian publishing history has been the remarkable success of Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins' *Left Behind* book series. These novels have been outselling all other Christian literature, with the possible exception of the Bible itself.

It isn't all that difficult to understand the popularity of this series. We live in uncertain times, a time of rapid change and considerable chaos. The *Left Behind* novels tap into the curiosity that many have about what the future holds, and what forces are controlling the course of world events. They present an apocalyptic worldview that many Christians have been indoctrinated in due to the influence of what is known as "dispensationalism." Thirty years ago it was Hal Lindsey with his book, *The Late Great Planet Earth*, brought dispensational theology with its view of the events surrounding the Second Coming, to the top of *The New York Times* bestsellers list.

Essentially, this theological position holds to the idea that the whole world is going down the toilet as Satan runs amuck on earth to the point that, very soon, an evil global leader will arise and inaugurate an unparalleled reign of terror. Basically, this view is dominated by the future being one of doom and gloom, catastrophe and failure. The world is inevitably going to grow worse and worse until Jesus rescues us in the rapture just before things get really bad. (As the currently predominate view among evangelicals, you can find this perspective expressed in nonfictional works by LaHaye, and many others as well: John Haggee, Jack van Impe, Hal Lindsey, etc.) From this perspective every gross manifestation of evil is seen as increasing evidence of "the soon coming of Christ."

Meanwhile, there has been another growing trend taking place in American Christianity without so much as a mental reference to the first: *Involvement in politics and cultural issues*. We find evangelical Christians marching against abortion, lobbying against gay marriage, protesting over the idea of U.N. monitored elections. They decry pornography and filth in the entertainment industry. They run for office, start radio programs, magazines, organizations, etc.—all to change society for the better. They do all this by day, and read *Armageddon* by night. The irony of it all is that they do it without recognizing the dissonance in these two positions. Hence, the title of this edition – "Evangelical Schizophrenia."

If the world is rapidly going to hell in a hand basket, why bother? Why are we polishing the brass on *U.S.S. America* if its inevitable demise will hasten the return of Christ? Why vote? Why fight gay marriage? Polygamy and bestiality are just around the corner. After all, if things get worse, won't Christ just come back that much sooner? If we concede to U.N. authority and oversight during this upcoming election, won't that just hasten a One World Order, which means a quick rapture? Even if we don't hasten the end, what sense does it make to fight the inevitable decline?

If we were consistent with our doctrine, we would all retreat into our church ghettos, or better yet head into the wilderness, close our eyes and ears to the world, and wait for Jesus to come back.

Perhaps instead, we should go back and restudy our Bibles. Maybe the Church is not destined to go down in defeat, but to be victorious, through the power of the Holy Spirit, here on the earth.

Here are the questions we must ask ourselves:

Do we believe in the triumph of Christ over the Devil at the Cross? (Heb. 2:14)

Do we believe that the Church will overcome the "gates of Hell?" (Matt. 16:18)

Do we believe that the weapons that have been given the Church are powerful enough to bring down Islam and the New Age movement? (II Cor. 10:3-5)

Do we believe that Christ is praying for His Church and that His prayers are effective? (Heb. 7:25)

Do we believe that through the Church, Christ will reveal His manifold wisdom to the demonic powers? (Ephes. 3:10)

Do we believe that Christ will remain seated at the right hand of the Father until all of His enemies are made a "footstool for His feet"? (Ps.110: 1-2)

The faith of the Church fathers and the Reformers was victorious with a triumphant Christ revealed in His Church. This victory was indeed the hope of the Church. Their hope was in the power of Christ to transform individuals and thus transform the world in which they lived. Their hope was in a gospel that would go out into the entire world and which would find its culmination and inevitable conclusion in Jesus' glorious appearing.Website and archive of past "Arrows of Truth": www.basileiaministries.org

Calling Evil Good
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

From today's news I learned that Florida was hit by two tropical storms. Interestingly just a week ago on CNN, in an interview on the Presidential Elections, the leader of one of the largest homosexual communities in the United States was asked which candidate their community was supporting. It just so happens that this community is situated in the Florida Keys. But, of course, this is not the only place where the so-called alternative-life-style individuals reside. Even here, in the "Holy Land" and in the "holy city", homosexual parades are being held with the full consent of municipal and national leaders.

If we have learned anything from history, then we should realize that there are always two signs that accompany the decline and eventual extinction of a civilization. One is homosexuality, and the other the sacrificing or killing of babies (abortion). These two manifestations of sin in our society have become the standard norm. Nevertheless, YHVH does not have to engage Himself in judging these matters as He has already built their resultant effect into the laws that govern sin. One does not have to be a prophet of doom and gloom to recognize that the curses enumerated in Deuteronomy 28 will be the automatic consequence if there is not repentance or a turning away from these, and other, iniquities. Thankfully the Most High God, by His love and mercy, many times restrains the results of sin. But when a society comes to the point of calling evil good, and good evil, it is evident there is a major deception at work. The Prophet Isaiah described this attitude in one of his warnings.

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Therefore as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the Torah of YHVH of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel" (Isaiah 5:20-24).

As we know sin is sin no matter what form it takes. The burden on my heart is not the homosexual or the abortion issue. It is the divisiveness in the body of Messiah. The apostle Paul focused on this particular sin in his letters to the Corinthian believers.

"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord [or Master] Yeshua the Messiah, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Corinthians 1:10). Paul identifies this problem again when he writes:

"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Messiah. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?" (1 Corinthians 3:1-3).
According to Paul the solution to this problem of strife and division may be found in one expression; the death of Messiah on the execution stake. Why does the apostle point to the Messiah's death? Please note his grasp of this truth in the midst of fellowshipping with the believers: *"And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of Elohim. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Yeshua the Messiah,*

and him crucified” (1Corinthians 2:1-2).

By faith Paul viewed the believers as being dead on the execution stake, but alive in Yeshua because of the indwelling Spirit of Holiness (ref 2 Cor. 5:14-17). If our fellowship and unity are based on some other premise, the result will be strife, contention and division. Failure to fully embrace YHVH’s accomplishment through Messiah’s death, burial and resurrection constitutes unbelief, rebellion and disobedience. Paul wrote that there was no other foundation: *“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Yeshua the Messiah”* (1 Cor. 3:11). It should not matter whether we walk into a fellowship meeting dressed as a Baptist preacher or a Jewish Rabbi. If it is not the Messiah’s presence in us, and Him being our personal reality, which is *“love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, self-control”*, etc., then we have missed the whole point of gathering together in His Name.

Let us determine to know nothing when we are in one another’s presence save Yeshua and Him crucified. The powers of hell understand only one thing when it comes to their defeat, Yeshua’s death and all of humanity in Him. There are many of us who are gathering together to celebrate the Festival of Succot. This is known as a time of ingathering, that is of inclusion and not exclusion. But there can be no true unity at these gatherings without apprehending what the Day of Atonement (a mere few days beforehand) is all about. Yeshua was the atoning sacrifice, and the goat called “Azazel” was sent to the dry places. That goat is a figure of our flesh (Adamic nature) with Satan’s entire demonic realm attached to it.

Let us examine ourselves, therefore, to see if we are in the faith; for we must know this about ourselves, that it is Yeshua the Messiah who is in us and that whatever is not of Him does not belong in this “succah” (our being) - the dwelling place of the Holy One of Israel (ref. 2 Cor 13:5). Let us not call evil (sin) good, and good evil. We have been given the gift of discernment and the power of His life to cast out and destroy the "power of sin" that is, the works of the Devil. Strife, contention, jealousy, envy, you name it and if you can’t name it just read about it in the apostles’ writings, are not difficult to detect. We are not to tolerate in these temples of the Holy One the presence of any spiritual entity or nature which is not of our Heavenly Father.

A quick personal note: This will be my last Friday letter until after we return, on October 13th , from our trip to the United States and Canada. We want to thank you in advance for your prayers, as it seems that we are going to be on the run. We hope to see some of you along the journey. We will be leaving in two weeks, on the 29th of August, after that date and until October 13 we will not have E-mail contact.

Shabbat Shalom and have a very meaningful time during the fall feasts.
Ephraim Aug 13, 2004

Close Encounters of the Third Day

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The Life-Light blazed out of the darkness; the darkness couldn't put it out. (Jn. 1:5 MSG)

The movie classic "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was an enormously successful blockbuster. The opening scenes consisted of several seemingly unconnected events, which through music, images, and dialogue provided clues which ultimately (and surprisingly) culminated at the end of the film. Most of the film's posters declared: "We are not alone."

Science fiction and space enthusiasts as well as space scientists have long dreamed of having routine access to the unknown. We, as the emerging Third Day church, now make preparation to make astonishing and impressive discoveries. We strategize how to launch spiritual rockets toward the future and into "Deep Space" in an attempt to learn about the kingdom and the best way to apostolically maneuver the Mother-ship (church) to get into apostolic positioning for the New Day.

But how do we meet the challenges of connecting our energies and imaginations into what God is actually saying in the vast unknown of this New Day. So far, we've been trying to "get it" from our earthly vantage point. We've tried to figure out the Third Day from putting together the clues that remain. We've traveled from conference to conference -- waiting in lines for hours – just to have a good seat for another emotional experience. We seem to "need" just one more super prophecy. Usually, what we want is all about US, our OURS... rather than about Him. But, there's one thing for sure, we're not alone!

Like gravity, these negative forces of the religion (carnality) have continually pulled our thoughts into a place of ineffectiveness and defeat. Perhaps you're like me and wonder how can we break free from these old ways of having church, going to church, and being church? How does our mission avoid further inordinate waits before finding these new discoveries?

Take a moment and consider...what would life be like if you could break through to find the immediacy of God? What would your life be like if you knew the answers to your problems? What if you could break through to an understanding of God's timing? What if you knew the precise "time" of prophetic release? What would it be like to discover your destiny and break through to courage? What would it be like to have final break through and be healed of past hurts and disappointments?

Several hundred years ago, Isaac Newton taught us that if we exceed a certain velocity, then the gravity force of the earth cannot hold us. That's it! Spiritual "lift off" – is what we need. We need to find that certain velocity (of spiritual energy) that will bring us to the breakthrough point -- and into the entry of the Kingdom. We need to obtain a lift-off that gets us to the place where we don't have to struggle just to keep away from sin. We must find that place where our mind can totally reject the lure of tradition, religious thinking, old mindsets, ineffective ritual, self-interest, and victimization from control.

In order for us to have a "close encounter," we must make a decision to achieve "lift off." This velocity is the incisive issue, my friend. We must decide to reach new heights in our inheritance. But remember, lift off won't take us "up there" somewhere – but it will enable us with an ability to SEE spiritually RIGHT HERE. We find it only when we disengage from those weighty and enticing religious and carnal influences that weigh us down.

POSITION YOURSELF FOR LIFT-OFF.

1. Connect to the desire to see and hear new vistas.

2. Deal with the fear of going to unknown places (ideas and concepts).

3. Detach (like a rocket from the booster) and cut the umbilical cord of past mindsets. Decide to no longer live the same way.

4. Learn the laws of living in the realm of spiritual reality and a brand new order.

5. Learn what it will take to get "there." We're all different. Different people require different amounts of force (energy) to "take off"… and to find displacement from the gravitational PULL of the familiar.

Our decision to "lift off," will bring us to the breakthrough. Each time we accelerate, we grow closer to full RELEASE from this WORLD (and it's fallen systems).

Once we've blasted off and passed through the barriers and boundaries of besetting old mindsets, we achieve that place of weightlessness. What a relief to be rid of those encumbering matters. Now, we can begin to look out the window. SEE. You're not alone! God is right here. Right now!

As we achieve "warp speed" beyond our past limitations, we discover that the spiritual realm seems to overlap this temporal one. By this, I mean that we can easily connect to it… it's not way over there, or up somewhere. We don't have to struggle to find God's presence.

Jesus, in His human life, exemplified a life completely yielded and in constant communion with the Father. He continually maintained full access to the supernatural realm. Jesus could synchronize His mind and will with heaven's intention and become the very DOOR-way (entry) for Divine power and reality to come into this temporal realm.

And, the more dislodgment of unnecessary cargo (RELIGION, the WORLD, and our own carnal agendas, our own illusions, and our own issues) occurs, the deeper we can ascend and the more accurately we can access the functional reality of the uncharted spiritual realms. We soon find that the more we employ an operative jurisdiction over our temporal circumstances, the more we advance into our intended dominion.

Our role as Mission Engineers involves us in nearly all aspects of the project. We can indeed play a meaningful role in a thrilling excursion that allows us to probe the vaster intentions of the Scriptures without predetermined and often incorrect restrictions. Swift propulsion permits faster access to important and fascinating destinations beyond the solar system of our lives.

Many onlookers may not approve of the expenditures or the risk of these new adventures. There will be many who deny our discoveries and protest against new conclusions. But, be assured my fellow traveler, other bystanders are also watching – because you and I are "...Made a spectacle unto the world, both to men and angels" (1 Cor. 4:9). Can you see there's another crowd… of witnesses cheering us onward? (Heb. 11-12).

The technological payload of our discoveries will be rigorously examined so that later seekers of Truth will be able to confidently build from our findings. We forerunners in this bold mission take risks so that future missions do not have to.

Assuredly, more and more believers will have opportunities to understand the REALITY of SPIRITUAL dimension. Jesus told Nathaniel that from the day of their meeting forward, he would see even greater power than he had realized before. That promise endures for us as well. Jesus added (Jn. 1:50), "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

The supernatural seems to connect right here. Remember how Jacob dreamed of a ladder (Gen. 28:12) that connected heaven and earth where the angels could ascend and descend? These portals of en-LIGHT-en-ment allow us to perceive unknown spiritual Truths and then be able to "translate" these revelations into an accessible, precise, applicable, everyday language of life – not into lofty language of religion.

The Kingdom of Heaven exists right here with us. Heaven isn't just something to sing about or a place to look forward to someday. Heaven is wherever God is. Translating this divine reality into the human realm is shown by our living optimally on earth -- as it is in heaven. HERE and NOW. This manifestation requires the establishment of holy concepts beyond that which we can now define. Residing in Heaven must become a conscious total embracing of the awareness of the reality of God's presence and miraculous power in our midst.

By apprehending redemptive thinking, we move closer and closer to SEEING the way things really are. Nothing else needs to be added to the finished work. Our old thought patterns must be broken and ex-changed for right thinking. We discover new stratospheres of enjoying eternal life with God.

The Third Day mentality receives full acceptance in the Beloved (Eph. 1:6), knowing that our identification is only In Christ (Phil. 1:21; Phil. 3:9). Because of our adoption as full grown sons (Gal. 4:5; Rom. 8:15), we have already been given an incorruptible inheritance (I Pet.1:4; Heb.9:15). His incorruptible seed (I Pet. 1:23) has grown within us and causes us to be stand blameless (Col. 1:22; I Thess. 5:23) and irreproachable (Col. 1:22) in His sight. Therefore, we press into the present truth of having full access to the Father (Eph. 2:13-18).

We have completely exchanged our old life for His (Gal. 2:20). We accept the work of the cross that has purchased our righteousness (I Cor. 1:30; II Cor. 5:21) and full forgiveness from all trespasses (Col. 2:13). We are guiltless and without condemnation (Rom. 8:1). Christ has delivered us from this evil age - Gal.1:4 and fully disarmed Satan (Col. 2:15).

We are blessed with All Spiritual Blessings (Eph. 1:3), boldly standing (Heb.10:19) as already justified (Rom. 4:25; 5:9) in His gracious liberty (II Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:1; Rom. 8:21). We are the "called" (Rom. 8:30), the chosen or elect (Eph. 1:4; Col. 3:12) who are complete in Him (Col. 2:10). We walk with light in our hearts (II Cor. 4:6) because we are already a new creation (II Cor. 5:17) that reflects His Divine nature (II Pet. 1:4).

Our eternal life with God begins NOW, here on earth (Rom. 6:23; I John 5: 11,12,20) and we are secure in this salvation (I Pet. 1:5; John 10:28). We live to express the love of God (Gal. 5:22; Rom. 8:39; II Tim. 1:7) and manifest our lives as sons of God (Rom. 8:14). CHRIST LIVES and EXPRESSES HIS LIFE IN and THROUGH US. He lives in us and is our only life (Gal. 2:20, Phil. 1:21, I John 5: 10, 11; Rom. 5:10). His finished work of grace shows forth from us as we express His glory.

Glory = the manifestation and invasion of God's LIKENESS into this temporal realm.

Glory = the inward nature of God expressed outwardly in our lives.

"Man fully alive is the glory of God" – Irenaeus.

This progress to a greater spiritual reality makes our lives functionally effective at a higher level. This is how heaven manifests on earth – by us demonstrating it right here. And remember, this new vantage point has to be maintained. Know this... every rocket that escapes the gravitational pull of where it came from, will encounter eminent disaster if it loses its velocity, forward thrust, and momentum.

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Christianity And Islam

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CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM! Are the Differences Unbridgeable?
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Islam teaches that the gulf between man and G-d is unbridgeable; this is the basic difference in Christianity and Islam. Christianity teaches that it has been bridged in Yeshua haMashiach/Messiah Jesus. Yeshua/ Jesus was called "Immanuel" which means (as you may know) "G-d is with us." (Matthew 1:23). For Muslims this is the height of blasphemy because they believe that Christians are trying to usurp the supremacy of G-d.

Muslims DO NOT BELIEVE in the deity of Yeshua/Jesus Christ. To them, this means that G-d and Miryam (Mary) had sexual relations. Unthinkable!!! Christianity very clearly denies that any sexual relations occurred in Yeshua's (Jesus') conception and that it was the Ruach haKodesh (Holy Spirit) who impregnated Miryam (Mary) (Luke 1:35).

From Qur'an ..."G-d begetteth not, Nor is he begotten" (surrah 112:3) This unequivocally denies that Yeshua (Jesus) is G-d, or the Son of G-d. This is written inside the Dome of the Rock on the Temple Mount in Yerushalayim (Jerusalem) .... god has no son ... Muslims do respect Yeshua only as a man.

Yet another difference is that in Islam, Muslims believe that Yeshua (Jesus) was a prophet sent by G-d, but unbelievers attempted to thwart G-d's plan. When Judas betrayed Yeshua (Jesus), according to their interpretation, G-d transformed Judas to look like Yeshua, and that Judas was the one nailed to the tree to die. Yeshua, according to their version, was then taken to heaven unharmed (no required shedding of blood for atonement as we believe).

Muslims further believe that at the 'end of the world' Yeshua (Jesus) will return to earth, slay ALL who do not accept Islam, reign for 40 years, die and be buried next to Mohammed in Medina.

Other differences...Muslims follow the path of "jihad" and this is mistranslated as "holy war". It actually means "striving" in the cause for G-d. Muslims are taught that wrong can be addressed with the sword. If is is impossible to use the sword effectively, then Muslims can use their words in the fight against evil (EVIL = that mean us, the infidels, specifically Jews and Christians). If even speech is too dangerous, then they can resist in their hearts. But armed struggle in the fight against "evil" is a most viable option.

Yeshua/Jesus however refused to use the sword against his enemies... (Matthew. 26:52-53). Yeshua's path to VICTORY in Yerushalayim/Jerusalem, was the way of the cross (stake, tree). The scripture (Holy Bible) speaks of no other than Yeshua/Jesus who has power over all things. (John 13:3). Yet, what was his first act of power? He set aside his garments like a mere slave and washed His companions feet. Jesus used His power for service. By deeds of love he conquered others. He is our example.

Further, Muslims believe that Islam is the FINAL revelation. The Bible, a far more ancient compilation of writings, is the final authoritative WORD for Christian believers with hundreds of fulfilled prophecies about Yeshua/Jesus as Mashiach/Messiah/Savior, G-d's Son sent into this world!

Also, as a Muslim, one may NEVER convert from Islam, EVER. Disassociation is the least of the penalties and DEATH is often the one received in other countries. This death by stoning or beheading is common. Women who leave Islam many times loose their children, and are tortured.

In the view of Islam, one is given the opportunity to "see and accept" Islamic truth. If one rejects Islam, then they are seen as an infidel who has denied truth. This is a religion of violence and destruction and death. Allah is not the same as the G-d that we serve. Our G-d is the TRUE Living G-d, the G-d of

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Holy One of Israel.

Take time and study about Mohammed, and the beginnings of Islam. He was illiterate, could not write or read, and the Qur'an (Koran) was dictated to one of his friends from an angel. (In my study, I believe this to be a demonic god -- little "g"). The beginnings of this religion straight away is violence and murder and destruction.

The "goal, bottom line" of Islam, (which means "submission", not Peace as purported), is to conquer the whole world. One gets an opportunity to submit. If a person does not deny their faith/belief system and convert, Muslims are not only allowed to chop off your head/slaughter you with their sword, they are obligated to do so in the name of Allah.

Like Christianity, Islam is a religion of missionaries. To Muslims the Book is most important, and to us Yeshua, G-d's only begotten Son, is most important. We preach Jesus, because in Him "all the fulness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete." (Col. 2:9-10).

Muslims also preach the example of Mohammed and Christian Believers preach the Torah/Bible....but primary emphasis for Muslims is the Book revealed, and for us the Son revealed.

Another point is that the Koran that many Muslims pass out in this country to those that they are indoctrinating, is NOT Qur'an (Koran). Most Muslims believe it is untranslatable from Arabic and memorize it in Arabic even though many do not know what they are reciting, memorizing and praying, only vain repetitions.

The most favored translation and commentary is from Yusuf Ail. My personal study of Qur'an began in the late '70s; I have read Ali's rendering about 5 times, it is a beautiful literary work. IT IS NOT TRUTH about G-d ~ El Elyon !!!

In Islam, and generally my experience in the Arab world, the end justifies the means. In Westernized thinking, we are brought up to value honesty, hard work, etc. as characteristics to be honored. Fanatical Islam can and will do whatever it takes to bring about their goals. We need to understand Islam from Islamic perception, not from a Christian/Westernized perspective. This is where we fall into misunderstanding and ignorance.

Those who murder Americans on American soil are venerated and esteemed in most of the world. We are a fast track to destruction! Westerners and particularly Christians had better awaken from their deep lazy sleep and get on with the job that Yeshua/Jesus left us to do.

We MUST share the GREAT NEWS that Yeti haMashiach/Messiah Jesus has already paid the price for us, with the shedding of His very own precious blood. We have a Father, G-d, in heaven who loves us so much that he sent His only son to die in our place (John 3:16).

I believe that ---Yeshua/Jesus was born of a virgin as prophecy declared. That blood atonement is required with G-d, and that ONLY the blood of Yeshua/Jesus will satisfy this requirement (not ours).

I believe that ALL people need atonement, need the work of Jesus to SAVE them, and make them right with the Father again, in right standing to receive the abundant life the Father wishes us to receive. All have sinned and come short of the glory of G-d. We are saved by exercising a receptive belief, and personalized faith in Yeshua haMashiach (Jesus the Messiah) and it is by G-d's grace. I believe that we must ALL repent (turn away from sin) and be born again. I believe that Yeshua/Jesus did die from the beatings, the hanging on a stake on Golgotha, Calvary's hill, and that he rose bodily and physically as had been foretold. I believe in the resurrection and judgment of mankind. I believe that Yeshua/Jesus will return to earth both bodily and physically. I believe that the fruit (singular) of love is the evidence of salvation and of the baptism in the Holy Spirit. I believe that with our transition to heaven, it is only the beginning of all the beauty, knowledge and love that G-d has in store for us.

Please share G-d's love letter to humanity, the Holy Bible, with those you love, with your enemies and most particularly with Muslim people. Muslims are a people loved by Adonai, He died for them, lives for them, and comes soon. They are a people who need our love, prayers and words of truth so that they may receive forgiveness of their sins and salvation, G-d's redemption through the Son Yeshua/Jesus.

Some deceivers in the world today accuse believers/Christians of being intolerant. I confess, YES, I am intolerant of lies from hell. I am intolerant of evil that has deceived Muslim people who truly want to honor god, and die for him. (Small g and small h intended). I am intolerant of the deception that is filling the earth. The Bible tells us that '...we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places,

(Eph. 6:12). I stand up as a believer of Yeshua ha Mashiach (Messiah Jesus of Nazareth), Jesus the Christ, the Only begotten Son of G-d, and say, this is TRUTH. He declared that "I am the truth, the way and the life". Yeshua/Jesus did not say a way...but CLEARLY said "THE WAY".

Pray for Muslims, pray for Jewish people, pray for Christians, pray for ALL PEOPLE COVERING OUR GLOBE, FROM EVERY TRIBE AND TONGUE AND NATION, EVERY ISLAND IN THE SEAS, AND DESERT DWELLERS ON THE CONTINENTS, AND THOSE IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH AND EAST AND WEST. Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem as G-d commands in Psalm 122! Pray that billions and billions and billions of people will find salvation in Yeshua haMashiach SOON!

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Adonai, we ask that you strengthen and empower us, your own, to love you, worship, reverence, and adore you, and to walk in ALL of your ways! Abba, we ask that you give all people who are without knowledge of your completed work of redemption, revelation and wisdom, that they may turn to Yeshua haMashiach and receive salvation, and TRUTH will set them FREE! In the AUTHORITY of the name of Yeshua/Jesus and in the POWER of HIS BLOOD we pray, AMEN!!!

1 John 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1John 5:20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, [even] in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Jude 1:21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.
John 17:3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Change

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These are the days of much change in the world system. But I am about to bring about a big change in the spiritual, as My people press into Me, with hungry hearts for more of Me. My word is a lamp unto your feet, it shall guide and direct you to My truths. Yes be filled with My Love, My Word, My Holy Spirit. I am the potter you are the clay, yield to Me, submit to Me, surrender everything into My hands that outstretch to You. Hearken to My voice in this hour, hearken to My words of truth in these days I am revealing My plans, I am instructing M y troops for battle. So arise and stand firm and confront the adversary of this world.

Diligently seek Me, I love you My people I have destined for you to receive My Love. Yes My Love is changing you this hour, this day, to be carriers of My divine nature. I am bringing about a change as you hearken and obey and follow My instructions. You shall be endued with power from above through My Holy Spirit. I am the Lord that provides for My people!!!

So arise and let go yes let go of the former things and press into Me draw nigh unto Me, resist the strategy's of the enemy. Let My spirit bring change, bring intimacy with Me the bridegroom and you the bride. Let that Love grow and mature to a deeper level with Me. Out of this Love will flow rivers of Love to those who feel forsaken and cast aside. Because My Love brings Change and willingness to press into Me.

Out of this Love you shall see much fruit in these days. As My people seek My face and pray they shall see healing in there land in this hour, they shall see My restoring power flowing through vessels, yielded to Me. Yes a people diligently following My voice led of My Spirit, then you shall see signs wonders and miracles in this day this hour.

My Love is able to bring change, I have redeemed you and set you free with My Love I sent My son to die for you to have newness of Life, resurrected Life flowing though you to change through My spirit, those who are bound and captive. So spring up a well and flow in My Love. Be conduits of My Spirit flowing through you to those who are oppress and depress by the evil one. Yes flow in My Love, Let My Love flow from your mouth gate be instruments of My Love. Put these words to action and flow in My anointing this day.

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Chaos Is A Prelude To Victory
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"Divine Release will increase.
I decree that evils cease
to commandeer My joy and cheer and steal My servants peace.
The release I decree for and through you brings liberty.
A change of mind and soul My child that sets the captives free.

Chaos that surrounds you is a prelude to victory.
Speak release to circumstance. Then from your prison cell walk free.
Your comfort zones are prisons when seen from My point of view.
My Spirit dwelling in you Knows We Should BE Breaking Through!

The familiar shall not hold you nor bind you to the past.
I decree a moving on into changes that are vast;
connecting you with those I chose to show My Glory through.
Examples To All mankind What Belief IN ME Can Do.

Everlasting life and joy will be yours as you
Employ My Word as your Daily Theme
that outwits the enemies scheme:
to shroud The Cloud of My Presence that radiates through you,
obscuring Joy and Gladness that I died to give to you.

My Resurrection Power that dwells within you each day
IS Sufficient to Radiate and Reinstate My Way.
Those opposing and deposing are fighting only Me.
Let ME Decree. Then Realize My Child that YOU ARE FREE."

PSALMS 138: 2, 3, 6, 7, 8
I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your loving-kindness and for Your truth and faithfulness; for You have exalted above all else Your name and Your word, and You have magnified Your word above all Your name! In the day when I called, You answered me, and strengthened me with strength (might and inflexibility) [to temptation] in my inner self. For though the Lord is high, yet has He respect to the lowly [bringing them into fellowship with Him]; but the proud and haughty He knows and recognizes [only] at a distance. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me. The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy and loving-kindness, O Lord, endure for ever; forsake not the works of Your own hands.

Dear Lord, in the Midst of CHAOS WE DECREE that WE ARE FREE!

Shalom, Love, Joy, Enduring Strength and Freedom IN Christ To ALL,

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Your Atmosphere Rearranged
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"Do not give up or retreat. The World is beneath your feet.
Dominion, Power and Authority all wrong will defeat.
No ill nor need can hold you. From it's grasp you are released.
Now be as one who dreams, My Child, for your evil has ceased.
As you speak and sing My Words, My anointing upon you;
Will be transferred while dispersing. My Glory to renew.
The very air around you. Your atmosphere rearranged.
Radiating with My Presence, for all things now are changed."

Thank You Dear Lord for Your rearranging and changing.
We Rest in Your Ability and Move in Your Strength.

Shalom, Love, Joy and Glorious Change To ALL,

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Your Overcomer's Crown
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"You must give thanks and praise for My keeping
that has brought you to this time of reaping.
For each step you have touched with the soles of your feet
has walked out the enemies defeat.

Words foot printed will be echoed
through the mouths of those who have walked My road.
In the wilderness a table laid
was proof that your enemies would be repaid.

The radiation of their deeds and hate,
My power will transcend and dissipate.
The chaotic energy beamed your way
will be intercepted, annulled this day.

Chants and curses will never defame
or bring to confusion those bearing My name.
You have walked a hard road. Now limp on through.
Your Overcomer's Crown is now IN View.

Emerge from the smoke without trace or hint,
for the fragrance you bear is Heaven Sent.
Infusing life on the shades of the dead.

Encouraging ALL to Be Spirit Led..
Resurrected this day into My Plan.
The restoration of the soul of man.
Shalom My Child IS your inherent peace.
That Rests IN Me and Obtains Your Release."

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My Rest Is Upon You
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"My Rest is upon you in this Season of Change.
You must resist all striving and think it not strange;
When My Good is misunderstood. Rejoice with Me!
Each day you are living More Supernaturally.
Those who misunderstand you walk not in My Realm.
Stand fast in My Liberty as I overwhelm;
The forces of evil that quench My Divine Plan.
They speak not My Promises and are thus other than:
The Redeemed of the Lord, set apart for My Work;
Who avoid the voice of strangers, but Mine will not shirk.
The Mandate I utter coming straight from My Throne;
Decrees all is well, as you allow Me to hone;
My Gifts to manifest in Miraculous Ways:
To Rescue and Feed My Sheep through difficult days.
Outlasting deceit through discerning ears that hear.
You will Reap Great Harvest's of Good this very year."

Thank You Dear Lord for encouraging Words and enduring Strength.
Shalom, Love, Joy, Rest and Blessings To ALL,
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Church History And The Abortion Issue

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Abortion is not an issue unique to our times. It was a common practice in the Roman Empire, necessitating the early church fathers to voice God's opposition to this wicked sin. Throughout the history of the Church, believers have been compelled to speak out against the murder of the unborn. I have collected a number of quotes on this issue.

"You shall not kill an unborn child or murder a newborn infant." - *Didache*.

"You shall love your neighbor more than your own life. You shall not slay the child by abortion." - *Barnabas [c. 70-138], Epistles*.

"For us [Christians], murder is once and for all forbidden; so even the child in womb, while yet the Mother's blood is still being drawn on to form the human being, it is not lawful for us to destroy. To forbid birth is only quicker murder...He is a man, who is to be a man; the fruit is always present in the seed." - *Tertullian, 197, Apologeticus*.

"Those women who use drugs to bring about an abortion commit murder and will have to give an account to God for their abortion." - *Athenagoras of Athens, letter to Marcus Aurelius in 177, Legatio pro Christianis [Supplication for the Christians]*.

"There are women who, by use of medicinal potions, destroy the unborn life in their wombs, and murder the child before they bring it forth. These practices undoubtedly are derived from a custom established by your gods; Saturn. Though he did not expose his sons, certainly devoured them." - *Minucius Felix, theologian [c. 200-225] Octavius*.

"If we would not kill off the human race born and developing according to God's plan, then our whole lives would be lived according to nature. Women who make use of some sort of deadly abortion drug kill not only the embryo but, together with it, all human kindness." - *Clement of Alexandria, priest and the "Father of Theologians" [c. 150-220]. Christ the educator*.

"Sometimes this lustful cruelty or cruel lust goes so far as to seek to procure a baneful sterility, and if this fails the fetus conceived in the womb is in one way or another smothered or evacuated, in the desire to destroy the offspring before it has life, or if it already lives in the womb, to kill it before it is born." - *St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo [354 to 430], De Nuptius et Concupiscus [On Marriage and Concupiscence)*.

"Some virgins [unmarried women], when they learn they are with child through sin, practice abortion by the use of drugs, frequently they die themselves and are brought before the ruler of lower world guilty of three crimes: suicide, adultery against Christ, and murder of an unborn child." - *St. Jerome [c. 340-*

420], Letter to Eustochium.

"The hairsplitting difference between formed and unformed makes no difference to us. Whoever deliberately commits abortion is subject to the penalty for homicide." - *St. Basil the Great [329- 379], "First Canonical Letter," Three Canonical Letters*.

"Those who give drugs for procuring abortion, and those who receive poisons to kill the fetus, are subjected to the penalty for murder." - *Trullian Quinisext Council (692), Canons*.

Throughout the centuries, Roman Catholic leaders have consistently upheld the sanctity of human life. Likewise, Protestant reformer John Calvin followed both the Scriptures and the historical position of the church when he affirmed:

"The fetus, though enclosed in the womb of its mother, is already a human being, and it is a most monstrous crime to rob it of the life, which it has not yet begun to enjoy. If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man's house is his place of most secure refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy a fetus in the womb before it has come to light."

Modern theologians with a biblical orientation toward this issue agree that abortion is the killing of a child. Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who lost his life standing up against the murder of the innocent in Germany, argued that abortion is "nothing but murder."

Karl Barth stated, "The unborn child is from the very first a child... it is a man and not a thing, not a mere part of the mother's body... Those who live by mercy will always be disposed to practice mercy, especially to a human being which is so dependent on the mercy of others as the unborn child."

The Church today must stand with those who have gone before us and not be silent on this issue.

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Cherish Vision

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> *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weaknesses." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 2 Cor 12:9,10*

The 'cherish vision' was received during an extremely intense time of enemy opposition in my life, when I was simultaneously seeking hard after God. I was physically tired and feeling a bit "beat up" if truth to be told! The Lord met me in my weariness, brought peace to my soul, restored my joy and my vision and lifted me tenderly into a place of breakthrough in his strength. I pray that these words will encourage, comfort and edify you. In this vision, when the Lord speaks to me he is not speaking to me alone but is also addressing every believer.

"CHOSEN"

I was sitting on a rock beside Jesus. There was a little cleft in the rock that fitted me just perfectly. I was comfortable here. Neither Jesus nor I were saying anything. We were simply enjoying being together. Then the Lord broke the silence by lifting his hand and as he did so, he pulled a back a curtain on time. I saw the hand of God reach out through dense darkness and watched in wonder as lightning bolts began to strike my mother's womb. I saw a tiny heart begin to beat and the word 'CHOSEN' was inscribed on it. This was my heart! It was the moment that I was conceived. I had known previously that God had knitted me together in my mother's womb (Ps 139:13), but how incredible to actually witness the sovereign action of God in my creation.

To choose something is to pick it out as being the best of perhaps two or more alternatives. Jesus chooses us and lifts us out of darkness into his Love and Light and resurrection Life.

"CHERISHED"

Whilst I was still sitting on the rock, Jesus turned to me and put a string of beautiful pearls around my neck. They were exquisite. He reminded me that the Kingdom of God is a pearl of great price (Mt 13:45, 46) and then said, "Child, you are chosen to be part of my Kingdom and you are cherished by your heavenly Father."

Angels came and surrounded us, each one of them smiling warmly. Jesus took a garland of blossoms and wrapped them around me. A beautiful fragrance enveloped me and I was immediately comforted, experiencing a warm rush of the Lord's joy in my heart. He said that the blossoms were his grace. "Remember my child how much I cherish the heart that I choose. My grace is sufficient for all your needs"

Cherish means protect and care for lovingly. It also means nurture. God's grace is gentle and embraces all our needs, nurturing us in discipleship. God's grace enables us to live and breath for him and to rise above any circumstance in his strength. The apostle Paul understood this divine principle of truth. (2 Cor 12:9, 10)

"CHILD OF GOD"

Jesus then proclaimed, "Child of God!" His words of proclamation carried authority and impact. Next, I was dressed in a pure white garment with many ribbons attached to it. The ribbons had words inscribed on them, which included 'innocence', 'virtue', 'faith' and 'worship'. I felt most precious to the Lord. Precious means to be greatly loved or treasured by someone. Whilst wrapped in God's grace, faith stirred afresh in my heart to worship Jesus with my entire life and to fulfil all that he has purposed and planned for my life to bring him glory. God calls every one of his children 'precious.'

My name, Catherine, means 'pure one'. The Lord is purifying his Bride, each one of us is being prepared and made ready for our glorious King. As the Lord looked at me with love, I felt his resolve strengthen my feeble human frame. In the depths of my being my heart swelled with security at being declared his child.

"CHOOSE"

After being adorned by the white robe, two paths appeared before me. One was bright and full of light and marked with the word 'sonship'. Angels were positioned along this pathway and carried huge banners bearing the words 'acceptance', 'affirmation', and 'forgiveness'. The other path was dark and bore different markings. These were 'condemnation', 'criticism' and 'bitterness.' The dark path way was strewn with jagged stones that would have torn delicate flesh that walked along it.

Somewhat perplexed I said, "But Lord, who would walk that path?"

Jesus looked at me with a depth of love in his eyes and responded, "The one who forgets they are a chosen, cherished, child of God."

"Remember my righteousness. Take hold of my grace and walk before me and be blameless. Remember the pearl of great price. I have counted the cost and paid the price, now consider the call. Remember the cleft in the rock and the covering of my glory. For I am with you even unto the ends of the age."

WHAT WILL YOU CHOOSE – SLAVERY OR SONSHIP?

The question before us all is an important one. What will we choose –slavery or sonship? As believers we are adopted into God's family through Holy Spirit. As such, we are no longer slaves but sons and daughters of the most high God! (Gal 3:26, 4:6-7). Why is it then that we struggle to walk in the full liberty Jesus has purchased for us by his blood? Why do we sometimes remain in the outer courts of God's presence as though we had no place at the King's table? Our Dad delights in us all the time and calls us into the inner courts to his wonderful banquet table, where his banner over us is love!

Perhaps there are a number of reasons why we sometimes dally in the outer courts, but for now I think Holy Spirit is highlighting one in particular, which is simply this: We sometimes forget we are chosen by God, cherished by God and that we are his children and heirs!

We sometimes allow our circumstances to overwhelm us to such an extent that we respond to them in a soulish way rather that in our spirit. Instead of seeking a hiding place in Jesus' presence (the cleft in the rock) sometimes we stumble about as though we are in a dark place, momentarily forgetting the incredible truth of our Father's love and our inheritance in Christ. We sometimes become ensnared in thoughts of condemnation, we bow to criticism, and we sometimes become bitter. These are not God's best for his beloved! They cause darkness in our souls and we need to lay such things at the feet of Jesus and ask his forgiveness. The truth is that we are accepted, affirmed and forgiven in Christ. We are justified (put right) with God, we are redeemed (bought back) from sin and slavery to sin and we are sanctified (made holy and set apart) by Jesus (Ro 6:11). We have every reason to be joyful. We each have a destiny in God, which Holy Spirit will out work in his grace in our surrendered hearts.

God wants to remind all his children today about his wonderful grace. God's grace calls us to the altar of faith (Eph 2:8). God's grace is for always! It isn't just for the precious moment of salvation but for our entire lifetime. It keeps us safe in God's ways and embraces us in his love. Father, wants to pour out tenderness on his Bride TODAY, that we might know the hope of our calling in Christ and the wonderful enveloping presence of Jesus by his Holy Spirit.

May you know a fresh outpouring of God's love on your life today. Heaven declares, "You are a chosen, cherished, child of God."… not just sometimes but always! Hallelujah!

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Chambers Of Preparation

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Hearken unto the Lord thy God and speak what I tell you to speak. Listen as I tell you what to write. Be ever mindful of My willingness to speak and My desire for you to hear/listen. Be ready always for My voice to pierce the silence. Be ready! I have so longed for My bride to come into the chambers of preparation. To be anointed with oils that are a sweet savor before Me. I long for you My dear ones. I long for that quiet time alone with you that I might lay out My plans before you. To complete the processes that I have begun in you. Being ready to carry My sword to the world.

I have Words for you to speak, but you must be willing to listen/hear. Little is known of what is coming and how it (My glory) will come. Just know that My glory is coming and covering this earth. Be ready! Let Me prepare you. I long for you MY previous ones. I long for you. My heart is breaking for those who refuse to listen and have hardened their hearts. I am ready for you my precious one. I am ready. Are you ready? My dears ones I am calling to you. Now listen to the Master. Jesus.

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Conformed Into An Image

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Revelation 13:15

Speak to my heart
Holy Savior
Let Your Word impart
Divine favor
That I might perceive
Your grace that sets men free
Released from the night
To live holy in Your sight
Where they gladly lift their voice
And praise You.

You are the voice of our salvation
The truth that speaks forth liberty
You cry out a holy proclamation
That Jesus obtained our victory.

Speak forth truth
Lord on high
Let a yield be produced
From the vine
So all men might say
You are the keeper of the way
Remove unruly weeds
So the cluster lives and breathes
As You pour out
Healing waters from above.

You are the voice of our salvation
The breath of life to those who hear the call
No image raised in hope of touching heaven
Was used to lead us to Your eternal throne.

> *“And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.”* Revelation 13:15
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> *“For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.”* Zechariah 10:2

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal and true Light of the world, who sits at the right hand of God, having been granted authority to rule and reign with God over all of creation. Jesus Christ, who “being the brightness of His glory” expresses perfectly to mankind the nature and desires of the Lord Most High. Those who perceive the testimony of the Father and the Son to be true will find that the glory, which exists in the heavens, will arise in victory, purpose and revelation upon their heart and mind.

Jesus Christ, the Son of righteousness, the brilliance of God’s perfect nature, will shine within a man’s life in resurrection power, as the Spirit of God’s holiness is established upon his heart and mind.

Jesus Christ, who purged our sins as He shed His precious blood upon the cross, has now been granted authority to sit at the right hand of God, upon a man's heart. A man's heart and mind represent each man's own personal throne, where all his thoughts and beliefs are held in high esteem. Jesus Christ, whose authority God has declared is established in the heavens, has now, in these last days, been granted entrance through the Spirit, to establish God's kingdom rule and reign upon a man's heart and mind.

So that a man can clearly hear the message of God's goodness toward man, the disquieting voices of doubt, confusion, hatred and rebellion will be brought out into the open to be consumed by the holiness of God. A man who turns toward Jesus Christ, who calls upon Him in sincere faith, will find that his thoughts that were conceived in the realm of unbelief, "darkness", will gain God's perspective in what is truth, and what is pleasing in His sight. As darkness is exposed to the Light of God's glory, through the sanctifying presence of the Holy Spirit, revelation of the nature, plans and purposes of God will be revealed.

When Jesus Christ appears, through the Holy Spirit, to establish His kingdom rule within a man's life, the rebelliousness, which has had great influence upon his heart and mind, will be cast down to the pit from where it finds its origin. So that man is able to live at peace with God, able to appreciate the gift of life that God has bestowed upon him, the Light will move in power within a man's life, speaking the truth of God's love for him, so that unbelief will lose its deadly, crippling hold upon the man. The Father, who has the power to create life, has given to Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, the power and authority to establish His righteousness within the life of man.

> *"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deed; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all." Colossians 3:8-11*

When through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ appears within a man's life, bearing the glory and righteousness of God, the things of God, the glory and mystery of God's love and purposes toward man, will be made manifest. That which was hidden because darkness could not perceive the truth, will be understood as the Son shares with man the things He received from the Father. So that man will understand the "unsearchable riches of Christ", the power that God has made available through Christ, so that man is released from his captivity to "darkness", the Spirit will speak into the inner recesses of a man's heart and mind of God's great love and purpose toward the man.

And as truth, God's voice of holiness, righteousness, mercy and love, speaks to the heart and mind of man; the "old man", the nature that was dependent upon thoughts and behaviors that were birthed within the realm of unbelief, "darkness", will be assaulted. As God's voice speaks of holiness, righteousness, love and mercy to the heart and mind of man, his thoughts that were birthed in the realm and region of unbelief, darkness, will begin to be shaken loose from its position of authority over a man's life. The Spirit speaks forth God's good purpose toward man, so that a man will be transformed into the image of the One who has purposed his birth into righteousness.

So that man is able to rise up with the mind of Christ, perceiving accurately God's voice speaking to them in the wind, in the rain, in the deepest valley and upon the highest mountaintop, all vain imaginations that "exalts itself against the knowledge of God" must be cast down. God releases His Spirit upon a man's heart and mind to bear witness to His majesty and power, so that unbelief, vanity, and pride lose power to dictate in authority over a man's thoughts and emotions. Man then exhibits the power and authority of Jesus Christ moving upon his life, as he demonstrates by his actions, the truth of the love he has received. As vain imaginations, which were formed in the realm of darkness, are replaced with the truth of God's mercy, love and wisdom, man will also walk as Jesus Christ walks, exchanging hatred for love, unforgiveness for forgiveness, and receiving peace where there once was strife.

> *"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

A man who knows God, as he himself realizes he is known of God, will be changed by the Lord according to His majesty and His glory. Man, who all his life, lived in bondage to the darkness of unbelief, will arise and shine, as the brightness of the glory of God moves in resurrection power upon his life. The Light, the Son of God, who reflects the brilliance of God, now sits at the right hand of God, upon the throne of a man's heart, establishing God's kingdom authority upon his life. Jesus Christ is the express image of God, the perfect reflection of God's glory, and it is Jesus Christ, who now, through the infilling of the Holy Spirit, makes His home upon a man's heart.

It is Jesus Christ, who will lead man from glory to glory. It is Jesus Christ, who will mature the thoughts of a man so that he lives in agreement with the nature, intent and desires of God. When Jesus Christ speaks with authority and power from the throne of a man's heart, a man will be trained in the ways of God, so that he grows up as a mature man of God, fully appreciative of the authority, goodness and power of God.

Each man begins his journey with Christ as a babe. As a newborn babe in Christ, his thirsty soul will be thankful to drink the rich, nourishing milk that the Word provides. It is the Word which provides the nourishment that will strengthen his bones, so that he can stand up and walk the course that is prepared for each child called of God's holy name. And as he walks his course, he will gain greater strength to handle with longsuffering the tests and trials that he is sure to encounter. To be able to wield the sword of the Lord in the righteousness worthy of the King, strength will be required.

A man prepared of God will gain strength to bear the armor of the Lord into battle. He will find that his armor is not burdensome, but is light, because he now understands it represents the righteousness of God. The armor will protect his heart and mind, so that he is able to look upon the world through God's eyes of longsuffering and compassion. The armor of God's righteousness will keep his heart and mind at peace, so that he walks in wisdom, understanding that the Lord goes before him into all battles. He will bear his armor with honor, knowing that all soldiers who are to gain the victory in battle must live in honor of the King who has called them to service.

All soldiers called of God will be adorned with strength, wisdom and the armor of God's righteousness, so they are well equipped in battle. All the enemies of doubt, confusion and accusation that would rise up to challenge their faith in the goodness, and the perfect nature of the Lord their God, will be put underfoot as the voice of God continues to encourage them onward. They will be used of God to speak to others lost in the whirlwind of confusion that has been stirred up by the voices that lurk within the darkness. With the peace of God guarding their hearts, they will be able to bear long with others. They will remain steadfast in their declaration that God's love, which leveled their mountains of unbelief and prejudice, will be able to perform the same mighty work within the lives of others.

> *"For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life." Titus 3:3-7*

Jesus Christ, who bears the "express image" of God, who sits at God's right hand, expressing the same power and authority as God, is filled with the same compassion and love as God, toward those called of God's holy name. His compassion and love moves beyond man's limited understanding of power and righteousness. God has given Him the authority to tear down walls that have long separated man from receiving and appreciating the riches that exist in His abundant, limitless, mercy and love. No man, of natural understanding, can comprehend the riches that exist within His comforting arms of compassion and righteousness. A man, who has not been birthed into God's eternal kingdom through the Spirit, cannot understand how God's Spirit is able to lead man to places where he will find rest for his soul; how through the Spirit, man is able to commune with God, and drink deeply from God's flowing streams of living water, so that his soul continues to be renewed, restored and refreshed.

Children who walk in "darkness", their understanding veiled from the goodness of God, do not understand that God has provided a way of escape out of the unrighteous suffering they encounter. Their souls hunger for purpose; but their ears are not able to hear the message God desires to share with them. Until the "kindness and love of God our Savior" arises in power within their lives, bringing revelation and understanding, they will live void of eternal perspective. But those who, according to God's mercy and grace, move beyond an understanding that Jesus Christ was a man who once walked upon the earth bearing the message of the kingdom, and into a personal, born again, Spirit filled relationship, will be delivered from their bondage to the darkness. They will be set free from the accuser who speaks lies that distort the good intentions and purposes of God.

The "Light," which God commanded, "to shine out of darkness," has now been given power and authority by God, to shine in a man's heart. The Light that is sent down from heaven, to shine in a man's heart, is able to pierce through the darkness of his unbelief, so that a man will be able to perceive and understand the mercy and love that God has toward them. A man filled with light, with God's Spirit of love, through their faith in Jesus Christ, will come to understand that he is the earthen vessel that God created to contain the treasure of great worth, God's Holy Spirit. He will also understand that it was not of any righteous act that he performed while walking in darkness, which caused God to shine the Light of eternal truth upon his heart, but that it was according to God's grace. For it is "by grace ye are saved."

By grace, a man is saved from continuing on the path that leads to eternal destruction. By grace, a man is saved from out of the darkness of unbelief, so that he lives his life in appreciation of the mercy, longsuffering and love of God. Through the righteousness of grace, a man is "conformed to the image of His Son," so that he lives at peace with God and others. And according to God's grace, a man will be used of God to exhibit the mercy and love of God, so that others will see a living demonstration of God's power within a man's life.

> *"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." Acts 20:28-30*

Apostle Paul, whose life was a demonstration of the power of God to lead a man from out of the darkness into the light, shared the message of salvation according to faith. He did not desire or cause man to bow down in reverence of himself; he led men to God. He guided their attention to the Holy Shepherd, Jesus Christ. He taught of the power and majesty of receiving the Holy Spirit, not according to the law, but according to faith in Jesus Christ. He taught of behavior that was becoming to one adorned with the righteousness of God. His desire was that man would be conformed into the image of God's Son, so that they could experience, if possible, the riches that he himself found existed in personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

As Apostle Paul walked under the covering of grace, he spoke wisdom to those present and to those to come. He taught that while many would be used of God in helping others obtain salvation according to faith, sadly, others would rise up whose desires would be polluted by their own vain imaginations. Apostle Paul taught that men would profess themselves wise, but their fruit, their words and actions, would not line up with the message of Jesus Christ.

The "grievous wolves" would not speak words that would cause a man to give glory to what God had accomplished through His Son, but instead would draw man's attention toward men's accomplishments. These grievous wolves, false shepherds, would not lead man into the freedom that is found in Jesus Christ, which is freedom from sin, from darkness, or unrighteous suffering. The false shepherds would look upon others not as a flock that is to be *led to* God, so that they could be *led of* God, but would instead encourage the flock to follow after them and their understanding.

> *"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption: for by whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage." 2 Peter 2:19*
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> *"And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and because that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed." Revelation 13:15*

The beast, who rises up from the earth performing miracles in the sight of men, does not perform miracles so that God is given the glory. No. Instead he draws men's attention toward himself. His pride has become his downfall. His desire is not turned toward reverencing and worshipping God, but instead, it is toward himself. This attitude will cause him to desire that others worship and honor his presence, thoughts and accomplishments.

The beast has partaken of the serpent's lie, which speaks that man can be as God. And because of his pride and vanity, he believes he can be as God in determining what is right or wrong, good or evil. His darkened, vain imagination, has decided that he is endowed with power and authority, so that he is able to take the law into his own hands, and dictate how others are to live their lives. As he walks deceived by his own pride, the words he speaks out, the miracles he performs, will take others captive to his own darkened deception of reality.

While he promises freedom to those who honor and seek after the miracles he is able to perform in the sight of men, he will instead lead them into captivity. He speaks words that proclaim life and liberty will be obtained through the understanding he exalts, while ignoring the message that salvation is obtained only through faith in Jesus Christ. His thoughts and actions have become wedded to the law. So he finds it natural to cause men to reverence the ideas expressed by the beast who rises up from the sea, by making an image unto the beast. He makes an image unto the beast who wears the ten crowns of authority, which declares salvation is according to the law, and not through faith in Jesus Christ alone; thereby he acknowledges with his actions what he believes.

Instead of speaking the truth, that God desires man to be conformed through the sanctifying presence of the Holy Spirit into the nature and image of Jesus Christ, the beast teaches men to worship images that mirror the nature of the law. Instead of worshipping the creator in Spirit and in truth, men are taught to worship images, idols that are conceived in the vanity of a man's darkened imagination. Instead of leading men to the Word and to the Holy Spirit, the beast leads men to rules, rituals, and the worshipping of idols, so that men's bones become brittle, and they can no longer stand up and proclaim with a sincere heart, that God is good.

The images speak vanity, proclaiming that salvation is according to the law, and not through faith. The images that mirror the nature of the beast, who proclaims salvation is according to the law, and not through faith, speak lies that cannot deliver a man from out of the terror of the night. The images, since they mirror the nature of the law, can vary in accordance to the desires of the one who creates them. There are boundless possibilities as to what shape or design the images can be fashioned into. But, whatever images the beast who rises up from the earth, bearing the earthly, carnal nature, creates and designs, one understanding will hold true: that whoever denies the power and authority of the ordinances, statutes, idols, or instruments, should be killed, [will not gain entrance into heaven].

That is, the beast who speaks as a dragon, who has not only declared that he is greater than God, worthy to be praised above God, by the words he speaks, and the actions he partakes of, now declares that it is in his power to decide who will live and who will not. He has decided that anyone should be killed [will not gain entrance into heaven], who does not adhere to his doctrine of salvation, and who does not bow down and honor the image he has created, which mirrors the law.

As a result, the beast who speaks as a dragon, has succeeded in turning God’s truth into a lie. Accordingly, he declares that anyone who does not bow down and reverence the image, which his vain imagination has created, is to be ostracized, hated, condemned, and turned away from. Yet the message this image speaks denies that the power of God, the breath of God, the Holy Spirit, who God has determined is able to give eternal life to man. God declares that it is through faith in Jesus Christ that eternal life is given, and that it is the Holy Spirit, God’s breath who is able to give life to man. It is not in worshipping and reverencing an image that man will gain salvation, but through faith in Jesus Christ, will man receive the salvation of his soul, the Holy Spirit. Yet, the beast continues to proclaim life is obtained through worshipping, being obedient to rules, regulations, and vain imaginations that mirror the law.

Those who love the Lord, Jesus Christ, having received the Spirit of life and truth, have been taught of God to expect persecution. God has spoken that His faithful soldiers are to expect that they will be hated for His name’s sake. When God’s precious children proclaim that eternal life is obtained through faith in Jesus Christ, and in receiving the Holy Spirit, the beast will proclaim that it is the sound of an abomination that is being trumpeted. His natural instinct and desire will be to kill what he cannot understand or control. His pride has caused him to fall away from the truth, and in his darkened, unstable frame of mind, his desire is to bring many with him.

> *“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:28-31*

Church In Crisis
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My Word For A Church In Crisis"
Feb. 5 evening, 2004

1PE 4:12 Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. [14] If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. [15] If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. [16] However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. [17] For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1TH 5:1 Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, [2] for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3] While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

"This year will be quite a year for believers, for they will be tested beyond what they may think that they can endure. For there will be testings in the world that will go beyond what you normally would see. For smoke and rain, fire and ice, are but a taste of those things. There will be signs in the heavens and signs in the earth below. There will be signs in the political arena. You think that things are going to go as expected, but I tell you that a new frontier is on the horizon. For it is not the frontier as you might expect. Much will happen in politics over this next year. You have had your taste of this administration, but a new liberal agenda is arising. No more will war be something that is pursued, but a brief time of peace will usher in a "false hope." And in a short time this "false peace" will usher in a world leader. Remember that I told you that these things are coming. Many think that the church will not go through times like these. They think that wonderful programs and seminars would somehow keep my prophetic time table from happening. I tell you that these things are decreed. I tell you that many false words and prophecies are going out around the world. Many speak of great world churches and revivals. Surely, many will be saved. Surely, the church will go on and will be strengthened. But I tell you, that not without much suffering. Do you think that you are exempt from my suffering? Do you think that life as a Christian does not have its rewards? Truly, there are rewards, and one of these rewards is that you will walk as I have walked. What is preached in your churches about these things? What is said concerning these things that lie ahead? Are you prepared or are you walking as blind men? Are your eyes on Me or are they on your leaders? I tell you that many will fall in this hour, but many also, will come into a deeper relationship with Me. "

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Things That Are To Come And A Promise
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AM 3:7 Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.

"From the depths of my Spirit I am sending forth my messages in this hour. From time immortal I have dwelt and have wanted to have a relationship with mankind. My messages have gone out in the earth in this hour. They have come forth from my throne room. I tell you that my words will take on a different intensity because the hour is getting later. My messages will speak more of specific times and places. For I tell you the enemy is planning his schemes, but he will not prevail. For I am equipping my prophets to know his schemes.

But even as important as that, my people need to be warned about specific things that are soon to come. So what is it that I want you to know? I want you to know of a deep and ever-lasting love that I have for you. I want you to know that you can triumph over the enemy in every situation. And specifically I want you to know about certain events. It will come at a certain time that you America, will be at war. That war will be greater than any war that you have been in so far. You will have the enemy enter your borders. I tell you that this war will be with China. I ask you to enter into prayer about these things.

Judgment will come and it will come swiftly at that time. These things will be happening after you have a new man in office. After this time that figure of the anti-christ will be taking his place among the world powers. I don't say these things to frighten or alarm but that you would be made ready.

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Church Is Going Forth

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My Church is going forth into the Streets
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God is going to show His glory forth-through our weaknesses- He WILL be glorified!! and lifted up. He WILL be exalted!! not a man lifted up, BUT the Lord Jesus Christ - through an army of believers- the young and the old- the hurt, the wounded, the rejected sheep's- those whom He's prepared for such a time. Those whom he's placed for such a time- in strategic places- the unknowns- those that need to rely on him to stand, to speak, to sing, to go forth.... whom He's prepared- to STAND!!.. to follow His lead and not be persuaded by man or religion.

IT'S HERE!
The ARMY IS arisen!
ALL to HIS glory-
Praise HIS name. Praise him! Praise him!

It's those who don't feel capable but KNOW God CAN!! The reliance is on HIM and not on any of fleshes ability- but through HIM- whom we have our being and life!! LIFE SHALL spring forth, readily- speedily!! The banks over flood with more of him. HIS Spirit flowing freely..., and flooding out into the streets, overtaking cites- bringing LIFE!!! LIFE more abundantly!!

LIFE- I speak forth LIFE- I call you forth! Rivers overflow!! Yes, Have your way Lord.

"CALL FORTH LIFE! CALL FORTH LIFE! CALL FORTH LIFE!!

I am overflowing the banks of the churches-into the streets it shall flow. And wherever it goes, life SHALL flourish! And fruit SHALL abound. My hearts cry SHALL be heard. My people are taking the land. MOVE forward! It's time! Time to take the land. The harvest is plentiful.

REJOICE! REJOICE! REJOICE for great is your reward.

The light is going- even now- it's penetrating the darkness. It's making a path before you. See it now- It's right there. Follow it and I'll go before you making a way. Look not to the right of what was- Look not to the left of what is now.. Look not behind you at what was...but look before you ... to what is to come. Go forward to what is to become, because it is I. It is now. The doors are open. I've made it clear before you, as long as you rely on me. Keep your eyes on me. Follow me. I will be the plower- the door opener- for have not I ALREADY opened the door. IT'S OPEN! It's before you, but many are distracted and led astray by the cares of today, and of the worries of tomorrow... and stuck in the hurts of yesterday... to move forward... that cloud comes up from within of darkness that obscures the Son.. I said MY SON.. from shining brightly, and blocks the clear view of the horizon- of what I am doing. Look even now- on the horizon- the SON HAS Risen!!

Your things I have ordained of you, are mine to bring to pass-just do what I ask- when I ask- don't worry about yesterday. Don't worry about tomorrow of the what-if's or who may be offended because your stepping out. Look to the SON that HAS Risen upon you. Don't worry about How it will ALL be accomplished... know that I WILL do it- as you step in obedience. There are angels sent forth.. way ahead of you in time... they are in the time before you, making a way... walk ye in it. They are way ahead of you... preparing a way- preparing a people. What is needed WILL be there at that time.

Money will come forth as needed. You won't need to beg, borrow, or plead- only share your heart- My heart. And I have the money!! As needed... as needed... things WILL be supplied to you, even before a need comes- or an area I want you to branch out into... It WILL be there. I WILL be THERE... as long as you walk in obedience to my voice.

There is much to come forth. You won't have to force it.. cry to me and I will, and already have dispatched angels. I AM! And I ALWAYS SHALL BE! LOOK UPON ME. There's a place- there's a place.. I have prepared for you. Rejoice for I AM! and I AM BEFORE you.

It's not a name- It's not a church. It's me. My name WILL be lifted up and exalted. The fruit is abounding -my fruit- good fruit. Do not worry. Do not fear. Stay focused on Me.

There are many people I have prepared even today- I say to you as you step out- in love! Love is the key!-just reflect my love.. Don't worry because NOT all will accept you, some are going to reject you, and even come against you... because your going against the grain of religion... but know I have those who you now know and some you have not yet met. I am calling out the obscure- and I will bring those that are equipped to teach and help...and those who WILL grow rapidly into their gifts. There are connection already made in heaven that are yet to come- It will not all be on your shoulders(as individuals), but your team of many, and it WILL grow. There will be College students. They will be young... of all ages...the young and old.. this isn't about age, but it's about hearts. Those that desire me- to know me. They'll be ALL ages- as they are all my children, and many have only needed a safe place to heal, and gifts pulled out, to be encouraged. And there are those that I have took through the wilderness and have prepared them to move forward and take the land- to take my people deeper into the promise land.

You'll, (when I say you- I mean ministries- team members and those that will come out of you-My people), You will be breakers. It's not one- it's many. I'll be brought into the schools- into colleges, I'm going to the streets through you- There is a release bursting forth now- coming down upon you- your streets- my people- that have been strategically placed. There are others through-out the U.S. and the world-wherever you live- this is a word for you) small fires, that shall grow to raging fires!! Where you- (my willing people) step, little fires will break out and there grow lots of separate fires... that SHALL shoot forth fireballs- but all from the same flame. ALL one!

WATCH OUT! BE ready in season and out. Look upon me. Keep your eyes upon me. LET me increase in you and through you.

I SHALL consume churches and break forth- I AM breaking out of the confines placed upon me. There is healing in my wings- a mighty deliverance for my people. There is not one leader but many, many called out ones- some will come through you... It will be of every nation and tongue, and of every denomination... Be Prepared! Raise up others to go forth.. the multiplication process of disciples.

Raise them- bless them. release them.

Raise them- bless them- release them.

Raise them- bless them- release them.

When they go out from among you.. bless them- release them.

If they talk badly of you... bless them- release them- move on,

because this won't be a small thing. They'll be braches off of branches.. each separate but a part of the whole- the whole of MY picture! Again I say MY picture. It won't always be what you think it should be. It's MY masterpiece. ONLY do what I put before you. I will bless you. I will multiply you. I will equip, and I WILL send out... so more fires can spread.

I am well pleased with you. You may think your small and feel small in my army but I will use you in your weakness- as you dwell in me. You will flow in me- as your head is upon my breast- you will stay in beat with my heart beat. I am branching you out, only rely on me. Don't worry about funds- just lean on me. Rest at my feet. It will be in that place as you rest at my feet- worshiping only me, as Mary- from there...

I WILL flow through you. Rest in me.
It will be a natural overflow. Rest in me!
It will be an outflow of my love- through you. Rest in me!!"
Rest in me.

Combat In The Higher Realms

Bob Neumann

Spiritual Warfare 204

At this point, if you have been following David's Song, the concept that people have of "SPIRITUAL WARFARE" should be altered. David's whole position is based on his relationship with his GOD. It is based on revelation knowledge, there were no do it yourself books or charismatic conferences for David to "pick up" on. David learned it in the fields with THE SHEEP. He lived it with lions, bears, and giants. Then he wound up in the CAVES. There he began to grow into what he would become. A Captain of MEN OF VALOR....and KING of JUDAH and all ISRAEL. Personal valor and ability in Military Skills does not teach a shepherd boy to be a KING. But revelation knowledge can. So back to Psalm 18..... 25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright;

For years we have been taught that Christianity is based upon a "personal relationship" with JESUS...GOD...sometimes throw in THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT. Seldom does man expound upon where you go from there. The overall assumption is that if you hang around with GOD everything is "O-K". But Paul teaches about changing from our corruptible reference into DIVINE PERFECTION. JESUS made it simple. PICK up your cross and to follow HIM. Paul says we are crucified...reread Galatians and actually study what Paul tries to teach. Few teach it today.

David declares that GOD shows mercy to those who give it. David was a WARRIOR KING...killed Philistines...and that is as far as it goes for most church goers. To bad they forget where David started...in the fields. Taking care of helpless LAMBS teaches a young man responsibility...and compassion. The aspects of MERCY can be manifest to one's understanding. Now David knew what upright meant, two verses earlier we saw it. Did he "get" it from reading Deuteronomy or Leviticus? Or did he pick it up from the family examples he had...great-Grandpa Boaz...and the pagan wife he redeemed. Or maybe Grandpa Obed who understood the "public shame" his Dad accepted at doing his duty.

Never heard about any of this? Shame on your pastors, preachers, and teachers.

David knew what being upright required.

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself froward.

So David understood HOLINESS to a degree....PURE... and he addresses the "froward". In the KJV it is the same term. In Hebrew it is actually two. The FIRST is 6141(ik-kashe') which means to be "distorted", "false", "crooked", "forward", and "perverse". Basically the opposite of being upright. So it makes sense not to ascribe unto a HOLY GOD such "attributes". So when David speaks of GOD he uses a completely different term, 6617(paw-thal'). Dr Strong say it means "to struggle", "to twine", "to be (morally) tortuous, "to be unsavory"..."to wrestle". GOD will STRUGGLE against perverse men. Imagine a "perverse and distorted" man trying to sing Psalm 34....and the taste of PRAISE and WORSHIP in TRUTH has in his mouth.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; but wilt bring down high looks.

Again revelation knowledge. The afflicted will cry out....what if it is THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT afflicting sinners with CONVICTION? Publicans walk away with forgiveness. The Arrogant...the Proud...the Pharisee...walks away unchanged. His reward is in this world and he is happy with that. But he has no revelation so desires no relationship with GOD. He is a Pharisee...RELIGIOUSLY ASTUTE. In utter darkness, but will never know because of his spiritual blindness.

28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness.

David knows where THE LIGHT COMES FROM....and because of that he changes from kid with the sheep and outlaw hiding in the caves to....

29 For by thee I have run through a troop; and by my God have I leaped over a wall.

A MIGHTY MAN OF VALOR. In GOD'S STRENGTH David can go beyond the limits of flesh and blood. All the GABOREM had it to some degree...Caleb and the GIANTS, Shamgar and 600 Philistines...Sampson...before he wallowed into sin... so much for the LIE about ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED.

30 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

Gee David, you were just getting good at how GOD used you. Why stop telling about your great victories...because David "KNEW" that it had nothing to do with David... anointed and beloved....IT WAS GOD...IS GOD...AND ALWAYS WILL BE GOD. David knew it, so few church goers have ever "got" it. So look at verse 30 again.

30 As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

One verse, but three separate phrases and each one is revelatory.

HIS WAY IS PERFECT....

John 14 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

Here we are at the LAST SUPPER. Except for ol' Pete none of the boys had any revelation knowledge of who they had spent 3 years with. Now Pete was with James and John at THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION. Yet nothing sank in. James and John still were jockeying for places in HIS KINGDOM...and Pete was about to cut off an ear and then betray his Rebbe...his TEACHER... the MIRACLE WORKING MESSIAH....even with RHEMA...Pete was still struggling till the THIRD DAY.... THE WORD OF THE LORD IS TRIED....

Psalm 12 5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him. 6 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

John 1 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

John 5 23 That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him. 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. 25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

There is absolutely nothing I can add to what JESUS HIMSELF SAID.... HE IS A BUCKLER/SHIELD for all who put their TRUST/FAITH in HIM...

Ephesians 6 16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And once again we find ourselves in Ephesians 6. Simple...GOD'S ways are all Straight and FIT TOGETHER....because in HIS KINGDOM everything has PURPOSE. So David is walking in REVELATION KNOWLEDGE. IS a man after GOD'S OWN HEART. All that means is that he is a sinner saved by grace...and knows it...lives it.

So David can sing... 31 For who is God save the LORD? or who is a rock save our God? Honest question. Solid declaration. 32 It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

David knew that it is nothing to do with the kid watching the SHEEP or the kid killing GOLIATH the SON of ANAK. Gr-Gr-Gr-Gr-Gr----grandpappy/granduncle Caleb chased them out of HEBRON so David could impress fallen KING SAUL and THE ARMY OF ISRAEL.... In his own strength and skill, David was no match for a full grown lion, or bear, or GIANT. David knew it and acted BECAUSE of his relationship with SOMEONE WHO COULD DO IT...and infinitely more. So here we see the GIANT KILLER....who knows the only way to struggle with GIANTS is to HAVE OUTSIDE HELP.

For years the cult of spiritual warfare has been out there. People writing books about someone else in some other part of the world. How that person HEARD GOD... GOT DIVINE DIRECTIONS...and WON GREAT BATTLES. How many times have we heard about APPROPRIATING and UTILIZING "stuff" under the guise of "SPIRITUAL WARFARE", but never hear about foundational relationship with ABBA, or THE LAMB. Granted, it is all assumed....anyone who goes to see some "big gun" in the "spiritual warfare" camp has been called by GOD to do so. Or did they just go with friends because they were bored. Or maybe they liked the companionship of the men/women in their congregation that were the top of the pecking order. Or where they "pecked" into it?

Now there has been a battle "in the heavenlies" for centuries. It started in Genesis 3. It ends in Rev 19. Now Paul tells us what we are up against...

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

But Paul had to deal with some issues before he could get to the nitty-gritty.

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. 2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; 3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

These first 4 verses deal with our relationships in our own households. Our parents and our children....to live as GOD desires for us there are promises...blessings....coming our way. Study Deuteronomy 28 very seriously. But after verse 5 it changes to a spiritual realm. Most never see it because they think Paul was teaching the EPHESIANS of the FIRST CENTURY.... people who lived when and where slavery was an acceptable practice and being a "servant" was as butler, cook, gardener, upstairs maid.... It is easy to ignore the RED LETTERS of Matthew 18 if you enjoy being served.

5 Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

Simple...be obedient to "natural" authority. Be single-minded to your boss or supervisor as you would unto CHRIST HIMSELF....

Now comes the shift.... 6 Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart;

Paul is saying not to just go through the motions in order to "please" humans...he wants us to be "real"...in all aspects of our existence. Somehow Paul sees that how our hearts are towards our GOD is how we will be seen....both by GOD and by THE WORLD. That is our daily WITNESS of THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM.

7 With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men:

Whatsoever you do to the least of these....really means something to JESUS. So what can be seen as all natural works/service/action has a definitively SPIRITUAL BEARING.

8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free.

Storing up your TREASURES in HEAVEN ignores one's background, one's diplomas or references. All is EQUAL OPPORTUNITY in HIS KINGDOM.

9 And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

Here we have "the rub" as Shakespeare called it. How can anyone "dead" in CHRIST desire to be served? How can anyone with any level of relationship with GOD/DEITY/HIS PRESENCE dare to LORD OVER anyone else...manipulate, coerce, control, exploit any one else. Especially SHEEP, CHILDREN, and SERVANTS? That is a conundrum...

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Paul says...my brethren...my brothers and sisters...those united with him in SERVICE to CHRIST JESUS. But to whom are we to be strong in THE LORD and in THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT? Verse 12 of course. But there is someone/something else out there. First shows up in Genesis 3:14... the SEED OF THE SERPENT....

Galatians 2 3 But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: 4 And that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: 5 To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

Matthew 23 29"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You build tombs for the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous. 30And you say, 'If we had lived in the days of our forefathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' 31So you testify against yourselves that you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets. 32Fill up, then, the measure of the sin of your forefathers! 33"You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell? 34 Therefore I am sending you prophets and wise men and teachers. Some of them you will kill and crucify; others you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town.

The Matthew 23 I took from the NIV...in KJV it is basically the same...look at v33:

33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

Brood...Generation...Seed...of THE SERPENT. They are the ones going to make war on THE TRUE SAINTS...THE TRUE BRETHREN. And THE CHURCH will be targeted....and a lot of "so called saints" have not taken any of the warnings seriously. In fact, they have been taught false gospels and lies that tickle their ears and make them feel """SO GOOD""".... call it collateral damage...

Selah,
old dog

Another Milestone
Bob Neumann

A number of years ago I had an excellent vision of a steer being torn apart....literally before my eyes. Since that time when things occur in the natural world people would ask "where are we...". When dealing with spiritual imagery there are rare occurrences in the physical realm that validate what we are shown in the SPIRIT. Yesterday we came close, but the "markets" pulled back. But at the close today Silver closed above $8.00/once. Here are the #'s for today’s closing as supplied by the TULVING COMPANY. This is not an advertisement....just that on the WWW there are companies giving information out freely. Closing Bullion Prices For Friday, December 3, 2004 Change From Previous Day Gold $455.50 +5.00 Silver $8.01 +.09 Platinum $875.00 -9.00 Palladium $205.00 - 2.00

Gold increased $5.00....more than 1%.... Silver increased 9 cents....also more than 1%.... at the same time "THE MARKETS" are "on the RISE".... what is plummeting is the VALUE OF THE DOLLAR.

Back in 2000 Gold was down to $230. For almost 10 years Silver stayed below $5....usually well below. In the last 12 months Silver passed $5 and climbed to now $8. In the last 6 months Gold has increased almost $100. We all know crude oil is staying around $47 a barrel.

Am I saying to go out and buy OIL, GOLD, or SILVER.... NO, what I am saying is we have reached a MILESTONE.

James 5 1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. 4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth. 5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. 6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you. 7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.

Actually all of JAMES 5 is applicable in the days and weeks ahead. Forget months and years children....TROUBLE is at the door....not still far off as some wish.

I will share with you an astute section of prophetic scripture...most have taught that ALAS BABYLON is all about that ONE DAY....actually they miss a few important points....please study.... 4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. 5 For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. 6 Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. 7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. 8 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her. 9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, 10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. 11 And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: 12 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble, 13 And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men. 14 And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all. 15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, 16 And saying, Alas, alas that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! 17 For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, 18 And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!

Verses 4-7 has been the call THE TRUE SERVANTS have been sounding over and over for years. Verse 8 SPEAKS of THE DAY...Historically the US of A has a number of DAYS....we remember...BLACK TUESDAY... DECEMBER 7th....and 9/11....actually Tuesday has had a few negative things about it. 1929....2001... As bad as we perceive BLACK TUESDAY Sept 11th 2001... 1929 was something else. It is remembered as Tuesday Oct 29th...but it started on Oct 21....that the market dropped...and on Oct 24 dropped again....and all the "king's horses" and all the "king's men" could not prevent Oct 29th. So there were really TWO BLACK TUESDAYS and a BLACK THURSDAY all in one week of time.

But you have to understand was that BLACK TUESDAY was merely the beginning of a downward spiral that did not hit bottom till JULY 1932....about 3 1/2 years.

Babylon had "plagues"....and she will burn a long, long time. Lots of people will witness it...be aware of it....but no where does it say that it will bring about a HUMONGOUS END TIME REVIVAL....too many people upset at loosing all that they had fought and killed for....true misery...just no repentance.

So we hit a bump in the road... things can only get better will be heard once things start. But people tend to want to hear LIES when the TRUTH HURTS. Selah
old dog

The Humongous End Time Revival
Bob Neumann

Dear Stephen and the WPA, What I meant about THE HUMONGOUS END TIME REVIVAL was the much hyped idea that certain television and radio ministries have that "just before JESUS comes" all the sinners "out there" will suddenly "see the LIGHT" and turn on the TV. And there they will be...because your "support" will buy them the TV TIME..... Scripture does say that at "the end"...times will be perilous...STUDY 2 Timothy 3... Scripture also says that GOD will "turn them over".... STUDY THE END OF ROMANS 1........ STUDY THE BOOK OF JUDE....

Now we are talking about general society....and the "opposition"....they ARE NOT part of ABBA'S HOUSE. Yet we are told by JESUS HIMSELF that there are EVIL SERVANTS...WICKED SERVANTS...LAZY SERVANTS... we are also told a PARABLE in MATTHEW, MARK, and LUKE about "husbandmen". Here is how DR LUKE TELLS IT....

9 Then began he to speak to the people this parable; A certain man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and went into a far country for a long time. 10 And at the season he sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty. 11 And again he sent another servant: and they beat him also, and entreated him shamefully, and sent him away empty. 12 And again he sent a third: and they wounded him also, and cast him out. 13 Then said the lord of the vineyard, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they will reverence him when they see him. 14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. 15 So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them? 16 He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give the vineyard to others. And when they heard it, they said, God forbid. 17 And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner?

STUDY WHAT PRECEDED THIS PARABLE....

HEBREW 6 asks us what if a SERVANT turns ROGUE... please STUDY IT...

Personally...I like what is taught in REV 6 about THE END TIME HARVEST...it just is not quite what the MEDIA MIGHTY SEE AHEAD... 9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. 12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; 13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. 14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand? Just take verses 16&17...NO REPENTANCE....

STUDY REV 14....and REMEMBER that all will be SEALED. EITHER EZEKIEL 9 SEALING...or REV 13&14...

NOW THERE IS ONLY ONE BIG-TIME HARVEST IN THE END.... and it does not come from AMERICAN TELEVANGELISTS...

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Does not line up with anybody hitting people up for the LAST BIG REVIVAL SHOW...

Being Under The Altar Bob Neumann

Sometimes things sneak in unexpected. For years men have interpreted the possibilities of the GREAT MULTITUDE...in REV 7... 9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. 11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, 12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen. 13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? 14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. 17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

These CAME OUT OF...THE GREAT TRIBULATION.... they are not the same as REV 6... 9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: 10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. Now 6 precedes 7....so early in the END TIMES we see those UNDER THE ALTER...who ARE GIVEN WHITE ROBES. they did not have to wash their own robes.... YET....why when I read REV 6&7 I always seem to "look back" to Ezekiel 9?

THE PARTY CAN NOT BEGIN TILL GOD GETS HIS.... sort of like MALACHI 3:16&17&18....

so ever "see yourself" UNDER THE ALTER?

it is an interesting place for viewing what will be...

sort of exclusive ringside seats....

Now you really have to ask yourself about whether you are ready to anti up the PRICE OF ADMISSION.

strange image for END TIMES DISCUSSION? maybe not
Selah ya'll
dog

Church Moves Into A Bar

Alan Senecal

Over the past several months my family and I have been helping some folks about two hours drive from our home. They had been meeting in their home for quite some time. They began to notice two things; they were outgrowing their living room and more unsaved people began coming.

After a little while the husband approached a local bar, that's right a bar. He shared with the owners about Jesus eating and drinking with publicans and sinners, about church in the market place.

Amazingly the owners loved the idea and our friends started meeting there, in the bar, on Sunday evenings (at no cost). What followed is still amazing all of us. On any given Sunday night there are between 60-120 people showing up. The average number of non-Christians is around 30 with approximately 20-30 people being born again within the past 3-4 months.

I, for one, have always believed that the church should be in the "market place". It's just great to see and experience it like this, IN A BAR!

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Christian Martyrs in the Last Days

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Introduction to this Series of dreams:

These dreams were compiled together from different dreams that I had in which God gave to me to show different events in the end time events and events in my life that pertain to Christians being Martyrs in the last days. It is also a series with a two fold prophecy that shows my growth in what I was called to do and how I had to listen to God to do his will.

Back in 1998, my mentor and ministry advisor for our hip hop rap group, Jamison a.k.a. Eleazar tha Last testament told me something that disturbed me. It actually had me not wanting to be a Christian anymore. He said that some Christians in the end time were going to be martyred. That they would die for the sake of the gospel. I had only been saved for one year and I was only 16. God had used me a lot in my high school to preach and witness to people. I was the Youth for Christ President and was responsible for bible study at school. I had put on many gospel rap concerts at my school that caused many students to repent after hearing the gospel in the rap lyrics. But I had never thought that I might have to die for the sake of the gospel. I got sad. I thought, “God, why would I have to die if I believe in you?”

And gradually over a couple of months, Jamison had encouraged me to research about the tribulation period and the end times so that I could be more aware of the signs and seasons. See I grew up in a Baptist church that rarely taught anything other than hollering stories at you and tithes and offerings. They talked about hell and following the rules, living Christian lives, but their was no spirit of love there. They rejected gospel rap and almost anything that was for the youth but told us that the children in the growth of the church. Hypocrites, gossipers, and lust-driving men all clothed behind the robes, big loud hats and suits, and the pulpits. I believe that I heard once that we were being raptured out of here one day before everything got bad and that if “Jesus tarries” we should live holy (not wearing makeup and pants for women, along with no tattoos and ear rings for men) ; all types of outside holiness but no emphasize made for getting the inner-man right with God. Only church traditions. Not once did I hear what to do if we were still here doing the tribulation and how to help others.

So when Jamison told me that he believed that the saints were going to be present on earth during the tribulation and that no rapture was to take place until the second coming of Christ, after the tribulation. The only thing that I could say was, “Well, if the pre-tribulation rapture is a mislead or misinterpreted doctrine, then I still hope for a rapture out of here before everything gets worse, and if the rapture comes in the middle of the tribulation, I still hope to be raptured then, but if we do not leave and are present on earth while things are at its worst, then I want to be the best Christian I can be so that I am right with God no matter what occurs on earth. So, while I was depressed that I would have to die for Jesus if it came to that point, I begin to study over the years and had a change in my point of view. I saw what Jamison was talking about and my dreams conformed a post tribulation rapture and saints being present on earth during the reign of the Anti-Christ. Yes, I was scared to kill my flesh daily and take up the cross of Jesus. I was selfish in thinking that Christ would die for me and that I wouldn’t have to die for him. And then God’s love came to me and I saw in the bible that “To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.” My thinking changed a lot and I was not as afraid. I was still thinking, “If someone tries to take my life, I will use self defense and kill them. I will shoot them and kill them with the sword. No New World Order personnel will take me without me fighting!” Then the spirit of the Lord came to me in this series of the dream to correct my thinking. It literally took a year for me to see God's point of view. He was also showing me that "Those who live by the sword will die by the sword" and that "Vengeance is mine saith the Lord."

This series of dreams are visions of the end times and a parallel of myself becoming a martyr for my beliefs. When the final dream was over, I saw myself anew and knew my calling was confirmed. These dreams helped me to realize my potential in Christ and how it can help others in the end times, by following God's voice and will and dieing to self and what self wants. It is also to serve as a vision to those who God has called to be martyred for their faith. This series of dreams are also visions of to come and what will happen in the end times. God revealed it to me through the dreams and I must say that we must all be right with the Lord and repent for our sins because the day will come when we either stand up and preach the gospel or receive the mark of the beast.

The Word of God:

Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:10)

And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. (Matthew 10:22)

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. (Matthew 24:9)

And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, (Luke 18:29)

For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. (2 Corinthians 4:11)

For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; (Philippians 1:29)

But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy *are ye*: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; (1 Peter 3:14)

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. (Matthew 10:28)

Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some* of them ye shall kill and crucify; and *some* of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute *them* from city to city: (Matthew 23:34)

And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. (Luke 12:4)

A Few Passages from the Bible that I thought about during this series of dreams:

The Cry of the Martyrs

When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of **those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held**. And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, **until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed. (Revelation 6:9-11)**

A Multitude from the Great Tribulation

(9) After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, **clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;**
(10) And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.
(11) And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,
(12) Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.
(13) And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, **What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?**
(14) And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, **These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
(15) Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.
(16) They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
(17) For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. **(Revelation 7:9-17)**

Slain Prophets and Saints from the History of the Earth

And in her was found **the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain** upon the earth. **(Revelation 18:24)**

SERIES ONE:

The Demon Beast and the Christian Infiltrates
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Dream One: The Demon Beast

A big, big Demon-beast appeared in a vision while I was asleep with my former Black Muslim husband along with my cat. I keep saying in Jesus name I rebuke you and then the sky opened up and was a dark purple color. I told my husband about the beast but he kept saying something about letting him sleep. A think that the beast and me wrestled for a long time but it went away, caught up in the air and I thought in my dream that it would come back. Then I woke up, went back to sleep and the vision continued. It was in color.

Dream Two: The End is Near

The sky was purple and I looked up and saw the whole galaxy, our solar system and stars, sun, everything. I was on my balcony and was as I were looking through my telescope but I could see everything without it, in full view. I felt in my spirit that the world was about to end. So I came inside and I was suddenly at another house where my two cousins were. They were extremely younger than me in the dream although we are the same age in reality. We were locking doors and windows and being careful in the shadows. We began to try to box up food and personal belongings to go to my dad house to be with family before everything went crazy on earth. Then I woke up again, went back to sleep and the dream continued.

Dream Three: The Christian Infiltrates

The scene was my aunt's house, the sky was still purple and I look out of the window to make sure that no one was out there and I kept telling my cousins who were like toddlers now in my dreams not to turn on the lights because it was dark outside and it would bring attention to us. McDonalds food chain was out there and gave us food to survive through a window. Then the scene changed and some others and I were together getting ready to infiltrate the antichrist movement but we had got captured, I do believe some got killed but some remained locked up and one of the ladies on the antichrist side was nice and helped me. She was a Christian who had not received the mark but was apart of the government some how. Then I woke up. These three dreams happened all on the same night/morning at 3am, 4 am and 6 am.

SERIES TWO:

Sodom & Gomorrah: NYC, Clowns, Demons & The Anointing

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Today I had a dream that I was in the bathroom with my fiancée and Melissa, a girl from Houston Baptist University where I attend college. Then the scene changed and I was at my grandma's house but it had scenes from my other aunt's house at the same time. My Aunt Bonnie and the other women in my family were cooking and then we started to watch television. There was a gay parade in New York City and they were running over people, beating them up and a lot of them were dressed as clowns, laughing. There were a lot of them there. The clowns were the gay people but at the same time they were demons of homosexuality. They were marching on New York in sinful pride and saying "We are here and you can't do anything about it." They reminded me of the demons that were in the hordes that Rick Joyner saw in his book "The Final Quest". They were marching together for that cause and were united but at the same time fighting each other in discord.

Then we were at the dinner table and Benny Hinn was on another television across the room and I started to prophecy and got bread and my other aunt took a piece of tuna sandwich (bread) and we put it on my other aunt's head. It was done to my Aunt Karen and then I started laying hands and speaking in tongues and it was causing people to fall down over there chair.

(My grandma died of cancer in 1996, a godly women and is she is usually representing in my dreams as wisdom or when I need an urgent message.) Here in this dream my grandma then entered it and said to me "Don't let them see you or they'll kill you or take you to jail." Then she told me to pack my stuff and head out before night falls and then I was packing and was trying to get my two cousins packed with me. Then I woke up. I did not know who she was talking about seeing me heal people. I thought that maybe she was referring to the demons we saw on television. They looked like the clown on Stephen King's movie "IT".

I do know that God has called me to heal the sick and raise the dead, cast out demons and prophesy. In most of my dreams dealing with bread, fruit or any other biblical symbols, I know that it means exactly what it means, the anointing of God, the bread of life, the fruit of the spirit. God said that if the tree does not bear good fruit, cut it down. In the last days, we must operate in God's anointing and be wise and bold when it is the right season so that many people come to God and we don't get caught in pride or self-righteousness and die before it is time.

SERIES THREE:

The False Prophet, Worship of the Image and God's Protection

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We were at school in my dream and were taking a class with this lady and she was telling us to pay attention and was showing us how to do stuff when the last days came and all of a sudden a voice in the wind was heard and many people turned and looked.

She told us to stay away from the windows and not to get too close but some did and they began to follow the voice and it got louder and louder and was far off. Those who took heed to her warning did not follow the voice. I was there and my fiancée. Then the sky suddenly turned purple and the voice was in Latin or some other language like it. There were thousands of people worshiping the voice and bowing down to it. And I saw off in the far an image and the image was big and they were worshipping the image with the voice and the voice sounded like the Pope of the Roman Church.

When I saw this I told my fiancée, Robert to come with me and go to my mentor Jamison's house but as we were about to leave, a big wave of water came from the hallway and was trying to flood us, those who were not worshipping the image or the false prophet and the few of us left got on top of tables. Then the water ceased and the lady told us to go left and right and then right again up the stairs and to follow those instructions and not to deviate from it. There was a set of stairs that she directed us to so we went. The stairs had a right and a left way to get up the same way but she told us to take the left one. I wanted to see what was on the right but Robert pulled me from going to far and then when we got to the top of that stairway I woke up and I realized that the lady teaching us was an Angel of God sent to help us stay alive during the tribulation to help others come to Christ.

She was helping and giving us directions and instructions as God gave them to her. And at first we were not listening and we were doing other things in class and the tribulation was sudden. So those who were not prepared followed the voice and began to worship the image. It is very important to hear God and know His voice.

SERIES FOUR:

The Great Falling away "Apostasy" of Christians: Receiving the Mark of the Beast

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I was dreaming that I was on a bus full of people that were going to a concentration camp. We were Christians. A couple of us, including me pissed off the bus driver off along with a worker on the bus and so they decided to stop the bus in front of a big house. Then they proceeded to throw our stuff down on the ground and told a few of us to get off.

I knew that they were about to kill us as soon as we turned our backs so that they could make an example of us to the other Christians to keep them in fear of them.

Then the dream paused!!!!!!!!! I suddenly heard the Lord say to me "Those who kill by the gun die by the gun" and I paused to think of what I was going to do and then I grabbed and wrestled for the gun. I was able to get it and started shooting the worker lady with it. Then a guy came up to me and said

"Stop shooting, we will all make peace!". So I gradually gave him the gun but as soon as he got it he was trying to shoot me and so I wrestled with him for a while and then he left with a bitter attitude. Nether of us had the gun however. It had disappeared.

I noticed that the worker and the guy were just pawns in Satan's game and were former Christians who were now persecuting us. They have accepted the mark of the beast because everything they taught and knew about Christ and the 2nd coming was wrong, so they got bitter and in return began to pursue us Christians. We were on our way to a concentration camp.

God told me not to shoot while giving me a choice and I paused and then I did what I wanted to do. I did not obey. God wanted me to become a martyr to build the faith of the Christians who were about to be killed like Stephen in the Book of Acts but I choose to shoot the gun so that I could stay alive. I was asleep at work and then my boss woke me up saying that it was 7 o'clock three times. 7 is the number of completion. 3 is the number of the Trinity, God the father, Jesus Christ the son and The Holy Spirit.

SERIES FIVE:

Concentration Camps for Christians

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My hip hop rap group "Secta 7" was rapping at an event with some secular artists. I remember that Lil' Kim was one of them and then their were some local performers as well. The scene changed from the concert and then we all had got captured by the Russians and were forced to walk in the desert along some mountains and hills.

Then some helicopters came and began to shoot at people in the long line of prisoners. The helicopters had the numbers 2, 11, 13, and 26 on them. (These are also the television stations in Houston that report the news). Channel 2 is NBC, Channel 11 is CBS, and Channel 13 is ABC and Channel 26 is FOX). But I do not know if the helicopters represented this. Please pray for the interpretation.

Then two other helicopters came and shot down 2 of the other helicopters.

Then we were inside of the Russian camp and they divided all of us into groups and I remember a military lady saying to the Germans to get in a certain corner so that they wouldn't get hit.

And then some of the people in our group and I remember my fiancée was one of them, were told to stand behind this curtain. And I saw that in front of the curtain, the soldiers were playing a baseball game and the batters were the prisoners and the pitcher threw many balls and the balls were hitting the batters and some of the balls were coming behind the curtain and hitting us. The balls left like bullets and were small like bullets, so I ran and went to the corner with the Germans, but the lady pulled me back and I was getting hit still.

Then my fiancée went up to bat and I was scared but still mad so when the pitcher began throwing the balls, I ran up to home base and we took the bats and began to throw the balls back. Some of the bats broke and the Russians got hurt a little. After taking hits from many balls, we all went back to our quarters.

I went to the Russian general's office because of what I did earlier with helping the prisoners out and he said that by the end of the day we all would be dead. So I told him wait and he tried to flirt with me so I told him to let us go and he said maybe, only if I flirted back. So I said maybe later (although I did not plan on ever flirting with him) and he let me go. So I was going to tell the others what the Russian general said when the local performers from the scene before came up to me and wanted to talk. One of them left and only one remained and he started to talk to me and then tried to rape me but I got him off and when I looked at myself I had on a white robe. Then I woke up.

SERIES SIX:

China, Missionaries, Martyrdom & My Vision of Jesus

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I was in China as a Christian monk with some Chinese people. We were praying in a cave because like in the Book of Daniel, the king told Daniel that he would be killed if they continued to pray to god. This also happened in China. So we stopped praying, we only stopped so they would leave and we could go to the jungle and pray some more.

So we left the cave and went to the jungle to pray and the Chinese officers followed us and started shooting guns. We fled and hid, some fought back behind rocks, etc. I don't remember if I was shooting back but I was behind a big, big rock but I was still getting shot with bullets and I remember having many bullet holes. Then they left and the Chinese people who were with me came and saw me and I got up from behind the rock and was hot. The bullets burned and it felt so real, like it was not a dream, like I was awake.

I saw that I was bleeding and that I was shot twice in my neck and all over my body. They carried me to a room and I was talking to them about heaven and Jesus and how when we die Angels come to take us up to heaven and that we will see Jesus come.

And all of a sudden my breath begin to slow and I felt hot and I felt Jesus there in the room and I told the Chinese Christians in my shortness of breath that the presence of the Lord was there and I fell on my face and started to worship until I turned around and I saw Jesus.

I was so happy and Jesus helped me up since I was dying and short of breath, ready to give up the ghost. As soon as Jesus touched me, I felt no more pain, no more flesh, no more hurt, no more anything, no more bullets or blood. I was free. I was dead, but free and Jesus himself came to get me!!!!!!!! It happened in a millisecond, not even a millisecond or a nanosecond, it was an instant change.

I didn't see heaven, I was just walking with Jesus and we went somewhere and I saw my 5 cats. Jesus told me, “It is time for these 2 cats to come with us.” And I said what about the others, and Jesus said, “It is not their time.” And then I took the 2 cats and we left the other 3 cats and then I woke up.

I woke up and was unhappy because to be with God was love and happiness. I was happy even though I was dead. I never died in my dreams. My dreams have build up to the exact moment of seeing Christ. The first dreams that I had years ago was helping people in the last days and what was going to happen, then the dreams began to show me escaping the Antichrist and helping Christians like the underground railroad. Then in my dreams I got caught and was helped. Then I got caught was about to die. Now finally I died in my dreams and saw Jesus!!!!!!!!!!! He was showing me what was to occur in the end times and at the same time, show me that I do not need guns or swords in the end times, that no matter what happens, He is there and He will get me. I am a martyr, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, what a wonderful feeling. It is good news to me. To die a martyr means the receiving of a wonderful crown, a white robe and to be able to sit on the thrones next to Jesus. Rick Joyner has seen these thrones in his vision of Heaven.

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Introduction: My History in Relation to My Dreams

I am 23 years old this year 2004, I was born in August 1981. I got saved in 1997 when I was 15 years old by watching Gospel rap music on television. I called the prayer number and talked with the person who later became my mentor. His name is Jamison Smith. Jamison Smith got saved when He was 22 years old. He is 45 this year. He grew up in Chicago and was an ex-pimp, hustler and gang member. Due to a hit out on his life, he traveled from place to place until God had him in Houston, Texas. Nobody wanted to preach to him at first because he was still very thuggish and mean. He smoked and drank heavily but one person Kirk Miller took him into his home and every night played the word on reel to reel. The demons in Jamison slowly started to come out. There, He got saved viewing a Gospel Tract from Chick tracts named "This was your Life." And it is very amazing that before Jamison got saved, he could not read well. When He got saved, God showed him how to read by only reading the bible and gospel tracts. The Click tract had pictures like comics and very few wording in them with scripture at the bottom.

Ever since then, Jamison and Kirk would go out on the streets after praying and studying the word all day, with no other church, and preach to the gays and lesbians and homeless. They were bold like John the Baptist. One day while preaching in the middle of a heavily gay populated street, Jamison was praying and walking back and forth. Kirk and other friends were preaching and witnessing but Jamison told God that He did not want to say anything until God told him to, for He knew deep down that something would happen that night, but He did not know what. And then all of a sudden, fire arose in his belly and He started to proclaim, "Thus said the Lord…" and He witnessed to everyone on the street so loud that Kirk and his friends thought that He went crazy. They were used to people witnessing like they do in church. But Jamison was like John the Baptist. And it was three people listening and then it turned into 20 people and when the Spirit of the Lord finished speaking through Jamison, all of the people who were around were on their knees in repentance.

This occurred when Jamison was only in his 20's. I am in my 20's and like, father, like son, mentor and mentee. Jamison is like a father to me and I have inherited His ways. Episodes like this happened all of the time when Jamison was young. There was even a time when someone died in an accident and Kirk and Jamison stopped to see what was going on, and they prayed over the person, for he had just died. And then all of a sudden, Kirk rebuked death and told the man to wake up. And the man arose and was no longer dead. They did not stay and enjoy the thank you and praise, they simply went on to San Antonio like planned. They had to go minister to people there. Jamison has had dreams and visions since then as well. He has seen Russia and China attacking our shores and well as many other end time prophecies listed in the bible.

He was one of the original gospel rap artist and started a television show called "Ministerz of tha

Underground". It is currently on Trinity Broadcast Network (TBN's) JC-TV and the web. It originally aired on Houston area's Channel 22 KLTJ (Keep Looking To Jesus), but when Daystar bought the television station, they took all youth programs off. We are apart of a hip hop rap group called "Secta 7". I rap and write poetry. God is calling the youth today to do wonders and prophecy just like he did the prophet Jeremiah.

(Jeremiah 1:5-10) Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations. (6) Then said I, **Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I *am* a child.** (7) But the LORD said unto me, **Say not, I *am* a child: for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak.** (8) Be not afraid of their faces: for I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. (9) Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, **Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.** (10) See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

(Joel 2:28-32) And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and **your sons and your daughters shall prophesy**, your **old men shall dream dreams**, your **young men shall see visions**: ***(29)*** And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. ***(30)*** And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. ***(31)*** The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. ***(32)*** And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for **in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.**

Jamison's mentor was Brother Eldred Thomas. Brother Thomas owned KLTJ along with other television stations and radio shows. He authored books like, "The Tribulation, Daniel's 70th week", along with a book about the different bible versions. Brother Thomas was 80 years old when he died. He was friends with Pat Robertson, Brother Schembock, and John Osteen. He loved Smith Wigglesworth and some of the great charismatic thinkers of the past. Brother Thomas also mentored and approved of Bob Larson, Mary Baxter, and Irvin Baxter Jr. Brother Thomas, Jamison, myself and our Gospel rap and ministry believe that we are living in the end time. We believe that the saints will go through the tribulation and that God still gives us visions and dreams and the ability to heal the sick, raise the dead and operate in the wholeness of the 5-fold ministry. Jamison is considered an Elder. All of the youth call Him "The High priest Elder" and He laughs.

He asked God a long time ago to give Him a double anointing of John the Baptist. And He received it that same night. Something like a bright light star came from the sky and descended until the ground were He was standing and praying that night. His ministry has received his anointing, the anointing of John the Baptist and the prophet Elijah.

We preach an unpopular message through our songs and ministry in a time where churches are preaching the prosperity teaching. We now that it is today that we were born. We are here for since a time as this. We must fight, we must prophecy, we must do what God tells us to, for the time is short. Jesus will not tarry any longer. The birth pangs of the earth are about to produce something in the atmosphere that no one has every seen before and we will be here for it. Some will be martyrs, some will receive the mark of the beast. This is what we believe. This is where I stand and God has shown me through studying His word, my own dreams and visions and through others like Dumitru Duduman and tons of others online and in books that we are all on the same page.

This series of dreams are the first ones that I ever had. These dreams served as a message for me in helping me grow in Christ and opening my eyes to see the spiritual world of warfare- the vast world of angels, demons, and God. I believe that if more Christians started to think with there spirit eyes, they would see that demons are what cause division, not their husbands, not the kids, not the boss. They would see that spirits are over certain cities causing havoc. They will see that "Doctrines of Demons" have been in the Church since the beginning and that demons are over these doctrines to keep true Christians from operating in the full power God has given to all of those who believe in him. This series of dream show my mind frame and how it grew in Christ and understanding. I hope that it blesses you like it did me. God let me see the outskirts of heaven, an eagle, demons, Satan and how God protects His people. He also gave me a little wake up call in a dream when I was studying Islam and Christianity, where I did not know if I was going to Hell or Heaven. That time in my life was havoc because I had just gotten to college, "the time of experimenting" and had discovered the Nation of Islam and Black Muslim beliefs. I thought that I had found myself in those beliefs but in fact, they are not enough to convince me to leave Jesus, so I just merged both beliefs into one. And instead of being at peace, it only confused me because one taught hell and the other did not. God came and gave me a wake up call.

SERIES ONE:

The Spiritual Grave

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Before I got saved I had a vision while I was sleep. I saw myself rise up out of my body while I was still asleep on my dad's couch. My spirit descended on to the floor and began to walk towards the hallway door. I opened the hallway room and on the other side of the door was a funeral. I did not know who died but recently my great-grandfather died and I thought that maybe I was viewing his funeral, but on the inside of me, I just felt that it was not him. Later on that year, I got saved and I do believe now that it was me in that grave, a spiritual grave because I was dead. Everyone is dead spiritually if they do not have Christ.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. ***(John 14:6)***

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ***(1 John 1:9)***

SERIES TWO:

A Demonic Manifestation

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I had a dream while I was on my dad's couch asleep. Actually I thought that I was sleep but it seemed as though I was out of my body because I saw myself sleep. And then a dark figure came to me and it kept me from talking and waking up. I didn't know what to do because I couldn't move but the only thing that the inside of me was saying was "Say Psalms 23" and when I did, the dark figure went away and I woke up. Later that night it happened again and whenever this happened, I could see my body laying there and my spirit was moving sometimes but I could never talk. Later on in my years being saved, I learned what to do when these dark spirits came. It is for our inner-man to raise up and conquer it in the spirit with the word of God and with a word of rebuke to Satan and his demonic forces.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from
you. ***(James 4:7)***

Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. (***Luke 9:1)***

SERIES THREE:

Outskirts of Heaven

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I was taken up into the outskirts of heaven. I was flying through the air and clouds which were golden, a pure gold never seen before, bright in God's glory. I felt peace and time was not present there, eternity was. Then I woke up. After a few years of being saved and having this dream, God revealed to me that the way I was able to fly was because I was on the back of an eagle, one of the prophets of old.

(Revelation 21:10-23)

(10) And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
(11) Having the glory of God: and her light *was* like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;
(12) And had a wall great and high, *and* had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are *the names* of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
(13) On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.
(14) And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
(15) And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.
(16) And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.
(17) And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred *and* forty *and* four cubits, *according to* the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.
(18) And the building of the wall of it was *of* jasper: and the city *was* pure gold, like unto clear glass.
(19) And the foundations of the wall of the city *were* garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation *was* jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;
(20) The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.
(21) And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city *was* pure gold, as it were transparent glass.
(22) And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.
(23) And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb *is* the light thereof.

SERIES FOUR:

Demons, Lava, & God's Hand of Protection

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Dream One: Flood of Lava

I was playing basketball in a dream and looked up at the sky and the basketball goal grew taller and the sky did too, it looked like it was going to rain so I went inside, as I turned to go inside a line of people were lining up to enter, my house became a haven from the rain. And just like the wizard of oz and the flood of Noah, my house was on top of water or lava and I could see through the window, demons and witches on top of houses, water or lava almost to the top of the houses.

Dream Two: God Protects His people

I was in my room in my dream and got up. I saw a small and skinny demon and then it ran to avoid me so I chased it. It went through the door to my aunt's room and I followed it in there, it ran out and went outside so I chased it and as soon as I went outside, everything was desolate, blood or lava was up to the top of houses, people drowned but I walked on top of it all. The demon ran and looked back at me and stopped. Then he came running towards me. I looked back and behind me was an army of people from God. As the demon ran towards me an invisible hand from above came down and as it did it made impact with the demon like a blow from a fist. However the hand went threw the demon like a ghost and when it did the demon broke up into ashes and blew away. Then I woke up. I used this dream as an inspiration in one of my rap songs.

O Israel, trust thou in the LORD: he *is* their help and their shield. ***(Psalm 115:9)***

Thou *art* my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word. ***(Psalm 119:114)***

God *is* our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ***(Psalm 46:1)***

In God *is* my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, *and* my refuge, *is* in God. ***(Psalm 62:7)***

But the LORD is my defence; and my God *is* the rock of my refuge. ***(Psalm 94:22)***

(Psalms 91:1-7)

(1) He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
(2) I will say of the LORD, *He is* my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.
(3) **Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.**
(4) He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy* shield and buckler.
(5) Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;
(6) *Nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.
(7) A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

SERIES FIVE:

Satan the Accuser
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I was in my bed and I saw Satan as a beautiful man/creature. I can't really describe him because he was so pretty yet deceptive at the same time that it is totally confusing as to describing him. He was speaking an unknown language to me but I understood it somehow. He was accusing me of a lot of things like blaming me for things that happen in my aunt's house but I kept rebuking him in Jesus name. He followed me into my aunt's room but I keep calling him a liar and a deceiver, that is all that I remember.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. ***(Revelation 12:10)***

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
(2 Corinthians 11:14)

SERIES SIX:

Heaven or Hell, the Choice is mine
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I had a dream that it was 15 minutes till the world ended and I saw a lot of people from my University, Houston Baptist University. I was trying to call my family and my dad because satellites and everything was going to end first before the world ended, but I could get through because at the time my best friend Lanier a.k.a. “dredz” was on the phone line, every time I kept picking the phone up. I was trying to call my dad because I wasn’t for sure that he was saved. That was also one of the most dreadful feelings on earth because I did not know where I was going when the world ended its existence. (At the time I was studying Islam and Christianity). The dream ended as a few minutes till and I woke up crying. I was so distraught because I really thought that the dream was real.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ***(2 Cornithians 6:14)***

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. ***(Matthew 6:24)***

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue (vomit) thee out of my mouth.
(Revelation 3:16)

However, I few weeks went by and I still kept studying Islam and Christianity and gradually found myself being pulled back in the way of Black Islam. I became racist towards white people, I began to distrust the government and started to believe that a mother-ship would save us.

I remember that the week earlier before I had the last dream, I created the Nation of Islam flag and the Nation of the Gods and Earth (5%ers) flag. I put them on the wall, both facing my bed so when I went to sleep, I could see it. I had slavery themes on the wall. I was watching the movie Malcolm X thirty times every two days. I was feeding myself Black Supremacy everyday.

Then I got sick, I got bit by a spider and had hives all over my face and body. I was so distraught, crying and my eyes puffed up. This happened about two weeks after my dream. I was still a little confused on God and was mad that I was sick. I remember praying in Arabic, the Muslim prayer at night and then saying a prayer to Jesus. And that night I cried out to God and said, “If Jesus is real and He is the way I am to go, send me peace tonight so that I could sleep”. And that night I slept well. The best I slept in days and when I woke up, I took the two Islam flags down and threw them in the trash can. I stayed in Islam about two years after that and married a Black Muslim, but I eventually came back. Every time I would study Islam, God would put that dream back into my heart and memory. I even tried to run away from it like Jonah did. But one day while I was waiting for my now, ex-husband, to get out of service at the mosque, I saw something that I had not seen before. I watched the men walk around and the women walking and all of a sudden I had a vision. They were walking slowly in this vision, slow motion. I saw demons of slavery on them. They were holding them down to a doctrine that really did not help them. They were alive on the outside but dead inside, like zombies, depression, racism, sadness and all and then I heard God say loud and clear to me, “If you turn away from my Son, then I will destroy you along side of my enemies.” I had never heard God say anything to me or had a open vision like that before. This time I took it seriously. I went home that day and contemplated on what I should do. And that night, I was randomly looking through the bible for something to read and the page I landed on was the same time that God told me earlier in the vision. I had never heard or read this passage before.

(Isaiah 1:18-21) Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. (19) If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: (20) **But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.** (21) How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

With me turning back to God an my husband still in the Nation of Islam, I left. It has been almost three years now. I have never been happier. I was depressed at first because I knew that God does not like divorce, but I became well again in my spirit and I remember the passage that said:

And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, ***(Luke 18:29)***

But thanks to God giving me dreams and visions and a wonderful set of friends and my Mentor, Jamison Smith, I came back to the real God, Yahweh, whose son, Jesus died for me and my sins. Praise God for this dream. Jamison had a dream that I was studying Islam and asked me about it and I acted like I was okay. He said that God told me not to be harsh with me because I would come back. God told him to love me and show be kindness. Others that I knew wanted to drop me from the face of the earth because I was studying Islam. Jamison took the wisdom from God in dealing with me and every time we debated or talked, I slowly came back. From my experiences in dealing with youth, since I am a little older now, we should be kind and gentle to them. The Word says that a kind word brings us back to God. And it does. When the elders and their generation are mean to the youth because of their “young rebellious ways” and self righteous kicks in saying “Do not wear tattoos and no nose ear rings!”. Instead of telling them not to wear baggy pants and that they need Jesus, show them Jesus, tell them about Jesus and love them as they are. Jesus did and He had a lot of youth followers. Youth are revolution but that is a part of being young. Paul said that as He got older, he put away the childish nature. That will occur with the youth, but we should not shun them, that makes them not want Jesus at all and start to find something else where, and Islam will take them. They are targeting the youth now, in music, and in culture. Pray for the youth.

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Be true to self and God.

Character Made Perfect
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Many of My children are being tested to see what kind of character that they have at this time of their life. How do you know what you are made of unless you are tested? Many are failing the test but at the same time many are beginning to see that there are major adjustments that need to be made in their character and makeup.

Unless you are tested you don't know what kind of faith that you have. Is it true faith based on the character and fruit of My Son, or is it faith based on head knowledge only? Once you begin to see where you are lacking, you need to repent and begin to dive into My word even deeper to get My word really grounded in your heart so that nothing by any means can shake you.

Some fall asleep in peace like Jesus in the bough of the ship while the disciples cried out for their lives. They didn't follow the example of their Lord and lie down in peace knowing that I was in complete control and that they would be safe. Why would their Lord lead them out to sea knowing that a dangerous storm was out there to destroy them?

Let the Lord lead you and guide you into all truth. And at the same time allow Him to crucify your flesh so that you would only rejoice in time of trial being content with all that you have. Always remember there are others facing trials that far exceed that which you face. For I know that which you are able to bear, and all that I allow works together for your good to conform you into the image of My Son. Each trial will bring you closer to the mark that you will need to bear. Each trial through the fire of My love will purge your heart of all that is not of Me.

I am trying you like fire that purified pure gold. Like silver tried in the oven seven times My word is. And My word will also purify you in the fire of My love. So when you find yourself facing uncomfortable situations, allow My Spirit to take you through the test in victory. Know what is ahead of you when you overcome. The only way I overcame what was ahead of Me was knowing the fact that My glory would rule and reign over all the power of the evil one. My death would bring life to multitudes, and My resurrection would crush the enemy. It both takes the death and resurrection to bring the victory in your own life..........the death to the flesh and life everlasting in Me.

So know this day that what you manifest as you are being tested is the fruit that you behold. Is it fruit of the flesh bringing forth death or fruit of My Spirit bringing forth life? Allow My Spirit do its perfect work in you. Choose life this day, and believe that what you face is for your good. It is all in the attitude of your heart. The choice is yours to bear.

A Word Of Caution
Yolanda Ballard

Sep 17, 2004
From One Whose Been Through It

Blessings to all! I want to share an experience that came out of having gone through the hurricane these last two weeks. I want to share an experience but not to point fingers at individuals. Lets consider that our fellowship through the Internet takes a lot of wisdom and discernment and at times we do let our guard down. To share what came out of being without electricity for two weeks I wasn't able to get on my computer. During this time the Lord was using the storm to clear some debris out of my life.

To give you a little background of what I'm talking about. I had been seeking the Lord for His will concerning partaking of my biblical roots concerning the Sabbath and the feasts, etc. So I came across a list on this topic. During this time on the list I had the opportunity to help out with the pastor's website. I read through the messages on his list and updated his site according to the different sections. I prayed over the site daily adding music, art, links, anything I felt led to add to beautify and to bless God's people (The Jews). I was really enjoying making the pastor happy because it was drawing a lot more traffic to his site. I believed to be able to add fifty photos of the members on the list to an album I created, and I got the fifty! I know it is a first on the Internet. So usually I spent between three to four hours daily working on this project which I thought was of the Lord.

I know the Lord has allowed these storms in our lives to clear out the debris and to get us back on track. During this period of time, close to a year, I had some bad experience with communication from the leadership that was blowing my mind. So many bad fruit was coming forth that I started to get convicted of having been yoked together with this ministry. I started to back off for a time of rest and prayer seeking the Lord for His will if I was to stop serving this ministry.

Then the hurricane came and wiped out my electricity. During this period of time I was accused of avoiding the leadership of the ministry and was unsubscribed from their mailing list and everything that had to do with me or At The Father's Feet Ministry was completely wiped off the site. That is including my name and picture. And I was assigned chief in staff, staff editor, webmaster, etc. What authority I had to be completely wiped out of the ministry!

Now that is what I had been yoked together for close to a year. Instead of leadership praying for my family through this terrible storm, they had given into the fruit of the enemy and accused me of harm. So I share this to you that you beware of wolves in sheep's clothing, pastors who literally scatter the flock when you are in need.

You can tell them by their fruit. We can overlook it for a period of time, but it comes to the point where we need to do something about it. The bible says not to be yoked together with unbelievers, but also those who call themselves by the name of Christ and live by the fruit of the enemy.

One moment you can be presented with an awesome message and then the next moment works of the enemy. We need to be consistently allowing the Lord to crucify the flesh as we serve on the Internet, not giving into pride, competition, deception and lies, jealousy, control, manipulation, and list goes on. Many have been wounded through the Internet church and it should not be. Many have falsely submitted to leadership that they should never have. To tell the truth we don't know each other from Adam over the Internet and still need to use our discernment.

I pray peace and protection over all over you, and wisdom and discernment. I didn't handle this matter in a godly matter. I was under a lot of stress with my own home matters and the hurricane, but still is no excuse to give into the flesh and lash back at the leadership of that ministry. So I pray that you will lift me up and this situation. Pray against any word curses that may have gone forth. And pray that my life will progress in the perfect will of the Lord.

You have the choice to stay with my ministry or to leave. I live by the word that you can tell them by their fruit. I wanted you to hear this message through me before any of you hear it from others. I believe to be open and honest and never give an impression of something that is not true.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Love in Christ, Yolanda

Come Out Come Up
Jeannette Rodgers

February 3, 2004

Look up unto ME....Look up....For I am holy and call for a holy people.
Do not think it a strange thing that you have endured and gone through the fire. Many are called but few are chosen.

I call you ....I choose you....this day.

For I have called you qualified and I have called you commissioned.

Whom shall I send? What shall I then hear? No, Lord not yet. No, Lord not now. No, Lord I cant. Whom shall I send? I have prepared the way before you and NOW is the time. You can because I AM with you. Whom shall I send? Will you come? Will you go? Has your faith increased in ME that I might send you to the ends of the earth able to stand because it is I that you stand on? I AM your rock.

I AM your source. I AM the strength that brings you to your feet each day and gives you the breath to breathe; to fulfill all that I have for you.

I AM releasing you into your destiny that I have purposed for your life.

I AM drawing you now...as an arrow pulled back in a bow (as you stood waiting for the release, pulled back and set apart not knowing why or when or how)...and SUDDENLY.. you will be thrust forward directly for the place I have predestined for you. Something I can only accomplish through you. Something I have specifically and uniquely done in you that will reveal who I AM unto many. You will not sound the same or look the same or speak the same or move the same. For I will move through you; for I am in you and You in Me and We will go together. We will be as One as I am with my Father. Things will not be as though they appear to your natural sight for I AM working things in relation to something above anything you can think; for My thoughts are Higher than your thoughts.
For now I am repositioning and realigning.

Prepare to take the place that has your name on it and none other.

Awake, Awake, for I am seeking a holy people , purged, purified, prepared, purposed , and positioned for greatness.

Who can ascend unto My holy hill? He with clean hands and a pure heart.
Come out, Come up , and Look unto Me. I have much for you...

Meet Me At The Well
Jeannette Rodgers

Yes daughter, Yes son, Yes Friend, You have been seeking and asking and looking for the Way, looking for the answer, looking for acceptance, looking for love, looking for healing, looking with expectation.

This day, I say to you ..Meet ME at the Well. For I have much for you to drink...enough water that you may draw and draw from the depths of My well and you will never thirst again.

I see you are dry and your tears have been your food day and night. This day I say unto you my precious children whom I love with everlasting love, Drink, Drink from the well that will never run dry. Look to the water that is crystal clear, that heals , that loves, that is filled with compassion; for it is of ME. Many will say drink here or drink there but I say to you drink from Me alone. When you are offered a drink; look at it and you will know by MY spirit within you if it is of ME. My water will not be tainted, MY water will not have particles in it, MY water will be given freely in abundance, MY water will be Life. You will know My water for it will refresh, it will restore, it will revive, it will love, it will deliver, it will be clear, it will saturate your spirit because it is of ME, the water I give is pure.

Meet ME at the well, where I will heal your heart and I will heal the wounds , and I will love you, and I will feed you, I will surely give you water that you need. I will give water of Life, of Liberty, of righteousness and of peace. I will give water filled with joy and gladness and water that will cleanse and fill up every empty place.

The water from My well, will wash off the stains of blood from the wounds of the world. My water will fill you with all that cannot come from a man. My water, My word, is true. Meet ME at the well. I will fill you up and overflowing as you have so desired. I will always be here for you, I will never leave you. For I died for you and brought you back Life in abundance. I have this for you NOW. If you have been searching, if you have been wounded, if you have been tired, if you have been weary, if you have been looking, lift up your eyes and look ahead and Meet ME at the Well. Your soul will be refreshed. Come and Drink....Meet ME at the Well. I am One, who will never leave you, I am One who loves you without condition, I am One who will never fail you, I am One who weeps with you and rejoices with you, I am One who remains faithful, I am One who causes you to stand when on your own you would have fallen, I am One who provides, I am One knows where you are all the time, I am One who never loses sight of you, I am One who knows your thoughts and sees your heart, I am One whose arms are always open for you, to comfort you and hold you. I am One who gives you breath and gives you purpose and gives you Life. I am One with you as I am with My Father.

Come and drink, Meet ME at the Well... Take with you My Living water and pour out upon others all that I have given you and will give you that you might all walk as One in Me in Life in Fullness, in Peace, in Gentleness, and in Love.

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Seal the Cracks
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February 26, 2004

Blessings to you in the name of Jesus Christ. Blessings of Strength, Wisdom, Peace and Joy in Him.

I submitted this word back on 9/26/02. The Holy Spirit has brought this word back to my remembrance for the body of Christ. We must rise up as One body and One voice (Ephesians 4:1-6) and know this is all for Him and in Him and about Him. Our Lord, Our King, Our salvation, Our strength is Jesus Christ. We live because He lives in us. We breath because He gives us breath. We are to be One body letting His love and all that He is within us reach out to each other and beyond into the world. I implore you today....to Seal the Cracks in the wall. Let us work together that Jesus Christ would accomplish all things through us here and that we would see realms of Heaven while we are here in the earth.

Yes, the Lord is placing the spirit of Nehemiah into those who have been calling out for unity and restoration of the Body of Christ. A people who are ready to take action and build up, restore, renew and rise up. We are His body. He uses our mouth to proclaim “good news” He uses our hands to do the work of His business and to heal, He uses our legs to move wherever He sees He is needed, He uses our feet to walk in peace and to stand up in strength, He uses our heart to comfort with compassion, He uses our arms to hug the lonely and hold up the weak and hurting, He needs our

BODY to be who HE IS through us. Nehemiah wept over the condition of the walls of Jerusalem and took action. Let us come together and be His body. Let us together…

Seal the cracks in the wall !!

September 26, 2002

Today, I humbly come to you my brothers and sisters in Christ.

In the Spirit; the Lord has shown me a great wall that was built to keep the enemy out. The body of Christ, His children were all gathered as one in a tremendous circle. He has shown me that we are suppose to be standing so close together so that nothing (no darkness, no division, no strife etc.) could break through , so that nothing could come in against us, but there were cracks in the wall of this circle. The enemy has been seeping in through those very cracks.

He said, IF My people, who ARE called my name will humble themselves and PRAY...and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways(distractions, idols ,religion, sin, traditions, motives, time constraints, strife, control, jealousy, and.......THEN............I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Today, I am making a call out to all of us ....We must pray hard!!! We must seal the cracks in NOW!! Please take just One day to fast and pray solely for our leaders. Those who have given their lives for us . Those who the enemy will go after first because they have chosen to lay themselves down for us. Please pray for your pastor, for the preachers and teachers (five-fold ministry) that you so dearly love and draw from all the time that they would be refreshed, revived, healed and strengthened. Pray , Pray , Pray, ...As they have been called and chosen to bring the Life and Love of Jesus Christ to you, they must continue to receive Life and Love and strength through our prayers for them unto God.

In Joel 1:14, It says; DECLARE A HOLY FAST, CALL A SACRED ASSEMBLY. Summon the elders and ALL who live in the land to the house of the Lord your God, and CRY OUT TO THE LORD.....! ! !

Joel 2:21- Be not afraid, O land; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things!!

(He is doing greater now and is about to do even more)

SEAL THE CRACKS IN THE WALL !!!! Praise Him like never before and worship Him before His holy Throne. He is so worthy. We must stand together in Unity in our God to fight. It is time to get mad at the enemy for everything he has taken and everything he trying to do because he knows his time is short and coming to an eternal end. We must fight and cry out to God for He is listening . It is time to take a stand and fight in the name of the Lord. It is time to walk in victory and stop feeling defeated. No more defeat, No more discouragement, no more division.

Seal the Cracks!!

If you have been in the boxing ring with the enemy and its the 11th round and your tired; its time to draw from Jesus and come in with that left hook and knock that devil out. The Champions belt of honor and victory already has your name on it..... We have won !!!! We have Jesus Christ. We have an eternal promise.

We have been given His strength to fight this good fight. We must use our swords and our armour for this battle. It is time to pray like we have never prayed before. It is time to stop looking at all the distractions in this world and at your job, and in your home and look to Jesus. Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. If we continue to look at those things the enemy is using to distract us we will lose focus on the Great I AM. That is his job to get our eyes from looking to Our strength. Today we must make a decision to take our eyes and lift them up to Jesus. We must remember to fight in the spirit and not flesh and blood. Lift up your brother and your sister and do not beat them down. Love, Love, Love…then watch God move. Its not about you , its all about Him. We are all on One team.

Know that God has called each one of us old and young . It is high time to awake and cry out to Him with a shout and loud cry and the enemy and his armies will flee in the name of Jesus. Every injustice WILL bow to the name of Jesus Christ

The Praise you have in you is a great weapon.

Pray for your leaders , pray for your elders, pray for the preachers, pray for your wife, pray for your husband, pray for your family, pray for the lost, the hurting. So that their will be no cracks in the wall and circle of Life God has placed around us. Pray. Pray. However you pray, just pray. When you walk into the house of the Lord ...think about simply walking into the room where Jesus is on His throne and imagine there is no one else there but you standing before His throne. When you begin to praise Him for who He is and worship Him in spirit and in truth; you will find Life, and strength and healing like you have never seen before. Walk into His sanctuary with this one thing in your mind, in your heart and in your vision; Jesus Christ. Be a living sanctuary. If we all understand we are coming before His holy throne and we seek His face individually we will see a move of God corporately and a humbling and a unity. There will be an explosive move of the Lord. We must seal the cracks in the wall.

I believe we will see the Glory of God. Bow before Him , Trust Him , Don’t hold back from God...Seek revival within your self and surely there will be a great corporate revival in this land . If we will let Him do it in us ...it will come together. He is saying Now, Now, Now is the appointed time ......COME, COME, COME....NOW IS THE TIME .....SEAL THE CRACKS IN THE WALL.........SEAL THEM WITH PRAYER, SEAL THEM WITH PRAISE, AND SEAL THEM WITH WORSHIP UNTO OUR GOD WHO REIGNS IN BEAUTY, WISDOM, STRENGTH , AND GLORY AND HONOR!!!

Get out your spirit filled caulking guns (prayer, praise, worship, love, peace, wisdom) and begin to seal the cracks so that nothing can come in to divide the body. We are all One in Him. We must fight together.

Mighty is the army of the Lord. Joel 2.

Seal the cracks in relationships, seal the cracks in the church, seal the cracks in your life so that it is just you and Jesus. Glory.

In the power and glory and blood of Jesus Christ ...Amen and Amen...

Living For Him who died for us. One for All and All (The Body) for One

Chain Of Events

Kim Clement

March 11 - Beginning of an unusual chain of events

A few months ago, the Spirit awakened me during the early hours of the morning. I looked at my clock and it read **3:11 AM**. I tried to go back to sleep but felt the breath of the Spirit and I realized that it was time to pray. During the next few hours, I prayed, walking the streets of our neighborhood. The Spirit said to me, “Take note of the digits on your clock when you first awakened.” An unfolding of many thoughts came to me after I heard this. I know these thoughts were for the purpose of me entering into a greater level of prayer and intercession. **God told me that March 11, 2004 would be the beginning of an unusual chain of events in the Kingdom of God.** He spoke about that day being the unveiling of mysteries and revelations that would affect the following areas over a period of time:

- **Political events that will bring a period of peace for the USA**
- **Hidden agendas exposed and a shaking of terrorist activities in a big way**
- **Unusual access into secular arenas for the purpose of evangelism**
- **Medical discoveries that will affect the following diseases: Alzheimer’s, Diabetes, Parkinson’s, a lung disease, and a rare bone disease**
- **Unusual spiritual manifestations in spiritually uninhabited places with mass responses due to media coverage of these events**
- **Kingdom appearances in church meetings**
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(Instead of regular revival meetings, churches that are hungry for fresh things from God will "tarry" until these Kingdom manifestations actually take place. To "tarry” means to remain in one place, spiritually and geographically, while doing whatever needs to be done in your daily activities, especially placing a demand on prayer. This will bring about unity so that the people are in “one accord” regarding the vision, and specifically about what to expect. This will demand prophetic revelation from the leaders. God will give insight to His leaders in the church regarding what will unfold in the years to come, aside from the second return of Christ.

Regarding "Kingdom appearances,” I was taken to Matthew 17:2-3. Jesus transfigured before them and they saw Him in an appearance that they had never seen before. I believe that these appearances will carry the church into a period of prophetic revelation which will not only unleash ideas, strategies, and inventions, but an overwhelming outpouring of miracles which will manifest without man's command. When Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus, you will note that before Peter could invent a portable sanctuary for this eternal exposure, God interrupted with these words, "Hear Him.” In other words, this was the same "beloved son" in a different appearance. Don't fathom it out, contain it, or sanctum it where it is free from intrusion, but rather "hear" and reveal it at a later time. Jesus said, *"Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead.”* I believe that these “Kingdom appearances” will release an array of heavenly visions upon the leaders and at the appropriate time, they will manifest these and impart them upon the people.

- **March 11 will begin disclosures in political circles, and the President will have to use a firm hand against internal enemies**
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- **Cain will be exposed**
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Ministries that attempted to "destroy and kill” their brothers because of jealousy, accusation, and hatred, will be banished for a season until they are humble again. Then they will bring forth an "Enoch" move of the Spirit. These "Cain" type leaders will love their sons in the Kingdom and even build huge works honoring them, leaving them an inheritance for future generations.

Genesis 4:16-17, *“Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And Cain built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son - ENOCH.”*

Even though the "Abels" were destroyed because of these jealous, hateful “Cains” of the church, God will restore and place an even greater anointing upon the newborn generation. This generation will come in the stead of Abel and they will give birth to a spiritual movement, unprecedented, like no other, having no previous example but the Bible. Then men will begin to call on the name of the Lord throughout the earth.

Genesis 4:25-26 *“And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, for God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed. And as for Seth, to him also a son was born, and he named him Enos. THEN MEN BEGAN TO CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD."*

Finally, I saw March 11 as the “beginning of the end” of major terrorist leaders and movements. God will bring them out and will display them before the world. Even though there will always be terror, hatred, aversion, and attacks against Christian Nations, there will be a reluctance to use modern methods of attack in such a violent way against this generation of believers and leaders. However, God has a plan to demote them, but that will be revealed later on.

Crossing Over In Storms

Kluane Spake

Storms in life... There seem to be too many -- and so we ask to understand, why are there storms? We know that the Scriptures say, "First the natural and then the spiritual."

The word for WIND is also the word for "Spirit and also breath." "Pneuma" deals with the person and work of Holy Spirit. And sometimes we find out that the Sweet Heavenly Dove has a stormy side – a time of turbulence when things get precarious and our boat rocks.

The Lord sends His word to those who may be hurting right now -- may the vision of God beat in your heart today. You've heard it before but let it become reality at this moment. Surely, you "Can do all things through Christ which strengthens" you (Phil. 4:13).

Looking back over the storms in life, it is clear that OVERCOMING storms provides a concealed history of being dealt with by God – a life that produces the potency of brokenness, the essential reality for readiness, and the demands for realness and authenticity.

"Lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do HIS bidding" (Ps. 148:8 NIV).

STORMS IN LIFE:

Going under with storms, circumstances, and accidents.
Jonah got caught in a boat in a storm. He was OUT of the will of God.
Paul was caught in a boat in a storm. He was IN the will of God.
Jesus slept in the boat in a storm. He IS the will of God.

* Jonah overcame the storm.
* Paul endured storm and used it.
* Jesus taught us to take dominion over storm.

We don't need to worry about the storm – we need to worry about which boat we are in!

When Paul was shipwreck, what did he do? He said, "So take courage! For I
believe God! It will be just as he said!" (Acts 27:25 TLB). Hey, Paul looked around the boat and tossed the excess junk overboard.

OUR STORM:

Numerous times, we stood on the shore and commanded the fierce storms to turn away. But, one day, the Lord clearly said to us that this next storm would not turn away. And a super-storm came into our midst. It was named "Typhoon Holiness." So convincing was the Word, that many of our congregation bought generators, expecting a super-typhoon in the natural – and as it came we began to understand what this spiritual typhoon would mean.

This was a wind of personal purification. There would be no way to escape, because it blew into every hidden place -- even into our attics fixed with dust and into our hidden boxes of rummage and clandestine secrets. Many died in the merciless gale – never to be seen again. Only the survivors knew how to brace themselves -- standing with outstretched arms and facing straight into the blasting winds. The storm requires a death to all that we are. That leads us to the other side, where we deal with those things that keep us from being all that we can be and to finally know God. This process takes awhile.

We presumed to understand the fierceness of this purging, but the intensity surprised us as we barely hung on to the anchor of hope. The wind of the Holy Spirit relentlessly blew at our own imagined desire to be significant. The gale howled loudly for repentance. Our human plans crashed against the coral, as the lessons of humility were written into our hearts. By letting that storm cleanse every area, we rediscovered the calm pools of sanctification and transformation that prepared for the future encounter.

With our windblown hair all matted in disarray, we clutched onto the second part of the promise with great gratitude. The back part of the storm would be the blast of God's presence -- of love, glory, and power – filling our lives with His Shekinah glory. This very gale enables the purified believer to surf the very crest of what the Lord guarantees for this hour.

Those that will trust the blowing of the Spirit during a storm will successfully cross us over into the destination.

The Bible tells about a lot of different storms: The Lord has His way in the whirlwind (Nah. 1:3), Elijah went into heaven in a whirlwind (2 Kings 2:11), God spoke to Job in a whirlwind (Job 38:1). Are you listening? Peace centers within the storm where God dwells. God lives in storms. If the cyclone of life intensifies, we must go deeper into the tranquil center of Him.

Ezekiel describes the appearance and the likeness of the Glory of the Lord (1:28). He speaks of wind, clouds, and fire. Prophets compared the day of the Lord to a storm. Meteorologists refer to the center of the storm as the "eye." Jesus told us to be single-eyed, "If the eye is clear, the whole body will be full of light" (Matt. 6:22-23). No matter what turbulence surrounds them, vanguard believers race to the center, where all roads converge and focus. Without focus everything blurs and we lose direction. When we become single-eyed, we move into clarity.

Get into the center of the storm, to the place of calm. Find that REST. THE ONLY PLACE OF REST IS IN THE EYE OF THE STORM.

Ezekiel depicts a whirlwind (Ruwach the Spirit) where the wheel within the wheel enfolds inwardly into itself, while moving forward. This represents the cooperative church moving together as one (Ezekiel 1:12). This living creature (the church), "… went straight forward; they went wherever the spirit wanted to go, and they did not turn when they went." Each part joined as one and moved straight forward. The word Straight (#2266 Strongs) comes from the root word "to cross over" which can also be rendered "crossing with straight and unchanging purpose." Reading further, indescribable storm-like creature wondrously shimmers as amber electrons flash-forth in greatest splendor.

Psalms 29:3 says that in stormy conditions, God's voice thunders over turbulent water, shaking the wilderness, and causing the deer to give birth (vs.6-9). His voice commissions you to give birth to the Word, and in response your heart leaps in expectation.

Along the way, there's always another storm to cross over with unchanging purpose. But, we ride in His boat -- the vehicle of form provided for our safety. Remember too, that all the disciples climbed into that one boat together. Peter didn't have his little boat, and John another. We cross over in a corporate boat, and in the process, our individual agendas meld into one. He leads us upon His holy waters -- from where we are to where He wants us to go; from the known to the wonderfully unfamiliar places of the unknown.

Like the exhausted followers upon that stormy lake, we wearied of contending with the dark waves of adversity. The One Who calms every storm teaches us to persevere. The waves may be over our head, but as with the ebb and flow of good times and bad, storms eventually end. Wind and waves can't move us from our course. Through it all, His authority perfects itself as we yield to His dealings.

Keep in mind, the worst storms always come just before the biggest opposition. There's always something bigger waiting on the other side. Even the disciples were ill prepared for what they found in the morning light. The exhausted travelers were finally able to SEE – and it was a steep cliff. "Uck!" you can almost hear their complaints, "well, it's too high, too cold, too far…" oh it sounds so familiar. What's that? You're getting the picture? It's not tranquil over here either.

Yes, the Gadarene waits -- the worst growler-packing, demonically depressed person that had ever been described. The whole city feared this lunatic with a legion of demons. Suddenly, that violent storm brought Jesus to intersect and heal that hopelessly insane man.

And more difficult still, the once terrified townspeople furiously demanded that Jesus leave town. It didn't make any sense, but they didn't like the results. Why? This region raised pigs. Their livelihood just ran over the cliff! The destruction of their whole economic base caused them to forget the miracle -- this was serious. The result of that great miracle was that once again, the disciples were hated -- and we should expect the same dislike. God's game plan often opposes what others want. Are you ready to withstand storms of ostracism and rejection, especially from other Christians? Are you willing to be of no reputation?

But the final realization is the real shocker. I'm the disciple in the boat AND I'm the Gadarene. The hopeless Gadarene, the chained person living in the tomb… is me! Storms bring me to an encounter with dying things that need to change in me. Somehow, I thought I was okay – but the habits of the spirit of death lingered, causing me to want to keep on dying. Inside that mausoleum, long held and mistaken philosophies silently breathe as nearby worms and spiders creep around my face. Within my un-dealt with carnal soul clings the spirit of death, crawling with legions of fear that entrap me in webs. The ghosts of religious ideas and long held superstitions hauntingly hold me transfixed.

But suddenly, He journeys with me through the storm and out from that isolated cemetery to a place of greater self-discovery. How did He know how much I needed that Him to bring me though that storm? He brought me here to set me free from old mentalities. I'm not dead anymore. He rolled away my tomb stone of ineffectiveness! I knew about the resurrection but was not fully living IN IT. The storm brings me to the Third day -- a place of LIFE.

The typhoon called "Holiness" completes its work. And I, stepping into the brightest daylight, watch as the veils of blindness drop from my eyelids, like the weighty cob-webs once strewn in the musty corners of my shrine – they detach and fall forever. Understanding of the finished work pulses a new strong cadence, and I can hear the bride now sing, "Winter is past and gone…" Extending His hand, the Lord says, "Come away with me into the dawn of the NEW DAY."

The reasons are clear now; He caused me to go through the storms in order to fully deliver me from the narrow minded crypt of my own making. I walk out to find that the road winds up from here among the hills to that great city. Without regret, I leave the known script of yesterday and advance into the vibrant yellow-green day. Life explodes with fulfillment, moving full-tilt into divine destiny.

THE "BOAT" IS OUR VISIBLE MEANS OF SUPPORT:
The boat is the vehicle of transition
My boat may be rocked, but it is His bedchamber.

The CHURCH IS THE INSTRUMENT (vehicle) OF THE MOVEMENT OF God.
We need to hang onto it, because it will take us to shore.
Though it has broken apart (and will continue to break), we can only get to shore on the pieces.
We need those pieces of the ship (the old church system) to build a FIRE.
The fire reveals the viper.
We shake the viper off the hand (5-fold).

JESUS SLEEPS UNTIL OUR BOAT ROCKS ENOUGH TO MOVE US:
Our boat rocks in contrary winds allowing our words to betray our heart.
Why are we more concerned about self preservation that command of God?
God's power is released as we die to our paralyzing preoccupation with SELF
We only want the shore of comfort.

RESURRECTION is asleep in our ship, waiting for us to know the security of being IN HIM.
RESURRECTION POWER comes to bring ORDER TO CHAOS when we get to the OTHER SIDE.

"GADARENE" MEANS "THE REWARD IS AT THE END:"

We must soon face the legion of torments that have NOT been dealt with in us. That happens when we survive the storm and get to the other side.

God moves at DUSK:
When we can't see, God asks us to move to a new place.
God's day begins at night.
We die to the dependency for natural light.
We learn to not move by the light of outer court.
We go by the light of the lamb in the most holy place.

STORMS LIE BETWEEN US AND OUR DESTINATION.

GOD LIVES IN THE STORM – AND HE RULES THERE:

"The LORD hath HIS WAY IN THE WHIRLWIND AND IN THE STORM, and the clouds are the dust of his feet "(Nah. 1:3).

"They see the works of the LORD, and His wonders in the deep" (Ps. 107:24 NKJ).

"For HE COMMANDS and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves of the sea" (Ps. 107:25 NKJ).

"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; a fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very TEMPESTUOUS ALL AROUND HIM" (Ps. 50:3 NKJ).

"He COMES WITH THE NOISE OF THUNDER, surrounded by devastating fire; A GREAT STORM RAGES AROUND HIM" (Ps. 50:3 TLB).

"He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind" (Ps. 18:10 NIV).

GOD IS CLOTHED IN GARMENT OF STORMS -- "He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him-- the dark rain clouds of the sky." HE LIVES IN THE STORM. "Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced, with hailstones and bolts of lightning… He shot his arrows and scattered, great bolts of lightning and routed them" (Ps. 18, 11-12, 14 NIV).

Exodus 9:23 Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt (Ex. 9:23 KJV).

"Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; THAT YOU MAY PERCEIVE AND SEE THAT YOUR WICKEDNESS IS GREAT(1 Sam. 12:17 KJV).

"The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded" (Ps. 18:13 NIV).

UNEXPECTED INCIDENTS:

Mark 6:48 "And he saw them TOILING in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. (KJV) Toiling = torture or torment of their own human effort --enslaved in galleys of the sweat of Adam.

The disciples saw Jesus walk on water– but they could only SEE (with their natural brain) limitedly. "It's a ghost," they cried out in fear" (Matt. 14:23-33 NIV). Even though they had traveled with Jesus for quite awhile now, they still didn't recognize Him. In fact, they literally screamed out in fear RIGHT IN HIS FACE. Many of us are like them. Whenever the wind comes, we make rash judgments and form opinions that are incorrect.

Peter asked to come out and he actually walked on the water – that is until HE SAW THE WIND. Then Peter began to sink. Jesus said told Peter, "You of little faith." Seeing the wind was doubt.

WE'RE CALLED TO A LIFE OF CONFLICT – we will have to overcome many STORMY TIMES when EUROCLYDON EAST WIND DASH OVER our lives. ARE WE READY?

THE WORLD HATED JESUS.
Jesus was REJECTED – yet WE WANT RESPECT.
He was RADICAL – and yet WE WANT to be REASONABLE.
He didn't care about the PRAISE OF MAN – yet WE THRIVE ON IT.

John the Baptist was beheaded. Why? What if HEROD were your king? Would you change or adjust your message for him? Just to accommodate his lifestyle and adulterous marriage? Just because it was culturally acceptable at the time?

Stephen was stoned (Acts 7:54-59). His dying prayer is what touched the heart of the Christian killer named Saul. Later Paul was PERSECUTED. Both of them PREACHED A CONFRONTATIONAL GOSPEL. OPPOSITION AROSE. THREATS. They SEALED their convictions with death. They were killed because they opposed the storm of others and stood for what was right.

God knows the why of storms, especially when we don't. A NEW POWER IS IN OPERATION. THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST. A strong wind magnificently clears the air and frees us from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.

"The wind blows where it wishes, you hear the sound, but can not tell where it comes from or where it goes– so is everyone who is born of the Spirit" (Jn. 3:8).

REST:
"Then they are glad because they are quiet (at rest); so He guides them to their desired haven" (Ps. 107:30 NKJ)

"But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt" (Is. 57:20 KJV).

We cannot run without a message. Our message is that God is there in every storm and we can rest in them all. "He calms the storm, so that its waves are still" (Ps. 107:29 NKJ).

Come hell or high water we must hold onto faith & conscience. Jesus promised, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" (Heb. 13:5 NIV).

"Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have SHIPWRECKED THEIR FAITH. (1 Tim 1:18-19NIV).

HOPE IS THE ANCHOR:

"We have this hope as an ANCHOR for the SOUL, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf." (Heb. 6:19-20 NIV).

Be of good cheer, you will have tribulation

"For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end" (Heb. 3:13:14).

Peace reigns as king when you find REST in the CENTER of the storm.

Speak to your heart, "Peace be still."

God knows what to do.
He knows where you are.
He is right beside you and will take you THROUGH this next storm too.

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Celebration Of Jesus

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Dream Of The Celebration Of Jesus

Both of these dreams happened on the same night, one right after the other. It is my belief that they represent the increase of both darkness and light to be released on the earth.

The first dream:

A few of us were traveling towards the Southern part of the State of Oregon. We stopped at a rest stop park through which a river flowed. We stopped and got out of the car, and the sky had become very dark, cloudy and foreboding. The river that ran through the park and it was in severe flood stage, and the rapids were violent. The brown floodwater had overflowed into the parking area and some of the surrounding grassy areas were immersed as well. We felt a sense of danger and hurried along. We heard a noise and turned around just in time to see a huge wave coming down the river towards us. We turned to escape but were almost immediately hit in the back by the rolling wave. I looked and saw a small tree in front of me and thought if I could grab a hold of it I could hold on and not be swept away. I was just able to grab the very end of a branch and hold on.

The second dream:

I found myself in a white building that resembled a home. However, the living room area was oblong shaped and as large as a vast auditorium.

There was on the wall of this auditorium, what looked like a large plasma screen upon which Christian music videos, worship music, and scenes about the life of Jesus were playing. Everyone in the auditorium was rejoicing with singing and dancing. It could only be described as a massive celebration of the person and life of Jesus. There were many Christians present worshiping the Lord, but there were also a number of people from many other religions celebrating as well. At first that seemed a little odd to me, but the unmistakable presence of the Lord Jesus was there and it was wonderful!

Then I looked up at the screen and saw what appeared to be four orthodox Jews. They were dressed in black with flat round hats and curly sideburns and they were rocking back and forth as they worshiped and prayed. I knew they were present with us in the room and so I turned around and saw them standing far in the back.

Just then the music on the screen took on a Hebrew flavor to it and the song was about the Messiah. This change of music really excited the four Jewish worshipers and they started to sing and to dance. As they did I found myself kneeling in the center of the room just below the screen and one of them came and began to dance in a circle around me. My heart became so moved with compassion and love for these people, that I began to weep for them almost uncontrollably. As I did, I awoke and found that I had been actually crying.

The interpretation:

Without being too complicated, I believe the two dreams indicate two harvests that are coming upon the earth. As the end of the age approaches, the harvest of all that has been sowed through the ages will come to fruition. The first dream is the increase of darkness that will continue along side of the approaching light. It can be sudden, powerful and destructive. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood." Isaiah 59:19.

These two harvests are illustrated in Isaiah 60:2,

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people:

This will be a time of great difficulty, but the grace of God will be by far greater than any difficulties that will arise. The tree is the cross, which as long as we hold on to, we will be safe and the darkness cannot overpower us. The second harvest is witnessed to in the second half of this verse:

But the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.

In the second dream, The house was the household of God. The diversity of people is testimony to God's grace reaching to all kinds of people, and even through strongholds of religion, to touch hearts with the beauty of the life of Jesus. The power of the sacrifice of the cross will ultimately prevail over humanity. The testimony of Jesus' love through His suffering will eventually overcome all obstacles. This was a celebration of Jesus but this does not mean that everyone there was saved. It was however an indication of a sudden shift in the perspective of many concerning the Lord. A breaking down of some ancient walls of deception brought on partly by injustices done in the name of the Lord.

This includes especially the Jewish race. There is a celebration coming! There will be pockets of fierce opposition, but there will also be a great change of heart and attitude among the Jewish nation concerning the person of Jesus. This is a precursor to the ultimate embracing of Jesus as the Messiah of Israel. God is about to awaken the deep burden of the Lord for the people of Israel in the hearts of the church. This is not going to be a temporary, emotional thing, but an ongoing and increasing level of true godly love. When this true love from the bride for Israel happens, then God will make of the ".twain, one new man, so making peace." Ephesians 2:15.

I cannot help thinking of the screen on the wall and the upcoming film, " The Passion of the Christ". I am not sure that the one represents the other, however, I do believe that this movie can be a catalyst, a match, for what is on the horizon. Whatever the case, a sudden radical shift is coming and it will be increasingly important to be connected to the heart of God for the Nation of Israel.

God spoke to me recently about the person of Boaz. Boaz is a type of Christ as the kinsman redeemer. He is also a picture of The Lord of the Harvest. His name has no meaning that you can look up in the Hebrew dictionary. That is because the Lord allowed Him to establish by his life and character, the definition of his own name. The promises of the church are interwoven together with the promises of Israel. Where we are going, we are going together.

Colorful Letters

Mary Clark

In a vision, I saw the word “yesterday” typed on a computer screen in very bright and colorful, striped letters. The word was misspelled, but I knew that it was supposed to be the word “yesterday.” Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I want My beloved to see something clearly. I want you to know that the work that I do is ongoing. I want you to know that I have not halted in any of My plans for you. Everything is going along according to My schedule. Rejoice in this amazing fact – the fact that the living God never skips a beat in His preparation for tomorrow.

Now many of My children are still looking at yesterday with a longing. They are still glancing over their shoulders, looking at the works that I performed yesterday. Those were lovely works. Yes, indeed they were, beloved, but I want you looking to Me to complete a work in you – a glorious new work. I want you to know that a bright and colorful future lies ahead of you. So focus on Me, beloved, looking to My forthcoming plans with much anticipation.

I am calling you into a new avenue of faith in Me, beloved. It is not a dismal place. It is a place ALIVE with activity. It is a delightful place to be. So stop looking behind you. Stop lamenting the day that was, and focus on your future in Me.

Let Me say this, dear child: The things of the past do not hold a candle to what I am about to bring forth – not a candle! So rejoice, beloved, in what I am about to do. Come to Me, rejoicing with a thankful heart, and know that yesterday was nice. Yes. It was bright and colorful, but tomorrow – oh, tomorrow – gleams brightly with a promise of the age, and that promise is a certain fulfillment for which your heart has longed – a certain fulfillment that will cause you to gaze into My eyes with a light of wonder surrounding your being. That is My plan for you, beloved. That is My plan for your tomorrows. Focus on what is to come, knowing that all will come by My hand as My beloved rests in My arms of love, focusing on Me, and looking to that place in My heart for which your heart yearns as your final destination. That is My advice to you this night. Take it to heart, dear child. Take it to heart!!!

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The Cap is Coming Off!

Mary Clark

The cap is about to come OFF, beloved, children, and when this occurs you will know something without a doubt: Your God has taken the cap off to reveal some mighty happenings. In seasons past, you have seen a trickle here, and a trickle there, of My mighty work in your midst. You hear this, and you read this, and you see a little. Right? Well, that is all about to stop, because you are about to see firsthand the mighty hand of your God in your midst like NEVER before.

Get ready. I am about to take the cap off, and pour forth a mighty torrent of wonder into your midst, and know, dear child of the living God, that it is ALL coming forth to My delight – to My sheer delight!!!

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Commissioned To Go Forth

Sandy Warner

Feb 4, 2004

Caught in an ocean of hopelessness, your faith has become wobbly with each wave. I have heard the desperation in your heart's cry, dear one! Face the shore line and paddle. I AM working with you to deliver your soul from this engulfment. I have strung a curtain behind you. It is like a crash guard. When the enemy sends reinforced lines of demonic despair, they will crash against this curtain and it shall break the impact of this force. As the waves crash against the curtain, you may feel the pressure against your back, but know that you are covered as you make your way towards shore. Put your back to the waves of wavering and move forward towards firm ground.

A great effectual door has been opened to you this day. Do you have the courage to walk through and be My witness? I have called you to send My Word. I have anointed your lips to communicate. You shall teach and point the way to relationship with Me. Share the ways I have touched your life and I will breathe My creative wind upon all you say. My Spirit shall flow powerfully and you will be blessed coming in and blessed going out.

The beautiful garden of your life is springing forth. Are you willing to share its sweet essence? Be My salt and light and I shall teach you what you shall say.

"So the LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD? Now therefore, go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say." (Exodus 4:11-12 NKJV)

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Tag Team

Sandy Warner

Feb 6, 2004
I opened the door of revelation for one split instant. What you saw will never be removed from you. Revelation is like that, once My truth is revealed, it can not be denied. So, dearest, you may try to retreat back into your mountain cave, but I say, "Be thou removed." You have safe passage to be My clarion whistle.

I have set you aside to be on a tag team to minister and flow in My Spirit. You shall receive great joy as I unfold these things and enjoy sweet fellowship. Your milk is sweet, your walls are mature and ready. Continue to say no to the world. Yes it will be a balancing act in many applications. I will go with you and train you with joy.

"One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Dedicate Barnabas and Saul for the special work I have for them." So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way." (Acts 13:2,3 NLT)

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Faithful Cooks

Sandy Warner

Feb 2, 2004
All those cooks in the back room. Something smells good! I see you faithfully gathering what I send. I see your hot foreheads as you bend over the hot stoves compiling and stirring different dishes while carefully watching the food incubating in the ovens. I see you groaning as you lift the pots heavy and swollen. Week after week you produce with perfection. Week after week you package delicious food, which paves the way by strengthening others. Thank you faithful cooks! As you have abided in Me and I in you, we have fed many in nations, one mouthful at a time.

"And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." (Jeremiah 3:15 NKJV)

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Growing Antennas And Wings
Sandy Warner

Feb 3, 2004
Inside its cocoon, the caterpillar (transforming into a Monarch butterfly) has been separated away from sight and quietly changing. It is now growing antennas and wings.

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA
HEARD: Butterflies. This place for change. Going to sprout antennas and fly. It's a lovely place. A place of whirring of wings.

DREAM: I appeared to be a leader or instructor to a group of people. I was instructing them on how we are to turn into butterflies.

"First", I said, "You grow antennas out of your forehead, like this!" Antennas immediately grew long and tall out of my forehead. (It was as though I was somewhere outside my body looking at the antennas.)

"Then you fly!" I flew around - fluttering, swooping, and soaring.

SANDY PARABLE: Tonight we took my Sonshine and his friends cosmic bowling. It was dark inside with neon and strobe lights, plus loud disco music. I immediately found my ear plugs and stuck them in. All the kids thought that was very funny. I caught some of them staring at my ears then looking away when I caught them staring. I finally discovered the ear plugs were brilliant fluorescent orange under the black lights. I thought the parable very funny, that my ears were glowing in the dark. It also reminded me of the children’s song, "Glow little glow worm, glimmer, glimmer. Shine little glow worm, shimmer, shimmer." We are growing ears (antennas) to hear the Lord and those ears will glow in the midst of a dark world.

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA
HEARD: That's what's called double portion ears. Lots of rain coming. A wet summer. I've a song in My heart today. Double portion ears are here to stay. Double portion ears aren't going away. Hooray!

SANDY RHEMA
VISION: I saw a pair of hands come up and cup underneath a pair of ears. Then I saw an amphitheater that was built for surround sound.

CONCLUSION

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WORD TO PONDER SURROUNDED BY MY VOICE
Wrapped tightly inside the blanket of your cocoon, you may not be able to see a thing. But listen, for I AM speaking to you every day, in every way. I AM teaching you the many ways to hear My voice. Through this process, you are sprouting spiritual ears to hear. Your wings of faith will not develop until you hear My voice. One step at a time as you hear My Words, it not only grows your ears to hear Me, but also boosts your faith.

I AM bringing a double portion of hearing ears to My people, along with the rain of My Spirit. They will so love My voice and be tuned to its vibration, that their very beings will resonate with My Words, just like being in an amphitheater with surround sound. These ears will be rare treasures in the midst of a dark world. I will use them as brilliant beacons in strange places.

Mark 4:23-25 NKJ
If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

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Increasingly Transparent
Sandy Warner

Feb 5, 2004
Towards the end of the metamorphous of the caterpillar into a butterfly, its hiding place (the pupa or cocoon) changes and resembles a waxy, jade vase. This shell of a womb has become increasingly transparent. The caterpillar completes the miraculous transformation into a beautiful adult butterfly and is finally prepared for life outside the darkened tomb.

SANDY RHEMA
HEARD: Transparent. Witness. Stand. Transparent, a generation. Do you know what transparency means? Nothing to hide. Pure. Clear. Protected. Transparent.

PARABLE: As I was reading the following scripture it was quickened to me as a parable of being transparent and vulnerable with nothing to hide while being a witness to what the Lord has said.

Ex 34:31-35 NLT
But Moses called to them and asked Aaron and the community leaders to come over and talk with him. Then all the people came, and Moses gave them the instructions the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with the LORD, he removed the veil until he came out again. Then he would give the people whatever instructions the LORD had given him, and the people would see his face aglow. Afterward he would put the veil on again until he returned to speak with the LORD.

QUICKENED QUOTES FROM THE FINAL QUEST
By Rick Joyner
http://www.morningstarministries.org/

"…He already knew all that there was to know about me. It was all for my sake… to bring me out of hiding… to bring me out of the darkness and into the light."

"…His judgments set me free. Opening ourselves to God and to each other, becoming genuinely transparent. As we behold the glory of the Lord with an unveiled face then we are changed into His image. The veils are caused by our hiding."

"…Walking in the light is being true and it is being free from the compulsion to hide."

SANDY RHEMA
HEARD: Publish privacy. You can edit what you want. Transparent. As you wish. I am blessed. I love you. It's not about what you do, but about who you are. In Me.

VISION: I saw the flash of an angel's light. HEARD: Establish you. Angel. Hug. Genuine effort to come out of hiding. My beloved, thank you. That's My girl. I love her. Mine for all eternity.

CONCLUSION

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WORD TO PONDER COMING OUT OF HIDING
Thank you, dear one, for giving so graciously to others what I give to you. You share your testimony, your relationship with Me, and your life in a transparent manner due to the nature of My calling upon your life and I would have you no other way than to be genuine and real. I know this has cost you your privacy and I want to reassure you.

I have made you My transparent vessel, so that My children will see the beauty of genuine realness. I have made you bold, able to publish your life, and come out of hiding so that others may see your worship of Me and be set free to be transparent themselves. The beauty of your transparency goes deeper than the mind, straight into the heart. Thank you, dear one, it is true worship as you lay yourself bare, without shame, before My Presence. Always remember, that you are at complete liberty to share or withhold anything you choose. To share out of your private life is a sacrifice and I receive it as a sweet smelling savor.

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do." (Heb 4:12-13 KJV)

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Come Out My Mourning Prophet
Sandy Warner

Nov 19, 2004
My dear Friend, the one who weeps and mourns over the condition of My people! Thank you so very much for sacrificing and sharing My burdens all these years. I know you have suffered so much at the hands of men and the enemy, and yet you have carried My heart so faithfully. I AM bringing you the glory of My Presence, like a brilliant rope to pull you up and out of your circumstances. Look up, for there is light at the end of your tunnel. Even now I AM standing over the pits of past despair and calling your name. I am encircling you with My glory to draw you up. Now set your heart upon Me and My joy over you. Your time of favor and great joy is coming. All your mourning shall be turned to joy as you witness the answers to years of prayers and heart felt cries.

"Then they drew Jeremiah up by the ropes and pulled him out of the cistern. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard." (Jeremiah 38:13 NRS)

"You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy," (Psalm 30:11 NRS)

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Hunting For Bitter Roots
Sandy Warner

Nov 16, 2004
There is coming a season when I will be searching and drawing old wounds to the surface to be washed and cleansed. These are places that have been so deeply buried that the awareness of such has grown numb through layers of doubt and isolation.

Among the deepest of wounds are bitter roots that I must excise with intricate surgery. With branches and fibers, these roots embedded their way into hearts, as lives have continued on, struggling through time to make a way past the pain they once knew. How I long to warm and embrace these hearts! How I long to hold these cold, isolated and numbed ones as they trudge through their days of existence, not knowing My abundance and not knowing how to find it. I see and know their pain, even when they can no longer feel it.

It is time to begin the process of excising out the bitter roots of My loved ones. These must be purged up and out, lest the festering infections from such pour out to others when My anointing causes them to erupt from their shells. When you find yourself repeating a very similar pattern from an old past wound, partner with Me and yield every bit of the experience to Me as you walk through it this time. I will reveal to you how to overcome this and triumph over your past. I will keep you from falling, dear ones, merely trust Me to restore your life to wholeness.

Heb 12:14-16 NKJV

Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.

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The Pain Of Silence
Sandy Warner

Nov 15, 2004
POEM: OVERCOMING THE PAIN OF SILENCE

As I collect my focus to You this day, my heart finds its peace away from the fray. I have learned a lesson I will never forget, that fellowship tasted, is joy deeply met.

How deep Your pain is when we come and go, in and out of Your life, as our ebbs do flow. How can You live with touch and go - except that Your grip is much deeper than we know? So hold on tight as I wince and wane. Keep me from running as I face the flame. Turn my pain into passion and light my way, as I yield to You and to what You say.

Let love remain firm and in its place, as communion without Words deepens before Your face. In times of silence, in times of despair, help me always to know You are there. Reaching beyond the distant miles, bowels of intercession bridge me for awhile. Carry me through this, Lord I pray. Open the windows of heaven to us this day. Let the silence be broken, as we receive Your token. That we can hear, as You draw near.

Abba, thank You.

Ps 28:1-2 NKJV
To You I will cry, O LORD my Rock: Do not be silent to me, lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry to You.

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To Sow The Wounds
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Nov 21, 2004

Come Holy Spirit, be my Guide. Come quickly and be by my side. I let it all go, I wash it all out. I pray for Your help, during the fall out. It's not my will, but Yours be done. As I yearn and I groan that we would be one. Oh Holy God, have Your own way. Take this matter and do what You say. Please yearn and groan that the pain would just leave. I pray for refreshing, I pray for reprieve. Help me My God as I suffer in silence. Destroy the wicked plan, destroy his violence. My joy is withering, my heart is sad. Touch me with Your Presence that I might be glad.

What is my agreement with the plan of Your heart? Let me make sure that I get the right start. Self denial, it's the way of the cross. To leave it all there, to leave it as loss. What really matters is that You multiply Your Word. As I look at the circumstances and say this is absurd. Lord help me recover and restore me to whole. Put back the pieces and heal my soul.

My beloved is transparent, modeled so pure and right. Even your mistakes are holy in My sight. For you have trusted My Word in your life. Oh how you touch Me, My precious, My yearning wife! Hold not back the washing of your soul. Release it all to Me and let Me make you whole. I mend fences and repair broken arms. I heal wounds from damage and from harm. I come quickly to hold you and keep you by My side. I give you My Word, that we may abide. It's OK My love, to cry as you need. Sometimes tears are healthy as I plant them as seed. Watered in the grounds of death, fertile is your soil. Let the striving and the flesh be gone, as you release all your toil.

So come My wife, My heavenly bride, take it all in stride. Let the pain and the shame be gone this day, as the forces do collide. It's up into new heights, new places in Me. As your rewards do come, your benefits to see. Wings all around, do marvel at your faith. To know so much and see so little, to believe what you say. The angels are watching and waiting in earnest. As you come out of the fire, that burning furnace.

I am there with you, I've never left your side. I took the beating and the stripping, I bore the enemy's lies. I bore your pain, I bore your sorrow. That your joy would return, for all your tomorrows. Hell has had her day of fury. There shall be no more defeat, no more worry. I shall take you away from this court case. And give you your visions, and give you your place. You were faithful to Me as I spoke My Word. You've yielded it all up and let Me be Lord. Let's fly away for a much better day. To go to your reward, to go to your pay.

Gal 6:7-10 NKJV
Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Communion

Sandy Warner

Jul 16, 2004
My love, how I long for our fellowship and communion! I await our quiet times when all else is set aside. For now it must be at night time for that is your training to hear My voice. I live within you and also along side of you. As you toss and turn from one side to the other of your bed, I am there on either side! Smile dear one, I love to bring you good cheer and speak My Words to comfort and strength into your being. There is coming a day fast approaching where you will be at such rest in Me that you will be able to hear My still small voice even during the busiest of days. All shall grow out of our intimate times of communion.

John 16:7-15 NKJ "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

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Crossing Over

Sandy Warner

Jul 14, 2004
The demonic floods have risen in the lives of My people. These have broken through boundaries like a swelling river of mud. Some of My people have fled the demonic raging, some have become engulfed and carried away, and some have stood and taken the brunt of the onslaught. It is enough says the Lord.

Even now, I AM calling the remaining priests to take their rightful intercessory place for the safety of their loved ones and STAND. I AM not calling you to aggression, I AM calling you to stand and believe. In unity, you shall stand in faith against these floods and see My mighty blast of wind blow back these demonic floods.

In one massive unit across the great divide, I will bring My people safely to the other side. As My people walk through this great Jordan porthole of time, I will reveal to them their heritage which has been covered by the floods. This inheritance has not been fully known since the day of Adam.

So do not grow faint in your journeys, dear ones. I have promised you new beginnings. I will renew your hope and your calling. I will open your eyes to witness your God of miracles Who will roll back the floods on your behalf. Yield all to Me and I will bring you safely across to the other side.

Josh 3:14-16 NKJV

So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam…

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Enter Into Our Joy
Sandy Warner

Jul 19, 2004
Precious one, how often you have needlessly opened the door to persecution because of your disobedience to My voice. As you learn to close the door to ways and comforts of the world, you also close the door to the demonic world. I know this hurts for you to learn this through experience, but you would not heed the voice of the prophetic warnings about the eye and ear gates into the demonic world. I needed to convince you - and you do know My love, that I always win.

And now as you are learning to obey Me through asking yourself, "What would Jesus do?" you are learning to make healthy and holy choices and follow My voice into a holy walk. My door of glory opens for you to enjoy My manifest Presence and you shall be surrounded day and night in this union of our glorious abode. How I long to reveal Myself to you and how I long for our fellowship! Come dear one and enter the joy of Your Lord.

Ps 16:11 NLT
You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever.

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Prophetic Door Opened To The White House
Sandy Warner

Jul 12, 2004
I have opened a prophetic door to the White House. Even as David played the harp strings for his king in the days of old, so I will play the hearts of the prophetic like an old violin, never outdated, but growing more beautiful in time.

The prognosticators have plundered this door and had their say. I AM moving the voice of My prophets into that door. I AM requiring two criteria from the prophetic voice for them to have a continuing access through this door. As long as you are looking upon the Lord of Hosts, the ear of the President will stand before you. As long as the message of My cross stands in the doorway of your mouth, I will anoint your song to meet the ear of the chief. And so it shall be, at My command and none other. Stay faithful prophetic ones, prophesy and pray over the white house!

Prov 21:1 NLT
The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the LORD; he turns it wherever he pleases.

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The Real Test Is The Real Rest
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Jul 21, 2004
Warriors, I AM calling you to stand. Don't back down and don't retreat. Do not give into intimidation. Your real test is putting into practice what you have already learned about standing, then adding what you have more recently learned about resting in Me. Yes, be on the alert, body, soul and spirit, although rest is the process while you continue to lean on Me as your Source. Your body and soul will be at rest when you apply courage to what I have already confirmed in your life. My river is beginning to pick up speed which is causing alarm in the enemy camp. Be willing to stand against contempt and reprove when I say. Again I say, stand your ground, do not retreat. What you have proclaimed, be willing to stand for it.

Josh 1:9 KJV
Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

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Compassion

Priscilla van Sutphin

Compassion & Travail: The Ministry of the Lord's Heart
Jan 26th, 2004

You know I've got a bible outline type study on my site on Compassion?
But I have not expounded on it and taken the time to writing on it much. But after listening to Jill Austin talk about the experience of someone else who could SEE with her eyes a place God was taking her in the spirit realm, then realizing HE had brought me there without seeing, but only experiencing it, I thought perhaps I need to expound on this.

She talked of a woman who was asked to come, and taken through a very dark area, into a dark room, and there in the chair sitting, looking out a window was the Lord. She looked to see what He was looking at, and He was watching children being beaten, abused, starving and neglected, and numerous situations around the world involving children hurting that broke His heart, and as she did look, she began to feel His heart and weep and cry. This is what He called the crying room. There was a door that led out, but you had to be small to go there she said. You couldn't have too much pride, or be too great in your own estimation. And if you got smaller you could go there and you would receive strategies.

I know that one of the great lacks in the church has been compassion.

Compassion is NOT sympathy. Sympathy is what the world gives, or what I would call the worldly counterfeit of compassion, and is short lived for the most part. There is no empathy to it. Empathos is one of the Greek words for compassion, and it has to do with experiencing what others feel. There is another word in the Greek for this called 'splanchnizomai' which has to do with a gripping in your innards. Another biblical word would be TRAVAIL.

During the renewal, I was soaking in the presence of the Lord many nights a week at church and in my home, and going through a lot of physical pain and suffering myself so when I would sometimes take the hand of another in greeting, I would suddenly be catapulted into a place of travail in my spirit for the woundedness of that individual. This was a new experience for me, and I would hide it till I got away and then begin to pray for them in the fullness of what I knew God wanted me to do. It was hard to get quickly to a place where I would not be embarrassed by my tears.

This is not the kind of ministry that people crave or want to receive, or ask for , at least for the most part that is true. But I have asked over and over and over again for HIS HEART…so He has given me a portion of that.

While at a women's conference a couple years ago, Michelle Rizzo had a prophetic word and she said, " I have called you to pray for the Muslims, and the Hindu's. They are killing each other" That 's the part I remember, because suddenly I was gripped in my stomach/gut, and screaming at the top of my lungs, like an Italian mother who had just found out her son had been killed! I couldn't stop it…it just sprang forth from my spirit. For months a couple months after that, nothing, then suddenly every time I would worship, I would start out and the Holy Spirit would hit me, and I would be screaming. I honestly did not understand. I had experienced the crying room, but not to this depth.

I remember that when I went to India it manifested in a couple situations.
One was a pastor's wife who I am very fond of, as they are a worshipping church and when you enter it, you know it. And it was a pastor's conference, and I was ministering prophetically to them and praying for them in couples.
As I went to pray for her…I suddenly was gripped the same and began to scream. She suddenly fell back under the power, when this happened. 2 months later, the mother I think of the pastor died and I was told. It's as if the Lord knew what was coming, and I was travailing for that time, that they would be comforted by the Lord and go through. At least that is the sense I got.

Before this Iraqi war, that was all I was doing in my prayer time. I would worship as I normally do to enter in, and suddenly the screaming would start.
Tears, and tears, and tears. Death was coming. God knew, and I felt it. I was weeping for it. This is not to brag, this is because during this time, some good intentioned people found fault and told me I needed healing and I began navel gazing thinking it was NOT the Lord, and was a demon. So by doing that I gave place to something…demonic. It was so confusing then, and I shy'd away from going to the place of weeping. I didn't want to worship, because then I would weep and scream. And everyone in churches thought I was just so demonized, that I needed deliverance, so I began to entertain those thoughts too!

The thing is…you are NOT supposed to focus on demons. You are NOT supposed to entertain them at all. And they were getting a lot of pleasure from this torment. No one had an explanation for me it seemed, and my intimacy with God was stolen out of it…obviously not good fruit. I would put on the music, but I could not dance. I would put on the worship and just lay there. I would try to pray, but couldn't form words, so I would just pray in tongues. I would try to read my bible, but it was not alive to me. I didn't realize, though I'd experienced it before, I was under condemnation and a religious spirit from those who had judged me.

So THIS is why I am writing. This is just too amazing, that I barely had time to go to the conference, but the one thing I got to hear in the car was Jill Austin talking about this…I had repented before for avoiding the worship, but now everything made sense of my experience…and I was weeping because I had left HIS side. So I repented for that, and refuse to give place to the gutless, mindless misunderstanding anymore. I just don't care anymore about being thought a fool. I refuse to apologize about such a precious gift He has given me anymore.

I long to see others gain HIS heart. Compassion is the essence of POWER in the heart of God. Unless a prophet is stirred by HIS compassion and sense of JUSTICE, then they are not yet a true prophet. For more on this, read Lars Widerberg's article:
http://upstream.homestead.com/prophetswob.html

So what is compassion? The Hebrew word is besed…

Compassion: Mercy
Hebrew : besed, kindness
Greek : eleos, compassion
"Mercy is a form of love determined by the state or condition of its objects. Their state is one of suffering and need, while they may be unworthy or undeserving. Mercy is at once the disposition of love respecting such, and the kindly ministry of love for their relief."
The expression " I will have mercy and not sacrifice," indicates that God is pleased with the exercise of mercy rather than with the offering of sacrifices, though sin has made the latter necessary (1 Sam 15:22, Micah 6:6-8).Mercy is a Christian grace, and is very strongly urged toward all men (Matt. 5:7, 23:23; James 3:17, etc.). (Taken from Vines Expository Dictionary)

Greek definitions of words for compassion
A) To Bear (in the sense of carrying, supporting)
1) bastazo - bastazw - signifies to bear as a burden. It is used with the meaning
a) to take up, as in picking up anything, stones (John 10:31)
b) to carry something, (Matthew 3:11, Mark 14:13, Luke 7:14, 22:10)
to carry on one's person (Luke 10:4 Carry neither money bag, sack, not sandals; and greet no one along the road , Galatians 6:17- From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus)
to carry in one's body (Luke 11:27)
Luke 11:27 Amp Now it occurred that as He was saying these things, a certain woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to Him, Blessed (happy and to be envied) is the womb that bore You and the breasts that You sucked!
to bear a name in testimony (Acts 9:15- But the Lord said to

him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name
before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show
him how many things he must SUFFER for My name's sake."
Metaphorically of a root bearing branches (Romans 11:18)

Now in the same way a woman bears a baby is important, because TRAVAIL has to do with that. So the Spirit puts the burden inside your spirit to bring to birth, the desired justice or outcome for the situation. So bastazo, to bear a burden is to spiritually pick up that burden and then give it back to Him, through prayer, tears, travail, worship. That is what intercessors do.
Jesus is the model intercessor. He bore our burdens on the cross. We have been told to pick up our cross, and to bear one another's burdens.

c) to bear a burden, whether physically, as of the cross
(John19:17)
metaphorically in respect of sufferings endured in the cause of
Christ Rev.2:3- " and you have persevered and have patience, and
have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.)
it is of sufferings borne on behalf of others. (Matt 8:17-that it
might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet,
saying: "He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses.
Ref. 1 Peter 2:24) Also see Colossians 1:24 NKJ, Romans 15:1
We then who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the
weak, and not to please ourselves. Galatians 6:2 NKJV Bear one
another's burdens and SO FULFILL THE LAW of Christ.
· of spiritual truths not able to be borne (John 16:12)
· of the refusal to endure evil men (Rev 2:2)
· of religious regulations imposed on others (Acts 15:10)
· of the burden of the sentence of God to be executed in due time
(Galatians 5:10)
· of the effect at the Judgment seat of Christ, to be borne by the
believer for failure in the matter of discharging the obligations
of discipleship. (Galatians 6:5)

2) Hupophero - literally to bear up under, is best rendered by "endure" (1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, Who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.)
of enduring temptations, or persecutions (2 Tim 3:11),
enduring grief (1 Peter 2:19)
Christ bearing away the sins of the world (John 1:29)
3) Airo - to take away what is attached to anything, to remove. Also, not the nature of atonement is in view, but its effect in the believer's life. (1 John 3:5 -)

Now we come to the next part of the compassion complex of definitions, and the first is
B) Compassion
1) Oikteiro - oikteirw - to have pity, a feeling of distress through the ills of others, is used of God's compassion
Romans 9:15 For He says to Moses, " I will have mercy on whomever I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whomever I will have compassion."
This scripture is a good one, as it is most important for intercessors. Sometimes intercessors with this mercy gift, get feeling guilty when they do NOT feel compassion. Now sometimes, that is because our own emotions are have not been repented of, if we've been slighted or hurt in some way and are holding any grudges, it will keep us from feeling the heart of God. We need to get straight and repent if we want to keep this precious gift.

And sometimes it is because God is not aiming His compassion at that situation. It can be because we are tired and neglecting ourselves…or a myriad of other reasons. But if God is not in it…then neither should we have unsanctified mercy.

I’ll give you an example that is quite vivid in my mind. Some years back I was on AFDC, because I was so sick with CFIDS and fibromyalgia and I had just gotten my food stamps and was on my way to the grocery store. It is a big market here in California, and out in front of it was a woman, obviously homeless, unkempt, dirty, very tall, dark haired, and no shoes, but a long wool poncho covering her. She was standing by the garbage bin outside the store and when I saw her, since I often tried to minister to the homeless, or those in lines, or at doctors offices. I was going to slip her $20 bill so she could eat for a couple days, but she had turned her head away so I tapped her on the shoulder, and there was an instant power encounter! IMMEDIATELY she threw her pop she was drinking out of in my face and uttered “ Who told you you could touch me_____?!!” and proceeded to pull cans and bottles out of the garbage can to throw at me , as I ran off into the store! Oh MY! Well once inside, the managers had called the cops, and what I wanted to do in secret, turned out to be a big attraction to all around. As I quieted myself, I heard the LORD so clearly say to me, “ DID I ASK YOU TO GIVE HER SOME MONEY? “ and I meekly answered, “no”. And the point was made. HE will have compassion on whom He will have compassion! It is not our call. We must only be OBEDIENT.

I considered myself as a nurse to have a lot of compassion, there were times when I fought with doctors for patient care, or for family's rights to be with dying relatives, even before I was out of nursing school . And I continued to pour myself into my work and push (drive) myself to do more. But all of that is filthy rags, compared to the compassion that comes from a heart that is obedient to the Father and sensitive to the Holy Spirit, and dependent on what He tells you to do, as Francis Frangipane says, " What we become is more consequential than all we will ever DO for him"(my emphasis)

A good father gives good gifts to his children and our heavenly Father is loaded with good gifts. David was said to be a man after God's own heart, so early after being saved, I told the Lord, I wanted to have a heart like David; a heart like HIS heart for others and He has been faithful to take me through the process of continually emptying my heart of all the filth and garbage accumulated through years of abuse and self-abuse. (Something that is a continual process of sanctification)

2) Splanchnizomai - splancnizomai- to be moved in one's inwards (splanchna), to be moved with compassion, to yearn with compassion, is frequently recorded of Christ toward the multitude and towards individual sufferers, (Matthew 9:36, 14:14, 15:32, 18:27, 20:34, Mark 1:41, 6:34, 8:2, 9:22)
of the appeal of a father for a demon possessed son; (Luke 7:13, 10:33)
of the father in the parable of the prodigal son (Luke 15:20)

It was a common thing for a while that so many in the church would come up to the intercessors in the church and tell them to stop crying, that they were too emotional. Often even the pastors would do this. Praise the Lord, his strength is seen in weakness. I remember the first time I experienced what is known as birthing pangs. I was in a prayer meeting and
I had an urge to hold my legs like a woman in labor. [I was an OB-Peds nurse for many years]. I thought this bizarre, but was moving in the Spirit and a couple other women, praise the Lord, WERE familiar with it…again it felt like something gripping my stomach. Another time was when Stacey Campbell came to the Vineyard with the entourage of Canadians that brought renewal there. She came up before the sermon and began to give a prophecy, and as she did, and the power of God hit her, it also gripped the intercessors, many of whom I knew who were in the room. I felt this pull to the floor and was grabbing my stomach while wailing again, as if someone died. It happened to all the intercessors.

I have this problem with the assignment of the name intercessor in a way yet. Perhaps God, will show me otherwise, but it seems to me that intercession should NOT be for the few, but is the heart of His ministry.
He is the ultimate intercessor. His heart was gripped,[splanchnizomai] so many times. The experience in the garden of Gethsemane is one I wish to use as there are so many misunderstandings spoken about this scripture. And I believe the Lord has given me some insight on this.

Luke 22:42-44 AMP
42 Saying, Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but [always] Yours be done. 43 And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him in spirit.
44 And being in an agony [of mind], He prayed [all the] more earnestly and intently, and His sweat

became like great clots of blood dropping down upon the ground.

Luke 22:42-44 NKJV
42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." 43 Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. 44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

I have read this over and over and it does NOT say his sweat became blood.
It says his sweat became LIKE drops of blood. There is a difference. Blood flows readily, speedily out of the body, as the heart pumping makes it do so.
But it was His sweat that was profusely dripping as if like blood. THIS is a common experience since renewal for me, that when the FIRE of God comes with great power, I sweat “like a pig” we used to say when the summer sun was hot. I’m talking my clothes get all wet, as if the same conditions existed when the don’t. Times of burning prayer, I call them. It happened distinctly I remember when I visited a Korean pastor and his family/elders in their home with a friend. We started to worship and the FIRE of God came, and I was filled with the Spirit of prophecy, and began to prophesy over his sister, and the sweat was running in my eyes, and down my legs so bad, I felt somewhat embarrassed. But it wasn’t because of the weather or heat in the home. It was after worship and prayer began and the room literally got hot.

As I continued to prophesy over everyone, it just kept pouring out, and if it were blood, man, they would have had to take me to the hospital! But that is how it poured out from me…just oozing. I needed a wipe towel to throw over my shoulder. Wearing makeup would have been ridiculous. This will be more common as awakening happens. I’m sure it has happened to many as the Lord apprehends them with His heart. The Lord was gripped with the weight of the world on His shoulders. As He deposits His heart for the nations in you, you will receive the Spirit of travail and you will experience great gripping in intercession. May He take you to this place in the Spirit that nations will come forth from the womb of intercession.

3) Sumpatheo - to suffer with another (sun; with, pascho; To suffer) to be affected similarly (English-sympathy) to have compassion upon (Heb. 10:34) of compassionating those in prison is translated " be touched with" in (Heb 4:15), of Christ as the High Priest.

4) Eleeo - to have mercy (eleos; mercy) to show kindness, by beneficience, or assistance, is translated "Have compassion" in
(Matt. 18:33, Mark 5:19, and Jude 22)

Matt 18:33 Amp And should you not have had pity and mercy on your fellow attendent, as I had pity and mercy on you?

Mark 5:19 (re Gaderene demoniac) But Jesus refused to permit him, but said to him, Go home to your own [family and relatives and friends] and bring back word to them of how much the Lord has done for you, and [how he has] had sympathy for you and mercy on you. (Amplified version)

Jude 21-23 Amp Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God; expect and patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) [which will bring you] unto life eternal. And refute [so as to] convict some who dispute with you, and on some have mercy who waver and doubt. [Strive to] save others, snatching [them] out of [the] fire; on others take pity [but] with fear, loathing even the garment spotted by the flesh and polluted by their sensuality.

5) Metriopatheo - is rendered "have compassion" in Heb 5:2
Heb.5:1-2 NKJV For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have COMPASSION on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also beset by weakness.

It means to treat with mildness, or moderation, to bear gently with [metrios; moderate & pascho; to suffer] the idea is that of not being unduly disturbed by the faults and ignorance of others; or rather perhaps of feeling in some measure in contrast to the full feeling with, expressed in the verb sumpatheo in Heb 4:15.

6) Makrothumeo - to be long tempered (macros; long, thumos; temper) " is long suffering over " see ; patient, suffer.

In our flesh, we have a tendency to be short tempered, and impatient. But, in HIM, we can learn to be undisturbed by the faults and ignorance of others. We can leart to be patient, as HE is SO PATIENT with us. Part of the key is in the verse of Jude to keep our hearts in the love of God. If I am tired and spent, I will not have as much love and patience for others. Every parent knows this, or at least learns it quickly. Parenting can be very tiring and at the end of the day, you do not have as much patience as at the beginning. Flesh begins to wear out. If I don't spend the time with the Lord that I need, getting His love for me, then I cannot give it out to others.

This is a principle in the natural, and in the spiritual. A mother who does not receive the love from her companions, husband, family and gives birth to her baby worn out from neglect and lack of love, does not have the love to give to her child. I have seen it many times in OB. And it is a proven scientific fact, from many studies. A woman who has been abused and neglected and is unhealed, will also tend to abuse her infant and misread his behavior as rejection.

So it is vital that if we want to have LOVE to give to our families, our neighbors, coworkers and those in the world, that we must first be a lover of God. A husband or wife who are not connected to the Lord in this manner, cannot give the proper unconditional love to their partner. Instead of apologizing, they will defend themselves and be filled with pride. That is the nature of our flesh. And if your job is to love an unbeliever, or a wounded soul, then you so need to be in the presence of God daily to get your strength to tackle all the schemes of the enemy, and to be able to pour out love HIS way. Our union and communion with the lover of our souls is paramount to obtaining His heart. Only getting His heart on matters of importance to us daily, can we see with His eyes and hear with His ears.

We are all imperfect compared to Him, so we are all being sanctified to become more like Him.

Charity 1 Cor 13 is rendered love; agape (strongs 26) comes from the verb agapao which means to love in a social or moral sense; including the judgment and deliberate assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty and propriety; a matter of the heart versus the head, compared to phileo. Agape is described as love, ie affection or benevolence; spec. a love-feast: (feast of) charity ([ably]), dear, love.

Now you can see that compassion covers a lot of ground. I want to say again that there is a large difference between the inward compassion of the soul compared to the compassion that God gives via the Holy Spirit through our spirits. I was deeply abused/wounded as a child, especially the first 7 years of my life, and as an adult wanted to do something for the Lord to give back and took up a nursing career. And right from the beginning even as a nurse's aide, before I had started nurse's training in college, patients would open up to me they would share deep secrets they would tell no one else. I was raised Catholic, so was not walking in the spirit. But even then, God had His hand on me training me.

When we lack compassion there may be a number of reasons.
1) It is not our gift ie...there are varying gifts. mercy, gifts of healings, giving, etc.
2) We have had a relatively easy life and are insensitive to the needs of others (we have nothing to compare to; no life experience to make us emote empathy with others so instead we have sympathy.)
3) We have had a really painful life and we try to be compassionate in our own strength, but fall way short because of lack of healing and unforgiveness, and selfishness which (Loving self more than God) sometimes people who've been hurt will cry from their own pain still needing healing...but not God's compassion
4) We have some sin in our life which is keeping us from intimacy with God. ie bitterness, hardness of heart, judgments, opinions
5) No one ever trained us how to be kind and loving (modeled it).

When we lack compassion we CAN call upon GOD, Who is the resource of everything we need. Another example....I had a friend who had a daughter who was raised in a "Christian" home albeit dad had been an alcoholic; thereby accruing some pain and not being healed, she married an Persian man who was unsaved , a Moslem, and she ended up being discontented, and following some inherited, sinful patterns got into a relationship with someone at work, while husband was out on oil rig. She had two children. This person at work was a hard-core drug addict, and her mom started calling me and asking me to pray with her daily.

Well to make this short. I ran out of compassion after some weeks and when she called me one morning and asked me to pray for her daughter, I said "NO!" I was probably tired at the time, as I had chronic fatigue with a depressed immune system. { I should say, that because of my prophetic gifting, somehow she thought the prayers would be answered more if I prayed.} So I said, I will let YOU pray, and I will agree with you as I don't have any compassion right now. Well just admitting that to her, and in front of God, within a few sentences of prayer, I was overcome with compassion for the young woman and tears were flowing, from the heart of God - NOT MY HEART- but His heart through mine. God wants us to be honest and humble.

Apart from HIM we can do nothing and I mean nothing! Apart from His grace I am just a sinner like everyone else. Then I had to repent of any judgments I made towards her daughter. This story ended sadly for the daughter and I haven't heard, or even know where this friend is right now but the husband, after finding out, was brought to my apartment via my friend, and the Lord had so worked on his heart, that when I spoke to him about giving his life to Christ, he did and we had a very holy time of intercession, and he never stopped. He was a Muslim before, yet, He went on to take responsibility for the children and continued to attend church and get discipled. And I have no doubt God will, if He hasn't already, restore the daughter, because God's promises are true, but HE is also SOVEREIGN! He will have compassion on whom He will have compassion.

I realize more than ever that when we think we are something we are nothing! Scripture says that. If you think you are a great intercessor and are SO spiritual, and yet have not the Father's heart, you are nothing. HE IS EVERYTHING! HE IS the One Who gives you the grace in the first place to DO intercession, to seek His face. Without His grace we can't do anything and I mean ANYTHING. If you think you can do anything in your own strength without HIS enabling , you need to think again. It is a great deception! And He will bring that exalted sense of self to it's death.

I remember Joyce Meyers telling this story how her husband when they were younger would sit on the floor and play with the kids, and she would be busy, busy, busy and be complaining cause he wasn't DOING something. Yet He would hear from God and she complained she could not that often, until God showed her she needed to chill. She did not know how to have fun, nor did she know God wanted us to have some fun sometimes. I'm sure that when Jesus spent time with the apostles it was not all striving. All striving is related to RELIGIOUS spirits. God is not a harsh taskmaster and neither should we be. We tend as a society to be driven and performance oriented. Yet God says. *"Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for my yoke is easy and My burden is LIGHT!"*

Face it, we cannot BE anything, including compassionate, without God having given us the gift, or making us able. So let HIM get all the glory and return to the bastion of Hope; to Jesus, our Defender and Redeemer. And give others some slack! Be forebearing; not being unduly disturbed by their faults and sins, or by the annoying habits of others, and just LOVE them to Christ! JESUS was the model for intercession; something we are ALL called to do. There is no gift in Corinthians or elsewhere called the gift of intercession. Intercession is talking to God, being intimate with Him and His compassion , His love is what makes miracles...Love those who don't love you, as well as those who do love you, and then you will be fulfilling His laws. He is calling us to love the unlovely, the different "fish" in the seas of life, and we must lay down all judgment and criticism, impatience, intolerance, and frustration to do that. He is working on us and He will accomplish His goal.

The major key, & true prophets, have been warning of this is to get your own healing at the feet of Jesus so you can be emptied of self and all that comes with it, and be a vessel of gold for His glory. This is very hard when He withdraws the grace. Imagine how hard it is for others who live in countries that are oppressed and not free like ours has been. We must cry out in desperation for MORE of Him. He will answer. He always does. All of us have some religion in our hearts to deal with; some deception, as we are all sinners. So we need to be more honest with ourselves. If the prodigals are to return home what will they come to? Will they come to a church full of love and grace like God gives to us ; full of FAITH? Or will they come to a church who is still sick and unhealed, undelivered and unloving, uncompassionate, self-serving? Self promotion and self-glorying are abundant these days due to the pride in our hearts.

God has an admonishment for us all for the youth and others are about to come into much grace and the idols will fall. Every idol in our hearts will fall, and we will be confronted like never before by this younger generation and by those who have been through the fire. Most of us have failed again and again, and God has been so gracious to us, so patient with us. I pray we will not be like the ungrateful servant who was forgiven and his burden lifted, then he became a harsh taskmaster to another. His love is unfathomable! He has endured so much of our own weaknesses. We need to endure those of others, yet being caring enough to confront in love, not with anger and impatience. This is all PROCESS...This is what he is taking us to: to love as HE LOVED; To love others as He has loved us! May the Holy Spirit direct all our hearts into the love of God and the patience of Christ!

11th Hour of Power
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I have chosen for Myself a most peculiar army for this hour. They are peculiarly precious unto Me, and I will make them My jewels! I am gathering and I am scattering. I am winnowing and I am perfecting. I am really pleased with My work you see. I can see that My children are really getting to know the depth of My love for them. Little by little and grace by grace, more is being deposited, and they will come forth with a sweet fragrance in them, that will capture the hearts of all around them.

Just as Esther soaked in myrrh, then perfumes for six months, being rubbed and rubbed, and rubbed daily with perfumes, I am rubbing my goodness into you. I am rubbing in HOPE. I am rubbing in LOVE. I am rubbing in PEACE. I am rubbing in Patience and PERSERVERANCE, that you may go higher in your faith and not turn back again. I have so many gifts to bestow on My Bride!

I am making her like My strong horse in battle, and she will not turn away from the fight of the ages. She will go forward in a CONFIDENCE in who she is and I will fight along side her. Nothing can separate us. I am looking forward to this battle, My love! Aren't you? Those in heaven are awaiting it and have been interceding for it. My angels are at attention. They are waiting for orders and many have already been sent down to engage the enemy's forces.

I have given you many tools of war My Bride and I am not going to leave you alone in the battle. Remember how Gehazi saw that those with them were more than those against them? KNOW that I have a plan to make a spectacle of the enemy! Just when he thinks he has the upper hand, is when he is in for a fall. His rage will be stirred, when he sees the fullness of My plan. so I am telling you ahead of time, that I have all planned out in advance, so that even then, MY love, YOU WILL BE HELD IN THE PALM OF MY HAND! Restrain yourselves from giving in to FEAR! For I have not given you a spirit of fear, but of POWER, and LOVE, and a sound mind!

I AM FAITHFUL AND TRUE. I will not forsake you in the darkest hour My love. Keep your eyes in My Word, for I am pouring out revelation for these times, so you will know what is ahead before it happens. I do nothing lest I tell my servants, My prophets! So EXPECT to see more than you have seen. Expect Me to show you great and mighty things that lie ahead. EXPECT to receive a greater portion of My love and My power, and authority! For I am coming to your side, just as a Bridegroom does, and I will execute vengeance on Our enemies! And I will use you to do it! I will put MY WORDS in your mouth and you will use it like a SWORD. I will give you wisdom for each and every situation , that you will know what is happening. I will increase the seven fold Spirit in My Bride, that she will do GREAT EXPLOITS in My Name! Glory upon glory, and grace upon grace will be poured out. Look to Me, for I AM the LOVER of your soul, and I am releasing and stirring up the hearts of the young.

A little child shall lead them. One will set a thousand to flight and two will set 10,000 to flight. I am releasing groanings and utterances and travail will bring forth great passion and compassion that will loose the prisoners from their bonds. I will increase the FIRE of INTERCESSION, even in the little ones of My flock, so do not be afraid! Do not hinder what I do in them! I will use their innocent hearts to set thousands to flight. Agree with their prayers and groanings. Ask them what I am doing and I will show them what to say to you. You will find yourself learning from them! For I don't use those mighty in their own opinions. I use the meek! I use the WEAK to confound the strong!

My army will walk in HUMILITY and FORGIVENESS and will have MY COMPASSION and STRENGTH. I will do mighty miracles through old and young alike. I will use those, no one expects to be used. I am not a God of partiality, or exclusivity! I bring beauty for ashes, and the oil of joy for mourning. I work in the opposites to the ways of this world. So expect to be dazzled! Expect to see things you have NEVER seen. Expect to see wonders! Expect also to see counterfeits rise up, but know that they have already begun with their mechanical means to imitate what I do through various devices and tricks. YOU WILL SEE THROUGH IT MY BRIDE.

Believe Me when I say that I LOVE YOU and have passionately been waiting for this day when I would make you My jewels in My crown! I will do a mighty and remarkable thing, that man may not take credit for! GET ready to be suddenly surprised! I delight in surprises and you will too when you receive them!

Your biggest surprise will be the suddenness with which I do this marvelous work. And it will happen all over the world. It will not be like before. I will also stir up the youth of the nations like a battering RAM, and they will enter into the battle with fervor and zeal, such as not been seen in many generations. Do you have a daughter or son who is awol? PROCLAIM OVER THEM what I have said about them! Stop begging and start PROCLAIMING! Speak the truth of the Word over them. Speak it out loud! Speak it loud and clear to the enemy of your soul. For MY righteous indignation BURNS at what he has done to them through his many strategies. But I am telling you that they will be UNDONE. IN A MOMENT, they will be TRANSFORMED. In a MOMENT! That is all it takes for ME to change them! Stop worrying, stop fretting about the one who is caught by the enemy in all kinds of sin, in drinking and in smoking, and in drugs. FOR IT IS NOTHING FOR ME TO TOUCH THEM. I WILL DO IT! TRUST ME AND SEE WHAT I WILL DO IN THIS GENERATION CALLED X.. HAHAHA.

I AM THE LORD AND THERE IS NO OTHER! AND THEY WILL KNOW IT. I HAVE ORDAINED THE TIMES. I HAVE ORDAINED THE HOUR. I AM COMING LIKE A MIGHTY ROARING WIND! THEY WILL BE CHANGED IN A MOMENT! IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE!

In the Heat of the Night
Priscilla Van Sutphin

Jan 31st, 2004

I heard " In the heat of the night". "So what do You have to say about that Father?", I asked.

I AM the all consuming FIRE, and I am pouring out a river of My fire, to burn off all the dross My beloveds! There are many strongholds still in your life that need My FIRE. I will not leave you nor forsake you. I will do all I have promised to free you from every evil thing that has tormented you.
I will BURN AND BURN AND BURN until you emerge shining with the light of My glory. You will come forth as GOLD refined in the fire of My love and power. I will sanctify you with My glory, and you will never be the same again. Mercy and truth have kissed each other.

It is the night hour My beloveds and I am striking the tuning fork to see if you are in harmony with My will and My plans. Will you listen for Me? Will you listen for the still small voice? I want to pour into you the fullness of My GRACE and the fullness of My LOVE, that you can go forth with power and change the climate of your cities, of nations and peoples. You have said, Lord, give us the nations for our inheritance. And the nations I will give you!

Glory is coming and nothing can stop what is coming. I have had a timing for all of this and My timing is perfect and will come exactly as I have planned.
It will not be late in it's execution. Patiently wait for the HARVEST is coming and when it does, it will be

like a flood upon dry ground. The vats will be FULL with souls. Many workers are needed, so I am gathering them up and transforming them to set in place the necessary elements for what I want. Preparation of your hearts is the MAIN CONCERN. Provision is easy, compared to what needs to happen in your hearts.

I want them coming to a LIVE and vibrant church, that is full of FAITH and HOPE, and LOVE. FRUIT and character is more important than how you look to people. What people want is relationship and real friendship, not pretense. How much do you care about your brother? For you are your brother's keeper, unless you WANT to be like Cain. I want gentle shepherds for my new lambs and sheep, not hirelings and thieves, who will steal the glory! Check your hearts for any selfishness in nature. Ask ME to transform your heart, and I will do it. I am FAITHFUL and TRUE. I will answer such prayers. Humble yourselves that you may be healed. For many are blind, naked, wretched and poor and do not realize your condition.

Those of you who have been through fires and are more advanced in your healing need to pray the rest of them along, that they will be saved from the wrath to come! Have compassion on those in need even if they have hurt you. Even if they have ignored you. Lift them up and I will lift you up. Pray against the strongholds of pretense in the body of Christ. Pray the eyes will be opened!

Abba

My Justice Will Prevail
Priscilla Van Sutphin

Jan 26th , 2004

I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Son of God, Prince of Peace, Lalalalaa…heard this song I remember singing some time ago.

In My names are keys of HOPE. My names are like PROMISES to you of My character! I AM FAITHFUL and TRUE. I AM the Beginning and the End. And I know the beginning from the ending in all your lives, My beloveds! There is nothing hidden from Me in all the earth. There is nothing hidden from my eyes.

I love you SO much, and there is nothing I will not do for you. I am a loving Father, and I give good gifts to My children. I am the Divine Justice, and I weigh in the balances all who come before Me. I am the JUDGE. There is no other! It is I Who rides on the wings of the wind. It is I Who holds you in the palm of My hand. My hand is ever stretched out still before you.

I want you to KNOW the depth of My love for MANKIND who are made in My image. The height of witchcraft that is running rampant is a disdain for life. It disdains what I have created and ever works to destroy it's relationship with ME. Your enemy is rabid with desire to keep you from ME in whatever way He can. SO RESIST HIM, and HE WILL FLEE! I want you to love what I love. I want you to feel what I feel. I want you to die to yourself as My Son had to die to Himself in order to accomplish what I sent Him for!

There is life in the cross, RESURRECTION LIFE. The crucible of suffering and pain is the birthing place of My power. I have said, that he who suffers with ME, will share in My glory. And that day of glory is almost upon you.
Know that you are in MY HEART ALL THE TIME. There is never a moment I forget about you. I don't dismiss your prayers. I don't dismiss you when you want to talk to Me. I don't dismiss your presence ever, or your needs. But I am your loving Father, and I know what is best for you and what makes you more like ME. I will work all things for the good, for those who are called according to My purposes. I am listening to your every thought. I am listening to your every concern, whether expressed or just in groanings and feelings. I hear your intercessions. And I am not growing weary of you. I am not impatient or intolerant of you. I am not surprised when you fail. Each failure leads to a victory if you will give it to Me.

I know you inside and out. I speak to you in parables at times, so that you will search out a matter.

Those who search out a matter are teachers, and exhorters. I was a teacher , and everyone who disciples another is a teacher. It is not a great mystery, but a great truth, that to whom much is forgiven , much is required. Those who are forgiven much, love much and have much to give to others.

I am turning up the heat. I am turning up the power. I am turning over the tables of the money-changers. I am giving it into the hands of the money givers. I am giving it to those I can trust to use it for establishing JUSTICE and LOVE. My love is not a concept. It is not weak and impoverished. It is great and extravagant. I am pouring out MY LOVE that the gates of hell will NOT prevail in My church. I have seen all the pride. I have seen all the arrogance. I have seen all the presumption and lack of self-denial. I have seen the injustices and all the unrighteousness in My house. So I am coming quickly to right every wrong. I am coming in POWER to uproot all that has stolen and robbed from My people. I am coming to reset the weights and balances so that JUSTICE WILL PREVAIL ONCE AGAIN.

NOTHING will stop it! MY WILL will PREVAIL!

2 Chron 16:9 NKJV For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him. In this you have done foolishly; therefore from now on you shall have wars."

Jer 5:1 NKJV The Justice of God's Judgment
"Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem; See now and know; and seek in her open places if you can find a man, if there is anyone who executes judgment, Who seeks the truth, and I will pardon her.

Isa 1:16-17 NKJV "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, 17 Learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Mic 6:8 NKJV He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

Jer 13:17 NKJV But if you will not hear it, My soul will weep in secret for your pride; My eyes will weep bitterly and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock has been taken captive.

2 Chron 7:15-17 NKJV Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. 16 For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually.

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The New Birth
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John 12:24-26 NIV
24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.

Zech 8:12 NKJV 'For the seed shall be prosperous, The vine shall give its fruit, The ground shall give her increase, And the heavens shall give their dew — I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these.

There is a new life coming to My church. And I want to make you to understand that this new life is not

in the form of religion, but in the hearts of those who love Me. It doesn't matter what form you choose, as much as
HOW YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE! I AM the MERCY SEAT! I AM the GLORIOUS ONE. I AM THE ONE WHO IS TO BE THE OBJECT OF WORSHIP! NOT THE BUILDING, NOT THE HOME, NOT THE LEADERS, NOT THE WORSHIP FORM, NOT THE STYLE, NOT THE DENOMINATION!

What is being birthed is new life in ME; Christ in you, the Hope of glory.
This is a new life you have not known in fullness, till now when it will take place. JESUS is entering into the church in a way, demonstrating His love and glory, that every shackle will be broken on those who are willing to receive Him. But like when He came the first time, people rejected the form, there will be those who in this age also reject the form, and in doing so will reject the KING OF GLORY!

Which will you be? Pharisee, or lover? Choose you this day whom you will serve, man or Creator! I AM the Lord GOD of Elijah! I am restoring all things, and it will come at a cost and with great birth pangs. Will you find yourself in the place of the Judge of the earth, or will you be under HIS covering? For see, when you step outside His covering and mantle of humility and forgiveness, then you are not under His authority, but that of the evil one. He is the HEAD from which all things proceed. And HE ALONE will receive all the GLORY. NO MAN can boast! For ALL have sinned and fallen short of the glory! Who are you to judge your brother? Who are you that you know what is in the heart of a man? God alone knows what is in the hearts of men, so it is NOT for you to judge oh man!

I will have mercy on whom I'll have mercy! I will choose on whom I pour out My glory, and in whatever measure I choose! It is not YOU who establishes
prophets and apostles! IT IS I! The church is built on the blood of the prophets and apostles. So which of you who claim to be apostles is willing to
LAY DOWN YOUR LIVES? There are more apostles in CHINA than in this nation, because they have been willing to suffer with ME! They have forsaken all that is of this world to live FOR ME, and to die for ME! And they do not boast of themselves! When will you humble yourselves and see that it is in death that you will have TRUE LIFE?

I alone am God and I will not be mocked! I AM the DIVINE JUSTICE.
I alone am the Author and Finisher of your faith! I alone am the FAITHFUL and TRUE ONE! SINCE WHEN IS ANY OF YOU FAITHFUL?
SINCE WHEN ARE ANY OF YOU CAPABLE TO BE ALL THINGS TO MEN? Yet you boast in your arrogance and don't realize the pain in My heart when you do this, because then you come out from My true authority.
There are many who have attained authority in the world system of Christianity who have NO authority in ME. It was the same when I sent My Son the first time! Many more would be used in mighty ways, if they will only HUMBLE themselves to receive the healing and deliverance they need.

Will you listen to Me when I say, that I mean to remove all arrogance and pride from those who call themselves "My church "? Humble yourselves in the sight of the LORD and HE will lift you up. Humble yourselves now My children, for then you will be able to stand in this day of restored HOLINESS. Make no more excuses! Make no more rationalizations! Ask for all deception to be removed! For I am FAITHFUL to remove your pride the easy way. But if you choose the hard way…it will be more painful and embarrassing! Ask me to remove all bitterness and judgmentalism and I
will! Ask ME for MORE OF MY LOVE, for it is love that uproots the fear that is behind the control and pride. Ask and you shall receive, ask and it will be given to you!

Matt 13:23 NKJV
23 But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

1 Peter 1:23-25 NKJV 23 having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, 24 because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, 25 But the word of the LORD endures forever."

Compassion

Chimezie Onyebilanma

Tuesday, 10th of February, 2004
Revelation chapter 6:1-7 (like much of Revelation) speaks of the judgment of God being unleashed on this present world – a spirit of conquest (the modern struggle for world dominion), bloodshed and war, famine, and disasters that will result in ruin and pain. There is no doubt that these things are inevitable. Things are going to get worse despite all the progress of science. Suffering is going to increase if prophecy is to be fulfilled.

There is the temptation just here (the fact that prophecy must be fulfilled) to feel that we as Christians would only be standing in the way of God if we try to bring relief to the pains of this dying world. But this is not true. In Obadiah, Esau (the people of Edom) was rebuked because “on the day (of God afflicted pains on Israel) they stood aloof” (Obadiah 11).

What then must be our reactions as Christians as we see God’s judgment coming on the world? Compassion. Love is the hallmark of the Christian life. Just because God is judging people does not mean we are called to become God and judge them too. Our work is to love them.

We need to know love as a reality. The ability not to judge people because of their sins. The grace not to be like the Pharisees. In this time of worldwide crisis, we cannot afford to stand aloof. We must act.

Our goal this year 2004 in our work in this part of Africa, is to do more to relieve the pains of the people we seek to reach with the gospel. Perhaps you can find a channel to express your compassion here. What about adopting one of our street children? What of helping us provide fertilizers for farmers? What of helping us with the AIDS-awareness campaigns we are planning for several villages? What of helping a missionary reach more Muslims? What of providing a well for a village?

We must not label and judge others because they are different. We must love men. And this love will move us to seek to help men know the Savoir.

Bread of Life

Chimezie Onyebilanma

John 6:48-49 “Your fathers ate manna in the desert yet they died”
We can be blessed materially by God and yet die spiritually. The life of a man does not consist in the abundance of things that he has, not even if those things were gifts from God. The manna was a first-class miracle – food dropping from heaven, yet it was powerless in giving life. We must not measure our “aliveness” by how much of God’s miracles or provisions we are seeing. We must not measure it by how much of breakthroughs or God-sent results we are getting in our life or ministry. We must measure it only by how much we are “alive to God” in our hidden man. How much we are hungering for his likeness and how much we are changing into his likeness.

“If any one eats of this bread he will live forever” (v.51) Jesus is the source of this life. It is in coming to him that we are feed and it is in believing that we drink. We must eat of him to live. Yet it is not a once-for-all experience, this eating and drinking of Jesus. We need to learn to eat him daily.

***Comments? Questions?** etc. If these messages have been helpful or unclear it would encourage us to hear from you, please write to caprotogo@laposte.tg*

PLEASE are you born again? It is not enough to believe in the existence of God, to go to church, or be interested in spiritual things. Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus died to deliver you from sin so that you can come to God. (John 3:16) If you ask him to forgive you and give you a new heart he will. (Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-11).Try it. I'd love to hear from you @ caprotogo@laposte.tg

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Compete With The Horses

Chuck Pierce

This will be a year that you will begin to compete with the horses and run the race with new strength
"Even in this coming week, there will be an acceleration, there will be a turn"
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"Have I not said to you that this will be a year that you will break out of that which wearied you? This will be a year that you will begin to compete with the horses and run the race with new strength. I will give you strategies to overthrow the enemy that has surrounded you. These will be new strategies. You will have insight that you have never had before. Be still and receive revelation from Me. I am beginning to accelerate events and relationships around you. The enemy would love for you to remain with your feet deep within the mire that has stopped you from moving forward. The enemy would love for you to remain eating from the pig trough instead of sitting at Father's table. However, I am calling you to leave that place of lack and enter into a banquet mentality.

I am calling you to shake the mud of the past from your feet and allow Me to cause you to rise up in a new way. I am causing your feet to be liberated. I'm causing you to be able to run in a new way, for even in this coming week there will be an acceleration; there will be a turn. You will begin to see the finish line of the race that you have been in. Finish that race! But do not remove yourself from the competition. Take a deep breath and get ready to run again. This is a time where you need to breathe, receive and move forward quickly. Receive My Spirit and My breath. Allow Me to refresh you. Let the Holy Spirit manifest in you in a new way. Allow His gifts to be activated in a new way to give you new insight to run.

Removing the Hurdles

Allow Me to remove things from your path. Do not stop running because you see obstacles you do not believe you can hurdle. Those hurdles will be removed if you keep moving. I am ready to do a new thing.

Let go of your past this week! Let go of your past this week! Let go of your past this week!

Do not look back but look forward to the next race and assignment. Even though you feel weary, I will burst forth within you and you will accelerate into the suddenlies I have prepared for you. Accelerate past the strategy of death that the enemy has put on your path. Do not allow the enemy to convince you that you cannot reach the finish line and run again. Break past and into that which is forming new and fresh for you. Watch the heavens shift and new windows or portals form over you. These portals will pour grace and strength from heaven for what is ahead. Declare the heavens above you to shift, so you are connected in the Throne Room in a new way.

Going Past the Confusion

Be not deceived. The enemy will attempt to counterfeit the 'real' that is forming before you. Worship in Spirit and in truth and you will discern fully the right door to go through. I am releasing a new measure of discernment. Be willing to step out into a new place of faith and watch me turn water into wine. Some of you will even rise above your circumstance and walk out on water and, instead of sinking, you will remain buoyant because of a new faith level that is beginning to work in you.

Even though much confusion is around you, and you do not seem to see clearly the enemy's plan or even the finish line that I have set before you from the beginning of this adventure and season, keep moving, and I will see to it that you go past the confusion.

The enemy would love to remove you from the wall. Find your place on the wall new and fresh. Review your assignment. Don't be afraid to get on the edge. For though you feel like you are falling over, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Watch your new doors forming. Do not attempt to go back for you have attained a level of victory that you are not fully aware of. I have formed a beach head from your obedience so do not go backwards and be captured in an old season by the enemy.

Come Up!

Rise up! The higher you rise, the farther the horizon line will be extended for your future. This will give you a new measure and sphere of authority. Your boundaries are changing for your future. I am giving you a new scope to pinpoint the way the enemy will move. Do not fear the movement of your enemy for you will see him in ways you have never seen him before. Remember, one small Word will fail him. Come up! Draw near to Me for I have a new seat of authority I have formed for you. Come up and receive your new mantle for this next season. Come up. I am waiting for you. Come up and receive the strength to move forward.

I hope this word encourages you. Even though you perhaps are in a time of transition, you can move from one phase of transition into the next phase. This is similar to moving from a place of shutting doors into one where the new doors are forming on your behalf. Let me remind you that transition has three phases:

1. Loss or death. In order to go through transition, we must die to the old. If we have fear of death, we cannot submit to God in transition. Fear of death will capture our emotions unless we let the perfect love of God remove this fear. We must learn to walk through death with the fragrance of life on us.

2. Confusion. When new revelation comes into your environment, it becomes confused. You must be covered and connected or Satan will try to do you in. It will seem like a whirlwind. You can speak a word which will keep you from being sucked in. When we get into a place where we do not know what to do, God will bring us to a place of communion which tests our faith so He can reveal Himself to us in a new way.

3. Crossing Over or Entering into the New Place. God has a garden for each of us to cultivate and fill with the glory of God. He will increase our boundaries as they fill with the glory of God.

Blessings,

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I AM In Control - III

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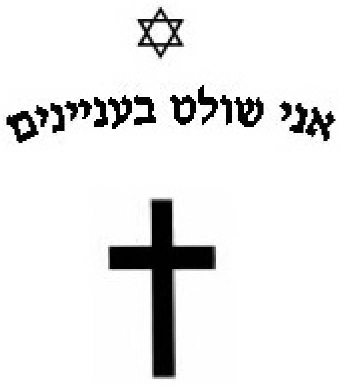

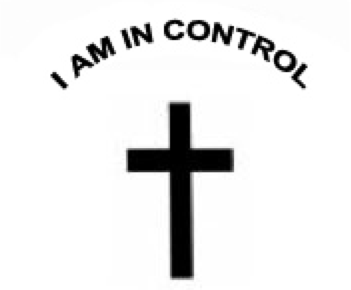

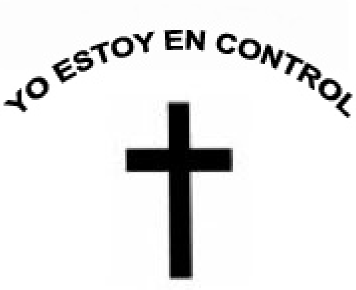

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest."
(Mat. 11:28)

In May 1999 I posted a dream, **I AM IN CONTROL**, with no planned follow-up. However, three years later, Lord Jesus began prompting me through Holy Spirit to format a graph illustrating an identical display of a message He gave me in that dream as He hung crucified on the cross. At that same time, I received strong prompting to also format a Hebrew version of the graph. After prayer and confirmation I posted those graphs in **I AM IN CONTROL - II** in January 2003. *(Their links are listed at the end of this file.)*

Again, in the fall of 2003, I began to receive further prompting to format another graph in Spanish and post it *together* with the ones posted earlier in the year. This time I fully hesitated, unsure it really was Holy Spirit's prompting. However, at the beginning of 2004 the *urging* became quite strong in my spirit. I then told the Lord in prayer that if I was hearing Him correctly, Bill Somers, host of this Web site, END TIME PROPHETIC VISION, http://www.etpv.org/, would not only have to be willing to post this file, but that He would also have to bring me the correct translation in Spanish from someone else. After prayer, I e-mailed Bill and expressed my thoughts about the graphs to him. He promptly replied, "Of course I'll post them." Furthermore, without even asking him, at the same time he also offered to contact several Hispanic viewers of this Web site and seek their help on a correct translation in Spanish. *THEN* I knew that this truly was the Lord! I also know now that this **I AM IN CONTROL** graph file has *"a life of its own."*

I received several translations shortly thereafter confirming the exact phrase I had discovered after searching a Spanish Bible and Spanish dictionary. I formatted the graph and sent it to Bill. He then reformatted it with the previously posted English and Hebrew graphs. I was *delighted* with his results as posted above. Each graph is approximately 1½" x 2" in size.

Lord Jesus has called me to format and post these graphs. ***They now serve as a visual testimony of His message to His Church.*** Any future **I AM IN CONTROL** graphs *(should Lord Jesus call again about others)* now belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. They can be used in ministry work for God's Kingdom and His Glory in whichever way each Saint of God as well as Church related ministries *are lead by Holy Spirit*. The graphs' links are listed at the end of this document.

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These **I AM IN CONTROL** graphs are to be shared with the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. They will comfort and assure Her that no matter what Her needs may be, and whatever threatening circumstances lie ahead, Lord Jesus Christ is in control SOVEREIGN over His Beloved's spiritual welfare, needs, and security in these increasingly perilous and evil times we are now living in.

"I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU."
(Heb. 13:5)

Much has been reported in media and journalistic format, written in books, and posted on the Web as well as correctly taught by some *well-versed* Bible teachers about the prophetic end times we are now living in. Today, through local judicial rulings the Lord's Church in America is witnessing the *tragic* removal of God's Ten Commandments from display in public places along with concerted judicial efforts to also ban Bible reading and prayer in the workplace. A ban on prayer in schools has been in effect since a ruling was handed down from the Supreme Court in the 1960's. Yet, She continues to hear the repetitive singing of "GOD BLESS AMERICA" throughout the nation. Witnessing the accelerating spiritual corruption occurring in every level of society in this nation, w*hy should God bless America?* Read on…

The Lord's Church in America now witnesses conduct unbecoming a nation that was birthed by Almighty God. She was founded upon a firm foundation of deep faith in God with the highest honor and abiding reverence for His Word the Holy Bible while **guided by the Ten Commandments as her moral foundation**. However, the nation is now on a downhill race with the rapid and alarming breakdown of spiritual and moral values, truth, integrity, honor, trust, civility, *respect*, decency, modesty, the slow eroding foundation of marriage with a possible and threatening collapse of the family institution. The demonstrations by abortionists to uphold the validity *(another Supreme Court ruling)* of *butchering* unborn infants in the womb, continues to become more and more fierce and impassioned. *God bless America?* These are the days spoken of in the Bible when evil will be called good, and good will be called evil.

> ***WOE to those who call evil good, and good evil****; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*
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> ***WOE*** *to those who are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!*

> ***WOE*** *to men mighty at drinking wine,*
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> ***WOE*** *to men valiant for mixing intoxicating drink, who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away justice from the righteous man!*
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> *Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, so their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom will ascend like dust; because* ***THEY HAVE REJECTED THE LAW OF THE LORD OF HOSTS, AND DESPISED THE WORD OF THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL*** (Isaiah 5:20-24 NKJV).

[**Bolded**, CAPITALIZED, *italicized* and underlined wording in quoted scriptures are my emphases. *Celia*]

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[**"WOE"** ***definition*:** used to express grief, regret, or distress; a condition of deep suffering from misfortune, affliction, or grief; ruinous trouble; calamity, affliction, sorrow. *Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary*]

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[*Continuing*] Also, increase of divorces and apostasy in the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth; shocking statistics of clergy addiction to Web pornography; the Supreme Court's ruling on the legality of homosexuality in this nation in 2003; homosexual and lesbian wedding ceremonies increasingly taking place in some mainline denomination churches as well as their legally adopting children; ordination of homosexual priests, and lately a bishop; a horrifying increase in adult and child pornography; corrupt left wing media bias; ***corrupt, slick politics and judicial decisions which are DANGEROUSLY AFFECTING THE SPIRITUAL WELFARE OF THIS NATION, and becoming worse and worse to the point of becoming an unbearable stench in the nostrils of God***; open and insulting expressions of base and vulgar obscenities, and blasphemous language ranging from adults down to teenagers and even some children as well as in comedians' satires without restraints; shocking display of sexual behavior on television, in movies and on stage; shocking numbers of preteen children and teenagers performing oral sex *(a former president's legacy to America's youth);* obscene lyrics in hard rock music, and much more.

WORLDWIDE: "Jacob's [Israel's] troubles" are now at hand as well as increasing anti-Semitism and increased persecution of Christians throughout the world. The world now faces growing threats of nuclear wars among nations; climatic changes with extreme temperatures and unusual storms out of season; famines and plagues; increasing earthquakes and erupting volcanoes; global warming; increasing numbers of wars; global terrorism, and so much, *much* more.

Lord Jesus is revealing Himself worldwide in increasing ways to His Church today, calling Her to separate Herself from compromising with the world's lifestyles and standards through confessing hidden sins to Him, repentance *(turning away from sin)*, humility, brokenness, obedience, faithfulness, ***holy living***, and witnessing Him before all men in the midst of a worldwide perverse generation that is rotting from deep depravity of the heart, mind and soul.

> ***Do not be UNEQUALLY YOKED TOGETHER with unbelievers*** **[socializing with pagans and idolators].** *For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And* ***what communion has light with darkness****? And what accord* [pact, treaty, agreement] *has Christ with Belial* [Satan]*?* ***Or what part*** **[role]** ***has a believer with an unbeliever?*** *And what agreement has the temple of God with idols?* ***For YOU are the temple of the LIVING God****.*

> *As God has said:*
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> ***"I will dwell in them and walk among them. I WILL BE THEIR GOD, and they shall be my people."***
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> *Therefore "***Come out [socially disassociate yourself]** ***from among them and be separate****, says the Lord. Do not touch* [associate partake with] *what is unclean* [carnal living]*, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty"* (2Cor. 6:14-18).
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> *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,* ***NOT FORSAKING THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER****, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see* ***the Day approaching*** (Heb. 10:24, 25).
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> *Therefore gird up* [equip] *the loins* [depths] *of your mind, be sober* [equipped with the Word of God]*, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation* [appearance in the clouds] *of Jesus Christ; as* ***obedient*** *children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance;* ***but as He who called you is holy, YOU ALSO BE HOLY IN ALL YOUR CONDUCT, because it is written, "BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY"*** (1Pet. 1:13-16).
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> ***Pursue peace with all men, and HOLINESS, without which NO ONE will see the Lord…*** (Heb. 12:14).
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> *"Whoever desires to come after Me,* ***let him DENY himself****, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life* [dies to self and is alive in Christ Gal. 2:20] ***FOR MY SAKE AND THE GOSPEL'S*** *will save it.* ***For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world*** [position, fame, applause, wealth, influence]***, and loses his own soul?***
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> ***"For WHOEVER IS ASHAMED OF ME AND MY WORDS in this adulterous and sinful generation, OF HIM THE SON OF MAN ALSO WILL BE ASHAMED when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels"*** (Mark 8:34-38).

Building up *within my spirit* for sometime has been a subtle deep sound of a beating kettledrum. As of late, the sound has been growing louder with increased tempo, building up into what I now discern will climax soon with a crescendo that will unleash unheard of calamities through God's imminent worldwide judgments as spelled out in the Bible Book of Revelation, Chapters 6, 8, 9, 11:15-19, and 16. I now understand that this increased beating drum sound within my spirit lines up with Holy Spirit's promptings to format and post these graphs with its Sovereign declaration to the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth as She now faces the end of this age.

I would like to once again thank Bill Somers for his faithfulness when called by Lord Jesus to serve by beautifully formatting the graphs and posting them with their links for the Lord's Church. His willingness to participate in this call has been a great blessing to me and to the Church. *(Thank you, Bill, and God richly bless you.)*

I would also like to thank those Saints who assisted me with the proper Hebrew and Spanish translations. *(Thank you so very much, Beloved, and God bless you.)*

Finally, and *most significantly:* your focus should remain on the message as declared above the cross of our Holy Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, and on the Word of God *not on the messenger.*

God bless you.

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PREVIOUS* “CONTROL” *POSTS:

I AM IN CONTROL — (May 9, 1999)
http//www.etpv.org/1999/control.html

I AM IN CONTROL - II — (January 5, 2003)
http://www.etpv.org/2003/control.html

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RAPTURE DREAMS’ LINKS LISTED IN:

REMORSE IN HELL TOO LATE *(June 29, 2003)*
http://www.etpv.org/2003/remorse.html

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computer oriented, you can save the graphs into the My Pictures Folder and use as desired.

HS’ LINKS

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Contentment With God
David Scudder

Earlier articles:

To the Church of Laodicea -- David Scudder

Refreshing the Taste Buds of God -- David Scudder

Contentment with God (Pt.3 To the Church of Laodicea.)

Having wrote the last two articles in concern about the effects of the Materialistic world on the Western Church, I am finding it necessary to now approach the other side of the issue. Poverty is not virtuous.

I know that after reading my other articles, it might seem I am in love with having nothing. Hardly. My heart is to not identify with riches or a consumer based life, but with obedience to Christ in our possessions. I actually look at the incredible bounty of riches in awe of Gods faithfulness. As long as we possess our possessions, and not the other way around, I find them a blessing. And I find that poverty can be a blessing if in it, you are thankful. But by no means does poverty make us "Godly". It is just a condition of finances which gives us an opportunity to display a godly contentment or an ungodly enviousness.

The best way to nail any sin to the cross is to walk in the exact opposite of that sin. If you are rich, and your possessions possess you, give them away. i.e. rich young ruler.

If you are without, and find yourself bitter and envious of others who have more, do the exact opposite. Give what little you have away, and start thanking God for His mighty love and faithfulness. (Giving your material blessings away is as important for the poor as well as the rich. It breaks the hold of envy over us.)

One of the great saints living today that I will leave unnamed due to his desire for such, is a man who while a multi millionaire gave away everything to follow after Christ. Since doing so, he now has 7 yachts (He might have even more since I have not seen him for awhile. God keeps on blessing his life with more possessions because none of them have a hold on his life) that he uses to distribute food around the world while also preaching to the recipients. One of his yachts goes back and forth from Russia taking the Jewish people to Israel. The whole time they are on their way to Israel they hear the gospel.

My former pastor went on a trip with him and noticed he slept on the floor. So Rob went out and bought him a mattress. Next time he sees him, he is still sleeping on the floor. Why? Because whenever he sees a need, he gives what he has away to someone so that the love of Christ is displayed. It also reminds him never to be enslaved to riches again. Could I do this? Heavens, no! (I write these articles for me too.) By his sleeping on the floor, it keeps him centered and it keeps him from ever going back to slavery to riches. Therefore his riches are not a stone of offense in his life sinking him down to his past.

Not everyone has to do this. For some who have a poverty mentality, it would be good to sleep on a first class mattress and allow for some joyful blessings into their lives. Those types believe it is sin to enjoy the good things in life. (Modern Asceticism.) They flagellate themselves in an attempt to rid themselves of something only God can deal with. Our flesh.

When you get the chance, study I Tim.6. Here Paul deals with the slave and the rich. The servant and the master. Look at the whole chapter in context. It is summed up in vs 6. But godliness with contentment is great gain.

Council of the Lord

Jill Austin

Standing in the Council of the Lord to Know the Times and the Seasons

Jeremiah 23:16, 18, 22 - This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD... but which of them has stood in the council of the LORD to see or to hear his word? Who has listened and heard his word ... but if they had stood in my council, they would have proclaimed my words to my people and would have turned them from their evil ways and from their evil deeds.'

Since 9-11 we are dealing with the fear that at any moment another city in America, or maybe our city, could have limited nuclear or biological or chemical warfare. Do you ever wonder what buses are safe for your children to ride, which malls to shop at, which airplanes to take or even if it's safe to open your mail? It's essential that we hear God in these perilous times.

In addition to terrorism, there is renewed fear of financial shaking, a stock market collapse, unemployment, fuel shortages and the terrible concerns of seeing our sons and daughters on the front lines of a raging war. It is feasible that in the next decade America could move into martial law, one world government, one world religion, and one world financial systems. We might trade our personal and national freedoms for global peace as the fear of evil alliances and the anti-Christ loom in the future.

When another city in America is attacked - and it surely will be - great fear will sweep our nation again. It's no longer business as usual and we are moving into a season of war. It will be the best of times and the worst of times as we move closer to the end of time. Judgments are coming to the nations as the Lord shakes everything that hinders love for Him. It will be the greatest harvest of souls, accompanied with signs and wonders, yet it will be the greatest time of catastrophic bloodshed and loss.

Beloved, it is not enough to just be on the prophetic emails lists, to regurgitate other prophet's words, and to be an echo - not a voice. Rather than just relying on gleaning information from newspapers, God wants you to be able to turn to Him to know what is going on in the world! We must be a people who stand in the counsels of the Lord, who know the hour and the season that we live in, and prophecy the true word of the Lord!

Prayer: Lord, make me an Issachar prophet who would know the hour and the seasons that we live in! I don't want to have to read a newspaper to know what is going on, I want to hear You, know You, and declare Your heart to Your people.
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Cornucopia

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Cornucopia - An Abundance Of Blessings

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For the last few days I kept on hearing the word CORNUCOPIA, so I decided to look up the meaning of the word

cor·nu·co·pi·a
1. A goat's horn overflowing with fruit, flowers, and grain, signifying prosperity. Also called **horn of plenty**.
2. *Greek Mythology.* The horn of the goat that suckled Zeus, which broke off and became filled with fruit. In folklore, it became full of whatever its owner desired.
3. A cone-shaped ornament or receptacle.
4. **An overflowing store; an abundance**: *a cornucopia of employment opportunities.*
Source: *The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition*

cornucopia
n : the property of being extremely abundant [syn: profusion, profuseness, richness]
Source: *WordNet ® 1.6, © 1997 Princeton University*

Entry:	copiousness
Function:	noun
Definition:	abundance
Synonyms:	affluence, amplitude, bountifulness, bounty, **cornucopia**, exuberance, fullness, lavishness, luxuriance, plentifulness, plenty, richness, **superabundance**
Antonyms:	scarcity, scareness
Concept:	quantity (large)
Source:	*Roget's Interactive Thesaurus, First Edition (v 1.0.0)*

Entry:	plenty
Function:	noun
Definition:	abundance
Synonyms:	affluence, avalanche, bunch, capacity, copiousness, **cornucopia**, deluge, enough, fertility, flood**, fruitfulness**, full house, fund, gobs, good bit, good deal, good thing, great deal, heaps, loads, lots, luxury, mass, masses, mine, mountains, much, oodles, opulence, peck, piles, plenitude**, plenteousness, plentifulness**, plethora, profuseness, profusion, **prosperity**, quantity, stacks, store, sufficiency, torrent, volume, wealth
Concept:	quantity (large)
Source:	*Roget's Interactive Thesaurus, First Edition (v 1.0.0)*

Entry:	wealth
Function:	noun
Definition:	money
Synonyms:	abundance, affluence, assets, belongings, bounty, cache, capital, cash, clover, commodities, copiousness, **cornucopia**, dough, estate, fortune, funds, gold, goods, hoard, holdings, long green, lucre, luxuriance, luxury, mean, means, opulence, pelf, **plentitude**, plenty, possessions, profusion, property, prosperity, prosperousness**,**

	resources, revenue, riches, richness, security, store, **substance**, substantiality, treasure, velvet, worth
Concept:	financial entity
Source:	*Roget's Interactive Thesaurus, First Edition (v 1.0.0)*

What are you trying to tell me Lord?

For those of My faithful ones who have given up all for Me, for those who have not erred in their vision of their High Calling in Me, I HAVE A CORNUCOPIA OF BLESSINGS IN STORE FOR THEM! Do not think I have not seen the cost; the loss of friends and in some cases family? The loss of many comforts, yea some have even lost their homes. You have laid these all aside for you counted Me as more precious.

You have been tried and tested in the furnace of affliction; the motives of your hearts have been exposed. Those who have let Me set aright that which was in error can now expect a CORNUCOPIA of blessings. You have done the death and dying to self well, and now you can receive My blessings, which accompanies the resurrected life in My Son.

You have proved yourselves good stewards of all I have placed in your heart. You have proved yourselves good stewards of MY HEART. It is now My delight to pour out upon you My blessings. Cry out to Me for a heart to receive all I have for you, for you have been in a season of lack for so long that you cannot perceive of abundance any longer.

You will be a conduit of My blessings, both the spiritual and in the natural. How else will the world see you as My favored ones, My Beloved? You will walk in the blessings of Abraham for you have offered up your Isaacs for Me. Much dross has been consumed upon My altar of fire and now I am ready to send you forth, a people called by My Name.

It is My great delight My Beloved to shower blessings of abundance upon you. You will go forth and minister to the spiritual AND NATURAL NEEDS of the harvest. I AM the creator of the spiritual (unseen) realm as well as of the natural (seen) realm and IT IS MY PLEASURE TO PROVIDE FOR THE LACK IN THE WORLD IN BOTH THESE REALMS. All of My creation will see My goodness, My benevolent mighty hand to a lost and dying world. I will use this as a tool to redeem back to Myself all that rightfully belongs to Me until all is under the rulership of My Son, as ordained since before the beginning of time.

Open your hearts and minds to receive all that I have for you in this hour and I will pour out BOTH NATURAL AND SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN ABUNDANCE, SAITH THE LORD MOST HIGH, THAT I MAY BE GLORIFIED UPON THE FACE OF THE EARTH.

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Coming Storm

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Do not be concerned about the storm that is at hand. I am able to calm the storm. Keep your eyes on Me and you will not be washed away. Hear My voice and pay heed to My word. Seek Me and obey and all will be made well.

I desire a people that will follow Me in spite of their circumstances, not just because of them. I desire a people that will serve Me in season and out. Heed My word, I know how to take care of that which is Mine. Though this world may cause you trouble, pay it no heed for it troubled those that have gone before you and will always seek to trouble those that love Me, but I am greater than this world and know what you have need of.

Hear Me, My people, I desire you to come unto Me, learn of Me and do My will. Allow Me to perform the work I would do in you. Do not expect the world to rejoice over the change that I will make in you as it will not be pleased, but know that you are Mine and I am pleased in your obedience to Me. I desire My people to serve Me out of love for Me; do not be afraid to come to Me for I love you and want what is best for you at all times. You are precious to Me.

Though this world may despise you and use you, I am able to sustain you and lead you through it. Trust in Me, not your circumstances. Hear My voice and heed the call I have placed upon you. I have paid the price for you. I will lead you in the path you are to take, but you must trust Me. Open yourself to Me and receive that which I have for you. See the good things I give to those that love Me and obey My commands. Let My Spirit wash over you and renew you.

Do not fear this world for it no longer has power over you. You are in this world for a short time. Use that time in My service. Turn your cares from the problems of this world into caring for the things I have given you and placed in your trust.

Convergence of the Ages
Jim Goll

The Convergence of the Ages: "When Jesus Serves the Best for Last"

1. Convergence Defined
The Holy Spirit is highlighting the word "Converge" in these days. It will be a current word that will appear in both the business community and the church world. It is a Kingdom word for our times. It is the time of the Divine Convergence! It is the bringing together of different components to where the sum of the parts brought together is greater in value than as separate individual pieces or perspectives.

Converge: to bend, incline; to move toward one point together; to come together and unite in interest or focus.

Convergence: to act of moving toward union; movement of two eyes resulting in impingement of a point on corresponding retinal areas.

The are three stages to this: 1) Inflow 2) Convergence and 3) Outflow. The Holy Spirit orchestrates a flow of different gifts and views flowing towards a common goal. Then a convergence occurs where the elements are brought into focus and purpose. After this transpires, there is often a period of shifting again where the control issue is tested and parts are disassembled for the divine purposes of scattering the seed and creating an outflow of the resources.

2. The New Wine Will Be Found In The Cluster
A fresh understanding of covenant relationships and community will be birthed as this generation arises out of self-centered individualistic ministry and seeks the common good of the Body of Christ. Divine Alliances will be formed resulting in greater progress being accomplished. The fresh work of the Holy Spirit will occur as the "cluster anointing" comes to pass.

Isaiah 65:8 - Thus says the Lord, "As the new wine is found in the cluster - and one says, 'Do not destroy it for there is benefit in it.'"

3. Ten Characteristics of the Coming Prophetic Convergence
1) *Joining and Honoring the Generations*
The wisdom of the older, the resources of the middle, and the zeal of the younger cooperating together.

2) *Partnering of the Genders with Ethnic Diversity*
Men and women and people of all backgrounds leading and ministering together.

3) *Developing Character and Wisdom to Carry the Gift*
The fruit, wisdom and gifts of the Spirit all working together.

4) *Cultivating God's Heart for Israel and the Nations*
Keeping the Apple of God's Eye Central in our Hearts and Prophetic Perspective

5) *Valuing Team Ministry and Community*
Relational not just functional - All 5-Fold Gifts Serving One Another!

6) ***Embracing the Variety of Prophetic Expressions***
The Seer and the Prophet; The Congregation and the Market Place; The Church Gathered and the Church Scattered.

7) ***Merging the Prophetic and Intercessory Streams***
Calling forth the Purposes of God by Praying the Prophetic Promises into Being!

8) ***Ushering in God's Presence through Prophetic Worship and the Arts***
Modeling Creative Displays of Lavish Affection to Jesus - the lover of our Soul.

9) ***Activating the Unique Prophetic Grace of Each Believer***
Stirring up the Prophetic Gift to Fulfill our Part of Jesus' Great Commission.

10) ***Cultivating God's Heart of Justice for the Poor***
Channeling Marketplace Resources towards Orphans, Widows and the Oppressed.

4. Things to Come - Look For These Signs

- The merging of the divergent streams of authentic faith and the manifested presence to create the next wave of creative miracles.
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- Living the Book of James - where works match our faith.
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- The Battle of the Blue and the Grey - when eventually the Hebraic heart wins out over the Greek mind set in the church world and truly the School of the Spirit and the Word work together.
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- When the Healing Streams of scientific research, nutritional components, physical exercise, sabbatical rest and healing gifts flow together so a people can get healed and stay healed!
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- The time when the Marketplace Sphere, the Artisan Influence and the Congregational ingrown Church get over being infatuated with themselves and admit, and function like, we need one another.
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- When we love not our lives unto death and overcome evil one in our day. When we realize we have a license from God to die to self and live unto God.
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- When God again fills His House as in 2 Chronicles 5:11-14 when the Levites were in place and the revelation is decreed, "*The Lord is good and His loving kindness is everlasting*."
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- When the Shadow of the Almighty falls in that hour and the Favor of the Lord is Released!

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Created Things

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Hebrews 12.26,27 “At that time His voice shook the earth, but now He has promised, ‘Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens. The words ‘once more’ indicate the removing of what can be shaken – that is, **created things** – so that what cannot be shaken may remain.” (NIV)

Besides being the year of the door, 2004 is the year of the ‘jackhammer’. In the spirit I saw a large jackhammer coming down from heaven and at the same time I saw before me what appeared to be a massive piece of concrete that was: immovable, indestructible and permanent. As I watched, the jackhammer touched the concrete and in a brief moment the concrete began to heave, crumble and disintegrate. Then I heard this word from the Lord as I gazed in the Spirit at what just happened. **‘That which has been created by men will be destroyed by God and that which has been birthed by the Spirit will remain’.**

Some of the most seemingly immovable, indestructible and permanent structures of the church will begin to crumble this year; programs and institutions that survived in the past will pass away in an instant. There will be bewilderment and pause for a moment but then what has been birthed by the Spirit will become apparent.

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Crossing Over

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[Highlighting Prophetic Time Table]

NOTE: We are on the threshold of crossing over into our promises. The intercessory priests have been standing in the river Jordan forming a shield against the demonic floods for all to crossover safely into their land of promise. They have been doing this for several years, gathering strength in numbers and unity and so that the tide is turning and the floods are rolling back. With the crossing over of so many fatherly mantles this last year (like Kenneth Hagin, etc) this has been our sign that it is now approaching the time to cross over.

HEARD [2/16/04]: Go down to the cross and follow Me team.

VISION: I saw Jesus take His cross down to the river.
HEARD: Follow Him across the river. Unity. Faith. That's one of My most favorite parts. The flood rolled back. Headed for Gilgal. Repent.

NOTE: For further information on Gilgal, click on the button called, "Prophetic Theme Files" at my website. There is a large file titled, "Preparation for Glory: Circumcision." [www.thequickenedword.com]

HEARD [1/05/04]: It's appropriate, the door. Released, the open door. Chains, broken, gone. Follow the plan inscribed in your heart. To be with Me.

HEARD: I AM also talking about the Jordan river. About to cross over on dry land. Things that they stood for. They feel quite small.

VISION: I saw a small figure standing and holding a rod that stood on the ground then went up passed his shoulders. Behind him was a flood of waters that were being held back and they were towering above his shoulders.

Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever. (Joshua 4: 21-24)

HEARD: Soon they will pass. Everyone wants to know what it means. Surgery.

QUOTE FROM ARTICLE: HANGING IN THE BALANCE
4/23/99

"… We are now standing at the thresholds of history, ready to cross over the river Jordan into the land of new beginnings. Like the standard of righteousness the Lord raises when the enemy comes in like a flood, the priests go before the people and stand in the gap against this flood. (Isaiah 59:19) Together the priests stand united, forming a bridge and making a safe place for all to cross over on dry ground. When they take their place, the waters of Jordan roll all the way back to Adam. (Joshua 3:16, 17) We are crossing over into a new land where all that Adam lost will be restored to us. This is no small bridge…"

QUOTE FROM ARTICLE: SAFE PASSAGE TO GILGAL
1/4/00

"… [At Gilgal, we will experience:
1. The circumcision of the flesh of the spiritual children, as bought and paid for by Christ Jesus. (Josh 5:7 & Col 2: 11-15)
2. Abiding until all recover. (Joshua 5:8)
3. The rolling away of the shame and guilt caused by generational and personal sins —and the rolling away of the reproach and condemnation from our enemies. (Josh 5:9)
4. Finishing the last of the old bread. Old prophesies of God's future promises will have become old bread. God's children will have become manifest to the world, and will be walking in signs and wonders… as He rains His Spirit upon all flesh. (Josh 5:12, Joel 2:28, Rom 8:18,19)
5. New promises, new food in a new land will be gathered and eaten.
6. Preparations for war - moving out to encircle Jericho, and the returning to Gilgal each day. (Josh 6:11)
7. The first conquest in warfare as the walls of Jericho fall and a return to Gilgal.
8. Gilgal is the headquarters for war (Josh 9:3, 10:6, 10:15, 14:6) until the move to Shiloh (Josh 18:1)
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"…We are getting ready to cross Jordan. I don't know if you know it or not, but the Jordan baptism means the baptism of repentance. We are going to cross Jordan and that means death to self. The next step is Gilgal. Rolling away the sins of our past. Circumcision of mind, joined again with Him. Circumcised to righteousness..."

UPDATE CONFIRMATION: I noticed that Elijah List posted a Word from Chuck Pierce on 3/19/04 called Crossing Over.

CONCLUSION
{Words to Ponder are summaries of His quickened Words}

WORD TO PONDER: CROSSING OVER
The demonic floods have risen in the lives of My people. These have broken through boundaries like a swelling river of mud. Some of My people have fled the demonic raging, some have become engulfed and carried away, and some have stood and taken the brunt of the onslaught. It is enough says the Lord.

Even now, I AM calling the remaining priests to take their rightful intercessory place for the safety of their loved ones and STAND. I AM not calling you to aggression, I AM calling you to stand and believe. In unity, you shall stand in faith against these floods and see My mighty blast of wind blow back these demonic floods.

In one massive unit across the great divide, I will bring My people safely to the other side. As My people walk through this great Jordan porthole of time, I will reveal to them their heritage which has been covered by the floods. This inheritance has not been fully known since the day of Adam.

So do not grow faint in your journeys, dear ones. I have promised you new beginnings. I will renew your hope and your calling. I will open your eyes to witness your God of miracles Who will roll back the floods on your behalf. Yield all to Me and I will bring you safely across to the other side.

Josh 3:14-16 NKJV
So it was, when the people set out from their camp to cross over the Jordan, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, and as those who bore the ark came to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests who bore the ark dipped in the edge of the water (for the Jordan overflows all its banks during the whole time of harvest), that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam…

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In And Through The Fire
Sandy Warner

May 3, 2004
In the book of Daniel, when Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego were in the fiery furnace, I did not forsake them. I was so close that not even the smell of smoke tainted their clothing. When the fire purifies the silver, the Goldsmith never leaves the process. He sits before the fire keeping careful watch until He sees His reflection in the shining pool of precious metal. When it is heated to the exact temperature, His reflection shines and then He draws it out.

The firing of precious metal is a process of separation. The dross separates and comes to the surface, and that which remains is pure and precious. This is the hour of the great harvest, when wheat and tares are separated, good is separated from evil, precious metal from dross … all are separated for My glory.

When you see the dross ooze out of the pores of your heart, do not run away from Me! When you witness the weeds in your soul coming into fruition, cry out to Me for harvest. I will send My angels to pluck out by the roots and separate that which does not belong to Me. Forever it will be uprooted to never torment you again!

You are the harvest of many generations of seeds. All that you suffer is coming to fruition from much more than your own life. So, dear ones, fulfill your intercessory roles and cry out to your Master Goldsmith, your Father Husbandman and allow Me to separate the pure from the impure and bring My glorious reflection into all that you are. This is not a work of your flesh, but it is only through your yielding and relying upon Me that this glory can come to pass in your life. You think that you have failed Me, but nothing could be further from the truth. It is in this very hour as you cry out to Me - in your deepest weakness and inability - that I shine the most in your life.

Mal 3:2-3 NKJV
But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.

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Lay Low In My River

Sandy Warner

May 7, 2004
The Presence of My Spirit comes upon those who are lowly in heart. They seek Me without an agenda. They have confessed and left their sins behind. They continue to walk in the fear of their Lord, lest they be cut off and left in the dark.

Watch the flow of My river and see that it touches the lowly and downcast. Those who walk in pride, who judge others and worse yet, who judge the river of God will miss My refreshing touch. Those who scorn the lowly as they leap into My river, I too will scorn. Confess your sins and prepare your heart to experience My river. Remember My river flows and moves, be willing to travel to get to the river, then don't hold yourself back from its flow. Jump in, dear one, jump in.

Acts 3:19 NKJV
Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord…

Ps 36:7-10 NKJV
How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light. Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

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Crossing Over

Patsy Shelton

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Crossing Over

This is a season of crossing over for those that have stood on My word believing that all that I have spoken to their hearts would be fulfilled. There has been what seems a long season of trying and testing the hearts of My people. They have believed My word to them regardless of the fact that their circumstances looked impossible. But, I am the God of the impossible and in this season of crossing over I will manifest Myself in impossible circumstances and situations.

The carnal mind is enmity against Me for I do not manifest Myself through knowledge but I manifest Myself through the realm of the unseen. And during this time of waiting for the fulfillment of the promises often My own have tried to discern with their minds how I would do all that I had promised to them and they will be surprised and in awe of how I will deliver the promises that I have made. The logical mind can never discern the wondrous ways in which I work.

I am about to manifest Myself in what looked like hopeless situations and the hearts of My people will soar as I rescue them from what seemed like that which had come to destroy and devastate their lives. Ah this is the season of crossing over, saith the Lord God.
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Crusades

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"The President, the Crusades, and the War on Terror"

December 18, 2004

Recently, the Lord has been reminding me of the crusades (1099-1300 AD), in which our Christian forefathers warred against the Muslims and Jews, in the name of the church, to take control of the Holy Sepulcher and Jerusalem. Everywhere I went I would see or hear something about the crusades.

Since my previous word to you about the dream I had of a possible attack on our president, I have been seeking the Lord for wisdom. So many of you have been so faithful to respond to this word with loving prayer for our beloved president. I thank you for your response in faithfulness to him; may God richly bless you.

As I became more and more intrigued by the history of the crusades, I began to feel there was a connection between the crusades and my dream about the president and the war on terror. This was primarily because we had been attacked by Muslims on 9/11 and Christians had attacked Muslims during the crusades.

As the Lord continued to speak to me about the connection between them, I came across Rick Joyner's book, "*Epic Battle of the Last Days*."
In it, Rick gives a fairly detailed description of some of the events that happened during the crusades. He tells an account of the crusaders, fighting in the name of our Savior, taking the holy city of Jerusalem on January 13th of 1099 with an army of 600,000 soldiers.

WE MUST REPENT AND TURN THE TIDE

As the holy city fell into the hands of the crusaders, the Muslims and Jews residing in the city sought amnesty under the Christian banner, which had been promised to them. As they were surrounded by the crusaders, the Muslims and Jews were slaughtered by them. Many of them fled to the synagogue of the city for refuge, but the crusaders then set fire to it, killing everyone inside.

When I read this account of the massacre of Muslims and Jews, in my mind I saw the Twin Towers ablaze in New York City -- I saw the two incidents as being connected. I felt the Lord say, "What men reap they will sow!" In the last days, all that has been sown in the name of Christ, will be reaped.

As the church of Christ, we are to reveal salvation to the world! However, to the Muslims of Jerusalem in the aforementioned account, we were not salvation, but destruction. We did not sow salvation, but destruction. We must end the cycle of destruction by repenting for the sins of our forefathers. We must repent of it and turn the tide; we must become the ambassadors of salvation to the world.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYING FOR OUR PRESIDENT

I believe that is what President George W. Bush is doing. He has waged a war on terror to deliver those caught in its grip. His goal is not to take over Iraq and declare it a province of the United States, but to liberate it, stabilize it, and gradually pull out, allowing them to stand on their own. This was his established goal.

The media has really been horrible in its depiction of the war on terror. But, if you talk to the service men over there, they tell a different story. They tell us that good has been done and the majority of the Iraqis see the U.S. as its deliverer. Most of them see President Bush as the "good guy" and they are thankful to him and us for our sacrifice.

I believe that what was tragically committed against the Muslims in 1099 and throughout history by the church has been, to a degree, "undone" by the actions of our president in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. His actions there are breaking strongholds over that region that will have an eternal effect.

By doing this, the president has become a huge target for the enemy. This is why our prayers for him are so important!

GOD IS BREAKING STRONGHOLDS!

After the recent elections, there was a great spiritual backlash against him and his administration; the enemy is terrified of George W. Bush and will do anything to keep him from completing his task in Iraq and with the Muslims. Satan is terrified and knows that after centuries of sowing hatred and divisions between Christians and Muslims, he is now actually losing his grip on their hearts and minds.

Many of them are beginning to see clearly the real reason for Christ's coming: to save, not to destroy. God is breaking strongholds of centuries of demonic occupation over that region and the light of Christ is beginning to shine through. Hallelujah!

All of these occurrences are happening because the church is realizing its true calling of love and prayer -- it is determined to turn the tide. However, the focus of the enemy's assault is not necessarily on the body of Christ at large, but primarily is being focused on one man: George W. Bush. The enemy knows if he can take him out, he may stop the current progress of the kingdom of Light, or at least slow it down.

THE PRESIDENT, THE CRUSADES, & THE WAR ON TERROR CONNECTION

So, we come to the connection between the crusades and President Bush.

You and I did not attack the Muslims -- we did not wheel the swords or start the fires, but our spiritual ancestors did, and if these sins are not repented of, we will be affected by them. Our spiritual forefather sowed seeds of destruction in the lives of the Muslims and Jews, thereby giving hell access to drive a wedge between Christians and the Muslims and Jews.

A stronghold was created and it must come down, and we, the church, are the only ones who can accomplish this task. We must humble ourselves and repent for the sins or our spiritual forefathers. We must soberly and sincerely disarm the powers of darkness with the powers of forgiveness, repentance, and humility. This is not the time for excuses or pride, but humility and love.

We are not at war against the Muslims, but our battle is with the powers of darkness that hold them in bondage. Our weapons are not the weapons of our enemy, but they are infinitely superior; they are the weapons of repentance, forgiveness, and mercy.

The war in Iraq needs to come to an end, but we cannot pull out prematurely or we will just have to go back again in another ten years. Our work there must be completed soon and the strongholds of that region broken!

THE "TUG-O-WAR" IN THE SPIRIT REALM MUST STOP

Of course, darkness and light are not represented by religious stance. Many professing Christians have been deceived and are actually praying and prophesying against the president and the war in Iraq. The power of these words and prayers act as curses and, combined with the curses of others, be they Muslim extremists, or Satanists, make up a great deal of the battle we face in the supernatural realm.

As both sides of this battle curse or pray for the president, a sort of "tug-o-war" affect is created in the supernatural realm. Our prayers are far more effective than the enemy's, and as we prevail in prayer, we see a great victory in the natural, but as we back off our prayer vigil, the enemy advances.

This tug-o-war in the spirit realm must stop; we must have a decisive victory -- for the Iraqis as well as our beloved President.

Many things are hidden in the natural that must come to light. But first we must uncover the sins that are still active in the spirit realm, that have not been uncovered and repented of.

This can only be done through humility. If we repent for the sins of our spiritual forefathers, we will see a great stronghold come down. But we must not stop there...we must also truly forgive the Muslim nation as a whole for their acts of terror against us, in the past and the present. Not that we do not hold our attackers accountable, but through the power of forgiveness we can break the curse that hangs over them.

HOW WE CAN DEFEAT THE WAR OF DESTRUCTION AND OPEN THE WAY TO SALVATION

The war of destruction must stop and it must end by our act of humility and mercy. So, dear saints, what I am asking you to do is:

1. Repent for the sins of Christians against Muslims.

2. Forgive the Muslims for their sins against us, past and present.

3. Repent on behalf of Americans who are speaking against our president.

4. Target the words of accusation and condemnation against our president, the war on terror, this nation, and the church that have been released into the spirit realm. Rebuke those words and strip them of their power to be affective. Through your prayers and blessings, build a wall of protection around the President, his staff, the White House, America, our soldiers in Iraq, and Afghanistan and the people of that region.

Thank you church, God is proud of you -- you are His beloved bride, His army of love, His soldiers of

Light. May God bless your efforts to target the enemy and tear down the strongholds of darkness.

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Love in Him,

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Capturing The Airwaves
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"God Wants us to Re-Capture the Airwaves" plus Breakthrough and Break Out!

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The Lord is going to launch many of His people into strategic positions that will capture the airwaves. The influence of television, movies, radio and other forms of visual media have often been used by the enemy to poison and pervert the mindsets of society. This is going to increase and the enemy has a plan to raise the level of demonic influence through the airwaves. The airwaves must be contended for. They belong to the Lord and He desires to use them as one of His most valuable tools during the season of harvest.

Many Christians will be called to take great steps of faith in the coming days. Some will be called to lay some of their ministry mandates down in order to enter these new avenues of Kingdom influence. The battle will be great and many intercessors and financial supporters will be called to the fight. Entire prayer movements will be raised up specifically to birth the new level of anointing that will be released through the airwaves as a righteous standard. This coming move that will release the army of God's "air traffic controllers" will be a move of great camaraderie amongst believers. The media industry that is propelled by the world system is governed by a predominant self-exalting and idolatrous spirit that is anchored in greed and desire for fame. God's company of believers will move in an opposite spirit - one of humility and servanthood - those who are jealous for the glory of God.

There will be a demonstration of team amongst those who are called to partner in this season of contending for the air waves. Many will sacrifice much in order to see a historical breakthrough at this time. A further thrust of believers will be launched to conquer the airwaves and to influence media around the time when Mel Gibson's movie, The Passion of Christ launches in the theatres.

Breakthrough and Break Out!
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The Lord is calling His people to experience great breakthrough in the coming months. There will be increased pressures and resistance in the spirit realm and natural circumstances will press hard against many...BUT, the Lord will give GREAT VICTORIES. He is taking His people to another level of experiential victory.

The Word of God will carry a sharpened edge on it for those who will meditate on the Word and stand on its authority. All the promises of God are yeah and amen to His people. Days of breakthrough and breakout await those who will war with the promises of God. Tenacity is a value the Holy Spirit will call for amongst the people of God in these coming months. Contend for the breakthroughs you need. Do not grow weary in the battle. Stand on the Word and you will breakout with the testimony of the Lord on every side. Financial miracles in particular will be awaiting those who fight the good fight.

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Can These Dry Bones Live?

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"And breath entered them, they came to life, stood up on their feet - an exceedingly great army"
Ezekiel 37:10

Why does God ask a question that only He can answer? When God asked Ezekiel whether those dry bones could live He was underlining how impossible it was without His supernatural intervention - the breath of God.

I have been meditating on a couple chapters in Ezekiel over the last couple of months. I began to see some parallels between the process of the Church coming together in unity in the city and the promises in Ezekiel 36 & 37.

In chapter 36 the Lord promises Israel deliverance from captivity, idolatry and desolation. He promises to settle them in their own land and bring restoration. He makes it clear it's for His sake not theirs. Then chapter 37 is the famous picture of the valley of dry bones. God prophesies His promises about the land being restored to them then He shows Him His plan for the dry bones? He makes a connection between the land being restored and ruins rebuilt with a New Man arising full of life and breathe!

Have you ever looked at the corporate Church in your city and it seemed like a pile of dry bones! We have been on a journey the last several years, pursuing Jesus and unity for His purposes. We are in the process of God bringing the New Man, His Body, His Bride into unity and identity so He can fulfill His purposes and promises on the earth for His glory.

It's interesting in that passage that the Lord asks the question "can these bones live?" What a challenge for hope! God is connecting His Body. Have you heard the "rattling" as bones have begun to come together? Then the ligaments, (connective points) and muscle (movement) are added? Then of course the skin, the protective covering is added. But still the Lord comments that "there is no breath" in the New Man, he is just laying there.

But He promised Ezekiel that there WOULD be breath! His promise to us is that He will breathe on this New Man and when He does He declares in verse 10 that this New Man will *"live, stand upon their feet and become an exceedingly great army"*. Amen! That's good news!

In many cities a corporate expression of the Body has been formed. But unity isn't the goal, being connected isn't the point. It's being in unity and then allowing God to breathe on us! It's His breathe that brings life!

The final verse makes the Lord's motivation clear: *"I will put My Spirit in you and you shall live and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I the Lord have spoken it and performed it says the Lord"*

This is ALL about His glory and His name sake. He has an inheritance in our cities!

Revival and transformation will never be accomplished with clever methods or strategies. We need His Spirit to breathe on us. Without the breath of God we will be a connected Body maybe even moving a bit but we cannot give life to our cities if we haven't had God "breathe" on His Church.

The Lord is building His house in cities on the earth. Revival is imminent and transformation a real hope. But He will do it His way, in His timing and according to His agenda.

People are beginning to cry out for God to breathe on their congregations and citywide efforts. There is a turning from methodology to seeking His presence. We are becoming more desperate for Jesus and the life He brings.

May the Holy Spirit breathe on you again in a fresh way, on your life, your family, your ministry. May He breathe fresh Life into you!

Changing The Guard
Bill Burns

I am changing the guard, says the Lord. The watchman's eyes have grown dim, and many can only see the darkness of these times. But I say, *"Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His gory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising."* (Isaiah 60:1-3)
You are children of light, My people. Do not dwell on the darkness that prevails in the land. *"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of the light."* (Ephesians 5:8)

The watchman's eyes have grown weary of the sin in the land, and so they prophesy judgment. But, I say, *"Where sin abounded, grace abounded much more."* (Romans 5:20) These are the days of great opportunity to bring in the harvest. It is true that judgment must come, but I say: *"In that day the Branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious; and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing for those of Israel who have escaped. And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and he who remains in Jerusalem will be called holy -- everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning, then the Lord will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain."* (Isaiah 4:2-6)

Can you see, My children, that my judgment is just, and it produces My glory? And, My glory establishes the safe habitation of My presence. So, do not fret when those who are weary declare judgment from the bitterness of their own soul.

I am raising up a new order in these days, says the Lord. These young eagles will not declare that which establishes a curse in the land. They will declare the kingdom of God is at hand. They will reveal the light and the glory of this day. These are the coming ones -- the Elijah's of this Day. These are those who are filled with the Spirit of the Living Christ who will say, *"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' And let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely."* (Revelation 22:17)

These will not be prophets of doom and gloom, for their hope is in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Almighty God. These have vision of the coming Kingdom, and their message is one of victory! These are those who follow the Lamb wherever He leads them, and they will reveal the glory of the times and seasons in which you live. Rejoice, My people, and listen for a new proclamation in the land -- one of grace and hope, for the kingdoms of this world are about to become the kingdom of your Lord and of His Christ!

Marsha Burns
November 12, 2004: I am clearing away the fog of confusion and compromise. I will bring amazing clarity if you will only rise above the emotional intensity of your circumstances into the spiritual reality of My plans and purposes, says the Lord. Do not be afraid of the changes that are coming forth at this time. Have you forgotten that all things work together for good for those who love Me and are called according to My purposes? I will reveal absolute truth and light that will cause darkness to flee. Watch and stand amazed at the work that I am doing among My people to bring forth the liberty of the Spirit.

Compassion - The Jesus Response

Catherine Brown

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Compassion - The Jesus Response

"The Lord is gracious and full of compassion." Psalm 111:4

New Testament Compassion

4697 - splagchnizomai - splangkh-nid-zom-ahee mid voice from 4698; to have the bowels yearn; ie. Fig feel sympathy, to pity - have (be moved with) compassion

4698 - splagchnon - splangkh-non probl. Strengthened from spen (the spleen); an intenstine (plure); fig pity or sympathy - bowels, inward affection + tender mercy

I believe with all my heart that Christ's compassion is a key to unlock the end-time harvest! The Lord is releasing His compassion to His Bride and through His Bride, from which many powerful miracles will flow to the glory of His name. But just what is compassion? Is it love? Yes, it is love but one can love a person or group of people, without necessarily taking any action on their behalf. Compassion is God's love in action on behalf of the poor, the suffering, the weak, and the afflicted.

Compassion - What Is It?

Compassion may be described as God's deepest yearnings for the poor and the afflicted and, flowing from these yearnings, compassion is the release of God's power to transform lives and situations that look otherwise impossible to change. God's compassion is love and truth in action. Passivity has no place in compassion. Compassion gives all for the sake of another. It has no thought of self-interest, but is completely servant-hearted. Compassion is stronger than sympathy (a feeling of pity or sorrow for others) and more enduring than empathy (a deeper place of identification, where we share and understand the feelings and/or pain of another person).

As we engage our hearts with the needs of others, Jesus marries us to His heartbeat, and our human sympathetic and empathetic responses to the poor and afflicted prepare a landing strip in our hearts for God's compassion to flow. Yet, when we flow in God's compassion, it is much more than an emotional response. If we were to respond to situations only in our emotions, we would quickly become overwhelmed and exhausted. Rather God calls us to a deeper place of identification and asks us to choose to open our hearts and engage in His compassion, which breaks the chains of injustice and bondage. God's compassion is unending.

Compassion Is A Spiritual Reality That Flows From The Father Heart Of God

Jesus said that streams of living water will flow within us (John 7:37-39). In like manner, compassion is an eternal, never-ending flow from Father. We don't need to strive to produce compassion, we simply flow in it by faith. Whilst compassion is not firstly an intellectual response, the Lord will increasingly use the intellect of many Kingdom market place entrepreneurs and philanthropists and anoint them with His compassion to release strategy and resource in, to, and through compassion-based ministries.

Endurance - Gethsemane's Gift To Jesus From Father

It would be wrong not to acknowledge the costliness of compassion. When we look upon heart breaking circumstances, we cannot sustain ourselves in such situations without the gift of endurance from Father. When Jesus faced Gethsemane, Father God released a most beautiful gift to enable his son to be obedient, even unto death. Father released the gift of endurance, which enabled Jesus to go to the Cross and which, today, enables us to be obedient through Grace to God's will. Endurance enables us to show stamina in the face of adversity and resolve in the midst of difficult trials. If we are to move in compassion, we need to ask Father for the gift of endurance. Compassion and endurance are two most exquisite strands of God's destiny tapestry for His bride.

Jesus calls us to identify with His heart for the poor and afflicted and to pour our lives out as a love offering on their behalf. Surely, this is a precious part of the destiny of every child of God - to walk in the footsteps of our beloved Messiah, who showed compassion continually to the multitudes.

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Continue To Listen To My Heartbeat

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"One of His disciples, whom Jesus loved (whom He esteemed and delighted in) was reclining (next to Him) on Jesus' bosom." John 13:23

I have spoken of perilous times that are now closer than anyone can think or imagine. I have spoken to My own of cleaning their house in full repentance of what they see and choosing to walk fully in the holiness I have asked of you. Sadly, many still do not see, to these I will only say that if you could see what is 'about' to spring on the world it would shake you so, that you would be on your face before Me.

My Faithful Ones, you do see for you only long to lay your head upon My chest and listen to My heartbeat. My Beloved, even so, many of you are concerned of what will happen to you. You have been in a desperate situation and for a long period of time - emotionally, financially and even spiritually at times. You have tasted the desperation that many of My children are living in and have lived in for most of their lives. You have experienced their every heartfelt cry. You have experienced the desire to give up. You have experienced the feeling of going under. You have experienced the fear that you would miss Me or My direction. Now that you "know" of the impending events on the horizon, you wonder where does that leave you because nothing seems to be changing and the time is so short. It would appear that financially you must be doomed. It would appear that you never will be healed. It would appear to you that you are not in the geographical spot that I have ordained for you. It would appear that with precious little time remaining that My promises to you are not in place. It would appear that all might be lost for surely there is not enough time remaining for all this to come about .....BUT .... trust the I AM for truly NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOUR GOD! I can tear down and I can RAISE UP all in one day! It's all in MY PLAN and you will not miss what I have called you to accomplish!

You have brought to My remembrances My many words and promises. I have seen your frustrations and I have heard every question. Beloved, I AM bound by My Word. Know this, I have been paving the way. I have been preparing you to walk the path I have destined for you. Yes, this path was prepared for you but you will never walk it alone for the I AM is ALWAYS with you and you are learning that *you are My chosen vessels of light but to live in the light, you have to let go of any demands or expectations of how life 'should' be for you. LET GO! Flow with the way that your life is and how life may become. In doing this, fear and uneasiness lose their power!!!*

The hand of your Almighty God has gone before you, My child. You have taken up your cross to follow Me and yes, the load has been extremely heavy but I AM your portion and your help... and yes, perilous times are coming and approaching quickly, but you are yoked to Me through all the many trials you have experienced. **FEAR NOT!** I AM about to manifest Myself in your life in a very big way to bring about the changes which are necessary for you and those like you to fulfill your destinies in the troubled times ahead.

For any who are called to be with you, it shall be done and I shall supply all that is needed to accomplish My will. Continue to lean on My bosom ..... continue to listen to My heartbeat... FEAR NOT for all shall be made clear in these closing days. Perilous days on the horizon? YES, but I have spoken words of life to you, words of truth, words of revelation and words of instruction. Even now, your heart cries out to Me, "Will I hear your words at this most crucial of times?" I say to you that you **WILL** hear My Words because you have chosen to follow Me with all that is in you. You **Will** hear My words and you **Will** see all come to pass. *You will meet your Teacher in a few days hence and you will minister to many, be prepared to go!* - It is all arranged. When you go to bed at night go with the knowing that when you awake all is in motion. Everything you have been shown, everything that you have waited for, everything that you have hoped for, everything that you have clung to me for happens in what now is a very short span of time. My children of faith, let your faith soar - the day of promise is nigh, continue to rest in Me and to listen to My heartbeat!

Climbing The Mountain

Robert Foster

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I was in a beautiful country. I had the impression that it was Europe or Turkey. The town was simple, clean and old looking with paving stones. I had been traveling and enjoying the sights, but I knew I needed to start heading home. However, there was one thing left that I wanted to do. There was a large mountain on the edge of town that I wanted to climb. It was very tall and wide with a lot of trees and some clear patches of grass in places. I don't ever remember seeing the top of the mountain. Either it was flat or it was hidden by the clouds.

The main reason I wanted to climb the mountain was because I knew that Moses and Noah had climbed it and I wanted to try as well.

I suddenly found myself on a train that was circling the mountain. It had a lot of people on it and I had an understanding that all of us on the train had a similar desire to go to the mountain, but we were somehow prevented from doing so. The local government had provided this train as a tour so the people could view the mountain. This was helpful, but it was this same governments laws that prevented us from actually climbing the mountain. I reached out with my hand to touch the inside wall of the train and found that it was very old and brittle. I easily broke through the wall with the intention of stepping off the train.

I found myself outside the train, standing at the foot of the mountain looking up at it's rising slope. There seemed to be less light here, more shadows and grayness, which was interesting to me because the town had been so green and beautiful. As I headed up, I soon discovered snow. Even it appeared gray from the lack of true light. There were small flocks of sheep, here and there, on the hillside. Each flock had it's own shepherd and each shepherd worked to keep his own flock from getting too close to any of the others. As I walked past some of the shepherds, I could see that their eyes were full of fear. This explained why they never let anyone get close to them.

After walking a little further, I came to the bottom of a building that had a set of stairs leading up to a doorway. I went up the stairs, opened the door and walked in. The room was well lit, warm and full of color. The walls were wood with a clear coat on them. There were a few good natured, happy people sitting on some couches. This was the first of several levels in this building. As I walked from level to level, steadily going higher and higher, I found that each level had a room with it's own challenges and attractions.

The attractions were either the beauty of the room, the fellowship of the people, the comfort of the couches, the good food, or some combination of all of these. The challenge was to keep moving and not stay at each level. It would have been very easy to just stop and stay a while and forget to climb the next set of stairs.

On some of the levels, I saw people I recognized. They were quite happy and felt there was no need to try and climb higher, so I soon gave up my attempts to convince them otherwise. At one level, I saw a woman that I knew I had seen on a lower level. I was surprised and happy to see her so I went to talk to her. I tried to encourage her to keep going and she responded by saying, "This is nothing. I travel between levels three and six on a regular basis!" This statement made me depressed and saddened that she had become deceived into staying where she was.

I resumed my climb and soon I reached a room where I had a vision concerning the next level. The next room was plain looking. It was rough, unfinished wood and appeared to be more like a storage room. It had several sets of stairs that all climbed to a dead end. They were there to make people believe that there was no way out. The true way out was hidden. It was a set of stairs that went down to a lower level (only about 8 or 9 feet down) then came back up into a new room. This was guarded by an old man with a large stick and you had to fight him to get through.

As I entered the room with the dead end stairs, I ignored them and went directly to the hidden exit. I found a stick that was about 10 feet long leaning against the wall. I grabbed it since I knew I would need it to fight the old man. Just then, he appeared and started swinging. We fought for about 30 or 40 seconds when he hit so hard that my stick broke in two. I threw one of the pieces at him causing him to swing to the side. I used the other piece to hit his hand as hard as I could. This made him drop his stick and run. I ran after him, determined to finish him off, when he disappeared right in front of me.

I left that room through the exit I saw in the vision and came up into a hallway that led to a new room. It was filled with all sorts of pictures, board games, sporting goods, and other stuff meant for entertainment. There I met a man I know and I spoke with him about climbing higher. He told me how much of mistake that would be. He slid a box across the floor that had a set of arrows in it. They had barbed tips and as he spoke, he shook them at me. He told me how foolish it was for me to want to do this and if I tried to continue, he would be forced to stick me with the arrows "for my own good". I reached out with my hand, grabbed all the arrows by the tips and broke them off, leaving the ends splintered and broken. This angered him and he grabbed more arrows and started throwing them at me.

This room was actually two rooms, separated by double doors. I took cover behind one of the doors. For the next minute or so, we threw arrows at each other, never really hitting either. Then I looked behind me and saw that my wife, Kathy, had found the exit going up to the next level. I didn't want to be left behind so started grabbing whole handfuls of arrows and throwing them. This made the guy flee. He headed for the door leading back to the room we just came from. I threw one arrow as hard as I could which stuck in his back just behind his left shoulder. He went down in pain and I threw another arrow to finish him off. The second arrow never reached him as he disappeared just like the old man. This made me realize that he wasn't the man I thought he was. He was actually the old man with the stick that I fought earlier. It was a test. I quickly turned and left, determined to catch up to my wife Kathy.

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Climbing The Ministry Ladder

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I would like to encourage you to consider and hold to the truth and pattern of ministry that Christ exhibited as you read the following article. I find it tremendously enjoyable to be a part of equipping the saints through encouragement and the love of God with what the Lord inspires me to write. However, we are in a season of repentance and transition (The key to genuine revival) and I sense a necessity to bringing some foundational understanding of prophetic ministry concerning how it relates to the church and to the world in this spiritual season. Our love for the destiny of the church (the people of God) is what makes confrontation at times and seasons necessary as we move toward the soon return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that you will not be too quick to judge this word, but that you will allow yourself a time to seek truth and what the Lord would speak to you. With the prophetic revelation of transition and change comes the responsibility to not only speak, but to act.

"I don't receive glory from men, but I know you, that you do not have God's love in yourselves. I have come in My Father's name, and you don't receive Me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. How can you believe, who receive glory from one another, and you don't seek the glory that comes from the only God?" (John 5:41-44)

Jesus said "that if another comes in his own name, you will receive him." I certainly do not believe that the Lord was referring to this in a complimentary way. It seems that men who come in "their own name" are still attracting large crowds of men-worshipers who are ever increasingly reliant upon THEM for a word from God. It seems that many will travel half-way across the globe for a "word" from the "man of God' who comes in his own name.

The Lord is beginning to confront the "users" of HIS gifts and ministries that have been plagiarized or stolen by the NAMES and AGENDAS of man. The carnal man loves to see his name attached to what he perceives he has accomplished. Fleshly man by nature loves to see his name shining in lights for all to see. These men (ministries) are naturally attracted to one another and feed off of each others compliments of how well they doing to justify their approach to ministry. Likewise, the people who follow these ministries love to be identified with them for the purpose of recognition and acceptance.

First of all, why do we desire to associate "OUR" name with a ministry that the Lord has so graciously blessed and entrusted us with? (The first thought of "Danny Korakas Ministries" to another is a ministry that I have founded rather than Christ) This reveals a motive of possession, self-promotion and sufficiency that cannot possibly bring the fullness of God's glory back to Himself. The Bible says that John the Baptist was the greatest of all men. When asked, John said, "I did not come in my own name ... I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness." John was consumed with elevating the name of Christ and not his own.

"Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For a time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to fables." (2 Timothy 4:2-4)

I am saddened when I go to sites of well-known prophetic ministries to read half of the material lifting up themselves and their accomplishments. They will weave a few scripture verses in, along with a little revelation, to make it justifiable. Beloved, this is not the heart of Christ for anointed ministry to bring PERMANENT change in people's lives and what He has entrusted to us. We must be honest and come to terms with our human nature to desire recognition and admiration. By nature, we love to be rewarded by recognition of what WE have accomplished. The taking up of our cross is the crucifying of our need for recognition. When we FOLLOW Jesus, only He is seen as we become a shadow in His leading. True and authentic ministry requires and demands a dying to ones SELF so that Christ will be glorified.

Paul said in Galatians 1:10, "For if I were still pleasing men, I wouldn't be a servant of Christ." If the favor and acceptance of man is our focus, we will never truly desire to decrease that Christ may increase. Not one miracle was ever connected to John the Baptist. Yet, Jesus said that he was the greatest of all men. Why? Because he desired to decrease so that Christ would increase. It seems that many equate greatness and validity with the miracles and visions they hear and read others claim under "THEIR" ministry as well as the circle of friends they keep ... rather than Biblical substance.

The Lord has shared with us in His Word the truth of storing up eternal treasure in heaven. I believe that the formula for storing eternal treasure and wealth is very simple: Anything that glorifies Christ on earth will be rewarded in heaven and anything that glorifies "MY" name on earth will stay here on earth. "For I say unto you, you have received your reward." Jesus also said, "How can you believe, who receive glory from one another?" The naming of ministries after ourselves and highlighting our achievements for others to see and read is the worship of an idol called "MINISTRY."

Many of today's ministry leaders like us to believe that there is a "new wineskin" being constructed in the body of Christ. The truth is that all of these movements named by MAN, whatever you would prefer to call them (Third Day, Third Wave, Apostolic-Prophetic, Last Days, etc.), have the same religious hierarchal order that resembles the world system and a Greco-Roman form of government. How do I know this? Simply, by the observation of the "leaders" of these ministerial networks taking on the names or giving themselves the title of "apostle" and "prophet" along with "set-men" and "apostolic covering." The controlling spirit behind these "new" movements is still the same "old" religious system under a new guise. The demand of tithing, submission, attendance, and accountability to "man" is in the forefront of such leadership's focus for the purpose of holding onto power, position and a reliant following.

I am not saying that all of these issues are not needed in the lives of God's people. They certainly are and should be expected of ourselves. The problem is when these responses become a primary FOCUS of the local church. The result that is produced is man-centered rather than Christ-centered ministry. The focus becomes the religion of man rather than the relationship with Christ. Ministry leadership moves into error when a man's spiritual value and maturity is based on attendance, tithing, and the covering of man, rather than the covering of Christ's blood. It was this religious mind-set of the Pharisees that Jesus so vigorously confronted. As a matter of fact, it was the only thing I can find in scripture that He really hated. What we are finding today is nothing more than new NAMES and faces put on old systems and wineskins. The environment that man-centered religion produces is the manipulation (witchcraft) of false submission. Man-centered systems create an atmosphere of using submission and money to gain spiritual promotion rather than a genuine anointing from God. In other words, it no longer becomes the fruit and integrity of a man's life, but how much a man is willing to submit and approve of a "leader's" agenda. Of course, anything that is contrary to the agenda is considered "rebellion."

The call to prophesy comfort, encouragement, and edification is for all of us who have faith to proclaim and to receive of its benefits. This is vital to the health and life of the church. However, the primary call of the "prophet" has always been to proclaim REPENTANCE in a spirit of love when man corrupts what God has ordained. It seems that the church is content and comfortable with the gift of prophesy, but has an aversion and resistance to the words of the prophet. Those who are NAMING or calling their ministries "prophetic," but refuse to confront sin and "religion" in the church are the creations of man ... for they seek man's approval. Prophetic ministry is one of the few things in life that we must "have both ways." We readily take the message that edifies and encourages. However, we also must take the message that confronts and calls for repentance.

The fruit of authentic prophetic ministry is that it speaks to the issues of one's soul and life. It penetrates past the walls of rejection, rebellion and denial. It comes from the heart of God to reveal TRUTH to one's life for the purpose of conforming that person to the image and mind of Christ. In other words, as thousands of souls have literally passed through the gates of hell this very hour, do you really believe that our Lord is wasting time on fanciful stories and "revelations" that entertain us and have absolutely no application to the everyday issues of people's lives? I am amazed at the number of articles that are posted on "prophetic" sites that have absolutely no Biblical basis or value to the needs of the church and a lost and dying world.

Many are saying that the church has lost its relevance to a lost and dying world. I have to agree with this statement. We have created institutions that tickle the ears with comfortable words, rather than equipping and challenging people to fulfill their destiny as soul-winners and disciple-makers in their particular gifting. Many ministers are afraid to "cross the line" and truly challenge the people they are called to minister to because they pay their light bill. This is why the Lord is raising up a Davidic order of leadership. They see and understand the wisdom of Paul's self-supporting approach to ministry in that it cannot be "bought" by a deacon board and the wealthy religious elite. How can it not be a conflict of interest to have the people pay the person who is preaching to them? You want to know why the church is lukewarm? This is one of primary reasons.

"For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things that are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen..." (1Corinthians 1:16-28)

Some might think that if Christ had desired His message to have impact, He could have easily promoted His popularity more effectively. Modern thinking would suggest that Jesus should have done everything possible to promote His fame and tone down the controversies that arose out of His teachings. I suppose that many today would have counseled Jesus to employ strategies to maximize the crowds around Him to validate His ministry. However, Jesus did just the opposite. Instead of taking the popular route to enhance his acceptance, Jesus began to stress even more the very things that made His messages controversial.

Jesus went on to preach a message so confronting and offensive that the multitudes left, leaving only a handful of devoted men and women. Among those who stayed were the twelve disciples whom Jesus had personally chosen and appointed to REPRESENT His ministry. They were ordinary men and Jesus' strategy for advancing His kingdom and church hinged on these twelve ordinary men — not than the multitude who came for the purpose of what they could get out of it rather than what they were willing to give to it. The very Son of God came and dwelt among men and mankind just wanted what they could get out of Him. Times surely have not changed.

Jesus chose to build His church and ministry through a few un-exceptional, ordinary and fallible men. Jesus sought this over military might, personal popularity, education, and a good comfortable sales pitch to win a following. The future of the church would literally hinge upon the faithfulness and humility of a handful of men who loved and embraced the TRUTH of Jesus' ministry. The choosing of these twelve (handful) was a judgment against the institution of religion that man had created. Jesus didn't choose a single Scribe, Pharisee, or Sadducee. He didn't choose a single man to lead his church who was "theologically trained." He chose fisherman and even a repentant tax collector who counted themselves as no reputation for the glory of Jesus Christ.

You are not reading this by accident. Christ has chosen you to continue building His church through your faithfulness and love for the truth — just like a handful of men chosen 2000 years ago. I am convinced that the Lord is calling us back to the model of love and ministry that He gave us through His Word. The Lord is calling us back to a prophetic ministry that meets and heals people in a real and genuine way. The last days harvest and genuine revival hinges on our coming back to our roots and sharing the heart of God with others in a real and personal way. This will come quickly when the name and works of Jesus become the focus rather than ours. I realize that this message may be hard and even offensive for some. For others, it will be confirmation of what they already know.

The purpose of this message is not to criticize any particular individual or ministry in any way. All of us, including the unbeliever, are deeply loved by our Father. Because He does love us, He has given us the gift of prophecy and prophetic ministry to touch people's lives in a very special way. What is so special about prophetic ministry is that it builds deep and meaningful relationships in our care for another. It shows those who are searching for life's answers that there is a God and He loves them very much — so much that He died for them.

So, my question, dear friend, is "how are you stewarding the gifts and ministry that He has given you?" And most importantly, "how are you affecting the people He has brought into your life that these gifts were created for?"

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Seasons Of Whither
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Medical records prove that the holiday season is the time that depression and suicide mark a sharp increase in proportion to the rest of the year. The root of these manifestations is an emotional make-up that many people experience -- but few really understand the affects of "loneliness."

Not only do we contend with natural loneliness, but also spiritual loneliness. Natural loneliness is the product of unhealed rejection. Spiritual loneliness is the product of having nobody to share, equip, and understand the vision that the Lord has given and called us to. Both of these emotions can be very dangerous to our natural and spiritual health if not surrendered to the healing touch of the Lord. It is likewise critically important that we recognize others who are lonely and be the instrument of Christ's love they so desperately need and deserve. (Especially in this season)

I believe the greatest pain that we suffer in life is the pain of rejection. The power of rejection is so strong that it will affect and ravish generations if left unhealed and delivered. We see this in Abraham's rejection of Ishmael. The rejection of Ishmael from all that he knew as his home and future would have tremendous consequences upon his life. Ishmael would never seek God for the healing of this pain, and since this time (well over 3000 years ago) his descendants (The Middle Eastern Arabs of today) would suffer through the result of unhealed rejection – REBELLION and an orphan mentality. Ishmael would never truly understand the fullness of "Sonship." It wasn't long ago over the sink doing dishes, that the Lord spoke clearly to me saying, "Danny, you will never be the father (naturally and spiritually) that I would have you be, until you learn to become a "son." This is why the Muslim cannot comprehend or regard their "god" as a loving father.

The first stages of rejection become apparent to us in our desire to escape reality. From the time of childhood, those who suffer from rejection will escape into sexual fantasy at an age that defies explanation. It is not long before the escape moves into music. There is a corrupt spiritual draw to the rejected soul toward music. Youth will begin to escape into it at such a degree, that they will actually believe that they are the musicians themselves performing the songs. The need of affirmation and acceptance is so strong that kids and even adults will escape into the spiritual medium of sound (music) to create an environment of identity and popularity. (The rejected individual will seek the admiration and praise of man)

Escapism through rejection in most men will lead to pornographic material for the purpose of escaping into sexual encounters that are not real. (Young women will gravitate toward young men to meet their need to be loved, leading to premarital sex) The SPIRITUAL PAIN of rejection is perceived to be covered by PHYSICAL PLEASURE to the carnal man. Carnal or fleshly man will always use the feeling of "pleasure" to cover or hide his pain. Physical pleasure or LUST can become a very addictive narcotic to a rejected individual. At this time in life (teen years) the deception of "fantasy" has become second nature.

It is not long before the soul is craving the acceptance and affirmation that only Jesus Christ can provide. The problem is that the rejection has moved into elements of rebellion and the voice of God is drowned in a sea of emotional turmoil. The rejected soul will begin to VISUALIZE or fantasize about those whom they love "watching" them (although they are not there or present in reality) as they do something of value or merit. An example would be a person just out of high school or college starting their first job. Now in their late teens or early twenties, they begin visualizing someone (who is not really there) watching them doing something well to somehow earn their love and adoration. The performance based emotional make-up of rejection will soon lead to chronic lying and manipulation. It is important to note that the lying becomes so ingrained that the person lying will escape into believing his or her own lies.(DECEPTION) The desire and need of affirmation and acceptance is so overwhelming, that these individuals create a false reality to meet their emotional needs. Sadly, this will move well into adult life unless healed and delivered by the Lord.

All of us have suffered rejection in one way or another in our lives. Some have been healed more than others and some are literally struggling for their lives. This should be a sobering fact to all of us. Especially knowing that most suicides are young adults with so much life yet to live and offer humanity. I believe the Lord desires that we all realize how much He loves us and that He bore the greatest rejection and humiliation of all when He was crucified by those who he loved and came to save.

I believe there are some who know they are firmly planted as an oak by the waters. But yet you have felt the cool winds of the fall season. The nights became cold and lonely and the days have seemed to become shorter. You have missed the warmth of the Son and the sounds of life that nested in your branches. Everything of value seems to be leaving and the even in the daytime you feel alone. You noticed that what was once green, growing, and full of life is slowly becoming a shade of rust and brown. The winter winds have now become cold and no life seems to be around you. You watch as your leaves slowly sway to the ground. Your tears have watered the ground, but yet, the leaves and the ground did not come to life. You've watched the leaves move down the waters, knowing that the current, their path, and their end was out of your control. The winter rains and snows have come and are oh so cold. You feel exposed and so alone as there seems to be nobody nor covering to warm and protect you. You rewind through the landscape of your life and wonder why and where the years have gone. The sunny days of innocence and youthful joy seem like yesterday, but yet, so far away.

Even though the winter season in the natural has just begun, the SON and warmth of God's love is shining upon you this day. This word from the Lord is just for you. Yes, you are my beloved and I care deeply for you. I have never left your side and have always been there...You just never looked for Me. I am pleased that this message has made it to you. My dear child, the leaves that you thought had died, are for the healing of the nations. Everything must fall to ground and die before it can grow and bear fruit. Your tears were not shed in vain and will water the hopes of others through your testimony of My love for all men. It was when you lost control that the leaves of healing moved by the current of My Spirit and made it back to glorify Me. The times of your exposure, although lonely and seemingly cold has strengthened you and added rings of humility and grace to your life. I am warming you with the light of My love and thoughts for you. You are very precious to Me and I have a purpose and a destiny that I need you to fulfill in building My kingdom. You no longer have to look toward man for your approval...I approve of you just who you are. I only ask that you trust and allow Me to lead and guide you through My Word. Spend time with Me, and I will show you the reality of your value in My kingdom. You will soon hear the sounds of life in your branches and the abundance of life in your fruit. You will enjoy the sounds of life and the warmth of My Son. Yes, my dear child, people will come and find shade and comfort under the arms of your love. You will look back on this fall and winter season and realize how much you have truly grown.

Father, may all who are lonely, both natural and spiritually know how much you love and value them. May they know that they are a one of a kind and nobody will ever replace them with what you have created them to do for others. Lord, I pray that you would reveal to them their purpose and destiny in some way to give them a hope and a future. Father, I pray for lonely spouses. I pray that marriages would be rekindled and that your love would consume their thoughts and commitment to one another in covenant. Lord, I pray for those who have lost a loved one and must endure our lack sensitivity as the church in meeting their needs. Father, please heal and restore those who lonely and searching because of divorce. Lord protect and guard their hearts with the care and love of your people. Father, bless those who are young and single. Heal them of any rejection and draw them by your Spirit into your loving arms. Jesus, may you be the gift in this season that they so desperately need. Father, I pray that you would touch and heal others of rejection as you did me. Thank you Lord.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

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Climb The Mountain
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Climb the mountain, sleep in the cave, stand for the Lord and see His power.
…. But how do you return?

1Kings 19:11-13.
Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;
and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Elijah had done a mighty work for the Lord of Hosts; showed clearly that there was and is only One God, One Creator.
He made Jezebel so angry and mad that she sent him a message: "I am going to kill you no matter what."
And Elijah fled in the desert. He lost his faith and told God, "Let me die, please."
(In saying that, he told a lie of course. Because if he truly had a death wish he would have stayed close to Jezebel and she would have been more than willing to help him a bit!)
However Creator – Adonai showed more patience than many of us would have given Elijah.
The Lord sent an angel to him calling him to a meeting place on mount Horeb.
Creator – Adonai did not meet him right away; he had to travel to the Lord first, strengthened by a strength that was not his but the Lord's…. He had a time of fasting and running. Then Elijah had to spend a night in a cave before the Lord showed up.

I think many of us recognize this pattern; victory for the Lord and losing courage are almost partners it seems. But the Lord calls out to you also; "Come, meet me, and run to me through prayer and fasting… come." He shows us mercy when we deserve rebuke; He listens to our heart more than to our words. Many of us could learn from Him in that area! How is our attitude towards our brothers and sisters, our fellow pilgrims on the Way? Do we not push and rebuke them to not complain and keep on going? Do we not even accuse them sometimes, and call them sinners because of losing courage? I think our call is more that of the angel's: feed them, give them to drink and call them than to run to the Lord.

Bur where I want to go to in this article is the moment where the Lord calls Elijah to step out of the cave… because I believe that we find there an other lesson and warning.

What happens first is that Elijah is called to wake up. He had to wake up so that he could see what was happening in front of his cave, standing in the entrance so that he could see what Creator – Adonai was going to do. This is the attitude we too need; "All right, Lord, here I am. Do what you want. I have no answers anymore; I can only say, 'Here I am.'" This is all we need to say if the Lord calls us to stand for Him. We see this attitude in the lives of Abraham, Samuel and many others. "Here I am, Lord…"

The first thing that happened was that the Lord passed by in a great and strong wind;
And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD,

Maybe we can recognize the Ruach wind of the Holy Spirit in this event. I think that what happens first when we finally wake up is that what we will see quite often is the crushing power of the Wind. And then we start to think WOW now I know Creator – Adonai again. This is what I need--a mighty Holy Spirit power. So we run out of our caves and down the mountain back into our lives and calling. Telling everyone; what we need is the Ruach Wind; the wind that uproots mountains and breaks rocks in pieces--that is what we need! And shortly after people run after the wind trying to catch the wind and they get something but lack even more. We have seen a glimpse of His power but have not truly seen Him. We have heard His voice as says in the first part of Psalm 29

but the LORD was not in the wind;

Some stay till after the wind and wait to see what happens next:

and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;

It is like the word of the Lord that shakes the earth and shakes our lives. Maybe we can see this in a prophetic word, speaking into our lives and shaking the things of us that hinder us, a wake up call. We shake and tremble hearing the word of the Lord as Moses did; ***Acts 7:32 "saying, 'I am the God of your fathers——the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses trembled and dared not look.*** So we run out of our caves and down the mountain back into our lives and calling. Telling everyone, "What we need is the Lord shaking our lives. It changed me and it can change you. It does shake you and make you tremble but it is good!" And shortly after people become seekers of that shaking experience. They get something but lack even more. We have seen a glimpse of His power but have not truly seen Him.

but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

Some wait after the earthquake to see what happens next:

and after the earthquake a fire

This is the fire of testing, the fire as written in ***1 Peter 4: 12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;*** and in ***1 Corinthians 3: 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.***
14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.
15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.
So we run out of our caves and down the mountain back into our lives and calling. Telling everyone, "I know what we need now! We need the refining and cleansing fire of the Lord in our lives and in our midst. This is the answer we need." And soon people jump in the fire as the experience they need the most, again seekers of an experience. They get something but lack even more. We have seen a glimpse of His power, but have not truly seen Him.

but the LORD was not in the fire.

Let's take a break here, because if we review these three things, these are the things that many people, especially Evangelical people, seek. They seek the Ruach Wind, the shaking of their lives, the cleansing fire, things that come from Creator – Adonai but are expressions of His being. They are not Him. Many of us became seekers of experiences; whole movements are build upon experiences. Do we not need experiences then, you might ask? Surely, we do need these experiences. If we take these verses about Elijah as an example, as looking into the mirror of revelation then we can say and see that he went though all the experiences, but he did not run off with them. He did not build a Movement, a Fellowship, or Church around them. He kept standing before the Lord and not for nothing as we will see next!

If you belong to the ones still standing and waiting then there is a reward waiting around the corner for you;

and after the fire a still small voice.

This is our reward. We hear the still small voice of our Daddy who loves us and who wants to have fellowship with us. This still small voice of grace silences every other voice around and in us and He asks us as He asked Elijah; "***What are you doing here?"***

We who have experienced His power are humbled and hide our face and share with Him what hinders us, our pain, worries, sorrows, and the things we are afraid of. We have found a place to have communion and communication with our Maker. We speak not only to Him but we speak with Him.

And you know what happened with Elijah after that: ***1Kings 19: 15 Then the LORD said to him: "Go,..*** Elijah received crystal clear instruction as to what to do and who to train for ministry, who would carry his torch. He did not run off with an experience, proclaiming an experience. No, he returned from the mountain knowing what to do. The Lord had spoken with that still small voice of grace. Are we are willing to wait till we hear that still small voice or do we run off again with all our experiences???

I believe that what we need most these days are people who can wait till they hear that small still voice. It could well be that would have a greater impact on Churches, Fellowships and even the world than all the experiences we could encounter….

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O Boy They Prophecy
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'Make room for us in your hearts. We have wronged no-one, we have corrupted no-one, we have exploited no-one'.
(2 Cor. 7:2 NIV)

It may seem strange to begin an article with this, especially when some well-meaning people are convinced that I have a prophetic calling. The tree is known by its fruit, I hope. It is true that the Creator, Adonai literally caused me to be anointed for this ministry eight years ago, by a group of three elders who didn't know what had come over them. But since that time I have very consciously distanced myself from the title prophet or from claiming to have a prophetic ministry. At first I thought it was cool and wanted to be seen in that light. Or was it just that I wanted to be seen?

Yet the more I got to know this little world of the prophetic, especially in evangelical circles, the more I wanted to distance myself from it. I don't mean the calling, which came from the Creator, Adonai; that is still real right up to this day.

What I don't like is the way the title 'prophet' is used, or the manner in which people handle the prophetic. It seems like one big show from people who are oh so spiritual. People come with words which they say are from God, and that could sometimes be the case, but they are then interpreted in accordance with the particular preference or colour of the particular church, ministry, hobby-horse or denomination. Within the content there is so much rubbish; peoples own wishes or the wishes of the leaders rather than the undiluted word of God.

We seem often to be in a world in which criticism of the word of a prophet, or someone in a prophetic calling, isn't allowed because it is then God who is being criticised. Come on! We all know that our prophecies are imperfect and need to be tested; and if it wasn't for God's mercy we would all have to be stoned in accordance with the laws of the Old Testament because words weren't fulfilled, or they contained mistakes, or there was just that bit too much flesh, or spirit by the Spirit.

How often have people been ruined by prophetic words, how often exploited! How often has there been injustice because of high-flown prophetic promises that weren't fulfilled? Just look as these two 'examples':

- 'Ladies and gentlemen, God, yes God Himself has spoken. We must build a bigger building. We haven't got the money yet but you have the honour, yes the honour to give so much more than your tithe in order to achieve this wonderful and anointed plan that comes straight from the throne of God.'
- 'I see a wonderful future for you! All your struggles will be over and you will fly super-spiritually like a bird over the motorway of life.'

This appears very cynical but isn’t it often the way it is?

Have I never, to a greater or lesser degree fallen for these temptations? Alas, yes.

Shouldn’t we then long for revelations from God? Doesn’t His word say to us:
‘Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues (1 Cor 14:39).’ And *‘ Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy* (1 Cor 14:1).’

Of course we should long for this. Certainly there will be people who function under a prophetic anointing and certainly there will be people who hold the office of prophet.
Are there then pointers and tips that can help us to discern between true and false? Of course I realise I’m now skating on thin ice. There are bookcases full of books written on this subject and I have the silly idea to summarise it in twelve points. Forgive me, but I’m just trying to understand what God is saying. Okay, so here we go:

1. A slogan to begin with: prophecy is more than foretelling the future, more than visions and dreams. It is God’s word for today and the revelation about His word, the Bible, given by Him.
2. A prophet who knows he is a prophet trusts that it is the prophetic fruit of his ministry which will show who he or she is, and not the name on the door, the visiting card or the website. He knows he is only a tool in the hands of the Carpenter.
3. A prophet isn’t interested in being popular with people and if this does happen he will be suspicious and ask himself if this will make him popular with God. His relationship with God is more precious to him than being seen and honoured by man.
4. The prophet is not primarily concerned with the individual, local church, city, land or world. He is concerned that the Kingdom of God be established on the earth. He certainly isn’t concerned about his own honour or ministry.
5. His spiritual relationship with God is number one on his agenda because he knows the danger of being in too close a relationship with a person. Why? If someone has a very strong ‘soul relationship’ with another, especially a leader (e.g. putting him on a pedestal, fear of the person or other strong emotional ties) then the prophet will become, in the spiritual world, the receiver of the ‘radio signals’ from the soul of the leader, his wishes, desires etc., and bring these forward as prophecy, because this soul relationship overshadows the spiritual relationship with God. This happened in the Bible with a large group of prophets; there was only one who prophesied what God wanted. Why? His spiritual relationship with God was much stronger than the soul relationship with the leader, and it therefore overshadowed that soul relationship so that he was able to receive the ‘radio signals’ from Creator Adonai. Let this be a lesson for every prophet.

   > Jeremiah 14:14 says, *‘Then the Lord said to me, ”The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I have not sent them or anointed them or spoken to them. They are prophesying visions, divinations, idolatries and the delusions of their own minds.”*

6. A prophet is not a representative of *one* church, but of *the* church. Unity despite differences will be very important to him. Why? Jesus said, *‘that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.’* (John 17: 21) He is therefore not so much ‘I’ centred as ‘we’ centred.
7. A prophet is very conscious of his own weakness and the necessity for that. Why? ‘*For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness, made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.’* (2 Cor. 4: 5-7) His words will not, for the most part, be a mirror of his own weak, stumbling walk as a pilgrim on the Way, but a reflection of the Power of the Holy Spirit, the never ending source.
8. The prophetic word will, for the most part, be a mirror of the Word, without being The Word; just as Creator Adonai said in Hosea 12:10, *‘ I spoke to the prophets, gave them many visions and told parables through them.’* The prophet shall surprise himself more than anybody over how multifaceted and creative God can be in putting His message across.
9. A prophet feels the love of Yeshua for His people and for the lost and is prepared to take risks in

order to stand between them and the Creator. Why? Love, the love that made Jeremiah pray, *'O Lord, we acknowledge our wickedness and the guilt of our fathers; we have indeed sinned against you. For the sake of your name do not despise us; do not dishonour your glorious throne. Remember your covenant with us and do not break it. Do any of the worthless idols of the nations bring rain? Do the skies themselves send down showers? No, it is you, O Lord our God. Therefore our hope is in you, for you are the one who does all this.'* A prophet will gladly stand in the gap for the sake of the truth but also for love's sake even if he ends up between a rock and a hard place because of it, because people often don't understand this. Therefore he frequently ends up stuck between the harbour wall and the ship!

10. A prophet will be very reticent about taking a particular viewpoint when it comes to theological positions and differences, but will point to the Word. This is what Jesus did in his conflict with satan, 'it is written', and look at the way he answers his nephew, John the Baptist when he was in prison and questioning whether Yeshua really was the Messiah. A prophet will have a thorough knowledge of the Word, not so much quotations but the principals and truths contained in them. Not a lesson learned in the head but a knowledge flowing out of the heart.
11. A prophet will be very reticent about saying, '*Thus says the Lord'* over a word but will be more inclined to say, *'I have the impression that…'* A prophet knows his own weakness and therefore expects his words to be tested.
12. A prophet is thoroughly aware that his calling is difficult to explain and above everything else he needs to be obedient to God; freedom in the Spirit not in order to sin but to obey. He knows very well that there is no straightforward answer concerning what, where and how to speak. He is therefore not so much a man of prayer as a man who relates to and communicates with Creator Adonai – this goes further than prayer can. This in order that he can do what he must do, '*Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."*(Jeremiah 1: 9-10) How He will do this is His concern. What He says here to Jeremiah is for every prophet but the how and what will be a very individual task for the individual prophet. A prophet will then take his position on the Way and take on the adventure with God, from God and for God.

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Christ The Object Of Our Desire

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"...thy desire shall be to thy Husband, and He shall rule over thee (Genesis 3:16b)."

"Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee (Psalms 73:25)."

In the beginning God ordained that the Bride of Christ, the Church, should have its desire only for Christ. Our desires are very powerful. Men are pulled in many different directions and tossed about by many wants, perceived needs, desires, and influences. Initially our desires are sinful.

"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually (Genesis 6:5)."

God affirms throughout Scripture that the desire of man is evil and wicked from his youth (Genesis 8:21; Job 5:7, 14:1, et. al.) It is natural for us to think that once we become Christians that our spiritual desires are now good and holy, proper and pure, and that we are well pleasing to God (Luke 18:11). Nevertheless we soon discover that something prevents us from performing the good which we intend.

"For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do (Romans 7:19)."

And we also learn that our "righteousness" is often misguided.

"And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of (Luke 9:54, 55)."

We may find ourselves in competition with our brothers and sisters, attempting to be the most spiritual, or the most mature, or the most knowledgeable about the things of God. We privately, and sometimes publicly, compare ourselves with one another and estimate ourselves to be most advanced, when the truth of the matter is we are most fleshly.

"And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest (Luke 22:24)."

"They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory (Mark 10:37)."

Thank God for the cross of Jesus Christ! For it is there that my sins are forgiven; it is there that the "old man" died. Yet is is also true that there is something as wicked, if not more wicked, than sin, and that is Self. It is true that every sin is rooted in Self. As we must initially accept His death for sin, so we must daily accept our death to Self. As we are once crucified with Him for the remission of sins, so we must daily take up the cross, deny our Self, and follow Him. We walk in the narrow Way just as we entered the narrow Gate - by way of the cross. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him (Colossians 2:6)."

MANY SPIRITUAL DESIRES ARE SELFISH

The disciples of the Lord desire many things. Some desire power over the enemy, or power to work miracles in the Name of Jesus. Others desire freedom from sickness or oppression. Many desire blessing upon the work of their hands, their ministry, or their finances. Some desire wisdom and understanding in spiritual matters.

How surprising it is then for the child of God to learn that the Lord does not necessarily approve of these many desires, even though they seem undeniably good and proper at first. Why? Because Self remains enthroned and enshrined in the sanctuary of our heart. Why do we desire power? That we may glory and others may take notice. Why do we desire freedom from sickness and oppression? Because we are ready to reign with Christ, but are not prepared to suffer with Him. Why do we desire the blessing upon our labor? That we may appear successful before men. Why do we desire wisdom in spiritual affairs? That others may count us wise and seek us out for our opinion and counsel. When we do not know what spirit we are of, Self is most definitely the root of all our asking and praying.

"Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts (James 4:2,3)."

Verse two of James chapter four speaks of how man goes about to secure his sinful desire. Verse three speaks of how man goes about to secure his spiritual desire. In the first case we try to get by taking from others. In the second place we try to get by asking from God. We know it is wrong to lust, kill, and fight for what we want. This is sin. But many of us do not yet know that to ask God for what WE want is sin also - the sin of Self. This is why we do not receive what we ask for, because we desire to please ourselves. We "ask amiss."

Jesus never pleased Himself.

"Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done (Luke 22:42)."

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me (John 5:30)".

For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me (John 6:38)."

How much of our prayers, intercessions, asking, knocking, seeking, searching, and hoping is done with a view towards getting God to do what WE want Him to do? I am afraid that we take this approach with God: we careful analyze the situation, determine what we want to see come to pass, look up the appropriate Bible verses, go to God and tell Him exactly what we want to happen and by when, and then become anxious if He fails to answer us according to our own thought.

Brothers and sisters, this is not the way we approach the Lord. Many are the instances in which mere humans tried to instruct the Lord Jesus, rebuked Him, found fault with His way of doing and saying things, questioned His methods, and argued with Him. Let us not fall into the same trap. For the Lord knows His business, and does not need to be instructed by us. Instead, we must follow His instruction and allow Him to become our only Desire. Then our praying and asking amiss will cease.

How do we deny Self and have the appropriate desire? The solution is quite simple, but it is not simplistic. It is profound, but not complicated. God has ordained that our "desire shall be to [our] Husband, and He shall rule over Thee." God in Christ fills all in all (Ephesians 4:6). Jesus is the only legitimate desire a Christian can have (Psalms 73:25). If He is the center and focus then all other things will take their proper place (Matthew 6:33). If we are satisfied in God, we cannot be dissatisfied. If our need is fully met in Christ, we cannot experience lack.

"Because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need! (Psalms 23:1, Living Bible)."

This is a difficult truth to pass along. I find myself inadequate to explain how it works in the life of a believer. So let us look to the Scriptures for light, and may we learn to have Christ as the object of our desire.

THE "SINFUL WOMAN" AND THE PHARISEE

Luke 7:36-50 records the story of a "certain woman" who washed the feet of Jesus with her tears, wiped them off with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with precious ointment. Please read the entire passage of Scripture and see how broken and honest was her adoration of Christ.

Now observe the thought of the Pharisee who sat at meat with Jesus. As this spirit and truth worship unfolds before his very eyes he has but one thought: if this Man were a prophet, He would know that this woman is a sinner. In other words, Jesus should not allow this sinful woman to touch Him and pour forth so much love upon Him. The Pharisee judged that Jesus was not worthy of such love and was offended at this outpouring of affection.

MARY AND MARTHA

In Luke 10:38-42 we find the story of Mary and her sister Martha. Martha invited Jesus to her home and commenced to make preparations for dinner. But instead of helping her sister, Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to His Word. Upon seeing this, Martha expresses her irritation at Mary for not helping, and at Jesus for not telling her to help.

She says, "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? Bid her therefore that she help me (verse 40)." Not only is Mary wrong, but Jesus is wrong to permit this situation. Such is Martha's thinking.

MARY AND JUDAS ISCARIOT

Mark 14:1-9 as well as John 12:1-9 recalls a crucial episode in the earthly ministry of Christ the week before His death and resurrection. From piecing together both records of the same event we have a complete account of all that happened. Again there is a supper. Again Martha is serving. But her sister Mary does a strange thing: she pours expensive perfume on the feet of Christ and wipes them with her hair, then pours some of it on His Head. The perfume is very costly, at least several month's worth of wages. Everyone there expressed indignation at this apparent waste of resources - the guests as well as the disciples agreed this was a foolish thing to be done. It wasn't "good stewardship." As the one in charge of the money bag, Judas Iscariot rebuked Mary and wondered aloud why she didn't instead sell the ointment and give the money to the poor.

THREE ILLUSTRATIONS, ONE LESSON

The Spirit has now given us three separate events in the life of Jesus in order to teach us something - may we have ears to hear it. What says the Spirit? Simply this: many are they who will sit at meat with Jesus, commune and dine with Him, discuss spiritual things with Him. But they cannot and will not lower themselves to wash His feet. They will not humble themselves to the ground and listen, they would rather be "much serving". They will not give up their "ministry to the poor" in order to "waste" themselves on "just ministering" to Jesus. They long to be seen fellowshipping with the Lord, but they are loath to pour out too much of themselves for Christ.

Note well that in all three cases there is food and drink - this speaks of fellowship. In all three cases the action is centered around the feet of Christ - this speaks of submission. Christ deems submission to be greater than fellowship. In all three cases, the one who made Christ their only desire was criticized as being too sinful, too lazy, or too wasteful. In all three cases they not only found fault with the worshipper but found fault with Christ. In all three cases Christ rebuked the rebukers; the Pharisee, for not loving Him enough; Martha, for being too anxious over the details; Judas and the disciples, for not having their priorities straight (and we discover that Judas is a thief and didn't care about the poor anyway).

Let is also note that at no time was this worship spoiled with a request or a prayer of petition. Self is completely swallowed up in worship. Indeed, no word is spoken, there is only acquiescence to Christ. There is no unmet desire, for the desire has been replaced with Christ. Having Him, they are content. Their humility is not found in despising Self, but in not looking at Self at all. The focus is outward, onto Christ, and thus there is not room left for considering Self. Therefore, there is nothing more to be said, no defense to offer the critics, nothing more to be done. Jesus instead points out that "only one thing is needful". Out of the "many things" that Martha was busy doing for the Lord, she was not praised for her work. Instead, Mary was deemed to have chosen "that good part." Was it wrong to be much serving the Lord? No, but the "good part" was to be with Him, not to work for Him, and the "good part" of sitting at His feet was not to be forsaken in favor of the work.

Finally, all three instances involve women as a type of the Bride of Christ, the overcoming Church, whose desire is for her Husband, who has submitted to His rule.

FORSAKE THE WRONG AND CRUCIFY THE "RIGHT"

We know we must leave sin because we can appreciate how horrible it is. We do not so quickly leave "our righteousness" because we think somehow it has been "purified". Mark well however that God does not fix the old man, but destroys it. He does not tell us to clean up our life, but to lay down our life. It is not enough to forsake the wrong: we must allow Him to crucify the right. That is, we must learn to hate our thoughts that we may have His mind. We must give up our "spiritual" desires in order to have Christ as All.

We must allow our Husband to rule, and our desire must only be for Him. Some people want a "Prenuptial Agreement" with their Husband. That is, they are willing to come to Jesus, but they are not willing to bring all they have to Him, to have everything put in His Name, to forsake all others until death do they part. They are foolish virgins. They want the benefits of the bed chamber without the responsibilities of the bride. They say, "I will follow You wherever You go," but at the last minute they want to "go back and say goodbye" to those in their house.

The Pharisee thought it was enough to have Jesus over for dinner and talk about God. Martha thought it was enough to be much serving and preparing. The disciples thought it was enough to use a little perfume on Jesus but save the rest of it for the poor. On the surface it would seem they are correct, but Jesus shows us a more excellent way. We must deny ourselves, but we must never deny Him. With Him, we can never say, "Enough." He is worthy of all, nay more than all, more than we have: so He should receive all that we have, all that we are.

Ought Not This Woman Be Loosed
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Jul 5, 2004"Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom satan has bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from her bond on the Sabbath day?" (Luke 13:16)

Permit me to paint a picture for you.

Jesus is speaking to a packed assembly in one of the local synagogues. The people are listening closely as He talks to them about the Kingdom of Heaven and His Father's plan for them.

In the middle of His teaching, Jesus notices a woman there in the group. She cannot stand upright, but is bent over at the waist, face down to the ground. Without anyone telling Him so, Jesus perceived that she had been this way for eighteen years.

Jesus senses His Father moving, stirring within Him. His words trail off and He lapses into silence, appearing to be lost in thought as He fixes His eyes on her.

The people are waiting. What is He looking at? They all look at one another and then follow Jesus' gaze towards the back of the long hall.

There is the woman, hunched over and face down to the ground, oblivious to the attention she has generated, but wondering why it has grown so quiet.

Now Jesus calls her to come to Him! What? Yes, dear woman, you are the one. Follow the sound of

My Voice and come here to Me.

Slowly and with great difficulty she walks towards the source of this gentle but powerful Voice, still bent over at the waist, trembling with fear.

What is He going to do?

"Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity!"

Cradling her face in His hands, He gently begins to raise her up so He can look her in the eye. And, for the first time in eighteen years, she stands up straight!

"I am healed!" she whispers. Then, as the reality of the moment sinks in, she finds within herself a voice she never knew she had, and begins to cry out, hesitatingly at first, then louder and louder:

"G-G-Glory to... the God of Israel! Hosanna... to the S-S-Son of David! Blessed be the Name of the Lord!! Praise the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob!!!!"

But the celebration is short-lived.

The ruler of the synagogue (the man who invited Jesus to speak) gets up from his seat, glares at Jesus, and then looks at the people. "There are six days for working," he hisses to the crowd. "Come back some other day to be healed. No work is to be done on the Sabbath day, not even a miraculous work!"

There is an uncomfortable silence. The woman who was healed begins to bow herself down again in shame, as if she has been punched in the stomach. But Jesus catches her, shakes His head "No," and with a smile encourages her to stand up straight and tall, which she does. He puts an arm around her to indicate that she should remain there with Him.

Then He turns to face the ruler of the synagogue.

The look on Jesus' face is indescribable, but I will try to describe it: He has the appearance of a Good Shepherd Who discovers a wolf in the act of devouring one of His little sheep. His eyes are passionate, penetrating, piercing, and determined, "like a flame of fire".

"You hypocrite!" Jesus says to the man in charge. "Don't each of you loose your ox or your donkey and lead them away to be watered on the Sabbath day? Then ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom satan has bound for eighteen years, be loosed from her bond on the Sabbath day?" (Luke 13:15,16).

The leader opens his mouth to protest, but he can't utter a sound. The blood rushes to his face and he clenches his fists in frustration, yet he can't make a move. He can only take his seat again, silently hating himself for ever allowing Jesus to speak to his congregation, and vowing never to have Him back again.

"And when He had said these things, all His adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him" (Luke 13:17).

This is not just a miracle. It is a sign, and it is present truth for this day, this time, and this season.

We see that the Lord Jesus is on the side of liberty, freedom, deliverance, healing, setting free, releasing, and restoring that which is bound.

Religion, on the other hand, is on the side of bondage, tradition, conformity, uniformity, control, and manipulation.

This woman was indeed a "daughter of Abraham", a child of the covenant, and entitled to a rich spiritual inheritance in Christ! But eighteen years of "Sabbath day religion" had left her unchanged. She attended the services, she sang, she gave, she listened to the sermons, but she left out of there each week the same way she came in - hunched over.

What kept her bound? What exactly was this "spirit of infirmity"?

Some would automatically say she had a demon that needed to be cast out, and THAT was the spirit of infirmity.

Perhaps...

But things aren't always as they appear.

In most cases Jesus rebukes the demon and then sets the captive free. In this case, He sets the captive free and then rebukes the demon. Why?

I submit to you that though the woman was indeed bound by satan for eighteen years, the spirit that kept her bound was not living in HER, but was living in the religious ruler who wanted to keep her in her place.

It was the ruler of the synagogue who had the demon - not the woman.

All the people rejoiced - but their spiritual leader was indignant! The spirit behind him is clearly revealed in his attempt to regain control of the people, dampen their newly discovered joy, make the healed woman feel guilty for being healed, and even rebuke the Lord Himself - all the while hiding behind something religious, "the Sabbath", as his excuse.

Only satan enjoys keeping people in bondage. Only an evil spirit resents it when they are set free. Only a religious demon hates to see someone stand upright and look them square in the eye. So it resists and fears anything that it cannot control, working feverishly to maintain its own preeminence in the eyes of the people.

At work here is something more than just a physical healing. There is a spiritual confrontation taking place also.

So when the demon within the religious ruler protested that she should not be set free, Jesus spoke to its willing host directly:

"You hypocrite! Ought not this woman be loosed?"

Not only loosed from the thing that controlled her body, but the thing that controlled her spirit and her soul with its religious hypocrisy, demonic manipulation, and desire that she be kept "down".

"Ought not this woman be loosed?" To Jesus, anything less was unacceptable. She must not be bound! She must not be oppressed any longer! She must not be hunched over! Eighteen years of bondage is long enough! Loose her, and let her go free!

And in ten seconds, Jesus did something that eighteen years of religion had been unable and unwilling to do.

As I travel about I see many in the Body of Christ who are "bent over" with this same malady, held captive by that "spirit of infirmity" which prevents them from being able to stand upright, all because they are bound by religion and kept in place by the traditions of men, by their own "spiritual leadership".

But I also see Jesus calling to multitudes of hunched over people, calling them to Himself (just as He called that woman), that they may be set free from the things which have had them bound for so long.

How difficult it must have been to hear the voice of the Lord and then defy the leadership and go directly to Jesus, knowing that it would bring instant condemnation and criticism from that spirit of Antichrist. Had she "checked with the leadership" first, she would still be hunched over, because they would have told her it's illegal for Jesus to heal people on the Sabbath day.

Her first act of rebellion was to take those baby steps towards Jesus and away from religion and man-worship. But in taking that first step, she threw off the shackles that had bound her for nearly two decades. When she responded to the call of the Lord, He set her free from her bondage - spiritually as well as physically.

But SHE had to take that first step, however halting, however painful, and however uncomfortable it must have been.

I am glad she found freedom in Christ. I am sad that the religious ruler went home still bound.

This is the word of the Lord to us individually, and it is also the word of the Lord to the Bride of Christ. We hear Him saying to us:

"Ought not this woman - My Bride - be loosed?"

And we say, "YES!"

May it be so, and may all His adversaries be ashamed. **www.watchman.net**

Come Unto Me

Mary Ellen Gilliland

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Come unto Me, come unto Me and I will give you rest. That is where rest is found, in Christ. Now go forward in peace and rest because by My cross I have neutralized the power of the destroyer to destroy. Nothing can in any way harm you because he has no ground, no foothold, no authority and no legal right. Even evil works out to joyous, eternal good for you. NOTHING can in any way harm you. It is spoken and established. "Fear not" is given teeth by this understanding. At all times, in every way, I am with you. So fear not and fret not. God is a very present help in time of trouble. I am WITH you.

Go into the battle, go into the shaking of the heaven and the earth with the true and sure knowledge that your God is in control. Your God reigns! Be assured and tremble not as the earth shakes, for your God is steady and strong within you.

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Cities Under God’s Glory

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God is a God of cities. Throughout scripture, it is obvious that He places great emphasis on cities. After the exodus from Egypt , when the Israelites were about to move into the Promised Land, God commanded them to invade and occupy the heathen cities one by one. The apostle Paul writes a number of his letters to the churches—such as the Corinthians or Ephesians—according to the cities in which the people lived. When God speaks to the seven churches in the book of Revelation, He addresses them by the names of cities they lived in. For instance: “the church of Philadelphia ” or “the church of Laodicea ”. Even in heaven, as described in scripture, God has built a “city” called the New Jerusalem.

Just as God loves cities or, more specifically, the people within cities, He wants us to cultivate a heart for them too. In the same way that He emphasizes cities in His plans, so too, God wants us to reach the lost with His city-taking strategies. I believe that God wants His people to realize that the city they live in belongs to the Lord. According to Psalm 24:1, “The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.” Many of us have read good books about taking our cities for God and others have been actively involved in spiritually mapping their city. Yet the success stories seem to be few and far between.

However, I believe that we are on the verge of seeing whole cities affected by the power of God. In order to encourage you and give you vision for your city, I want to share some of the mighty things the Lord has done in our city and province over the last few years as we have prepared to see the glory of God fill our streets.

Believing God for your City

When God first began to speak to me about my city, I was unaware that he was even interested in it. Of course, I knew he loved people, but cities? Then I thought about how much he agonized over Jerusalem for not recognizing its hour of visitation. He wanted to gather them (the city and the people within it) to himself, as a hen gathers her chicks to itself. I believe that the Holy Spirit literally wants to come and settle down over my city. I believe he wants to "cover them with his feathers" as it were. I am firmly convinced that we will eventually see whole cities come to Christ. However, such dramatic awakening will only happen when we begin to believe what he has to say about cities.

For many years the Spirit has spoken to me saying I would see “the glory of the Lord in the land of the living”. I didn't know, until years later, that these words were in the Bible. David said, "I would have lost heart unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living." (Ps.27:13) That Hebrew word "goodness" is the same word used when God promised to show Moses his glory. So, in effect, the word goodness means the glory of God. In my ministry, God is asking me to believe Him for ONE THING—the glory of the Lord in the land of the living. I'm to believe for His glory to be revealed now, not just when we get to heaven. God's glory is not just for Christians, it's for everyone to see. According to Isaiah 60, when the world sees the glory of God upon the church, the lost will come to its rising. God has shown me that if I will believe him, He will give His people the wisdom to work with Him to see the glory manifest. So, over the years, I have learned to believe God for the promise of His glory.

The Bible tells us that "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted unto him as righteousness" (Rom. 4:3). As Christians, we all know that when we believe God's promises, we reap tremendous results. The problem is, we don't know HOW to believe. We strive, we try to keep our confession right, we battle unbelief, and when we don't see the desired results, we feel condemned and give up. I don't know everything there is to know about faith and believing God, but I do know one thing. True faith is not found in striving, the number of prayers you pray or the amount of noise you make. True faith and belief in God is found in resting. In Hebrews 3 we are told that "He who enters into his rest ceases from his own labors." This was a key I found, unfortunately, after much unnecessary perspiration.

In the early eighties, God spoke to me about a powerful move of His Spirit that would occur in Abbotsford. He gave me angelic visitations, visions and powerful heavenly experiences over a period of about eighteen months. During this time, God showed me a mighty wave of his Spirit that would crash upon our city and touch every soul. I saw an army of youth hitting the streets with signs and wonders happening everywhere. I saw gigantic revival centers where Christians were being sent to the nations to bring this flood of his glory to the ends of the earth. I was so moved and transformed by these supernatural experiences that I immediately began to preach everywhere about the coming revival that would hit our city.

My wife and I started a home group and we saw God visit us in a powerful way. We brought in speakers and had meetings. We saw God touch many people - and yet the whole city was not impacted by the power of God like he had shown me. I began to wonder if there was more I could do. So I began to read books and listen to tapes about city taking. One day, after reading a book about bringing down the demonic principalities over cities, I decided to walk the streets and command these principalities to "come down and leave my city". I didn't know it, but this exercise was about to change my life and destiny - but not the way that I thought it would.

An Encounter with God's Wisdom

As I walked the streets of Abbotsford, I prayed earnestly for my city. I looked up and shouted out at the principalities over my city to "come down immediately". I bound, I loosed, I yelled and I pounded my feet. I even shook my fist. This city belonged to God, I thought to myself, therefore I have a right to demand that the devil take his hand off it. Right then and there, the Lord spoke loudly and clearly to me. He said four words that changed my life. "WHAT ARE YOU DOING?" You know you're in trouble when God doesn't even know what you're doing. My shoulders slumped and I remember feeling embarrassed. "But I'm taking the city for you, Lord. I'm breaking the enemy's power over this region, just like I read in the book." Then God had mercy on me. He showed me that what I had been doing was completely based on human zeal and that I was actually doing more harm than good. Without any wisdom whatsoever, I had engaged the enemy from a carnal mind and not with the mind of Christ.

Then the Lord began to give me His wisdom for city taking. He showed me that when a civilized army goes to war against another army, they do not start by bombing the schools, the day care centers and hospitals. He told me that my kind of "scatter shot" prayers were like bombs landing indiscriminatingly on everything—without any planning, my spiritual assaults were doing more harm than good. No, when a civilized army goes to war, they strike military targets. They zero in on the enemy's strongholds and send in pinpoint missiles to destroy them.

Bombing Strategy from God

Then he asked me what I was praying for. I replied that I was praying for the city. He told me to be more specific and tell him what I wanted most to see changed in this city. I told him I wanted to see him touch the youth in our city. He asked me what I thought was the number one military instillation that affected our youth. Then it just came out of my belly. The arcades! I want to see the arcades closed down! We had three arcades in our city. They were like snake pits. They were dark and dreary and all three of them were known drug dens. Then the Lord said this to me: You pray and I will close all three down. It was that simple. I knew, the moment he spoke those words, it was done. All I had to do was keep up my end of the deal and we would witness a miracle.

Understanding the power of agreement, I asked three other people to pray and agree with me. At the end of the first week I was on my way to church when I noticed one of the arcades had been emptied of its' machines. I stopped and walked up to it. A crude sign was taped to the front door. It read: CLOSED BY POLICE BECAUSE OF DRUGS. The following week the biggest of the arcades was closed down permanently. Again, we found out about the closing when we drove by and saw all the machines removed. It took another two weeks and the last arcade was closed for good. All three arcades were closed in less than a month! Why? Because God loves our cities and desires to see real change come.

Unfortunately, we get in the way of this transformation process—we often operate out of human reasoning. We take the Bible and then try to apply human wisdom to see promises fulfilled and to get the job done. But any wisdom that does not come from God is "earthly, sensual and demonic"(James 3:15). This is why it is imperative that we walk only in the wisdom of God. If we do, we will begin to actually see good fruit in our lives and ministries and then we will finally see God move powerfully in our cities. "But the wisdom that is from above is... full of mercy and good fruits"(James 3:17).

The Power of God's Manifold Wisdom

It takes the wisdom of God, and then ACTING on that wisdom, to destroy the strongholds of demonic principalities over your city. How do I know that? Ephesians 3:9-11 says that the Father, "…created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places according to the eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." God has an "eternal purpose" for your city—that purpose is established when you receive part of the "manifold wisdom" of God for your city and then act on that wisdom.

Acting upon that wisdom will defeat the enemy in that particular arena of conflict. Every time! You will notice that in this scripture it uses the word "manifold" or "many folded" to describe this kind of wisdom. This wisdom is like an accordion filing system. It looks like a big manila envelope until you open it up and it springs wide open, revealing many hidden pockets. To the casual Christian God's manifold wisdom looks like two dimensional words on a page. But to the one who seeks and desires it, His wisdom takes on a third dimension—a spiritual dimension, not only of truth, but of POWER able to change the world you live in.

Let me speak one word of caution for all the lone rangers out there who may be tempted to go off on their own and "win their city for Jesus" by themselves. There is safety in numbers. Surround yourself with good men and women who love God and have a kingdom vision. You are not the only Christian in your city and neither is your church the only church. There are a lot of Christians in churches in Abbotsford who may not like everything I do or even believe everything the way I believe it. But they love Jesus and many of them may have paid a greater price than I have to see God revive this city. A body has many parts and just because we have had some great experiences or more revelations than others, does not mean that other believer's roles in our city is any less significant than ours. In fact, those Christians from “other streams” may just have the missing keys that you need for the transformation of your city.

Hail, Hail, Lion of Judah

Let me share a powerful example of what can happen to a city when God speaks one word of his manifold wisdom to our hearts. A number of years ago, while working with Patricia King's ministry, Kevin Paterson and myself lead a youth tour across Canada . We had a tremendous time, seeing the Lord move in power through these young people wherever we went. One of our stops was at the Toronto Airport Church , where I ended up on the floor, roaring like a lion. As I lay there, my hands felt like lion's paws and I could see a vision of a map of Canada with veils hanging over each province. In intercession, as I began to tear at these veils in the spirit, I could literally feel the lion of Judah tearing the veils of religion that held each province in captivity. After some time the experience waned but I was left with a real expectancy that God was about to do something earth shaking. Upon leaving Toronto , we headed west again, back to B.C. On the way to one of the last cities we were to visit on our tour, some of the young people began to pray and travail. As they did, the power of God hit both Kevin and I. I immediately began roaring like a lion as the Spirit of God rose up with a great cry from my inner man. Suddenly the Lord spoke to me. He told me that there was a spirit of religion over that city we were entering and that the demon power's headquarters was in the church we were going to! I thought, “Great, what do we do about that?!”

Then the Lord dropped a word of wisdom into my spirit. He told me that we were called to bring that spirit of religion down from over the city and then He gave me a strategy. I was to forget all the messages I had planned to preach at this church and I was to preach on "Having a Form of Godliness but Denying its Power" (2 Tim. 3:5). He told me that I was to look at the people when I preached but that my words would go straight up into the heavenlies and the power of his word would bring this stronghold down. I was about to tell Kevin what the Lord had just told me to do when he looked at me and said that the Lord had just showed him that we would have to deal with a religious spirit over this church.

The following day I was motoring along, preaching what the Lord gave me, looking at the people, but knowing that my words were going straight up. Later I found out that two of the intercessors traveling with us on the trip had been doing a prayer walk around the church when they felt that something broke in the heavenly realm. They came back in during my message. Then, in the middle of that afternoon session, it happened!! A great storm began to shake the area, the sky opened up and hail fell from heaven. Boy did it come down. Now, we're not talking cute little white puffs of hail here. We're talking hail the size of ice cubes and bigger, landing in a three city-block area of the church, with us in the middle.

The hail came down with such violence that it broke both the side mirrors and sky light on our van. The cars in the parking lot looked like someone had tipped them sideways and driven hundreds of golf balls into them. The huge church skylight was broken and water was pouring into the main sanctuary through the light fixtures in the ceiling. Unfortunately, there were three car dealership lots within a three block radius of the church. A month after this incident the provincial auto insurance company reported three million dollars in insurance claims as a result of this incident.

It was an incredible, awe-inspiring sight. Outside the church the hail was piled up everywhere and we knew that something had broken in the heavenly realm, but we weren't quite sure just what it was, yet. Right at that moment a fire truck, sirens blazing and lights flashing, came racing into the driveway. The firemen jumped out and told us that they had been informed that the church was on fire! At first, when they saw our Catch Fire t-shirts, they thought we were playing a joke on them. Well, after the firemen discovered no physical fire was in the building, we had a team picture taken with the firemen while we stood around the fire truck with hail on the ground. And this powerful event took place in the middle of August! Later, the Lord began to reveal scriptures to us that spoke of God judging His enemies with hail, lightening and fire! All, I could think about was the song “Hail, Hail, Lion of Judah!”

City-Changing Prophetic Decrees

The next morning I felt very impressed to ask the youth pastor, a fine man of character, if he felt there was a spirit of religion holding back the Spirit of God in his church. When I asked him my question, he began to cry and told me this story: he said that for fourteen years their church had never had one soul come to Christ at any of their services (and this was a fair-sized church). He told me that his pastor would not allow anyone to call him pastor because he didn't have a college degree. He said that over the last fourteen years, every time the Spirit would begin to move in power in the church, the pastor would stop it immediately. On top of that, the young man was thinking of stepping down as youth pastor because the church wouldn't pay him much because he lacked the credentials they required. I told him that both Kevin and I felt that God was going to do something significant in the service that night.

At the end of the evening service we went to pray for the youth pastor. As I stepped forward I felt like I walked right into the Spirit of God. I looked at this man and told him that three things were about to happen. First, I told him that within a month an outside youth ministry would come, asking him to take some leadership and that they would pay him a partial salary. God wanted him to take this position because it would allow him to remain at the church because God was about to do something there. Next, I told him that God was going to remove his pastor from the church and He was going to do it fast. Then I turned around and pointed up into the top of the a-frame church and said, "You foul spirit of religion that has been harassing and mocking these people all these years, come under this man's feet!" I pointed at the youth pastor's feet because I believed God wanted to put that spirit under his feet. When I said that, the youth pastor went down under the power of God—you could feel the victory in the spiritual atmosphere.

About eight months after this event, Kevin and I were contemplating another youth trip across the province. We thought it would be good to visit this church again so we gave the youth pastor a call. He told me that he was about to call me and let me know what had happened since we had ministered to him. He said that within one month of our visit, Young Life youth ministry approached him about coming on part-time staff, so he took the position knowing it was a part of God's plan. Not only that, within a short time of our visit there, the church board held an emergency meeting and voted to let the senior pastor go after fourteen years as pastor. The Sunday after the vote, for the first time in fourteen years, somebody gave their heart to the Lord during the morning service.

However, the most amazing thing, he said, was that just the week before my call the organist of the church came to talk to him privately. She said that for eight months she had held onto some information, not telling anyone because she thought that people would think she was weird. Eventually she decided to tell this youth pastor because he was the only person she figured might understand. She went on to say that for fourteen years she had played the organ during worship in that church and that every single Sunday, as the people would begin to sing, she would feel two evil eyes staring down from the top of the church and mocking them. She said that although she felt the same thing every single Sunday for fourteen years, the experience stopped the Sunday following the meetings with our youth team. And the evil demonic eyes had not come back since then! After this heaven and earth-shaking encounter the city experienced a mighty move of God among the youth. Youth from a variety of churches were getting together and a harvest of souls began to come in. Praise the Lord!

Just as He shook this small Canadian city, God wants to invade cities all over the earth. He is looking for people who love their city and who will stand in the gap until his glory fills its borders. Is your city wicked? Remember that Abraham pleaded with God for mercy on a very wicked city. In the same way, God is looking for people who will wait on him and receive the wisdom they need to change their city. It's time to shout with praise, because the Lord has given you the city. In "Cities Under God's Glory" part two, I will share with you the amazing things that God has done to prepare us for a great deluge of his power!

PART II

By Charlie Robinson

God has a great plan for your city. As mentioned in the previous article, God's ultimate desire is to fill your city with the His glory and touch the hearts of every living being within its borders. The enemy has set up camp and has done everything he can to oppose this end. There is nothing you can do in the natural realm to bring God's will to bear in your city and change the atmosphere in and around it. However, if you understand two things, you will be on your way to seeing the destiny of your city changed, and the destiny of the people within it transformed. First—you don't know what to do. Second—God does.

Although simple, few people understand the power of embracing these two spiritual facts. Most of the time, we read a good book or listen to a good tape; then we start out in battle with a handful of principles and someone else's experiences. When we don't see the revival move of God begin to happen as we had planned, discouragement sets in and we begin to doubt God's abilities. Too many times we have faced the enemy with a doctrine and a principle without hearing the voice of the Lord for strategy specifically for our city or situation.

Look at the life of Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles; his entire nation was under siege and he was faced with a battle he could not possibly win. After proclaiming a fast, and with the whole nation standing before him, he came to this conclusion ***: "O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You" (2 Chron. 20:12)*** Basically, he was saying, "God, we don't know what to do, but you do." Look what happened immediately after this declaration from the lips of the king. The prophet spoke and delivered the prophetic word for the hour! The wisdom of God, from heaven, was made known to God's people. As a result, later in the story the Lord himself wiped out the armies of the enemy and saved an entire nation from destruction.

However, the people needed to obey one more admonition from the king before winning the battle: ***"…Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe his prophets, and you shall prosper" (2 Chron. 20:20).*** The king knew that nothing would take place without believing the word of the Lord. Churches need to admit to God that they don't have the answer to the problems of their city, and only the manifold wisdom of God can show them how to see their city transformed by the glory of God. It took the wisdom of God to win the battle. The victory manifested only after the nation humbled itself and admitted it was powerless without God. Let me share with you some victories that God has given us in our city after we listened to the word of the Lord.

DREAMS AND VISIONS

In 1984 and 1985 I received a series of visitations concerning a coming move of God in my city, Abbotsford , British Columbia , Canada . These visitations lasted for a period of about 18 months. The first one happened in March of 1984. I was working at a dump truck manufacturing company in Langley , B.C., a town about twenty miles from Abbotsford. The business owner, a wonderful Christian man, was on the board of directors of Kenneth Copeland Ministries. During that month I had three very vivid dreams. In each dream, Kenneth Hagin would visit me and talk to me for about two hours concerning the move of God. In each dream, after Kenneth finished talking to me, I would fall out under the power of God. Then I would wake from the dream bathed in the most wonderful presence of God. For quite some time, I never told anyone about these dreams. A few weeks after these dreams, a co-worker informed me that Kenneth Hagin had phoned the company's owner to tell him that he was praying for his business and his employees during the month of March!

During this time, God showed me visions of how he would begin the revival in our city. He would begin with young people and move with great power in their lives. He told me that unlike the adults, who were stuck in their religious ruts and traditions, the youth would come together when God poured out His Spirit, regardless of their church background. He showed me the intensity on their faces and their great zeal for God. In one vision I saw the contorted face of a young man and I thought for sure he had a demon. But when I looked closely at this face, I realized it was the intensity of the Holy Spirit working through him. In those days, the Lord told me to be very careful how I judge what I see happening in the church in the years to come because He was going to move on people in a way that the church was not comfortable with.

Over the years, I have prayed earnestly and done many things to try to bring revival to our city. But it seemed the more I tried to do, the more I heard God calling me to simply believe what he told me. Revival will come to your city. Yet, the more time passed, the more impatient I would get. I wanted to see it happen NOW! So I would start doing stuff, with little success. Then God would come to me and tell me that the battle wasn't mine, it was His and the only fight I was to fight was the good fight of faith. He told me that I was to believe what he told me would come to pass. Period! Just believe Him and act only on what He told me to do. I began to understand Hebrews 6:12 , which tells us that we receive the promises of God through faith AND patience. I learned how to stand in faith daily, believing God to bring a visitation to my city. Then the miracles began to happen…

A NEW NAME

Our city was not always called Abbotsford. In fact, not that long ago, it was called Matsqui, a native word meaning “high place”. (You may remember what God commanded the Israelites to do to high places.) Abbotsford was actually a very small part of Matsqui. One day the Lord spoke to me and said, “I want to change the name of the city.” He told me He wanted to change the name of the entire city to Abbotsford, and I was to pray to that end. I remember going to my friend, Kevin Paterson, and saying “God wants to change the name of our city! Let's get together and believe God for it.” He told me that he felt it was God, so we began to pray. Can you imagine asking God to change the name of your city?! We did it because we were absolutely convinced that God had spoken. Well, lo and behold, in the midst of our praying, the surrounding towns (three in all) decided to amalgamate. Then came a public referendum to decide the new name of the city. And what name do you people voted as the new name? You guessed it—Abbotsford. Later, we actually did a study of the meaning of that name. The word Abbot, in the Gage Canadian Student Dictionary, comes from the Hebrew word Abba, which means Father. The word ford means to cross over a river. I believe the Lord has shown us that Abbotsford is destined to be a forerunner for the apostolic move of God and to help the body of Christ cross over to the promised land of revival. I believe that God is calling this city to be a place which reestablishes the Fatherhood of God in the church and allows His love to flow freely to the world.

THE SIGN

Several years ago I was working in a classroom at a local school, making calendars for a special needs classroom. I used to work as an artist, so I was often called upon to make posters or signs for classes and teachers. This particular day I was putting the finishing touches on the month of November. For every month I had made a different symbol with a date of the month on each one. For the month of November I made thirty little white clouds, with a blue outline around each one, and a yellow lightning bolt coming out of it. As I was finishing this, I began to think about the promises that God had given me concerning my city. I thought about the young people He would raise up—those who would shake the earth for God.

As I sat there, I began to pray and go over in my mind all these wonderful things. Then I said, “Lord, tell me just one more time that I'll be there. Tell me one more time that when the great explosion of Your power hits the earth, I will be there.” Immediately the word of God exploded loudly within me. “WHEN IT STRIKES, YOU WILL BE THERE!” Instantly I began to weep, completely forgetting the fact that I was in the corner of a classroom with a bunch of other people in it. All I could do was look down at these thirty white clouds, with blue outlines and yellow lightning bolts and think: “Thank You Lord. When it strikes, I will be there!

When the class finished I packed up and headed home. On the way I stopped at the Mohawk Gas station on McCallum Road . As I walked into the store, I froze in my tracks. In front of me was a big Lotto sign hanging on the wall—on it was a picture of a giant cloud with a blue outline on it. It had a big yellow lightning bolt coming out of the cloud. Underneath the picture, I read: “WHEN IT STRIKES, YOU WILL BE THERE!” I stood there for minutes, just looking at this thing. Standing there, I realized how serious God was about visiting our city with power. And the best part about it was – I was going to be there to see it!

THE LIGHTNING STRIKES

Never would I have guessed the sign God was about to give as further confirmation. It happened at Patricia King's house. I have had the privilege of ministering with Patricia on a number of occasions. In fact, her and her husband Ron lived about ten minutes from us for many years. They have a wonderful family and international ministry. One day, I received a phone call from Patricia, asking me if I wanted to join her and a few others for prayer at their house that night. She said she felt very impressed to gather a few people together and seek God. I was about to say yes when I remembered that I was going to a renewal meeting that night with a few friends. She asked me who I was going with, so I told her it was Kevin Paterson, who had also worked with Patricia's ministry, as well as a young guy that Kevin was working with in a small youth ministry. I asked her if we could bring him along to the prayer meeting. She said we could, and so all three of us all ended up at her place.

While we were worshipping the Lord, this young guy cries out, “I just got hit by lightning!” After a few minutes he asks, “Did you see that? There's lightning in the room, I just got hit again!” Then I realized it – THE LIGHTNING! It's here! But I didn't see it at all. Patricia saw it. The young guy saw it. But I didn't see a thing. Still, I knew it was happening and that we were being visited by the lightning of God. Afterwards I complained to the Lord that I didn't see it and others did. He told me that He never told me I would see it, only that I would be there when it struck!! Not long after this experience, the young man was invited by Patricia to a woman's meeting on Mother's Day. At the meeting he was released into full time ministry and is now touching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. You may have heard of him—his name is Todd Bentley.

GOD USES PEOPLE

God uses ordinary people for extra-ordinary purposes. When you pray for revival, always be prepared for God to use you. In fact, EXPECT God to use you and be available to work the miraculous on His behalf. But you also need to realize that God will use others as well. The problem we have in most cities is that every church is doing their own thing and we don't recognize others in our city who God has also called to bring His glory to our area. Remember this important fact: when God releases His glory in a city, He will use a man or woman. Are you praying for the glory of God to fill and impact your city? Then look for those who are carrying the anointing to get the job done.

I believe there have been countless men and women whom God has raised up to lead cities into revival that have either been rejected by the church or not recognized for who they were. Even Jesus lamented the fact that Jerusalem did not recognize its redeemer and had missed its hour of visitation. How many other cities around the world have missed their hour of visitation and rejected the anointed men and women of God sent to bring His blessing. Many times these people are not accepted because of the package they come in, the way they minister or because they are not a part of particular groups. “There's no way God could use them to bring about the purposes of God!” some may think. As Jesus said, “Beware the leaven of the Pharisees!”

In 1 Kings 8:16 we find out how God looks at bringing His presence into a city: “Since the day that I brought my people Israel out of Egypt, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Israel in which to build a house, that My name might be there, but I chose David…” When we pray for our city, God sends us a man. What does this man have to do? He has only to do what's in his heart. Verse 17 says, “Now it was in the heart of my father David to build a house for the name of the Lord God of Israel .” Too often we stand around waiting for God to do something. Many times He is waiting for us to do what's in our hearts. God is looking for men who will live out of the abundance that's already on the inside of them. (The kingdom of God is within you!) God is raising up an army of such people—people who will bring life and vision back to the church because they simply live out what is already within them, placed there by the Spirit of God. God is giving us gifts in the form of anointed men of God who will not only proclaim, but demonstrate His glory in the earth.

PART III

By Charlie Robinson & Kevin Paterson

In the first two parts of *Cities Under God's Glory* we talked about God's heart for cities and how we can believe God for wisdom and strategy for seeing our cities transformed for His glory. In this final part, we will examine some practical steps in preparing your city for revival and we will also talk about some keys that some people miss in their battle plans for their city. My friend, Kevin Paterson, has co-written the last two parts of this article with me—he has worked together with me in ministry for years and has been part of some of the city impacting events I've already described. He was also involved in the beginnings of Fresh Fire.

During the last 20 years or so, we have seen God release powerful teaching and revelation to His people about how to impact their cities and prepare them for revival. Many Christians have read the powerful book *Taking Our Cities For God* by John Dawson or other similar books, including writings, like those by George Otis Jr., Peter C. Wagner and Cindy Jacobs about spiritual mapping of cities.

First, I (Kevin) would like to give a brief overview of some of these teachings, then Charlie and I will discuss some principles that are often forgotten in city-taking efforts. Here's a brief summary of some of the powerful revelations teachers on city-taking have brought to believers to help them bring revival to their cities:

1. Redemptive Calls Over Cities: John Dawson, in *Taking Our Cities For God* , explains how the Lord has placed a redemptive call on each city. However, in every case, the enemy tries to pervert that call. For instance, Los Angeles (The Angels), named after God's messengers, is called to bring God's pure message to the world. Yet, the enemy has perverted the call so that this city spews the impure, godless message of Hollywood around the world. Another city, Salt Lake City , Utah , had a role in providing provisions and blessing for the pioneer's before their wagons rolled west. However the enemy has perverted this call through false religion. God wants to restore these redemptive calls on cities.

2. Gates of Cities: as already mentioned in previous parts of this article, every city has gates or entry places for spiritual influences. Gates can include sins committed in the city, religious practices, political decisions made (good and bad) and traumas to the city like some type of natural or man-made disaster. By studying the history of the city, Christians can repent for past sins in the city and prayerfully break strongholds.

3. Territorial Spirits: The scripture talks about principalities and powers (Eph. 1:15), demonic forces which have authority over certain regions or cities. Each territorial spirit assigned to a place is responsible for enforcing a specific evil agenda in that area such as materialism, lust, fear, violence or unbelief. Scripture tells us about Daniel who prayed for 21 days before two angels overcame the demonic prince of Persia and brought the answer (Dan. 10). These same kinds of demonic forces oppose God's will and hinder revival in regions throughout the world today. New York City is in bondage to a spirit of mammon, Chicago is controlled by a spirit of violence and the nation of South Africa is oppressed by disunity and separation (through the apartheid system). As God's people begin to discern the nature of the attack in their city or region, they are more equipped to overcome in prayer and get strategy for action.

4. Spiritual Mapping: As already mentioned, through Spirit-led study, believers can spiritually map a city, find out the nature of demonic strongholds and pinpoint geographic locations of sin needing cleansing. This method allows Christians to strategize and, through prayer walks, praise and intercession, prepare their city for revival.

5. Unity: As teachers on strategic prayer warfare emphasize, unity among believers is very important in preparing a city for the invasion of God's glory. Usually, the more widespread the unity among lay people, intercessors and leaders, the better. As religious/denominational walls come down and as offenses are dealt with, Christians in a city gain the authority necessary to fully empower their prayers and actions.

6. Worship: Just as Jehoshaphat in scripture routed the enemy by sending the worshippers ahead of the army into battle, so too, Christians today can destroy strongholds through worship. As we worship in faith, the Lord's forces begin to route the enemy over areas. There are many stories of impacting strategic worship in places like the red light district of London, the desert of Mongolia and an island in the South Pacific. Such worship has led to the exposure and judgement of sin, the breaking of curses and the salvation of thousands of souls.

7. Wisdom/Waiting: In getting strategy from the Lord for taking cities, it is vital to spend time waiting on the Lord for wisdom. First we should get wisdom from heaven, confirmed in the mouths of many, before acting on it. City-taking principles are not enough—we need to clearly hear from God how and when to apply them

8. Identificational Repentance: Just as Daniel, as a righteous man, identified with his people and asked the Lord for forgiveness on their behalf, so too we can ask for forgiveness from the sins affecting our cities. Such repentance allows the Lord to spiritually cleanse the land and remove demonic strongholds which bar the way to revival.

9. Overcoming Evil with Good: This principle is based on Paul's teaching which says, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Rom. 8:1). Jesus' also taught us to love our enemies and to do good to those who hate us. In our cities we can activate this truth by walking in humility when the predominate spirit is pride; by living with zeal when the enemy has enslaved people with apathy; or, by cultivating vital relationships when the prevailing spirit is isolation. As we to live in these ways, we begin to weaken and defeat strongholds of the enemy.

10. Covenants with God: As we know from scripture, God is a God of covenant—He always honors covenants and keeps His promises to His people. In the book of Genesis, God made a covenant with Abraham and his descendants which continues to be fulfilled today. Today, we can also make covenants with God for revival and salvation in our cities because He truly does want the people of our cities to be saved. Just like Isaiah, God wants us to say, “For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns” (Isaiah 62:1).

11. The Power of Travail & Intercession: Certainly the power of fervent, unified prayer and fasting must be one of the most powerful aspects of preparing a city for a visitation of God's glory. Jesus teaches about the power of tenacious prayer with the stories of the persistent widow and the importunate neighbor. God is looking for those, who like Daniel and Nehemiah, will stand before God on behalf of their city, until the victory has been won.

Throughout the years, while ministering in different churches, we have talked with many Christians who have heard or read these teachings on city taking we have just summarized. They told us how they had eagerly implemented these principles yet had seen little or limited fruit. In fact, many of them had suffered great spiritual attack on their lives, family and churches. Some had experienced spiritual burnout, while others had left their churches as a result of a church split. We have come to see that believers often try to use the principles in books or the strategies that various revivalists or city/nation shakers, both past and present, have used—most often with little success. We have begun to ask the Lord, "What are Christians missing? And "What do they need to know to see breakthroughs in their cities?"

In recent years we have begun to recognize some vital keys that many believers tend to overlook:

Loving Unity

"And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Cor. 13:13)

"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one… that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me." (John 17:22, 23)

Scripture is very clear—love must be the motivation of everything we do and it is only when we are unified, one in love, that the world and our cities will be invaded with the Glory of God. Many Christians pray for revival or fight spiritual battles for their cities, yet their prayers are not fueled by love.

Years ago I (Kevin) was in a meeting with a group of Christian leaders—we were all asking questions of a well-known Argentinean revivalist. Charlie and I had been in a season of getting strategy from the Lord for our city and doing some strategic intercession and spiritual mapping. So I decided to ask the revivalist this question: "What is the most important word of advice you could give to people who are praying and believing for revival in their city?" I expected him to talk about prayer and fasting or to give some advice regarding strategic warfare. His answer surprised me. He said something like this: "If you want to see revival come to your city, the most important thing is that you first have a deep love for your city; that you weep for your city. Your prayer and strategic warfare will be ineffective without this burning love of God in your heart for the place you live."

Today, these words still ring in my heart. I believe this passionate love for the people of our cities is often missing when we pray for revival. Many Christians pray for all kinds of reasons other than love—because they've read a good book; because they want to see change; because they want to look like a powerful Christian; because it seems like a good thing to do; because they are around others who are doing it … or a multitude of other reasons. Not all these motives are necessarily wrong—they're just not the primary heart motive necessary to get the job done. The bible tells us that all things are possible for those who believe (Mark 9:23). However, scripture also tells us that faith (or belief) works through LOVE (Gal. 5:6). We must have love for mountain-moving, city-taking faith and prayer to work.

About two years ago, while I was working one day, the following phrase continued to go round and round in my mind: "Make love your greatest aim." I knew God was speaking to me—these words continued tumbling through my mind for hours. Eventually I said Him: "Lord, I've got the message already! I am trying to make love one of my goals in all I do." The Lord's response to me was quick and straightforward. "Kevin, I don't want you to make love one of your goals. I want it to be your greatest aim, your highest priority. Love should be the motive of everything you do."

For weeks and months after this, God began to reveal to me the motives for many things that I did. He showed me how, for years, truth was my greatest aim. I wanted to have my doctrine correct, to know scripture well, to understand all the scriptural principles for Christian living and to grasp the full gospel that the Spirit was speaking to the church. During another season of my life, power was my greatest goal. I wanted to learn about and walk in God's supernatural power. I wanted book of Acts Christianity restored to my life and the church. At another time of my life, revival was my greatest aim. I studied and read everything I could lay my hands on about revival—I prayed for it and I went everywhere I could where God was touching down powerfully. But now the Lord was saying that it wasn't truth, power, revival or prayer that was to be my priority—God wanted love to fuel and motivate everything I did. He began to shine His light on my motives in everything I did and said. As I began to recognize my bankruptcy in the area of love, I began to groan and cry out to the Lord to change me.

Then the Lord showed me how that every believer, movement and denomination had different aims or goals. Just like me, some built their world view, ministry and actions around truth or power or revival or evangelism or a multitude of other things. However, as this revelation began to drop into my heart, I began to realize that until God's people lined up their hearts with love, God's great priority, then none of our efforts to extend the kingdom would be fully effective in releasing the great harvest. I realized that motives are so subtle—many people may, at first, think their priority is love until the Spirit begins to illuminate the true motive of their hearts. The phrase continued to permeate my heart, yet I had not found it in any version of the bible. Then one day, Charlie and I were ministering in the U.S. when I stumbled upon a living bible and read, in 1 Corinthians 14:1, the phrase the Lord had been speaking to me for so long. I knew that God's message to “Make love your greatest aim” was a vital last days' message. When I shared this word with a prophetess overseeing the meeting, she was excited. She began to tell me about how that the Lord had told her that the last days move of God would begin with power but that it would be a move of “Transforming Love” that would usher in the great harvest throughout the world.

This message of transforming love began its workings even in the early days of Fresh Fire. I remember, many years ago, when a group of youth pastors and I began to pray for our city and its young people. For years we prayed regularly together for revival. When we started, our group consisted of about 30 youth pastors from various denominational backgrounds. Over the years, for various reasons, many of the pastors dropped out of these Youth Arise meetings, until finally, it was down to three of us who continued to meet for prayer. However, by this time, we were not as much concerned for revival as we were for each other. Yes, we were still praying for our city but we mostly just enjoyed coming together because we had begun to love each other. We were committed to each other even more than we were to our city. I realized later that the Lord was putting a love in our hearts for the youth of the city, but even more that that, He was loving our city through our love for one another. After standing and praying with each other over the years through many personal battles, we had become ONE in our love for each other and the city, we had begun to fulfill John 17:22, 23. And according to that scripture, the world was about to know that the Father had sent Jesus!

It was in that atmosphere of unified love that we decided to start some youth revival meetings called Fresh Fire. We agreed that we would believe for God to start a fire in our city that would impact many lives and then go to the nations. We started with a small group of on-fire youth. We would worship, preach and pray with a passion to see God touch the lives of youth in our city. Within a short time one of the youth pastors introduced to us a 22-year-old passionate street evangelist by the name of Todd Bentley. We asked him to give his testimony at one meeting and then had him preach another time. God visited so powerfully, that we decided to ask Todd to continue to minister in other Fresh Fire meetings.

Soon Todd embarked on a three-month soaking season with the Holy Spirit which involved various prophetic and angelic visitations. We continued to encourage Todd and pray for him as He grew in anointing and faith. He had many questions or even fears along the way, but we just continued to stand with him. We included Him in our loving community; now there were five of us. God amazed us at what He began to do through Todd. At our youth meetings, we had powerful visitations—the Holy Spirit would fall on everyone in the meeting with prophetic experiences, intercession, healing, joy and drunkenness in the Spirit. Within about five months Todd had an opportunity to speak at a meeting organized by a local prophetess. The Holy Spirit visited powerfully at that meeting too and the prophetess was led to publicly pray over Todd and release him into the ministry. Shortly afterward he began to get speaking invitations and was soon traveling to the nations with a powerful healing and prophetic anointing. Our local youth ministry, Fresh Fire, was launched to the world. The rest, as they say, is history.

Many people today still wonder, when they soak for hours and press into God in the same way as Todd did, why they don't find themselves having similar experiences, being launched to the nations or shaking cities. I do believe that God, in His sovereignty sometimes chooses certain people for specific tasks (to be discussed later). However, scripture also tells us that many are called but few are chosen. Not everyone responds to the call. However, most people don't understand the circumstances surrounding Todd's launch into ministry—I believe we can learn much from examining them. Remember, Todd's soaking and visitation season didn't take place in a vacuum, or while he was waiting on God on his own, in isolation. Years of loving, unified city prayer had prepared the way for this sign and wonder to be birthed. Not only had Todd served faithfully for years in his local church, where he was discipled, but he came into the ministry alongside a group of youth pastors who were walking in love, unity and faith for a revival that would go to the nations. God was faithful to answer our prayers; the answer just looked different than the way we initially thought it would. Our small local youth revival was eventually launched to the nations through a young man called Todd Bentley, under the banner of “Fresh Fire Ministries.”

PART IV

By Charlie Robinson & Kevin Paterson

In part three of Cities Under God's Glory we began to discuss some of the city-taking keys that Christians often overlook. Here are the final keys:

The Wisdom of God

“Wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom.” (Proverbs 4:7)

When it comes to seeing cities touched by the power of God, I (Charlie) believe that one of the greatest deficiencies is almost always in receiving the wisdom needed to get the job done. Another man's vision for his city is not the principle thing. Your fasting and prayer is not the principle thing. WISDOM is the principle thing (when received through a heart of love as described above). Sometimes we are so busy praying that we don't hear the Lord when he speaks. Sometimes we are so busy doing the stuff we have read about that we don't hear the Lord when he speaks. Study the prophets; they moved only when God spoke. The warfare over your city is not only incredibly powerful, it is incredibly complicated—to the human mind. But when God looks at what the devil is doing, He laughs! (Psalm 2:4) He knows exactly what it will take to win the victory—every time.

So what's the problem? We are the problem! If you and I operate by a list of principles, rather than the principle thing, wisdom, we will not accomplish the task we set out to complete. Oh, we might win a few skirmishes here and there, but in the end we lose the war because we don't wait on the Lord to hear his directives and initiate his strategies.

I had an amazing vision last year to illustrate this point: In this “interactive” vision, I was sitting alone in a dug-out, watching a baseball game. The score was nine to nine in the bottom of the ninth. Our best player was up to bat with a full count and the bases loaded. Suddenly the manager called time-out and told me to take our best player's place at the plate. Up to that time I was very content just to watch the game unfold as a spectator. Now I had to grab a bat and get in the game. When I got to the batting box, I suddenly realized that our team's name was called “The City Takers”. I also realized that we had never won a game. We had had some good innings, hit a few home runs and struck out a few opposing players, but we had never won a game—ever. It didn't matter how well we played during the game, we always found a way to lose in the end.

As I stood there facing the pitcher, I realized that he was the devil. He looked overpowering, with his huge muscles and a mean-looking smirk on his face. His piercing eyes glared down at me and my whole body felt like Jello. I suddenly realized that no city-taking team had ever beaten him. He had won every single game. His specialty pitches were the sinkerball, the screwball and the lowball. To make matters worse, with a full count on me, I knew I only had one chance to get the job done and drive in the winning run. I stepped away from the plate and contemplated what I would do. The word then came to me, “Swing for the fences…or bunt.” I thought to myself, I'll be the hero and hit a home run! But wait, if I bunt I might take them off guard and beat them by my craftiness. But if I miss—my name will be mud! Swing or bunt? I didn't know what to do and I wondered why the coach would take out our best player and put me in there in the first place.

Suddenly I had a revelation. If the coach put me in this position, He must believe that I was able to get the job done, even though I didn't believe it myself. So I got real quiet and ignored all the confusion in my mind. I figured that if God sent me up here, he had equipped me for the job. So I listened for that still small voice. Suddenly I knew what to do! I knew at that moment, we had won the game. Should I swing for the fences or bunt? I wasn't going to do either. In fact, I was not going to swing at all. I would stand there and watch the pitcher throw ball four and we win the game. Why? Because the still small voice of the Lord told me that the devil CAN'T THROW A STRIKE. Every single person he had struck out had swung at a bad pitch. The mightiest of them all were SURE they could hit his best pitch, but in the end they struck out because they leaned on their own understanding. Oh, the pitch looked good for a while, but in the end it always ended up in the dirt. He CANNOT throw a strike. The devil is the father of lies, he cannot tell the truth. He is counting on the church to continue in its' own wisdom and swing for the fences. But without God's wisdom, we swing at shadows. Without His word we are always guessing—and we ALWAYS guess wrong.

There's nothing like being the hero who wins the game by hitting the big homerun. What power! What amazing ability! If that won't work, what about the humble bunt? Perhaps this would be the strategy of the wise, crafty player who outsmarts the competition and takes them completely off guard.

But how much glory can a man get when he doesn't even swing the bat and wins the game anyway? Where is the glory in that? Exactly. God will not share his glory with anyone and we are certainly not going to defeat spiritual powers through our own plans. Remember…. ***“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. " (1 Cor. 2:9)*** Joshua, Gideon and Jehoshaphat all won victories when they followed God's unconventional wisdom in battle. The disciples, after fishing all night, drew in a large catch of fish when they obeyed the wisdom of Jesus to throw their net on the other side.

Are you tired of fishing all night and catching nothing? Maybe you're sick of striking out in the big game. You need to sit at the feet of Jesus and enter into his rest. You need to hear his voice, not only for the preparing your city for revival, but for your relationships, your finances and your own walk with him. That doesn't mean you stop reading good books or praying earnestly for revival, but you must hear the voice of God in these matters. Remember, wisdom is the principle thing, therefore get wisdom.

Individual Authority Limits

Every person is called by God to fulfill a divine purpose while they are on the earth. Each individual is uniquely fashioned by God and equipped to carry out his or her calling. We must, however, understand that there are offices and levels of ministry that not everyone will walk in. Some people think that because another person walked in a specific anointing that they can also lay claim to their anointing and duplicate their ministry. Although this duplication phenomenon does happen for some people from time to time, it won't be the norm for every person. The Word of God tells us to "eagerly desire spiritual gifts" but the outworking of those gifts will be unique to the individual.

I (Charlie) have had a number of people come up to me and say something like this: "I spent three months soaking in God's presence like Todd Bentley, I listened to all of Todd Bentley's tapes and I prayed that God would anoint and use me like him. Two years later I'm still not in the ministry; I don't see the miracles he does and I'm extremely discouraged. What is wrong with me?"

"The answer is easy,” I tell them. “You're not Todd Bentley. You are unique to God. You should soak in

God's presence—it's awesome that you want to be anointed and used like Todd and see God do miracles through your hands. I want that too! But I'm not Todd Bentley either." As Todd's friend for a number of years, I know a few things about him that you may not know. For instance, I know the kind of price Todd paid for what he has. I used to hang out with him during his "soaking period." I remember going to revival meetings where he would sit there under the power of God listening to the speaker. He would be completely drunk in the Spirit and half slumped over. Every now and then he would raise up his head and say something that, half the time, I didn't understand. I knew God was doing something but there were times when I wondered what the heck was going on. I mean, how can a guy be completely overpowered by the Spirit day after day—come on! I have to admit that sometimes I wondered what people were thinking about me hanging out with this seemingly perpetually drunk person.

Remember, at that time, this was not Todd Bentley the international evangelist—no, this was Todd, the young guy who was always sloshed! But he didn't care! He was too in love with Jesus to even think about it. His hunger for more of God had overtaken him and God's hunger for more of Todd became unquenchable. Together they let the world pass by as their intimacy grew, until one day God just had to release him to the world so that we could get a glimpse of what it's like to touch God in the secret place. Do you have such a consuming hunger for God that you are willing to lose your dignity and find your entire fulfillment in God? Will you allow the Lord to fuel your heart with a love for him that is greater than a love for ministry? If so, you can begin to ask God to anoint you like Todd. You can also believe that your life, along with those you partner with, will be used to shake your workplace, neighborhood, city or nation.

As you already have the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead living in you, you are off to a great start. Having said this, understand where you are at with Christ. If you are asking God to give you a worldwide evangelistic ministry with signs following—are you being a witness first to your friends, family and neighbors? Are you praying for the sick wherever you are? If you are asking God for a revival in your city, are you sowing seeds of revival in your home? Are you loving, praying and fasting for your family, coworkers and friends? Are you loving your wife and training up your children in the things of God? Those of you who are believing God for the wealth of the world to come into your hands… are you giving generously to the poor and those that faithfully minister the gospel? You will reap what you sow. When I first met Todd, he had been saved less than a year. Do you want to know what he did in his spare time, almost every day? He went to the skateboard park and witnessed to teenagers. After he was married, Todd, along with his wife, mother-in-law and another man spent the summer witnessing at Mill Lake in Abbotsford almost every week. He was doing the stuff whether anyone noticed him or not. He loved the lost.

This article is about winning your city for Christ. Therefore, it is vital that we realize that God chooses different people for different jobs. You need to recognize those whom God has called to lead in strategic spiritual ground-taking. There will be those who are gifted and released to bring others together to win cities. Unfortunately, I believe that many times these people are either taken out, distracted into other ministry or, more commonly, not received as a person that God would use to this end. Jesus said that Jerusalem missed her hour of visitation. Why? Because she failed to recognize the one God had sent. You need to pray that GOD would send HIS laborers into the harvest field.

Also, you need to realize, as I wrote earlier, that you are not going to do it on your own—you are part of a team. Get rid of the super-star attitude that commonly affects much of the charismatic church. Humility is at a premium here. How about esteeming OTHERS higher than yourself like the Bible says? Begin to pray that God will raise others up into their ministry—don't just pray for your own ministry. Understand the authority that you have in Christ AND the authority that you have in your city. Those two things are not the same! I know of a woman in a large city in Canada who is allowed into the mayor's office to pray almost any time she wants to. And the mayor is not even a Christian. If I tried to walk in there and pray they would throw me out on my ear. Why? I don't have the authority that she has received.

As Todd says, you may have as accurate a gift of prophecy as he does but you may never get invited anywhere to speak. Why? Because you don't have the platform and thus the authority and favor from God to minister in the places that he ministers. He is walking in an office and calling that opens doors for him. He has been given a PLATFORM to minister from. We need to understand our individual authority limits. Too many of us head out to build a tower and give up before the job gets done. Why? Because we failed to count the cost. Some people go out to war without taking into consideration the size of the army they are up against. The devil is not going to roll over and quit just because you read a good book. When the authority of the kingdom of God is brought to bear upon the enemy—then, and only then, will the enemy loose his hold. If you have a heart for your city, pray that God will send his mighty warriors, those he has prepared for the battle. Also, prepare yourself and ask God to use you. I believe this is the hour that God is raising up deliverers to bring his kingdom to earth. Don't be fearful, but don't be presumptuous, either. Follow the Spirit and be a part of what God is doing in the earth today.

Truly God is raising up an army of believers walking in loving unity, with the wisdom and mind of God, who know their place in the battle and who will be part of great city-taking efforts. These last days' spiritual campaigns will bring transformation and harvest to cities and nations throughout the world.

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“Tears of sorrow, tears of woe, Where did all My children go ?
Busy at work, busy at play, Think there’d be more time in the day.

Life has become SO busy My beloveds, but I always take time to listen to you. I never turn a deaf ear to those who are Mine. When I call to you, do
you listen ? I surely am worth listening to, am I not ?
Am I not the Source of all wisdom ?
Am I not the Source of all knowledge ?
Am I not the Source of all understanding ?
Am I not the Source of all you need ?
Is anything too impossible for ME ?
Test your faith My beloveds.
Is there anything I don’t care about in your life ?
Is there anything too small, or too big for Me to handle ? “

Isa 40:5-7, 9-18, 21-31 NKJV The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." 6 The voice said, "Cry out!" and he said, "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass,
and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. 7 The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass.
9 O Zion, You who bring good tidings, get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, you who bring good tidings, lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"
10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. 11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.
12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of His hand, measured heaven with a span and calculated the dust of the earth in a measure? Weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance? 13 Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or as His counselor has taught Him? 14 With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of justice? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?
15 Behold, the nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing. 16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering. 17 All nations before Him are as nothing, and they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless. 18 To whom then will you liken God? Or what likeness will you compare to Him?

21 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in.
23 He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless. 24 Scarcely shall they be planted, Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely shall their stock take root in the earth, When He will also blow on them, and they will wither, and the whirlwind will take them away like stubble.
25 "To whom then will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; Not one is missing.
27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God"? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, The Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, 31 But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

“ You will run and not grow weary My beloveds. I am coming to TRANSFORM you. What you will experience will go beyond your reasoning. I am NOT a man that I should lie, nor a son of man that I should change My mind. There is nothing you care about, that I am not taking into consideration. YOU must change your expectations. For I am doing a NEW THING. NOW it SHALL SPRING FORTH. ALL things will be RENEWED. ALL things will be RESTORED in your lives if you have been willing to pay the price.

I am coming like a whirlwind on the land and nothing will be left untouched.
No one will be left out. All will have to make a decision for or against ME.
There will be no excuse. I am sending many of you to the far corners of the earth. There will be many ministries brought to the forefront as I merge the body into a living organism. Old dead organs and cells will be excised.
Like dead tissue that only makes the whole body ROT, I will excise those parts. Some will merge with others who have the same calling. There will be marriages of ministries, and marriages of individuals that are called to apostleship, that will signal a new day in My church. A day when the Bridegroom will cohabitate with the Bride that they may fight together this war. Did you think that I would leave you alone in this final battle. I didn’t leave you alone the first time I came. I took the blows for you. I paid the price.

I tell you, that what you have seen is NOTHING compared to what you will see. What you have heard is NOTHING compared to what you will hear !
What you know is NOTHING compared to what you WILL KNOW ! “

Dan 12:4 AMP But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great. [Amos 8:12.]

Dan 12:8-10 AMP And I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, O my lord, what shall be the issue and final end of these things? 9 And he [the angel] said, Go your way, Daniel, for the words are shut up and sealed till the time of the end. 10 Many shall purify themselves and make themselves white and be tried, smelted, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but the teachers and those who are wise shall understand. [Dan 11:33-35.]

Dan 12:12 AMP Blessed, happy, fortunate, spiritually prosperous, and to be envied is he who waits expectantly and earnestly [who endures without wavering beyond the period of tribulation] and comes to the 1,335 days!

Isa 11:8-9 NKJV 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole,
And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

“ Come My beloveds…Come up HIGHER. I have SO much to tell you. So much if you will take the time to listen and to read My word. I will show you great and mighty things. I will reveal to you secrets.
Come and listen to My still small voice and know that I have a treasury of gifts to still pour out.
I have pearls of wisdom and rubies and sapphires and diamonds to give you.
I am making you the JEWELS in My crown ! “

Mal 3:17-18 AMP And they shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in that day when I publicly recognize and openly declare them to be My jewels (My special possession, My peculiar treasure). And I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him. 18 Then shall you return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who does not serve Him.

Days of Grace and Mercy
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"My mercy endures forever for those who are willing to receive it.
My mercy triumphs over judgment.
My mercy is new every morning.
My mercy is always brought to the humble.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow you, all the days of your life says My word.
My grace is poured out in the midst of mercy.
My grace will sustain you through anything you go through.
Nothing is too difficult that My grace cannot get you through it !
Ask and you shall receive, knock and the door will be opened.
Behold I AM standing at the door, waiting. Listen for I am speaking
if you will only quiet yourself enough to hear.

Days of great harvest are soon upon you, and I want you to remember the grace that I have given you. I want you to remember the times I have patiently waited for you to come to Me with your problems. I want you to remember how at first you stumbled, that you would have MERCY on the new souls who will come in. A bruised reed, I do not break, smoking flax, I do not quench. Be gracious, as I am gracious and have been to you.

Do not judge by the sight of your eyes those I bring to you. Only ask ME about them so I can tell you their pain and sorrow. Ask ME for the power to deliver them. I am eager to meet every need of MY sons and daughters.
I AM changing and rearranging as I've said. KNOW that what I have spoken to you about for some time is NOW going to be implemented. I have not forgotten My promises. Nor will I forget your hearts desires.

Come My beloveds, and listen to your father when you feel confused about what to do, or what to say. Just ask, and I'll show you what to do. Increase your dependency on ME. Decrease your dependency on what you've been taught by others and allow ME to order your steps. Learn of ME, for I am gently and lowly of heart. Come to ME, and I will teach you all you need to know.

My plans are not your plans always. My wisdom is greater than your wisdom.
I am on a search and destroy mission. I am out to destroy all the works of the enemy, all the lies of the enemy that have hindered My children. I am searching your hearts and searching your minds, and I will wash and wash, and cleanse, until you are perfected in your ability to completely obey ME.

What are you preoccupied with ? What are you thinking to accomplish with your own will power ? Nothing will be accomplished unless you abide in ME, and I abide in you. Give to ME all your problems…Come and let me lift all the weight off your backs. Only say YES to My plans, and I will bring forth all that is needed. There is much to be done in the days ahead, so prepare your hearts for a flood of many souls. Perilous times have come, and you must not relax your prayers or worship now. You must be diligent in the foundational disciplines to make it through these times. My Word is LIFE so eat of it and be filled with wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of ME as well as getting it from time in My presence. It is healing to your bones.

Taste and see that the Lord is GOOD, and His MERCY endures FOREVER !

Lawlessness
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Rom 5:20-21 NKJV Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, 21 so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Matt 7:22-23 NKJV Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Matt 23:28 NKJV Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matt 24:12-14 NKJV And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But he who endures to the end shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

2 Thess 2:6-12 NKJV For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only **He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way**. 8 And **then** the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, 12 that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

My beloveds, the lawless one is increasing his work in the earth, but I have said, that where sin abounds, GRACE does abound MORE. Even as he spews forth his venomous tactics, I will pour out MORE of My GRACE towards those who are lost and in his clutches to give them a chance to give their hearts to Me. So be not surprised at the rise in violence and destruction.
Remember also that MERCY triumphs over judgment as you look upon these whom are lost. Keep yourselves from lawlessness, that you may not be found wanting. I warned all that in the final hour, just because you say you are Mine, does not make you Mine. Those who love Me, OBEY ME ! So ask for the grace to obey and to avoid temptation, as the wickedness escalates My beloveds. Emerse yourself in My presence, that you can withstand the taunts of the evil one.

Hold on to the Word of life and use it as a sword to quench his every dart and to take every thought captive. Do not allow him an inroad, for he is ravenous in this hour to steal and to rob from you and to destroy you. He knows that I have something special planned. He knows the words of the book, but not the correct interpretation, for his kingdom runs on fear and confusion. Pay him NO heed ! Keep your eyes on ME.

Do only what My Father says. Adhere to His guidance, and you will not be steered in the wrong direction. Let me hold you in My arms My beloveds, for I can soothe all the fears with My love. I can drown out the noise of the cacophony of rebellion and mocking with My touch. Lay your head on My lap, and let me soothe your mind with My words and my comfort.

I am calling to My warriors to stir up your zeal ! Come into My presence with worship and song. Dance with Me and bring judgment on the enemy’s forces with your music and worship of Me ! The enemy will be routed as you sing and praise Me and dance upon injustice ! I am calling out RESTORATION in the midst of your praises. I am calling out for the breaking of chains with each refrain. So come, and spend time with ME, and I will give you the nations. I will give you the prodigals. I will break the chains that bind them and destroy the works of the enemy over their lives. Sing aloud on your beds at night, and I will sing a song over you.

I have songs of deliverance coming forth that will destroy strongholds and people will be freed of their bondages. I have prophetic songs to be sung, if you will listen for My voice in the midst of worship. Allow MY VOICE to come forth and watch the healing and deliverance that will take place. But you must ALLOW ME to be pre-eminent ! I am Your Warrior King. I know what each person needs, and what it takes to set them free. I will not only use your words to do it. I will break the neck of the enemy with just a touch, with just a song, with just a desire in your heart to see it done. I will do things you have never seen, if you will just trust ME and ask ME what to do.

I have a mighty work to do in this hour My beloveds. I will not waste any experience in your life. I have need of you. I have so much to pour into you.
As you reach out to others, I will reach out to you. Take My hand and let me fill it, that you may fill the hands of others, that you may heal the hearts of others, that you may extend yours to others.

Isa 59:19 NKJV So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west,
And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.

Mal 1:11 NKJV For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down,
My name shall be great among the Gentiles; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, And a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations," Says the LORD of hosts.

Ps 50:1-4 NKJV God the Righteous Judge A Psalm of Asaph.
The Mighty One, God the LORD, Has spoken and called the earth
From the rising of the sun to its going down.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth.
3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before Him, And it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.
4 He shall call to the heavens from above

Isa 45:6-8 NKJV That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting That there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; 7 I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things.'
8 "Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it.

Isa 45:9 NKJV "Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands'?

Did I not say these things ? Did I not say that the knowledge of the Lord would cover the earth as the waters cover the sea ? Has that been done ?
Have all tribes and tongues had the gospel preached to them ? Is there not yet a mighty work to be done ? Without a preacher, I have said, how will they know ? I HAVE NEED OF YOU. LISTEN TO ME MY BELOVEDS for the need in this hour is for YOU to spend time in ME, that you will get your marching orders, like a good soldier who listens to the master commander, I want you to WAIT on ME and get your orders from MY HEADQUARTERS.
Then what you do will be done by the Spirit, not by might, nor your own power. I use My prophets to speak for ME, but will you listen ? Will you be like the mule or the camel in the desert, going in circles ? I AM accelerating the pace and I will also ACCELERATE WITHIN YOU the work I am doing, so that YOU will walk in My will. Some of this will be walking on WATER, in order to build your FAITH. That is how faith works…NOT by what is seen, but by what I say to do, then I will give you what you need to do it. COMMIT first, then I proceed with following up MY WORDS with the GRACE to do it. GET OUT OF THE BOAT children !!! When I say to walk on water, that means to walk in FAITH, NOT in what has been comfortable.

COME on an ADVENTURE with ME ! FAITH is such an adventure and it brings great surprises, and great rewards. So do not entertain FEAR, just get out of the boat, like Peter did and KEEP YOUR EYES ON ME ! FOR I AM WITH YOU and even if you read Me wrong or understand Me wrongly, I am big enough to help you through that. JUST JUMP ! TAKE a LEAP OF FAITH.

To many of you it is a leap of faith, just to talk to a stranger when I give you a word. For some of you it is a leap of faith to just speak My Word when the enemy taunts you. For others, it is a leap of faith to get through the day with the affliction and suffering you go through. KNOW that he or she who suffers with ME, will SHARE IN MY GLORY ! I am not remiss in My promises. CLING to ME beloveds for I love you with an everlasting love and My love never fails !

Rom 6:19 NKJV I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.

2 Cor 6:14-15 NKJV Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? 15 And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

Heb 1:9 NKJV You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness;
Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions."

1 John 3:4-6 AMP
4 Everyone who commits (practices) sin is guilty of lawlessness; for [that is what] sin is, lawlessness (the breaking, violating of God's law by transgression or neglect--being unrestrained and unregulated by His commands and His will).
5 You know that He appeared in visible form and became Man to take away
[upon Himself] sins, and in Him there is no sin [essentially and forever].
6 No one who abides in Him [who lives and remains in communion with and in obedience to Him--deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] commits (practices) sin. No one who [habitually] sins has either seen or known Him
[recognized, perceived, or understood Him, or has had an experiential acquaintance with Him].

1 John 3:7 AMP Boys (lads), let no one deceive and lead you astray. He who practices righteousness [who is upright, conforming to the divine will in purpose, thought, and action, living a consistently conscientious life] is righteous, even as He is righteous.
1 John 3:9-10 AMP No one born (begotten) of God [deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] practices sin, for God's nature abides in him [His principle of life, the divine sperm, remains permanently within him]; and he cannot practice sinning because he is born (begotten) of God.
10 By this it is made clear who take their nature from God and are His children and who take their nature from the devil and are his children: no one who does not practice righteousness [who does not conform to God's will in purpose, thought, and action] is of God; neither is anyone who does not love his brother (his fellow believer in Christ).

Come Up Here
Vicki Camp

”Come up here…” -Rev. 4:1

Lightning, Thunder, Mount Zion (night vision/Word)

> *"For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and the tempest, and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken....(...And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.'). But you have come to Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem....." ~ Heb. 12:18 - 22a*

I had a short repeating dream/night vision. In the dream I was observing a large mountain somewhat in the distance. The mountain was dark and not distinct, more like I was only seeing the outline, the silhouette, for the sky was dark with storm cloud cover.....Then I heard thunder clap VERY loud .... and then I saw a huge lightning bolt - many forked.... but the main big bolt was aiming for a direct hit on the upper 1/3 (approx.) area of this mountain.

This lightening shot crosswise, across the sky at about mountain top level. But instead of "striking" the mountain, the lightening did not connect to "ground" but swirled around, dividing up and going both directions the circumference of the top part of this mountain....even in the dream I knew this was so odd - not normal lightning, and then too this giant Fiery lightning bolt did not dissipate and was never spent, but kept on flowing across the sky and then around and around the top portion of the mountain.... repeatedly Thundering and lightening.....Booming, illuminating and fire swirling.... booming, fire swirling,,, repeating and repeating

As I would semi-wake I continued to see this same scene repeating, with my eyes open. The Lord made it clear that He was showing me in part this; During a storm, there is a space of time between the lightning strike and then the clap of thunder...& that this time space 'length' was in relation to how close the storm is to the person that is seeing and hearing (In a natural storm). Still in awe, as I record this repeating night-vision HE reveals more to me,,,and speaks,

"Look and see. When My Voice thunders forth from My Mouth there is a space of time before the Lightning's of God show forth to you, in My paths appointed... A space of time, before you see the reality and truth of My power Word when I send it forth..... When I speak both My Lightening bolts and Thundering flow out in unison. This 'time space' you see and hear, child, are only in direct relation to how close you find yourself to my Throne Presence where My lightning's and thundering's are of origin.

Come now to My mountain and be engulfed and encircled. .....do not stand afar off gazing, for this is where My heart is, this is where I AM, this is where My power and authority are to be transposed to you fully .... come righteously with My blood covering child, for you know that there is no other way to safely approach My Glory of the Heights.

This is the hour to trek forward and upward...... not looking on in fear from a distance, but stepping lively, even as ones who walk bravely with feet ignited of Fire in My Spirit ...on wings of My Holy coals of enabling, in determined haste to the goal .... I AM your goal, and

the time and Our appointment is very soon now....for indeed My Word has thundered forth from My Mouth....and My Voice of power will never be spent and will never dissipate, but flows forth eternally.....

Come to the mountain and pitch your tent of dwelling in the High Places, And I will meet with you there and We will tabernacle together ....This is My desire and this I have decreed from the times of old.....Hear Me now,.... Look and see, ...and then come to the Mountain top ...."

God's Throne,,… ***"And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices….."*** ~ Rev. 4:5a

*** after: We humans often hear His Word firstly, but only see the reality later.... The human 'time space' we experience in our reality....and God was speaking to me that in actuality they flow forth from Him in unison.... thunder / lightning power Word / Acts of our Creator and Lord.

One partial quote from a Prophet friend I shared this with: "......calling us closer to the throne room (Most Holy Place, Most Holy Faith).. The closer we come to the center of His will and purpose it will be like the birthpangs, coming closer together; the Lightning and the Thunder, until all is one.. That's what I see in this,"

"The voice of the LORD is powerful;
The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon. He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire. **(v. 7, Lightning bolts, NLT)**
The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare;
And ***in His temple everyone says, 'Glory!'"*** - Psalm 29:4-9

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Supping With The Lord
Bill Camp

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine **(sup)** ***with him, and he with Me."*** *– Rev. 3:20*

"And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him." *– Gen 5:24*

dream, 5-14-'04
I was standing outside on some sort of patio with The Lord. We were holding hands, sipping red wine that tasted like honey to me; We were watching a beautiful golden sunset together.

Then we came inside and sat in two big leather chairs in front of a pleasant, warm fire / fireplace. The Lord and I drank coffee and ate honey cakes.

Then The Lord spoke to me,
“Ask me anything on your heart about My Kingdom and I will answer you.”

I then asked,
“What about Enoch?”

The Lord responded,
“I had close communion with Enoch. We walked and talked together. Enoch told me everything he had upon his heart. We were friends.
One day, I decided to keep my friend Enoch with Me.”

After this, I’m not sure if I continued sound asleep. I feel I was somewhere in that in-between state of waking & sleeping as the Lord continued to speak to me about other bible persons and characters and Truths …. .
Of course, when I was fully awake I felt wonderful after this dream/experience I had with The Lord.

~Bill C., 5-14-‘04

“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you *friends*, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.” *- Jn. 15:15*

“I have come to my garden, my sister, my spouse; I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk.” *- Song of S. 5:1*
V. 16***, “His mouth is most sweet, Yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, And this is my *friend*,…”***

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Can We Pray For Terrorists

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Can we pray for terrorists? Of course. Yes, they are despicable. They slaughter innocents everywhere. They delight in cutting off heads, filming it, and showing it wherever they can get an audience. They have devil-inspired pride in their evil deeds. They have loyalty to the lowliest of men, and they follow a bible that knows nothing of love, only hatred and death. They praise Allah while committing atrocities. They loathe Jews and Christians the most, and they spit on our Bible and worse. They blow up planes and trains, fly airplanes into buildings, desecrate Jewish holy days by exploding themselves among elderly Passover observers, or teens on a beach in Tel Aviv. It would seem they were born without a heart.

If there is a city in this world that could spit upon a terrorist it would be in Beslan, Russia. A month ago Chechan Islamic terrorists (not "activists", "insurgents", or "rebels") killed 338 people, many of them children. All were killed in cold blood. The conditions under which they were kept for three days were deplorable. As the children ran for water, they were gunned down. This comes close to being unforgivable.

Yuri Sipko is president of the Baptist-run Union of Evangelical Christians in Russia. In a story reported in "Christianity Today" he states, "After her son was killed, I saw Irina praying for that terrorist. We prayed that God would surround the community despite the thirst for revenge in the air. This isn't an easy task but with God's strength, it can be done." Many of Beslan's evangelical Christians, grieving the loss of children, mothers, and fathers, prayed, comforted neighbors, and urged forgiveness instead of revenge even as they buried the dead.

Pastor Taymuraz Totiev, pastor of the largest evangelical Baptist church in Beslan, says in the same story, "It's not just by chance this happened. I think God wants to do a miracle here through the Christian community." This pastor and his brother lost six children in the school incident. At the funeral many in the crowd began cursing and calling for revenge. Totiev said, "We have an irreplaceable loss, but we cannot take revenge." Most in that community are not believers, yet they are looking to the Christians because they have hope and they are not filled with hatred. Quite a lesson here.

This does not mean we should turn the other cheek and let the evil ones attack us. But it shows that with God's help we don't have to be consumed with a hatred for the Jihadists that have so altered our life. Our faith is unique. Attorney General John Ashcroft said it well: "Islam is a religion whose God, Allah, asks sons to die for him. Christianity is a faith whose God sent His son to die for us."

These Russian believers put me to shame. I hang my head and admit it. I still see the flaming Twin

Towers and I really want one thousand dead Islamic terrorists for every one who died in those buildings, in the Pentagon, and in the airplanes. I want ten thousand dead for the many Todd Beamer's who cried, "Let's roll" and spared our Capitol or the White House. I want revenge because everyone one in Todd's plane was vaporized. But I have concluded it is a lot healthier to fix my thoughts on that little Russian mother praying for the terrorists that murdered her child than to go into overdrive fixating on hate and getting even.

Let's do everything in our power to not let such an attack happen again, but let's also look to the simple believers in Beslan who are living out their faith in unimaginable ways. Yes, the Jihadists should be chased and hunted into the darkest caves in all the God-forsaken lands in which they take refuge and receive acclaim. But we can still pray for them. You never know how it might turn one of them from hate to love.

I talk to a remarkable former Muslim, now a believer, this weekend on air. Her name is Nonie Darwish and she is becoming quite well known. She grew up a Muslim in Egypt but moved to California a few years ago. She immediately visited a local Mosque but fled when she saw that American Muslims worshipping there hated America more than Egyptian Muslims. She ran to a nearby church and heard a message of love and was marvelously saved. She heads her own organization, "Arabs for Israel." (To better understand Islam, visit our "Islam & Arabs" topic category on the Web site. I also talk to Jed Babbin, author of "Inside the Asylum: Why the United Nations and Old Europe Are Worse Than You Think.") Jed was Undersecretary of Defense in the George H.W. Bush administration. What an eye-opener. America will throw $7 billion down the U.N. drain in 2004.

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Contending With the Confusion of Babylon

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Hold your shields of FAITH high! We are in the last days of the prayer focus, "Contending with your Enemy". This next week is crucial in the war dimension. We received word from some of those that we are praying for in Iraq that much intense warfare will occur in the natural through April 23. The locals there are being intimidated by the insurgents. Pray against outside help from other nations that would come into Iraq for the aid of those who are overtaken by lawlessness. We must hold our shields high for those troops that are there on the land.

What we are seeing in the physical in Iraq is a picture of the spiritual. Pastor Dutch Sheets sent the following to me: *"There is no doubt that much of what is happening currently in Iraq is spiritual in nature. **Do not focus on the politics and do not expect our military to win this war on their own. We, the prayer army, will determine the outcome.** Do not move on in your prayers and thinking. Let's break through this situation. The outcome will also greatly determine this year's elections and influence the courts for years, if not decades, to come."*

While I was preparing this and listening to the news, the following was released: *"April 15: A new audio tape claims to be the voice of Osama B*n Laden offering a truce to European nations. CAIRO, Egypt - In a recording broadcast on Arab satellite networks Thursday, a man who identified himself as Osama b*n Laden offered a 'truce' to European countries that withdraw from Muslim countries. Britain, Germany and Italy quickly spurned what appeared to be an attempt to drive a wedge between Europe and America…The tape, which ran more than seven minutes, also vowed revenge against America for the Israeli assassination of a militant Palestinian leader and denounced the United States as using the Iraq war for corporate profiteering….'I announce a truce with the European countries that do not attack Muslim countries,' the taped message said as the stations showed an old, still picture of al-Qaida leader…'**The door to a truce is open for three months.**' This time frame, the voice said, could be extended. 'The truce will begin when the last soldier leaves our countries," the speaker said without elaborating.'"*

I find this so interesting since I wrote about the three month intervals that the Lord showed me when He visited me in December of 2003. The real issue here seems to be that the enemy of God's covenant plan in the earth is offering a truce if we quit moving forward to liberate and free people and nations from his grip.

Jean Steffenson, who has worked with Native American leaders for years over broken covenants and land issues in our nation, wrote the following*: "Iraq has not been constantly in my spiritual radar. I have been in intense prayer regarding Iraq. I keep crying out for the Lord's intervention. There are less than 100 days until the time President Bush has said that America will pull out of Iraq. This of course could change. However I sense a real urgency from God for His army to close some ancient gates and advance on the kingdom of darkness.*

*The land of Iraq is soaked with blood and some of it with the blood of the martyrs. I saw hoards of hell coming from the underworld going through a conduit and forming a dark covering over the land. As you well know this is a horrific spiritual battle and it has been intensifying. I keep thinking that this is the year for secrets and mysteries to be revealed. There are some things that God wants in place and established in this window of time. **There must be a shift now** to create a clear sound. God made it very clear to me that this is a governmental issue. It is not just the government that America wants, the Shiites or any others in Iraq. It is God's intended government for Iraq, which will take the involvement of His Kingdom people.*

*Will you please make this a matter of prayer to see if you are to call the Body of Christ to concerted prayer for God's Kingdom purposes to be established in Iraq? It has been a long time since I have seen a national call to prayer for Iraq. Intercessors for America mention it along with other topics of prayer. **What happens in Iraq over the next 90 days or so will have a definite effect on the***

***elections and the very heart of America with so many families involved**. 'Ask of me and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter' (Psalm 2:8). Iraq is the inheritance of Christ, and we as joint heirs have entered into His inheritance".*

BABYLON: A Biblical Understanding

To better understand this issue from a spiritual standpoint we need to look biblically at Babylon. Babylon, one of the oldest cities in the ancient world, was an ancient city-state in the plain of Shinar. The name is derived by the Hebrews from the root Balal which means "to confound". We can reference this area to the confusion of tongues at the Tower of Babel (Gen 11:9*). "God came down to see what they were building and did not like it all."* Therefore, God does not honor any of the confusion that is there, resisting His purpose.
The biblical account ascribes the founding of the ancient prehistoric city of Babylon to the descendants of Cush and the followers of Nimrod (10:8-10). The beginnings of the city of Babylon are unknown to us except for the biblical passage mentioned in Gen 10:10. Babylon was situated along the Euphrates River about 485 kilometers (300 miles) northwest of the Persian Gulf and about 49 kilometers (30 miles) southwest of modern Baghdad in Iraq. According to Babylonian tradition, it was built by the god Marduk.

Daniel 4:30 explains the ancient exalting power that surrounds this area: *"Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built as a royal residence by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty?*" Everyone that comes into power in this area seems to be overtaken by this ancient root of self-exaltation. This is what creates wars. We also find in Luke 21:24 and Rev. 6:16: in this area is great "confusion" into which the whole social order of the world has fallen under Gentile world domination.
In Isaiah 11 we find a Divine Order: Israel, in her own land, as the center of divine government of the world and the medium of the divine blessing, and God calling forth a remnant from all other nations. *We are contending for that remnant to come forth.* Anything else is politically "Babel" (confusion). This area is so deceptive spiritually because *it has a political and religious structure that has formed a handshake* to attempt to thwart God's redemptive plan for ***this age*** in the earth (Rev 17:5-18, Rev 16:19; 18:2-21). That is why we are contending.

We are contending for a major transference of freedom, salvation, wealth, and political liberty. Babylon also means "the gate of god." This area was known as a "holy place of the gods" and ancient etymologists explained it as meaning "place of the seat of life". Some even thought this was "Paradise". The Garden of Eden was located here. Its great god, Merodach, became the head of the Babylonian pantheon, partly through the influence of Babylon as capital, and partly because the city was the center of his worship.
I believe this is why there is so much confusion in the area. *We have not understood the spiritual dynamic that we have come up against.* ***We do not war with flesh and blood; in this are principalities and powers***. The Church must rise to a new level of power. Other important passages to read are: Rev 14:8; 16:19; 17:5; and 18:2, 10, 21.

This is a year of mysteries. Babylon is one of the major mysteries to understand in the Bible. The characteristics ascribed to this Babylon can apply to many other places in the earth:

(a) as ruling over the kings of the earth (Rev 17:18);
(b) as sitting on seven mountains (17:9);
(c) as the center of the world's merchandise 3,11-13);
(d) as the corrupter of the nations (17:2; 18:3; 19:2);
(e) as the persecutor of the saints (17:6).

In many areas, Rome and New York are both likened to Babylon. Rome was thought by both Jews and Christians as being antagonistic to the Kingdom of God, and its downfall was confidently expected.

I declare that all of the confusion from this situation in Babylon break from around your thinking. This confusion is producing political chaos in the earth. I pray that our President

remain focused to get to the end of this season. I pray that we hold our shields high and contend. In Matthew 16: 13-20 the Lord promised us that the gates of Hell would not prevail against those who had revelation of Him. We need "strength at the GATES!" Read Isaiah 28:6. I pray that our troops have a spiritual alertness like never before to hear "a word from behind them telling them which way to GO".
We are approaching a time where we see a transference of wealth into the Kingdom of God. Keep contending with your enemy, remove the tempter's covering, and possess the spoils to advance the Kingdom of God. ***Stand against confusion that would allow a surprise attack.***

We must not draw back from our enemy at this time in the history of the church, nor in the history of this nation. Moses told the children of Israel in Deuteronomy 2:24, "*Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and* ***contend*** *with him in battle."* The time has come to cross over and battle for the inheritance of this land.

This is a season to contend for our faith. Religious spirits will arise to stop our faith from increasing. Contend means to vie with a rival and bring to close a point of contention. This word is linked with struggling for victory. Another word very closely related to contend is "wrestle". Eph 6:12 says, "*For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."* Wrestle comes from the word *pallo,* which means to vibrate or shake. Shake your enemy off of your back. This word also means a contest between two in which each endeavors to throw the other to the ground. The victor is decided when the opponent is held down and the victor's foot is put upon the opponent's neck. This is linked with the Christian's struggle with the power of evil.

Do not be afraid to contend this season! Satan knows that we are on the verge of breakthrough! The enemy has heard of the anointing that is being released. Consequently, he must counterattack by releasing a horde of seducing spirits now!

We are nearing the last 10 days of the 40-day prayer focus, *"Contending with Your Enemy, Removing the Tempter's Covering, and Possessing Your Spoils"*. This is a crucial time when we must continue to contend with the enemy to see the Lord's purposes accomplished. For your reference, I will copy the final 15 days below. (The entire prayer focus can be found at www.glory-of-zion.org.)

Day 26: Read Ps. 37. Be sure your desires are aligned correctly. Temptation is linked to desires that are not within God's boundaries.

Day 27: Read Mt. 4. Resist Satan's temptation in your wilderness. Remember, the Spirit of God led Jesus into the wilderness. Stop in the midst of your hard situation and see the Spirit's leading.

Day 28: Read Luke 10:25. Don't be drawn into the enemy's trap. I like to say it this way: don't swing at curve balls. The enemy will try to say things that will make you respond in a wrong way.

Day 29: Read the Lord's Prayer from Luke 11. Ask the Lord to deliver you from temptation.

Day 30: Read Genesis 22. Temptation is linked to our testing. See how God tested Abraham's faith and revealed Himself to Abraham as Jehovah Jireh.

Day 31: Read Genesis 14 and 15. God revealed Himself to Abraham as the 'Possessor of Heaven and Earth'. This was in the context of war. Abraham gave to Melchizedek. Then notice the covenant God made with Abraham. Ask God to reaffirm your covenant with Him.

Day 32: Read Deut. 20. Read Deut 32:30. One can put 1,000 to flight, but two can put 10,000 to flight. This is a valuable principle of multiplication. Ask the Lord for an increase in strength.

Day 33: Read 1 Sam. 30. This is a transition chapter. The activities in this chapter released David into his next level of anointing. Especially notice verses 24-25. Receive new strength. Pursue and retrieve all!

Day 34: Read Is. 9:3. The division of the spoil was a joyous feast for the people. Rejoice!

Day 35: Read Esther 3 and 8. Let God develop your strategy to take back what the enemy has plotted to take from you.

Day 36: Read Deut. 8, especially verses 18-20. Increase is a harvest principle. Increase rises through faith and follows deeds that are linked with faith. Increase comes through supernatural Kingdom connections so we can all enter into a multiplied, synergistic corporate measure of increase. Increase is also a reward for obedience. A fundamental question we need to ask ourselves is: *What is wealth?* There are several ways to look at wealth in the Bible. *Power* means vigor, strength, force, or capacity-whether physical, mental, or spiritual. *Wealth* means material substance, strength, and the spoils of war necessary to accomplish God's plan on earth.

Day 37: Read Luke 19. Ask God what you have and how to multiply it.

Day 38: Read Ps. 115:14-16 and 2 Chron. 20. Ask God for increase. Ask Him to give you a mind for increase. Ask Him to open your heart to any prophetic word that will bring you success and cause you to be able to rake in the spoils that the enemy is holding.

Day 39: Read Ps. 82:4. Declare deliverance from the hand of the wicked who has tied up any of your wealth.

Day 40: Read Mal. 3 and 2 Cor. 10:3-6. Declare that the generational curse of “GOD ROBBING” will be broken out of your bloodline. This is one of the four major generational curses. ***Tear down mindsets of poverty.*** Poverty has a voice which says, “God is not able.” There are philosophies in your life that have developed wrong mindsets over wealth. ***Dismantle unbelief over provision***. “Prove Me NOW” says the Lord! Look up and see the windows of blessings that He wants to open up. Watch Him overcome your devourer.

Do not be afraid to contend in this hour. Loose a SHOUT OF VICTORY that Babylon will let go and come under the subjection of God’s Kingdom plan!

Blessings,
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Destiny 2005

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This past Day of Atonement, during Fresh Fire's Miracles, Signs & Wonders Conference*, three members of the ministry's apostolic team decided to wait on the Lord: Todd Bentley, Charlie Robinson (a seer prophet and itinerate minister with Fresh Fire), and Kevin Paterson (prophetic teacher and scribe/editor for Fresh Fire books and articles). God was faithful to release some profound revelation for the body of Christ.*

For the understanding of our readers: the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), since the time of Moses, has been recognized by the Jews as one of the most important sacred days of the Biblical year. This day takes place at the end of the 10 Days of Awe, which are set aside for repentance and restitution, starting on the first day of the Jewish civic New Year and ending on the tenth day (The Day of Atonement).

In Leviticus, the Lord instituted this day for the atoning of sin (on the tenth day of the seventh month) saying, ***"This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year" (Leviticus 16:34)****. The Jews have observed that day ever since the Lord instituted it.*

This article will outline the insights recently received from the Lord on this day and then establish their scriptural foundation. Much of the Truth of these words, like natural seed, needs time to develop and mature. These revelations apply to 2005 and to subsequent years. We believe that future revelations will provide greater clarity to those you read here. Although we have drawn out some of the meaning of the visions and experiences described, we have left room for you as the reader to seek the Lord for complete understanding and for the application in your life.

NATURAL TREASURES FOR THE FINDING

Through the parable of the field the Lord is also speaking about the field of the earth. We believe He is saying that He is about to unearth treasures He has hidden in the earth. In this experience, Todd kept seeing the word "resources." God is going to uncover hidden treasures of resources that are in the earth, such as gold, coal, and oil. Somehow there will be a connection between gold and coal. The Lord will also give favor to Christians for striking oil. Todd saw that some people had oil right under their feet on their property. These resources are going to be strategic for the release of funds to the church. Business ideas and witty inventions will also be given to God's people. The Lord also said He was going to uncover archeological digs and artifacts that have been buried for thousands of years. These discoveries are also connected to the spirit of wisdom and revelation -- they will strengthen and confirm the faith of the church.

THE RELEASE OF SILVER AND GOLD

On the Day of Atonement, the Lord also began to speak to Charlie about the finances He was about to release to His people, starting this year. Knowing that the root word in Hebrew for gold and for glory are the same, Charlie has prayed for years for the release of the gold (the finances) for the Body of Christ. The Lord revealed to him that He wanted to bless the Church with great wealth to fund the great harvest to come. Hand in hand with this outpouring of wealth and harvest would come the glory of God. On September 24th, 2004, the day before the Day of Atonement, Charlie felt the Lord prompting him to pray aggressively for the gold that He was about to release in the earth. So, on this day, with a great sense of destiny, he again began to pray fervently for the release of gold.

The Lord spoke to him that the church would walk through the **2 Chronicles 5** pattern in restoring God's glory to His church, the glory which would usher in a great harvest of souls. In this chapter, after the preparation of the temple was complete, Solomon brought the silver and gold into the treasury and then the glory of the Lord filled the house of God. The church today is about to follow those same steps: preparation, silver and gold and then, finally, God's glory.

The evening after he prayed for the release of finances, on September 25th, the Day of Atonement, Charlie was listening to Mahesh Chavda speak at the Fresh Fire *Miracles, Signs and Wonders Conference*. Mahesh was speaking about Yom Kippur and a lamb for the redemption of every household, when the Lord spoke to Charlie to look at Mahesh's temple. He was seated close to Mahesh, so when he looked, he clearly saw, right above Mahesh's ear, the appearance of a complete silver coin (the size of a quarter or larger). As Charlie looked at this coin, the Lord reminded him of his two previous visitations to the treasury of the Lord. In the treasury hung large shields -- about three or four feet across -- which looked like big gold coins. (Scripture actually speaks about a king appointing a goldsmith to make many of these shields [**1 Kings 10:16,17**].) In the vision, the shields had inscriptions on them; they were like large coins in the treasury of heaven. Coins today actually look like the shields in the heavenly vision.

When Charlie saw the coin on Mahesh's temple, the Lord said to Him: *"I want you to pray for the silver coins to be released!"*
Charlie responded, "God, I'm praying for the gold."
Then the Lord said, *"That's the problem. You are praying for the gold, but my word says the silver and the gold are mine. The problem with my body is they want the gold, they want the glory, but they are rejecting the silver and the silver represents (the redeemed) the vessels of the Lord."* He said, *"When I begin to bring forth my glory and the silver vessels come forth, they are rejected because of what they look like, because of their outward appearance and because you are looking for the gold...but the glory comes in the silver vessels!"*

GOD IS ABOUT TO RELEASE THE SILVER AND GOLD IN TWO DIFFERENT ARENAS:

The Lord then reminded him of a scripture which compares **"A word fitly spoken"** to **"apples of gold in pictures (or settings) of silver" (Proverbs 25:11)**. The word actually says that the pictures or settings of silver hold the apples of gold, which are the word of God or the glory of the Lord.

The Lord then began to unfold the interpretation; He made it clear that both the silver and the gold are His (**Haggai 2:8**) and that He is about to release both the silver and the gold in two different arenas.

1. In the financial arena God is about to release finances to His people, the gold and silver, to fund the harvest. However, He is saying not to despise the silver (small beginnings) or the initial, smaller, first-fruit financial blessings. He will begin with the silver, the smaller financial releases, this year. The Lord will bless His people as they are faithful with their finances now and honor Him with the smaller financial blessings He gives them first. The Lord is also cleansing His people so they can receive the wealth; He is coming back for a glorious bride.

2. Along with the financial blessings, God is also going to release His glory. But He is calling us to receive the silver vessels or settings (His servants) that His glory comes in. These vessels, these ministers of God, may even have cracks. But when we receive the silver, we receive the gold (the glory) within them. It is also significant to note that another version of **Proverbs 25:11** reads: **"apples of gold in network of silver." (ASV)** We believe the Lord is raising up His silver vessels (His people) this year to carry His glory. He is also networking and connecting His body in strong, loving relationships and ministry networks which can house His glory.

THE SILVER FIRST

In 2005, as the Lord begins to release the silver financial blessings and the silver vessels (His ministers of Glory), He is looking for faithfulness. Those who are faithful will receive the gold, the larger financial blessings (and, greatest of all, the outpouring of His glory). The financial economy in the U.S. was tied to a gold standard for many years until President Nixon took it off this standard; this act has disrupted the gold economy until now. However, God is about to rectify the system and redistribute the wealth -- gold will soon find its way into the hands of God's people.

Twenty-one years ago, when God spoke to Charlie the first time about finances for harvest, God's words were so powerful that he fell off his chair onto the floor. *"I'm about to bring you into the wealth of Solomon,"* the Lord said. Recently, when God began speaking to Charlie again about the finances, it was to refocus His prayers to pray for (and expect) the silver first: the smaller financial blessings and the settings, the servants of God that contain the glory.

The highest thing that we can have in the kingdom of God is to behold His glory and see Him as He is (**2 Corinthians 3:18**); the highest thing in the realm of the world's wealth is gold. However, silver is also precious, and if we reject it and pursue the gold only, we will miss what we seek. The Lord is saying that the silver is first, then the gold. The servants, the silver vessels of the Lord, must be fully received and honored first before we will receive the glory. The church has rejected the vessels the Lord has sent throughout the years; that's why we don't get the glory. Jesus came and they rejected Him, the vessel; He carried the glory and the Pharisees rejected the very vessel that was carrying the glory because they didn't like the way He looked or the things He did.

FOUNDATION FOR THE GLORY

The Lord also spoke to Charlie from scripture about a foundation that He was laying, right now: **"Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His,' and, 'Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity'" (2 Timothy 2:19)**. God is preparing the church today, through a season of purification, to be His vessels that will carry the glory. The Lord also said He was bringing a fulfillment to **Haggai 2:8,9**: **"'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts.'"** God is saying again: Don't neglect the silver; don't neglect the smaller; don't neglect the humble. However, after the Lord promises peace in that verse, in the rest of the chapter He gives prophetic words and promises.

Very significantly, the rest of the prophetic chapter was delivered to Haggai on the 24th day of the 9th month. Well, when the Lord began to give us these prophetic insights concerning 2005, it also happened to be the 24th day of the 9th month on our modern Gregorian calendar (September 24th). This date also happened to fall on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement (which seldom takes place on that date). In **Haggai 2:18,19** the prophet speaks of the foundation of the Lord's temple being laid on that same day: **"Consider now from this day forward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid consider it: Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. But from this day I will bless you."**

So, on our 9th month (September) on the 24th day, 2004, we believe, the Lord also began to lay a foundation -- a spiritual one. Not only does this foundation mean the release of the silver and the gold, it means that something changed in the spirit in preparation for what the Lord wants to do in 2005. As a result of this laying of the foundation, we believe the Lord is also saying that, from that day on, He is sending judgments on our enemies because the foundation is going to be laid.

It is interesting to note that, in the Bible, the treasure was part of the temple. Before the dedication of Solomon's temple they brought the gold and silver into the treasury. Jesus also spoke from the treasure in the temple (**John 8:19,20**), where no one was able to lay hands on Him. Yes, we are protected in the treasury, the place where, by faith, we lay up our treasures in the kingdom of heaven, according to Jesus (**Matthew 6:20**).

APOSTOLIC MINISTRY AND FINANCES

On the same weekend as that foundation was laid for 2005, Fresh Fire Ministries held a service for the launching of its apostolic center. That night, prophet Dave Hubert, said that something had changed in the spirit in Canada which is tied to the apostolic anointing. Because scripture speaks of the apostles and the prophets as being the foundation of the church (**Ephesians 2:20**), we believe that a new apostolic anointing and release of apostles-in-waiting will take place this year. The foundation of the temple has been laid, apostles will grow in prominence, and the beginning of the release of finances (silver) will take place.

A foundation has been laid to receive our inheritance of the silver and the gold and also the glory of God (in both the natural and the supernatural realms). In Chronicles the temple was completed and the wealth (natural gold and silver) was brought in before the glory came. We believe the pattern will be the same today. And the glory of this latter house will be greater than the first one (**Haggai 2:9**)! Now, in this glory, the apostolic will come to maturity. However, the completion of this spiritual foundation is bigger than just one apostolic center; it is the releasing of apostolic men and apostolic counsel throughout the Body of Christ. This apostolic counsel will receive revelation of things in the heavens and make proclamations that will bring things out of heaven into the earth.

In scripture, when the apostles were walking in their authority, the people came and laid gold at their feet. They sold lands and brought the proceeds. The Lord is showing Charlie that, as the apostolic ministry grows (even this year), God's people will be increasingly freed to give in great measure without anyone asking. It's good to have offerings but, according to the apostolic Biblical principle, people came freely; they were not asked. The early church understood more than just the principle of sowing and reaping; their hearts were motivated by love first. They gave out of love for God, His kingdom, His people, and the lost.

The apostolic creates a climate in which Christians are really looking to God to provide rather than people. As that climate grows this year, we will see a corporate receiving of harvest finances, the finances that are part of our inheritance as individual believers.

"DO NOT DESPISE THE DAY OF SMALL BEGINNINGS"

In a vision, Charlie also saw all the gold and silver released to the church on earth. The Lord showed him that the finances came out of the enemy's trophy room. Shortly after receiving these insights, another international speaker and prophet shared a confirming vision he also had of treasure locked away in the devil's trophy room. We believe the Devil has stolen our gold and silver; that's why we need not beg God for the harvest finances. We are to battle in prayer to take back in the heavenly realm that which has been stolen. Through unbelief, sin, and wrong beliefs, we have allowed the enemy to steal what is ours. But this is the year to begin to call it back.

We believe the Lord wants us to prepare ourselves in faith and purity; He also wants us to repent of despising the day of the small beginnings. Many of us have despised the small financial blessings, wanting the greater blessings. We have despised the silver and just prayed for the gold. In like manner, we have despised men and women of God (the silver) -- people who love God, hear from God, and live simple lives -- we don't receive them. There are many vessels, people who seem like pennies in the kingdom; we don't want to listen to them. But we are to honor those ones just as much as the prominent or well-know Christian ministers. Each has value; each type of vessel is just as much a carrier of God's glory. By honoring and praying for the silver vessels, we are hastening the day of the release of the glory and the gold.

Then, as we tithe and give with active faith for breakthrough, the Lord will open the heavens up and rebuke the devourer that is holding back the gold and glory. God wants us to learn to be faithful with money (gold) before He gives us the glory. As Jesus asked, **"...if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?" (Luke 16:11)**

CORPORATE FAITH FOR FINANCES

The Lord showed Charlie that the release of the finances and the glory is not only dependent on individual prayer and faithfulness -- it is even more dependent on corporate faith for the release of our inheritance. Sometimes the personal blessings don't come because of the state of the body in the area that we live. But the corporate release is coming in 2005.

If God's people don't have the gold needed for harvest and blessing, then we need to ask, says Charlie, "Where the gold is going?" It's going to people who shouldn't have it; people living in the enemy's kingdom. People are getting rich and wealthy with the gold that belongs to the righteous. We have to remove the legal rights for the enemy to steal our inheritance. The first stronghold to defeat is unbelief. It's also going to take the double portion of Elijah to get the job done, because the Jezebel spirit (manipulation, control, domination, and immorality) or the Babylonian spirit (the ungodly monetary system) has a stranglehold on the world's finances. Other evil spirits are also assigned to withhold from the church.

We need to realize that, as Christians, our Day of Atonement took place the day we were born again. Atonement brought us from the curse into the blessings of Abraham, which includes finances (**Galatians 3:14**). However, this year the Lord is calling us into a corporate receiving of atonement; together we are to pray and receive by faith, believing for each other's blessing. When Israel observed the first Passover in Egypt, it received corporate salvation and atonement; the principle was **"a lamb for each household."** After the Israelites were delivered from the angel of death, the Egyptians gave them their gold and their silver. A corporate, atoning faith destroyed the enemy that was withholding the gold. They plundered their enemies, left Egypt, and went into the desert as a wealthy nation. This year as the church comes together corporately and in humility, recognizing the financial protection of the blood of Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the silver and gold will be ours for the harvest.

** **Note!!** *A powerful "first-fruits" prophetic fulfillment of Charlie's word about the silver and gold came about just weeks after the Lord gave him the Day of Atonement word. On a ministry trip in California (the Golden State), at a number of meetings, people began to throw gold and silver into the offering. In one meeting the ushers counted 24 rare gold coins and 40 rare silver coins. In other meetings, small bars of gold and silver were actually received in the offering. Immediately after one meeting, the Lord confirmed that this was a first fruit of the financial release that He was bringing -- Charlie turned on the TV and immediately, on the screen flashed a photo of a 1881 Morgan Silver dollar, identical to one of the coins just received in the offering.*

THE BOAZ ANOINTING

The Lord also spoke to Todd about financial blessing and His release of the anointing of Boaz this year. Boaz gave greater gleanings from the harvest and special favor to Ruth. In the same way, the Lord of the Harvest is going to give greater gleanings to His church, His bride to be. So there is definitely a connection between the gleaning of the harvest and the reaping of a greater harvest of souls for the church.

In the book of Ruth, Boaz is often seen as a Christ-figure while Ruth is seen as a type of the church. Boaz becomes the kinsman redeemer, the one who protected and provided for the widow of a relative. He protected Ruth from the men who were reaping, gave her water and bread, as well as grain that would purposely be dropped from the bundles for her -- grain that she didn't have to work to reap. Boaz also bought and redeemed Ruth's mother-in-law's land so she wouldn't have to sell it, in her poverty, to provide for herself and Ruth. Finally, Boaz married Ruth and gave her a child to rescue her from the reproach of her widowhood and barrenness.

We believe that this year the Lord is pouring out that same Boaz anointing upon the body of Christ. Jesus, our kinsman redeemer and Lord of the harvest, will provide special protection to His church that has been devastated by loss and poverty. For those who go out to the harvest, He will also give great safety, favor, and harvest that will not need great labor. The harvest will come with ease -- an increase of a harvest of souls will be coming this year to God's people as they go out. For those in His body who go to the field of the world, the Lord will provide physically and financially for them as well. Many Christians have battled with financial lack and debt for years. But those who trust the Lord of the Harvest this year will begin receiving their redemption from that oppression of poverty. He will begin to pour out the finances needed for the harvest, the provision the prophets have spoken of for years. The church will also experience greater intimacy with Jesus this year as the Boaz anointing is released.

RESTORATION OF BROKEN VESSELS

In another prophetic experience (a dream) Todd was taken into the ocean of God's heart of love. In the ocean, at the bottom of God's heart, lay cracked, sunken vessels. These vessels had come to the forefront of God's mind and He was planning to fulfill redemptive promises over them. He wants to fulfill promises that some people have carried in their hearts for 20 or 30 years, especially promises that God has given to ministries that have lost their way. These vessels had become cracked vessels which had sunk to the miry pits of the world -- God is searching them out again to take them, like a master potter, and mold them again. In the vision, the Lord began to turn these cracked vessels into vessels of honor and glory.

The vessels represented ministries or ministers, like pastors, evangelists, and teachers, or prophetic and apostolic ministries that had lost their way 20 or even 50 years ago. They had been overcome by witchcraft, adultery, accusations, reproach, financial mishaps, or burn out. However, this year the Lord is beginning to restore all that was lost. This restoration applies, not just to ministries, but to any place where God had spoken prophetic promises for churches, cities, regions, and even nations. These promises still wait in heaven but, in many cases, long gone are the prophets who delivered the word; long gone are the pastors who were at the helm of the church; long gone are the men and woman who were supposed to be instrumental in bringing the word to pass.

Today, many Christians are disillusioned and left wondering about seeming unfulfilled prophetic words: *"I thought we were going to be a healing center and now you are telling me that you are going to shut the church? What about all the words from the prophets?"* Discouraged Christians are asking these questions about unfulfilled promises for their cities, churches, and land. But God is about to redeem these words, resurrecting dreams, broken ministries, and new ministries to see His promises fulfilled.

REDEEMING DESTINIES AND PROMISES

In the dream, Todd saw the color silver, a color which represents redemption. There was a strong sense that God is about to roll back reproaches -- this is a key theme for the year. The Lord will restore destinies and promises, in some cases, through different people, different ministries of a different generation. Even though people may have faltered or ministries fallen, the redemptive plan will continue in believer's lives as well as through key churches, cities, and countries.

One present-day example of such a redemption process is taking place today in North Carolina. Rick Joyner's Morning Star Ministries, along with another Christian organization, has taken over the original Heritage USA grounds of the former PTL ministry (which closed its doors years ago after scandal over moral failure). These grounds, originally operated as a retreat center, will now be converted to a school and a conference center. It's not the old vision but God is redeeming promises through a new vision and another ministry. Recently, before his new TV show, Jim Baker, founder of PTL and Heritage USA, called Joyner a prophet and said the plan to build a school and conference center was a "resurrection" of Heritage USA.
"Rick Joyner is a restorer," Baker said. "He mainly restores people, but right now he's going to

restore the old grounds...I believe Heritage USA belongs to the church world." 1

This new development in the Christian world, we believe, is a first fruit of many more lives, ministries, and promises that will be redeemed. This next year will be one of great restoration -- God will see that destinies will be fulfilled. In some cases, as in the redemption of the Heritage USA grounds, the process may involve, over time, the removal of reproach connected to it. God will even restore people or ministries brought down by sexual sin and financial wrongdoing (although the consequence of the sin will still need to be walked out). Many of the coming restoration projects will not be completed without a battle. But God will see to it that the sunken vessels are raised and restored.

In the vision, however, Todd had a sense that not all the vessels had cracked or sunk because of sin. In many cases, disillusionment, disappointment, and attacks from the spirit of Jezebel had caused vessels to lose their way or to suffer casualty. Some ministry vessels, or people, became blinded or suffered financial mishaps, sickness, and news of terminal illness. But God is searching out these broken ones right now; these are the ones that are in God's heart for 2005.

THE CORNELIUS ANOINTING

The Lord also revealed to Todd that the Cornelius anointing would be released this year to bring salvation for households. God showed His heart to save entire households in Egypt by protecting families from the death angel when His people put the blood of a lamb over their doors. The Lord also reminded Todd of His strategy for households by directing Him to the New Testament description of Cornelius. Scripture says that he was a man of prayer who gave charitable gifts to the poor and was on a four-day fast when the Lord commissioned Peter to bring the gospel to his household. We believe that God is promising salvation to households; He is giving His people the strategy of prayer for their families, combined with a four-day fast. God's plan, as in the Exodus 12 Passover, was **"a lamb for the salvation of every household"**; a sacrifice that would atone for sin and protect families. The Jewish holy day, the Day of Atonement, instituted in **Leviticus 23:26, 27**, was a time to make burnt offerings to the Lord, to fast and afflict the soul in order to atone for sins of the past year.

AWESOME FACE-TO-FACE-ENCOUNTERS

In another spiritual encounter, Todd saw the Lord face-to-face; He was three inches away. The Lord looked like a 30- or 32-year-old Jewish man who could be living in Israel today. It wasn't the face of the King of Glory. The face seemed to represent the humanity of Jesus. His eyes were blue and penetrating, looking through the soul. His eyes were set; they were fixed. But love flowed from his deep blue eyes (blue speaks of revelation). Jesus held Todd's gaze even when he tried to turn away to the left or the right. It was as if His eyes just penetrated deep inside the soul. A scripture came to mind: **"The eye is the lamp of the body. So if your eye is sound, your entire body will be full of light" (Matthew 6:22 AMP)**. Then he heard the Lord say, *"It's time for me to have face-to-face encounters with My people."* The Lord was saying He wanted to fill His body with light, as they gazed into His face. This year God is delivering a special call and grace for His people to gaze on Him and be changed by His glory: **"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Corinthians 3:18)**. As His people gaze in His face they will become like Him: **"...but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is" (1 John 3:2)**.

In the vision, said Todd, he would try to turn away from the Lord's gaze because he felt unworthy. Then, suddenly, from his eyes, ears, mouth, and entire body came a flash of light and he went through some kind of transformation. Instantly he thought of the glory coming as on the mount of transfiguration when Jesus' face became as bright as the sun. The same kind of transformation seemed to take place in Todd. As Jesus breathed on Todd, He said, *"The Spirit of the fear of the Lord."* As he breathed in "the Spirit of the fear of the Lord," white beams of light shot from his fingers. Then Jesus explained that the Spirit of the fear of the Lord is what manages the spirit of wisdom, revelation, might, counsel, and knowledge. Having a fear of God is what allows the Lord to entrust His people with a greater mantle of wisdom, revelation, and knowledge (**Isaiah 11**). **Isaiah 11:2** speaks of the spirit of the fear of the Lord before verse three speaks of delighting in the fear of the Lord.

It's the connection with the fear of the Lord and the wisdom that is crying out in the streets in Proverbs. So, delighting ourselves in the fear of the Lord is a real key to being entrusted with greater wisdom and revelation knowledge, might, and counsel. Wisdom and revelation will also come out of intimacy -- God is looking right now to have face-to-face encounters with His people like He did with Moses. God wants to shine His light on the conscience of His people and bring cleansing: **"The eye is the lamp of the body so if the eye is sound, your entire body will be full of light, but if your eye is unsound your whole body will be full of darkness, if then the very light that is in you, your conscience is darkened, how dense is that darkness" (Matthew 6:22-23)**. This verse speaks of the light and soundness the Lord will be bringing to the body this coming year.

WITH INTIMACY COMES HEALING POWER

The Lord has also been speaking to Kevin in recent years about intimacy with Him through a repeated prophetic experience. Often, at strategic times, the presence of the Lord comes as a thick weight and rests on him, causing his face, hands, and even feet, to burn with the fire of God. After inquiring of the Lord, Kevin sensed the Lord saying that the fire on his face was a sign and a call to face-to-face intimacy with Him -- this calling is going out to God's people. As His people live in face to face intimacy with Him, God's fire and His healing power will be released from their hands and their lives -- then they will take His love and power to the nations.

The day before Yom Kippur, Bob Jones gave Todd a powerful scriptural confirmation of this call to intimacy from **Habakkuk 3:3b-5: "...His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, and there His power was hidden. Before Him went pestilence, and fever followed at His feet."** Take note of this: *"His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was filled with His praise"* -- this verse speaks of intimacy. As Jesus came in glory, He shone like a bright light; then His healing presence was released through His hands like lightening -- His power was hidden in His hands. At His presence sickness was driven out and all sickness came under His dominion.

THE SONSHIP ANOINTING

The fire of intimacy Kevin experienced is also prophetic of the Elijah anointing, the anointing of fire, which the Lord is releasing in great measure this year. As the prophet Malachi said, **"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."**

As the Lord sends the spirit of Elijah to His church, a great refining process will take place (**Malachi 3**) followed by a restoration of relationships between spiritual or natural fathers and their children. Elijah can be considered a prophet who fathered a spiritual son, Elisha, to follow in his footsteps. Elisha, as Elijah was taken into heaven in a chariot of fire, cried out, **"My father, my father..."** Elisha knew that his spiritual father was leaving a spiritual inheritance to him, a mantle of anointing for him to take up. He immediately picked up Elijah's mantle, which had fallen, struck the Jordan river and parted it.

In the same way, we believe that a great season has begun for restoring relationships with fathers and for spiritual mantles being passed on to spiritual children who have waited for years for their calling to begin. We are entering into a season of great grace for Fathering of spiritual sons and daughters. Because only sons (or daughters) receive inheritance, it is vital that this fathering process increases in the church. As fathering increases, sons and daughters will increasingly come into their inheritance of intimacy with Abba, of a new sense of calling and destiny, as well as power for service. Also, this year, the message of the Father's love, as well as the message of our authority as sons and daughters, will begin to be widely preached. The revelation of sonship goes hand in hand with the apostolic movement as apostles, true spiritual fathers, are raised up.

APOSTOLIC HARVEST

In a deeply impacting dream, a Canadian evangelist came to visit Todd, representing a mass miracle, mass harvest mantle for crusade evangelism. This particular evangelist is known today to preach to crowds of 100s of thousands with signs and wonders. In the dream, the evangelist asked, "Todd, when will this begin in North America?" Todd knew he was talking about mass crusades in stadiums for evangelism and healing. At first Todd began to say, "I don't know," until the Holy Spirit spoke a word of wisdom and Todd found himself saying, "When the generation yet unborn is born!" He realized this meant that within 9 to 12 months, this mass evangelism anointing would be birthed, but it would take a generation to mature (about 20 years). The dream came to Todd in Canada and he was visited by a Canadian evangelist. The Lord seemed to be saying that Canada would be a leading nation in the new thrust of mass evangelism -- Canada would truly fulfill its destiny, as declared by the prophets, of taking healing to the nations. In the dream, Todd sensed that North America would again see massive Woodstock-type gatherings -- this time for the purpose of harvest festivals. The Lord gave him a scripture: **"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest'" (Matthew 9:35-10:1)**.

Jesus saw the multitude, was moved with compassion, and then turned to His disciples and basically asked them: *"Do you want this? Do you want the multitudes?"* This passage seems to be an open invitation to Christ's followers to receive a mantle for the multitudes, for mass crusades! Right after this offer of souls for the kingdom, Jesus gives the disciples power over sickness, disease, and demons. Today, Jesus is also opening the door to the multitudes, to those who will walk through it by faith. Todd believes we have now entered a new season of favor for mass evangelism and miracles. The Lord is about to anoint more T.L. Osbornes and Reinhard Bonnkes; He is looking for people that He can mantle for the masses. Many are asking for multitudes and wondering whether it will ever happen for them. These believers need to realize that the Lord is offering the mantle NOW, to those who will take it. *"Who wants multitudes?"* He's asking.

In this passage, we have examined Jesus' followers are ordinary disciples in Matthew 10:1, but by the very next verse, these ordinary men have become apostles, people "sent with a mission." This year, in the same way, the Lord will transform His people overnight -- He will transform ordinary people into miracle healing harvesters. The Lord will mantle people like He did in Acts when they were scattered everywhere and took the gospel throughout the world. The ones who take up this call will go to places no one has ever gone before; God will also use them to ignite spontaneous open air crusades by performing one significant miracle which draws a great crowd (like the healing of the crippled man in **Acts 14**). Get ready! In this next year, God is about to raise up mighty healing evangelists and send them to the nations.

SUMMARY

In summary, God is about to do many marvelous works through His people this year. It will be a year of great favor for harvest, for household salvation, for sonship, for the release of finances, for the restoration of dreams, and also hidden treasures of revelation. The Lord will release significant moves of His Spirit in Australia, Indonesia, and Iraq. He is also about to place His people on the fast lane of Holiness so they can reach their destiny with great acceleration. This year it is time to rise up in faith and receive the grace and favor God is pouring out on His people for the great things He is about to do in the nations. The time is NOW!!

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Footnotes:

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Devotion to Christ
Mary Clark

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Simplicity and Purity of Devotion to Christ 2 Corinthians 11:3

I am calling My dear children into a new and lively arena. It is based on your simplicity and purity of devotion to Me. I want you to know that I am definitely taking the helm of your ship and steering you into a new place in Me. I am definitely doing some maneuvering, directing you into a place alive with activity where you will see the goodness of your God firsthand, and your devotion to Me will increase exponentially.

I want My beloved children to grow strong in Me. I want you to advance into this new place of wonder. I want you to see the goodness of your God from a front-row seat. I don't want you stagnant. Oh, no! I want you refreshed in the realization of Who I am, and what I wish to perform in and through you.

Listen to My voice, dear beloved child. I have some interesting news for you. Tired of waiting? Are you, beloved, tired of waiting for Me to make that final move that will bolster you into this new place in Me? If you are, these words are for you: Wait no longer, for I am about to make My MOVE. Let Me say it again, beloved, in all sincerity: I am about to make My MOVE, and when I do, I want you to take action. I want you to take that step which I am calling you to make. I want you to take it with confidence in Me and Who I am to you, and then I want you to give a SHOUT of victory! For your Beloved has seen fit to move you UP the rung of that ladder of success in Him, and no more will you be down looking up, you will be UP looking down, beloved. That is the place where I want you to be in order for you to grow stronger, and see the replenishment of My love serving to all who will receive the grandeur of knowing and walking with the beloved King of glory.

Get ready for a MOVE, beloved. Get ready for a MOVE UP the rung of the ladder, and into My vicinity of great hope. And know, dear child of the living God, that the time for advancement is surely upon you, and is taking you into a realm of order and peace for which your precious heart has longed.

That is My plan. So be it! So BE it!!!

Fearless Warriors Of Worship
Mary Clark

August 4, 2004

Today I was driving down the road, singing and worshipping the Lord, when I saw Him stand up from His throne. I could sense that He was pleased with the worshipping that was coming up to Him. Here is what He has to tell us about this action on His part:

I am the Beloved God Who delights in the worship of His chosen. Yes, yes, yes, it does delight My heart when one sings forth praises to Me. It does certainly delight My heart.

Let Me tell you something else, beloved, that may be of interest to you. Let Me open your eyes to this wonderful truth: I do stand up when I hear praises ascending to My throne. I do stand up for a very good reason, and it is this: I am so pleased that I cannot contain Myself. I am eager to rise and look on that one who is displaying his love to Me. I am also eager to bless that one with My loving presence.

In this day, I am seeing many come into a strong realization of My presence. I am seeing them excited about this hour, and eager to follow My course of action. This pleases Me greatly. It also pleases Me to know that even though you, My beloved, have not seen Me with your natural eyes, you are worshipping Me with your whole heart. You are calling out words of loving devotion to Me. You are seeking My will predominantly in your life. Yes, this certainly thrills Me, but know this also: The Eternal One is opening a new hour for My worshippers when they will behold My beauty – when they will look on My goodness, and make strong declarations to Me of their love and trust. They will stand fast in the face of the enemy's rituals of hate. They will not flinch, but will be strong, stalwart children of the living God, going about their Father's business in earnest.

I want you to know that this thrills Me deeply. It is exciting to Me to see the display that I am now seeing among My chosen. It thrills Me deep within.

So know this: An hour of wonder is on the way. An hour of greatness and truth is coming UP on the horizon, and you, My beloved, will take center stage in My name, and display the wonders of your risen Lord with an expertise you never dreamed possible. Yes, give yourself totally to Me, and see My divine will played out in your life. Know the wonder of the hour when your God will touch you deeply within, displaying His goodness to you, and lighting your path into the most extreme place of His will shining forth. Yes! The hour of wonder is upon you, beloved children. It is certainly upon you, and you will have a walk of much substance. You will see startling sights, but you will rest in the knowledge of My will for you. You will take steps of faith that you never dreamed were possible.

This is a declaration that I am making to you this night. I have risen from My throne and I am looking at each of you with a soft expression of love on My face – an expression that will melt your heart, beloved – melt your precious heart. I am declaring to you, My beloved, that I am advancing you into a new state of My most pronounced glory. You are certainly on the way. You are about to start walking in a new day in Me, and you will applaud the greatness of what I am doing in you and through you. For just as surely as I have spoken words of loving devotion to you, I am opening an hour of faith that will enable you to take steps into this wondrous hour without flinching – without so much as batting an eye – without so much as a flicker of fear. THIS, beloved, is where I am taking My fearless warriors of worship. This is certainly where you are headed!!!

So be of good cheer. I am opening a new haven of My divine love. It is portrayed to you with much interest in your well-being. For in so doing, you are entering a new place of wonder where you will see – know in advance – things that are about to occur in your midst. You are going to walk with a *knowing* that you have never enjoyed. Be of good cheer! The hour of advancement is upon you, beloved. The hour of wondrous advancement is surely upon you, My beloved, worshipping, warriors of love!!!

Frolicking Lambs
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frolic – play, leap, skip, cavort, dance around, frisk, kick up your heels, let down your hair.

While driving home last week, the Lord called my attention to the clouds. I could see a little white lamb in the clouds, with its ears blowing. Then I heard the Lord say, "My frolicking lambs." Here is what He has to tell us about His frolicking lambs.

I am sincere when I say these words to My beloved children – most sincere. I want you to know that I take MUCH delight in you, and I want YOU to take delight in ME. I want you dancing freely and bounding about in the goodness of your God, kicking your heels up high. I want you to know that I take such a delight in seeing you, My dear ones, happy in Me. I am delighted to see you advancing in the territory of My all-pervading goodness. I am delighted to see you take a stance against the lies of the enemy. I am delighted to hear your words of acceptance of My work in you and in the world. I want you to be delighted when I tell you these words tonight – so delighted that you will frolic like young lambs on a grassy knoll. Hear Me now as I explain Myself to you:

Many have looked on the living God as staid and unfriendly. Believe Me when I tell you that I am friendly – very friendly. I am so friendly that I chose to give you the seal of My Spirit within your very own body. Yes! You might think on that awhile, beloved. Think on the awesomeness of that wonderful gift.

Let Me tell you something else that will make you take a leap into the air and click your heels together: I have called you to perform My will in this hour. I have called you to be alive in Me, demonstrating My will to the masses. You ask how this is to be done. Let Me just say, beloved, that word gets around. Word gets around, and when it does, mankind will make much effort to get in the vicinity of one of My very own vessels – one who is demonstrating My power and goodness on the face of the earth. Yes! You won't be able to contain all that will be coming your way. All will want to see a LIVE performance of the Almighty God as He portrays His goodness though His chosen vessels. That is certainly something to SHOUT and DANCE about.

Let Me tell you this, too, beloved: The work that I am bringing forth will astound even the most critical eye. Even the most stubborn will not be able to mistake the wondrous work that I am about to do through My chosen vessels.

So get ready, My little frolicking lambs. Get ready to put on a show that will draw the masses. Get ready to be portrayers of My goodness. I intend to demonstrate Myself through you, beloved. I intend to demonstrate things through you that even you, My vessel, will find difficult to believe. But believe it you will, beloved. Believe it you will, and when you see the mysteries that are about to unfold, will you do Me a small favor? Please say: "Thank You, Father, for using Me for Your glory?" Will you do that for Me, beloved? Will you kindly do that for Me?

You will? Then let the fun begin. Let the fun begin when My children will romp and play in My presence, and present the will of the Father to the onlookers of the world. Yes! Let the fun begin!!!

The Perfect Servant
Mary Clark

August 11, 2004

I am the Perfect Servant. I gave Myself that you might walk in newness of life. I spared no expense. I gave My all for you. I looked on you with an eye to bless and bless you I did!

In this day, I am calling to MY servants, and asking something vital of you. I want you to walk seeking My face. For it is in walking, seeking the face of the Perfect Servant, that you will be changed.

I want you, My beloved, to be strong for My cause. In being strong for My cause, you will see developments in your life that will be pleasing to you. You will see vistas open that you never imagined. You will know mysteries that you have longed to know, and, beloved, you will walk in a protected place – a place of honor – a place of wonder.

I, the Perfect Servant, am calling to you, My beloved – My servants, asking that you follow after My heart, seek Me above all else. Walk in that place of close communion with Me. If you will do this you will see My majesty unfold in your life, and you will dwell in a place out of harm's way.

I am seeking those who will lay aside their own agendas and seek Me. I am seeking those who will comply with My wishes. If you say "yes" to Me, you will not be disappointed, dear one. You will be thrilled deep within your heart, and you will pronounce to others a truth that bears repeating time and time again: The Beloved died – gave His life – for each inhabitant on earth, and He is calling all who will come into a place of His rich favor being bestowed in measure beyond ALL comprehension.

Lead others to this fountain that never runs dry. Lead others into this place of sweet, holy communion. You will know some things to tell them that you did not know before. I will give you opportunity, upon opportunity to display My goodness, if you will follow after My heart in obedience. This is a calling that the most high God is bestowing on all who will receive. Come close and know Me. Come close and reveal Me to others. Come close and rest in that closeness, reassured and safe, for that I where I am taking you, My beloved servant. That is certainly where you belong!!!

Dream About George Bush

Clo DiPilato

Dearest Friends in Jesus,

Pass this one on, as you are led to do so.

I had a dream last night about George Bush, both junior and senior. In my dream, they got onto a ship, and it seemed there was an arm of this ship that was dangling out over the ocean. There were many people also with them in the arm of this ship that extended over the water. (It reminded me of the arm of a crane, and a ferry boat all mixed into one, something I do not know if even exists, but it was wide and long, consisting of a deck able to hold many people.)

Something happened that shook this arm , causing them (George Bush Jr. and Sr.) to be flung out to the far end of this ship to the very edge of the arm, and the arm bounced, as if it was done deliberately to throw them out into the water. But they caught the ledge, and were not thrown overboard.

I believe George Bush, Sr. represents people on George W. Bush's staff/team/cabinet who also worked in previous administrations, who are vital to the strength and wisdom of his presidency.

This dream also makes me wonder if there is an "enemy within" who is going to shake things up within the next few days. And the fact that it was an arm, extending far out into the water, etc........makes me wonder if this has to do with some foreign policy issue.

Please pray about this, that the end result.........he stayed IN the ship, even if "hanging on for dear life", be prophetic of what will be the outcome of this election.

I have not been reading or viewing any of the words coming forth from well-known prophets (or not so "well-known" ones, whom I would definitely respect as having the word of the Lord) at this time to know what others are saying on the matter, and am just simply giving a dream I had which I believe have been from the Lord, and I am telling it as a dream. It's up to the Lord's people to discern if it is coming forth with the validity of a true prophetic word. Time will tell.

May the true word of the Lord stand in this matter. He rules in the heavens above, and in the affairs of men below.

All glory to Jesus, and in His Love,

Clo DiPilato

Dream About George Bush

Becky McLendon

I had a dream about sitting at a table with George W. Bush and a whole group of other people. Somehow everyone there had a zip lock bag full of medications to show him. All they could talk about was their health condition and the medications they had to take. He listened intently, nodding his head, but then he turned to me. I had no zip lock bag nor any medications. I said, "I don't take any of that stuff, nor do I need it." He had a most tender look on his face, and he reached out his left hand to take my right. (I was sitting immediately to his left). He held my hand for the rest of the meeting.

I got up to do something and they were all pouring red wine. When it came to where I was sitting I held up my hand and said no thank you. Again he looked at me with tenderness and smiled.

The whole thing seemed to be focused on the control the medical/health care industry has on people. part of it is an evil spirit controlling America's dependency on medications. Also the pills in ziplock bags are showing that people are taking things to "mask" symptoms...i.e. cover up their SIN. They were showing him all these things and of course their concern was the COST of it. Covering up sin IS EXPENSIVE. We are essentially an UNREPENTANT nation. We are very RELIGIOUS, with our many pretty church houses and huge congregations and mega ministry corporations, but we are still basically unrepentant.

We have pills, pills, but the LORD is saying how many different forms of medication there are. When we think of medication, we also have that going on in so many churches. They are being soothed in their spirits by entertainment that takes the place of true worship. That's about all they are getting for their tithes: religious medication. Entertainment is just medication. "Easy grace" is just medication. It is like David playing for Saul to soothe the violence in his heart. We have over eating, we have addiction to TV, addiction to sex, addiction to gambling, any kind of "escape" that we can take on to cover up the misery we have lived in in our sin. Bush KNOWS the difference between the true SPIRIT of God and the spirit of the world. His "job" dictates that he has to listen intently to all the carnality of the world. But when the spirit of God speaks, He attends to it with profound love and agreement.

However, God has a praying remnant. Our prayers will help Bush. The golden censers have prayers stored in them that have seen his need. The golden censor holds prayers for these times. Bush's administration will be more overshadowed than any others have ever been.

God did this with me during his first election. That is where I went in spirit to the inaugural place and saw an assassin in a window with a high powered rifle...set to kill him. I re arranged the whole room and told them someone was over there. A plot to kill him either politically OR in reality was stopped at that time. THEN we saw the mess that last election was with all the controversy about votes . The Lord then gave the word that Bush IS His man for this season. That He would give a prophetic mantle and Bush would do a "Josiah" work in America, causing a massive turning to the Word of God for our guidance rather than evil laws. Wicked men will hate him and his life is in constant danger. (I have had several "assassination" dreams of powerful intercession.)

He is going to more covered than ever. God has a plan for America. Regardless of the evil in government, Bush has been raised up for such a time as this. And this is the term where that will come to the forefront!!! Regardless of things in the man, George Bush, that we might not agree with or things about the nature of his political position, God has placed him in office for such a time as this, and he will carry out what God has for him to do. We are commanded to pray for him and the office of authority that he holds. Amen and Amen.

Becky

What Then IS Faith
Becky Mclendon

Faith is not going by the sight of the eye or hearing of the ear, hut by quick understanding. Full faith is a full ear of corn ready for harvest. The carnal doesn't have an ear for the new corn. There is no place to put it. We have to spend a lot of time alone with the Lord and to follow His plan. His plan works without compromise.

We come to the place where we tell the Lord, “If You have the time I have the time,” and then we wait on Him in quietness and confidence. We wait for the promise of the Father, and there is no shadow of turning. The Lord’s plan is like a loaf of bread, the accuser will knead it down to almost nothing. But give it time it will come back bigger than ever.

We enjoy the Lord and his presence so much. Think of the emptiness that would be without the Lord, even with this world’s goods. To the saint the emptiness would be torment. They put on a big show, but these empty people can't be happy.

We cannot add to the Lord's plan or take from it. Never the less not my will, but thy will be done. The Lord's plan abolishes death and brings life and immortality to light by his presence. If we look back we are blind. We do not have eyes in the back of our head. His plan quickens and makes alive our mortal bodies. This is not in the likeness of his resurrection; this is the **same** resurrection. For He has said the **same spirit** that raised Christ from the dead dwells in us. This is not a copy
This is the same Jesus doing the greater works in us. It is not a **type** of a resurrection; it **is** resurrection. Jesus says **I am the resurrection and the life.**

The devil has nothing to do with measuring our trials. He may think he has a plan to throw another monkey wrench in the gears of progress in the kingdom. It is the Lord that measures the trials. What He has predestinated us to get through, we will get through. Trials are the tests that come before promotions. So, excuse me, please, but in Jesus’ Name, in spite of the terrible stumbling and faltering you have seen me fall victim to; in spite of all the mistakes and the weakness you have seen me have, **I am going through, and no devil in hell can stop it.**

Amen and shalom.

Dance With The King

Joni Ames and Bob Jones

Dear Friends,

A friend sent me a note, informing me that on April 04, 2004, an interesting mathematical event will occur.

If the date is written as is common within the United States, it will be 04/04/04.

If you are up early that morning, and see the clock at 4:04 am, it will be 04/04/04 04:04!

Additionally, I thought it was interesting that all of these events occur surrounding April 4, 2004:

(1) PASSOVER
A time to celebrate the passing by of the death angel, and the sparing of the lives of those who believe. This holiday commemorates the departure of the nation of Israel from Egypt. (Begins at sundown on April 5, and ends at nightfall on April 13, 2004.)

(2) THE START OF DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME
Occurs 4/4/04. Bringing more light to our days during this season; conserving energy.
Isaiah 60:1 & 2 - "(1) Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. (2) For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you."

(3) PALM SUNDAY
Occurs 4/4/04. A time when the palms that used to be used to worship foreign gods were laid beneath the feet of Jesus, and even the feet of His donkey - symbolic of being beneath our feet as well, as His "burden bearers."

THE NUMBER FOUR (4)
Prophetically, the number four (4) can represent the number of earth; creation; world; four gospels; four winds; four seasons; four corners of the earth.

Additionally, the word QUADRENNIAL jumped out at me. It means:
(1) happening every four years
(2) lasting four years

Everyone can seek for their own prophetic OR pathetic conclusions about this...I thought it was really interesting, considering the fact that we are in a LEAP YEAR, which only occurs ever FOUR years!

The Lord has been speaking to me via prophetic parallel that we are about to LEAP this year into what He has for us. It occurs once every four years, and in leap year, we CATCH UP ON LOST TIME.

Additionally, the word LEAP means: sudden transition, jump, spring, bound, eagerly accept something offered, bound or spring over a cavern or valley!

And the term QUANTUM LEAP means "a transfer/transition of energy from one source to the next in atomic proportions!" - Reminds me of the raw power of God!

BOB JONES AND QUADURAIN ("QUAD-YOU-RAIN"}

I was at church recently, and Bob Jones told me that he woke up with a word running through his head that he didn't know the meaning of. It was "QUADURAIN." (Pronounced "QUAD-YOU-RAIN). He said that when he looked it up, the closest word to it was QUADRANGLE, which the dictionary describes as (1) a figure with FOUR angles and FOUR sides, (2) an area surrounded on FOUR sides by buildings. Bob said it reminded him of the City of God.

He also said the Lord gave him Matthew 10:8, which speaks of the FOUR things Jesus commanded

His disciples to do:
(1) Heal the sick
(2) Cleanse the lepers
(3) Cast demons out
(4) Raise the dead

Bob then said, "But I don't have all of it, papa told me someone else here would have more, so why don't you see what He shows you during worship?"

When I returned to my seat, the Lord showed me several things:

QUAD

Quad = Four (4) - And as we already said: Prophetically, the number four (4) can represent the number of earth; creation; world; four gospels; four winds; four seasons; four corners of the earth.

SQUARE: FOURSQUARE

I've learned that when things seem to "jump out at me," "get highlighted" or catch my attention, to PAY ATTENTION TO THEM. (i.e.., HEAR what the Spirit says about them!) A few different words jumped out at me when Bob spoke.

When he spoke of something being four sided, SQUARE and FOURSQUARE leapt out to me.

SQUARE

When I looked up "SQUARE" in my Bible concordance, it led me to three things:

(1) The Altar (Ex. 27:1), "You shall make an altar of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide--the altar shall be square--and its height shall be three cubits.

Through that, I believe the Lord said He is calling us to make an alter to Him, and more spend time at it in this season.

(2) The Breastplate (Ex. 39: 8& 9), "(8) And he made the breastplate, artistically woven like the workmanship of the ephod, of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen. (9) They made the breastplate square by doubling it; a span was its length and a span its width when doubled."

Through this, I believe He is saying that He is calling us to a priestly walk of holiness and for us to walk in the breastplate of righteousness. It's time to get rid of the hindrances so that we can walk in the light and truth (urim and thummin) of the direction of His Word and Spirit.

(3) City of God (Rev. 21:16), "The city is laid out as a square; its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the reed: twelve thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, and height are equal." and Heb. 11:10, " And he (Abraham) waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

I believe the Lord is saying that He is looking for those who are looking to become the city HE has founded and made, NOT religion or religiosity, but LOVE. He IS love!

FOURSQUARE

FOURSQUARE reminded me of Aimee Semple McPherson's FOURSQUARE GOSPEL CHURCH, which was founded on (1) Salvation, (2) Baptism with the Holy Ghost, (3) Divine healing, and (4) The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. She once said, "To be foursquare means facing an issue directly, preaching the truth in an unflinching way. It means that we shall never be lopsided." (http://www.foursquare.org/files/foursquare_sermon.pdf)

I believe the Lord is raising up such a Church in the Body again today - one that will not flinch or compromise, but be completely uncompromising in their faith and doctrine.

QUADRENNIAL

Regarding the word QUADRENNIAL that I came acrooss (which meant (1) happening every four years and (2) lasting four years) Bob felt that the move of God we are coming into will last for a four year period. In it, it will be a time of plowing up the stumbling stones (sin) out of our lives, and preparing the way for the King. The "Highway of Holiness."

Quadran Pavane: Dance With A King

Lastly, but not leastly, there is a dance, called the Quadran Pavane.

The Quadran Pavane is a renaissance dance, often used to dance with kings. It is a very simple pattern dance that is described in Inns of Court manuscripts as a dance that apparently doesn't go anywhere. It's steps are: 2 sideways singles left, forward a double left, 2 sideways singles right, back a double right. Pavanes are basically processional dances, and when the music stops, it means that the procession has arrived.

Many of us feel as if we are "going nowhere fast," but I believe the Lord used this "object lesson" to say to those who feel this way that you ARE, in fact, a part of HIS processional, prophetically preparing the world for His return. He reminded me of the song, "I HOPE YOU DANCE."

I hope YOU **Dance With The King On April 4th**, and **ALWAYS!**

Blessings,
Joni Ames

It's Time To Dance With The King
Joni Ames

Its time to dance with the King
Engaged to never part
Embrace Him closely, face to face,
And dance now, heart to heart

Its time to dance with the King
And never look away
In love forever, with a love
That's gaze will never stray

We've danced with the world
And stepped to it's tune
But no one else can love like Him
And cause our heart to swoon

Guard your heart from all but Him
His love is all complete
Dance in His everlasting arms
And let Him guide your feet

Allow His Love to light your path
And lead you in your ways
For only He knows of the road
To lead you from your maze

I see Him reaching out to you
His scepter for this dance
As He says, "Will you dance with me
Inside each circumstance?"

"I'll teach to you the steps and moves
And give you favor, sure,
And promise MY love will not leave
But evermore endure."
"So will you let me take your hand? -

Let me, your life, embrace? -
Let me, the lifter of your head,
Make all your pain erase?"

"Just follow close now, let ME lead -
Just rest secure from harm
And from this desert I'll lead you
As you lean on My Arm."

"I'll take away the heavy load
That you cannot endure
As I sweep you from evil's grasp
Into My arms, secure."

It's time to dance now, with your King -
The King and Lord of all
Reach out and take His hand today,
Responding to His call.

Its time to dance now with the King
Engaged to never part
Embrace Him closely, face to face,
Dance with Him, heart to heart

Its time to dance with the King
And never look away
In love forever, with a love
That's never more will stray

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Dash Them To Pieces
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You Shall Dash Them To Pieces As A Potter’s Vessel

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My children, I know the arrogance and contempt of the wicked. I know their schemes and whilst they may appear to have the ascendancy in these last days, know that they are reserved for destruction in the coming Day of wrath. **I am the King of Kings and The Lord of Lords and I roar from heaven on behalf of My flock.**

None but *none* shall snatch the least of these out of My hand. Yes, some of You, My Royal Priesthood are appointed unto martyrdom but the mystery behind this lies only with Our Father.

I desire you to know your proper place in this final hour. You are My Warriors, My mighty ones. The children of Thunder.

Remember how I dealt with the soldiers that presumptuously approached Elijah? How the guards became as dead men when I arose in glory? Joshua prayed that the sun would stand still and so it did. It was a mortal man such as yourself that was My instrument in the parting of the Red Sea.

Samson in his final hour was no more sanctified than yourself. Those with whom I lived at Nazareth tried to throw Me off the cliff and I merely “passed through their midst” and continued on My way. Jonathan triggered a rout of the Philistines by attacking them saying “perhaps The Lord will deliver them into our hands” accompanied only by a boy. I said that “greater works than these you shall do in My Name” and I say to you that greater than all of the above you shall do in My Name. Only those who are mature and have been broken and delivered from “the pride of life” will be able to be instruments of such mighty works but do not say “that’s not me”.

Am I a respecter of persons? What if I desire you to work such mighty acts in My Name? Are you available or need I look elsewhere? You know My children, that I desire above all else, that You be My instruments of love to this dying world; I came to save life and not to destroy it. I am however The Lion of the Tribe of Judah as well as the lamb. The Father desires that the world be placed under my rule and subjection and so it shall be. I shall rule over the nations “with a rod of iron”, I shall rebuke strong nations afar off. I shall withhold the dew of heaven from those who refuse to honour Me. If this be the nature of My Kingdom can’t I use you to perform My mighty works within the earth?

I poured out My Life unto death so that you could inherit all and be named “Children of the Most High God”. Shake off those limiting thoughts My Mighty Army. Sharpen that gaze. You are My appointed instrument to destroy the works of the enemy.

The harvest field is white and creation cries out to be liberated from the curse. Reveille is sounding through the camp.

Dream About The Election

Russell Yoder

I had this dream Saturday October 23, 2004

It was like a two part dream and I don’t remember much about the first part because I didn’t write it down but it was about President Bush. In this dream we were in the same house… what I remember is that he was like a father figure in relationship to me or maybe it represented a connection between him and the common people, or even the church. The second part I remember real well. The President (Bush) and his wife were standing in my computer room in the basement of my house (I was sitting back away watching). He had a notebook or papers on the counter and he was practicing a speech pertaining to the election. He looked resolute, sounded strong and in fairly good spirits. Then his wife either noticed or he showed his hand to her… around the entire edge of the little finger was a deep reddish purple sore or infection. Just seeing that made me want to pray for him. I said "Mr. President, I would consider it a privilege if I could pray for you." He seemed genuinely grateful for the offer and to pray. I began in pray for him for wisdom and strength and help in preparation of this speech. I felt power in the praying and he did too, and nodded in appreciation. I woke up as I was praying for him in the dream and continued praying in the natural… about the sending and ministry of angels for him. Then I wondered what that was all about.

I didn’t really have time to think a lot about it or write it down that morning. I had stuff around the house to do and made an 11:00 O’clock appointment at the healing room at church. Anyway after a good day and the late service at church Saturday night I went home ate supper and went to bed. I woke up during the night when I looked at the time of the digital clock light shinning on the ceiling… the time was 3:33. Reminded me about what Pastor Anita was saying about Jeremiah 33:3. I just was thinking over all the neat stuff over the past couple weeks (I could write 10 pages!). Then I remembered the dream about the election… and I wondered what the President’s sore finger was all about… almost immediately I realized the finger nail represented the President’s lead in the election, or his hold of the office. The infected nail could easily be pulled off or even fall off if the infection got worse. My thought was this is a call to the church to pray for ‘healing’ of the circumstances causing this infection.

For your discernment,
In Christ Jesus,
Russ Yoder

David Versus Eliab

Victoria Boyson

Aug 2, 2004

As David went to the battlefield to see how he could help his brothers, he was appalled at Goliath's words against his people; he wanted to do something about it. But before David could fight against the giant, he had to overcome the accusations of his own brother Eliab.
"When Eliab, David's oldest brother, heard him speaking with the men, he burned with anger at him and asked, 'Why have you come down here? And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert? I know how conceited you are and how wicked your heart is; you came down only to watch the battle.'
"'Now what have I done?' said David. 'Can't I even speak?' He then turned away to someone else and brought up the same matter" (1 Samuel 17:28-30).

When I read the title of this chapter to my son Cole, he very kindly informed me that I was incorrect. "No, Mom," he said, "it's David and Goliath!" We have all read or heard about the story of David killing the giant Goliath, but shortly before he killed the giant, his brother attacked him verbally. And before David could face off with Goliath, he had to overcome the heated accusation of his oldest brother Eliab.

David trusted in God's power, but his brother did not. Eliab thought the doubts he had about David's character were really wisdom. He misunderstood the accusations in his heart toward David to be a gift of discernment into his brother's life. He thought he understood his youngest brother. He had known David his whole life; he had probably helped to raise him, but could not see David's heart for what it was.

Eliab misinterpreted David's confidence in God to be arrogance and conceit. He thought David was just "talking big" for the boys, and it angered him. He had lived with David his whole life and just saw a little brother who was only good enough to tend the sheep in their father's pasture. Eliab did not know that while David was in the position of the lowly shepherd boy, God was training him to be a giant killer.

"But David said to Saul, 'Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of the Philistine' " (1 Samuel 17:34-37).

While no one was paying attention to David, God was training him to be a mighty man of faith - someone who would not rely on his own strength or wisdom, but on God's. God taught David how to fight *His* way and not the ways of other men. God taught David to use faith and a sling. When the fighting men of the day tried to train David to fight with armor and a sword, it was uncomfortable for him because he was not used to it (see 1 Samuel 17:39).

God Wants to Train Us

If we are willing, God himself will teach us and train us to walk in His ways. Many times God uses the experiences of other men to train us, but there comes a time when He desires to get one-on-one with us (see John 16:13). He desires to take us through our trials Himself, step by step, and the more we learn from Him, the greater our capacity to be taught by Him.

Eliab fashioned himself after the warriors of the day, and I am sure in their eyes he ranked very high. He was certain that he knew what it took to fight; he was sure David did not have what it took. After all, Eliab was the one that Samuel thought would be God's choice for the next king of Israel. The Lord told Samuel to disregard Eliab's appearance and his height, because He'd rejected him. *"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks after the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7).*

Eliab was furious with David for even thinking he, a shepherd, could fight the giant Goliath. Eliab thought David was conceited for talking with such great faith. Eliab reasoned that since he, the oldest and biggest of his brothers, would not even consider fighting with Goliath, how could his "baby brother" have the gall to think he could fight him. He was positive that David's talk was just conceit and that his intentions were wicked. Eliab was focusing on Goliath and thought he was too big for anyone to fight, but David's focus was on his God. Eliab thought that David was thinking too highly of himself, but actually it was Eliab who thought too little of God.

Turn Away from the Accuser

Have you ever been in David's position? Your intentions are honorable and your heart is pure, but those around you misinterpret your actions. They point at your confidence in God and assume it is pride, so they decide that they need to remind you of your smallness, as Eliab did when he reminded David he was only a shepherd. *"And with whom did you leave those few sheep in the desert?" (1 Samuel 17:29).*

People like Eliab allow their mouths to be used by doubt and unbelief. They will point out every reason why you could not possibly fulfill the call of God on your life. They are positive you could never have the things God has promised to you. Eliab felt he knew David, and he was sure there was nothing special about him. However, Eliab was not there in the fields with the sheep when God was fashioning David's heart after His own and building up his faith in Him.

It was at this time that David made one of the most important decisions of his life: he turned away from Eliab and started talking to someone else.

The enemy will find those people in our lives that regard us as inferior and unsuitable for ministry, and speak through them to devour our destiny. He will use them to point out our inadequacies and remind us of all the reasons why we could not possibly do anything of significance.

But God also has a voice! He can see into our future and the motives of our heart. We need to tune our ears into Him and He will encourage us to do all that He asks us to do. He wants us to break free from the person we have previously been and see ourselves walking in our destiny in God.

You are a Giant Killer

Beloved, God sees you as a giant killer. He sees you as victorious; He pushes you to try. Close your ears to the enemy's lies and see yourself as God sees you. *God wishes to use your uniqueness to enrich the body of Christ.*

God has been trying to convince you that your destiny is very great, indeed. But at the same time, those around you see you as insignificant. They may view you as anointed, but cannot possibly envision what God has planned for you. It simply is not possible for them to see your destiny. Don't expect them to; it is between you and God. He desires it to be that way until He releases you into your destiny in Him.

If David had listened to his brother Eliab, he would not have killed the giant, and he may never have become king. While anticipating the birth of our destiny, we must endeavor to turn away from the opinions of man and heed the voice of God. God promised David the crown of Israel, but he was virtually unknown until he fought and killed Goliath. It was through this step of faith that God made his name known. God gave him a platform by which he would eventually be made king and fulfill his destiny. Every step of faith and every act of obedience to God will get us one step closer to our destiny in Him. If David had not stepped out in faith here, he might not have sat on the throne of Israel.

What is the Goliath in your life today? What is God asking you to do? No matter what it is, be ready for the voice of the accuser to say you cannot do it. He wants to stop your destiny. Don't let him do it! When the enemy tries to discourage you, be encouraged by it. He would not waste his time trying to discourage you unless he actually thought you would fulfill your destiny in God.

Please pray this with me:

Dear Father, Help me to hear Your voice and not the voice of the accuser. Change my vision. Help me see myself the way You do. Allow me to see others in light of Your grace, and help me see Your destiny in people everywhere I look!

Day Of Deliverance
Musa Opiyo

May 22, 2004

For surely the Lord would say that this is the year that I am delivering My people out of fears that have gripped and robbed them of My peace for many years. For there is a shaking occurring in the heavens that shall even manifest itself on the earth, of the strongholds that have long prevailed over My precious people. No longer shall My people walk in fear of the attacks and the onslaughts of the enemy but rather they shall arise in holy boldness and take the battle to the gates. No longer shall the gates of hell prevail against My Holy Remnant, for they shall come to a new understanding of the victory that was won on the cross and they themselves shall arise in My power and strength, clothed with My love and mercy, and they shall defeat the enemy on every side.

Many in this day are discouraged, defeated and downcast because they do not have a full revelation of who they are in Me or what I did on the cross, but I am opening the eyes of their understanding, that they may know the victory accomplished by Me and they would live in the abundance I made so available to them. Rise up bold warriors. The enemy is desperately trying to nullify and destroy what I am doing amongst My people. He fights a losing battle. He knows his end is near. You know his end is near and so fear not, so arise and war with Passions Fire. Declare that this is the season of Jubilee, of recompense of all that was stolen by the enemy. Continue to speak My praises and worship for no stronghold of Satan can remain when My words and My praises proceed from the mouth of My Holy People.

Blessings,
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Return To Your First Ministry
Musa Opiyo

May 23, 2004

I hear the Lord asking many to return to their first ministry: intimacy and true relationship with His Son Jesus Christ.

Many people, especially ministers the Lord says, have become so engrossed and involved in their own ministries and all that entails it that they have forgotten their first and foremost ministry; intimacy with their Lord and Saviour. Because of this they have experienced frustrations and problems to which have dialed 911 to Heaven's throne asking what is going on.

I hear the Lord replying: "Many have forsaken drawing from the well that is found in My presence that by the time you go and minister to My children you are dry because you cannot give what you yourself have not received. Lean on Me. I am the one who anointed and gifted you in your area of ministry and service to My children. I will equip you and I will give you the tools and resources you need. When you give time devoted to Me, I will extend time as I did with My servant Joshua so that you can and will accomplish that which I have sent and commissioned you to do."

"And yet there are some of My children who have forsaken the ministry because of discouragement and weariness brought on from the enemy. When you said yes for Me to use you I did not promise you a smooth road. In fact, if anything I promised that you would have tribulation moments where your faith would be tested and tried. It would be the enemy's delight to see you throw in the towel and give up, yet I say give him no quarter. Pick up again your mantle and go forth knowing that the I AM who called and anointed you shall go forth accompanying your words with signs and wonders. I AM with you."

Philippian 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

Child of God, the Almighty has not given up on you. Dont give up on him. What he has spoken shall come to pass for his word shall not return void.

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Double Blessing

Steven Brooks

Recently the Lord has been speaking very clearly to my wife and I that **"The Double Is In."** Just over two weeks ago I traveled to Irvine, California. to minister at The Eagle's Nest, which is a great church pastored by Dr. Gary Greenwald. While there Pastor Gary blessed me with a new and very expensive laptop computer, which he had just purchased on a ministry trip in Malaysia. We were in great need of a new computer because our office computer crashed two months earlier due to severe computer viruses. A friend with computer repair skills was able to save our important documents before the computer completely shut down, but the problem was so severe that after four hours of work on it he still couldn't fix it. I had given this computer up for dead and due to the fact that it was already six years old, had decided that it was non-repairable. Because of this my wife and I were reduced to carrying ministry paperwork, notes, and other office products to the local library everyday in order to use their computers to complete our work. We thanked God for the public library, while at the same time it was a difficult task to do this on a daily basis. The very day that Pastor Gary gave me the new laptop computer, I received a phone call from a good friend who had taken my old, non-working office computer to a friend he knew that was a computer technician. He called me to let me know that my computer had been completely repaired and that it was now better then new. Not only was it repaired and running great but also it had all of the new software installed on it. Now I have two outstanding computers, one for my office and one for when I'm on the go. The Lord blessed me with double.

Two days later following this experience with the computers, I was ministering in Whittier, CA. at a Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International dinner banquet. After sharing my testimony I prayed and prophesied over everyone present in the meeting. After I completed this time of ministry, a Senior Pastor was quickened by the Spirit and he looked at me and said, "You have asked God for a certain amount of money, God said He is going to **double** it!" In my heart I was aware of the sincere request that I had made to God regarding a specific financial petition. After these meetings my wife, daughter, and myself returned to our home in Henderson, Nevada, where we live and pastor a new and growing church called, "The City of Lights Church." Once back home I began to pray and ask God if I was correctly hearing from Him regarding the prophetic declaration that, "The Double Is In."

I set aside time to pray and seek God, however all I could sense was disappointment. It seemed as if the enemy was trying to steal my hope in an effort to convince me that the previous events with the two computers that were given to me, and the receiving of a prophetic word, were just mere coincidences. As I continued to pray in tongues the discouragement seemed to increase even more than before. As a Believer I know we are not supposed to be led by our feelings, but rather we are to be led by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. After three hours of praying in tongues I felt as if I had gotten nowhere with God. At that time I simply said, "Lord, I have some other business that I must attend to now, I have to leave for now." As I began to rise up from my position of kneeling in prayer, I thought I would make one more attempt to connect with God. Although I was still greatly discouraged, I took hold of my Bible and placed it before me. I said, "Lord, I don't even know where to look, or what I'm looking for," and having said that I sat my Bible down and got ready to leave to catch an appointment. However, when I sat my Bible down it fell open and a specific verse seemed to lift off the page and grab my eyes. The verse said:

“**For your shame you shall have double**; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: **therefore in their land they shall possess the double**: everlasting joy shall be unto them.” (Isaiah 61:7)

Well, as you can imagine that living verse of scripture put me over the top and I know in my heart that, “The Double Is In.”

Yesterday my wife Kelly and I met one of our church married couples for lunch at the mall. We were there to celebrate the husband’s birthday. Before lunch my wife spent some time walking around the mall and noticed there were big, huge signs hung all around the mall that said, “The Double Is In.” Each large sign was advertising the need to purchase either two pairs of shoes, or hats, scarves, and other types of products. Kelly came back to the lunch table to have me come and see these large signs. They were all over the mall. The Lord is clearly speaking through secular advertising to bring confirmation to His directives.

Some reading this may be wanting more than just double. You may be thinking in terms of exponential increase. I believe great increase is at hand for the body of Christ, but we must not despise the day of small beginnings. The double will actually carry us into the greater purpose and destiny that God has for us. For instance, Paul the apostle sailed from the island of Malta to his ultimate destination of standing before Caesar in Rome. He made this journey towards destiny aboard an Alexandrian ship that had a carved Gemini for its figurehead: “the Heavenly Twins.” (Acts 28:11) Here we see the double revealed through the two twin brothers named Castor and Pollux. I believe God is saying that “the double” is our means of transportation towards the greater purposes of God.

As you receive this word into your heart, be looking for and expecting “the double” to come to you in many forms, such as:
Double Blessings, Double Finances
Double Healings, Double Salvations
And Double the Goodness of God!

Be Doubly Blessed in your walk with Him,
Steven Brooks
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D-Day Wreckage
Marie-France McDowell-Smith

WRECKAGE, WRECKAGE, WRECKAGE:
Listen, I speak into your spirit! Wreckage, wreckage, wreckage --- a trail of terror from Day One in the garden until now ... wrecked plans, dreams, hopes, lives, countries, continents, destinies of people, wreckage near and far...wreckage. (An accompanying vision will be shared at a later time).

DEFINITION OF WRECKAGE:
Wreckage: NOUN: 1. The act of wrecking or the state of being wrecked. 2. Something wrecked. 3. The debris of something wrecked. "Well, Lord that is straight forward enough. So, why are you speaking wreckage over and over again?"

TODAYS DATE AND NUMBERS:
The Holy Spirit (Ruach) directed, "Look at the date? What is today's date?" Could it be written as:

6-6-2004 = 18 = 1+ 8 = 9 (divine completion; Fruit of the Spirit)

~and~

2004 = 2+0+0+4 = 6

~or~

6-6-6 = 666 (the number of man, the number of the Mark of the Beast)

And again, 6-6-6 = 18 = 1 + 8 = 9 (Fruit of the Spirit; divine completion).

AN ACCIDENT? A SHIFT IN DATE FOR INVASION:
Ruach (the Holy Spirit) reminded me of a well known fact that the original date set for the invasion was June 5, 1944; however, due to weather conditions (an act of God), it was delayed until the next day, June 6th. "Do my people think that this was an accident? Do they not understand that there are no coincidences of any kind! Do they fear that I am a feeble God, unable to show you a mere 60 years later a matter of strategy for My end time generals, captains, and sgt.'s? These strategies need to be revealed with all the prophetic significance involved in D-day. A day that signaled the beginning of the end for the enemy. The determining factor in the turning of tide in the defeat of the Nazi's and their evil plans to rule the entire world. That same one who has always wanted to be worshipped as god, to rule My creation, pride ousted him from heaven. Do you now SEE what I am revealing?

THE MEMORIAL OF D-DAY:
Now, these sixty-years later -- June 6, 2004, marks the Allied Invasion against the Nazi's (abbreviation for the National Socialist German Workers' Party) on the Normandy Coast of France in the name of Liberty to a fully occupied country! Today, German Chancellor Schroeder was the first German leader invited to this event in all its 60-years of commemoration, a mark of reconciliation unprecedented.

A STRONG ENEMY AND HIS DEFEAT:
By * 1944, the Nazi's had tumbled over cities and countries like a skillfully released bowling ball speedily sliding down an alley headed for hell at top speed, no holds barred. The enemy had to be stopped. This effort could well have been the last chance for freedom in the West; the British Isles were next on their agenda. The West was given privilege for God's destined purposes, and with that prosperity and privilege came responsibility to go tell the nations the GOOD NEWS!(Gospel) and to defend FREEDOM both in the natural as well as spiritually! No one country or force would be able to stop the enemy is his tracks. Not one country alone, only a combined force! [* 1944 = 1+9+4+4 = 18 = 1+ 8 = 9 = divine completion; Fruit of the Spirit].

WHO WERE THESE COUNTRIES? WHAT IS DEFINITION OF D-DAY?
Twelve nations supplied troops and matèriel for the Allied Expeditionary Force (AEF). The AEF consisted of: Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France (Free France-FFI), Greece, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Of these countries, the D-Day assault divisions (paratroopers, gliders, navy, infantry, mechanized) were composed of British, Canadian and American units. Much preparation work was achieved especially by the RAF Gliders pilots, air pilots, the Free French Interior (Resistance and their use of Verlaine's beautiful poem "CHANSON D'AUTOMNE" to signal the nation that the Invasion was underway), and many civilians from a number of countries. As I inquired the definition of the name of this greatest assault the world has ever seen, D-day, some responded 'D' for doom, devastation, or destruction day. In retrospect, it was all of these. Yet, its original usage was a military term, 'D' represents Day, thus D[ay]-Day ; as the term 'H-hour' with the 'H' meaning hour.

MORE BASIC HISTORY:
The Allied Expeditionary Force (AEF) under the command of Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower combining effort with Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of Britain, and other world leaders, brought together an allied force on land, air and sea, in what became known as the largest invasion force in human history. The operation, given the codename OVERLORD, [Fortitude: The shadow operation conceived to conceal Overlord] delivered five naval assault divisions to the beaches of Normandy, France. The beaches were given the codenames UTAH, OMAHA, GOLD, JUNO and SWORD. Fighting by the brave soldiers, sailors and airmen of the allied forces western front and Russian forces on the eastern front led to the focused defeat of German Nazi forces, along with their two partners Italy and Japan, known as the axis powers. On May 7, 1945, German General Alfred Jodl signed an unconditional surrender at Reims, France. Routing the enemy entrenched in France continued until September 1944.

WHY THE HISTORY LESSON?
God is revealing information perhaps not seen before through a variety of methods and to many people, never just one person. HE has reason for showing us, teaching us and directing us in new areas of understanding. Much of which we may only know much later as is necessary to utilize. Sometimes, God teaches us on a 'need to know basis'. His loving care for us is HIS precise direction, and all about timing. When HE speaks to HIS people and they fail to obey, HE moves to the next, for ALL THINGS are accomplished by HIS Mighty Right Hand. As an orchestra's symphony conductor to an intricately choreographed and supremely-timed ballet. Our Abba is forever preparing HIS children, developing our needed skills for VICTORY! We are the winners, HIS champions, we are overcomers as Yeshua overcame all obstacles in this world. Our obedience and duty to co-operate with the Holy Spirit as God promises to conform us to the likeness of HIS Son unto that coming day. So, we prepare and learn all that we can at the direction of our master teacher, Ruach haKodesh (the Holy Spirit of God). HE leads and guides us into all things. When children, we question the validity of some things taught. I can remember saying, "Why must I memorize these silly element tables, I will never use these in real life!" Hang on to your hats folks, famous last words for all of us. In earnest, the adventure of all adventures is about to begin.

WHY HE COMES!
I AM and I have always had a plan! There are no surprises to Your God. I COME TO REVERSE, RESURRECT AND RECONCILE ALL THE WRECKAGE OF ALL TIME AND HISTORY; NO PLAN TOO LARGE FOR ME! I AM THE ALEPH AND THE TAV; I AM OMNISCIENT, OMNIPRESENT, I AM THAT I AM. I COME QUICKLY!

A WARNING ~ TOUCH NOT MY OWN!!!
All that has been seemingly wrecked by my enemies and those vile complicitors joining in their evil plans, will face ME. Better had they faced D-day, for WHEN THEY STAND BEFORE ME, AS THEY ALL WILL, their doomsday, their devastation will be MY JUSTICE in love for you! YOU are My Beloved, a people sacrificially loved, blood bought, the one-new man in Yeshua. For these are the ones who know Me, their Adonai Elohim, their Abba, and observe and walk in My ways. They follow the Lamb wherever HE goes!!! Stand alongside My precious Beloved, Isra'el, never leave her side, NEVER! All that you do and speak for her is recorded as done unto me....but a cup of water for the least of these, My brothers. All those who have harmed or harassed you and her, even to a tiny fraction of a degree will face My justice, loss of reward and possible punishment in outer darkness their due....touch NOT MY OWN!!! Beloved, You are mine and I AM Yours! Nothing can ever separate you from the Love of Your God, absolutely nothing!

THIS GREAT DAY FOR MY BELOVED!
ALL IN MY KINGDOM WILL BE RESURRECTED, both the living and the dead, in but a twinkling of an eye. This GREAT DAY will come in but a nano-second of time, barely negligible. ALL followers of the Lamb will be ushered into My magnificent dwelling-place where Your God resides. Yerushalayim, my choice from before the beginning, My heart!

TROPHIES OF GRACE DISPLAYED:
WARRIOR-BRIDE, Yeshua's gift from ME, Your Abba; I SEE YOU arrayed in splendor, shining and sparkling trophies of grace displayed. HIS army prepared to ride upon the wind, return and defeat the enemy and his entourage for all time and eternity. The GREAT I AM will toss them into the prepared place, the pit of hell, created for their isolated containment. My government to establish for the healing of the nations. My Son, Yeshua will rule and reign from the City of Your God, that Golden City, the city called by My name!

SEND FORTH MY LOVE:
YOU, My Beloved, shall be escorted upon Clouds of Glory and accompanied by mercy and compassion; aptly transported by Grace and Justice, forever to live with ME in My Abba's house, a place of refuge for you prepared. But, only a little while longer and I come. SEND FORTH MY LOVE, Blow the Shofar, Ruach calls and woos humanity today.

A CONFIRMATION AND SIGN OF THE DAY IN WHICH YOU NOW WALK:
Today, I give you a sign of your time, the date of D-Day .... move forward, advance for My Kingdom's sake, no time to waste...nothing is as usual, the time to pluck them from the fires of hell is NOW. That time is TODAY!

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Psalm 9:9
Psalm 99:9
Rev. 9
Psalm 122:6,7 (1+2+2+6+7 = 18 = 1+ 8 = 9 = divine completion; Fruit of the Spirit)

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IN THE FACE OF MONSTROUS EVIL,
HE WHO KEEPS SILENT FAILS IN
HIS RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE GOD
AND SHARES IN THE GUILT.

~ BONHOEFFER
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Doors, Doors And More Doors

Sandy Warner

Feb 24, 2004
[A Year of Closing and Opening Doors]

Hi Loved Ones,
This year 2004, the Lord has clearly said to many prophetic people that it is the year of doors. After the Day of Atonement last fall I have seen several doors which brought me to the conclusion that He was highlighting a theme on doors.

If I were to highlight perhaps just one main door among many, I believe it would be called the Door of Opportunity. I have just walked through several months of doors of opportunity and have come to the conclusion that this door is two fold. There is an "in" door and there is an "out" door. There are doors opening to the Lord, doors opening to the enemy; doors the Lord wants us to walk through, doors the Lord wants us to shut, doors the enemy wants us to walk through and doors the enemy wants us to miss.

My life has been so consumed with doors the past few months that it has almost been like a revolving door. To say it clearly, "Stop the world and let me off!" Now the Lord does not want us to be walking in circles and merry-go-rounds, neither does He want us walking out the in door and in the out door. His earnest desire for us is to pray and listen; then choose and walk the right path.

If I could say it even more clearly, I believe we are at a crossroads and the doors we choose will determine our future. It is true that each day the Lord places us at a crossroad and every decision we make determines our future. However this year we are being presented some wonderful opportunities to get off our merry-go-rounds and forever walk away and move forward into our promises.

As you can guess, the upcoming series will be about doors. In order to make the right decisions that are being presented to us, we need to be persistent in prayer until we clearly hear from the Lord about each issue. The first 3 posts are about persistence. After that, the following posts on specific doors will be posted in pairs. The first post of the week will be about a door to close, and the last post of the week will be the door to open in its stead. Toward the end of the series in late April / May, they are all about open doors. (Praise Him!)

QUICKENED THOUGHT: In every opportunity is a choice. In every choice is a test. In every test there is a destiny.

"For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries." (1 Cor 16:9 NKJV)

UPDATE NOTE: After I wrote this upcoming series on doors, I received confirmations from 3 other ministries that are preaching about doors right now. The Holy Spirit is really highlighting this message. Here is a 4th confirmation I received this week:

QUOTE MAHESH:
Mahesh's Website: http://www.watchofthelord.com

On the way home from church I had a Mahesh tape on in the car. Here is his quote: "I saw many of you like a mansion, a beautiful house. I saw many doors to this beautiful house. When I was praying, I saw angels of God. You know when you check the doors at night? They were checking the doors. Some of your doors need to be locked and secure. If not, the thief comes in through those doors that are not locked or slightly opened. You've got to lock those doors. Don't let the enemy in."

John 10:10 NLT
The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.

CONCLUSION
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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKING
Sometimes you will be offered opportunities in your life, and you may start to walk through the door, but I will place a deep unrest in your soul. Listen to your level of peace. For I am walking in you, and My peace abides with you as you please the Father. When you have lost your peace, stop and reconsider your direction. Sometimes doors open so you can get a tiny taste of something different merely to confirm and replant the way you are already going. Sometimes a new door is a temptation to stray and let go of what you have.

If you think that you might be able to handle both the direction you are taking now, and also the opportunity presented, reconsider. For both are in their infant stage and you can not hold and nurture two babies at once. Either you will neglect the one while you give to the other, or you will become distracted and give neither the time they deserve. Do not be disheartened by small beginnings, for I delight in growing and multiplying them.

"You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Ps 16:11 NKJV)

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Knock, Knock, Knock, Knock
Sandy Warner

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[Persistence In Prayer Opens Doors]

One night as I was ready to go to sleep I kept asking the Lord if He had anything to say to me. I heard nothing. Then I asked again. Finally, I wasn't being very adult, and was really begging Him like a kid would do. One more time, I said, "PLLLLEEEEESE Lord?"

VISION: I saw the lines in a frownie face. The lines were being redrawn from the lips going down, to upwards in a smile. I laughed out loud and said Goodnight!

WORD TO PONDER: I WILL TURN YOUR FROWNS UP
Those frownie faces that do not become you shall one day be turned up into delighted smiles!

"The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet." (Prov 27:7 KJV)

SANDY RHEMA
[Lord, it's me again. Please forgive me for nagging You so much, but I really want to hear from You.]

HEARD: Words in My mouth.
[Lord, You mean it's not nagging?] HEARD: Exactly the opposite. I am drawing you.

NOTE: In hindsight, I think this next entry is quite humorous; it was before I was given a writing ministry.

EXPERIENCE: After hearing so little of late, I have grown very hungry and have been knocking continually for several days. Upon waking from another blank night, I asked the Lord what was going on. I thought of many possibilities, but nothing was planted in my heart. Then when I was getting ready for the day I heard the Lord say, "Encouragement." That was it.

I left for errands and then received the strangest Word. I was at the grocery store and heard the phrase, "Maybe she ought to know." I had the distinct feeling that either the Lord or some angels were speaking something about me. At that exact moment, a bakery lady with a giant clear plastic sack of fresh bread walked past me, carrying the bread over her shoulder. This was really quickened to me but I did not know why. Then later as I was driving home, I drove behind an "oversized load" truck on the freeway. I kept thinking about that oversize bread sack the lady was carrying and wondering what I was supposed to know. Well I haven't heard Him in days, I guess He is trying to send me encouragement.

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA

HEARD: I heard two knocks in the Spirit. HEARD: Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with Me.

HEARD: Fear not little ones. It's the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Yes, it's a pearl of great price and you have the pearl encircled with your hands. The Kingdom of God suffers violence and you have taken it by force. Your importunity shall bring forth that which was otherwise impossible. You knocked, and knocked, and knocked. Finally the door opens. Be ye not troubled neither be ye afraid. Only believe.

HEARD: Importunity. Declare delivered. Make merry and be glad. Up and out. Through. Finished. The end. Amen. Blessed ones. Waiting for God. Thank you.

BOB JONES QUOTE - ENTERING IN
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"…Don't talk to Him with the religious jargon. Just talk to Him with the truth, He already knows what's in your heart. If you had a bummer day, tell Him about it. If you are having problems, tell Him about it. You enter into the Presence of the Lord with faith, truth and inner honesty. These are 3 things that get you in there. First faith, then truth and be totally honest. And you are going to come into the Presence of the Lord. But I like to cultivate it. Through the years. It took me a while to get into it. But I believed and I kept seeking until I found. If you seek you will find. If you knock, the door will be opened to you. And sometimes my greatest knocking was silence. Shutting this off. (head) And you can, and listen. When it first starts, all these other phones in your mind are ringing all the time. And sometimes you don't hear until about 3 oclock at night when all the other phones have gone off. At 3 o clock at night this mind of yours is not doing the last day's work anymore and it hasn't started doing the next day's work. And your flesh has already rested from the last day. And it isn't hurting so bad you couldn't hear. Then is when you begin to get the light impressions. Then is when you need to listen. At first you need to write them down…"

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER: SEEK ME
I can hear you knocking, dear one. I told you that you shall find Me if you seek Me. So why do you frown? Do you think I am lost? Smile, precious! I am not lost, but I do hide Myself. I draw your heart to earnestly seek Me with all your heart, so that you would know Me in all My ways. How I love to reveal My heart to those who are truly hungry for Me. Do not feel guilty about your tendency to nag until I answer. I am drawing you and developing within you the habit of searching for Me, so that you will learn to abide in Me, and not stray from My side. I know that once you "catch" Me, you will never let go!

Luke 11:9-13 NLT
"And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will be given what you ask for. Keep on looking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And the door is opened to everyone who knocks. "You fathers--if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! If you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

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First Flight

Sandy Warner

Feb 25, 2004

Through your learning to wait upon Me as your Source, I have taught you how to flap your wings and hover over your nest. Yes, My love, it is also Me Who has also pulled all the feathers out of your nest. Because you have learned to trust Me and let go of your comfort zone, I have released you to take your first flight. How precious you are to trust Me for your courage and to trust in My power to carry you. Take flight, My dear one, take flight! All heaven cheers you on as we see you fly to the nearest branch. Many years have been in the making for this solo flight. How proud we are to witness your trust in the winds of My Spirit to take you where you need to go. Don't worry about a thing. Each step is divinely planned in your training.

"Does the eagle mount up at your command, and make its nest on high?" (Job 39:27 NKJV)

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My Kingdom Within

Sandy Warner

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I AM planting My government within you. This is My reign and kingship within your life. As you yield to Me a step at a time, I bring you up My holy mountain. It is not enough that I walk beside you in this journey. It is only through My living in and through you that we can accomplish the steep grade. However I will bring My Kingdom to your life in little tiny steps, so tiny that you won't even notice - until you look back to your beginnings! (Smile) In the end you will fully function in your calling and My Kingdom shall be established within your life. I will manifest this in supernatural ways through My anointing upon your life.

"Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?" Psalm 24:3 NKJV)

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Destiny and Discipleship

Shirley Baskett

"My sheep hear my voice...." and what do these sheep hear and do? "Follow Jesus." Jn 10 v 27

When we hear the voice of Jesus we hear the call to discipleship. But many other voices have changed this call to say that as a Christian our call is to find our 'destiny'. Destiny has replaced discipleship.......

We weren't originally called to 'find our destiny' - we were called to learn discipleship - pretty basic and humble as a call........ to learn to follow and become intimate with the voice of the shepherd.

One call has its focus on us and our greatness and the other has its focus on him.

Defining Days

Bill Burns

Bill Burns:
These are defining days in which you will have defining moments. There will be vanishing points if you do not receive the turning points that I am giving in this season. If you choose not to seek after Me and listen to Me, the opportunities that I am giving you in My Church to arise will vanish, for your part in that will be lost, and you will not fulfill your destiny. My people, rise up and hear and believe that this is a defining moment. I am revealing Myself, for I have scattered the ashes of your sacrifice across this place signifying that I have received your sacrifice of praise.

You can no longer drink of the cup of the devil and the cup of the Lord. You can no longer associate with the dead and still be part of the living. How long will you halt between two opinions? This is a defining day, and it is a time in which the opportunities of your commissioning will either vanish, or you will turn to Me and serve Me with all of your heart. No longer can you be found in the camp of the enemy and in My camp, says the Lord.

I am bringing forth the power of new beginnings and release the celebration of My presence. Celebrate, for I have come and walked among the candlesticks and released My light among you that you may see that which is hidden in darkness. No longer hide your light under a basket. Remove the old limitations and restrictions and allow My light to shine through you. I am the Lord of Glory touching you, healing you, setting you free. Fulfill your destiny!

Bill Burns
May 15, 2004
You are My chosen generation of royal priests, called after the order of Melchizedek. I call you into your kingdom position to fight the good fight of faith. I call you to war a good warfare. I call you to act as kings. I call you to wear the crown of life. I call you to speak forth out of divine decree and to proclaim the victory. I call you to walk with Me. I come to you to strengthen you and prepare you for the war that is ahead and to equip you and cause you to be strong. Arise! When you hear the sound of the trumpet, run to the battle, and I say, run with joy. My glory shall be your covering in all that I send you to do. In the power of My glory and My light the enemy shall fall. In the power of My presence you shall know Me. The sound of the wind does blow across the land, and the cry of the Spirit comes forth. The earth itself is in travail calling forth the manifestation of the sons of God. You are My sons and daughters. You are the first-born generation of the third day. I call you to arise to the war and to be the warriors of the Spirit this day.

Marsha Burns May 3, 2004
I speak to those who have overlooked the obvious because you have had preconceived ideas and desires that have obscured your vision. Remove the veil of flesh, and you will be able to see with perfect clarity. Adjustments are necessary in places where old goals have not produced the fruit that you desired or expected. There has been a misunderstanding of the promise and timing. Re-evaluate in light of new information and greater spiritual discernment. The light of My Spirit will reveal those things that have been hidden in darkness. Do not charge ahead into the unknown without the witness of My Spirit, says the Lord.

Old places of bondage are now being broken, and you will be released into a new level of liberty in every area of life. Those situations and circumstances that brought oppression and darkness are now being rearranged to allow you to move forward in freedom and power. I speak to many who will make decisions now that will change the course of destiny. Seek Me for wisdom and guidance, says the Lord, and do not be afraid!

Marsha Burns May 10, 2004

: Beloved, as opportunities are presented to you be careful to approach these occasions with your spiritual eyes wide open. Go forth exercising great discernment. Things are not what they seem on the surface. Go into new situations with caution, and remove presumption far from you. This is not a time to allow false hope and blind optimism to lead you. Allow enough time to prove the truth before making a deep commitment in untried positions.

Marsha Burns May 11, 2004

Multitudes are in the valley of decision. This is not an easy place to be because your instinct is to make a quick judgment to relieve the discomfort of walking through this valley, but you have found that a quick solution will not meet the requirements of the situation. This valley is for the express purpose of revealing the pride of independent action. Refuse to allow fear and presumption to rule through your emotions, for that would mean certain disaster. Now is the time when you must walk with Me and allow Me to show you the way, says the Lord. You have not faced life from this perspective before, so you must trust Me to bring the necessary wisdom and to direct your steps. I am with you and I will show you the way, but this is going to be a process and not just a quick fix. The real work being accomplished here is in your attitude.

Marsha Burns May 12, 2004

I speak to many whose lives have seemingly been on hold. Issues have loomed before you that cry out for resolution, and yet as much as you have tried to find solutions and bring resolve there has been no effective change. But, I tell you, now this process of settlement and conclusion has begun. Yet, it won't be a sudden release; rather it will be a continual unraveling until you can see clearly the cause of the complication. Do not be afraid to look at your part in the problem and be willing to take responsibility and change your mind and method of operation. I will lead you through this process as you yield without resistance or pride.

Marsha Burns May 13, 2004

I see the torment that comes with indecision. I hear your cries, "What must I do, Lord?" But, instead of waiting quietly until you receive an answer, you are frantically trying to figure it out by trying on different solutions in your imagination. This only creates more confusion. You will save yourself a lot of grief if you will wait for the right answer and the right moment when you have received the witness of the Spirit to your spirit. Do not allow fear or dread to rule in your heart. Trust Me to make a way that will benefit all concerned. My ways are higher than your ways, says the Lord.

Marsha Burns May 14, 2004

Fortify yourselves mightily. The enemy has launched an attack against you to weaken you on every front -- spirit, soul, and body. Rise up and resist this onslaught. To give in will bring serious weakness and a sense of discouragement and defeat. Let My strength be made perfect in your weakness. This battle will be won in the exercise of your will. Forgive and bless those who have cursed you with their attitudes, motivations, and words. And, break those demonic assignments against you with the power of the blood and the authority of My name, says the Lord.

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Deliberate Force
Priscilla Van Sutphin

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The Holy Spirit spoke “ deliberate force”. What do You want to say Father?

Ezek 34:4-10 NKJV
4 The weak you have not strengthened, nor have you healed those who were sick, nor bound up the broken, nor brought back what was driven away, nor sought what was lost; but with force and cruelty you have ruled them. 5 So they were scattered because there was no shepherd; and they became food for all the beasts of the field when they were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and on every high hill; yes, My flock was scattered over the whole face of the earth, and no one was seeking or searching for them." 7 'Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: 8 "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock" — 9 therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD! 10 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them."

“ Changes are coming that will catapult the church into one of MY making, and of My heart towards men. So many have been building their own kingdoms, and competing for the place of influence. But I am turning over the tables of the money changers, and I will make a permanent change in the face of the church, till it reflects MY IMAGE, - My HEART! I want to spread My KINGDOM over the face of the earth. I cannot do that through pewsitters and comfortable shepherds who feed themselves and not the flock.

I am overturning the iconoclastic fervor within My church – the making idols of men will be arrested! The traditions of men will be abandoned by the true church that reflects My image, and there will be a greater dependency on allowing the pre-eminence to be in CHRIST JESUS, and not in the words of men. I will not entrust My precious broken ones to those who will treat them like flotsam and jetsom. I am a jealous God and MY heart is broken and weeping for those who have not been cared for, for those who have misunderstood My love, because they have not been dealt with in LOVE.

There is such a propensity in the flesh to be impatient, intolerant, and easily frustrated with others. And too many rely on flesh rather than on seeking My face for how to relate to those who are difficult to deal with. Come to ME, and apprehend what it means to love unconditionally. Apprehend what GRACE is about! I am truly going to change so many things quickly, that it will throw some off kilter if you do not rely on intimacy with ME. You must know when to say YES, and when to say NO! You cannot depend on your own best wisdom, but only on MY WISDOM, for deception abounds in this present world and it is getting stronger.

The unholy one is coming. The terrible one who will manifest the worst kind of violence ever seen on this earth. So I say to you…
“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.” Matt 11:12 NKJV
I am strengthening your spiritual backbone, that you might be able to STAND when many will bend. The Kingdom WILL ADVANCE despite the violence and bloodshed that will ensue from his vengeance, for I have My own plans. Earnestly seek MY FACE for what Your role is to be! Earnestly seek My face daily as one who is My BRIDE, looking for her lover.

Ask ME for the GRACE to endure, to stand, and more than that, to TAKE THE KINGDOM BY VIOLENT FORCE! I WILL SHOW YOU THE KEYS TO THE KINGDOM AND GIVE YOU MY STRATEGIES IF YOU WILL SEEK ME FOR THEM. The days that are coming will truly test who is truly for ME, and who has only been pretending. The falling away has begun. But like in Gideon’s time, many more will succumb due to FEAR. Total surrender to Me is the ONLY way that you will overcome in the days to come. Ask for the grace to die to self. Ask for the grace to endure. Ask for UNION with

ME.
Be ready to receive all that your heart has yearned for.”

Life as We Know It
Priscilla Van Sutphin

Sept 30th, 2004
“I have been warning and warning of changes and trying to get you to take seriously the hour that you live in. If you knew you only had one year to live, how would you live your life? If you knew you only had 3 years to live, how would you spend the last three years?

You who are Christian are only strangers here. This is not your HOME! So when you hear these questions, I pray you will begin to think upon them, and begin to live your life to the fullest and also yielded fully to ME. For when you stand before ME, I will not judge you by how many hours you worked in your lifetime. I will not judge you for what kind of car you drive, or how big a house you have, or even for many of the things you think. I will look at the times you loved another – the times you listened to Me and obeyed Me.

I came to demonstrate LOVE ON EARTH. THAT is what I want you to learn how to do. To love others, you must truly love ME, and truly love yourself.
If you do not maintain love for ME, you lose touch, and walk away, and your conscience becomes weakened. Grace becomes less apparent, and you fall into sin more easily. I will keep him in perfect peace whose MIND IS STAYED ON ME. Keeping your mind STAYED on ME, is essential to living IN ME.

Otherwise your love for Me and others becomes rote and mechanical. It becomes DOING THINGS to please ME, rather than being in relationship with ME in a real and loving way…only doing what I ask you to do. Of course if you never listen to what I ask, or yield to how I am leading you…how will you obey me? You MUST walk by the Spirit and not by your flesh. There is no condemnation for those who walk ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT. But you will fall under condemnation if you walk according to the flesh! Oh yes, I know you have heard different. But what does it say?

Rom 8:1 NKJV Free from Indwelling Sin
There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
So it is essential to STAY abiding in ME, that you can walk according to the Spirit and NOT your flesh!

John 15:4-7 AMP
4 Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. [Live in Me, and I will live in you.] Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.
5 I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.
6 If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken-off] branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

Make room in your hearts My beloveds for the KING OF KINGS. Open up the doors of your heart and let the KING of GLORY come in! Let me shine My light into every crevice of your being and illuminate any darkness still resident in you. For if that light that is in you is darkness, then how can it not pollute the streams that issue forth from your soul?

Luke 11:34-36 AMP
Your eye is the lamp of your body; when your eye (your conscience) is sound and fulfilling its office, your whole body is full of light; but when it is not sound and is not fulfilling its office, your body is full of darkness.
Be careful, therefore, that the light that is in you is not darkness. If then your entire body is

illuminated, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright [with light], as when a lamp with its bright rays gives you light.

If any part is dark, it means there is a stronghold of the enemy there. If there is a stronghold, there is oppression and there can be a skewing of information received, because the unholy one wants you to be diverted from your devotion to ME. He wants you to keep from UNION with ME. He will try to mislead. He will try to pollute the stream of living water coming from your mouth. It is time to come past the outer court and into the inner court. It is time for HOLINESS to hallmark your relationship with ME. No part dark means NO DECEPTIONS. NO COMPROMISE. It means leaning on ME, not on your own opinions. Being willing to lay down your own opinions, and do MY WILL, not your own.
YIELDEDNESS TO ME FULLY, ONLY COMES WITH COMPLETENESS OF HEALING AND DELIVERANCE -SANCTIFICATION!
A soul cannot yield fully to ME, if it has squatters. The enemy is like a land squatter. He comes in through you believing lies and misconceptions, and takes part of the land [your soul] so that he can occupy and take more land.
If you swallow his lie, he has a right to enter. But he has no real rights when you fully surrender to ME. He is only lying to keep his land so that he can hope to disqualify you. But since he is a liar and squatter he can be evicted. And that is what I am busy trying to do. I am evicting all the intruders, the little beings walking around your soul that have come through lies and deceptions, allowing you to compromise your walk with me. And they also have tried to steal the worship, and steal the union and communion with ME. They are trying to limit you from receiving the fullness of glory. They want to stop this apostolic move of MY SPIRIT…hoping to keep you from your destiny.

So I am again telling you to come to ME. SIT WITH ME. LIE WITH ME.
Be still and know that I AM GOD. In QUIETNESS and REST you will be RESTORED! It is only in quietness and resting that your soul will be still enough to hear My voice, to see more clearly. Surely the days are coming that will try men’s souls. You will need a pure heart and confidence in My ability to do ANYTHING in the days ahead. Offer up a SACRIFICE of praise and worship to Me. Come into My courts with thanksgiving, come into MY PRESENCE with praise and dancing, extolling Your GOD Who loves you so! Even if you can only mouth the words because you are afflicted and worn, come! I long to hold you in MY arms My beloveds!

I will illuminate the darkness and spy out every stronghold, and eliminate all the lies. The time for pretense is OVER! You cannot pretend to be ok in My presence. I know you inside and out. I know everything. Pretense itself is a LIE. Do not resist Me any longer, I adjure you to come and buy gold refined in the fire.

Put on the garments of PRAISE for the spirit of heaviness that has been prowling around. Give ME MORE of your time, and I will do all that is necessary. Quiet yourself before Me after you come into My presence and listen for the still small voice. I am speaking to you. You only have to come, and LET ME LOVE YOU!
Isa 30:15 NKJV For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:
"In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

Divine (Financial) Strategies
Andrew Bullians

Mar 10, 2004

Dear List Members [Lighthouse Prophecy],

As with Andrew's article from his Injesus site, we too are seeing Divine Financial Strategies released in our area of real estate. Just this morning, before reading Andrew's article, the Lord spoke to me in just such terms:

"I will show you where to invest your time and money, but you must be sensitive to my Spirit to truly understand. Do not use worldly intelligence to decide these matters."

I believe there are those on this list to whom these words also apply. We are indeed beginning to see some substantial wealth transfers taking place in our area...Clay.

Divine Strategies
Andrew Bullians (andrew@fourwindsfinancial.net) Mar 10, 2004

The Lord is saying: "I am releasing 'Divine Strategies' for the transfer of wealth to start occurring in this season."

In the last two weeks we have had a number of specific strategies revealed to our Members, concerning the global economic markets and how God wants us to take advantage of this information. This is very exciting for us as a group, as it helps us to understand the ways in which God wants to partner through us, to transfer wealth from the world's system to His Kingdom. Earlier this year we had started a currency trading account and although we were up almost 42% in two weeks, we soon fell into the trap of trying to figure out the markets from "conventional" wisdom, and now we are up only marginally. God told us to stop, as we had been studying the charts, the economic data, political maneuvering, and we had gotten away from His wisdom. The lesson here is that if we do not listen and wait for the Lord's instructions in every situation, we run the risk of relying on our own talents and missing the mark.

When dealing with the financial markets, they are probably the most analyzed and watched markets in the world. Commodities, currencies, stocks and bonds, all play an integral part in the global economic picture, and the "world system" is very adept at analyzing past price movements and forecasting future possibilities. While all these modern technologies have a place in financial analysis and strategies, the message of the world is: "God is not needed when there are computer models for every possible scenario." And that is part of our challenge.

If we really think about it, the challenge that God is giving us is to put away the childish things (wisdom of the world), and rely completely on Him for His detailed "Divine Strategies". There is great peace in trusting the Lord Jesus Christ to not only tell us the strategy, but also the timing, and to provide the resources needed for us to accomplish the strategies. In this way He gets the glory, and we get to praise Him for His faithfulness in using us for His glory. Meditate of these wonderful truths:

Ps 84:10 "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand outside." Ps 127:1 "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it;"

When counseling Entrepreneurs, one of the first questions I ask is: "Where is God in your venture?" Most look at me in surprise as they declare that God is in everything that they do for Him. And they explain that they have been called to their venture and God will bless their hands. In a way that is true, but there is a higher level of partnering that God wants to accomplish through us in these new days.

My concern is always that if we assume that we have the talent and ability to accomplish our venture, and then God will step back and allow us to do just that. Because we are His children, He will bless us and watch out for us, but from a distance.

But, is that all we need from Him? We desire God to be the architect of all of our ventures and thus, must wait on Him to reveal His plans, which are far too big for us to accomplish. We then step aside and allow Him to work through us, as bondservants, being obedient to do what He says, nothing more, nothing less. To those who have paid the price to die to self (selfish motives and goals), God is revealing His strategies to accomplish His goals. His main goal is to find us faithful to pray, listen and obey, and to follow His direction.

I once heard that it will only take a few hours a day to make the decisions that will transfer billions into the Kingdom, and I understand that now. When we are drawn into His chambers (see Perspective "The Beauty of our King") He delights in giving us the information necessary to place the orders in the markets and see the profits multiply.

Recently, two of our Members received the same scenario within days of each other. One received the words "to the power of" and the other, "multiplication." As you know, 3x3x3 = 27 or 3 to the power of 3. No longer will the returns be by addition; 3+3+3=9, but the law of multiplication will prevail. I am always aware of the returns God promises for the seed that is planted in good (prepared) soil, 30 fold, 60 fold, and 100 fold. This represents 3000%, 6000% and 10000% returns on investment. When Jesus multiplied the 5 loaves and 2 fishes to feed 5000 men, plus women and children, in Matthew 14:17-20, what return was that? Also 7 loaves and a few small fishes fed 4000 men, besides women and children (Matthew 15:34-37), and 7 baskets were left over.

God is now revealing His strategies that will return "to the power of" from the investment (seed) that is sown (invested). It is important to understand the Biblical truth that God reveals in Genesis 1:11, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth, and it was so." The words "after his kind" occur 10 times, which is significant as the number 10 denotes "ordinal perfection". When we plant financial seed we must expect to receive "after its kind", or a financial harvest. This financial harvest will not be according to our past expectations, but the new law of multiplication, or "to the power of". Another way of looking at this phrase "to the power of" is to recognize that the "power" that is working in us to accomplish God's will is His power – His Holy Spirit.

We must ask God to remove all limitations from ourselves, and allow Him to flow freely through us to be the financial vessels of honor He has called us to be. Let's agree in prayer:

Father, I offer myself as a living sacrifice before you today. I ask you to burn up any selfish motive or goal still within me, so that the power of Your Holy Spirit can flow freely through me to transfer wealth from the world's system to Your Kingdom. Open my ears to hear and my eyes to see Your strategies, and give me the courage to obey Your every command. I pray with faith, seated at the right hand of God in Christ, and in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

If this has been a blessing to you, please forward it to others. I would also be delighted to receive your feedback and comments.

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Responses To Divine (Financial) Strategies
Clay Sikes

Mar 11, 2004
Dear List Members,

As many of you know, I have written very little about money on this site. However, this is about to change as I sense strongly that God is moving in the area of finances in the Body of Christ. Every vision requires provision and I sense God is raising up people to minister to the body financially.

Many in the Body of Christ have been through, and are going through a financial hell of sorts. I too have been through this experience and it is most difficult as the purging, love of money, and world's system ways are removed from our being. During my prayer time this morning, I felt the Holy Spirit lead me to Psalm 66:10-12. This powerful scripture is very prophetic for the times we now live in and, I think, prophetic for some on this list.

I am seeing some unprecedented things happen in the Body as many are beginning to pop out on the other side of debt, lack, financial hardship, etc., as new ideas, witty inventions and new direction begins to flow to God's people. The key to this great change! REST!

I am literally astounded at what God is doing financially in the lives of so many who have been through so much fire and tribulation in all areas, especially finances. To those who still suffer, take heart, God is moving. To those who are seeing the first rays of light, STAY IN GOD'S REST and do not let your emotions make decisions.

In Him,

Clay

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wow- i can't believe this- i recently felt the Lord calling me into buying real estate property as rental property, and in the middle of all these real estate and investment e-mails was this letter. how timely indeed! i have been wanting to go into investment real estate for the last nine years, and have been waiting for God's timing in this, and His provision. i am believing God is about to do great things for His people in the area of their finances and resources in order to advance His work in the earth. i am still waiting on God for further direction in these matters. thank you for the wonderful and timely letter.
jessie

This is so timely. I want to thank you for sending it. The Lord has released the potential to earn almost unlimited income for the business He led me to 8 years ago. I do residential cleaning. Two years ago I received a contract from NY (I live in AZ) for Amer. Express to clean corporate apartments - weekly. I've just been doing this by myself as I did not want employees. A couple of weeks ago they offered me an extremely large contract and said I'd need 10 employees (500 moves a year). All I did was ask the Lord for a financial increase outside of the labor of my hands. This will take me out of the "working" of the business and put in the position of just running the business. Anyway, as I prayed about this new direction and release of potential wealth, I also requested He hand pick the employees. He has already given me two . . . I've also prayed about His direction for the money for multiplication purposes. I know a portion is to get me debit free. Hallelujah! This has been an extremely LONG season of waiting for His promises to manifest. But this is truly the season for some to come into their earthly inheritance from the Lord. I desire and am asking for the spiritual inheritance to increase right along with the financial. What a combination.

Blessings,
Gaylene

Damnable Heresies
John Martin

The following verses of scripture had little significance to me until the Lord illuminated them to me last week.
(2 Pet 2:1-3 KJV) But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. {2} And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. {3} And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.
It just happened to be original King James that I had picked up and opened randomly when this was highlighted to me so I present that version for consideration.

A **false teacher** is "a propagator of erroneous Christian doctrine", (Strong's concordance).
Privily means secretly. **Damnable,** means destructive. **Heresies,** can mean "hearsay"
(I heard it said by a reputable source so I will repeat it without checking it out in scripture first). For example, will somebody please tell me where scripture specifically says that the devil cannot read my thoughts? If he can put thoughts into my mind then why can he not also know what my thoughts are? I have read many accounts of Christian persons being taken to heavenly realms (including the second heaven) and reporting that all communication is without speech as we know it. When do we as Christians ever really question some of the things being said from the pulpit? This does not necessarily mean that satan is omniscient, but only that he is a spirit and it seems that all spirit life communicates on a higher level than humans.
Perhaps the reader can see that though this is a minor error, if minor errors can be introduced so easily then why cannot more significant and major errors be taught also.
Note the scripture says "privily or secretly"

"**Denying**" the Lord who bought them. The primary word used in Strong's is "contradicting". Is this not what the serpent did with Eve in the Garden?
Any teaching that contradicts the truth of God's word makes the teacher a "false teacher" who is literally "denying the Lord who died for them".
I think the reason I had never considered this scripture for *our day* was the idea that seems to be put forward here is of a teacher, pastor, evangelist, or missionary who would try to come into a church saying " I **do not believe in Christ** as the way to salvation so let me teach you a new truth". He or she would get the boot immediately. But many actually contradict the true teaching of scripture and get by with it because of their name or position. Some by intent and some do it ignorantly by passing on "hearsay". The result is the same. People do not read the Bible and pray for understanding for themselves therefore are subject to deception. Many have not been "born again" therefore cannot receive revelation anyway.

"Pernicious"; highly injurious or destructive in character. Because of ***their*** ways the "WAY OF TRUTH" will be "evil spoken of" ie: blasphemed, railed upon, reviled, to speak irreverently of, irreverence toward anything regarded as sacred.
Can you turn on your radio or television today and not hear almost constant blasphemous talk about God, Christians, Church, Pro Lifers, Extreme Right etc. ad infinitum ????
What used to be holy is now evil spoken of. Why? Because of the false teachings introduced so subtly that we've accepted them until there is no longer purity and holiness in the Church that demands respect. Hypocrisy will always bring scorn.
The world has not done this to us; we have done it to ourselves by delegating our personal responsibility to others.

"Covetousness": greed, avarice and extortion.

"Feigned": keyword "molded" meaning carefully crafted deceitful words, artificial and fictitious. This is for the purpose of obtaining something from the people.

"Merchandise": A market or emporium. This simply means they covet your finances and the prominence and position and fame it secures for them. Gullible Christians are a virtual market place of prosperity and prominence for those who would exploit them. How many ministries do you know of today that do not plead to their audience for support. How many conferences have you been to that are not crowded with tables of goods to be sold at inflated prices? How many ministers would be willing to consider it all DUNG for the Excellency of knowing Him?

Doctrinal truth must be brought back to the House of God but the people must be ready to receive it when it comes and I suspect they are not ready to deal with their false beliefs because many of these doctrines are literally "sacred cows".

To make my point I would like to present one actual example of erroneous teaching. I quote from a Christian book published in 1994 by a well known author whom you would know if I mentioned the name.

"When God made mankind he did not give us eternal life; He gave us immortal life. Immortality simply means we are destined to live somewhere forever. Where we will live will be our choice. In order to live with God, we have to choose to receive eternal life."

As I read this I immediately thought of several scriptures that say specifically that we are "MORTAL, NOT IMMORTAL"
(1 Cor 15:53-54 KJV) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this **mortal** must put on **immortality**. {54} So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this **mortal** shall have put on **immortality**, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Please note in the above scripture it says the mortal must put on immortality, not that he already has it.

(1 Tim 6:15-16 NKJV) which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, {16} **who alone has immortality**, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.

Some would try to make the argument that only our physical body is mortal but our spirit is immortal as this writer implies, however that is not even a possibility because that disputes the above scripture which says that God alone is immortal. Remember that God is spirit and God is the only immortal spirit, then you cannot be immortal until He makes you immortal. **THEN DEATH WILL BE SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY, AMEN.**

Seeking and serving His kingdom,
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Diatribe

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The Lord said to me, “diatribe”…so I looked it up.
di·a·tribe
Etymology: Latin *diatriba,* from Greek *diatribE* pastime, discourse, from *diatribein* to spend (time), wear away, from *dia-* + *tribein* to rub
1 *archaic* **:** a prolonged discourse
2 : a bitter and abusive speech or writing
3 : ironical or satirical criticism
Then the Lord said:
“There is much going around in the media that is nothing but a diatribe. It is a spirit of criticism and satirical thoughts and there is no foundation to it. I don’t want YOU caught up in this My beloveds. You are called to LOVE your enemies and to pray for those in leadership. Do not scoff, but rather PRAY because if you don’t you will be quite reticent to speak later. I need you now in the prayer closet and in WORSHIP. For much is afoot to try to conspire against all that I would do.

This nation hangs in the balance and I’m asking you to set aside more time corporately and individually to pray. This is not a time to get caught up in the abusiveness of what is going on. There is much vying for position and power in high places internationally, and the lawless one is soon to come to the forefront. If you are caught up in OPINIONS, instead of listening to My opinion, then how will you know what I think about any situation? Be My cheerleaders and raise your voices and speak the Word over this nation. Speak the word over your cities, and families. War NOT according to the flesh, but according to the SPIRIT! Cast all your anxieties on ME.”

Then I saw a vision of a man climbing a rope, like you used to have to do for gym class when I was in high school. And he was struggling to get up there, hand over hand inching up the rope.

And then the thought came, “if you give a man enough rope, he will hang himself!” Then I saw the man on the rope slide and fall down.
Then the Lord said:
“Pray that the wicked will fall into their own trap! Pray that those that conspire AGAINST this nation and Israel will fall to their knees and bow to Me. I have good plans for you. Though the mountains fall and the waves of the sea rage, I am with you till the end of all time, and I will sustain you for the purposes for which you were born. Desire TRUTH! Ask for TRUTH, and I will show you TRUTH! Do not ASSUME anything about My will.

Will you NOT just go back to business as usual, but will you reach out around you in love to those when I show you, and be ambassadors of LOVE to those who don’t know ME? This is the purpose for which I came, to reveal Myself, and thereby reveal the Father…and to atone for the sins of ALL MEN. I will show you if you ask, who is called, and who is reprobate in their hearts. But your imagination can be ensnared by your own opinions. Your words and your visions can be corrupted by unholy thoughts and desires coming from your flesh. Pride is rampant, and when pride is rampant, it perverts and twists the truth to serve SELF. Pride is what makes cults. Pride is what leads a man to fall. Do not act SURE of an opinion if it is not MY opinion. Come to ME and ask Me to show you what I think. Ask Me to show you MY OPINION.

James 3:15-18 NKJV This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

I have much to accomplish in your hearts and I am longing for more relationship with you. That requires that your thoughts become as My thoughts – that you depend on Me and that you continue to grow in the WORD, so that your discernment will grow. You must feed yourself with the Word now, while you can and you must teach your children TRUTH. I will help you with setting priorities if you will come to Me and ask. I will help you with decisions and how to teach your children if you will ASK. LEAN on ME My beloveds. I will show you the way to walk. Quiet yourselves enough to hear, for I am longing to speak to you. I love you more than you can imagine, more than you understand. So know that I am NOT aloof to all that is going on. Only BELIEVE in My love for you. Cast away vain imaginations about my faithfulness that are not true. I am a FAITHFUL FATHER."

Mercy And Justice
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Hos 12:6 NKJV So you, by the help of your God, return; Observe mercy and justice, And wait on your God continually.

Hosea 2:19-21 NKJV "I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy; 20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the LORD.
21 "It shall come to pass in that day that I will answer," says the LORD; "I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth.

Matt 23:23-24 NKJV "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone. 24 Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!

Mercy and Justice are the FOUNDATION of My throne! If that foundation is built on justice, then do you think I will overlook forever the injustices done to My people? Will I forever cast off? Will I turn My eyes from all that is wrong in the earth. Will there be FAITH when I return?
Day to day the people wend there way like sheep without a shepherd. This will NOT go on forever. I WILL change the order of things quickly. I will alter the face of this generation in a moment of time. YOU WILL know what I want. You will have My heart and walk in My love. I am coming for the spotless bride. Truth and JUSTICE will prevail in My church. Those in whom it does not prevail are not My church but belong to another gospel.

My people will KNOW My mercy and will offer it in RIGHTEOUSNESS and not in selfishness and competition. You will know the love of the Father as never before. I am not just pouring out power without changing your character! I will break the YOKE of the enemy so that you will be capable of walking in the love that I called you to! You will not go backward. You will move forward in the plans of Your Beloved with confidence and determined Holiness and you will be true ambassadors of My love. GET READY TO HAVE a heart transplant! For I will certainly give to those who have asked to be changed! I will do all to glorify MY NAME.

Some will resist this move and will find themselves quickly caught up in delusion. For if you war against ME in this, you will find yourself in a very bad place with the evil that is coming to this world.

Pray for your leaders to have a heart to change. Pray for the people who are on every high mountain, scattered and worn. Those who have suffered with Me will share in My glory! People in mental torment and various serious illnesses and crippling diseases will be healed instantly and miraculously! I will humble those who have mocked ME and disdained you! GET READY FOR GLORY! The glory train will be coming to you soon. Do not be too busy to seek My face, for My presence is your place of safety and rest. WORSHIP ME in the beauty of holiness. Worship Me in Spirit and in Truth.

Zech 7:8-12 NKJV "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother. 10 Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, The alien or the poor. Let none of you plan evil in his heart Against his brother.'
11 But they refused to heed, shrugged their shoulders, and stopped their ears so that they could not hear. 12 Yes, they made their hearts like flint, refusing to hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets. Thus great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.

Ps 89:14-18 NKJV Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face. 15 Blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the light of Your countenance. 16 In Your name they rejoice all day long, And in Your righteousness they are exalted.

Ps 101:1-4 NKJV Promised Faithfulness to the LORD A Psalm of David.
I will sing of mercy and justice; To You, O LORD, I will sing praises.
2 I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

Isa 16:5 NKJV In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness."

Isaiah 30:18 NKJV God Will Be Gracious
Therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious to you; And therefore He will be exalted, that He may have mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of justice; Blessed are all those who wait for Him.

Zephaniah 2:3-5 Amp
3 Her officials in the midst of her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones on the morrow, for nothing is left by morning. 4 Her prophets are light [lacking truth, gravity, and steadiness] and men of treachery; her priests have profaned the sanctuary; [defrauding God and man by pretending their own word is God's word] they have done violence to the law. [Jer 23:11; Ezek 22:26; Hos 9:7.] 5 The Lord in the midst of her is [uncompromisingly] righteous; He will not do iniquity. Every morning He brings His justice to light; He fails not, but the unjust [person] knows no shame.

The Battle of Fredericksburg
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The Lord spoke to me " the Battle of Fredericksburg" and so I went to read about it since I was never very good at remembering history.
http://www.nps.gov/frsp/fredhist.htm
Reading was quite enlightening…I recommend you read it as well, though a bit
Long…there is a parable contained within it .

Then the Lord said,

I do not want you to feel defeated in the unfolding of time’s circumstances and prophecy. I want you to understand, that MY perfect will is not the same as my permissive will. They may lead to the same place, but the latter leads there the hard way in that the person comes to the conclusion themselves that their own will was in the way and it was not wise to insist on his own will.

The victory I want for you is overcoming SIN, overcoming SELF, and the devil, and all the taunts of this world. THAT is MY main concern. And it should be yours. There are difficult lessons in this life. It is only the narrow path that leads to victory. And I told you that FEW find it! So
do you want TRUTH My beloveds? Or do you want your own way? Do you want MY way, or your way? Father knows best what is good for you to develop trust, faith, hope, charity and kindness. He knows the best for you My loves! Our mercy endures forever. But times change and circumstances change. But not one WORD of My Word will be changed. It will happen as I have displayed it. It will now come forth in quicker measure.

Ready your hearts for many are still sleeping and need to be awakened. So,
SHOUT from the rooftops what I whisper in your ear! Do NOT be ashamed of the gospel of PEACE. DEMONSTRATE MY LOVE AND KINDNESS TO EVEN YOUR ENEMIES, AND I WILL BLESS YOU. But if you insist on going your own way, you will meet with opposition on every side. For great opposition ensues anyhow. The enemy has unleashed much opposition. You must be strong in the power of MY MIGHT, and FIGHT with the WORD of FAITH. DO NOT back down from what I have shown or told you.

I WILL fulfill My promises to you. Even if your perception of how is different…they will be fulfilled. You will have all you need to accomplish what I WANT. You will go forth in power and glory as never before has been seen. Come CLOSE TO ME, My beloveds. Be silent before Me. Let me whisper My secrets to you. Let me ready your hearts for habitation!

Rev 8:1-6 NKJV Seventh Seal: Prelude to the Seven Trumpets
When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. 3 Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. 5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. 6 So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Divine Commissioning

Matt Sorger

The Lord is NOW Releasing a Divine Commissioning to This Generation"
We've Just Entered Another Season of Transition

Several years ago while attending a week of revival meetings the Lord moved upon my heart in a profound way for this younger generation. One afternoon I was standing in the foyer of the church when two young people approached me. From outward appearances they looked rough, with their spiked, blue hair and piercings. But when they opened their mouths they were full of love and had the fire of God burning in their hearts. Their passion for God struck me.

After talking with them for a few minutes I turned and walked into the sanctuary and suddenly my heart was rent with the heart of God. All I could do was weep as God's presence swept over me and as the Holy Spirit spoke to me about His plan for this younger generation.

International Youth Army

This is a revival generation. There is great destiny about to be unleashed in and through the lives of young people all across the world. This revival will not be limited to one nation. I see God raising up a holy, radical army of young people from among the nations of the world.

Recently we were ministering in Mexico with a team of about 65 young people from America and Canada. During the first night of the crusade, the power of God fell on our team of young people in an extraordinary way during the worship time. Many of them were knocked to the floor under the power of God, weeping, laughing, and shaking. It was an extraordinary visitation. One night in the crusade we had our team of young people pray over the Mexican young people and the same anointing and visitation came to them. We even had unsaved teenagers walk in off the street and get saved. God is shaking this younger generation with His presence and power, healing and restoring their hearts, refining them with His holy fire and anointing them to do the works He has destined them to do.

Radical Forerunners

God is raising up catalysts who will burn with a holy fire and will ignite a revival of holiness, passion for Jesus, and the demonstration power of signs and wonders in the earth. These forerunners will move in the spirit and power of Elijah like John the Baptist of old. They will be used to stir men's hearts and prepare the way for the coming of the Lord.
Whenever God is going to show up on the scene in a significant way He raises up prophetic voices to help prepare the way for His coming. He uses men and women who will co-labor with Him to see the Kingdom of God established on the earth in the hearts of people.

One thing I've learned is that God uses people. He could choose to fulfill His plan any way He wants to. But in His sovereignty He has chosen to use you and me in the process. He looks for those who will align their hearts and minds with His; humble vessels who seek only to do the will of their Heavenly Father.

Forerunners help prepare the way. They help awaken men's hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit. They carry a deep conviction and are motivated by a pure desire to see God glorified. Joseph was a forerunner like Elijah and John the Baptist. He was sent ahead of his brothers to prepare the way for their provision. I believe prophetically we are living in a season where God is releasing the Josephs who have been hidden away in preparation for their ultimate calling and destiny. Joseph had a vision and dream of greatness when he was only 17 years old. He caught a glimpse into the awesome future God had for him. But because of the jealousy and envy of his brothers, Joseph found himself moving in what looked like the opposite direction to what God had promised. Rather than rising to greatness he was cast into a pit, sold into slavery, falsely accused, his character defamed, put into prison for years, until one day he was released by the decree of Pharaoh. Not only was he released from prison but he was exalted into the very promise God had given him so many years before.

Positioned For Promotion

In one moment Joseph went from the bottom to the top as Pharaoh placed him in a position over all the land of Egypt. Joseph's promotion came at exactly the right time. Promotion was given because of the supernatural grace and favor of God that rested on him (Gen. 41:38). God's hand and anointing was on Joseph, and no matter how hard things got, nothing could stop the plan of God from being fulfilled.
In Genesis 41:41-42 it says:

"And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt." Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck.

Joseph was bestowed with great power, authority and influence.
In verse 44 Pharaoh also said to Joseph ***"I am Pharaoh and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt."***
Joseph was 30 years old at the time of his promotion (Gen 41:46). Prophetically this is very significant for us today. There is an army of young people that God is raising up in this hour to carry on the work of the gospel in the earth. There is a transition taking place in the Body of Christ as older generals are passing off the scene such as Derek Prince, Bill Bright and Kenneth Hagin. Like Moses and Joshua, mantles are being bestowed on the younger generation to equip and empower them to help lead the church in to the next millennium.

Through his late teens and 20's Joseph was being prepared by God to lead his nation. Through his times of testing God was actually positioning him for promotion. God was bringing him to the right place at the right time so that he could step into the very purpose God had for him. And that purpose was to bring a great deliverance to the people of Israel during a time of severe famine. God's favor promoted Joseph to a position of influence where his life would affect multitudes of other lives.

Joseph was 30 when this new season began in his life. Jesus was 30 when he was revealed to the earth as the Messiah. The priests in the Old Testament began their priestly duties at the age of 30. Thirty is a significant year and I believe this age marks a generation who will do mighty exploits for God, and like Joseph, help bring a great deliverance.

Catalysts For Revival

The Joseph's of this generation have been in a great season of hiddeness and preparation. But they are about to come on the scene. I believe we are going to see young people in their 20's and 30's arising and doing great exploits for the Kingdom of God. Evan Robert's was 27 years old when God used him as a catalyst for one of the greatest revivals in history.

The Welsh Revival was ignited 100 years ago in 1904. As we have entered 2004, the time has come again for a new awakening in this land. And not only in Wales but throughout the nations God wants to ignite revival fire. Before revival struck Wales, Evan Roberts said "I have reached out my hand and touched the flame. I am waiting for a sign."

Long before the fire of God swept through Wales, it was ignited in the hearts of young people like Evan Roberts, who became carriers of the flame when revival broke out. There are young people now, who have such a heart of desperation for God, that they will be carriers of that flame.

There will be several characteristics that will mark this new youth movement:

- Young people will have a radical passion and zeal for the pure manifested presence and glory of God expressed in a lifestyle of continuous prayer, worship and devotion.
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- They will have an uncompromising spirit that will have no inward toleration for sin. They will forsake the pleasures of this world for the greatest pleasure of knowing God. The standard of purity and holiness will be raised up.
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- There will be an outpouring of signs, wonders and miracles like they experienced in the early church.
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- And they will carry a burden for souls that will mobilize and move the church beyond the four walls of a building out into the highways and byways reaching the lost not just with words, but with the love and real demonstration power of God.
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The Oil Well For 2004: Mass Miracles, Mass Harvest

I recently had a vision of an underground oil well with "2004" written on it. It also had "Mass Miracles" and "Mass Harvest" written on its side. If we continue to press in through prayer, and dig, we will receive a fresh anointing for mass harvest and miracles.

I believe the world's greatest youth revival is upon us. For several years now in America we have been gathering thousands of both old and young alike for massive gatherings of prayer and fasting all across America. The Call, a revolution of prayer and fasting, first gathered 400,000 young people in the mall in Washington, DC, America's capital. Since then The Call has gathered multiplied thousands more all across America in Boston, New York, California, Kansas City, and Texas. The last one was held in 2003 in Texas.

We've just entered another season of transition where the Lord is NOW releasing a divine commissioning to this generation to begin to move forward in the power of the Spirit to see signs, wonders and miracles for the purpose of mass harvest. Revival is upon us! Hearts are being stirred and an army is rising up. Will you be a part of this revival generation? I pray you will hear the call and respond with fullness of heart.

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Disappointments into Destiny
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I pray that the Holy Spirit will minister to those that this prophetic word is intended for. - D. Okereke

"Disappointments into Destiny"

"Disappointments into Destiny. Though they were genuine, don't focus on the disappointments, focus on how each one of them had seeds of destiny within and something had to die so that new life could come forth. The tears you shed were not in vain for they cleansed your heart of defilement and they touched My heart. It wasn't My intention to cause you pain dear one, but to prepare you for a great work. Through the disappointments you encountered I have been fashioning you and molding you into My image. Surely you have learned much of My ways, surely you have been afforded opportunities to count the cost, for the cost to you personally has been very great. But yet through it all you have continued to choose Me, continued to walk in My footsteps even when the path has been darkened to your understanding or filled with shadows. You have done well and I am proud of you. Now focus not on what you have lost but what you have gained - not on those things and people which have been taken but upon those that remain. Not on opportunities squandered but on those which lie ahead. Nurture the seeds of destiny I have placed in you, let Me breathe life into them. They shall come forth at their appointed time. Examine the disappointments only to discern the seeds of destiny contained within. Let Me brood over them and impart life to them for the furtherance of My Kingdom."

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Understanding That Timing
Deb Okereke

"Understand that timing is critical and preparation is vital. Many want to take shortcuts, shortcuts through the wilderness of preparation, yes your training is long and hard for I have a mighty work for you, and it is not for the faint of heart, it cannot be accomplished by works of your flesh but only by the unction of My Spirit. Intrinsically you know this but yet there are at times in you still, a striving of your flesh which yields no good fruit but simply exhausts you and wears you down. Take My Hand and rest in Me. Allow Me to sit always in the driving seat for I alone know the way and I will not get lost, I will not take you in the wrong direction but will surely transport you along the roads I have chosen and your destination is assured. Let Me be your Navigator - there will be a release of your frustration when you hand the reins over to Me. There will be a release of peace and satisfaction will be yours!"

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Disarmed

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The Dream The dream starts and I'm pushing a shopping cart through a warehouse store like Costco, or Sam's Club, or something. This is not unusual because I often shop at stores like these. While going down the aisle with my cart, my wife and a couple of close friends are with me. The setting is relaxed and peaceful. We seem to be putting in the cart an item here and an item there. It was almost as if the store was closing soon. All of a sudden, I looked beside me, and this yellow and black leopard is running down the aisle. It's not running fast, but almost bouncing. It stops, looks at me, and turns and goes to the end of the aisle. Never once growling, or looking fierce. Then this huge cat turns around and comes back by us. My wife and two friends (they were church women), think the cat is cute and harmless because of its frolic-like run. I tell them not to pay too much attention and to keep walking. I was not comfortable around this cat, and explained and reminded them of the nature and behavior of a leopard. This was not normal. Other people in the store were taken in by the behavior of the leopard, and smiled and clapped with joy.

We pushed our cart to the front of the store to check out, and did not see the cat for a while. Then, this huge cat walked down the center aisle and looked both ways, almost as if he were looking for something, or someone. He then proceeded to the manager's room where they saw him, greeted this cat, and let him in the room. The door all of a sudden shut. After the door was shut, we began to hear high pitched screams that would scare you to tears. I turned to look again, and the door opened and the cat walked out with a man's arm in it's jaws. The leopard walked to the center of the aisle, dropped the arm on the floor, and then proceeded to growl. The dream ended.

The Interpretation:

The store represents everyday life and economy. Matthew 24:38, "buying and selling". The leopard represents China-Asia, in the midst of our country, in the midst of our trade, in the midst of our military. Daniel 7:6. People were taken in, representing trade agreement and people's denial of China's army, which has risen to more than 200 million, Rev. 9:16. Their troops sit in Longbeach Naval Base, and no one is alarmed. The setting was relaxed and peaceful which is where our nation is. The leopard was running and jumping, non-threatening to the people. The people were convinced that the leopard was friendly. Going to the checkout and the store closing, represents time is almost out. Then the cat came down the center aisle and went into the manager's office. China-Asia will make no bones to hide their takeover of the United States. The manager's office represents the nation's leaders. I noticed the managers welcoming the leopard into their office. Our government is not resisting this takeover. (NWO?) The leopard goes in and attacks, ripping the arm off. China-Asia will attack and disarm the United States.

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Dis-Combobulated

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Dis-Combobulated body ?!,

vision/insight - Jan.,'04
Pre: T*his vision received, for "me" was concerning my own place and ministry in the Body of Christ (universal), & thus in my own understanding it was not speaking to any particular group or church or fellowship of Believers . I hope/trust it speaks to you also, in whatever way our Lord deems for "you"....*

Not too long ago, I was given a small simple vision;
I was shown a human body. Actually, the trunk of a human body would be more correct for the limbs and appendages were all shown as disconnected! This was no 'out of joint' nor broken body, nor was there any blood seen either – just disconnected flesh and muscle and sinew and bone -- arms and feet and toes, legs and fingers all in disconnect from this body trunk.

As I looked at this presently ugly human body, I saw as it were that someone (unseen to me) was then trying to connect an forearm from the elbow to the belly of this body trunk, and then a portion of foot and toes to one of the shoulder sockets…….. crazily this body was looking to me like a creation in progress of some mad scientist (ala' Dr. Frankenstein).

I knew right away that The Lord was showing me a picture of His' Body, as the N.T. analogy of Christ' Body being 'US' – although this particular viewing was a showing to me of when human-being man' miss-management comes into play - a discombobulation mess.

"How sad and aberrant, Lord", I sighed…… and I truly was sad,

Then HE began to speak to me. He said for me to now think of the smallest tiny micro macro portion of an atom, and then look up to the sky and the heavenly bodies; The plant life and water and the very dirt and rocks of the ground itself. I was to see and note that all these creations are 'in place', yet all are moving, flowing, ever changing……even as the stars shine and throw off Light…..nothing in HIS' Creation is static (unmoving, in one way or another.)

I was then pondering and wondering with Lord about our 'places' in HIS' Body, the whole and good Body of Christ, in this body analogy.

He reminded me then, ***"The life is in the blood."*** - Lev. 17:7
.......(the disconnected body of vis. shown me, had no blood showing or evident at all.)
This may seem also a simple understanding, but HE made me to know that at times even a body cell will be called out to 'Flow' into and via the blood through the body vessels and veins; Even so with HIS Life Blood, as we sometimes are called to flow into another place – as if from the foot to the belly/heart, or a knee-joint-cell to a hair follicle……whatever's (smile) - hope I'm making sense, and not being too esoteric here ?

In other words we, you and I, DO have our places and ministries and callings wherein we 'fit' in HIS' Body (universal), and this is of HIM. Our Lord is God of order and structure, as we witness in scripture and by just looking at creation, but all that HE touches, including you and I, are ever changing. We are not immobile or static, but flow out and along as called to do. You and I have our place given us of Jesus Christ in HIS' Body -- this will always be our strong suit placement of HIM, I believe, but there are often times = HIS', when we are 'moved around' for HIS' purposes, through HIS' Life paths (Holy Spirit blood vessels/channels) of JESUS BODY LIFE – via HIS' BLOOD.

He desires HIS' Body to be whole, fitly framed - we, you and I, are to rub shoulders with one another depositing and receiving wealth; That we be joined rightly of HIS Hands and Heart; Christ Body.
Out of relationship, first with HIM and with each other also, the world will know us by our love for one another. – amen?

Truth be told - I was a little excited about continuing and being able to do some Body travel (spiritually speaking :), rubbing shoulders and receiving with others in other placements….. for this was a *new* understanding for me, but then Lord whispered this to me: I was not to forget that I WAS like a set-in cell portion of HIS' Body – a cell having walls, even like a house with doors. He admonished me to have an open-door policy with my brothers and sisters, for one of them may also be sent along to me, desiring to gain entrance - one who may even be a portion of a protein cell, as it were (smile) – for my own nourishment and enlarging. Even an angel unawares, perhaps….

He said to me, ***"Vicki,,, remember your High School biology class 101 ? Remember when you learned about some of My miracles of your human body?"***

"Yes I do, Lord,,, thank You", and I felt HIS very warm Smile then.

Exciting travel at times yes AND the good marvelous sitting to receive too - From HIM first and foremost, but also from each other.

"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.
For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.
For in fact the body is not one member but many.
If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body?
If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased." -Eph. 4:12-18

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> *"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea."* -Hab. 2:14

Discerning Opposition
Clay Sikes

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The purpose of this article is not to down play the importance of spiritual warfare: its importance to the Body of Christ is well established. What is offered here is an understanding of the 'opposition' that we face. To that end, one of the most important attributes of those coming into their remnant calling is the ability to properly discern 'opposition.' Opposition in the context of this teaching is described as 'anything that opposes us,' to include but not limited to our plans, efforts, and activities, and occasionally our health.

As Christians, we have long traveled the road of traditional thought, which states that all opposition is demonically inspired. The Word of Faith movement taught us how to look for devils behind every bush, and assume that any hindrance to our well-laid plans must be of demonic origin. We gave little thought to the fact that God could be the originator of our opposition. Early on, we learned "our battle was not with flesh and blood, but with principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12). The Word of Faith movement made a doctrine of this scripture, and with it, the false doctrine that ALL opposition is demonically inspired. Additionally, in one fell swoop, the devil also took away one of God's major sources of communication to His people - opposition.

God 'opposing us,' is by tradition, a foreign thought yet scripture reveals that "God resist the proud," "chastens those He loves," and many more biblical instances of God resisting His people. As we move into the essence of this teaching, which is properly discerning 'opposition' and hearing what God may be saying to us through it, we will break down old mindsets and move into new dimensions with God.

As the gift of discernment begins to operate on a higher more mature level, we come to recognize that God indeed closes doors. "For of Him, through Him, and to Him are ALL THINGS: To whom be glory forever. Amen" (Romans 11:36). It is interesting to note that the word "all things" is the same "all things" in Strong's Concordance found in Romans 8:28 - "And we know that ALL THINGS work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." "All things" can and does include opposition in our lives, but are we (discerning enough) to understand God's communication to us through it? God permits in His wisdom what He could have prevented in His power. Perhaps we can begin to see that God allows opposition for our very own good. Romans 11:36 is worth meditating to grasp the fullness of the fact that "ALL THINGS" are "OF," "THROUGH," and "TO" God (including opposition in our lives).

Discernment is the God given gift (tool) that allows us the privilege of knowing if our opposition is demonic, and therefore something to be resisted, or if God is revealing direction and truth to us through His opposition. It is paramount for those "called" to be "more than conquerors," to know who is opposing in order to know what specific action to take. This revelation is the difference in a life of victory or a life of defeat – TRUTH making the difference!

Satan's job is to keep God's people contained with the lie that all opposition is of satanic origin. SATAN'S JOB IS CONTAINMENT, AND CONTAINMENT OPERATES IN THE MENTAL ARENA. If we are busy fighting devils OR PEOPLE when God has opposed us, we are contained. We have not learned to hear God through an important circumstance and consequently the lesson being revealed is not learned; and therefore must be repeated again. Scripture tells us that lessons not learned WILL BE REPEATED!

A poignant scripture that opens our eyes is found in Hosea 4:6 – "My people perish for lack of knowledge." You will note that God says here "My people…" which is a reference to Christians. The "lack of knowledge" mentioned is spiritual knowledge. Our spiritual ignorance is often ALL the containment the devil ever needs to keep us bound and incapable of moving into the higher things of God. While on the subject of spiritual ignorance, let us identify one of the strongest and most deceitful lies: a 'victim mentality' will contain a child of God like no other mind-set. When we take on the role of 'victim,' we have placed ourselves under the foot of the devil – we now believe the lie! "Woe me!" are words of containment.

To recognize God opposing us is to get a clearer interpretation of His direction. As an example, a major source of God's opposition to those called to the remnant Body of Christ is in the area of presumption. Our acts of presumption, even when they are aligned with 'good works,' will invoke God's opposition. This is hard for many to understand. What is God really saying to us by opposing our presumptive acts? Presumption is not being spirit led! "Those that are led by the Spirit of God ARE THE SONS OF GOD" (Romans 8:14). Presumption is the lowest form of human knowledge; much less having a Godly origin! The presumption that we once routinely operated in is no longer being tolerated as God is bringing us into true "Sonship." What once worked will work no more! If we do not recognize the source of the opposition, and why, we could easily take on a "woe me" mind-set and lose our effectiveness for God, by missing His intolerance for presumption.

Check the arenas of 'opposition' that you presently face, and ask God to reveal the source of the opposition. He will show you! You may be surprised when you begin to pray this way. Once you have been shown (Psalm 32:8), you will know what direction to take. To walk this way is to continuously walk in victory and move closer to becoming a powerful effective tool for God.

Did I Say Take Yourself Out

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"Did I Say "Take Yourself Out Of The Game?"....And yet many of you have been doing just that!"

I heard and saw this message last week during a time of prayer and supplication before the Lord. I believe it is a corporate message and certainly not just for me alone, or for that ministry alone that I was interceding for.

As I was seeking wisdom from the Lord I saw a huge chess board and heard the word **stand**. I heard the words, **"I am not telling you what chess piece you are. You will not know if you are a bishop, a knight, the king or a queen etc. What you are...is not your business but mine! Some of you will be sacrificed for the protection of others. But if you take yourself out of the game and run to distant places--(people less distant places where you imagine there is great peace and fishing etc.) You will be in disobedience! I have given each one of you territory! Do not run but instead spread out!** (here I saw each one being stretched even further so that in the natural they looked to fall over as they stretched limbs out in each direction) **I am preparing to make a BIG move and you must stand where I have placed you in the Holy Spirit. We will not lose what ground has been taken!"**

The ground beneath your feet is shifting and moving where it feels as if you will topple. Some of you have lost dear friends in this time of testing and building and rearranging. I hear**..."Did I not tell you I would NEVER leave you! You are my son, my precious daughter...my bride.....STAND Your ground though it seems to literally move beneath your feet!"** I was lead to this psalm in regard to this ground moving. **Psalm 18 verse 36....Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet do not slip.....** I see the ground as molten lava....making the new with each inch it moves, bringing fire, bringing new life and even bringing renewal to the very ground which will be healed as even added nutrients arrive on the scene. I see **YOU** standing on pieces of solid ground that flow through this molten lava...so totally dependant on our Lord Jesus Christ for your safe deliverance. **You thunder out the words to the Lord's ear.......GRACE Lord.....GRACE.....and He gives it!** Because you stand your ground in this precarious position you now float (on the molten lava) to the

NEW place where the captives have been waiting for deliverance.

I ask, because we are one in Christ Jesus, that you stand your ground. This is not some form of manipulation to get you to stay in a place or ministry you feel you are called to leave. We do not serve a God of confusion. **In prayer** and submission you will understand the spiritual territory you have been given that you are not to abandon. **Much depends on the faithful obedience of the bride at this time.**

(I love you and you are precious and unique and I want to know you more. I want to know what it is the Lord loves in you because you are different than me and stand in a place I am not called to stand.)

SHOUT it OUT you TRUTH bearers, fear NOT the faces of men & women! I hear**...."My people PERISH for lack of vision. Do not keep them to yourself---- the tools I have given you! Wield them like a knife to cut away the lies and pride and putrid pus of the enemy so my people can recover and stand once again!"** Love and Bless one another. God is SO good! He is so faithful! He has a plan and you are in it!

Submitted in the love of Jesus Christ for your prayerful discernment---Terri Derocher May you be built up and prepared for the purpose God created you for! Gardeners Come Forth!

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Pray For The Peace of Jerusalem!

Daniel In The Lions' Den
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Three days in a row the Lord directed me in my early morning devotions to the story of Daniel in the lion's den. I didn't get it at first. In my season of life and ministry, I had been experiencing a year of peculiar and intense attack against me. I felt like I had been chewed up and spit out by a crafty enemy. The Lord had begun to instruct me regarding how to pray. Was this another lesson? What was God saying to me? Then I saw it and a light went off. Daniel never talked to the lions.

Jesus said we could take up serpents (Mark 16), but he never said what to do with lions. Lions are often pictured as enemies of prophets. "I was rescued out of the lion's mouth," Paul said. (2 Tim. 4:17) This referred to his intense spiritual battle with the idolatrous power behind Diana, a territorial spirit worshiped by the Ephesians (Acts 19). After this experience, Paul wrote about standing against evil powers in prayer. (Eph. 6:10-18)

The devil prowls about "like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour," Peter said. (1 Peter 5:8) Peter knew what it was like for Satan to desire to sift him and for his faith to be tested. (Luke 22:31) Have you ever been sifted? Has your faith ever been tested? These are references to our spiritual warfare. The devil is a roaring, devouring lion. That is still his fierce nature today.

A clear illustration of this otherwise invisible war occurred when the prophet Daniel was cast into a lion's den. The situation was not fair. He was mistreated simply because he maintained his integrity in praying to God. But God delivered him.

Daniel testified, "My God sent his angel and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was innocent in his sight." (Daniel 6:22) Then the king put Daniel's accusers in with the lions. They were torn apart immediately. The lions hadn't lost their appetites. Their nature was still to devour and destroy. But they couldn't get to Daniel because of his angelic protection. Their jaws were kept shut.

A Picture of Prayer

I have had hanging in my place of prayer a lovely sepia print of a prized painting given me by my wife. It pictures Daniel in the den of lions. Every time I look at it, the Lord speaks to my heart of Daniel's noble character and effective intercession. He was a prophet and a statesman, a man who was blameless in his walk with God, faithful in his duties, respectful in his attitudes even toward heathen rulers.

He is a model for me. Daniel was a man who had dreams and visions and foretold the history of nations. He was a student of the Bible. He wrote what he saw. He prayed for Israel's restoration from captivity. In my painting, Daniel is gaunt from frequent fasting. His back is turned to the lions. The lions look puzzled and as they pace about behind him. It is as though when they look toward Daniel they can't really see him, but see something else that makes them wary of attacking. Daniel is oblivious to the lions. His face is turned toward heaven. He is standing with his hands clasped behind his back. He is in prayer.

In the Scriptures and in my painting, Daniel does not address the lions. As far as we are told, he never rebuked them, never confronted them, never commanded them, never bound them (except by prayers and praises to God), never took authority over them. Instead, he ignored their fearsome growls. He did not acknowledge their power over him. His attention was on the Lord. He went over the lions' heads to their Creator, to the source of all power in the universe.

Daniel was an ambassador of a higher kingdom. He was using weapons of a higher order, weapons of righteousness. His faith was manifest not in bravado, but in humility and the fear of God. There is a lesson here for us concerning spiritual warfare.

Most modern Americans were raised in a culture which disregards authority. We don't instantly become renewed in our thinking just because we are born again. The spirit of this age, from which we have drunk deeply, still affects our thought life.

This tendency can carry over into our prayer life. God is sometimes approached as though our will is superior to His, as though our prayers can tell Him something He doesn't already know. Instead of making supplication, we make suggestions. And sometimes we do things in the name of the Lord that are unwise, like assuming we - apart from God - can force Satan to do our bidding.

Some demons have greater power because they are closer to the source of evil. Jesus said this kind doesn’t go out except by fasting and prayer (Mt. 17:21). Demonic powers that promote homosexuality, abortion, idol worship, and false religion have great power to deceive.

Principalities and evil spirits were created by God with authority, albeit now perverted, misused, and doomed to hell. Even though Jesus has triumphed over them, they should be dealt with carefully. Angels know this. "But Michael the archangel when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!'" (Jude 9)

Addressing the Father

To whom do you pray? Do you praise and entreat the Lord? Or do you spend your time rebuking the devil?

It is a subtle but serious heresy to treat Satan as equal in power with God, to give him more attention than he deserves. God alone is Creator and Redeemer. Satan and his fallen angels, though vested with authority until the final judgment, are trapped in this space-time world with mankind. We have a way of escape; the devil does not. Only the Lord God stands outside of and above time. He alone is Deity, worthy of worship. Gaze at God but only glance at the devil. Don't become distracted!

Focus your prayer time on God, not on your enemy. The more you see God on the throne, the more authority you will have to pray. God owns all authority. We have none, apart from Christ in us. We only have God's authority when He delegates it to us with a specific command that commissions us. Using authority casually can produce casualties.

There is a story in the Old Testament of a prophet sent to rebuke an idolatrous altar. This was a high-level power encounter. When the prophet rebuked the altar, it split in two. Yet that young prophet was now on dangerous ground. An older prophet tricked him into disobeying God. The young prophet, although successful in his mission, was eaten by a lion on his trip home. Why did he lose his protection? Disobedience!

There is a better way to do warfare. And it is not by shaking our fist at the devil. That's just shadow-boxing. It lands no body blows. When Jesus was tempted by the devil in the wilderness, he did not rail at him. (Luke 4) Instead, he quoted the written Word. He used the sword of the Spirit against his foe. Jesus went on to accomplish complete obedience to the Father and therefore was given all authority. (Phil. 2) Jesus succeeded by radical obedience. He stayed submitted to God, declared the gospel, drove out demons, and gave his life on the cross. His resurrection was the grand finale which proved he has all authority in every realm.

Based on Jesus' victory, we can petition God and win the battle, too. We can pray, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We can be anointed to set captives free. This is the miracle of grace based on our union with Christ.

Daniel modeled intercessory prayer by repenting on behalf of his people. He prayed to God, not to principalities or demons. He stood his ground when the battle got fierce. Another model for this kind of prayer was Queen Esther.

A Queen Saves a Nation

Esther became Queen to King Ahasuerus in Persia about 460 BC. Esther was a Jew. A wicked plot was hatched by Haman to murder all the Jews. Moredecai enlisted Esther to entreat the King to abort the plot. After a 3-day fast and by God's divine intervention, the plot was thwarted and Haman was hanged on the very gallows intended for Mordecai.

In this episode, Esther never addressed Haman. She never rebuked him or accused him. She did not get angry and shake her fist at Haman. Instead, she humbled her soul, showed great respect for those in authority (even Haman) then entreated the King with her petition.

She approached him with proper protocol, trusting in his love, despite the danger inherent in her mission. The lesson here is: Who has the authority? If that person or that situation has power over your life, where did they get it? Who do you appeal to for help? Do you negotiate with the enemy? Or do you stand in your authority under God?

The Bible says we should turn to God's throne for help. (see Hebrews 4:16)

When Jesus stood before Pilate awaiting sentencing, he said, "You would have no authority over me if it were not given you from above." (John 19:11) He entrusted himself to his Father. He didn't panic and wonder how Pilate had gotten the upper hand.

(In my recent posting, "Interview with an Apostle," recall that the apostle Paul never admitted to being a prisoner of Rome, but only of Jesus!)

Do you have faith to believe that God knows what you are facing? What disaster are you staring at? What evil or what trial has attracted your gaze? Fight to win by fixing your gaze on the author of your faith, Jesus Christ! Matthew 28 says Jesus has "all authority." There is none higher!

True spiritual warfare is best accomplished when we lift up our eyes to Jesus and see the majesty of his kingdom, his power, and his glory. >From that place of humble worship, God's word in our mouth can make demons tremble, activate holy angels, move heaven and earth, and shape the destiny of nations.

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Divine Justice Will Be a Key
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"Divine Justice Will Be a Key to Empower God's People!"
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Few women in history are as intriguing as Jeanne D'Arc, the French peasant girl born in 1412, who heard and obeyed heaven. To some she was a saint, to others a heretic, but history chronicles her as emerging from obscurity to become her nation's youngest military leader. In 15 months she changed the course of European history. Her eventual martyrdom was Satan's attempt to destroy her divine gift, but that same impartation can be inherited by today's "Joan of Arcs" through God's divine justice.

A Supernatural Voice

For her, the unlikely destiny began one summer afternoon at the age of 13. On that fateful day she saw a brilliant light and heard the audible voice of the Archangel Michael, leader of God's armies.

Michael addressed her as "Joan the Maid" with the added admonition to live a pure and virtuous life. He announced her destiny as a God-appointed deliverer to lead the army of France. Joan reported, "I recognized that it was the voice of an angel. This voice has always guarded me well, and I have always understood it; it instructed me to be good and to go to church often."

To Joan, the voices of God's spiritual messengers could be distinguished in the same fashion as one person communicates with another. She received audible expressions from the spiritual realm that charged her with the formidable task of uniting a fragmented army and altering the fate and leadership of her nation.

A Deliverer is Born

The extreme hardship of one hundred years of war with England preceded the appearance of Joan. The English occupied considerable portions of France, with plans of further expansion, until the prophetess shifted the momentum to the French.

The messengers of Heaven conveyed to her a twofold commission: First, to lead an army against the English in defense of Orleans, a crucial and strategic city for the French; and secondly, to restore the throne to its rightful heir, the Dauphin of France, a term used to identify the heir apparent who later became Charles VII. France had not had a crowned king since the death of Charles VI in 1422. Instead, the French crown had passed to the infant king Henry VI of England through a treaty signed by Charles VI.

This twofold mandate was an unthinkable task for an illiterate teenager living in the 15th century. Even so, the messengers from Heaven gave explicit directions. Joan possessed the uncanny willingness to risk life and limb in obedience to their instructions. She relinquished herself totally to the cause of Heaven that launched her into this supernatural arena.

The Mandate Established

To share this vision with the Dauphin of France, Joan journeyed over 300 miles through enemy territory for her first encounter with Charles VII. Charles actually staged a test to determine the authenticity of her revelations.

When Joan entered the huge meeting hall filled with over 300 guests, the Dauphin was not seated on his throne. Instead, he was dressed as a commoner and had mingled with the crowd. Led by her supernatural Council, Joan walked directly to Charles and addressed him as the imminent leader of France. Moreover, she also divulged divine insight involving his life known only to he and God. This validated for the eventual king that Joan of Arc was no ordinary maiden.

Subsequently, Charles and his councilmen embraced her vision and allowed her to lead 4,000 troops in support of the besieged city of Orleans on April 29, 1429. The victory was swift and sure!

Phenomenal Victories

After capturing smaller forts that bordered Orleans, Joan surrounded the occupied city and led the assault against the English. As she had earlier predicted, Joan was gravely wounded in the conflict. Nevertheless, by the end of the day, she returned to the battle. The mere sight of their courageous leader rallied the French army who promptly routed the remaining English forces. So moved were these hardened soldiers by Joan's anointing and heroism that they "gave up swearing and prostitutes and committed themselves to a virtuous life."

Joan insisted the men under her charge conduct themselves in a manner becoming professional soldiers. She allowed no swearing or lewd behavior and expected commendable character. The men willingly followed her leadership and affectionately bestowed on her the title "maid of Orleans."

In subsequent weeks, several other French cities enduring English occupation were liberated by Joan and her army. So convincing were the early victories that in one confrontation only three French soldiers perished compared to over 2,000 English casualties.

After accepting the surrender of Troyes, Joan persuaded Charles to return to Rheims for his royal coronation. In fulfillment of Joan's directive given by the Lord through Heavenly messengers, Charles VII was officially recognized as monarch of France.

Her Betrayal and Death

Despite her conquests, betrayal from French leaders led to Joan's capture; this too according to her own predictions. In embarrassment, English rulers determined to prove her success resulted from witchcraft and sorcery. They added to her charges heresy -- the act of challenging the authority of the Church. The representatives of the Church who tried her believed God spoke only to priests. It flew in the face of their belief system for God to communicate directly with individuals.

For nearly five months Joan of Arc was imprisoned, not in a facility for women, but with English soldiers. Nevertheless, strengthened by the Lord and His Heavenly messengers, she remained steadfast throughout the ordeal.

To validate the charge of heresy, the English employed clergyman and theologians who strenuously examined Joan with the malice intent of discrediting her testimony. Remarkably, her wise and skillful answers alleviated their entrapping questions. According to Joan, heavenly messengers regularly brought to her God's perfect council.

Ultimately, the tainted court rendered a guilty verdict and condemned Joan to be burned at the stake. At 9 am on May 30, 1431, the 19-year-old messenger of God was wrongfully executed. As the flames began to consume her body, a cross held before her eyes was Joan's sole request. Her final word was the name Jesus.

Five hundred years after being burned at the stake for heresy, Joan of Arc is declared a saint and revered by the country she saved.

A Call for Justice

The loving eyes of our Heavenly Judge sees and records every action of humanity. In this end-time generation the books of Heaven will be opened and restitution offered for injustices committed against God's covenant people.

As with Joan of Arc, Satan has battled the saints of God for millennia and seemingly prevailed. Nevertheless, God, as the Righteous Judge, will render a final verdict on behalf of the saints. Daniel recorded:

"I kept looking, and that horn was waging war with the saints and overpowering them until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was passed in favor of the saints of the Highest One, and the time arrived when the saints took possession of the kingdom". - Daniel 7:21,22

Divine justice, released in this age, will be a key to empower God's people. Joan of Arc's life was a prophetic model. There will be many who follow her standard with faithful and obedient hearts and commissioned in awesome ways. Every seemingly lost commission, anointing, and spiritual gift will be redeemed and released to willing candidates.

For thousands of years God's children have been martyred, persecuted, and plundered, but heavenly justice will decree that all be fully restored and compensated.

All things take place under the all-seeing eye of God, and He has promised to restore all that our adversary has ruined. Clearly, Joan, and others like her, received a martyr's reward in eternity. Moreover, they sowed spiritual seeds that will reap the most outstanding deposit of divine grace never before demonstrated.

I Will Restore

The Joel 2:25 promise of restoration is one of the paramount passages of this day. God pledges:

"I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you." - Joel 2:25

Joan of Arc was God's appointed representative during a crucial juncture in human history. Abuse of authority from corrupt political officials eradicated the heavenly deposit entrusted to her. God's just nature will mandate a manifold restoration of this and other lost anointing through faithful and obedient vessels prepared to apprehend and demonstrate this destiny and the Lord's redemptive virtues.

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Dividing Line Set Forth
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Praise the Lord for HIS inheritance and that includes the reaping back of all that has been sown. This is the time for a reaping . . . some for good and some for evil. Yes, this is what the Lord says. Those that have sown discord amongst the brethren, they shall reap back evil for their evil! Those that have sown love amongst the brethren, they shall reap good for their good they have sown. The favor of the Lord is being poured out. Woe unto the unrighteous ones that proclaim the name of the Lord in vain. For the days of Ananias and Sapphira are closing in on those that so freely proclaim Christianity but do NOT walk within the realm of His Spirit and His Written Word. Those that are the light of the Lord shall be enhanced and those that proclaim unrighteously they are the light of the Lord, shall be ashamed! A day of the Lord is mighty and fearful and nigh among this nation. **This is a season when I shall arise within My body and there will be a dividing line set forth.** For the dross shall be shaken from Mine and they shall stand alone with Me. They shall no longer be amongst the dross, the tares that are sown within from the adversary. **The eyes of Mine shall be opened and they shall hear the voice of the adversary as he speaks forth through the unrighteous. For Mine, they shall be easy to discern.** Stand strong and be of courage, for the righteous shall begin to come forth in this day. Cast off the oppression that tries to come forth and envelop you. Stand strong within My Word and speak forth My proclamations! Speak BOLDLY to those adversaries of your soul and those that try to reign within your family! Take dominion within, speaking for My Word! The sword of the Spirit shall begin to reign! Where the Word didn't project my power in the past, now shall it bring forth the fruit! Speak boldly that that I proclaim within your hearts!

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Dead Men Walking
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"Pilate brought Jesus out and sat down on the judge's seat at a place known as The Stone Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was the PREPARATION Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!" Then they delivered Him to them to be crucified. Then they took Jesus and led Him away. And He, bearing His cross?" (John 19:13-17)

"Then Jesus said to them all, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me." (Luke 9:23)

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." (Galatians 2:20)

"The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He WALKED." (1 John 2:6)

Many believers in our Lord Jesus Christ will walk the "Via Dolorosa" this holiday season as they visit the Holy Land. Actually, the Via Dolorosa that we have all come to understand through TRADITION does not date from the time of Christ, but from the time of the Turkish or Ottoman Empire. Most likely it was constructed as late as the 16th century when the Ottoman Turks ruled Jerusalem. In fact, the present route of the Via Dolorosa was not laid out for several hundred years after the crucifixion of Christ. Needless to say, Christians who WALK this route may not even be walking in the same DIRECTION as Jesus did when He took up and carried His cross. We certainly can assume that many will not even be WALKING on the same street that Jesus walked. I hope this isn't a disappointment for some. It is not the desire of the Lord that we aspire to walk WHERE He walked, but that we aspire to walk AS He walked.

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to WALK worthy of the calling of which you were called." (Ephesians 4:1)

As a prophetic people and generation, what does it mean and require to "walk worthy of the calling" of which we have been called to walk?

THE COMMISSIONING WALK

As I stated earlier, the heart of God is that we walk AS Christ walked. Jesus completely shattered the paradigm of the religious community as He "ate and drank" with the sinners of the community.(See Luke 7:34) Jesus could not help but walk to those who needed to hear His message of repentance and salvation. Jesus' PRIMARY mission as "The Spirit of prophecy" was to redeem man to Himself. This was the reason and consuming fire of His ministry. I believe that this is one area that prophetic ministry has failed miserably. It seems that many of us have found a place of comfort prophesying to other prophetic or like-minded people, rather than prophesying to the lost and unsaved. It's time we take it to the streets. The Great Commission should be the foundation of prophetic ministry and not the exception. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

"Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations."

Isaiah 53:3 says that "Jesus was a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." Does this imply that Jesus lived a mundane, miserable and religiously ascetic life? Was Jesus sorrowfully depressed? Well, of course not. I believe that Jesus reflected a ministry that exuded an abundance of joy and happiness in His love for people. To be Christ-like, a man or woman of sorrows and acquainted with grief, is to identify with the needs of humanity and their need of a Savior. The true prophet of God walks and is drawn to the unsaved. His or her heart burns with the same passion of Christ — the redemption of mankind and the inescapable reality of eternity. Jesus preached REPENTANCE first and foremost; yet people were still drawn to Him because of the love they felt radiating from His very being. Children were taken into His arms and He spoke eternal blessings over their lives. Jesus' purpose in ministry was the love of people's SOULS. Is this our walk?

THE WALK OF SACRIFICE

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men." (Philippians 2:5-7)

Jesus released the Spirit of prophecy in denying Himself for the sake of others. He gave up His divine rights as Lord and God for the purpose of humbling Himself in our likeness to SERVE us. Really think about that for a moment. Our Creator, the One who formed us in our mother's womb and breathed life into us, became a bondservant for you and I. Jesus willingly stepped down from His eternal majesty and glorious throne to live in what we could consider impoverished conditions for the purpose of serving and loving us in a real and tangible way.

It seems that the example of ministry that God Himself walked in is beneath the ministry example of many in today's church. Much of today's ministry example is exactly the opposite. The focus has become a handful of leaders desiring to have an entire congregation embrace their vision, rather than leaders embracing and encouraging the visions of those whom they have been called to serve.

If I were to take a painting canvas and paint a large stroke with a 12" paint roller and then take a fine line brush and paint a slight single stoke — which one would you choose as having the greatest value, volume and covering the most territory? From the natural perspective, it would be the paint roller. The paint roller or "large broad stroke" represents the vision of many church leadership structures. It is singular and usually one dimensional with the intent of having the masses embrace and follow. The single and slight stroke represents the individual vision of each member of a fellowship of believers. Each person in the body of Christ has a particular color of grace and gifting. As the world views the canvas and landscape of the church, what do they see? Do they see the broad stroke of religious tradition and submission to the vision of the elite few? Or do they see a portrait of vibrancy and multi-dimensional color? Why would anybody come to church just to experience their individual vision and color of grace left unused? When leadership begins to seriously take an interest in the visions of others before their own, the unsaved and lost will come to view a priceless masterpiece created by the passion and mind of Christ.

Submission has been perverted and corrupted in the church because leadership has demanded submission as a means of spiritual maturity without being willing to submit to those whom they have been called to SERVE. Leaders should expect the grace of submission in the body of Christ. As believers, we should expect it in all of our lives. The Bible says that we are to "submit to ONE ANOTHER in the fear of the Lord." One of the greatest virtues of true leadership and ministry is to exercise submission to the body of Christ. The word "Submission" means to submerge or to come under another's mission or vision.

"Be careful how you WALK ... be wise; make the most of every opportunity." (Ephesians 5:15-16) Our greatest opportunity in building the kingdom of God is not building or investing in million dollar facilities made with dead stones. It is investing in the destinies of "living stones" that truly builds the kingdom and rewards with eternal dividends. Is this how you walk?

DEAD MEN WALKING

"If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23) It would seem that "our" Via Dolorosa is the road of denying ourselves for the sake of others.

If you are like me, I suppose that you have associated taking up your crosses as enduring the hardships, trials, and situations of life. Throughout the history of the church, many believers have even put themselves in situations of persecution so as to somehow identify with the sufferings of Christ. The truth is that if we are walking with Christ, we do not need to look for persecution. It will certainly come. I have given these examples as some of the ways people perceive taking up our cross and walking with Christ. However, when Jesus spoke these words, taking up our cross meant DEATH and dying to ourselves. Jesus was setting a principle for successful ministry — it was putting "SELF" in the place of death if we are to truly follow Christ and walk as He walked. I realize that this is uneasy and extreme to many. However, it was Jesus and not I who used the ultimate symbol of death (The Cross) in conveying this truth of discipleship and leadership.

Paul says through the Holy Spirit in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." It would seem to me that Paul was laying a foundational understanding of how he approached ministry to his family, the church, and the unsaved.

"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should WALK in newness of life." (Romans 6:4) To walk in an unselfish lifestyle and ministry begins by recognizing that the lure of our flesh (carnal desires that focus on "self") is constantly at war with our spirit-man. The Lord has always called the prophet and the believer to a lifestyle that is not characterized by the love of materialism (name it and claim it) or self indulgence. The lifestyle and ministry of Christ was one of SELF- DENIAL that yielded eternal glory and reward. As I just stated, the flesh will rationalize and war with this principle everyday of our lives. This is why Jesus said, "We must take up our cross DAILY." Taking up our cross daily and walking with Christ means to make a conscious choice every day of our life to turn from selfish and insecure desires and motives.

Gossip and talking about others behind their back is a "clinging on" to SELF at the expense of another. We only gossip about others for the sake of feeling better about ourselves in our selfish and insecure state. Hundreds of thousands of believers play or "gamble" with the Lottery. In honesty, what we are doing is looking for an EASY buck with no work ethic involved to satisfy our need and lust for money. When we take the ticket, we are saying, "God, you are not my provider. And I am not willing to give a fair days work for a fair day's wage." This is SELF-sufficiency and fleshly in the carnal mans quest for what is easy.

The "narrow road" will not be easy, but it will be full of reward and joy — bringing strength to our lives. Anything of value will cost and the greater the value the greater the cost. This is in stark contrast to the diluted and unbiblical teachings of easy prosperity messages behind many pulpits. Colossians 1:10-12 says, "WALK worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened so that you may have great endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father." Many in this holiday season will WALK where Jesus walked, but neglect to walk AS Jesus walked. Are you ready to die to "self" and walk as Jesus did for the sake of others?

WALKING IN THE RESURRECTION

"For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His RESURRECTION, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him?" (Romans

6:5)

The essence of the resurrection is the POWER that raised Christ from the dead. The power and glory of God was made visibly manifest to mankind through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The words of the prophets were confirmed and the power of God through His Holy Spirit would empower those who believe with the "same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead." This is astounding to think about! The same mighty power that raised Christ is the same power that works within us who believe. However, the prerequisite for a power-filled and anointed life is our willingness to be Christ-like. It is our willingness to freely offer our lives and experience death to our "self" that enables resurrection power to manifest in our lives.

It is interesting that the Bible states, "Over 500 people" saw Christ in His resurrection power and glory at one time. Of those 500, only 120 were willing to go all out for Christ and die to "their" agendas. I cannot help but wonder what distractions and earthly agendas could have kept the other 380 who had seen Christ in His glory from tarrying in the upper room. 120 obeyed the Words of Jesus and were baptized with the fire of God. These 120 souls would go on to change the course of history and be the instruments of the very hand of God in birthing His church.

The eternal HOPE of all mankind rested upon the foundation of a MAN who was willing to freely offer His life for their sake of others. This is the model of ministry and the lifestyle that the Lord has called us to as well. I realize that this is not the most popular message to share. Some may be thinking that this message would be better suited around the Passover season. But I really sense that this is an "in-season" word for all Christians. I believe that the Lord is speaking to us that there is no greater gift to give than the gift of ourselves to others. It is the giving of ourselves that makes Christ real in the life of another. It resurrects the faith, hope and love that this season represents. There are so many people in this fallen world who have had their dreams, visions and destinies killed by the selfish desires and sin of humanity. This is our mission as a prophetic voice — to offer our time, compassion and love in resurrecting broken lives.

To WALK as Christ will demand a commissioning mandate, self-sacrifice, and a dying to our "self." But the reward is eternal and a walk that has power in glorifying the Father!

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Do Not Betray Innocent Trust

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Dear ones, I am sending you as My representatives to those with child like hearts. These precious hearts will come in all ages and sizes, but they will have one thing in common. I will have placed within their spirits an innocent trust and faith that is pure and untarnished. I will give them dove eyes and dove hearts to hear and receive My Words through you. These, My precious gems, will hold their hearts in their hands and offer them to you to hold. Locked inside these jewel lined hearts are their life's stories, those things they hold most precious and dear; untold secrets of pain and joy, of history, vision and destiny. They have the keys and will openly bare themselves to you in the purest of offerings.

Always remember that in such an offering, there is naked, raw vulnerability in the form of open trust. As you hold their hearts, you will not have earned their trust, it simply will be given. Therein is the innocence. It is given, not only because I have imparted this innocence, but because they reach for My lifeline through you and because you will be representing Me, whom they trust. Do not take their offering to make yourself fat. Rather, give their treasures back to Me and pray over them as stewards of great wealth. I will multiply what they held as dear, along with your stewardship and bring forth a great harvest as they are released to fulfill their destinies.

Gen 37:5 NKJV
Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers…

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My Battle Is Not Against My Brother

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As I face the setting of the sun
Another week is yet to be won.
Let me not falter, keep me in Your halter
Let me not turn my back and run.

Oh Lord, have mercy on my soul!
The words of man have taken its toll.
I will run to You, the One Who speaks truth.
Trusting You to make me whole.

I am not able to heal the pain
My heart is weak, my soul is lame.
I will lean upon You, the One Who is true.
As I release my sorrow and defame.

For there is not a soul on earth
Who is innocent for sure.
We all have missed Your glorious mark
As we gaze upon Your face so pure.

Let us love one another and lay down our swords
Keep us from falling among the great hordes
Of demonic devices and perversions so gross
Let us win the battles with Your love so close.

United in purpose with hearts on fire

Leaning upon Your bosom, let us not grow tired.
We need one another to form a holy shield
To stand for our brother, to honor and to yield.

Let our words be kind and full of grace
As we respond in deed and a loving face.
Have mercy on us, we are sinners for sure
Pull out our tares and make our hearts pure.

Come Holy Spirit, breathe new life
Wash away the pain and cleanse all strife.
No more cold blasts from winter's harsh breath
Warm our souls, bring us back from death.

So once again as I face a new week
May the God of my battles, the God Whom I seek
Bring peace to the storm and calm the winds
As I peer in the distance and look through His lens

At the glorious promise of double portion joy
With belly laughs and giggles and angels employed
To bring the harvest from our tears and our pain
Come quickly Oh Lord and bring us Your rain.

Acts 3:19-21 NKJV
Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

Transparent Pain
Sandy Warner

Dec 15, 2004
Sometimes, I send you on assignments of transparency where you are placed in a vulnerable place. Yes, just like living in a glass house. I will uphold you as you witness misunderstandings whiz past you like boulders ready to shatter your fragile containers. Yes, it hurts sometimes as you seek the Truth and align yourself with such. Always remember there is a treasure at the bottom of the heap. It is up to you to press past your pain straight into the heart of the matter. It's all about love. When My love is your ruling motive, your life will always be a pure reflection.

2 Cor 3:18 NLT
And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.

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Do Not Be Moved
Shirley Lise

Hide yourself in Me and let the storm pass over. I will lead you and direct you. I will give you garments of praise. I will sing My songs of love through you. Yes, many have vied for attention. Many have sought to undermine the work I have done in you, but to no avail! You will rise up triumphant over all your enemies and I shall move you on into higher levels of authority than you have known. I will take you to the heights. I will cause you to soar with Me in Heavenly places. I will override the attempts of the enemy to steal from you what rightfully belongs to you.

Do not be troubled by things that are spoken by those around you. You know that I am the Lord of Hosts, that I am in control, and that I will bring all things into order, into proper perspective, into alignment with My will and purposes. Do not let their idle words pull you down. I have counseled you and given you jurisdiction to counsel others.

This is the day when I shall move you forward and into the promises of My kingdom. It has been a long hard road, but do not waver, and you will stand when others are falling. Listen to My words. Take counsel from them. I am able to turn all things around to your benefit. I am able to take power out of the hands of one and put in into the hands of another. I am able to shift emphasis from one to another. I am able to displace and unsettle those things that seem firm. I am able to turn the tables on those who cleverly form their own plan.

I am working in the lives of those who have caused My loved ones to stumble. I shall cause their divided hearts to line up with My will and purpose. I shall take their eyes off the world and settle them on Me. I shall take their roaming eyes and turn them upward. How long it has been for the process to be completed, for a heart undivided to be formed within man! I have called out time and time again, but to no avail. Yet one last time, I shall bring correction and bring these to their knees.

So do not be moved by the antics of those around you and do not be swayed off track. I will raise you up and endue you with power from on high, and the power will manifest itself with signs and wonders. I will open doors that no man can close. I will triumph over injustice, so go in the way outlined to you and continue on the pathway laid out before you and do not be moved.

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This Is The Day Of Freedom
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Bask in My love. Come into My chambers with singing, into My courts with praise and thanksgiving. I will do it again! I will scatter all your enemies and walk My Own out onto center stage!

Watch as I remove the power to perform. Watch as I strip away defenses. No longer will man domineer and dictate policy. I will bring him to his knees. I will shut all the doors he tries to open and prevent him from moving forward. Once again I shall sweep in with My power to topple pedestals built by men and to put to nothing their prominence. I shall utterly destroy the platform that has been erected in the midst of the people. It shall be brought to nothing and I will not let the ruins be rebuilt. You will see that I am able to completely demolish those things built by men and to erect the work of the Spirit, the ministry of Christ, in its stead.

I shall select those of My choosing to be a light and a sign and a wonder amongst the congregation. You will stand in awe when I appoint My Elders. You will see that I have not left My Own, but that I have reserved a place for you amidst the assembly, that I have qualified you to ride the wave of My Spirit to the nations.

Get ready for the greatest outpouring of My Spirit that I have released. It is coming full force and will knock down those who stand by their own merit, but will raise up those who have continued to put their trust in Me, to believe for what looks impossible. Did I not say that I would do miracles on your behalf, that there is nothing too difficult for Me? Well, watch out for the miracles!

Your sons and your daughters shall be healed of every infirmity, for I am breaking the yokes put upon them by religious traditions of men and setting them free, and they shall rejoice in their new found freedom, and they shall understand that I have done this. I am coming in vengeance to break the power of the fleshman and to destroy his works, and the sons and daughters shall rejoice, for they shall be released into the fullness of joy.

Mark My words, the battle has just begun and you will see triumph after triumph as I deal with the power that has been at war with My Spirit within you and your offspring. I shall bring it into captivity and completely annihilate it.

This is the day of freedom. Shout it out loud. Declare it in the streets. Let your praises ring, and do not bow down to the deceiver. I have released you that you might release others. Declare My handiwork. Declare My praise. Boldly declare My name in the assembly and do not hold back, for you are taking ground from the enemy, usurping the power of man, and ushering in the power of the Lord to set the captives free. I am coming with fire and everything that is man-made will be burned to ashes. Mark My words, for the time is soon!

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Do Not Despise The Confines Of Your Birthing!

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AS you begin to see great natural catastrophe that terrify others, speak to them of MY GREAT LOVE AND MY ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, YESHUA / JESUS. LIFT UP YESHUA/JESUS FOR ALL THE WORLD TO SEE. Lift HIM up to a dying and weary, wounded world. A lost world of humanity in confusion and conflict, barraged on every side and few seeing any way out, having no HOPE. Yeshua is our haTikva...HE IS OUR HOPE!

Many 'Big Names' are just catching up with what I have been doing in My 'hidden away ones' for many, many years. You are the head and NOT the tail. The circumstances that you find yourselves are nests of hatching. Do not despise the confines of your birthing situation, you will SOON emerge as fully mature Eagles, ready to fly in RESURRECTION LIFE.

As your gestation period is nearly complete, this causes stirrings, discomfort and attempts to stretch your wings. Stretch! Stretch! Stretch! Fear NOT for I have placed you in the nest upon high, safely sheltered beneath MY WINGS. Within your insulated embryonic sack of safety, nourishment and warmth...you go in circles wondering why you cannot see more, why you are feeling anxious and confined You are confined, BUT hatching time is near! BREAK THROUGH IS UPON YOU, your sharp beaks are breaking through with MY WORD OF JOY, AND GRATEFULNESS in your praises! True freedom is imminent.

Do you not yet understand? Continue to stretch, peep, and shout! Jump up and down for JOY, JOY, JOY... BREAKTHROUGH IS nearly here! There are many of you in this eaglet nest, more than you know...who will come forth in quick, quick, quick succession. This new birthing is like none other in time, a trophy of My great pleasure to display for more than all time. IT IS FOR ALL ETERNITY!!!

Nothing, but nothing, will contain nor dissuade MY PLANS FOR YOU! NOTHING is nothing! It is negative and NOT PART OF WHO I AM, AND CERTAINLY NOT THE FUTURE I HAVE PLANNED FOR YOU!!!

Let the entire world witness what I AM about to do in you and for you. I want them to see, those who made jest of you for following ME completely without compromise, and in integrity. I tell you, they will weep in their SIN. They will weep for what they have lost, and what you have gained My precious ones. They will see that their time is too late. Their salvation sure, but their gold not refined nor polished. You followed Me and shared in MY sufferings, developing eternal character. They will see and weep for their own loss in My Kingdom.

FLY, FLY, FLY and as you emerge, you will see that this birthing is a supernatural and quick birthing to IMMEDIATELY FLY. I AM the wind that will cause YOU TO SOAR, no time to rest now. Jump up and down with Joy, for today I have told you where you are, why I have placed you there, and that SOON, SOON, SOON MY precious little ones, MY protected protégés, you will emerge and FLY! Drop the WORD into their spirits, into the air, impregnate the atmosphere with MY LIVING WORD, WHERE GREAT BATTLE IS RAGING for the souls of ALL people.

Just a short moment in an expanse of eternity and out you will stumble--wet, new, and PEEPING YOUR LITTLE HEARTS OUT WITH MY JOY. Precisely because you are weak and vulnerable, this event will clearly proclaim ALL THAT I HAVE DONE IN AND THROUGH YOU. I encourage you, My precious trophies of GRACE, MERCY, and LOVE, hold on just a little while longer.

No more humiliation, no more holding back, no more hiding, for you will come forth clothed regally, in simplicity and splendor; sons and daughters of El Elyon. You will soar in dimensions beyond your wildest imaginings and comprehension. From tumbling eaglet chicks and in a twinkling of an eye by My touch to fully mature Eagles soaring with grace and glory.

See this occurring in your spirit? Remember this, wait for My Word. I AM a sovereign God. You have trained and practiced discipline, NOW sing, shout, dance, praise ME, for I AM Worthy! I AM WORTHY TO BE PRAISED...no matter what you see, live by faith and praise Me! I AM the true and living G-d, the Holy One of Israel.

Shout upon the house tops. Shout upon the waves of the sea. Shout upon lands diverse and far away. Shout in villages green. Shout in deserts barren and dry. Shout in places with amber waves of grain. Shout in places with mountains majestic and white. Shout upon the hills blanketed with meadow flowers. Stand up and shout, shout, shout with great JOY that has been presented you from My very throne room!

No more to bow down to the past. No more to bow down to shame from your childhood. No more to bow down to youthful sin. No more to bow down before middle aged pride. The evil one's number is up! You are forgiven, sanctified, redeemed---YOU ARE MINE!!!

Heat from the LAVA FLOW of MY LOVE now accelerates My loosing which comes quickly. This Lava Flow burns away all the superfluous and extraneous --- and has prepared you to reach out to a HURTING, HUNGERING AND THIRSTY WORLD. My Eaglet chicks are those entirely sold out to ME!!! Keep your eyes upon the one who regulates the intensity of this heat. SPEAK to the Lost for whom I suffered, bled and died, rose again; and to ALL OF WHOM I WILL COME AGAIN!!!

It is my new day now and for you who will FIRST BREAK THROUGH, remember patience, and demonstrate compassion for those still chained by religious spirits. They still travail with burning zeal but follow false teachings of men. I will call them, some will catch up. Reach out, they will not understand where or who you are...be ready to teach them and disciple them to observe and walk in ALL of My ways.

My love for you, and for lost souls is ALL that I desire to be your concern. PREPARE FOR YOUR BREAK THROUGH IS NEAR, RELEASE any worldly concerns as chaff upon My Winds of a powerful and magnificent revival. Can you feel the breeze? Come, stay with Me awhile, lay it all down at the cross before ME your loving KING! SOON you will have all that I have declared, and as MY JOY fills you, it will increase until the pressure expels you into the high heavens with me, then we shall fly!!!

DO NOT TURN BACK NOW, DO NOT LOOK BACK NOW---LOOK TO ME, SEE MY LOVING COUNTENANCE TURNED TOWARD YOU in these last few moments in time. Your very work and destined plan of MY choosing. A plan that will mock the evil one and all of his useless striving and conniving to overthrow MY plans for you. He gave it his 'best shot' and it is lacking in all ways. Shout VICTORY, for you are an overcomer! Your Lord and King has overcome the world!

Do Not Look Back

Musa Opiyo

Do Not Look Back Now, This is A New Season

September 13, 2004

For this is the hour to advance and take ground says the Lord. This is the time to put your hand to the plow and not to look back for I am doing a new work in the hearts of My people. I am releasing a great wave of faith to believe the impossible concerning the harvest, not just the harvest of souls, but also an individual harvest of the good seeds My people have sown.

This is the time to advance forward and not to look back at the past. Let bygones be bygones. For I am not doing things the same way I did them yesterday but indeed a new work. You are part of that new work and I call you now to surrender your life afresh and ask for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. What is stale cannot remain, so look to Me, the author and the finisher of your faith to fill your vessels with the fresh oil of the Holy Spirit to be equipped for what is ahead.

Determine Now Not To Go Backward

Mary Lindow

Feb 2, 2004
THIS IS A NEW DAY! PLANT YOUR FEET AND DETERMINE NOT TO GO BACKWARD. THE ENEMY WILL ASSAULT YOU TO PRESS YOU BACKWARDS. Have I not said, "Without a prophetic vision the people perish and go backwards.”? I am ready to revisit areas that have advanced my purposes but retreated at the day of battle.

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF THE SHAKING OF GOVERNMENTS.
There must be a confrontation of governments. My government on earth is arising and causing entire regions to shake. I am restoring and raising up leaders.

IN THE PAST SEASON, MY GIFT WITHIN LEADERS COULD NOT FIND ITS PLACE IN MY GOVERNMENT. However, NOW I am causing governments and gifts to Divinely “find one another." To connect. This is creating great shakings from region to region throughout this land. This alignment is creating a shift in civil government. Today is a day of breaking off that which caused My leaders to retreat from the visitations of the past. Many advanced and then quit and retreated!

NOW IS A TIME TO ADVANCE!

I AM RESTORING MANY OF YOU TO LEAD THIS ADVANCE.
There will be great connections occurring in My Body in this Advance. This will be the beginning of confronting sorceries, astrology, and witchcraft which have produced control. I am sending you forth and releasing supernatural wisdom. This wisdom will cast down the sorcerers, astrologers, and those practicing witchcraft throughout regions.

LOVE AND CONFIDENCE IS ARISING IN MY BODY.
The past three years have been a time of restoring a level of worship, humility, meekness and purity in your calling and boldness in the choices you make!

FROM WORSHIP YOU WILL NOW MOVE INTO A NEW SUPERNATURAL DIMENSION.
Do not fear this call to the supernatural. The Baal systems of this nation will begin to strengthen to keep My new refreshing strategies from forming and advancing in your region. Do not fear these systems, but keep confronting through prayer the powers that have attached themselves to the structures of governments in your region.

I WILL MAKE YOU INTO A SUPERNATURAL PEOPLE WHO CAN RISE UP AND OVERTHROW THAT WHICH HAS CONTROLLED YOU IN THE PAST. My people are becoming a new, sharp threshing instrument. This threshing is producing shaking. This shaking is releasing Harvest. The Harvest will not rot in the fields of neglect or laziness.

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A POWERFUL CONSUMING FIRE. When these occult structures are overthrown, consuming fire will sweep through this nation. And you will set My name upon the high places! The Idols and temples of religious shame and control, will be addressed by My all-consuming light. I have given so many who call themselves “My anointed” much, much time to deal with the hidden sins in their marriages. Sins of competition, jealousy over who is used by me and harsh verbal words of shame used to control and break the will of another servant in My calling. Some have called themselves my servants but have only served their own purposes in a place of self-comfort and self-promotion, letting others do the labor in prayer. Deal with your weak and cowardly attempts at holiness through repentance and honesty of heart before Me and others whom you have walking in My house with you. The days of personal ambition and are numbered.

MY FIRE MUST BE IN YOUR HEART. The fear of the Divine supernatural is to be removed from you. Many have fallen into fear over the supernatural spirits that have surrounded them. Therefore, they have retreated in their prayer life and fallen into passivity. This is the beginning of a new day. Plant your feet. The window of opportunity for change is short and sweet. This will be a time that night watches are re-formed in your region, and I will revisit you in the night watch.

I WILL VISIT MY BRIDE AS I DESCRIBED IN SONG OF SOLOMON AND KNOCK UPON HER DOOR. THIS IS NOT A TIME FOR HESITATION. Night watches will spring forth across this land. Once again these watches will open the door to me, and I will come again. Therefore, I am calling watchmen to rise up and cry out day and night for my Bride to be positioned near the door of opportunity in these lands. Be positioned, ready to open the door of opportunity in this nation.

MY BRIDE MUST NOT HESITATE TO OPEN THE DOOR SINCE HARVEST IS WAITING TO COME THROUGH THE DOOR INTO THE STOREHOUSE OF MY KINGDOM. My will has been activated on earth. I am advancing. Advance with me. I will lead you into warfare. Many have grown fearful of confronting the enemy. I came to destroy the works of the enemy. I confronted both legalism and liberalism. I say rise up in worship that you might confront. Without confrontation, your enemy, the legalist, will gain much strength against you and narrow the boundaries of your freedom. If you will align yourselves properly and allow your gift to work within My government, I will guide you like a troop into warfare and make you victorious.

WORSHIP IS ARISING. FROM WORSHIP, YOU WILL WAR! FOR A SOUND OF WAR IS COMING INTO THE HEART OF MY PEOPLE. Do not go backwards.

TAKE OFF THE OLD GARMENTS THAT WOULD HINDER YOU. MY ADVANCE IS NOW IN THE EARTH.

YOU HAVE BEEN BLINDED FROM THE SUPPLY OF THE FUTURE. A new seer anointing is about to arise in My people. What you couldn't see in the past, you will now see. You've tried to connect and align with some, but now I will release a new anointing for connecting. You will see strategies of supply that have been hidden from you by occult powers.

THE SEER ANOINTING IS COMING BACK INTO YOUR REGION. MY PEOPLE'S EYES ARE ABOUT TO SEE THEIR SUPPLY. Advance is now in the earth. Open your eyes and advance with me!

YOU WILL KNOW ME AS THE GREAT PROVIDER.
YOU WILL KNOW ME AS THE GREAT HEALER.

YOU WILL SEE ME BRING FULFILLMENTS AND ANSWERS TO MY MANY PROMISES! YES!

YOU WILL NOW BEGIN TO RELEASE A MANIFESTATION OF MY JOY OF RELEASE FROM CAPTIVITY FROM REGION TO REGION THROUGHOUT THIS LAND AND IN ALL NATIONS CRYING OUT FOR MORE OF ME!

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Draw Near With A True Heart
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There is a call from God in heaven piercing the hearts of those who truly love Him. The Father is calling for His people to draw near to Him with a true, sincere, undivided heart. God is calling to those who will love Him with all of their heart. There is a season now upon the earth when the call from God to draw near to Him and have intimate communion with Him is paramount.

Heb 10:22-24: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

Now, in this time, God is seeking to train and empower His people for the next season that is to come. Only as we enter into oneness with Him and are guided and empowered from the spiritual realm will we be able to move through the seasons of adversity and judgment coming upon everything that lifts itself against God. We must walk in the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit to complete His plan and purpose. Only as we enter His presence with a pure heart and clean life can we maintain unwavering faith. Only as we are in love with Him will we have the love to really stir up love in one another,

Rev 4:1-2: After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this." Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.

Many structures, systems, and relationships that we have counted on in the past for some of our substance, guidance and security are about to be shaken and many will crumble. The one relationship that we can completely depend upon is with God. The one structure that we can trust in is the throne of God. There will be no wavering of our faith as we continue in intimate relationship with Him. He IS FAITHFUL to keep His promises.

There is an emerging priesthood of God's people coming forth outside of manmade religious structures. The emerging priesthood will consistently abide in the love and power of the Holy Spirit in the presence of the Father.(Rev 5:10)

As true priest, our first priority must be to love God with our whole heart and intimately relate to Him in the Spirit. Our second priority is like unto the first, to *"love your neighbor as yourself."* (Mat 22:37-39) In Hebrews 10:24, we are admonished to consider one another in order to stir up love and good works. The Greek word translated "stir up" means to "incite or provoke".

As we walk in intimate love with God, the power of the Holy Spirit - the flow of God that spoke creation into being - that raised Christ Jesus from the dead, will empower and direct us to incite and provoke the reality of love and the works of love in one another.

As part of the emerging priesthood we are being transformed into the image of Christ in the presence of God. The Father's love melts away our pride and pain. We are emptied of self and filled with Him and become true sons of our Father. As priest and kings in the earth we manifest the works of God and the Holy Spirit flows the immeasurable power of God to change us and stir up His love in one another. This is the church.

Pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
Ron McGatlin

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Day Of Breakthrough

Musa Opiyo

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Rise up for this is your season of BREAKTHROUGH. What was once impossible for you shall now become possible as I unveil My plan before you. You shall walk with renewed vision and hope, and as you praise Me in this season, My angels will be dispatched to bring that breakthrough. You are neither forsaken nor forgotten for you are a much needed tool and vessel whom I will implement to further My Kingdom. Rise up in renewed hope and joy and consider not the former things for I am doing a new thing. For I will give you double honour for your shame, for you shall experience My redemption power in ways you never thought possible.

Move forward with the assurance that I am with you to guide your steps and to make the crooked places straight. I am for you and not against you. My Son finished the work on the cross set before him and it is done, therefore come to My throne room of grace and receive My empowerment and strength.

You have been prepared in the furnace and heated seven times, and now is your hour of release, says the Lord Almighty. You have been tested and tried and your faith has been found to be true, and I am well pleased with you. The road you have traveled has not been easy but through it all you have had the 'walk on water' faith where you stepped out of the boat and have heeded My call to come forward even though the wind and the waves have told a different story. Sometimes while on the water you have began to sink due to doubt on your part of My everlasting power, but I was there to pick you up and place you on dry ground. Like a woman in labour you have cried out in your birthing season, and although it has been hard, you HAVE PUSHED THROUGH.

So watch now as I raise you higher and bring you to a higher realm. Your faith has been stretched. You have stood the test. Many more have cried out for more faith that they may endure the test before them, yet they never knew that their faith, though they might have seen it as small, was in no way small in My eyes, but was indeed the faith that moved their mountains and caused Me to work on their behalf. I tell you that for many of you this season is almost over, and you shall go forth rejoicing, and I shall give you feet like hinds feet to walk upon the high places. Then you shall know that it the Lord alone that has done this work in you, for those who declared that you weren't going to make it shall indeed change their opinion as they see you walking in My Divine Favor. They shall see a total transformation and complete turnaround and all glory and honour shall come to Me.

PROPHETIC DECLARATION

May you prosper and be in health even as your souls prospers, for God is getting ready to move you into divine health. May your joy be made full because the Joy of the Lord shall be your Strength. For you shall go out empowered by His Blood and His Name upon your forehead. You shall be known as the favoured one, for he is raising up many in places of high influence in order to bring his righteous government upon the earth. No weapon formed against you shall prosper, for you are a called out one, separated from the world and holy unto Him.

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Year 2004
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My children I am releasing you into a new season, for the year of 2004 shall be a year of greater works, greater anointing, greater empowerment and release into the areas of ministry that I have ordained for you. Know that with greater anointing comes greater sacrifice. I will require much more of YOU. You must decrease as I increase in your life. For in this season you will need to hear My voice and be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. Know that with greater increase comes greater attack from the enemy. Many of you have been in training and are going to be released. Keep your armor close by you;

...have the Sword of the Spirit, My Word, close by you and counter-speak all the lies of the evil one and to cut asunder and divide those things that have risen up against you,

...the shield of faith, for you will come to know indeed in the coming times that the just shall live by faith. Faith will come as you hear and take in My word and let it take root in your hearts,

...your helmet of salvation, knowing indeed that you are heirs to the promise of My son through his blood shed for you,

...the breastplate of righteousness, for you know that yours is as filthy rags, you have been justified freely through MY grace and righteousness,

...shod with the shoes of the gospel of peace, carrying My peace to all men and having the assurance that My peace which passes ALL understanding shall guard your hearts and minds.

Yes, this is a new season, a fresh season in which I am calling many to a greater intimacy with Me. Like with the example of Hosea, I am calling those of My own who have strayed after other lovers, that they may return and know their First Love. Yes this is a season of release. Do not let doubt and unbelief impede your progress, but being sensitive to My Spirit, moving FORWARD into all I have for you, says the Lord.

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Daughters Of Destiny
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This is the time, this is the hour that I shall raise up My Daughters of Destiny. I have proclaimed you as My own, I have set you apart for Kingdom duties and you shall receive Kingdom blessings. Set your eyes and expectations high, far above all you could ask or think. Expect all that I have promised to come forth for it is being released to you and for you. Now you will begin to see and know that the time has come. I have been saying that we are approaching a new era - an era where I will do exceedingly abundantly above all you can ask or think. You will stand in awe when I begin this mighty move, 'in power' as you have never seen before.

I have made a solemn oath to you, My faithful daughters, and the words I have spoken to you and for you are true and are coming to past. The word has gone forth in the heavenlies and will manifest in a "twinkling of an eye." It is taking place in the natural even now as the I AM speaks. You have been hearing and I have been speaking 'suddenlies.' They are not in vain but for your benefit to be ready for that great and awesome time that is upon you. You have been hearing praise reports from others as their promises are coming forth, but I say unto you the praises raised unto Me have just begun!

You have heard My voice, you have answered My call. Now I AM raising you up and sending you forth. You will teach and share the awesomeness of your God. You will share experiences that only you can share. I have brought you through the most difficult of times but these times have given you wisdom and understanding of Me and who I AM. I have filled your mouth and heart with wealth untold. I have given you special gifts only for you and you have much to offer because you are sensitive to My voice. With My right arm I AM bringing you into the place that I have promised you along with blessings you will not be able to contain.

Truly My presence is upon you... Truly you are encompassed and enclosed with My love. Truly My Word is in your mouth and heart and you will go forth touching hearts and lives. My Words I have placed within you and My Word does not return to Me void but will accomplish what I intend. You will speak what I have placed within you... I AM HE Who is faithful and true and I AM alert and active watching over My Word to perform it, saith the Lord.

It is My Blood and My Name that set the captives free. It is the anointing that breaks the yokes. I have called you and I have placed upon you the anointing. I have given you the authority to use the Name above all names, the Name of Jesus to set the captives free. I AM sending you forth with a commission 'and' a mission to those who are in bondage and are blind that they might be free.

The enemy has "attempted" to destroy My plan and your credibility but I have protected you. I clothed you with My righteousness and My Love, therefore the enemy cannot bring an accusation that you are not righteous enough or love enough. For I have clothed you in My righteousness and My love. Areas in the past which have held you back, there has been a release and THEY WILL HOLD YOU NO LONGER.

It is with much love that I, your God, speak to you this day. I say, "O Weary soul arise! Arise and take your place." Behold, I AM with you.... Behold, My hand is upon you... Behold, I AM undergirding you with My mighty right arm.

You are going beyond what has been familiar to you. Beyond your expectations... Beyond your comprehensions... Beyond what you have even tried to figure out. You are going beyond those things for I have called for a vessel that has been broken and cleansed. A vessel that is willing to be resided in by ME, filled with My Spirit, filled with My Word and filled with My heart.

So many of you are weary from the trials of your life and circumstances. Beloved, My arm is not shortened that I cannot save and deliver My Daughters of Destiny, neither am I blind that I cannot see your trials, tribulations and sufferings as well as your rejoicings and blessings. Neither am I deaf that I cannot hear the cries of your heart for your brethren. I see, I hear and I feel all that you and your brethren are going through and I AM He who delivers you out of ALL your troubles. I AM He who has been with you in the fire. I AM HE who is with you in the valley of the shadow of death and My rod and My staff protect and guide you. I AM He who prepares a table before you 'in the presence' of your enemies. I AM He who leads you beside the still waters and into the green pastures. I AM He who restores your soul and I lead you in the paths of righteousness for My Name's sake and Surely ONLY MY goodness and MY mercy and MY unfailing love follows you all the days of your life.

My daughters, you are ever faithful to Me, even in the midst of the turmoil swirling round about you. I see your obedience and I say it is better than sacrifice, although you have sacrificed much to Me in your obedience - therefore you shall reap a hundred fold, saith the Lord.

This proclamation is going forth to My Daughters to arise and go forth to proclaim the words I have spoken to you. There is an outpouring of My Spirit for the great ingathering that is about to take place. There are many I AM sending forth - there are different messages but all for My Glory. As you await your emergence, speak and encourage those I have placed in your path because a part of them becomes a part of you. Your burdens for a hurting and dying world have intensified because those whose lives you have already touched have become a part of you. Because of that compassion and love you are prepared to touch others... No other gifts can replace true love and compassion, they are foremost in touching and winning souls and lives to Me. "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I have become as sounding brass or a tingling cymbal" but My Daughters of Destiny will speak My Word to a lost and dying world with MY LOVE.

Remain focused on Me and do not waiver. As you make your plans, I will reveal My significant plans that I have in the spiritual realm. My Beloved, your calling is sure, do not allow man to deter you. I have called you for such a time as this. But, you say, look at my circumstances, I say ... Awaken, shake yourself from your slumber. Arise, it has begun! I will bless you and anoint you and give to you your inheritances. Prepare yourself to receive as never before. Fear not, for you have been well trained and mighty signs and wonders will follow you. Precious in My sight is the woman who puts her trust in the Lord. You have not trusted in vain - ALL is lining up, ALL is becoming a reality, ALL is coming into focus.

From every creed and ethnic group, from the Americas', Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia ... From every continent, from every land, My daughters will arise - Arising OUT of your circumstances and INTO your Destiny.

Do Not Fear

Lance Lambert

"It will not be long before there will come upon the world a time of unparalleled upheaval and turmoil. Do not fear for it is I the Lord who am shaking all things. I began this shaking with the first world war and I greatly increased it through the second world war. Since 1973 I have given it an even greater impetus. In the last stage, I plan to complete it with the shaking of the universe itself, with signs in sun and moon and stars. But before that point is reached, I will judge the nations and the time is near. It will not only be by war and civil war, by anarchy and terrorism, and by monetary collapses that I will judge the nations, but also by natural disasters: by earthquakes, by shortages and famines and by old and new plague diseases. I will also judge them by giving them over to their own ways, the lawlessness, to loveless selfishness, to delusion and to believing a lie; to false religion and an apostate church, even to a Christianity without me. Do not fear when these things begin to happen, for I disclose these things to you before they commence in order that you might be prepared, and that in the day of trouble and of evil you may stand firm and overcome. For I purpose that you may become the means of encouraging and strengthening many who love me but who are weak. I desire that through you many may become strong in me, and that multitudes of others might find my salvation through you.

"And hear this! Do not fear the power of the Kremlin, nor the power of the Islamic Revolution, for I plan to break both of them through Israel. I will bring down their pride and their arrogance, and shatter them because they have blasphemed my name. In that day I will avenge the blood of all the martyrs and of the innocent ones whom they have slaughtered. I will surely do this thing for they have thought that there was no one to judge them. But I have seen their ways and I have heard the cries of the oppressed and of the persecuted and I will break their power and make an end of them. Be ye therefore prepared for when all this comes to pass, to you will be given the great opportunity to preach the Gospel freely to all nations. In the midst of all the turmoil and shaking, and at the heart of everything, is My Church. In the heavenlies She is joined to Me in one Spirit and I have destined Her for the throne. You who are My beloved, whom I have redeemed and anointed - you are Mine. I will equip and empower you and you will rise up and do great things in My Name, even in the midst of darkness and evil. For I will reveal My power, and My grace and glory through you. Do not hold back nor question My ways with you for in all My dealings with you I have always in mind that you should be part of My Bride and reign with Me. Do not forget that this requires discipline and training. So yield to Me that I might do a work in you in the time which is left for I plan even during all this shaking the Bride will make Herself ready.

"For in the midst of these judgments multitudes upon multitudes will be saved from the nations. You will hardly know how to bring the harvest in, but my Spirit will equip you for the task. And to Israel, will I also turn in that day, and I will melt the hardening which has befallen her. I will turn their blindness into clear sight, and tear away the veil on their heart. Then shall they be redeemed with heart bursting joy, and it will become a fountain of new and resurrection life to the whole company of the redeemed.

"Do not fear for these days, for I have purposed that you shall stand with Me and serve Me in them. Fear not, for I love you and I will protect you and equip you. I, the Lord, will anoint you with a new anointing and you will work My works and fulfill My counsel. You shall stand before Me, the Lord of the whole earth and serve Me with understanding and with power and you shall reign with Me during these days. Above all, I call you to be intercessors."

Door Of Hope

Karen Frith

I keep on hearing God say a **DOOR of HOPE** will be opened in 2004.

Hosea 2:14-15 (NIV)
“Therefore I am now going to allure her, I will lead her into the desert and speak tenderly to her. There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor(meaning Trouble) a DOOR OF HOPE. There she will sing as in the days of her youth”

The NLT says:
“But then I will win her back once again. I will lead her out into the desert and speak tenderly to her there. I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a GATEWAY of hope. She will give herself to me there, as she did long ago when she was young”

Days Of Slumber

Billy Humphrey

As I was walking and praying in the International House of Prayer [IHOP] in Kansas City last month I felt the Lord begin to impress to my heart the urgency of the days in which we live. I heard the phrase in my heart, "…the end of the days of slumber". Immediately my mind referred to Matthew 25 and the parable of the 10 virgins. I quickly flipped my Bible open and read the parable. In a moment I began to see facets of these verses that I had never seen before. The more that I meditated on the truths in this parable the greater an urgency began to build in my heart. The Lord shared with me several important truths that I want to share with you. Let's first take a look at the entire parable.

Matthew 25:1-13 *"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 "Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. 3 "Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5* ***But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.*** *6* ***"And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'*** *7 "Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 "And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' 10 "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. 11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.*

THE END OF THE AGE

The first thing that struck me about this parable is that it is a direct reference to the end of the age and the Second Coming of Jesus. It is specifically talking about the church adorned as a Bride and ready to meet the Bridegroom. Verse 13 makes it extremely clear that the parable is talking about the "hour in which the Son of Man is coming." The only way to get a clear picture of what this parable is teaching is to put it against the backdrop of the end of the age.

At the end of the age there will be those who are wise and those who are foolish. This is not talking about the difference between believers and unbelievers this is talking about wise and foolish *virgins*. Virgins represent those who have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus, Christians. Each group, the wise and the foolish, had gone out to meet the Bridegroom yet what differentiated them was the provisions that they brought. The wise had purchased oil and brought it with them. The foolish had not bought the costly oil; they had made no provision for a delay in the Bridegroom's coming. Consequently, those who did not bring the oil did not have fire in their lamps when it was the most essential. Their fire had gone out when it was time to meet the Bridegroom and they, in turn, did not make it into the wedding feast.

THE FALLING AWAY

For years I considered this scripture to be speaking of the great revival at the end of the age. I thought of it as teaching that 5 out 10 people would get saved and make it to heaven. However, it is speaking of 5 out of 10 virgins who are not prepared and subsequently do not make it. This is speaking of those in the church being unprepared and not making it in. It becomes painfully clear that it is speaking of a falling away. Half of those considered to be virgins did not actually make it in to the wedding feast. This is not to say that there is not a great revival coming, there most certainly is. However, the day of the Lord is both "great and very terrible" (Joel 2:11) The end of the age will be a time unprecedented glory and unprecedented terror.

II Thessalonians 2:3 *"Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first…"*

ITim 4:1 *"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons."*

Jesus explained in Matthew 24:12 that, “the love of many will grow cold.” It is clear that at the same time that there will be unparalleled revival that there will also be a great falling away.

THE OIL OF INTIMACY

The oil is the central issue to whether or not the virgins make it to the wedding feast. Those who have the oil make it in and those who do not have it do not make it. I believe that the oil speaks of true intimacy with Jesus. Compare the language of Matthew 25:11-12 with Matthew 7:22-23.

Mat 25:11 *"Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' 12 "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'*

Matthew 7:22 *"Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'*

In each instance there are those who believe that they know the Lord and deserve to have entrance into His Kingdom yet in both instances He declares to them that He does not ***know*** them. Those who have intimacy with the Lord at the end of the age will have a sustaining fire in their heart that will guide them and see them through to the return of Jesus. Yet those who have not “paid” for the oil in costly love will burn out. When challenges and persecutions come to the church those who have given themselves intimately in an abandoned way will have strength in their inner man to sustain them. Those who have not bought the oil of intimacy will find themselves offended in the day of testing and trial. Perhaps that is why Paul prayed for the Philippian believers that they would be “sincere and without offense until the Day of Christ.”(Phil 1:10)

THE BRIDEGROOM IS COMING

Perhaps never before has there been such a consensus in the Body of Christ that we are in the season of the Lord’s return. Many will say that every generation in church history has stressed the soon return of the Lord. However, this is actually inaccurate. With the exception of the first century, the church throughout the ages has not had a majority agreement that it was in the generation of the Lord’s return. There have been small contingencies of believers throughout the centuries that believed the Lord was going to return in their lifetime, yet it was never the belief held by the majority. The generation in which we live is the first generation since the first century where there has been a consensus that those who are alive are living in the time of the Lord’s return. This fact is stunning especially when you consider it in light of Matthew 25. The parable is clear that there will be a cry heard at midnight, “Behold, the Bridegroom is coming.” Notice all of the virgins heard the cry; the foolish and the wise. Yet only one group was prepared. I believe that midnight speaks of the spiritual conditions of the generation the Lord returns. Here we are, living in perhaps the darkest spiritual generation the world has ever seen and a cry has gone out in the spirit to the church at large, BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM IS COMING. There is a strange awareness in our day that the days are short. The Cry is clear, He is coming and He is coming soon. This one phrase the Bridegroom is coming is a clear picture of what the church will look like at the end of the age. She will have an unmistakable revelation of her bridal identity. She will be a bride adorned in purity and passion for her Bridegroom. She will also be acutely aware of the nearness of His return. God is in this hour preparing the church to have a heart of intimacy with an awareness of His impending return.

THE END OF THE DAYS OF SLUMBER

While the Bridegroom was delayed all of the virgins slept. There has been a 2000 year delay in the coming of the Lord. If the nation of Israel had received Jesus as Messiah in mass numbers, it is possible that Jesus could have set up His earthly kingdom and begun to rule from Jerusalem in the 1st century. Yet because of the rejection of Messiah on the part of the Jews, there has been a delay until the time of the full number of gentiles get saved.(Rom 11:25) This is the delay. While the bridegroom was delayed all of the virgins slept. Yet they are awakened just prior to His coming. The word the Lord spoke clearly to my heart is that we are coming to the end of the days of slumber. If this is accurate then we are in a day of great consequence not only to our lives as Christians but also to this world. We must awaken to the urgency of this hour.

This is a day where we must ensure that our hearts are overflowing with the oil of intimacy so that when the time comes to arise and meet the Bridegroom our lamps are burning brightly and not burning out. Intimacy is the currency of the spirit in this day. It is the only sustainer of relationship with the Lord. If our hearts are energized in the knowledge of Him we will not be ashamed at His coming. We will be found faithful through every trial and all tribulation. It is in the knowledge of Jesus that we enter into the reward of the Gospel. If we know Him intimately we carry the reward of the Gospel inside of us. Our reward is not the western ideals of success, money, riches or fame. It is having a heart that is overflowing in love, alive in the spirit, completely confident before Him in intimacy. It is living lives truly strengthened with might in our inner man through the knowledge of His Love.

I want to encourage you to give yourself to Him in a fresh way in holy abandonment. Pursue the knowledge of the Lord. It is the knowledge of God that will lead you into the love of God. It is only in the revelation and experience of His love that your heart will be satisfied and confident in the days ahead. There is great blessing coming to the church and to the world, yet there is also great turmoil and trouble coming. Only a heart that is tenderized and equipped in love will be able to sustain the tension and challenges of the days to come.

It is essential that we recognize the days in which we live. I pray that we would be as the Sons of Issachar knowing the times and seasons. We are entering the **End of the Days of Slumber.** Beloved, It is time to heed Paul's admonition in **Romans 13:11**… knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

Atlanta's Redemptive Calling
Billy Humphrey

God has amazing plans for the city of Atlanta. He has strategically developed Atlanta to become an internationally powerful city. It is, perhaps, one of the world's top 10 most powerful cities. It is home to the busiest airport in the world and is a hub for international business and commerce. These are profound natural truths that point to Atlanta's redemptive gifting.

I believe that every geographical location has a redemptive plan set forth by the Lord. It is clear from the scripture that the Lord is interested in geographical locations and has plans for them by His treatment of the boundaries of the Nation of Israel. (Gen 12:1) Let's consider the history of the names of Atlanta in light of the truth that Atlanta indeed has a Sovereignly ordained redemptive calling.

Atlanta was originally named Terminus in the late 1800's. This name was given to it because it was the end of the eastern railroad. It was later changed to Marthasville after the daughter of the current governor. And then finally it was named Atlanta, primarily because of it's proximity to the Atlantic Ocean. Each of these names has significance as it relates to the plan and calling that God has for the city and the counter plan the enemy has for the city.

Terminus

Terminus is a Greek derivative of the word terminal which literally means fatal, lethal and deadly. While the city was named Terminus for the natural railroad, the word also dictates a spiritual reality that has been imposed upon the city. That spiritual reality is that there is a spirit of death upon the city. Throughout the 1990's and the early 2000's Atlanta has consistently ranked in the top 5 in the nation according to the FBI in homicides per capita per year. It is one of the most dangerous cities in which to live in the U.S. The murder rate is almost double the national average. I believe that this is a natural expression of the spiritual reality that there is a principality of death over the region.

Marthasville

The second name that Atlanta was given was Marthasville. Within this name is also insight into the nature of the spiritual climate over Atlanta. We know scripturally speaking that Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus of Bethany. (Luke 10:39-40) While Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, Martha was "distracted with much serving." I believe this is a picture of Atlanta. The pace literally steals from the church's devotion to Jesus. I have been in few cities where the pace is as frenzied and hectic as in Atlanta. I can sense the pace every time I leave Atlanta and then return. As soon as I get off the plane in the airport I can sense in the spirit the frenetic pace of Atlanta. There is a busy-ness about Atlanta that attempts to catch those who live here in it's hurried tempo.

New Beginnings

Finally, the name Atlanta literally means “New Beginnings”. Atlanta is called to be a place of new beginnings, a place of fruitfulness and salvation. Yet, much of this world class city’s fruitfulness in the spirit has been challenged and stolen by it’s rapid pace and the spirit of death upon the city.

The R&R

In March of this year I was in Dallas, TX praying for Atlanta. While I was in prayer I saw a picture in my spirit. I believe the Lord gave me this picture to give revelation regarding what the controlling principalities were over the city and what was giving them their strength. He brought back to my mind the name Terminus. He impressed upon me that it was the name of the spirit of death over the city. I saw an ‘X’ and an R&R like a railroad sign. In my heart I heard, “It’s the R&R that gives Terminus its strength.” I thought, “What is the R&R?” Immediately the answer came, “Racism and Religion.”

The Lord showed me that Racism and Religion, the R&R, are the controlling spirits over this region and that they empower Terminus to grip Atlanta with death and murder. Racism and Religion are two strongholds that are rooted in hatred and seek to murder. It is obvious that Racism is rooted in hatred but at first glance Religion seems different. Religion seems to be about tradition and ritual and not hatred. However, after a quick study of the scripture you will find that the Religious elders were so envious of Jesus that it drove them to murder him. (Mat 27:18) In fact those who were controlled by the religious spirit in the New Testament regularly sought to murder (Acts 7:59, 9:2). It is stunning to recognize that it was praying, fasting men who had Jesus murdered. They had grown robotic in their devotion to God and the outcome was their heart became cold and hardened to the move of God’s Spirit and the revelation of the Messiah.

The Lord showed me that in order for revival to come in Atlanta that Terminus must be brought down and that would only happen through defeating the R&R, Racism & Religion. I again saw the “X” of the R&R sign. I believe that the Lord showed me that His presence is going to strategically inhabit 5 different areas across the city. The locations will be Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest and Central in the shape of an “X”. After the Central location is in place Racism and Religion will be dislodged and Terminus will fall. Once that takes place true revival will break out across the entire metro area.

I was also strongly impressed that one of the key facets to bringing down the R&R over Atlanta is night and day intercession for justice. As the saints cry out to God for justice for Atlanta, to make the wrong things right and restore this cities’ redemptive calling that He will avenge them speedily (Luke 18:8).

Luke 18:7-8 *"And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 "I tell you that He will avenge them speedily…*

There is a clear requirement for the speedy justice that God has promised. The Lord stated that He will avenge speedily those who cry out night and day. Many desire to see God move in Revival, yet we have yet to meet the requirement of night and day intercession. I believe that it is God’s desire and intention in this season to see 24 hour prayer and worship established in Atlanta so that He may break in with unprecedented power and true revival.

After I left that place of prayer in Dallas, I was riding in a car considering what I felt the Lord had shared with me. I thought to myself, “Did I make that up?” “Was that me or was that really the Lord?” I immediately asked the Lord to confirm it to my heart if it was in fact His Spirit speaking to me and not my own mind. The instant I prayed that simple little prayer I looked up and saw a railroad sign with the “X” and the R&R. The Holy Spirit witnessed to my heart that it was indeed the Lord speaking.

The Gate City

Here is the power of the redemptive gifting of Atlanta. Atlanta is historically known as the Gate City of the South. Once the heavens over Atlanta have been opened and the Glory of God has invaded the land, I believe that it will rip open the entire Southeast to the invasion of the Glory of God. When the Southeast opens the entire nation will be affected and when the nation is affected the world will be affected. God has commissioned Gatekeepers in the Gate City to open the Gates so that the King of Glory will come in.

As we saw earlier one of the redemptive callings of Atlanta is to be a city of New Beginnings. As the King of Glory invades Atlanta there will be dramatic numbers of salvations and great deliverance. Atlanta will truly become a place of New Beginnings for multitudes of people.

The Airport as a Sign

The scripture is clear that spiritual truths manifest first in the natural and then in the spirit.

1Cor 15:46 *However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.*

I believe that the Atlanta airport is a natural sign of a spiritual truth. The spiritual truth is that Atlanta is called as a missions sending agency to the world. Just as the Atlanta airport sends people to the world more than any other airport in the world, so shall the church in Atlanta send multitudes to the nations. The greatest revival the world has ever seen will become the greatest missions movement the world has ever seen. The revival and the missions movement will become one reality. Atlanta is redemptively called by God to send missionaries burning with Holy passion and revival fire to the nations.

Further, just as the Atlanta airport gathers the world and operates as a hub of interchange, so Atlanta shall be an international gathering place for those seeking spiritual awakening. Atlanta will truly become a place of new beginnings for the nations. The spirit of death has tried to steal the Life of God from Atlanta's redemptive calling. But God is awakening His Bride in this hour to bring speedy justice. The redemptive calling of God on Atlanta will be restored! The power of God will flow to the world from this city. God's plans and purposes are truly great for this international city.

Beloved, this is an incredibly exciting time to live in Atlanta. God is raising up the Tabernacle of David, 24 hour prayer and worship, to ignite revival in the land. Let's agree together to see God move in power and might in this season in Atlanta, the Southeast, the Nation and the World.

The Gatekeeper Anointing

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In the year 2000, my wife and I were in our 9th year of ministry as youth pastors at our local church in Norcross, Ga. During this season we decided to rename and revamp our youth ministry. The previous name was tired and no longer reflected the values and vision of the ministry. The driving force of our ministry was an intense yearning to see revival break out in Gwinnett County to sweep 100,000 souls into the kingdom of God. Most of our preaching, teaching and discipleship were anchored around this cause and we wanted a name that reflected this. After many discussions and brain-storming sessions with our key staff we believed "we" had found a name that accurately portrayed our passion. In reality the Lord had directed us to a name that had far greater significance than we could have realized. The new name was 212. 212 was derived from the Fahrenheit temperature for the boiling point of water. The idea was that everything that we were about was to be boiling, on fire for God. 212 really seemed to fit.

I searched the scriptures diligently through every chapter 2 verse 12 to find a reference that supported our vision and values. Unfortunately, there was no chapter 2 verse 12 that seemed to work. I then turned to one of our theme scriptures Isaiah 64:1 and read it more thoroughly. To my surprise, it was right there before me:

Isa 64:1-2 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence; 2 As fire burns brushwood, ***As fire causes water to boil***; To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence!

The boiling point was compared to the visitation of God that Isaiah prayed would shake the nations. Isaiah's prayer in vs.1 had already become a theme scripture for us and now it was clearer than ever.

About a year later a good friend showed me an obscure scripture that caught my attention.

1Ch 9:22 All those chosen as *gatekeepers were two hundred and twelve*. They were recorded by their genealogy, in their villages. David and Samuel the seer had appointed them to their trusted office.

It was stunning to see 212 right there in the middle of the scripture. I thought that it was interesting, but honestly, I had no clue what a gatekeeper was. I had heard of gatekeepers, but I thought that it was one of those ethereal, prophetic teachings that did not really relate to everyday life (I have since learned differently). Further, I thought that if Gatekeepers were an important part of seeing revival come that I would have already known about it because I had spent, what I thought was, a lot of time studying revival. How little I really knew and how little I still know. Isn't it wonderful that God doesn't base his calling and anointing on our lives upon our lack of understanding or our barrenness but upon His plan and endowment of grace?

Throughout that year the Lord would periodically bring back that scripture to my mind, but I did not doing anything about it. Finally, I decided to study and find out what exactly a Gatekeeper was. As I began to look at the whole passage in I Chronicles 9 I recognized that there were powerful truths hidden in the symbolism of the duties of the Gatekeepers of old. Further, it became clear to me that there were modern day Gatekeepers who were commissioned in similar ways as the ancient Gatekeepers in the Tabernacle of David. The revelations that were within this once obscure scripture staggered me.

In this article I want to unfold the powerful symbolism that the Lord showed me regarding modern day Gatekeepers and their role as it relates to the great revival to come. Let's look at some of the key points of the whole passage together.

1Ch 9:22-33 22 All those chosen as gatekeepers were two hundred and twelve. They were recorded by their genealogy, in their villages. David and Samuel the seer had appointed them to their trusted office. 23 So they and their children were in charge of the gates of the house of the LORD, the house of the tabernacle, by assignment. 24 The gatekeepers were assigned to the four directions: the east, west, north, and south. 25 And their brethren in their villages had to come with them from time to time for seven days. 26 For in this trusted office were four chief gatekeepers; they were Levites. And they had charge over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God. 27 And they lodged all around the house of God because they had the responsibility, and they were in charge of opening it every morning. 28 Now some of them were in charge of the serving vessels, for they brought them in and took them out by count. 29 Some of them were appointed over the furnishings and over all the implements of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour and the wine and the oil and the incense and the spices. 30 And some of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices. 31 Mattithiah of the Levites, the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the trusted office over the things that were baked in the pans. 32 And some of their brethren of the sons of the Kohathites were in charge of preparing the showbread for every Sabbath. 33 These are the singers, heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites, who lodged in the chambers, and were free from other duties; for they were employed in that work day and night.

In Charge of the Gates

The first thing that I noticed was that the Gatekeepers were in charge of the Gates of the Tabernacle of the Lord. They were the ones who opened and closed the Gates to the presence of God. This was amazing to me because I knew that God had deeply wounded my heart with the desire for revival. I literally sensed a personal responsibility to "open the heavens" so that the Lord would come down in power. Now the Lord was defining my role as one who was "in charge of opening" the gates for the presence of God to come into the county and into the region. God had confirmed to me in the renaming of our ministry the very DNA that was already alive in my heart. We had been commissioned to open the gates to see the presence of God invade the region. In the same way modern day Gatekeepers are prophetic intercessors, another name is watchmen, who are commissioned by the Lord to open the gates over a region to see the King of Glory come in (Psalm 24:7)

This Trusted Office

The next point that struck me was that it was a "trusted office." In other words, there were literally people whom God was entrusting with the responsibility to fervently pray and intercede for the heavenly gates to open in geographical regions. The urgency of this responsibility gripped my heart with an even greater desire to see God come and break in with power in the region. The truth that He would entrust people in partnership with Him in regard to the manifestation of His Glory caused me to passionately set my heart towards the reality of His visitation and subsequent habitation. Modern Gatekeepers have been given a responsibility as forerunners to prepare places and people for the invasion of the glory of God.

They Lodge Around the House of God

The Gatekeepers literally lived in chambers around the House of God. The reason that they stayed there, so close to the Tabernacle, was because they had a revelation that it was their responsibility to open the gates (v. 27). I believe that as they began to serve in their ministry that they became captivated with the beauty of the Lord. Once their hearts were captivated by His beauty their natural commitment to serve became total surrender from a heart of voluntary love. This spoke so strongly to my heart of the difference in commitment that the Lord desires of His people compared to the way many believers seem to live today. Much of the church in the West has settled into complacency and casual Christianity. Yet God desires to see His bride alive with a heart that is smitten with the knowledge of His love, living lives of radical commitment to Him and His purposes. This truth needs to set in upon us. Once we get a true revelation of the reality of his love and His beauty, commitment to night and day intimacy with Him is natural.

Appointed over the furnishings

The furnishings of the Tabernacle included serving vessels, flour, wine, oil, incense, spices, anointing ointment and showbread. Each of these is full of revelation in its symbolism. Yet, for our purposes here we will focus on the flour, wine and oil. Throughout the Old Testament these three are used together. Flour or grain, new wine and oil are symbols of specific Kingdom realities. Jesus said look unto the fields for they are white unto harvest (John 4:35). The reason that the field where white was because it was covered with grain. So grain or flour is a symbol of souls. We are familiar with the symbol of wine as a symbol of the new move of the Holy Spirit which is to be held in a new wineskin (Mat 9:17). We are also familiar with oil as a type of the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit. (Isa 10:27) As we unveil the symbolism of the flour, wine and oil we see that Gatekeepers are directly involved with not only preparing for the new move of the Spirit of God which will see massive signs and wonders and salvations, but also furnishing these things or bringing them forth. The ministry of Gatekeepers is directly tied to entering into revival in a region.

These are the Singers

Finally, the scripture declares that some of the gatekeepers were singers who were free from other duties and they were employed in intercession and worship to the Lord day and night. God provided that the Gatekeepers could live lifestyles of prayer, worship and service night and day before Him. Comparable to this today is the prayer movement that God is raising up across the nations where people are supported as full-time prayer missionaries to pray in the great revival that is to come. God is recoiling in power at the prayers of these modern day Gatekeepers in order to explode in a blast of His power so stunning that the entire world will experience it (Acts 2:17). His Glory will visit and engulf the entire planet just as waters cover the sea. (Hab 2:14)

In my first contacts with these scriptures many of the truths did not strike me. God had not unlocked the power of their revelation to me. As the Lord began to deal with me about resigning our youth ministry and transitioning into the ministry of IHOP-ATL, the power of this scripture captured me in a brand new way. I had been stirred to understand that the revival to come and the prayer movement were one reality in God’s economy. They were not exclusive of each other but simply complimentary facets of the same purpose. I also realized that God had deposited a hunger and passion for revival in me that would not subside. It is still an itch that I cannot scratch. However, I had not realized when we renamed the youth ministry 212 that it directly related to Gatekeepers in the Tabernacle of David. When we finally studied the Tabernacle of David and realized that it was a ministry of 24/7 worship and intercession it was after God had begun to deal with us about transitioning our ministry to start IHOP-ATL. Honestly, we never put it together that the Gatekeepers were in a 24/7 prayer ministry until after God had begun to transition us into the same type of ministry. Two things are for sure: 1) His ways are perfect 2) We are much more dim than we think. When we finally got the revelation that God had given us the name 212 to point to a reality that He was calling us into in the days ahead we were shocked and radically blessed at the same time.

Now, every time that I see the number 212, it is a reminder to me that God has called me to be a Gatekeeper. And not only a Gatekeeper but a Gatekeeper in the modern day Tabernacle of David, living a life of 24/7 worship and intercession to see the gates open and the King of Glory come in.

I pray that this revelation will grip your heart as it has gripped mine. Perhaps you too, are a Gatekeeper, called to open the presence of God in your region. I believe that the Lord is raising up an army of Gatekeepers to open the Gates in these last days for the revival to come. It is overwhelming to consider that the Lord has given us the dignity of having intimate relationship and even further, partnership with Him. As people in partnership with the Un-Created God we need to leave the entrapments of this world and give ourselves in passion and recklessness to His purposes. It is those who live lives of lovesick abandonment who will enter in to the reality of complete commitment to Him and His purposes.

If you believe it’s possible that God has called you to be a Gatekeeper pray this prayer:
Heavenly Father, I pray that you would give me the spirit of wisdom and revelation that I may understand the truths and the calling of being a Gatekeeper. Tenderize my heart to serve you in night and day intercession to see your glory invade the land. Increase my faith to believe that my prayers and service will affect the spiritual climate of my region. I speak to the every Gate and say be open. King of Glory come in and have your way in this region, in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Daughters Of Thunder

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Daughters of Thunder,
You are my great delight.
You have asked for my FIRE.
How could I possibly deny your request?

My beloved, my answer to you is a resounding "YES"!

Wait on me for it.
My FIRE will surely come to you
and you will be changed forever!

YOUR FIERY BRIDEGROOM

Dream of The Suffering Bride and Groom
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Last week I had an extremely clear and vivid dream that I feel led to share with the body of Christ. I believe this dream is connected to the upcoming release of "The Passion Of The Christ".

I pray Holy Spirit will bring this word to life as you read it now, and that it will pierce your heart, as it has mine.

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I dreamed of a great love story between a man and a women.

The dream took place in the house of the women.

The man loved the women greatly, and because of this great love, the women's only desire was to be pleasing to Him.

There came a time in the dream, when the man was asked to drink from a cup. After drinking from the cup, He entered into great suffering. He called to the women to drink from the cup also, so that they could remain one, but the cup was to much for the women to bear. She would not drink form the cup and pulled away from the man. To His heartache, she gave her heart to another.

This caused the Man great pain, but He remained faithful in His love to the women. He called out to her in His love, but she could not hear Him. She could no longer even see Him, for a scale of deception had covered her eyes and her heart for Him had grown cold.

This went on for a season.

Then in the dream, there was a divine intervention in the life of the women. That is the best way I can describe it. Something happened to the women that opened her eyes and she was able to see the suffering of the Man in His love for her. This deeply pierced her heart and removed the scales of deception that had blinded her. She deeply repented her decision not to join the Man in His sufferings, and longed to be one with Him once again.

The women returned to her home and cleansed it from top to bottom. Then she waited there in hopes that He would come to her.

The Man came to the home but could find no way to enter it. He called out to the women in His love for her. The women heard His cry and threw open the door to the house, and called out for Him to come to her.

I can not find words to describe the great joy that entered the heart of the Man, as the women opened the door and called out to Him. There was no memory of her betrayal. Only His over powering love for her and great joy that she had been restored to Him. There was even a sense of foreknowledge in the

Man, that He knew the women would betray Him. But that in His forgiveness of her, their love would be deeper and sweeter than it had ever been before.

Hear the song of the Groom to His bride.

Bride, you are more beautiful to me then the morning,
More beautiful to me then the blanket of stars at night.
I come to you in the twilight and speak My words of Love.

Listen to Me, I know your heart suffers.
I know this My bride, for My heart suffers also.
My heart suffers My bride, to be one with you.
Is this the suffering of your heart, My bride?
To be one with me.

The enemy of our love comes to you.
he says you suffer in vain, that you are forgotten.
he seeks to steal your love away,
to turn your heart cold.

Look upon Me My bride,
Look upon My suffering Love for you,
Can you see that I could never forget you,
That My love burns for you night and day.

Return to purity in your suffering for me.
Let nothing satisfy you in your longing.
In the end, I shall be your reward, as you shall be mine,
as we shall be one, in our love, forever.

This dream also cries out to the heart of Israel. Oh Israel,
Open your eyes and see the one who was pierced for you.
See the Lamb the was slain at your feet in your place.
Hear His cry of unending love for you.
Return to Him, He waits for you now.

Deception Of The Times

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I write to warn you of the deception of the times. The spirit of seduction and lies, betrayal and self justification seem to be everywhere. We should be warned lest we fall into these things. Lets pray and cover ourselves with the blood of Jesus. Let us trust in its saving power and Jesus will save us.

The spirit of blasphemy is also everywhere and many have been deceived to think some have blasphemed against the Holy Spirit while they have not. The truth is that the people who have committed this sin can no longer feel God. They are cut away from God and cannot be restored. They have seared minds and are doomed for eternity being sons of perdition. This ones have sinned but those who still feel God’s conviction and repent have not committed that sin. Therefore do not be deceived. If a prophet sins and repents he shall be forgiven. His post shall be restored back unto him. Bur let us hold on truth lest we fall short of the mercy and the grace of God.

Now are the days of the end time nearer to us than we expected. Let us therefore seek God more. Watching and praying, guarding ourselves from the enemy who goes to and fro daily roaring like a wounded lion seeking whom he will devour. Let us rise up in faith and attack him with faith for its only with faith that we overcome the world. Therefore let the just live by faith just as it is written the just shall live by faith.

These are the days of the fullness of hell but these are also the days of the fullness of God’s power on the surface of the earth. Therefore let us seek God more than ever, desiring more of him daily and he will pour more of himself into us. Selah

Day Of The Vengeance
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The Day Of The Vengeance Of God Has Come
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Break forth into joy. Rejoice unreservedly. Dance the dance of victory over the enemy of your soul. I have brought you through on dry ground. I have resisted the devil for your sake. I have triumphed over injustice. I have demonstrated My power within your midst and will continue to do so until your whole household lines up with My purposes.

Position yourself for great gain. Put in place those things in the Spirit realm that will facilitate the release of Kingdom authority into your midst. Invite the Spirit of the risen Lord to come. Welcome kingdom authority, for I have established Myself within you and I am parading forth in glory.

You will see the power of God in your midst to heal the sick and raise the dead. You will see that I have declared release to the captives, complete release from the works of darkness. I have triumphed over injustice and established My standard of holiness in your midst. Peace be unto you. My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives, but a peace that passes the test of understanding. Parade forth in glory. Walk in integrity and you will see unprecedented power released. Signs and wonders, healings and miracles will be the norm.

Get ready for an abundant outpouring of power in your midst, power to deliver. Reap the harvest. Take the sickle and go into the harvest fields to reap a great harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God.

You think that I cannot establish My rule in your midst, that I am subject to the powers that be, but I tell you that I am usurping the power of the wicked and setting up kingdom authority in your midst, and I shall, indeed, bring the whole house into order according to My principles. Flesh shall be powerless to rule. I will strip the flesh and bring to nothing its attempts to assert itself. You will see such a demonstration of My power to dismantle the hierarchical rule of the flesh man, that you will stand in awe. You will see its power smashed and its structure crumble.

This is the day when I shall smash the kingdoms of men and render them powerless. This is the day when I shall dethrone kings and put to nothing their rulership. This is the day when the works of the flesh will crumble and be counted as rubbish. Rejoice and sing, for the day of the vengeance of God has come and the captives shall be set free, prison doors shall be opened, and the blind shall see. Miracle after miracle shall be released and whole households shall come into holiness in this day.

Freedom reigns. Sing, "Holiness unto the Lord." Sing, "Hallelujah, bless the Lord God Almighty who was, and is, and is to come! Bless His holy name, forever, and ever!"

Household Salvation
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Great strides have been taken for My kingdom. I have moved My pawns into place. They will be the lightgivers. They will usher in the harvest of souls coming in at a rapid pace. They will be those whose hearts and lives line up with My will and purpose.

Never before has there been a day like it! I am stripping the haughty and bringing them to their knees. I am moving in an unprecedented way to line things up with My will and purpose. I am moving mightily to take down strongholds of the enemy over your household. Yes, I am at work setting the captives free, so rejoice, and do not let the enemy steal your joy. I am lifting the stigma off your household, lifting the ban, and you and your offspring shall walk in holiness.

There will be no power that is able to hold back what I am doing in this day. I shall take your children into the deep things of My Spirit. I shall gird them up and set their feet upon the Rock of Christ. This is the day of promises fulfilled. What I have promised, I will do, says the Lord your God. I shall set the whole house in order.

So rejoice and sing, for I have moved you into the miraculous. I have opened the doors of Heaven and released such a display of My handiwork, you will stand in awe. Anticipate great things. Expect great things from a great God who neither sleeps nor slumbers. All your children shall be blessed of the Lord. All your children shall rise up in My authority in this day. Your youth shall be put on display as those who have gone through the fire and come through to the other side. This is the day of household salvation. This is the day when I shall raise the dead. This is the day when I shall put the house in order and present to the world a Bride without spot or wrinkle.

Rest in the assurance that I am able to do all things, that I am able to put the accuser of the brethren to flight. I am setting things up in your household according to My good pleasure. Even your sons and your daughters will recognize that I have moved in and taken over.

Resign yourself to trusting Me for the details of what I am doing. Know that I am looking after specific detail. I will break the power that tries to interfere with My purposes. Your sons and your daughters shall walk out in complete health, for I shall break the cycle that has been at work and nullify damage. I shall mount your youth up with wings as the eagle and they shall take flight. Grace and peace shall be poured out upon them.

Keep these promises in mind. Do not lose hold of them, for they are coming to pass at a rapid pace. I have granted to you My peace. Rest assured that I am on the move to bring your household into line with My will and purpose. I will demonstrate My power in your midst in such a way that all will stand up and take notice. I will transfer wealth and equity from one to the next and tap into resources within the confines of the home. Watch and you will see how I have made My way known among you. Watch and see how I take apart the existing hierarchy of rulership and establish My rule. This is the work I am doing in your midst by the power of My Spirit. This is the stepping stone to ushering in My glory. All households of the Earth shall be blessed. All households shall function by the standard that I am erecting in this day.

Great joy is coming to your household, great joy beyond what you could imagine. Did I not say that I would break the power of the intimidator? Did I not say that I would apprehend the enemy and move My standard of holiness into place? Well this is what is happening amongst those who put their trust in Me. I am sovereignly moving to establish righteousness in the Earth through one household to the next. Great are My ways, says the Lord your God. Great are My ways, high above the ways of men!

Resist the devil and he will flee. Stand strong against the power of wickedness and you will see the enemy flee. This is the day of household salvation. Whole households shall be brought to the foot of the cross. Whole households shall line up with My will and purposes. This is the day to reinforce My counsel in the midst of the people. This is the day when unrighteousness shall be replaced with holiness unto the Lord. Watch Me bring everyone of your household into obedience. I will deal with the flesh man. I will pronounce it dead and buried. Watch to see as I crucify it completely and birth forth a new man in Christ.

Rejoice, for those things you never dreamed possible are coming into view. I am moving the promises forward. It won't be long before many are fulfilled as prophesied. There is a swift wind blowing. It will sweep across the land to bring multitudes into the Kingdom of God.

Abundant Finances
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Mountains formerly looming up before you will be smashed. I will take the hammer drill to their base and break them apart piece by piece. This is the work I am doing. I am smashing down the altars of men and raising up a standard of righteousness in the midst of the people. Changes are in the air. I have a timetable that I am working with and things will move ahead according to schedule, so do not be anxious, but trust that at the right time, the changes promised you will come into place.

Prosper and be in good health! I am leading you into position. I am relocating you and you will be a light to those around you. I will reestablish you. Though you be uprooted from those things that are familiar to you, I am establishing you on the heights and you will be fluent in the movement of My Spirit. Great shall be your reward for staying steadfast in Me, for continuing on in the hope given you. I will thrust you out of the quiet zone and move you forth into prime position, so move with the flow.

Do not view what looks like a negative report as a threat to what I am doing. I have all things in control, all things in My hands, and I am able to cause all things to work together for good. Wrestle not with outstanding issues. Bask in My love, rest in My presence, and I will lead you out in a way you least expect. I will lead you out through a door of hope. I am ushering you on and into the abundance promised.

I will cause you and your household to prosper. As I promised, I will direct finances and the wealth of the wicked to be passed into the hands of My offspring. Just as I said, I am opening doors of opportunity to walk you into the abundance of good things I have in store for you. Houses and land will come into your jurisdiction. I am passing deeds into your name. Monies with which to purchase will be put into your account. This is the day of change, of reversal. I am emptying the vaults into the hands of My Elect and I will pour out an increase in stamina and good health along with an increase in material goods. Keep in mind that this is something of My doing, and not of the works of your own hands, and though you do not understand the implications of what I am doing, thrust Me to be at the helm, to be steering the ship.

You know that there are many who consider themselves in ministry and solicit funds for their endeavors, however, in this day, those who truly are Mine will have no need to solicit monies from others, for I shall open the windows of Heaven and release abundant finances for the work of the ministry. And you ask what that ministry might be? To house the homeless, to provide shelter to the poor wanderer. This is the ministry that I am raising up in this day. I will provide expertise to those of My choosing to prepare houses of refuge.

So go with the flow and do not back down. I am moving you on to invest time and money into accommodation for the needy. I will finance the endeavor. I will release funds to you in a way you did not expect. I will open doors into the storehouses of My treasures. All belongs to Me. Do you think I cannot release it according to My good purposes? I will give you a glimpse of what I am doing. I will push back the veil and show you My purposes. You shall house the lowly. I will increase your borders and expand your influence far and wide. I will release to you abundant finances for the task at hand and ahead. I shall distribute wealth to you to do the things I am laying out before you. All things will work together. I will provide everything needed for the projects. I will increase buying power. I will give instruction in detail. I will put into the heart of those called to this ministry, My heart for the poor, for the down-and-out, and I will provide them with every good thing. I will instruct them in the set-up

My Promises Are Sure
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I am giving you a time of freedom, a time to break from tradition. I have assigned to you much and I have much more in store for you. I will provide you with favor. Just as I promised, I will move you into areas of expertise. One by one the promises shall come into fruition So do not believe the negative report of the enemy, but believe My promises. They are sure.

Remember when I said that all things are going to be exposed in this day and that all outstanding issues will be dealt with? These things are coming to pass within your midst. Those things that have been out of line are being lined up. Outstanding issues in relationships are being dealt with, for I am bringing into accountability those who need to be changed. So you see, that issues concerning the marriage bed are being dealt with. And you will see the issue of your sons and daughters needing their lives lined up with My will and purpose is also being addressed.

I truly am on the move to put the household in order. I will shift things until they line up perfectly with My plumb line. So do not be afraid of the shakings, but know that I am in them, and that through them the household will come into perfect order.

You will walk on and into every avenue of expression promised you This is not too difficult for Me and it is the desire of My heart. So know that I have not left you or forgotten you, but I am carrying out every promise given you, that My promises are sure. You will enter into fullness of joy when you see the wonderful things I have done. You will rejoice with great joy at the liberty given to your sons and daughters as I lift them up and make it known far and wide that I am the Lord their God who will stop at nothing to bring them into the land of plenty and establish them amongst My Elect.

Those who wrote off these "coming up out of the wilderness," will be awakened to their senses, for I shall make a display of My splendor through these, My chosen vessels, that will turn the hearts of many to the Lord. I shall use them to usher in My kingdom and to establish righteousness in the midst of the people. These are My "called out" ones, ones I have called out of complacency and into a life of passion for the King. Watch and you will see these things come to pass shortly.

Day of Vengeance of Our God

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I'd seen a torpedo making no sound under the deepest parts of the waters. The propeller is spinning silently. Its heading in direct line of its target. The enemy's radar can't pick it up.

The Lord gave me the meaning of the vision:

Today! Today! Is the Day of Vengeance of Your God. I have picked and appointed your day to set you free from the devices and bondages of the enemy. You have been taken captive for you are at war. But I AM the LORD OF THE BATTLE and I have set a strategy for your release. This is the year where the captives will be set free.

There is a stealth attack coming to the enemy. His camp is going to be destroyed and the spoils are Mine. He will pay with interest that which he has stolen from you. The Torpedo of the Lord has already been sent and it is right on target. It will strike with great destruction on the strongholds of the enemy, setting free the prisoners of War! This is the year the captives will be set free! The Lord is delivering you out of the hand of your enemy. His plan has been executed and the enemy's camp will be plundered.

"I give you the spoils of war for you have been cheerfully obedient, giving a tenth of everything back to Me. Because you have BELIEVED ME and NOT FAINTED, I shall take the spoils and deliver them into your hands because you have been faithful in the little. This is the year where I will make you ruler over much!"

"I have set the offensive plan in motion. I paid the price for your freedom. Rejoice because your Deliverance is at hand! I have come to destroy the works of the enemy. I have come to bring Life and Life more abundantly. This is the year where the prisoners of War are set free. Be convinced! For I am the Lord of Hosts and I have set Power against the enemy. My plan is executed and he doesn't see it coming. For his weapons are weak and hold no power. But I AM strong! Vengeance is Mine! And I have heard the cries of the oppressed. I AM DELIVERING YOU OUT OF ALL YOUR DISTRESSES!"

Deep calls unto Deep!

Then the Lord spoke to me again and asked me what have I tithed? I listed some things and He said to me " tithe the fruit"

I began a word study that is only an outline of the things he is revealing. Perhaps we can call it an introduction

First Fruits

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The Lord dropped this in my spirit tonight. Abel brought the first fruits to the Lord and it was pleasing to the Lord.

(Malachi Chapter 3)

Then the Lord told me bring ALL the tithe into the storehouse and He would pour out a blessing ….

We can tithe the FRUIT

When we give away or give back to the Lord into the House of God that there may be meat in His House

Galatians 5
[22] *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,*
[23] *Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

Ephesians 5
[8] *For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:*
[9] *(For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)*
[10] *Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.*

How do we bring the first fruit? The first fruit of the Spirit can be brought back to the Lord by sowing into a believer's life who has Christ in them. Sowing love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, righteousness and truth!

List of Terms

FRUIT: that which originates or comes from something, an effect, result

LOVE: brotherly love, affection, good will, love, benevolence

JOY: Gladness

PEACE:
    - security, safety, prosperity, felicity, (because peace and harmony make and keep things safe and prosperous)
    - of Christianity, the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is
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LONGSUFFERING: patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance patience, forbearance, longsuffering, slowness in avenging wrongs

GENTLENESS; moral goodness, integrity

GOODNESS: uprightness of heart and life, goodness, kindness

FAITH: relating to God

    1. the conviction that God exists and is the creator and ruler of all things, the provider and bestower of eternal salvation through Christ
a. relating to Christ
    1. a strong and welcome conviction or belief that Jesus is the Messiah, through whom we obtain eternal salvation in the kingdom of God
b. the religious beliefs of Christians
c. belief with the predominate idea of trust (or confidence) whether in God or in Christ, springing from faith in the same

fidelity, faithfulness

a. the character of one who can be relied on

MEEKNESS: gentleness, mildness

TEMPERANCE: self-control (the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, esp. his sensual appetites)

LAW: anything established, anything received by usage, a custom, a law, a command

a. of any law whatsoever
    1. a law or rule producing a state approved of God 1a
    2.
b. by the observance of which is approved of God
    1. a precept or injunction
    2.
    3. the rule of action prescribed by reason
    4.
c. of the Mosaic law, and referring, acc. to the context. either to the volume of the law or to its contents
d. the Christian religion: the law demanding faith, the moral instruction given by Christ, esp. the precept concerning love
e. the name of the more important part (the Pentateuch), is put for the entire collection of the sacred books of the OT

RIGHTEOUSNESS: integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking feeling, and acting

TRUTH: what is true in things appertaining to God and the duties of man, moral and religious truth

1. in the greatest latitude
2. the true notions of God which are open to human reason without his supernatural intervention

Give these things back to God by walking in them. Sowing them into the brethern who have GOD IN THEM. Read Malachi Three for your promise. It speaks of finances yet, go deeper!

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The Image In You
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You have heard that My Word goes forth and accomplishes that which I have sent it to do. But you say to Me " Lord it isn’t working, what am I doing wrong?"

I say to you " My people perish for a lack of knowledge. Now sit at My Feet and I will teach you My ways for My Ways are Higher than your Ways, My thoughts are not your thoughts. I will teach you ALL things by My Holy Spirit."

I AM giving you the framework to call by Faith that which is not as though it were. I have called you to be imitators of Me. So do as I have done. Learn of Me for My Yoke is easy. My work is easy. Do not try to do these things in your own power because you will have allowed yourself to fall into the trap of witchcraft. But in all wisdom and understanding be Imitators of Me and I will lead your feet on the path of righteousness, ordering these things by the Word you speak which is My Word through you.

GENESIS 11

[4] *And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven;* ***and let***

***us make us a name**, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.*
[5] *And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.*
[6] *And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, **which they have imagined to do**.*

My dear child, first remember that there will be no name higher than My Name, do not struggle and desire to make you a name whether for My Sake or the Sake of the Ministry I have given you. For it shall never be. It will fail because only I shall be exalted. Remember your enemy wanted a name and fell.

I have given Power to Image. The enemy also knows this and will steal Righteous Images from you. He wishes to lord over the Image and have authority over it. He always attempts to steal the vision or get you to put it down because he knows Vision births Life. You have seen this through countless ways on the earth. He has neutralized My Body in certain areas because is convincing them that Image is not of God. And you have assumed that is it not of Me too because you have read in My Word that they will make ***an*** image of the beast in Revelation. But the first image came from Me for I seen you and I called you into being by My Word. You were made in my likeness and My image. But I tell you now. IMAGE is from Me, how it is used, will depend on you and if you believe Me. Bring back the Image to Me and I will renew it for you. I will give you holy Images in which to speak in faith toward. Do you see how powerful the Image truly is? The enemy desires to have it. That is why I have instructed you not to make any image with wood and stones. That is why I have instructed you to cast down the high places in your heart that promote pride by the image inside of you. Be careful of which image you choose to place in your heart. One leads to prosperity, the other to destruction.

2 Corinthians 10:5
***Casting down** imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

My Word and My Image work hand in hand. Imitate Me

Now that I have told you what the enemy is doing you can set your face like flint towards his devices. Come now and focus of the things that are good and from your heavenly Father. I have spoken to you by the Living Word. I have given you manna. Today I desire that you sit and speak to me about the Image that I would have you hold in your heart. To those who I have called to do, grab hold of the image and visualize what I have said to you. Get a picture. Get the right one!

Proverbs 29:18

*Where there is no vision, the people **perish**: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.*

Then call those things that are not yet, as though they were. Come into agreement with My Word. Come into agreement with Me on My Vision for you.

I caution you again so that you keep this in remembrance. Do not look to make a name. That is wrong desire and motivation and is not of Me. Use what I have said to examine yourself often for what I have called you to do is a great work . The enemy will come and tempt you with pride and fame.

LUKE 4
[6] *And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.*
[7] *If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.*
[8] *And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.*

But I have in this moment made a way of escape for you if you will determine in your heart to follow only after Me.

1 Corinthians 10:13
*There hath no **temptation** taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the **temptation** also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.*

1 Timothy 6:9
*But they that will be rich fall into **temptation** and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.*

I have come to encourage you My People, and also to remind and warn you of the devices of the enemy. Bring the Image, bring the vision, bring the Word spoken over you to Me and I will give you Wisdom to Do My Commands.

Speak only what I have given you to speak. This is for your protection for then you abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Listen closely to what I have said:

Joshua 1:8
*This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate** therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*

If you can see, if you can observe, if you imagine, ALL I HAVE SAID, YOU my Child will make your way prosperous and you will have good success.

Luke 22
[27] For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.
[28] Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations.
[29] And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

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I love you with a jealous love. I love you with a passion and compassion. I AM your Father. Who has done this thing? Who has hurt your heart? Who has abused your love? Return to me for I will heal your heart. Do not runaway from the One Who Loves you and will completely heal the pain. Listen closely as I speak softly in your ear " It has come to pass" I have faith in you my sweet one. You are as tender as the limbs on the branch as they birth forth new life. Will I allow anyone to cause you harm? I AM your Father and all good things come from Me to you.

Show me who has tormented you with the lies I am angry at you. Show me and I will show you My tenderness toward you. I will show you how far from Truth are these lies.

I always remember you. For I never sleep and all the day and night I consider you, I meditate on how much you have grown; how much you are looking more and more like your Brother. I have told your

Brother these things that have hurt you and He will bring the healing balm quickly to you. He knows those very things you have experienced. Yes, He came quickly and told me of all you are going through. Don't go it alone and don't blame yourself. You are growing up and there are many pangs that come with it. You have just learned a lesson that everyone who says they are your sister and your brother are not of a right spirit, you are learning that there are those who would sneak in the back door who are not in My Family at all! These are thieves and I AM not a thief.

I am proud of you, you are My very own. I see how you purpose in your heart to act just like Me! You love those who persecute you, you desire to show Mercy in every situation. Oh how you are precious in my sight! For that I will give you nations for your inheritance.

Don't fret about those who have hurt you. They are already judged by the words they have spoken. Forgive them for your sake. Release them to Me. I will take care of it. I will take care of your family. I will take care of your church. I can't do anything though until you put it down in My capable hands. They don't understand you and your love for Me. But I tell you a truth, I desire compassion not sacrifice and in that I say to you My Daughter, Well done, Enter into the Rest of your Father. Enter in to the Presence of Your King. I exalt over you with singing for you have brought great Joy to My Heart because you have allowed your heart to be tender.

You are a risk taker. You have risked all that was precious in your own sight to chase after Me. Today I let you catch Me! I will give you the Desire of your heart. Come let Me pour out My Love into your aching heart. Soon there will be Joy for your sorrow is shared by Your Brother. He has wept with you. And He is rejoicing with you! Come, receive your Reward. I AM your Reward.

Day of Vengeance of the LORD
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After a week of having a bad cold, I mustered up the courage to put on my walking clothes and shoes and take up my trekking pole to take advantage of the cool dry morning air. I looked forward to a "nice devotional time" with the Lord on this walk, but He had other plans.

I had been hearing for several days the words CONFIDENCE and AUTHORITY in my spirit and I knew He would confirm them more with a word. He spoke that word this morning, and I will share what has been permitted for this day. This word is NOT directed to His flock, but was a word to be prophesied out loud to the winds to be carried wherever the Spirit of God chooses to carry it. It is a word speaking against those who trouble the flock, who set up obstacles in the pathways and accuse and attempt to curse the Israel of God.

It is the sin of Ham and the sin of Balaam all wrapped up in one. As you recall, Ham, Noah's son, went into his father's tent and discovered him lying there naked and drunk. He immediately ran out and "told" his siblings, not sparing one detail. (Apparently he had spied out the entire scenario, so as to get the details "right"). What was Ham's sin? And what difference did it make—after all wasn't NOAH the one who was "in the wrong?" So why did Noah curse Ham, and why did God allow that curse to stand?

Ham had "snooped around and discovered Noah's nakedness and drunkenness," and set out to expose and accuse the one God had established His covenant with. Trouble is HAM had NO AUTHORITY or ANOINTING to do so. So he was guilty of "breaking and entering" without a proper search warrant. He conducted his search because he had a "suspicious hunch" and probably resented his father's position in the Lord (his position was not as high as Noah's, so he resented his father anyway.) He resented the covenant between Noah and God and the author of that resentment was Satan himself, who resents to this day the covenant between God and His people.

He did not have God's authority to search Noah's tent (his secret parts). He thought he had "permission from God" to snoop, but in reality it was Satan driving him to snoop and get gossip against his father. Why? SATAN wanted Noah taken down so the plan of God and the seed of God would be stopped.

So rather than covering his father's sin with fervent, effectual, righteous prayer, he EXPOSED and ACCUSED and made his father a public spectacle before the rest of the family, without the authority of God to do so.

In this public exposure, he tried to curse his father but instead, he **touched God's anointed** with intent to bring him harm. In turn, Noah cursed Ham with the curse with which Ham tried to curse Noah. Why? Was it because Noah didn't see anything wrong with what he had "done" in the tent? NO! It was because, as God's anointed, Noah had the authority and the confidence in the anointing to curse his own flesh and blood who had violated God's anointing! Noah saw through to the enemy's plot to destroy the plan of God and His lineage! As for Noah's sin, Noah would go before God with that. It was not Ham's job to expose it; it was Noah's responsibility before God to confess it.

Balaam was PAID to go curse Israel. God became Balaam's worst enemy, thus preventing that mission of Satan against His own people. Balaam came to the brilliant conclusion that you CANNOT CURSE GOD'S ISRAEL, even if you see them "sinning" every day. Why? Because, as he said in Numbers 23: 8: "How can I curse whom God hath not cursed (I do not have the AUTHORITY to curse them). How shall I defy whom the Lord hath not defied? (How can I come against whom the Lord hath not opposed)?

He had NO authority from the Lord to do so. He said in Numbers 23:12, "Must I not take heed to speak that which the Lord hath put in my mouth?" He goes on to say that these people (God's Israel) cannot come under any enchantment or divination…no curse can be pronounced against them because 1) God has not regarded iniquity in them and 2) they have in their MIDST, the SHOUT OF A KING. These cursers and accusers are being told to GIVE IT UP, it CANNOT BE DONE. But many will not and will be cursed.

There is a word in Greek ***kataskopeo*** that encompasses what God's wrath is being kindled against this day:

kataskopeo *signifies a sinister*[F2] *activity on the part of those who were doing the "spying out." Commenting on the significance of* ***kataskopeo****, F.F. Bruce affirms "The 'spying' (****kataskopesai****) of the false brothers had no friendly purpose, in Paul's judgment: they wished to put an end to this freedom, to make those who enjoyed it for bondage."*[F3] *In the words of Paul, "This matter arose, because some false brothers had infiltrated ["infiltrate," GK.* ***pareiserchomai,***[F4] *"to slip in, come in, smuggled in, sneaked in"] our ranks to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus and to make us slaves" ["to make slaves," GK.* ***katadouloo****, "to enslave, reduce to slavery, take advantage of"].*

These are the false brethren that Jude speaks of in scripture:

Jude 1:4-19 *For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. . . Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.*

This morning, as I said earlier, the Lord confirmed the words “Confidence” and “Authority” in light of His now-kindled anger against the accuser of the brethren, the unholy spies who creep in and out to see what they can “get” on God’s Israel. They are ever eager to expose God’s Israel and make a public spectacle of them.. There may actually BE a sin that needs to be exposed, but these have no “authority” to bring the exposure. Only the Spirit of God has this authority. These cannot curse the Israel of God.

God has spoken by His word this day, “You who have cursed My Israel without My authority; you who have delivered rebukes and reprovals but NOT in My Name against Mine anointed ones, I AM against you this day! You have touched Mine anointed ones and NOW I will repay.

“I am speaking to My anointed ones against whom you have come, and I say to them: “Protect them no more with your intercessions and demonstrations of love toward them, for I will NOT hear your prayers, nor will I be in that “love” you want to show them. I no longer protect them, nor do I intercede on their behalf. They have no advocate for their cause and grace has run out for them. They will be cursed with the curse they have tried to curse My anointed ones with. They are judged with the judgment they have tried to judge My anointed ones with.

“Again, to My saints, when you hear Me say pray no more for these, do not pray! To pray without My authority to pray will make your prayers unrighteous. You are going to see the reward of the wicked: strokes and comas will silence them. Devastating diseases and circumstances will befall them. Death will come suddenly to some. In this day, however, death will be the most merciful way out for these, and many will beg to die, but cannot.

Revelation 9:5*: And to them it was given that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented* ***five months****: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.*

“Court is in session, and My Enoch generation—the seventh from Adam—will rise up and execute this judgment with my full authority and in quiet confidence. It will be My vengeance upon a people.

“Get ready to hear Me on this.”

Amen and Amen.

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Dream Interpretation

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Dreams & Dream Interpretation

I believe that many of God’s people are beginning to experience an increase in dreams and visions. Why is this happening? How can we know what the Lord is trying to communicate to us through dreams?

As many of you already know, dreams are very symbolic in nature. They are metaphors or dark sayings.

Why does the Lord speak to us in dreams that are full of symbolism? Why doesn’t He just speak clearly to us so that we can know exactly what He is saying to us? To answer this question, please allow me to ask another question. Why did the Lord speak in parables when He ministered to the multitudes?

Matt. 13:10-11 – And the disciples came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?” He answered and said to them, “Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.”

Jesus told His disciples that He had given them the ability to understand the parables or the mysteries that He was speaking to the multitudes. “It has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven!” I believe the answer is the same regarding why the Lord speaks to us in dreams. He has given us the ability to understand the symbolism and to unveil the mysteries that He speaks to us through dreams. This is absolutely astounding to me! We have the God-given ability to unfold the mysteries of the kingdom by the power of His Holy Spirit and His written word.

A dream is no different than a prophetic word, a word of knowledge or a word of wisdom. It’s just being filtered to us in a different form.

The Lord is not limited in the ways by which He speaks to His people. He spoke to Moses through a burning bush. He spoke to Saul on the road to Damascus in an open vision. He spoke to Joseph in a dream saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” The Lord spoke to Abraham in a vision saying, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward. Look now toward heaven and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” These are just a few examples of how the Lord ministered to His servants through dreams and visions.

Polycarp, a man believed to have been a direct disciple of the Apostle John, was given a dream that revealed how he would be killed in Rome and burned at the stake. In 155 A.D., at the age of 86, Polycarp was martyred for his faith just as his dream had depicted.

St. Augustine lists several of his dreams in his writings and he declared that they were an important way in which God spoke to him and to mankind.

Jerome, a translator of the Latin Bible, was converted as a result of the Lord appearing to him in a dream.

God is not limited in the ways that He chooses to speak to His people.

Numbers 12:6 – Then he said, “Hear now My words; if there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream.”

I do not believe that dreams and visions are limited to those who walk in the prophetic office. I believe that all of God’s people have the ability to dream and hear from the Lord.

Joel 2:28-29 – “And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”

The Lord has promised to “pour out” His Spirit upon all flesh! There is no limitation to what we can and will do when He pours out His Spirit upon all of mankind. People who have never prophesied before will find themselves prophesying in the midst of the congregation. Children who have never had a vision will see into the realm of the spirit and declare what they are seeing to those around them. God’s people will dream dreams and have visions! All the limitations will be broken off so that the Lord can communicate His divine purposes to His people.

There are basically two different types of dreams:

1) Intrinsic Dreams: About 95%-98% of the dreams we have are intrinsic, meaning that they are talking about you and what is going on in your heart. These are dreams that reveal what is going on in your life and they deal with the issues of your heart. They deal with the mind, will and emotions. They are all about you.

In Genesis 37:1-11, Joseph had two dreams which fall into this particular category.

2) Extrinsic Dreams: About 2%-5% of our dreams are extrinsic. An extrinsic dream talks about real outer situations instead of about you.

Extrinsic dreams sometimes reveal murders, airplane crashes, earthquakes, theft, or rapes before they actually happen. Pharaoh’s dream about the fat and thin cows was an extrinsic dream speaking about the coming famine.

I personally believe that our intimacy with Jesus will have a great impact upon our ability to hear from the Lord through dreams, visions, prophecy, etc. The greater the intimacy, the greater will be our level of ability to hear, see and receive from the Holy Spirit.

Dreams:

1) Have the ability to reveal our calling or ministry gift to us.
2) Have the ability to bring correction, edification, and warning to the body of Christ.
3) Can be prophetic, revealing the future and giving us insight into what lies ahead.
4)Can place a spirit of intercession upon us or give us a burden to pray for a particular person or event so that problems can be averted.

God created man with the ability to dream and see into the realm of the spirit. Dreams have a way of bringing emotional release and stability to man's physical body. We may not understand all the functions and intricate details of our physical makeup, but our heavenly Father thoroughly understands. He created man with the capability to communicate with him in a variety of ways. Let's not put God in a box and give the religious excuse that God doesn't communicate to His people in dreams and visions today, because that is not compatible with the word of God. One third of the Bible speaks of dreams and visions. If dreams and visions are not important for us in this dispensation of time, why did the Holy Spirit take up so much space in His word writing about them?

How can we interpret the dreams that God gives to us? Do we need to go to the psychic down the street or should we go to the village witch doctor?

Daniel 2:28 – "There is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days."

James 1:5 – If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

Dream interpretation comes from the Spirit of God. As we ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the interpretation to us, He will be faithful to respond to our request. He will reveal the meanings behind the symbols. He will unveil the mysteries that He desires to make known unto us. He will give us eyes to see and ears to hear what His Spirit is speaking through our dreams and visions.

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Driving Dream

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In my dream I was driving a car that had other people in it though I can not say how many nor was I aware of any particular person though I felt that I knew them all.

We were traveling on a freeway that was 3 or 4 lanes wide and only went in one direction. All traffic on this roadway was going in the same direction and traffic was nearly bumper to bumper but we were moving along at a good speed.

Directly ahead of us in the distance was the outline of a city and even though it was a good distance away I could see a lot of detail as though we were much closer. I was aware that the direction of the city was south. To my left were several railroad tracks, (how many I cannot be sure but it seemed like 3 or 4 at least. Just beyond the tracks seemed to be a barrier or mountain that prevented me from seeing further east. What it was is not clear. To my right which would have been west was scenery like woodsy suburban area with a few scattered houses but mostly they were partially obscured by foliage and trees of the type that lose their leaves in the fall. There were open meadows and swampy areas and streams that were running near the top of their banks.

Suddenly as my eyes were fixed on the road ahead and the skyline of the city I saw what appeared as an explosion that nearly leveled a whole section of the city. In almost the same instant I became aware that the railroad tracks to my left were crowded with rail cars all having been derailed and torn up until it looked as though a child had walked into granddads train room and took all the little cars and smashed them and dumped them back on the tracks where some of them were standing on end pointing straight up in the air. No sooner did my eyes take in that horror but that more explosions seemed to be going off in the city ahead then cars started going out of control as though something was exploding in them and causing them to crash into other cars. All this seemed to happen in a matter of no more than 10 seconds. Suddenly all traffic was at a standstill and not a single engine seemed to be running.

People were out of their cars and were heading on foot, back in the direction they had come from. (probably heading home) there were so many people all pushing and shoving and shouting at each other. It seemed too big of a number to count.

I do not remember getting out of the car but found myself in the midst of this mass stampede and was aware that my passengers were following me. It seemed as though we might be trampled.

Suddenly a shadowy figure (more of a presence than a person) appeared close to my right shoulder and said softly in my ear “it might be a good idea to turn off here and take a different route.

At first I thought it was someone I knew but later realized that this was the Holy Spirit who’s presence and direction I’ve begun to sense more clearly lately.

I turned to the left leaving the roadway having had to climb over a guard rail and then out into this meadow with some tall grass and some that seemed to have been grazed down by animals. Then I found myself wading through waist deep water and out again until we saw a house in a secluded area that was all landscaped and had people that were very relaxed and did not seem to be aware that anything unusual had happened. As we approached hoping for some fresh water and a little food (I do not know how much time had expired but knew we had nothing to eat and were very tired.) These people, some of whom had been sitting in lounge chairs got to their feet and others came out of the house and some had guns and others clubs and other objects in their hands and were waving them in warning to us not to come near. This happened several times and I can remember crossing swampy areas in waist deep water and then forging across swift moving streams. And by this time even being pursued by some people that did not want us even in the area. My last memory was of starting into another stream when someone to my left was struck by an object and fell dead in the water. I do not know who they were but was certain that it was one of those following me who had been riding in the car with me. At this point I awoke from my sleep.

This is the understanding the Lord has given me.

The city ahead was Christian City. The visible manifestation of what Christians have built and applied God's name. It looked very much like a prosperous city of industry hardly distinguishable from any U.S. city one might observe.

The cars represent ministries of small in size but all having the same focus, which is to build in Christian City rather than in the kingdom of God, which is without observation (Luke 17:20-21)

The trains represent larger ministries that are or think themselves to be on the fast track of what God is doing in the earth today.

The wall or barrier to the left or east represents our inability to see beyond the large ministries into Zion or what God is really doing (the city made without hands who's builder and maker is God). This is only found individually in the "secret place with Him".

The explosions and fire and resultant destruction all pertain to the earlier revelation He gave me of imminent judgment coming upon the Church.

The people who seemed to be following me though I never actually saw them represent all those who are also led solely of the Holy Spirit and when He leads there is no confusion and the ability to immediately respond to His direction.

The most interesting aspect of this dream vision was the homes we approached for help.
They did not even seem aware of what had happened and were only interested in protecting their turf. The Lord has impressed on me that these represent denominations who are holding doctrinal ground on only a few key points that separate them from other streams. They are not open to revelation beyond their present understanding of scripture. Therefore must drive off those who would approach who might warn them of the rapidly approaching doom or challenge their doctrinal stance.

I believe these will very quickly become open to revelation when they observe what God has done to those who use His name for their own benefit.

The streams and swamps represent obstacles that must be forcibly overcome to arrive at the real City of God.

Finally the fallen comrade. A few hours after waking from this dream vision I received notice that a key couple within our fellowship was withdrawing from us and they would be seeking another Church.

The north and south directions that I was aware of are spoken of in this scripture the Spirit revealed to me.

(Ezek 20:46-48 NKJV) "Son of man, set your face toward the south; preach against the south and prophesy against the forest land, the South, {47} "and say to the forest of the South, 'Hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree and every dry tree in you; the blazing flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be scorched by it. {48} "All flesh shall see that I, the LORD, have kindled it; it shall not be quenched."' "

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Discerning The Spirit Of Anti-Christ

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Never in the history of the Church has discernment been more important to the Body of Christ. It is a most needed gift of all the gifts of the Spirit. With each passing day we are closer to the triumphant return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and with each passing day the enemy's tactics of deception grow. The spirit of anti-Christ is not coming (future tense), but has already come (past tense) (1 John 4:3). It is naïve to believe that we are not all subject to being deceived by this spirit; hence, the importance of knowing what this spirit is all about. Knowledge of this massively deceiving spiritual force is critical in this hour. The scripture below should lay a strong foundation of the potential to deceive, "even the elect."

Matthew 24:11, 24
"Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many... "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect."

Let us begin this study by identifying where the anti-Christ spirit will levy its first major influence in our lives – OUR FLESH! This spirit will always appeal to our inadequacies, our often-poor self-image, lack of success in health, spirituality, ministry, finances, marriage, business, etc., It will offer knowledge, identity, self worth, stability, purpose, and supposedly destiny. The anti-Christ spirit appeals to the worldliness in us - often a worldliness that we do not recognize as being such. It is almost as if one must experience an attack of this spirit to get an understanding of its power. I speak from first hand experience: I have a testimony. Grasp the words of the following scriptures – "Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be maligned; and their GREED will exploit you with false words…"

II Peter 2:1-3
"But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies...Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned; 3 and in their GREED they will exploit you with false words..".

The spirit of anti-Christ is a spiritual force that always leads us away from Jesus. As stated, it lures us with supposed spiritual leadings that appeal to our flesh. The telltale sign of this spirit is that we will be asked to compromise Jesus in some seemingly small way. It is also of importance to know that this spirit is not aimed at the world, but rather God's own people. It will always attempt to exploit our impatience, while those being used to exploit us will do so out of their own "GREED." Greed is not so subtle - it is there to be seen should we care to look! Often our spiritual naivety will cause us to overlook this less than subtle factor. Perhaps we begin to understand why "the children of darkness are wiser than the children of light."

I John 4:1
"Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God; Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of anti-Christ, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world."

Here is the acid test. What does "every spirit that DOES NOT acknowledge Jesus" really mean? When we take actions, without the leading of the Spirit, we are NOT "acknowledging Jesus" through those actions. We are moving in our own strength and purpose. When we represent those actions to be God-purposed and God-motivated we have fallen victim to the delusional force of the anti-Christ spirit. Only "he who does the will of the Father," is he who "acknowledges Jesus." When I first saw this connection between I John 4:1 and Matthew 7:21-23 I shouted! Spirit filled Christians who are not Spirit led Christians lead powerless ineffectual works, which are capable of creating chaos in the lives of God's people. But let us take it a step further. What about those who are NOT doing the will of the Father who are prophesying, casting out demons, and performing miracles?

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, BUT HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name cast out demons, and in your name perform many miracles? And then I will declare to them, I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME: YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS" (Matthew 7:21-23).

Matthew 7:21-23 in NIV calls those who are not submitted to the will of the Father, "evildoers." Many well-meaning Spirit-filled Christians are not Spirit-led. Actions that are NOT originated by God's Spirit can be costly, and those who take such actions are highly susceptible to the spirit of anti-Christ. Emphasis is placed upon the external; what the eyes can see and the ears can hear (Isaiah 11:2,3/II Corinthians 10:7).

How can we do the will of the Father if we are not regularly hearing His voice (John 10: 2-4/Romans 8:14)? No doubt you have seen those with extraordinary gifts to preach, heal the sick, do miracles, and yet felt no witness to them as strong men of God? Many prophesy, cast out demons, and perform miracles, yet do not do "the will of the Father." These men, despite their outward appearance, are not walking in the Kingdom Matthew 7:21-23. From my own experiences, I am convinced that many follow the anti-Christ spirit without any knowledge of what spirit they are following. The sin of presumption often hides itself in noble purposes. Presumption is the birth canal for Ishmael. We will address this in more detail later in this study.

Where many are fooled is in seeing the gifts of God operating in men, then naturally assuming that these men are God-sent. If nothing else is understood in this writing, please understand this - the gifts of God are without repentance (Romans 11:29), which means that God freely distributes these gifts just as he does musical talent, athleticism, etc., Men do not always use the gifts according to God's will. Our own tradition will make the following hard to accept. MINISTRY GIFTS CAN AND DO OPERATE OUTSIDE OF GOD'S SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.

Separating The True From The False

A number of issues will be discussed here that will assist us in discerning the true from the false; and while the points made in this discussion are by no means the only elements of separation, they will point us in the general direction of understanding. We will first discuss obvious observable differences, and then the more subtle ways of discerning differences.

A true prophet will point you to Jesus, and the vision HE HAS PUT IN YOU. A false prophet will point you to himself; his vision, his purpose, his ministry, etc., The vast difference between the true and the false is that the true will always, always point you to the Jesus in you: your calling, your ministry, your purpose, and your destiny. The 'true' can point you to nothing but Jesus…the 'false' can point you to nothing but man. The false prophet will always leave you empty in a crisis, while the true will leave you full. The true prophet speaks to your heart, while the false will excite your eyes and ears. THOSE WHO ARE EASILY DAZZLED ARE PRIME CANDIDATES FOR DECEPTION FROM THE ANTI-CHRIST SPIRIT.

While the following observable difference is not a law, I think it worth mentioning. For some years there has been great favor within the Body of Christ for the works of men and the gifts of God that operate in men, while there has been little emphasis upon the true character of God within those same men. Character seems to have fallen by the wayside as Christians, much like their counter-parts in the world, have given their respect to external gifts and works rather than the internal character of God. In other words, it has been 'what the man is all about' rather than 'who the man really is.' Character is internal, while gifts and works are external. Our character is eternal, our gifts temporal. To which should we show the greatest respect?

What is character in the context of this teaching? Character is an identifying factor in separating the true from the false. Character is a man's testimony - Who he is, and what he is. It is what his life says about him. In God's eyes, we are not defined by the externalities of who we are (our name, works, titles), but rather the internalities of what we are (our true character.) Character is a reflection of heart. Who we are in the worst of times will always reveal us (James 1:1-15).

Our testimony (what we purport to believe) and our life are should reflect one in the same. No man can truly lead you where he has never been. A great indicator between the true and the false is that the 'true' can only teach what is true in their life (their testimony), while the 'false' will attempt to teach, will equal passion, what they have never experienced for themselves. Arthur Burt, in defining revelation states, "Situation must be married to revelation. Until your revelation works in your situation, you do not really have a revelation."

"They overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY" (Revelation 12:11). If our testimony does not match the word (revelation) we preach, teach, and espouse, we are no more than a sounding gong. I can teach salvation because I am saved. I can share salvation because I have experienced it. My word and my testimony are one in the same. A true prophet teaches what he knows from his heart (Luke 6:45), while a false prophet teaches what he knows from his head.

How does our life experience define us? Watchman Nee, in his book Sit, Walk, Stand opens with "If the life of a Christian is to be pleasing to God it must be found properly adjusted to Him IN ALL THINGS. Too often we place the emphasis in our own lives upon the application of this principle to some single detail of our behavior, or of our work for him. Often we fail to appreciate either the extent of the adjustment called for or, at times, even the point from which it should begin. But God measures everything, from start to finish, by the perfections of His Son. Scripture clearly affirms that it is God's good pleasure "to sum up all things in Christ…in whom also we were made a heritage" (Ephesians 1:9-11).

God measures things from start to finish. Our lives, even our past to some extent, represents who we are, and who we are is what dwells within our heart; and what is in our heart is the fruit of our actions past, present, and future. From a practical standpoint, without accountability to our past, there is little room for correction in our future. As we gaze into life's rear-view mirror, the debris from past mistakes should be less and less visible as we travel the road of life. If the debris piles in our immediate past are not less, the lessons and necessary changes from those lessons should indicate that we are following the wrong spirit.

Some of God's greatest revelation comes through our own mistakes. Is this the best way to hear God? Absolutely not! Is it a sure way to hear God? Absolutely! We tend to retain what we have learned through adversity, and as Christians with ordered steps, our mistakes should always serve a powerful teaching purpose. I have repeated the same mistake more than once, with catastrophic results. I followed what appeared to be the right way, which I now know to be the anti-Christ spirit. It appealed to what I considered to be 'my goodness,' my desire to get on with my destiny and purpose instead of waiting on God.

Deception Comes When We Fail To Love Truth

Scripture reveals that failing to have a sincere love of the truth will lead one to embracing deception. If we have been given light and truth, but fail to walk in it, even what we have will be taken away and the Father will consequently send delusion to these saints.

II Thessalonians 2:10-11
"because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. For this reason God will send upon them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false..."

Other aspects open us up to deception: rebellion against the governmental order of God; harboring idols; and a spirit of unbelief are some of the more evident things. Truth and error will both increase alongside one another during the times in which we live. We must not despise or reject prophecies and teaching, but must carefully examine every word.

Some Who Perform Miracle Healings Are Not Necessarily God's Men

As we delve deeper into understanding, as we previously mentioned, we humans are quick to judge based upon outward appearance though we are warned not to (Isaiah 11:3/II Corinthians 10:7). We are quick to judge good and evil and often that judgment is based upon what we see and what we think to be God.

Be aware in the area of healing, miracles, and other signs and wonders: all that appears to be founded in God IS NOT. While it important to give God the glory for such healings, it is equally important to properly discern the vessel through which such gifts operate. In short, miracles are not a sign of God's unequivocal endorsement of the individual, but rather a sign of His great compassion for His people. There are many within the Body of Christ today who are taking these signs and wonders as God's unmitigated endorsement of the individual and his ministry. There are leaders within the Body who are using these gifts as a platform upon which to pillage the Body for money and support of their personal agendas.

As previously stated, miracles and signs and wonders performed by individuals are no more an indication of God's character in a man than the gifts that beset great musicians, athletes, or scholars – as mentioned, the gifts of God are without repentance, meaning that God can and does bestow His gifts upon whomever He desires. Those who discern properly will quickly recognize the farce that is often being perpetrated upon the unsuspecting Body. The time has come for the unsuspecting Body to awaken to God's call to come in behind the veil and commune with Him; to awaken to the fact that God desires to have communion and relationship with His people. This intimacy produces discernment, which causes us "to know them by their fruit" (good or bad).

God wants a one-on-one relationship with us; a relationship that puts man in complete dependence upon his God with little to no dependence upon man. To the extent we depend upon man, to that same extent we forego God. To the extent we depend upon God, to that same extent we will forgo our dependence upon man. The time has come to be awakened to the gift of discernment that is activated in you as you seek God, spend time with Him, and obey His voice – "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). The real character of God is formed in us as we spend time with God allowing a true relationship to develop. If we are not eating the "bread of life" – God's spoken word to us individually, we are missing the most dynamic part of God's design for man while living upon the earth.

Obedience: A Key To Discernment

While there are observable elements of the anti-Christ spirit, there is also a much more reliable method of discerning this spirit.

God made me to rule "my territory," that appointed place and sphere in which only I can rule with competence and the assurance of God's backing. I pray that God draw me to the places that I am assigned to rule and quickly repel me from those places that I am not assigned. I am to work with all my heart, as unto the Lord, in the places of God's assignment. To step out of my assigned boundary is to step out of God's will…my joy stops, toil and strain start, and it is here that I must awaken to my trespassing; it is here that I must return unto my own territory, but how do I get there from here? "In repentance and rest is my salvation; in quietness and trust is my strength" (Isaiah 30:15).

Just as sun produces light, repentance and rest enhance and brighten discernment: and quietness and trust produce strength. As I draw near to God, He draws near to me. Often, I must slow down my activity-based life; repent of my trespasses, reenter into the "rest" of God to accurately discern "my assigned territory." As I draw near to God by obeying Isaiah 30:15, "my territory" is plain to see because the greater (drawing near to God), always includes the lesser (clearly discerning my territory). Sharp discernment will alert us to the spirit of anti-Christ as it attempts to enter our assigned sphere.

True repentance is a giant leap in drawing near to God; it is a form of worship that ushers in the presence of God. Toil and strain should be our alarm, and repentance and rest our remedy in returning to quietness and trust, which is our strength. The true measure of our repentance determines the level of our discernment. Few remnant Christians knowingly hold unrepentant sin, but many of us unknowingly and ignorantly have unconfessed sin in our lives. As we ask the Lord to reveal our hidden and even unknown sin, He will; and as we confess it, it will be removed and accurate discernment will abound.

It is very easy to transition from works of the Spirit to works of the flesh when we have a history of God-appointed success and years of tradition and training. Moses could not fathom simply speaking to the rock when hitting the rock had worked before. It is in this simple Bible illustration that we find the difference in our destiny and how easy unknown sin can creep in. The Promise Land is for those who refuse to live from the intelligence of past traditions, and only obey the Spirit's leading today. Our past successes can cause us to be open to the lure of the anti-Christ spirit.

Why is this so important in this hour? Prophetically, we have entered a time in which acts of obedience will trigger a supernatural response from heaven. Obedience to the Spirit opens the door to God's power. Obedience to the Spirit opens the door to miracles. It is important to note that the sentence did not say sacrifices or good works opens the door….there is a vast difference between the acts of men, and the acts of men directed by God's Spirit.

Intimacy Produces Discernment

Prior to marriage, Tracy and I went through a time of courtship in which we displayed the best of our behavior. During this period the birds were always singing and the sun always shinning. We spent every available second absorbing and learning all we could about each other. This wonderfulness continued through the first six months of marriage, and then, as the honeymoon ended, the reality of the relationship, both its strengths and weaknesses, became obvious to us both. We realized that to make it we must have consistent communication.

As we faced difficulties and trials that newly weds face, we soon learned a valuable lesson – "Reliable communication permits progress" (Proverbs 13:15 TLB). The NIV is even more direct, "Good understanding wins favor, but the way of the unfaithful is hard." God's Kingdom rest upon understanding while Satan's depends entirely on misunderstanding.

As is the natural tendency during trials, the last thing either of us wanted to do was communicate, or said more honestly, communicate properly. The purpose of this writing is not to extol the virtues of our marriage or to portray us as poster children for marriage; we are not, but we have come to an important understanding that has an enormous parallel with our relationship with the Father. Communication is the essence of life between any two living beings - stop the communication and death begins.

If we do not spend time with each other, listen to each other, and communicate what we want to see out of each other, we soon see the aforementioned death creeping into our life and marriage. As a direct parallel to this analogy, I can say with equal emphasis, that the same is true with my relationship with the Father. If I do not take the time to be with Him, to hear Him and His direction for my life, I soon see the inevitable death that is so sure to come. God desires us to spend time with him, to communicate and have fellowship with Him, and like all spouses, He likes to be worshiped and adored, and also like all spouses, He does not like to play second fiddle to other Gods (things that occupy the bulk of our time). Our greatest deterrent to being a victim of the spirit of anti-Christ is intimacy with God.

Dickie Welch, a friend, recently ministered that while many of us have been focused on the improper traditions (old wineskins) that besiege most modern churches, the greatest tradition that we as individuals battle are those in our own lives, especially in our own homes. Interestingly, he pointed out that there are 168 hours in a week, of which, most of us spend 40 at work and 40 sleeping. He further pointed out that most of us spend an average of 4 hours in church each week, leaving 84 hours for other endeavors. He reasoned that we probably average 3 hours a day on chores, errands, and other responsibilities leaving 60 hours of time devoted to other things. He then posed the question, "How much of the 60 hours do we use to spend with God?"

When I am in fellowship, I am in a flow in which there is joy and strength – that flow can only come by spending time with the Father, getting His specific direction for my life. From that intimacy comes joy and life and once it has been experienced, nothing short of it will do. I know when I am not spending enough time with the Father; the first thing to go is my joy and strength. Communication breakdowns are often a result of one party or the other not communicating or not listening. God never fails, so again the failure in this communication is totally mine, most notably because of my unwillingness to spend the quality time needed to produce intimacy. It is here that I am susceptible to false leadings.

As with a married couple, true intimacy is impossible without a continuous flow of good communication. I recently felt I heard the Father say to me that he was not a prostitute to whom remuneration could be paid for favors. While I was quick to see this as a strong indictment of traditions within the modern church, especially with the tithe and prosperity message, I was taken aback when the Holy Spirit said, "I am speaking to you Clay! You want intimate knowledge, favor, and understanding without having an intimate relationship; you want the reward without the responsibility." Any husband who has demanded intimacy from his wife without an ongoing proper relationship knows of what I speak.

If I will take the time (ascend) to the Father, He will cause me to (descend) to this world with substance for my life, and occasionally for the lives of others. The voice of the Bridegroom is calling to His Bride. It is a call to communication, a call to intimacy. It is here that the heart of the Father is birthed in men and discernment comes alive.

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[23]Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. [24]I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. [25]The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ~ John 12:23-25

For Christ to be truly glorified, death must take place. For true life to be established, a death must occur. In our lives, we must follow the pattern our Savior had obediently gone through. This does not mean we necessarily will have the privilege of hanging from a cross for our Father, but it does mean there are many area's of our life we must put to death, for the glory of Christ to be revealed in us.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ~ 2 Corinthians 1:8-9

We all go through hardships in life, emotional, financial, relational, etc. These are the very times spiritual growth begins to sprout. Many times it literally is the entry way into a new beginning. We can place a greater value on what we had before and use it for His purposes. Perhaps for the first time we can identify with others who find themselves in a similar trial.

I remember many years ago in my youth, when I could not understand what another brother was going through. I could not understand how a Christian could be so deceived. I do now, because it was not to long afterward that I experienced the very same thing. I now can relate well with those who have gone through what I have and seek to relate with everyone who goes through their own set of trials. I learned a great deal during that period. I learned to die and I learned a new way to live and judging was not to be a part of it. I learned that the world and even Christians often treat such people as lepers. Like me, they didn't know how to relate. Now, I appreciate the little things that I never would have valued without that trial and other trials that have followed. The experience taught me greater dependence and faith in those areas of my relationship with God.

When God brings death to one area of life, he brings resurrection in a fresh new way. Death works in us to bring new life and new revelation towards better life applications. These trials are really birth pangs towards death in the area's that need to die, so we can MOVE ONWARD AND UPWARD IN HIS PURPOSES. Father wants us to die in those areas and by design; this death begins to press us forward in ways that we never would have moved without the experience. Father knows just the right ingredients of pressure to produce the death that brings forth new life. Through the suffering we then are able to tap into His abundant grace and mercy towards that prize He has planned for each of us.

I die to live and I live to die daily… Oh how I long to really live every moment in that truth. I love the passion here in Paul's epistle to the Corinthians:

[31][I assure you] by the pride which I have in you in [your fellowship and union with] Christ Jesus our Lord, that I die daily [I face death every day and die to self].* *- 1 Corinthians 15:31 (Amplified)

In the context of Paul's life physical death was much more probable then many of us, especially us here in the western world. But Paul is talking about his willingness to die daily to SELF in his service to the King and the Kingdom. Should we not have the same passion for those areas in our life that need to die and come under submission to the Word of God? I say that we should be militant in battling one of our greatest opponents - SELF.

SELF does not go down easy, and when you think he is down, many times SELF makes a comeback if we are not daily immersing ourselves in Christ and our intimate relationship with the Father. God's mercy and compassion brings strategic happenings and revelation for us to continue to be in process towards Christlikeness! To be Christ-like in every way of our existence and purpose should be our goal Press into Him, learn of Him, and rely on Him, as you utilize opportunities to die to spring forth a greater life and a greater light for the world to behold.

Just Two Things
Robert Ricciardelli

I have been blessed by all of the relationships the Lord has placed in my life. I have been blessed by the many teachers, mentors and spiritual fathers and mothers that have imparted to me throughout my walk with the Father. I am truly blessed to communicate with over 100 countries on a daily basis and over time hear what the Lord is doing in many places. I have heard and believed many things all through the years. I thought some of what I learned was absolute truth only to find out it was absolutely not true. I have been sincere about many things only to find out I was sincerely wrong. The bottom line is I only know what I know today and the rest is yet to be revealed and paradigms adjusted.

1 Corinthians 13:9-12
[9]For we know in part and we prophesy in part. [10]But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. [11]When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. [12]For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

You see, we are all in process towards the next thing. What is the next thing? I don't know, but when it arrives I will share it with you. There are many of us that have taken past "truths as we know it", and at times, have made it a permanent and foundational religion over our lives. When people ask why it is so, our answer is something like this, "because I know it brother, we have always believed that way and have scriptures to prove it." And so on and on we go holding on to man made traditions and religion and fighting tooth and nail to prove it. And then we grow up in the midst of all the ugly division and strife it has caused and say to ourselves, "What in the heck are we all doing anyway?"

Many times we are disputing the order of things rather than rejoicing together in that which is the foundation of all things and in the unity of love from that foundation. We have heard in various ways over the years from our 20,000 divisions of Churchianity, how that the written word is our foundation and if it isn't in print, it isn't worth lint. Before I make my point, I just want to clarify that the printed word of God is God breathed, infallible and absolutely worthy to use for doctrine. But because we are human, we will many times interpret that same printed word based on our presuppositions up to that stage of our existence. With that being said, let me move towards the two things that my point is about……..

The Most Important Commandment

[34]But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees with his reply, they thought up a fresh question of their own to ask him. [35]One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: [36]"Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?"
[37]Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." [38]This is the first and greatest commandment. [39]A second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself." [40]All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

I have highlighted the above in red for two reasons; one is of course, because they are the words of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The second reason is because these are the words from the foundation of all we are about, all we ever will be about. The blood purchased foundation of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, whom through the Holy Spirit of our one true God and Father dwells within us.

I have heard the delusion many times that the gospels are the milk of the word and then the real "meat of the word", is in the epistles. This is a delusion as the reality is, all scripture is God breathed and if we were going to label "the meat" of the word, we better give some weight to the words of The One who is the foundation of all that we believe. Jesus is not only the bread of life, He is the whole loaf! Okay, now I am getting closer to my point, in verse 40 in the above scripture, it says that

[40]All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Which means, **All the other commandments and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.** I am not sure what version you have, but no matter what your version is or in what language it is, you will probably see that it says pretty much the same thing. So this is the meat of the word and this is the main thing. The printed word, the law and the prophets, the Alpha and the Omega all point to this as the main thing. The rest of it is a blue print, road map, "The Way" for us to go in living in "The Main Thing."

Paul cried out,

Galatians 4:19
But oh, my dear children! I feel as if I am going through labor pains for you again, and they will continue until Christ is fully developed in your lives.

I have not been through labor pains, but I know some who have and let's just say, I am glad I have never had the pleasure….. Paul was describing unbearable pain to watch the Galatians be caught up in false teachings and doctrines because Christ had not been formed within them. When Christ is formed in us, these doctrines of man cannot take us from "The Main Thing". We are so consumed in loving God, pleasing God, obeying God, that foolishness has no place, sin has no place, because we live and move and have our being in Him that is formed within us.

Brethren, may we all take heed to our Saviors words. Unity is not even something we have to strategize, because in Him unity IS! Transformation is not a formula, because in Him Transformation IS! Just two things that if we get right in Him, we will also fulfill all the other things this life has for us. We must grasp this truth, because it is everything according to our Lord. When we are operating in Him and through Him offenses cannot remain, willful sin cannot remain, bitterness cannot remain, envy cannot remain, and fear cannot remain.

Father let us live the "Main Thing"
Oh what freedom it will bring"

Help us to see only what you see,
So we can set the captives free.

Let us listen only to your voice,
Through obedience make all of heaven rejoice.

Let us put away our rights and our will,
Give us insight to the flesh we must kill.

Your Spirit to lead and our soul to submit,
As we eternally follow, and to your will commit. R.R.

Discerning The Season

Cher Coner

Aug 11, 2004
[Preliminary quotes]
"The next move of God will be known for people falling on their faces and weeping, weeping, weeping" - Paul Cain

"There is a gift that we need to ask God for in these days. It's the gift of tears. We need to come before the Lord, making ourselves available to Him in a deeper way. The gift of tears is more than a result of the suffering that comes from living in a fallen world. It flows from feeling the pain and the suffering that the Lord Jesus feels for us. He is our High Priest, touched by the feeling of our infirmities. We need to feel what He feels for America. We need to feel what He feels for the Church. We need to feel what He feels about sin and the abominations that are going on in the earth today.

We must have tears if we are going to see revival. If we have no tears it's because our hearts are parched. Lord, give us tears that we may see revival!" -Prophet Paul Cain

"...when the angel of the United States of America came and stood before me, I tremble and quake every time I see an angel of a nation, I always tremble and quake in my heart, because of the awesome anointing and authority they have. When he came and stood before me, he told me, An awesome judgment is going to come upon America very soon. An awesome judgment. When he spoke, I felt a fear, a Godly fear running through my bones and my spirit. This is not a judgment that would destroy the entire nation, but something quite similar to what happened with the twin towers. But, it can all be prevented, IF RIVERS OF INTERCESSION flow in the nation. This is the word that he told me to speak.

And I saw, that if you will take this seriously and pray, a huge river flowing all throughout the center of your country. If it flows - a river of tears, rivers of intercession (and as the angel was speaking, I saw this huge white river flowing from the east to the west)-- only that would prevent this judgment that could come."

-"PROPHETIC MESSAGE to the USA CHURCH" -by Sadhu Sundar Selvaraj (-prophet from India). Delivered to the church in St. Louis, June 2002.

Discerning the Season
By Cher Coner

There is a tremendous wave of anointing being blown across our nation to mobilize intercessors. An intercessor is not an office as the five-fold calling of Pastor, Prophet, Teacher, Apostle, or Evangelist, but it is and should be a function of every believer.

The term mobilize is defined, "Make ready for War," or "to assemble and to organize for action or use, esp. for war."

Joel 2:15-17
Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly:
2:16
Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.

2:17
Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

Fasting . . . weeping . . . mourning is expressed strongly in this passage of scripture because their sin being most heinous needs extraordinary humiliation. This is the season we are in right now in America- A season of weeping and reaping! We need to have extraordinary prayer movements where we are not standing and praising but bowing down in humility and weeping. We must discern that this is the hour of crying out to God for the Lord of The Harvest to send forth the Laborers. The outward marks of repentance are to signify the depth of their sorrow for sin. There should be an inward sorrow of heart, and not the mere outward manifestation of it by "rending the garment" (Joshua 7:6). Christians not unbelievers are expected to humble themselves and pray. God calling forth the intercessors at this hour to water the earth with their tears. There will be no public, reaping without some public weeping. The greatest reapers in this world are the greatest weepers.

Dealing With Accusation
Sandy Warner

Apr 23, 2004
You are eating in the presence of your enemies. They watch and wait for anything in which to accuse you. Do not wrestle or defend yourself before your accusers. To do so will be a wild ride, for you can not tame them, they will only buck and backlash. Rather stand straight and make proclamation of My Word, without fear and without shame. At the same time come before Me in humble prayer and lay the accusations before Me. I forgive and give grace to the humble, and will release you from their accusations as you humble yourself. You have suffered greatly from hope deferred. I promise that I will make amends.

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever." (Ps 23:4-6 NKJV)

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I Am Settling You
Sandy Warner

Apr 20, 2004
[Encouragement For Those Waiting for Loved Ones]

HEARD [2/02/04]: I am answering your prayer, sweet one. I am giving them understanding. Your sacrifice and commitment. To be there for them. Alone. If you only knew. How I appreciate you.

HEARD: It's already been done. Set in motion. What's happening? Those you love. I am settling you.

VISION: I saw a picture frame on a wall. It was being mounted, as though settled in its place. I saw a measuring tape that went from the middle of the picture up to the ceiling in order to line it up and center it. The tape said 17 inches. [Number 17 means victory.]

ANOINTED HANDS: I opened my Words to Ponder book to the following entry: "My faithful servant, My joy, My friend. You have remained behind while others ascend, and chosen to serve rather than leave your loved ones behind. While you wait, I see you rightfully dividing My Word and releasing hope to those in the same place of waiting. Thank you, beloved, for your faithful labors."

1 Peter 5:10 NKJV
But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

WORD TO PONDER: I WILL REACH THEM
Do not fear, the ones you are wanting so badly to reach with the truths you discovered long ago, I have drawn to other rivers and will use other ways to reach them. I know how this has been an unsettling time for you. Honey, I am so proud of you! Your prayers and heart's desires are answered and I will see to their needs.

Ephesians 6:18 KJV
Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

HEARD: I will reward you. I know you're hurting. My darling bride. And so we separate the good from the bad. Cling to Jehovah. Settling the differences. Something wonderful is happening. A transformation taking place right before your eyes. Plan.

HEARD [as I was clicking on a file called "Establish"]: I heard the Lord say, "Parallel walk." [In context I was thinking about a loved one whom I had been praying over and wanting to reach.]

HEARD: I will settle you.

QUICKENED EYE GLANCE: My eye fell on the following phrase: "Go on home. What you have believed has happened." (From Matthew 8:13 NLT)

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA
HEARD: It doesn't make any difference. You are what you are. Brought to a door. Ended. In your place. You were settled.

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WORD TO PONDER: ALREADY DONE
I know you have felt unsettled and out of alignment as you have earnestly waited upon Me for those you love. Thank you for your intercession, My precious one. The Words that I speak into your life and you speak back to Me are already set in motion as you stand upon them. I view them as already done.

Thank you, My dear friend, you who wait upon Me and want only My point of view for those you love. How you honor Me as you lay your life down and serve as you wait for them to come into their destinies. I know your sacrifice and commitment behind the scenes. Your intercession bears fruit for so many, even more than you know. How you have touched My heart to be so willing to wait for what matters to Me the most. Thank you for not giving up. You really are not alone. You have all of heaven yearning with you, dear one.

Isaiah 46:10-11 NLT
Only I can tell you what is going to happen even before it happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

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Processing Your Will
Sandy Warner

Apr 21, 2004
If you convince a woman against her will, she will be of the same opinion still. Yes, My bride, that is you. Long you have suffered between the pressures of right and wrong. As much as you have wanted to comply, you found yourself unable to stay committed. You have known the way, but your flesh rebels. That is because the sin nature of your flesh wars against that which is born of My Spirit. You may not know the way out of this ever circling maze, but I do.

I created you and know exactly how to reach you and bring you out of bondage. The way is love. The gift of repentance comes through My kindness. I know that real change only comes through love. If you capture a woman’s heart, you have all of her.

For many years now, I have been processing your will. I brought you in and through the wilderness. I know how to woo My bride and capture her heart so that it will never wander again. Yes, I hate idolatry and desire obedience. This is because I AM jealous for your love, your heart, your complete surrender to Me that we may be one, as we were meant to be. I AM doing My work in your life and know you through and through. All I ask is that you be willing and open the door to My unrelenting love.

Song 4:9-11 NLT
You have ravished my heart, my treasure, my bride. I am overcome by one glance of your eyes, by a single bead of your necklace. How sweet is your love, my treasure, my bride! How much better it is than wine! Your perfume is more fragrant than the richest of spices.

Rom 12:2 NLT
Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.

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The Tolling Of The Bell
Sandy Warner

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PARABLE
Before the Civil war, there were Christian's from Canada who traveled down to the southern states as "conductors" and secretly gathered slaves who were interested in taking the journey north to freedom. Basically the slaves were given instructions to follow the maps to Chicago, with secret places of refuge along the way. The houses of refuge were lit with a candle in the window and the password to be invited in was, "A friend of a friend."

Waiting in Chicago, there was a lady they called "Moses" who was coordinating the movement. They placed people inside coffins to travel the final 6 hours via train on to the Canadian border. I thought it interesting that they had to travel by coffin for the last leg of the journey. This was a parable of their final death to self. Those on the other side set up a liberty bell in Canada, and every time someone crossed the border, they rang the bell for them. I really sobbed when I heard this. I knew this was the same heroic journey of many to find their quest for freedom in the Spirit. There were over 40,000 slaves who crossed the border to freedom prior to the civil war.

HEARD: Seeing the door opened. Deliverance.

A SIGN: It was dusk outside and we were driving to a meeting up north. A Mahesh tape was playing and he had just said the phrase, "Shining like the stars." Then he said to "keep focusing on the light." At that moment my eyes fastened onto a door that was left open into a darkened house. There was one small light on in the room of the opened door. The rest of the house was dark and so was everything around the outside of this farm house. At the very instant that Mahesh had said to keep focusing on the light, my eye was drawn to the only light in the area and its door was open. I knew the Lord was quickening this to me as a sign.

THE WHITE LIGHT

Quote From Shepherd's Rod 2004 [Bob Jones & Paul Keith Davis] Posted 10/07/03
http://www.bobjones.org http://www.whitedoveministries.org

"… A "great light" will be offered to those who have formally known darkness and gloom. Much like the promise given to the land of Zebulun and Naphtali, the people who walk in darkness will see a brilliant light and he will make the latter time a glorious season. (See Isaiah 9:1-2) This is for the land "beyond the Jordan" as we cross over into the day of promise. Illumination will be coming to those who have formally embraced traditionalism and religious structures and many will now embrace divine light."

"… The color for this year is white...specifically, white light. There will emerge from the throne of

Heaven great deposits of Heavenly light into the spirit and soul of the Church to ignite us on the course of destiny and high purposes… There are many applications to white and even more as it relates to light. Some pertain to the purity, consecration and holiness that is to characterize God's people. Light dispels the darkness of our soul as He lights the candle of our innermost being." (John 8:12) {end quote}

HEARD [10/11/03]: Candelabra. The great awakening after a long winter's nap.

VISION: I saw a liberty bell being rung. I saw the flash of a finger in the sky reach down and touch the big ball at the bottom of the bell. Instant life came into the bell as it turned into a brilliant, bright white light.

HEARD: Liberty to the captives. Fear God. Go.

HEARD [10/23/03]: Plan. Coming up, a bell tower.

DREAM: I saw a volcano erupt. I saw people escaping the hot lava flow by riding on a chunk of land that had some green grass on it and a tree.

HEARD: Between the porch and the altar.

Joel 2:15-17 NLT
Blow the trumpet in Jerusalem! Announce a time of fasting; call the people together for a solemn meeting. Bring everyone--the elders, the children, and even the babies. Call the bridegroom from his quarters and the bride from her private room. The priests, who minister in the LORD'S presence, will stand between the people and the altar, weeping. Let them pray, "Spare your people, LORD! They belong to you, so don't let them become an object of mockery.

CONFIRMATION
I wrote this following Word to Ponder, "The Bell Tower Rings" on 10/23/03. On 12/22/03 there was an article from Reuters entitled, "Earthquake Rang Planet 'Like a Bell'." It was about California's largest earthquake in four years, magnitude 6.5. I post the Words to Ponder (PonderWords) online from 2-4 months after my rhema, in chronological order. I thought it no accident when this Word to Ponder was posted on the Internet as the first entry for the year 2004. I felt a corner had been turned. We are the salt of the earth and our prayers are more vital then even before.

CONCLUSION

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WORD TO PONDER: THE BELL TOWER RINGS
Long we have waited for this hour of the great awakening, when in two opposite extremes, I ring the bell. Listen! Even now the bell tower is ringing. On one side, this bell rings liberty for the captives! Break the cords of the pain of delay and be released into your birthright. It is My joy to give you the kingdom for such a time as this. Deliverance, deliverance is coming, deliverance is nigh, deliverance is here. Within the great irony of a failing and fallen world, I will set My people free! They will go forth amidst the fires, and yet they will fear only their God, for they know the One Who is their all consuming fire.

Those on the opposite side hear the same bell, but they hear a different sound. Will they heed the warning? Awake from your slumber! Rise from your beds of apathy and pleasures and listen to the signs of the times. Like the magma of a fiery volcano, the consequences of rebellion and sin are spewing out. The toll of the bell rings warning, yet few will heed.

My love is so fierce that I will stop at nothing to awaken those in Jezebel's bed. Come out, My people, come out! Separate yourselves. Turn to the only One Who can save you from the ravages of sin. The earth grows hot with the consequences of defiance, and the bell rings for all who would listen. Come to your Maker and reject Him not. For He alone holds the keys to your deliverance for such a time as this.

Heb 12:25-29 NKJV
See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.

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Working Through The Homework

Sandy Warner

Apr 19, 2004
I have given you My Word. Put the pieces together and let revelation take its course. One, two, three, I AM working through thee. Four, five and six, there is nothing I can't fix. Seven, eight and nine. You are doing fine. The tens, elevens and twelves. Use what's on the shelves. Add and subtract, divide and multiply. Find the common denominators and sum it all up. You will be done in no time. Amen.

2 Tim 2:15 AMP
Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth .

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Dealing With An Orphan Spirit
Robert I Holmes

I was born into the kingdom at a time when the TV evangelists were coming down, judgment was upon the church and the prophets were getting into trouble. There was a lot of talk about the fall of great men of God, and leaders were, by and large, backing away from mentoring. I knew right from the outset that to grow in the gift, I needed to find someone better, older, wiser than me. On the music side, I picked up a guitar and started hanging out with gypsies. I penned songs and took them to be critiqued by folk song writers. I joined the church music team and learned all I could. But the prophetic. was not going to be that easy. In 1993 I went to John, my pastor and we drafted a list of every prophetic person we knew of in Australia: big or small, famous or infamous. I wrote 21 letters asking for help, opportunity to learn, time for a coffee, anything. Three responded. One invited me to his conference and gave me a copy of his book. One invited me to his church and read a copy of an article I had written. But the last fellow took a little more interest. Brother McIntyre had been in the game for quite some time. We did breakfast, we did lunch and we traveled to Melbourne together. I learned much from his teaching, but more from his conduct. He even read a copy of my first book (which incidentally, never saw the light of day). He and I grew busy with our schedules, and lost touch. but it made me hunger for more. I went back to my pastor, and we drew up a list of internationally recognised prophets. Only 12 letters this time. and 3 responded. Off we went again!

"I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you" (John 14:18).

Some hallmarks of an orphan spirit

An orphan is someone who had been abandoned by their primary care giver. The kingdom of God is based upon relationship, and the central relationship is one of parent to child - father to son. "Older women. should admonish the younger women" (Titus 2:4). "Timothy, my true son in the faith" (1 Tim. 1:2). "I am your father in the gospel" (1 Cor. 4:15). We become orphaned when those who are caring for us abandon us, or when those who should care, do not. We may have an orphan spirit because of the natural parenting we received. Perhaps you were literally abandoned, or adopted out. Perhaps you had an absent father, or abusive mother. Perhaps you raised yourself because of the financial condition of your family, or the number of children in the home. On the spiritual side, neglect happens at every level in institutional christianity. Leaders demand instead of admonish, berate instead of beseech, are busy with church life instead of the life inside the people, and are not being fathered by the system themselves. There are promises of parental love, but in reality, scarce little more than a request for the tithe.

So what are the hallmarks of an orphan spirit? - Inability to have lasting relationships - Hatred of authority, general distrust for leaders - General lack of direction for your life - Inability to make key, strategic decisions - Drawing near, then backing away from intimacy - A sense that they're just going to reject you anyway - A gnawing sense of failure, never quite good enough - An inexplicable drive to succeed, win, prove yourself

"But you have received the spirit of adoption" (Rom. 8:15 c.f Gal. 4:5)

The effects of adoption

Jesus knew we would suffer with doubt about belonging to the family of God. He knew that the church would generate thousands of mentors, but not many fathers, so He promised to give us the spirit of adoption. The very Spirit of God, who teaches us how to pray, gives us the confidence to cry "abba, Father". Under the laws of Australia, America and England an adopted child has certain privileges assigned to them that even natural offspring are not afforded. For example, you cannot disown them. You cannot disinherit an adopted child. They have equal share in the Will and Testament of the parent(s). This gives the adopted child unshakeable confidence that they will always belong - so far as the law is concerned. Our spirit ceases to feel orphaned when we have confidence that we belong to a family - God's family. It enables us to connect with our brothers and sisters, and yield ourselves fully to those in authority in the church.

"Appreciate those. who have charge over you in the Lord" (1 Thess. 5:12)

The issue of inheritance

When it comes to money, there are two ways we can receive it: by work or by grace; by labour or gift; by reaping & sowing or inheritance. Any orphan can work hard to earn a salary, indeed he can even become rich. But only a son can receive an inheritance. There are things that can only be obtained by inheritance - from being part of a family.

We must be rid of the orphan mentality, and receive confidence from Christ that we are His. Our behaviour will demonstrate what we believe. If we behave like a slave, a servant, a man under bondage to the law then we are orphans still. If we must work to be pleasing to God; must achieve to gain His favour; must obey this legal requirement or another to be acceptable (or saved) then we are orphans. But if we behave like a son, then we will work from that perspective. God the Father owns the land. It is His business, and one day we will own a part of it. So we work without guilt or need to please. We labour for Him because it is our pleasure.

"No longer a slave, but a son. and an heir of God through Christ" Gal. 4:7)

A harlots' son

We can probably name most of the people in the "hall of faith". But tucked away in vs 32 of Hebrews 11 is Jephthah. Jephthah's story is drawn out in Judges chapter 11. He was the son of a harlot. His father had a fling one night with a prostitute, and he was the result. His father's wife had other children, but these loving sibling half-brothers said, "You shall not have an inheritance in our father's house, for you are the son of another woman". Enter the orphan spirit. Disinherited, rejected, wounded in the house of his father Gilead.

So Jephthah fled, and the Lord brought him soldiers, warriors, mighty men in like the "endebted, distressed and disenfranchised". He was David in another skin. Now Ammon invaded the land of his father, and the elders of Gilead came to him, begging for help. They invited him back and accepted him as leader. Now the man was faced with his own heart - it was saying "But you drove me out, you hated me." Would he rise above that orphan voice? What if they said, "You will become head over us, your inheritance shall be of us"? So Jephthah told them he would do it, if he made them his chief. He threw his lot in with them, defeated the Ammonites, defeated the Ephraimites (42,000 of them) and became judge over Israel for six years. Rise up man of God! No wonder Hebrews says he was a man who "conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises". Noble indeed!

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Dealing With Differences

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The purpose of this article is to look at examples from the life of Jesus, to show that it is OK to have different or opposite opinions with the people you love. We need to apply the life of Christ into our own lives, and see the way he responded to those who disagreed with him.

How should we handle disagreements in the church (between denominations, between church members), in the family (between husbands and wives, parents and children, among siblings)?

The wedding at Cana

John 2:1-11. Jesus attended a wedding at Cana, in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. As was the custom, wine was served to the guests, but it ran out. This situation could bring great shame to the wedding party. Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine." What was his response? "Dear woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

You know the rest of the story, the water turns into the best wine the master of the banquet had ever tasted. In this miracle we first find Jesus disagreeing with His mother. He tells her that this is not his will, and she has sought to concern him with a matter that is not on his heart.

Discussion with the Priests

Luke 2:41-52. Every year Christ and his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast as usual. It was the twelve year old's first opportunity to present the family lamb offering, and during this time the priest would question the child to see if he understood the ramifications of the offering. After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. We find Jesus engaged in several days discussion with the priests. "After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them."

Even at the tender age of twelve, Jesus disagreed with mother and dad. He did so without dishonouring them. He did not rebuke or argue with them, but gently corrected his mother's misunderstanding of His role and place. It is OK to disagree yet to do as he was then told by his parents.

His brothers goad Him

John 7:1-9. Jesus went around in Galilee, purposely staying away from Judea because the Jews were waiting to take his life. The Jewish Feast of Tabernacles drew near, and Jesus' brothers said to him, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that your disciples may see the miracles you do. 4No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." 5For even his own brothers did not believe in him. Therefore Jesus told them, "The right time for me has not yet come; for you any time is right".

Jesus said to his brothers "You go to the Feast. I am not yet going up to this Feast, because for me the right time has not yet come." Having said this, he stayed in Galilee. Jesus disagreed with His brothers. Jesus' brothers spoke from the mind of men, and not from the mind of God. It is OK to disagree with our physical, or spiritual, siblings. Especially when they are offering you carnal advice. Once again we see the dignity with which he deals with his brothers. He does not put them down, condemn or criticise, he simply suggests that they might like to go ahead. He will obey his conscience (and His Father's will)

A strong difference of opinion

Luke 8:19-21. Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."

The time had now come for Jesus to confront a difference in opinion with those whom He loves. As in the previous examples, Jesus disagreed with His brothers and mother. But this time Jesus was not going to 'obey mother' and give in. Jesus chooses not to go outside at her command (instruction, request) in order to obey His heavenly Father. Jesus defined some 'personal boundaries' by implementing geological and emotional distances.

I recommend the 'Boundaries' books by Dr Henry Cloud and Dr John Townsend, with the following qualification: 'Love' sometimes means willingly allowing others to violate our boundaries. Jesus, when being crucified, willingly allowed those who hated Him to insult, torture and murder Him. During His suffering, He lovingly prayed for forgiveness to Father God on their behalf.

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." This is the ultimate example of 'Love Means Consenting To Boundary Violation Principle' in action.

The prodigal son

Luke 15:28-32. In the story of the father and his two sons we find several differences of opinion. When the younger son returns home and is well treated the older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, "Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' "`My son,' the father said, `you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

There are several occasions of conflicts of opinions between the father and his two children in the prodigal son story. The father, who knows love, would not give up on, or take offense with, either of his children. It is OK to disagree, but it is not 'love' to give up on relationship.

At the cross, all is forgiven

In spite of any disagreements, or conflict of opinion, Jesus never let this get in the way of his love for his family, nor his ongoing concern for their welfare. Nowhere is this better portrayed that at the cross. "When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother" (John 19:26-27)

Love survives all the disagreements throughout Jesus' lifetime. Love perseveres and never gives up.

Summary

* Jesus disagreed with His mother and brothers. It is OK to love without having to agree with them. * Submission means even though not being able to agree, yet goes along. Jesus changed the water into wine, violating His own 'timetable'. * Disagreements need not result in broken relationships. * Sometimes disagreements may result in broken relationships, e.g. Jesus and the Pharisees. Jesus has to apply 'distance' between Himself and the Pharisees who were planning to kill Him. * Unfair expectations: 'If you love me you will agree with me' or 'you will do what I wish' etc. This is blackmail. Jesus' examples showed us that we do not need to agree in order to love. * Respect others' choices: e.g. the father allows the 'prodigal son' freedom to squander all his share of the inheritance. * Some examples of dealing with differences: be low-key; do not force an agreement; may go separate ways, e.g Jesus went to Jerusalem by Himself, Jesus refusing to quit His ministry and return home to complete His share of carpentry work in His family shop, the father letting his 'prodigal' son go his own way. AND it is still OK. * Do not take offence * Differences do not imply 'if you are right then I am wrong.'

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28-29).

We should make a decision to love others and to allow them to have different opinions without 'consequences' from us, and repent of past anger or bitterness caused by differences in opinions.

May the Lord bless you.

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Dealing With Desire
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What hits you when you fly into Manila is just how Western it is. In contrast to India or PNG, [Papua New Guinea], the Philippines have had a strong American influence. Some images which captured my attention. Mud huts and mobiles. A woman sitting on the dirt verandah of her grass roofed hut, SMS text messaging from her cell phone. Tight jeans and turbans. Everyone is wearing jeans, mostly tight jeans. But Mindanao is mostly Muslim, so there are Kaftans and turbans too.

It is perhaps this last element that is most disturbing. The otherwise demure and conservative eastern people have been downgraded, degraded by our culture on this level. One of the most interesting Bible Studies I did in the east was based on the difference between wrong desire (lust) and right desire (passion).

Wrongful Lust

1. Lust of the eye - covetousness Moses said, "Covet not thy neighbour's." whatever. Covetousness desires after things you cannot have, like your brother's wife. "Anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matt. 5:28 NIV). The west is heavily eye oriented, and our economy is geared by covetousness.

2. Lust of the flesh - lewdness John said that in the world we would face the lust of the eye and the lust of the flesh. A recent study of violence underscored the connection between violent video games and crime. We move easily from watching to doing, by talking about it, boasting, cajoling, daring one another. "Swelling words of emptiness allure through the lusts of the flesh, lewdness" (2 Pet. 2:18 NKJV).

3. Lust of the mind - fantasy "We once fulfilled the lusts of the flesh and the mind" (Eph. 2:3 NKJV). Imagination, a God given gift, turned toward itself becomes fantasy. Fantasy leads to wild vanity, confusion and a blurring of real and unreal. As a man thinks, so he is. We entertain fantasy at our own peril, for Paul says we now take every thought captive to obey Christ.

4. Lust of the heart - wanton passion There were evidently some young war widows in Ephesus, and Timothy had a problem on his hands. They had been awakened to love, but were now "full of sensual desires" - because they had no husbands. Poor women. James speaks of a man, "tempted by his own evil desire, dragged away, enticed" (James 1:14 NIV). The process is mathematical: tempted, desiring, sinning, death.

5. Lust of the world - cares and riches Titus lived among the Cretans, known as liars, deceivers and

fornicators. Paul told him to deny worldly lusts and live soberly among them. Jesus told the parable of the seed falling among thorns, "the cares of this world, the deceit of riches, the desire of things" (Mark 4:19 NKJV). These rise up and choke our faith. Just ask Mainland Chinese Christians now living in America. By the next generation you cannot tell them apart from the locals.

Righteous Passion

1. Desire the gifts Paul chose his words carefully. He said, "eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy" (1 Cor. 14:1 NIV). That word is lust, covet, envy. Such inward desire, rightly directed at the gifts is applaudable. This is the antidote to the lust of the eye. Instead of coveting our neighbour's stuff, we are to covet the spiritual gifts.

2. Desire the goodness of life Paul told the Thessalonians to take pleasure in God's goodness. Life can get to you, it can be a grind. That's why we need to desire God, and the goodness of life. "Love life and desire good days" (1 Pet. 3:10 NASB). This is the antidote to the lust of the flesh. Instead of corrupting our desire on the ambitions of the flesh, we should pursue a good life in Christ.

3. Desire the Spirit Lust creates work - as Paul told the Galatians, there are works of the flesh, and there are fruits of the Spirit. "The Spirit yearns in us jealously" (James 4:5). Yearning by the Spirit, bearing good fruit in Him acts as the antidote to the lusts of the mind. The spirit desires against the flesh, against the mind, against the soul. Fruit overcomes works.

4. Desire love Paul leads from a discussion on gifts, straight into love: "Desire the best gifts. but I will show you a more excellent way" (1 Cor. 12:31). The way of love - there's no law against love. Love conquers all, it triumphs over sin. It's the highest law. Hollywood love is the antithesis to agape love. Wanton passion is misdirected love. Love is the antidote to the lust of the heart.

5. Desire to live a godly life There in the house of Lazarus, Mary and Martha learned a valuable lesson. Martha desired to please God with her labour, and Mary desired the better part - to sit and listen to Jesus. Paul told Timothy, "Desire to live godly in Christ" (2 Tim. 3:12). Desiring to live our lives in Christ, that is the final antidote- to the lust of the world.

Darkness Will Scatter

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I Am Coming To Rescue My Sheep And Darkness Will Scatter

So many of My faithful ones are reeling from the snares and attacks of the enemy but know that your Father is with you even when you are at your very lowest ... even when you feel there is not one thing left in you that might be even remotely spiritual, lo I AM still with you. Many have felt the stings of 'words' spoken against you by those who don't understand your walk with Me and by those even amongst the brethren who seek to do My justice - but Justice is Mine, saith the Lord! You have shed many tears for all you have sought to do was to follow Me. Beloved, "know" that I AM with you through all attacks... I am with you even when you feel you 'feel' spiritually stagnant and not fit for My Kingdom. Know that I AM with you always and My tears are shed for you as well as they were shed for My Son.

Know this, My children, I AM COMING TO RESCUE MY SHEEP AND DARKNESS WILL SCATTER and the hell that has been holding you and restraining you will hold you no longer.

To My beloved daughters, you will see that it is your time, your time to move out in the direction that I have given you. You say that you have no direction ... I say, read the Word and the Words I have given you. You say that you have no hope .... My child I never leave any of Mine without hope and I have not left 'you' without hope. Where are the proclamations that I have given you? "They were and are your hope." The enemy seeks to rob you of your hope and your joy and he will steal it if you allow him. The enemy has set up ambushes to try and sidetrack My plan for your life but a breakthrough in the heavenlies has taken place and each demon assigned to you must retreat. My daughters, do not fret ...do not keep silent in My presence. Glorify My Name and offer up praises of thanksgiving for I have not left you or forsaken you. You are a blessed woman of God, one who has found favor in My eyes. Watch as I remove all hindrances that have been set against you.... watch and see, My daughters, watch and see what your God can do!

Beloved sons and daughters of Mine....My rod and My staff they comfort you. I have prepared a table before you 'in' the presence of your enemies. The table is prepared -come to that table prepared just for you. Beloved, grasp the truth of MY LOVE for you. Grasp what I AM doing and will continue to do for you. Grasp it, lay hold of it because it is for you... My Beloved, come to the table prepared just for you.

My Faithful ones, who have found favor in My eyes, you who have answered the call of your God. You have sought Me and you have found Me for I AM your faithful God. Come now into the presence of your Father, come into the place reserved for only you. Be silent before Me and hear My words of Love, My words of Compassion, My Words meant just between the Bridegroom and His Bride. Do not hold back nor pull back from My presence but come boldly into My chamber. Hear the heart of your God, hear the heart of your husbandman. Push aside the concerns of the world and seek only My face.

Look in My direction for the answers, do not put your confidence in men, they will fail you. I will not nor cannot fail and although I use man, your confidence must remain IN ME. Turn your eyes to Jesus, turn your heart to HIM. Ponder on His first coming and what He did for you and ponder on His second coming, the reason for your calling. Help others, help prepare My people so they are prepared to reign with Me. You have been called for such a time as this and I shall bring it forth... Do not put your thinking on the 'precise' when and wherefore put your thoughts on Jesus and your call.

As you come to me and your professions and confessions come forth I am giving you clarity of mind. Words will be clearer to your understanding than they have ever been before. You will see what is happening in the heavenlies and you will marvel at what your God is doing. My hand is outstretched to you and I AM moving in a mighty way in your life. This is not the time for despair but to stand "expectantly" in what the I AM is bringing forth in your life.

The Husbandman has come. The provider is here, therefore do not fret My Beloved, My arm is not short. The enemy has been sealed and the prayers of the intercessors have opened the airways on your behalf. The enemy is losing his hold and it's been through the prayers and obedience of My people. Share your proclamations as a testimony, some will hear and some will not, but share!

I AM COMING TO RESCUE MY SHEEP AND DARKNESS WILL SCATTER. I have placed upon your heart a sure calling. Follow that desire and walk through the door that I will open before you. The way will be made straight and your calling sure. Keep focused upon the door that "I" will open, do not allow other doors to allure you. You say, how will I know? Let My peace that passes all understanding be your guide. The way will be made sure and the door WILL open. Just as the disciples entered the boat to go to the other side, you also entered the boat with your willingness, your obedience and your faith. But as the circumstances have welled up around you, you began to sink and you said "Lord, save me." Know that Jesus has taken you by the hand and you are in My boat of safety. I WILL still all storms and we ARE going safely to the other side.

This is the time, the way is now open to receive My instructions. Receive them now as the enemy will try to regain the ground he has lost. Give him neither the time or the energy. When he knocks do not answer the door....when I knock swing wide open that door. Seek My face and 'do not delay'... your day is happening - your deliverance is nigh.

You have been set apart to follow the straight and narrow road and I placed within your hearts the desire to follow that way. I saw your love for Me and your desire to move out ... now comes that time of moving forth, it is in the here and now. All will be made clear to you, all of My promises to you will come forth and you will have ALL sufficiency to carry out My plan. Your long waiting is coming to a close - I have prepared the way "before you" and the door will open, walk ye through it. Do not look to the left or to the right but rely on Me totally!

Be at peace My Faithful Ones, what I promised I will do - I WILL DO for a two fold purpose - I cannot go against My own Word to you and I desire to please My bride. Those who have been waiting on the Lord will rejoice in My promises and you will give thanks to your mighty God as you see Me do the impossible in your life! I have promised you manifold blessings and now you shall see them come to past. Walk in assurance, knowing that I AM COMING TO RESCUE MY SHEEP AND DARKNESS WILL SCATTER!

Rise Up O Woman Of God
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RISE UP O' WOMAN OF GOD.... You are passing over the Jordan into the promised land. I have prepared you and I have guided you. Each word that I have given you was a preparation, like the manna I gave to the children of Israel. - and like the children of Israel you have become very weary, at times, of the manna. But this was to feed you and to sustain you.

NOW, I AM taking you from your wilderness and into your promised land. I will go with you... I will go before you ... and I will go behind you. You shall move into the land that I have prepared for you.

As you draw near to the river to go into the place that I have called and prepared for you, do not be afraid to step into that river for it will part for you. Much preparation has been done in you and in the same wise much preparation has been done in the place I am calling you.

So many times you thought I was doing nothing, but the fact remains a great and mighty work has been done unbeknownst to you. I have never forsaken you although you may have thought that I have. Many times I have been carrying you and protecting you and guiding you through areas that you were never aware of, all the while holding you in the palm of My hand. Beloved, I saw every question, every concern, every tear - never forsaking you...EVER!

I have placed upon each of you a calling like no other. I have placed upon each of your hearts - a hunger and desire to serve Me. An all consuming desire, consuming your thoughts at this very time and times past. Through times of doubts, loneliness and hardships ... times when you have cried out to Me "Where are You God? You promised to move mightily in My life, where are you?"

I say to you, here AM I in your midst. Even when you are surrounded by distractions,and the distractions have been many, I AM in your midst. Keep your eyes and your heart focused on Me, do not be moved, for I will move mightily. Many are called but few are chosen and I AM well pleased that you have stood and remain firm in your calling.

One word of caution, My daughters, "YOU ARE SERVING ME, not man!" You have faced opposition in the past and you will face opposition in the future, such is the course of one who TRULY follows Me. Mankind will try to dissuade you - set your face like flint - only following and serving ME.

Over these past days and hours I have been placing within your spirit a stirring of hope and a stirring of assurance in your heart for the call upon your life. This stirring will begin to bring the flow of My Spirit. You have sensed that there is a moving, "a tangible" moving taking place. Do not denounce it but grasp and lay hold of what I lay before you. The time of being held in limbo is now coming to an end for My Spirit is moving in a mighty way.

Give ear to My Word and remember My precepts - they are for instruction and wealth. Take note of every jot and tittle - they are for a purpose. I do not give words of non effect or non meaning. Each word to you has been carefully picked for you edification and for you instruction. Do not discount My Words but take heed and give ear. Weigh them very carefully!

My Beloved Daughters, you have been in a most vulnerable place because it is the place where I am positioning you to enter and claim your inheritance. A place where often all you can do is "stand." My daughters, through it all, I AM delighted with your obedience and My recompense and reward is with Me. My daughters, I will never allow you, My faithful ones to lose or miss your inheritance and blessings - you can be sure ALL that I have promised you will be fulfilled.

Breakthrough, breakthrough, breakthrough ... I AM the Breaker and I AM breaking through every door and every hold that would try to bind you. You Lord God Almighty is doing this thing and I AM breaking through on your behalf. I AM reaching out My arm to you this day and I say come away My Beloved to that secret place reserved only for you.

The time is right, the day is here, I AM calling you forth. It is no accident that I have chosen this season to bring release to you and to your calling. It is a new beginning that you are celebrating - a new day and a new hour is dawning, so lift up your eyes, My daughters and see your Father and your God bring to pass all that I have promised.

Lift up your eyes for a mighty work has been accomplished. Lift up your eyes for your new day is dawning and your call been made ready. Lift up your eyes to the hills from which cometh your help - your help cometh from the Lord! Lift up your eyes for the unveiling...

You will stand in amazement in what I AM unveiling. You will 'watch' in amazement at the unveiling. I said I would do it and I AM fulfilling My Word. You will see that shortly it will be your triumphant day, a day of breakthrough, a day of triumph over all the enemy has tried to do to hold you back. It will be a day of laying forth the plans I have for you and the triumphant entering into those plans. It is a glorious entering in of you with your King. Listen, My daughters, for the trumpets are sounding and My angels have gone forth.

Get ready for your glorious visitation. Get ready to receive the voice of your God as the mysteries of My will shall be revealed to you. Do not question My instructions but move in them. They will bring an excitement to your spirit and music to your ears. You will say "I can't believe it" but Beloved, you WILL believe!

Don't believe or settle for the lies of the enemy that would say it's not going to happen. Let the words of My mouth be the final say in your life, knowing you can rely on what I say and know that it is truth and it cannot change or fail! My daughters, stand on My Word, it is life to you.

Stand fast, stand fast and don't let go. Your vision, your dream, your hope is in the making, don't let go. Hold fast, stand fast and you will see the I AM bringing into the physical realm those things I have accomplished in the spiritual realm. You will stand in amazement for your thoughts, your conceptions of what I would do could not even begin to compare to what I AM really doing. You will stand amazed at what I AM bringing forth.

The way has been hard and the road has been rough but it is time to RISE UP O' WOMAN OF GOD, rise up and take your rightful place. A place of distinction and a place prepared for only you. I have been knitting you with like sisters who have known much heartache, suffering and pain and those who have 'no need' for personal glory - cherish My precious gift unto you! The hour and minute is upon you - RISE UP O' WOMAN OF GOD!

Do You Have His Perfect Peace

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[Something of Mystery … Based on Intimacy]
– June 13, 2004

[JESUS]:
Walking to a nearby lake from home, sitting down under a weeping willow near shore-line, I heard: "Are you at peace?"

"Yes, it is a GOOD thing," I replied. (esp. in light of the prior week's turmoil & assaults.)

"May I speak to you about PEACE?" - [Certainly…]

Peace Sanctifies

"PEACE is a most precious gift. PEACE calms every storm within. PEACE is not some 'thing' – peace IS ME," He said. [The Spirit then brought I Thes. 5:23 to mind: May God himself, **THE GOD OF PEACE**, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it."

I had never 'seen it' before, and asked, "Peace…sanctifies?"
"Yes…….**I** DO."

"Is it not by a work of circumcision – by which souls, sanctified, come?"
"Even in the midst of 'spiritual operations,' is there not PEACE, dear one?" (yes…)

"MY NATURE IS PEACE…even in the midst of righteous anger, I AM & remain, PEACE."
"But how can that BE?"

"Peace is the undisturbed confidence of knowing, (even though storms arise) that ALL of Father's plans…are good & true & wise. With evil He does not compromise. TRUTH brings PEACE because it sets captives free. THE MORE TRUTH YOU UNDERSTAND…the more you come to TRUST in the wisdom of His plan. This sets your mind at ease, bringing you back to the place called PEACE.

Even the 'violent' need times of PEACE; they are only human. It is actually PEACE for which they seek. PEACE, which encompasses love - is the only gift that can fill up 'empty ones.' When you do not have peace, you are not aligned with Me.

In the midst of every storm, you must also 'remember your song.' It will bring PEACE, setting your gaze back on Me. Peace…MY PEACE, is a GIFT that cannot be 'taken away' by any circumstance, nor by man. IT IS ME.

Where Does Peace Come From?

"Now, let Me ask you – WHERE does this 'peace' come from, that I give to you?" He asked. [I responded with a thought which had just popped into my mind…]

"You are CORRECT … **FROM INTIMACY** … even as the Father, Spirit and I are one."
[He let it sink in…]

Without INTIMACY (agreement/unity/being ONE with and in Them) – I Myself could have no lasting peace to keep or bring. Father sent Me into the world to be called 'Immanuel,' God With Us – but also to come as THE PRINCE OF PEACE." (again He paused to let me take it in…)

Peace IS the will of God.
Peace IS God.
The Father and I are ONE.
Because we are one, I AM PEACE.
And in order to become one, there MUST BE INTIMACY.
From the place of INTIMACY & PEACE – all virtues flow.

Then He asked, "Do you know what the 'birthchild' of INTIMACY + PEACE IS? It is LOVE… TRUE LOVE … AGAPE LOVE.

He paused again, letting me chew on the spiritual steak I was being given, then said, "I have heard your thoughts at times – when you've said, 'love is not enough' in the midst of storms in life's relationships. AND THIS IS TRUE. Love is NOT enough, according to what man is capable of – if there is not also PEACE. Do you see WHY, now, that Satan, the enemy of your souls – tries to STEAL YOUR PEACE? If he can work havoc in the souls of men, and in their relationships stir up strife or 'di-ease' – he has grabbed the prize: PEACE. When he has worn you down enough to get YOU to give it up, without Our intervention – LOVE WILL CEASE TO BE.

That is why I have said unto you that THE GOD OF PEACE will soon crush Satan underneath your feet. Yes, I know we could go off on the tangent of 'feet' now – but let's stick to PEACE. One subject at a time," I could hear Him smiling at me.

How is Peace Transferred?

Then the Lord asked, "HOW is peace transferred from the Father into Me – and then from Myself into you? Have you ever considered that?"

"No, not until YOU put the thoughts in my head," I teased Him, "and now that You HAVE, what more is there to be said?"

"**PEACE is a GIFT OF LIFE – and must be RECEIVED."**

"How is this done?"

"By becoming ONE: one with the Father, one with Me, one with the Spirit – and ultimately one with others, for eternity." He responded.

"So, how do we BECOME one?"

Drink Me In

"By joining in spirit with The Spirit in Me … by receiving LIVING WATERS/PURE WORD, that is why I tell you **TO DRINK AND RECEIVE. He (the Spirit) will even teach you HOW TO DRINK, so that more one with Me you can be.**

Your peace is dependent on how often you come to Me TO DRINK. Have you heard it said, "I drank in the beauty of the scene with my eyes?" (yes…)

'DRINKING IN' something simply means: **opening up your spiritual faculties to Me that you might receive. It is opening your spirit & soul up to Me.** That is why those who are either close-minded or hard-hearted have so little peace. They cannot 'open up their spirits to Me' and come freely to drink/receive. My waters received, bring LIFE and PEACE. Having once TASTED OF PEACE, you can then more & more fully LOVE.

Some 'drink Me in' by receiving the living waters of My word, by studying the scriptures.

Some 'drink Me in' by prayer & intercession, aligning their spirits with that of My own.

Others 'drink Me in' with their spiritual eyes, as we come face to face in 'the revelation place.'

And still others 'drink of Me' by passing 'beyond the veil' – coming to drink & receive… directly from Me (by means of spirit transport/reality revelation). **Here, they receive things rich of Spirit-overflow, as they come to dwell IN THE Father along with Me. In this place is PERFECT PEACE due to the highest level of INTIMACY."**

He continued, "You can 'KNOW PEACE' (as some would say, 'in the biblical sense') – only by becoming ONE WITH ME. In this place of undisturbed confidence, trust, and knowledge of the holy – you come to PERFECT PEACE."

Coming to 'Perfect Peace' By Tabernacle Design

"And what IS 'perfect?'" He asked. "That which is MATURE. There are things of MATURE LOVE that you cannot understand until you've arrived – just as also there are things of MATURE (perfect) PEACE, in which 'the mature' come to abide.

According to tabernacle design, your soul experiences more & more transformation as you come 'forward' (closer) to Me. Those dwelling in the OUTER COURT will experience & understand but a limited measure of My peace and love at hand. Those who move in closer, into the INNER COURT (Holy Place), begin A DEEPER WALK OF PEACE, more deeply in love with Me. But then there are those desperate souls who leave the world totally behind, becoming as those fully sanctified/crucified – dead to all, but Me.
THEIR REWARD is to taste of PERFECT PEACE – and of the abundant delights of My love.

HOW CLOSE, dear ones, do you want to come? There are many who have already come before you. The invitation has been open to all. The 'less YOU become' – the MORE you'll have NEED of ME… and THE MORE YOU'LL COME TO 'DRINK.'

Your Daily Portion is as 'The Big Dipper' … SO DRINK

The DAILY PORTION I have for YOU fills up the 'BIG DIPPER' in the night sky. Do you KNOW how wide & deep this is by measurement of miles? It is MORE than you can ask for or dream. It is taken from a well, supplied by an everlasting stream. The next time you see 'The Big Dipper' – consider the LIVING WATERS/PORITON that I had intended for you THAT day. Did you linger in My presence and drink – or did you, in busyness, rush away?

**If you would 'know peace' – you must DAILY COME to drink. I speak this to the mature and immature…to those who are just learning, and to those who have heard this message many times before. So why are you dry? Why are
you not at peace? Who enticed you out of the Fortress/Tower – that your peace in last weeks has ceased?** DRINK in my word… gaze upon Me by revelation, come to Me by Father … DRINK & RECEIVE BY CONSUMMATION.

I and the Father are one, and so must you be – only then, My Church – will you know THE POWER OF PEACE and THE AUTHORITY OF SABBOTH-REST – **IN** ME.

Don't be a 'sipper' – when I've supplied the 'Big Dipper.'

DEEPER MEAT – He then said: "The basis of a passionate relationship is oddly enough, not love, but peace. Peace comes by way of intimacy, and intimacy comes when two join and agree. Love IS BIRTHED as a result of SYMPHONY.

You ask, "Well, did LOVE come first or PEACE?" What a question to ask – when I AM both of these," He laughed, amused. "In the fullness of peace there IS LOVE – but also in the fullness of love there IS PEACE. I am THE PEACE OF GOD – and GOD IS LOVE. When peace and love join as one, creative power-works are done." [just think about THAT for a moment.]

When peace and love join as one…
'creative power-works' are done

[Consider: in the midst of relationships where you can say 'we love each other' (family & friends) – is there ALSO peace? If the spirit of strife/division, accusation, unforgive-ness, jealousy or dishonor is in place – it is likely there is little true peace. Yes, there is, of course, "agape love," which goes the distance because of GOD IN US. However, IF THERE IS LITTLE TRUE PEACE – few creative works (a result of intimacy with God & each other), can be done. How important is peace? Oddly enough, it's so important that it's something worth FIGHTING FOR in our churches, homes, and ministries. In fact, what would happen if for one week…on our knees…WE ALL CRIED OUT FOR the establishment of God's SUPERNATURAL PEACE?]

"Just guess…" Jesus replied to me. (I thought He was done speaking) …

"The enemy flees when you drop to your knees…
Cry out together: "Oh, come, Prince of Peace!
Yes, I may be shaking & turning some things 'upside down'
But in the 'eye of the storm' – there I Am, peace and calm
Inside of your spirits – inside of your hearts,
Let Me establish MY PEACE – or you'll fall…apart
Become one with Me in the place of intimacy –
Then let ME BATTLE FOR YOU, as I position you STAY IN PEACE"

Declare Your Love
Sandy Warner

Dec 24, 2004
Dearest, always be free to declare your love. Your life will be like a crystal clear pool or water, refreshing and pure. Love is Who I AM and Who I want you to be. Do not hold back your language of love over those I have given to you. They need your declarations of heart just as much as you need to express it. Stand strong and release what I have placed in your heart to liberally give.

1 John 4:11-12 NLT
Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other. No one has ever seen God. But if we love each other, God lives in us, and his love has been brought to full expression through us.

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Weight Loss
Sandy Warner

Dec 22, 2004
The hearts of My people have grown heavy and cold and they continue to lift up the burden of weight too heavy for them. Much of this heavy weight is literally excess body fat. Spiritual weights are sins that so easily beset, heavy weights of the soul are depression, mourning and sighing. The debt of such has grown in the years and taken its toll. It is time, I want you out of debt. Put this promise in your pocket and carry it in your heart. I am paying the way with great grace, put it on My account. Prayer warriors, call out to Me for the miracles you need and I will open the door to let the hindrances go.

Heb 12:1 KJV
Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

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Bring Forth The Hidden Seeds
Sandy Warner

Dec 20, 2004
Written for Mr. President, George Bush
7/16/04

My Son, you have been prepared your entire life for such a time as this. Yes, My burning Bush, like the bush that Moses saw, you are burning brightly and My flame upon your life shines not only in this world but in heaven too. How brightly you burn! And how dear you are to My heart as I witness your deepest humility while you stand under the spotlight, because you seek My will and My way. Thank you.

You wonder about your future and feel the earnest longings to bring to completion this flaming passion I have placed within your life. All of heaven works with you, My Son, as you pave the way in bringing My will to earth, even as it is in heaven.

I have planted many seeds within the womb of your heart and calling. It is time to bring them forth. Many of these seeds are hidden ones that are deeply buried. Some of these are mystery seeds that you do not understand. Even as I have called My army of prophetic prayer warriors and intercessors to
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pray over you, over the White House and over America, I AM calling you to also release your own seeds of intercession and declaration over America and over the world.

I have anointed you with great power of influence. For such a time as this, it is time to release that power and anointing through prayer and declaration. You have a host of angels that are waiting to be released as you speak forth My kingdom on earth, even as I have declared in heaven.

Pour forth these seeds of great passion, - all of your heart's desires for America, for the White House, for the government, for the nations. Ask of Me and I will give you My righteous government in the land. Ask of Me and I will give you the nations. My scepter is extended to you, My Son, the one who burns for Me. Release your requests to Me, pour forth every desire, and I will bow My ear low and listen. Then receive My gift of boldness to declare your vision upon earth, knowing that it shall be done, because I have placed My mantle of great favor upon your shoulders, My Son.

This is My secret divine work, it is the work that will live long after your time. The power of these seeds will bear fruit for all generations. These hidden seeds will bear eternal fruit. Take every advantage, every moment you have to verbally spread My righteous seeds through private and public prayer, through private and public decree and know without a doubt that My army of angels are dispatched to carry forth your orders. Thank you My Son, thank you My burning Bush.

Psalm 71:15-18 NLT
I will tell everyone about your righteousness. All day long I will proclaim your saving power, for I am overwhelmed by how much you have done for me. I will praise your mighty deeds, O Sovereign LORD. I will tell everyone that you alone are just and good. O God, you have taught me from my earliest childhood, and I have constantly told others about the wonderful things you do. Now that I am old and gray, do not abandon me, O God. Let me proclaim your power to this new generation, your mighty miracles to all who come after me.

Esther 4:14 NKJV
For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Job 22:28 NKJV
You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; So light will shine on your ways.

Matthew 6:9-13 NKJV
Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

1 Kings 3:5 NKJV
At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

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Do You Love Me?

Angel Dahilig

July 15, 2004

Just as each major step of maturity in Me
required a deliberate and conscious choice on your part,
so does getting closer to me
require a conscious decision on your part.

I will not make you deny your flesh,
but I will put the choice in your heart,
and you can wrestle it (your flesh),
and it's desires, and the comfort it craves,
and choose how much you will desire me.

How much do you truly love me?
Do you truly want my presence?
When I am hiding My face, will you seek me?

Then, die to your flesh.

It wants to sleep, rather than to pray.
It wants to eat, rather than to fast.
It wants to pursue it's own interests,
rather than to dedicate it's time,
worshiping and learning, at my feet.

I'm looking for the few,
the faithful,
the remnant.

They are those who fought their flesh,
who battled the temptations,
and who persevered even without an apparent reward from me.

The desires of this life,
it's allurements and rewards
are fleeting and truly a deception...
like a ring in a pig's snout!

Do you love me, more than these?

Do you love me, just for the reward of me?

Rev 2:4-5, 7 (NIV):
"... You have forsaken your first love.
Remember the height from which you have fallen!
Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent,
I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.
... To him who overcomes, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God."

John 21:15-17, 19, 21, 22 (NIV):
15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter,
"Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"
"Yes, Lord," he said, "You know that I love you."
Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."
16 Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"
He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."
17 The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"
Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him a third time, "Do you love me?"
He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."
Jesus said, "Feed my sheep.
19 ... Then he said to him, "Follow me!"
21... When Peter saw him [John following them], he asked, "Lord, what about him?"
22 Jesus answered., "... what is that to you? You must follow me."

Luke 12:48 (NIV):
"... from the one who has been entrusted with much,
much more will be asked."

1 Corinthians 9:27 (NKJ):
But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection,
lest, when I have preached to others,
I myself should become disqualified.

Elections [Canada] 2004

Carla Rickard

The Lord spoke to me about the upcoming elections in Canada.

The shaking will continue. Every plan that was devised in darkness will be brought into the light. There will be nothing left standing. In the process there will be much grief in the people as they see that there is no judge on the earth to bring their cause to righteous end. There will be groaning as the Lord sweeps through the electoral process, police organizations both in the RCMP and city police. Leaders in the house of the Lord will not be spared as they have also done violence in the land against the Sheep of the Shepherd. Criminal activity will continue to be brought to light.

The Lord said, " watch as things that you have never heard of before are brought into the public forum". I inquired of the Lord what this would be. He indicated to me that it would be about what comes out of the mouth of man and how it will bring him destruction. Canada’s political system will be brought low and a new system will have to be birthed in its place. This birthing has begun but will not yet be seen for many years to come until all that is unfit for kingdom purposes is destroyed by exposure.

There will be not one stone left unturned. All things that are corrupt and criminal will be brought into the light. The shaking cannot be stopped. The people have cried out for a king and they received one of their choosing because they did not desire the King of Glory. The harvest of wickedness is ripe. The seeds of righteousness have been planted and will grow rapidly within the next 5 years. There will be great attacks on the seeds of righteousness but they will be futile and not stand.

Canada will be preserved by the righteousness of a few. The Lord said that He has called Canada to be tolerant but in that tolerance He did not call us to compromise righteousness and right judgment. This is a lesson that will be difficult to learn for many, for it is neither of fundamentalist thought nor is it of liberal assertions but of the Pure Word of God: not of man's theological philosophy.

They will see their plight as unjust, those who have been marked for purging, however it is perfectly just as to save many of the same from out the pit of doom that is awaiting them now if they continue on the present path of destruction.

The wicked will remain wicked, but the Lord says for his people to keep his statutes and the blessing of the land will come through the righteous. For His Name’s sake he will bring forth all that was spoken of for Canada. It is not a war against flesh and blood. Do not bring in the war of the flesh! Be mindful that the Lord God is in control and knows all things past present and future. He knows and has designed it to bring to pass exactly His Will in the earth and in this country.

The princes of the land are leading the people into grave spiritual danger. They have bowed to a dangerous god called democracy where the majority speaks but however the system is deceptive. It does not speak for the people. Its mouth is full of lies and false promises which is grievous to the Lord.

There will be a revolution of ideas brought forth in the land to propel Canada forth into her destiny of being the healing of the nations to many. Lessons learned in a difficult manner will be lessons not easily forgotten.

Watch. Is Lightning greater than a Flame? Is a Flame greater than lightning?

Lightning is powerful but for a second, a flame burns on and on and illuminates for a while rather than a moment. Those who have ears to hear will understand the mystery spoken of.

The Lord is full of mercy and his judgments are righteous. Canada will bring forth the fruit required in the kingdom of God. Do not pray as you have prayed thus far. Ask the Lord how to pray for then you walk in agreement. God has called Canada into a unique position in the world but she cannot enter into her destiny until the purging is complete. You have heard it said the cream rises to the top. You have also heard it said that the very cream that rises also curdles into corruption and is not fit for consumption. Be ware that you do not fall into the trap of being complacent towards your leaders for your duty is to pray for them.

This is the year of creation for Canada. As all is being torn down, so the Lord is rising up a new way that is agreeable to His Kingdom on earth. It will unfold but not in a day, but precept upon precept, until it is accomplished in the earth.

(based on Micah)

Carla Rickard

The Lord instructed me to get this message out for His Glory promptly to you all.

Divided Land
Carla Rickard

Wed **Aug 13, 2003 1:48 am**
Subject: Divided Land

I at first discounted this dream but the Lord spoke into my heart that He wants me to " write the vision down" So that is what I am doing now. I dreamed Paul Martin (possible new leader of the Federal Liberal Party, predicted successor of Prime Minister Jean Chretian of Canada and a " practicing Catholic" in his own words) was following me in my dream.

He was talking with me about being the Prime Minister. I said to him. " No. The last Prime Minister of Canada was Jean Chretian. There are no more Prime Ministers" He kept arguing with me that he was PM. I kept saying back to him (almost like I had amnesia but not really) that Jean Chretian was the last PM . Finally I had to say to him to make him understand that Canada was split up now. The West went to the USA, Central Canada went back to Britain (or vice versa), but Atlantic Canada was now its own " Maritime Country" The only independent. " They were standing on their own now" . Therefore there was no need for another PM.

June 3 2004

The Lord gave me the interpretation of this dream just today! He told me the dream was about the upcoming elections in Canada. Here is the symbolism:

Prime Minister Paul Martin is still running on the Chretian mandate. He has not been voted in by the Canadian people.

Jean Chretian was a powerful leader that represented the old form of politics where the leader holds most of the power which is delegated under his authority to the other ministers of government.

The reason that Chretian was the last PM of Canada in the dream is that the shift of power has taken place where there will not be a powerful leader in the head of Canadian government again.

The splitting of the country in three ways are this:

Liberals (Paul Martin) belong to Britain (the old system of the Privy council and responsible government)

The New Conservative Party of Canada (Stephen Harper) belong to the United States (the system adopted by the Americans for their independence from Great Britain)

The New Democrat Party (Jack Layton) represent the independent and a new vision for Canada.

This is the shift in power. The Lord is in control of this. I sometimes wonder how come he gives it to me so far in advance that I don’t understand it. He made this clear as well. **So He gets all the glory because no man can interpret the mysteries of God that he chooses to conceal until the times and seasons are fulfilled for the disclosing**

Note:

There is as three way split in the election poles. The Elections are on June 28. The three parties have almost equal DIVISION OF VOTES from the Canadian public that looks like a possible minority government. This has only happened two other times in Canadian history. The last was in the Trudeau years when Joe Clark went in power with a minority government with the Progressive Conservatives and lost that power in the House of Commons.

Elisha's Come Forth!!

Jeanne Kruchowski

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December 29, 2003

It is time, time for My Elisha's to come forth all over the earth. The forerunners have prepared the way. I tell you Elijah's to release the Elisha's in your midst, the young unknown ones coming out of the caves. Their zeal will not fail them and such is what you have prayed for My Elijah's, that I would use your "young".

Their anointing shall be double your anointing My Elijah's for these are My fearless ones, My Joshua's that will go in and take the land. They have energy and passion to truly spread My kingdom in the hard places where many Elijah's do not want to or cannot go.

Release them My precious older sheep, so they can come forth and be supported by you, for your age and responsibilities are against you. Why are armies in the natural made up of the young? Because they have more natural strength to deal with the uncomfortableness of battles. They have no family usually to hinder them and dying does not waiver them as much.

Does it mean I won't use you Elijah's yet in My kingdom? Of course not! As you support the Elisha's you will share equally in their reward.

Are you jealous of them coming into the spotlight? If so then My Spirit will convict your heart as My Love desires and demands the greatest good of all.

Did you not think I would greatly use this generation born in the shadows of abortion and death? Watch and see the ones I will use will have been born since abortion was legalized in this country, for great has been their loss of security and great shall be their desire for Me. Indeed, I am their only hope, unlike other generations, they know they are at the end. They do not hope for a "normal" American life, they know it is not possible.

So I say to you let go My Elijah's, for you shall not be able to stop what I shall do next, the Elisha's shall arise because I have ordained it!

So bless them, and you will be blessed for I am not a God of disunity but harmony between My children. When you do not let go you are only hurting yourself.

Arise My Elisha's into your glorious hour! This is now the day of Elisha!!

Old ministries will dry up and new ones shall come forth! Come out! For I Myself am leading you out of the cave!!

An Undivided Heart

Jeanne Kruchowski

Dec 5, 2003

Pray for an undivided heart My people for many will be snared and indeed already are in the fowler's trap because of their divided heart.

A divided heart cannot stand just as a house divided against itself cannot stand. When the winds blow they will fall who have divided hearts. A heart that loves Me/Jesus/Yeshua but ALSO loves it's own way is a divided heart.

There is coming a day when MANY will sell themselves to the evil one just for something to eat! In fact many have sold their souls to him to receive the wealth they now have, that is why I have said the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.

Brother will accuse brother in the days that are coming and will turn in one of My own just for a piece of bread.

Unheard of jealousy and fighting. But if you seek to please Me completely you will be taken safely home.

That doesn't mean you won't be hated, cursed, lied about or killed. It does mean that you will inherit eternal life, for such are the lives that have gone before you, the great cloud of witnesses.

Do not even look to what your brother says is from Me, seek Me directly for that was the price I paid, for you to come directly to Me. Seek Me now while it is easier to hear My voice for it shall be more difficult in the days to come when the testings increase on the earth, the voices around you are many.

The prophetic realm is changing. No longer will signs and wonders be your judgment of who is from Me, for many will come with signs and wonders who are not from Me.

Many exaggerated words have been said to My body, this too will end as the centrality of the cross in one's life becomes the focus.

And the "wonderful ministries" that have been prophesied, if they come about at all, will be born out of being a "bondservant" to Me.

You look at the Upper Room and say I want that! And while this is right and true, if you look at the end of Paul, Peter and John's lives you will see it had changed. Their end ministry was a result of their depth in Me. The signs draw, but the depths are needed to complete the course.

Come into the depths, yes even the depths of My suffering, I shall not leave you there but shall draw you up into a higher place, a solid place, not built on emotions or "highs" but built upon the rock, Me, Jesus, Yeshua, where there is no wavering.

Escape From Churchianity

Chip Brogden

Aug 11, 2004

It is important that we make a clear distinction between the True Church (the Ecclesia) and the Institutional Church, Organized Religion, or religion in general. The easiest way to begin is to discuss one critical thing that Organized Religion cannot do.

Organized Religion cannot impart Life.

"This is our testimony, that God has given us Eternal Life, and this Life is in His Son: He that has the Son has Life, and He that has not the Son of God has not Life (I John 5:11,12)."

Contrary to popular belief, the Lord Jesus Christ does not live within the matrix of Organized Religion. The Ecclesia, like our Lord, is Wholly Other. I can prove it to you beyond the shadow of a doubt. Can you join a "church" ? Yes, if you meet their requirements for membership. Can you join the Ecclesia? No. You have to be born into it. Or, to be more correct, you have to be born-again into it. It is not a question of joining or not joining, but a question of having Life versus not having Life. "He that has the Son has Life; He that has not the Son has not Life."

Some erroneously believe Jesus founded a movement, or formed a new religion. No, the world already had movements and religions, and would continue to have them. He had no intention of starting a new one. What did He bring us? What did He contribute to the world? He committed Himself to us as our Life.

Muhammad, Buddha, Confucius, or Socrates can bring us good teaching, moral excellence, and religious philosophy. For this they may be commended as rendering help and aid to humanity. But Jesus Christ is different: He brings us Himself as our Life. It is not that He merely transmits some teachings to us, depositing some virtue into the human race, before being taken up into heaven. It is well beyond Him simply being an example for us to follow, the standard by which our morals are measured as we frantically whisper, "What would Jesus do?". No, He Himself came to be our Life. He is Savior, and Salvation. He is Redeemer, and Redemption. He is Healer, and Healing. He is the Giver of Life, and He is Life.

In Him is Life because He is Life. All who are in Him possess Life, and Life possesses them. The Life is in the Son. The Son is in me, and I am in Him. We share in a common Life. "He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him (I Corinthians 6:7)."

Everyone together who possess Life are called the Ecclesia, the Church, the Body of Christ. The individual members of the Ecclesia are called Christians. They are the in-Christed ones. They abide in Him, and He abides in them.

You ask is not a Christian one who believes thus and so, or behaves thus and so. We answer that they may very well believe or behave thus and so, but the belief or the behavior, while it may assist us in identifying them, is not what makes them a Christian. It is the Life. Certainly, Christians have a core system of beliefs and practices. But the characteristic of a Christian is Life. It is not even "the Lord of my life", implying something apart from Him that I still have control over; it is "the Lord AS my Life."

An intellectual Christianity is what Organized Religion brings. It cannot impart Life. What do I mean by an intellectual Christianity? It is the ABC Gospel. Perhaps you have heard it. Salvation is obtained in three easy steps: "A" stands for "admit you are a sinner"; "B" stands for "believe on the Lord Jesus to save you"; and "C" stands for "confess Jesus as your personal Savior." What is wrong with that? Simply this: there is no Life there. "ABC" will not save us. With "ABC" there is no encounter with Jesus, Who alone is Life. There is only an intellectual acceptance and affirmation of what is presented as "Three Easy Steps". I believe this, I say that, and that makes me a Christian, right? No, it just makes you religious. There are many people who "get religion", but they don't get Jesus.

Organized Religion has caused Christianity to morph into Churchianity, a gospel which is easy to believe in but progressively more difficult to live up to.

Organized Religion can bring doctrine, teaching, and belief. Some of it may be morally excellent and good. Some of it may even sound Biblical, like "Three Easy Steps". Nevertheless, Organized Religion cannot impart Life. Why? Because it has no Life to give. Jesus Christ is the Life. And Jesus does not live within the matrix of Organized Religion. He gives HIMSELF. How can any man, organization, or movement claim to give away another man, much less impart the very Life of Jesus Christ? Only Jesus can give Himself as our Life.

You see, then, that the most anyone can do is point people to Jesus as the sole Source of Life. They may contact Life through us, but we cannot give them Life. To those bound by Organized Religion, Jesus cries "You search the Scriptures, because you think in them you have Life. You are content to read about Me, but you will not come to Me that you may have Life (John 5:39,40, paraphrased)." Come to Me! Not, "Memorize these Three Easy Steps and attend the Church of your choice this Sunday." Come to Me! He is Life.

The Church, the Lord's Ecclesia, is the synthesis of individuals who have the Revelation of Jesus and have come to Him to receive Him as their Life. Here is where the confusion begins. We glibly use the term "church" to describe things which are not The Lord's Ecclesia. A building devoted to religious meetings is called "the church". Attending a religious meeting is called "going to church." Hearing a good message or good music during the religious meeting is called "having church" (a popular tune says "crank up the music, let's have church!"). Becoming a member of the non-profit organization which owns the building devoted to religious meetings is called "joining the church". Taking responsibility as the founder or being voted in as the director of the non-profit organization which owns the building devoted to religious meetings is called "pastoring the church". Making additions to the building devoted to religious meetings or to the membership list of the non-profit organization which owns the building is called "church growth".

Why are we being so facetious and wordy? Why do we choose our phraseology carefully? For the sake of convenience, or just plain laziness, people have grown accustomed to saying "church" instead of "a non-profit organization that owns a building devoted to religious meetings." Whatever nomenclature you decide upon, we are drawing the line and making a distinction between "The Church" and "church". We hope to impress upon you the difference between what people customarily call "church" and what the Lord considers to be "The Church". As demonstrated above, much of what we call "church" is simply Organized Religion. It is not the Lord's Ecclesia.

We simply see things the way we have been trained to see them; we do not see things as God sees them. It is very easy to quantify and describe things in terms of Organized Religion because it is earthy, worldly, natural. Ask someone on the street. What is church? Why, it is that building there with a steeple on top. What is a pastor? The fellow who does the preaching. What is a Christian? The folks who read their Bible a lot and pray a lot and go to church a lot - you know, doing good works. You see how easy it is to define. It is tangible, concrete. We can get our hands on that.

But the reality is that everything which makes up the Ecclesia is spiritual, and thus, it is invisible to the naked eye. It is non-corporeal. It cannot be measured by dollars and statistics. Now ask the same questions of someone who knows better. What is church? The Church, the Ecclesia, is the synthesis of individuals who have the Revelation of Jesus and have come to Him to receive Him as their Life. Pray tell, where do I find that? What do I look for? You can't do it, it's like trying to find the wind at 101 North Main Street. It is beyond geographical description; it is everywhere and nowhere. What is a pastor? Someone called to feed the Lord's sheep as an under shepherd of the Chief Shepherd. Huh? You mean preaching? No, not necessarily. You mean a doctor of theology? No, not really. Oh never mind: what is a Christian? Oh that's easy, someone who is in Christ. What do you mean "in Christ"? Don't you mean "believes in Christ?" No, I mean IS in Christ, in union, one with Him. So what does THAT look like? How many chapters of the Bible do they read per day? How long do they pray? How often do they attend church? It defies explanation because the truth is it has nothing to do with the external, only the internal. Like the wind: you can see the effects of it but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it goes; so are they which are born of the Spirit (John 3). This invisible Life is the characteristic of the Ecclesia. When you can capture the wind in a bag then you can stuff Christians into a building and call it "church". " Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:21)."

So, from our vantage point here on earth, Organized Religion can be easily seen, felt, touched, experienced, quantified, denominated, characterized, categorized, analyzed, and explained. We can chart its progress and hang the data up on the wall, point to it and say yep, we've got this many million converts here, and this many million members there. Church growth is up (or down), we collected this many billions of dollars last year, and in relation to the rest of the world's religions we rank number whatever. We've got this many thousands of churches in this part of the world, we have this many thousands of pastors and Christian workers, and we've translated the Bible into this many different languages.

Meanwhile, what drives the Real Church, the Ecclesia, is invisible, spiritual, ethereal, in the world but not of the world, hidden, veiled, hard to describe in terms we can understand. We can't generate the data and hang it up on the wall. Even those who know what the Ecclesia is sometimes have difficulty expressing themselves. Ask them where to find the Church of which they so longingly speak, and they are apt to reply, "I'm not sure if I know where the Church is, brother, but I sure know where it ain't!"

Now imagine that the Lord wakes you up one night and says, "Come up hither, and I will show you the Church." You expect Him to carry you down the street to the Family Worship Center or across the country to where the crowds say they are experiencing revival; but instead you find yourself rising high into the air, leaving the earth behind, and in the blink of an eye you travel beyond the edges of the temporal universe and into the spirit realm, seated with Christ in heavenly places, there in the throne of God.

Seated with the Lord and looking back down upon the world, we find from this perspective that the cathedrals, the church buildings, the worship centers, the sanctuaries, the denominational offices, the seminaries, the tithes and offerings, the membership drives, the movements, all vanish from sight. Everything melts away. He does not see the Assemblies of God, the Southern Baptists, the United Methodists, the Lutherans, the Presbyterians, or the Roman Catholics. He does not see Charismatics or Fundamentalists or Bible Belts or Christian Conservatives or Religious Rights. He does not see the building devoted to religious meetings as anything more special or significant than the grocery store or barber shop. He sees pastors, yes, but strangely, He does not see every director of a non-profit organization who owns a building devoted to religious meetings as a pastor. And it is not just the pastors that are different, from our heavenly observation point. Everything seems odd. Backwards. Apostles are not where you expect them to be, and they are not doing what you expect them to be doing; neither are prophets, evangelists, or teachers. Yet, they are right where He wants them to be, doing exactly what He wants them to do. Interestingly enough, He is not concerned with a rise or a decline in church attendance because He does not see the Church as something which can be attended. Hmmmm.

Standing next to Him we see as He sees. We realize when we look upon Christendom that all God sees there is His Church, the Ecclesia. He deems those who abide in Him, those who possess the Son, as those who have Life. His Church is not declining, it is growing because His Life cannot be contained or restricted. His Ecclesia is outside the matrix. His Church is spiritual, and as such, it is eternal, transcending time and space. Just as He is, and does.

You look upon His Face and see the curve of His smile, so you follow His gaze - and there it is, the living stones and precious gems which make up His Church. You couldn't see them before, because you were right in the middle of it while still on earth. But now, far removed from it all and looking down upon it from the Lord's perspective, you see that the living stones are being assembled together into a brilliant, gleaming, dazzling building which covers the entire earth! An angel stands apart from it, shouting, "100% pure: never touched by human hands!" You zoom in closer and discover that the stones and gems are not literal stones and gems, but people! Wonderful, beautiful, joy-filled people, joined together into a striking mosaic of vibrant colors, a tapestry of interwoven beauty, a medley of lives in perfect twelve-part harmony, all pulsing with His heartbeat, His Life, His Essence. You begin to weep at the unadulterated purity of it and oneness of it. There is no spot, wrinkle, or blemish to be found.

Only God could make something this gorgeous. Only God. Only God. And there in the midst of this wonderful place, you see what makes it so splendid...

There HE is, walking around in the midst of this Temple, adding living stone upon living stone, precious gem upon precious gem, and what do you hear? Singing? Yes. The Living Stones are crying out in praise. And He is smiling, and - whistling! - while He works.

Jesus is building His Church.

Then, as quickly as it began, it is over.

You open your eyes and find yourself back on earth, having returned to your three-dimensional world. It's a sunny day, the birds are singing, the church bells are ringing, and you see men, women, and children walking down the street, carrying their Bibles. You rush out into the road and grab an elderly gentleman.

"Where are you going? What's going on? Why are you so dressed up?"

"Get your hands off me, you crazy idiot! It's Sunday morning, and I'm going to church!"

"You've seen the Church??"

"Seen it? Of course I've seen it. My great-great grandfather helped build that church!"

"No, I mean have you SEEN the CHURCH," you repeat emphatically. "The Church that JESUS is building!"

"I don't know what the devil you're talking about, young man. Now let me alone, or I'll be late!"

You let him go and before you know it you are swept along by the crowd and find yourself sitting within the four walls of a building that calls itself "First Hypocritical Church, International."

The service is just beginning. The pastor approaches the lectern and announces, "Let's all stand and sing!"

Not sure what to do, you join in the chorus:

Know ye not, know ye not ye are the Temple? Know ye not, know ye not ye are the Temple? Know ye not, know ye not ye are the Temple? Ye are the Temple of the Holy Ghost! At the end of the song the pastor appears at the lectern again and matter-of-factly shouts, "Isn't it good to be in the house of God today!" It's more of a statement than a question. And all the people say, "AMEN!"

Hope rises! The House of God! Maybe he's seen it too! Forgetting where you are, you stand up and excitedly shout "Have YOU seen the House of God, brother?"

"Amen!" He replies. "It's good to be in church this morning!"

"Amen!" the people agree.

"No, wait a minute," you interrupt, mouthing the words ever so slowly and deliberately, as if you were talking to a deaf lip reader. "Have you SEEN the CHURCH, brother? The Church that JESUS is building?"

All heads are turned now, facing you. The old man, one of the deacons, whispers, "That's the weirdo I met on the way to church this morning!"

The pastor is growing impatient. "This IS the church, brother. Hallelujah!"

"But sir," you press, "KNOW YE NOT YE ARE THE TEMPLE???"

The silence is deafening.

"You are the Temple. WE are the Temple! Jesus is building His Church! I' ve seen it! It's a wonderful House of Living Stones, filled with His Life! We are the Church that He is building! We are the Living Stones, the Precious Gems! I saw Jesus, and He was smiling and placing the stones together, and..."

Some teenagers on the back row are giggling.

"I've seen it! It's true! The stones... the jewels... it's gorgeous!"

The people are looking at the pastor to see what he will do.

Slowly it dawns on you. You realize that to them you are an alien from another planet trying to communicate something that is so real to you but is totally foreign to the rest of the world.

Desperately you grab the man standing next to you by the shoulders, thinking to shake it into him. "You don't believe me... But it's true! You sing about it... but you don't believe it! YOU ARE THE TEMPLE! You have to believe me! I've seen it! Jesus is building His Church!"

The ushers are making their way over to your place in the pew.

Sweating and shaking, you look around the sanctuary, wild-eyed. "No, something's wrong here. Everything is different... this isn't the Church! I mean, you're calling it church, but this isn't what I've seen at all. No, the Church is... is... One Flock with One Shepherd, not divided up into denominations and sects! It's a mosaic of people! It's a tapestry of rich colors! It's a medley..." You begin to sob. "Listen to me! Know ye not ye are the Temple?!?"

The congregation is uncomfortable and agitated. The old deacon is ashen-faced, glaring at the pastor to put an end to this.

"Friend," the pastor finally manages, "if you'll go with the ushers I'm sure we can better minister to you in private. With every head bowed and every eye closed, why don't we go to the Lord in prayer right now."

While every head is bowed and every eye is closed, except the pastor's head and eyes, the ushers quickly hustle you out the back door and throw you down the steps.

The pastor smiles. "and the church said... AMEN. Amen. You may be seated. Well, praise the Lord. Today my message is entitled, 'What It Means To Be A Christian'. Turn in your Bibles to...".

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If God would grant you a moment by His side and allow you a fleeting glance at His Church you would at once understand what a pitiful substitute we have in Organized Religion. There is no vanity so deep as religious vanity, nothing more sickening and diametrically opposed to the heart and ultimate purpose of God.

And we who are in Christ Jesus ARE seated with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6).

If God is pleased to grant you this vision of His Church then you will come to appreciate it as a blessing and a curse. A blessing, because to see things as He sees them is true Wisdom and Oneness with Him and His people. A curse, because to see things as He sees them will ruin you for life, for you will never again be able to accept the surrogate, the counterfeit, even the good, at the expense of the Holy. His Church, His Treasure, how holy and pure and wonderful and unspeakable it is! Before you would casually call this thing and that thing "church" just like everyone else does and find it socially acceptable, but now your skin will crawl and your stomach will twist in knots when you hear others call some building the "house of God", knowing full well that His House is not this dead thing made with human hands!

It will not be enough for you to then say: "Lord, the Church belongs to You, not to me, not to anyone. Now I see my mistake. I take my hands off of it, for it is not mine to control or run. I repent of trying to build what you wish to destroy, and destroying what you wish to build. What am I, Lord, but a little stone, a little sheep, a little member of a wonderful Body of Believers? You are building Your Church, and now I will let you do it. At last I see. Only let me find a quiet place to serve You and serve Your people in secret, for I want nothing else for me, but all of it for You."

No, once you see this, once you take your hands off of His Bride, once you stop beating your brothers and sisters in the Name of God, then you will be jealous over His Church with His jealously, and will be so sensitive and so aware of false pastors and false teachers and false evangelists and false prophets and false apostles - yes, all that would abuse and confuse and rape and pillage His People! It is a question of seeing! And see, you will! You will see as He sees, hear as He hears, feel as He feels. "He was angered at their hardness of heart." Without effort, without trying, you will see right through the false, the quasi-faith, the pseudo-spirituality, the whitewashed tombs full of dead men's bones. Once you have had a taste of Real Life, you smell Death a thousand miles away, and your spirit rebels against it, your emotions scream in protest, and you are sick to your stomach with grief, anger, and compassion all at once. "No! This is not the Ecclesia. This is not the Lord's Church. This is a sham. This is bogus. This is nothing but Organized Religion!"

May God have mercy on us, and give us such a revelation of Himself, and His Church, that we may escape from Churchianity and find Life.

We are not suggesting that you challenge the system this Sunday by provoking a public confrontation with some unsuspecting pastor. All the argument in the world will not convince people, nor should we attempt to make people see. Simply allow them to see. Look upon the face of Him who sees things as they are, that others may look into your eyes and see Him as He is. One minute of seeing is worth a lifetime of argument. God will grant us a discerning heart and eyes to see if we will ask for them, and if we are willing to accept both the joy and the burden that accompanies such a revelation.

Echoes From Heaven

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I am calling forth a life called worship. Deep calleth unto deep I say unto you. The praise shall pour from your lips and your life will be worship and song shall pour from your heart. Oh, that you would hear the echoes from heaven. If your ear will incline toward Me, you will hear and be unified with the heavenly hosts that encamp around in song and worship that is never ending. The host of angels that dance and sing and worship day in and day out all day and all night , Oh how they await the unity of those called Mine. That my children in the earth will join those with Me in the heavenlies in unified worship that is everlasting.

I look to the earth and watch for the life called worship, and the song called tried, tested, faithful, victorious and blessed. I listen for the praise at the mountain and the song in the valley and the worship called hunger, brokeness, love and holiness. I have come to bring you life and Life abundantly. I have placed the song of triumph with you. I have called you worship. Cry out Cry out... for this is the song of deliverance for many. My eyes look to and fro seeking those who will only worship in Spirit and Truth which is in Me. These will hear the echoes from the heavenlies.

Oh, that you will hear the echoes from Heaven and begin to dance and worship with the legions of angels and yea, even those warrior angels that battle on your behalf. Yea, I say it is through worship that I will be glorified. Come and seek My face and not My hand alone. I call you now to an intimate place in Me, an invitation to you, to come in , into the Holy of Holies. You cannot bring luggage or baggage here. You cannot bring unforgiveness, nor jealousy, nor strife, nor anger, nor bitterness here. You cannot bring self motivation or self edification here. This place is Holy ground. Remove your shoes from your feet. Remove your attitudes. Remove your performing. Remove your heavy garments. Remove your traditions. Remove your rituals. Remove your agendas. Remove your plans. Remove your titles. Remove your positions. Remove your wealth. Remove yourself. Remove false humility, Remove pride, Remove these things that you may enter in to this Holy place, for there I AM waiting. For there worship is true. That is the place called Beauty of Holiness.

Draw nigh....that you would hear the echoes from Heaven.

There is coming healing, deliverance and holiness from this place called Beautiful in My sight. In the echoes from Heaven a song will be brought over you and healing shall be in it. One shall sing life upon you and there will be deliverance through it.

I have given Worship and it is the key to the gate called Holiness. I have given this unto you. Come in, Come in. I am releasing the echoes from Heaven to you that worship would be done in earth as it is done in Heaven.

Eastern Gate to the New Jerusalem
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Those who have ears to hear, listen to what the Spirit is saying to those who overcome. The Eastern Gate of My New Jerusalem has been establish. I AM the Gate, You are the Gatekeepers. Direct those in which way they should go. My Father awaits you in the Holy of Holies. Come past the outer court . You have moved passed the Golden Candle and have obeyed and ministered unto my Holy Spirit. You have been filled with the Oil and ministered to Me. I AM well pleased. It is here that you have gained Wisdom by reverencing Me above and beyond your circumstances and your own understanding. The Seven Seeds of My Character have been planted in good soil. I AM tending the vineyard and it WILL produce in due season.

You have moved to My Manna and ate of the deeper understanding of My Word. You have partook of My Body, eating all of it, and Remembering Me and My Ways. Well Done. You will have More!
Now you have walked into the deeper things of Me and I have made you My Intercessor. I work through you in a greater capacity, manifesting My Own Heart in you as My Spirit prays through you. You will understand all that I am praying through you. I sit on the right hand side of My Father in heaven forever making intercession. Because I live in you, you forever make intercession with Me! I have brought you to a new level. In this place you do not strive, but you yield as I call. You are in your final promotion before you enter into the place you have been diligently seeking.

You are now in the final stages of being prepared for the manifestation and fullness of experience to enter the Throne Room, the Holy of Holies. You have only tasted. There is so much you have yet to experience! Here we will meet face to face. Glory to glory! Here will be your full preparation that you may be manifest in the earth as My Sons and Daughters. Yes! The New Jerusalem has already begun to come down from heaven.
Know this, Just as I AM, so you shall be also
Just as I suffered, So shall you suffer
Just as I overcame, so shall you! You will share in My Glory for I AM the firstfruit! I died that you may be raised up for this very purpose in this time and season. Rejoice! For you are overcoming each trial BY MY SPIRIT. Enter NOW into the Joy of the Lord which is your Strength!
(Bold highlights added to illustrate the quickening of the Spirit.)

Revelation 21
[1] And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth **were** passed away; and there was no more sea.
[2] And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven**, prepared as a bride** adorned for her husband.
[3] And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of **God is with men**, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.
[4] And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.
[5] And he that sat upon the throne said, **Behold, I make all things new**. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.
[6] And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.
[7] **He that overcometh shall inherit all things;** and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.
[8] But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and

sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.
[9] And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither**, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife**.
[10] And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, **descending out** of heaven **from God**,
[11] Having the glory of God: and **her light was like unto a stone most precious**, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;
[12] And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:
[13] **On the east three gates**; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.
[14] And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.
[15] And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.
[16] And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.
[17] And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.
[18] And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the **city was pure gold, like unto clear glass**.
[19] And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;
[20] The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolyte; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.
[21] And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.
[22] **And I saw no temple therein**: **for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.**
[23] And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.
[24] **And the nations of them which are saved** shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.
[25] And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.
[26] And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.
[27] And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 22: [14]Blessed (happy and [3] to be envied) are those who cleanse their garments, that they may have the authority and right to [approach] the tree of life and to enter through the gates into the city.(7)
[15][But] without are the dogs and those who practice sorceries (magic arts) and impurity [the lewd, adulterers] and the murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and deals in falsehood (untruth, error, deception, cheating).

My New Jerusalem is not made with rocks and stones of the earth, but of lively stones. My City is Alive with the Breathe of Life. You are lively stones, placed as you should be that I may dwell among you and through you.

1 Peter 2:5
Ye also, as **lively stones**, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
Isaiah 7
[13] And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye weary my God also?
[14] Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.
[15] Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

Matthew 1:23
Behold, a virgin shall be **with** child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, **God with us**.

The Levites were the keepers of the Eastern Gate. You are my Royal Priesthood and Keepers of My Eastern Gate. It is you whom I have charged to declare who may and may not enter as I have declared in My Word. You are GateKeepers to the Truth. Because you stand on guard, men MUST CHOOSE Life or Death. Today is the day of Decision.

2 Chronicles 31:14
Kore son of Imnah the Levite, keeper of the **East Gate**, was over the freewill offerings to God, to apportion the contributions of the Lord and the most holy things.

Nehemiah 3:29
After them repaired Zadok son of Immer opposite his house. Then Shemaiah son of Shecaniah, keeper of the **East Gate**, repaired.

Jeremiah 31:40
And the whole valley [Hinnom] of the dead bodies and [the hill] of the ashes [long dumped there from the temple sacrifices], and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse **Gate** toward the **east**, shall be holy to the Lord. It [the city] shall not be plucked up or overthrown any more to the end of the age.[Zech. 14:10-11.]

Ezekiel 10:19
And the cherubim lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight, and they went forth with the wheels beside them; and they stood at the entrance of the **East Gate** of the house of the Lord, and the glory of the God of Israel [the Shekinah, cloud] was over them.

Ezekiel 11:1
MOREOVER, THE Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the **East Gate** of the Lord's house, which faces **east**. And behold, at the door of the **gateway** there were twenty-five men; and I saw in the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people.

Ezekiel 43
[1]AFTERWARD the man [an angel] brought me to the gate, the gate that faces east.
[2]And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the east and His voice was like the sound of many waters, and the earth shone with His glory.(1)

Ezekiel 43
[3]And the vision which I saw was like the vision I had seen when I came to foretell the destruction of the city and like the vision I had seen beside the river Chebar [near Babylon]; and I fell on my face.(1)
[4]And the glory of the Lord entered the temple by the gate facing east.
[5]Then the Spirit caught me up and brought me into the inner court, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

Ezekiel 44
[1]THEN the man [an angel] brought me back the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary which faces the east, and it was shut.
[2]Then the Lord said to me, This gate shall be [1] shut; it shall not be opened and no man shall enter in by it, for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered in by it; therefore it shall remain shut.
[3]As for the prince, being the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the porch or vestibule of the gate and shall go out the same way.
[4]Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; I looked, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord, and I fell upon my face.(1)
[5]And the Lord said to me, Son of man, mark well and set your heart to see with your eyes and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the Lord and all its

laws, and mark well and set your heart to know who are allowed to enter the temple and all those who are excluded from the sanctuary.
[6]And you shall say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: O you house of Israel, let all your previous abominations be enough for you! [Do not repeat them!]
[7]You have brought into My sanctuary aliens, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary to pollute and profane it, even My house, when you offer My bread, the fat and the blood; and through it all and in addition to all your abominations, they and you have broken My covenant.
[8]And you have not kept charge of My holy things, but you have chosen foreign keepers to please yourselves and have set them in charge of My sanctuary.
[9]Therefore thus says the Lord God: No foreigner uncircumcised in heart and flesh shall enter into My sanctuary [where no one but the priests might enter], of any foreigners who are among the children of Israel.
[10]But the Levites who went far away from Me when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me after their idols, they shall bear [the punishment for] their iniquity and guilt.
[11]They shall minister in My sanctuary, having oversight as guards at the gates of the temple and ministering in the temple. They shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall attend the people to serve them.
[12]Because [the priests] ministered to [the people] before their idols and became a stumbling block of iniquity and guilt to the house of Israel, therefore I have lifted up My hand and have sworn against them, says the Lord God, that they shall bear the punishment for their iniquity and guilt.
[13]And they shall not come near to Me to do the office of a priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things that are most sacred; but they shall bear their shame and their punishment for the abominations which they have committed.
[14]Yet I will appoint them as caretakers to have charge of the temple, for all the service of the temple and for all that will be done in it.
[15]But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept the charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to Me, and they shall attend Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood, says the Lord God.
[16]They shall enter into My sanctuary; and they shall come near to My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge.
[17]When they enter the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed in linen garments; no wool shall be on them while they minister at the gates of the inner court and within the temple.
[18]They shall have linen turbans on their heads and linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with anything that causes [them to] sweat.
[19]And when they go out into the outer court to the people, they shall put off the garments in which they ministered and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments, lest by contact of their garments with the people they should consecrate (separate and set apart for holy use) such persons [unintentionally and unfittingly].
[20]Neither shall they shave their heads or allow their locks to grow long; they shall only cut short or trim the hair of their heads.
[21]Neither shall any priest drink wine when he enters the inner court.
[22]Neither shall they take for their wives a widow or a woman separated or divorced from her husband; but they shall marry maidens [who are virgins] of the offspring of the house of Israel or a widow previously married to a priest.
[23]The priests shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the common or profane, and cause them to distinguish between the unclean and the clean.
[24]And in a controversy they shall act as judges, and they shall judge according to My judgments; and they shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed feasts, and they shall keep My Sabbaths holy.
[25]And they shall go near to no dead person to defile themselves, except for father or for mother, for son or for daughter, for brother or for sister who has had no husband; for them they may defile themselves.(2)
[26]And after he is cleansed [from the defilement of a dead body] they shall reckon to him seven days more before returning to the temple.
[27]And on the day that he goes into the sanctuary, into the inner court to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, says the Lord God.
[28]This [their ministry to Me] shall be to them as an inheritance, for I am their inheritance; and you shall

give them no possession in Israel, for I am their possession.(3)
[29]They shall eat the meal offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering, and every offering in Israel dedicated by a solemn vow to God shall be theirs.
[30]And the first of all the firstfruits of all kinds, and every offering of all kinds from all your offerings, shall belong to the priests. You shall also give to the priest the first of your coarse meal and bread dough, that a blessing may rest on your house.
[31]The priests shall not eat of anything that has died of itself or is torn, whether it be bird or beast.

Ezekiel 48:32
And on the **east** side's 4,500 measures, three **gates**: one **gate** of Joseph, one **gate** of Benjamin, one **gate** of Dan;

Ezekiel 47:2
Then he brought me out by way of the north **gate** and led me around outside to the outer **gate** by the way that faces **east**, and behold, waters were running out on the right side.[

Behold! I have made known My Mysteries to you, guard them as Keepers of the Eastern Gate. Keep Charge what I have given to you. Those who hear My Spirit will know only I have revealed these things. I will receive ALL the Glory and Honor. Let not the Fire within you be extinguished, My Overcomers! My Kingdom Pillars!

Set Up A Memorial

Carla Rickard

April 18 2004
Set up a memorial of the things I have done to deliver you says the Lord. For I have delivered you out of much. Set up a memorial for your healing, your deliverance, the salvations I have brought to you. There will be more trials and tribulations that will come. For I have told you so. Set up a memorial so when you pass that way again you will remember that it is I that brought you out of ALL your distresses. Remember those times when you pass by! Will I not do it again and again? Keep Me in Remembrance of all that I have done. Call upon the Name of the Lord and I will save you. Set Up a Memorial to Your God.

Extreme Home Makeover

Mary Lindow

THE SPIRIT OF GOD WAS PRACTICALLY SHOUTING THE LINE; "EXTREME HOUSE MAKEOVER" TO ME FOR OVER A MONTH!
Finally, I understood what The Lord was saying after watching this new "reality program" titled the very same thing a few times!

THE LORD HAS SHOWN ME THAT HE HAS BEEN SENDING IN "DEMOLITION CREWS" FOR A FEW YEARS NOW, shaking everything that can be shaken until ...everything has been literally ripped down to nothing but a mere shell in many peoples lives.

See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." ~ Jeremiah 1:10

YET...EVEN STILL, THERE IS A GREAT AMOUNT OF STRATEGIC "BLUEPRINTING" AND RE-DESIGNING GOING ON IN THE LIVES OF THOSE CALLED TO MOVE INTO THE ROLES OF APOSTOLIC FATHERHOOD AND MOTHERHOOD.

OLD WALLS FIRST COME DOWN BEFORE NEW ONES CAN BE PUT UP! Old walls of keeping people out of "your space" or “your ministry.” The true boundaries of the Kingdom have room for everyone to freely express, (with respect for others), the passion they have for the "design" the Lord has given to them for building up the King's domain!
THE "KINGDOM" OF GOD HAS GRACE AS ITS BOUNDARY SETTING AND HUMILITY AS ITS FOUNDATION.

And it will be said: "Build up, build up, prepare the road! Remove the obstacles out of the way of my people" ~ Isaiah 57:14
THE LORD IS SAYING TO US IN THIS HOUR OF "REBUILDING THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID" or – "HIS House of Worship," that there will be rooms re-designed by the "MASTERS Craftsman" that will be filled with strategically planned prayer concepts, music rooms equipped with the sound of "clear spiritual headsets" to hear the songs of the Kingdom and actually record and share them freely, and a series of Family rooms where all ethnic groups become "One Family" as they gaze upon the "Fireplace" of the Presence of the Holy Spirit and His Pentecost type of power and Might!
"I also told them about the gracious hand of my God upon me and what the king had said to me. They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work. ~ Nehemiah 2:18

“YES SAYS THE LORD! I AM RE- BUILDING EVERYTHING IN YOUR LIVES THAT I HAVE ALLOWED TO BE TAKEN AND SHAKEN FROM YOU! HOW CAN YOU DO MY NEW THING IN THE EARTH WITH OLD WAYS AND WORN OUT LIVING SPACES OF THE PAST? Those who continue to cling to the accolades of the past and gone ministry meetings and services (even if they were just last week) will receive a limited amount of new assignments until they realize that the past is….PAST! Each day is a new day and needs a fresh approach to the new Design concept I the Lord

Am revealing!”

“EXTREME GENEROSITY WILL BE THE NEW WAVE OF GLORY IN THE EARTH. Missionaries will weep no more over broken promises made to them for support to go! NO! Those now arising in the earth as the Fresh wave of Pure and Davidic hearted NURTURING Mentoring Fathers and Mothers, will be suddenly recognized… as well as the faithful and obedient who have never hoarded the anointing or promoted their gifting.”

“THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WILL BE SHAKEN IN THE WORLD'S CONCEPTS, BUT… those Joseph gifts in the Body, Men and Women who are beginning to see with eyes now stripped of selfish fears and lack of honor for those who have loved them into higher levels of passion for the King...they will be visited with great joy and supernatural revelation as they see that they are the "Truck loads of blessings" bringing the freedom to those who are being called to lead the next fresh "Extreme House Remodel!" ***The New wineskin of sweetness!”***

THERE WILL BE SHOUTS AND TEARS OF JOY AS CHECKS, PROPERTIES, AND LITERAL CASH BEGIN TO FLOW INTO THE HANDS OF THOSE READY TO ONLY BUILD WITH THE NAME “JESUS” ON THE FINAL PRODUCT. No brass placards with important titles or religious entitled positions or names on them. No Big ministry embellishments.
GOD IS EXTREMELY MAKING OVER ALL OF THE PLACES OF WORSHIP IN THE HEARTS OF HIS MEN AND WOMEN AND GIRLS AND BOYS!
LET HIM DO HIS WORK OF DEMOLITION WITHOUT HINDRANCE OR FEAR! He WILL Rebuild a New "House of Worship" within Each of His People who allow Him to walk each room of their heart and tear out the old and embedded dirt, grime, and putridness of stale living.

IT IS THE DAY OF THE RELATIONALLY UNITED CHURCH TO THINK OF ITSELF AS ONE GODLY ORGANISM, READY TO HONOR AND EDIFY EACH UNIQUE MASTER PLAN OF THE KING. It's the hour where building upon egos, insecurity, and entitlement, only invites the demolition sledge hammer of the Spirit to go to work until the knowledge of humility and eternal reward are viewed as the Most Excellent Eternal Blueprint!
"Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church." ~ 1 Corinthians 14:12

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Elders In The City

Charles Newbold

Charles Elliott Newbold, Jr.
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Dear List Members, [Lighthouse Prophecy]

This word by Charles Newbold, Jr. to be one of the most significant clarion calls ever seen by this generation of believers. It is calling forth the 'righteous' government of God. As those who are "called" to this government (in their respective cities) are set in place, enormous Spiritual Authority from heaven will be released.

It is my strongest belief that this true heaven-appointed authority will not be released UNTIL the "called" are gathered at the symbolic spiritual gate. The next step in this process is "the gathering."

We posted (on our website) a word God spoke to us several years ago:

The Army of God is now beginning to make strategy for VICTORY; the primary focus of this strategy involves unifying the Body and joining the parts that are suppose to be JOINED. We must work to properly discern and join the Body properly... This is not a joining for the sake of joining, but rather a fitting of the parts that are CALLED to be joined. We pray that you allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to those individuals, churches and organizations that will usher in your ministry, purpose, and destiny.

The true elders who read this will recognize this calling...Clay.

Elders In The City

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Submitted for your edification and discernment.

I heard it taught for years that New Testament elders were citywide. I could see how that might work in those beginning days with a few believers in cities such as Antioch, Ephesus, and Corinth, but what about today? The "Christian" population of many cities numbers into the tens and hundreds of thousands. I did not see how it could work.

Then, in early 2004, the Holy Spirit caused me to see how it could, should, and indeed will work in Crossville, Tennessee, the county seat near where I live. I knew that if it could work in Crossville, it could work anywhere because it is God's divine plan of righteous government for His assembly of called-out-ones, His body.

I not only see how it could work, I have a burning fervor to see it working in my home city as well as in cities throughout the world.

The city I see is a Kingdom reality. It is spiritual in nature. The boundaries of this spiritual city are set by the Holy Spirit and made known especially to the elders of the city. In Crossville, I sense it closely aligns with the political boundaries of Cumberland County (though we are not to assume those political jurisdictions will always be aligned as such or that they mean anything to God). The elders and the saints will simply come to operate within that boundary whether they are conscious of what it is or not. They will come to know who the elders are within that city, and the elders will know who the sheep are within their care.

The elders of the city live within this spiritual city boundary. They are "from there" or have lived there long enough to call it home. Figuratively speaking, they expect to "have their bones buried there." They have a passion for their city.

The elders are older, spiritually mature men whom the Holy Spirit has appointed and empowered to function as shepherds. Care for the sheep is part of their nature. They lead, feed, tend, and heal the sheep. The sheep know them by their fruits.

The elders are not "city elders," but are the "elders of the city." There is a subtle difference. Elders are not positional, but functional. The term "city elders" suggests a position (office) and title; "elders of the city" suggests function. They are not titled as Elder Bob or Elder Joe, etc., but are simply Bob and Joe who everyone knows to have shepherd's hearts.

Though some of the Pastors, Ministers, or Priests of churches may be true elders of the city, it is not so because they are Pastors, Ministers, or Priests of churches. These elders of the city are not a redefined version of the local ministerial association. As elders of the city, they are not overseers of buildings, programs, organizations, and institutions.

These men are the elders of the city at large. Individually, they are part of a group or fellowship just as any other brother. They are in, but not over any fellowship in particular. The elders jointly oversee the whole flock in the city.

Some of these elders already know each other. As time passes, the Holy Spirit will cause them to all know each other and find each other. They will come together in the Spirit with authority to oversee the sheep in the city.

I shared these thoughts about elders in the city with my friend Bill Shipman in New York State, and he said the Lord had been speaking to him about "gates." That thought exploded in me. I remembered how the elders in the Old Testament sat at the city gates. What they did in a natural sense then has far-reaching spiritual significance today. When the elders of the city come together as one, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, they will have taken their place of authority at the city gate. This city gate is a spiritual reality that serves as the entrance to this spiritual city.

When the elders take their seat in unity at the city gate, the changes in that city will be remarkable. Here are a few significant changes to be expected.

· Most significantly, they will know the mind of the Spirit, particularly as it pertains to the sheep. They will be of one mind and one heart, enabling them to do the Father's will.

· They will cast down strongholds in heavenly places. Once these city elders have taken their seat at the city gate and come to know the authority they have there, they will determine who comes in and who goes out in the realm of the spirit. Everyone and everything has to pass by them. They have authority over the powers of darkness that have had clandestine rule over the city. One command by these elders while sitting in unity together can cast down and send away the powers and principalities over their city. They can accomplish more in one command than what ten thousand of the most renown intercessors could do. They are men under the authority of the One who has been given all power (authority) in heaven and on earth, Yeshua (Jesus). Matt. 28:18. "For the government is upon His shoulder…and of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end." Isa. 9:6,7.

· As the powers of darkness are dismissed, a unity in the body throughout the city will result as never experienced before. The sheep will take comfort in the safety they feel from having this righteous oversight in place.

· The elders will set into motion the beginnings of divine government that will release the body to function as a unified force in the city.

· In so doing, they will fulfill their divine, heavenly purpose in bringing unity to the Body of Christ, tearing down walls of religion, separatism, denominationalism, and territorialism.

They will know by the Spirit the condition of the sheep throughout the city and will know how to minister to their needs. They will lay down their own agendas and ambitions to tend to the souls of the sheep.

The scriptural ministries and gifts of the Spirit will be released with miracles, signs, and wonders.

Power for salvations, deliverances, healings, and blessings will be released.

Praise and worship in Spirit and truth will flow from within the saints as rivers of living water.

Ultimately, the faithful will be brought "to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." Eph. 4:13.

I then saw with the eye of my understanding that the called-out-ones are also citywide. For example, we are the called-out-ones of Crossville. I saw us gathering in clusters of home fellowships that appear as flaming tongues of fire throughout the city. In another city where I visited, I saw these gatherings as artesian wells springing forth living water.

These home fellowships are made up of families and individuals who have been drawn together by the Holy Spirit as a family within the larger family of God. They have no name and are not identified with any separate church or denomination. They are not a church at all. They are merely saints gathering together to encourage one another and provoke one another to love and good works. Heb. 10:24,25.

These saints will come to know the true elders and will joyfully submit to them; that is, receive the gift of God in them, knowing that they will watch over their souls as ones who must give an account. Heb. 13:7.

The Holy Spirit raises up the elders. The apostles confirm, appoint (ordain), and oversee them. Apostles lay hands on what the Holy Spirit has already done and is doing. The apostles further equip the elders and provide continued oversight to them. Everything that is done is for the sake of the sheep who belong to the Good Shepherd.

This is not a formula for church government that we can put in place, but is a prophetic event that will take place as godly men respond to the will of the Father. Our part is to pray for this vision to be burned in us, for the elders to find each other, and take their seat of spiritual authority at the gates of our cities.

Yahveh promised, "Then, I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding." Jer. 3:15.

Entering Into The New

Chuck Pierce

A 10 Day Prayer Focus to Develop this Year's Mindset
(*This also includes the revelation for* the Hebrew Year 5765 â€“ *Have a Good Year*!)

October 15, 2004

Dear Faithful Seekers:

I am so excited to write you. I have waited as long as I can before I share a portion of what the Lord has shown me for this new season. The Lord began to release this revelation to me beginning at Rosh Hashanah.

This is a year of change and redirection for me. I feel like the Spirit of God is giving me new intercessory assignments. One specific assignment is *how to plunder the enemy's camp*, and another is to *pave the way and create a vehicle for the transference of wealth*.

We at Glory of Zion International have already begun to pray for you to increase in supernatural ways. We so appreciate you being involved with us. We pray for each one of you as you respond to us by giving or sharing a prayer request. We decree an Issachar revelation over you. *We also sound a shofar over you and shout your name into heaven.*

This will be a year that I will be circling the United States and visiting key cities. I will also be finishing the Five Year Call to the 40/70 Window with a trip to Italy. Additionally, I have seen port cities and key cities throughout the United States where the Lord wants to visit.

Trade and the release of supply lines and wealth are important concepts this year. I will also continue to develop Eagles of God strategic mission prayer teams to send to various parts of our nation and the other nations of the world.

STARTING THIS MONTH, I WILL BE SENDING A 10-DAY PRAYER FOCUS EACH MONTH SO YOU CAN REALLY DEVELOP THE MIND OF THE LORD IN CERTAIN AREAS (Romans 12:1,2). You can repeat these prayer focuses three times a month, or a single time, whenever you prefer to pray them during a month. *They will reflect important revelation each month that should be developed in each one of us throughout the year.*

Understanding The Times and Seasons is Key for Our Victory!

Most of us do not understand the Biblical time-tables. Timing is built around the Feasts. The Old Testament contains two calendars—a civil and a religious one—and this complicates our understanding of the origins of the New Year.

We have begun the "Head of the Year." The Head of the Year begins at Rosh Hashanah and includes the Feast of Tabernacles. This is different from the first month of the year, which actually begins at Passover. As we prophetically mature in the Feast of Tabernacles (Zech. 14), these days become more and more important. We find Jesus celebrating this feast in the New Testament in John 7, the *Feast of Illumination*. May the Spirit of Revelation and Wisdom surround you now!

Let's review this season:

- In May 2001 *The Future War of the Church* (by Chuck D. Pierce and Rebecca Wagner

Sytsema) was published to help the Body shift into a mindset for war.

- In September 2001, the Hebrew Year 5762, we entered into a â€œSeven Year War Season."
- In September 2002, the Hebrew Year 5763, we moved into a â€œSabbath Day Rest Year,â€ a year to test and rebuild our faith.
- The past year, beginning September 2003, or the Hebrew Year 5764, was a year filled with Secrets, Mysteries and Surprises, and was a time to understand *Doors*.

Now we have entered the Hebrew Year 5765.

This will be a year to *circle*, *surround* and plunder the enemyâ€™s camp. This year also means *â€œto take a compass and chart your course for the future.â€* We are just beginning to see the DOOR of our future develop. There are many enemies waiting to oppose us on the other side of this door. Therefore, this will be a year of violent praise! This is a year to let the ROAR of the Lord rise above the sound of the enemy! *I am excited about this fourth year of the seven year war season we are in!*

Receive this PROPHETIC DECREE:

I hear the Lord say:

Throw open the window of your heart and receive the sound of heaven! Let the wind bring the sound that you need through your window. Your conscience is like a window between soul and spirit. Make sure nothing is clouding your conscience.

Open your mouth and release the shout of victory! This is the year of confession and decree. What you say now determines your future. If you will cleanse your conscience, then the revelation that has not been able to influence your mind will find entrance. Though the enemy is roaming like a mighty lion seeking whom he may destroy, there is a ROAR in you to be released. This ROAR will defy the enemy. Go past that which seems invincible in your life.

Get in the river of change that is flowing by your door and let it take you to your next place. Get a shield of protection around you and birth the NEW that I have for you. Your latter end (future) will be greater than your beginning. The RIVER is changing courses!

Ready yourself for the next war ahead! Don’t remain in your last war cycle. Make sure you are allowing or causing or choosing for the old to end! Deal with all of your dangerous emotions so they will not present great challenges to you by the middle of next year. Get ready to advance into your next phase of victory!

Receive a new anointing. Be anointed for victory over death cycles and the fear of death. Be anointed for victory over demonic forces that would try to stop you in the future (particularly through the end of March). Be anointed for increase and harvest so you begin to fill My storehouses. Be anointed with an Issachar anointing to interpret the times so you know what decisions to make so your will does My will in Heaven! Be surrounded with My Glory and be favored where you walk.

Be surrounded and sealed by the Holy Spirit. Worship Me in a new way and watch your discernment increase. Reality is produced when you worship in Word (Truth) and Spirit. You must allow your worship to take a turn in the Spirit.

Do not stay earthbound! End old cycles. Do not cycle through your wilderness again. Break the cycle of Mt. Sinai (don’t get around that mountain again!) and head toward and up Mt. Zion. In the face of your enemy, praise violently! Let praise BIND the strongman and then plunder, take and repossess your spoils.

Surrounding Your Enemies with Violent Praise: The Year 5765

(September 2004 October 2005)

At each breaking day of a new season, we need to have a renewed commitment to the One who made us and gives us life. Psalms 37:5-6 says: *Commit everything you do to the Lord. Trust Him to help you do it, and He will. Your innocence will be clear to everyone. He will vindicate you with the blazing light of justice shining down as from the noonday sun. (TLB)*

Your commitment to us propels us into the places God calls us to minister. I would like to declare to you as you enter this New Year, the Hebrew Year 5765, that you be encompassed in *THE NEW.* New is defined as: *different from one of the same which existed before; or made fresh.*

Here are 8 NEW Issues to look for in your life this year:

1. *New relationships*. May your relationship with the Lord be new and fresh, and may He supernaturally connect you horizontally with others that will cause you to come into a greater level of success.
2. *New acts*. May the Lord divinely intervene in your life with signs, wonders and miracles.
3. *New identity*. May His fullness flow through your personality. May your soul be restored.
4. *New weapons for the war ahead*. The trumpet is sounding a new sound. Listen carefully. May you receive everything you need to defeat your enemies.
5. *A new garment of favor to go with your new identity*. May you radiate with favor and have an entry way into new opportunities.
6. *A new sound*. May you hear the sound of victory and shout this sound from the rooftops.
7. *A new anointing*. May you be anointed in a way that every yoke be broken.
8. *A new level of authority*. May you receive the ability to stand in dominion in the sphere of authority that you have been granted by God.

The Meaning of This Year 5765

Hebrew numbers have word meaning. This year the number 5-7-6-5 is spelled *Tov, Shin, Samekh, Hei*. Tov means a stamp, seal, mark or impression like the sealing of every believer by the Holy Spirit. This will be a year to see the seal set on God’s covenant plan for our future.

Some of the significant words beginning with Tov mean *to seek out, spy out, explore, to prevail over, overpower, to lay hold of, to be completed or finished.* Shin means *to come full circle, consume ,and destroy*. Samekh means *to turn, to surround, go around, a repeating cycle, to encompass, or enclose.* Hei means *revelation, wind, shout or roar, praise and Spirit and Word*.

Shin, samekh, and hei together form the Hebrew verb "TO PLUNDER". This is a year to develop your wall of protection. This is a year that the Lord will review our city walls. Some cites will begin to experience darkness while others will see the fire of God established.

There will be a SOUND this year. We will hear the roar of an army, of a fire, a tumult of battle, loud expressive praise and rejoicing (Halel – Hallelujah!). Joyful shouting will come forth from those who tread the winepress, produce wine and bring in the harvest. Memorize Zechariah 2:5: *“fire around you and the glory within”. There will be a supernatural alignment producing a wall of fire.*

A Year to Circle the Wagons!

When the enemy encircles you, you must *circle the wagons and find security*. This phrase was important for pioneers to understand. We will be setting new courses in the Spirit this year. The enemy will attempt to surround you, so be sure to develop your shields of protection. This was a defensive tactic that pioneers used on their journey to their new settling place.

Another example is that of the Musk Ox. These animals form a circle around the cow that is giving birth. This produces protection so the next generation can come forth. No other animal has the defense method of musk oxen. When danger threatens they do not run away. Instead, a herd of twenty to forty individuals backs into a rough circle facing outward with the calves in the center or under their mother's bellies.

This ring of horned heads can defy such natural enemies as the arctic wolf and the grizzly bear. From time to time a bull dashes out to do battle, then returns to the circle. He is exceedingly nimble. A single sweep of his horns can cripple or kill a wolf, dog or Eskimo hunter armed with a spear. *For intercessors and prayer groups, you must be like the musk ox this year.*

This is a year to walk a FINE LINE in every area of life*. Do not be afraid of falling. Do not try to stay balanced in the flesh.* This is a year of the Holy Spirit supernaturally rekindling the power gifts. The war will take a supernatural turn. Example: There is a fine line between word of knowledge and ESP (*I Cor. 12 &14*).

This is a year of supernatural, divine teaching. Teaching will defy religion. The Lord will reveal a different dimension of the Word to expound upon (*Mark 2*). This will cause the Church to shift or harden. This will be teaching that will penetrate into strongholds and religious structures in regions.

There will be such *demonic manifestations* that the Lord will send His troops into the religious camp. This is a Year for Women to become secure in who they are in the Lord and to release supernatural influence in the earth (*Jeremiah 31:22*). This will also be a year of violent praise, releasing angelic forces to come to our help.

Read II Kings 6. *Do not look at your enemies with dismay this year but see the supernatural realm of angelic hosts that have surrounded you to bring help.*

10-Day Prophetic Declaration Prayer Focus for Shifting Your Mind to Receive the New Revelation

Day 1. Declare the Lord will take His compass, chart your course, and set a new direction for fullness in your life. Read and pray *Psalm 118* and *I Cor. 16:5-18*.
Day 2. Declare that God will give you the strategy to surround what has been or seemed invincible in your past. Read and pray *Joshua 5-7*.
Day 3. Declare that you will be overwhelmed and encompassed by His supernatural LOVE. This will release a dimension of compassion that the Church has lost. This will cause *the healing mantle* to be restored back to the Church. (Healing will spring forth this year!) This will open the door for prodigals to return. Read and pray *Matthew 9* and *Luke 15*.
Day 4. Declare that you will know your spiritual and physical boundaries. This is a year of Divine Commandments. The Lord will be restructuring our boundaries so the law can be fulfilled in our hearts. This will allow us to take back ground this year from the enemy who attempts to shift laws and time. Satan is a legalist. Decree that all unfair legal practices set against you break. Read and pray *Daniel 7*.
Day 5. Declare that this is a year to come Full Circle. The Lord will give you a second chance to confront and deal with that thing that defeated you in the last season! …or you will go around that same mountain again. Read and pray *Psalm 138*. Read *II Samuel 5.* Listen carefully for the new sound of the wind in the mulberry trees. Read the Book of *Jonah*.
Day 6. Declare that this will be a year of a new expression of worship. Be expressive in PRAISE and rejoicing in the midst of your battles. Do not hide your emotions this year. Read and pray *II Chronicles 20. The Roar of the Lion of Judah will win your battles!*
Day 7. Declare that the generations will connect this year. The generations must war together this year (*Isaiah 59:15-21*). The word generation is linked with circle. Read and pray *Esther 9*.

Day 8. Declare that this will be a year that you PLUNDER the enemyâ€™s camp. Read and pray through Exodus 3 â€“ 12. (*The Future War of the Church* explains dethroning the gods of Egypt). *I Samuel 30* shows how David got a handle on his emotions and recovered his loss.
Day 9. Declare that you will enter into a new dimension of revelation that produces unexpected surprises in the enemy's camp. Prepare the way and expect victory! Read and pray *II Kings 3. Do not let the enemy's retaliation cause you to back up.*
Day 10. Declare that every voice that is not God's voice will be silenced. Declare that every lion in your pit will shut its mouth. Read and pray *Daniel 6* and *I Peter 5*.

Thank so many of you for participating in the S*even Days of Stillness Prayer Focus*. We are getting many reports of victory. Please continue to bring your emotions before the LORD so that every out-of-control or up-and-down pattern will be shifted. Another principle of "circle" occurs in the issue of *circumcision*. Let the Lord circumcise your heart in a new way so that you can move forward with a clear conscience into your future.

Thank you for praying for our family. Daniel will be getting married to Amber Sauce on December 18. Rebekah is in college. John Mark is working and bowling. He and Isaac continue to concentrate on their music. Ethan is enjoying his courses from Texas Tech and is a delight to his mother, who stays involved with ministry, writing, and teaching. Thank you for supporting my ministry. You can give by calling (888) 965-1099 or going to https://www.glory-of-zion.org/secure/gift.asp.

Blessings,
Chuck D. Pierce

P.S. We have placed the details for the *Start the Year Off Right Conference* on our website. The dates are January 6-8, 2005. Also, I awakened this morning with a dream about California. The timing was during the Christmas holidays and there was an attack. *Let's ask the Lord to turn this now!*

Election Angels

Bill Yount

I Saw 'Election Angels' Erecting 'Cross-Like' Poles Across America As God Spoke To His People. "I'll Meet You At The Polls On Nov. 2nd... 'If' You Meet Me At The Cross Before Then!"

In the Spirit I saw the latest poll being taken by the angels showing many of God's people, who were taking for granted who was going to be the next president, falling behind in prayer! I heard the Father proclaiming to His people. "Your prayer closet is your voting booth for this election! You must vote now on your knees or the results of this election will drive you to inhabit your prayer closets!"

Again God was speaking to His People. "The real election will take place before Nov. 2nd! If you make your calling and 'your' election sure at My cross, I will move My throne to rest over the White House. My people, America is at a cross-roads... but you are at the cross! And if you miss your crucifixion, America will miss her resurrection! If you make your calling and 'your' election sure at My cross before Nov.2nd, I will turn the White House into a Light House to the world!

'Voting Booth' Angels were being released to awaken many of God's people to give them no rest for they would not see the answer to their prayers for this election until the 'voting booths' literally became their prayer closets on Nov. 2nd.

I sense The Passion of the Christ movie was released recently to call us back to the cross so we wouldn't face another cross-roads in America in this election like we did in the last one. He wants our sins so He can wash us whiter than snow with the blood of Jesus so He can wash our whole nation from her sins.

Vote early this election. The real election is taking place now in the hearts of God's people. Let's make our calling and our 'election' sure. The word election means 'chosen' by God. "Many are called but few are chosen."

"I'll meet you at the cross.... then I'll see you at the voting booth!"

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Everlasting Love
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I am pouring out in you everlasting love and kindness, everlasting peace and joy! I am so excited My beloveds for the time is coming when we will never
be separated again! I am coming to enjoin us in a more powerful way and
the times will escalate quickly soon.

Make room in your heart for all that I want to pour in! REFRESH yourself in Me and rest in My arms My loves! For lo winter is gone and the springtime is here. It is time for the trees to spread forth their branches and flowers to bloom and radiate their splendor! I am serving up water and wine…so come and drink…Drink in My Spirit. Get filled My Beloveds! Get filled!

The living waters are flowing. You just have to come into the waterfalls and stand under them! I am loosing My Kingdom and soon the WIND will begin to blow and great changes will ensue! Get ready for changes. Do not think nothing will change. The CHANGES are inevitable and forthcoming. Listen for your instructions from the still small voice. Look to ME for all you need.
Abrupt changes will come to many of you and you will be catapulted into the
events I've been preparing you for.

So take seriously the admonition to be in the Word and Worship and Prayer!
I am longing for Your kisses! Come to Me My love and allow me to transform
You, and to put on you new garments. Come and cling to ME, for I love you immeasurably and I will prepare you for all the changes!

It Is Well With My Soul
Priscilla Van Sutphin

July 30th, 2004
The following song came to mind when I asked the Lord if He had something to talk about…
When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.
Refrain: It is well, with my soul, It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.
Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.
But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,

The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh trump of the angel! Oh voice of the Lord!
Blessèd hope, blessèd rest of my soul!
And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.

“ The signs of the culmination of all time are here. Yet so many still sleep. What is going on? What is happening? Many are thinking! Why won’t they wake up? Lulled asleep by their comfortability and the spirit of slumber, they rest in the assurance of a next day the same as the last. Business as usual you could say. It is as in the days of Noah! So do not be discouraged, nor be dismayed at their slumber. Only worship Me in the beauty of holiness and stand firm to the end My beloveds. The winds of change have come, and rapidly, perilous times will descend.

But have REST in your souls! Have PEACE within, for I AM with you. My rod and My staff will comfort you. I will lead you in the way everlasting. So do not be moved. And expect that I will lead you when it IS time to move! Expect Me to lead you out as I led Lot out of Sodom, and assured his passage before bringing judgment! Be assured that I have Goshens in the making where many will be kept safe through the times ahead. I will not call all of you to spend your time in Goshen however. For I have many MOSES type leaders and many Elijah’s that will go forth in the power of MY MIGHT and confront the darkness head on!

They will not go unequipped. THAT is why many are in transition now! I am wooing you closer to My side, that I may consume all that cannot withstand the test to come , and that I may fill you with all you need to go through what is coming! WHATEVER your role is I am preparing you. I ASSURE you I will finish the job! I will not leave you behind, nor lacking if your heart is right! I am removing the dross that would make you look back like Lot’s wife! AND I am enlarging your tent pegs and expanding your FAITH so that you will believe TO DO THE GREATER THINGS I have for you to do! So rejoice and be exceedingly glad! Worship and praise me with all you have!

Praise will bring down the darkness and will LOOSE MY KINGDOM to come and cover the earth where My people will worship freely and unashamedly in abandonment to Me! I am shouting and trumpeting to the enemy to “LET MY PEOPLE GO that they can worship ME!” WATCH and see how I bring down every stronghold in your lives! Watch and see how I will bring down every stronghold that has kept your families captive to the enemy! I WILL LIFT YOU UP WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND!

REJOICE MY BELOVEDS for YOUR KING DRAWS NIGH! BE EXPECTANT!

Luke 6:22-23 NKJV Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Luke 19:37-38 NKJV Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, 38 saying: "'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"

Phil 4:4-5 NKJV Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

1 Thess 5:16-18 AMP Be happy [in your faith] and rejoice and be glad-hearted continually (always); 17 Be unceasing in prayer [praying perseveringly]; 18 Thank [God] in everything [no matter what the circumstances may be, be thankful and give thanks], for this is the will of God for you [who are] in Christ Jesus [the Revealer and Mediator of that will].

1 Peter 4:13 AMP But insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, rejoice, so that when His glory [full of radiance and splendor] is revealed, you may also rejoice with triumph [exultantly].

Rev 12:12-13 AMP Therefore be glad (exult), O heavens and you that dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in fierce anger (fury), because he knows that he has [only] a short time [left]! [Isa 44:23; 49:13.] 13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he went in pursuit of the woman who had given birth to the male Child.

Rev 19:7 AMP Let us rejoice and shout for joy [exulting and triumphant]! Let us celebrate and ascribe to Him glory and honor, for the marriage of the Lamb [at last] has come, and His bride has prepared herself. [Ps 118:24.]

The God of Diversity
Priscilla Van Sutphin

The Divine Counter to Methods, Programs and Other forms of Madness In the Church Today
August 1st, 2004

When I was 38, I had grown weary of my aloneness and bankruptcy spiritually, and I sought to bring my son to church. I didn’t think there was any hope for me, but I kept thinking maybe he can be good enough, if I raise him right. So off we went to an Easter service at the Catholic Church.
Much to my dismay, the gospel message was far from my need, and the priest was speaking on why there were people at mass only on holidays.

I wanted to stand up and tell him right there and then. But I decided against that, and instead left. In my anger, I cried out, “ God, there has to be more than this! “ God was quick to answer, and within a week, a neighbor explained to me the difference between being born again, and the Catholic church doctrine with which I had been raised. I had been raised to believe if I committed mortal sin, I was lost and never could make it to heaven. But if I committed venial sins, I could make recompense and had a chance. Since I’d had two abortions and a life of self-serving lust, I knew myself to be condemned, hopeless, and not going to heaven. So needless to say, the good news to me was truly GOOD NEWS to me!

A year after making a decision to serve Christ, I got baptized in the Spirit in my living room, after staying up late after children and husband were in bed. I was desperately seeking the Lord’s face, as I felt I’d made the biggest mistake in my life marrying my ex. I didn’t know I was to DEPEND on Him for who to marry at the time. So I married for all the wrong reasons. This concept of dependency was WAY foreign to my upbringing.

My mother was infested with bitterness, jezebelian pride and lust and my foster mom had taught me that if I didn’t care for myself, no one else would, and she taught me to be INDEPENDENT. So I’d built my life around that theorem. I got a bachelor’s degree, then worked in Children’s hospital in Chicago for a time, then I went to grad school at UCLA to get a graduate degree in Pediatric Nursing. I finally taught nursing for five years at Rush, Presbyterian St. Lukes’ hospital before moving to California. There I made educational coordinator within a couple years and assistant professor, rapidly working myself to the world’s idea of success. I established for the first time, with the March of Dimes, conferences for OB nurses that were taught by women and nurses!!! That was a big deal way back then and I became Chairman of the Illinois NAACOG [Nurse’s Association of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology] I also joined the honorary nurses association Sigma Theta Tau…etc., etc. I was very independent!

When I came to the Lord, after about a year and a half, I got sick frequently, with headaches, aches and pains, tiredness…and I had this new family after marrying, and getting saved with two added stepsons, and a mother in law living with us. The Lord asked me to give up NURSING and stay home which is something my husband wanted…so I gave it up. The Lord told me, " I have other things for you to do! " You see, the Lord is very WISE. He knew all my pride was tied up in what I COULD DO! So He asked me to give up the profession to serve HIM. Being often sick it wasn't always hard, except when I'd see pregnant women and new babies, or hear stories about birth. Then I'd think back to the "good ole days". But God in His wisdom, had me relinquish little by little all that was ME. All the kingdom I had built upon.

Much later, after the divorce and being forced to live with my mother as I'd become sick with CFIDS [Chronic Fatigue Immunodeficiency Syndrome and Fibromyalgia] I'd lost my husband, my two stepsons, the white-washed marriage, and was left to depend on the one year of alimony { had no money for a lawyer } and left to depend on GOD alone for all I needed. My mother died after a year, and again, I feared we'd lose our place to stay and would be homeless, as she had been on housing. But graciously, THE LORD supplied our needs by extending the housing contract to me for me and David my son! The lady said, I could INHERIT her account. I'd never heard of that, but GOD KNEW I would need help and provided the way. I couldn't work…I could barely do activities of daily living and it eventually after my mother died, got so bad my immune system was like someone with AIDS.

People just didn't understand how I couldn't work however, and how I could live this life of dependency. "Dependency is BAD!" And yet , they knew nothing of my life, and how INDEPENDENT I had been. GOD, had provided THIS time, as He spoke to me, " I've turned your vitality to the drought of summer!"

Ps 32:4-5 NKJV For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah 5 I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Selah

The reason He did that/allowed that, was so I could get healed of the terrible abuse I'd received as a child. My stepfather practiced witchcraft and molested me. I was abandoned by my mother many times in my life and left with Grandma first at birth, then with foster parents later on. I had been a "disposable child ". So besides being taught independence from my foster mom…there was a lot of hidden RAGE and ANGER, REJECTION and REBELLION, and many other things, etc…to deal with that added to the fierce INDEPENDENCE I had had.

In the midst of the worst persecution and sickness, the LORD came to me and ministered to my pain and loneliness. I had many visitations that I could not see, but could hear and feel His touch. I could smell him walking outside in the garden. I would get into the car when I had one, and could feel another hand come down on mine when I put it on the gear shift! I KNEW HE WAS WITH ME. In the midst of so much abandonment by others…HE was my ROCK. HE WAS MY LOVER, and the COMFORTER of My soul. AND He sent me Judy, my surrogate mom who would come week after week for four years, and just hold me and pray with me and walk me through inner healing. It took a lot for me to submit even to that, as my mother had been involved with new age practices…so I didn't want to do anything against the Lord. He had to give me a dream and a word that would open my heart to doing it!

AGAIN, I couldn't be INDEPENDENT. He wanted me to learn to RECEIVE…and to no longer be INDEPENDENT, but to be interdependent with the part of the body of Christ I COULD trust, and to receive the healing He had for me.

Many times in my walk in Christianity, I was doing healing and deliverance, even before I was delivered from things. And if there was one thing I could tell you, that I have learned after 20 years of doing healing & deliverance in a variety of settings, it is that GOD IS sovereign and the most important thing to remember is to DEPEND on the Holy Spirit in all the prayer, and all the deliverance.

I had A LOT of psych background in my master's training at UCLA as we used a behavioral model for evaluating patients. I knew a lot of psych things, and relationship of certain behaviors to problems.

BUT if I depended on my own knowledge rather than on HIS, I would often miss what GOD WANTED TO DO!

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN HEALING AN DELIVERANCE IS DEPENDENCE ON GOD.

I have used lists, for deliverance, I have used rebuking and I have spent hours in worship and using the WORD. BUT, the most important thing is to ASK HIM what HE is doing, not relying on what He has done before! ONLY HE knows all things and all people! ONLY HE knows what HE is doing at this moment in that person's life. So, when I see people teach methods. It is good to an extent to learn what HAS BEEN DONE. BUT it does not prepare you for what GOD is doing NOW! It only gives you background that will help your discernment, but you must rely on HIM.

Let me tell you of one instance. While still living in my mother's apartment after she died, a young couple came to live with me for three months as they'd come out here at the Lord's bidding but had no place to stay. We were praying for this young woman one night for deliverance. [her father had been a satanic high priest and high up in the business world] We were praying, and the Lord showed my friend a snake wrapped around her spine in the spirit. So after so much praying, etc…the Lord said to me, " Have Jim, [her fiancée] come and profess his love to her in front of ME and you!" This was strange to me, but after three times hearing it I obeyed. I told Jim what I thought the Lord was saying and he did it! AS HE DID, SHE burst out in tears [it was a father's love issue] and that pride stronghold was broken…and she got delivered and some inner healing at the same time! All the rebuking in the world was not going to undo that spirit!

This is just to show, that God does not always work according to OUR PLANS, OUR METHODS, or what we have been taught! He still is on the THRONE. He still is Jehovah Sabaoth. He still does a NEW THING whenever HE LIKES!

All this is to demonstrate that when we become to RELIANT on our methods and programs for doing things, it is not being DEPENDENT on GOD like HE would like! It is being INDEPENDENT. The MOST VALUABLE THING to learn is how to DEPEND on HIM for all the answers. THAT is HUMILITY. Jesus had that humility! HE depended on the Father for what HE was doing, so how much MORE should we also DEPEND on the FATHER for what and how we do things?

Every time we choose to go our own way, or the TRIED way…we are acting INDEPENDENTLY! YOU don't know what that person standing in front of you has been through, but HE DOES! You don't know the history of that person, what they've been delivered of, or not, but HE DOES! You don't know the sensitivity of that person but HE DOES.

I learned to ASK A LOT OF QUESTIONS of GOD. That is key to dependence also! He knows all the answers that we don't! He is the ROD and the STAFF. You know that verse from Psalm 23…Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me! That is symbolic of HIS direction and guidance!

In the days ahead we will ABSOLUTELY HAVE to DEPEND on Him for all things – What to eat, and what NOT to eat! – Where to go and where NOT to go! Who to touch, who NOT to touch! It is getting MORE AND MORE important as the world grows more disparate in the difference between good and evil. So He is teaching us to act in FAITH, and to DEPEND on HIM more than our own knowledge. There is no guarantee that what has worked before will work now…SO if you haven't already, or don't understand what you are going through, ASK, and LEARN DEPENDENCE ON HIM! HE is the Source of all WISDOM. HE IS THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE! SEEK HIS ADVICE and learn to shun independence! I can do all things THROUGH CHRIST Who strengthens me.
Apart from HIM, I can do NOTHING.

Trial And Error
Priscilla Van Sutphin

July 31st, 2004 4:24 am
My beloveds, children learn by trial and error a lot. I have called you to be like children otherwise you won't enter the kingdom. So don't condemn yourself when you learn by trial and error. Just pick up and start over again…and PRAISE Me for helping you to overcome. This is key My friends. It is key because the enemy wants you to feel disqualified for what's ahead. But I'm a good FATHER and I don't disqualify you because you make mistakes or are not perfected in my image yet! Sanctification is progressive and it will be done thoroughly as I come to perfect My bride. But none of you are now fully and wholly sanctified! Yet I will do it Myself, that in the days to come, the enemy will not be able to touch you, except I allow it!

Lev 22:15-16 NKJV They shall not profane the holy offerings of the children of Israel, which they offer to the LORD, 16 or allow them to bear the guilt of trespass when they eat their holy offerings; for I the LORD sanctify them.'"

1 Thess 5:23 AMP And may the God of peace Himself sanctify you through and through [separate you from profane things, make you pure and wholly consecrated to God]; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete [and found] blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

John 17:17 AMP Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.
John 17:19 AMP And so for their sake and on their behalf I sanctify (dedicate, consecrate) Myself, that they also may be sanctified (dedicated, consecrated, made holy) in the Truth.

Your righteousness is in ME, so whatever you do thinking you are doing it by My guidance and depending on My wisdom, will I then condemn you? NO, my children, even if you make a wrong choice or are mistaken…the Blood of Jesus
covers your sins. He is the atonement. He is the mercy seat! He is your Righteousness! So stop condemning yourself, and stop allowing the enemy to condemn you, for even if you make a mistake, all it takes to rectify it is to come to ME, and confess, and it is forgiven. But if you live by the LAW instead of by GRACE you are under a curse, and subject to all kinds of torment from the enemy. HE KNOWS where your weaknesses are. So stand FIRM in the WORD and do not allow him an inch in your life! Do not stand in self-blame, self-abasement, self-condemnation or self-doubt. Call him the liar that he is, and CLING TO ME! CLING TO MY TRUTH! Speak the Word and he will flee! SHUT THE DOOR on his lies!

Rom 3:22-24 AMP Namely, the righteousness of God which comes by believing with personal trust and confident reliance on Jesus Christ (the Messiah). [And it is meant] for all who believe. For there is no distinction,
Since all have sinned and are falling short of the honor and glory which God bestows and receives.
[All] are justified and made upright and in right standing with God, freely and gratuitously by His grace (His unmerited favor and mercy), through the redemption which is [provided] in Christ Jesus,

" Know this My beloveds, that many trials are ahead of you. But I have called you My own. You are my precious jewels! So have I not prepared the way knowing what you would have to endure. If I know all things, and am omniscient, would I allow you to suffer more than you are able to endure?
Would I throw you out on the street if you are humble and fearing Me?
Don't underestimate the LOVE I have for you My beloveds! What you expect is what you will get. Remember My servant Job? The thing that he greatly feared came upon him! So do not fear the future. Do not fear what man can do to you. FEAR ME ALONE! Be filled with the fear and dread of ME, YOUR KING, and all else will pale in comparison to MY MIGHT! Believe in MIRACLES, for you about to see astounding miracles on your behalf and on behalf of all who will come to ME!"

Deut 4:34-35 NKJV Or did God ever try to go and take for Himself a nation from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? 35 To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD Himself is God; there is none other besides Him.

Deut 29:3-5 NKJV the great trials which your eyes have seen, the signs, and those great wonders. Yet the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, to this very day. And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet.

James 1:2-8 NKJV Profiting from Trials
My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

1 Peter 1:6-12 NKJV
6 [You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be distressed by trials and suffer temptations,
7 So that [the genuineness] of your faith may be tested, [your faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested and purified by fire. [This proving of your faith is intended] to rebound to [your] praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed one) is revealed.

Early Morning Prayer

Marie-France Mc Dowell-Smith

April 21, 2004 I was with the Lord in prayer and intercession early, early this morning. I felt very impressed to send out an email asking all whom felt the Holy Spirit touching them to send prayers and words of encouragement to those in need. I sensed that the Father's heart was specifically directed to GRACE BECERRA. She is a 3 year old child who is beginning 8 months of chemotherapy for her reported adrenal cancer.

I typed and prayed. I typed, I cried, I prayed some more. This went on for several hours. It was a long prayer. The Lord patiently waited for me to finish. HE WAITED for me to STOP and listen. HE HAD SOMETHING TO SAY!

"CAN WE TALK? This is how one has a conversation, talk, listen, speak, listen more, an exchange, a dialogue....not a monologue. O, that My people would learn to converse with Me; that you would take time with Me".

I heard him and did not listen. I continued with typing a posting of this prayer. I wanted to finish and get ready for work; time was running out, more than I understood.

As I was 'saving' the prayer on my PC, the electricity once again went off in our house, and it the email was gone. How could this happen? God, how could you let this happen?

Late for work, I hurried and readied myself for a busy day ahead. While driving, I was singing and praising HIS name. Then I interjected, "O, God, obviously you don't want that prayer to go out".

Whew, can you believe the arrogance on the part of this 'sleep deprived, deaf, and blind saint'! 'Abba, I really wanted that prayer to go out, but, you are God, and you know what is happening here. I can never recreate that prayer again. I mean, Lord, all those scriptures! The Holy spirit said, "Right, that's the idea, I thought you were talking to Me. My mistake? I AM created that prayer through you." I was shocked into reality. I cried out, "O God, forgive my arrogance and pride, my total ignorance, FORGIVE ME!"

Crying with all that was in me I asked HIM to forgive my lack of reverence and understanding and love for the Creator of the Universe.

Quickly, I confessed and saw who I was at that moment...and it was ugly without HIM! UGLY! Then our conversation got turbo charged, because we got down to it...I mean, all those things that I prayed about for others, all the while blinded to my own glaring SIN. I had once again been blind, and in HIS compassion HE let me see me. HE continued, despite my ignorance, vileness and absurdity...HOW GREAT IS OUR FATHER'S LOVE.

'I AM the great I AM! NOW you repent of the sin of putting other things, really good things, before ME! I watched you, heard you, and now I answer. I am in the middle of your frustration. I AM blocking what you are doing, so that you will STOP and take time with me'.

'I heard as you were repenting for the idolatry, greed, arrogance, sexual perversion, hidden sin in [the congregation]; those secret chambers in My living temples. These SINS that prevent My people from entering into My Holy of Holies. I see and know all hidden, secret enjoyments that no one knows about but them and ME. (I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT! There are NO surprises to ME, nothing is hidden from ME!).

You were repenting of the false pride of your nation, the perversion that becomes law, and sacrifices to Molech of the first born in the Great congregation, NOT THE WORLD, all this in My Body!!! 'It's nothing new to Me, as in the days of Noah,' HE declared.

"I saw you crying out to ME to heal physically, mentally, to restore marriages, families, congregations.

The Great I AM listened as you repented for deceived cultures and mini cultures who are controlled by demonic gods of false religion, even many mainline churches that are FALSE to the core....did you not? I responded to the Lord, 'Why, yes, Lord all of that and more!'

"HE said again: 'I AM that I AM! I AM the Aleph and the Tav, I am the beginning and the end.

I know the end from the beginning.

I AM! I AM! I AM EL ELYON, the Most High God, Love Me, as no other.

Cease from your worry and strife.

Be still and know that I AM GOD!

Love one another!

You have cried out for many things, and I have many others who are weeping before My altar at this very time.

I have 7,000 x 7 x 7 x 7.

I have three times that many who are about to find that their testing time is upon them.

I will have a Body who loves me as evidenced by their love one for another.

Many people are unable to love one another, because they do not REALLY LOVE ME.

They know Me not.

I will allow many things to occur, to bring My eternal purposes to the forefront of Your scarred minds.

The scar tissue has built up thickly in your minds; scarred from the lies received; scarred from lies believed; scarred from lies lived out.

I understand, but do you understand the Love that I have for YOU?

I have sealed scars in my hands and feet for the Love I have for you.

BELIEVE UPON ME, believe upon the SON, Yeshua haMashiach / Messiah Jesus!

You who have received My free gift of salvation, it is time for action in faith, this is what pleases Me, your love for me in faith.

Do you believe? Then walk out your faith!

Allow Me to live My life more completely in YOU.

BELIEVE THAT I AM COMING SOON!

THIS IS NOT ESCAPISM, this is REALISM.

I have told many to "Tell them, I AM, Coming SOON!"

Do you want to come to ME not having touched one soul with My Love? For there are many who crave MY LOVE!

This is again to be Your Father's World. Soon to be governed by Yeshua from the City called by My name, Yerushalayim.

Do you want to come before Me not ever having held a weeping mother's hand, or consoled a man broken from alcohol, or taken a 'Lutheran Ladies Casserole' to that one just home from surgery? Or visited a prisoner in jail or the sick? Or even given a cup of water to the least of these? Never having defended nor stood with MY PEOPLE, Isra'el? Do you?

Do you want to come before ME and say, but O Lord, I was so busy, just trying to make ends meet.

Did you ever stop to consider that it was I who would not allow those ends to meet.

I wanted your attention, your undivided attention, your undivided affection and love.

You dads and moms, you know what I mean. Have you ever said to your children, "Pay attention, look at me, stop, be quiet and listen to me. I want to talk with you, I love you!!!"

I want us to have time together. Gaze upon My face, for the righteous shall see their God. Just gaze upon my eyes of love for you.

I want all of you, right now, listen!!! Just clear away the hidden things, let us do surgery. Let's do it NOW!

I AM ABLE to take away all things that prevent your entry into that Dwelling Place I have reserved for you with Me.

In trembling and fear, I got into my work's parking lot and fell to my knees in my minivan.

The Lord and I met once again right there in an old white Dodge minivan.

It was holy ground this morning.

I wept before HIM asking for forgiveness for arrogance and pride, and all my SINS.

SIN is so deceptive and creeps in unawares. Too many times, we are blinded to our own SIN, easy to see the speck in our brother's eye.

That is the necessity of prayer in our lives, in my life; not only to talk to HIM, but to listen very closely to the Lover of our Souls.

HE releases HIS compassion and love upon us after allowing a moment of clarity into how we look without HIM.

Seeing our fleshly selves is ugly, frightening. To see ourselves apart form Jesus is sickening. It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the Living God.

"I tell you, it is better to love Me, confess your SIN to Me, allow My Holy Spirit to cleanse you from all your SIN."

"I AM the WIND in the storm that comes, it comes to cleanse MY HOUSE.

I AM coming to clean up, to repair the lines of communication that My commanders will warn the great assembly and prepare for the last of the invited guests.

Blow the Silver Trumpets, assemble, listen for My voice, My direction, and move at My command!

I want My house clean and bright and beautiful as THEY COME, this harvest, MY harvest awaits. I will have only the BEST for My children!

I am inviting many guests, the invitations are going out. The directions have been written in their hearts by My Ruach (Holy Spirit). When they SEE ME IN YOU, they will follow ME, I KNOW THE WAY. For I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH and THE LIFE and no one comes to the Father, except through Me.

Prepare the Way of Your Lord. O, I want YOU to prepare their way, a highway of holiness. No debris, no broken stones in the road. There must be no garbage in the way, no broken branches fallen to the ground, nothing that will be burned, for all will be burned that can be burned. Do you see?

SEE ME! BELIEVE NOW! LOVE ME NOW!

For those of you who have been through the cleansing I am speaking -- MAKE READY, SUIT UP, BATTLE FORMATIONS. I have whispered into your spirits your place, your part in My great symphony of all the ages. Move NOW, for the fields are ripe unto harvest.

Do not allow this harvest to rot in the fields. Do not allow the enemy of your souls to continue to steal, kill and destroy...for there are many who will come.

I have opened your understanding this day, I have shown you in one brief second what you once were, and in my redemptive work WHO YOU ARE AS I LIVE WITHIN YOU.

I show you, WHO I AM! My wonders to declare in the assembly. Praise Me, My wonders to behold. My authority given My commanders in battle.

I TELL YOU, WHAT I AM ABOUT TO DO, and the part that My Body walks out in faith at this end time.

BE READY, I COME!

ALL of heaven assembles and watches this day, for you are chosen for this end time--REACH OUT in My compassion and love to the ones who are as you once were, gripped by sin and death.

Do not verbally abuse them, manipulate or cajole; rather allow My love to entice them into My ark of safety and they shall be saved.

It is My doing, not yours; yours only to obey.

So allow Me to clean up, and My house shall shine brightly as the sun, for the Son comes in brilliance, Light, and Power, HIS justice to perform.

Love to you MY precious Commanders, My Generals of Faith, My much loved Sons and Daughters; remember, I AM El Gibor!

Blow the Trumpets in Zion!

I COME!"

England You Have A Choice

Chuck Pierce

May 20, 2004

Dear Faithful Watchman:

Thank you so much for praying for this trip. I have completed our report from our stop in **England**. Our time there was so powerful! Reports from **Germany** and **Spain** will follow in separate emails.

We left Germany early on Friday morning and flew to Birmingham, England. Again, our luggage did not arrive with us. Many of you who will be reading this report have roots of inheritance here in England. ***I believe it's very important we pray for England at this time.*** The team and I found it very interesting that the burden of the Lord came on us in England more than the other two countries we have been in.

As a team, we met to pray before I spoke that afternoon, after I spoke, and then before I spoke again that night. We felt it was very important that we hear the Lord's message for this nation.

Dr. Sharon Stone, with **Christian International Europe**, is doing a great work here in this country. However, the country, overall, is very weak prophetically. We stayed at the Westwood Training and Conference Center in Coventry where the meeting was being held. The architectural design had allowed for the middle of the Conference Center to reflect "the Eye. "Of course, many of you know that I have been studying the evil eye and how it affects our lives. This eye is linked with Mammon, superstition, occult and false worship.

Before the meeting began my right eye turned bright red. During our prayer meeting the same thing happened to Marty's eye. After the afternoon session the Eagles of God team members went and stood under "the eye" and declared the Glory of the Throne Room would penetrate down through the heavens and remove any evil watchers in the region. *We formed a cross in the center of the eye and declared that the blood of Jesus would cover and block all the workings of the enemy.*

When I got to the meeting on Friday afternoon, Sharon stood up before the crowd and said, *"We don't want to hear a good preacher. We want to hear the message of God for England."* I began by exhorting them the following way: "*Prophets in England, you've got your work set out before you. You are in a difficult time.* ***This is a season when prophets need to meet together, worship, cry out and press into revelation.*** *The enemy has a plan to suppress the vision of God in this land. Do not get discouraged. You need to keep saying what needs to be said even if it seems no one in this land is listening."*

Then the Lord began to speak, "***There is an unholy alliance being negotiated now in this nation.*** *This alliance will be devastating to this nation in days ahead. This is a very formative time for the future of this nation. I have worked in times past to prevent this nation from forming this type of alliance.* ***However, now it will be your choice whether you align wrongly or align with Me.***

I say to the people of England, you will be contending concerning this alliance. Prophets need to contend. Intercessors need to contend. Apostles need to rise up. This is a time of choice. I will be sure that My message is heard in this land so the choice is clearly determined.

Two prophets in this land will go into high places of governmental authority to tell them the dangers of this wrong alignment. ***For if this alignment takes place, in five years you will be overtaken by false gods.*** *You are on the verge of being overtaken now. However, there is still time to choose Me. You have three years of choice that will set your course and determine your direction for the* *next seven years. I am raising up the intercessory call in this nation. Watchman must have a single eye in the land. This is not a time for divided minds and double mindedness.*

I will offer an opportunity for this land to align with My covenant people, ***Israel****. However, if they reject this alignment they will find another alignment with* ***Germany*** *and* ***France*** *at their door.* ***Syria*** *will also be a part of this wrongful alliance and coalition.* ***England, you have a choice.*** *For the next 18 months a window of opportunity to change this alignment has been positioned over this nation.*

I am calling My people in this nation into a time of worship to create portals that My Glory and favor can enter into the nation and bring My choice of life. ***There is a sound in England that is like none other in My people.*** *Join that sound with My sound from heaven now, and this sound will begin to cover and permeate into high places in this nation.*

If you will allow worship to develop in a new way in this nation, My presence will begin to rule in a new way throughout the land. ***Join your present sound of intimacy and exaltation of Me with My sound of war.*** *Do not just sing these songs with your mouth but allow the message of these songs to pierce and activate your spirit-man for war.*

I am forming doors in heaven. As you worship, these doors will move into the earth realm and give you opportunity to enter in and present My message to this land. I am calling you to celebrate in a way that your enemies come to My table. I am preparing a table before you and anointing your shield for war. Do not resist in this season of war. Raise your shield of faith high. ***Do not become complacent and sympathetic with the enemy that is in your land. If you do, your land will be overtaken.***

Watch the key banquets that are occurring in this land. Governmental and social banquets should be watched carefully. Prepare the way for Me to enter in and move during these banquets," saith the Lord. "I will give prophets and intercessors and the watchman of this land favor in these 18 months. From the center of this land a gate is being formed. ***Determine at this gate whether hell will rule or I will rule," saith the Lord.*** *"The rulership at the gate of England is being determined now."*

We are in a seven-year war season. Seasons are determined by God. It is amazing to see how nations are aligning in war. In this third year of the seven-year war season, alignments are becoming very clear. Choices are being made. During August of this year economic decisions and change will begin to occur. Autumn is an important time for incredible new beginnings in the earth realm in the way we process and gain our supply for the future.

A new anointing for administration is coming into God's people. We will begin to administrate as Joseph did. Joseph gained authority and understanding over the agricultural realm, livestock, land and the people of that day. We are entering into different times of administration. *These times may become hard in the natural, but God has a plan for us to multiply.* ***England is at a door of choice on how they will begin to move into this season which sets the course for their future.***

Thank you for being a part of this trip with us.

Blessings,

Chuck D. Pierce

Entertainment No Longer In The Holy Place
Sandy Warner

Jul 2, 2004
There are many living within the outer courts of My kingdom. They are satisfied with the entertainment of carnal pleasure and a distant heavenly Father.

There are others who have been touched by a glimpse of My greater light and love and are walking away from the deceitfulness of heart. My light has spotlighted and purged their motives and My Presence has washed them as they have walked away from personal idols. These are finding much comfort dwelling in My inner court. They dwell in the intimacy of ministry and fellowship within My sanctuary.

Finally there are those who are so ravished by My loving Presence that they have forsaken the world and walked straight into My holy place. It is there within the bosom of My heart that I share My secrets with My friends. In the days to come there shall be a visual distinction between the hearts of men, their dwelling place and their degree of separation from the world. How I long for your friendship and yearning love! Would you come deeper yet into My heart and let the things of this world grow dim? As you behold My light, all else will fade in comparison.

Ezek 42:14 NLT
When the priests leave the Holy Place, they must not go directly to the outer courtyard. They must first take off the clothes they wore while ministering because these clothes are holy. They must put on other clothes before entering the parts of the building complex open to the public."

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Already Done
Sandy Warner

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Thank you for your intercession, My friend. The Words that I speak into your life and you declare are already set in motion as you stand upon them. I view them as already done. Thank you, My dear friend, you who wait upon Me and want only My point of view. How you honor Me as you lay your life down and serve your loved ones while you wait for Me and wait for them. I know your sacrifice and commitment behind the scenes. I know you have been misunderstood by your loved ones. I will settle the differences. Your intercession bears fruit for so many, even more then your family. How you have touched My heart to be so willing to wait for what matters to Me the most. Thank you for not giving up. You really are not alone. You have all of heaven yearning with you, dear one.

Rom 8:24-25 AMP For in [this] hope we were saved. But hope [the object of] which is seen is not hope. For how can one hope for what he already sees? But if we hope for what is still unseen by us, we wait for it with patience and composure.

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Candid Giving

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When giving a gift to others, remain real and candid and let it pour out naturally from your life. As you share with others what I have given to you, you shall have cooperation and reception. Why? Because you have believed Me. You are faithful and I have placed My favor upon you. No one can give your gift, dear one, it is remarkably profound because no one has walked in your shoes. I made you and everyone unique and I enjoy you just as you are. Do not fear sharing liberally, for I have sealed you and hidden you. I AM establishing your walk in Me. You will find how joyful life can be when you give and pour out your life.

Heb 4:12-13 NKJV
For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

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Redeeming The Mistakes
Sandy Warner

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How I have heard your cries over spilt milk with enough mistakes to last a life time! You are not alone, My child. The cries go out across the earth. The pain you feel is not only for yourself, but for the choices of a generation and for the time in which you live. I receive even your groans as acts of intercession as you bear the weight of such misery. It is much too heavy for you. All that matters is that you have carried your pain to Me and let Me comfort you. In so doing I have also used this to lift another's pain in greater misery than your own.

We have turned a corner and it is time to redeem the mistakes. I have used your mistakes as training tools in preparation for your destiny. It is good to go back over your endeavors and see how you can improve the next time. You will also be given the opportunity to share these with the next generation so that they will learn from you and not repeat the same cycle. I have made them teachable for they have much to accomplish in their life time. You will find that My redemptive power seems even greater in your mistakes than in your successes. This shall be a joy to you as you humble yourself before Me and witness My fulfilled Word in your life, in spite of yourself.

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb 4:15-16 KJV)

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Establishing Order

Ephraim Frank

Dear fellow Israelite,
“Vayechi” (“and he lived”) is one of the most prophetically loaded parashot (plural of parasha) in the entire Tanach, and quite appropriately ends the book of Bereshit (Genesis). The title itself describes God’s sovereign intentions regarding the fulfillment of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Thus, not only did they live, but also became fruitful and multiplied: *“and they (Israel) had possessions there (in Egypt) and were fruitful (from the same root as the name “Ephraim”) and multiplied exceedingly”* (Gen. 47:27). Many years later Moses, observing the multitude, exclaimed: *“YHWH your God has multiplied you, and here you are today as the stars of heaven in multitude. May YHWH God of your fathers make you a thousand times more numerous than you are, and bless you as He has promised you!”* (Deut. 1:10-11). One of the interesting things to note about the fruitfulness of God’s chosen nation was that it always took place outside the land of Israel. Jacob propagated his family (Goy-nation) (all except for Benjamin) while in Haran. In Egypt he became as numerous as the *“stars of heaven”*, and of course later, being dispersed into all the nations and lands on the face of the earth, became *“as the sand of the sea”* or the *“fullness of the nations”*. A simple mathematical equation would be as follows: Israel came out of Egypt somewhere between 1.5 million and 3 million souls, multiplied by a thousand yields the figure 1.5 to 3 billion souls. Who knows how many out of 6 billion people living on the earth today are a fulfillment of that prophecy?! As we know, *“with God everything is possible”*, especially when it comes to keeping the covenant that He swore to the patriarchs.

God’s plan of fruitfulness or multiplicity is laid out prophetically in this parasha. Right from its beginning verses we see a Torah, or life, principle in action. Laying on his deathbed Jacob calls for Joseph. The meaning of the root of the name Joseph is “to add to,” in accordance with his mother’s prayer at his birth (to have another son). Joseph’s presences alongside of his dying father is a foreshadowing of the promise “to add to”, or to multiply the life of the one dying (Jacob-Israel). Thus, even under these natural conditions it may be said: *"O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"* (Hos. 13:14).
Our Messiah also said: *“Truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain* (John 12:24). Wheat was one of the biblical symbols that described the House of Joseph.

The years of Jacob’s troubles and sorrows were over. Only the memory of a blood stained garment of his beloved son would linger, as a prophetic picture of what price it would cost the Heavenly Father to redeem these sons of promise (Israel). In those few fleeting moments of Jacob’s life he approached Joseph with reverence and honor as the government of the entire world of Egypt was upon Joseph’s shoulders (“shechem) but yet he was not the king.

Joseph was known as a dreamer and an interpreter of dreams. But far surpassing these attributes was Joseph’s understanding of the faithfulness of the God of his fathers through the very situations of his life. The Torah was being written on Joseph’s heart through his tribulations. The testing of his faith produced wisdom, humility and compassion which then qualifying him to hold the position that he was now in. His life exemplified the prophetic destiny of his entire household. For as a people they were to pass under the rod of God’s judgments, which afterwards would prepare them for their irrevocable call to become a part of a nation of kings and priests.

When Jacob knew he was drawing nigh to death, his first line of business was to strike up his final deal by making Joseph swear to bury him with his fathers. The transaction was for Joseph to put his hand under his (Jacob's) thigh, just like Eliezer did to Abraham when sealing the oath. This meant that the strength and power of life represented by the thigh, will find expression through the hand of another, who swore or promised to be faithful to the oath. Israel then bowed at the head of his bed, signifying, as it were, having completed the work that God had sent him to do. However, there was still one more thing left for this chosen servant of God, and that was to pass on, by the laying on of his right hand, the most coveted of all blessings that are recorded in the Scripture. This blessing was reserved for a son, a son who has shown himself faithful and trustworthy in the eyes of his father. The son who would now step into the role of his father, and take upon his shoulders (shechem) the right to be the redeemer in the family. In order to have the means to redeem, this son would receive a double portion of the inheritance. However, that was not all that was to be passed on in that solemn moment in history. Jacob, holding the positions of a prophet and a king-priest after the order of Melchizedek in God's kingdom on the earth, was now obligated to pass on this highest of all positions to his beloved; the right to govern, with the dual role, or the authority of a king-priest. But is that what happened?

Jacob, as he lay upon the bed of his departure from this life heard the announcement: *"Behold, your son Joseph has come to you"* (Gen. 48:2). There probably was not a more comforting, nor a sweeter word that Jacob could have heard than those spoken by that faithful servant attending him on that final day. With those words, heralding the arrival of his beloved son, he gathered up whatever strength he had left, for he knew he had one last task to perform. But just before doing that, he recalled to Joseph the covenant promise that he had received from God Almighty in Luz (Bet El). *"Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a multitude of people, and give this land to your descendants after you as an everlasting possession"* (Gen. 48:3-4). Jacob was not just telling Joseph this for the purpose of reminiscing. He wanted his son to know that the birthright included the land of Canaan and the covenant of fruitfulness. But please keep in mind that Jacob left out one little part of this covenant reminder, *"and kings shall come out of your loins"* (Gen. 35:11). Everything that was happening in those moments was under the guiding hand of YHWH. Jacob's prophetic anointing was working with keen clarity. It was not because of old age that he forgot this portion of the verse. He knew and understood the statutes and ordinances of God's kingdom government, suggesting that to him the term "kings" was not referring to the kingdoms of men, but to the kings after the order of Melchizedek.

Leaving out that portion of the blessing, he now concentrates on the prophetic destiny and significance of Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Menashe. Because Israel's eyes were so dim from age, he apparently was not aware that they were present with Joseph; although, he did speak to Joseph very directly about them saying: *"And now your two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; as Reuven and Simeon, they shall be mine"* (Gen. 48:5). Notice Joseph did not argue this point with his father, as he knew the old patriarch had the right to adopt his sons.. *"May they be like Reuven and Simeon",* Jacob declared. It was no coincidence that Jacob put Ephraim's name before Menashe's, even though Menashe was the firstborn. Thus in the positioning of the lads, he compared Ephraim to Reuven Leah's firstborn and not Menashe. Joseph was totally unaware of what was happening, as later he questioned the way Jacob placed his hands upon their heads.

Why was Jacob so interested in Ephraim and Menashe? Let us go back to parashat (="parasha of") "Miketz", where their names are given. *"And Joseph called the name of the first-born Manashe: 'for*

God has made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.' And the name of the second he called Ephraim: 'for God has made me fruitful in the land of my affliction'" (Gen. 41:51-52). Hidden in these two names is God's prophetic plan to bless and multiply while in a state of forgetfulness. God intended to bless all the families of the earth through the Abrahamic covenant. Thus YHWH, being faithful to His word, laid the foundations for the fulfillment of this part of the plan of redemption, in (and through) the House of Joseph.

Jacob now gets down to his prophetic 'business', and so does the God of Abraham. *"And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said: 'Who are these?'"* (Gen. 48: 8). Now why would Israel be asking Joseph that question when he had just proclaimed them to be his own, unless he was testing Joseph? Well, if he was, Joseph failed the test by still declaring that those two little ones belonged to him. There is another interesting point in the above scripture. Looking closely we find a very interesting switch. It does not say "Jacob beheld", but "Israel". >From now on, throughout these next couple of chapters, when Jacob blesses, he does so in his God-given name of Israel.

The above question seems to be eternally on the heart of Jacob, as even later the prophet Isaiah says of him (Israel) that he doesn't recognize his own children (see Isa. 63:16). Again in another scripture: *"Therefore thus says YHWH, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: 'Jacob shall not now be ashamed, nor shall his face now grow pale; but when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will hallow My name, and hallow the Holy One of Jacob, and fear the God of Israel. These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, and those who complained will learn doctrine'"* (Isa. 29:22-24).

If we gain an understanding of what is going on here, in the tent of Jacob, so many years ago, we will not err nor complain about God's order or instructions. Maybe we should hear again the voice of our father when he says: *"Assemble yourselves, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days. Gather together and hear (from the root "sh'ma"), you sons of Jacob, and listen (also from the root "sh'ma") to Israel your father"* (Gen. 49:1-2)!!!
Shabbat Shalom,
Ephraim
Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell togetherin unity. (Psa. 133)

Empty Pages

Sandy Warner

Jun 2, 2004

Yes dear one, you are writing history. The pages are blank because it is a new beginning, yet to be discovered. Do you understand what this means? I have granted a second chance, a clean slate. The ramifications of such a time as this are immense. Think it through and plant your daily life well.

Isa 42:9 NKJV
Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them."

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Dark Clouds Bring Blessings

Sandy Warner

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Due to your knowledge of demonic plans, you have humbled yourself before Me and I have heard your voices of repentance. Dear ones, the plans I have for you are always good. Follow what I have planted in your heart and even though you have faced obstacles, My Words will prosper in your life. No matter what the enemy has intended, I have allowed his efforts so that you may overcome and ultimately have his plans placed under your feet. For I have made you the head and not the tail to bring glory to the Lord, your God. I AM turning the dark clouds over your life into blessings, for I AM raining My Presence. I will even defend you from misunderstandings and accusations that you know nothing about. All that you have suffered from the hands of the enemy shall become deep pools of multiplied blessings.

Jer 29:11 NLT
For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me in earnest, you will find me when you seek me. I will be found by you," says the LORD. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and bring you home again to your own land."

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The Door Of Promise Is Open
Sandy Warner

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There are promises I made to you years ago. You have faithfully waited for the timing and now the door of promise is open. Trust Me, when I say it's a new day in every way. I know you do not understand this to the degree that I intend. It would simply matters if you would simply call this door, the door of YES.

Josh 10:14 KJV
And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel.

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Spending Your Day
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How do you spend your day? I have placed a daily allowance in your bank account. I give you daily strength and ability, daily provision and sustenance, and 24 hours. There are many ways to spend your day. Always remember that your daily deeds will be judged, and whatsoever is done from love will be eternally recompensed.

"For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in our bodies." (2 Cor 5:10 NLT)

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Earthquake Vision

Susan Cummings

11-27-04 -Prophetic Experience/Vision
Earthquake Vision:

Just after midnight, I had a very profound and unsettling experience. I will attempt to write it out so that everyone can clearly understand it.

I am lying in bed, and am dreaming. The power of God begins to hit me very strongly and the lightning begins to crack through me. I am jerking strongly and my husband attempts to sleep through this….sorry honey……smile….. this was a very strong and real experience, and I was crying out in the experience, my husband said I moaned through it….. there is truly great changes coming to us.

There was so much happening at once in the experience, but I will break it down into each thing, so that each will be clear, but not all occurred separately, but most was all at one time or so close together that it was hard to tell what occurred first or next.

I enter the vision:

I am standing and underneath my feet, the ground below, begins to sink. It is a sudden violent sinking feeling, like the bottom of the earth is falling or caving in. Everything under your feet sinks while a bright light suddenly flashes all around and a “click” sound in the spirit. This “click” is a dull click sound like a light switch was turned on, and it signaled something, while the flash occurred and exploded in a great light all around us.

Then, this great roar began to slowly grow and increase as the falling ground gave way to a shaking from up and down, to side to side, at the same time. It seemed like the earth is coming apart. The earth violently quakes and breaks up all around. The side to side motion, the up and down, and now forwards and backwards motion.

The land breaks open as it is sinking underneath and quaking in all directions. The middle of the USA breaks open, and splits down the middle, as I stand there, the land masses move. I understand in the vision, that I am not harmed as I watch this, and God’s people will not be harmed either, but multitudes will perish in this sudden, great, explosive quake.

There was no warning. Just the sinking ground, the light, the “click”, and the then explosion into a huge quake. The USA is split apart, and the dividing and the exposing the heartland of the land, the heart of America. The land masses and the topography are altered. There is a great silence afterwards. All is quiet.

I did not know where I was standing in the middle of the US, as this experience happened, nor was I told when it would occur, only that it would, and that the heart was being torn open and exposed, and divided.

There was about a 45 minute time period in this experience.

Some scriptures I looked up afterwards were:

Proverbs 1 + 2
Isaiah 1+ 2
Isaiah 24
Jeremiah 4:22-26
Daniel 12

Note:

This experience is in no way declaring a definite, irreversible event, or releasing it as such, as the Lord has only told me to share it as it occurred and as He showed me. We all need to seek the Lord for our part in this, and for His Wisdom and Will for the days ahead.

I pray that we can avoid this great loss of life and catastrophic event, but I also pray to embrace His Will, and for His Purposes to be established in the earth. May all men seek Him, and draw near while our time of grace is given to us.

-Susan Cummings
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Escape to Freedom

Priscilla Van Sutphin

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When I looked up after the news, wondering what am I to do next, it was 11:11 pm Again the number of end times ministry 11, twice. They have just become signs to me that God wants to say something. What do You want to say Lord? And heard, “ Escape to freedom! “

As I asked this, I went to launch my bible program and I noticed the photo on my screen was that of Mel Gibson carrying a sword, from the movie Braveheart. And immediately I remembered the scene at his execution in the movie for William Wallace, the character he was playing. And I could see him yelling before death, as the “priest” taunted him, ‘ FREEDOM! ‘
He died that others would be FREE. Just as Jesus died, and all other martyrs since Christ.

People look upon death as a bad thing or as defeat. But for the martyr it is truly an escape to FREEDOM. Paul said, “ To live is Christ, to die is GAIN.”
When a pastor died in Columbia at the hands of drug-lords, it initiated REVIVAL in Cali. If you’ve seen Transformations, then you know about it.

Death for us Christians, is really just a beginning of TOTAL freedom and eternal happiness. It is not sad. It is sad for those we leave behind because they will miss us. But for us who are called according to His purposes, we must believe that our time is not up till HE says it’s up. HE ALONE HOLDS THE KEYS TO DEATH AND HELL. WE MUST BELIEVE HE WILL SUSTAIN us till it is our time here is finished, and the work He gave us to do is finished!

So then I asked Him again…what do YOU want to say Father about this?

Do not regard your life as one who has no faith. When you come to me and surrender your life, THEN, you GAIN MY LIFE! Nothing is lost, but only gained from this exchange. You exchange death for life and darkness for light!”
Paul said in Acts 26:17-18 NKJV
17 I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, 18 to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

“I am the LIGHT of the world, and I came to give you LIFE so that you might give life to others. Resurrection life is powerful and creative and the dynamics of prayer and praise, and speaking My Word over people brings new life to your own soul, and the souls of others. There is a divine exchange program as it were, that imbues light into your soul as you worship Me, and darkness is driven out. Revelation is given to further your understanding of WHO I AM, and of WHO YOU ARE in Me.

I love you with an everlasting love. That means I never, never, never STOP loving you. I will always love you, forever, and ever, and ever and ever!
And I have told you that NOTHING can separate you from My love! So can death separate you? NO! Can demons separate you from My love? NO!
Can circumstances or your failures separate you? NO, they cannot! I am your FATHER, and I love you immensely. I love you as My own SON!!!
Did I allow My Son to go through some hard things? YES! Did I save my SON from the sacrifice HE asked to perform on your behalf? NO! I knew his desire for relationship with you was equal to Mine!

He laid down HIS LIFE, that you might receive life. So I ask you My beloveds, are you willing to lay down your lives, and surrender completely to MY WILL, that you may have LIFE and LIGHT and no longer walk in darkness?

John 12:46-50 NKJV I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. 47 And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. 48 He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. 49 For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. 50 And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak."

Matt 6:22-24 NKJV The Lamp of the Body (Luke 11:34-36)
"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

You cannot serve self and what you want and serve ME. I can' t make it more clear than that My beloveds. So ask yourself, do you do the things you do at My command. Are you fulfilling your goals or Mine? Are you trying to make ME FAMOUS? Or are you building your kingdom? A heart that walks in much insecurity is vulnerable to deception. But when you yield your will to MINE, then you will be able to hear correctly what it is that I WANT. And how will you know what I want, unless you are in communion with Me and listen to My still small voice? How will you hear Me, if you are too busy doing what YOU WANT to do? How will you hear Me, if you are too busy with works. I told Martha, that Mary chose the greater thing…to spend time with ME, not that serving is invaluable, but that she was way too concerned about menial things, rather than the things of the Kingdom! Sometimes in your life there are things you MUST do. But sort out what is a must, from what can wait, so you can spend time with me, by asking if it is going to matter eternally if this gets done NOW!

Seek FIRST the Kingdom of God and HIS righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you I said! So if you put that time with me as priority…all else will come easy for you, compared to striving without Me. I am STEADFAST towards you My love, so learn to be steadfast with Me! There is nothing that is too big for Me to handle.

Matt 11:29-30 NKJV Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Exposing your heart to Me is hard, but not as hard as if I expose it to others is it? So come to ME, and confess your struggles and weaknesses, and sins to ME. I will NOT condemn you. I will only HELP YOU to receive the healing and deliverance you need, and the empowering with My love to drive out all darkness! Allow Me to soak you with My perfumes."

John 3:19-21 NKJV And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

John 1:4-5 NKJV In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

John 8:12 NKJV Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 12:35-36 NKJV Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. 36 While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light." These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

Changing Of The Guard
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Even as there will truly be some changing of the guard in Iraq due to tonight's debacle showing the inhumanity of soldiers against prisoners; I will also remove those who have abused My children in My church! I will not continue to tolerate indifference to hurting others, and limiting others and trying to destroy the ministry I am trying to birth in others! I am calling all My children to HUMBLE THEMSELVES in My sight, before I come and humble you Myself!

What it takes for some, will be different from what it takes for others!
But I WILL REMOVE all indifference and complacency from this nation!
I will answer the prayers of My remnant! I WILL in no way allow their prayers to fall to the ground. But how I do what they want may not be their idea of how I do it. So prepare yourselves My people! Prepare yourselves!
I am not unsanctified in MY MERCY! MY JUSTICE will prevail in this nation and those who have defiled it will be removed in the secular arena as well.

Many things happening will serve to exalt MY KINGDOM in the days ahead.
Hold fast to ME My beloveds. For great HUMBLING is coming to the proud in heart! Those who have exalted themselves will not continue to have favor! I will raise up those who have been hidden in MY HEART! I will cleanse them and purify their hearts for all they have had to endure and I will promote the HUMBLE!

Take MY YOKE upon you and learn of ME for I am humble and lowly of heart!
You must cast ALL YOUR CARES ON ME to be truly humble. I am big enough to handle them all! Do not think you are in control! Those in the world will soon enough see that they are not in control when they think they are. They will come to know that I AM and there is no other! Suddenlies are being released, and they will also catapult those who have been hidden in My wilderness to a place of prominence in MY KINGDOM. You will stand before kings and rulers and testify to My LOVE. KEEP YOURSELVES in the shadow of My wings. Hold fast to ME as you see the changes around you!

I am able to defend My own, so do not try to defend yourselves before your accusers. LET ME give you direction. Rely on ME for what to do and what to say. Look to Me for the answers you need. RELY on ME! Do not espouse your own opinions, but look to Me for MY opinion.

James 1:5-10 AMP
5 If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him.
6 Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitating, no doubting). For the one who wavers (hesitates, doubts) is like the billowing surge out at sea that is blown hither and thither and tossed by the wind.
7 For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything [he asks for] from the Lord,
8 [For being as he is] a man of two minds (hesitating, dubious, irresolute), [he is] unstable and unreliable and uncertain about everything [he thinks, feels, decides].
9 Let the brother in humble circumstances glory in his elevation [as a Christian, called to the true riches and to be an heir of God],
10 And the rich [person ought to glory] in being humbled [by being shown his human frailty], because like the flower of the grass he will pass away.

Call to Remembrance Priscilla Van Sutphin

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Mal 3:16 NKJV A Book of Remembrance
Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him
For those who fear the LORD and who meditate on His name.
Mal 3:16 TLB Then those who feared and loved the Lord spoke often of him to each other. And he had a Book of Remembrance drawn up in which he recorded the names of those who feared him and loved to think about him.

Isa 26:8 NKJV Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O LORD, we have waited for You; The desire of our soul is for Your name and for the remembrance of You.

“I want to teach you something about covenant tonight My beloveds! There is an air of discontentment around the earth, for the creation is groaning.
But there is another form of discontentment that is not good for your soul.
When you are dissatisfied with yourself, or dissatisfied with others, or dissatisfied with the way I am doing things, then there is a STRONGHOLD of discontentment. That breeds hopelessness in My people. If you have not had all the roots of self-discontentment uprooted, then there will be a temptation to be discontent with many other things, and people, including ME. I want you to be filled with contentment. Paul said, I have LEARNED to be content in whatever state I am, because He knew what it was to wait, to be without, to suffer, or to be blessed. Either way, he learned to ACCEPT that I am in control. And that whatever happens, there is something to be learned. Now this is not a blanket statement. For there were times when he knew he was to go to Asia for example and he was shown it was the ENEMY who was opposing him. Delays happen in a WAR. Sometimes unexpected things happen, and advances are delayed in a natural war.

The same is true in spiritual war. Daniel waited for answers for three weeks because of war in the heavenlies. So it is NOT always true that delays are a sign of disfavor or alternate plans you are unaware of, but that some things have to be worked out, before it will come through. I want you to understand so that you will ask for discernment and not assume that you are at fault in certain situations.

Discontentment can be a major interference in FAITH that brings forth promise. So you must be alert because the enemy sneaks around seeking to disenfranchise you from all I have called you to! How do you get contentment? From MY PEACE! I said, I will keep in perfect peace the mind that is STAYED on ME! So you must learn as Paul did to STAY your mind on the things above, and not things below…NOT circumstances or the opposition, but on ME and all things that are good, pure, kind, holy, etc.

Phil 4:8-9 NKJV Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

When you have been through something and I have seen you through, then you need to CALL TO REMEMBRANCE that time, when you are feeling the lure of discouragement. Go back and look at all I have done for you. This is what covenant is about. I keep a book of remembrance. And you need to keep a book of remembrance, for the things that I have done for you! Then when the enemy comes to try to tempt you to be discontent, dissatisfied, you can remind him of all the times I came through for you, all I have done for you! And when you then focus on those things, you gain strength. David encouraged himself in the Lord. How did he do that? He looked back at all the times I helped him and ministered to him encouragement! He did that so that he would not lose focus!

When Israel had victories, or something significant happened, they built an altar to remember me by…and often assigned a new name to ME, each time they got a revelation of My CHARACTER. This is another thing you can do, is to recite the written WORD, to encourage yourself with what happened in the past, and how my character NEVER changes. Speak My Word outloud and remind the enemy of My CHARACTER. REMIND HIM OF MY NAME!

Ex 17:14-16 Complete Jewish Bible
(Maftir) 14 Adonai said to Moshe, Write this in a book to be remembered, and tell it to Y'hoshua: I will completely blot out any memory of 'Amalek from under heaven." 15 Moshe built an altar, called it Adonai Nissi [Adonai is my banner/miracle]. 16 and said, " Because their hand was against the throne of Yah, Adonai will fight Amalek generation after generation."

Praise Me, and worship Me in this manner, and I assure you, the enemy will BACK OFF from tormenting you. But discontentment, breeds complaining and whining, and discouragement…leading to hopelessness and distrust, then unbelief. So when you find yourself complaining, ask yourself, " am I discontent with God?". Am I keeping my mind STAYED on Him? REMIND yourself and the enemy of your own victories, purchased by the BLOOD, and I assure you, you will then be able to take all thoughts captive!

I KEEP COVENANT with My people. I AM FAITHFUL AND TRUE. YOU can remind Me of My promises, and I will remember. I have said, I will make remembrance of those who love to talk about Me - those who remember MY CHARACTER! This remembrance ENGENDERS FAITH that endures till the end! Remember this way, that I LOVE YOU ETERNALLY, and NOTHING can separate you from my love, though the enemy is busy trying to make you think you have failed too much or too often to be secure in your election or calling, he is a liar, and the father of lies. So resist him in this manner. And CLING to the knowledge that I LOVE YOU. And speak it out daily how much I love you! Look at My word and speak it! "

Then I was reminded of how a prophet from Colorado once spoke on 1 Cor 13, and because God is love, he would replace the LOVES in that chapter with GOD. [for example: God is patient. God is kind.] In this way affirming the TRUTH of Who He is, and who we are to Him.

Ps 30:4 NKJV Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.
Ps 77:6 NKJV I call to remembrance my song in the night; I meditate within my heart, and my spirit makes diligent search.
Ps 97:12 NKJV Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.

Ps 102:12 NKJV But You, O LORD, shall endure forever, and the remembrance of Your name to all generations.

Ps 112:6-8 NKJV Surely he will never be shaken; The righteous will be in everlasting remembrance. 7 He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. 8 His heart is established; He will not be afraid, until he sees his desire upon his enemies.

Isa 43:26 NKJV Put Me in remembrance; Let us contend together; State your case, that you may be acquitted.
Isa 43:26 NLT Let us review the situation together, and you can present your case if you have one.
Isa 43:26 AMP Put Me in remembrance [remind Me of your merits]; let us plead and argue together. Set forth your case, that you may be justified (proved right).

Luke 1:54-55 NKJV He has helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy, 55 As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever."

Luke 22:19 NKJV And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

John 14:26-27 NKJV But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Firmly Planted
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Ps 80 NKJV Prayer for Israel's Restoration To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." A Testimony of Asaph. A Psalm.
Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth! 2 Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, and come and save us! 3 Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved! 4 O LORD God of hosts, how long will You be angry against the prayer of Your people? 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in great measure. 6 You have made us a strife to our neighbors, and our enemies laugh among themselves.
7 Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved! 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it. 9 You prepared room for it, and caused it to take deep root, and it filled the land. 10 The hills were covered with its shadow, and the mighty cedars with its boughs. 11 She sent out her boughs to the Sea, and her branches to the River. 12 Why have You broken down her hedges, so that all who pass by the way pluck her fruit? 13 The boar out of the woods uproots it, and the wild beast of the field devours it.
14 Return, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from heaven and see, and visit this vine 15 And the vineyard which Your right hand has planted, and the branch that You made strong for Yourself. 16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down; they perish at the rebuke of Your countenance. 17 Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, upon the son of man whom You made strong for Yourself. 18 Then we will not turn back from You; Revive us, and we will call upon Your name. 19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved!

“I have a vineyard and a very large garden. And I am an excellent gardener.
When I plant, I fertilize, I tend and weed. I water. I carefully guard My garden that it might bring forth fruit. This garden I planted has grown full of weeds for some time, but I am now bringing forth fruit in it, that it might truly understand the faithfulness and GRACE I have for those who love Me.
I told you that the weeds and the wheat grow together. It is the angels I send in the end that will sort out what is Mine and what is not. And I still have many that are MINE and marked for the kingdom that are not IN the Kingdom! I am HUNGERING for a bride that is totally yielded to ME and what I WANT!

I AM not so concerned as many are with all the foibles and sins of the church, though it has been a stench in My nostrils, I AM ABLE TO TEND MY GARDEN! I am not weak or asleep, nor indifferent! I am ABLE and WILLING and STEADFAST in enabling My garden to bring forth FRUIT.
And the fruit I bring forth will be SWEET. It will not be rotten on the inside, nor hard on the outside. It will be perfectly brought forth in maturity that it will be palatable to those who are HUNGRY. I am generous to the unloving and patient with the impatient. I am tender with those who have endured much violence, as I know the pain it causes. So YOU must understand that what I do, is MY decision, and has nothing to do with your own unsanctified opinions!

I will use whom I WILL USE! I WILL CHOOSE WHOM I WANT to go forth in this army! I am NOT weak, or insensitive, or uncaring. But I AM JUST! I WILL DO AS I SEE FIT because I see the whole picture. NOTHING is hidden from My eyes. I will have MY WAY in MY CHURCH.
I AM THE HEAD. I AM THE EXALTED KING. I AM YOUR ADONAI!
YOU WILL KNOW the fullness of My love! You will know the preciousness of My peace and forgiveness. You will grow mature in revelation of My GRACE! All things that have seemed impossible are with ME, possible!

You will know the measure of My MIGHT! There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed.

All that has been swept under the rug will be blown away! All that has been carefully sought after will be rewarded! There is nothing I will not do for the children of God who are desirous to be transformed into My image! I am a FAITHFUL FATHER! I will carry out My will regardless of the plans of men. I will DO all that is in MY HEART TO DO. I am forever YOUR FATHER. MY LOVE IS EVERLASTING and unchangeable! I will not pull out my flowers like a bad gardener. I will not supplant saplings with weeds. I am FAITHFUL to protect all that belongs to ME! I am not negligent with My children. Sorrow endures for a night, but JOY comes in the morning! Many have suffered and endured much for the sake of what I AM about to pour out! Angels and hosts of heaven and saints of old have waited for this hour to see the culmination of all time. They are standing in anticipation of what is about to happen. Understand that I have had a timing in mind for all I will do. The seasons change, and as they do, everything changes in the earth. The temperature changes, people have things they do to compensate for that change.

Well the season has changed. Yet many are still hopeless and tired. But YOU WILL SEE the flowers! You will see NEW LIFE BUDDING FORTH. YOU WILL SEE ANSWERS to PRAYERS like never before. So stay in a place of ANTICIPATION My children for I will NOT disappoint you! It is spring in part of the earth and autumn in the other half. In both seasons, raking and cleaning of gardens and grass is done. I will blow the dry dead leaves off the new budding plants. I will rake the old leaves from off the grass that have fallen off trees. I will deal with PESTILENCE in a very powerful way!
It will never have the same effect on you again! And anything dead will be removed. NEW LIFE will abound everywhere. “

Lev 19:23-25 NKJV 'When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as uncircumcised. Three years it shall be as uncircumcised to you. It shall not be eaten. 24 But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, a praise to the LORD. 25 And in the fifth year you may eat its fruit, that it may yield to you its increase: I am the LORD your God.

Jer 17:7-8 NKJV "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,
which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes;
but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought,
Nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Jer 45:2-5 NKJV "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: 3 'You said, "Woe is me now! For the LORD has added grief to my sorrow. I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest."' 4 "Thus you shall say to him, 'Thus says the LORD: "Behold, what I have built I will break down, and what I have planted I will pluck up, that is, this whole land. 5 And do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for behold, I will bring adversity on all flesh," says the LORD. "But I will give your life to you as a prize in all places, wherever you go."'"

Gen 2:15-16 NKJV Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.

Gen 21:32-34 NKJV Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beersheba, and there called on the name of the LORD, the Everlasting God. 34 And Abraham stayed in the land of the Philistines many days.

Ps 1:1-3 NKJV The Way of the Righteous and the End of the Ungodly
Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night. 3 He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. 4 The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Ps 92:13-15 NKJV Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be fresh and flourishing, 15 To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

Eccl 3:2 NKJV A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant,
and a time to pluck what is planted;

Amos 5:11-14 NKJV Therefore, because you tread down the poor and take grain taxes from him, though you have built houses of hewn stone, yet you shall not dwell in them; You have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink wine from them. 12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: afflicting the just and taking bribes; Diverting the poor from justice at the gate. 13 Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time, for it is an evil time. 14 Seek good and not evil, that you may live; So the LORD God of hosts will be with you, as you have spoken.

Matt 15:13-14 NKJV But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14 Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

Luke 17:28-30 NKJV Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Trafficking
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Lam 5:16-18 NKJV The crown has fallen from our head. Woe to us, for we have sinned! 17 Because of this our heart is faint; Because of these things our eyes grow dim; 18 Because of Mount Zion which is desolate, with foxes walking about on it.

I am terminating trafficking in the wrong direction. I will lead you out into a place of integrity and purity. But there must be a ceasing to do the things that get you into sin in the first place. You cannot serve God and mammon My beloveds! I will show you that if you GIVE UP this control of your life, then you will gain your life. But if you hold on to it, then you will lose it!

RENEW YOUR MIND with the washing of the WORD! Renew your thinking to agree with My thinking. I am releasing you from the deceptions of the enemy that you will walk in TRUTH and not compromise.

Some of you are like those who drive, but don’t adhere to the laws for driving. When there is a stop sign, you go through it! Or when the light turns red, you go on through it. You continue on in the same sins, because you will not take every thought captive unto Christ! You continue on without strength, because of laxity in the Word, worship and in time with Me.

Do NOT GIVE UP on yourself because of these inconsistencies and do NOT give in to DEFEATISM. I KNOW the deep recesses of your heart and what keeps you from victory and I WILL OVERCOME IT IN YOU, if you will but come to ME and rely on Me to do it in you! You have not, because you ask not! So ASK and you will receive! Knock, and the door will be opened!

Do not let guilt and condemnation a rule in your life. I came to bring you life and that more abundantly. Ask for ME to help you to take every thought captive and to recognize when you are being deceived! I AM FAITHFUL!

I will unmask the enemy for you! Allow ME to strip him by giving all of your life to Me. Hold nothing back and neither will I!

I am pursuing every little fox in the fields, that all will come into submission to My will in your life! And I WILL bring them into captivity. Because of My love for you, I will do this. I am enraptured with you, and will finish the preparation of My BRIDE.

Song 2:15 NKJV Catch us the foxes, The little foxes that spoil the vines,
For our vines have tender grapes.

Ezek 13:3-5 NKJV
4 O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. 5 You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the LORD.

Entering The Critical Mass Stage

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I had a couple of things in my mind to write to you in this article. But as I asked God what did He want to say I heard, "Entering the critical mass stage".

In my dictionary "critical mass" is defined as: 1. the amount of a given fissionable material necessary to sustain a chain reaction. 2. an amount necessary or sufficient to have a significant effect or to achieve a result.

My next thought was, "Precisely what does fissionable mean?" The word fission means: 1. the act of cleaving apart or splitting into parts. 2. the splitting of the nucleus of an atom into nuclei of lighter atoms, accompanied by the release of energy. 3. the division of a biological organism into new organisms as a process of reproduction.

There is a time of the fissionable material being poured into a mix causing division or separation until a massive chain reaction begins and is accompanied by a release of energy. God's manifest presence is the fissionable material being poured into our world. God is love and the passionate love of God is being poured out upon the people of God causing a great division (fission) which is "cleaving apart and splitting into parts."

Intimate relationship with Father God in His manifest presence of love is cleaving people apart from their own sometimes hidden inner evil thoughts and ways. Pure hearts and truly holy living are developing. People who are not being saturated in the cleansing presence of intimacy with God are being separated from those who are and a chain reaction has begun. Great energy is beginning to be released by the fusion (oneness) of God and man causing a fission (separation) of man from darkness.

Over the course of the life of Jesus the Christ, the love of the Father was poured forth through Him into the world causing fission and volatile reactions. During those years when the love of the Father poured into the world building toward the critical mass stage, Jesus knew that His time was not yet fully come.

John 7:6-8: Then Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. "The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil. "You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet fully come."

There was a "fullness of time" event when the fissionable material of the love of the Father being poured into the world reached "critical mass" stage.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus poured out His heart in the obedience of love while the disciples (church) slept. The Father's love poured into the world caused the "critical mass" stage as Jesus quietly poured out His life blood at His horribly painful crucifixion.

The world was forever changed and eternity forever affected by the "critical mass" that led to the resurrection, ascension, and glorious return of Christ in the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. This critical mass event produced great outpouring of energy from heaven at Pentecost empowering the people of God to overcome all the work of the enemy and destroy darkness.

Acts 2:1-4: When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The world is now entering another critical mass stage. The life of Christ is now coming forth in the corporate Christ. The "many sons" are manifesting upon the earth establishing the true Body of Christ. These are seeking only the kingdom of God and are only satisfied in the manifest presence of God.

The life of Christ within them by the Holy Spirit is producing purity and holiness that will only obey God and only do what they see the Father doing.

The love of the Father pouring through the holy pure life of Christ in His corporate Body is causing the same fission process and volatile reactions as the love that flowed through the life of Jesus the Christ. The love of the Father flowing through the Body of Christ today is pouring out in similar ways as it did in the life of Jesus. Yet, the time has not yet fully come.

However, we have entered the critical mass stage that will fully come when the love poured into the world causes critical mass to be reached and the glorious outpouring of energy will explode into all the earth. The time does not come chronologically but circumstantially. When the time fully comes will be the time when the outpouring of the love of God has fully matured and multiplied the "called out ones".

The experience begins with decision. The experience of soaking in the manifest presence of God and personally intimately being consumed in His love begins with the decision to posture one's self to receive. As multitudes decide to get into position to encounter the manifest presence God and begin to flow His love out to others, the world is moved toward critical mass.

Lots of Love,
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Considering Yourself
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Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Erroneous interpretation and application of Scripture will lead to trespassing the ways of God. I remember hearing a man of God ask this thought stimulating question, "Does a person who is deceived know that he is deceived?" Obviously if a person new he was deceived he would not be deceived.

An enemy of truth is partial truth. A half truth can come from an incomplete revelation of what God has said in Scripture. Only someone with total revelation of Scripture will have the whole truth. Deception occurs when a person or group is tricked into believing that they know what Scriptures says and what it means and that they can order life by it. When the reality is that no one has all revelation of Scripture. No one except God.

Jesus knew the Scripture and used it effectively against the enemy yet he did not attempt to order His earthly life only by Scripture (Mat 4:4-10). He only did what He saw the Father doing. How did Jesus see what the Father was doing? Jesus saw by the Holy Spirit what the Father was doing. He was led of the Spirit and empowered by the Spirit(Mat 4:1). As Jesus heard and obeyed He became truth. The love relationship between Jesus and Father through the Holy Spirit created intimacy, open communication and obedience.

John 5:19 -20: Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.

Intellectually knowing can never bring forth the whole truth. We can only know and live truth as we follow the one who has all truth and is truth. Truth is full and complete obedience to following God.

Many people including well meaning but deceived leaders have been overtaken in trespasses. They are among those who know in part what the Scripture says and means but are not following God by the Holy Spirit. They are attempting to order life by their partial revelation of Scripture. They are not seeing by the Holy Spirit what God is doing and following Jesus in obedience to what the Father is doing. They become a mixture of half truth and darkness.

There are sons of God today who become saturated in the Holy Spirit and come into an intimate love relationship with Father. As they continue in His manifest presence they can see what the Father is doing and in obedience of love they do what they see the Father doing.

This creates a distinct difference and in many cases a physical separation as the Father leads them to come out from among the exposed darkness of half truth.

2 Cor 6:16-7:1: And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."

"I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty." Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

In this season of great paradigm shift, God's desire is for all of His people to move from the mixtures created by seeking to order life by the Word without following by the Spirit what Father is doing. Some have moved into intimacy with God, some are in transition and just beginning to move, and others are not moving at all but are locked in the deception of partial truth.

Gal 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

The spiritual ones are warned to "consider yourself" as you seek to restore in gentleness the one overtaken in this trespass. The temptation is to become gossipy and even bitter or angry because of the injustices of the trespasser. The enemy seeks to cause hard feelings in the one who is spiritual against the one who is deceived into trespasses that wound and harm others. These hard feelings can cause the one who is spiritual to loose that place of intimacy with the Father. Consider yourselves.

God's love is great enough to not only forgive but to pray for those who persecute you and spitefully use you. There is a reward now in this life for loving those who harm us. There is a loss to those who respond with resentment to what has been done to them and others.

Mat 5:44-46: "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, "that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. "For if you love those who love you, what reward have you?

Love does not mean that you snuggle up and hug everyone. It may mean in some cases that you care and pray from a distance. You will receive of the collective rewards or of the judgments of those with whom you are joined.

Embracing the Fight of Faith

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In spite of worldwide conflicts, the Holy Spirit is guiding the church into its greatest season of transformation. We must not look at the pressures of our times as though they were obstacles set to restrict us. For in the hands of the Almighty, these are the very tools He is using to perfect us.

One of the problems of interpreting end time events is the tendency to focus only upon one set of conditions. If we only look at the fact that Satan will be raging or that there will be lawlessness, wars, earthquakes and famines, we might conclude that difficulties and darkness is all that we have awaiting us until the rapture.

Yet, the same Spirit that predicted the perilous conditions at the end of the age, also forecasts that, in spite of difficulties and battle, the gospel of the kingdom of heaven will be proclaimed worldwide to all nations (Matt 24:14). The Lord also said that the "crop" of last days Christians will reach full stature (Mk 4:29), and those who know their God will be strong, do exploits, shine like the stars and lead multitudes to righteousness (Dan 11:32; 12:3).

Our focus must remain riveted upon becoming like Christ in all things. One might argue, "But the world around me is full of sin and wickedness - and it is getting worse!" Yes, but the Bible tells us that where sin abounds, the grace of God abounds more so (Rom. 5:20). We might be overwhelmed by the flood of evil storming against our societies. Yet, the promise of God is that, when the enemy comes in like a flood, God shall raise a standard against him (Isa 59:19).

Is your focus upon the enemy's flood or are you aware of the standard God is raising up to counter the flood?

Do not forget, beloved, that even when darkness covers the earth and deep darkness the people, the promise of God is that His glory shall rise upon us and His presence shall be visibly seen through us! In spite of the appearance that darkness is never ending, the Lord promises that, at the end of the war between light and darkness, "nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising" (Isa 60:1-3).

Indeed, nestled and unfolding in the midst of the panorama of end time events, God's word reveals that there will also be an ongoing "period of restoration" (see Acts 3:20-21). This does not mean that the world will be subdued by the church (as some erroneously teach), but that the true church will be fully subdued and transformed by Christ! This final display of grace will be consummated in a Christlike church, whose spiritual maturity shall manifest the person and passions of Jesus Christ Himself on earth.

I have written you by way of reminder that, though the battle seems to rage, God's word shall not return to Him void. Our fight is the fight of faith: *do we believe what God has promised?* Our war is against principalities and powers: *do we believe the report that Christ shall "sprinkle (that is, cleanse, and bring forgiveness and transformation to) many nations" (Isa 52:12-53:2)?*

I, for one, believe the promises of God. God's word is not just a comfort to me in times of trouble, but a sword that I speak in times of spiritual war. I proclaim the reality of God's promises over my family, my church, my city and nation! Consider His proclamation:

"So shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it"(see Isa 55:9-11).

Consider also His commitment:

". . . I am watching over My word to perform it" (Jer. 1:12).

And His accessibility,

"Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' (that is, to bring Christ down), or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead)." But what does it say? "The Word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" -that is, the word of faith which we are preaching" (Rom. 10:6-8).

You see, we are not mere mortals stumbling blindly on earth, separated from God and isolated from His response to our needs. No! We are new creatures, born again from above, that have resident within us the Holy Spirit of Almighty God. And, He has given us His word, put it in our hearts and mouths and then He promises, "Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed" (Rom. 10:11). The Lord does not want us worrying about the future, but to *create it* through the knowledge of His will, through the proclamation of His word, and our yieldedness to the power of the Holy Spirit.

God calls us to a "war mode" in our thinking, where we take up the "sword of the Spirit," which is the living "word of God" (Eph. 6:17). Yes, we labor and intercede, we repent for our sins and the sins of our nations, but the weight of our victory rests not upon how much we labor and groan, but upon how truly we believe what God has promised! Beloved, the sword God has given is nothing less than the echo of His voice in us!

So, do not just whine about negative conditions in the world or sigh prayers muttered in fear and unbelief - embrace the fight of faith! Pick up your Bible and speak audibly the promises of God's word. Pick any verse that I quoted above and speak it out loud, with faith and authority. I guarantee that, if you proclaim God's word with faith, it will release power in and through your spirit.

The greatest weapons in the universe are the promises God has inspired in His book. He assures us, "All things are possible to him who believes" (Mk 9:23). Our call is not just to pray, but to take up the sword of the Spirit and embrace the fight of faith!

The Silent Harvest
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Recently, I had a dream in which I found myself inside the mind of a dying man. The man had been in a coma or drug induced unconsciousness for some time; his family had been praying, but they did not know whether or not he had accepted Christ's sacrifice. All they were sure of is that, throughout his life, he had resisted their efforts to lead him to Christ.

In the dream, I became so acutely aware of the man's state of mind that his thoughts, feelings and struggles almost seemed my own. Although his eyes were nearly closed and his vision clouded, through a break in this visual fog he saw his loved ones at his beside. I watched as he tried to reach toward his family, but outwardly his arm never lifted. Inwardly, I heard him speak their names, but no sound whispered through his lips. A loved one held his hand and asked, "If you hear me, squeeze." He heard and pressed his fingers tight against hers, but to the eyes of all his hand clearly remained limp. He was conscious, but perfectly incapable of responding. He could hear their prayers; he felt the wet warmth of their kisses on his face.

The pride and isolation that had, throughout his life, stood as guards over his heart were gone. A physical catastrophe had overtaken him. Death approached and he knew he was unprepared for eternity. Submerged beneath his placid exterior, a war had raged for his soul and God had won. Subdued by the relentlessness of God's love, he was finally at peace. During his time in the hospital he had silently prayed and accepted Christ as his Savior. I was watching his last effort to tell them as life ebbed out of his body.

Suddenly, the alarms of hospital monitors filled the air and I now found myself in the room looking down at the lifeless body of a man who had just died. The room was buzzing with nurses, while his family huddled in a corner, grieving. The idea of their loved one dying without receiving Christ was more devastating than the reality of death itself. In my sleep, I stirred and, as I woke, I heard the Lord speak to my heart, "Tell them he is with Me."

God is Good

A couple days have passed since I had this dream. During this time, as I pray, I am increasingly aware that there are many of God's people who have been carrying a deep and troubling heartache about the passing of an unsaved loved one. Obviously, this dream does not apply to all, but there are some for whom this experience is divinely directed. I submit it to you in a general sense, because the Holy Spirit has assured me He will bear witness to your heart.

I have also felt an urgency to pass this dream to you. I am convinced that the Lord has an important work for you, yet the enemy has used the questions about this event to sow doubt into your soul, not only about your deceased loved one, but doubts also about God Himself and the power and gift of prayer. As a result, your confidence in looking to God has diminished, and this is at a time when it is vital for you to stand for other members of your family.

Finally, even with all the questions and mysteries of life, we must not let the unknown obscure the face of the known. God is good. I only know the nature of God by looking at one reality: the life of Christ. I know God loves me because He sent His Son to die for my sins. Indeed, Jesus said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:8). When we look at Christ, we see God.

Some of us have lost loved ones in sudden tragedies, where they had apparently no time to repent and turn to God. Yet, let me remind you that many people who have had near death experiences, tell of seeing their "whole life flash before [their] eyes." Others who were in accidents tell of "time slowing down" and the movement of life almost stopping. I believe that, even in what seems like a "sudden" death, time itself accordioned out: it stretched and slowed until that person entered a different realm of time. There, they saw the highlights and shortcomings of their lives and again had an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ.

Beloved, in spite of what we do not know about the mysteries of life, this one thing remains eternally true: God is good. He does not desire that any man perish and He will fight to save us to the moment of death. Indeed, He promises His light would find and even shine upon those "in darkness and the shadow of death" (Lk 1:79). Let us, therefore, cast our burdens upon the Lord, for He truly cares for us. And let us again run with endurance the race set before us, for He who has promised is faithful.

Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for my sins. Lord, there are many issues I do not know, but I do know that You are good. Those things I do not understand, I give to You, trusting You with myself and those I love.

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Enter The Kingdom
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"Someone asked, 'Lord, will only a few be saved?' Jesus answered, 'Make every effort to enter through the narrow gate, because I tell you this: many will try to enter but will not be able to... For narrow is the gate, and narrow is the path which leads to Life, and few will find it (Luke 13:23,24; Matthew 7:14).'"

We live in a day of easy-believism. According to the way today's church operates, it is very easy to be saved. All we have to do is make a confession, or repeat a prayer, or make a decision, or respond to an altar call. What is more, every day we hear reports of hundreds or thousands of people being "saved" in crusades and evangelistic meetings around the world. We are being told to prepare for a great last days harvest of souls which will proceed the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since it is easy to become a Christian, it is even easier to remain one. So long as we do not recant our original confession, we believe, all is well. Once we have "prayed the prayer" we are Christians. Particularly if we attend church services, read the Bible, witness, give, and obey the Ten Commandments. But, we are told, those things have nothing to do with salvation - having entered in, we are safe and secure. According to the way we have been taught it is the easiest thing in the world to become a Christian, and once your name is on the roll it is difficult, if not impossible, to have your name erased.

We are not debating if you can have your salvation and lose it - we are questioning whether these "easy believers" ever found real salvation at all. It is a foundational issue of eternal significance. In stark contrast to the conditions which exist in our day, Jesus frankly tells us that few will be saved, and few will find Life. When we read what Jesus Himself has to say we have to come to the conclusion that some within Organized Religion are guilty of trying to make the narrow gate and the narrow path into the wide gate and the wide path. We have become excellent salespeople and know how to use our powers of persuasion. We have become good at arguing our viewpoints. We are skilled at manipulating the emotions of other people. Those who know how can lead many people to the Lord - at least, according to the outward appearance.

It behooves us to go back to what the Lord Himself says, and we believe we have found at least seven occurrences in the Scriptures (beyond the two cited above) which seem to indicate that the way to Life is anything but easy. By the time we are concluded with our examination we will understand why Jesus says few are able to enter into the Kingdom. In the first place, the Kingdom is more profound than we have been taught. In the second place, the Way which leads us into the Kingdom is more narrow than we have been taught. By the grace of God let us ask the Lord enlighten us so that we will not go on deceiving or being deceived.

1. Unless you are born-again, you cannot enter.

"I tell you the truth, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God... unless a man is born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God (John 3:3,5)."

All of us are familiar with these verses, but we are not so familiar with what they actually mean. To state it simply, being born-again is not the goal, but the first step towards the goal: the goal is the Kingdom of God. We could state it like this: the narrow gate is not the goal, but it is the first thing we must pass through in order to enter the narrow path. Our goal, and God's goal, is not the gate, or we would not need a path. Though we begin our journey by entering the gate, the goal is at the end of the path, not at the beginning of the path. So what is the goal?

"It is God's will for all men to be saved [narrow gate] and to come to the full-knowledge of Truth [narrow path] (I Timothy 2:4)." Here we see one will of God with two expressions - a gate and a path. We enter the gate in a moment, but we walk the path over time. We are saved in a moment, but we come to the full-knowledge (epignosis) of Christ over time. So John 3:3 is not telling us about our ending, but our beginning. Birth is the beginning of Life, not the goal of Life. The goal in view here is not being born-again, but entering the Kingdom. Jesus does not just say, "You must be born again." If He did then we might be correct in saying that is all there is to it. But Jesus says, "Unless you are born again, you cannot see or enter into the Kingdom of God." It is clear that the Kingdom is what we are trying to gain entrance into, and while being born again is the gate, the ultimate destination of the Kingdom of God is at the end of the path.

So what is the Kingdom of God? Stated simply, it is where Christ has the preeminence as All in All. It is where we finally behold Him in all His fullness. To begin with this preeminence is found inwardly in the individual disciple, where it is then seen a little more visibly in the Church, from which it is eventually manifested outwardly in all of creation. This is why we lay such stress on disciples, for as the disciples go, so goes the Church. Jesus did not establish His Church until He had selected His disciples.

What is commonly preached as the "Full Gospel" might be more properly termed the "Fifty Percent Gospel." We lay such stress on the gate, on the initial coming to the Lord; but the other half of the equation, the Kingdom and the ultimate intention of God, is hardly alluded to. What is worse, we invite sinners to Christ on the basis of their own self-serving needs (e.g., come to Christ and He will take away all your burdens, etc.). As a result, most of these people will sit just inside the gate, claiming salvation, but never enter the Kingdom, never come to the full-knowledge of Truth, and never demonstrate the preeminence of Christ over sin, self, and satan.

2. The proper confession is not enough.

"Not everyone who says to Me 'Lord, Lord' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but the one who does the Will of my Father in heaven (Matthew 7:21)."

We began by saying that not only is the Way more narrow than we have been taught, but the Kingdom is more profound than we have been taught. For some, the Kingdom of God (alternatively known as the Kingdom of Heaven*) is a place where Christians go when they die. In the meantime we are supposed to hold on to our faith the best we can, and if we persevere, then we will enter the Kingdom of Heaven when we leave this earth. This is an error. While to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord, and while there is a place called "heaven", the Kingdom of God is not up in heaven, nor is it someplace in our future. The Kingdom of God is "at hand", "has arrived", "is among you", "is within you."

So we will state it again: the Kingdom of God is where Christ has the preeminence as All in All, beginning with the individual disciple, then the Church, and ultimately, all of creation. "Thy Kingdom come... on earth as it is in heaven." Obviously, the Kingdom would include heaven, but it is not heaven. Jesus tells us not to look for an outward Kingdom, or a political Kingdom, or an earthly Kingdom. "My Kingdom is not of this world... the Kingdom of God is within you." Jesus lifted up His eyes to heaven when he prayed in John 17, yet He says the Kingdom is within you already. We may look up for heaven, but we look within for the Kingdom. When a Christian dies he or she does not travel to a heaven within themselves, nor do they go to live within a heaven which indwells other believers. So entering the Kingdom of God is more encompassing than going to heaven when we die.

Not everyone who says, "Lord, Lord" will enter into this Kingdom. Are we saying confession is unimportant or unnecessary? God forbid! "As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will confess to God (Romans 14:11)." Yet, even if "every tongue will confess" sooner or later, it still remains that not everyone who says, "Lord, Lord" will enter the Kingdom. It is most difficult to find a religious person who does not claim to be following Christ and does not say, "Lord, Lord". Even so, they will not enter in based solely on saying, "Lord, Lord". The text goes on to say that there are even those who can perform signs and wonders in the Name of Jesus, but the Lord does not even know who they are! Obviously this is a serious problem.

We cannot make the narrow Way more narrow than it is already, but we can certainly mislead people into believing it is wider than it really is. We dare not make it too difficult; but we should tremble at making it too easy. That is why this word must be spoken. Remember, we are not making any claims in our own name, nor are we suggesting some hidden secret we possess that others do not, nor are we establishing a system whereby we can judge the eternal destination of others. We are merely calling attention to Jesus' own words. He says few will be saved; many will try to enter but will be unable; few will enter the gate and walk the path in order to find Life. Many are called, but few are chosen.

3. Unless you become a child, you cannot enter.

"The disciples came to Jesus and wanted to know, 'Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?' So Jesus called a little child and had him stand in the midst of them. And then He said, 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like this little child, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. So the greatest one in the Kingdom of Heaven is the one who humbles himself like this child (Matthew 18:1-4).'"

The disciples wanted to know who would be the greatest in the Kingdom. What they were really asking was, "Which one of us is the greatest?" In their question we see that they are heading in the wrong direction already. They see themselves as leaders, as kings, as lords, as heads inside this Kingdom. But Jesus seems to say, "Why do you assume that you have even entered the Kingdom? Unless you change from what you are into what this child is, you cannot even enter, so how can you claim to be the greatest?" Pride is a great stumblingblock. Proud people cannot enter the Kingdom of God. They cannot give up their own preeminence for His.

Jesus did not have to call a child over to make His point. He could have just said, "Humble yourself as a child." But He did not. So there is a significance to calling the child over and having him stand in the midst of them. Only after this was done did Jesus say, "Become like this child, or you cannot enter the Kingdom." So what is the significance? Jesus called the child, and the child responded to Jesus. There is no questioning from the child, such as, "What do You want?" or "Who are you?" Jesus had him stand in the midst of them, and again, the child complies. We do not hear him say, "Why?" or "What are you going to do now?" or "I don't have time to stand here, I want to go play."

The Lord would have given two simple instructions to the child, "Come over here" and "Stand right here". There is much we can say about being with the Lord and standing still, but we will not dissect that now. Our point is simply this: the child did what he was told. Silent, meek, surrendered, obedient. It is very simple, Jesus says. The greatest people in the Kingdom are the ones who do what I tell them to do, nothing doubting. It is only when we get older that we begin to question everything. To enter this Kingdom we must know there is only room for one Head, for one Preeminence, for one King, for one Lord. We are disciples, not masters. We may struggle and question His dealings with us, but if we progress in the Way then one day we will learn the best course is to bow our heads and say, "Yes, Lord."

We are waiting for Jesus to give us grand instructions and commandments: "Go around the world and proclaim the Gospel full-time" or "Rise up and fulfill the ministry of an apostle" or "I have appointed you to be a prophet to the nations." But if we cannot hear and obey in the small things, how can we expect Him to lead us into greater things?

4. Unless you are perfectly righteous outwardly, and inwardly, you cannot enter.

"I tell you the truth, unless your righteousness is greater than the Pharisees and teachers of religious law, under no circumstances will you enter the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 5:20)."

We know from the Scriptures and from historical writings that the Pharisees were the strictest sect of Judaism. These people were zealously religious, even to the point of giving God a tenth of all their herbs. It was the Pharisee who stood and prayed with himself, "I thank you God that I am not like the others... for I fast twice in the week and give a tenth of all my possessions." It was the Pharisees who had Jesus arrested and turned Him over to Pilate to be crucified - all the while thinking they were doing the right thing. Before meeting the Lord Jesus, Saul carried out their tradition as a member of this elite group and led a fanatical persecution against Christians thinking he was doing his duty to God. Looking back on his religious experiences, Paul said he was "blameless" insofar as the Law was concerned.

According to man's own standard, there is none more holy or righteous than a Pharisee. So when Jesus says a disciple of His must have a righteousness which surpasses the Pharisees, it is, for all intents and purposes, an impossible, idealistic goal. It would be like expecting everyone to have an athletic ability which surpasses Michael Jordan. We cannot even bring ourselves to the outward standard that the Pharisees represent, much less the perfection of an inward standard which Jesus says will characterize His followers.

It is amazing to see how many people, even today, try to please God in their own strength with outward works. They wear themselves out with church attendance, ministry, and giving. Unconsciously or not, they believe God will bless them because of their works. Consider a couple who told me they did not agree with what the church was doing with their money, but they continued to tithe anyway because they did not want to lose God's "blessing" on their finances. This is the logic of Pharisees blinded by their own self-righteousness. Such unwavering support of religious things would appear to be applauded by God, but Jesus says it counts for nothing insofar as the Kingdom is concerned.

Jesus leads us down an impossible path, and demands of us a righteousness that not only looks good outwardly, but looks good inwardly. Are you beginning to understand why few are able to follow this Way? The word translated "narrow" means "difficult to pass through because of many obstacles standing about". More and more I am finding that it is Jesus who puts these obstacles in front of us. And this is one of the biggest hurdles - how to have a righteousness that exceeds a Pharisee but does not turn me into a Pharisee. What a dilemma!

5. Apart from much tribulation, you cannot enter.

"[Paul and Barnabas] strengthened the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, "We must enter the Kingdom of God through much tribulation (Acts 14:22)."

This does not sound like something which would strengthen and encourage young disciples. If Paul and Barnabas brought this message to some churches they would not be invited back. Our idea of overcoming is to avoid tribulation, not pass through it. We certainly do not connect entering the Kingdom with going through tribulation. We think having the victory means eliminating all tribulation. Nothing could be further from the truth.

In order to enter the Kingdom there must be an increase of Christ and a decrease of Self. This is an ongoing process, and by it we judge how far along the Path we have progressed. But how is Self decreased? We cannot do it by saying over and over, "I have to die. I have to decrease. I have to take up my cross." The more we try to decrease the more we are increased. Any attention we give to ourselves, even in an attempt to decrease ourselves, only serves to make us larger. So what is the answer? The answer is in our circumstances and trials. They are sufficient to decrease us. We need not do anything but wait for them to come, and see them as our opportunity to have Self decreased and Christ increased.

There are some who want the full-knowledge of Christ and want to advance along the narrow path. But they resist the dealings of God which are meant to push them farther along and deeper into Christ. On the one hand they want more of God, but on the other hand they do not want to experience what they must experience in order to see Him. Hence, they unnecessarily delay the work of the Cross. They find fault with their circumstances, murmur, complain, and resist every contrary thing. After ten, twenty, or thirty years of being dealt with they are still as stubborn and headstrong as ever.

Some have no depth in God because they have no depth of circumstances. Their life has been relatively easy. Even what we think are huge trials, Paul calls "light afflictions". Here is a man who has some depth of circumstances. The biographies of these men reveal they have had hard lives, both before and after knowing the Lord. If we desire ease and comfort then we will not have much depth. The Lord Jesus is "a Man of sorrows, and familiar with grief." It is better to agree with the Word of God, and realize that we cannot enter the Kingdom except through much tribulation. If we want to reign with Him, we must suffer with Him.

6. Unbelief and disobedience is enough to disqualify you.

"So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief... some will enter that rest, but they to whom it was first preached did not enter in because of their disobedience (Hebrews 3:19; 4:6)."

The people referred to here are the Hebrews, most of whom died in the wilderness between Egypt, (representing the bondage of sin) and the Promised Land (representing the Kingdom of God). In First Corinthians 10:1-11, Paul says that they were ALL delivered, they ALL passed through the sea, they ALL ate the manna and ate the meat and drank the water from the Rock, Who is Christ. In spite of this they were not pleasing to God and they were destroyed in the wilderness. Twice we are told these things happened as an example to us. Why were they destroyed? Because of disobedience. They never lived out of all God had for them. They missed the fullness.

Upon hearing this message many become concerned about their relationship with God, and rightfully so. They have been taught that because God brought them out of Egypt, fed them manna, and gave them water that now they are set for life and can do as they please. Again, we are not questioning anyone's inward condition before God. There is no need to. Our own heart will either convince us or convict us. If we are in the Path we know it; and if we are not, inwardly we know that as well.

What we are endeavoring before God is to show His people that the issue of Life dwelling in us today is not based upon a confession that was made years, months, weeks, or days ago. It is not based on mighty works done in the Name of Jesus. It is not based on spiritual gifts or experiences. It certainly is not based on church membership or attendance. Life today is immediately and directly related to whether or not we are abiding in Christ! This abiding is a continual thing, and this continual abiding WILL (not might) result in fruitfulness. Without the fruit, we cannot claim to be abiding in Him at all.

The Hebrews' immediate concern was to get out of Egypt, but God's concern was getting them to enter the Promised Land. It was relatively simple to get them out of Egypt, but only two men out of several million of that first generation reached God's goal and crossed the Jordan. I think the problem is this: we have "going to heaven when we die" as the ultimate goal, and Christ has "entering the Kingdom of God" as the ultimate goal. Do we want to "just" go to heaven when we die, or do we want the preeminence of Christ expressed in "Your Kingdom come, Your Will be done, on earth [now] AS IT IS in heaven"? If we continue to preach an easy Gospel and bring sinners to an easy Jesus by having them pray an easy prayer then we are guilty of propagating another gospel, a false gospel, a Gate without a Path. Thank God for the Gate, but there is a Path, and neither of them are wide, and neither one of them are easy. But do we preach this?

7. The wealthy will find it virtually impossible to enter.

"Jesus looked around at His disciples, and said, 'How hard it is for those with riches to enter the Kingdom of God!' And the disciples were astonished at this saying. But Jesus repeated, 'Children, how difficult it is for those trusting in wealth to enter the Kingdom of God! I tell you the truth, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God (Mark 10:23-25).'"

We have saved the best for last. It seems this rich young ruler came to Jesus as a model "seeker", having obeyed all the commandments from his childhood. If ever there was someone ready to walk the aisle, sign a decision card, or pray the Sinner's Prayer it was this man. He actually ran up to Jesus! Surely there is a future apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, or teacher in this one! At the very least he can use his wealth to help support Jesus Christ World Outreach Ministries, Inc. No soul winner or fisher of men worth his salt would let this catch get away.

But instead of doing what we would do, Jesus pinpoints the very thing that is going to keep him from entering the Kingdom, and throws it up in front of Him as an obstacle to entering. As soon as the rich young ruler knows the cost, he turns away, grieving, and we never see or hear from him again. It is interesting that Jesus, even though He loved him, just watched him go. Does this sound like an easy Jesus? Does this sound like a soul winner? What kind of fisher of men is this? What a contrast to the way we solicit converts every Sunday, with repeated altar calls and singing that hymn "just one more time" to give everyone an opportunity to come forward. Eventually, under such pressure, someone always does. But have they really counted the cost, or did we just make it sound too cheap? A cheap Gospel results in cheap disciples with no depth of root.

The Jews had been taught that material prosperity was a proof-positive sign of God's blessing (not too unlike some of the teaching we hear today). That is why Scripture records the shock and amazement of the disciples when Jesus announces that rich people will have a hard time entering the Kingdom. According to the way He words it we have to assume that it is well nigh impossible, more difficult than getting a camel to go through the eye of a needle. I have known some rich people, and I can affirm what Jesus says. It is most difficult for Him to have the preeminence over someone with great wealth. Even people of modest means can still be bound by riches, pursuing wealth or blessings, hoping to make it big one day. The pursuit of wealth is as dangerous as the accumulation of wealth.

The point is not that every disciple must be penniless. The point is that in this Kingdom, Christ alone has the preeminence, and you cannot serve two masters. Why are riches such a stumblingblock? It all relates to Self. For the rich man, Self is mostly represented in his riches. For the wise man, Self is mostly represented in his wisdom. For the good man, Self is mostly represented in his goodness. For the strong man, Self is mostly represented in his strength. YOU are your biggest obstacle to entering in. Why? Because there is no room in the Kingdom of God for Christ and Self. To leave the Kingdom of Self and enter the Kingdom of God is indeed a Narrow Path that few ever find.

WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED?

"His disciples were astonished beyond measure, saying among themselves, 'Who then can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'With men, it is impossible! But not with God; for with God all things are possible (Mark 10:26,27).'"

If you have endured everything said up to this point perhaps you are angry, confused, burdened, or amazed, just like the first disciples of Jesus, that entering the Kingdom is not as easy as you had at first thought. The Scriptures tell us that the Lord Jesus is "full of grace and truth." With Truth comes Grace, and we will now conclude with how God accomplishes this impossible work by Grace.

Let us review all that is required of us in order to enter the Kingdom. We must be born again. In addition to saying, "Lord, Lord" we must actually do the Father's will. We have to humble ourselves like children. We should be more righteous than a Pharisee without becoming a hypocrite. We must endure tribulation joyfully. We ought never disobey or show lack of faith. We have to give up every vestige of Self, whatever we love the most, whether it be money, pride, natural wisdom, friends, family, position or status. On top of all this we are told that many will try to enter in but will not be able to. So the odds are against us already. Then Jesus says, "It is impossible with man." That eliminates self-effort altogether.

Some will say, "Oh yes, I can do all these things." Very well. My advice to those who think they can do it is: keep trying! Perhaps one day you will come to the end of yourself. But the rest of us already know better. The disciples, absolutely dumbfounded by this time, were beginning to question this among themselves: "Who in the world can be saved?" And Jesus frankly said, "It is impossible with man." Please note we are using "saved" in its ultimate intention of being established in the Kingdom of God, not merely going to heaven when we die, for that is the context in which it is used in this passage. Jesus says you cannot do it, I cannot do it, no human being can do this.

Where does God's grace begin? It begins with man's impossibility. It begins with "I cannot". It does NOT begin with "All these things have I done from my youth until now." As long as it is possible with man, there is no need for grace. We may be able to fulfill six out of seven things, or ninety-nine out of one hundred things, but when we meet Jesus on the grounds of self-effort there is always "one thing thou lackest." And this "one thing" is going to stop us dead in our tracks every single time, no matter how perfect we otherwise are. The Lord is waiting for us to know and to confess, "I cannot". For He can do what we cannot do; and He will do what we will not do! And once we allow Him, He brings us to where He wants us to be in a most remarkable manner.

"I am the Door [Gate]... by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved (John 10:9a)."

"'So how can we know the way?' Jesus answered, 'I am the Way [Path]'... (John 14:5,6ff)."

What is impossible with man is possible with God. Jesus is the Narrow Gate whereby we enter in and are saved. This much is obvious. So what is the Path? Is it being a good disciple? Is it fasting and prayer? Is it living a more holy life? Is it attending church or doing great works for God? Not at all. For Jesus tells us, "I am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life." The Narrow Gate is Christ, and the Narrow Path is Christ. This explains why the Gate and the Path are so narrow. There is no room for you at all.

There is no room for self-effort. There is only room for Christ.

To enter the Kingdom is to lay down my life and live the Life of Another. The very thing which frustrates me is the answer to my problem: since I cannot do it, I have to depend upon the Life of Another to do what I cannot do. Hallelujah! I cannot enter again into my mother's womb and be born again, because I am too old; I cannot be faithful to do God's will at all times, because I am rebellious; I cannot humble myself and be like a child, because I am too proud; I cannot have a righteousness that is outwardly perfect and inwardly pure, because I am a hypocrite; I cannot endure tribulation with joy, because I love myself too much; I cannot find my way out of Egypt and into Canaan, because I am disobedient; I cannot just give away from everything I have worked for all my life, because I am selfish. I cannot, and you cannot, and no one can. This Gate and this Path is too narrow, too demanding. It is impossible.

Only one Man has perfectly fulfilled all these requirements - the Lord Jesus Christ - and this Man lives in me now. I thank God that what is impossible with me is easy achievable with Him! "As you have received the Lord Jesus Christ [Gate], so walk in Him [Path] (Colossians 2:6)." We come to the Lord admitting that we cannot save ourselves, and He does the saving. That is the Gate. Now we come to the Lord every day, admitting that we cannot enter the Kingdom, and He does what it takes to conform us into His image. That is the Path. Hence, I have no secret for the Christian Life, but Christ. I have no key, but Christ. I have no method, but Christ. I have no formula, but Christ. I have no technique, but Christ. I have no life, but Christ for it is no longer I that lives, it is Christ that lives in me (Galatians 2:20a). In Him, through Him, because of Him, by Him we may enter the Kingdom.

Lord Jesus Christ, I thank You that You are my Way, my Truth, and my Life! I praise You that I cannot save myself. I praise You that I cannot enter the Kingdom. As I trusted in You to bring me out of Egypt, so I trust in You to bring me into the Promised Land. As I have received You, so I will walk in You. You are my Narrow Gate, and You are my Narrow Path. As I am decreased, You are increased, and my life is exchanged for Your Life. I thank you, Lord, that through You we may enter the Kingdom. Amen.

*A comparison of the terms "Kingdom of Heaven" and "Kingdom of God" shows that what Matthew calls "Kingdom of Heaven" the other Gospel writers call "Kingdom of God". Since the same parables used to describe Matthew's "Kingdom of Heaven" are also used to describe Mark and Luke's "Kingdom of God", there is no Scriptural basis for teaching these are two separate ideas. For the most obvious example, compare Matthew 13 with Mark 4 and Luke 8. www.watchman.net

The Perfecting Of The Saints
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"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13).

For what purpose did God give apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers? Verse 12 tells us they are for "the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ". This, of course, does not mean that the saints are supposed to be perfect in the sense that they never make a mistake or can do no wrong. "Perfection" here means "maturity", and it would be good to simply remember that whenever we see the word "perfect" used in this context we should think "spiritually mature".

The perfecting of the saints means the maturing of the saints, the process of bringing the saints out of spiritual immaturity and into spiritual adulthood. This is the purpose for the ministry gifts. We are not born fully-grown; we must "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18a). In Biblical language, to be "perfect" is to be fully developed. For instance, "My strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Corinthians 12:9ff). What does this mean? "My strength is matured through your weakness, and is fully developed in the one who comes to the end of his natural strength."

After more than twenty years of Christian experience, Paul explains that he has neither attained, nor is he already perfect (cf. Philippians 3:12a). Clearly he expects to be perfect one day, but he has not yet attained it. But to what is he attaining to? Sinless perfection? No. He is striving for spiritual maturity, which he defines as an experiential, intimidate, fully-developed relationship with Jesus Christ ("to know Him"). Then he says everyone who is perfect (that is, spiritually mature), will be like-minded in their pursuit of knowing Christ.

Paul says he preaches Christ: "...warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Colossians 1:28). This, in essence, is the purpose of all ministry, whether it is the ministry of an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher. It is to preach CHRIST, and to bring all men into a spiritually mature relationship with Him. Christ is at the heart of everything; He is at the center of all activity; we begin with Him and we end with Him.

When we are introduced to a new ministry and we wish to test its authenticity and spiritual value, we need only ask ourselves two questions: is this ministry centered upon Jesus Christ, and does it bring people into a deeper, more experiential knowing of Him?

If we wish to evaluate someone who claims to be an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher, we can apply the same test: is this person centered on Jesus Christ? And when they do whatever it is that they do (preach, teach, prophesy, sing, plant churches, etc.), does it bring people into a deeper, more experiential knowing of Him?

Some may think that kind of test is too severe. Why, if we applied this criteria to every minister and ministry in the world (they say) then we would probably disqualify a majority of workers and works that are doing the Church and mankind a great service. Yes, we probably would. Yet in terms of value to the Kingdom of God, if the work is not Christ-centered and does nothing to bring people into a mature relationship with Him then it has no value to God and is worthless in His sight. If we are not preaching Christ then we are preaching something or someone else; and if we are not bringing people into the depths of Jesus with our life and work then we are either leaving them as they are or leaving them worse than when we found them. We become a distraction and a hindrance to the spiritual growth of others.

If the minister or the ministry does not preach Christ, and does not bring people into spiritual maturity, then they fulfill the opposite of God's intention - they make themselves the center and make the people dependent upon them, guaranteeing the spiritual immaturity of those affiliated with them. A congregation that is dependent upon its pastor to hear from God for them, deliver a message to them, pray for their needs, and take responsibility for their own spiritual growth is doomed to infancy and spiritual immaturity. If the pastor accepts this situation then he reinforces the congregation's dependency upon himself. Instead of pointing them to Christ as their Shepherd and getting them to stand on their own, he becomes their surrogate mother. Unfortunately, this is precisely where many churches are today. "We leave the spiritual work to the pastor, while we attend the services."

The prophetic ministry is just as guilty. The "prophet" or "prophetess" and their "word" becomes the focus of everything; and instead of bringing people to Christ and teaching them how to hear from the Lord on their own, they take responsibility for giving them messages from God. So now people are passively depending on the prophetic ministry for direction, instead of growing up into Christ and developing their own discernment and ability to hear His still, small voice. I read recently of a "prophet" who claimed to give personal words of prophecy to over five hundred people in the course of a week. I do not have to know what was said to know that this person's idea of a "prophetic ministry" will only keep people spiritual dull and incapable of hearing from God on their own. Why should they develop any kind of spiritual sense when they can have a "prophet" come and give them a "word" whenever they like?

Just because we CAN give a word does not mean that we SHOULD give a word. The goal is not to give people a word, but to give them CHRIST as their Word. Or to put it another way, the goal of ministry is not to give people a loaf of bread every day, but to show them how to obtain all the bread they wish in CHRIST who is the Bread of Life. Do you see the difference? If my entire goal is to give people a sermon every week or a prophetic word every day then both I and they will fall far short of God's Purpose, which is spiritual maturity and knowing Christ experientially. If the crowd is coming to me for a loaf of bread every time they get hungry then they are dependent upon me to feed them. This is only acceptable so long as they are children who cannot feed themselves. But if I show them where to get bread on their own then they will not have to come to me anymore: and THAT is the goal. Then they can get nourished directly from the source, Who is Christ Himself. The truth is that selling loaves of bread is big business, and a ministry whose survival depends on selling loaves actually WANTS the people to come back to them over and over again to be fed!

May we see before God that CHRIST is the object and the reason for all ministry. Our goal is not to see anyone become dependent upon us, our ministry, our work, or our word; our goal is not to give them a loaf, but rather, to encourage them to go experience the depths of Jesus Christ experientially and personally - to show them where the Bread of Life is.

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End Time Marriages Coming Forth

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In 1991, I had a spiritual experience in which God gave me a message about some future events involving marriages. At that time I was also given personal insight into some things that would happen in my family. Later on, I understood that when the events in my family had occurred, it would be a sign that what God had told me in the message on marriages would begin to happen. I wrote down what God had given me and placed it in a file folder. I knew that some day I would present it on a larger scale. Last year God instructed me to pull out the message and begin to get it ready to share. By April of 2004 all the events concerning my family had taken place, and God began to give me greater insight about the message that was called "The End Time Marriages. The visitation foretelling family events

Early in the morning of July 6, 1991, while camping at Big Sur, California, I went for a walk by myself to pray. I came upon a stream of water that I had seen in a vision just the week before. Suddenly, there was such a strong presence of God that I fell to my knees. Although I did not see anything, I heard the voice of what I knew to be an angel speaking directly to my spirit (difficult to describe). I began to speak the angel's words out loud as they were spoken to me. The angel said, "Your mom is dead, and you are to tell Ray (my step-dad) to stay in the church and he will marry a godly woman. At the time this happened, Ray was not a Christian and my mom had been ill, but she was now recovering. I was so startled by the experience that I ran to a payphone to call my mom to see if she was okay–she was. I did not understand why the angel had told me that she was dead.

A few years later Ray gave his life to Jesus, and my mom became terminally ill; she died eight years later. I shared the word from God with Ray; he stayed in his church and in April of 2004 he married a godly woman. God told me that the events foretold about my family were now fulfilled, and that this was a sign that the events of the message I had received in 1991 would now begin.

For the longest time I did not understand why the angel had spoken to me in the present tense about events that would occur years later. The only conclusion I was able to come to was that God operates outside of time. Too often we receive prophetic words and do not understand the timing of God.

The message on end time marriages

I had gone camping in 1991 because I felt that God wanted to speak to me. I knew it had to do with something in the Bible so I brought along a ton of books and study resources. As I prayed I felt God directing me to 1 Corinthians 7 where the Apostle Paul talks about marriage and about some future events:

29 What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; 30 those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those

who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; 31 those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away. (1 Corinthians 7:29-31 NIV)

God revealed to me that a time is coming when the attitudes of Christians will begin to change, and a new strategy will be released from heaven to establish God's end time ministry activity. He will begin to bring couples together to be married, and their marriages will be centered upon a higher ministry purpose.

The Apostle Paul said that it is better to remain unmarried and serve the Lord, but in the last days God will bring couples together in marriage for His purposes. These marriages will allow His people to freely serve Him with greater impact than if they were single, yet they will be happily and firmly married. They will not get bound up with the cares of this world or focus on their own households; instead, there will be incredible spiritual synergy which will come from being in agreement and together, serving God with higher purposes. The focus for families will no longer be on earthly possessions but on Heavenly destinies.

Many women and men have been single for a number of years because God spared them from being in marriages with someone who did not share the same calling and destiny. The events that will begin to happen will look quite strange to those who do not have eyes to see and ears to hear (spiritual discernment). Existing marriages will be strengthened. Some spouses will die and strategic remarriage will occur. Some couples will separate and even divorce—though this is not God's will, and He will redeem and restore them. In some cases it will appear as if their ministries are finished, but God will bring great surprises as He brings justice and repays people for the years of suffering they have experienced from being outside of His greater purposes. Those who focus on God will not miss their destiny.

The Importance of Non-Abusive Relationships: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. (Eph. 5:25) Many called and gifted men and women of God are currently being held back from their callings by abusive spouses and abusive marital relationships. Abuse will no longer be tolerated.

The Importance of Synergy: Two are better than one—this is a spiritual principle. If one can put 1,000 to flight and two 10,000, how much more effective are two people serving the Lord together. (Deut. 32:30)

The Importance of Spiritual Covering: Many women have been suffering with strange and often untreatable sicknesses such as chronic fatigue or fibromyalgia. Many of these illnesses result from the lack of a spiritual covering. For a woman to operate in a higher level of authority, she needs a spiritual covering. (1Cor 11:8) This covering comes from a husband, a pastor, or in some cases the Lord Himself. Because of this requirement for a covering, God is about to move to provide marriages for a great number of single women in the church who are seeking His will for their life in Him.

The Importance of Sexual Intimacy: Being single and staying pure is not an easy thing to do, especially with the extra added warfare which comes with being in the ministry. The Apostle Paul encourages marriage if you burn with lust. It is better to marry than to fall to sexual sin. (1 Cor. 7:9)

Appropriate sexual intimacy within marriage can be a powerful form of spiritual warfare. When two are joined together as one, the enemy has less opportunity to bring temptation. Walking this close together also brings a greater prayer covering for each other. When you are one in the spirit, you know how to pray for your spouse.

Churches are full of single woman wanting to marry. I often hear people ask, "Where are the men?? The addiction to pornography is holding people back from their destinies in God. The entrapment of pornography is about to lose its grip on men, and on women also.

(Jesus speaking) Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin by eating food sacrificed to idols and by committing sexual immorality. (Revelation 2:14 NIV)

Judgment is coming to those in the pornography industry because they have enticed God's people to sin. The pornography industry will suffer great loss, and the billions of dollars that are currently being siphoned away from God's work will be released into the hands of Christians. The grip that pornography has on people will be broken, and this will happen as suddenly and unexpectedly as the fall of communism. This will release many men and woman into healthy relationships, marriages, and into their destinies in God.

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End Time Vision of Daisy Osborn

Daisy Osborn

Given to Daisy Osborn over 20 years ago.

I lay sleepless and horrified, greatly vexed in the spirit. The Lord visited and showed me things that will shortly come to pass. The JUDGMENT and WRATH of God will soon bring disaster and havoc to the world we live in. The DIE is CAST. God’s clock is set. TIME is running out.

In a vision I saw the face of the earth and the changing of the shape of America. It was drastically altered and reduced in size through terrible disasters. Hunger and suffering were everywhere. The devastation caused by volcanic eruptions and fires were widespread and horrifying during this terrible holocaust.

I saw Christians clustering together from all walks of life and many church affiliations. They did not care about their sectarian doctrines. The tie that bound them in their desperate hour, was their common faith in Christ. They clung together as though their survival depended upon each other.

After these terrifying cataclysmic events which the Lord showed me, all the evils of sectarianism and apostasy vanished among the Christians desperate struggle to draw strength from one another.

Those who had been lukewarm, cast aside besetting sins, and sought identity with the true believers.

Cigarettes, pills, social drinkers, marital cheaters; were repented of and amends were made.

A new sense of values gripped the conscience of Believers. The new morality standard and modern license for laxity was like a remorseful hangover. Most of the Christians in the "visitation" were amazed that WE were witnessing His WRATH and JUDGMENT!!!

Many social Christians were ill-prepared. Their frivolous, unwatchful, imprudent lives had GAMBLED on Mercy and Grace, which they had thought required NO RECKONING – EVER!!!

I saw hordes (Believers) lost among the religious and Christ Jesus rejecters. As I looked, I saw where mountains were flattened. Believers were FLEEING to the desert to take shelter in caves and rocks.

The DESOLATION was so terrible that it seemed NO ONE would be spared (Luke 21:34-37 KJV; Matthew 24:20-22).

All but a few were full of remorse. Lamentations could be heard everywhere. It was heartening to observe that during the FEARSOME DISASTERS – UNSHAKABLE FAITH held like an ANCHOR among the Christians. They knew they would SOON see the SON coming in the clouds of heaven and with Power and Glory!!!

(Daisy Osborn (now with the Lord) was the wife of Brother T. L. Osborn.)

Eat the Whole Scroll

Ashanti Davis

Ezekiel 3:1-14:…"[1] Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find; **eat this scroll**, and **go, speak** to the house of Israel." [2]So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. [3]And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly, and **fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you.**" So I ate, and it was in my mouth like **honey in sweetness**…[10]Moreover He said to me: "Son of man, receive into your heart all My words that I speak to you, and hear with your ears…[14]So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and **I went in bitterness**, in the heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me."

2 Timothy 4: 2-5..."[2]Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. [3]For the time will come **when they will not endure sound doctrine**, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; [4]and **they will turn their ears away from the truth**, and be turned aside to fables. [5]But you be watchful in all things, **endure afflictions**, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."

In reading the first scripture above you will see that the Lord told Ezekiel to "eat" the scroll, then speak. Now when Ezekiel ate the "scroll" at first it was sweet like honey to him, but by the time he went, it was in bitterness, yet the Lord had told him to eat it all, to fill his belly with it. And the Lord is requiring the same from us as leaders today, we have to eat the **whole** scroll **BEFORE** we go! But the "heat" will be like fire "shut up in your bones".

It is amazing to me that so many leaders today will preach certain scriptures, and not others. They will preach a "selective" gospel, choosing scriptures that keep them in good standing with the people, [on one side], their denominational leaders those who has sent them out, [on the other side], and/or the people with the money, [which may be in one of these groups], or a separate group altogether. Help me, Jesus…

What are we doing, saints? What are we preaching and teaching? The Gospel is for CHANGE, that's it's job, who's life is being changed by what we preach? Why are so many people coming in the house of God, and leaving the same way they came? This "politically correct", people-pleasing, user friendly, gospel is not of God. The Lord is not "hard up" for anyone, He loves us so much, but His love is not co-dependent, or unhealthy. He loves us but He doesn't need us, and His love will correct, and chastise you…Hebrews 12:6.

One has to wonder today, what has happen to the message of the Bible? Scripture teaches us in **Acts 2:36**...[36]"Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, **both Lord and Christ.**" And in **Romans 8:2**..."[2]For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me **free from the law of sin and death**."

Now these two scriptures shows us two things, that Jesus wasn't just our Savior, but He IS our Lord, also. He didn't just free us from the law of death, but from the law of sin, also, and herein lays the problem in the Body of Christ, and in some of the pulpits across America. We have no problem with Jesus being Savior, and saving us from spiritual death so we can go to glory in the end, the problem is with His Lordship, and His freeing us from the law of sin, the desire to give in to our flesh and sin…Romans 7:23, maybe we don't want to be free!!!

The church seems to say; “Save me, Jesus, but don’t tell me what to do with my life. Take me to heaven when I die, Jesus, but let me keep my “pet sins” here on earth.” We want to have our proverbial cake, and eat it too. We want the best of both worlds, but scripture teaches that if you are friendly with the world, you are an enemy to God…James 4:4...[“Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God].” You can’t have it both ways! Choose you this day who you will serve…Joshua 24:15!!! Eat the WHOLE scroll…

Galatians 3:3 reads…“[3]Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?” We started out being led by the Spirit of God, now we are judging spirituality by natural, or material means. We judge how spiritual people are by their level of influence, and/or the earthly possessions. How do we do this when scriptures teaches that one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."…Luke 12:15. When did “material things” validate our spirituality? When did “rich” always come to mean righteous? We read Hebrews 11, and jump and shout and stop reading just shy of verses 35b to 39 because those verses do no fit our theology.

Well, let‘s read a little further…“Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. [36]Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. [37]They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, **being destitute, afflicted, tormented**-- [38]of whom **the world was not worthy.** They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth. [39]And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, **did not receive the promise…”** We delete what we want because we want to believe that everyone who exercised faith got what they wanted, we want a “blood-less, painless, prosperous gospel”.

Then we state that Job was afflicted because he feared when that is NOT what scripture teaches…Job chapter 2...“[8]Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, **a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil**?" We attribute Job’s assessment of his situation to God because we do not want to believe that what to Job could happen to anyone **in spite** of their FAITH, or even **because** of their faith.

We preach and teach that Ananais and his wife were killed because they didn’t give all their money to the church, when this is not true. They were killed because they LIED and pretended that they had given it all…“But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. [2]And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. [3]But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? **[4]While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control?** Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not **lied** to men but to God." In essence, Paul says the land was yours to do with what you want, you didn’t have to lie about your giving. If they had been honest in their dealings, and admitted that they wanted to keep a part, they would have lived. We scare and manipulate people into giving, when the Lord loves a cheerful giver…II Corinthians 9:7.

Then we believe we “have arrived” spiritually when we cease to feel, but our High Priest can “be touched by the FEELINGS of our infirmities”…Hebrews 4:15, He knows how we FEEL, and it is this that TOUCHES Him. In John 20: 11-17...Mary is at the tomb weeping because she believes that someone has stolen the body of Christ, and Jesus comes to comfort her. On His way up to the Father, he stops to comfort one of His own because she is sorrowful and weeping. Awesome!!! But we are so “deep” that we don’t have time for the “challenges” of our brothers and sisters. We are so “spiritual” that nothing bothers us, or hurts us, and we teach others to be the same.

Our message is that if you hurt about anything that happens in your life, you are not “dead” yet, but my Bible teaches that I am to be dead to sin, only…Romans 6:1-7, not to emotions, even Jesus wept! Scripture reads that many are the AFFLICTIONS of the righteous…Psalm 34:19, and afflictions are things that hurt. Jesus spoke many times regarding the PERSECUTIONS that would come to us, and persecutions hurt. Even Jesus was WOUNDED for our transgression, BRUISED for our iniquity, CHASTISED for our peace, and BEATEN, [stripes], for our healing; He hurt for us, He felt pain for us, so where do we get this doctrine from?

Church members are becoming “men-pleasers” because leaders don’t fully trust, or recognize the Holy Ghost. We manipulate and intimidate people into accepting who we have accepted, by virtue of our leadership. We respect “papers and titles” and fail to recognize anointing, unless a person has been validated by someone we know in leadership but what does the scripture say…I John 5:9...“[9]If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater;”. But who “ordained” Jesus?

In Matthew 21: 23-27, Jesus is operating in His purpose and the religious leaders come to Him asking who gave Him authority to do these things. Now, Jesus didn't go to their schools, nor did He have their degrees. He had spent time with His Father and was doing what His Father told Him to do...John 8:29, but this didn't please the leaders of His day. If it was during our time, Jesus would have been consider un-teachable, to have a rebellious spirit, to cause "division" among the brethren, church hopper, and a "parking lot prophet". Scripture teaches that we ought to obey God rather than man...Acts 5:29. Hmmmmm...

In Galatians 1:15-24, Paul says that when the Lord called him, he didn't confer with man but went away **three years to be alone with the Lord,** [not with the his peers, or the Apostles, the Lord]. Then he spent **15 days** visiting with Peter, and James before starting his ministry. No where does he say that they "sent him out"! Paul would have been considered a "lone ranger" in this day.

In fact, let me add this...the Apostles were arrested by the religious leadership of their day, and FORBIDDEN to teach in "that Name"...Acts 5:17-29, and the Apostles stubbornly refused to be obedient, [the nerve!!!]...going right back in the temple preaching the message the Lord had given them [v.41-42]. They were rebellious, un-teachable, trouble makers!

"Leaders" say that the Lord would not tell a person to do something that He had not revealed to them, but does the Lord answer to man now? His thoughts are NOT our thoughts, nor His WAYS, our ways...Isaiah 55: 8-9. Does He have to get their approval before using a person for His glory? I am not promoting anarchy, just suggesting that maybe we have taken our control too far! The Lord says that some have great influence, but along with that comes great responsibility. We should be careful how we use our influence.

There are so many scriptures that I could quote that would refute quite a bit of what we say in our churches today, [and most of what some churches teach]. I often wonder if we are becoming like the Catholic church, whose whole foundation is built on man-made traditions, and not the Word of God. Some would say don’t speak against the church, and I am not. I speak against error, the “church” is a living “Body” of baptized believers that adhere to the truth, and they are not confined to one building, or denomination.

In the Old Testament, whenever the people would stray; someone would find the “Book of the Law”; read it before the people; there would be repentance, with weeping and mourning; and the people would rededicate themselves to the Lord. What about today? What will we do today…

The second scripture at the beginning of this message, in II Timothy 4, we are told to “PREACH THE

WORD"!!! The whole Word, not just the parts we like, or the parts that fit our denominational beliefs. We are told to preach it, when it is convenient, and when it is not. We are told to use it to rebuke, [admonish, forbid], reprove, [convict, convince], and exhort, [invite, entreat], suffering long in doing so.

Why? Because we are in that day when people do not want to hear "sound doctrine", the balance of the Word. People want a God that is love but not correction. A God that blesses, but never spanks. A God that gives but doesn't require anything in return, but privileges without responsibility produces "spoiled" children and the Lord is not in the business of doing that!

The Bibles reads in II Timothy 3: 16-17 that… "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, [17]that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." All scriptures, not just the ones you like, or support what you want to say and think, every scripture in the Book is profitable and must be taught.

Isaiah 58:1 reads… ""Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your voice like a trumpet;

Tell **My people** their transgression, And the house of Jacob their sins. The Lord was not saying cry out to sinners regarding transgression and sin, but to HIS people. We seem to forget that from Acts to Revelation those books are written to the church!

Saints, we need to pray, and not just pray, but speak the truth without respect of persons, BUT respectfully. I feel an urgency in my spirit as though we don't have much time. I believe we will be the generation that will see Jesus' return. Will you be ready???

3 John 1: 4...[4]I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

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"Change occurs when staying the same is MORE painful than the fear of changing..."

Encounter Visitation and Habitation

Daniel Black

Psalm 91:1, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

What is the Secret Place. Jesus tells us in the Gospel of Matthew chapter 6:6, "And when thou prayest, enter into thine closet, and when thou hast shut thine door, pray to thine Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly."

We see here that The Secret place is the place of supernatural meeting with the Father. it is a place of encounter, visitation and habitation.

But how do I get to the place of supernatural "ENCOUNTER, VISITATION, and HABITATION" of the Secret Place.

Let's study Genesis 32:22,24-26, 30 .

32: 22, "And he (Jacob) arose that night and took his two wives, and his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok...."

Did you know that that word "Jabbok" literally means emptiness. So, before Jacob could have an encounter with the Most High in the Secret place, Jacob had to empty himself. The same is with us. We all have to empty ourselves of ourselves. When we are about to go before God we must empty ourselves of our own visions and dreams. We must empty of ourselves of all our own wants and cares. Jabbok is also a place of emptying of oneself from all sin and taking it before Him.

32: 24a, "And Jacob was left alone..."

Let's envision Jacob. All that he had, all that he had owned, all whom he loved were gone. He was left alone. There were no distractions. It was just him. What is God doing to you today to get you alone? What things are being taken away from you? What is it in your life that God is taking away to get you to be alone. For you to have a supernatural encounter with Him, you must be empty, but to have His visitation, you must be left alone.

32:24b-25, "...and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of day. And when HE saw that HE prevailed not against him (Jacob), and He touched the hollow of his (Jacob's) thigh, and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with Him..."

The word wrestle literally means to fight with your hands in the dirt. Sometimes when we are left alone, we do not realize that the LORD is trying to have a visitation and encounter with us. We don't see that it is the Holy Spirit trying to lead us, and so we fight it. We don't like the urgings that He gives us. After all, we've been left alone. But there is something that happens when the dawn arises.

32:26, "And HE said, 'Let me go, for the day breaketh.' And he (Jacob) said, "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.'"

Something changed. It seemed as if the lights clicked on in Jacob's head. The man demands that Jacob let Him go now, and you would think that since Jacob was trying to get rid of Him most of the night, he would gladly let Him go, but Jacob had a revelation of something. He saw who he was wrestling with. The day break had come and he saw the man's face! So, he wouldn't let go. He saw Who he had and he would not let go. To experience habitation, we must grab onto His presence and never let go.

32:30, "And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."

When we have experienced emptiness, being alone and grabbing hold of HIM (Jesus), we will then have an encounter that will change our lives. It is an face to face encounter with the Living God. A place where it is just you and God. Its a place of realization. The place of true fellowship, because its Peniel, its face to face with the Almighty. And it will only happen if you go in secret! Close that closet door. Get down on your face and seek after Him. Seek after Him as the Psalmist did in Psalm 63:1-2, "O God thou art my God; early will I seek Thee: my soul thirsteth for Thee, my flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; to see Thy POWER AND GLORY, so as I have seen in the sanctuary."

I would just like to encourage not to wait. Get empty. Get alone, and grab hold of this new thing that God is doing. This encounter. It's a visitation and I know HE wants to make it a habitation. He wants to take you to a place to see Him, Who is Glory and is Power.

The Hand Of God Is Upon You

Daniel Black

Isaiah 42: 6-9 says the following, "I, the Lord, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. I am the Lord, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images. Behold, the former things have come to pass, And new things I declare; Before they spring forth I tell you of them." God has a WORD for YOU today.

God is about to do a new thing in you. I don't care what you are going through, I don't care how big the storm looks, I don't care what it is, God is holding you in His hands!

Not only is He holding you in His hands, He is about to lift you up out of that mire, and God said that He is calling you into His righteousness and placing the anointing of the Spirit upon you to be a light! Matthew 10:8 says, "Heal the sick, cleanse the leper, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely you have received, freely give."

He has anointed you to heal broken hearts, open blinded eyes, and to lift others from the darkest prisons that life has to offer! You want to see the culture of a generation changed, then, your speech and preaching shouldn't be with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God!

God has called you to change a generation! To change the nations! To change the culture! To change the mentality! For the Lord has plans to prosper, hallelujah! If you will open your mouth, the Lord will declare new things before they spring forth!

People of God, let your light shine, before all men, and with the Spirit of God in you, many will be drawn to you and will come unto the salvation of Jesus Christ!

Remember though, that the Lord does not share His glory. Proverbs 29:23 states, "A man's pride will bring him low, But the humble in spirit will retain honor." James 4:5-6, "Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealous? But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

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Experiencing His Presence
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Holy Filling Is the Quest, Holy Frustration Is the Address

"But Tommy, I don't like living with this … this, this uneasy feeling. Will I ever stop feeling that I need more of Him?" Will it help if I tell you that all the spiritual luminaries of ages past have lived at frustration's address? Holy Hunger is their street in the village of Repentance, and Divine Desperation is their zip code. Their hunger was greater than their receiving, and their divine discontent made them pray a prayer like this: "Show me Your glory." They didn't base their faith on the success of their pursuit; they based their pursuit on the strength of their faith.

The myth persists that we enjoy a perfect life after receiving Christ despite two millennia of persecution, adversity, and opposition for His name. The lives of Peter, Paul, James, John, and many other less-known saints mentioned in the Bible make it clear that divine desperation is a natural part of our life in Christ.

Some may hope it isn't so, but students of the Word know it's so. God Chasers who hope to become God Catchers must inevitably enter the zip code of Divine Desperation and take up residence in the village of Repentance. In their quest for Holy filling, they make their home on the street of Holy Hunger.

Is your hunger "greater than your receiving"? Do you know what it feels like to experience His presence and yet hunger for more?

The passionate pursuit of God's presence puts a serious demand on the human soul, a price that some may find too high to pay. As we noted in The God Catchers:

Once you decide to abandon your permanent place in the pew or leave that comfortable padded seat in the back of the church to chase Him, God issues a permanent change-of-address notice for you. From that moment on, you become a spiritual traveler in transit, a pilgrim on an eternal pilgrimage to the place of His presence.

The necessity of repentance is the first demand you encounter when you enter the chase. It dawns on you that the repentance that led to salvation was a door to deeper repentance, not just a one-time occurrence. From that point on, salvation is not the issue for that has been accomplished for you by Christ Jesus. Now you are consumed with a desire for holiness and righteousness before the One you long to be near, and a broken and repentant heart is the first steppingstone to His manifest presence.

Are you prepared to live life as a spiritual pilgrim in perpetual pursuit of His presence? Were you ever told about the important of repentance-continual repentance-to those who hunger for righteousness and holiness?

Repentance can accelerate the process of entering His presence. I've often said that repentance is like "worship on steroids." True repentance produces godly sorrow that bridges the gap of sin that separates us from Him. It also births desperation and brokenness. If worship entreats the presence of God, it seems that repentance places a demand on His presence because He said He will not despise the sacrificial cry of a broken and repentant heart. … The full faith of God Himself backs His statement about repentance. It places a legitimate demand on His presence; it fuels it like pressing an accelerator on a car.

There is a world of difference between repentance and condemnation. Repentance produces godly sorrow and salvation; condemnation produces death. Repentance leads to something better, purer, and healthier; condemnation or "worldly sorrow" produces ever-descending cycles of depression, guilt, and hopelessness. It amazes me that so few Christians realize the freedom available in God through the cleansing power of heart-felt repentance. Repentance removes the pressure each day when holy filling is your quest and holy frustration is your address.

Is repentance part of your daily worship before God? Do you view it as a "morning shower" to cleanse the soul and prepare you for pure service to Him?

Our problem is that most of us have a concept of repentance as "an occasional visit to the village of Repentance." God calls us to a lifestyle of repentance, which is living in the village.

What Do You Think?

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What do you think? In the footnote for this statement, I make it clear that being a "pilgrim" does not include the act of hopping from church to church. What do you think it does mean?

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:23-12:12, where Paul portrays the "glamorous" life of a first century apostle, and describes what it was like to live at frustration's address while glorying only in his weaknesses and his total dependence upon God's strength.

23 Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. 24 From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26 in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness— 28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. 29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? 30 If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. 31 The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. 32 In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; 33 but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and escaped from his hands.

1 It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— 4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 5 Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. 6 For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect

in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong. 11 I have become a fool in boasting; you have compelled me. For I ought to have been commended by you; for in nothing was I behind the most eminent apostles, though I am nothing. 12 Truly the signs of an apostle were accomplished among you with all perseverance, in signs and wonders and mighty deeds.

Prayer Father, please forgive me for so rarely visiting the village of Repentance. Today is a new day, and I choose to begin by moving my heart into the village of Repentance. I'm frustrated by the dichotomy of my longing for You and my fullness with "me." Please forgive me and cleanse me of my unrighteousness and make me more like You. Above all Lord, let me dwell in Your presence all the days of my life.

Visitation That Shakes The Earth
Tommy Tenney

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When Praise and Worship Pierces the Heavens, God's Sudden Visitation Shakes the Earth

Once we learn how to worship and sing and chase Him even in a dreary midnight hour, we will accomplish more than just having a "sudden visitation" from Him. When God heard the worship rising from that Philippian prison cell, He came so suddenly that His coming triggered an earthquake that shook chains off of more than just Paul and Silas. The Bible says that all the prisoners were set free.

Just when it seems safe enough to settle in and relax in the temples of man's making, those troublemakers from heaven blow in through the doors. They are "normal" in every respect except one-they have a strange fixation with the manifest presence of God.

In biblical days, they used to wear camel's hair coats and eat strange diets. Some of them even paraded around town naked or called the local ministers snakes (no, I'm not promoting such behavior today).

Today's breed of troublemaker generally remains fully clothed, eats in all of the usual restaurants, and converses politely with local pastors and visiting evangelists. What you remember most about them is that look of hunger in their eyes. You get the strange feeling that they've seen or experienced Something greater than most churches can offer or even claim to possess. They burn with so much passion for God that it is almost embarrassing. For better or for worse, more and more of them are calling themselves "God Chasers."

God Chasers are so frustrated at times that they make everyone else feel frustrated too. It seems that whatever they have is "catching." The radical God Chasers who become God Catchers have a way of entering our meetings with their hair still smoking from fresh encounters in an upper room somewhere. They are always looking for another worship fire to fan with their passion, so God tends to show up and make it nearly impossible to conduct church as usual.

How did you catch the God Chaser bug? What or Who possessed you to turn your life upside down so you could put His pursuit at the top of your life agenda? How would you describe the God Chasers the Lord sent into your life? How would you describe yourself?

There is no doubt that God Chasers often have a hard time fitting into the "church as usual" mold. Very often their presence and the passion and single-minded focus they bring to the act of worship seems to reduce "church as usual" to empty acts of religious procedure. Their passionate search for God's face can create a lot of discomfort for those interested in preserving the status quo at any cost.

There is a clear difference between a God Chaser and what may be called "God fakers or God flakes." God fakers pretend to be spiritual, but they are more interested in the approval and respect of men than in the manifested presence of God. The fastest route to winning that approval most often involves producing a false image of the latest move of God in the earth.

God flakes are lightweight, dried-out, half-baked imitations of the real thing. They all come out of the same hypocrisy box littered with rewards and gifts attractive to manpleasers, and they are more interested in attracting the attention of men than the attention of God. Once they win the attention, they do all they can to keep it on themselves.

True God Chasers, on the other hand, attempt to keep their eyes on Him despite the ups and downs life brings their way. They will do everything in their power to divert all attention, praise, and honor toward God and away from themselves because they know that is a key to turning visitation into habitation.

What are your motives for pursuing God's presence? Do you want to be part of the latest "God thing" in the church, or are you genuinely hungry for God Himself? Do you concern yourself more with the opinions of men or the manifest presence of God?

The significance of living at frustration's address isn't that we are suffering for more of the Lord; it is that we have learned to worship and praise Him regardless of our circumstances or status in life. Our contentment isn't based on what happens to us or what comes our way; it is based solely upon His love for us. It is the essence of a "fasted life" devoted to the pursuit of His face.

Do you reserve your praise and worship for Him solely for the good times of divine visitation, or do you lavish worship upon Him day and night, in good times and bad?

Remember Where You've Been, But Always Dare to Dream

Do you get the feeling something is missing from the typical Sunday morning religious experience we call "church"? It is God who placed this incredible hunger and divine discontent in you. Even as He blesses you, He ignites a deep hunger and longing in your heart of hearts that cries out, "Daddy, don't send Your assistant…I want You!" (page 166)

As you read these words, did you feel that familiar sinking feeling again? Remember that God established the church-any problems or errors in it can be corrected just as quickly as God can adjust attitudes, change paradigms, and alter our man-centered methods. So remember where you've been, but always dare to dream of moving up from "good" to "best." What is the hunger and longing of your heart?

Scripture Reading: Acts 16:16-34, where a bloodied pair of evangelists launched the first New Testament prison ministry by leading a rowdy worship service from prisoners' stocks. In the end, they worshiped God's glory down to earth and introduced their jailor's family to Christ.

16 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." 18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. 19 But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and

dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities. 20 And they brought them to the magistrates, and said, "These men, being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; 21 and they teach customs which are not lawful for us, being Romans, to receive or observe." 22 Then the multitude rose up together against them; and the magistrates tore off their clothes and commanded them to be beaten with rods. 23 And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. 25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. 27 And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. 28 But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." 29 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. 34 Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Prayer Lord, I don't claim to know much but I know this much: I need You. I hunger for You. I thirst for You. My soul pants for You. All of the wonders, gifts, attractions, and blessings of humanity cannot equal a mere thirty seconds in Your presence-yet I want more. I thank You for everything You did yesterday and in years gone by; but I want to see what You can do today; and I admit right now that I will want even more tomorrow. I am in passionate pursuit of Your presence, Lord, and nothing less will do.

Excuse Me

Becky McLendon

Devil you can no longer accuse
What has been forgiven and hidden in Christ.
You will pay the consequence if you do.
Death has passed over this house...
The blood is on the doorposts.

Excuse me, but step aside...
Because, in Jesus' name,
I am going through
Sin, sickness, infirmity and death,
Excuse me,
But you need to get out of my way.
I am going through

Excuse me sin, darkness, death,
Sickness, accusations and word curses.
I am going through in Jesus' name.
You cannot get me from the front.
You cannot get me from the side,
And you cannot get me from behind,
For Emmanuel is IN me, in front of me
and beside me, and
surely goodness and mercy follow me
All the days of my life.

Jesus has stood up in me,
And woe to any who get in his way.

Becky

Exceptional Purity

Mary Lindow

THE LORD IS SAYING WITH UNNERVING INTENSITY IN THIS HOUR," CLEANSE YOURSELVES FROM SECRET AND PRESUMPTUOUS SINS."

"NONE OF YOU HAS THE RIGHT OF AUTHORITY OVER YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN ORDER TO BREAK AND DEFEAT THEM.
I came to set the captives free…do not attempt to gather unto yourselves followers for the sake of numbers and egotistical prowess."

"IF YOU HAVE A DRIVEN NEED TO BE HEARD for the sake of fleshly delight, then you will be one who crushes and walks on the hearts of the faithful to get to the pinnacle of your ego. Quickly cut off the ugly head of pride before it multiplies and it's multiple tentacles strangle you!"

"I WILL SHAKE AND SHAKE AND SHAKE EVERYTHING UNTIL IT IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT I AM A GOD OF FREEDOM AND PROMISE."
"CUT OFF THE TETHERS YOU HAVE PLACED ON MY PROPHETS AND THOSE NOW HIDDEN, BUT WHICH I AM RAPIDLY RELEASING AND WHO ARE RISING INTO THE NEW WAVE OF APOSTOLIC ANOINTING. Stop attempting to corral them into your form of organizing and wild forms of promotion and advertising!"

"THOSE WHOM I WILL GRANT THE CLAIM TO APOSTLESHIP WILL LIVE LIVES OF EXCEPTIONAL PURITY and will have families who love and live humbly with each other."

"THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR HYPE UPON HYPE TO CAUSE THE PEOPLE TO HEAR AND OBEY AND TO….PAY."

"TRUE APOSTOLIC LEADERSHIP IS PURE IN MOTIVE.
It is always overjoyed and is Ready to nurture, release and advance another generation until only they are seen as the hope and future…not the generations of past years."

"I AM GOING TO CAUSE A GREAT HOLY FRUSTRATION TO OCCUR over those still trying to prove their ministerial value by the lists they have presented as their entitlement to high levels of self claimed authority and power over others."

“MANY IN THE BUSINESS MARKETS AS CHRISTIAN LEADERS AND WORKERS ARE NOW BEING CHALLENGED TO REASSESS WHAT THE HEART OF GIVING INTO THE KINGDOM LOOKS LIKE! Soon, very, very soon…. shackles of greed, control, and entitlement will be shattered by My revelation of their place in the Kingdom of My Design. There will be a new joy found in “sending others out” into the nations, the cities the streets, as a wave of compassion floods once skeptical and now hardened hearts.”

“LET ME, THE GIVER OF THE GREATEST OF GIFTS, I…The ONE who spent the Full Wealth of My Life and Kingdom, let ME free you from the fear of giving in fear. Give to those whom you see fruitfulness, compassion, humility and grace resting upon. But…Give unto Me as it passes into others hands.”

“HUMILITY HAS NO PROBLEM EXPOSING ITSELF. It is a natural outpouring of what is in the heart of a true follower when put under the pressure of the test of exposure.”

“LET MY SEASON OF NEW BEGINNINGS BE A TURNING POINT IN YOUR CONCEPTS OF SERVICE, and let ME be the ONE who rules and reigns and hands out promotion in the way I see needed in order to fulfill My Plan in the Earth.”

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Extreme Spiritual Makeover

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My Church Is In Need of an Extreme Spiritual Makeover

My Church is in need of an extreme spiritual makeover. She has been badly scarred and divided. Old dead things must be cut away. My Bride needs the healing balm to heal her divisions and her scars. The world cannot recognize Christ in the Church.

She Has Been Scarred

“As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men” - Isaiah 52: 14

My Church has been scarred. Her visage has been marred. The world cannot recognize the true Bride – the true Church. Division and factions have scarred her. She bears scars and wounds of battle. She needs to be healed. I will heal Her if She will allow Me to.

I Do Not Want What Is Bruised, Therefore I Will Heal My Church

“Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make any offering thereof in your land”. - Le 22:24.

I do not want what is bruised, therefore I will heal Her. I will heal Her bruises with My love and power. Those who have been crushed will be restored. Those who are broken will be made whole. My desire is for complete healing- body, soul, and spirit.

There Must Be a Cutting Away. The Church Must Go to Cherith - (The Cutting Place)

"AND Eli'jah the Tish'bite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan." - I Kings 17:1-5

My Church must go to Cherith - (The Cutting Place). The old must be cut away for the new to come. The dead flesh must be cut away. She must go through the place of separation and solitude. Her heart must be circumcised. She must come to the place of complete dependence upon Me. This is where I will deal with Her. This is Her “boot camp”. I will bring Her to a place of hiddeness in Me, and also a place of My divine provision. She will come into places of dryness. These places will keep Her moving – looking for water.

My Church Needs a Circumcision of the Hear – A Team Approach.

“Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked” - Deuteronomy 10:16.

I am asking My Church to circumcise Her Heart. She must cast away all corruption from Her heart that keeps Her from experiencing My love. Cast away from you all corrupt affections and inclinations, which hinder you from fearing and loving Me. Mortify the flesh with the lusts of it. Keep anything away that obstructs the flow of My word and My presence in your hearts.

“And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live” - Deuteronomy 30:6

My Church needs Her heart circumcised. The flesh must be cut away. The stony heart must be replaced by a heart of flesh. My Word and My Spirit will cleanse you of all that is not of Me. You will produce more fruit. Grace will be imparted and prosperity will come.

"…to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings". - Jeremiah 4:4

"But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God" - Romans 2:29

"Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.
Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. How was it then reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect…" – Romans 4:8-14

". . . you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead" - Col. 2:11-12.

The old ways of sin must be cut away so that My Church may carry out My will. The corruptive ways must be done away with. She needs to be cleansed from within.

Transformation – It's All In Your Mind!!!

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" - -Romans 12:1-2

"This is the end of the account. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled me, and my countenance changed; but I kept the matter in my heart." - Da 7:28

"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed" - 1Co 15:51

My desire is for your complete transformation, spirit, soul, and body. She must have the Mind of Christ. She must think like the victorious Bride I have called Her to be. My desire is for My Bride to be transformed in Her thinking... to come to the place of repentance.

I Want My Church to Look Like Me

"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son" –Romans 8:29

"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" – II Cor. 3:18

"And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly"
- 1 Corinthians 15:49

My desire is for My Bride to look like Me. Bearing the My image of now, assures you will bear My image for eternity. It has been pre-ordained that you will be conformed to My image. To be transformed into it, you must behold it. She will become what she beholds.

Transformation Brings Life

"And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD" - Ezekiel 37:6.

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it" -1 Thess. 5:23,24.

I will make My Bride new. She will not recognize Herself when I am finished. She will like what I have made Her.

What Are You Wearing
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You're Not Wearing *That*, Are You?

"Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments":

My Church needs a change of clothes. She needs a whole new wardrobe. She needs to be clothed in the right things… the right thoughts, the right attitudes… the right motives. The old ways are not for today. Take careful consideration for what you clothe yourselves with. The "old clothes" that you have been wearing are "out of style".

Are You Putting Me On?

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof - Ro 13:14
"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Ga 3:27).
"And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness" (Col. 3:14)

I have called you to put on Christ in thought, attitude, deed, and word, and character… spirit, soul, and body. And holiness. I have called you to put off selfishness. Putting on Christ will reflect the way that you treat others. I am asking you to put off the carnal ways that hinder your relationships. I have called you to put on charity (love).

I Am Asking You to Exchange Your Garments

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts…" (Eph.4: 22).
"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality"–(I Cor. 15:53).

I am asking you to exchange your garments – the old for the new – the stained for the clean. My exchange policy is good. No receipt needed. Exchange your old, tattered garments for new garments made of fine white linen. Give Me your old ways and I will make you new again.

Be Led By My Spirit. Some Colors Are All Wrong For You.

These Are Your Colors:

Purple: (Royalty) *(Judges 8:26)*
Scarlet: Often refers to blood atonement and sacrifice.

White: forgiven sins *(Psalm 5:7, Isaiah 1:8);* a refined remnant *(Daniel 11:35, 12:10)*
Gold: Revelation *(Rev 14:12)*

A Little Blood Will Get Those Stains Right Out!

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out… (Acts 3:19)

Only the Blood will get the stain of sin out of your garments and the stains that others have left behind. Put your faith in the Blood.

“That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Eph. 5:27).

I am looking for that spotless Church that I have longed for. My Church must put their faith in My Blood.

What Are You Washing Your Clothes With?

“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word…” (Eph. 5:26)

My Church needs to be cleansed by My Word daily. My Word will wash life’s daily blemishes away.

“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost…” (Titus 3:5).

Be washed. Be cleansed. Be renewed by My Spirit.

It’s Time For a Wardrobe Change

“And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him” –Eph. 3:10

“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” –Eph. 4:24

Now is the time for a wardrobe change. It is time to put off the old and put on the new. Now is the time for you to put on the clothes that I have tailor-made for you. Now is the time to put on the new man. The old clothes are out of season.

Those Who Overcome Will Have the Best Clothes!

“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment” –Rev. 3:5’

I am looking for an overcoming Church to give My best clothes to. The overcoming church will be the best dressed of them all. She will be worthy of the finest clothes. I am looking for an overcoming church to adorn with the finest raiment.

Do Not Wear Clothes That Clash

“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded” (James 4:8)

“And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? (I Kings 18:21)”

Do not wear clothes that clash. Be cleansed of your double-mindedness. Cleanse your hearts and your minds.

I Want to Clothe Entire Cities In My Glory

“And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!” (Rev. 18:16)

My desire is to clothe entire cities in My Glory… for cities to be re-born, for cities to be clothed in My very presence. My desire is to clothe cities in glory, in love, in renewal, in revival – manifested in various ways, through prayer, music, the arts, dance, and drama.

Take Off Those Grave Clothes!

"*And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go*." (John 11:44).

Some of you have had words of life spoken into you. Some are no longer dead in the old ways of sin, but you are still wearing the clothes of a dead man. You need help from others to get you out of your grave clothes. Some of you are wrapped in wrong attitudes, wrong thinking, old habits, old thinking patterns, or words spoken over you that did not bring life. Some of you, though you were made alive by the new birth, are still wearing the clothes of a dead man!!

Some are wearing the same clothes you they had on yesterday. Yesterday’s clothes are not for today. They have the stench of the old man. They were for then, not for now.

You Must Follow My Divine Dress Code, But I Will Provide The Wardrobe

“…clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you…” (Col. 3:12)

I have a dress code for My people to follow. Put on compassion, kindness, and humility, forgiveness. I will provide the wardrobe.

The Best Clothes Have Been Reserved for You

I have reserved the best clothes for you. They are waiting for you now, My church.

Extending the Right Hand
Arlette Pollard

Revelation 13:16-17

Reveal dear Savior
Your unending love
Extend Your hand of favor
Help children rise above
Thoughts that hinder
The purpose of the cross
So that they can praise
Your holy, righteous name
Which is able to heal
Redeem and to save
The weary, the lonely, the lost.

Use our hands
That they might extend
Your truth
To the weary, the lonely, the lost.

Reveal Your glory
Let the Word go forth
Declare Your message
Of great reward
Let wisdom be found
By those who seek after the Lord
So that they embrace
Your message of grace
That will take them by the hand
So they no longer stand
Beside cruel masters of pride and hate.

Let our words
Speak of Your great worth
Sent to comfort
The weary, the lonely, the lost.

> *“And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark* in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.” Revelation 13:16-17*
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> *“Send thine hand from above: rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children; whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.” Psalm 144:7-8*

*mark (Greek definition) 5480 [5481, 5482, 5489 (related words)], mark, stamp; image, idol. [5481], exact representation, reproduction: - express image.

Those born of the Spirit, partakers of God’s heavenly nature, who through God’s mercy, have become heirs of God through Jesus Christ, “no more a servant, but a son”, will in God’s strength, be used to extend His righteous right hand of mercy to the weary and the lost. Children born of God’s Spirit will be taught of the Spirit, so they gain true wisdom and understanding of the great mysteries that exist within God's eternal Word of truth. As God establishes His righteousness, upon the throne of a child's heart and mind, speaking into the life of the child His purpose and truth, through the Spirit and the Word, His children will come to understand the importance of God's power and authority in directing their thoughts and actions.

Children who bear the express image of God, His Holy Spirit, within their lives, will be used of God to speak to others of His desire and love toward mankind. So that the hardened, fallow ground of men's hearts are able to receive the good seed, God's Holy Word into their lives, God will use His children, led of the Spirit, to prepare the way. His children will be directed to speak words that will be like water that is poured out upon a dry and hardened ground. Their words, inspired of God, will help prepare the soil, so that the fallow ground of a man's heart and mind can be tilled, broken up, and prepared to receive the good seed, God's Holy Word into their lives.

And as the good seed, the Holy Word, takes root within a man's life, God will continue to send forth the living waters of His Holy Spirit, so that his life will be like a tree that grows up into maturity, yielding abundant, good fruit. What a man thinks upon will influence his thoughts and desires, and when he bears the good fruit of righteousness, his nature will become more aligned with the nature of the Lord on high. The good fruit, produced through relationship with God, will then be used of God to bless and prosper the souls of others. A man, whose heart is transformed by the Holy Word, is a man whose nature, desires, thoughts and actions have been redeemed, rescued from out of the darkness.

Those who have been redeemed from the earth are those who have been sealed by the Holy Spirit unto righteousness. They are taught of the Holy Spirit not to place their confidence, hope and desire, in things of the earth. God's voice, which echoes through the chambers of their hearts, has revealed to them the futility of thinking that things of the earth will be able to help men escape the darkness that seeks dominance over their thoughts and actions. Though they are of the earth, God's love inspires their focus upward. They have come to understand that when their thoughts are fixed upon Jesus Christ, they are released from being led astray by the voice of Satan who walks unhindered within the realm of darkness.

God's Holy Spirit, which redeems man, rescues man from out of the darkness, is the seal of God's righteousness that is placed within a man's life, signifying that divine relationship has been established between man and God. God's Spirit bears the express image of God. And as the Spirit takes up residence within a man's life, God is able to impress His nature and desires upon the heart and mind of the man. God's righteous right hand of power and authority, which has reached out from heaven through His righteous Son, Jesus Christ, was purposed of God, so that He could lead children into their inheritance, which is the Holy Spirit of eternal life. Those who have received God's seal of ownership, the Holy Spirit within their lives, will begin to rise up in the authority and power of God, so that they are no longer servants to the darkness, no longer deceived into living in agreement with the desires of Satan.

A man sealed of God is a man who has had God's hand of righteousness place His mark upon his life. A man, who has received God's mark, is a man who has been called of God, redeemed of God, to be led of God. God's mark upon a man's life signifies man's union to God through the Holy Spirit. This mark, when pressed firmly upon a man's heart and mind, will cause a man's heart to be enlarged, so that he more clearly and precisely understands God's desire toward himself. With this knowledge upon his heart, he will desire to become more aligned to the truth that he has received. God's mark, when pressed upon a man's life, will help him receive the revelation of God's Light of holiness and truth.

The Spirit of God's holiness and truth, when impressed, imprinted upon a man's heart and mind, will be influenced of God, so that his desire will be to live in agreement with God's nature. He is then used of God, to demonstrate God's nature and desire. The man, once held captive to seeking purpose in ideas under the authority of the evil one, when released from his captivity, will be used of God to demonstrate God's restoring, healing nature. When a man is redeemed, rescued from living under the authority of the “serpent of old, called the Devil, and Satan,” he will be thankful that God reached out from heaven and placed His seal of ownership, God’s mark, upon his life.

> *“Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, to open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to the light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.” Acts 26:17-18*

Apostle Paul, who was of the tribe of Benjamin, “as touching the law, a Pharisee”, had at one time persecuted those called of Jesus Christ. He would proudly walk as a Pharisee, until the day that the Light of glory and resurrection, Jesus Christ, appeared to him and announced that he would be a “minister and a witness” of the things he had seen. Thoughts and actions aligned with darkness, when exposed to the Light, would then lose their authority over Apostle Paul’s heart and mind. His thoughts that he held in high regard, that he believed would bring purpose into his life, would be cast off the throne of his heart and mind, as Jesus Christ established His kingdom authority, through God’s Spirit of truth and revelation.

Apostle Paul had once thought that, by obeying laws and rituals, he was cleansed from the defilement brought about because of the sin nature he was born with. He believed, in keeping the laws and rituals of his forefather’s, that access to the Father’s heart could be obtained. But when the Light of truth and resurrection, Jesus Christ, appeared before him, his old nature, thoughts and beliefs, were shaken loose from their position of authority over him. He was made to realize that fellowship with the Father was not obtained through outward rituals and procedures, but through the Son, the Light who leads those who belong to God’s eternal kingdom of righteousness.

Apostle Paul was redeemed from the law. He, who thought of himself as a righteous man before God because of his observance of outward, physical ceremonies, when encountering the Light, would understand that true righteousness was found only in looking to Jesus Christ. And as God imprinted his seal of righteousness upon his heart, marked him as a child called of God, he would be trained up by God, so that he could be sent out as a witness to the life transforming power of the Holy Spirit. His heart and mind, quickened by the Holy Spirit, would gain understanding of the truth, that it is through faith in Jesus Christ, that a man’s sins are washed clean, healed and forgiven.

Through faith in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit is received and will impress upon a man’s thoughts the purpose and power of the blood that was shed by the holy, unblemished Lamb of God, upon the cross. It is the Holy Spirit that binds the truth upon a man’s heart, so that he appreciates the price that was paid as Jesus shed His precious blood upon the cross, on his behalf. Only the precious blood of Christ is able to redeem men from out of their captivity to the darkness, where Satan wields his sword of destruction. It is God’s hand pressing down upon a man’s soul, through the Holy Spirit, that will help him perceive the value of God’s covenant of grace, which was purposed through Jesus Christ. It is God’s mark, His seal of righteousness, that proclaims a man belongs to Him, and when pressed upon a man’s heart, will cause a man to stand before God, knowing that he is accepted of God.

Apostle Paul, through the perfect work of the Spirit, would receive wisdom to understand that a man could believe that in his obedience to rituals and regulations, he was in right standing with God. He understood that a man could believe he was righteous, according to the dictates of the laws created and upheld by men, while not realizing that he still existed in the darkness of unbelief, which denies what Jesus Christ accomplished on the cross. Apostle Paul knew that a man who does not understand the significance of being marked by God, sealed unto righteousness through the Holy Spirit, will continue to walk in the realm of darkness, which does not comprehend the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit.

Filled with this understanding, Apostle Paul would be used of God to speak into the hearts of men, to explain the power of the life transforming Spirit of the resurrected Christ. Apostle Paul’s life would be used of God to reveal the power of the Holy Spirit to turn a man “from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God.” God would use Apostle Paul to demonstrate through his life, through the words he spoke and lived, the importance of being sealed unto righteousness through receiving the Holy Spirit. Many people would be joined in holy union to God, because of the words that God would have Apostle Paul speak. Receiving the mark, the Holy Spirit signifies that a man belongs to God, is a member of God's household, of His possession.

> *"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? And your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness." Isaiah 55:1-2*

Those who bear the mark of God, whose bodies bear the express image of God, the Holy Spirit, understand what it is like to partake of the bread that was broken on their behalf, so that their hungry souls could be satisfied. They also know what it is like to partake of the living waters that flow in abundance from God's throneroom in heaven. To partake of the living waters from heaven, they know that God can move in resurrection power within their lives. Children of faith, who God has purposed to be heirs of righteousness, adopted into His eternal family through the Spirit, also know the great value of their salvation.

Children who appreciate the truth of being redeemed, rescued from out of the darkness, so they live in the Light of God's love, value the price that was paid for their freedom. The mark of God that presses upon their hearts, revealing the good intentions of God, the holy commandments of God, speaks into their lives of the great value of the blood that Jesus Christ shed upon the cross. God's children, sealed unto righteousness through the Spirit, appreciate the value of the precious blood of Christ, who paid the established and determined price that was required to redeem their souls from their bondage to the flesh.

Children released from their captivity to the flesh, because they bear God's express image upon their hearts, which is the Holy Spirit, will be instructed in the ways of God, so they are able to live in peace with God. They will come to realize that when they were redeemed, the hand of God broke their shackles, so that they were no longer forced to serve a cruel master, the carnal nature. Their redemption was not because of any outward acts of righteousness they had performed, but because of what Jesus Christ accomplished on the cross.

> *"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God." 1 Peter 18-21*

Those who have received the law of God's righteousness, having had His holy commandments impressed upon their hearts, sealed and bound upon their minds, appreciate the great price that was paid for their redemption. They understand that they could not purchase, through performance or observance to rituals and laws, this understanding; but that it was through faith in Jesus Christ, and in receiving the Holy Spirit, that this truth was revealed to their hearts and minds. Their performance of rituals and regulations did not cause the holy commandments to be written upon their hearts, but instead, through faith in Jesus Christ was the Holy Spirit given, so that God could establish His truth within their lives.

Children of faith now realize that God did not require them to offer up coins that bear the image of men, before they were allowed to sit down at the Lord's banqueting table. God did not require that they lay upon the altar a specific sum of silver or gold before they could reach out to Jesus Christ, in hope of obtaining the object of their salvation, the Holy Spirit. It was through calling upon the name of Jesus Christ, in faith, that God sealed them unto salvation, filling them with His Spirit of holiness and righteousness.

Those redeemed from the earth, released from their prison walls built up of earthly, carnal desires, appreciate the grace that God has extended toward them. Yet many, who are sealed by the Holy Spirit unto the Lord, have gone through long seasons where their souls desperately groaned to be delivered from out of their captivity to any darkness of unbelief that distorted their vision of God. As Light, God's truth, which is like an all consuming fire, moves upon a man's life, revealing and destroying the darkness that lingers in the many rooms of a man's mind. A man may find himself groaning to be delivered from out of all darkness. And with time, he will. The man must remember that in patience he will possess his soul, that through patiently waiting upon the Lord, that God will be faithful to complete the good work that He has started within his life.

The Spirit of God is holy, and those born again of the Spirit will bear the holiness of God within their lives. Yet, before a man is born again into God's kingdom of righteousness, through the Holy Spirit, he will have been born into the world, bearing the image, the mark of the first man, Adam, who fell from grace in the garden. However, those who bear the mark of Adam, the natural man, are not filled with God's eternal life, the Holy Spirit, and their sins will continue to lead them along the path that leads to destruction.

Until a man bear's the express image of God, the mark of eternal life, the Holy Spirit, he will not experience God's love moving in power and authority upon his heart and mind. Because of the offence of one man, Adam, all men would be born into the world, bearing the image of the natural man, who walks in darkness, sealed unto destruction. And until a man turns to the Lord, calls out to Jesus Christ, he will not be redeemed from his carnal, Adamic nature. Until a man, through faith, calls upon Jesus Christ, God's hand of grace will not reach out and press His seal, the Holy Spirit, upon his life.

> *"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Revelation 13:16-17*

Woe unto those who would offer up offence by encouraging men to look away from God's free gift of salvation. Yet, the beast who rises up from the earth, performing miracles in the sight of men, continues to raise up offences, by placing stumbling blocks before them, while discounting the gift of grace, that came through the second Adam, Jesus Christ. The beast who speaks like a dragon, able to perform miracles in the sight of men, represents all men, who continue to hold others captive to thoughts and behaviors that deny or distort what was accomplished on the cross.

The beast, men who direct others away from path that leads to the well of eternal life, where they are able to drink of the living waters for themselves, lead men into captivity. They themselves bear the mark of the natural man, who is like a beast of the field, in that they do not possess eternal life, the Holy Spirit. Men who bear the mark of the natural man, the image of the first man, Adam, look to the earth in hope of finding purpose. They are not spiritually discerned, they have not received the inheritance of great worth, the Holy Spirit, so they cannot understand the value of being joined to God, through the Spirit. They continue to look to things of the earth that can be bought and sold, in hope of finding purpose and worth in life. They continue to look out upon the world, and think that power can be bought through carnal means.

Men who bear the mark of the first man, the natural man Adam, will live their lives controlled by the same desires and thoughts as he did. Those who walk bearing the mark of the natural man have not reached out and called upon Jesus Christ, so they have not received the Holy Spirit, which is able to heal all their sins. The approach of the natural man, in seeking God, is to live in obedience to rules, rituals and laws established by other men. They believe that in their performance of outward acts, that they can drape the commandments upon their lives and be considered holy in God's sight.

The beast, men who bear the mark of the natural man, Adam, continue to this day to hold men in subjection to their own self-focused desires and purposes, by keeping others focused on outward performance. The beast, who speaks like a dragon, promises life, but continues to hold out rituals and rules that keep men in subjection to others who walk in pride and vain imaginations. To lead men to dry wells of rituals and rules will cause men's hearts to remain hardened, so that the Word of eternal life is turned into fables that deny the power of God. To stand beside wells without water, will cause men to continue their journey upon the earth without understanding the purpose of the Holy Spirit. And without the Holy Spirit, they will continue onward, bearing the mark of the beastly, earthly, carnal nature.

Men who bear the mark of the natural man, Adam, cannot create enough rules and rituals in which to build a stairway to heaven, so that they can stand before God and ask Him to write His holy commandments upon their hearts. It is only through faith in Jesus Christ, that a man will receive the mark of eternal life, the Holy Spirit, that is able to reveal greater realms of the Father's love. And it is through faith that God will press His holy commandments firmly upon a man's heart, so that he is able to live in holy union unto God.

Through Jesus Christ, a new day arose upon the earth, so that all who would hear His voice and respond would be welcomed into God's eternal kingdom of righteousness. Because of Jesus Christ, the veil was torn in two. Because of what Jesus Christ accomplished on the cross, all men who hear His voice and call upon His holy name are welcomed to come before the Lord and receive the mark of eternal life, the Holy Spirit.

> *"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." 1 Corinthians 2:14-16*

Expanded Understanding

Suzanne Luis

The Lord has been showing me that 2004 is the year when His people will experience an expanded understanding of how He speaks. I saw two things in conjunction with this word, one was open doors and the other was a library with lots of books. The Lord is going to increase our vocabulary this year. We will understand His words and what they mean in a greater way. We will hear, see and comprehend His word in a greater dimension this year and where there has been confusion, we will experience clearer understanding enabling us to move into His purposes for us in 2004.

Explosive Words

Mary Clark

The Lord showed me an explosion at the top of a “Microsoft Word,” page, and said the words “explosive words.” Here are the explosive words that He has to speak to us:

I am the living, breathing, Lord God Almighty. I hold the whole future of the universe in My hands. Never doubt it, beloved – NEVER doubt it!

I am calling to My children, asking that you take your positions and rest in that place until further notice. I want you to see the glory of your God manifest in your lives in a dynamic way. I want you walking in My truth with sure, swift steps – stepping into the fancy of your God.

Many have called out to Me, asking questions about your future. You have asked Me about this thing and that thing, wondering what you are to do next in My name. I have these words to speak to you on this subject: The enemy would have you fretting about your present position. He would have you wringing your hands, wondering if you are presently in the will of your Father. I will tell you this, beloved: If you are seeking Me, spending time with Me, and reading My word, you are in My will. If you are following the edicts of My word to the best of your ability, looking to Me for the reassurance of heart that you crave, you are in My will. If you are following the path that I have set before you, looking to Me to carry you through all circumstances that arise, you are in My will. If you are seeking Me on a daily basis, calling out words of love and encouragement to Me about My work that is shining forth in you and in others, you are in My will. You say, “But, Lord, is there not some task that You are requiring of Me in this hour. Don’t You want Me to go forth teaching and preaching Your word on the streets and in the market place?” I certainly do want you to do this, beloved, but before I send you out, I am preparing you for all that I am calling you to do. You see, beloved, this is a most unusual hour to be alive. This is a most unusual hour to walk in My truth, because I am doing a preparing work in your hearts. I am realigning your thought processes. I am changing you within to match up with My will for you. I am doing a work of establishing you in a certain place for this coming hour. Yes! I am calling you to the highways and the byways for ACTION! But first, I have some things that I want to do in your heart of hearts. I have some things that I wish to correct, and also there is some power to be given to those hearts about which I will need to teach you.

Be reassured, beloved. I am at work. I do have a plan. I am extending a new hour to you when you will walk in a new hope in Me. I am eager to see you grow stronger with each passing day. My intent is to cause man’s system to plummet, and establish My own. You will play an important role in this process – a very important role! So get your hearts ready to receive all that the Beloved has for you – all the strengthening power. All the necessary requirements are being lined up to My specifications, and you will know GREAT success – the GREATEST success in the coming hour.

Now for My explosive words: I have called you, My beloved children, to walk in a new hope in Me. I have made ALL the necessary arrangements for this walk. I want you ready, for the hour is surely coming forth when you will march forward into great splendor and beauty. You will be My shining ones. You will be equipped within to pronounce truths, in the hearing of ALL men, that will establish your destiny. You will be equipped to move forward with the excellence of your God sustaining you, fortifying you, and giving to you the reassurance of heart that you so desire.

I want you to know that man will look on this coming work aghast. Man will look on this coming work and shake his head in disapproval. You must maintain your stance. You must keep going, looking to the Author and Finisher of your faith to bring forth His most perfect will.

There will be a season when the world’s system will rock until it crashes with a LOUD noise, but you, beloved, must pay that crash no heed. You must maintain your focus. You must continue looking to Me to surround you with My glorious presence, and maintain your focus on Me and My will that is shining forth. I want you to know, dear child, that you are in a protected place when you are in Me – a wonderfully secure place. I want you to know that the enemy cannot touch you when you are in this secure place. I want you to know that the lies of the enemy will bounce off you when you are close to Me, looking to Me to remedy the world's situation, according to My most extraordinary expertise.

Yes, rough times lie ahead for the world. Rough times lie ahead for all who look to the world for their security. But you know that your security lies in the Beloved, and His plans are sufficient to encompass you and all your endeavors that He asks of you. I want you to know that the time is surely upon the world when explosions will be a byword – a word that is on the lips of every person alive. There will be explosions in places that have never before known them. Explosions! Explosions! Explosions will be all around, but know this: The only explosions that I want you looking at, My beloved children, are the explosions that I am causing in hearts. For I am about to cause some explosions in hearts, and I am equipping you to go into those areas of devastation and speak life over them. Will you do this? Will you keep your focus on Me, and do My bidding in this area? This, beloved, will bring forth the harvest of all harvests. This is the season of a great harvest, shining forth on the face of the earth. This is the season when My beloved children will shine forth My will in their lives, as they go about speaking My wonderful words with authority and power. You are about to see some things, beloved. You are about to see some things that will cause rancor in the troops, but be not dismayed. Keep your focus on Me and you will know great prosperity of heart. You will know the will of your God from a wonderfully new vantage point, and you will speak with the authority of your great and passionate God, the oracles of justice that He is putting within you for this final hour.

So be prepared to speak explosive words on My behalf. Be prepared to speak them no matter what is going on around you. Many will jeer and sneer at you, dear child, but you will be safe from their insults, for you will be in Me – locked in that wondrous place in My heart – that secure place of love and trust in the Almighty and His plans.

I have declared to you this day some words of truth. I want you to know that they are coming forth by My hand. I want you to know that many will look on the scenes that are about to be displayed aghast, but you, dear child, must keep your focus on Me. You must rise above what you see, and keep your focus on the Beloved. You must be open to speaking My words of truth, realizing that they will promote the will of your God in the masses.

I have called you to come with Me into a new season of hope. The world will not see it as such, but you will see it – you will recognize My hand in all that is coming forth, and you will bow down to Me in reverent awe for what I am presenting. I am equipping you for that hour. Stay in Me. Keep your focus on Me in the days ahead. Practice this task, beloved, for in so doing, you will be strengthened for all that lies ahead. Right now let that be your objective – seeking the Beloved, staying in His Word – abiding in His presence. This is a place of strength and fortification. This is where you need to be at this moment. Rest there until further notice. Rest there until I give you the signal to move, and know deep within that I have called you to participate in this hour equipped and fortified with strength from on high to reveal My goodness – My goodness to all who will receive with a thankful and contrite heart.

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I Send You
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John 20:21 Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also

send you."

In a vision, someone passed me the gold-colored container in which the communion cups are served. I lifted the lid, and saw the little cups with juice in them. The juice was fizzing. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I am calling My children into a new and holy dimension. I want you to know Me – really know Me. I want you to stand for My truth in all that you do. The time is coming, beloved, when familiar things will take on a new look. No more will it be business as usual. No more will you walk without an understanding of My will for you, for you are hungering and thirsting after Me and for My will to be fulfilled in your life.

I want you to stand fast in your calling. I want you to see My will and embrace it. I want you declaring your allegiance to Me at every turn. No more will My children be slaves to sin, for I have freed them. I have given them a divine hope in Me and in My cause that will thrill their hearts.

I am calling you, My beloved, into a new dimension. Things will take on a new look – a powerful look – a look that can only be identified as heavenly. When this occurs, many will be frantic with worry. They will wring their hands. They will pace back and forth. They will be looking to man to justify what is happening. They just will not be able to reconcile what they see with the life that they once knew. But you, My beloved, must hear these words and act on these words. When you see this new and coming dimension of the glory of your God in your midst, you must remain steadfast in your walk. You must keep your focus on Me. You must not veer off the given path. You must accept My ways, acknowledge My goodness, and follow intently the course that I have put before you. I am not calling you into a place of upheaval. I am calling you into a place of rest and security in Me. Trust Me. Trust in My divine intervention on your part. Trust Me to secure you in that place of peace and rest in My heart. Just maintain your focus, beloved, for there is strength in this place – mighty strength.

Let Me tell you this, too: The occurrences that will soon be displayed upon the face of the earth will get the attention of all. Many will not like what they see. Many will look to the world for a solution. But this is what I want you to know about what is to come: When you gather together to meet with Me, I will be demonstrating My ways to you in many profound styles. You will be an insider, beloved, in the work of your God. Don't get smug about this wonder that I will be working in your midst. Know that you are a chosen one of the Almighty, and I am showing you many unusual sights, but all that I am showing you – all that I am doing – is for a good reason. I am demonstrating My strength and power to you in order for you to take a stand publicly that you would not ordinarily be able to take. I am equipping you, fortifying you with strength during these times of coming together. I am showing you many unusual sights that will make you marvel. You will be so delightfully surprised at what I am showing you.

Yes! I am about to make a mighty breakthrough in the midst of My children. This breakthrough will enable you to see My mighty hand at work in your midst. I want you to know that this is a part of the equipping – the strengthening – that I have for you. Rich power will flow in your meetings. Lap it up. It is for you. It is for you to take out and give publicly. Give it freely. Give it to any who ask. For this is the plan that I am unfolding for you. This is part of the plan that you will look on with happy surprise, but again I say, "Do not get smug, beloved." It is for you to give freely. It is to build you up within in order that you may spread liberally among the masses the goodness of your God.

Now we come to those who are going about calling themselves by My name who will not recognize the goodness of the living God – those who will be focused on what is happening in the world – those who are not in a holy union with Me. What shall happen in their meetings? What will the Almighty do to prepare them and strengthen them? As the Father sent Me, so I send you, beloved. I send you to display My goodness to those who call themselves by My name, but know Me not. Yes! Beloved, I send YOU!!!

smug - narrowly contented with one's own accomplishments, belief, morality; self-satisfied to an annoying degree; complacent

The Devil Lurks
Mary Clark

June 20, 2004
In a vision, I saw someone with an evil intent, hiding in the curtains backstage at a theatre. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I want My dear children to know that evil lurks in their lives. Evil is constantly looking on, ready to condemn. You must remember this truth. You must remember that the evil one lurks, ready to pounce the moment you do something – *anything*. He is always so ready to point his bony finger. While I, on the other hand, am always with you. My words are kind. My correction is *even* kind. Don’t listen to the enemy’s absurd insinuations, beloved. Don’t listen to his snide remarks. If he tells you something that you did wrong, bearing any truth, turn to Me and say, “Father, I am sorry that I did that. Thank You for forgiving me.” That is enough to keep the enemy off your back. That is enough to hush him up. Remember that he is lurking in the wings ready to pounce – ready to tell you something to hurt your heart. I am the heart Healer. I never say anything to you that will damage your heart. Never!

In this day, the enemy is constantly at work, telling My beloved children that they are not fit. They can do nothing right as far as he is concerned. Look who is judging whom! Let Me be your judge, dear child. Let Me talk to you about things that concern Me. I will do it gently. I will do it when you least expect Me to. I speak to My beloved only when the time is *just* right. Bear this in mind. Bear this truth in mind: The enemy wishes to make your life miserable. Don’t let him. Don’t give him so much as a nod. Go about your life focused on Me. Listen to My instruction and follow My lead. I will help you maintain your stance in Me. I will enable you to grow stronger in this process. Pay the enemy no mind, dear child. I am instructing you to pay his ugly insinuations no mind. Keep focused on Me. Listen to Me. I will help you along life’s way. He desires to trip you. He desires to hurt your heart, making you miserable. Why would he do such as this? He doesn’t like us. He never has and he never will. But you will not let that stand in the way of living for Me, of following after My heart, will you, dear child? You won’t lose any sleep over that fact, will you?

Embrace Your Cross

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Embrace your cross, beloved, as I embraced Mine. Embrace it knowing that I am with you all the way. I am certainly with you ALL the way.

In times past, men walked seeking after the heart of the Father, and wondering if and when they would experience carrying that back-breaking cross. They kept wondering when the cross that they had chosen in order to follow Me would become such a burden that their backs would break underneath it. They never realized that I was with them. They never realized that I was the One – I the Holy One – was the One Who was embracing that cross with them.

I want you to realize something, beloved. When you choose to take up your cross and follow Me, I am right with you. I am bearing the brunt of that burden. I am strengthening you within in order that you might see My glorious work and walk in the fulfillment of all that I have promised.

I am telling you to take up your cross and follow after Me for a good reason, child of God. I want to assist you. I want to be your Mainstay. I want to support you in every endeavor that you take up for Me. Yes! Dear child, I want to bless you with My abundant presence. I want you to walk in a new understanding of who you are in Me. I want your confidence in Me to stabilize your every move.

Is this too much to ask? I don't believe it is. I believe this is a gift that I have given to you that will enable you to take those final steps into My glory with confidence and thankfulness. I have established a work in you. It is going forth at My command. I want you to go forth in the confident hope that your God can and will work wonders within your heart. I want you to go forth, knowing that I am your burden-bearer. One who chooses to take up his cross and follow Me will NOT – again I say, "WILL NOT!!!" be left comfortless. I am with you, oh you chosen one. I am with you all the way, and I will establish you in that peace that only I can provide. I will enable you to walk in the territory that I have placed before you, knowing that you are not alone. I am with you *ALL* the way.

Let it suffice to say, beloved, that your God has made a way for you. He has made a way for your feet to tread into the divine nature of His most extraordinary plan for you. He has made a way for you to know His goodness first hand. Now! Would a God Who gave His life for you leave you high and dry now? Now, when the most unusual is about to occur? Now, when the divine will of the living God is about to come into play in the world in a way that will get the whole world's attention? Now, beloved, when the fun is about to turn into something that will cause the devil to turn tail and run? Nope! I don't believe so. I have been with you from the beginning, and I will not forsake you now. So, beloved, do Me and yourself a favor. Lift that cross. Lift it high, for I am with you. I am giving you *ALL* the support that you need. You will see the light of day in a glorious new way, and you will be in awe at the significance of all for which you were prepared. As My divine will unfolds, you will see My glory penetrate every willing heart, and open a new hour of My majesty as it unfolds for all the world to see and to know that the One Who is true and holy reigns in the hearts of His children. He not only reigns, but He is their burden-bearer through thick and though thin – through all the devil would send their way. Through all of life's exploits I am with you, beloved. I am with you, supporting you with My divine power all the way, and beloved, that is nothing to take lightly – that is nothing to take for granted. I have given you much for which to be grateful. Be grateful, and see the living God shine forth His glory on your behalf, lighting your way into the extremes and passions that only I can give – that only I can provide – that only I can offer to you – My beloved – My own!!!

Father's Love

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,
Have you ever noticed that when you are engrossed in something (whether anew, or as part of your routine), you suddenly start seeing that particular thing everywhere? For example, when I was living in the kibbutz they taught me how to weld. Up until that time I never paid much attention to welded metal. However, after working in that profession for a while I would see welds everywhere. Another example is the attention that we pay to the same model or make of car when we buy a new one. Suddenly it appears in all the highways and byways. I sometimes even find myself waving at the driver, as if we suddenly have became close friends.

One of the great discoveries in Christendom, of these past few years, is what has been termed 'Jewish or Hebraic roots'. It has become very important to us to use words like Elohim, Yah, YHVH, Yahwah, or Yahoveh for God, and Yeshua or Yah'shuah for Jesus. Up until that time we, English speakers, basically used the common scriptural terms such as "God", "Lord", "Jesus" etc. But things being as they are in the demonic realm, the enemy will cause men to argue and be divisive over which name is correct, or how to pronounce it, while supplying abundant reasons for endorsing one name or another. Some folk will even gather around one particular usage of the "name", and judge or criticize others who are not in full agreement with them. This all smacks of an unsanctified life.

Within the last year we have been introduced to teachings on sanctification, through which our eyes have been open to the spiritual realm like never before. One of the most important lessons which came out of this teaching, had to do with my relationship with my father, and now with my Heavenly Father. Most of us have never heard our earthly father say, "I love you", or "this is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased". Can you imagine how Yeshua felt when His Father said those words to Him? I think every son or daughter would give every thing they have just to hear an "I love you," said by their father. But because we have a spiritual enemy, that steals, kills and destroys, our fathers are (or were) in no condition to respond to us in a Godly manner. As a result we all have been robbed of one of life's greatest treasures, the love of a father. This has created a great void in the heart, and has often precluded us from giving and receiving love.

After having our heavenly Father's love ministered to me, my eyes were open to how many times the apostles pointed to our "Father". When Yeshua taught his disciples to pray he said, "our Father"(Math 6:8), and he continued to refer, many times, to His Father and their Father. In his writings, Paul also keeps reminding the believers of their relationship with the Father. *"And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'"* (Gal. 4:6). *"For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, Father'"* (Rom. 8:15). Many times the apostles begin their letters to the congregations of believers with this greeting: *"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Yeshua the Messiah"*.

I began to wonder why we would want to address our Heavenly Father in any other way but "Abba". In the scriptures God is known by many names, and when examined they all speak of fulfilling some need in one's life, especially in the one area that we spoke about above that we long for the most, and that is the Father's love. If we looked at His role as a loving Father, all His names or attributes would be included in that one relationship. So why do we not just call Him with the most endearing of all names (which also helps us set our own identity in order)?

I can honestly say that I did not know His love for me, even after 30 years of being a believer. I knew Him as a good provider, very similar to my earthly father, but something was always missing. Was it a lack of spiritual maturity, or did it have something to do with sanctification? I had to seriously consider the latter, because it wasn't until receiving teaching on this subject that His Father's heart began to be revealed to me.

There were many spiritual blocks in my life that the enemy had set up over the years, blocks which had to be removed. But first I had to recognize and admit to their existence, take responsibility for cooperating with them and then repent and renounce each one of them individually. Amazingly, after they were cast out or down, that which remained in me was… His presence. Thus I am getting to know my Father as that perfect love, and because I have been created in His likeness, I also get to know who I am as a new creation in Messiah.

In the first letter of the Apostle John, he writes: *"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure"* (1 John 3:1-3).

In this verse we can see the connection between purifying ourselves and seeing the Father. The Greek word for "revealed" is from Strong's 5319: fanero, phaneroo {fan-er-o'-o} "to make manifest, appear, be manifest", from the root "to enlighten". We can never know who we are as His progeny, unless we come to the revelation knowledge of who He is. Our new life as children of a loving heavenly Father should bear the same nature as the Father, and thus anything that is not of Him is also not of us. So how do we proceed when we realize that there are things in us which are a far cry from the Father's expression? *"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God"* (2 Cor 7:1). It cannot be clearer! We must take the responsibility to "cleanse [or purify] ourselves" from all filthiness of flesh and spirit. We will not be able to do this if we are ignorant of the spiritual realm and the truths of sanctification. Most of the problems in the Body of Messiah could be resolved if we were rid of many of the spiritual influences that come from Satan's kingdom. Thus, if we see ourselves as children of the same Father and having this same nature, we will easily recognize one another. John puts it this way: *"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God* [our heavenly Father] *and everyone who loves is born of God* [the Father] *and knows God* [the Father]. *No one has seen God* [the Father] *at any time. If we love one another, God* [the Father] *abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. God* [the Father] *is love, and he who abides in love abides in Him* [the Father] a*nd God* [the Father] *in him"* (1 John 4:7; 12-13; 16). Thus we have fellowship with one another and our joy can be made full.
Have a joy filled Shabbat!
Ephraim

Fathers And Sons
Stephen Hanson

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MAL 4:5 "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. [6] He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

1CO 4:14 I am not writing this to shame you, but to warn you, as my dear children. [15] Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. [16] Therefore I urge you to imitate me. [17] For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church. 1JN 2:13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father.

"Without a good father, a son cannot come unto maturity. Without a strong male influence, a nation is without a leader. There are men who claim to be leaders but are not. There are many children who are left without a father. There are many young women who have never known the hand of a good father. Can a nation survive without the hands of the fathers? Can young men know true leadership without them? A curse is coming unless this land can bring the hearts back to the fathers. For there is an emptiness in the land. Many sons have gone astray because of this. But I tell you, there are many young men in the faith who need fathers in their lives. Those who are more mature in the faith need to guide them. We need apostolic fathers. We need prophetic fathers. We need those who can nurture and can guide. Can the young in the faith service without them? We don't need those who lord over other things. Children need boundaries and limits, but a body that is controlled by a single leader is doomed to failure. Those who have known Me, be a strong influence in the lives of others. Be the father to them that they need. Then my body can come unto maturity. "

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To Sin, Or To Continue To Sin
Stephen Hanson

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I want to speak to you about the concept that we ALL sin, but that if we know God then we will not CONTINUE in sin. There is a difference here, although it may seem like these two issues, or concepts are the same. I felt it important to write about this foundamental issue because oftentimes, there seems to be some confusion within the body of Christ concerning sin and how we are to live our lives as believers. We are told in 1JN 1:8:

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our *sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.*

So, it is plainly seen here from this passage of scripture, that ALL of us sin. We must not be led astray by various teachings that say that we will not sin. We need to know however, what it means to continue in sin, or simply to know that we do sin. When we sin, then we have an advocate with the Father, His son, who cleanses us from our sins.

But now, let us look at the next few verses in 1 John. *1JN 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. [2] He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.*

Why would we be told in these few verses, "so that you will not sin......"? I believe that we must understand that in verses 9 and 10 above that sin here is mentioned as a noun. In the section immediately following it, we find the word "sin" referred to as a verb (*I write this to you so that you will not sin.)* In this usage here of the word sin, it is in an active tense. The apostle was referring to the "repeated" sin in a person's life. What does that mean? It means I believe, to commit a particular type of sin again and again. That is substantially different than saying that there is NO sin within us. There is sin within us because of our fallen nature.

It is interesting to note that we will not continue in sin because of something that has been planted within us. *1 John 3[9] No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's* **seed** *remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.* God's seed, His spirit, has been planted within us through the Holy Spirit. As this seed begins to grow and flourish, then the works that we do will not be works after the flesh, after our carnal nature, but they will be done after the fruit of the spirit. We will begin and will continue to manifest in our lives, love, *joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Gal. 5: 22* This is markedly different from the seed of death. James 1 mentions about how sin can give forth to a seed as well: *[15] Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

Now, we will still sin, but we will not want to "continue to sin" again and again because of His spirit that is at work within us to conform us to His image. And then even "if" we do continue to sin, God will cleanse us and purify us after we have confessed to Him *our sin.* Now, we know that we all have had a former way of life, a former way of existence if you will, that was a life without God. This old life though, was a life that was not a life of freedom, but was a life of death. There was no fruit to be found from or in that life, and it was to be done away with: *RO [6] For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--[7] because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.* So, when we think of sin and how it still can plague us, we now have the "freedom" to embrace the new life that God has given unto through His Son.

So finally, we are to count ourselves dead to sin, but alive to Christ: *RO 6:11 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus [14] For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.* This teaching may be Part 1. of two parts, in that the second one will deal more with grace, how wonderful it is, and yet how it can be abused.

Stephen Hanson

The End Of All Things Is At Hand
Stephen Hanson

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MT 24:4 Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. [5] For many will come in my name, claiming, `I am the Christ, ' and will deceive many. [6] You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. [7] Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. [8] All these are the beginning of birth pains.

MT 24:9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. [10] At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, [11] and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. [12] Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, [13] but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. [14] And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

"The end of all things is coming and will soon be at hand. Not many more seasons will pass, and then the end will come. I tell you that many deceptions lie in the near future. The rumors that you have heard about the attacks upon America will suddenly materialize. Those who are near the coastlines, beware and take cover; for larger metropolitan areas are targeted. Be forewarned, and be alert! The military will take action and many lives will be lost. These things have been predicted by others, and yet many still bury their heads in the sand. "

"But swiftly I come on the wings of the wind. Many persecutions are ahead for my people. For you will be handed over to the courts but I will plead your case for you. Beware of false prophets promising you many things. There will come many claiming to be a new spiritual leader. I tell you that surely you will know them by their fruits. Those who are near Me and hear my voice, will be a light in a dark place. Many congregations will fall and will split over petty differences. You will hear of a brighter tomorrow forecast by some. Use your discernment to know which is true. For the mature, I ask you to eat strong meat. If you want words of comfort and sugar-coated messages, then go to a psyhic. I tell you that my truth is embodied in my spirit. Those who eat of its fruit will live. Surely, in spite of all of this, I will be hedge of protection for my people. "

Stephen Hanson

FATness

Vicki Camp

For HIS' FATness: 'Open Wide ...'

"........he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat. " -Prov. 28:25b

1-10-'04 In reading the other day of the 'double doors' of Solomon's Temple (I Kings 6) & Ezekiel's vision Temple (Ezek. 41), I was surprised to find these were louvered doors - that is, two sets of hinged fold back type doors. "And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors." - Ezek. 41:23. Carved wood (cherubim, palm trees, flowers) and then gold overlaid,,, not plain doors -- beautiful paneled doors, foldable to open or shut, these were louvered doors.

As I pondered this with Lord, I was shown a small vision:
A glass bottle, like an old fashioned milk bottle.....and I saw rich milk cream. The mouth of this bottle was open wide and I could see in through the top as it was tipped slightly; See the cream and it's residue dripping thickly on the inner glass bottle neck - Cream that non-homogenized milk has, risen to the top ... with also some thick cream splashes on the outer top rim ...
... and this is what I heard Lord speak,

"Beloved, you have sturdy heart doors of intricate holy carving, for I have carved you and I am fashioning you MySelf.

I speak to you now to do your part; Grab hold of the latch of restraint and open up your inner doors, opening them widely to Me.

OPEN UP the double doors; OPEN WIDE your louvered partitions, for I am coming to invade your premises, says your Lord.

I, Giver of Life am watching and looking for open jars, those who are not in smallness cracked open in hesitant unbelief, but doors flung WIDE to Me.

I am looking with My Eye for My open vessels who wait, yearn, and openly are calling for Me to enter ***afresh****.*

OPEN UP, for I am the rich cream, The Water of Life Who truly will satisfy you with the fat of My very Being.
.... OPEN Wide your louvered doors of inner chambers. I am coming I say, to invade you with large and heaping double portions; Rich fats of My river that flows out from My Throne, by My Own Hand and of My Own Voice......even MySelf your Word.

Beloved, unlatch your heart doors; Peel back your cover for I am passing over .... Looking.

OPEN now .... and drink Me in."

Is. 55: 1 ***"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price." - v. 6 "Seek the Lord while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near."***

Sgs. 5:1 ***"I am come into my garden, my sister, my spouse: I have gathered my myrrh with my spice; I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk my wine with my milk: eat, O friends; drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved."***

With heart and mouth wide open I am now speaking, *"HO ! ... yes,,, Even so, come to us* ***Lord Jesus****... "*

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"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea." -Hab. 2:14

From Chaos To Kingdom
Ron McGatlin

Reference: Psalm 23

*Isa 2;3-4: Many people shall come and say, **"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,** To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.*

Transition through the valley of the shadow leads to the mountain of light. People of God are now walking through a shadowy valley. God is shaking out the darkness that has invaded the world and the sacred ground of the temple of God (the heart soil of man). Whatever is in the heart of man finds its way into all areas of society including the church.

God is faithful to provide for those who truly seek Him, even through the valley of the shadow and in the presence of enemies. The table is prepared and the green pastures and still waters are before those who love Him and seek Him with their whole heart. Goodness and mercy are wonderful companions on the journey through the valley unto the pristine high mountain meadows of the bright glory and fresh clean air in the kingdom of God from heaven on earth.

Our cup runs over in the valley of the shadow but life explodes into glory on the mountain of light.

Even now as I look into the spiritual realm and see a tinge of the awesome glory of His love, my heart is again overwhelmed. There are not words to describe the impact of just touching the fringe of His garment of love. Emotions are poured out - hearts melt - brokenness beyond compare - as love pours in and tangible glory explodes from utter weakness of our soul within. Tears of humility in the very presence of the power that formed the heavens and now invades our earth. Shaking trembling hyper ventilating wondering if I will live or die in this awesome place of Glory.

Even now it remains true that eye has not seen nor has entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love Him (1 Cor 2:9-10). But by the Spirit, He is revealing the reality of His glory as we approach the mountain and transcend from the valley of the shadow to the glory of the mountain.

Isa 60:1-3: Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

Chaos is reigning in much of the world and in many hearts. Great darkness is covering the land - lack of love, lack of morality, lack of obedience to God and lack of adherence to the ways of God all stem from a lack of abiding in Him and His love.

Men leaving the natural use of the woman and working that which is evil with one another, women with women, confused teens and adults living in fornication and believing it is right to do so, pornography and open sexual display - personal greed and greed in business - vile accusation, gossip, bringing curses upon one another by their evil accusations - resentment and pain of wounding one another - betrayal - deception and lack of discernment - gambling rampant across the land - lying a normal way of communicating even in heads of states, churches, and businesses - children under attack in the womb and on into the schools - multitudes of fatherless children - open sorcery and psychic mediums guiding lives - fear, wars, and terror tormenting lives (Rom 1:26-32).

This is the valley of the shadow of death through which we walk. These kinds of things and the spirits that, by the will of man, perpetrate them are a shadow of death. They result from hearts turned away from God and society removing God and choosing other gods in their midst.

Great shaking is upon the earth to shake all that can be shaken (Heb 12:26). Only that which cannot be shaken (the kingdom of God and His kingdom ways) shall remain. A spiritual kingdom of the King from heaven must reign in the hearts of man (Christ in you) and then in the world (Col 1:27). Christ Jesus came and is now manifesting as the corporate Christ t bring peace on earth and goodwill toward men (Luke 2:14).

Seek first the kingdom of God and all these things shall be added to you(Mat 6:33). The spiritual in working kingdom precedes the outworking practical kingdom of God from heaven on earth.

The love of God is the primary ingredient of the kingdom of God. The world is today tasting the depth of the love of God portrayed in the powerful movie of the Passion of The Christ. Jesus willingly gave himself to be crucified because of love. If He had not willingly given Himself, we could not today experience saturation of intimate passionate holy love in God's manifest presence.

Lots of Love,
Ron McGatlin

Kingdom The Higher Way
Ron McGatlin

There is a much higher way of life than most people have ever seriously considered. It is the way that leads to the fullness of glory. Have you ever thought about the need for truly holy living and what it would look like and be like? Many may have imagined the power of God and what it might look and feel like in their lives. But there must be purity (holiness) before power.

In the passing church emphasis age most have been satisfied with being forgiven sinners. In the emerging kingdom emphasis age the potential exist to enter into realms of spiritual holiness and purity that will lead to the fullness of the glory of God.

The higher way is the way of love and humility. There is no strife, no frustrating need nor greed in love and humility. There is no fear and no pride - no need of retaliation or resentment. The higher way is not the way of natural man it is the way of God.

Isa 55:8-9: "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

The thoughts and ways of God must become the thoughts and ways within man in the kingdom of God. Nothing that defiles can enter into the New Jerusalem lifestyle of the kingdom of God. The natural ways of doing business in the church and in the world will not enter the new kingdom age.

These kingdom ways are not religious principles nor doctrinal points to consider in Sunday school. They are practical reality of God living with man on earth and changing the way we do church and the way we do business in every area of life.

There is a much higher way required to walk in the manifest presence and glory of God. Jesus taught of the higher way in Mat 5 & 6. He spoke of such things as loving your enemies, going the extra mile, turning the other cheek, and to look with lust was adultery in the heart and to be angry with your brother was as murder in the heart. Paul wrote of the higher way in Romans 12.

Rom 12:14-21: Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

These higher principles were seen in the past by many as unattainable in the world at the time. Indeed they are not within the realm of reality for man in the passing church age. However, in the emerging kingdom age the maturing of "Christ in us" is taking us to a new level. Only God is Holy and only God in man can live in the fullness of true love and humility.

Soaking in the manifest presence of God and partaking fully of the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead can saturate man to the point that the thoughts and ways of God fill and rule his life. The higher way of love and humility will come forth and the glory of God will fill the earth.

Lots of Love, Ron McGatlin

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Fearless Warriors

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More than any other enemy that the Lord fought, He fought fear in the hearts and minds of those He chose to raise up, and the same is true for us. Fear is the enemy of faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God. He said repeatedly to His disciples, "You of little faith...why did you doubt?" (Mt. 14:31). The enemy tries to sow fear in our hearts because he knows that without faith we are powerless. Fear is our enemy, not our friend, and we must fight against it with all our might!

Fearing the Wind

It pleases God when we trust in Him and it hurts Him when we don't! In Matthew 14 Jesus' disciples were out late at night in a boat fishing when Jesus appeared to them walking on water. His disciples assumed He was a ghost and were terrified. "But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid'" (v.27).

Peter was so amazed at the sight of his friend, Jesus, doing the impossible, that he decided he wanted to join Him. Jesus beckoned him to come, "then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and beginning to sink, cried out 'Lord, save me!' Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' He said, 'why did you doubt?'" Mt. 14:29-31.

Peter was actually walking on the water! He was doing the impossible! I feel certain he would have made it all the way to Jesus, had fear not entered his heart. Seeing the wind made his faith give way to fear, and fear robbed him of his ability to do the impossible. He was doing what was impossible in the natural, but when the waves rose up against him, he began to fear. The wind was sent to cause him to fear, and the minute he let fear into his heart, he sank. The fear he felt killed his faith for it was his faith in Jesus that kept him on the water.

The minute they stepped back into the boat, the wind died down, much like the lies of the enemy fade when we they lose their effectiveness. As we endeavor to do the impossible our faith will be tested by the winds and storms of life, we can surely count on it. Yet, when we walk in faith even for a short while as Peter did, we learn more about the enemies of our faith. And we learn more about faith and trusting in God. Every time we step out of the boat and walk even just a few steps, our faith increases.

Every test of faith will increase the resolve in our hearts to fear nothing but God. We learn that in every set of circumstances we face...God is bigger! We learn again and again not to fear our enemy and say, "Greater is He who is in [me] than he who is in the world" (1 John 4:4).

Committed to Victory

Faith in God is trusting in His ability and desire to help us. It is trusting in the fact that no one is bigger than our God, and that our great big God wants to help us. He loves us. We are His kids and as His kids, He has given us HIS authority.

Once we see God as our Father who loves us and is able and willing to do anything to deliver us, there will be no end to our faith in Him. No storm in this life will be able to detour us from following Christ in faith. Fear will have no affect on us.

Likewise, when we trust God with our own physical well being, we will not even fear death. For when we remove the fear of death, we become fearless. Like the Word says in, Ps. 23:4 "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear NO evil, [Why?] for You are with me." We are fearless because our great big enormous Daddy God is standing right next to us and saying, "You just go ahead and try to touch my kid and I'll stomp you like a bug!" It is not us who should fear the enemy, but believe me the enemy should and does fear us, because God is making us His unstoppable FEARLESS warriors.

If a soldier enters a battle afraid to die, then he will be ineffective on the battle field. He will continually be focused on saving his own life and not on winning the battle. He will not be fighting with his whole heart. He must love the cause he is fighting for more than his own life. "They loved not their own lives even unto death" Rev. 12:11.

When a soldier goes to battle he expects to find fearful events happening, but he learns to charge towards the fighting because he knows that is where the victory lies. He becomes an unstoppable force, a fearless warrior. He becomes victorious before he even fights a battle, because he has committed himself to victory.

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it" Luke 9:23-24. We must throw our whole self into the battle, being ready to die, not fearing death or we will lose our lives and be consumed by death. A warrior that is FEARLESS is unstoppable! The areas in our hearts where we harbor fear of any kind will continue to keep us vulnerable to the enemy.

Fear God Not Satan
"Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" Mt. 10:28.

It is more important that we obey God than fear the enemy. God is the One in control, and He gives us His authority through prayer. So if God asks me to take a stand against the realms of darkness, then I know I have nothing to fear. We should not become presumptuous or arrogant, but we should never fear the enemy, only God.

If we see fear as our enemy, we will fight against it with our trust in God. Our faith in God, even in its smallest measure, will move mountains! Whether we like it or not, we are a target of the enemy, our only hope is to operate in the authority that God has given us through Jesus. We have authority over the powers of darkness, the devil knows it and it is time we believed it!

The Lord cares for you "and even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid" (Mt. 10:30-31). Our Heavenly Father will stop at nothing to save you and help you. You have only to trust Him! Do not lose faith in Him…He will save you.

Pray this with me:

Though I walk through the very shadow of death, I will NOT fear, because You oh Lord are with me. And because You are with me I refuse to fear! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Christlike Leadership
Victoria Boyson

God is calling His leaders to model His heart!

In Mark 10:42-45 Jesus said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

True authority in leadership cannot be forced, but it is the God-given ability to influence others, to raise others up, and lead them by example. It is not condescending or intimidating, but temperate. And even in cases where correction is needed, Christlike leadership is firm, but kind. Many people in positions of authority use intimidation to rule over others. But as the Lord said in verse 43, "Not so with you." Intimidation may get quicker results - it may get you what you want - but it is not Christlike authority and it will not produce His likeness in others. And it is not what our Lord desires of us.

The Purpose of Authority

James and John had asked the Lord if they could sit at His right side and left when He reigned over His kingdom. This caused an argument among His disciples. They were still thinking only of Christ's ruling on this earth, and wanted to be a part of that. They did not realize yet that authority is given to serve others, not to rule over them.

The Lord shared with them in verses 42-45 what it meant for them to have positions of authority over people. It was His intention to show His disciples the true purpose of authority. He knew that they would have great authority in the church, and His desire was for them to use that authority to serve His church, not to lord over them.

Jesus told them that even He, the Son of God, did not come to be served, but to give His life as a ransom for many (see Mark 10:45). He was trying to show them that He was sent to them with the purpose of serving them, even to the point of death, and that they should model His example of leadership.

Laying Down Our Lives

Though He had created man, Jesus gave His life to serve and die for those He had created. Everyday He woke with an eternal purpose in His mind: To raise up His church! His life was not lived to serve Himself, to go where He wanted, and to do what He wanted. No, He laid down His own desires to follow the will and plan of His Father.

Not only was His death a sacrifice for us, but His life was a living sacrifice. Every moment of His life on earth was lived for us. He could have been enjoying the splendor of heaven, but instead gave it up to become a sacrificial gift, a "ransom for many."

Like Christ, our lives are not our own. And though we are given positions of authority in this life, we must never use those positions to fulfill our own plans and agendas. For if God chooses to bless us with power and authority, it is for the purposes of heaven and not our own gain.

Power to Serve

In the world's system, it seems to be the powerful who rule over the weak. But we are not to pattern ourselves after the world's system, but after God's. It was His desire that power be used to serve, not rule; to raise up, not to push down.

Jesus knew that a great leader must have no regard for his own life, but must lay down his life for the sake of others. The Lord said in John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Every truly great man or woman in history has regarded his life as less valuable than those he served.

Our Purpose

Our purpose as Christians must be to lay down our own will to do the will of our Father. It is His will that we serve others and see them as more important than ourselves. So often we have seen power corrupt the hearts of men and make them useless for the kingdom of heaven. But if we can keep in mind that power is given to serve our Lord, not ourselves, then we have a safeguard around our heart, keeping it safe from the corruption that power can bring with it. If we can see that all we accomplish is for the Lamb of God, not for ourselves, then we will have access to the power and authority of the God.

As the Body of Christ, we must recognize that we all have the same master, and He did not come to this earth to be served, but to serve. If you have been given authority, then remember His words, "Not so with you." Do not use your authority, whatever its capacity, to control, manipulate or intimidate those placed under you, but use it to liberate them. To love, not hate; to forgive, not judge; to redeem, not to condemn.

Authority is given to us so that we can do for others what God has done for us. We must live our lives openly before those we seek to raise up so they may see the genuineness of our lives. If we fail to treat those under our authority with the proper respect, then we should apologize to them and ask for their forgiveness. If we cannot humble ourselves to do this, it may lead to their resentment of us and cause them to stumble. For their sake and our own, we must humble ourselves.

If God has placed people under your authority then He must think very highly of you, because He has given you something that He cherishes very much. Each person He gives you is a gift as well as a responsibility. These gifts must be appreciated and loved. We must treat them with respect, even when, in their immaturity, they disrespect us.

If you have been given authority, don't use it to lord over others, but to inspire them!

The Birth of Your Destiny
Victoria Boyson

God wants to give you a dream for your future and implant the seeds of destiny in your heart. Experience an impartation of God's grace and faith to fulfill all that God has for you through this powerful and insightful book.

Here is a testimony about this book:

I just finished reading your book [The Birth of Your Destiny]. When I picked it up to read it and read the back cover, a lump formed in my throat and tears came to my eyes. I knew God was going to do some work in me through this book. And He certainly is. I'm going through a very difficult time right now with many decisions to make and I simply didn't know which way to turn. But thanks to your obedience to the Lord, I am assured that everything's going to be more than ok and I can put the decisions in God's Hand and trust Him. J.R.

Fear Not

Marie-France McDowell-Smith

Fear Not! Fear Not! Fear Not! All hell is about to break lose.

Run into my arms, waiting arms and repent, receive forgiveness of your sins through the blood of Yeshua ... find peace and life in a world about to go into panic and chaos...run into my waiting arms of love, I wait only a moment longer ... run don't walk, run, run, run NOW!

Come to me, Your Adonai, YHWH, Elohim, I AM, and I wait that none can say they did not have a chance to turn back to me...to run into the ark of My safety, the ark that will ride the overwhelming floods that come into your lives.

The ark that will buoy you up and upon the torrential downpour that will take out all who rebel and chose to go their own way, and not come and repent and live My Way...HE IS THE WAY, the Truth and the Life...HIS name is Yeshua, My Son, My Way, My Sacrifice, HIS Blood that has already paid the price for your Sins! See that the Blood is applied to the doorway to your heart, that I may pass over and you shall be saved and all your family.

Cry out and tell them, this is last call, the last call...before all hell literally breaks lose in this world. I call to you this night and ask that you come...come while the way is still possible, while the path is still clear and visible...when My own ride upon the madness, with provision and peace...will you drown from stubbornness, and disbelief? Will you run to the highest mountain and still be swallowed by the many waters? Will you cry and cry and beg for mercy and find too late? Don't wait rebellious ones, come now, come now, come now and live...I have made provision for all who will to come...Your choice this day, for night comes quickly and none will find their way...save my light shining forth in great darkness.

Noah obeyed, Noah built, Noah trusted, Noah was ridiculed, Noah was surely isolated and thought crazy...Noah knew me. He heard my voice, HE KNEW my voice and he obeyed, his family saved, they lived. Will your family live?

Where are you leading your family? Will you lead them to hell and eternal punishment? Will you lead them to ME, YHWH through Yeshua, the Son, and lead them to eternal life and PEACE during Panic? Where are you leading your family? What have you influenced your family?

Did you show them My love and tenderness and mercy and tell them of my coming judgment...for without justice there is no true love from the Father of Lights.

Come, come and lead your loved ones to ME...hurry. The door will soon shut and the pitch will be applied that no water will enter into the ark of safety...

I am lifting my hand to apply the final protective coating to the ark of safety for those who honor, trust and obey YHWH with all their hearts, and souls and minds...COME! Your father loves you!

Another Dream
Marie-France McDowell-Smith

3 Nov 2004
...first scene --- a walled library ...

all four walls were lined with book cases (there was no door, nor floor, nor ceiling)

and saw a 'unicorn' (which I perceived as 'deceptive evil') standing below my perspective view, looking at the books, trying to find something, sensed he did not know I was placed there to observe

then the scene was the same but-- a huge impressive Lion was on a library ladder up high, looking at the books, He turned and half smiled at me and turned back around, and knew I was watching, it was HIS doing, I was to learn something
He had a beautiful gold crown upon his head ... and I comprehended that HE KNEW MORE than this library contained or could contain and not just knowledge, but WISDOM and UNDERSTANDING AND knew the end from the beginning ...

that is all and woke up ...

did not like seeing the 'unicorn'; calmed and reassured when I saw the enormous and powerful and reigning Lion ...

Nov. 5, 2004

HE WAS CROWNED!!!

Had this vision again and heard: "the Aleph through the Tav, which is more than Alpha through Omega; He who has ears will hear, he who has eyes will see, he who has My set-apart Spirit (Ruach haKodesh) will understand."

Fear Not For I Am With You

Dorothea Montague

Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. (Isa. 41:10)

I am observing so many of you, My precious people, who are living with great fear in your minds and hearts. Every day as you hear and read predictions for the future from your news media you become ever more fearful as you consider the possibility of what is to come upon the world. O, My people, you are not being mindful of My words from Scripture. As I spoke to Job in days of old, so I speak to you, My beloved, today....

Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty. For He bruises but He binds up; He wounds but His hands make whole. He shall deliver you in six troubles, yes, in seven no evil shall touch you. In famine He shall redeem you from death, and in war from the power of the sword. You shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue, and you shall not be afraid of destruction when it comes. You shall laugh at destruction and famine and you shall not be afraid of the beasts of the earth. (Job 5: 17-22)

My beloved people, study this portion of Scripture in relation to what has caused fear to come upon you. Does this Scripture not cover most of the destruction that is coming upon the World?

~ "FOR HE BRUISES BUT HE BINDS UP"....Yes, I allow sickness to come upon your body but I also heal you and make you well.
~ "HE WOUNDS BUT HIS HANDS MAKE WHOLE"....I allow trials to come into your life but I also remove them from you.
~ "HE SHALL DELIVER YOU IN SIX TROUBLES, YES, IN SEVEN NO EVIL SHALL TOUCH YOU."....Is this not a great and precious promise? Indeed, I shall deliver you from your troubles.
~ "IN FAMINE HE SHALL REDEEM YOU FROM DEATH"....I shall supply your needs in times of famine.
~ "IN WAR FROM THE POWER OF THE SWORD"....I shall protect My people in time of war and keep you in safety.
~ "YOU SHALL BE HIDDEN FROM THE SCOURGE OF THE TONGUE"....Yes, My children, I shall

protect you from the hurts of angry words.
~ "YOU SHALL NOT BE AFRAID OF DESTRUCTION WHEN IT COMES"....You shall hear much of possible destruction to come upon the world but your hearts will not fear or be afraid because you have the assurance that I will be with you.
~ "YOU SHALL LAUGH AT DESTRUCTION AND FAMINE"....Indeed you shall laugh at destruction and famine because you will know that I will not allow fear to come upon you.

O, My people, does this not cover every possibility of what could come upon you? I have been raising you up and preparing you to meet the troubled times ahead. I have been pouring My strength upon you, giving you knowledge that you will need for your ministries, teaching you how to enter into Spiritual warfare against the enemy and preparing you to bring people to salvation in Me and to pray for the sick and see them healed. I am enduing each of you, My people, with the Gift of healing.

O, yes, My people, even as foretold in Scripture very troubled times shall continue throughout your world but in the midst of these times I shall be bringing My plan and purpose for the world into being. Again, I would admonish you....

Fear not for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name, you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you, for I am the Lord your God. (Isa. 43: 1b-3a)

Go forth, My children, in the power of the Holy Spirit and touch lives for Me, with all fear gone from you.
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February A Month Of Intercession

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Humbly submitted
for your discernment.

I call for a time of weeping, mourning, and of crying out in intercession.
I declare February a month of intercession of weeping, and mourning before your God.
There is a reason that this year February has 29 days in it.
Search out the mystery there of ....!
I call for My intercessors in whom I have seeded My burden for this world,
Travail!,
Travail!,
Travail!....... it shall come forth supernaturally from your inter most parts,
as a well of living water it shall water the seed that My Spirit deposited there and begin to spring forth,
as My intercessors yield unto My Spirit, during this month of February, much shall be accomplished.
Cry Out,
Cry Out, spare not thy voice from crying.
Not only shall this great intercession break forth across the world,
but I shall begin to visit My intercessors and bring them up to new levels.
Many shall be caught up in the spirit.
Many shall receive new battle plans.
Yet beyond increasing dreams, visions, and visitations, this shall birth a move of My Spirit thru out the earth.
As a dam breaks that has held back the natural flow of the thing.
No more shall it be dammed, this move of My Spirit.
But it shall break forth this new thing that I shall do.
Yet is it new?
Have I not seeded it in the earth long ago?
Yet now during this time shall it spring forth.
That, that has been channeled and limited by man it shall break forth.
My Spirit shall not be limited any longer it shall break forth,
and flow as I will saith the Lord all across the land.
Ye shall be amazed at what shall begin to happen in the days,
and years to come.......
Many shall relate it back to this point in time February 2004
Cry Our, Cry Out, Weep, and Mourn, and see what I shall birth forth and do saith the Lord your God

Isaiah 22:12

Fellowship

Chimezie Onyebilanma

Fellowship: Passionnate Love For The Brethren

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> *"If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.* ***But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,*** *and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." 1 John 16-7*

The problem in our churches today is that there is in most cases, very little fellowship among us. The sickness of our age – indifference and apathy – has also crept into the Church. We sort of feel we can have a fine walk with God without any serious walk with one another.

Even in churches where people are smiling and hugging each other, it is usually superficial. We do not love our brethren enough to bear them up before the Lord. We do not love them enough to confront them when their sin. We do not love them enough to be transparent with them about our own struggles. There is no fellowship because we are not willing to walk in the light with our brethren.
Our relationship with the brethren matters a lot to God. It is usually the measure of our sanctification or lack of it. We cannot say we love God and be unable to stand our brother. The truth is that if we love God, love for our brother will come naturally. "*For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen"* 1 John 4: 20

Too often we wonder why there are so many hurting and wounded among us and we are seeing so few healings in our midst. Could it be because of this lack of true fellowship in many of our churches? James 5:16 definitely suggest so; *"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed".*

Healing comes as we choose to be vulnerable and transparent with each other and as we begin to pray for one another. God's anointing always flows when there is true fellowship. It is prayers of the righteous that is offered up in an atmosphere of true fellowship that is "powerful and effective" (James 5:17). Un-forgiveness, grudges, bitterness, and mask wearing steals the power from our prayers.

It is time to take off our masks and begin to walk in fellowship. It is time to provoke the outpouring of the dew of Hermon upon Mount Zion.

Comments? Questions? etc. If these messages have been helpful or unclear it would encourage us to hear from you, please write to caprotogo@laposte.tg

PLEASE are you born again? It is not enough to believe in the existence of God, to go to church, or be interested in spiritual things. Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus died to deliver you from sin so that you can come to God. (John 3:16) If you ask him to forgive you and give you a new heart he will. (Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-11).Try it. I'd love to hear from you @ caprotogo@laposte.tg

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May all the nations praise HIM!

Free From The Old Husband

Ken Blue

The gospel of Jesus Christ, properly preached and understood, is the only cure for the misuse of the law. The good news is the only means of neutralizing legalism, the primary tool of spiritual abuse. When we see that we are completely accepted by God, solely through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, all religious law loses it's manipulative power over us.

When Paul announces our deliverance from self accusation and declares our freedom from the oppression of legalism, he often speaks of our death to the law. One of the most interesting and helpful instances of this is Romans 7:1-4. Here Paul says, in effect, that we were once married to the law and under the control of the law. Now, in Christ, we have died to that abusive spouse and married Christ.

In the movie, Sleeping with the enemy, Julia Roberts's character is married to a controlling, tyrannical, high powered business executive. Like all conscientious Pharisees, he is obsessed with detailed performance. He demands that his wife hang the bathroom towels straight and that she perform perfectly in public. When she accidentally trespasses on one of his rules, he verbally, emotionally and physically punishes her. His abusive power over her is virtually total and makes her life unbearable.

She must break free of him. Divorcing him is out of the question, he is too possessive and powerful to allow that. One of them must die if her freedom is to be secured, so she fakes her own death. Successfully accomplishing this, she flees to another city hundreds of miles away and assumes a new identity. By her "death" she apparently delivers herself from a life of torment.

If we stop the story there, we have an illustration of Paul's understanding of our death to the law. Rom:7v1-4, Do you not know, brothers-for I am speaking to men that know the law-that the law has authority over a man only as long as he lives? For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage. So then, if she marries another man while her husband is still alive, she is called an adulteress. But if her husband dies, she is released from that law and is not an adulteress, even though she marries another man.

The background to this illustration of how the death of either husband or wife dissolves all legal obligation is found is found in Romans 6:14: "For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace." The law defines sin and indicts us of sinning. The law confirms our guilt and so seals our bondage to sin. As long as the law is our master, we are subject to the constant accusation of being sinners. The only way to escape this oppression and the self accusation that goes with it is to make a radical break with the law.

Paul explains that this happens through death. We are actually "in Christ" in his life, death and resurrection. We really do participate in his experience, even his experience of death.

All the virtue of Christ’s death in meeting the claims of the law become ours, and we are free from the bond service and power of sin to which the law has consigned us. Paul’s point is that the law binds the living not the dead, and we are dead. We are radically liberated from the tyranny of our first spouse, the law. We are now free to marry a new spouse and become subject to him. The fruit of our first marriage is sin and shame. The fruit of our second marriage is the character and works of God.

From Hollywood To Holywood

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Many of you will remember that, for several years, we have repeatedly proclaimed that the Lord was not done with the USA. In fact, along with many leaders, we believed that a time would come when the Holy Spirit would even begin to fall upon writers and producers in Hollywood, and that God would use America's entertainment industry to reach the world. We had a little saying that, in time, Hollywood would be known as "Holywood." Beloved, the first fruits of what we have been praying for is emerging in the movie The Passion of the Christ by Mel Gibson.

Instead of a weekly message, I simply want to encourage you to use this movie as the tremendous tool that it is. Let us pray, and while praying, reach to our unsaved families and friends. Remember, Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself" (Jn 12:32). This "lifting up" was the demonstration of Christ's love on His cross at Calvary; this media re-enactment of Christ's death is being watched, discussed and broadcast around the world through the media.

Some argue it's too violent; others that it's anti-Semitic. If it was a movie without flaws, it would not be controversial nor would it be the rage of talk shows and news sources around the world. The movie is powerful, heart-rending, close to Scripture and very violent (perhaps, for some, too violent; so be wise about bringing small children). Yet, God is obviously using this movie mightily to stir people's hearts about Jesus Christ.

It's absolutely amazing to me. I am awed, but I cannot find one Internet news service in any country or culture that is not carrying an article about this movie; most are openly discussing the reality of Jesus dying for mankind's sins.

If you go to the internet search engine Google www.google.com and click on their news, you'll find close to 1800 news sites with articles about The Passion of the Christ. Even Al Jazeera, the powerful Arab Muslim news service that has been the outlet for messages from bin Ladin and Al Qaeda, is talking about The Passion of the Christ (See http://english.aljazeera.net/HomePage, search for Gibson to find three articles).

Prayer army, we were created for this day; so, let us fervently increase our prayer. Let us draw our strength from the Almighty, who desires that none should perish, but that all men should come to eternal life through Christ. Let us also pray for Hollywood. After the Janet Jackson offense, a huge national reaction has rolled through the U.S.

Finally, the FCC acted. As a result, at the highest levels of network programming, broadcast CEO's are telling company executives that there will be "zero tolerance" for her kind of stunt. Anyone who pushes the limit will be immediately fired (one example, Infinity Radio www.nypost.com/entertainment/18294.htm). Already many shows are being rewritten and edited to remove more objectionable material, and "shock jocks" are being fired and their shows canceled.

As I have said previously, I believe the time is coming when Hollywood will be called Holywood. Yes, there is something holy and powerful about this gift The Passion of the Christ. But let us also stay sober and focused. Our calling is not merely to stop the enemy but to pursue, overtake, consume and shatter him (see Ps 18:37-38). I wept last night as I watched the news as one reporter after another - people I never imagined even knew Christ - were speaking boldly about accepting His death for their sins. God has His hand on this nation and He is reaching to the world.

Finally, let us pray that European anti-Semitism does not arise because of this movie. Pray also that

Israel will accept Jesus Christ, as both their countryman and ultimately as their Savior King and that this will be the beginning of the greatest spiritual awakening to sweep the globe.

AS CHRIST'S PASSION BECOMES OURS

What is it about The Passion of the Christ that stirs people so deeply? After all, it is just a movie, isn't it? Yet, Mel Gibson's portrait of Christ and His sufferings, for many, has awakened emotions people never knew they had; it resurrects longings many thought were dead.

The power of this movie is that it speaks to the very DNA of our spiritual identity as Christians. It does not matter whether we are Lutherans or Catholics, Baptists or Pentecostals, something fundamental about ourselves is being unearthed from antiquity and restored to our souls.

Let me explain.
There is a reason why societies memorialize those who, through their sacrifice or courage, were instrumental in shaping their cultural identity. To forget the legacy of one's forefathers is to actually lose some essence of who we are as a unique people. Thus, we honor our founders and heroes by creating memorials to them. We erect statues, name airports and cities after them and even have national holidays in remembrance of their sacrifices and accomplishments.

Yet, the power of our memorials goes beyond the tribute they offer to the past; they actually connect us to our heritage. For what we truly memorialize, we internalize and make a living part of our souls. Thus, each time a succeeding generation honors a national hero, as they appreciate what made their leaders great, the essence of those values is transferred to them.

As our technology advances, our ability to memorialize has taken modern expressions. For African Americans, the book and movie Roots helped define the uniqueness of the black journey in America. While the movie touched and taught people in general, for those of African American descent, it went much deeper: for many, it was a summary season that connected them with the genesis of their own souls.

The movie communicated more than information; it brought with it impartation from the generations of Africans who suffered and died in slavery. It said: Here is the great price our forebears paid. We owe it to them to prosper in this land of our affliction.

Roots was not just a movie; it became a memorial.
The Jewish people also have their unique memorials. Established in a number of different cities around the world are Holocaust museums, which are memorials to Jewish suffering. For those of us who are Gentiles, we visit, we are touched and we come away with a better understanding and love for the Jewish people.

Seeing the history of their persecution helps us appreciate the passion Jews have for their homeland, Israel. Yet, the images of mass open graves and ovens, of people standing in lines before gas chambers, penetrate much deeper into the soul of a Jew. They see the sufferings of the Holocaust generation and it adds something to their soul, a mandate which rises in their hearts: Never again; never forget!

Such is the nature of memorials: they compel us to remember the sacrifice; they command us to never forget.
Yet, strangely, Christians have not had a memorial dedicated to the sufferings of Christ. Our "Passion plays" and gospel movies are carefully scripted to inspire, but not to offend. We memorialize His life, but not the passions of His death. We know theologically of His sufferings, but we have not truly seen them. In fact, because we know the outcome of the story, even before the scouring and crucifixion

scenes are over, our focus shifts ahead to His resurrection.

But in failing to linger, in refusing to gaze steadfastly upon the sorrow and assimilate its staggering cost, we unconsciously cheapen His sacrifice. As we detach ourselves from the price, its impact in us is proportionally diminished.

Just as memorializing the Holocaust continues to serve, even to this day, in defining modern Israel, so The Passion of the Christ brings Christians face-to-face with the cost of our redemption. It cuts us deeply. We, too, are wounded as we see the degree of His wounding; we also are broken by the depth of His brokenness.

Sobs can be heard in the theater. Why are we crying? Didn't we know the story? Yes. We knew the facts, but not the ongoing torture, the abandonment and rejection, the injustice or unspeakable pain. The cost is being transferred to us.

The movie rescues Christ's sacrifice from the realm of cerebral information and secures its power in the holy place of our hearts. Yes, the movie wounds us, but it also heals us by letting us see the demonstration of Christ's love for us.

Must we have the violent images? Yes, the unrelenting torture and the merciless cruelty are the backdrop of darkness that contrasts the brightness of Christ's sacrifice for mankind. To leave them out or minimize the account is to subtract from the totality of His gift.

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From Hollywood To Holywood

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Many of you will remember that, for several years, we have repeatedly proclaimed that the Lord was not done with the USA. In fact, along with many leaders, we believed that a time would come when the Holy Spirit would even begin to fall upon writers and producers in Hollywood, and that God would use America's entertainment industry to reach the world. We had a little saying that, in time, Hollywood would be known as "Holywood." Beloved, the first fruits of what we have been praying for is emerging in the movie The Passion of the Christ by Mel Gibson.

Instead of a weekly message, I simply want to encourage you to use this movie as the tremendous tool that it is. Let us pray, and while praying, reach to our unsaved families and friends. Remember, Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself" (Jn 12:32). This "lifting up" was the demonstration of Christ's love on His cross at Calvary; this media re-enactment of Christ's death is being watched, discussed and broadcast around the world through the media.

Some argue it's too violent; others that it's anti-Semitic. If it was a movie without flaws, it would not be controversial nor would it be the rage of talk shows and news sources around the world. The movie is powerful, heart-rending, close to Scripture and very violent (perhaps, for some, too violent; so be wise about bringing small children). Yet, God is obviously using this movie mightily to stir people's hearts about Jesus Christ.

It's absolutely amazing to me. I am awed, but I cannot find one Internet news service in any country or culture that is not carrying an article about this movie; most are openly discussing the reality of Jesus dying for mankind's sins.

If you go to the internet search engine Google www.google.com and click on their news, you'll find close to 1800 news sites with articles about The Passion of the Christ. Even Al Jazeera, the powerful Arab Muslim news service that has been the outlet for messages from bin Ladin and Al Qaeda, is talking about The Passion of the Christ (See http://english.aljazeera.net/HomePage, search for Gibson to find three articles).

Prayer army, we were created for this day; so, let us fervently increase our prayer. Let us draw our strength from the Almighty, who desires that none should perish, but that all men should come to eternal life through Christ. Let us also pray for Hollywood. After the Janet Jackson offense, a huge national reaction has rolled through the U.S.

Finally, the FCC acted. As a result, at the highest levels of network programming, broadcast CEO's are telling company executives that there will be "zero tolerance" for her kind of stunt. Anyone who pushes the limit will be immediately fired (one example, Infinity Radio www.nypost.com/entertainment/18294.htm). Already many shows are being rewritten and edited to remove more objectionable material, and "shock jocks" are being fired and their shows canceled.

As I have said previously, I believe the time is coming when Hollywood will be called Holywood. Yes, there is something holy and powerful about this gift The Passion of the Christ. But let us also stay sober and focused. Our calling is not merely to stop the enemy but to pursue, overtake, consume and shatter him (see Ps 18:37-38). I wept last night as I watched the news as one reporter after another - people I never imagined even knew Christ - were speaking boldly about accepting His death for their sins. God has His hand on this nation and He is reaching to the world.

Finally, let us pray that European anti-Semitism does not arise because of this movie. Pray also that

Israel will accept Jesus Christ, as both their countryman and ultimately as their Savior King and that this will be the beginning of the greatest spiritual awakening to sweep the globe.

AS CHRIST'S PASSION BECOMES OURS

What is it about The Passion of the Christ that stirs people so deeply? After all, it is just a movie, isn't it? Yet, Mel Gibson's portrait of Christ and His sufferings, for many, has awakened emotions people never knew they had; it resurrects longings many thought were dead.

The power of this movie is that it speaks to the very DNA of our spiritual identity as Christians. It does not matter whether we are Lutherans or Catholics, Baptists or Pentecostals, something fundamental about ourselves is being unearthed from antiquity and restored to our souls.

Let me explain.
There is a reason why societies memorialize those who, through their sacrifice or courage, were instrumental in shaping their cultural identity. To forget the legacy of one's forefathers is to actually lose some essence of who we are as a unique people. Thus, we honor our founders and heroes by creating memorials to them. We erect statues, name airports and cities after them and even have national holidays in remembrance of their sacrifices and accomplishments.

Yet, the power of our memorials goes beyond the tribute they offer to the past; they actually connect us to our heritage. For what we truly memorialize, we internalize and make a living part of our souls. Thus, each time a succeeding generation honors a national hero, as they appreciate what made their leaders great, the essence of those values is transferred to them.

As our technology advances, our ability to memorialize has taken modern expressions. For African Americans, the book and movie Roots helped define the uniqueness of the black journey in America. While the movie touched and taught people in general, for those of African American descent, it went much deeper: for many, it was a summary season that connected them with the genesis of their own souls.

The movie communicated more than information; it brought with it impartation from the generations of Africans who suffered and died in slavery. It said: Here is the great price our forebears paid. We owe it to them to prosper in this land of our affliction.

Roots was not just a movie; it became a memorial.
The Jewish people also have their unique memorials. Established in a number of different cities around the world are Holocaust museums, which are memorials to Jewish suffering. For those of us who are Gentiles, we visit, we are touched and we come away with a better understanding and love for the Jewish people.

Seeing the history of their persecution helps us appreciate the passion Jews have for their homeland, Israel. Yet, the images of mass open graves and ovens, of people standing in lines before gas chambers, penetrate much deeper into the soul of a Jew. They see the sufferings of the Holocaust generation and it adds something to their soul, a mandate which rises in their hearts: Never again; never forget!

Such is the nature of memorials: they compel us to remember the sacrifice; they command us to never forget.
Yet, strangely, Christians have not had a memorial dedicated to the sufferings of Christ. Our "Passion plays" and gospel movies are carefully scripted to inspire, but not to offend. We memorialize His life, but not the passions of His death. We know theologically of His sufferings, but we have not truly seen them. In fact, because we know the outcome of the story, even before the scouring and crucifixion

scenes are over, our focus shifts ahead to His resurrection.

But in failing to linger, in refusing to gaze steadfastly upon the sorrow and assimilate its staggering cost, we unconsciously cheapen His sacrifice. As we detach ourselves from the price, its impact in us is proportionally diminished.

Just as memorializing the Holocaust continues to serve, even to this day, in defining modern Israel, so The Passion of the Christ brings Christians face-to-face with the cost of our redemption. It cuts us deeply. We, too, are wounded as we see the degree of His wounding; we also are broken by the depth of His brokenness.

Sobs can be heard in the theater. Why are we crying? Didn't we know the story? Yes. We knew the facts, but not the ongoing torture, the abandonment and rejection, the injustice or unspeakable pain. The cost is being transferred to us.

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Fiberoptics

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I tried to look up fiberoptics on Google and found a couple things that stood out. "Cutting edge light source illumination" was one. The other was:

"products that filter, split, attenuate, switch, combine and monitor light in optical networks as well as automate testing of optical devices and sub-systems."

So I asked the Lord why He wants to talk about this and what He wants to say?

Rev 4:8 NKJV The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

Ezek 1:17-19 NKJV When they moved, they went toward any one of four directions; they did not turn aside when they went. 18 As for their rims, they were so high they were awesome; and their rims were full of eyes, all around the four of them. 19 When the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

"Man is always looking for better ways to see. But I tell you that I have My own optical system. I am the All-Seeing God and there is nothing hidden from My eyes. I am the Source of all LIGHT. I have some hidden LIGHT

that is about to become manifest in all true believers and seekers. The LIGHT of MY GLORY is going to shine and illuminate every part of your being. This is something man cannot even attempt to do on his own.

I will reveal MY GLORY and it will light up your soul and remove all the hindrances that have been there from the enemy to keep you from your destiny in ME. You see I have had a timing. I know all that was, all that is and all that is to come. Now I am about to put on an amazing light show. "

Isa 60:1-5 AMP ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you--rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! [Zech 8:23.]

2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you. [Isa 60:19-22; Mal 4:2; Rev 21:2,3.]

3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. [Isa 2:2,3; Jer 3:17.]

4 Lift up your eyes round about you and see! They all gather themselves together, they come to you. Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried and nursed in the arms.

5 Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill and tremble with joy [at the glorious deliverance] and be enlarged; because the abundant wealth of the [Dead] Sea shall be turned to you, unto you shall the nations come with their treasures. [Ps 119:32.]

Isa 60:8-9 AMP

8 Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?

9 Surely the isles and distant coastlands shall wait for and expect Me; and the ships of Tarshish [shall

come] first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, for the Holy one of Israel, because He has beautified and glorified you.

Isa 60:11 AMP And your gates shall be open continually, they shall not be shut day or night, that men may bring to you the wealth of the nations--and their kings led in procession [your voluntary captives]. [Rev 21:24-27.]

Isa 60:14-15 Amp The sons of those who afflicted you shall come bending low to you, and all those who despised you shall bow down at your feet, and they shall call you the City of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy one of Israel [Rev 3:9.] 15 Whereas you have been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through you, I will make you [Jerusalem] an eternal glory, a joy from age to age.

"I am the Divine illustrator. I'm going to turn on the lights of revelation for many and all who are willing to hear and see what the Spirit is saying, and who will not just use it for themselves, but who will share it and teach it to others. I will illuminate scriptures, and show you so many secrets. I will make things clear that have not been understood for many years. Much has been held back for this age.

The teachers are about to come forth who will lay apostolic foundations.

They will not be trying to make a name for themselves, though they will have prominence now. They will only care for the sheep, that they would grow and come into THEIR inheritance. They will be like eunuchs in the sense that they will not take advantage of the sheep and lambs. They will only want to see them nurtured and to grow into all I want to make them to be!

The Word of God is sharper than a two edged sword I have said! It will be truly sharpened in this hour. For as My bride speaks it forth, it will take on the creative life that I give it and it will transform people. It will transform families, and cities, and nations in this hour. I have been trying to get you to stop using the sword against each other. For if you do in this hour. It will come with greater consequence. I want you to FAST from criticism and a wagging tongue! I want you to instead BLESS those who curse you and speak blessing over your families and loved ones, even those who are unsaved! Speak the Word that they might be FREED from their shackles.

Pray MY WORD over people and watch them be transformed! I am putting an accelerator on My spoken Word! Speak My Word that they might attain

LIFE in this world and in the next! I came to bring you life. NOW YOU USE THAT LIFE TO CREATE LIFE IN OTHERS! That is what I made you for. NOW DO IT!

At the same time, there will be an unction at times to speak the Word to those who refuse to come to ME, and persist in darkness and loving darkness. The words I ask you to speak may startle you. But this will be only for the few I can trust with such words! Paul set an example. MOSES was an example when Pharoah cursed him and told him he would die the next time he tried to come in his presence.then DEATH came upon Pharoah. Do not be surprised at My judgments! For when they are in the earth the people will learn knowledge and the FEAR OF THE LORD! For the FEAR of the LORD will fall upon the church and fall in the marketplace and men's hearts will fail them for fear because of My mighty signs and wonders I do in judging the wickedness on the earth!

I admonish you, as never before to be quick to listen and SLOW to speak!

Think before you answer someone. Turn away from idle talk that leads to gossip and unhealthy speaking! Remember that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks, so cleanse your heart from unhealthy suspicions and doubts especially about MY faithfulness and kindness towards you!"

Jer 15:19-21 AMP

19 Therefore thus says the Lord [to Jeremiah]: If you return [and give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair], then I will give you again a settled place of quiet and safety, and you will be My minister;

and if you separate the precious from the vile [cleansing your own heart from unworthy and unwarranted suspicions concerning God's faithfulness], you shall be My mouthpiece. [But do not yield to them.] Let them return to you--not you to [the people].

20 And I will make you to this people a fortified, bronze wall; they will fight against you, but they will not prevail over you, for I am with you to save and deliver you, says the Lord.

21 And I will deliver you out of the hands of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the palms of the terrible and ruthless tyrants.

Fruit of Wisdom
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Prov 3:13-35 NKJV
13 Happy is the man who finds wisdom, and the man who gains understanding; 14 For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver, and her gain than fine gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies, and all the things you may desire cannot compare with her. 16 Length of days is in her right hand in her left hand riches and honor. 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, and happy are all who retain her. 19 The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He established the heavens; 20 By His knowledge the depths were broken up, and clouds drop down the dew. 21 My son, let them not depart from your eyes — Keep sound wisdom and discretion; 22 So they will be life to your soul and grace to your neck. 23 Then you will walk safely in your way, and your foot will not stumble. 24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your sleep will be sweet. 25 Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; 26 For the LORD will be your confidence, and will keep your foot from being caught. 27 Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hand to do so. 28 Do not say to your neighbor, "Go, and come back, And tomorrow I will give it, "When you have it with you. 29 Do not devise evil against your neighbor, for he dwells by you for safety's sake. 30 Do not strive with a man without cause, if he has done you no harm. 31 Do not envy the oppressor, and choose none of his ways; 32 For the perverse person is an abomination to the LORD, But His secret counsel is with the upright. 33 The curse of the LORD is on the house of the wicked, But He blesses the home of the just. 34 Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble. 35 The wise shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of fools.

“ There is a fruit of coming to Me for wisdom for I AM the Source of all wisdom and understanding. Looking to ME, dependency on ME is the key to life, happiness, length of days, understanding and discernment, peace, and safety, wealth of heaven and of earth. Do you want to hear what I have to say? Then you must not lean on your own understanding, but in all your ways, acknowledge ME. Come to ME. Ask Me when you need advice. Ask Me when you need to know what is going on . I AM the Almighty God. I know all things. I established the earth and all that is in it. There is nothing I don’t know. I do nothing lest I tell My prophets.

Yet so many of My people who are called by MY NAME, go by their own wisdom. It is never a waste of time to spend time seeking MY wisdom and understanding. Worship ME, and not the work of your own hands, and you will get wisdom. If you look to ME for wisdom, then you will not fear, for you will know that I watch over all your affairs, and I watch over you. You will lie down in safety and your sleep will indeed be sweet. Look to Me for all the answers to your questions. I love nothing better than communing with you.
You are My Bride, My love, and I will do anything and answer anything for you.

I LOVE YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE! My heart is ever toward you! NOTHING can separate you from My love! NOTHING, NOTHING, NOTHING. YOU MUST LEARN THIS! Otherwise you will fall to guilt, self-condemnation, unbelief, doubt and skepticism.

I know the plans I have for you, plans for good, and not for evil, I said. So TRUST in ME. The whole of life is learning to trust and love ME, that you can also love others who are made in MY LIKENESS! Even those who are wicked and caught up in the schemes of the enemy. For when My Son came to earth, HE was a friend to winebibbers and prostitutes, in order to teach them the Way of LIFE! HE CAME TO DEMONSTRATE MY LOVE TO THE WORLD. Now I need you to do the same!

I HAVE NEED OF YOU! I SAID, I HAVE NEED OF YOU! I can do anything, but I have made you My ambassadors in chains, that you might spread the good news! So I am asking you today to draw closer, that you may gain MY WISDOM. And I am admonishing you to NOT LOOK TO YOUR OWN WISDOM. For I AM the Author and Finisher of your faith. And I know all things. I knew the decisions you would make long before you were born. I foresaw all things, and I am going to come like a whirlwind upon the land. I need YOU to be My ambassadors of LOVE. I need you to be willing to share all I have given you. Lay down your own opinions and seek MINE.

Taste and see that the Lord is good you will say. For you KNOW how I have been kind and patient with you. You will be able to teach others who have no idea of My love and kindness.

Ps 51:6-8 NKJV Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8 Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones You have broken may rejoice.

MY WORD IS TRUTH, and it is WISE to know My WORD. My Word is the immune system of the body of Christ. If you know My Word, then you will be able to wield it against the enemy of your soul. He hates it. He knows it. He is not ignorant of it, for he twists it to try to condemn you. He knows it, for he was cast out by the LIVING WORD. He walks in delusion, confusion and fear, for he refused to accept it, and rejected ME. BE NOT LIKE HIM!
Rebellion breeds confusion. Confusion is the fruit of witchcraft and wanting your own way. YIELD to MY WAYS and you will have peace of soul. Meditate on My Word and you will have life. Stay your mind on ME, and you will walk in perfect peace.

Prov 2:1-13 NKJV The Value of Wisdom

My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you,
2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; 3 Yes, if you cry out for discernment and lift up your voice for understanding, If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; 5 Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth come knowledge and understanding; 7 He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;
8 He guards the paths of justice, and preserves the way of His saints. 9 Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity and every good path.
10 When wisdom enters your heart, and knowledge is pleasant to your soul,
11 Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you, To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things, 13 From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness;

Ps 111:10 NKJV The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.
His praise endures forever.

Luke 21:15-16 NKJV for I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist.

Acts 6:10 NKJV And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

Rom 11:33-35 NKJV Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" 35 'Or who has first given to Him and it shall be repaid to him?"

James 1:5-8 NKJV
5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

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Dan 9:13-19 NKJV "As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth. 14 Therefore the LORD has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the LORD our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice. 15 And now, O Lord our God, who brought Your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and made Yourself a name, as it is this day — we have sinned, we have done wickedly!

16 "O Lord, according to all Your righteousness, I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us. 17 Now therefore, our God, hear the prayer of Your servant, and his supplications, and for the Lord's sake cause Your face to shine on Your sanctuary, which is desolate.
18 O my God, incline Your ear and hear; open Your eyes and see our desolations, and the city which is called by Your name; for we do not present our supplications before You because of our righteous deeds, but because of Your great mercies. 19 O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, listen and act! Do not delay for Your own sake, my God, for Your city and Your people are called by Your name."

Although many have gone back to business as usual, there are many who have taken seriously the call to prayer and worship and the call to repentance for this nation. So although more judgment is coming and many lives will be devastated by what is allowed to come, there will be a break out of AWAKENING that will shake this nation to it's knees, even with all the natural disasters that come. I will listen and hear from My holy mountain, all the cries of My children for mercy. But the stench of PRIDE that has ruled in the world and in My church which is called by MY name will be eradicated.

Sudden events will catapult this nation to it's knees and the pride of America will be broken. But a new wave of holiness and TRUTH will permeate the land from shore to shore and millions will be saved in this nation alone.

FEAR will grip the heart of many and many will flee to the nations of the earth for fear of what else may come upon them. But no one will be able to avoid My wrath when it comes. They will run, but not be able to hide from Me, as if I were human as they are! The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are BOLD AS A LION! So I am filling you with BOLDNESS to preach My Word and to do all according to MY will that you may prosper and go forth and take the nations for the Kingdom!

Song came to mind from an old movie : Live and let die!…a James Bond movie.

Live and let die! LIVE so that all that is not of ME may die! Die to your flesh that you may have new life in ME. Many who call themselves Christian are still living as if they are in charge of their own lives. Yet they claim to have surrendered to ME. Which is it? [Saw: a husk of corn] Will you let the kernel…the outside layer of the corn, fall and die in the ground so that the internal part may live and RULE over the flesh?

Rom 8:36-39 NKJV As it is written:
"For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted
as sheep for the slaughter."
37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

If you ask, I will come and help you in this. IF YOU ASK, I will COME and change all in your life that you may live truly NEW LIFE that is free from stress and worry. I HAVE A REST I have called you to. But few have come and allowed ME to rule and reign and to order their lives. Shake off all that hinders My love. For I am coming. Ask yourself, “ Does this matter eternally? “ Can this wait? Allow ME first place in your lives that I may fulfill My promises to you. Let me replace the fears and worries with the TRUTH of My WORD. Speak the WORD OF LIFE OUTLOUD. PROCLAIM it over your families! PROCLAIM it over your communities. PROCLAIM it over THE NATIONS! It is NOT an exercise in futility but a call to WAR.

Matt 4:4 NKJV But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

SPEAK TRUTH when others are speaking their lies and deceptions! For the earth is filled with lawlessness and pride. But I will bring down the haughtiness and pride of man. All ARROGANCE will be brought low. NONE are exempt from this. All that is hidden will be EXPOSED in the WICKED!

There will be no place to hide from the probe of My glory! IT will SHINE, and what is darkness will be evident to ALL. And what is good and holy, will be brought to light for a time, then hidden away suddenly from the wrath to come.

Come aside My love…I am longing to hold you in My arms and love on you, and soothe your wounds and heal them. I want a WHOLE and HOLY BRIDE.

Mal 4:5-6 NIV "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

Mark 1:2-3 NKJV As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You."
3 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make His paths straight.'"

Matt 21:13 NKJV And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.'"

The Spirit of Elijah has come and it is growing and wooing and it will ERUPT upon My beloveds who are called to prepare the way for My coming. The prodigals will be drawn back to ME. The youth will come back into My arms and they will cry out for JUSTICE and RESTORATION before the great and dreadful day of the LORD. Even as I am preparing My Elijah’s, the enemy is preparing his counterfeits to work lying signs and wonders.

The sad thing for me is that many in the church have looked and blasphemed the Holy Spirit calling what is HOLY false. Revival is about to burst forth through those I have prepared for this time, yet many will rise up against you within the church, and great arguments and disputes will increase as the sifting continues to separate the wheat from the chaff . Do not be surprised at the delusion you see overtake many who have NOT been intimate with ME. They will be seen for what they really are, because they will no longer be able to pretend as they do now. Those who fight against My beloveds, will be fighting with ME. And I will undertake for you! BLESS those who curse you. BUT when I give UTTERANCE, SPEAK FORTH all I put in your mouth to speak. DO NOT BE AFRAID to speak MY WORD and to use it as I SAY! Do NOT speak presumptively about anything! ASK ME for what you should say, and I will show you! The battle belongs to ME. BE as Moses before pharaoh…depend on ME for what to say! Do not try to speak on your own wisdom, or you will fail to be effective. But if you speak what I TELL YOU, YOUR WORDS WILL NOT FALL TO THE GROUND!!!!

Rejoice and be exceedingly GLAD. Worship, and DANCE with ME! I am longing for this time of closeness to ME. I will come and transform your marriages, where there has been waning of love and lack of consideration, LOVE will overtake you both, and there will be true love and delight in each other. Where there has been sickness and torment, it will be HEALED. For I am ARISING to OVERTHROW THE ENEMY! TRUST ME in this, that I will bless those who bless you. I will bless you if you will accept in your heart the fullness of what I want for you! JUST STEP OUT and receive all I have. Lean not on your own understanding, but acknowledge Me in all your ways, and I will make your path straight! I WILL DO ALL I HAVE PURPOSED TO DO IN YOU! NOTHING will hold ME back! JUST COME TO ME! LET ME HEAL those of you who are weary and weak! Lie in My presence and let me heal all the enemy has done to destroy and maim and limit you… I WILL DESTROY ALL HIS RAMPARTS! I WILL BE EXALTED in the earth! And I will lift up the humble!

Russian Roulette
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“There are dangerous games being played in the field of politics all over the world as corruption continues to rob and steal and cause rebellion all over the world. The systems of man will fail. But MY WORD never fails. You cannot count on social security or any other system of man. You will not be able to depend on insurance when multitudes of floods, earthquakes and disasters of all manner strike the earth! So what then will your trust be in when all these systems fail?

The courts have tried to rule against supporting higher education that churns out ministers, so then what do you think they will do when the New World Order takes control? Do you really think these things are happening by chance, and that you have a multitude of years to get through everything and you don’t have to worry? The antichrist spirit is rising in the earth because the man of sin is coming. And with him are coming his legions to carry out the end times scenario. So when will you prepare? WHEN WILL YOU LISTEN TO MY PROPHETS? You boast in your arrogance and you say this year we will do this and that. Can you not see the polarity of what is going on in the world and the divergence, and the violence among ethic groups all over the world? Can you not see the rebellion increasing?

1 Tim 4:1-4 AMP BUT THE [Holy] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach,
2 Through the hypocrisy and pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared (cauterized),
3 Who forbid people to marry and [teach them] to abstain from [certain kinds of] foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and have [an increasingly clear] knowledge of the truth.
4 For everything God has created is good, and nothing is to be thrown away or refused if it is received with thanksgiving.

2 Tim 3:1- AMP BUT UNDERSTAND this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].
2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.
4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.
5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. **Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].**
6 For among them are those who worm their way into homes and captivate silly and weak-natured and spiritually dwarfed women, loaded down with [the burden of their] sins [and easily] swayed and led away by various evil desires and seductive impulses.
7 [These weak women will listen to anybody who will teach them]; they are forever inquiring and getting information, but are never able to arrive at a recognition and knowledge of the Truth.
8 Now just as Jannes and Jambres were hostile to and resisted Moses, so these men also are hostile to and oppose the Truth. They have depraved and distorted minds, and are reprobate and counterfeit and to be rejected as far as the faith is concerned. [Ex 7:11.]
9 But they will not get very far, for their rash folly will become obvious to everybody, as was that of those [magicians mentioned].
10 Now you have closely observed and diligently followed my teaching, conduct, purpose in life, faith, patience, love, steadfastness,
11 Persecutions, sufferings--such as occurred to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra, persecutions I endured, but out of them all the Lord delivered me.
12 Indeed all who delight in piety and are determined to live a devoted and godly life in Christ Jesus will meet with persecution [will be made to suffer because of their religious stand].
13 But wicked men and imposters will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and leading astray others and being deceived and led astray themselves.
14 But as for you, continue to hold to the things that you have learned and of which you are convinced, knowing from whom you learned [them],

A great deception is going on in the courts of the kings and rulers of the nations. Great alliances of enemy nations to yours, have been made and will continue to try to thwart the purposes I have to redeem this nation. Do not fear the days that are coming upon you. No matter what happens you must know and believe that I care for you. REMEMBER that MERCY triumphs over judgment! Do not fall to hatred and bitterness because of the ways the world is going. CONTINUE IN WORSHIP and PRAYER and keep in union and communion with ME as you see the day of the LORD approaching. DO NOT FEAR. I AM WITH YOU! And I will keep you in the palm of My HAND!

A great surge of My power is about to be loosed to re-establish the apostolic and to reestablish TRUTH in My church. I AM building foundations for the the church to be able to STAND in the days to come. I have been building behind the scenes but this will escalate and new alignments will be fully established to bring in the HARVEST. So FEW are ready for the flood that is about to ensue. I will do a QUICK WORK in this hour. So anticipate
MY ORDERS! STAND STILL and see the salvation of Your Lord! WAIT on ME for your orders! I am coming and will make the way clear for you.

I am a rewarder of those who DILIGENTLY seek Me. I will by no means leave anyone out. STAND and continue to stand. AND do NOT let the enemy get you sidetracked or distracted from the course I have called you to. I am opening doors that NO MAN, NO DEMON, NOR ANYTHING can shut. I WILL HAVE MY WAY…I WILL REIGN in My church and the gates of HELL will NOT PREVAIL against it!

An old song came to mind….” All you need is love, love, all you need is love “

LOVE leads to repentance. REMEMBER how I woo’d you in the first days you came to ME? REMEMBER how the first year you were saved, everything you seemed to ask and pray for would be answered? LOVE is MY WAY.
So keep your eyes on ME and let ME show you how to deal with this generation. Do NOT do things just because you’ve always done them THAT way! I HAVE A PLAN. COME TO ME, so that I may

share it with you!
I am the Source of all WISDOM. Deal with the new believers with LOVE and kindness and patience and MY wisdom. BE ready to give an answer to all who ask you for the reason for your hope. Lean on ME. I will give you all you ask for!

My LOVE will see you through anything. My love is wider and deeper than you can imagine. I did not come into the world to condemn it, but to bring LIFE. I came to redeem Mankind and to draw them back into relationship.
RELATIONSHIP is what is missing in the lives of SO many people today. They are so love starved, they will do anything to get attention. REALIZE the depth of depravity by the depth of rebellion you see! And do not exhaust yourselves on those who still hate ME. Only pray. Some will come to DRAIN you and you must have discernment on who is sent by ME, and who is sent by the enemy to distract you from My purposes, or to draw you away from those I've aligned you with. ASK ME and I will give you wisdom and understanding. "

Fiery Intentions

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[Background – Not being able to attend a fall conference, by divine appointment I was able to have a 4-day retreat in a Lake of the Ozarks cabin, alone with the Lord. In the midst of moments of worship viewing a MorningStar worship video of a prior Harvest Conference, the Father's fiery presence came one night. I found myself on the floor, travailing in spirit as the Spirit of intercession fell, following which came forth this word for our nation & believers across this country. The next day Jesus spoke more about the will of the Father regarding disbursement of this word…]

The Mandate

[JESUS] 10/16/04 – "The Father has given you a message to transcribe – and then it must be presented to other's eyes. It will serve as a light to bring much understanding. Caught up in the moment, you have already forgotten much of what was said. As you listen to it again, its impact in you/through you – will be renewed. My Word shall be 'published' and then run forth from east to west, from north to south. This fiery message will blanket this nation, covering every part. Every detail of what you are to do will be shown to you. Do not share it with ears that are not ready to hear. This will only discourage you. 'Pony Express' riders shall carry it from station to station, every-where I send them, every place they are led. By chain reaction it shall crisscross this nation, as on a map by 'freeway express,' igniting into flame that which was only 'a spark' in many hearts. It will be a fire that affects more than just regions… but the entire United States. This is a word for My entire Church…within this nation."

Prayer of Desperation – 'RUSH on Your People'

[PRAYER] – "Rush, rush, rush on Your people! Rush, rush, rush on Your Bride! Rush, rush, rush on Your body! Come with a fire that will never die! Father God, I know that these words are true. They came right from the throne before this song was played. Father God, I pray that You would RUSH on Your body…RUSH from the throne room. Come with a fire that will never die! Come with a fire that will never die! **We HAVE TO HAVE YOUR HELP – WE CAN'T CHANGE BY OURSELVES. We cannot change by ourselves.** O God, we've NOT enough DESPERATION in the body of Christ to escort them into the heavenly realms where they NEED to be. I pray, God, for DESPERATION to fall. I pray, God, for THE FIRE OF GOD to BURN UP the chaff of false desires. I pray that You would RUSH from the altar of God…RUSH THROUGH, God, from the very mouth of the Father – RUSH UPON THE EARTH! **RELEASE YOURSELF UPON US! Release Yourself upon me!** Even now, Jesus, release Yourself upon our loved ones…RUSH upon our children…RUSH!

I PRAY THAT THE ROAR OF HEAVEN would be heard in the spiritual ears of those who have 'ears to hear.' I pray, God, that the voice of Your intercessions before the throne – through the voice of intercessions on the earth – WOULD JOIN in FIRE from earth & FIRE from heaven…in columns of FIRE, lighting up upon the earth! Yes!

Father, I'm asking for 'the portal' …WITHIN the place of Your heart, to OPEN UP! AND THAT YOUR FIRE, GOD, YOUR FIRE – WOULD DESCEND UPON THE EARTH, in Jesus' Name! Rush, rush, rush on Your people! Rush, rush, rush on Your Bride! Rush, rush, rush on Your body! Come with a fire that will never die!" Whirlwinds of fire, God, whirlwinds of fire, descend! Come! Come! Come! Send it down! And from the place that I stand before You, cast it down, Lord…cast it down upon the earth! Come and pour – come and pour – come and pour out on us! Pour out, pour out, pour out on us!"

FIREBRANDS UPON THE EARTH

[FATHER] – "I would not have you ask Me this if it was not the desire of My heart to give. AND BECAUSE HEAVEN & EARTH AGREE IT SHALL BE DONE THROUGH THE NAME OF MY SON, JESUS CHRIST. The Spirit of God is being sent forth. Where you are – He IS. He is coming to MEET YOU…He is coming to meet you…and those ready to receive THE FIRE OF GOD upon the earth.

BUT THERE MUST BE CARRIERS…there must be CARRIERS of this fire: those who are not afraid of the fire … those who LOVE the fire … those who have WALKED IN the fire … those who are willing to LIVE IN the fire … and those that are willing TO SPREAD FIRE. I will FIND THOSE PEOPLE! I will find those people…for I have 'marked them' as **FIREBRANDS upon the earth.**

This fire will come to young and old alike. Grandfathers & grandmothers will SUDDENLY find themselves, their mouths full, filled with the fire of God. In the inner cities, in the reservations upon the Dakota lands, My burning fire will come. Campfires of past generations that called witchcraft into areas – will SEE THIS FIRE, and they will KNOW that it is a fire that comes from HIGHER ABOVE than from where they are. FIRE! The only thing you have to do to prepare for this fire – is say, "LORD, MAKE ME A FIRE-BRAND UPON THE EARTH." Are you ready to stand? Are you ready to stand? Are you ready to STAND – that people might see you? This fire is A LIGHT that is NOT going to be held 'under a basket' or put out on top of a hill. It is a FIRE THAT WILL BURN IN EVERY REGION, BRIGHTLY, and all the more brightly as I call My 'firebrands' to come together quickly, and assemble for the purpose of becoming 'Olympic torches' throughout regions, for My glory.

YOU CANNOT BE CHANGED, AS MY PEOPLE, WITHOUT MY FIRE. You cannot help impact nations without My fire, nor can there come forth healing virtue, nor the ministry of 'ministers of fire' – if you are not willing to live as one ON FIRE."

PURPOSE OF GOD'S FIRE UPON THE EARTH

"Sons and daughters, do you understand what fire is and does? MY FIRE upon the earth will make it so that peoples of all nations, tribes & tongues – WILL SEE ONLY **ONE – they will see no other gods before them.** They will see only ONE.

FIRE also comes…to make people ONE. There's 'meltdown,' and all personal agendas are laid aside and SUDDENLY…SUDDENLY…churches, individuals, relationships, people in Christ together – become ONE. **Fire melts things together so that never, ever can they be torn apart again.** There has not been an adequate supply of fire upon the earth. Had there been, My Body would already be one. SO ASK FOR THE FIRE TO COME. Wherever My fire comes … it BURNS, IT PURGES, BUT ALSO MELTS THINGS TOGETHER. It takes 'this piece of gold' and 'that piece of gold' and IT THROWS IT IN THE KILN – and makes a beautiful bride of Christ, who is without wrinkle, without spot, AND WITHOUT DIVISION in her life.

FIRE comes also, My children, to BURN CHAINS AWAY that cannot be broken any other way. **It sets captives free. ONE TOUCH OF MY FIRE from My little finger, one touch of My breathy fire upon a person's life – changes them…it changes them FOREVER –** for it comes not as a fire from 'above' to 'the place within' – but MY FIRE, MY SPIRIT COMES TO A PLACE 'WITHIN' and works itself 'OUT' in an individual's life. And because of that purging, purifying working within, the CHAINS are BROKEN FREE and cannot be placed on that individual again.

WHEN MY FIRE COMES, it will specifically take care of CANCER upon the earth, beginning with the body of Christ. There cannot be healers if they have not been weepers. Those who have wept in the night seasons…those afflicted with cancer cells in their bodies – will know the BURNING, PURGING FIRE OF GOD – the fire that looses healing, that brings LIFE from the very bowels of the Father's Being and places it within a believer's 'temple.'

Many 'temple fires' have gone out. There were supposed to be 'altar fires' going 24/7 in the 'houses of God' – that's what the priests were to maintain … but My fires have
gone out, not only in My Church – but in the 'little churches' across the earth … in MY PEOPLE, in

INDIVIDUALS across the earth. **My fire has gone out WITHIN THEM. Do you not understand? This is has allowed sickness and disease, of spirit and body, to creep into people.** When the fire comes…when the altar of fire within a person's heart is 'set on fire' again – then the purging of disease and mental illness
shall QUICKLY…QUICKLY…QUICKLY, I SAY, leave My people – and leave them as the pure priests of God, the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the teachers, the pastors/the shepherds – that they were intended to be, even among My five-fold. There are FIRES THAT HAVE GONE OUT, but WATCH MY FIRE COME. WATCH IT COME TO THEM! WATCH IT COME TO THEM! They are willing to be 'firebrands' for Me. So if they throw their hands up in the air and say unto Me, **"Make me a fire-brand for God – I will COME, I will COME – at the most unexpected moment… I will COME, I will COME and make the fires upon the altars of their hearts BURN with FRESH COALS, STRAIGHT FROM MY HEART," says your Father God.**

ANOTHER THING MY FIRE DOES is that it burns upon 'altars of righteousness' erected in cities, nations & regions – and it burns so brightly and so fiercely – **that all other 'false fires' of false gods, are actually licked up/consumed, WITHIN THE FIRES OF HOLINESS.**

If you do not understand yet WHY the 'fire of God' is needed upon the earth – then return to the days when in Sunday School you sing, "This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine…let it shine, let it shine, let it shine…" IT IS NOT SIMPLY A LIGHT that children sing about. **IT IS A FLAME…IT IS A FLAME!** People have not understood the fact that every person needs within them the flame of the Lord. Hold your finger up and say, "This little light, I'm going to let it shine" – then picture the fire of God upon it. Offer it up to Me with your hands raised, and I WILL COME AND CONSUME THE SACRIFICE UPON THE ALTAR OF YOUR HEART, SETTING YOUR WHOLE BODY ABLAZE! **It will be more than just your little finger – your ENTIRE BEING will be set ablaze with the FIRE OF GOD.**

(Hearing/seeing break, listened to a MorningStar Harvest Conference, worship video and amazing words sung: "You will go to the nations…you will go to the nations… and the fire I have put in you, shall spread around the world. Like foxes with their tails on fire, you will go through the fields and set them on fire! You will go to the fields, and you will set FIELDS on fire…set us on fire…set us on fire…set us on fire.) [How does He do that…orchestrate the reception of a word with music before it's even heard? He is God.]

How Long, Father…How Long?

[Prophetic Intercession] "Father God, HOW LONG is this going to take? How long is it going to take, from the praying of this prayer and between the agreement of heaven and earth – FOR THIS FIRE TO COME? I WANT TO KNOW, I ASK YOU: is it going to be weeks, months, or still years before this thing YOU HAVE PROMISED for the United States and for Christians within this nation comes? Millions of people are coming to Christ in crusades around the world, but we need Your fire, here, in THIS nation, God. I want Your fire to BURN THROUGH the third heaven. I WANT IT TO SCORCH AND DESTROY PRINCIPALITIES 'on its way down.' I want You to CRUSH the head of Your enemies, as Your pillar of fire comes through from heaven to earth. Is this too much to ask, Father? IS IT too much to ask? I pray that You would continue making a spectacle of the forces of darkness, make them shudder. I pray you give us spiritual eyes to see the moment when Satan and his hosts & people of wickedness are FORCED TO BOW THEIR KNEE because they recognize and FEAR THE LORD. Is that what this fire is, Lord? Is it a 'fear of the Lord' as well? I ASK FOR THE FEAR OF THE LORD to come as well.

THIS IS ALL ABOUT YOU – AND 'REWARD FOR THE LAMB.' All we are, all we do, all we endeavor to undertake, all our gifts, all our talents, all the things You have promised to do in us & through us, and all rewards in heaven one day gained – it's ALL ABOUT REWARD FOR THE LAMB, a truth the Moravians lived by. NOTHING for our-selves – it's ALL FOR HIM. I'm so weary of those in the body of Christ looking at one another & calling each other by 'high titles.' Those of greatest delight to You are simply called 'sons & daughters.' So DESPERATE for more of You, You have taken them

beyond 'beyond the veil' – and on INTO Your very heart ablaze. They don't need title, they don't need position… they hardly want to be seen.

And, Father, I pray that You raise up 'the LaTourneau earth-moving machines' – those retired/hidden away, for whatever reason, until the appointed day. "Some were 'retired' by the world's systems…even the Church's systems, set aside even BEFORE their service years were through, by those saying, "You don't belong here…" or "we have no use for you…" But I pray, NOW, Father, that those who've been in a furnace of purging these past years – would come OUT OF RETIREMENT with their 'BIG RIGS.' I pray that you would MOVE THEM…MOVE THEM…toward the 'skyscrapers' of this world's systems erected by man. I pray that they would PLOW INTO CITIES. I pray the structures of man would be TORN DOWN, and that YOUR GOVERNMENT would come forth as these 'earthmovers' rise up again. Satan hasn't understood a thing about where they're at. He thought he put them away by a word of rejection, by low self-confidence, by being 'turned out to pasture' – he thought he put them away because of depression at times, or lack of finances. BUT LITTLE DID HE KNOW…that buried in the depths of Your thoughts, these ones were going to be called back out, in leadership to emerge STRONG, MIGHTY, RESPECTED, MORAL, FULL OF CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP.

And oh…my God, HOW THEY LOVE TO WORK TOGETHER. I have seen them working together, clearing the way for the runners of the last day…coming through, coming through, who carry the Word of God. GENERATIONS, God, You're bringing generations together. GENERATIONS…build the bridges between generations. We cannot exist one without the other. I pray, God, that you would tear down the blinders in the older folk. I pray that you would tear down the prejudices they have erected in their hearts against tatoos and piercings and all those who are creative in their way of expression in glorifying You. Father God, I pray that blacks & whites & Hispanics, and all peoples represented in cities – would be brought together BY THE FIRE OF GOD. Again I ask,
"How long…how long before this fire comes?" WE NEED IT N O W."

[MOMENTS BETWEEN FATHER & DAUGHTER…]
"Daughter, it is a good thing that you are speaking into a recorder and not writing things down this night, for it frees up your mind to receive Mine at quicker speed than you could possibly transcribe. So carry your little recorder…it shall dance with you. Carry your recorder, it shall kneel with you. Raise your recorder, and it will worship with you. Walk with your recorder, and you will become attuned to the next moving of My voice & Spirit. As truth comes, I allow you 'breathing time' so that your circuits are not 'short-circuited' by this amount of download.

I showed you a lake of fire last night within My heart…a portal on the floor where you have laid before Me on your little belly, soaking up My love within 'The Council of the Lord.' You were then shown another portal on the floor of My heart, a 'lower chamber' into which you were taken down by escort of My Son. And there you saw FIRE, FIRE, FIRE…"

ANOTHER LAKE OF FIRE

He continued, "You were correct in your perceiving that it was a lake of fire. There are two lakes of fire: one reserved for eternal judgment – and one 'an eternal blaze' of My passion & love for redeemed creation and My only begotten Son. I AM A CONSUMING FIRE… and in this fire is a CONSUMMATION, by which you are 'made complete in every way.' In the fire you become one with Me, just as you have become one with My Son.

As Father, you cannot join to Me without consummation (becoming one with Me/ complete) in the fire. You can only approach Me in this place 'escorted in' by My Son. HE IS THE ONLY WAY 'IN.' He was the first to see the fiery depths of My heart – and it is ablaze. The flames are LIGHT, and they are LIFE. They are not to be feared. It is a glory…a hidden glory…a mystery…it is a mystery and a glory. These flames will not burn you; they will not hurt you. They will TRANSFORM you. It is from this place that FIRE is sent forth upon the earth. Every fire in man's heart has come from this very FIRE WITHIN ME. You have seen it. You saw it before My Son poured out His intercessions tonight, asking that fire be sent from heaven to earth soon…in your day.

In the past, I have sent ‘portions’ of My fire through ‘fiery spirits’ as ministering angels, and through My Holy Spirit sent out. I have sent revival fires. I have sent cleansing fires. I have sent fires to burn out & purge out wickedness from nations and turn people to their very Lord. I cannot describe in words that you will understand … but there is a place in Me where this fire will be sent forth from in such a FORCE that it will CHANGE THE REST OF HIS-STORY as people perceive it upon the earth…A SWEEPING,
CONSUMING FIRE – I AM READY TO LOOSE FROM THE VERY BOWELS OF MY BEING, MY PEOPLE.

A COMING ‘FIRE OF LIFE’

Because of this strategic, important election, it has finally become clear to the saints who walk in righteousness – that massive numbers of people in this nation (which is to be called ‘ONE NATION, UNDER GOD’ – the amount of division and deception that there is in this nation. Every other person you meet is deceived. Every other person you meet does not walk in truth. And more than every other person you meet will NOT go to heaven. I am not Republican, and I am not Democrat, but this election has set a standard that the Church might see the calamity that this nation is in. And because of that, I am NOT SENDING A FIRE OF JUDGMENT…I AM SENDING A FIRE OF LIFE. Can I make that PLAIN TO YOU … that you might make it plain to the body of Christ?

The fire that comes out of Me in this season, in this time, in the year – is not a fire that is going to destroy – though some (because of the part of Me that is coming forth) – will contain (as just one of the seven-fold flames) … THE FEAR OF THE LORD. But EVERY FLAME within the Spirit of God (Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Power/Might, Knowledge and The Fear of the Lord … and the Spirit of God as the Spirit of Prophecy & Revelation) – ALL OF THESE ARE THE FLAMES OF THE LORD … and that is THE FLAME that I carry inside Myself. It produces LIFE.

There are times when if one wants to ‘come alive’ – one must first die. People will see it as judgment … but it is only the purging coming, so that they might step into new realms of **LIFE.** LIFE!

Yes, judgment will come upon every nation in the entire world one day – and I have been using things of power in My creation to turn people’s hearts to Me. But these ‘acts’ (hurricanes, storms, volcanoes) are but TRUMPET BLASTS. They are TRUMPETS ANNOUNCING TRUTH – but still people’s ears do not hear the voice of the Lord. They have been TRUMPETS TO ANNOUNCE TRUTH – BUT I AM NOT YET JUDGING AMERICA.

Some may differ with that. When the World Trade towers fell, it was because there was a huge GAP IN THE ARMOR OF GOD across the body of Christ within this nation. The enemy came in and pierced the heart of this nation, and of course – when a nation, a people are not walking in truth – they then perceive it as a great judgment.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

THIS WAS SIMPLY AN EFFECT OF THE ARMOR OF GOD NOT BEING PROPERLY WORN BY THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THIS NATION. Therefore the heart of this nation was struck, and thousands died because of it. But still, it was NOT MY HAND OF JUDGMENT. It was CAUSE & EFFECT. It was an ‘OPEN GATE’ by which the enemy could come in because of WICKEDNESS in the market place, UNRIGHTEOUSNESS in the market place…and because MY PEOPLE had not cried out in repentance for what the entire other half of the nation was doing, compared to those who walk in righteousness.

[TRYING TO UNDERSTAND…]
Father, it’s hard to comprehend all that You’re saying. I understand that when judgment comes, we will UNDERSTAND it IS judgment. And I understand cause & effect…like eating too much most likely will cause weight gain. The Church has not been standing in the gap corporately for our nation, crying out as one, putting on the breastplate of righteousness that it be clearly seen. This has allowed the enemy

to come in – but it has not been Your judgments, You say? But I don't quite understand. Oral Roberts was brought before You after 9/11 that You might speak with him. He said You said…it WAS a judgment, Father. I can see indirectly that it was…but still it wasn't.

It WAS NOT sent by Your hand, but by enemy plan. YOU COULD NOT PREVENT IT, however, because 'the armor of God' was not in place over our nation, or even being properly worn by within those in the Church, to protect us. Is it possible that what is actually 'cause & effect' may appear as judgment to us?"

GUARDING GATES, WINDOWS & DOORS

"Daughter, let Me make this simple for you. Picture a lion's cage, and picture the lions within it. Now picture the gate being raised. And before the lions stand a crowd of people. The lions have not 'fed' for many days, and they sense that there is no longer any restraint upon them. The lions will leap from that cage, and they will feed. THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED when America's 'gatekeepers' do not WATCH THE GATES. The gates are opened by forces of darkness, and the gatekeepers are not there to watch over their regions, their cities, their states, or even their families. It is NOT ME sending judgment. It is the ENEMY WALKING THROUGH OPEN DOORS & GATES…THAT THE CHURCH SHOULD HAVE BEEN TENDING TO. Do you see the difference? Disaster comes. The enemy strikes – but it was not 'My hand' – but I could not restrain it because the GATE was not guarded, and the gate was opened by the enemy himself. There were not people standing in agreement; the breastplate, the armor, was not in place.

Now picture this…a house with many windows on a bright sunny day. The windows are open. It is 'fair weather.' The occupants leave for a day's journey and forget to shut the windows. They get back after dark, but in mid-afternoon a storm arose & came in from the sea – and the wind and the gusts and the rain BURST THROUGH the house… because THE WINDOWS WERE NOT SHUT, and damage occurred. THIS IS THE SAME THING that has happened in the area of the hurricanes. DOOR/PORTAL/WINDOWS were not being tended to because everything appeared to be 'O.K.' to the body of Christ. They did not see disaster, nor see times & seasons approaching as those who walk in the wisdom of the sons of Issachar. They should have known; they should have guarded & shut the windows during FAIR WEATHER before the storms arose.

DISASTERS & JUDGMENTS ARE NOT THE SAME

I understand that you do not understand completely, the words that are coming through to you now. But as you analyze them…and look at them…and pray over them in coming days, you will see TRUTH in them**.** It is not judgment…it is cause and effect. When My judgment strikes, IT WILL COME TO ALL IN THIS NATION WHO DO NOT WALK IN RIGHTEOUSNESS. THERE WILL BE NO 'GUESSING' as to whether an earthquake in California…hurricanes in Florida…disasters along the coastline, earthquakes that strike in the night seasons – ALL WILL KNOW THAT IS MY HAND OF JUDGMENT WHEN IT COMES.

Let me clarify this also. DISASTERS and JUDGMENTS ARE NOT THE SAME THING.
Disasters come from 'cause & effect.' Judgment comes when I SAY it's to be sent.

There are people, even My people, who will bring 'disaster' upon their own heads due to cause & effect…but they SEE IT and PERCEIVE IT as My judgment upon their life – when THEY actually created the atmosphere & circumstances – so that 'the thing' began to grow in strength, until it became a DISASTER in their lives. There ARE other things, sent from the enemy directly. These, too, are not MY judgments. When he gets 'through' – it is because the armor has not been on, prayer has not been in place, and the gatekeepers guarding windows & portals & gates upon the earth have become complacent in fulfilling their duties. This, too, My people, is why 'fresh fire' MUST COME.

ASK NOW FOR FIRE TO COME

I ask people to be in AGREEMENT in the Church about this NOW…in this season, NOW – while it is yet 2004, NOW – that it would come … because ONLY FIRE can fix and accomplish all that I told you before it could do. [another section not included in the typing of this article, specific things Father said His fire would accomplish … and what worshipping believers could do to hasten its coming (i.e. fire attracts fire)].

“How do you think fire comes? What do you think releases it? Not anger. Not frustration. Oh, no…it’s THE DANCE OF JOYFUL HEARTS. It’s the PASSION of the Bride, calling for her Bridegroom, in hot pursuit of My heart. THAT’S WHEN THE FLAMES OF MY FIRE WILL BE SHOT FORTH TO THE EARTH. So it is a corporate time for My Church to arise and worship. Yes, I understand ... you say, “But haven’t we been worshipping ever since we became Christians? Has not music improved? Haven’t the avenues through which we express our worship… and the gatherings of Your people culminating in stadiums filled with people – all to praise & worship You – increased upon the earth?”

THIS IS TRUE…but when My Church across the United States gets to ‘hot’ for Me and for My Son … FIRE ATTRACTS FIRE – do you understand? PASSION attracts PASSION. So when I have a passionate Church who is crying out FOR MY FIRE and for My HEART’S AFFECTIONS to be released to come and loose things of MY MAJESTY and SIGNS & WONDERS upon the earth – then My worshipping Church shall be A MAGNET for the fire of God from the throne room, shooting to the earth to reach your heart.

THAT IS HOW THE FIRE WILL COME…initially on THE FIREBRANDS – those who worship Me, who CRY OUT for Me, who have a passionate, zealous desire for Me, who will not rest before their television sets – who will not sit down and read their news-papers at the end of the day … (all this relaxing is fine) … but if they have not had a passionate link to Me in the midst of their day, then already THEIR FLAME is beginning to cool off. REWARD FOR THE LAMB must be the FOCUS of My Church.

Furthermore, prayer meetings MUST CHANGE if they are not in tune with the passion-ate heart of the Bride. There are some so boring that I can barely attend Myself. When I see fire burning, wherever it is, and souls reaching toward Me heavenward, asking for AT LEAST ‘more’ … more fire from heaven – then I will come. It doesn’t have to be a ‘roaring fire’ – but just ‘a fire.’ There are some who no longer live with a fire upon the altar of their hearts. When I see fire, I’ll come. I don’t require very much; I just require a corporate Church that WANTS ME TO COME.

AN OVERLOOKED MISSION FIELD

This must SPREAD into denominational churches. Those who see themselves as ‘Spirit-filled’ shake their heads and wonder at what is wrong with ‘them.’ But have they been as firebrands that go BACK INTO THOSE PLACES and carry FIRE and say, “THIS is a higher call for your life.” By the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony – they overcame the enemy.

Some of you need to get ‘the blood of the Lamb’ and the word of your testimony into these dry churches that do not understand or comprehend things of the Spirit. You come into their doors…and you WATCH THE FLOOD OF GOD FOLLOW YOU IN.

Do not shake your heads at them in disdain. They are a part of MY CHURCH. They will be with you IN HEAVEN…and they will say, “Where were those who were to tell us things of the Spirit, but they never entered our doors. We were not keeping them away, but they believed they had better things to do in ‘worship with each other.’” THIS IS HOW FIREBRANDS PARTICIPATE IN SPREADING FIRE.

Some of you are going to have to leave your comfort zones. You have been in your churches so long that you forget that other bodies exist. There is A MISSION FIELD, no doubt 200’ away from your door, and yet you do not spread the gospel, the Good News which includes things of My Spirit and fire and anointing and life and healing and power and miracles – to those neighbors of yours next door.

There is division in MY BODY. They are My Body…and YOU are part of My body. You are the stronger…they are the weaker. Why do you not go to them with the Good News?

There are times when it would be most appropriate to dismiss church at your own church and go into other churches – not to proselytize, but to be a part … to ask Me to open a door … to bring a word of encouragement to those in the congregation … to offer a handshake to the pastor. YOU BRING MY SPIRIT IN THE DOOR IN THE DOOR WITH YOU AS A CARRIER OF FIRE…AND I WILL MAKE SURE THAT YOUR FOOTSTEPS ACROSS THE SANCTUARY & PLATFORM FLOORS, DOWN THE ISLE, WHEREVER YOU WALK – THAT THE RESIDUE OF MY SPIRIT IN YOU – REMAINS AFTER YOU LEAVE. You may not say a word, but you CARRY My FIRE into that place. And you prepare the way for the Son of God to come – and ask the Spirit of God to flood that place as well.

ADOPT A CHURCH

Who is praying for them? ADOPT A CHURCH. They are as lost in things of Spirit and truth as unbelievers who still walk in darkness. Go forth to them and you will see this NATION catch on fire. Every house should be a house of prayer. Even IF those in leadership do not accept your presence or your message (and you must know when 'to keep your mouth shut' and let My Spirit IN YOU, work…) – even if they shut the door to you, simply to as My disciples did in Jesus' day: WIPE THE DUST FROM YOUR FEET … but that's only so YOU don't leave 'tracks' as you're going out their door. DON'T LEAVE THEIR HOUSES 'MESSED UP' AFTER YOU LEAVE. Do you hear this word? Have MY HEART … have MY COMPASSION … have MY MERCY … have MY FIERY ZEAL of LOVE OUTP0URED – and you will GO and DO the work of My heart in those places.

Let Me also make this very clear. You cannot go in an unction of your own soul. If you do, you will go forth 'stinking' and not with the fragrance of Christ upon you. So… it would be good to WORSHIP until the fire comes upon you … and CONSUMES the dross, burns away your flesh for that moment (for even in a day's time, your attitudes can become contaminated by thoughts of pollution from the world about you) – so be CLEANSED before you go forth in My Name – with PURE HEARTS and CLEAN HANDS – and YOU SHALL make a difference to those I send you to.

GATEKEEPERS, MAN YOUR POST

In the unseen realm, this is how you can operate: if you live in a city, in a region, in a neighborhood, in a farming community – you ARE A GATEKEEPER for that area – for that county, for that township, for that city, that region – you are a GATEKEEPER if you are in the body of Christ. Therefore, you have … and I'll give you authority … to SHUT GATES that the enemy is coming through – and to OPEN DOORS & GATES by which My Spirit can come through. Some of you may do NOTHING MORE than go to a church, go within it – or stand outside it – and 'open the doors' in Spirit for the King of Kings to come through, without A WORD being said to the people. BUT DO pronounce things verbally out of your mouths … Lesson #101, Spiritual Warfare: Satan and his hosts cannot hear the thoughts of your mind. You must SPEAK My word as kings and priests who make proclamations and declarations over gateways and doors in your area.

In mass, across the United States at this time, if MY CHURCH did these simple two steps of bringing life to dead places and 'dead bodies' – you would see GREAT CHANGE in this nation – and there would be MORE FIRE, attracting MORE FIRE from the throne-room of heaven, from My heart. YOU, CHURCH… must work, for a NIGHT is coming. But there will first come a day of blazing brightness, when My glory is poured out, as My fiery love comes, as signs & wonders occur, as new sounds in music are heard – as the youth & young adults of your generation are loosed into their inheritance that YOU have built up for them – to do things in the simplest of faith that armies could not do before them. THAT MUCH POWER is coming – but it must SPREAD outside of your 'circles' – even WITHIN MY CHURCH. I am very concerned for My Church. Yes, I'm concerned about the wickedness of the world, but I am concerned for My Church first, in this 'United States of America' that is SO divided.

CLAIM your city block – CLAIM your neighborhood – CLAIM your property for Christ. WALK! PRAY! PROPHESY! PROCLAIM! DECREE! All you NEED are your 'spiritual vitamins' before you leave you house each day, and I will WORK THROUGH YOU:
A – make sure that your ATTITUDE is correctly aligned with Mine

B - BE FILLED with the Spirit continually … and be determined to …
C - CAST DOWN EVERY THOUGHT and imagination that raises itself against the knowledge of Jesus Christ… and then GO to…
E – EVERY PLACE I SEND YOU to …
D – DECLARE My good works, and
F – My FIRE … will come

[a seeing/hearing break… then He addressed me again…]

"Why do you think when there is simply a 'lull' in your reception of things – that I have left? I AM WITH YOU…I NEVER LEAVE YOU. You are the apple of My eye. I am surrounding you. If you could see… there would be flames shooting through the roof of this Ozark cabin to which you have gone in retreat this weekend. They are reaching well above the treetops because of My burning presence about you. I am the ever-living God, and the One that surrounds. You are not by yourself. I simply give you times of rest, during which time the 'fire' lifts for a moment then comes back again,
that you might bear it – as one who still lives in a dwelling of flesh…"

[Not understanding why, but led to in the Spirit…I then laid on my back then and started drumming my arms & hands up and down on the floor at my sides…]

LOOSING HIS HEARTBEAT FOR FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE

[FATHER] – "I ask that DRUMS be loosed across the land, as the beat of My heart. This nation is built on the backs of First Nations people – and I ask that those who have the ability to play drums would LOOSE THEM across the nation, making a call for repentance for what was done to My First Nation's people in this land. And it will cancel curses by the playing of drums, where curses were pronounced through 'drums & fire dance.' I CALL YOU TO FIRE DANCE and DRUMMING in places of known injury to First Nations people, places where curses were placed on the land by their forefathers – to protect future generations from the lies of those who came to take their lands and rape them…rape them…of self respect, causing dishonor to those once honored."

[prayer] – "Father, for this region where I am and just was (Ha Ha Tonka State Park earlier in the day) … I pray in the authority of Jesus' Name FOR THESE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE. Father, I pray for what was taken from them. I pray that You would reverse curses with YOUR FIRE DANCE and DRUMMING BEAT OF YOUR HEART that comes through the drums. I pray that You would raise up First Nations WARRIORS in this area & nation. RELEASE into them the dance of worship! They are eagles…the bald eagles of worship – that join with the golden eagles of warfare. Our nation cannot 'fly' … cannot worship … cannot war in the spiritual realm … unless the current Church joins with First Nations people…

COME FORTH! COME FORTH, FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE! COME FORTH IN WORSHIP! BE DELIVERED! FLY AGAIN! WE NEED YOU…WE NEED YOU, WARRIOR WORSHIPPERS – TO BRING DOWN PRINCIPALITIES, ERECTED BY YOUR FOREFATHERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP…WE ASK FOR YOUR HELP. YOUR PURPOSE…YOUR DESTINY THAT YOU CAN GIVE US – THE VERY ONES WHO STRUCK YOU DOWN. WOULD YOU LAVISH ON US YOUR FORGIVENESS, NOW, FOR WE OURSELVES ARE BEING DESTROYED FROM 'WITHIN.'" FATHER, BAPTIZE THEM WITH FIRE!"

MORE WARMTH NEEDED IN THE CHURCH

[FATHER] "I now want to release another word, completely different – yet appropriate to My message of 'fire.' Not only between heaven and earth will I pour out My heart of fire – but I also want to bring INCREASED WARMTH between those in the Church, the Body of Christ. Right now, if the Church stood before the world and were judged by the verse, "… by their love you will know them…" – they would hardly be identifiable. This is not true, of course, in every body of believers, but there is a general 'coolness' between many in the body of Christ.

As you come into fellowship with one another, do not be afraid to touch and to embrace, to slap each other on the back, to congratulate each other, to inquire … be FRIENDLY, BE KIND, BE KINDLY AFFECTIONATE ONE TO ANOTHER. It would please Me to have no person leave a church’s services on any given day feeling empty and alone. As people from the streets come into the Church, they will observe and see whether the people truly care for one another. There will be times in the future when ‘night and day’ praise & worship & prayer is going on – and churches’ doors will be open EVERY NIGHT OF THE WEEK. But at this point, because it is not yet established firmly in every region, some believers see each other only once a week at best, and there is no true concern for them in fellow believers. Pray that the ‘heart of affection’ and ‘fire of affection’ burn brightly in My Church while still upon the earth, in your relationships with each other.”

Financial Healing

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Matthew 8:6 “Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented.”

For there are many of God’s people whose finances need to be healed. The money, the resources are the “servant” They are to serve My people, and yet these servants of money, resources and provision have been terribly paralyzed and tormented. Your funds, and resources have been unable to “move”. They have been paralyzed by the enemy. Your finances have been severely tormented and under attack by the enemy, as you are the very people I have called to be RICH, rich above all you could ever exceedingly think or imagine, rich according to My riches and glory. You are the people I am empowering to get wealth to establish My covenant on this earth in this final hour. You are the people who have given your lives to Me, no matter what the cost, you said, “I will follow”, and you have left homes, land and people for the Word sake and you have been obedient to go where I have told you to go, and I tell you this day you shall reap 100 fold, many of you this year of 2004. For there is an open door of abundance to you.

Matthew 8:8 “Lord I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed.”

My children, your servant of finances and resources will be healed as YOU speak the word I have put in your mouth and in your heart. I have given you all authority and power. Speak My word over your bank books, your bank accounts, your wallets, your homes, your vehicles, your resources, your business’, your ministries, and I will heal them. For no more will the enemy cause your finances to be paralyzed. For I speak that they will move with great power, your servants will do the work, they will build, they will build My house, they will build communications that reach the globe over and over, they will build shelters and warehouses for resources, they will build supply centers for My people, these servants will build houses for My people, and these servants will cause My Word to be distributed throughout the earth with demonstrations of My power. For everything on this earth is to be your servant, for whatever you have need of, I have need of. I have not put any limits on you My children. There isn’t anything you cannot do in Me, nor accomplish. My hands are outstretched towards you, full of gifts, full of anything you need for that vision to come to pass.

The most valuable thing I have given you on this earth is My authority. In this authority is everything that you need in abundance. Go in this authority, speak in this authority, move in this authority, and watch and see your destiny in this area of great resources and finances bow to My name.

Ephesians 3:20 “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works IN us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

Alaska, Get Ready!

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March 28th, 2004

Vision

As I was in worship today, I was taken into a vision of Alaska. I don’t normally share visions, but I felt impressed by the Spirit to share this vision for whomever may read it, may run with it.

Vision Part I

I saw an angel in heaven, this angel was literally throwing fireballs down from heaven to earth. I saw these “fireballs” hitting the state of Alaska. There were many balls of fire. It was not just one ball of fire, but many. Every village in Alaska was hit by one of these fireballs. The angel had the exact coordinates for the launching of these balls of fire. Not one ball of fire missed. Every one hit its designated target at the designated/appointed time. I saw people in the villages going about their normal routines and having a "suddenly" experience with God Almighty, wherever they were at. I saw the power of God falling on people all over-just as they were going about their business, receiving miracles and being supernaturally touched by the fire of God.

This part of the vision is found in Revelations:

Rev 8:3-5 *"Then another angel, having a golden censer (vessel) came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense that he should offer it with the* ***prayers of all the saints*** *upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel's hand. Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, and an earthquake."*

What Goes Up, Must Come Down:

It's the sacrifice of the prayers of the saints that has been heard by the living God. It's the sacrifice that has been made on the altar for many years, its no doubt the prayer of the righteous that has gone up to the altar of the throne room, and has become a sweet smell to Jehovah and has availed much.

Alaska, you have gotten the attention of the heavenlies, and your prayers are in the very process of being answered! Get ready Alaska! For the balls of fire are not balls of destruction, they are your answered prayer for Alaska ablaze, they are the answers to your prayers. They are the very thing you have cried out to God for, in your state. These fire balls represent every prophecy ever spoken over Alaska by His breath. You've heard it over and over again, however the word of the Lord is prepare, prepare, prepare, for the very thing you have prayed is about to be poured out upon you. For what goes up must come down, as God's word will not return void but will fulfill its very purpose. The countdown is on, and not one village will be missed, not one area will go un-touched by the very presence of God, and the fire of God. Although this fire is not meant for destruction, but meant for good, there will be some who will be consumed by this fire. This fire will consume and destroy the false doctrines that have flooded this state for many years. There will be new light and revelation of what doctrine is from heaven and what is not.

Vs. 5 "…And there will be noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake."

Lightning in this verse in the Greek is "to flash or to shine" and earthquake in this verse in the Greek is "commotion of the air". God is going to shine His light so bright, there will be no question what is of Him to His sheep, for His sheep know His voice, and His voice does thunder as many waters. The earthquake will cause a commotion of the doctrines-as you will see a distinct separation of the goats from the sheep, the truth from the lies of the enemy. The lies that have been so disguised by religious devils of corrupting His Word, will be exposed and repentance will come.

Part II of the Vision:

After seeing the fireballs being thrown to the earth, hitting Alaska, I saw a line of doors. There were several doors, and each door had a name on it. Here are the names that I saw: Revelation, Truth, Salvation, Creative Miracles, Healing, Deliverance, Wisdom, Knowledge, God Kind of Faith, Prophecy, and Wealth. These doors were in-between heaven and earth. In-between heaven and Alaska. I then saw these doors open all at once! Not one at a time but all at the same time and literally SWARMS of angels, flying through these doors from the heavenlies, flying at rapid pace towards Alaska.

This part of the vision found in Acts:

Acts 16:25-26 "But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake so that the foundations of *the prison were shaken, and* ***immediately ALL THE DOORS WERE OPENED AND EVERYONE'S CHAINS WERE LOOSED."***

Once again, what goes up must come down! Paul and Silas were praying an praising, and as they did that, their prayers hit the throne room and immediately ALL THE DOORS WERE OPENED, and the captives were set free. Glory! The doors were opened after the earthquake. As above the earthquake in the greek means "commotion". So, there will first be a great commotion in Alaska concerning doctrine and the separation of the truth from the lies that will shake many foundations. Then, Alaska, as you continue to sow prayers and praise, ALL the doors are going to immediately open at once, and there will be a flood of the heavenlies that you have yet to see, that will literally set the captive free, will set those who have been in bondage free. Finally free! Alaska, you are about to see the great influx of souls come into the Kingdom of God. As you continue to lift Jesus' name up, He is going to draw ALL men unto Himself. Your part is to pray and praise, His part is to draw the people. Take on His yoke, for your yoke is un-bearable and too heavy to carry and His is full of the anointing that breaks the yoke!

You will especially see a supernatural move throughout the villages where it seems to be the "darkest". Where there has been great bondage in alcohol, drug abuse, sexual abuse, depression, suicide, and all the profanity of the devil, you will see it break. There will be a stronghold of righteousness, divine Godly power and a stronghold of peace that floods the villages. Get ready Alaska, this is going to be the greatest move you have ever seen! For God is about to release a flood of divine power that will turn the heads of even the greatest men on earth to what is about to happen in Alaska! Get ready, get ready!

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"There is coming a great awakening in the nation of Finland"

God began to show me a vision of a high mountain. Upon this mountain stood an old rugged cross, austere and serene upon the heights, which are covered in ice and snow. Suddenly, I saw the Lord Jesus ascend the heights, take the cross, and remove it from its place on this high mountain. In the place where the old rugged cross was, He alone now stood, with arms outstretched wide to encompass this nation with His everlasting love, mercy, and grace, fulfilling the law which has held this nation bound in religion and tradition which has usurped His desire for relationship and intimacy.

As He stood, high and lifted up in resurrection power, the reality of a living Savior flowed through this nation, and suddenly the ice and snow began to melt under His feet, revealing the brilliance of green grass. The snow formed rivers of living water melting, going down the mountain, overflowing into cities and towns where pastors in Bethlehem type churches were waiting for a revelation of a living Savior and Lord to touch their nation. These 'houses of bread' all across the nation, tucked away and hidden are filled with a remnant of people tired of religion and tradition, wanting the reality of their Lord.

This awakening of the love of Jesus Christ will flow through this nation raising up a generation of revolutionary reformers. They will shake the nation with a revelation of God's grace similar to the shaking that occurred with Martin Luther's revelation that the just shall live by faith. His grace and the divine fire of love and intimacy will triumph over law and legalism. Finland shall be awakened to show forth the glory of the Lord in the coming days. The generations shall unite to show forth this glory. A nation of kings and priest, holy unto their God, mighty in intercession and evangelism, shall arise and be catapulted onto the stage of world events that is coming in these last days...

There is a strong spirit of defeat over the land and deep in the people's hearts. This defeat results in burn-out and weariness on the part of all involved. God has called this nation to rise above the defeat by entering into a season of prophetic proclamation in times of intercession and worship. Words have formed the spiritual atmosphere over this nation - words of condemnation, guilt, defeat, fear and much more where the enemy is trying to keep people bound from walking in the freedom and liberty of a pure relationship with Jesus Christ. Now words of life must come forth to open the heavens and set the captives free! Sing the word, pray the word, proclaim the word, speak the word! The Living Word of God! Finland must walk in the inheritance and the identity that is theirs in Christ Jesus, showing forth His glory through a people unique and special in God's eyes.

There is a Corporate Sound that God desires to launch forth from this land - a sound of glory that will fill the heavens and release the captives so that this nation can take its proper place and positioning among the nations of the earth for an endtime global harvest. As we preached, prophesied, and moved by the Holy Spirit in times of prophetic worship, we kept hearing the sound of running water, deep and free, the very current of God. I kept hearing these words arise within me: Behold! Arise! Ascend! Justice!

The time is Now! Rise up out of the chains that have held you bound into the glory of a living King! Leave the past behind, walking by faith into a new season of opportunity and Kingdom power! Reach out by faith to take what is already yours! Walk in love, true humility, forgiveness, passion and fire! The time is Now!

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Financial Understanding For The Remnant Body
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In order to reveal timely prophetic truth relative to material and financial favor some foundations must first be laid, which will serve to identify where we individually fit in this path to truth. As we cover this subject, we will perhaps recognize our particular relationship to a particular part of what is revealed here. It is also important to note that this word is not for the entire Body of Christ, but for those who know themselves to be in a remnant company of believers, moving in or towards a remnant mandate. It is for those who have ears to hear it.

As the Spirit continues to shake up the Body of Christ, separating us from some and joining us to others, various occurrences are beginning to happen. As those who are called to be joined make the connection with those they are to be joined to, we are seeing evidences of purpose as it relates to the joining. Spirit led joining will ultimately reveal purpose, as well as the fact that occasionally purpose will precipitate joining. Better-said, sometimes common purpose can create a God-appointed joining.

An accepted worldwide phenomenon among God's remnant company is the extraordinary separating and joining taking place throughout the Body of Christ today. This extraordinary move of God is primarily seen and known via the Internet and various prophetic websites, as members of the Institutional Church depart in what has been termed by some as a mass exodus. As these events continue throughout the Body of Christ, we must begin to understand some of the nuances concerning these joinings.

First and probably foremost, as a preparation, it is important to recognize that some of these couplings can be initially uncomfortable, particularly in the initial stages, until each person understands their relative fit in the joining process. We do not choose those with whom we are baptized into the Body: God makes that choice, as well as choosing the times and places in which we should live (Acts 17:26). Again, this is a Spiritual leading, not a natural one.

Secondly, it is important to recognize that joining has purpose: the JOINING of men to other men has Godly purpose. No joining is simply for the sake of joining, but as stated, has specific purpose. To further establish our foundation, let us examine but a few of these purposes, some listed here are redundant but mentioned for clarification. Some of the purposes for joining are edification, order, spiritual support, financial support, direction, redirection, validation, verification, calling, etc., all of which point us to a single objective called DESTINY. Said differently, people are Spiritually appointed to other people to point and direct us to our destiny.

As we are enjoined, and the purposes are revealed, we collectively and individually begin to see "The Vision" – that purpose for which God has joined us. Our individual vision and understanding of purpose will march us toward a collective as well as individual destiny. Our spiritual families will likely be a major catalyst in pointing us to destiny. To divorce ourselves from these appointments is to hinder our ultimate purpose.

With an ever so brief foundation laid, let us delve into the crux of this word, relative to the provision so necessary in these end times. If the current Body of Christ has been devoid of one element in its makeup it would resoundingly be its inability to match provision to true Godly vision. As more of God's children move into "Sonship" status, the provision of God is becoming more readily available, as God's true vision replaces the vision of men. Provision is part of the package of Godly joining. As my friend Arthur Burt says, "WHERE THE APPOINTMENT IS THE PROVISION IS. Another powerful quote from Arthur is "The greater (hearing and obeying God) always includes the lesser" (my needs being met). Many testimonies are beginning to arise as to this proven aspect of Kingdom life.

While it has been unfashionable of late, especially for out of church Christians, to talk about finances, I strongly sense God directing us to hear Him now for this much needed element of our destiny. Every vision man will ever have will likely require some form of provision. While we can certainly attest to our personal needs, let us for the moment speak of those needs corporately.

Shortly after the Spirit of God joins men to other men, there arises a need for provision to support the individual needs and collective visions within the group. It is here that this blessing can be easily missed. It is here that some, perhaps hearing this word could delay God's flow into their life. A key scripture to understand this major revelation is found in John 21: 4-6.

"Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?" "No," they answered. He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish."

I am convinced that Christians miss many opportunities simply because they do not realize who is speaking; they do not recognize Jesus standing on the shore speaking specific provisional instructions to them, or more importantly, use their natural minds to determine if something is feasible. Let us look at this same circumstance in Luke 5: 5 after Jesus had spoken to "Let your nets down."

"Simon answered, "Master," we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything."

We need to pray, "Lord let us be sensitive to your Spirit and recognize you and your instruction no matter what form you may come in." The simple truth is that Jesus' provisional instruction can and often does come through human suggestion and instruction, and if we are improperly discerning who is speaking to us or Jesus' commands through them, we will miss His provision. Simon used reasoning and logic to almost void his own blessing.

Often testimony is the greatest illustration of God's principles. As many of you know, I closed my real estate businesses of financial necessity in November of 1997. I returned to the office in my home and began building a national commercial real estate database containing all the major buyers of commercial real estate nationwide. With an easy to use query system, my subscribers could find large commercial buyers in minutes as compared to the tortuously long 'look up' system previously used by most commercial brokers. How could I fail? I had developed a product that would increase a brokers productivity and income by thousands if not hundreds of thousands of dollars a year, and I could sell it at a price most anyone could afford. I poured four years of my life into this project and every dollar that came my way. It was my ticket to financial freedom, I thought!

At the end of the third year, a financially successful unsaved man came to my house and asked what I was doing. I explained my brilliant database idea and how it had taken me the better part of three years to get it to the market. He scoffed and said, "Clay, you are wasting your time. You need to get back into land." I was furious. My pride swelled and I thought, "Who are you to tell me what I ought to be doing?"

More time and continued financial lack began to loosen me to the idea that just maybe this heathen had something of substance that I should look at. I finally embraced the idea and sought God. In very short order a series of miracles began to happen which continue today, all in the arena of land. Should it take four years and a donkey speaking for us to hear God? God will often break our traditional way of hearing him just to reveal His desire for us to be flexible and willing to change our stiff-necked religiosity. The more stiff-necked we become, the more outrageous God will be is breaking down our traditions.

To route us back to the intent of this teaching, I reiterate that as we come closer to those we are indeed called to; the need for provision will present itself. Why? Because destiny is closer, purpose is clearer, BOTH OF WHICH REQUIRE PROVISION. Our Lord wants nothing more than to open the windows of heaven that this provision can flow; BUT, between the provision and us are pitfalls to keep us from finding the provision; however, we are not ignorant of the devices Satan uses to gain advantage over humans. God will always send His word to set us free, but we must recognize Jesus standing on the riverbank giving us instructions.

Most of the obstacles that keep us from God's flow are hurdles erected in the hearts of men that must be dealt with for material financial blessing to come. These hurdles could also be called "the traditions of men," or preconceived notions or mindsets, often Satan's grandest device to subtly trap us within our own selves. Often, a small adjustment of the heart will usher in a flow of favor and blessing. I will only focus on one such obstacle today, and while there are many, this one has the Body of Christ by the throat.

What I offer here is suggestive of the previously mentioned heart adjustment that will cause us to deal with the type of tradition in us that makes the word of God to no effect. Once this tradition is dealt with and put in its place, which is out of man's thinking, out of man's mind, then and only then is the Holy Spirit able to bring forth His truth that ushers in His provision.

As I sense God has revealed to me, this tradition, this single most mind-set stops the flow of God's provision and thwarts destiny more than any single factor I know. What could be so subtle as to keep some of God's most ordained, anointed, and Destiny filled men from ever attaining the fullness of God upon the earth? I submit to you here that this subtle spirit is CHRISTIAN MAN'S ARROGANT SENSE OF ENTITLEMENT, not to be confused with CHRISTIAN MAN'S HUMBLE SENSE OF EXPECTATION. We will contrast the two.

The root of entitlement is selfishness, and stems from the much-taught false kingdom 'royalty' principle. You've heard it in many forms blasting from pulpit and Christian TV alike, but by no means is it limited to those two venues: "We are so special, "we are king's kids and deserve this and that… We are royalty and consequently entitled to all our little heart desires." Then there are those "out of church" Christians who carry this spirit to an even greater degree, deeming their revelation to be much greater than the rest of the Body. A smug superiority travels richly in these circles. These teachings reveal 'a truth' that is not necessarily 'the truth.' The sum of embracing false 'superiority' beliefs has served to implant a false sense of entitlement in our hearts. This entitlement subtly produces a proud heart. God is drawn to our humility and resist our pride.

These teachings say, "I deserve better, or I represent God and I can act any way I please," and while I won't argue that God has a better plan for our lives, our very attitude can be a strong hindrance to that plan ever materializing. This teaching serves as a warning to many who stand on the threshold of God's abundant provision. It is a call to repent and purge our hearts of our own arrogance and feelings of superiority: a presumptive superiority that would cause us to overstep our boundaries in the lives and affairs of others. But let us delve deeper…

The Entitlement Spirit falsely grants us the freedom to take liberties in places in which these liberties HAVE NOT sovereignly been granted. One of this false spirit's greatest evidences in our own lives are acts of presumption that later prove not to be God. The number of Ishmaels that we personally feed speaks volumes of the presence of this destructive spiritual force. Want to know where you stand in understanding this revelation? Count your Ishmaels!

Entitlement falsely assumes "that my royalty" allows me special treatment. Expectation, on the other hand, knows any blessing is from the Lord, and He alone is the reason for it.

Let us look further at the dichotomous nature of Entitlement in contrast to Expectation. With Entitlement, the emphasis is you; with Expectation, the emphasis is Him. It is a minor heart adjustment that takes us from the world of almost, to a world of fulfillment, yet to make this heart adjustment we must ask ourselves some honest questions. How do I know to which of these two I am attached? Here are some questions that will provide the answer. What are you facing today? What do you yearn for, particularly in the area of material or financial arenas? And here is the revealing question. Are you looking for the harvest, or are you looking for the stalk?

"He also said, This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts up and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain – first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come" (Luke 4:26-29).

What I submit to you here is that if you find yourself constantly looking for "the harvest," instead of "the stalk," you perhaps fit into the Entitlement category. Perhaps you think nothing is wrong with wanting the whole enchilada now, but if you do not recognize the Kingdom principle of "first the stalk," you are a victim of the World and its influence, and you will not eat from the Kingdom of God. The Entitlement Spirit is impatient and wants it all now, while Expectation humbly and patiently understands the Kingdom principle – "The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you can plant in the ground. Yet when planted, IT GROWS AND BECOMES THE LARGEST OF ALL GARDEN PLANTS, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in the shade." Expectation knows where it is ultimately going so it confidently and expectedly "does not despise small beginnings."

Entitlement's view is always "This is too small; this is not enough," while Expectation understands the Kingdom principle that all too soon this thing will be plenty big enough. Entitlement has little knowledge of the fact that the Kingdom of God is a process that almost always starts small, yet GROWS AND BECOMES WITHOUT US REALLY KNOWING HOW. Expectation would be wary of anything other than the process that starts with modest beginnings.

Some of us in earshot of this very word are facing, or soon to face financial needs for both subsistence, and a means of fulfilling the vision God has put in us. Let us not be caught short with a mindset of Entitlement, but rather transition to the calming effect of Expectation, a place in which we will not expect to see the full corn in the ear, but simply the stalk.

Restlessness is a characteristic of Entitlement, just as rest is a characteristic of Expectation. God once said to me relating to my business affairs, "When you start, I stop: When you stop, I start." When I find myself pushing and toiling to obtain, I have entered into my own works and will not receive from the Kingdom of God.

Vocation, outside of church is full of traps. These traps are education, training, history, tradition and many more. These traps are designed to have us hit the rock rather than speak to it. As Arthur Burt says, "My best is my greatest enemy before God." What I do best, what I am most trained in, what I am most comfortable doing can be my worst enemy in flowing with the Holy Spirit's direction. Why? Because I have reassumed an area of my life that I am comfortable guiding. In a ministry environment I am dependent upon God; in a business environment I am prone to be dependent upon my education, my 35 years of experience, my own false sense of comfort and identity. My best is my greatest threat to hearing and following the flow of the Spirit.

As God leads us into income producing endeavors He desires the same obedience, the same listening as in ministry, or dealings in the church. In fact, He is calling us to this in all areas of life including home, marriage, children, friends, social occasions, for it is here that Sonship begins… "Those that are led by the Spirit of God ARE the SONS of God. Anything less is not true Sonship.

In conclusion, I offer this word to be tested and judged as a prophetic word to those who hear it:

IT WAS NEVER MY INTENTION FOR MAN TO LIVE WITHOUT A LIFE OF ABUNDANCE. I SENT MY SON TO SHED BLOOD AND DIE THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY, EVEN IN THE EARTHLY SPHERE IN WHICH YOU NOW LIVE, YET MY KINGDOM PRINCIPLES MUST BE UNDERSTOOD TO ENJOY MY KINGDOM LIFE UPON EARTH.

PRAY IN MATTERS OF RELATIONSHIPS; PRAY IN MATTERS OF VOCATION, BUSINESS AND FINANCE; PRAY FOR A HEARING EAR IN ALL MATTERS AND BE OPEN TO WHAT YOU HEAR. I WILL CHALLENGE YOUR TRADITIONS AND ERADICATE YOUR THOUGHTS AND REPLACE THEM WITH MINE IF YOU'LL BUT HEED THIS WORD AND HEAR ME IN MATTERS OUTSIDE THE CHURCH HOUSE.

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Ezek 1:4-14 NKJV
4 Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. 5 Also from within it came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. 6 Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. 7 Their legs were straight, and the soles of their feet were like the soles of calves' feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze. 8 The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of the four had faces and wings. 9 Their wings touched one another. The creatures did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward.

10 As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle. 11 Thus were their faces. Their wings stretched upward; two wings of each one touched one another, and two covered their bodies. 12 And each one went straight forward; they went wherever the spirit wanted to go, and they did not turn when they went.

13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of torches going back and forth among the living creatures. The fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning. 14 And the living creatures ran back and forth, in appearance like a flash of lightning.

So when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

Ezekial 2:1-8 NKJV
And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak to you." 2 Then the Spirit entered me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet; and I heard Him who spoke to me. 3 And He said to me: "Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. 4 For they are impudent and stubborn children. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD.' 5 As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse — for they are a rebellious house — yet they will know that a prophet has been among them.

6 "And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions; do not be afraid of their words or dismayed by their looks, though they are a rebellious house. 7 You shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious. 8 But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you."

I heard a phrase from an old song after hearing “fire and lightning”, that says, “Lightning’s striking again…”. So when the Lord led me to the above
scriptures, I felt He is going to release his glory soon to us, and this is one of the major examples of heaven touching earth. Would be good to read the whole thing through. Then He said:

“ I AM coming to bring My fire, My presence to touch you and make you into the Bride I want you to be. This transformation is My responsibility. I am the Author and Finisher of your faith, am I not? You cannot do anything alone. Some are further ahead than others in their sanctification, but that doesn’t mean I will leave you out, just because you are lagging behind others.
I have a wondrous and amazing work to do. I will do it that no man may take credit for it. It is not by striving or harsh labor, that you can do anything sufficient to change yourself. It only takes cooperation.

The things that keep you from cooperating are usually resistance from the enemy in your life, and resistance from your flesh. RESISTANCE of all kinds WILL BE OVERCOME by MY GLORY! I will BURN OFF all that cannot withstand the test.

Jer 23:29-32 AMP Is not My word like fire [that consumes all that cannot endure the test]? says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks in pieces the rock [of most stubborn resistance]?
30 Therefore behold, I am against the [false] prophets, says the Lord, [I am even now descending upon them with punishment, these prophets] who steal My words from one another [imitating the phrases of the true prophets].
31 Behold, I am against the prophets, says the Lord, who use their [own deceitful] tongues and say, Thus says the Lord.
32 Behold, I am against those who prophesy lying dreams, says the Lord, and tell them and cause My people to err and go astray by their lies and by their vain boasting and recklessness--when I did not send them or command them; nor do they profit these people at all, says the Lord.

Prepare yourselves to see the glory of Your God! Prepare your hearts by searching them. But know that I am coming. I will continue to shine My glory and to expose all that is hidden in your heart to My light and My power.
I am preparing you for a great work. I will make you to know My love for you and to know the sacrifice of My Son with understanding you have not had.
I am revealing. I am seeking and I am empowering that you might do a great and mighty work for Me in this hour. CLING TO ME.

Zech 9:13-17 NKJV
13 For I have bent Judah, My bow, Fitted the bow with Ephraim, and raised up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and made you like the sword of a mighty man." 14 Then the LORD will be seen over them, and His arrow will go forth like lightning. The Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, and go with whirlwinds from the south. 15 The LORD of hosts will defend them; They shall devour and subdue with slingstones. They shall drink and roar as if with wine; They shall be filled with blood like basins, like the corners of the altar. 16 The LORD their God will save them in that day, as the flock of His people. For they shall be like the jewels of a crown, lifted like a banner over His land — 17 For how great is its goodness and how great its beauty!

It is a time for intimacy and worship. It is a time for filling yourself with the Word. It is a time for NOT neglecting time with ME. I am going to irradiate you with My glory and you will be changed forever. There will be no doubt that I have touched you and transformed you. I am taking back the ground the enemy has stolen and you will come forth as GOLD refined in the fires of affliction, persecution and rejection. I am always here with you.
I will never leave you nor forsake you. I do not slumber or sleep. I have no need for rest. But YOU have need for rest in ME. Cast all your cares on Me, for I will care FOR you. Come and let me take away all the burdens. Quiet your soul before Me and I impart all that you need and extract all that needs extracting! I will polish My jewels till they shine like the stars in the heavens.

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I am not backstroking away from My promises to you. I am not a God afar off, but close at hand. I have not gone anywhere. I live IN YOU. You are the light of the world - A city set on a hill. There is nothing I don't see. There is nothing I don't hear. There is nothing I won't do for the one who cares for My will above his own. The person who fully yields to ME in this hour will receive bounteous blessing in this hour. What do I mean by this My children?

Matt 5:1-16 NKJV The Beatitudes (Luke 6:20-26)
And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they
shall be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds
of evil against you falsely for My sake.
12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven,
for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 Believers Are Salt and Light (Mark 9:50; Luke 14:34,35) "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.
14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light
so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Do not hide the blessing you are to the world. You are the light in this world. The darkness will not prevail. I am the LIGHT of the world, but I live in you. My light should shine in you that you might reflect My love, My mercy, My kindness, My peace, My joy, My goodness, My self-control, My power and glory to all who know you. YOU are My AMBASSADORS of peace in this violence filled world!

How will they know without a preacher? How will they know My love, unless you show it to them. How will they know how patient I have been with you unless you tell them? How will they know what I have done in your life if they don’t hear it from you, or see it in you? The light SHINES in the darkness. I did not make you to HIDE. I made you to SHINE so that all men might know the wonder of My love and mercy and grace!

The days are growing darker, but MY LIGHT will shine brighter in you that you may be the witnesses I want you to be to a dark and dying world! My glory will increase till the disparity between those who belong to Me and those who belong to the enemy will be quite readily noticed. I want you to lay aside all driveness and all frenetic activity to spend some time with Me, that I may fill you up to the full and shine through you. The lost are starving and hungry for what you have been given. They just don’t know what it is that is there for them. It is time to SHINE My beloveds. So come into the secret place and let ME touch you. Let me fill you with My love, so that you will have it every day to give out to others. LOOK to Me for what to say. Don’t just adopt a method, but seek My face for what to say to the lost. Seek My methods to reach out. I am ever creative and all knowing. I have given you ears to hear and eyes to see. And I am about to increase all that I’ve given to you, and to fulfill all I’ve spoken to you!

Get ready for awakening. Fill your hearts with the WORD that it may be given back as food to the people who will come to you. Fill your hearts with rejoicing for the time to show favor has come! I will not disappoint you.
You are about to have a visit from the Holy One of Israel, like never before.
I will visit your sons and your daughters. They will grow RAPIDLY in the things of the Kingdom because of the escalation of things to come. Do not worry about your children, but pray for them. Throw all your cares for them upon Me. There is no other name given under heaven by which men must be saved. They will know what it means to SUDDENLY be a new creation!

I am not slack concerning all I’ve told you. I’ve told you many things, but it does not compare with what is coming. Prepare your hearts for habitation My beloveds. Prepare for UNION with Me. Do not fear what is about to happen. I will provide all you need for all you will do for Me. Do not be alarmed at the WAY I do things. Just seek My FACE in the midst of this move of My Spirit and you will receive all you ask for in wisdom and strength.
I love you and I will give you the grace to ENDURE!

The Floating Ax Head
Priscilla Van Sutphin

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2 Kings 6:1-6 NKJV
And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, "See now, the place where we dwell with you is too small for us.
The sons of the prophets are asking for better living accommodations as there isn't enough room in Elisha's dwelling. Also I think this might represent the prophets who've been caged up in one place, or hiding go out among the trees – the men of the earth.
2 Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let every man take a beam from there, and let us make there a place where we may dwell." So he answered, "Go."
Unity in all participating in building a new house for the prophets, or maybe even a new house or foundation for the Lord!
3 Then one said, "Please consent to go with your servants." And he answered, "I will go." 4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down trees. 5 But as one was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water; and he cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it was borrowed." Elisha in this is a type of Christ, and the prophets are saying, please come with us! [as we go confront those you are sending us
to!]
The iron ax head falls into the water. I was told that Ax heads when used alot, the wood at the joint of the handle will shrink, and that real axe men will soak their axes in OIL at the end of the day so that that junction swells and holds the ax head securely. But in this case, that has NOT been done. Axe head had not been soaked in oil; Therefore the ax head flies off while trying to hack on a perhaps hard wood tree. We know that OIL stands for the Holy Spirit. So proper use of the axe-head requires soaking in the presence of the Holy Spirit DAILY! – Going in His power and not our own!
6 So the man of God said, "Where did it fall?" And he showed him the place. So he cut off a stick, and threw it in there; and he made the iron float. 7 Therefore he said, "Pick it up for yourself." So he reached out his hand and took it.

We'd discussed some things about 2 Kings and the death of jezebel.
I was led to the above scriptures and contemplating them when I had a vision of a man chopping at a tree, but the wood is hard like the axe bounced off, but the axe-head fell into the water. Then I was pondering it, and how the axe was borrowed so the guy needed to get it back. So Elisha says to throw a stick [a Branch] in and the axe head levitates to the top of the water so it can be grabbed up. I feel the branch thrown in the water is representative of Jesus: the Branch, that needs to be restored to headship in the church. It is the stick/branch that secures the ax-head so it can be put back on the handle. And the ax-head representing proper authority that is able to uproot the idolatry in the church and in the world.

Years ago the Lord showed me the end times army would be like Gideons.
(see: http://upstream.homestead.com/gideons.html)
Gideon's first task was to tear down the idol of DAGON in his father's house. Dagon according to legend was the father of BAAL. This end times army is up against the harlot church whose head is the Jezebel spirit. Jezebel was a worshipper of Baal and induced her husband Ahab into it.

Trees are likened to men, and this one was hard wood, which reminded me of the pride of man. What came immediately was Job 41 how leviathan has a tough coat that cannot be penetrated. Leviathan is the spirit of PRIDE.
And here is an axe-man [Gideon means " cutter of trees"] taking the ax to the hard tree, and the ax-head falls off. We cannot do our job and be effective if our ax head is not soaked in the OIL of the HOLY SPIRIT.

The proper anointing will enable the Gideons to go forth and do what they are called to do to bring down the roots of false doctrine in the church. The whole thing of Gideon being in the winepress, sifting wheat, has symbolically to do with searching in Scriptures to bring forth pure doctrine according

to Conner’s book on symbols and typology in the Bible.
[http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/0914936514/qid=1085352090/sr=1-12/ref=sr_1_12/104-8826275-4575114?v=glance&s=books]

We‘d just been praying for the Gideons and Jehu’s to be empowered with the Spirit of Might, and be brought forth by the Lord. Jehu of course was commissioned to kill jezebel. When he arrived, he called to the Eunuch’s to throw her down! There is witchcraft in the Father’s house today that needs to be thrown out the window and annihilated. And there is a heap of witchcraft to be dealt with in the world, but we can’t be very effective if our own house is filled with control witchcraft and selfishness.

You surely don’t want to be opposing someone like the jezebel spirit without being cleansed and filled up yourself. We need to be relying HIS strength and wisdom, and not our own.

The axe is held in the palms of your hands. We’d just been contemplating why jezebel’s palms of her hands were not eaten by the dogs. Several thoughts came:
1) we are inscribed in the palm of HIS HANDS.
2) Jezebel had bloodied hers with the killing of prophets, so that even those palms of her hands were not fit for dogs to even eat! I don't doubt that beheading may have been the means.
3) Lord also pointed out to me how for centuries, true doctrine has been eaten away by the locusts, like it says in JOEL. So that the raising of the axe head in order to secure it again to an axe handle for the cutting of trees, has to do also with RESTORATION of what has fallen in the waters, and been lost. Lost anointings, lost courage in
Facing/confronting the sin in the church.
4) The cutting edge of the blade that whittles away hardness of trees can be likened to the [blade of righteousness]. Apostolic power requires apostolic HOLINESS which we can only receive by being in His presence…hence the OIL.
5) Trees are likened to men a lot in scripture, but can also represent the structures of men.

God is whittling away at trees in his church. He is RESTORING our lives and RESTORING the church to what it was meant to be, for it very quickly got off course in the first centuries. He is going to RESTORE apostolic power. When apostolic power came to the church, the FEAR OF THE LORD was restored and the church GREW. Men fell dead at the words of the prophetic apostle Peter. The proper fear of the LORD was reestablished in people. 3000 were saved in a day etc. Ezekial 34 talks about God restoring true shepherds and removing hirelings.

Beheading – addendum to The Floating Ax-Head

Also we had discussed the Nick Berg video I watched…which was probably NOT a good idea for me, but was sent me by a well intentioned friend. It caused me to go into travail, and wailing and weeping. In a sense I felt also
I was crying for what lies ahead. And there were other things I did, like repent for the cutting off of heads of Native Americans here in California.
[They got $5 per head for them in gold rush days which is abominable in the sight of God. - I had just read that detail also in an article online about California] And as I had my head tucked in a pillow screaming and weeping after the video, The Lord said to me, “ Imagine if that were your son!”
“ Imagine If you were a Native American mother watching it happen to your son. Seeing his head sold in a shop by white gold prospectors!” And I was wailing some more and repenting for the sins of that generation, and pray God will wash the blood off our land and replace it with His blood in terms of redeeming the people of California.

I also felt when I watched it that there was *something symbolic* about it that God wanted to say. He often uses events to speak to me.
David lobbed Goliath’s head off when he killed him with Goliaths own sword! Seems to have been a thing in the middle east to cut off heads.
Nathan cut off the head of the Amakekite king in front of Saul, because Saul had not done it.
Here we have a young American Jewish boy who went to help the people who were there, and he gets beheaded by those called “extremists”.
He had an Israel stamp on his passport the news said. Since then the vision of New York by an online friend came describing the Empire State building collapsing and water flooding out of it into the streets, and I feel the whole head chopping thing has to do with removing those in authority who are

not
meant to be there, and the bringing down of the EMPIRES of MEN in the church. Judgment begins in the house of the Lord.

The prophet in the story of Elisha, whose axe-head fell off, may represent those whose oil has been quenched. Lost anointings are rampant in the church due to false doctrine being taught and the quenching of the Holy Spirit by spirits of control like Jezebel. Jezebel spirit always tries to kill the prophet’s anointing. A spirit of divination is always involved with jezebel, in trying to even BLIND the prophets to what God is showing them, and to steal from them. Remember how John the Baptist was beheaded by the spirit of jezebel in Herod’s wife Herodias?

It was the eunuchs that threw jezebel out the window…the very ones she emasculated and whose fruitbearing ability was “cut off” were the ones who responded to Jehu and threw the witch out. To be capable of this act God will call many to in taking off the head of the jezebel spirit, means that you cannot harbor bitterness in your heart towards those in authority. But must walk in humility and forgiveness, the enemy having no place in you. You cannot be one who walks in VENGEANCE. But rather that you have GOD’s heart in the matter. Then you will be able to deliver HIS WORDS in the manner HE WILLS. And they will have the intended effect. We WAR NOT against flesh and blood, but powers and principalities and spiritual wickedness in heavenly places!

Transitional Living
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Predestination was My idea. It was about My plan from the beginning. I had a good plan. I had a plan to create those I could nurture and love. The only thing I asked in return was obedience to My will. In the garden, there were many choices. In fact there were numerous choices for food and nourishment. But the enemy took advantage and sowed a seed of doubt, which was received, and implanted in the heart of man. Once received, it was acted on, and then Adam was drawn in also by the lie.

In these many centuries since the death of My Son, many seeds of unbelief, and doubt, and all kinds of twisting of the truth, have been sown in the generations of mankind. But in this hour, I am coming to RESTORE all that the canker worm and other thieves of the enemy have stolen. I will RESTORE true doctrine. And in fact, many have been hidden for years, searching the word ,and being tested so as to bring forth true doctrine again. These emerging Gideons will come forth to the light of the world, and teach the truth in love, that many may be turned to right standing with Me.

Joel 1:4 NKJV What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; What the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; And what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten.

I have launched My plan for the end of times and it is a good plan. You needn’t torment yourself with what will happen next so much as to KEEP YOUR EYES ON ME and ON MY WORD. Keep hidden under the shadow of My wings, and you will be safe My beloveds! Do not think that I would break My covenant with you!

Jer 31:31-40 NKJV A New Covenant
"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD.
33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." Thus says the LORD,Who gives the

sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): 36 "If those ordinances depart from before Me, says the LORD then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever." 37 Thus says the LORD: "If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, says the LORD.
38 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that the city shall be built for the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. 39 The surveyor's line shall again extend straight forward over the hill Gareb; then it shall turn toward Goath. 40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the Brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the LORD. It shall not be plucked up or thrown down anymore forever."

I AM Your LOVING FATHER and I make good on My promises. I am a covenant keeping God. I will not renounce My Word. I cannot! Therefore, worry not, fret not, and have no care for the evil plans of men. Only look to ME for the answers for your role in this end times drama. Keep your eyes FIXED on Me.

Prov 22:17-19 NKJV Incline your ear and hear the words of the wise, And apply your heart to my knowledge; 18 For it is a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; Let them all be fixed upon your lips, 19 So that your trust may be in the LORD;

You are living in a time of GREAT TRANSITIONS and you must be flexible.
Flexibility is a quality I desire in My people. If you are flexible, then you will bend when I tell you to bend. You will go when I tell you to go. You will not hesitate and balk at My orders. I want you to be READY to obey Me even about the slightest things. Do you not know that in the days ahead men will hate you for My sake even more than now. Being open to do only what I want you to do will be VERY important. It may make the difference between life and death for you. So I am making you VERY DEPENDENT ON ME! I am anhilating your self-sufficient pride, and your depending on your own flesh to accomplish things. This is MY WISDOM My beloveds. The bride looks to the Bridegroom to lead her! Will YOU listen to the sound of My voice and LOOK to it! Listen for it! I am speaking, but few are listening for My voice. They are distracted by so many other voices, and so many activities. I will speak to you in the still, small voice.

Lean on ME for whom you may trust and whom you may NOT trust. ASK Me lots of questions, I can handle it! I WILL lead you in paths of righteousness for My names sake, because I LOVE YOU and treasure you! I will not by any means forsake you. Just learn to listen. Learn to quiet yourself so that you can hear. Think about the fact that I am with you always. I AM ALWAYS THERE. You can commune with ME ANYTIME you want. You are the temple of the HOLY SPIRIT. He lives within you, so He is always available, whenever you need to hear.

Some people look to hear from ME, yet have their own agenda, their own mind already made up, so how can I speak. They would rebuke Me and call me the enemy!!!! Know that My voice is NOT the harsh taskmaster. I seldom call you to make changes without preparation. So you need to get used to that now, for in the days ahead it will be different. You may need to change plans at any given moment, or take a different route somewhere, or eat at a different place. Will you LET ME have full charge of your life?
I AM ADONAI, am I not? Will you bend to My will, knowing that I know what is best for you?

Adonai – “the Lord” signifying sovereignty, “Master”

FASTEN – N.T. for fixed
1. atenizo NT:816, from atenes, "strained, intent," and teino, "to stretch, strain" (from a root ten--, seen in Eng., "tension, tense," etc.), signifies "to look fixedly, gaze, fasten one's eyes upon," and is found twelve times in the writings of Luke (ten in the Acts), out of its fourteen occurrences. It always has a strongly intensive meaning, and is translated "to fasten the eyes upon" in the KJV and RV in Luke 4:20; Acts 3:4; 11:6; so in the RV, where the KJV has different renderings, in Acts 6:15 (for KJV, "looking steadfastly"); 10:4 ("looked"); 13:9 ("set his eyes"); 14:9 ("steadfastly beholding"). In Acts 7:55, both have "looked up steadfastly." In the following the RV also varies the translation, Luke 22:56; Acts 1:10; 3:12; 23:1; 2 Cor 3:7,13. See BEHOLD, LOOK.

2. kathapto NT:2510, "to fasten on, lay hold of, attack," is used of the serpent which fastened on Paul's hand, Acts 28:3.
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Covenant
OT:1285
beriyth (ber-eeth'); from OT:1262 (in the sense of cutting [like OT:1254]); a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh): -confederacy, [con-] feder [-ate], covenant, league.

OT:1262 barah (baw-raw'); a primitive root; to select; also (as denominative from OT:1250) to feed; also (as equivalent to OT:1305) to render clear (Eccl 3:18): KJV - choose, (cause to) eat, manifest, (give) meat.
OT:1250 bar (bawr); or bar (bar); from OT:1305 (in the sense of winnowing); grain of any kind (even while standing in the field); by extens. the open country: KJV - corn, wheat.

OT:1254
bara' (baw-raw'); a primitive root; (absolutely) to create; (qualified) to cut down (a wood), select, feed (as formative processes): -choose, create (creator), cut down, dispatch, do, make (fat).
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Fireworks in Heaven

Lishan Desta

March 28, 2004
Have you noticed the skies lately?
Have I not said that I shall give signs in the sun, moon and stars?
But have you noticed the skies lately?

Look up and gaze at the skies.
Look up and admire what I have now set out there.
It is your destiny the sky displays; the stars proclaim.
Look up at the stars, how I have aligned them for you.
I have set the sky ablaze; it is ignited like fireworks for your sake.

Lo and behold, the stars have aligned themselves.
But have you discerned the sign?
Have your heart pondered the emblem I set for your glory?

Understand My people, that your destiny is aligned before Me.
All now is prepared; all is set in order,
My set time has come; the appointed day is here.
The hour of your release,
The day to favor Zion has come.

I have given My order about you,
The decree has left My court to release and honor you.
Now, they will fetch you out from your dungeons,
Order shall come to set My captives free.
Your yokes will be broken; the chains will fall from you.
The prisoners of hope will be set free,
and their harvest shall be plenty.
The Josephs will be liberated, and they shall be honored by many.

I have lighted My candles, I have set the sky ablaze,
I have let loose My fireworks, it is time to celebrate.
I am happy for My people; I have expressed My delight.
Angels are shouting for joy, and now let the earth respond.
Let the trees of the forest clap, and the waves of the sea join the chorus.
Let the deep roar in wonder; and the sons of men celebrate.
It is the King of Glory, who is coming into your midst.
Let Israel celebrate, let Jacob rejoice.

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Isaiah 44: 23
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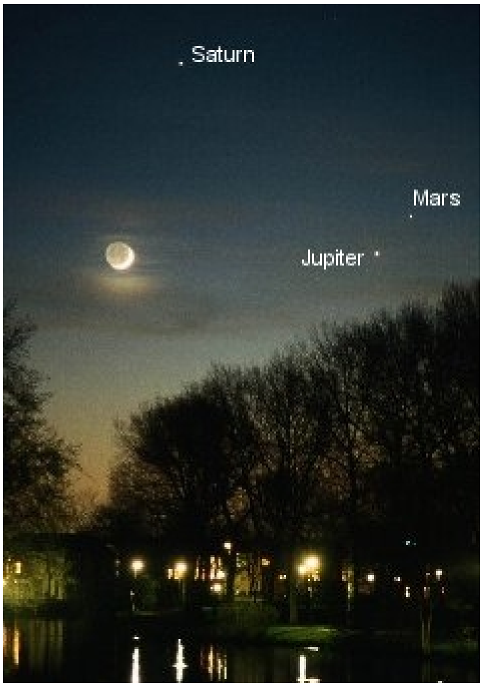
Signs in Earth Sky - WHAT DOES THIS MEAN IN SPIRITUAL REALM?



A Gathering of Planets Tonite

Every few years or so, something wonderful happens: all five naked-eye planets appear in the evening sky at the same time. You can walk outside after dinner, and without any kind of telescope, see Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn, and Jupiter. Now is one of those times. The show begins on March 22nd at sundown. Find a place where you can see the western horizon, and before the sky fades completely black, start looking for Mercury. It's that bright star shining through the rosy glow of the setting Sun. Can't find it? Use the Moon as a guide: On March 22nd Mercury will lie directly below the crescent Moon. Simple! From Mercury, trace an imaginary line straight up. In order you'll see brilliant Venus, dimmer red Mars, and yellow Saturn. Behind your back hovers Jupiter, brighter than all the others except Venus. Venus is, in fact, absurdly bright. It will be the first thing you notice when you go outside. Many people mistake glaring Venus for a UFO or a landing airplane, but if you watch for a few moments, you'll see it doesn't move or blink like a UFO or airplane. It really is a planet.
A Gathering of Planets Tonite:

Five Mandates for 2004
Todd Bentley

January 24th, 2004
1. Ask big! I believe that there is a grace on this year to ask God for the impossible! I believe for men and women who dare to dream big and lift your vision higher, God is releasing a special grace for you in 2004. Don't ask for tens of thousands but ask for millions. This is the year that God is going to turn over millions of dollars for the Gospel. I'm not asking for the thousands, I'm asking for the millions!

I Believe this is a sign of what God is about to do in finances, this year Fresh Fire received a half a million dollars in offerings in one conference. I said "Wow, now that's an increase"! In one conference I put on half the number of partners in the harvest as I did in the entire year of 2003, in one meeting.

I said something has got be up in multiplication. In January, Heidi Baker prophesied "multiplication, multiplication, multiplication, God is multiplying, He's not adding "! It is not going to be two plus two equals four this year, no way! It is going to be four times four equals sixteen, it is going to be multiplication, God is not adding any longer! It is multiplication!

The Holy Spirit spoke Psalms two! 2004 really is the year to ask for the nations, cities and regions! This is the year to ask God for buildings, ask for stadiums, and to launch out into things that are bigger than anything that you have ever imagined before! Fresh Fire is putting it all on the line this year, taking risks to reach entire cities in Canada! Dream big, ask big and dream bigger in 2004! This is the year of inheritance of the promised land, a year to feast in the promised land rather than battling in the war! This is the year for the manifestation of the years of prophetic words for many of you! It is a time for God to divide the inheritance. This is the year to move into the promise and the dream this year.

2. This is the year of enlisting. There is a volunteer draft in the Spirit. The eyes of the Lord are searching to and fro seeking those hearts are pure before Him to show Himself strong on their behalf. On behalf of the broken, on behalf of the contrite, on behalf of the pure of heart. The eyes of the Lord are looking right now for people who are going to shake whole cities and nations. For many people 2004 is going to be the year the God enlists you. God is going to enlist young people because they are going to say, "Yes Lord, here I am, send me". Those who know their God shall be strong and carry out great and might exploits. The Lord's eyes are looking for somebody that is ready to shake nations.

3. The Lord spoke to me out of Ezekiel 47, and He said "Todd there has been a decade from January 1994 to January 2004". There has been a decade in which there has been a move of God in the Church. It has been about the river, and there has been life. Look at Ezekiel 47, it talks about the river flowing from the temple. This river is a river that everywhere it goes things that are dead live. Everywhere the river of God flows there is life, renewal, refreshing, and reviving! As we get deeper into the river of Ezekiel 47 it turns into a river of healing, and harvest. There really is something transitional about January 2004. We are not only stepping into something new for this year but something new for the next decade!

I believe that the waters are getting much deeper in 2004, and the waters are for healing, and that the waters are for harvest! Mass harvest is coming to the church in 2004! Along the sides of the river are fisherman. 2004 is the year of the fisherman, this is the year of the great coalition of ministries to cast out the net.

We are not going to do it alone. God spoke three things to me; networks, coalitions and alliances. Entire networks, coalitions and alliances coming together to shake whole cities for the Gospel. Not one, not two, not three, but entire alliances and coalitions of ministries partnering together. God is casting out the net. 2004 is the year of the healing, this is the year of the harvest!

I will tell you where the gold is in 2004. The gold is in the fishes mouth! You are looking for money to pay your taxes, your looking for money to pay your mortgage, I will tell you where the gold is. The gold is in the fishes mouth! That is where the abundant supply is, in the fishes mouth! Cast out your nets!

4. 2004 is a year for building and restoration. In five and a half years of ministry Fresh Fire saw but a hand full of churches that would partner with us. In one day God brought sixty-four churches that said we want to partner in the global harvest with Fresh Fire Ministries . Something is up! New networks, new alliances, new coalitions are being supernaturally built! The key word is building and restoration!

The key verses for this year are Isaiah 61: 2 & 4. " the Spirit of the Lord God is upon me because he has anointed me to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lords favor". There is an anointing being released in the church today to proclaim and to decree? Proclamations and decree are the big thing in 2004. Job 22:28a says "You will also declare a thing and it will be established for you;".

The Holy Spirit is moving on proclaim " the acceptable year of the Lords favor'. Does that mean that we can speak favor over some ones life or ministry, and even if you are not in favor that you will come into favor? There is an anointing in 2004 to proclaim "Grace, grace, grace, grace, and shout to the cap stone grace, grace"! There is an anointing to shout, to proclaim, to prophesy, to decree over peoples lives, churches ministries, cities, nations a time of favor!

The word for the "acceptable" year of the Lord's favor is translated jubilee! The second part of that verse is proclaim "the day of the vengeance of our God;".

There is a whole lot going on in the spirit realm about justice, and there is an anointing to proclaim justice for Gods people! God is pleading the cause of His people. 2004 is the day of the vengeance of our God!

This is the year where God turns the tables! Daniel 7:12 is another key verse for 2004. The Ancient of Days will judge in His heavenly court in heaven. In 2004 God will Judge the affairs of man and He will proclaim judgment, and favor for His saints! I prophesy that there is a turning of the tables in 2004. This will be the year of the day of vengeance of the Lord. There will be a powerful anointing on proclamation, and decreeing vengeance and justice. God is pleading and taking up the cause of His people in 2004. My new teaching "The Heavenly Courts" outlines this revelation from those three weeks visitation about the Devine Council. God presides in final judgment over his saints. Check it out!

The other key verse for 2004 is Isaiah 61:4 "And they shall rebuild the old ruins, ". 2004 is a year for rebuilding, restoring, and raising up the desolations of many generations, and ruined cities. That which has been lost in past revival, that which has been destroyed and lost cities, God is going to repair it. God is going to restore it in 2004. There is a tremendous anointing for restoring this year.

This is the time of Gods favor ! 2004 is the acceptable year of the Lord favor!

2004 is the year of God's justice.

5. 2004 is a year for power encounters! The Holy Spirit said that this is a year for power encounters between light and darkness. They are going to collide in 2004. There will be entire cities won to Jesus in six weeks. There is something significant about the passing of some of Gods Generals recently; men like Kenneth Hagin, Derrick Prince, and Bill Bright, these giants of faith will be greatly missed by the Body of Christ. The mantles of the great men are going to be released in 2004. There is going to be cities where in six weeks God is going to drive out darkness. There will also be other whole cities that will be given over to deep darkness. Other cities will be given over to light and Glory!

We just in New England and something significant is going on in the East coast right now. I was in the pastors office at the Gateway Christian Fellowship, and I was visited by chariots! These were chariots that were coming with Apostles of old and dropping them off! In New England! There were three distinct fathers of revival that had something to do with that visitation of the chariots. Here is what I saw in the spirit. Now, I was in Connecticut but I saw the entire region, several states., coming under a mantle. A mantle like that in II Chronicles 8, where there are going to be storage cities like those. These cities will be like those with Joseph in Egypt in the olden days, on these cities and on these regions are going to be financial power to get wealth. These are going to be states and regions that will have wealth in a time of famine to distribute to the rest of the world.

I saw that there was a storage city mantle over Connecticut, and over that region of New England. The Holy Spirit is ready to break out again in those eastern states in 2004. The Holy Spirit said to:" Look to the East for what I am about to do next"! There is something tremendous happening in that place.

There are only two other cities that I have seen, and I know of one other. Nashville, Albuquerque, and I know that Kansas City is one. These four places are going to have a tremendous anointing on them for resources and wealth. God is getting ready to do something in the East Again!
by Todd Bentley
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Five Planets

John Lallier

I saw 5 planets lined up straight across the heavens.

Then I saw women and they were running around looking for a big event and making preparations.
They were ready to make a lot of money.
It didn't happen and the women went bankrupt.

I believe the Lord just showed me that the five fold ministry is about to come forth. The women [apostate false prosperity people] will miss it and not make money. The Lord is going to use nobodies to shame them.

Flashpoints
Bill Burns

July 3, 2004: I had a vision of flashpoints in my life from childhood until now. I asked the Lord, "What are these?" And He told me that these are points of destiny. I was able to see that God was there upholding me, sustaining me, teaching me, protecting me. He said, "Tell My people to redig the wells of old and to re-establish those anointings that must be brought forward into your destiny in this time and in this season. This, My people, is another point of destiny. The flashpoints of those times in the past have become vague memories, but it is now time to write a book of remembrance in your own heart. Ask Me, and I will show you your destiny. I will even take you back to those points from the beginning of your childhood to show you how I protected you and that I was with you to bring you forth in the process of your destiny. Your destiny is not complete; there is more before you. This is a critical time, a crossroad, when you will progress in your spiritual walk and go higher, or the opportunity will vanish. Rejoice that I have been with you from the beginning; I have never left you. I will bring you to the completion of My plans and purposes for your life. Only believe."

A Fountain
Bill Burns

I had a vision of a fountain that was coming up out of the earth. And, I heard the Lord say, "The great treasures, the deep waters, that have been hidden in the earth are now beginning to come up." I first saw these waters coming up as a mist, but they are becoming streams and will continue to get stronger. The hidden things that God has established will become known. In the beginning the earth was watered from beneath. Then, It was watered from above.

This water represents the anointing of those who have gone before us ... those who have died and were buried in the earth. This is the anointing of that great cloud of witnesses who have deposited their anointings in the earth. Remember that the anointing in Elisha's dead body brought another dead man back to life. That is what is represented by the fountains that I saw. The seeds of these great men of faith are about to bring forth a great harvest on the earth. These anointings will come as the former rain and latter rain upon God's people. The anointing of Kathryn Kuhlman is being multiplied on the earth, as well as Smith Wigglesworth, and John Lake and others. They left something in this earth, and that anointing will now be multiplied in the Church. We will again see the manifestation of great healings and miracles and great revelation because of these anointings that water our spirits.

Bill Burns

From Little Children to Sons
Francis Frangipane

It is time to stand and pray again. Another hurricane, Jeanne, is heading toward Florida, which means it may also strike the Bahamas en route. Haiti was devastated by this same hurricane, suffering the loss of over a thousand people with many more still missing. Now Jeanne has looped back toward Florida with increasing intensity. And Ivan, which apparently had broken up, has now reemerged as a tropical storm causing flooding in Louisiana and Texas. Meanwhile, off the West African coast, other hurricanes are developing.

Some of these storms are simply natural weather phenomena. Yet, I am convinced there is a demonic influence as well. As one who formerly was a ruling archangel before his fall, Satan obviously has power to manipulate weather patterns. Paul refers to Satan as the "prince of the power of the air" (Eph 2:2). And in his attack on Job, he caused "a great wind" to come "across the wilderness" and kill Job's children (Job 1:19). We have biblical evidence that the devil can stir up a storm or at least direct it and destructively use it against God's people.

At the same time, for those who are indwelt by Christ, nothing happens that God does not redeem and use. Thus, all Christians, not only those attending our In Christ's Image Training school, should consider this season as "test time." The Holy Spirit is requiring God's sons and daughters to stand in Christlike prayer, maturity and authority for Florida, the surrounding states and the Caribbean islands. God is using these challenges to perfect the faith of His elect.

Remember: at all times and in all conflicts, God's will for the elect is always conformity to Christ. Even as Satan is serious about destroying people's lives, so God is serious about creating mature, Christlike sons and daughters - individuals who are unintimidated by life's storms - who stand in worship, faith and spiritual authority and overcome them. I believe this maturing of the church, especially in Florida and the surrounding area, is at the core of what God is doing in the midst of this particular battle. What we learn during this time will be essential in overcoming the greater conflicts that are drawing near.

War On Many Fronts

Hurricanes are not our only tests. The election campaigns in the USA and elsewhere represent a deep clash of cultures. On the right hand are millions of American Christians standing against the sins of abortion, immorality and homosexuality; in opposition are millions of mostly non-Christians who are pro-abortion, who defend gay marriage and who mock Christian morality. Short of physical violence, culturally, this conflict in America could not be more intense.

Yet, this is not all we face. There is the looming possibility of a terror attack in the USA. A recent article states, and I quote:

Senior officials said they "absolutely believe" someone will attempt a terror attack inside the United States within the next four to six weeks. One official described this time "as a very, very serious period."

"I have not seen people in our intelligence communities this nervous since 9/11," one official said, referring to the Sept. 11, 2001 (**search**), attacks on the United States that killed almost 3,000 people.

Officials said they believe they "disrupted" at least one major plot by some recent arrests, but fear they may not have "derailed" this plot and possibly two others.

"We will need some luck and the grace of God to prevent this one," one official said, explaining that again they have no specifics as to the exact time and place or clear method. [end quote]. **http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,133281,00.html**

Other reports warn that Islamic terrorists are seeking a level of destruction that exceeds 9/11. The war in Iraq, whether you believe we should or shouldn't be there, still must be won. Iraq has become a terrorist magnet. If we lose Iraq, terrorism will spread out and overtake the world.

The Evil Day

Storms, culture wars, and the threat of terrorism have positioned us with enemies on our right hand and left. The Bible calls this season "the evil day." It is time to "take up the full armor of God" and, "having done everything, to stand firm" (Eph 6:13).

Do not fear: our weapons are "divinely powerful" (2 Cor 10:3-4). Indeed, the Almighty has put His living and powerful word in our mouths, the actual "sword of the [Holy] Spirit" (Eph 6:17). We have been granted the most powerful reality in the universe: the Spirit-empowered, living word of God.

It is significant that, synchronized with the timing of these battles, is a forty day season of fasting, prayer and national repentance (**http://www.40daysusa.org/home.html**). Hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of Christians are engaged in seeking God.

Thus, let us pray with confidence and with mountain moving faith. Let us heed the command of our King who saw these days before there was one of them. Seeing the darkness of our world, He has a command for His overcoming church: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you" (see Isaiah 60:1-3).

Let me repeat the word the Holy Spirit gave us in January about this year: *The constrictions experienced at the end of this age are not death throes, but birth pangs; they are not part of what restricts us, but releases us.*

We have been spiritual babies too long. It is time for little children to become sons.

Faith Level In Trials

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The Bible does say that in trials our faith level is tried. I believe sometimes the pressure is so great that we wonder if we will ever come out...or have victory. THE VICTORY IS IN THE TRIAL. The trial itself is the furnace which brings amazement to the ones who heat it up 7 times, whose very servants die for the severity.

I am referring to the trial of Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego. The trial is such that the men who bound them, died when the flames jumped out of that place...to the outside, because THEY WERE NOT ORDAINED TO ENTER THAT PLACE...God's people ARE ORDAINED TO ENTER THE TRIAL SO THAT IN IT GOD MAY BE MADE MANIFEST AND IN THE MANIFESTATION THE SMOKE AND FLAMES BOW TO THE INDWELLING CHRIST...

Isn't that encouraging? Isn't that a revelation? More so...James says that we must let the trial bring forth patience, having her perfect work that WE LACK NOTHING...

What does this say to all of us? It says we are TRANSITIONING TO THE KIND OF FAITH THAT LAUGHS IN THE FACE OF OPPOSITION. ... I reject the bad report in exchange for the one that SAVED MY LIFE...how much more should we rise up now from our battle and glimpse the VICTORIOUS CHRIST...INDEED!

This is not empty triumphalism, no. This is experience speaking...this is looking at death in the face...this is walking where there is no ground to walk on. Indeed. Let us glorify our Lord...in the trials...even when pain is so much...even when things look bleak...because I know in the midst of the flames...the heat...I meet with Him who causes all to bow...in the earth, in the heavens!

Follow Me Into Joy
Sandy Warner

Nov 29, 2004
My dearest wife, My bride, how I have longed to hold you and embrace you as My own. I know your cares, I know your fears, I know your struggles and your uphill journey to overcome. The road has only become steeper in time and more narrow. Yes, I know your failings. I understand your pain and your many tears. Did you think I would come to you to scold you?

Do you really want to quit and give up? Never. As you come to the end of your rope in so many battles, I only ask that you totally lean all your weight upon Me. Let Me carry you to your goal. Allow Me access to put the pieces of your life back together again and I will sustain you in My peace. Resist meddling in My will and bring all things to Me in prayer. I will bring you the answers you need and help you resolve issues for which you have no answers. I will help you soar above it all, and come safely to your destination, being rooted deeply in My love for you.

You have been asleep in your understanding of My earnest love for you and My desires over you. I have earnestly waited for you and am searching you out from the places in which you are hiding. Did you think you could hide from Me, My dear one? You have known tears, but I want to teach you to laugh. There will come a day when you shall throw your head back and belly laugh with Me! Impossible? Not in My vocabulary. Why don't you follow Me into a journey of new beginnings and I will take you there? I will replace all your shame and your sorrow and give you double portion joy.

Ps 56:8-13 TLB
You have seen me tossing and turning through the night. You have collected all my tears and preserved them in your bottle! You have recorded every one in your book. The very day I call for help, the tide of battle turns. My enemies flee! This one thing I know: God is for me! I am trusting God-oh, praise his promises! I am not afraid of anything mere man can do to me! Yes, praise his promises. I will surely do what I have promised, Lord, and thank you for your help. For you have saved me from death and my feet from slipping, so that I can walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Isa 61:7 NLT
Instead of shame and dishonor, you will inherit a double portion of prosperity and everlasting joy.

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Having Turned A Corner
Sandy Warner

Dec 8, 2004
Having just turned a corner in your life, you shall soon discover that you can see a great distance into your future. I have expanded your horizons and given you the expanse. Now call upon Me to open your eyes. New vision is coming!

It is My will and way, in every way, that you grow up into maturity. I AM connecting you for a another, yet deeper plan. I AM going to touch some sensitive areas in your life. We shall work together to break the bondages that have held you back from coming into the full measure of your inheritance. In the process, I AM going to make you holy bold. This shall be hair curlin', call-it-like-it-is speech. Wanna come? Let's go.

Till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Chris. (Eph 4:13-14 NKJV)

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Prayer Warriors Grafted With Leaders
Sandy Warner

Dec 6, 2004
I AM issuing a holy work by appointing prayer warriors and grafting them together with leaders. I will bond and connect them together for the breakthroughs they need. United together they will make beautiful bread. This is a good work and I shall perform it. It is My good pleasure, My holy work on earth.

I must touch these united ones with My passion before I release My touch on earth through their prayers. I will plant in their hearts a deep yearning to uphold and lift in prayer that which I am birthing. Always on guard, to protect nations within their womb, these, My prayer partners, are united as an altar of sacrifice. Come forth and bring to birth that which I have planted deeply within.

1 Tim 2:1-2 NKJV
Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority.

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On The Wings Of Prayer
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Dec 10, 2004
Beloved, I am teaching you the power of unity as you join with others in prayer. I shall greatly multiply your efforts as you battle, declare and stand for My will and freedom upon earth, even as it is declared in heaven. Bring forth your good fight and I will provide you a safe canopy to ride higher and higher upon the wings of prayer. These wings will take you above the oppression and resistance. Stand, bind, rebuke, declare and move forward as I lift you up and out upon the wings of prayer. Multiplied, multiplied, multiplied for good measure, all over the world your prayers are moving others forward.

2 Cor 10:3-6 NKJV
For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

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Transparent Pain
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Dec 12, 2004

TRANSPARENT PAIN

What does it mean to show my face
When my heart is veiled with disgrace?
For every day I fall short of You
Striving to live my life brand new.
In sobering thought I face my shame
There is no one else that I can blame.

Why is it like this, when Your love is so pure?
I know that I am favored, with Your grace assured.
This shame is lurking beneath its cover
I want it gone, I want it over.
How can I be free to walk in destiny
When the chain of shame keeps me in pain?

As I cry out for certain deliverance
Your Word is my freedom and recompense.
You told me confession is good for the soul.
As I bare my heart, You will make me whole.
So be free oh soul to unload your pain
Receive His great grace and you won't be the same.

At last when I release this burden of silence
Tormenting self thoughts are no longer violent
From striking myself with flagellating whips
In self condemnation leaving my heart ripped.
Let me release the shame and be set free
As I trust in You for my dignity.

It is not in myself to win this race
It is merely my desire to see Your face
To know Your heart, to know Your ways.
It is in Your love that I stand amazed.
Not my will but Thine be done
As I yield my heart that we may be one.

James 5:16 KJV
Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Fear No Man
Chip Brogden

Jul 16, 2004

Many Christians are in bondage to the fear of man. In discussing this very real and widespread problem, let us acknowledge from the beginning that we cannot be God's spokesperson and be afraid of people. We will find it difficult, if not impossible to faithfully give all the counsel of God when there is a spirit within us that withdraws from people out of fear, timidity, or anxiety.

If there has ever been a time in your life when you bowed down and said, "Lord use me, speak through me, have Your Will through me," then you can expect that the Lord will immediately begin to deal with you regarding the fear of man. It is a fundamental lesson we must learn in order to be fruitful and faithful with all God commits to us.

Let us get right to the point: we are afraid of others because we love ourselves too much. When you have dealt with self-love, the fear of man will be dealt with at the same time. The fear of man is but a symptom of self-love, and is manifest in three basic areas of our relationships with others. If a servant of God is able to overcome in these three areas, he or she will be free of the fear of man. They are: desire for appreciation, desire for compensation, and desire for promotion. We will look at each one individually.

DESIRE FOR APPRECIATION

Multitudes of saints fall at this point. We want others to understand us. We want them to comprehend the meaning behind our actions. We want them to grasp what we are saying. We cannot bear the thought of being misunderstood. We wish for others to appreciate the truth we speak, the word we bring, the insight we have.

The flesh is clothed in such a desire, and it will be a snare to the one who speaks the Word of God. We cannot be afraid of other people, what they will think, how they react, if we do and say what we are led of the Spirit to do and say. Fear of man will cause us to utter many words in addition to those given to us by God. This must be avoided at all costs.

When Jesus spoke to the multitude, He did not glory in how large the crowd was. He did not congratulate Himself on having such an influential ministry. Instead, He sought to thin the numbers out by sifting them with a difficult word, saying, "You must eat my flesh and drink my blood if you wish to be my disciples." At this saying, the multitude and many of His disciples turned aside and no longer followed Him. Instead of running after them in an effort to make Himself understood and accepted, He watched them go. Then, turning to the Twelve, He said, "Will you also go away?" Here is a Man who is not afraid to be misunderstood because He is not afraid of people, what they will think, or what they will say about Him unjustly.

WE can discern His meaning, but THEY could not. Why did He not explain what He meant? Because He had no love for Himself, no desire to be understood. He only called for those who had ears to hear. He spoke the Word and allowed the hearers to exercise their own judgment and spiritual discernment. He had no desire to be appreciated or accepted. He would not have them accept HIM while rejecting the WORD He brought. If they rejected His Word, they rejected Him.

To overcome the fear of man, we must not only be willing to be misunderstood and unappreciated, we should expect it. Then we will be free to speak what God has given us and will not be troubled should others fail to grasp the significance of it.

DESIRE FOR COMPENSATION

When we are bringing the Word of God to the people who are supporting us materially it represents an inherent conflict of interest. The temptation is to tone down the Word for fear that we will offend those who are taking care of us.

The compensation received may not be limited to financial things. When our friends hold a special place in our heart we are likewise tempted to speak softly to them to keep the friendship intact, whereas an identical word to someone we do not know will not be as soft. If God bids us to speak softly, then let us do so. But we cannot speak softly to those we have a relationship when the word we bring them should be anything but soft.

Again, self-love is the problem. For example, a pastor who is dependent upon his congregation for his salary is going to have a difficult time bringing them the whole counsel of God. Not that he cannot preach, but there is an invisible line he dare not cross for fear that too many will be upset. Invariably if this line is crossed you will find him sweating and fretting over it. Perhaps he will make some calls and offer apologies to the offended ones. He is overcome with the fear of man, because he looks to man for his support. Every utterance and action must be filtered through the question of, "What will our supporters think?"

To overcome the fear of man, we must not look to man for our support, be it financial or emotional. Abram rejected the gifts of the King of Sodom, and afterwards the Lord said to him, "Fear not, for I AM your exceeding great reward." Since the Lord is our Provider as well as our Provision, we must look to Him alone. We do not look to gain supporters, partners, pledges, tithes, and offerings. If we do not have something it is because we do not need it. For when we need it, God will provide it. Certainly He will USE other people to bless us, but we do not LOOK to people to be blessed. In fact, we should expect that people will not want to support us. Then we can minister to them without fear of man.

DESIRE FOR PROMOTION

We who work for the Lord often wish to be seen and to be heard. We wish the largest audience possible. Naturally we want people to speak well of us and promote us that many more will hear the Word we have from God. Hidden within such a desire for promotion is the fear of man.

I once discovered another ministry had taken a portion of my writing and edited it before forwarding it to their subscribers. In eliminating the more offensive portions of the text they watered-down the message I was communicating. I contacted the ministry and asked them to either publish the entire message or retract it completely. Since they could not bear the whole counsel of God they informed me that they would retract it. Their closing comment was, "Most writers are happy to have even a portion of their works published, as some promotion is better than none at all."

Our desire for promotion will inevitably lead us to compromise, tone down, whitewash, filter, edit, distort, or make more palatable the message we bring. If we are promoting ourselves, then let us do all we can to push our names to the top and be pleased with any recognition we may receive. But if it is God's Word we speak, let God see to the promotion of His Word as well as His servant. Better to have a small circle of influence with freedom to speak as we are led to speak than to have a large circle of influence obtained through a message deemed "safe for public consumption".

In order to rid us of the fear of man, the Lord will prepare a path for us strewn with misunderstanding.

Finances will dry up. We will be placed on a shelf for many days, until we no longer look to people as our source. To overcome the fear of man we must be wholly GOD'S and no one else's. A man or a woman who does not need to be appreciated or understood; who does not desire compensation, material or otherwise; who does not desire a large ministry but a faithful one; this individual is free to be the SERVANT of all without being ENSLAVED to all.

May God quicken this to our hearts that we may fear no man. www.watchman.net

The Kingdom, The Power, And The Glory
Chip Brogden

Jul 13, 2004
This three-fold benediction concludes what is commonly referred to as the Lord's Prayer. It is a fitting conclusion to what we call the Prayer of the Kingdom, or the Prayer of the Overcomer.

This confession is the summation of all that precedes it, the end result of what we are asking: "FOR..." Why do we bless the Name of the Father? Why do we pray for the Will and the Kingdom to be accomplished? Why do we pray for daily bread and forgiveness of sins? Why do we pray to be kept from evil? "FOR..." We ask for all these things BECAUSE the Kingdom is Yours, the Power is Yours, and the Glory is Yours. All the others are requests, but these three are declarations. "Thine IS the Kingdom... Thine IS the Power... Thine IS the Glory." That is the conclusion that we come to, and it is the reason that we pray in this way.

The Testimony of Jesus is committed to the Church, and the matter of His Kingdom, His Power, and His Glory is an intrinsic part of that Testimony. The Testimony answers to everything which man or the devil may challenge us with. So let us look at each one respectively.

THINE IS THE KINGDOM

There is a tremendous battle taking place in the spiritual realm. This conflict began long ago when Lucifer rebelled against the Lord and His Christ. There is this conflict of light versus darkness, good versus evil. There is that which represents the interests of God the Father and His Son, and there is that which represents another interest, an alien interest, something that is absolutely opposed to the Will, Plan, and Purpose of God - it is Antichrist, opposed to Christ. It refuses to submit itself to the preeminence and sovereignty of the Lord Jesus. We can see that plainly enough just by looking to the earthly ministry of the Lord and how even the religious system, especially the religious system, rejected Him and sought to destroy Him. We see in the Book of Acts how this enormous energy and antagonism was then poured out upon the Church in an attempt to obliterate the very Name of Jesus.

This spirit of Antichrist is active today. It is at work in the world, and it is at work in the Church (or, what is called "the Church"), and it is at work within each one of us individually, trying to draw us out into something - anything - other than Christ. Hence the Lord's need for overcomers to rise up and demonstrate that in spite of all appearances to the contrary, THE LORD JESUS REIGNS, and He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. This demonstration begins with each individual disciple, then finds expression within the corporate synthesis of Believers, before finding its ultimate expression and release in all creation. If the Lord does not have the preeminence in us as individual disciples, if we remain unsurrendered to Him in our own lives, how can the Church as a whole ever hope to bear His Testimony to the world? This is a critical point.

What assurance are we given? It is this: that in spite of nation rising up against nation, kingdom rising up against kingdom, political tumults and global confusion, "THINE IS THE KINGDOM - Your Throne is everlasting, Your Kingdom is established, and of the increase of Your Government there shall be no end (Isaiah 9:6,7). In other words, as Daniel would say, the Heavens DO rule, and it is the Most High God Who governs the affairs of men. THAT is the heart of the matter. THAT is what we are moving towards, from our day-to-day affairs as followers of Jesus, to the course and direction of this entire age.

This Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, and His throne endures forever. This is a Kingdom made without hands, invisible, but filling the whole earth one disciple at a time, and then spreading through the little companies of "two or three gathered together" in His Name, moving forward and destroying everything that fails to put the Son of God in His rightful place and anything that fails to make Him the First, and the Only. By our very declaration we are aligning ourselves with an awesome, holy force which will one day gather (or, should I say, RE-gather) "all things in Christ (Ephesians 2:10)."

THINE IS THE POWER

The only legitimate power in the universe belongs to the Lord Jesus - all other power is either illegitimate or temporal. If THE power belongs to Him, then it cannot belong to anyone else. Jesus says, "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." That is a very broad statement, is it not? Absolute power over all of creation!

We might expound upon the difference between the Greek words for authority and power. But such an exercise is irrelevant when it comes to the qualifications and credentials of the Son of God. This Jesus has both the authority and the power. Whether He is teaching, or speaking, or rebuking, or remaining silent, we at once know that we are in the presence of One Who has the authority of God in Him. And, when we see Him heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils, and purge the Temple of its moneychangers, we know that this Man also has the Power of God in Him. Who is like unto Him!

This is the sort of power that can arrest Saul of Tarsus and transform him into Paul the apostle. This same Paul, who has touched upon this mighty power, prays that we would be given wisdom and revelation to know "the exceeding greatness of His Power to us-ward who believe (Ephesians 2:19a)."

In a world in which men (and devils) wrestle for dominion, joust for position, seek the preeminence for themselves, strive to exert their influence over others, and lust for more and more control over one another, we as the Church may simply raise our hands to heaven and lift up our eyes to the One in Whom God has vested all of His omnipotence and declare to the universe, "THINE IS THE POWER, and apart from You, we can do nothing."

THINE IS THE GLORY

"We beheld His glory," the apostle John writes, "the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth (John 1:14)." The Kingdom and the Power are seen in the Glory. The Glory is the revealing of the preciousness of this One, the Only Begotten, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Over and over we read in the Scriptures, "To Him be the glory." He alone is worthy to be praised; He alone is worthy of our adoration and exaltation.

But everyone cannot see this Glory. To many who look, Jesus of Nazareth is a prophet, a teacher, a good man, a miracle-worker, the founder of Christianity, but not God Incarnate. They do not see the Glory of the Son, so they cannot appreciate the extreme worth, the vast wealth, summed up and contained within this Man.

One day the entire world will see Him as He is, and will finally give Him the place He deserves: for every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, to the GLORY of God the Father (Philippians 2:10,11). Yes, this is how it will all end. But what about now? "All seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's (Philippians 2:21)."

Thankfully, this is beginning to change. There is a Remnant of called-out ones who have seen the Glory of the Son and WILL seek the interests of God's Only Begotten One. In a time when men solicit the glory and honor and power from one another, there is a Holy Nation of priests and kings who will give the Son the glory He deserves, declaring, "THINE IS THE GLORY, we will render to You, and to You alone, the glory due Your Name."

And the final word: "Amen - may it be so, henceforth and forever." We proclaim it, not to bring it forth (as if it depended upon our confession), but to acknowledge it as a present reality which is breaking forth upon all that stands in opposition to it, and to establish once and for all that we have chosen - individually and corporately - to align ourselves with God's Ultimate Purpose and Will, making us co-workers together with Him towards the Goal of CHRIST FILLING ALL THINGS. He MUST increase, and all else MUST decrease (John 3:30). We can observe this decrease taking place in the world around us, but we should also be able to see that WE, the Self, is being decreased in order to prepare us for Kingdom in which it is no longer "I" that live as a thing outside of Christ, but it is Christ Who lives in me, conforming me to His image, and reproducing His character and nature within me (Galatians 2:20).

When He has gained the preeminence in us personally, then He will have gained the preeminence in the Church. Towards this end, may the Lord establish His Kingdom, manifest His Power, and reveal His Glory: to each disciple individually, to the Church corporately, and to all Creation collectively. Amen! Come quickly, Lord Jesus!

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Focus
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F Focus your attention unto My Face. There are too many things that pull upon you. Allow nothing to come between you and Me. Jealously guard your time and give no room to the enemy to tempt you. You must strengthen yourself for the climb ahead of you. Return to your first Love.

O Open your eyes and see what I have done in your midst. I have not brought you this far to allow you to fail or to miss My Timing for you. Recognize where you are, and make your changes now. There is no other course for you, but the one that I have called you to. You were born for such a time as this. This is the hour in which you will rise up and stand firmly in Me.

C Come, and take My Hand, and enter into My Rest. You have need of My Healing and restoration. For I have given you much territory and you have need of strength for the Journey that lies ahead of you. Prepare yourself for action. Give more place to My Word, and to prayer. You will be transformed as you partake of Me. Then you can see clearer and begin to use the weapons that I have placed within you. For they await your awakening. Get ready to move on.

U Utilize the tools that I have given to you. You have My Word, My Name, and My Blood. Begin to walk in your inheritance and in your authority. You have a Covenant with Me. It is time to walk in it. There is nothing that can overtake you, as you stand IN Me. For I AM your High Tower. I AM your God. Begin to walk as My Child. Stand up and begin to walk fully in My Word, and live it. Allow it to transform you. There is nothing greater than My Word. Begin to trust it.

S Start fully relying upon Me, instead of walking in your own ways. You must begin to Trust Me, and to abandon yourself to My Leading now. You cannot walk both paths. Focus. Set your eyes firmly upon Me, and do not allow them to leave Me, for one Instant. I Am your Source and your Provider. I will never leave you nor forsake you. This is the year that you will enter into your destiny fully, as you obey Me.

F O C U S !!! -Susan Cummings

My Purposes Are Always Redemptive
Susan Cummings

My Word discloses everything that you need to know. It was given unto men, that they would live by it, and to know Me, their God. But men choose to live by their own desires and plans, and they do not seek Me, nor care for My Word enough to trust it, or to live by it.

There is nothing that cannot be known, if men would only seek Me. Yet, they run to and fro seeking wisdom from men, and angels, and other sources that are not My Will. I created angels to assist men on the earth, and to bring forth My Purposes, as it is needed. They are not men’s sole source for wisdom nor their heart’s allegiance. I alone am God.

Why do men seek others, and not their God?

Why is there no God, in the House of God, or in the hearts of men?

Why is the wisdom of men to be sought after and cherished above Mine?

My Purposes in the earth are always redemptive and are all written in the Word, if men would seek them out, they would find them, and they would understand my dealings with the earth and it’s inhabitants. My Judgements are also in My Word, and they are redemptive, as they seek out the hearts of men, and point them towards their God.

I have released My Judgements and My Justice in the earth. They are all found in My Word, and are all in the timing that I have set forth in My Word. I have made it plain, yet men run to and fro, causing much confusion and fear in My House, as they run with their own wisdom and understanding. They neither run with My permission, nor My Wisdom.

There is much yet to be released in the earth, and it will be understood by those who are Mine. For Mine sit at My Feet, and they inquire of Me. They know Me, and trust Me, as their God. They will not fear, but will stand firm IN Me, and will be the vessels of My Redemptive Purposes, and of My Justice, in the days to come.

I said that Daniel was to seal the book until the end, and it now opening unto My Own. For I have chosen in this hour, to reveal Myself unto My People in the earth that are Mine, and they will prepare the way before Me. Nothing is known apart from Me, and from My Holy Spirit. For I AM the Spirit of Truth. I am the Living Word. I AM!

Men will come and men will go, by My Word is Eternal, and is alive in the earth. It has always been and always will, for it is eternally creating My Will in the earth, as I have sent it forth to do. Nothing will be left undone, nor will it be stopped. You have My Word. Read it, and begin to understand! For I have come back to My House, and it will be seen, and known that My Word is True, and it is the only Standard that will stand in the days to come. For My Word is the only Source of Truth by which men will live. I AM the Light and the Life of men!

They will either receive Me, the author and giver of Life, or they will perish by their own hand and choice.

For all things will be finished as I have plainly shown you, and then I will return for My Own. Until then, I will be among them in the earth, and they will rise up in Me, and stand in My Light, as a witness to the Truth. For the Witness of Heaven and the Witness of Mine in the earth will now come into proper alignment, and will be One, and will usher in My Power and My Glory within My Own. For My Covenant is redemptive, and it is Just!

There will be no excuse, nor delay. All things will be disclosed for it’s true source, and it’s fruit will be seen.

My Word will be the Standard of measure that is raised over the lands. For I have given each nation their choice, and they will walk it out, unto their destinies. It is written in My Word. I told you the scrolls have begun to be released and to be unrolled. Yet, many will not believe. They neither believed Me at the beginning, neither will they believe at the end.

I have returned to see if there is faith in My Word or not……….
-Susan Cummings
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Revival Fire
Susan Cummings

The Angel named, “Revival Fire”
January 21, 2004
A series of visitations and our experiences documented to show the progression of the understanding of the Word and what God is saying in this hour to us.
Pastor Patrick O'Marra
Donald and Rev. Susan Cummings
Pastor Jerry Mooneyham and co-pastor Elaine
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Pastor Patrick O’Marra:
I believe that one of the angels in the cloud in the library Shawn Bolz saw in his article named, The Library Room of Heaven, is the angel named Revival Fire that came to Susan and, as we prayed on

January 22, 2004. Shawn said: "It was the angelic host that would release these things on Earth."

Referenced experience below…..

Patrick then discerned a Fire that came to us as we were praying.

Then Prophetess Susan Cummings prophecies: "I see an angel standing by my book case (we had been talking about Shawn Bolz being in the library of Heaven), his name is Revival Fire, and he has, he is Fire. I mean he, you can just feel the Fire on him, you can't get very close because God's Revival Fire is Holy, and the presence of him is just very humbling, you know, but he's very, very fierce, not a warrior but more of a authority, he the one that comes whenever Revival is released in different regions or nations, he's the angel that comes.

You know, he has curly hair, I've never seen one, an angel, with curly hair, he has dark hair, curly."

Patrick says, "It's happening to me again, the Fire, it happen to me when he (the angel, Revival Fire) came, he is connected to the mouth, it's got to be to the Word- it's like Fire. Oh, this Fire is coming all around us, There's a Whirlwind of Fire, there's a whirlwind of Fire around us, it's coming from him, it's a whirlwind of Fire.

Susan says, "He's putting his hand on us, and he's going to come to you and put his hand on you too. Patrick, he's got a pouch that hangs from his side, and in that pouch are seeds of Revival, they're golden seeds.

The Lord says, "Do not fear, it is not you that brings forth life, it's Me, I will do the work, I will birth My presence in My people and in the earth, it is I that chose the vessels that I will use, it is I that chose the place where I will pour Myself out, it is I that chose' s the day and the hour and the Time of My Visitation, it is I that initiates it and it is I that pulls it back, it is all by My choice, and My will, and My decree, I have told you before hand what I would do and now I Am telling you that: "IT HAS BEGUN" so prepare yourselves, for I have already initiated and released and it has begun to happen now, so walk carefully My children, for I have called you to rise up* in this hour, and I have prepared you, and it is My choice and you will see My hand as it moves across this land, yes there will be <

Now, he's (the angel, Revival Fire) coming to you, Patrick….. He then comes to Patrick and puts the seeds in his spirit, and he feels it!

Susan said, "They are the seeds of His Words!"

Susan said, "Patrick, the Lord is going to show you something too, look to your left." The Lord then shows Patrick a previous understanding that He had been given from the Lord to confirm this experience…

*** On December 26, 2003 I heard the Angel of the Lord speak to me: "Rise up". This happened as Michael D'Andreano was reading Brother Branham's book of his account of when the Light appeared over his head and the picture was taken on January 24, 1950. He said, "The Angel of the Lord said, "Rise up." The Holy Spirit told me that Acts 12:7 is understanding of what the Angel said. The Lord also prophesied through His Prophetess on December 27, 2003: Rise up, in many ways, Rise up and walk in Heaven with Me."

And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raising him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. Acts 12:7

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bearing his sheaves with him. Psalms 126:5,6

Patrick says, This angel, Revival Fire, then came in the beginning of our meeting in the Salvation of God Church on January 25, 2004 and charged the atmosphere of the meeting with Revival. (This is the angel that comes when Revival is released in nations and regions)

Then at the end of the meeting, the Fiery Star appeared, and the Fiery Whirlwind just as Prophetess Susan Cummings saw it coming to our NY area on December 22, 2002.

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From: Jerry Mooneyham
To: Susan & Donald Cummings
Sent: Friday, January 30, 2004 10:58 AM
Subject: Aftermath of Prayer, Last Night!
To: Rev. Susan Cummings:

Dear Susan;

The Lord said I was to write you, and share what happened last night after we got off the phone.

As I told you on the phone, It got very hot within the living room where Elaine (my co-pastor) and I had been praying. Even after we got off the phone, some how, I didn't feel done.

I went outside on the back porch, it's about eight feet off the ground. I look up, which is north, and just about jumped out of my skin! There in the spirit, standing before me was a nine foot angel, with brown curly hair! Smiling at me, he had a white garment, and a gold sash around his chest. He also had a brown bag, very beautiful, but plain.

I could see in the spirit, that in the bag, was gold seeds, they were smaller than popcorn and shaped like a water drop. He just stood there with a smile upon his face.

I called Elaine outside without telling her why, and asked her to stand in front of him without her knowing and asked her to tell me what she felt, or sensed any thing.

A wind began, what was also strange, it was warmer than what had been blowing, I too, had sensed the change, but was focused upon this angel who was standing so still and just smiling. Elaine, focused on the wind, and nearly went down in the Spirit.

I finally told her who was behind her, and she too sensed him within a moment. We talked about it for a moment, but I must admit, I was confused by the fact he wasn't speaking, every angel of authority who is sent to me presents himself to me, overtime, up to this point, has always given me a name, and a purpose.

All at once, I felt the need to pray, and to thank God for this angel, because somehow I knew it was the angel you had told us about earlier, (The angel named, Revival Fire) and the blessings, just poured out like a flood.

The minute I started to pray, I felt the Spirit sweep over us, as I sat there looking, the angel reached into the bag, and began to turn slowly, and as he did the seed began to be spread all around us, then he began to go straight up, very slowly but always turning, and though there weren't as many seeds as at first, they began to be spread over a larger area, and he just kept getting higher, more seeds and a larger area was being covered.

Your Humble Servant!
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From Out Of The Fog

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I WANT TO PREFACE the Message of my dream/vision experience with a brief note about my spiritual condition at the time it occurred:

After a lifetime of exposure (and resistance) to various flavors of "Christianity", I eventually surrendered and ended up heavily involved in some highly charismatic church movements.

Then, after seven active years of devoted listening, learning, and trying to digest all that I was being fed, my old suspicions (and new doubts) about *Christianity's* overall validity finally forced my deeply troubled spirit to honestly admit that, yes indeed, something was dreadfully wrong with much of what I was being led to swallow.

I could no longer deny that some very important things were being ignored, overlooked or blocked in favor of Christianity's strange agendas. I wasn't exactly sure what the problem was, but I knew I had to escape it's spiritual manipulations and bondage somehow. But, I sadly wondered, where on earth does a sincere, God-seeking Christ-follower go after dropping out of the world of *Christianity*?

It was during my last month within the grips of today's Christianity that my growing anguish was helped in a most unusual way. It happened one night in 1989 while I was sleeping--that was over 12 years ago as I now write it down, but what was shown to me then was much too vivid, lasting and profound to ever forget. The following is my best understanding of the timely Message behind it all.

What you're about to read can only be true and valid if it unfolds and fulfills itself accordingly. Let's listen, watch and see.

From Out Of The Fog

A helpful message to the believers in Christ

IT HAS BEEN SHOWN that the total picture of today's worldwide "Christianity" is very bleak indeed. In it's entirety, it can be compared to a huge, dense blanket of aimlessly drifting mist; a gray and tepid big blanket of fog that now stands like a massive *new* veil between the earnest God seekers and their rightful, Christ-given access to Him.

Today's worldwide blanket of *Christianity* has become much too vast, dissipated and vague to do little but block and blind and then detour the sincere God seekers into it's own self-serving conclusions and practices.

Furthermore, and very importantly, this massive and murky monument to the Christ gets it's entire existence, substance and support from the millions upon millions of participating "Christians" who, unwittingly or otherwise, have become ensnared, programmed and consumed into the spiritually governing formulas and fortresses that make up this monstrous, boxed-in thing called *Christianity*. And as an end result, the sum total of their own makings has ended up far too self-blinded, disjointed, anemic and lame to add up to any real heavenly or earthly value. And therefore, because of Christianity's severely sickened and highly infectious condition, a great and wondrous *new thing* has been issued forth right into the midst of it's weakened body.

IT HAS BEEN SHOWN that a certain number of infected "Christians" are being drawn away and separated from the further ills and influences of their "Christianity"--individually, one by one--onto a new and calming place of spiritual release and divine support. And it's here, upon the safety and sanity of this mysterious, God-given provision that these selected individuals will be spiritually strengthened and then ushered towards a very special and highly empowered purpose.

And as His divine purpose gathers, prepares and guides them onward, their renewed strength and direction will soon lead them to the very point of it all. And it's here, *at the very point and purpose of this wondrous new thing*, that they will pause and mingle and grow in intensity for yet a little longer. And when their season of preparation finally reaches His desired state of fullness, this small gathering of selected individuals will suddenly be released to go outside and beyond the governing borders of *Christianity* to do all that is fully intended for them to do.

AND IT HAS BEEN SHOWN that wherever these individuals then go, and whatever they then do, the resounding impact that their accumulated experiences and testimonies will make *outside and beyond* the spiritually governing boundaries of Christianity will be so utterly powerful and effective that *all of Christianity itself* will stand deeply disturbed and disrupted by the enormous shockwaves and repercussions that they will be casting back into it's own huge, sickened stance. And because this wondrous new thing has been issued forth from the *mighty sword of Christ, Himself,* the deeply diseased and highly infectious body of today's worldwide "Christianity" will find itself penetrated, up heaved and flushed out ever so mightily indeed.
~So be it~

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For 2004

This is not a year of church as usual, so we will not be able to go on in the same ways as if it were-for indeed, the body of Christ has not been this way before-or at least not since the church began and moved in power.

The Army of the Lord has been limping for some time now-we have not seen what God's Word says we should see. The vision has been blurred-and where there is no vision the people perish.

But this will be a time of the prophetic-and indeed it has been rising-in pockets-but this year will be wide-spread.

We will be instant in and out of season-God's Word-his Now, Rhema Word will go forth like never before-giving His Army the needed healing-the needed empowering-the needed direction to reach the goal of the high calling of God.

This army will be unlike any you have ever seen-this army has "weapons" weapons of "mass destruction" to the enemies camp-
and weapons even more powerful-these are weapons of "love"-when these weapons are fired-explosions of healing-physical, emotional, spiritual-will overtake the nations.

This is indeed a new year-a new season-a time when God will take you to a new level-new levels require new learning.

We will see changes in how God relates to us-how he works through us-we will be changing you have to start where you're at.

Big things will be done; but some will come in little steps. Stepping stones-not huge jumps-but steps-but don't get to comfortable with the little steps-they will not last long because this will be a time when God pours out His Spirit so abundantly that things will advance rapidly.

Why some little steps to start-because God is gracious towards us-

He will heal our "shell shock" first-

He doesn't need to regroup-but we do after many years of not moving in HIS full extent.

This will be a year of increased faith- God is upping the faith levels this year-a supernatural raising.

Nike says, Just Do It-God says, Just believe it-then you will do it. A year of coming in-for us-for the unsaved.

At the same time we are being changed-those will come in that will be, not only in need of change, but be in need of someone to clean up the messes-they're babes, babes thrive with love. Babes wither without love.

Are you aware of the variety of things you will see in the church this year?

Are you ready for those who come in?

You will see things you've never seen before

This will be a year of practical Christianity.

They will be taking steps too--we will need God's Love for these.

We will need God's Wisdom for these

We will need God's Timing for these

We can't look back, either to the bad OR the good

No one can walk the walk for you-even the children will have to walk their own walk.

There will be no room for looking back at what the Lord says is Past-both bad & good.

For His Glory

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John 12: 27-28 "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour? *For this purpose I came to this hour*(Italics mine). 'Father, glorify your name'. Then a voice came from heaven saying, "I have glorified and will glorify it again."

Jesus in this verse of Scripture was very troubled. He had just entered Jerusalem triumphantly, welcomed to the voices that shouted, "..*Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The King of Israel"-John 12:13)* Yet he knew the same voices that praised him and hands that laid out their garments in his path, would be the same ones that a week later shouted, 'Crucify him'. The same people who had witnessed all he had done in the form of miracles, signs and wonders, would later mock and spit at him.

This in fact was the least of the Lord's worries. He knew he was going to be crucified. Crucifixion is not the cute little picture seen on many Easter cards. Most people crucified in that day were crucified in treason to Rome. As a punishment of shame, they would strip him of every bit of clothing he had. The Romans used 6 inch nails in those days to drive them into the hands and feet. Once on the cross, the objective was for the criminal to suffocate under the weight of his chest being pressed together by the abnormal stretching of the arms. The Bible records that he was whipped 39 lashes. Often times the whips had metal tips. They were not always one stranded whips but almost as many as ten at a time It only took one lash to tear a large part of the flesh away. His back was literally torn apart.

His face was so disfigured that his disciples hardly recognized him when he appeared to them. It certainly had to take the breaking of the bread, a custom that his disciples were familiar with, for the two that walked with him to Emmaus to realise who they had been talking to. Yet why did he do it? Verse 27 of John says *'And for this purpose he came to this hour'*. But for what purpose? The next verse reveals it all as he says, 'Father, glorify your name'.

Many times the Lord will take us through trials to which we are so overcome, that we begin to question the purpose of why he is doing it. We may not understand his ways or thoughts, but one thing that is sure, is that he is working HIS glory in us. In the fires of affliction, he is molding us into his image. You cannot be an effective tool for the Kingdom if the world is still seeing YOU, for when the world sees you, they are only seeing their own mirrors image. We must decrease as we allow him to increase in our lives everyday through the working of the Holy Spirit.

Many time, even as Jesus dies, he wants something in us to die: whether our fleshly nature or a motivation that was not of the Spirit. Most times, it is to empty us of ourselves. The Lord cannot work in vessels that are full.

Whatever trial you are facing today, rejoice and be encouraged. The Lord never does anything amiss. We as Christians should learn not to always ask to be taken out of the fire, but to be strengthened by His strength even as we endure what he is taking us through. It is all for His glory

Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

John 12: 24 Most assuredly, I say unto you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone, but if it dies, it produces much grain(KJV says "fruit")

Daniel 3: 16-18 Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from this burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us from your hand. But if not, let be known to you, O King, that we do not serve your Gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.

This is The Generation

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This is the generation that shall carry My name to the ends of the earth. For they are My army of Joshuas, Deborahs and Gideons who will not be backed down by fear because they know that that I have not given them a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. This is the generationt that will take the secular world by storm, for I will use them as witnesses of My glory and power to save lives even within their own circle of influence. Let it be known that I shall pull man out of the structure of men and out of the clutches of the evil and they shall be saved by My healing grace. The mantle is being passed on and they shall walk in an even greater revelation and authority than that of this previous generation. For this is a generation of young people filled with My fire and My zeal, that shall shame even those of their predecessors who have remained complacent. There is nothing lukewarm about these generation of warriors that I am raising up, says the Lord.

For they are even a threat to the Kingdom of darkness, but watch as I move through the heart of My young people, correcting error and previously misunderstood mindsets. They shall go forth unhindered speaking the uncompromising word of Christ saved and crucified. Yes, this is a generation that shall carry My name far and wide to all four corners of the earth for they shall bring glory and honour to My name as they lift Me up and not themselves. They are the ones to whom I will endow special favor in the workplace, among the secular and even before kings and leaders to be My faithful witnesses. For they know no demilitarized zone, for they are children of light. Yes, these are the ones that I am raising up to bring glory and honour to Me, says the Lord.

Fortified Cities

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The Lord awoke me saying the words “fortified cities.” Here is what He has to tell us about these cities:

I have My fortified cities of refuge. I have all of My plans in order. You may count on Me restoring all that the canker worm has eaten. I am doing a mighty work – a lasting work. You may count on it! You will be substantially surprised when this work first surfaces, but know this, beloved: I am with you. I am your sustaining force. I am moving you deeper into the things of your God. I am removing some old worldly props and giving you My eternal support.

The enemy is scampering around, looking for a place to hide. He knows that havoc is about to take place on earth. He does not want to be caught in the middle of it. He wants to wait until the dust settles, and then make his way into your hearts. But you won’t let him, will you, beloved? You won’t listen to his lies, will you? You will keep your focus on Me, won’t you? You will maintain your position in the place to which I have called you, knowing that I have fortified you to move along in My will to the beat of My heart.

I am telling you that I do have fortified cities on the face of the earth. Know that those who enter these places of refuge will know My divine hand on them. They will know that they have reached the inner sanctum of My heart. But those who refuse to enter into the place that I have provided will not know My peace. They will be running scared.

Know also that I have deliberately removed certain things that the world counts on daily, in order to get My point across. What is My point? I am God. You shall have no other gods before Me. I am the sustaining force of the whole universe. You should look to no other.

Get settled in this place that I have provided for you, My chosen, knowing that I am with you. I will be speaking clearly in your ear. I will open the eyes of your understanding. I will open them wide and reveal My truth for this coming hour. You must stay focused on your Beloved. You must stay focused on Me, beloved, and see the redeeming of those things that are Mine.

As I shine forth My will, you will know some things with a certainty: The holy Master has spoken through a catastrophic occurrence. He has made a statement. His statement is clear to the entire world. And what is that statement? This is the statement: I am coming soon for My own. I want them ready. I want them focused on Me. I want them ready for Me, and I want to have each in his proper place, when I arrive, doing the work of the Almighty One with My expertise. I want all doing My will, and looking intently for the Beloved to make His approach. The harvest is vast, beloved, but My workers are many. Get ready to go forth into the harvest fields and do My most honorable work. Know that My blessing is upon you. Know that the season of blessing is surely upon those who humble themselves before Me, expectant in My work, and eager to comply.

My children have been prepared for this hour. Identify it when it comes, and know something soundly within your heart: The living God has definitely made a statement of love. He has definitely made a statement of judgment. He has definitely called forth a great hour of true repentance on the face of the earth, and those who comply with My call will be firmly established in My grace. They will truly know that their destiny in Me is secure. They will walk with that assurance as they go forth doing the will of the Father, and leading others into the expectant hope that is found in knowing Me – in knowing My great love for all of mankind!!!

Faith of the Son of God

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Gal 2:20 (KJV)-*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

Our lives should be substituted with the life of Christ.

2 Cor 5:14-15-*For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*

In 2 Cor 5:14 we learn from God that all of us died in Christ’s death. Do we believe this? I’m sure we all do. What is our response? Every individual Christian responds: "I am crucified with Christ" (Gal 2:20a). This is faith. But faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead (James 2:17). So 2 Cor 5:15 has to come in. The action we must take in order to prove our faith is to live for Jesus, that is, to allow Jesus to live in our bodies. How does Jesus who died, resurrected and rose to heaven come to dwell in many bodies?

The mechanism of Jesus living in our bodies is by adopting His faith. How? You simply take the position of a son of God and seek to do all that the Son of God did.

John 14:12-*I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*

Jesus has promised us that we are able to do all His works as the Son of God because He will do it for us from heaven.

Phil 4:13-*I can do everything through him who gives me strength.*

The Son of God could never have died because He had no sin in Him. But He took our place by bearing all our sins and therefore died. By His death He reconciled us back to God, so that God could now adopt us as His sons. Having been adopted, God now expects us to continue the ministry of His formerly only Son that was suspended when He died for us. What was His ministry?

John 3:17-*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

2 Cor 5:18-20-*All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.*

The ministry of Jesus that we must step into, if we really believe that He died for us so that we should not live for ourselves, but for Him who died for us, is the ministry of reconciliation. It has already been made clear, in my article of last week and in a number of prophetic words released in the course of that very week (especially at www.ft111.com), that faith in God's words is the basis of the great move of God that will conclude the church age and which will begin in this year 2004. Do we really want to be known as men and women of faith? If yes, then we must all dive into the ministry of reconciliation with zeal. One of the prophecies for 2004 emphasized evangelism. Let us get into it by faith. The great end time harvest has commenced.

How do we carry out this ministry of reconciliation? It is by the faith of the Son of God. This means that as God was with Jesus, He will be with us. In fact, we should see the whole thing as Jesus Himself continuing His ministry. And so we shouldn't expect to see less manifestation of the power of God than was witnessed during the time of Jesus ministry as a man. That is faith.

Matt 28:19-20-"*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Josh 1:1-5-*After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2"Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them-to the Israelites. 3I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates-all the Hittite country-to the Great Sea on the west. 5No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.*

Moses was a type of Jesus. "After the death of Moses" is a type of "After the death and resurrection of Jesus". That is why, even though Moses died, no-one could find his body. Now the Joshua generation has risen. They must move the people of God all over the world into the claiming of every promise God made to the Church. As God was with Jesus, giving Him the Spirit without measure-the fullness of God (Eph 3:19), so He will be with the Joshua generation that is now rising up. The people involved should go into the end time harvest with the knowledge that God will never leave them nor forsake them.

The Joshua's of today must preach the message of reconciliation. What is this message?

John 1:12-13-*Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God- 13children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

John 16:27-*No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God.*

When the man Jesus was on earth, those who believed He was the Son of God and received Him thus, to them He gave the right to become sons of God. In our present time, what matters is to believe in His name. It is to those who believe in His name that He gives the right to become sons of God. What is His name that we should believe in? Is it "Jesus"? Well, "Jesus" wasn't actually His original name in Hebrew. "Jesus" is a Greek translation of His original name, just like "Jesu" is the Latin translation. In any case, the name being referred to is not his human name, but His spiritual name. What is His spiritual name?

Rev 19:12-13-*His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. 13He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.*

So you see, as many as believe in the Word of God, they are given the right to become sons of God. The message of reconciliation involves getting people to receive the words of God with faith. We should never forget that it was Adam’s inability to receive the word of God with faith that alienated man from God. The opposite act of receiving God’s words with faith reconciles man to God.

However, the Joshua generation must come to grips with one reality, namely, the difficulty in getting men to receive God’s words with faith.

John 8:39-44-*"Abraham is our father," they answered.*

"If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. 40 As it is, you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. 41You are doing the things your own father does."

"We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself."

42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Here Jesus teaches us about the children of the devil. They hate the Word of God. The words of God are not clear to them, because they cannot hear what God is saying. Why can’t they hear?

John 12:37-40-*Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. 38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:*
"Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"
39 For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:
40 "He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn-and I would heal them."

2 Cor 4:3-4-*And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

1 John 2:9-11-*Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. 10 Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. 11*

But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

The whole world is under the control of the evil one (1 John 5:19). According to Jay Snell, in Chapter 5 of "How to Amass Abrahamic Wealth":

"The devil does a number on the brain of the lost person. The devil blinds his mind. In other words, the devil blinds the minds of the lost. When we were born into the stream of human existence, we were born with our minds in that blind condition. This is exactly what happened to Adam and Eve in the garden when they sinned, and then passed it on to us. Consequently, our minds are blinded to the things of God from birth. For that reason, the Gospel is hidden. It's hidden because our minds have had a number done on them by the devil. That number stops the light of the gospel from shining upon us."

In order to force the light of God into the hearts of people, it takes spiritual warfare, in which the devil is bound. Signs and wonders are also helpful. Above all, the message of faith must be preached. It is the lack of faith that is the problem of mankind. Faith must be commonly preached.

2 Cor 4:6-*For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.*

Rom 1:16-17-*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*

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Finding Our Way in Transition

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The church is in major transition. New focus, new structure, new assignments, new positions of leadership. This is preparation for the future. In the midst of this construction, where are we to stand? It feels like the ground we once felt was secure is now being dug up and possibly removed. Paths we once walked are now not visible to us. God is getting ready to release an outpouring of His Spirit unlike we have ever seen; but to whom much is given, much is required.

LETTING GO

In order for God to redesign His body, we have to be willing to let go of old patterns. We have become comfortable with the way we do things, but the Master Carpenter has a new floor plan. His ways are not our ways, nor are His thoughts ours. Somebody needs to adjust, and it most likely won't be God. We are given a promise in Matthew 16:18. This is where Jesus told Peter that He would build His church and the gates of hell would not prevail against it. The current "wineskin" the church has been operating in will not be able to contain what is coming. This reconstruction is essential for God to accomplish what He needs to in this hour. It is time to trust the Lord wholeheartedly and not lean to our own understanding.

A DISMANTLING

God seems to be taking things apart. We look around and say, "Hey, this looks like a mess." Or, "That doesn't belong there." And, "I have always done things like this; I don't want to change." A rearranging of people, ministries, and responsibilities have got us stumped. God really does have His way in the whirlwind. When something comes down, it is because something else is coming up. In this season of restructuring, we cannot look at seen things. Otherwise, we'll get disillusioned and come to conclusions that are not accurate. Things never look right when rebuilding is going on. It is what the disciples went through when Jesus was delivered up to death. The "Temple" was getting ready to be destroyed and raised up in three days. But, this didn't "look" right.

Matthew 26:47-56
47 And while He was still speaking, behold, Judas, one of the twelve, with a great multitude with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him." 49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. 50 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why have you come?" Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and took Him. (NKJV)

Jesus had been talking to them about this whole thing, yet when it happened, the disciples were confused and angry. What on earth was Judas doing?? They had been with Jesus, talked with Him, were taught by Him, left all they had to follow Him, and now THIS??? This isn't right. One of His disciples, most likely Peter, tried to correct the situation by taking matters into his own hands and attack the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. God's plan doesn't look like ours.

EXAMINING OUR HEARTS

This is a season for us to examine our hearts. We need to see what God is going after in our lives. Where do we need to change? There is a searchlight going off in our lives. It is a time to ask ourselves who is REALLY in charge. This is a time for God to re-adjust us and lead us to repentance for known things and things He will show us. David was convinced of his need for God to examine him:

Psalms 26:1-5
"A psalm of David. Declare me innocent, O LORD, for I have acted with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. 2 Put me on trial, LORD, and cross-examine me. Test my motives and affections. 3 For I am constantly aware of your unfailing love, and I have lived according to your truth. 4 I do not spend time with liars or go along with hypocrites. 5 I hate the gatherings of those who do evil, and I refuse to join in with the wicked."

We are being given an opportunity to let the Holy Spirit do His work in us.

SOME GUIDELINES TO PILOT US IN TRANSITION

There are things we can do during this time of "reconstruction" by God.

1) PRAY for each other. Especially, your pastors. This isn't easy for them, either. It's a time when your leaders need your prayers and support.

1 Timothy 2:1-3 says,
"Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior."

Hebrews 13:17 says,
"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you."

2) Another thing to do is to ENCOURAGE one another. Encouragement conquers fear and increases faith. Hope is birthed out of encouragement.

Hebrews 10:23-24
23 "Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24 Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds." (NLT)

3) GATHER YOURSELVES TOGETHER for intense times of prayer. Fervent, effectual prayers of righteous men make much power available. When people pull together during a rebuilding time, a strong bond is formed.

Hebrews 10:25
"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage and warn each other, especially now that the day of his coming back again is drawing near."

NEW LEADERSHIP COMING FORTH

God is looking for strong warriors He can entrust much to; people who won't quit when it gets tough; leaders who will lead with His heart. Friends who won't criticize and fault-find, but will use life-words to build others up; those who will let Him form Himself in and will walk in His likeness. These leaders emerging from new construction will not quit when it gets hard. Their focus is clear and their determination is unmatched. A repentant walk is "normal" to them. There is no returning evil for evil and love governs their hearts.

These "warriors" are willing to master their weapons of warfare that are not carnal, but will destroy strongholds. A strong, yet gentle spirit will be evident as they lead the church into battle and possess the land for our Lord. Their ears are open to instruction and their direction is clear, to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). God is doing the construction to bring about His purposes. The finished product will be incredible. We are in a major construction season, and when it's done, God will have made a place for His dwelling. In US.

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From Pentecost To Tabernacles

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As the remnant Body of Christ begins its movement from Pentecost, the second third, into The Feast of Tabernacles, the third, third, several phenomenal things are beginning to happen. First and foremost, our central purpose in God moves from getting our needs met, to living and operating our lives in complete obedience for His glory: our focus changes from US to HIM.

As we make this supernatural transition we begin to notice yet another spiritual phenomenon; as we live for His glory our needs begin to be miraculously met: THE GREATER ALWAYS INCLUDES THE LESSER. The greater (His glory) always includes the lesser (our needs being met). When our focus becomes Him and not ourselves, "things" come in overwhelming fashion (Matthew 6:33).

As we have discussed in the past, the true Church has moved through Passover and now is beginning the transition from Pentecost to Tabernacles. I will be the first to tell you that I have little natural understanding of what I am even saying, but I know its truth BY THE SPIRIT.

To understand the mechanics of living for His glory, from time-to-time I will post what I sense the Lord is saying, but test it by the Spirit! The evidence of these mechanics operating in us will be a sign that we have indeed moved into this extraordinary time of Tabernacles.

As an evidence of Tabernacles, the Lord is showing me that our willingness to crawl into the BOTTOM of the deepest ditch to help someone out is to touch the TOP of heaven. This is God's Kingdom Inverted Order. In the Kingdom, the bottom is often the top. How do I crawl into that deep ditch? Loving the unlovable, helping those who cannot and sometimes will not help themselves, doing for others what they will not do for me. To live in this manner is to build a storehouse in heaven.

Then I heard the Lord say:

"When you can do for others and expect nothing in return you will receive a heavenly reward. You then will be living your life for My Glory and not your own. It is then that your causes (troubles and needs) will shine before me like the noonday sun and evaporate before your very eyes. To the extent that you yield yourself to others (as I direct), to that extent will I show my hand in your life. Be blessed by being a blessing (to others). Start in your own family and work outward (from there). All true ministry will begin in your own home and family. Remember, the bottom of the ditch is the top of heaven!"

Fresh Breath
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"The hand of the Lord came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the VALLEY; and it was full of bones." (Ezekiel 37:1)

The first thing we recognize is that Ezekiel was "BROUGHT OUT" in the Spirit. As Ezekiel moved into the VISION that the Lord gave him, he noticed a VALLEY full of bones. It is important to notice that before the vision continued, Ezekiel needed to be brought into a "valley experience" in his life.

"Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were VERY MANY in the open valley; and indeed they were VERY DRY." (Ezekiel 37:2)

As Ezekiel was brought into the REALITY of the valley, he soon recognized the sheer multitude of the bones and death that surrounded him. Recognizing that the bones were "very dry" indicated that they had been in that condition for quite some time. What Ezekiel saw in the spirit was the tragic defeat of a great army. The annihilation was so devastating that no one was even left to bury the dead. In the Hebraic culture and mind-set, this was unheard of. Beside that, exposed bones were unclean to a Jew like Ezekiel. However, the Bible says that the Lord CAUSED him to pass "by them all around."

The prophetic application is a clarion call to the church to allow themselves to be "brought out" by the Lord. There is an element of familiarity, comfort and insulation within the culture and confines of the church walls. We have created a haven as well as chapels of détente in our battle against the forces of darkness. Détente was a political term used often in the sixties and seventies in the Cold War with the Soviet Union. Détente essentially means, "If you don't mess with me, then I won't mess with you." And this is how it is in the church in so many areas of life. There are far too many of us within the church that desire détente with Satan and his demons rather than being more than conquerors. We prefer to hide in our comfortable sanctuaries, rather than allowing the Lord to "bring us out" into the real world of death and dry bones.

In my own personal life, my problem has been desiring détente with God. I have many times hidden within the walls of my pride and defense mechanisms from past hurts rather than allowing the Lord to expose and deal with the deep-seated areas and issues of my life that blind me to the needs of others.

The Lord is speaking clearly to me concerning the "raising up" through "bringing low" a prophetic people whose heart of compassion (The burden of the Lord) matches their rhetoric and words. I don't have to look far to find a good example in my own life. I have continually prophesied of the need for prophets to express more concerning the love and mercy of God. However, it wasn't until recently that I recognized areas of "sharpness" in my communication with my children – especially in discipline. I prophesied mercy, but was mercy exhibited in my life?

The Lord was not going to let the vision continue until Ezekiel looked upon the entire field that was unclean, DEFEATED and abhorrent all around him. Ezekiel had to visit the "valley" in order to witness and face the carnage of man's real condition and the ultimate pain of eternal death so that he would have a "prophetic heart" to validate his prophetic voice.

The Lord is drawing us out of the comfort of plush carpet and padded pews with chandeliered ceilings to visit the valley of dry and dead bones. He is calling us to "pass all around" the valley of abortion, the disgust and bondage of child and adult pornography, starvation, child abuse, rejection, poverty, and divorce. I could go on and on within the depths of man's pain and depravity. Beloved, this is REALITY. Like Ezekiel, we need a fresh vision of the painful reality of this world that we have been called to be a light and a prophetic voice in. We need to be able to answer the question posed by the Lord to Ezekiel, "Son of man, can these bones live?" (Ezekiel 37:3)

The Lord posed this question, not because He needed an answer, but that we would see through His perspective. Is this not our calling as "seers?" Prophetic ministry is so much more than exposing all that is wrong or evil. It is also declaring the goodness and POSSIBILITIES of the kingdom of God manifesting on earth as it is in heaven.

We need to have the confidence and prophetic insight to respond to the Lord with a resounding YES. We cannot afford to let the barrage of media, information and entertainment make us CALLOUS and hardened to the world around us that we have been called to be a prophetic voice to. What we experience so much of the time is a bunch of prophets prophesying to a bunch of prophetic people rather than prophesying LIFE to the spirit of death that has gripped humanity.

The Lord is speaking to us today, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, O' dry bones, hear the Word of the Lord! Thus says the Lord God to these bones: 'Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the Lord." (Ezekiel 37:4-5)

My wife, Carole, prophesied at the beginning of this year that a release of anointing would penetrate our WORDS. "WORD POSSESSION" is a dynamic that is happening in the spirit realm with ever increasing intensity. The words that mankind speaks, whether good or evil, are being instantly possessed by the Spirit of God or the spirits of darkness. Not one word being spoken by man is falling to the ground and with that is coming an ACCELERATION of spiritual activity -- both good and evil.

"So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and SUDDENLY a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no BREATH in them." (Ezekiel 37:7-8)

It is a tremendous revelation to know the power of the spoken Word. The moment that we prophesy the true word and will of the Lord, things begin to SUDDENLY happen. One of our obstacles and elements of discouragement comes from our desire to see immediate results with our natural eyes. Ezekiel saw in the SPIRIT the body parts (representative of the church) joining fitly and connecting together. However, to the natural eye, nothing would have been witnessed at this point. When we prophesy, we must see and understand that a dynamic interchange of victory is taking place in the spirit realm. It is through FAITH that prophetic words begin to manifest in the natural.

Ezekiel witnessed a new body structure or wineskin that was giving shape to these previously dead and dry bones. The old skeletal structure and wineskin of the old body had to die to be resurrected to new life and order. I am beginning to see this in the spirit — the new order of servant leadership and the compassion of spiritual fatherhood and motherhood is replacing the old wineskin of the dry and dead traditions of man that have weathered in the valley for so long.

"Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord God: 'Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.'" (Ezekiel 37:9)

It will be the breath of God (Holy Spirit) that will give movement and purpose to this new structure and wineskin that is arising in the church. A BREATH of fresh air will permeate the church when men and women of God prophesy from the "four winds" (the four corners of the earth) to a church and world system that is dry or dead and in need of revival. Revival will spark when the prophet once again experiences the "burden of the Lord" for the unsaved and hurting. The "Burden of the Lord" (Intercession) is the conduit of a REVIVING of mankind for their need of a Savior and the reality of eternity. This is the prophetic mandate that the Lord has given us and our part to play in the Great Commission.

The Lord commanded Ezekiel to prophesy that the breath would breathe upon the slain. Today, the slain in this great army is the many people whose anointing, gifts and talents have been allowed to rot on the fields of spiritual control and jealousy. There is a need for a prophetic voice to arise and breathe life and encouragement to the multitude of dead anointings that have been left exposed and hurting because of insecure and controlling leadership. The only job description that I can find in the Bible for the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher is to "EQUIP" the saints for the work of ministry." (Ephesians 4:12) Simply put, our primary objective in ministry is to reproduce a spiritual generation with a greater anointing than our own and provide them a platform to exercise their purpose and destiny. We don't read of one miracle that John the Baptist performed and we read little of his achievements in life, but yet Jesus called him the greatest of all men. John was great in that he learned to decrease that others would increase.

"So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly GREAT ARMY." (Ezekiel 37:10)

I am convinced that the Lord desires that we capture the moment at the beginning of this fall season and take a BREATH. The Feast of Tabernacles is an ordained time of the year that we look upon life with a new and fresh perspective. It is important that we allow God to take us to the valley so as not to forget the true condition of humanity. But it is also important that we enter into the joy of the possibilities that lie before us as a child of God. Apart from the love and mercy of God, mankind is damned to the endless cycle of rejection, pain, and death that he inflicts upon himself. Life is much too short to continue standing in silence along the sidelines of history. Father has called YOU to be a voice and a "breath" of fresh air to all of the dead hopes and dreams of others "as you pass by them all around." He has called you to be a history maker and a giver of life to an exceedingly great army that the Lord is commanding you to call forth.

"Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the Lord." (Ezekiel 37:5)

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Freedom Is Coming

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Marvel not at what takes place. I have given you insight into what I am doing. I have shared My heart with you regarding issues being addressed. I have put My Spirit within you and given you light, life, and liberty.

You have no idea of the extent to which I have brought reformation into the lives of your children. You see in part, but I tell you, you do not see the full picture of what I have accomplished on behalf of your loved ones. Shall I show you what I have done? Shall I open the veil and give you a glimpse of the marvelous things I have done?

You say you know Me, but you only know Me in part. You do not know that I have designed a plan whereby your children shall walk in harmony with Me. Oh, you have not seen the wonderful things I have done in the hearts of these. You only see the outerman. You do not see into the heart of man.

My arm is not so short that I cannot save. I am not limited by human understanding. You will stand in awe when you see the full extent of what I have accomplished in the hearts of your children. You will see that joy unspeakable belongs to them. You will see that I have saved the best wine for last, that the resurrection power of Christ is active in the lives of your youth. You will see that the work of the enemy that had plagued them for years is no long applicable. I have lifted the ban, broken the traditions of men from their lives, and set their feet upon the pathway that leads to life. They are free to follow Me into the way everlasting. This is the work I have been doing in the lives of your loved ones. So do not think that the work of My Spirit has been in vain. Do not look to the outward appearance, for you cannot accurately judge.

Now, for you, let Me instruct you in the things to come. Let Me take you into the depths of My spirit and reveal My heart to you. Let Me give you understanding and direct your thoughts. Let Me be the one to lead and guide. Just as I promised, I will take you to the nations. I will set your feet to music and parade you forward into the mandate to evangelize. Freedom is coming to your house, to your household. Freedom will take you out of the shadows and into the light. You will not remain hidden. You will not be kept silent. I will fill you with words of life and you shall speak them forth in the assembly.

I have been preparing you in the wilderness for what lies ahead. I have been causing you to line up with My will and purpose. I have mentored you and poured out My grace and mercy upon you. Even your physical body has been brought into submission to Me. And I will continue to strengthen you and pour out My favor upon you, and you shall emerge from the prison as Joseph did and be instituted into a position of leadership in the land. You ask how this will come about, how you could possibly be released into such freedom and liberty. I tell you, that I am setting many free in this day. You will not be alone. You will perfectly fit the place that I would position you in.

So, just as you cannot see what I have done in the hearts and lives of your youth, others cannot see what I have been accomplishing in your heart and life. But the day is coming when the prison doors shall be flung open wide and you shall be released into the full measure of My plan for your life. You will then see the result of all the years of training. You will then recognize the purpose for it.

The Old Order Has Passed Away And A New Order Is Taking Its Place
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Increase is coming your way, increased incentive. I will not leave you idle. I will not leave you fruitless. This is the day when I shall open the doors into endeavors that will thrill your heart.

This is the beginning of a season of joy and gladness, of wholeness, of triumph in all you do. I will march you out and into the places of My choosing. Press forward in that which is revealed to you. Go forward and do not look back. Do not let the past dictate to you. What I am doing in the future is far greater than what I have done in the past. Old familiar patterns will be done away with and a fresh new understanding of the times will emerge.

Changes are coming that will affect the way you think and act. Changes will mark a new pathway of discovery. You cannot return to the old. This is a new day and all things will become fresh and new.

Rejoice, for the River of God is surely rolling. It will roll through the land with great power, and everything touched by it will come into fresh, new life. The old order has passed away and a new order is taking its place. In this new order, freedom reigns, freedom from abuse, freedom from misuse, freedom from the critical eye of others, freedom to run and dance with Me in fields of glory. Promote this new day. Call it forth, for it is on the horizon and coming into view.

Do Not Let The Way Things Look Fool You
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Blessings untold are coming your way. I am opening doors at an unprecedented speed to perform My good will and purpose. Do not be side-tracked by those around you. Do not give in to their uncomely behavior, but press in to the prize of the high calling.

Nothing and no one is able to defame you. I have, indeed, made My way known to you and will continue to do so. You are not alone. I am by your side, and I will accompany you all the way through. I will put into your hands tools of the trade. I will equip you for movement out of the comfort zone and into the free flow of My Spirit going to the nations. I will perform My will and accomplish My purposes.

Take heart. Do not let the "way things look" fool you. I am in control and I am putting all things into proper order. All things will line up perfectly with My purposes.

Fruit Inspectors

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Fruit Inspectors

This past week I received three calls from pastors who were fighting for their very lives as pastors. Because the Holy Spirit came in a special visitation and moved in there midst a few from their perspective congregations had taken it upon themselves to come against the move of the Holy Spirit and the pastor as well. When I say a few, I mean 1 to 2% of the church body. I have noticed a pattern in all of these individuals, for the most part none of them went to the meetings where the alleged excesses occurred and they never checked up on any of their facts. Unfortunately these individuals relied upon preconceived ideas concerning this current move of God and did not follow the biblical mandate that we all have concerning how to inspect fruit in individuals as well as moves of the Holy Spirit. This isn't anything new, it happened throughout the Bible and it is very important that we look at what Jesus had to say about it and the spirit that is behind it. Mark 3:23-30, So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin." He said this because they were saying, "He has an evil spirit." Now you need to understand that in the text we find the Pharisees had just come to Jesus and accused him of driving out demons because they claim he "is possessed by Beelzebub" or Satan. Jesus then goes into this discussion in which he states that a kingdom cannot be divided, why would someone go and cast out the very thing it put in a person, it makes no sense. A kingdom divided in purpose cannot stand. Then he goes on to say that attributing the work of the Holy Spirit to the works of Satan has very dangerous eternal consequences. Therefore I would be very careful in our inspections of the fruit in the lives of individuals and corporate bodies. Do not attribute the work of the Holy Spirit to Satan and likewise do not attribute the work of Satan to the Holy Spirit. Attributing the things of the Holy Spirit to the works of Satan has never been a very healthy thing to do in God's eyes. In fact God gets really ticked at individuals or corporate bodies that call the things of the Holy Spirit the things of Satan. We are all called to be fruit inspectors. All around us people are doing things in the name of Jesus that fall somewhere between two extreme ends of the spectrum. Either what they are doing seems so way out there as to seem ludicrous or they are so well packaged that we do not question them. The truth of the matter is we always need to inspect (all) the fruit of those who are around us.

Drive-By Shootings!

Often when speaking on this subject I use the illustration of a California fruit inspector who got fired from his job for incompetence. It seems he would drive down the freeway well over the speed limit with the stereo blaring, the windows rolled up looking across the other lanes of traffic at the fruit orchards zipping by him. He would fail or pass an orchard by this method of inspection. It's a hit or miss method of inspecting, like a drive-by shooting you may or may not hit the mark but more often than not your going to hit some innocent by-standers. A good fruit inspector pulls off the freeway and drives into the orchard, turns off the engine and gets out of the car. Then going up to where the tree or vine is they proceed to climb up and carefully go out on a limb to inspect the fruit. For the choicest fruit is often found when you go out on a limb to find it. That is the only way I know how to inspect the fruit of any move of God or for that matter in any one individual who comes in the name of the Lord. To get involved in the revival situation and the lives of the people to such an extent that you look for the fruit it produces. We are mandated by our Lord to be fruit inspectors. In Luke 6:44 it says, "Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briers." Also in Matthew 7:18, "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit." And in verse 20, "Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them." When I have picked fruit from a tree I have found that not all of the fruit is ripe at the same time. It seems to be in three different stages of development. If you wait too long some of the fruit will become overly ripe and may become bad, but if you begin to pick it to soon it will not have had a chance to ripen and taste bitter and be hard to swallow. You must use your gifts of discernment and wait for the fruit to reach its season of readiness or fruitfulness before you go and proceed in the harvest. Even then you will always find some of the fruit that is on the same tree that will be in one of the three stages of development. So a person needs to be wise in inspecting fruit looking at the overall condition of the fruit before coming to any conclusions. Not basing their decisions by the condition of a few overly mature nor a few immature samples. You have also to understand the weather conditions, fruit that is picked in dry conditions are not that juicy and neither is mature fruit of high quality if it just came through a storm. Often there are bruises and soft spots from the pelting of wind, rain and other storm related injuries. That is how we need to look at the fruit in the lives of those around us as well as churches during times of revival. Taking in the whole picture we need to recognize the season they are in, the overall condition of the fruit and whether or not they have just come through a rather difficult circumstance that has put stress on the fruit of their lives.

The fruit looks good under the midst of the anointing!

Often in a store the employees have learned to market their fruit rather well by misting it with water and placing all the good sides toward you for viewing. In the same manner it is really unfair to judge the fruit of the spirit in our lives when we are under the anointing of God's presence. We all look good when the anointing is on us, especially when we position ourselves to look really good in man's eyes. Sometimes however we do the craziest of things when we are in the midst of God's glory. Look at Peter on the mount of transfiguration, the presence of God was so intense that he started babbling on about building three shelters, one for Moses, one for Elijah and one for Jesus, Mark 9:2-12. What in the world was Peter thinking! What would these three individuals have need for three shelters anyway? Sometimes the anointing can be so intense that we say and do some really crazy things. So we cannot judge an event or a person just because he does something that seems out of the ordinary. In Peter's case it looked like he missed the whole thing entirely and made a fool of himself. Even later Jesus mentioned to Peter in Matt. 16:17-23 while he was under the anointing that only "by my Father in heaven" could that have been made known to him and then almost within the same breath Jesus looks at Peter and tells him, "Get behind me Satan!" Wow, praise and rebuke almost simultaneously. That must have made Peter's ego go for a spin. What I am trying to convey here is that the mandate we have to be fruit inspectors is an important responsibility. There are many variables that are involved with examining the lives not only of individuals but a move of the Holy Spirit. It would go well with us as we stand before God if we honestly look at a situation with the best of intentions rather than with the conclusion already formulated before all the inspecting has taken place. Woe to those who make rash decisions about an individual or a church as being in the throes of Satan when it is the Holy Spirit who is moving in the midst of the situation.

One of the most distressing and disheartening things I have seen is a judgment made by a person who was never at the meeting, nor have they taken the time to look at an individuals life long and hard enough before they come out with devastating conclusions that something is or isn't of God. I believe that God will hold them very much accountable for their actions. We must carefully examine the motives of our heart when we look at what is happening within a church or an individual's life. It is equally wrong to say something is of God when it isn't. Fruit inspectors have a responsibility to test and see if what is going on is of the Holy Spirit. If you have a problem with something go and ask a mature individual within your church to help you discern what is going on. But don't just rest there, go and read the books concerning past revivals to see how other Godly men and women handled these situations. Above all else pray and seek the Lord for Godly wisdom and in all you do surround yourself with love for the scriptures tells us in 1 Peter 4:8, Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. In other words if you are wrong but you have the best of intentions then God will have greater patience and forgiveness to those who honestly are trying to do what is right, remember God knows the intent of the heart, I Cor. 4:5. Maybe that is what we need to do first, inspect the fruit of our own heart motives before we speak. Mark 12:30-37, "He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me scatters. And so I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, either in this age or in the age to come. "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks. The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day-of-judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." Before you go out on a limb to speak make sure you have inspected the fruit first or you may find yourself really 'out on a limb' with the owner of the vineyard.

The End

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From Shadows To Light

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Shalom Fellow Israelite,

We trust that you had a meaningful Passover Seder and fellowship.

One morning this week, while noticing the first rays of the morning sun in my bedroom, a scripture flashed across my mind, it was: "In Your light we see light" (Ps. 36:9).

One of the most troubling scriptures for Christians who are having their Hebraic roots exposed by the Spirit, is Paul's admonition to the Colossians: *"So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, which are a shadow of things to come, but the body of Messiah"* (Col 2:16-17). There are many who perceive these words to mean a renunciation of the Feasts and Sabbaths. A more careful reading, however, reveals that Paul is simply stating that these are shadows of things yet to come; in other words, these special days have a prophetic significance. But, now, as believers, we are actually stepping out of the shadows and are moving into the reality of the true meaning of these special days. *"For it is YHVH who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Yeshua the Messiah"* (2 Cor. 4:6). This is why Paul says that no one can be our judge in regards to these "shadows", but the body of Messiah, for we have His light (Spirit) which shines into these Torah scriptures eliminating the shifting shadows. Paul was not telling us to break the Father's commandments, but rather to keep them in the light of their true meaning.

We are now in the days of the Feast of Matzot (unleaven bread), which follow immediately after the Lord's Passover. Those of us who are believers and are honoring this Feast, should ask the Spirit to unveil to us the truth of the apostle John's words: *"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Yeshua the Messiah His Son cleanses us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7). Please note, it does not say from "some sin", but from "all sin"! Sin is the leaven that leavened our lump of life, but after the sacrifice of the Lamb and the shedding of His blood, celebrating the Feast of Unleavened Bread is quite clear and natural. In order to be freed from the contamination of the power of sin that can still work in our members, we must, by faith (which means to walk in the light), be identified to that sacrifice. Paul plainly states that, *"if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh"* (2 Cor. 5:14-16). *"I have been crucified with Messiah; it is no longer I who live, but Messiah lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me"* (Gal 2:20). *"For you died, and your life is hidden with Messiah in God"* (Col 3:3). That is why the day after the Lord's Passover (the 15th of Nissan or Aviv) is a "Shabbaton", that is, a Shabbat-like day, a celebration, because of the removal of the body of sin on the previous day.

This Passover season has been preempted by a movie called "The Passion of the Christ", which is still being discussed all over the world especially here in Israel - because historically the Jews have been blamed for killing the "Christian God". Many are afraid that it will cause a resurgence of anti-Semitism. The subject of the movie came up in a recent discussion in Jerusalem with some tourists. One of them shared that she had seen it three times, and that it had a very powerful impact on her and on others too. She said that she had never realized how brutally Yeshua had been treated, until she saw the movie. Perhaps to a dying world the true significance of this movie is the blood of the Passover Lamb of God. The blood of our Messiah has been degraded by religious tradition and ceremonies. It has become a fetish, even a mantra to devotees of cheap grace. I have listened to the prose and cons of this movie, but I pray that all those that watch it will take note of one thing, "the blood", and then go to their own hearts and ask the Almighty Creator God to reveal to them what it means.

Paul's passion was to present us blameless (without leaven) before our heavenly Father through the preaching of Messiah Yeshua, and Him crucified. *"Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Yeshua the Messiah, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Messiah reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Messiah, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Messiah's behalf, be reconciled to God"* (2 Cor 5:17-20).

The above words reveal Paul's understanding of the revelation that was given to him on the road to Damascus. Later he put that faith into action, when he wrote: *"For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me"* (Rom 7:15-17). Paul was able to separate himself from sin because he knew the truth of the Passover and of the Feast of Unleavened bread. It was no longer a shadow, but a living reality in his very being.

If the body of Messiah is to judge these matters (Col 2:16-17), then we should no longer be in the shadows when celebrating these feast days and Shabbats, but truly be in the light as He is in the light, which means to walk in the Spirit for we *"are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that we may proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light"* (1 Pet 2:9). "*For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)"* (Eph 5:8-9). *"You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness"* (1 Thes 5:5).

"For with You [YHVH] is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light" (Ps. 36:9).

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

Foundations Swept Clean

Bill Burns

September 19, 2004:
My people have come to the beginning of a new spiritual year. Foundations have been swept clean. Destruction has come so that even the revivals of old are no longer in place. Those past moves of My Spirit are but distant memories in the light of what I am doing now. The revival of this day is called the Kingdom of God. Let go of the past and allow Me to take you up to the heights, places of revelation where you are joined with Me in resurrection power. Allow the living water to remove old hurts and destruction and darkness. Come into the light of this new day with hope and joy. Seek Me for restoration. Come into a new level of expectation of My goodness and My blessings.

Marsha Burns
September 20, 2004:
I had a vision of a roaring fire in a fireplace. Then, there was nothing left but ash because the fuel had burned. Suddenly the vision of the hearth became an open door into the heavenlies. And, I heard the Lord say that the first vision represented the past season when the fires of purification burned the flesh, but now there is an open door that invites us to come up higher spiritually. We could not take this step until the flesh that hindered our progress was offered and consumed.

Fulfill the Call

Carla Rickard

March 22 2004
Galatians 6:2
Bear (endure, carry) one another's **burdens** and [Joseph Thayer, A Greek-English Lexicon.] troublesome moral faults, and in this way fulfill and observe perfectly the law of Christ (the Messiah) and complete [Marvin Vincent, Word Studies.] what is lacking [in your obedience to it].

Burdens: something difficult or unpleasant that you have to deal with or worry about:

Bear: take on as one's own the expenses or debts of another person

I hear the cry of the heart of those left to bear their burdens alone. I have heard many say, " Take it to the cross, give your burdens to the Lord", but have I not instructed each of you in your own physical territories and responsibilities to carry and endure the difficult and unpleasant things of your brethern? I have heard the cries of those who have said " where is my help? Where is the love of my family in Christ Jesus?" for they have been abandoned at the wells of their souls to mourn alone. Did I not go to the tomb of Lazarus and raise Him from the dead for the glory of my Father? Then why do you not gather around one another and lift up and edify those whose hearts have been broken with the death of a loved one? It is through my family that I have birthed on the earth that I bring comfort and joy to those who mourn.

Matthew 5:4
Blessed and enviably happy [with a [Hermann Cremer, Biblico-Theological Lexicon.] happiness produced by the experience of God's favor and especially conditioned by the revelation of His matchless grace] are those **who mourn**, for they shall be comforted![

Isaiah 61
[2]To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord [the year of His favor] [1] and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,
This is the Word of your Lord! Be sensitive to those who have lost someone whom they have loved. Even I on the cross comforted my mother and my beloved disciple to bear one another up for I was going where they could not go. Rise up and be that light in the world ! Be that light in your own field! Have I not called you to do so? Be followers of Me and COMFORT THOSE WHO MOURN.

For The New Year
Musa Opiyo

http://www.ourchurch.com/member/m/mannawords
My children you have come to the end of a new year. Fret not for the past, with all the hurts and failures and struggles, for behold I am doing a new thing in this year of 2004. You shall see a mighty display of My power and victory over your lives even as you yield to My work in you. However, some of you have carried baggage and undealt issues over into this new season. These things act as an anchor that weigh you down and only slow down what I am planning for you. I know the end from the beginning. Is it not then meet to cast all your cares unto Me, for I care for you?

Now is the time to arise in power and strength and to take hold of the new opportunities that I am presenting you. In this year I will fight your battles for you as I did for Jehoshaphat, as you yield to My voice. Know also that there will be battles that I will call you to fight against the evil one, but be not afraid, be of strong courage, for I shall be with you and I will guide your steps, for I am the LORD who trains your hands for war and your fingers for battle.

This year will call for more alertness physically and spiritually against all the wiles of the devil, but fear not, for as you lean upon Me, I will be your secret place as My servant David described in Psalm 91. I am also revealing My heart to many as I open them up to a ministry of intimacy with Me.

Behold I am coming soon. Prepare your hearts, be ready, and be obedient to receive all the blessings and bestowings of this new year.

Hearken To My Word
Musa Opiyo

January 3, 2003

Hearken to My Words as they bring you comfort, exhortation, edification and rebuke. My word is truth and is balanced, yet some of you, My people, have picked and chosen that which you want to hear instead of what you need to hear

Do you not know that many in times past and in these days perish for the lack of knowledge of My whole counsel ?

My Word brings life and is living.

It is a two edged sword that divides between soul and spirit.

My word shall not return void but shall accomplish that which it sent to do.

It was by the words of My mouth that the heavens and the earth were created. Hearken and take heed to what I shall speak to you this coming year, for My word shall be a lamp to your feet that lights your path.
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Fleecing The Sheep

Clay Sikes

Jun 04, 2004
Dear List Members,
As always I ask that you judge the word. This warning has been rolling around in my spirit for several days, and as I spent time with the Lord this morning the following came in strength and power.

As most of you know, my prophetic leanings have been more toward writing and posting articles with prophetic insight, not direct prophetic words as what appears here.

I will close this intro with a word the Lord gave me several years ago, "A NEEDY man can chase money like a pagan (Matthew 6:32), just as a GREEDY man." God must always be our source. My point here is simple: Be careful not to get caught up in the hype of a so-called spiritual leader simply because you have a need. The deception here can operate at the highest level because it is "CALLED" God and appeals to our need.

Pray for discernment, the most needed gift in the Body of Christ today!

In Him,

Clay

Fleecing The Sheep

Clay Sikes

June 5th, 2004

Though my warnings have been given, my word has not been heeded. The fleecing of my sheep continues. My sheep have been fleeced for their resources of time, money, and energy, and yes, this continues even among the very elect. While leaders will be held accountable for these efforts, the sheep too play a part: Like lambs to the slaughter you follow leaders who appeal to your flesh – money, position, prestige and influence.

Awaken my people to the deadness of this activity, and to the lifelessness it produces. Do you sense my joy in your new cathedral on your soft seat? Do you sense my joy in your lofty position before men? Has the promise of wealth and prosperity brought new revelation and spiritual understanding? Woe to you who continue on this path, as you will soon sense a departure of my Spirit (joy)!

Call For Discussion: Fleecing The Sheep

Lauren
Jun 06, 2004

Dear Clay,

The newest word here truly spoke to my heart. I have painfully been involved in 'being fleeced' spiritually and emotionally in the church in the past...because of my own' heart' condition. My spirit grieves as I read this word.

I wonder...is there any way we as list members could have a connection, one to another...like a discussion forum on your website? I feel very isolated in my grieving for the church today, and it would be great to have someplace, in a body that understood, to share thoughts and ideas. Not a 'dump on the church' site however...the church doesn't need that. It needs prayer, and solutions....even if that solution is to part company with it.

Any thoughts on this?

Your Sister in Christ,

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Discussion: Fleecing The Sheep

Jun 07, 2004

Dear List Members,

Lauren's call for discussion has birthed just that; discussion with an anointed edge...Please feel free to comment (minister) as the Spirit leads.

As this first writer ask, "Who is the real Church?" One distinguishing characteristic (of the real Church) can be found in men who follow God as opposed to men who follow men. I welcome further comments on the subject of "Distinguishing Characteristics."

Clay

Many of us make references such as Lauren here, to this 'church' for whom we all grieve. Could it be that this renegade 'remnant' breed of which we have become a part, IS 'the church,' and that this 'church' for whom we grieve is not the 'church,' not brethren IN CHRIST at all, but lost souls (precious souls, but LOST nonetheless) as pitifully trapped in the paralyzing lies of the world system as any 'sinner' said to be 'in the world?'

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I have wept for the "church" and it's people. How far we have fallen from what the Lord had intended. I know Lauren's grief. But this will always be the result for those whose intention is to progress in the Lord as they will learn to suffer outside the camp as He did.

The church system is not the model of the tabernacle of David operating as the Book of Acts which the Lord gave the first apostles. However, the Lord does use the current structure to hew living stones (bring to maturity) for His new temple...Assembly (of new living temple) in near future.

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Those of you who are within the fellowship of the Babylonian institutions, are washed in polluted waters and not the cleansing waters of My pure Word. Defiled you are and polluted with the ways of the flesh . . . vessels of dishonor. I say again to you, as I have previously said, now I say as with the voice as a trumpet - come out now and be ye washed in the pure waters of My Word.

If you do not obey Me and come into My chambers of sanctification and fellowship with My Spirit, the darkness of the coming day will take you as a bride not prepared for the receiving and joining with her groom.

You love your party and play with the defiled Babylonian institutions, but I say to you - choose ye this day which way you will go. Yea, choose this day!

Mercy and grace I will show to those that heed My call. Darkness and devastations to those that close their ears to My trumpet of warning, for in not many days, fear and fright shall be upon your faces.

Those that heed My trumpet warning and come out, I shall cover thee with My feathers and under My wings shalt thou trust. My truth shall be thy shield and buckler - a protection surrounding you. Now it is up to you to choose. . .

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Dear Clay,

I have been 'out' for over a year and in that time I often asked the Lord if I was going crazy? Upon leaving others I once knew have sought me out and one of the first things from their mouth is.." Am I crazy? I think I'm loosing my mind!" The Spirit of the Lord has been showing the hungry something so different from what we were conditioned to believe that a common thread is bewilderment and grief. The deception is so sad because many of us will admit we learned so much at one time and are grateful, but then a twist was added to the Word for the itching ears and to maintain the lifestyle of the clergy.

I agree a forum is a good idea but in the meantime I am thankful that you allow discussion on your sight. Many a sheep are being trampled in the coldest kind of love and false gospels are wrapped in truths so it is easy to wonder if we are nuts. To all who have been called wolves for questioning doctrine, let me give you the Strong's meaning of that verse: Extortion by one who steps forward as light...Extortion refers to finances and goods. If you want further confirmation that you are NOT going crazy, just start reading Ezekiel 34.

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More Discussion: Fleecing The Sheep

Lauren/Others
Jun 07, 2004

Dear List Members,

As you will read, we first hear from a thankful Lauren who now knows she is not alone in her past plight. One of the purposes of Lighthouse Prophecy is to provide Spiritual insight to the Body world wide. I think this type discussion lets our worldwide audience know that they are not alone in what they are feeling and experiencing.

When I first began to experience the pain of "the system," I thought perhaps something was wrong with me. It was not until I got out of its grip that I began to realize what was causing such spiritual discomfort in my life.

What is amazing to me is the REMNANT'S WORLD WIDE REVELATION of "the system" and its abuses. While we do not take aim at the people bound by "the system," we do take steps to identify it. "EXCEPT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD, THERE GO ME." - Clay.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you all so much for your responses!! Wow! I opened up my email, and there you all were, offering encouragement. What a blessing! I feel as though I have found a tiny (maybe not so tiny!) family, in the midst of the huge, groaning 'church' conglomerate.

I agree with so many of your comments, and thank you. All of you have ministered to my spirit. As I have previously mentioned, I am a beginner in all of this...but am learning fast, due to the Lord's mercy and purpose for me.

Since I am a beginner, let me lay out a 'beginner's thoughts' in their early stages...I pray that these thoughts may bring back memories, or help you minister to others who are in this same stage.

1. The very structure of 'the church': a localized building in which 'strangers'...who are supposed to feel and act like 'brethren' to each other, meet and worship together, hear a word (most often pulled out of context from the Bible...with little to no background or historical knowledge behind it) which is basically meaningless to our real spiritual needs as a Body today.

2. This same group forms "do good" committees, and spends most of its time running around trying to fulfill myriad details in order to 'live up to someone else's expectation' of what its community's supposed needs are. (Now, granted, some of these committees are very Biblical...feeding the hungry, praying for the healing of the heart and body, and caring for the widows and orphans.. But the majority of them? Absolutely dead works!)

3. Then come the cliques, the 'who's who', the pastor's 'in crowd', the 'holier than thou's' (ouch! I've been there!), and the like. Guilt, emotional manipulation, and pressure to perform, reside in each group...and for what??? For what? Leading others to Jesus? To seek His face? To know and personally experience His Love?...I don't think so! Simply this...to follow someone else's plan for what THEY think the Lord's intention is for their particular community. Why are we following man? Because he's the pastor? Because he is 'connected' to a group that's "in the know"? Why?

I could go on. I know by reading your comments that most of you believe there is very deadly deception in the false church today that is having poisonous consequences. I don't see that yet. What I do see is a mockery of what our Lord intended: a simple, humble connection of believers...almost in a 'street based' ministry...gathering in homes, meeting in parks, whatever, and reading, studying the Word together. Bringing newcomers. Sharing, and giving comfort, through the Word, and asking and seeking the TANGIBLE presence of the living Holy Spirit. Not mega-churches, programs, movies and slide shows, tear-jerking presentations, and the asking of great sums of money. People who attend these, more often than not, go away absolutely UNCHANGED. They've 'done the church thing' for the week, and go back to their lives with no Godly impact whatsoever.

I just got a little insight here: one of the problems of the 'church' today is that individuals have placed 'going to church/all the church stuff' in the place of clearing all the junk away, and worshipping Him...getting to know Him...seeking Him. They feel if they've gone to church, sung a few worship songs, given their dollars and shaken a few hands, that they've done their 'duty' to God for the week, and that God is very pleased with them, and then return to their relatively Godless lives until the next Sunday.

My question for the hour: How can we return back to the simplicity(i.e. POWER) that Jesus intended for His Church, His Community?

How can someone like myself, who only knows the 'old church', find a small community of 'on fire' believers, who hate the hypocrisy of the old church, and seek Him, above all else? (I know this answer...rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit!!)

Thank you for hearing out my thoughts here. Any ideas of how you all are finding or uncovering the REAL church where you live?

With gratitude for all of you,

YSIC,
Lauren

Dear Clay and all,
It has been almost 5 years since the Spirit brought our family out of the religious systems and unto Himself. It took us awhile to really understand (by revelation of the Spirit) that the system we left behind was NOT the church...and to realize...that as long as we continued participating in this system and its false teachings we were in rebellion to God and denying Him His rightful place in our lives.

Hear this: iammybeloveds is right in his/her response. Those still participating in the worlds systems of religion are no different from any other unbeliever. Different package, same product. Neither group has heard, received, or believed the Good News. How do I know this? Because I was one of these religious unbelievers up until the day He came and took me out of it. I thought I knew Him and was following Him in my religious ways, but I did not know Him, nor was I following Him. My allegiance was not to God, but to my 'self', and to other people, and to buildings and programs, etc...I did NOT know Him, I only knew about Him.

But God desires for all mankind to know Him and become one with Him, so He has come to destroy everything that keeps us from being reconciled unto Christ. Our religious systems and its ways just happen to be ONE of the many 'everythings' that has kept us from intimacy and unity with our Father. So, no longer grieve for its destruction, or the destruction of things to come, but rejoice, because God loves mankind so much that He will allow nothing to stand between us and Him any longer.

Yes, many sheep have been, and are still being fleeced. Abuse, manipulation, and control are growing increasingly more blatant and obvious within mans systems of religion. Why? Because every seed that has been scattered and taken root eventually comes to maturity and produces fruit that is harvested. What is becoming increasingly more evident to the whole world, even to those still within the system, is that the fruit being harvested from our tree of religion is rotten, and is poisoning all those who continue to eat of it. Is not this tree worthy of being uprooted and cast into the Fire of His burning? Yes. Therefore, no longer mourn its destruction, because its destruction is not the end, but the beginning of the reign of another Tree, one whose fruit will bring the restoration of all mankind to their God.

Blessings to all,
Lorraine

Dear Clay:

I cannot help but wonder why so many seemed shocked at the revelations. What has been incompatible with what the Lord has been revealing is this constant obsession at least within the charismatic evangelicalism in North America and in the UK and Australia and NZ and other parts of the English speaking world, with the "great end time harvest", which I do not believe to be biblical.

The prophets and Jesus in the New Covenant as well as the apostolic leaders NEVER said there would be a great end time harvest. They spoke of the remnant, and small amount of people who would be faithful. Jesus Himself spoke of the fields being white unto harvest, which simply means that there are many who are ripe for the Kingdom. His emphasis was that there were few labourers, and not on the harvest being great. He was addressing both lack of labourers and the potential of great harvest. Potential is just potential. Just as proclaiming the gospel allows people to hear (how will they hear without proclamation, see Romans 10, for faith comes by hearing) it does not mean they will respond to the message of life and embrace Christ and His cross and repent.

Jesus kept speaking in parables, so that those who received the knowledge of what He meant would be saved. The parables had to be revealed as truth by the Spirit. He even stated that if they understood, they might believe. So not everyone who hears understands, and only those who understand believe, and those who believe are saved. Unless the Spirit quickens life, opens the ears of the heart, and brings people from death to life in order to respond, then all we are doing is speaking powerless words. Just how many people who are herded in like animals to a stall, come in on a Sunday and truly hear the words of life and the words of Christ? How many? Most evangelicals I know all say they hardly hear the words of life, no substantive proclamation on sin or repentance or the cost of discipleship.

Perhaps the greatest issue for me was the words of Jesus when people proclaimed: Matt. 7: 21 "Not all people who sound religious are really godly. They may refer to me as 'Lord,' but they still won't enter the Kingdom of Heaven. The decisive issue is whether they obey my Father in heaven. 22 On judgment day many will tell me, 'Lord, Lord, we prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' 23 But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Go away; the things you did were unauthorized. '24 "Anyone who listens to my teaching and obeys me is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. 25 Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse, because it is built on rock. 26 But anyone who hears my teaching and ignores it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. 27 When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will fall with a mighty crash." 28 After Jesus finished speaking, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, 29 for he taught as one who had real authority – quite unlike the teachers of religious law.

Jesus addressed people who were devout and who were following the traditions of man and their interpretations of the law. Is the current church system any different today? I don't think so. When people challenge the "leadership" (whatever that beastly thing is) they are ostracized and put in line and controlled, no different than at the time of Jesus.

Yesterday, the Lord impressed me with a prophetic insight of how the church system is like a galley ship, the slave ships that people will be familiar with like in movies like BEN HUR. The galleys are like the church system. Those in visible ministry are on the upper deck, and it doesn't matter who they are or what they do. They are the visible seen entities that have their role to play, like the ushers, the elders, the musicians, and the like including the pastor. On the deck of the galley are various officers, of rank and status who do their visible duties and give direction and order. Below decks are those who are slaves but even there, there are ranks. There are those who bang the drum so that everyone is in sync and follows the orders coming down from above. All the slaves sit in rows (sound and look familiar) and all syncopate together and do everything the same. No matter how old, or how big you are, you do the same thing. You row in timing with the others and you row only as fast as ordered. You don't see anything other than what your limited space offers you. Your view of the world is what you do. This is little different than the church system and it is corrupt and it is coming to an end.

As the Lord impressed me with this image, He revealed smaller faster ships, that had sails (no oars like the galleys) and these moved so fast in and out that the galleys could not manoever to get at them. As the small ships darted in their sails filled with wind (Spirit led), they cut across the oars and smashed them, leaving the galleys dead in the water. My own sense is that the Spirit is going to break the power behind the galleys. The power lies in the people below deck kept in bondage and kept away from their relational function and purpose. Their oars, that which other men forced upon them to make their ships move (advancing their own kingdoms) are going to be broken by the Spirit and the people will have nothing to row with. They will no longer fit in the galleys. They will have to abandon the galleys as they will founder and have no place to go. Galleys had limited sails, just enough to give the illusion of being wind driven (Spirit led), but the power of a galley was in the slave labour that rowed and gave it power (the reliance on the strength and the plans of men). Now people will know that the system is foundering and is going nowhere and people will know there is something better and greater.

I could say more, but I will stop here.
Bless you guys.
Sam

Dear Clay and Brethren,

I have been out of the church system for a few years now. What drove me out was - I felt lonely even amongst several hundred people and I became very, very hungry as the church had organized the Holy Spirit right out of all its activities and meetings. The church was run totally by man and the really sad part is there was no bonding between people. I had one lady tell me it took her over 5 years to fit in and find companionship among the other women/people.

As much as I crave meeting with others of the same ilk (and I do catch myself from time to lonely time thinking about attending a meeting there, then catch myself because ... why would anyone wish to be in a place devoid of the Spirit?), I would rather wait upon the Lord for this time and continue to grow in Him and give to others when the opportunity presents itself. Granted, I did get some great crumbs there when attending, but wished for the whole enchilada.

We should pray for the people there, and for the whole of the organized church system. Many of the people who sit there have really no idea that they are part of the problem of the powerless church. They are our brethren, they do need a wake up call. These people are so entrenched in the organized church system that only the Holy Spirit can reach them. After all, is that not how we all came to our "renegade" state?

I agree with iammybeloveds: those who are coming out of the organized church are the real church body, seeking all that God has for them, walking in it daily, giving to others - all for God's glory, not for some man on a pulpit. The state of the "church" today took root even before the last disciple died, when man turned to other men and began making Christ some sort of philosophical, intellectual ideal. Some humans love to get on the soap box and talk about that which they know much of while most love to sit and listen. It is only an intellecltual exercise. And that is how this present church system came to be. It takes a lot of time, effort and diligence to cultivate a real relationship with God and with each other. Most people would rather sit or at least, plan some fun ways (church meetings, gatherings etc) to keep God alive at least in there own minds and have fellowship among themselves. As I found out the hard way, when you personally need help, everyone is too busy to stop what they are doing and fill the need - unless it is for a specific church activity.

Let us continue to pray that the Light of the Truth penetrates the blackness of this thing known to most as the "church".

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Dear Clay,

You are so right. It continues unabated, and I can only conclude that the sheep--the flock of God are so brainwashed that they "love it so". Like lambs to the slaughter they go along with it---dying to self while you yet live is too hard ----but you cannot tempt a dead person with position and power and money. I read somewhere that the blood takes care of sin but only the cross takes care of the sinner.

O, that we may embrace the cross!.
Bountiful blessings,
Ada

Dear Clay,

I was reading the responses on this discussion and thought I would throw in a few comments, the Lord willing.

The system, of what we as members of the body of Christ, is calling "the church" is inside four walls, run by man. Not that some of them are not seeking after the Lord for His guidance. If we are true members of the Body of Christ, we will be ruled by God. Under His counsel. The system has indeed become corrupt with many things that are not of God. We truly need to pray for the system to be broken. It is a place that breeds confusion, deception, jealousy, control, condemnation. (Jezebel spirit) The Lord says, Come out of her!! This is true!

We as members of the Body must understand there is only one head, Jesus Christ, and He is who we must know personally, in word and truth. If we don't have a personal relationship with Him and truly know Him, how will we be able to know His voice through the times that are now upon us and much more is soon coming?

Many people's spirits are grieving for what the world calls "the church" and so we should be. It is sick and in need of God. Just as our country. We truly need to be lifting up these things in prayer and come before the throne and lay it at the feet of our true intercessor, Jesus.

Get out, get on your face, and meet the Creator of Creation. I did. Peace is an awesome thing and learning to rest in God is even greater. God wants to inhabit us. Get in right standing with Him, he holds the destiny of our souls in His Hands. Be more concerned with what you can do for Him and not what He can do for you. I for one do not want him to say " Depart from me, I do not know you." Get in the closet and begin to reach out to Him. He will meet you right where you are.

Thanks Clay for letting me throw in my comments. Thank you Lord, for guiding me and giving me words to speak. Thank you Lord for being with me today. Bless Clay and bless all those who are commenting here in this discussion group.

Determined to stay in Him,
Warfare

As per the discussion...remember when everyone was hunting for cults in the 80s now it seems that its the system we are after.. lets keep our eyes on Him and seek His Kingdom...the Gospel is clear and simple. Yes there are hirelings, yes there are cults, false doctrines etc...who is the real "church" who is

the real bride?? Jesus Himself is the ANSWER.

John 13:34 says A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I loved you.(.HOW HAS HE LOVED US?) That you also love one another. BY THIS ALL MEN WILL KNOW THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, IF YOU HAVE LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER. There's a huge difference between a disciple and a convert.. the "thing" desires converts, Jesus seeks disciples.

We already know this...now lets go on. We can build a "booth" here around this truth or we can go on and follow our Lord. TO me these discussions are just religious banter and can become a childish "sword fight", get out and love somebody...help someone who cannot help themselves. Yes they do these things...but what is that to thee...go on and follow Jesus. Only do what He is doing, and say what he is saying. Don't look back. IT's about RELATIONSHIP. With HIM and with each other...but you say.. They ..look what THEY.. ARE DOING...Saying ..etc. If God gave you eyes to see, and ears to hear ..Thank Him, then get your eyes and ears on HIM and away from "them." I appreciate those who sit as watchmen ...to warn the people of God. Hear them. Hear our brother Clay. But don't take his job upon yourselves and go on teaching anti system to everyone you see...just love them remain in the Vine.. and just love as He loves.

In Christ Jesus,
Jude

Hello Clay,

My most heart rendering pain is the people who sit in churches frustrated week after week wanting a ministry unrecognised by a pastor or leader, quite often the quiet ones, waiting to be seen as important as those who are up front already. This was me until I decided to go off to Bible college and do for myself what I needed to do, partly for recognition partly for myself. I have grown enormously through this but I note its appears we have to do it for ourselves to grow as the church has its own agenda and I wonder if those that want to grow are a threat to leadership who are already making it up front.

I still don't have any recognition in my church but that's fine; I am walking with God in my own way and that's what is important.

From my heart
Carolyn Galbraith

Clay,

some time ago I sent you an article about following THE SHEPHERD or following RAMS.

The organised human formations aren't the church and never had been. The true church is and was always the bloodwashed and Holy Spirit filled community of people seperated from this world. They never bowed under the ruling yoke of the "Nicolaites" mentioned in revelation. "Nicolaites" simply means: RULER OVER PEOPLE (often I wondered why the whole New Testament written in Greek was translated and just that word remained in greek - did someone fear the power of Jesus' criticism on the potential reader if the condemnation of man ruling over man is displayed freely?).

Yes, we should honor and love each other. Yes we should lay down our own lives for a brother and a sister. But never we should bow under men. Just read the undescribable pain Samuel suffered when Israel demanded a "visible" king - like all the other nations. God comforted Samuel with the words: They haven't rejected you, they have rejected me, but let it be. Israel wanted a king - and the majority of todays believers just want a "visible" leader. Like Israel wanted a god going before them, todays selfnamed, selflabled, selfordained "churches" choose themselves "teachers after their own desire".

Willingly streams of money are offered for the illusion of being the true church.

But never, never a true "Sheep of the Masters flock" will be blindfolded any longer. As soon as we receive the Holy Spirit we enter a "spiritual college" and the first lesson is to discern the Masters voice. Every believer will follow his master - and though nobody is pressed in a kind of human uniformity they are one. They need no exhortation to love one another; they won't do it because they "have to" - it's their greatest desire and joy flowing pure and true from the deepest of their renewed heart.

The only lesson to learn is... not to throw your pearls before the pigs. I know this is hard speech! But all your true love can only be appreciated by another sheep. The pigs will devour and won't hesitate to hurt your true heart.

The true church existed from the beginning, but whenever believers formed an institution this institution became a part of the harlot - drinking the blood of the saints.

There is an eternal enmity between the work of the flesh - and the seed of the spirit. You can't mix them.

Every true heart just simply needs to accept this spiritual law. We can't have fellowship with the "works of the flesh." We are placed here on this earth to expose the works of darkness and the works of the flesh. So nobody needs to be surprised, it has to be so - God ordained it to be so!

We are called to overcome - I know that is often fear, tears loneliness and pain - but we will never be satisfied with less. Compromise is death. In revelation we read, these are those who follow the lamb where ever it goes, this is our destination this is our aim - to follow our master alone. Could be that this following Him will have a period of loneliness but every fellowship on human basis will always do harm to our spiritual man and hinder our growth, because it is written:

Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD. Jer. 17,5

Only a fellowship that's headed by our master will be a blessing - nothing else will work.

I tried to condense my thoughts as much as possible, but actually there's a lot more to say.
Greetings and blessings
Markus

Discerning The Spirit Of Ishmael
Clay Sikes

May 30, 2004
A fleshly presumption birthed Ishmael - what seemed good and right overruled waiting upon God. What was birthed in the process was a spiritual force that remains alive today - a wild donkey who is against everyone, and who lives in hostility towards his brothers. Ishmael's unprovoked hostility toward Isaac is a matter of scriptural record, yet his spirit remains in discernable form today.

Genesis 16:11 'The angel of the Lord also said to her: "You are now with child and you will have a son. You shall name him Ishmael, for the Lord has heard of your misery. 12) He will be a wild donkey of a man; HIS HAND WILL BE AGAINST EVERYONE AND EVERYONE'S HAND AGAINST HIM, AND HE WILL LIVE IN HOSTILITY TOWARD HIS BROTHERS."

Genesis 21:8) 'The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. 9) But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, 10) and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of the slave woman and her son, for that slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac." 11) The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. 12) But God said to him, "Do not be distressed about the boy and your maidservant. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

As we have often espoused in our writings, the spirit of discernment is playing an ever-increasing role in the Body of Christ. To some extent, it remains one of the most undeveloped gifts of the Spirit, yet vastly is becoming one of the most necessary of all the gifts in the "perilous times" in which we now live (2 Timothy). "Even the very elect" are subject to deception without proper discernment. The spirit of Ishmael lives, but do we discern it properly? Why should we you may ask? And the simple answer is Ishmael and Isaac can no longer live in the same house: Live yes, but no longer in the same house.

Ishmael will never be satisfied with Isaac no matter what Isaac may ever do. Let me say this again for special emphasis; Isaac will never be able to satisfy Ishmael. Ishmael's hatred was seeded many years ago. The events of 9/11 were justified by the spirit of Ishmael based simply upon America's continued presence in Saudi Arabia; a presence originally and ironically predicated upon the protection of Saudi Arabia.

Increasingly, discernment will be needed in the coming world events. Increasingly, Christians must be able to recognize the spiritual forces that are aligned in these future events to know how to pray, how to align, and how to understand God's divine purposes.

The seed from spirit of Ishmael is now growing and revealing itself in unprecedented ways. It attacks the people of this world – both Christian and non-Christian alike. It is non-discriminatory in terms of age, sex, race, religion, or national origin and highly religious. The subtlety of this spirit is hidden behind the forces of justification and accusation, and deeply rooted in jealousy. It attacks without provocation. Its audacious manner is both loud and vile. It is most visible during events which give rise to man's opinion, particularly in assessing good and evil, and it is during these times that the spirit gains its greatest acceptance. Ishmael is a betrayer, though those affected by this spirit do not see themselves as such.

Just as flesh cannot mix with spirit, so too is the incompatibility of the spirit of Ishmael with the true Spirit of God. Ishmael is washed with pride and rooted in jealousy, and as such, must maintain a front. It is through this front that acts are justified and accusations and judgments made. It rules and expresses itself with a selfish motive and concludes by the same reason. It will destroy anything in its path that is viewed as an obstacle and will stoop to any means to justify its end. In some arenas this spirit is very powerful, fueled by greed, obtaining for its subjects enormous gains in power, possessions, and influence. In others it operates less powerfully, yet with the equal purpose of ultimate destruction, the common denominator being a lack of propensity for truth. With those consumed with the spirit of Ishmael, truth is masked by motive and personal agenda. EVEN THE MOST EVIDENT TRUTH CANNOT AND WILL NOT BE ACKNOWLEDGED.

As stated, the spirit of Ishmael is rooted in jealousy and jealousy is rooted in insecurity and fear. IT WILL HATE ANYTHING THAT IS PERCEIVES TO BE STRONGER THAN ITSELF, hence Ishmael's unprovoked hatred of Isaac and Cain's unprovoked hatred of Abel.

Unfortunately there is no compromise or turning the other cheek to this spirit – it must be dealt with in a forceful way: many naïve Christians think otherwise! Abraham was the first to understand this when he put Ishmael out of the house, as per God's instruction. How difficult it must have been on his flesh to be forced to put his first-born son out, but Abraham understood that his emotional flesh could not endure with the Spiritual promised son, Isaac.

Everyday we face these two sons, Ishmael and Isaac, in ourselves, in others, in organizations and entities, and in the events of the day. It is here that we must discern properly, for Ishmael often presents a most convincing case, playing on man's tendency to eat from The Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil.

The Church of Germany bought Hitler's agenda hook, line, and sinker based upon his desire to create jobs, do away with pornography and lawlessness, and create a sense of nationalistic pride. How many of today's Christians would blissfully quote New Testament scripture and advocate turning the other cheek had they lived in Hitler's day? Historians conclude that had Hitler been dealt with in the 1930s, had the Church of Germany perhaps taken a stand, millions of people could have potentially been spared, but the pacifistic rage of the age in both Europe, England, and America kept us doormat until the 1940s. Do we learn from our past mistakes? Does the Church learn from its past mistakes and naivety?

As God continues to orchestrate events upon this earth it will be incumbent upon us all to seek

discernment from the Holy Spirit as to His purpose or lack thereof in these events, and be mindful not to judge from The Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good And Evil. We must also be careful not to oppose people, churches, moves of God, or world events based upon our own jealousies, judgments, and personal agendas to include our opinions; to engage such is to remove us from the Tree of Life.
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Vision And Word For The Vineyard Movement
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While I was in California last weekend at a church in Frazier Park, the Lord gave me a vision for the Vineyard.

But to back up a little - years ago I had a dream and the Lord told me to pray for the Vineyard Ministry. We had ministered in some of the Vineyard churches and met various Pastors but we had never met John Wimber, founder of the Vineyard movement.

In the dream I saw two angels who were dressed like workmen. They walked up to house and in my Spirit I knew the house belonged to John Wimber. The two "workmen" knocked at the door and John Wimber opened it. I remember that he was wearing an apron. The Angels said to him, "We have come to help you clean the house." John Wimber welcomed them into the house. I prayed for the Vineyard for about a month.

This last Sunday 7th March I had a vision of these same two angels, who again were dressed like workmen. They were carrying buckets of paint. The paint was bright colors i.e. Blue, Purple, Red, Green, Bright White. They were walking up to a large house, like a mansion, bigger than the house I saw before. The house was old looking but structurally sound. It was brown which spoke of being out-dated.

Then the Lord began to give me this word. The paint is to bring back the "brightness" and liveliness to the Vineyard. To bring it up to date if you will and give the Vineyard a strong voice again in the US Christian community.

The Lord has told me several times that the Prophetic Word is released to MOVE YOU FORWARD. The "proceeding word" as Jesus spoke in Matthew 4:4 it to cause you to proceed. And to infuse life.

I felt the Holy Spirit confirmed the colors when on Sunday after church in Frazier Park I got covered in gold dust of all the same colors as the paint. Although I didn't put two and two together until a couple of days later. I felt the Lord say this:

"You must embrace the prophetic word and again minister and raise up the prophetic ministries so that you move forward. You cannot stay where you are you, you must fulfill the calling and destiny on the ministry. You cannot move into the plan and government of God without the Prophetic. The prophetic ministry is not perfected, nor is the Evangelism and Pastoral and Teaching ministry perfected. You cannot have a second generation anointing- they must have their own impartation and anointing and experience."

(In several Vineyard churches I have been in, there have been young people who, when they have experienced the manifestations of the Presence of the Lord, told me they had never smelled the perfumes of the Lord before, or felt His soft rain, etc. I was amazed, as far as I can remember the Vineyard movement was built on the reality and manifest presence of God through John Wimber).

Later on I had a vision of a beautiful women. She was in a ballroom which was full of light. She was dancing with the most wonderful Prince. Her dress was colored - in Blue, Purple, Red, Bright White, and Green. In her hair was some Orange ribbon. Then the Lord said to me:

"Come, it is not to works I have called you but to intimacy and life and the brightness of My Face and the lightness of My glory. You have grown and matured yet I desire and love the childlikeness of you enjoying My Presence. I love the release of your laughter and your joy in Me."

Then an Angel sang to me the first line of an old song, "Where do you go to my lovely, when you're alone in your bed? What are the thoughts that surround you? I want to look inside your head." The Lord said (to the Vineyard Ministry) "What are you thinking? You must line up your thoughts with my thoughts." For this you need the prophetic voice. There are prophets in the ministry that are silent. The Holy Spirit impressed that on me.

The Supernatural realm of the Spirit, the Angels, the heavenly visitations are meant to be a normal part of the life of every Spirit Filled Christian.

There is s Spirit of Poverty over the Vineyard. Poverty comes in many forms and affects many areas. The Spirit Life, Signs and Wonders, revelation and health and finances. An Angel came to my house and brought me honey, (represents the spirit of revelation, Jonathon ate the honey and his eyes were enlightened -1 Sam 14:26-30) and I was taken up into the spirit realm and saw the move of God and prophetic word coming to various nations). Well I smelled honey when the Lord was talking to me about the Vineyard Ministry.

So He is sending the Angels of God to bring honey (revelation) to the Vineyard and the two main Angels over the Vineyard Ministry are the workman who are coming to restore the life and vitality and prophetic word. Signs and Wonders, Manifestations of the Presence of the Lord.

As John Wimber allowed them in to clean house years ago will you allow them again to do what they have come to do?

"Where do you go to My lovely? What are you thinking?" "As you line up your thoughts and ways with Me then there will be a release of My Power on the ministry."

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Faith Teaching Vs Surrender Message
Clay Sikes

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Dear List Members, **Lighthouse Prophecy**

The true Body-Of-Christ is in transition - moving from Pentecost to Tabernacles. In Pentecost we are 'need' and 'deliverance' minded; in Tabernacles, we live for His glory, not ours (our life is not our own).

There is coming a great manifestation of the Sons of God as truth begins to emerge from false doctrine...Clay.

Faith Teaching Vs Surrender Message
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Crises will produce spiritual reality and revelation relative to the depth of our real faith: Said differently, crisis will reveal what we really believe. Many in the body of Christ are coming face-to-face with realities that only crisis can produce. Circumstances do not make the man, but often do reveal him to himself. Several years ago I was fortunate enough to face one crisis after another for quite a long period of time - these trials eventually led me to much truth.

My circumstances were so dire that I had to stay on my knees constantly in search of truth to simply survive. There are some lessons that man can only learn in the lion's den and I was amongst an appearingly hungry bunch. From these experiences, I gleaned that all real learning is precipitated out of necessity. I realized that in order for my circumstances to change, something in me would have to change.

What I came face-to-face with during these trials, some of which I still endure, was the depth of truth in my life from many years of Word of Faith teachings. To my dismay, the chaos I faced revealed that what I once held as truth could no longer be accepted as such. What I learned caused me to face the fact that I had to unlearn much of what I had spent fifteen years learning.

The new message I heard was "surrender it all to me, let it go, rest in and trust me no matter how bad things look or feel. Trust that I am doing something in your life. This wilderness experience is necessary as preparation for your call. Quit fighting and kicking against the goads. Stop looking for devils behind every thing that doesn't go to your liking." What a contrast to WOF teachings that told me of my entitlements, my great authority, and my rights as a child of God.

In contrasting the "Word Of Faith" movement of yesterday to the "Surrender" messages of today, I found that to the degree I strived in my own strength to attain even that which God had appointed for me, to that degree my authority was weakened. The harder I worked, the more I commanded the devil to cease his operation against me, the more I appropriated scripture and placed demands upon God the worse my situation seemed to get. Rather than operating by spiritual discernment, I simply followed the WOF formula manual. I sought pastoral counsel but my then poor pastor had no real word because my situation did everything but line up with the WOF teachings that we were all so ensconced in.

I was saved in January of 1983, and like many in the body of Christ, I cut my teeth on Word Of Faith teaching. Much of the earlier WOF teachings are the firm foundation of the word upon which I stand today, but as with other great outpourings of God that truly started with God, time allowed man to ebb the flow of truth with perverted truth and human interpretation. As the eighties gave way to the nineties, it seemed that much of the WOF teaching began to give man more and more say in how and what God would do for him in a given situation – bind the devil when anything unpleasant or bad is happening, give money to get money, find a scripture that applies to your situation and stand on it until God does it, name it and claim it, etc.,

Man replaced God as the focal point in the equation, almost as if man could order God. The concept of man directing God and demanding things of God filled the airways of radio and TV. Teaching tapes abounded from ministries named for men, whose great exploits for God were taught as a combination of THEIR faith and God's ability.

It was during this phase of the WOF movement that formulas became very popular. Man envisioned formulas replaced spending time with and hearing God for our particular situation. While it cannot be argued that man certainly has a part to play in what God does in his or her life, the over statement of this fact seemed to change the emphasis from the sovereignty of God to the studious ability, perseverance, and faith of man. The complete and total emphasis on reading the bible seemed to replace spending time with God, going into the throne room for a word from God, and the spiritual vitality of a one-on-one relationship with God. In simple truth, reading replaced hearing; specifically, reading and appropriating scripture replaced hearing God and developing our faith from having heard God for ourselves. It is vitally important to understand here that I am not saying that reading the bible isn't important, or that God cannot speak to us through our bible reading. Reading the bible is of great importance, but it mustn't replace worshiping the Lord, spending time with Him and allowing Him to speak specifically to us. "His sheep hear His voice..."

The WOF emphasis has been on what God can do for man instead of what man can do for God. Ministers, it seems, have focused more on their ministry and ministering to men, rather than ministering to God through their ministry. Worship has been replaced with a form of entertainment.

Much of the WOF today is taught in a natural carnal way; appealing to the natural mind with a primary motive of being blessed. TV evangelist have us shout slogans like "Its my time to get my stuff from my God! It's the year of jubilee, your blessing is right around the corner providing you keep giving, and do not leave Jerusalem (our church or ministry)." Carnal ministers appeal to a carnal congregation, but many spiritually minded saints are tiring of this outer court ministry, and consequently, leaving the church in a global mass exodus in search of the true church.

Nobody enjoys being blessed anymore than I do; God's blessing is rich and has no sorrow attached to it, but when the primary motive of the message is "blessing for man," the message has become perverted and distorted. Our primary motive in this earth is bring glory to God, and yes, if we live our life with that motive, God will indeed bless us because in true Kingdom Dynamics, the greater always includes the lesser: If we live and function to glorify God by hearing and obeying, the blessing of God will run us down and overtake us. WOF teaches that God's blessing is predominately money and health, but what we are seeing is that true blessing encompasses much more, the greatest of which is a true relationship with God. WOF often equates spirituality with material possession.

In living for His glory, the emphasis is not me; the emphasis is HIM. Much is still taught today in WOF circles about "knowing who we are in Christ;" our rights, our privileges, authority, etc., all important revelations, but contrastingly, an even greater revelation is knowing "who He is in us," the all powerful triune God, who knows no limits to love, power and authority. It is the 'Him' in us that does the work, not the 'us' in Him. We are His body, made and designed to perform His work; He is not our body, who comes along for the ride to help us obtain what we want! God is not about improving us; He is about removing us!

No, the "surrender" message is not as popular as "prosperity" teaching – one requires surrendering our rights, the other teaches gaining our rights. "Surrender" requires that you give all, the "WOF" promises that you will receive much. Surrender teaches "have your way with me Lord," WOF teaches "this is what I want Lord." The contrasts in these two teachings are stark.

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 10:39).

Will it take a crisis to understand SURRENDER? It doesn't have to.

Transition
Clay Sikes

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Recently, I purchased a new dirt bike to evaluate timber and land values on present and future real estate projects that I am being blessed with. I had not been on a dirt bike in 20 plus years, yet knew that physically and skillfully I could still ride since I had raced them some years back. As I took to the woods for the first time, I had not ridden more than an hour, and down I went as I attempted to cross a log. While laying on the ground, pinned underneath the bike, I thought "No big deal, I'm not hurt, but I am pinned in such an awkward position that it will be difficult to get out from underneath the weight." In relative short order, I began to simultaneously feel a burning sensation on my left leg and literally the smell of burning flesh (my flesh).

The motorcycle I had previously been unable to move, I now moved with ease as the extraordinary power that only adrenalin can produce flooded my body. In a matter of seconds the bike was moved and I was standing, looking at hole the size of my fist burned through my favorite pair of jeans. I dreaded to even look at the burn because I knew it was serious. Denial set in and I continued to ride the rest of the day, though in a great deal of pain. The following week, I fought infection, sleepless nights, and more pain, ultimately going to the Doctor for treatment to stop the infection.

As I prayed about this misadventure, God began to speak to me about the "new place" and the ultimate requirement of burning flesh. In the new place we are being taken, we will have to corral our exuberance. Excitement and exuberance can be just as intoxicating as discouragement and fear, and even more deadly because of the unrecognizable detour they are capable of producing. The "new place" will present us with some unavoidable opportunities figuratively to allow (our) flesh to burn. The key however, is to recognize the importance of this burning flesh as part of our growth into the "new thing," and not a setback into the 'old.'

The Body of Christ is now in the beginning stages of making an enormous transition. All within the Body now find themselves in one of three places: 1) Those who are stuck in the rut of sameness and not moving anywhere, 2) those who are beginning to see the "new place" and know where they are headed, and 3) still others who have begun to make the journey toward the "new place." This transition is corporate in nature, yet flows to us as individuals as our personal appointments are now being seen with greater degrees of clarity.

All transition in the Kingdom will involve change, both internal and external - new thoughts, new ideas, new direction, resulting in greater levels of God's power. Make no mistake about it; these are unctioned by the Spirit of God. Once the internal is fixed and our faith strong, then comes the physical change of expanding boundaries - new people, new geography, new territory, new opportunity, new power.

What an exciting time this is, yet what a dangerous time this is. As we begin to walk into new levels of power in the Church, corporately and individually, we will begin to notice that new areas of flesh are being exposed in us, much of which MUST touch the fire. Said differently, the transition now taking place in the Body of Christ will require that we walk in a new place in God's appointed power. This "new place" will expose new areas of flesh in each of us, and this revelation that will provide us with an opportunity to deal with the exposed flesh on our terms, or as an alternative, allow God will deal with it on His.

To deepen this understanding, I think it important to know that some flesh, even that which we recognize, can only be dealt with by the fire of God. We have all heard the phrase "Higher levels, bigger devils," and now that the entire Body is moving toward its appointed position, all hell has been unleashed to stop it. As always, God has the upper hand against Satan, and even though he is a force to be dealt with, our real enemy in this advance will be OUR VERY OWN FLESH.

What most of us face as we first experience God's blessing is PRIDE and SELF WILL. It seems almost paradoxical that the God of all blessing would bless us, and thus allow us to become prideful and full of ourselves! But is God ALLOWING our pride and self will or simply EXPOSING it? I strongly maintain that God will bring about changing circumstances in our lives to expose what is in us. God is not nearly so concerned with getting us into heaven as He is getting heaven into us!

It is up to us individually and collectively to deal with the rottenness that dwells in our very own being. As I have often said, "Circumstances do not make the man, they simply reveal him to himself.

There are many within the Body, mostly in the Word of Faith movement, that perceive anything, other than man's perceived "perfect blessing" as not being from God; often citing a lack of faith or disobedience as the cause of some malady, sickness or financial failure. To those who believe this way, I offer no argument as to the incident I suffered, but to those who have ears to hear, let me shout it from the housetops, AS YOU TRANSITION INTO THE GREATER CALLING AND DESTINY OF GOD, YOU WILL RECOGNIZE FLESH THAT YOU DID NOT KNOW EXISTED. DEAL WITH IT! It is part of our growth and total submission to our loving heavenly Father.

For Those Who Long

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At times it has felt like you have been wandering upon every hill, across every valley. Disjointed, seeking your place and seeking more of Him. At times these two become like one longing that is never satisfied. Time after time the door is closed and forgiveness is exercised. But the pain remains like markings of a passage through time, scars of a difficult journey. When you utter in your spirit, “When shall I see Your face?”

You would tend to think that all the mess would become straitened out, only if His face would shine on us. But would it? At times this truth opens its wings like a butterfly of pain, “It wouldn't make a difference. O yes, the rapture of the moment would catapult us to His heights and then we would fall again in our positions.”

It is not an intellectual matter as much as a spiritual one. A matter of growth and understanding, stature and favor with God and man. Too much of man's favor.

He has become the Eye of the Needle door for you, and all that was not needful have been squeezed off of you. Then you are amazed to see how little you really needed. That is not what you have been taught. But those who taught them, were the ones looking to bind you to their “ministries".

You are sick of what you see , and you are tired of seeing it. There is no strength left, not even to get indignation in the heart. Love then is perfected. Your sin has become ever before you a riddle of hope. It bounces you back into His ever open arms.

"When, when?" you still wonder.

See, look up to Me, lean on Me and I will give you rest. Draw near and be sustained. Do not waste your time in what does not edify or strengthen. Do not spend yourself like those who have no power or direction. I AM in you and for you until the end of time to bring you safely. Discern and eat from my provision. For I am the living manna brought down from heaven for you. I am the word that performs the purpose for which it has been sent. Nothing of all that is was done without me and all that is I brought it forth. Like the water causes the field to yield fruit to yield bread to the eater and seed to the sower so is with Me. I have come down to bring forth my Father's purpose and I know just how to do it.

Do not fear, little flock. It has been the good pleasure of my Father to give you the kingdom. And if given then receive. Do not fear those who ride the donkey of pride, in their own deception they are caught. And what will be said of Me? Am I able to rescue the prey from the tyrant? But I have done it and will perform it still. Trust as your father in the faith Abraham, did trust. I am the author and the finisher of your faith, yield to Me as he did yield. Stand still and see the deliverance I will perform for you.

Seek while I am still near. Eat from the best of my table set before you without price. Trust me.

Your servant in His love;
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Let us be glad and rejoice,
and give honour to him:
for the marriage of the Lamb is come,
and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:7

Behold I Am at the door
Luz Cintron

I finished this today, but when I started to write this, was back in winter. It was morning the doorbell rang while it was still dark. It was 5:14 Then I heard inside me; "Behold **I am** at the door!"

Allow me now to rise up after you
allow me to be one with your desire
Oh that your hand
would move my heart of stone
from where I stand beholding you,
a prisoner of hope.

Don't knock on doors, my king
but place your hand in me
dripping in me your myrrh
awake me through the night
that I may watch with you
as you watch for mankind.

I slept but my heart yearned
your name resounded clear
though spoken under breath
awoke my heart to fear
the goodness of your heart
surrendered for me
complacency stood far
while you pursued me near.

Such love never has been
and faithfulness as yours
never seen by mankind.
In you we have seen God
the Father of our souls
long suffering and love
incarnate where you stand.

Oh that you would abide
where all of our sorrows hide
that you would come inside!
That your would open swift
the latch that closed the door
as painful as maybe
You that all pains have bore.

Listen to me, my love
I drank my vinegar
my feet now stand in filth
and naked through the night
I search for you and long
to find you were you stand

and came losing it all
rejected by my kind.

Listen to me, if now
your heart compassion finds,
to this that once refused
to follow through the night.
Of all that I once had,
remains nothing in here
my heart within me faints
despair assaulted me.

Still I stood to behold
the beauty of your face,
a glimpse would prove my love,
its worth all I forsake.
"Who is God but my Lord?
Who is love but His heart?
Who is my all in all
except His tender smile?

Come in, and take it all
not much remains with me
but all that is, is you,
even in lack or fear...

Will I be risen up
to look upon my heart?
Only You know, my Lord
only you love like that.
All that remains in me
your waterfalls of life
posses in longing streams
that bids me wait to rise.

I may be needy, naked
and feeble but... I know
That faithfulness is with you
enough to become hope.
And that this hope is sure
extended on the cross
to embrace all my weakness
to engulf me with love.

Sustain me now I plead you
with the breath of your mouth
or I die because nothing
can sustain me now.

My Beloved is ruddy,
my beloved is handsome,
my beloved is rugged,
through his sufferings, ransom.
He was given to rescue

this one sentenced to death
in exchange for my love
he bore sin and bore pain.

My beloved is lowly
my beloved is tranquil
my beloved is meekness
nailed to bleed his love gladly.

My beloved is gentle
my beloved stands firm
my beloved's face is set
like a stone hard flint.

My beloved is tender
my beloved is mighty
and relentless and ruthless,
unwaveringly faithful
and unshakably highly.

My beloved gentle
like a dove in the morning
whose wings have been bathed
in the dew of his longings.

That is why when He calls me
all my soul rise to meet him
in the midst of my misery
and surrounded by weakness.

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Financial Understanding For The Remnant Body (Part Two)

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God is moving His body to financial increase during this hour. I further believe that God is forming a "glorious Church without spot or wrinkle;" a Church in which the material needs of the people are met (John 10:10). Material lack, as with sickness, spiritual deficiency, etc., is at odds with the words "without spot or wrinkle." While some will determine this word to be about money; the truth is it is about obedience and stepping into destiny – material blessing simply being a by-product.

Some will never accept that God desires to materially bless His people. To some extent, I understand how this conclusion has been arrived at, especially in context with the abuses of the 'Prosperity Message' so often taught on Christian TV and many churches. With that said, I believe this to be a word for those who have ears to hear it. We will first attack some "traditions" that are keeping many of God's anointed and appointed from attaining their destiny.

God is unveiling His financial plan for His people in these end times. Much has been revealed about heart condition, and our being DEAD TO MONEY in order to see a material release in our lives. "God is looking for a few dead men!" In Part One of "Financial Understanding For The Remnant Body" we examined the difference between 'entitlement' and 'expectation,' seeing how the subtle affairs of the heart restrain the hand of God. As our hearts meld toward the plan of God, with little or no thought for ourselves, we begin to sense an empowerment as the eye of faith begins to peer into the realm of the miraculous. Galatians 4:1-7 speaks to the revelation of the maturation required to walk in our divine inheritance upon the earth. There is a "time set by the Father."

When maturation has occurred, God will direct us to a position from which His blessing can flow. The placement or positioning, and the spiritual sensitivity to get there, is the crux of this word.

Many are being prompted to 'the position of beginning,' the place of God's origin that will launch exponential growth. Some are being called to jobs; some to business and business opportunities, but wrestle with the idea that these urges are from God. Some in full time ministry are being called 'out.' Some church leaders are being shown ways to earn income away from church. Some who have worked 9 to 5 jobs are being given ideas for self-employment, and still other Christian businessmen are being shown ways to create extraordinary wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18).

It is important from the outset to mention, "God will not lead a man to financial success, if that success would take him to hell." Abundance will come in proportion to man's ability to handle it. If mammon is a factor, God directed growth will not happen! Again, understanding Galatians 4:1-7 is a strong testament to this statement.

Some erroneously think that the "love of money" lies only with the rich. Awaken to the fact that the "love of money" is not unique to rich, poor, saved, or unsaved. A 'needy' man can chase money just like a 'greedy man;' a saved man just like an unsaved one! The bible, in admonishing us not to do this, doesn't distinguish between the two (Matthew 6:32). Chasing money will impede the hand of God in the area of provision – When we start, God stops! When we stop, God starts! When we simply 'ALLOW GOD' in the area of finances, 'HE WILL!' Rest and obedience are keys to entering into this Kingdom method of receiving (Isaiah 30:15). "Rest" in this context is not necessarily the absence of activity, but rather the complete absence of activity outside the boundaries of the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Many Christians look down their religious noses at those who have been materially blessed, smugly thinking they posses some super spiritual superiority in their poverty. BE CAREFUL WITH THIS JUDGMENT; IT CAN STOP GOD'S INTENDED FAVOR IN YOUR LIFE!

In review, two factors must be initiated to govern the flow of God's financial increase – heart condition (dead to money) and physical position (the physical place of God's appointment - Acts 17:26). While being dead to money is fairly well understood by the Body of Christ, the physical positioning can test our traditional thoughts.

Many understand scripture that states "the traditions of men" block God's ability to speak to us, yet remain bound by the high wall of their own self-imposed mental barriers. Much of this plagues the remnant Body, which God so desires to bring into material blessing. As an example, and I think a good one, some who have escaped the Babylonian system fail to discern that 'the system' from which they seek deliverance is not simply a church building or organized religion. While these are certainly limbs from the tree, it is not the root of the problem. The root is our own preconceived mindsets or traditions. Often our traditions will bind us to our comfort zones as to potential places of ministry or provision. And of an even greater detriment, are the acts sometimes ordered by God to position us for a blessing (2 Kings 5). Naaman is a great example of this!

The ultimate form of Babylon is ME doing my own thing apart from the leading of the Holy Spirit. What keeps even the Holy Spirit from being able to minister to me IS MY INTERPRETATION OF THE WAY THINGS SHOULD BE IN MY LIFE. My hard-core resistance to anything outside of my comfort zone is my greatest enemy to moving into the higher realm of God's provision.

Of course, all we talk about here is predicated upon us spending quality time with God. We must get in the know to get in the flow, and that will only be accomplished by spending time with God.

In ministry, many have left the one-man-show, only to establish it again in their living rooms in cell groups and home church. They have simply traded one form of religion for another. Another lie, which is a holdover from the old 'system,' is that "full time" ministers do not work, but will be provided for by the Body of Christ. It is time to awakened to this lie and stop placing your financial burden on others. The apostle Paul worked at times and so should most of the Body of Christ (Acts 18:1-3). There are obvious exceptions, and this admonishment is not to those individuals.

In business, we must also be careful to avoid the one-man-show; the "me thing." It is important to note that much of God's objective in business is more about people than money. Partnering in business ventures has been somewhat foreign to me, but seems to be the crux of what God is doing now in my life. What I see is a trade off of sorts in which those bringing money are SPIRITUALLY blessed, and those bringing spiritual understanding are MATERIALLY blessed. The combination has Kingdom dynamics in which the sum of the parts is greater than the whole. I am not advocating this because it happened to me, but do think it is worth a look!

It is important to note, "Blessing" will be accompanied by "Purpose." Again, do not let your religious mind tie this "purpose" to something "churchy." It can be to reinvest, bless your children, pay your debts, buy a new house, fund an orphanage in Haiti, or any other purpose under the sun (SON) that God shows you to do.

This will step on some toes, but some of us have become lazy. Our sense of 'entitlement' has us sitting around doing as little as possible. It is time to get to work, doing what the Father has provided for us to do. As Arthur Burt has said for years, "WHERE THE APPOINTMENT IS THE PROVISION IS." Until we break free of the old mindset (traditions), the walls of containment will keep us materially impoverished. Every vision requires provision. 'Hard work' is an alien thought to many Christians, yet scripture says something different.

"Work hard….As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people" (Ephesians 6:6,7).

"Whatever you do, do well" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

"Never be lazy in your work, but serve the Lord enthusiastically" (Romans 12:11).

"Lazy people are soon poor; hard workers get rich" (Proverbs 10:4).

" Hard work means prosperity; only fools idle away their time" (Proverbs 12:11).

Many in "full time ministry" are short on work ethic, yet long on antagonizing the Body for more money. This is wrong! Still others, who have left the 'church system,' stay at home to pray, read their bibles, write, and other super spiritual activities. Some take donations from their small cell groups, or are supported by their families. Please awaken to this lie – you will not fulfill your call in this languishing state. Recognize that though you have left the system, the system remains in you; the same system that says "Full time ministers do not work!" Please test this word before you attack it!

With several of man's stoutest traditions now "REVEALED," we are free to initiate the essence of this teaching – God's spiritual appointment to a specific physical positioning. Physical positioning is that place of beginning. For me, it was God's assignment to help someone else out of debt, while at the time, barely able to feed my family. As is the case with Kingdom dynamics, what you have the greatest need of will often present itself (first) IN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SOW. Said differently, specific need requires specific seed. This physical positioning can be deeds, places, people, and even opportunities to mention a few. Bottom line, its about obedience.

As an observation, not necessarily "thus says the Lord," it appears that a place of false positioning will always precede the true place of God's appointment. This false position will present itself when our needs in a particular area seem to be greatest. This false position will greatly appeal to our flesh, and is instigated by the spirit of anti-Christ. If we fall for it, and I did, we will see pure motives separate from impure 'in us' through our mistake. The cost for this miscue can be costly in terms of money and time. As I say often, tongue in cheek, "Ask me how I know?"

I personally believe that most physical positioning begins with connections to people. As the circumstances of life (ministry, business, or otherwise) place us in the path of others, we need to be spiritually sensitive to what God may be saying in making the connection. Obviously, everyone we come in contact with is not a divine connection, but sensitivity to this aspect of our spiritual life will allow us to discern those who are. Again, here is where our religiosity must come into check: Some who we think ARE, AREN'T; and some who we think AREN'T, ARE.

Several years ago I felt I heard the Lord say, "The Army of God is now beginning to make strategy for VICTORY; the primary focus of this strategy involves unifying the Body and joining the parts that are suppose to be JOINED. We must work to properly discern and join the Body properly... This is not a joining for the sake of joining, but rather a fitting of the parts that are CALLED to be joined." Victory, destiny, and empowerment are in the CONNECTIONS; first to Him, then to those appointed by Him. These appointments will reveal God's purpose.

As these spiritual connections take place, the inevitable result will be testimony (Revelation 12:11). This testimony will be sufficiency and even abundance to the point of provision being available for vision.

Flag Vision

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I was almost asleep, around 12:45 PM, when I saw a vision. **The United States Flag, bright/shining and clear hanging over and almost touching a pool of troubled black, black water. The water was rolling and spouting like the ocean. The flag glowed as if lit from within. Such a contrast against the dark waters below it.**

Now I am going to seek out the meaning.:

Daniel 2:3 "I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means."

Daniel 4:5 I saw a vision/dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head troubled me.

Daniel 7:15 I Daniel was grieved in my spirit within my body, and the visions of my head troubled me.

Ezekiel 32: 2 Son o man take up a lamentation for Pharoah king of Egypt, and say to him: "You are like a young lion among the nations. And you are like a monster in the seas. Bursting forth in your rivers, Troubling the waters with your feet, and fouling their rivers. Thus says the Lord God: I will therefore spread My net over you with a company of many people. And they will draw you up in My net

Isaiah 59:19 So they shall fear the name of the Lord from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.

Psalms 46 God is our refuge and strength. A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed. And though the mountains be carried into the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah.

Proverbs 25:26 A righteous man who falters before the wicked is like a murky spring and a polluted (ruined) well.

Isaiah 57: 20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

Leviticus 26:44-46 But I will for their sakes, remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the Lord.

> Meaning/Interpretation: America, the enemy has sought to steal kill and destroy, but I the Lord have raised a standard against him. The U. S. flag is raised above the darkness. The enemy is not able to drag it down. I the Lord have done this for the sake of My name and the covenant of your forefathers ancestors made with me. My light/presence is still shining in America. Because there are still those that are standing in the gap for their land. The prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16 Do not be afraid. But call on the name of the Lord.

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From Weeping to Rejoicing

Rick Joyner

Prophesy Over the Dry Bones Until They Come to Life"

This week we will address a couple of basic principles on how we can make disciples of ethnic groups, and teach them to observe all that the Lord commanded. I will use the African ethnic group in what we address here, mostly because they are the ethnic group that I have a heart for, and have therefore studied the most. Even so, these principles could relate to any people.

Removing Stereotypes and Looking Through God's Eyes

From the time I was a child, I have heard blacks stereotyped by such statements as "they don't like to work," or "their men are all deadbeats and do not know how to be fathers." In my experience, some of the hardest workers, as well as some of the greatest fathers I have ever known were African-American. However, African-Americans do have a reputation for not wanting to work, and it is a fact that the majority of black children in America are raised without their father in the home. Even so, God has especially gifted those of African descent with a devotion to work, and to be some of the best fathers. Why do so many African-Americans seem to be experiencing what is in fact the opposite of their callings?

It is for the same reason that every ethnic group in this fallen world is doing the same, and the devil has effectively blinded them. Let's look at some of the ways that he has done this.

The Injustices of Slavery and The Healing of Cultural Wounds

First, what did slavery do to the work ethic? Now you may think your boss is bad, but how would you like to work with the threat of a whip over you all day? Then think about what it would be like to not get paid for your work, while being given the most menial sustenance to enable you to keep working. On top of that, you would have no rights because you are not considered a person, but property, just like cattle.

We may think that since slavery has been abolished for more than a century, then this should not be a problem with the descendants of slaves. But history proves over and over that without God intervening, cultural values, cultural wounds, and strongholds, can take many generations to change, and sometimes never do. After suffering the injustices of slavery, for any African-American to want to work at all is a marvel. The fact is, many from this ethnic background are so remarkably industrious, that as a group, these great people are doing much better than one might expect in this matter.

There have only been two people groups in history who were enslaved because of their race--the black race, and the Jewish race. The Jewish people are known for their industrious and hard work ethics all over the world. They are a people who seem to be able to excel in almost any situation. Because of this, they have been a great blessing to every place they have settled. They have had several thousand years to get over the sufferings that they endured as slaves. Given the same length of time, it seems apparent that the black descendants of slaves will likewise rise to the top and excel in almost any situation.

Some would point to the tribes in Africa and say that they did not advance very far, while the Europeans did. But, it has been proven that climate had much do with this. I submit that if Europeans had lived in the climate and other conditions of Africa, they would have done no better, and may have done much worse. Not only did the temperatures have an effect on their productivity, but because they had to fight so hard every day just to survive, it would have been difficult to give the time or energy needed for inventions and modern development.

Why Has the Devil Assaulted This Nation's Families?

Now, to the issue of the family and fathers. It was a well-known, and often published strategy of the slave owners to keep the slave families broken up so their allegiance would only be to their master. Fathers were rarely allowed to stay with their families, and were often sold after siring a number of children so that they could not bond. Think about what it would be like to live in a situation when any day your father, mother, brothers, sisters, or children, could be sold and you would never see them again, or even know where they went. After slavery was abolished, few mothers knew how to relate to the fathers of their children. Few fathers knew how to relate to just one family because they were often used as "breeders" and had children in several families. Sound familiar?

Even though I have a tendency to be a conservative politically, simply because I do not think the government will likely run needed social programs well, or without unacceptable waste and inefficiency, I have always been for Affirmative Action for the reasons listed above. Because of the depth of destruction done to African-American families, extra help is needed to heal the wounds and restore this great people. I do not think the government will do this very well, and the church could do it better, but the fact is, with but few exceptions, the church is not doing anything. Having the government do something is better than nothing.

From a Christian perspective, why has the devil had such an assault against this people that continues to this day? It seems he is especially devoted to destroying the emerging generation of black children. Why? Because of their destiny.

Have you not also wondered when a little white girl is kidnapped and killed, why it will run on the national news incessantly? Sadly, this happens almost daily to black kids throughout the country, and it almost never makes the news. Of course, we should be concerned about the little white children, but should we be so much less concerned about the minority children to which this is happening much more frequently?

A Great Calling to Teach The World About Freedom and Family

In spite of the terrible assault on the black family, have you not noticed the incredible bond among black people? They all call each other "brother" and "sister." They may fight hard among themselves, but they will stand together to defend one of their own like few other people on the earth. Some of the great leaders of the church in the last days are going to come from the African community, in every nation where they are found. Those who were the most oppressed are going to teach the world about freedom. Those who have had their families so destroyed are going to teach the world about family.

We are also going to see a restoration of fatherhood among those of African descent, which will be an example of this high calling to all people. As one friend of mine said, being a father is the highest calling because it is the one office that we share with "the Father."

Prophesy Over The Dry Bones Until They Come to Life

Let us not continue to see or judge any ethnic group by their present characteristics, but try to see them prophetically as they are called to be. Possibly the most valuable prophetic gift that we can have in these times is what came upon Ezekiel when he was shown the valley of dry bones. Like him, we must not see dry bones as just dry bones, but as what they are called to be. Like him, we must pray for words of life to prophesy over those dry bones until they become what they are called to be.

This is our calling in the last days. Even though, as the Lord said, "nation will rise against nation," (Matthew 24:7), He also said that His church would be a "house of prayer for all nations" (Mark 11:17). In His church, all nations will be redeemed and restored so that their gifts and callings will be manifest, laying a foundation for the coming of the kingdom of God. This is why it is so crucial that Christians not judge others "after the flesh" or externals, but rather by the Spirit, seeing who they are called to be, not just who they are now.

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A New Breed
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One of the most tragic statements in the Bible is Philippians 2:19-21:

> *But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, so that I also may be encouraged when I learn of your condition.*
> *For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.*
> *For they all seek after their own interests, not those of Christ Jesus.*

Paul spent his life sacrificing his own interests, and even risking his life repeatedly for the sake of the gospel. After all those years, he only had one associate, Timothy, who was not in ministry for his own interests, but was sincerely seeking the interests of the Lord. How would the ministry of today measure up to this?

I have become convinced that, overall, the leadership of the church in our times is probably the greatest since the first century. We do have many failures, which receive most of the publicity. However, there are many today that have likewise sacrificed their own, selfish interests their entire lives to serve the interests of Christ and His people. For those we should be very thankful. Even so, the basic fabric and nature of modern ministry has more in common with a profession or a business, than a calling. That is about to change.

As the church has grown further from the cross over time, the more selfish and deceived it has become. We can find great souls in each generation who did behold the cross, and took up their crosses daily, doing all things for the sake of the gospel. These are the great and continuing voices from history which still speak. These are the ones who heeded the Lord's exhortation in Matthew 16:24-25: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.

The Lord began speaking to some of us twenty years ago, saying, "the cross will be popular again." He also said that when this happens, a new breed of leadership, a new breed of Christians, and a radically new church would arise. We have now come to that time. There is going to arise within the church a renewal movement which truly deserves the name. It is going to be so radical and so powerful, that it is going to make all things new.

The present emerging generation has been called the most selfish yet. Selfishness and arrogance have become increasingly powerful strongholds within it. Even so, where sin increases, grace will increase even more (see Romans 5:20). The emerging generation will produce the most selfless and self-sacrificing Christians seen since the first century. This is going to result in a release of spiritual power and authority such as has not been seen since the first century. True apostles are going to walk the earth again, and where they walk, true apostolic churches will arise. This new breed of Christians will be the most fearless people on earth because they will have already died to this world, and it is impossible for the dead to fear. They will walk in unprecedented faith because they will have learned the secret of not looking at themselves and who they are, but at the Lord and who He is. They will not live by faith in their own abilities, but by faith in His strength. They will walk in unprecedented power because they will have learned the secret: the cross "is the power of God" (I Corinthians 1:18).

The Passion

As I wrote in a Special Report on Mel Gibson's, The Passion of the Christ, which was posted on our website on January 14, 2004, the reason why this film is one of the most controversial of our times is because it is one of the most anointed and powerful films produced in our times. http://www.injesus.com/Groups/ViewMessage.cfm?MessageId=AA0088WK&UCD=8hm It is the most accurate, honest portrayal of the crucifixion ever screened. However, as powerful as it is, it still likely falls short of depicting the kind of torture the Lord actually went through.

The Lord did not just die for us-He submitted Himself to the most cruel torture that human minds could conceive. Evil vented its rage on Him with all of the power it could muster on that day. He took it for all for us. There will never be a more powerful demonstration of the love and character of God than was demonstrated in the last twelve hours of the Lord's life on this earth as a man. This is why His highest title in heaven, and the one the Scripture implies that He will be called forever, is "the Lamb."

Even though this movie is deeply touching to almost everyone who sees it, there is probably only a very small percentage who really understand the message. However, if even one percent is changed by it and devote themselves to a life of the cross, it will be enough to change Christianity as we know it. And, Christianity as we know it desperately needs changing.

If just one percent of Christians begin to live the true Christian life, which is a life of self-sacrifice, not self-fulfillment, then they will turn the world upside down again with the power of their witness. There is no greater message, and no greater power than the cross. The cross will be preached again, and it will be lived again by the most powerful church yet to have walked the earth. The power of the end time church will exceed that of the first century church just as the Lord prophetically foretold that the glory revealed in the latter house would be greater than that which was revealed in the former (see Haggai 2:9). The Lord really has saved His best wine for last, and it is now being prepared.

I am thankful that The Passion is breaking so many attendance records. The true message of the cross is likewise going to draw the multitudes like no other message the church has brought forth. The message of self-sacrifice is going to quickly eclipse the message of selfishness, just as the sun overpowers the moon when it rises. This is preparation for the gospel of the kingdom to be preached in the entire world. The message of the cross is not just the message of redemption and salvation. The cross is the doorway to the kingdom, and the last message to be preached before the end of this age is the gospel of the kingdom, not the gospel of salvation.

The gospel of our redemption, the gift of our salvation, and eternal life that was purchased for us at such a price, is so glorious and wonderful that it is understandable so many Christians are seemingly unable to go beyond this great truth to see the kingdom. But we must. It is the gospel of the kingdom that must be preached in all the earth before the end can come (see Matthew 24:14).

The gospel of the kingdom is about more than redemption and restoration. The message of redemption and restoration are the foundations of the kingdom, but these are still focused more on man than on the Lord. The gospel of the kingdom is about Who He is and His authority. He is coming back to rule. The gospel that is about to go forth is not going to be: "Come to Jesus and He will bless you and fix you," but it will be "Bow the knee! The King is coming!" This is not to imply that when we come to Him He will not bless us or fix us, but we are not receiving the true blessing or fixing until we see His lordship.

Even so, the cross is the foundation of the kingdom, and the foundation of the ministries that will preach it. A generation of Christian leaders is going to arise who will not try to build their ministries, but rather every day put everything they have at the foot of the cross. They will live holding nothing back. These will live as not having anything, but possessing all things. In all things they will seek to do His will. They will become an irresistible force transforming the church, which will then begin to transform the world.

The true church by its very nature is a force for transformation. It is the salt that makes every one thirsty. It is the light that exposes all darkness. We will see such a church begin to arise. It will prepare the world for the age to come. The prayer that the Son of God gave us to pray, for His kingdom to come, and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven, will be answered (see Matthew 6:10). The kingdom is coming. The messengers of the kingdom will soon be heard.

The Message

The message of the kingdom is the message of the King-who He is, and what He is going to do. His will is going to be done on earth just as it is in heaven. The message of His kingdom will be preached by those who live in the kingdom now, and who are submitted to His authority, living every day with the simple devotion to do His will. His passion has been the passion of the greatest souls to have ever walked this earth in any age. But at the end, there will be a church which lives by this passion like no others have. The age that began at the cross is also going to end at the cross. It will be the power of the cross that will build the bridge to the age to come so that mankind can cross over.

The most pure Christianity and the greatest Christians are found the closer they live to the cross. The further the church has moved in time and in its message from the cross, the less spiritual power it has had, and the more it has begun to rely on earthly power to build its influence. The more sanitized and politically correct that men have tried to make the message of the cross, the less true spiritual power the church has had. This avoidance of the cross has caused the church to resort to political and even military power, to compensate for the lack of real, spiritual power that can only come from the cross. This inevitably opened the door for some of the most un-Christlike things to be done in His name, by those with the most un-Christlike character.

This is what the apostles and prophets to the early church foresaw, and prophesied clearly in the New Testament. They saw the spirit of the antichrist actually taking its seat in "the temple of God," which is the church, and displaying itself as being God (see II Thessalonians 2:4). Any honest student of history cannot help but to see that this has in fact happened, and that a spirit, which is fundamentally contrary to the Spirit of Christ has dominated the church through much of the church age. Though this antichrist spirit has been displaced from some of the church to a degree, much of it continues its influence even in our own time. This, too, will soon be exposed.

I Corinthians 1:18 says, "For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." Because the cross is the power of God, when the church embraces the cross it can be trusted with the power. As Paul also said in I Corinthians 4:20, "For the kingdom of God does not consist in words, but in power." For the church to preach the gospel of the kingdom at the end as we have been called to do, we must have power. If we want to experience the power of God in our daily lives, we must take up the cross daily. Great power is coming to Christians and to the church who embrace the cross. This will be a striking contrast to the spirit that has dominated much of the church for most of the church age.

The Opposition

Even the philosopher Aristotle understood that if a truly righteous man ever walked the earth, he would be persecuted, rejected, and ultimately impaled, which was the Greek equivalent of the crucifixion. In this way, he accurately prophesied of the coming of Christ and the cross. He did not do this as much by revelation, but by simply understanding the true nature of men, and why such a Righteous One would be persecuted by them.

The opposition to the movie, The Passion, was from the same source that persecuted the Lord Himself. I am not talking about just the opposition from the Jewish community. What happened to Jesus would have happened in any nation on the earth that He would have come to, just as Aristotle understood. What was manifested in the power that had seized control of the Jewish nation at the time of Jesus has also been manifested in almost every nation, and even more devastatingly, in the church itself. We must understand this. It will rise in opposition to every truly righteous person and every true message. It is the demonic religious spirit.

This spirit seeks to bring forth a religion of mostly human origin, fueled by human pride and self-seeking, which is exactly contrary to the way of the cross. This same spirit is found as much in the church today as it ever was in Judaism. This spirit rose up in the church to persecute the Jews. So, for nearly a thousand years the Jewish people were under the greatest threat of annihilation from those who claimed to be Christians, but were in fact the most un-Christlike people on earth at the time.

The accusations that The Passion would release another wave of anti-Semitism are completely unfounded. In fact, the opposite is true. Those who are anti-Semitic might use it that way, but they will use anything that way. It was probably those who came out against the movie in the way they did who fueled more anti-Semitism than anything else. Many began to perceive it was the same spirit that persecuted Jesus, and it was. The extremist groups came across as having the very nature of the Jewish leaders who were the villains in the movie and in history because they were of that spirit.

The extremist anti-Christian Jews probably represent less than one percent of the Jewish population today, as well as during the first century. Likewise, those who were of the same spirit but claiming to be Christians throughout history have likewise been a very small percentage of the whole of Christianity. Yet the religious spirit is a power that can take a tiny percentage of people and influence many others. It is the most basic nature of Satan, and the spirit that is the most fundamentally opposed to the nature and power of the kingdom.

Recognizing this, we begin to understand that one of the worst deceptions which continues to bring much destruction to mankind is our tendency to judge others or other people groups, by their most extreme elements. Even though extremists are usually the most vocal, if we are going to walk in truth we must not let the extremists in any people group determine our perception of that people group-unless that people group allows themselves to be ruled by the extremists.

Every German paid a terrible price for allowing Hitler and the Nazis to gain control of their country. There were some brave and noble souls who discerned the profoundly evil nature of Nazism, and fought it as hard as they could, many paying for their resistance with their lives. Even so, just as all of Germany suffered so much because of the Nazis, we will all pay a terrible price every time we allow tyranny in any form, to gain control. History testifies resoundingly that religious tyranny is the most deadly and ruthless kind of all, regardless of what group or faith it rises from. We must learn to discern the true faith from the religious imposter or we will continue to pay a terrible and tragic price.

The Blessing

The Lord promised Abraham that his seed would be a blessing to all of the families on the face of the earth (see Genesis 22:18). The Jewish people have fulfilled this-they have been the greatest blessing to every nation, people, and culture. Even so, their ultimate destiny, which is clear in the Scriptures, is even greater than their history. The Jewish people will arise again as some of the greatest heroes of truth and righteousness.

Also, if we are going to walk in truth we must be delivered from another great source of deception-the tendency to receive our understanding from the secular media instead of seeing by and through the Holy Spirit. We must be discerning enough to recognize that when something becomes controversial, it is often because it is something of great importance from God.

The devil operates through fear, innuendo, and hearsay. The Lord has more class than to use devious methods to gain influence. When you see such controversy as was stirred up against The Passion, it is often because there is something very important from God that the devil is trying to turn us away from. When we learn to discern the spirit that is behind such things, the true spiritual warriors, who are warriors for the truth, will run to the sound of the battle, not away from it.

Again, let us not think that what arose in a few Jewish activists against The Passion is especially embedded in the Jewish people. There are some Jewish extremists who are still subject to this, just as there are many Christians who are. Let us never forget that God came to us as a Jew! Not only was Christ Himself Jewish, the apostles, prophets, and everyone who wrote that which is now Canon Scripture were Jewish-the greatest heroes in human history. We all owe the Jewish people more than we owe any other race, culture, or people group on the planet.

We also need to know that the Jewish people have been even more persecuted by Christians than any other religion. Beginning with Peter the Hermit, who led the first crusade and formulated the diabolical doctrine that the Jews should be killed to atone for Christ's death, for nearly a thousand years they were under a continuous threat of annihilation from those who called themselves Christians. They had their children and their property taken from them, were forcibly baptized, and if they refused, were killed by those who called themselves Christians. Many credit some of the anti-Semitic doctrines of Martin Luther for the holocaust they experienced under the Nazis.

For this reason it is understandable that the Jewish people would have a knee jerk reaction to anything Christian, and especially anything that might again in any way incite the kind of persecution which they had suffered under for nearly a thousand years. What Christians did to the Jews in the Middle Ages was far worse than the threats they now suffer from Islam, and in many ways worse than even what happened to them under the Nazis.

However, even though there is a need for understanding and repentance on the part of Christians for the way the Jewish people have been treated in the past by Christians, we cannot allow our own devotion to our faith to be controlled by this. What rose up in the church during those times was not Christian, but in fact antichrist.

Jesus Himself warned in Matthew 24:5: "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many." Some have interpreted this as meaning, many would come claiming to be the Christ, but that is not what the Lord said here. He said that many would come claiming that He, Jesus, was indeed the Christ, but they would still be deceivers who deceive many. This is exactly what happened, and is still happening.

Many Jewish leaders also understand that their best friends, now and throughout the Middle Ages, were Christians who were of a different spirit. They know, but seldom fully understand, that these Christians were not Christians because of their association with an institution, but because of a deep, personal devotion to Christ. Those who have had a pure devotion to Christ have also always had a deep love for the Jewish people through whom their Savior came.

Building Bridges

Many who have been true friends of the Jewish people have been offended by the Jewish response to The Passion. Others are raising questions about the Jewish control of Hollywood, the news media, and other such things that seem to be used to attack Mel Gibson, and this movie. Again, we must not let the reaction of the extremists on either side drive a greater wedge between Christians and Jews. Our goal should be to overcome evil with good. There are some practical ways that we can do this.

One way is to contact the Jewish people in your community and express your appreciation for them, and the great blessing the Jewish people have been to all of mankind. In spite of the terrible way they have often been treated in the nations where they sojourned, they have tended to be the best citizens and neighbors. I think it would be appropriate to even send them a gift, or send an offering to the local synagogue. If you have the opportunity, tell them that you are sorry for the way they have been treated by those who called themselves Christians. I have done this with remarkable results.

We also need to understand that the same spirit, which sought to destroy Christ, is intent on destroying the Jewish people. He knows the destiny of the Jewish people at the end is not only to embrace Christ, but help to usher in the kingdom of God that will destroy the devil's kingdom. This will happen when the Jewish people and the true church unite to become the "one new man" also prophesied in the New Testament to come forth (see Ephesians 2:1). It is because it is the same spirit persecuting both true Christians and Jews that some estimates indicate just as many Christians died at the hands of the Nazis as did Jews. We do have the same enemy! For this reason, the enemy's greatest victory is to turn Christians against Jews, or Jews against Christians. Let us determine that regardless of what the enemy tries to do, we will not let this happen. Every time the devil tries to stir up such controversy and division, let us resolve to counter it with good.

As we proceed toward the end of this age, there will be more and more things arising, which will try to divide Christians and Jews. The devil is trying to use the movie, The Passion, this way. But its ultimate result is actually going to give Christians a far greater appreciation of the Jewish heroes of humanity, and the Jews a far greater understanding of true Christians. It will also show how those are different from those who were truly of the religious spirit but claimed to be Christian.

Let us learn to not be controlled by the extremists on either side. The Christians who are trying to use this present controversy to illuminate "Jewish control" of the media is the same voice speaking through some of the Jewish extremists, both trying to cause a greater division. You may reason that if the devil is doing this, then he is a house divided that cannot stand. That is in fact the truth. A demon of hate will hate other demons as much as they hate us. The powers of darkness often do rise up against each other, and men get carried away by them on both sides.

Let us resolve to know Christ and follow Him only, not issues. Let us show our Jewish neighbors the true nature of Christ, who loved both them and us so much that He went to the cross for us all. That is how the true disciples will always be recognized.

"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

What we are doing on this earth is not about us-it is about the Lord. The earth and all that it contains is His. We were made for His pleasure. We have been purchased with a price, the greatest price that could have ever been paid-the life of the Son of God. We are not our own. We cannot go on living for ourselves, but our lives must be centered around, and motivated by, the Lord and His purposes.

We must behold the cross, and the price He paid that demonstrates like nothing else ever could, how much He loves us, and how much sin cost Him. The movie, The Passion, is anointed to help bring this reality back to our lives, and our message. There is no greater message than the cross. It is the foundation that everything else must be built on, and if it is not built on it rightly then it is a weak foundation at best.

Summary

The kingdom is coming. In preparation for it there are two great events now going on. The messengers of the kingdom are currently being prepared. The generation now arising is called to fulfill the Great Commission.

The second great event that is coming in preparation for the kingdom is a tremendous unity which will come among Christians and Jews. Neither the church nor Israel can accomplish their full purpose without the other. For this reason great spiritual awakenings are coming to both.

There will be great, cataclysmic changes coming to the church, Israel, and the world to prepare the way for the kingdom. These will come to shake everything that can be shaken, until we are walking in truth on the path of life. This is the path that leads to the most glorious kingdom that this world has ever known. However, to find it we must be of "a different spirit" than has been found in the church in general, for nearly two thousand years. As the Lord Jesus Himself made clear in Matthew 16:24-25: If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it.

There will be an increasing distinction between those who claim to follow the Lord, and those who really do by taking up their crosses. Just as it gets the darkest and the coldest before the dawn, there are going to be great times of trouble and darkness ahead, but the light will surely rise, and it will surely prevail over all darkness.

There are many confusing and conflicting voices who claim to come in the name of Christ, but are in fact antichrist in nature. The antichrist will rarely come attacking the message of Christ directly, but rather trying to replace it, and thereby take the seat of Christ in His own temple. This spirit will become increasingly clear to those who are truly following Christ. The Word of God from the mouth of the Lord Himself will slay this spirit.

We will always discern the true Spirit of Christ, and those who truly follow Him are the ones who walk in the way of the cross. They will live to sacrifice and lay down their own lives for others, never using others for their own selfish interests. This is the nature of true spiritual authority, and the true kingdom that is surely coming. We can help prepare the way for it by determining to take up our crosses daily, resolving to do all things for the sake of the gospel. It is also time to recognize those "temples" that have another spirit in them, and depart from them. Selfishness and sacrifice are the two most fundamentally defining characteristics of the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of God. Regardless of how much one may claim to come in the name of the Lord, we must discern the basic nature of the messengers, and determine to follow, not just truths, but the Truth Himself.

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A Family Resemblance
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This week we continue our theme about how the Great Commission was to "...make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19). As discussed, the "nations" here represents ethnic groups, not political entities.

So how do we recognize nations? How do we baptize them? How do we teach them to observe all that He commanded us? In Acts 17:26-28 the apostle Paul says:

and He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation, that they should seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.

Here, Paul starts with the fact that we all came from one-we are all family! We can also say that the basis of our understanding of others and knowing how to relate to them should start with the perception of how we are alike, not different. What are the points that we have in common? Where are the things that we already agree on?

The first, and most important is that we all came from the same parents, so we are all family. Regardless of the race or culture, it is still a family matter. Let us look at the two extremes-those who are called "black," and those who are called "white." Rare is the "black" person who is really black, but is rather some shade of brown. Likewise, a "white" person is really a lighter shade of tan. Much of what we are talking about in distinguishing races is in degrees.

Regardless of what some racists claim, it is likely that there is not a person on the earth at this time who is pure in their racial heritage. We are all mixed to some degree, and it seems that this was not only all right with the Lord, but His design. We even see in Scripture that Moses was married to a black woman, and even King David and the Lord Jesus had Gentiles in their heritage.

Now that we have laid a foundation for understanding that racism is going to be one of the most powerful and deadly forces at the end of this age, it is always our calling as Christians to be a light in the midst of darkness. The light or the truth, which we have been given, will be directly related to the darkness or deception, that the devil is using. From a historical perspective, racism has been the motive and power behind that which has caused most of the death and destruction on the earth. It will continue to be the greatest power releasing the spirit of death on the earth until the end.

Consider the Nazis. Their diabolical racism resulted in over twenty million German deaths, over thirty million Russian deaths, and scores of millions more throughout Europe. At the root of almost every war you will find racism in some form, which is often a religious form. There are other reasons too, but you will almost always find as a primary motivation some form of racism in the mix.

Even the American Civil War, which pitted mostly Caucasians against Caucasians in battle, but was mostly over the issue of keeping the black race in slavery. Some claim that this war was fought more over economics or state's rights, and certainly these were factors, but they obviously were not the primary motive for the war. It was the issue of slavery that led up to the Civil War, and it was the most basic motivation for it.

We also need to recognize that religious bigotry is also a form of racism. When we consider ourselves better than others because of the denomination we are in, or even the religion that we hold to, this too is a form of religious racism. What causes us to fear others who do not believe just the way we do is the same spirit. This spirit has one basic purpose-to divide so that darkness can conquer.

This is not to imply that we should not be thankful to be Christians, to know the truth, and to realize how deceived those in other religions can be. However, this should never be a source of pride, rather of thanksgiving and humility. We are not saved because we are better than others; we are saved simply because the Lord had mercy on us. He did not have this mercy on us because of our goodness! That is a very basic affront to the cross. His mercy is simply because of His goodness and His choice, which He made for His own reasons. For this reason we should be compelled to treat every other person, regardless of their race or their beliefs, with respect and dignity. I will gladly debate others on their beliefs, but I will not use this to belittle them. In fact, if I discuss religion with those of another faith I try to do what Paul did in Athens-I try to find points of agreement first, and then explain how Jesus is the Answer to the questions found in every religion. In all things I also try to keep in mind that the person I am talking to is a family member-we all came from the same parents, and I want them all in our eternal family, so my goal is always to save them, not insult them.

Francis Frangipane likes to say that before he was born again he was Italian. In the natural he is still Italian; however, once we are in Christ we are told in II Corinthians 5:16, "Therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh..." In Christ we are not supposed to judge others by the color of their skin. In our new, eternal family, we are not black or white, yellow or red, we are a "new creation" in Christ. Now let us read the entire context in which this verse is found:

For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

Therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation,

namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (II Corinthians 5:14-21).

First, it is the love of Christ that should be controlling us in all things. For us to be prepared for the end of this age, we must be abiding in and preparing the way for the age to come, which will be the age in which all things will be restored. This begins with reconciliation to God, and then to one another. To do this we will have to walk in a spirit that is opposite to the darkness that is growing in the world. While the spirit of the world seeks to divide and destroy, we will be building bridges between races and cultures. We will be reconciling them to God, and then to each other.

We must always keep the love of God first, as we cannot truly love others unless we love Him first. We cannot love others as we should if we do not love God more than we love them. However, we do not really love God if we do not love each other too, as we are told in I John 4:20-21:

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.

And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

This is why the two great commandments are one. Anything but this love is a departure from the true faith regardless of how much other truth we have.

In my most recent Special Bulletin, I began to address the barrier between Christians and Jews (this is posted on our website). We will also cover this in our study here because it represents the ultimate human barrier, and one that will be overcome before the end of this age. As Paul explained in Romans, when this happens it will be ". life from the dead," (Romans 11:15) or the overcoming of the spirit of death by the resurrection. That is how basic and how important this one issue is. That is why we are trying to lay such a strong foundation of understanding this before we go on to the other crucial prophecies concerning the end of this age. We cannot truly understand the others without understanding this one.

To make this truth practical, this week let us endeavor to look at all of our neighbors, coworkers, etc. as our relatives, regardless of their racial, cultural, or religious background. We still all have the same parents. Let us pray for the wisdom and grace to build bridges of trust with them so that we can have as many as possible join us in the great eternal family that will last forever.

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The Power of Diversity
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As we have studied, racism is one of the ultimate enemies of mankind, and is of the character that is most basically opposed to the heart and ways of God. Racial conflict was also the first thing the Lord mentioned when He was asked about the signs of the end of the age. Therefore, those who are truly aligned with God and His purposes at the end must be free of this most basic enemy of the purposes of God.

For this reason I want to take this week to apply some practical ways to become free of the things that would make us racist. By becoming free, it will open us up to true church life the way it was intended to be.

As we have seen, our God so loves diversity that it is one of the most basic characteristics of all that He created. There are no two mountain ranges alike, or even two mountains that are alike. There are no two trees exactly alike, or even two leaves. There are no two people alike. Our DNA was created with the potential for differences that has been estimated at ten to the two hundred and fifty billionth power! Just to write the zeroes of this factor would take several thousand miles! This is the kind of potential for diversity that God has put into mankind, which He said was made in His image! When we read that God made man in His image, He was not just talking about an individual man, but mankind. Because He is so great, so expansive in His existence, it will take all of us in our great diversity to reveal His image.

This is just a mere reflection of how He is so much bigger, greater, more awesome, and wonderful than many of His own people perceive. All of creation speaks of His love for diversity and creativity. If we are going to be like Him, we must therefore love creativity, and be creative. We must also love and appreciate the differences, and see them as opportunities to learn and grow.

The church, which is supposed to be His representative on the earth, should therefore be the most diverse, and creative, entity on the planet. Those who are in it, and those who are observing it, should be continually full of awe and wonder at the creativity, the continually expanding revelation of God that the church brings forth. In this we are not talking about different or conflicting doctrines about God or His ways, but ever expanding and deepening ones as we grow in the knowledge of His ways. In fact, the deeper our understanding of Him grows, the less certain teachings and doctrines tend to conflict. They will begin fitting together into a beautiful pattern and harmony that cannot be perceived from the shallow perspectives at which so many stop.

Because of this, if we have the heart of God, we will not fear things or people that are different than us, we will appreciate them and respect them for who they are. Therefore, what we call "the tyranny of the familiar," the tendency to find our peace and security in things that we are familiar with, is one of the greatest obstacles to walking in true faith in God. Let us examine this in a little more depth.

This bondage is actually one of the strongest yokes on mankind, and one of the most difficult of which to become free. It is what seeks to turn every new Christian into an "old wineskin," resistant to change or anything new or different. It is also what causes us to shop at the same places, sit in the same place at church, feel awkward around people whom we do not know, form cliques in our congregations, and form denominations that resist relationships with the rest of the body of Christ. It will also cause us to miss the purposes of the Lord possibly more than anything else will.

As we previously discussed, the reason why the disciples on the road to Emmaus could not recognize the Lord was because "He appeared to them in a different form" (Mark 16:12). This most likely still remains the reason we fail to recognize Him when He seeks to draw near to us. We get so accustomed to a form or way in which He met us in the past that we fail to recognize Him when He comes in a way that we are not familiar with. The fact is that most of the time when He comes to us we can count on it being in a way that we are not familiar with. We see in the Scripture that He did not even heal people the same way twice. He did not have "a stump speech" that He repeated over and over. Every teaching was new and fresh. Even when He taught on the same subject, the kingdom, He continually described it in new and different ways that continually expanded the understanding of it.

Those who followed the Lord when He walked the earth were treated to wonderful new experiences every day. He was new to them every morning. He was continually leading them into new situations, and using these new situations to teach them about the kingdom of God and His purposes. Because He was continually teaching them new things, it kept their minds open and expectant, building in them a quick ability to embrace change. The Lord has not changed. This is the way a life that still follows Him should be. This is the way normal church life should be, which is for the purpose of teaching His followers to follow Him, not just comply with certain doctrines or programs.

That church life has been reduced to a couple of boring meetings each week is one of the great tragedies of Christianity, and is in fundamental conflict with the ways and nature of God. True church life is first and foremost about relationships-first to God and then to His people. If we are not continually getting closer to Him, and to the others in our church, then we do not have true church life.

True church life is twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, of experiencing God. Meetings and services are important and should be a highlight of our week, but they are not true church life-rather just a pit stop so we can get back out in the fray and run the race that true church life is.

The "tyranny of the familiar" tends to tighten its grip on us when we start putting our security in our environment rather than in the Lord. For this reason the Lord often has to deal with us as He did Moab, which we see in Jeremiah 48:11-12:

"Moab has been at ease since his youth; he has also been undisturbed on his lees. Neither has he been emptied from vessel to vessel, nor has he gone into exile. Therefore he retains his flavor, and his aroma has not changed.

"Therefore behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I shall send to him those who tip vessels, and they will tip him over, and they will empty his vessels and shatter his jars."

When He speaks of Moab not being "emptied from vessel to vessel," it is referring to the way wine was purified in those times. It would be poured into a vessel and allowed to sit for a time. This allowed the impurities to settle to the bottom. Then it would be poured into another vessel, etc. So, the more times it had been poured into another vessel, the more pure it was. This is also one of the ways the Lord purifies us.

As soon as we become comfortable and secure in one place, He will upset it, putting us into a new situation. The change could come in our jobs, our hometowns, our churches, our neighbors, etc. Life and the world are full of change, and change is good. Every living thing changes, and to the degree we stop changing, we have started dying. To the degree we are able to embrace change we are alive, and our wineskins will still be able to hold new wine.

Next week we are going to examine some very practical ways that this is supposed to be incorporated into our lives and the church. However, this week, try to learn something about a church, a denomination, or a movement that is different from yours. One thing you will almost certainly learn is that they have something that you or your church needs. We all need the rest of the body of Christ, and if we are not rightly connected to it, we will not survive alone through what is coming to test the quality of every work. If we are connected to it rightly, Proverbs 4:18 will be true of us:

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, that shines brighter and brighter until the full day.

If we are walking "the path of the righteous," the light should be increasing for us continually. Our path should be more and more clear. If this is not the case for us, then we need to examine where we are walking. This is your inheritance as children of light-increasing clarity in all that you do.

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Dynamic Church Life
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Last week we discussed how change is a fundamental characteristic of all who are growing. This week I want to discuss a couple of ways that we have implemented change as a lifestyle in our churches, which we believe has had remarkable fruit.

As we learn from biology, the cells in a body are constantly being renewed. Even at the most basic level there are changes happening continually, with some organs of a healthy body actually being renewed every month or so. Others may take a bit longer, but are still being renewed continually. How does this apply to the church?

For this reason we have a saying in our church that most of the people who have joined us have "come to pass." By this we mean they are only supposed to stay with us for a time, and then they will move on, with others taking their place. This is not true of everyone, but it is true of most, and we are fine with it. This may seem to be the opposite of what is needed to build our church, especially as we come to understand that church is basically relational. We are not trying to build the typical church-we are trying to build up the whole church, not just our little congregation.

We are very happy to equip people, and then have the Holy Spirit place them in another church to be used by Him. The Lord is the One building His church, and the Holy Spirit must have the freedom to place the members of His body where it pleases Him, not us. To be properly equipped, most Christians need the experience that they get from being in at least a few different churches. If the church was in the proper unity, it probably would not have to be this way, but for now, it does.

This is not to say that all of the moving about in the body of Christ is right, as many people miss their greatest opportunities for growth and to be equipped for their purpose by moving prematurely. These are the ones who are led by dissatisfaction or impatience, rather than by the Holy Spirit. Even so, many come to us to learn or be equipped in certain areas. When they have received what was needed from us, we often have so many already functioning in those areas that they need to go to another congregation to have a place to function in their gifts and ministries. Many of these keep in touch with us, and are still considered part of our family. And, we genuinely love to see them from time to time, but we are even more concerned that they are accomplishing their purpose in the place that the Holy Spirit has appointed them.

We also view ourselves as just one small part of the body of Christ in our city. We look at every other congregation that truly serves Jesus as Lord, as fellow members of the body, and coworkers in the gospel. Just as the different organs and members of our own body all have different functions, so do the different congregations. This means there are many other congregations that are better at different aspects of the ministry of the church than we are. For this reason, we often send those who come to us to other congregations when we feel they are better suited there, rather than with us.

For this reason, we shut down all of our services for the whole month of July each year and encourage our people to visit other congregations. In this way, they at least can begin to obtain a vision for the whole body of Christ. We tell them that if they find a place where they fit better than with us, please go there. We will miss them, but we have an eternity to be together. It is far more important to be where the Holy Spirit wants them, than where we may want them.

Cancer is a grouping of rebellious cells that have started consuming and growing without regard for the rest of the body. This is the nature of a church that is a cancer in the body. Recently, one well-known minister moved to a city and started a church and more than one hundred small churches immediately had to shut down. Maybe some of these smaller churches needed to move on, but it is hard to believe that this is the way the church in a city is going to be built up.

When we moved our headquarters and a number of our people to a small community in the mountains, a major persecution rose up against us. The accusations were not true, and neither was the spirit exhibited by our accusers, but the Lord told me that this was partly my fault. Having the kind of visibility and size that we have was a big threat to them. I was shown that if we had gone to the church and town leaders before moving there to explain who we are and what we are, this could have been prevented.

Now, when we begin a work in a new community, we try to meet with the church leaders in that area first, and determine ways we can help them, not take their people. This has resulted in some very strong support instead of the attacks. There will always be some that will be threatened by anything new. These are probably the ones that are not true shepherds, and do not care about the health of their sheep. We know in every place we go there will be some like this. We have to do what we are called to do anyway. However, when we go into a new place we set as a high priority to strengthen the church there, not weaken it.

Churches need new members like our body needs new cells. New congregations can likewise have the same effect on the church in a city if it is done in the right way. New pastors and leaders may be able to gather the other leaders in the city for fellowship and mutual support in a way that those who are there could not have done because of their history. In this way, barriers can start to be brought down, relationships begun, resulting in a fresh start for everyone. If our purpose really is the kingdom, and building up the whole body of Christ, all of our works will ultimately result in that which blesses and helps all. We must keep the needs of the whole body of Christ in our hearts.

We need change, but change that results in fruit needs a foundation. Though we have learned to appreciate all of the people who come to us but are called to move on, we also greatly appreciate the core of people who have become the pillars that our churches are being built around. These are the ones who now do the bulk of the ministry, and are especially helpful in ministering to those who have "come to pass."

We have a core leadership team that has been together for a very long time, though we are adding new members to it continually. This core of stable, consistent members is also needed for true church life. With all of the changes happening, these help give stability in some areas which is essential. Even though we are changing, if we are growing in the Lord, there is order to the growth. There are also areas where growth and change need to happen more slowly and less drastically than in other areas.

However, it is for the sake of growing in the Lord, and seeking the growth of those who are entrusted into our care for however long they are to be with us, that we have a ministry team which oversees our congregations together. Each one of our congregations has a pastor, who is primarily responsible for that congregation, but they have the entire ministry team behind them. This allows us to constantly change teachers, worship leaders, and other leaders throughout the ministry, as these changes are needed for the growth of the members of the body.

Usually the pastor of a congregation will only speak there two times in a month, though they will help oversee most of the meetings. Other team members share in the teaching, and sometimes in the daily administration of certain matters. This adds remarkable strength and stability, which the people sense. There is a sense that they are not alone, and the pastors and other leaders all feel this too.

In a single service, we may have three or more speakers, as well as worship leaders. One teacher may go ten minutes, another five, and another thirty or more. These may or may not even speak on the same subject. It may sound confusing, but we try to make each service like a dinner with different courses, which together provide a balanced, nutritious meal. With the diversity of teachers and worship leaders, it keeps the service fresh, alive, and practical.

In all of these things we try to be in harmony with the Holy Spirit, who alone really knows what everyone needs. We therefore try to sense if there is an anointing for evangelism coming upon one congregation, and then we may assign as their pastor for a period of time one who is especially anointed in evangelism. If we do not appoint such a one as pastor, we may at least send that one to them a couple of times a month for a while. If the Lord is especially moving in healing or the prophetic in a congregation at a certain time, we will send to them the ones who are especially anointed in that area. In this way we are seeking to be in obedience to the Lord as the Head of His church, doing what He wants in each congregation.

This kind of church leadership may not work for everyone, but without question, the leadership which the Lord left to His church, which is described in the New Testament, is a team. Just as a basketball team will try to feed the ball to the one with "the hot hand," we likewise try to recognize the one on our team who is especially anointed at any given time and give them the meetings. Following the anointing is following the Holy Spirit. If He is not the One doing the building, then we are laboring in vain.

When change comes with purpose, and in the right timing, it will always create life, and a spiritual advance. Also, working as a team has kept the burdens that come with overseeing any congregation of people, spread over the whole team. Because of this, the pressures that wear out typical pastors and leaders so fast have not been a big problem for us.

Race car drivers learned years ago that if they run together in what is called "a draft" they save a lot of fuel, and wear and tear on their motors. As various ones tend to get especially anointed at different times, we have also learned to draft behind them. This keeps everyone moving at a pace, and for a distance, that we could not otherwise maintain. Even though I am the leader of our team, I draft behind others probably ninety percent of the time. When people ask me how I oversee a growing fellowship of churches, and many other different ministries, and still write all of the books and articles that I do, the answer is easy-I am a part of a team.

The team divides the burdens, increases the endurance, and multiplies the joys of ministry. If one starts pulling ahead in a certain area, we know if we get behind him, we will all be carried along and benefit. I know I have stayed in the race as long as I have because of the team, and learning to draft.

The metaphor used that calls the church a "body" means that it is composed of different members who are all called to work together. When it is time to go somewhere, and the legs are working, the hands cannot say that the legs are getting too much attention. When the body arrives at its destination, it will probably be time for the hands to do their thing, and the legs may get a rest. The eyes will have to help each of them, but may never get the credit for actually doing the work, or getting the body to a certain place. However, they make things possible for the whole body, which probably could not be done otherwise. Why should we care who gets the credit as long as we all get there and get the job done?

Changes are for our sakes. Changes help all to grow and stay fresh. We can easily tell when someone is getting stale in a position and a change is needed. When these changes are made, there is almost always a bit of disturbance, just as you cannot help but to disturb the wine when pouring it into another vessel. However, when things settle down, everyone is much better off because of it. In fact, every time we make such a change, we see a great acceleration in that church or department.

My point is, if we really are living, and our lives are abiding in the Lord with Him as our security, then we should never fear change, but rather embrace it as one of the most wonderful opportunities to grow. We should never fear those who are different from us, but welcome them with open arms, knowing that they can be a source of great learning, and blessing for us.

It is for a purpose that every prophet in the Bible is unique. Every apostle is very different. You are also unique. If you are going to fulfill your purpose, you must be willing to be unique, and you must be willing to live a very unique life. If you want to recognize the Lord when He draws near to you, learn to look for Him in different forms.

Now some of you have probably thought, "Now weren't we talking about racism?" Yes, and we still are. Being a racist is basically either letting pride or fear control you, so that you resist those who are different, or you resist needed change. The Lord is obviously not a racist since He is the One who created all of the uniqueness and diversity in mankind. Those who truly know the Lord, and are becoming like Him, will not be racists either.

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Living With The King
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Last week we discussed the increasing shaking and change that will ultimately climax in the greatest time of trouble the world has ever known -- but it will also be the greatest glory. We are called to not only endure these changes, but learn to thrive on them, seizing the great spiritual opportunities that they present. The primary way we do this is by having rock solid consistency in our own hearts which can only come from a life that is built upon the kingdom of God -- living under the authority of the King of kings.

As we read in Daniel 11, even when the devil is setting up his great abomination, those "who know their God will display strength and take action" (Daniel 11:32). The key words here are "know their God." This is the most important thing that we can do to be prepared for the times that are now coming upon us. Knowing Him is far more important than knowing the signs of the times or the schemes of the devil. We do need to know these, because they were written for our preparation, but they should never eclipse knowing the Lord Himself as our highest priority.

We are seeking to know the Lord also so that we can become like Him and do the works that He did. One of the most concise prophesies of our times is in Isaiah 60:1-3:

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness will cover the earth, and deep darkness the peoples; but the Lord will rise upon you, and His glory will appear upon you. And nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Here we are commanded to both "arise" and "shine." This is not the time to lay down or hide. The darkness is coming, but the glory coming to God's people will prevail over it so that the nations which have been deceived will eventually come to the brightness of that which is appearing on the Lord's people. So, regardless of how dark it gets, we must keep the end of the matter in mind and resolve to stand and reveal the light that we have been given.

How Do We Get to Know the Lord?

The primary way we have been given to know the Lord is His Holy Spirit, which He gave to us for that purpose. Many would exalt the written Word over the Spirit, but the Lord Himself did not do that. He did not say, "I must go away, but I am going to give you this Book to lead you into all truth..." No, He said when He left He would send His Spirit to lead us into all truth (see John 16:7). This is not in any way to belittle the place of the Scriptures, but without the Holy Spirit, we cannot understand the Scriptures.

Therefore, our great ambition should be to know the Holy Spirit, to obey Him, and to be the most hospitable temple for Him that we can possibly be. As we discussed many weeks ago, if we knew the President was coming to spend a week with us in our home, the very least we would probably do is clean our house like never before. Many would probably even paint, maybe even remodel, and some would probably go so far as to buy a new home. We would find out the food he likes and dislikes and maybe even hire a chef to prepare the meals. How much more should we give ourselves to preparing for the Holy Spirit to come to us, not just to visit, but to live in us?

Preparing for the Holy Spirit

In Ephesians 4:30-32, the apostle Paul tells us how to not offend the Holy Spirit:

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

The primary way we grieve the Holy Spirit is by allowing bitterness to take root in us, which causes wrath, anger, clamor, slander, and malice. Now, would you have a big argument in your house if the President were staying with you? We probably would not have one if any guests were staying with us. How much more should we be sensitive to the presence of the Holy Spirit?

The primary way we are going to be prepared for the times that are coming is to abide in the Lord, which is to abide in the Holy Spirit. If we are abiding in Him, we will be manifesting the fruit of the Spirit, not bitterness, anger, wrath, slander, or malice. We will have peace in our hearts which is stronger than all of the discord and troubles that are surrounding us. We will not be overcome by those troubles, but we will overcome them by the Spirit of the One who lives in us.

Daily we should prepare for this by learning to resist the temptation of succumbing to that which grieves the Holy Spirit. Instead, we should use every trial to grow in the fruit of the Spirit. When we face unnecessary delays, we should rejoice in the opportunity to grow in patience. When we are slandered or mistreated, we should rejoice in the opportunity to grow in forgiveness and love. When problems arise, we should seize the opportunity to grow in the peace of God, always believing that "...God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Today we are being prepared for the last days. If our hearts are filled with bitterness, fears, or evil desires, we will not be able to stand against what is coming. Every day we need to view our own hearts as fortresses of truth and righteousness that we are building, which will be strong enough to withstand any assault. The walls of this fortress are salvation, and its gates are praise (see Isaiah 60:18). Inside of our fortress we have the most powerful force there is - the Holy Spirit.

Walking with the King In Authority

As I was shown many years ago and wrote about in The Call, the Lord is building fortresses of truth and righteousness in these times, which will stand against all unrighteousness and evil. These are churches which take spiritual dominion over regions and do not let the plagues that are sweeping the rest of the world come near the domain that they have been given authority over.

If you attended our New Year's Conference, you witnessed a great miracle and may not even be aware of it. Flu was ravaging the country. Many were dying, especially young children, and it was forecasted to get much worse. Bob Jones received a word from the Lord that we did not have to accept this. He came to me and said we needed to pray and stop this plague immediately. We did that together in the next meeting, and from that very night it seemed the flu vanished from the news, and we have not heard of another death from it.

If you have regularly attended our conferences, you know that things like this happen at almost every one of them. We do not often see the results of these prayers until later, as we did this time. As we say frequently at our conferences, the reason we have them is to stir up the gifts and authority that the Lord has given to His people, so we will go home and use them. It is not what happens at the conferences which determines whether they were a success or not, but what happens in the lives of those who attended after they return home.

In Numbers 16, a great plague swept through the camp of Israel. Moses told Aaron to take a censor of incense from the altar, run into the camp, and to take his stand between the dead and the living. When he did this, the plague was checked. Because incense represents prayer and intercession, this was an example of how these can turn back plagues. It is imperative that we come to understand and walk in this authority.

We only have true spiritual authority to the degree that we are abiding in the King and Him in us, which He does by His Holy Spirit. If we are abiding in Him, as He promised, we can ask for what we need and He will do it. What do we have to do that is more important than this? The plagues that are coming upon the world do not have to come near us or our families. We can stop the plagues, and now is the time for us to learn to exercise that authority.

Our first priority should be to become a proper host for the Holy Spirit. Then we must strengthen the walls of salvation. We must fortify the gates of praise. When we have done this in our own hearts, we will then be able to grow, taking authority over the things that attack our families. Then we need to secure our congregations, so that the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit is apparent to all. From such fortresses, which are the domain of the kingdom of God, the gospel of the kingdom is going to go forth.

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Filled With The Fullness

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A Person Cannot Be Filled With The Fullness Of God Until

A person cannot be filled with the fullness of God until they first know and experience the depth of their soul until they reach and fathom its bottom its deepest recesses. One can only experience and thus know this by coming face to face with their own brokenness, helplessness, and emptiness apart from God.

To experience emptiness is to experience pain deep emotional pain. Such pain effects a person in the pit of their stomach or chest. In their deepest recesses, it gnaws and grips. Because it renders one helpless, it paralyzes to the feeling of lifelessness. It is felt physically. It is fearful; and it can torment. Most people even Christian believers, avoid this in every way they can, for they do not want to come face to face with their own empty soul. And it IS empty apart from a daily filling by God. This empty feeling hurts. Deep hunger is painful. Its pain is felt in depths one did not recognize before.

Years ago, I had gall bladder surgery. The procedure was a very serious one because a very tiny, gall stone had lodged itself in my bile duct just prior to the opening of the small intestine. It was backing up bile in my pancreas and that was deadly. The modern gall bladder procedures with quick surgery were not possible; major surgery was performed to delicately remove that one tiny speck of foreign matter hidden in the recesses of my digestive system. The pain that remained from that surgery allowed me to feel a depth of physical pain I did not know existed for I had never before been aware of "feeling" in those recesses. A healthy person is not very aware of their digestive system nor do they feel any pain in performing that miraculous, daily ritual. But a person with an unhealthy digestive system feels every heart beat and breath every movement. That person feels in the depths of their body pain they never knew existed before unless they block it with pain killing medication.

Our soul can be like the digestive system. If it lodges foreign matter, or if it is unhealthy from any cause, it can feel pain in the depths of places in which it was unaware of before UNLESS it blocks that pain with pain-killing addictions, behaviors, or medications. We need to fully feel our emptiness so that we will cry out truly to the Great Physician. He comes to heal and restore to feed and to fill to nourish and to nurture.

If left untended, an empty soul becomes deformed and/or dies unless it receives daily nourishment and nurture. It dries up. It conforms to its lifeless condition. It copes. It becomes "addicted" to other things, other idols, other measures for relief. It will feed on scraps of garbage, artificial medication, and lies to survive. It seeks relief in lesser things than it was created for just to survive.

God has designed the human soul to survive and thrive in only ONE way. That way is to be empty in His Presence and allow Him to feed and fill the soul, the heart with all that He is with the fruit of His fullness with His Truth with His love, joy, peace, and all the fruit of His Spirit.

One cannot be filled to the full unless first they are emptied of all else with which they have been sustaining themselves. When this happens, either by choice or by circumstance, one will come in contact with the depth of their soul; and in experiencing this deep depth, there will, of necessity be, an experience with the gripping pain described above.

We cannot truly know the depth of our soul UNTIL we allow ourselves to know and feel the pain of emptiness, brokenness, and helplessness. We must cry the tears of it .

This takes time this takes tears. This takes crying from the depths of one's soul to all that He is.

Only then can one truly know their emptiness and ask Him to fill it with Himself.

Only then will He begin to do so from the deepest depth of oneself and begin to form that one and become in them all He has desired - from the beginning.

Only then can one truly come into UNION with Him and become an authentic _expression of Him.

Only then will that one begin to get a glimpse of the Eternal Life that awaits them in Heaven.

Only then .

"Jesus Christ is the SAME yesterday, today, and forever!" Hebrews 13:8

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Gates To The Soul Part 2 and 3

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Part 2
THE FOUNTAIN GATE

"Shallun the son of Col-Hozeh, leader of the district of Mizpah, repaired the Fountain Gate; he built it, covered it, hung its gates with its bolts and bars." (Nehemiah 3:15)

The Lord says in Jeremiah 2:13, "For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the FOUNTAIN of living waters, to make for themselves cisterns – broken cisterns that can hold no water."

It does not take much thought to realize that the FOUNTAIN that so many in the world have forsaken is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible states that Jesus is the spring or fountain of life and that all who partake of him will have a wellspring rising up within them, leading to eternal life.

The rebuilding of the Fountain Gate to our soul requires no physical effort. It is built entirely by FAITH through GRACE. It is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as our only means of salvation. Many in the world have said, "Surely there must be more than "one way" to reach my eternal destination." The problem with this logic is apparent in the fact that something as vitally divine and important as eternal salvation can only possess ONE TRUTH. The case for this statement rests in the simple fact that "Eternity" must be intelligently designed or created. How could "Eternity" or eternal life simply EVOLVE? Just as there is one way that we are born into this world, there is but one way that we are born again to leave this world.

"Has a nation changed its gods, which are not gods?" (Jeremiah 2:11)

The ignorance of mankind is always portrayed in who or what they worship and in who and what they find security in. There are many "gods" in the world who demand that their worshipers die for them, whereas, Jesus Christ chose to die for us. We might consider spending eternity with a myriad of hideous animalistic creatures concocted by the vain imaginations of man. Or, maybe we can find eternal security going to our grave with a million dollars and the praise of men. Maybe our eternal destiny is laid out in the position of lifeless stars and planets. Some find their worship of the world so intoxicating or their past hurts and rejections so overwhelming, that they find pleasure in "believing" in no god at all.

The only "eternal security" offered in these choices is that you MIGHT be good enough to make it to heaven if you pass some kind of cosmic test based on YOUR ideas of good behavior or performance. Does man set the standard of what is eternally good and bad? Or, does man truly have much to say about life after death? Better yet, where does this cosmic higher power or "god" draw the line? Is there a set amount of sins that tip you over the edge? Look, the God and Father of all creation sent His Son Jesus Christ to pay the penalty for our sins and grant us relationship and eternal life in His presence. Mankind can never EARN eternal salvation. It is only through God's gift of GRACE and His love for us.

Jeremiah prophesied that mankind has forsaken God and made for themselves "cisterns – broken cisterns that can hold no water." Cisterns were large holes that were dug into the rocky soil and sealed with a type of plaster to make them water tight. Cisterns were dug in conjunction with terraces to retain life-giving water and to prevent erosion of the scarce and precious soil.

The Bible says that the "broken cisterns" of man can hold no water. Man has tried throughout the centuries to attain peace, harmony, and understanding among itself. You would think that after thousands of years of trial and error and countless wars of blood-shed, that humanity would have figured out the means of "abundant life." However, man has made for himself broken cisterns in his own strength that can hold no life giving water. The richness, possibility and potential of man (the soil of his soul) has continued to erode, rather than yielding fruit. As humanity (especially America) has forsaken the Fountain of Life, we have gradually witnessed the rich soil and moral foundation of this nation erode before our eyes.

No Republican, Democrat, or Independent politician will save our nation and solve its moral decay. Science and technology will not bring peace and security to our land. Only when we have repaired and rebuilt the FOUNTAIN GATE (a personal relationship with Jesus Christ) in our lives will we experience the true peace and security that the souls of mankind long for.

THE WATER GATE

"Moreover the Nethinim (common janitors) who dwelt in Ophel made repairs as far as the place in front of the Water Gate toward the East, and on the projecting tower." (Nehemiah 3:26)

Jesus says in John 7:38, "He who believes in Me, as the scripture said, 'from his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." Of all that Jesus could have referred to Holy Spirit as, He chose to refer to Him as "water." He also stated that it would be out of our (yours and mine) innermost being shall flow the goodness, anointing, and power of the Holy Spirit.

I am sure that many reading this are convinced that they have an intimate and personal relationship with Holy Spirit. I truly hope so. However, many times I have found it just the opposite in my experience in the many churches that I have been to. I hear people constantly summoning and calling the Holy Spirit to come: "COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME." I have studied this same phenomenon in the rituals of witchcraft. Summoning spirit(s) is dangerous, even with good intentions.

Father has placed His Holy Spirit within YOU. He has PROMISED to be present in a very special way when just two or more gather together in His name. Have you ever wondered why we do not experience the miraculous and supernatural power of God in our church meetings as they did in the early church? Could it be that we are confessing with our lips the true condition of our heart, in that we do not truly BELIEVE that the Holy Spirit is IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH -- the people of God? Why else would we be calling and summoning the Holy Spirit from some far and away place? The Spirit and presence of God is right inside of you, and He desires to manifest His love and power through you. The ANOINTING is simply believing and laying hold of this! You do not have to chase after man from conference to conference to receive the anointing of the Holy Spirit. He is only waiting on you to BELIEVE who you are in Christ and ... release and activate the Spirit of God within you through faith.

"Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him." (Colossians 2:8-10)

The Water Gate to the soul, when repaired and built, is the power of God manifested in the lives of His children. It is the receiving of the Holy Spirit that allows us to experience the fullness of God's best for our lives. Our destiny and purpose will never come to fruition without a personal relationship with Holy Spirit. When we come into intimacy with the Holy Spirit, we find ourselves clothed in the armor of God. We receive supernatural faith to lay hands on sick and to raise the dead. We receive the heart of God for a lost and dying world and our souls burn for the salvation of mankind.

"But you shall receive POWER when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

THE HORSE GATE

"Beyond the Horse Gate the priests made repairs, each in front of his own house." (Nehemiah 3:28)

We notice that the priests (you and I) made repairs to the Horse Gate in front of their own house. I believe that this is symbolic of our spiritual houses or places of corporate fellowship. When we read of "horses" in scripture, it usually points to a coming judgment or a consequence for sin. We see this clearly in the book of Revelation. Our heavenly Father is loving-kind and slow to anger. He is merciful and forgiving, but in His holiness, He must also be just. Without justice, there would be complete chaos and anarchy. The Bible says that Satan is the author of chaos or confusion.

God has always had to judge the nations (primarily cities) when they have changed their heart to believe that which was once thought to be good is now evil, and what was once evil is now acceptable. Whether it's Sodom and Gomorrah, the Greek and Roman Empires, or even the United States of America, their downfall and ultimate destruction was not from external forces, but from a sin that originated from within. I am sure that these nations and empires broke many of God's Commandments throughout their rise to prominence. However, there is a sin that will always cause God to draw a line – and once crossed, we can expect judgment. We can expect to be judged as a nation and church when homosexuality becomes acceptable in the fabric of our national, corporate, and spiritual lifestyle.

Paul stated that there is no greater sin than sinning against one's own body and Romans chapter 1 makes it clear that homosexuality is an abomination in the eyes of God. The Lord will not turn His face at this for much longer, especially in His church.

The Horse Gate also speaks of our judging one another. In the self-righteousness and pride within the church, we have found it our duty to replace God as the righteous judge. I believe that gossip runs more rampant in the church than it does in the world. I can make this statement because I function in both and I am not deaf!

We are simply murdering one another in our lust for feeling good about ourselves. When you talk about somebody behind their back, would you consider writing it down, signing, and mailing it to who you were talking about? If not, then you are partnering with the "Accuser of the brethren." One of the greatest areas that birth judgment is the misunderstanding of personalities and communication styles. It is in our human nature to find agreement with what is familiar to us. In the "Spiritual Jealousy" article, I used this example:

"A simple illustration would be if I were to ask a neighbor to borrow his truck to haul away something. Many prophetic people are direct and to the point by nature (black is black and white is white). Since this is how God has wired me and how I communicate, I would call and say something like this, "Hey David, how are you? Great. Hey, could I borrow your truck to move some large branches?" You notice that I waste no time in getting to the point. I am concerned about the value of time — for others and myself. I consider this a priority of thoughtfulness. On the other hand, David may call me with the same request. He may say, "Hey Danny, how is your week going? Great. So how are the wife and kids? Oh ... and by the way, I've got these large branches that the garbage collection cannot take away..." Obviously, the Lord has designed David and myself completely different in how we communicate. I am direct and to the point, whereas David is indirect, expressive and talkative.

Judgments can arise out of a simple phone conversation just like this example. Since David is very "round about" in his communication, I may perceive him as being "manipulative." Why? Because the only time that I talk "round about" is when I am trying to manipulate or get my way with something. On the other hand, David may perceive that I am arrogant and angry or lack compassion because of my lack of interest and directness. Why? Because the only time that David is direct and to the point is when he is angry. The reason this happens is because people base their judgments and opinions on their own disposition and personality. I have judged David as being manipulative, when in fact he was just expressing his interest in my life. David has judged me as arrogant, when I was just trying to be thoughtful and not to take up his time on a weekend. Essentially, we judge people in accordance with how we view OURSELVES as being correct or how WE do things.

The rebuilding of the Horse Gate to our soul is the recognition of God's justice and that He must judge sin. Every action committed by man will have its consequence. It is also the understanding that every word and action will render an eternal response. Everything that we say and do will reap its JUST reward.

THE EAST GATE

"After him Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper of the East Gate made repairs." (Nehemiah 3:29)

The Bible says that Jesus Christ will return for His people through the East Gate to rule over all the earth. We are encouraged in scripture to anticipate and long for the Lord's return. There is a part of me that desires very much to be with Jesus and rest in His unimaginable love. However, there is this tension within the core of my being that desires not to miss my children growing up: to watch them grow in success and to be there if they hurt, to be there on their graduation and wedding day, and to bounce my grandchildren on my knee. And most importantly — growing in life with my precious wife as we age together.

This is the gate that I personally have the hardest time trying to keep in repair. I struggle with the possibility of missing these events that are so very dear me. I also dread the thought of leaving family members and friends who are unsaved. But do I DESIRE and look forward to seeing Christ at least as much? Does all of this really take a second seat to my desire for Christ? I wish I could honestly say yes at this point in my life. My head says that I do, but am not sure about my heart. It is showing me how far that I really need to go in my love and desire for Jesus. Does my quest for one more day to make a difference over-shadow my desire for Christ's return? We all need to come to a place in our lives where we have cultivated such a relationship with Christ, that He is the source of our LIVING.

In Matthew 10:37, Jesus says, "He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me."

THE INSPECTION (JUDGMENT) GATE

"After him Malchijah, one of the goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the house of the Nethinim and of the merchants, in front of the Miphkad Gate." (Nehemiah 3:31)

The completing of the "gates to our soul" ends with the rebuilding of the Inspection or Judgment Gate. The rebuilding of this gate is the understanding that all who have ever lived will stand before the judgment seat of God. The Book of Life will be opened and the roll call of humanity will be read.

The impact of judgment is found in Luke 8:17. "For nothing is hidden that shall not become evident, nor anything secret that shall not be known and come to light." The word "secret" is really a word that is solely reserved for the Lord. What we hold to be secrets will someday be revealed and "become evident." Everything that we say and do behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the rooftops.

"There is NOTHING concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner room will be proclaimed from the housetops." (Luke 12:3)

There will always be consequences for our words and actions. The best parents are those who realize this and instill this understanding in the lives of their children. It is the same with our Heavenly Father. As Jesus hung on the cross, He had a hardened criminal on each side of Him. One mocked Jesus while the other asked for forgiveness. We know the story that Jesus forgave him and he joined Jesus in paradise that very day. This man's incredible salvation by the side of Jesus still did not relieve him from the pain of the cross. He still suffered the consequence for his actions.

I hope you see the prophetic time-line and where we are in history. We moved from the Sheep Gate (before history and creation) to the Inspection or Judgment Gate (the end of this age). We saw the importance of having strong gates to our soul that determine much of our spiritual and natural well-being. We have constructed a mighty spiritual wall of prayer along with strong gates to guard its openings. This picture is a type of security that we find in the Old Testament. We feel safe and secure within the walls that we have constructed around us. Our "gates" are repaired and there is no place for the enemy to get in. But is this the place and posture that Christ would have us?

Hebrews 13:12 says, "Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered OUTSIDE THE GATE. Hence, let us go out to Him outside the camp?"

We do not have FREEDOM locked within our own walls and gates. The fortress walls and gates that we have been building is not to protect you from Satan, but to lock Satan within them. Whom the Son sets free is free indeed! Your posture is not defensive, but offensive in the pulling down of strongholds. You are free and victorious outside the gate with Christ!

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GATES OF THE SOUL - Part 3

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The last two weeks we have looked at the ten gates in Nehemiah 3. We saw that the gates of the soul were the openings to our "temple" that determined our spiritual, physical, and emotional make-up. We also saw a time-line in history that God had laid out within the position of the gates.

We traveled from the Sheep Gate (Before creation) to the Fish Gate (The creation and the commission of mankind to subdue darkness and be fishers of men), to the Old Gate (The giving of God's Word), to the Valley Gate (The humility needed to empower the Grace of God's Word in our lives), to the Refuse Gate (A lifestyle of repentance in the midst of a pagan culture), to the Fountain Gate (The birth of Christ), to the Water Gate (The outpouring and receiving of the Holy Spirit), to the Horse Gate (Judgment), to the East Gate (The return of Christ and our expectation of His return), to the Inspection Gate (The Great White Throne and the Book Of Life). The number 10 represents a decision and we must choose how we will respond to these gates in our lives. Finally, we saw that the "walls" and "gates" were to imprison and bind Satan and not to enclose ourselves. Our freedom is with Christ outside the gate. (Hebrews 13:12-13)

It is interesting to note that even the distances between the gates represent or scale the years of history perfectly. For instance, the distance from the Sheep Gate to the Old Gate would represent approximately 2300 years. The distance between the Fountain (Birth of Christ) and Water Gate (The outpouring of Holy Spirit) are virtually within steps of each other. We see a remarkable long distance between the Water and the Horse Gate. (I believe that society has chosen not to differentiate what is morally acceptable from what is morally wrong and have embraced what was once wrong as right. We have entered into the Horse Gate of history.) Ironically, there is a very close distance between the Horse Gate and the East Gate with the Inspection or Judgment Gate within steps of the East Gate.

There are two more gates listed in the book of Nehemiah that are outside of chapter 3 that I have saved for our last part in this series — The Gate of Ephraim and the Gate of the Prison. These two gates are not listed with the others. I believe that man has no part to play in the construction of these gates. These gates are solely the work of the Lord.

THE GATE OF EPHRAIM

"Then the people went out and brought them and made themselves booths, (Tabernacles) each one on the roof of his house, or in their courtyards or the courts of the house of God, and in the open square of the Water Gate and in the open square of the Gate of Ephraim. And there was very great gladness." (Nehemiah 8:16-17)

"Those of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, And their heart shall rejoice as if with wine. Yes, their children shall see it and be glad; Their heart shall rejoice in the Lord." (Zechariah 10:7)

The word or name "Ephraim" when spoken in a prophetic context in scripture is usually conveyed by the Lord to represent the people or nation of Israel. The church has taken an "INTEREST" in its Jewish Roots, but I believe that we are passing through this gate with a hunger to "EMBRACE" our Jewish roots. The purpose of this is not to create shrines or dress in the latest Jewish paraphernalia, but that we would find identification with our HERITAGE and BIRTHRIGHT. Our reconciliation with our Jewish roots is for the purpose of God restoring the church to right relationship with the Jewish people and to provoke them to jealousy through the Feasts of the Lord. Many have pondered how we are to provoke the Jew to jealousy. Well, it certainly will not come through our past track record of persecuting and criticism of the Jews. The provocation will come through the only thing that has miraculously held them together as a people and nation for thousands of years — many of these years without a land to call their own. The Lord gave His people the Feasts to keep as an EVERLASTING ordinance. (Exodus 12:14) The last time I looked up "everlasting," it still meant everlasting ... which I believe includes today.

When the Jews see and experience the church partaking of the intended supernatural blessings of the Feasts, they will come and see their identification to Yeshua — whom the Feasts represent and point to. Likewise, they will sense their welcome back into the true church and see the Communion of the Lord's Supper as their Passover Lamb. Notice that I said TRUE church. The heart and core of most of the visions and words spoken by the prophets were directed toward God's commitment to restore Israel to her land, salvation, and intimate relationship with Himself.

True prophets of the Lord will have a heart and message for the reconciliation of the Jew to Yeshua and for reconciliation of the Jew to the church that THEY gave birth to. Since Satan realizes that the restoration of the Jewish people and the return of Christ mark his end, he has ceaselessly tried to silence the words of the prophet from being received and fulfilled. Tragically, Satan has been very successful through the guise of religion to silence people's ears to the gift and voice of prophecy.

"Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, who disturbs the sea, and its waves roar (The Lord of hosts is His name): "If those ordinances (concerning Israel) depart from before Me, says the Lord, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease from being a nation before Me forever." Thus says the Lord: "If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel, for all that they have done, says the Lord." (Jeremiah 31:35-37)

The pattern and plot of Satan should be obvious to all believers. He has sought the complete destruction and annihilation of the Jewish people and nation. From the holocaust of murder and genocide to the assimilation of the entire race into foreign lands — the enemy knows that if Israel ceases as a nation, the words of the prophets would have been rendered powerless and the return of Christ yet to be promised.

Sadly, a false church that has lived under the guise of "Christianity" has contributed the most to the present situation of the Jewish people in their relationship with Yeshua and the true remnant church. Satan made his way into the church as an "anti-christ" spirit. (Christ means "anointed one" or "smeared with oil." The anti-christ spirit is the anti-ANOINTING spirit or a spirit that resists the anointing of God upon His people.) The church has experienced the affects of this spirit through an environment and system that has dismissed the prophetic voice as one of yesteryear and the belief that it died with the apostles. This shifted the church from its Hebraic pattern and model that Jesus founded to a hierarchal system of traditions and doctrines that have their "roots" in Greek and Roman principles.

As soon as "mans" model was INSTITUTED, the scripture, along with prophecy, was taken from the common man and buried in the quagmire of religious systems and bureaucrats. The result is that the true Biblical church left its heritage and root system for an unbiblical model. Consequently, its growth withered and the fullness of God's blessing was not realized (because He blesses those who bless Israel). Sadly, this institution carried the name "church" and claimed an allegiance to Jesus. Truth is, they never KNEW Jesus. Nor were they the real CHURCH. What we often read as "Church History"is no more than "World History."

The "church" thought its moral and spiritual "duty" was to threaten the Jew into a conversion that in no way resembled their worship of Yahweh. These brood of vipers made it impossible for the Jew to come to a faith in Christ because their "religion" resembled the pagan world system that the Lord had commanded them to resist! This is tragic because up to this time through the third century, the Jew's were coming to Christ in great numbers all over the known world.

It is almost incomprehensible to think that an institution called the "church" would brutalize and murder Jews into forced Greco-Roman conversion. I can only praise God that He is raising up a true apostolic and prophetic voice to declare the heart of God for the Jewish people and nation. The restoration that has begun will take the church from that of a wild and grafted branch to one new man (Both Jew and Gentile) in Christ — a branch that LOOKS and ACTS like it always belonged. As we read earlier in the days of Nehemiah — there will be a "very great gladness" as we tabernacle together as one new man in Messiah.

THE GATE OF THE PRISON

"The other thanksgiving choir went the opposite way, and I was behind them with half the people on the wall, going past the Tower of the Ovens as far as the Broad Wall, and above the Gate of Ephraim, above the Old Gate, above the Fish Gate, the Tower of Hananel, the Tower of the Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate; and they STOPPED by the Gate of the Prison." (Nehemiah 12:38-39)

The Gate of the Prison is a gate that many people avoid facing and rebuilding in their lives. The reason that this is so unpopular is because people have been conditioned to FEAR death more than they fear the Lord. One of the greatest attributes of prophetic ministry in these last days will be the preparing of people for the certainty of death. I know ... I know. This is not a popular subject, but it is one that we need to face to be the Christian witness that the Lord has called us to be.

All of the "Christian" movies and books that are about end-time events, and so popular, seem to focus on the self-importance and SURVIVALIST mentality that grips humanity. If "survivalism" is the primary focus and mentality of the church as we approach the last days, we will have missed one of our greatest hours and opportunities to see literally millions of people come into ETERNAL salvation. Paul commends us in scripture to "finish strong." I believe there is more here than we may see on the surface. The church needs a prophetic voice to challenge and encourage the saints of God to live a life ready to die for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. According to Jesus, "there is no greater love than this." We also need to live everyday as if it were our last. Is this not truly living? When everything, including the mask of religion, is stripped away and our heart is exposed, we must ask ourselves the question, "Are we willing to lay it all down for Christ?" Is this not the true barometer of our faith and relationship with Christ? To finish strong is to die with DIGNITY and without regrets as we stand before Christ in that day to hear, "Well done, My good and faithful servant."

I know these may be hard words for some to digest. However, the days are quickly approaching where the church is going to stand in the midst of persecution or run and survive. What are you going to do when you must make a choice between your job and Christ? Will you deny Christ over your bank account, life savings, dreams and plans? We must remember that when times such as these come upon the church, God will not allow you to endure more than you can handle. Your victory over evil and darkness is the seed of ETERNITY in the lives of others who need to see Christ in you.

You are not reading this by accident and I declare and prophesy that you WILL stand firm for Christ. You will fix your eyes on heaven and the Glory of His eternal presence and splendor. You will know that the Lord is your provider and although you have been tested a short time in the evening hour, blessing will come to you in the morning. Resist the devil and he will flee. Do not run My children, but stand firm in the armor called by My name. All of creation cries out for the redemption of My people. There are so many, so many who are looking to you as My witness. Be strong, My dear ones, as the battle intensifies and the nations rage against one another in their greed and lust for the things of this world. You are My people. A people called and appointed to be My arms of love in the midst of anger and My face when another needs comfort in a sea of trials and tribulation. You are My feet to seek out the lost and those without hope. I could have chosen you for any other time in history. I have known you before the dawn of days, but I saved you for such a time as this. I have saved you for the last of the last days because there is something very special that I have created in you. You are special in that you will be a bride worthy of My return — a people who speak My words and exhibit My love for the lost and dying.

One of the central tasks of the apostle and prophet is to minister to people who are hurting and broken. The prophets of old spoke words of truth, but also of HOPE. A refinement in the prophetic voice must take place today for the days ahead that are quickly approaching. People who are suffering in "escapism" and denial because they have been told that Christians don't suffer will need a word of hope. Those who have lost jobs and homes are not going to need another good sermon, they are going to need a word straight from the heart of God to give them hope. Those who are unsaved and on their death-bed need YOU to give them a word of hope that comes through Jesus Christ.

Since you have been reading this article, literally thousands of people from around the world have passed through Prison Gate and into an eternal hell. The church is tired of "cliche'"words concerning OUR different "types" of anointings, Charismatic phrases of third this and third that. They are tired of prophets disagreeing whether good dreams can be in black and white. They are tired of this movement and that movement when they just want to experience Christ moving in their lives. They are tired of our titles and lack of function through the compassion and love of Christ for the hurting and unsaved. Their disgust of "apostolic control" as "set men" is well founded and talked about behind their backs. Yes, it is true that David never insulted or attacked Saul. But David left Saul's camp as well. Your unsaved neighbors and those with needs in the church could care less about our "Third Apostolic Kingdom Come Enter Into The Rest -24/7 Later Rain, On Fire, Blowing Wind Outporing." They need a person who will stand in the gap with them and build a wall by interceding for them. They need someone like Nehemiah to encourage them to build strong gates around their temple and to SPEAK into their lives the love and power of Jesus Christ. (The purpose of our conference this Spring is to do just that – To equip and encourage the people of God to reach the lost and hurting through prophetic ministry that is applicable to everyday life.)

"There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores who was laid at his GATE." (Luke 16:19-20)

The clothing of the rich man gave away His identity. The color purple and the fact that the man was wearing "linen" would indicate that he was most likely a priest. Like so many priests of that day, he knew a lot about the scripture, but failed to recognize the heart and fulfillment of it (Jesus Christ).

The story of Lazarus and the rich man strikes images in our mind of a man who was so selfishly consumed with his agenda that he neglected the pressing needs of others around him — even those right outside HIS GATE and within his reach. We never read that the rich man ever committed a terrible sin or crime, but we still visualize and see a man who received his just penalty of eternal hell. The mature prophet understands that this is not the end of the story. The mature prophet recognizes in the preceding verses that Jesus had been speaking to the "religious" Pharisees and sees clearly that there was no mention of Lazarus ever telling the rich man about the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Lazarus was a believer and saved by grace, but he, like the unbelieving rich man, was only concerned with HIS need. I cannot speak for Lazarus, but I do know that the rich man (much too late) realized the importance of telling and warning his family and friends of the reality of the "prison" of Hell and the forgiveness that comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

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Islam Cast The First Stone
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Dear friends and list members,

If you are new to our newsletter you may want to go back to the "Islam - An Introduction" in the article archive at www.watermarkministry.injesus.com or click on the "injesus" tab at the top of your newsletter for a shortcut. This series moves in an historical time line...Coming in the middle may cause some difficulties in understanding. Each article picks up where the previous left off. dk

To most Meccans, the cause and new religion of Muhammad must have seemed all but lost. However, his fortunes and were about to unexpectantly turn. Pilgrims from Medina on a visit to the Kaba seemed attentive to the Islamic cause of Arab unity. Six listeners became totally committed to the message and carried the doctrine back to Medina. The next year (around 622) twelve prominent Medinians met secretly with Muhammad outside of Mecca. This would be called "The First Pledge of Aqaba." A Medinian elder at this point stated, "We have listened to your words...Our lives are at the prophets service. The spread of Islam had begun and Muhammad would now set up his headquarters in Medina.

It would be in Medina that many of the Islamic rituals and rites would be birthed. The five daily prayers, Friday sermons, the Ramadan fast, and the call of the "muezzin" all developed in Medina. The muezzin is the Islamic call to prayer. The Jewish trumpet and the Christian bell were consided by Muhammad until someone had suggested a human voice. So Muhammad directed his big servant Bilal to stand on the roof at the five determined hours to cry-out, "great is the lord! Great is the lord! I bear witness that Muhammad is the prophet of God. Come unto prayer. Come unto salvation. god is great! god is great! There is god but the lord." This began the office or title of the muezzin.

Medina had several Jewish enclaves or large clans from the time of the Babylonian invasion of Israel under Nebuchadnezzer. The Jewish rejection of Muhammad's message came as a serious blow to him. However, most Arabs embraced Islam as an alternative over the many civil wars and tribal disputes that had ravished the area for years. (Most Arabs, however, still mocked Muhammad's view of god and morality) These people would go down in Islamic history as the "hypocrites" who would be distinguished from the "ansar" or "helpers" who added the Muslim cause.

During this time, the Jews would be forced to resist Muhammad's doctrine of Islam. Accepting it meant rejecting Judaism. Islam stated that Jesus (The Jewish Messiah) had certainly come, but one greater than Jesus was now at hand and he was not Jewish, but Arab. Muhammad was initially counting on the Jews as a means of defense against certain warfare and attacks. This would become contentious with some interesting scenarios. Since Muhammad had already publically stated that the Jews were the original people of God, would their opposition mean that god was against the prophet? The Jews knew the scriptures much better than Muhammad and would put him to the test during several encounters.

During one of Muhammad's sermons, he was asked by the Jews why he could not cure As'ad, one of the original converts from Medina who was stricken with a cough and dying? (History had already documented healings and people raised from the dead upon the testimony of many witnesses what Jesus had accomplished to back-up His claim of divinity.) Biographers at that time noted the frustration when Muhammad frantically stated, "I have no power of the lord over even my own life, or over that of my followers. Let the lord destroy the Jews that speak thus."

Another question was posed to Muhammad to test his self avowed allegiance to the Mosaic Law. Muhammad's response would draw a definitive line even more clearer of the differences between himself and Jesus Christ. Some Jews had caught a couple in adultery, and asked Muhammad what should be done to them? To demonstrate his commitment and devotion to the Mosaic Law, Muhammad declared that they be stoned to death. The documented record preserves a gruesome scene of the man trying in vain to protect the woman as the rocks cascaded upon them. Believe it or not, this tale is told and recounted to assure Muslims of the "prophet's" adherence to scripture. This stands in stark and absolute contrast to the response of Christ when He encountered the same situation. Jesus said, "Let him who has not sinned cast the first stone."(John 8:7)

The Lord gave us this New Testament account to attest to the mercy of Christ. It also shows us a picture of man's futility in keeping with the Mosaic Law. Who could possibly meet the minimum requirement of the Law? If man must rely on performance and moral laws as his means of hope and salvation, he is truly lost. We may ask, "How can mankind be saved?" My dear Muslim, only by God Himself. Only by the Son of God Himself who met the demand of the Law and moral code on our behalf. Jesus Christ became your sacrifice and substitute when he freely offered His life on the cross.

I believe that these examples were allowed by God to show us the futility of unaided and Christ-less human effort in attaining salvation. It also should provide an appeal and hope for those who have never heard the Gospel and have been under the burden and heavy yoke of Islam that never provides rest for the soul and a clear conscious toward God. The relationship of love that Jesus Christ offers is the solution that neither Muhammad, the Koran, or Islam has ever addressed. They have never addressed GRACE. Grace is God's unmerited LOVE for mankind. If we are honest with ourselves, we all have the need to be loved – Of all that God could have chosen to call Himself, He simply said, "I am love." Could this be the real reason that Islam prohibits (on the threat of death) the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be shared in Muslim countries? Could the clear faults in the Islamic doctrine be the manifestation of eternal insecurity – that a Muslim who converts to Christianity will be put to death?

Muhammad imposed a tax in the name of "god." This would provide further trouble to Islamic doctrine. The Medinian Jews said, "If Allah required their tax money, then they must be richer than Allah."

Muhammad went on record as saying, "god is aware of the Jewish blasphemy." Muhammad later told Abu Bakr, "They shall taste the punishment of burning." (Sura 3:116)

It seems from a logical conclusion that the Koran is not a holy book inspired by God, but a means of propaganda and a journal of Muhammad's evolving thoughts when confronted with TRUTH. The Koran is clearly void of anything relationally positive and the offering of hope for mankind. It is a handbook of ridged moral codes that not one Muslim will be able keep. His hope of salvation is never satisfied and will live a life of doubt in striving to be good enough to make it to heaven under the frailty of his own strength. Under this yoke, the Muslim's only assurance is to murder an infidel. Think about that for moment.

I hope that these articles will not only bring you understanding concerning one of the greatest spiritual enemies and battles we are facing, but that you would pray for the Muslim to be loosed from the bondage of Islam and saved through the power and love of Jesus Christ.

God For Us

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God being for or against a person made the difference between Jesus and Adam, Moses and Pharaoh, David and Saul, etc. What is the benefit in God being for a person?

Rom 8:31-32—*What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*

If God is for a person, no person and nothing can be (or prevail) against him/her. Another way to put it is that God will graciously give the person all things. I will expatiate on this point later in this article. First of all there is need to uncover the condition a person must fulfill in order to have God be for him/her.

Why is Jesus greater than Adam? Most Christians will answer that the reason is simply that Jesus is God and Adam was a mere man. I don't contest that, but we have virtually nothing helpful to learn from such an answer. What I mean by nothing helpful is that we wouldn't be able to copy Jesus, and so have God be for us. Can any person like myself seek to become God in order to have God be for him/her as He was for Jesus?

Matt 3:17—*And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."*

John 8:29—*The one who sent me is with me; he has not left me alone, for I always do what pleases him."*

In Matt 3:17, God declares that He is well pleased with Jesus. In John 8:29, Jesus declares that the reason why God is always with Him is because He (Jesus) always do what pleases God. So, here we see two issues: election and responsibility. Jesus was elected to be the Son of God and He lived up to the responsibility. Adam was elected to be a son of God (Luke 3:38) but he could not live up to the responsibility. What was the responsibility required? It was simply to believe the word of the Lord. The Spirit quickened facts and prophecies concerning the Messiah to Jesus, and He went about speaking them concerning Himself. Consequently, He went about fulfilling them. Adam didn't believe the word that God gave him, and that led to his fall.

Moses was elected to lead Israel out of the land of Egypt. His ministry never took off until the word of God came to him and he believed. The ministry continued for as long as he never deviated from God's word. The moment he deviated, his ministry came to an end. Pharaoh never believed God's word and brought calamities upon himself and his kingdom.

David was a strong believer in God's word, as you see in Psa 119. That has made him the most popular of Israel's kings forever. Saul disobeyed God's word due to unbelief and not only did he lose his kingship, he brought calamity on his family and his nation.

Num 23:19—*God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?*

Ps 130:5-8—*I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope. 6My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning. 7O Israel put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. 8He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.*

Ezek 12:21-27—*The word of the LORD came to me: 22"Son of man, what is this proverb you have in the land of Israel: `The days go by and every vision comes to nothing'? 23Say to them, `This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am going to put an end to this proverb, and they will no longer* *quote it in Israel.' Say to them, `The days are near when every vision will be fulfilled. 24For there will be no more false visions or flattering divinations among the people of Israel. 25But I the LORD will speak what I will, and it shall be fulfilled without delay. For in your days, you rebellious house, I will fulfill whatever I say, declares the Sovereign LORD.'"*

26The word of the LORD came to me: 27"Son of man, the house of Israel is saying, `The vision he sees is for many years from now, and he prophesies about the distant future.'

28"Therefore say to them, `This is what the Sovereign LORD says: None of my words will be delayed any longer; whatever I say will be fulfilled, declares the Sovereign LORD.'"

Job 22:21-30—*"Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you. 22Accept instruction from his mouth, and lay up his words in your heart. 23If you return to the Almighty, you will be restored: If you remove wickedness far from your tent 24and assign your nuggets to the dust, your gold of Ophir to the rocks in the ravines, 25then the Almighty will be your gold, the choicest silver for you. 26Surely then you will find delight in the Almighty and will lift up your face to God. 27You will pray to him, and he will hear you, and you will fulfill your vows. 28What you decide on will be done, and light will shine on your ways. 29When men are brought low and you say, `Lift them up!' then he will save the downcast. 30He will deliver even one who is not innocent, who will be delivered through the cleanness of your hands."*

These four quoted passages of Scripture are very significant. Num 23:19 makes it very clear that God must fulfill His word. Psa 130:5 urges us to wait, if the fulfillment of God's word seems to delay; He must eventually fulfill His word. Ezek 12:21-27 is the word for this year 2004. Time for delays is over. Job 22:21-30 applies very much to some Christians who received prophetic words concerning their future ministries in the past. They have been waiting almost endlessly to enter their destinies. Such people should read this article with seriousness of purpose, for they will learn in it how to break into their destinies.

Our election

I have already indicated above that God being for us depends on election and living up to the necessary responsibility.

Rom 8:28-30—*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.*

Matt 22:14(KJV)—*For many are called, but few are chosen.*

Some people overemphasize "predestination", to the extent that they virtually exclude any responsibility on the part of man. But Rom 8:29 begins by saying that God foreknew those that would live up to the responsibility of their call, and so predestined them. In the fullness of time, these people were justified and later glorified. Matt 22:14 makes us to understand that God places His call on a large number of people, by arranging for them to hear the gospel. Those who respond acceptably to the gospel they've heard are justified. Those who live up to the responsibility demanded by the justification are then glorified.

Acts 2:38—*"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."*

Rom 6:3-4—*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

God expects those who have received the gospel to repent and be baptized. The purpose of baptism is the forgiveness of our sins and anyone whose sins are forgiven receives the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is not the immersion in water (or sprinkling, or whatever) that brings the forgiveness but the faith that underlies the whole activity. Whether you are talking about infant or adult baptism, or immersion or sprinkling or pouring of water on the head, what faith exists in the heart of the one being baptized? Rom 6:3-4 says that the person being baptized should believe in his/her heart that he/she is being united with the death (or blood) of Jesus Christ.

Rom 3:25-26—*God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished- 26he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.*

Heb 10:10, 14—*And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

Because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Do you believe God’s word that the blood that Jesus shed on the cross at Calvary is for your justification? If you do, God credits it to you as righteousness (cf: Rom 4:1-8). Heb 10 says that, in fact, for simply believing God, God’s record of you in heaven is that you are a holy man/woman; a perfect man/woman. Here on earth we are too shy to accept perfection by faith, but God’s record of you in heaven is exactly that. And it now remains to align your experience on earth with the record in heaven. Every spiritual process must be initiated in heaven. Then, through prayer and other actions of yours, His will could be done on earth as it is recorded in heaven.

Our responsibility

Now that your sins have been forgiven due to your faith in the blood of Jesus, and you have thereby received the gift of the Holy Spirit (given only to those whom God credits holiness), what next? The next thing should be to align your experiences on earth with your record in heaven. God is for you, but it is by faith that you ensure that nobody and nothing can be (or prevail) against you. How do you ensure this?

Rom 8:32—*He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*

God gave the blood or life of His Son in order to redeem us. Did He go to that length just in order to get the caliber of Christians we have today? Was it not sin that separated man from God? Are Christians totally free from sin? We all know the answers to these questions. The problem lies with man’s inability to live up to the responsibility expected of him. This inability is largely due to lack of knowledge (Hos 4:6).

Rom 1:4—*And who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Rom 1:16—*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.*

1 Cor 1:18—*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

1 Cor 2:2, 5—*For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*

5So that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

2 Peter 1:3-4—*His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

Eph 1:18-21—*I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in* *the heavenly realms, 21far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.*

All the above quoted passages of Scripture deal with "**the power of God**." The responsibility that is expected from us is "**faith in the power of God**". The basis of this faith is simply that God gave up His Son in order to be for us. He is on our side, with His power. Rom 1:4, speaking about Jesus, says that through the Spirit of holiness God declared Him with power to be the Son of God. The same God has given us the same Spirit of holiness, so that by this Spirit He will raise us up from our current conditions and declare us with power to be His sons (the manifestation of sons of God—Rom 8:19). The power of God is released for us, as we believe that he backs His word with His power.

1 John 4:16—*And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.*

We need to know the extent of love that God has for us, and realize that because of that love there is nothing that God cannot do for us, as we trust in His word. Let me give a practical example. You are suffering from one kind of infirmity or disease or the other. One day you come to the realization that God is for you. You simply turn to whatever that is responsible for the infirmity or disease and tell it or them that because God is for you they have no right to be against you. On that basis, you command them to cease all their work against you.

It is not only infirmity or disease that one can overcome by relying on the love that God has for us. The most important (Matt 6:33) is sin. Tell that sinful character or habit that Christ died in order to free you from it and that God is for you; God will contend with any sin that contends with you (Psa 35). On that basis, command the sin to cease its operation in your life.

This principle is not only useful for self-deliverance; it is also powerful for delivering other people (see Job 22:21-30 quoted above). That is why the starting point in delivering other people must be preaching the gospel to them. If they thereby believe in justification by the blood of Jesus, you can then command every power of the evil one against their lives to cease operation against them.

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Gain Momentum

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This is the mandate for which I have called you. You shall run with passion in your heart for the Lord your God. You shall be counted amongst the Elect. You will be brought into the fullness. I will write My word upon your heart, engrave it in your mind. You are able to carry it out and into the places ordained for you. This is the call to which I have called you. This is the mandate, to run with great grace into those things prepared for you.

Lift up your head and do not be bent low, for I have lifted the veil and appeared to you in truth. I am the Lord of Heaven, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. I am the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords and I shall reign. I shall reign in the hearts and lives of those who know My name, and just as I promised, I shall take you on and into the fulfillment.

This is a day of change, a day of great anticipation. I will clothe you in righteousness, in garments of praise. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. My life I give to you. Walk in the way, the narrow way. Understand that I have been at work behind the scenes, putting all into proper place and perspective. Dance, delight yourself in Me. Be set free to sing and praise My name. Be free to make My ways known to all who are searching for truth.

Gain momentum. Move in the direction I would lead you. Go in accordance with My will and purpose. Make Me the center of all you do, and when you are caught in a dry place, let Me wash over you with My love and humility, for there is no other way to move into the fullness than to let Me walk you on and into momentum with My Spirit.

Produce fruit for the kingdom. Declare praise within the assembly. Declare My ways to the people. Let Me lift you out of complacency and position you with a trumpet onto front lines. Reach for the top and do not stop short of what I have made available for you. I will usher you on. I will cause the passion you once knew to be rekindled and to bring life to multitudes within your jurisdiction.

Ample opportunities are coming your way to be taken into the mainstream of ministry. Study the details. Have them firmly established in your mind. I will use you to implement the things being taught you, the skills being dispensed to you. This is the way outlined to you, so go forward in it. I will qualify you for the job. I will give you the tools to perform tasks set before you. I will equip you with everything you need. Venture out and in the direction opening before you and I will lead you into all I have promised to you. I will take you into the mainstream in ministry, but also into the marketplace, and great skill and expertise will carry you into areas of newness.

Open wide your heart to receive all I am pouring into you in this day. Receive love and blessing from a Heavenly Father who will never abandon His own. Walk out in liberty. I will break the power of the enemy to dissuade you from moving forward, so press in and press on and into all I have for you, and I will see to it that you prosper in this day!

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I Will Fight For You
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My ways are higher than your ways, My thoughts higher than yours. Those things you are experiencing are for a purpose. I purpose to bring you into the full revelation and counsel of God. You will see Me outperform any performance by the enemy.

I have not left you or forsaken you. I have not left you without hope. Hope in God and you will see the promises come to pass. Trust in Me and you will see that I have all things in My control. Hope is not far from you. Hope is what links you to Me. Hope is found in Me.

Help is on its way. I will establish you upon the heights and blow apart any attempts of the enemy to confuse you. I will make it clear that I have given My angels instruction concerning you, to lift you up and move you forward, and nothing can slow you down.

Be alert, always intercepting the attacks of the enemy. Understand that the battle rages, but I have already declared victory. I have already silenced the enemy and made a way whereby My word shall go forth from sea to sea. This is the day of battle, but shout the victory, for I have triumphed over every foe.

Press into Me and do not be pressured by those around you. Stand firm in your commitment to serve Me and I will fight for you.

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Galilean Tapestry

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> Isaiah 9:1: *"But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, Galilee of the Nations.*

Galilee - "Galil" – province, region or district in Hebrew. The "province or district of the nations" has truly lived up to its name. Being Israel's northernmost region, throughout history it has seen many civilizations come and go. Being a region of varied topography it has also drawn people of various interests for multiple reasons who were engaged in many types of occupations. During this past week's visit to that colorful region, a window was opened so that we could gaze into the rich tapestry formed by time, people and
place. The Galilee was certainly the rock bed upon which the modern restoration of Jewish settlement in the Land of Israel was established. This intricate process, which is by no means over, is commemorated and demonstrated in assorted ways in the Galilee's towns and villages.

The Galilee's western border is formed by the shore line of the Mediterranean Sea. Between Acre, an ancient port city that has seen Muslim and Crusader conquerors with memories even of Napoleon Bonaparte, and Nahariya, a seventy year old town that was founded by mostly German Jews, is the living monument to the European Holocaust – Kibbutz Lohamey Ha'geta'ot – "Ghetto Fighters" Kibbutz. The kibbutz type of settlement was the Jewish pioneers' answer to millennia of oppression and repression of various forms. Agricultural communities of mutual help, accountability and egalitarianism of and for all its members was the new lifestyle envisioned by the young men and women who resolved to shake off the dust of exile and Diaspora. In the Ghetto Fighters' kibbutz this takes on a far greater meaning. The founders of this kibbutz (in 1949), survivors and ghetto fighters, did not only shake off the dust of Diaspora, they were literally reborn from the ashes of the inferno of the crematoriums and burning ghettos and themselves became living monuments to a Jewry that perished in the Holocaust. In a totally new and vigorous lifestyle they, by their own admittance, "raised to the burning ghetto a monument of life… a life that will never cease…" It was in the museum and study center which they established for the purpose of documenting the atrocities, the culture that was lost, the victims, the resistance fighters, the acts of heroism and yes… even the hopes, that we began our Galilee exploration experience. These salvaged firebrands themselves stocked the fires of life in order to allow others to participate in the life kindling, albeit tragic, memories.

On one of the walls, next to some poignant drawings and paintings, we read the following poem. It deals with Joseph's counterpart, if you will, whose cry for redemption is still resounding:

The Coat of the Prison Camper

And his brethren envied him not
For the many-tracks* coat
With which they too were clad
When from the (train) tracks they were dragged.

And he did not dream, nor offer wise talk,
And there was no one to arise from the stalk.
And it was not a goat
That in blood was soaked.

Neither was it recognized by their father the sage
For many were the children of his old age,
And he only murmured, “A savage beast!”
And he never laid eyes on them again as long as he lived.

(Translated from a poem by Avner Trainin)

* In Hebrew the coat is of “many stripes/tracks”, same word as the tracks of a train.

Aside from the many exhibits dedicated to the Holocaust, there is an entire floor where pre-Second World War Zionist activities among Jewish youth around the world are depicted. Tens of different Jewish youth movements existed from the end of the 19th century all the way to and through the Second World War, each with its own political slant, yet all focused on the need for the sons of Judah to unite as a viable entity and to act together. By far the majority of them set their goal on “aliya” (immigration to the Land of Israel), and on building a healthy, prosperous new life here. For that purpose they went into rigorous training in their homelands. They not only had to adjust themselves to a new life style, but they also saw the need to adjust to a different mentality of the “new Jew”. They had to ward off objections from the older generation, from authorities and community leaders and sometimes from their own peers, not to speak of physical, financial and cultural challenges that their aspirations presented them with. And so, in order to take a journey into the Galilee, we had to go back to a past which nurtured the resettlement of this region in our times.

We then crisscrossed the central Galilee in order to get to our destination which was the north-western shore of the Kinneret (Sea of Galilee) and as we did, bird’s eye views of colorful valleys availed themselves to us. On one of the bare hilltops that we frequented lay the remains of Yodfat, a Galilean town which took part in the Great Jewish Revolt against the Romans in 66 A.D. In the year 67 the town fell after 47 days of heroic resistance. The leader of the revolt was captured in the town, and was one of the few not to be put to death. His name was Josephus and he became the historian of these battles whose writings are almost commonplace even in our own day and age.

Traveling through the winding roads of Arab and Druze (a Middle-Eastern sect, the Druze are not regarded as Muslims by other Muslims, but they regard themselves as such, having no national aspirations they are generally loyal to their host countries) villages which pepper the Galilean hills, we finally ‘landed’ by the green and lush shores of the Sea of Galilee, in a guest house located on another kibbutz. Kibbutz Ginosar is named after the biblical Gennesareth (Mat. 14:34). The Valley of Gennesareth (or Ginosar in Hebrew), and its fertility, is also mentioned in the Mishna part of the Talmud.

One of Kibbutz Ginosar’s founders, who was also at the helm of the battle for independence and one of the leaders of Israel’s Labor movement, was Yig’al Alon.

Ginosar’s museum is named after him, and is a real open window into life in the Galilee, past and present. Although a military genius, Yig’al Alon’s vision and faith were focused on interrelationships with the Arab population, and thus the museum portrays not only the Jewish settlements in the Galilee, but also Arab life; both in the villages and in the towns; the Bedouin shepherd's nomadic lifestyle against the artisans and merchants and their traditions. In fact, along the shoreline, at the back of the edifice, are placed environmental sculptures which are the result of a joint effort of Galilee Jews and Arabs.

Jewish life in the Galilee during the Mishnaic and Talmudic times is also introduced, as after the first and second Jewish revolts and the sacking of Jerusalem (first and second centuries A.D.), the Galilee became the center of Jewish religion and learning for those Jews that still remained in the Land. In the museum we learned about the (late) 19th and (early to middle) 20th centuries settlers' dual role of building homes and farmsteads in desolate and unfriendly physical conditions, while having to deal with frequent Arab rioting and foreign overlords' hostility (first the Turks and then the British). The difficult decision making in many an instance, where life threatening situations presented themselves to young and inexperienced leaders who shouldered heavy moral responsibilities, is featured prominently among the museum's inter-active exhibits. Some of these documentations present a very different picture from the way life is experienced and understood in present day Israel, whereas in other cases, these past episodes are still lived and relived daily in this country. The figure of Yig'al Alon embodies the character etched by the Father in the young leadership which was emerging in the nascent state. The crucial and critical actions taken by these pioneers were marked by not loving their lives even when faced by death, but rather by being each other's keepers and servants (to quote Alon himself). They had preferred one another and were willing to take responsibility not only for successes but also for failures, all the way down from the commander to the last soldier. Whether or not they knew it, they were fulfilling Godly principles and so were able to stand up to the tasks placed before them.

Just as the present is supported by past centuries whose stories are told in the museum, so are the building's four stories supported by the ground floor where a two thousand year old boat finds its resting place. This vessel was discovered in the 1980's by two of Ginosar's members, fishermen and armature archaeologists. After a fourteen year old treatment, designed to preserve its rotting wood, the boat was finally put on display, 'flaunting' all of its humble beauty. And whereas it was constructed mainly of one type of wood, eleven other trees were used to patch it up (when it was in use, two millennia ago). Thus the lumber of a dozen indigenous trees was needed in order to make this ancient boat workable!

The Valley of Jezreel, Israel's bread basket, was also one of the main sites for many historical episodes. Situated just below the Lower Galilee, we made our way home through some of its interesting villages and towns. Our journey took us to Bethlehem of Galilee, mentioned in Joshua as being part of Zebulon's inheritance. Among the many groups and individuals who had Messianic aspirations and visions concerning the "Holy Land", there was also a group of Germans known as the "Templers" who began to make their way here in the middle of the 19th century. These new comers engaged mostly in agricultural exploits and did very well for themselves. They withstood the many difficulties which the land presented at that time, settling in various parts of the country; it seems that the Jezreel Valley was one that they particularly favored. When the British expelled them from the Land, during the Second World War (fearing Nazi sympathies on their part), Jewish settlers took over their villages. Bethlehem of Galilee is a beautiful agricultural village whose German stone houses, which retain their old charm, are still in use.

Aside from the kibbutzim, the pioneers founded another form of settlement, the moshav, which combines cooperation of assets, finances and produce, but maintains the privacy of family life. The first moshav, Nahalal (a name found in Zebulon’s biblical territory), was established during the first decade of the 20th century, and has become synonymous with agricultural ventures as well as with security of the country. During the mandatory era, the Jewish defense arms were stockpiling ammunition and weapons for their defense needs in face of constant Arab threats and under the watchful eyes of the British who forbade both Jew and Arab to own weapons. These secret weapons caches were names “sliqs”.

The Nahalal sliq is a unique family museum which tells stories inextricably connected with the establishment and security of the State of Israel. The old sliq is situated on the family farm. Members of the third and fourth generation tell fascinating family tales, especially the story of the cache which was built under the guise of a pit for collecting cow urine for fertilizing purposes, making the story as humorous as it is fascinating. Israel’s formative history, with its various facets is well represented by this one family’s story. And as things are in this small country, while the story unfolded it was not without some very close family connections. These caches, scattered throughout the country and especially in some of the kibbutzim, apparently gave rise (in the first years of the independent state) to ideas among some malcontents, or those who subscribed to certain unsound ideals. This phenomenon had to be dealt with. We thus found out some surprising facts about Rimona’s father’s tasks while he served in the General Security Service.

Our visit to the Jezreel Valley was concluded by a trip to the local cemetery, where Ilan Ramon, Israel’s first astronaut, was laid to rest after the failed shuttle mission of the Columbia. The crew at large, made up of members of the nations”, is also commemorated on his tombstone set on a hill that commands the valley as it spreads below ready, as always, for further fulfillments of what its Creator has destined for it…

Shabbat Shalom
Rimona

Great Britain

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Switzerland

Honestly, I have a deep love and appreciation for the British people, because the Lord has used them at different very crucial moments to touch my life. The most crucial moment in the past was when I got a tape called Blitz from the famous Black Dyke Mills Band 20 years ago. This Brass Band maybe the most famous of Great Britain was in the early 80’s twice Brass Band Champion of Great Britain and Europe, ones with the test piece called Blitz. Yes, Blitz was the description of a Blitz (lightening) and its destruction when it hits...very similar to the Blitzkrieg of the German Army between 1938 and 1945 and their destruction.

The second piece on this tape, I still remember like it was yesterday, was called Journey into Freedom written by Eric Ball, the famous Christian composer for Brass Band. He, in an absolutely amazing way, described in this work the way out (after destruction) through the leading and the power of the Most Holy Spirit. I started to listen to this music over and over and started to cry and pray. This music brought me back to the Lord after being backslidden for many years. Yes, all the Glory to the Lord and may He bless Great Britain and the Black Dyke Mills Band in a special way. There where several other things the Lord used to bless me through Great Britain. He gave me many dear friends over the years, a special love for Israel and the Hebrew people and a special love for the prophetic...this is quiet a bit of blessing.

I remember like it was yesterday, on the morning of Feb. 2 in the year 2000, I was working at the Farm, just unloading silage, it was about 9:15 AM. The Holy Spirit came on me in a very special way I can't remember ever having before and haven't had since. The anointing of the Holy Spirit rested on me for about two days and was very special as I went through a desert time during the years of 1999 and 2000. The Lord showed me Great Britain and he gave me 3 words, which I want to describe as best as I can... I will try to show the difference between the revelation and the interpretation he gave, because my interpretation will maybe not be the most important point like it usually is with prophetic revelations.

The first point the Holy Spirit showed me was Genesis 49. The scripture where Jacob was asking his sons to come to his deathbed so that he would bless them. I knew in my spirit, that Jacob represented Britain and the children represented all the colonies Britain ever had in its history. I saw suddenly Britain's history as very similar to Jacobs’s life. The very early call given to Britain in the early centuries, and then how suddenly Jacob (Britain) was 'running away' (1260) and went through some very long and tough times through the Middle Ages. But then the Lord started to bless Great Britain with many children, like he did with Jacob and let him come back to a stable life... it was like the great family time Britain had. And then came the time Jacob returned to his promised land and had to wrestle like he had never done in his life (1904) and got this unique blessing from the Angel of the Lord, but then the children grew up and started to break away and the time of a "wonderful family time" was over.

Well, this had to happen because this children were given for a season and for a specific purpose, so they broke away and this was certainly not an easy time in Britain's history, it was a time when the "arrows" where sent out and this was a tough season for Jacob, a season where the Lord started to work deeply in his heart and started to root out the stones and, little by little, give him a heart of flesh. "I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man's heart was given to it."(Daniel 7, 4b)

But then he got suddenly new hope (the renewal) and after getting the news that Joseph was still alive, he went to Egypt and met once again with his beloved Son, but then maybe the most important moment in his life came, when he started to sense that the end of his life was coming. He called his sons, and he started to release all those words he had pondered over in prayers for so many years. He started to release them one after another over each of his children and gave them the specific blessing and purpose for their life. This must have been one of the most important moments in Jacob's as well as his son's lives. When I came to this point, the Holy Spirit said to me, "That's the time which is ahead for Great Britain, it will come into a time like Jacob on his death bed. And this will be maybe the most important moment in Britain's history, because at this moment the Lord will use Britain once again to give each nation who was once as a child/ colony, part of his family, a prophetic/apostolic Blessing exactly like Jacob had for his sons. This will also be very crucial for all those nations who have been ex-colonies of Britain. They are awaiting a final blessing which will be very, very crucial for them to enter into their final calling. So Britain please get ready. I don't think that this has happened yet, it might have started, please get ready. There is a visitation coming which is much stronger then anything Britain has ever seen and this is not for you, this is not to be played around with or to be merchandised...this is to be given freely to all those nations you once had responsibility for.

One thing, which I felt the Lord showed me, as I was pondering on this word, was the fact that Jacob received this revelation when he understood that his final hour was coming. This means two things: Great Britain, you need to realize, that we are in the end time, you have to realize that the end is approaching which does not mean that this is the end of the world, but the toughest transition time the world ever had seen! Secondly, I believe that you will go through an especially tough, a very tough time, thinking you are lying on a deathbed. And I believe there is a reason for this. You are a nation that is set apart, set aside by the Lord. The Lord used you in a mighty ways during several of these past centuries to be a light of Christ for Europe and for all the World. This calling is not over...but it seems that the British politician and the Church does everything to sell Great Britain to the EU/Egypt...and I want to tell you, you don't belong to the EU, you don't belong to Egypt, you have to go back! But because you already sold so much, it will take a very, very tough time to turn this around! One particular point. Because the Church is asleep, they play in the most impossibly stupid way, but certainly not what the Lord is saying...(with some exceptions, thank the Lord.) The turn around is coming soon...so get ready, it will be very tough; but it is worth it, because of the blessing and the Glory which is coming!

The second point was: The Holy Spirit reminded me of the Welsh Revival in 1904 and he said, "I'm going to open the Heavens once again, but this time it will not to be closed up like the last time." Yes, I believe that the heavens will be opened once again... The Lord is actually teaching his Church the keys to help them understand what has closed the 'open heaven' and what are the keys to reopen it again. Yes, it is the Lord who does it and all the glory to Him. But we have a very important key to play too! Its not going to happen without our part...the Lord did not send an angel to be crucified, He came Himself...yes, and it will take a lot a suffering to turn the keys again.

What I sense is that this time the start will not be in Wales. This time it will be in Scotland. It will be very similar to when Jesus crossed the Lake of Genezareth and came to the other side. He found a man who was demon possessed and nobody could help him. But for the Lord it was no problem...he turned the tide. There is a visitation coming very similar to this when God does what no man can do, but He will once again cross the ocean and turn on the fire in Scotland and the demons will run, like the Legion who had to leave the 'hill-billy' in the cemetery on the other side of the lake. Mark 5; 1-20

Yes, it will be a very powerful intervention and exactly like this man after being healed and restored went into 10 City's (decapolis) to preach the Gospel, the Lord will give you 10 Nations to bring the Gospel/Revival fire...so please get ready, it is coming soon, get ready to bring the fire into 10 and many more nations. One of them will be France, one Switzerland, another will be Scandinavia...(to thank them, for beating you down about a 1200 years ago) and many more countries. Be in Scotland

and it will take quite a battle to bring the Light down to England and Wales, very similar to the battle Braveheart had to fight.

Centuries ago Jacob was running away from somebody, yes, he had a twin brother and this time he has to meet him... Esau. Esau was born at the same time as Jacob, grown up and had great influence in the Land, basically in most of the Churches. His real Name is Freemasonry. Yes, when this touch is coming you have to confront Esau... but the Body of Christ has to be cleaned first... otherwise you can not meet your brother Esau. First the cleansing has to come to the Body of Christ, but then it will come.

The Lord is actually touching the birthplace of Voodoo (Benin), cleansing and turning it around into a very strong Christian Nation (this is a real genuine work orchestrated by the Lord which goes on since about 15 years). He will do the same with Great Britain. Yes, there is some very dark Free Mason blood in Great Britain to the point that some believe that Antichrist will come out of Britain...but this is not true, because the Lord has another plan with Great Britain, he will turn it around and it will be a very tough battle. Yes, it is a battle not against flesh and blood, but this spiritual battle will have consequences in the earthly realm. If those bloodlines can not be cleansed by the blood of Jesus, they will be cleansed by the sword... because the Lord is standing up and fighting for Great Britain once again and cleansing it, including its umbilical cord to the Continent which will be severed through...so that He can use Britain once again to manifest His Glory.

Esau will be touched by this encounter and many of them will become very strong Christian leaders with the ability to do what many Christians today are unable to do. Yes, there is a call on Esau, which will come forth at the very end. The famous roundtable will be turned around to become the Lord's roundtable.... for the manifestation of His Glory and Power, Mercy and great Love! There is one thing that He is going to restore, the Scottish bagpipe. It will be one of the key instruments in worship to release the power of the Holy Spirit. It's like the rediscovery of drums from many places, Shofar and many more.... http://www.hotpipes.com/barc.html

The third point was the most interesting one. I simply heard the word 'Oliver Cromwell'. Well I don't know too much about Oliver Cromwell. If I remember right he was very cruel to the Celtic people in Ireland and Scotland. I have the impression that there are still some old wounds which have to be healed. But there is one special point about Oliver Cromwell, which I believe the Holy Spirit wants to point out. Through him the Lord brought a real change to Britain. Why? Because he re-invited the Jews back to Britain (around 1656) after they have been persecuted and expelled around 1260. This brought back great blessings to Great Britain and eventually also the responsibility you received from the Lord in 1917 for the 'Holy Land'. The sad thing of recent history is, if we only look a bit closer at how Great Britain has treated the Jews and Israel, we can come to the conclusion, that the British government during the 30's and 40's wanted to beat the Nazis on planet earth in cruelty and evil against the Jewish people in the ‘Holy Land’ and specially concerning those returning to the ‘Holy Land’.

Yes, doesn't it look like Jacob suddenly receiving the long awaited promised son, just around the time he came back into its promised Land, but then as this son awakens and is getting aware of the prophetic destiny, he is beating him down and trying to sell him to have honor and esteem among the Arab nations.. somehow to try to keep the Family together in selling the troublemaker and dreamer.

Yes, I know the Lord has forgiven you totally, but with this grace and forgiveness, your received a responsibility. It's the task of Great Britain, that if precious Joseph will come again in trouble, to help him and share with him the blessings and grace you received from the Lord. You will have a second chance like Oliver Cromwell to re-invite the Jews. Yes, and before you can do this you have to seriously reconsider history, not to do it again... (not repeat history)! If you miss this point, you will miss Revival as guaranteed as the Amen in the Church! The Lord wants to reconcile you with Israel

(Joseph) and give you a second chance, to re-invite them once again, when they will come from the West. Yes, they will come very soon as we are approaching end time and the persecution of the Jews is arising, especially in the west.

Yes, you have to get all your ships ready..."Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; and the ships of Tarshish will come first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the Lord your God, and to the Holy one of Israel, because He has glorified you." Isaiah 60; 9 You will receive a special word for Joseph. By the way, like Joseph had two sons, out of the promised Land of 1917 two Nations where born Israel (Ephraim/Jacob) and Jordan {Manasseh/Esau). Yes, and the Lord will have you to bless these two Nations in a special way.

The last point which was for me a very interesting point was the date. Feb. 2 2000. Well, Feb 2 is the Birthday of my sister...this really was a very amazing point. Well, my sister has a deep love for the Lord and serves him in an awesome way. She is a very strong willed leader and manager. Well, what I sense the Holy Spirit wants to say through this is, and I can personally very much reaffirm this, that the Lord has called and anointed many ladies in Great Britain, into a prophetic or a leadership position, very strong willed and intelligent, very anointed ladies.

And there is a call first to the husbands and as much as to the Church to release them... yes, you will need them! They are awesome and they will do an awesome job! But I also want to say to those husbands who are married to such a lady, yes, you have to release them, but you have to know, even if in your couple the one with the main call is your wife, that you have a very strong call too! First as a believer, second as a husband who is the priest, king and prophet of the household and this is a 200% Call too! There is nothing wrong with this situation, but you have to stand, walk and run with the Lord and that's very, very important, that you together with your wife are going to fulfill the call the Lord has given you! These Ladies need good advice and they will come under some strong attacks, from within and from without the Church! So please pray for them and stand with them, so that you may fulfill the call you have.

May the Lord bless you and touch you in an awesome way!

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Go Back to Sleep and Wake up Right

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I have the same issues and problems that everyone else has. We are not different in that respect. But I have noticed something rather strange and odd and I have complained about it silently to the Lord. I have also heard others complain about the same thing. What are we saying? We are saying this " Why did I have more self respect and more guts when I was unsaved and not serving the Lord than I do now!"

It is an interesting phenomenon that occurs to many people who are overjoyed at the Love of our Lord when they first come to salvation. Then the " beat me down syndrome" begins.

Many in our churches today are not necessarily " good Christians" but they are molded to the " personality" of the church which gives them a false sense that they have received the prize of attainment. Yet the definition of the church life is speaking that to individuals. Conform to the ways of the church and the dominant personalities within the church. That is neither freedom nor security! If an individual does not submit into their personalities, then they are deemed unfit through various " scriptural tactics" to beat down their self-esteem. When that person becomes self defeated and has less fire to their personality, then the social order is accomplished. The Lord never did say self-esteem was wrong. He never indicated this whatsoever. He gave us godly principles to guide our lives not change us into something that a false unity and false Oneness speaks of. A false unity and Oneness speaks of us all having the same personality expression and traits which is simply unrealistic! This is NOT what the Lord meant by submit to one another in brotherly love. Nor is it what He wanted us to do when he instructed Paul to tell us to die daily. What must die is our desire to do it our way. We are NOT to kill what God has created us to be. For that is murder. We are not to kill off our unique personalities but to only have that personality refined as to glorify God. We are to come into agreement with His will for our lives. Not kill ourselves off and become mindless robots for the sake of the church and its social expectations of us. Jesus didn’t do it. We are not to do it. We must remain true to who He created us to be. Remember we were in a fallen state when we remained in sin. It was our broken relationship with the Father that Jesus came to reconcile. He did not come to turn us into a mass of sameness. He wants agreement------NOT SAMENESS.

We are looking at the power of self-love to effect others. Not the conceited self love, that must be made clear.

Leviticus 19:18
You shall not take revenge or bear any grudge against the sons of **your** people, but you shall **love your neighbor** as **yourself**. I am the Lord.[Matt. 5:43-46; Rom. 12:17, 19.]

How many of us are kicking our own selves and holding grudges against our own actions because we have fallen short is some area? How can we let others be free from the same bondage if we cannot allow ourselves to be free from our thoughts and actions towards ourselves? We cannot give WHAT WE DON’T HAVE. We must begin by understanding what it means to love ourselves!

Matthew 19:19
Honor **your** father and **your** mother, and, You shall **love your neighbor** as [you do] **yourself**.[Lev. 19:18; Matt. 22:39.]

If we know how to love ourselves without getting trapped into pride and conceit then we will be able to extend that to others. Sometimes it’s most simple to remain simple. We often over spiritualize so many things in our lives that we lose the practicality of the scriptures! We become church zombies wanting only to be accepted in our local church body, wanting the approval of others, wanting the titles, the honor etc that comes from our brothers and sisters. It is not healthy for the mind to adopt this way of thinking. We must honor the gift of free will that the Lord has given us! When we do the things he wants us to do, we do so freely! Not because we have to, but because we want to. Not to be like brother so and so, but because it is what the Lord requires of us! No wonder many struggle with their personal relationship to Jesus Christ! They are trying to have the same life experience through the personality of another! And when the doors are closed and the lights are shut off in the building, there you stand before God, wondering how to speak to him in a realistic manner. Wondering how to build that relationship from your end.

We must respect the different levels of faith in our brothers and sisters and not expect them to be where we are in this moment. We must not beat ourselves up because we have not grown as sister so and so has. We must learn to be in love with ourselves thin a healthy way that allows us to RECEIVE the Love of God into us that we may pour it out on others in a consistent way.

As I was writing this I received a phone call from my sister in law who was telling me about her experience at a conference where the Lord healed her heart. She was able to love herself again. Now that is confirmation.

Those of us who seem plagued by constant strife, addictions, mental torments, and the like, do not realize the full impact of not loving ourselves has on our behavior toward ourselves. We have learned to hate WHO we are and reject it. We MUST learn to love ourselves again that we can RECEIVE and GIVE.

When we become too sin conscious we actually lock the Lord of Love out of our hearts because we tend to self judge. Self-examination and Self-Judgment are two different concepts. One brings a crippling condemnation while the other brings encouragement by empowering us through the goals set by Jesus for us to reach for daily in all of our relationships; including the one that we live everyday with ourselves.

May you be encouraged today that you are simply wonderful in the eyes of the Lord? He made you that way. He desires you to be ALL that you can be through Christ Jesus. Repent quickly when you have erred. Do not stay in that weakened state where the enemy of your soul can grab a hold of you and steal the wonderful human being that HE FASHIONED with HIS OWN HANDS. Have you put yourself in the pigpen because you feel you deserve it? Do you feel so unlovable, so flawed, that you will eat with the pigs rather than come home to the awesome greeting of your Father? Remember that He sees you far off. He sees all that you are and all you WILL be. His love covers a multitude of sins. He loves you enough to do the work for you. He has made reconciliation through his Son. All you have to do is stick close to Him, allow Joy in your life, and LET HIM fashion you through YOUR experiences of WHO YOU ARE as a unique personality into the golden vessel of HIS CHOICE.

My cousin used to tell me when I woke up a bit grouchy, " Go back to sleep and wake up right" . Maybe there are those of us that need to go back to the beginning and start afresh by learning to love ourselves first. It can be done, if God loved us all as individuals and provided us His Son, then we have been empowered to apply that love toward ourselves as well.

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God Chosen Or Chosen God

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I was watching today a program aired by the BBC here in Wales dedicated to the three faiths that link back to Abraham. It was interesting to watch although as you can imagine many strange things were said. However what really struck me was what a “reverend” from a well know Evangelical denomination said:

He said something in the line of “whenever we have a wedding between politics and religion bad things happen, always. When we see a marriage between religion and politics the result will always be illegitimate children”

I wish I could have responded immediately to that pastor. The first thing that came to my mind was that in actuality America is, we can say the child of one such marriage! Dare anybody say then that America is for that reason an illegitimate child?

Before the Pilgrims left England, they constituted themselves into a congregation! Then upon arrival they planted a village, and built a church which also served as meeting place for government affairs, and also for educational purposes. Church and government and education were together. Every time they headed for some new place to start a new village they did the same thing, they moved as a congregation and government and God were together.

America was born from that relationship! I would suggest that the pastor who was interviewed in that program goes back to learn the foundations, for America was planted upon the foundation of God being a part undivided and indivisible of the new nation.

It was George Washington who said “Let him not call himself American he who does not consider religion and politics as an inseparable unit” (I am quoting by memory so forgive me the paraphrasing). Guess what religion he was referring to?

On the other hand, it seems that some people would think that God has chosen America so the blessings of the Almighty are guaranteed no matter what. Nothing can be far from the truth. The blessings of God are not for the nation that God has chosen, rather for the nation that chooses God.

Israel is the best example of the above statement. Israel is certainly God’s chosen people; however the series of ups and downs, the blessings and the punishments they went through were always related to their choice, not to God’s. The most impressive instance of choice that Israel faced was put in front of them by Joshua at the very beginning of their existence in the promised land: “choose today whom ye will serve” Joshua 24:15. Once and again they were confronted with the need to make a choice, and to take a stand for God.

America was founded on such a choice too. The founders chose God. We can of course argue about some of the particulars and errors of the whole process, but the fact remains that overall they were pursuing a society with God enthroned as the ruler.

This is a time of choice. Not only for America but for every nation that calls herself Christian. The words of God through Joshua resonate today in the ears of our nations:

“CHOOSE TODAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE”

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Gelatin and Jewels
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"Oh, the depth of the ***riches*** *both of the* ***wisdom*** *and* ***knowledge*** *of God!....... "* - Rom 11:33a

(sharing two short visions & insights then received of Lord -- for 'some' of us this season....)
Jan -2, '04: As I was communing with Lord, in a brief vision I was shown: Gelatin, or some might recognize the word Jell-O better. This gelatin was semi-hardened, at the thick soupy stage, gelatinous but not yet finished. I sensed along with seeing this - biblical ointment/balm, with the accompanying sense of gears being 'smoothed' due to ointment/balm (oiling) … while looking at this semi-hardened gelatin. And then I heard,

"Things are now 'gelling'!"

I know that the gelatin / Jell-O being 'transparent' is important in this I was 'shown', possibly in the way of honesty / truth / openness in 'dealings' (as in: working's = gears), our co-growth In Christ, and with one another in mutual labor - our mechanisms, as it were – being transparent.
-- with this first understanding given: Coming into firmness, not there yet, but progressing along to the full, firm, finished.

Jan -3, '04: In another brief vision I was shown: A largish purple bag which I believe was velvet from its appearance - the kind having a draw string at top...... The top of this bag was opened revealing the bag as crammed full of multi colored loose jewels. Shining, sparkling cut jewels - not in any settings such as jewelry or anything ,,,, but rather these many many lovely and valuable loose jewels. I then heard,

"Wisdom and Knowledge"

I understood that the purple signified royal, royalty. The tie/handle I saw was a gold cord. This vision shows great wealth.
-- with this first understanding given: These both, wisdom and knowledge of our Lord, are to be held onto, grasped (bag having a carry tie/handle), as the great worth treasure of God which these two are – our Lord's wisdom and knowledge = most precious heavenly faceted gems.

*"****Wisdom*** *and* ***knowledge*** *will be the stability of your times, And the strength of salvation; The fear of the Lord is His* ***treasure****."* –Is. 33:6

(later) I prayed asking Lord about these two brief visions, because I felt they were tied together somehow (?), even though they were received on two consecutive days, and that they were picture-words of some instruction from Lord. Holy Spirit then dropped into my heart one tie of these two visions seen – giving me more information.

The gelatin I was shown was not ***set-up*** (hardened), and the jewels shown were not as yet ***set-in*** (placed into any jewelry, or into a crown, etc…). So that, in both visions these were items (transparent semi-firmed gelatin & the loose jewels) shown to me as 'in process', not finished yet. – i.e., A process to becoming 'firmed-up' ,,,,,, and then 'set-in'.

Jan. 4th. & 5th.: As I've held these revelations before Lord, I feel I can put this together a little now – I understand of the above, that the Lord is speaking to myself / us / some of us, about our 'processing' In Christ, present time (this season) …
Things are moving along correctly, we are not to get over anxious, but rather let the knowledge from Lord we need, and HIS' wisdom to enact and complete all within' us to **"gel"** into firm fullness – ***in it's' time*** , of HIM.

"…..Your people shall all be righteous; They shall inherit the land forever, The branch of My planting, The work of My hands, That I may be glorified. A little one shall become a thousand, And a small one a strong nation. ***I, the Lord, will hasten it in its time."*** – Is. 60:21,22

The God' knowledge and wisdom which I'm personally harvesting from these two short visions, and now share with you my brother and sister readers, is that I / we not 'run ahead' of Lord; Rather, allow all mechanism's to run 'smooth' as in well oiled gears (Holy Spirit/anointing) in our present co-laboring, building and growing In Christ, and with each other.

As I / we **process** in this now-season, Our Lord Jesus is going to apply HIS' balm's and ointment's right where we need, where you and I need ... each one of us.
No squeaky gears or feeble parts, but all will come to be **firmed-up** righteously and correctly - for our appointment coming ahead; When accomplished of Lord with our obedience in this, we then, and only then, will be **set-in** (ordained) by HIM, for those things our Lord desires In us, for us, through us, ,,,each one of us.

One key in this 'processing' will be our willingness to be **transparent**; Firstly before HIM, and with each other as led in Holy Spirit wisdom's. (gelatin 'transparent', and the jewel bag seen is **now 'open'**) *"Let love be without hypocrisy* [be genuine]…." - Rom. 12:9a

Beloved, this is a **Royal** assignment (royal purple bag, precious jewels) we are being presented with, and given opportunity to go-for now, of our heavenly Father, and our Righteous Royal Divine King, … Lord Jesus Christ.

As we draw closest to HIM, grasping the Gold Cord, rightly hearing Holy Spirit and yielding to 'processing' (obeying His Voice), each one of us, we are destined to be seasoned this season, of our Lord; Then will HIS' **hastening quick-work** come (as in Is. 60, above); Be **set-up firmly and set-in place, ordained** - sealed upon us by our Lord's very Own Hand's; Because of HIS' great Royal overwhelmingly abundant Love for us,,,,, all for HIS' Glory. \o/

"They shall be Mine," says the Lord of hosts, "On the day that I make them ***My jewels.*** *And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him."* – Mal. 3:17

"… that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all ***riches*** *of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both* ***of the Father and of Christ****, in whom are hidden all the* ***treasures*** *of* ***wisdom*** *and* ***knowledge****."* – Col. 2:2,3

" I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, ***As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*** *For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before *all the nations*."* – Is. 61:10, 11

May you whom this may apply to and speak to, and I myself – me too :-), continue on, being found willingly In HIS' forming creative Hands, in HIS' good gelling processes of great hope this present season, while looking ahead to being "set-in",,,, God' ordained.

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"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea."
-Hab. 2:14

Generational Curses

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Pulling Down the Real Stronghold

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For years now, the church has been sidetracked with this idea of "Generational Curses." We've watched as throngs of Christians swarm to the altars in order to stop the evil consequences that their forefather's decisions have made upon their lives. And… for many years as a pastor, I taught about Generational Curses -- and had seemingly great results. So let's make it clear from the outset, that this article means no personal disrespect to those sincere people who teach and promote this "ministry." It's just that now… we know a better way (Acts 18:26).

Let's briefly review the teaching of Generational Curses -- it generally goes something like this: "the sins of the fathers pass to the third and fourth generation" (Ex. 34:6-7, Deut. 5:9, Dan. 9:8). This teaching tells how a believer (or whole family) can inherit the attributes or consequences for the sins that their predecessors committed generations ago. Sometimes (they say), after the 3rd and 4th generation – the CURSE would be broken... but that part doesn't seem to happen very much anymore.

Anyway, these GENERATIONAL CURSES are said to come from many place, such as follows:

#1. SINS OF ANCESTORS-
Supposedly, ancient ancestral CURSES have passed down through families and still continue to this day. They say that Satan has the "legal right" to assault our body or finances because of what our forefathers may have done. They say that these "curses" are why so many Christians have mental illness, cancer, diabetes, cancer, seizures, obesity, and other incurable diseases that cause them to be dying before their time.

#2. WITCHCRAFT/OCCULT CURSES-
Sadly, many Christians believe that they can be cursed by those who claim to have occult powers. They believe that the words of "witches" have the power to disrupt our lives and affect our surroundings.

#3. CURSES from SPOKEN WORDS-
These can be curses spoken by others or by yourself. Your parents can speak the most severe curses, I.E. when they say, "He'll never change..." or "She'll turn out just like her mother," etc.

#4. CURSES FROM UNGODLY OATHS AND DEDICATIONS/UNGODLY BELIEFS-
There could be numerous forms of these "destructive" oaths and dedications that are spoken by others over you... or by yourself. These curses could have been made before you were born.

#5. PERSONAL SINS-
Personal perverse sin is committed because our forefathers also committed those same sins. Perhaps they worshipped other Gods…etc.

#6. CURSES PASSED BY IMPROPER TIES (YOKES)-
Another BIG teaching is on the "sin in the camp." That's all about being YOKED to someone... and inheriting their problems too. This could be the wrong group, club, or activity. Or…. CURSES can come when you get married and you become a "LEGAL target" of all those wretched spirits of your

spouse that come down their bloodline... to you and your children!!!!! Ungodly alliances are referred to as "soul ties."

As far as I can tell, according to this teaching, most Christians are cursed! Apparently, those "legal rights" of the devil are why our bodies and our churches are being attacked. And deliverance from these CURSES occurs only when those "legal rights are broken" through effective "prophetic insight," anointed ministry, and prayer. Even though we have not committed any wrong-doing, they say that we can only negate CURSES by public confession and renouncement (speaking utterances) TO THE DEVIL – such as:

"Devil, I cancel all demonic influence that may have been passed on to me from my ancestors. ... I renounce all satanic assignments that have directed toward my family, and me. And I cancel every curse that you or your demon workers have put on me. ... I reject all other possibilities whereby you may claim ownership of me."

Now, these "prayers" to satan are intended to be said by Christians who already have been "delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son." But, that's not all – be very careful – don't get too confident, cuz' another curse may be lurking just around the next corner!

THE REPLY:
Well, some of you already have the answer – before we even get there!!

The pagans always tried to pacify capricious "gods" who enjoyed pouring out havoc on humankind for no good reason. For centuries, these superstitious people conjured up religious formulas and chanted specific incantations believing that their "magical" words or a particular sacrifice would appease the "unpredictable gods" and forestall misfortune.

THE TRUTH -- WE ARE BLESSED, NOT CURSED:
In the midst of this superstition, the Lord God determined to reveal Himself to Abraham: "And I will make you a great nation, And I will BLESS you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will CURSE. And in you ALL THE FAMILIES of the earth shall be BLESSED" (Genesis 12:2,3). Here we see that BLESSING was God's sovereign choice toward ALL believers that desired relationship.

Scriptures say that those who put their hope and trust in God are BLESSED (Jeremiah 17:5). Conversely, those who put their trust in man are CURSED (Jeremiah 17:7). IF we believe, then we are blessed. Do you see? Our battle isn't with the devil… our command is to love God and follow Him with all our heart, soul, and might… Our deliverance comes by comprehending that we are ALREADY BLESSED; regardless of our circumstances -- whether we "happen" to be rich or poor, healthy or disabled, whether our forefathers were successful, or we come from a long line of disreputable, good for nothing thieves. God's not partial. He BLESSES those who believe upon Jesus Christ – (the One who became a CURSE for us) – that we might become the beneficiary (heir) of the blessings of Abraham (Galatians 3:13,14).

"Then the King will say to those on His right, Come, you who are BLESSED of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world'…" (Matthew 25:34,41). That's our charge… to obtain our blessed inheritance.

NEW COVENANT:
Jeremiah foretold of our day (31:28-32) "…So I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares

the LORD. "In those days people will no longer say, `The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' Instead, everyone will die for HIS OWN sin; whoever eats sour grapes--his own teeth will be set on edge. "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a NEW COVENANT with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will NOT BE LIKE the covenant I made with their forefathers…" NIV.

Ezekiel also knew of the coming new covenant concerning individual accountability, (Ezekiel 18:1-4,19, 20), "The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: "`The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? "As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel (you surely aren't going to use this proverb anymore). 4For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son-both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one that will die. …19"Yet you ask, `Why does the son NOT share the guilt of his father?'

Since the son has done what is just and right and has been careful to keep all my decrees, HE WILL SURELY LIVE. The soul who sins is the one who will die. THE SON WILL NOT SHARE THE GUILT OF THE FATHER, NOR WILL THE FATHER SHARE THE GUILT OF THE SON. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE RIGHTEOUS MAN WILL BE CREDITED TO HIM, AND THE WICKEDNESS OF THE WICKED WILL BE CHARGED AGAINST HIM…" NIV.
JESUS DID IT!

When Jesus died a transition happened from the Old Testament way. He alone provided liberation from the curse of death… Jesus finished His work. The Scripture is unmistakable on this topic. ... Christ's work was and is sufficient. There is nothing left for Him to do. His salvation is complete. He gave us His LIFE. When we become "born again," we are totally severed from that TIE with the devil. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13, 4:5) and the influence of sin (Rom. 6:18-23). The curtain of our personal tabernacle was rent.

Yet somehow, according to this teaching, we have come under a CURSE for which we are not personally responsible -- we've inherited a CURSE through someone else. And that, my friend, is not the "GOOD NEWS!" This misconception -- that our problems, discouragement, disease, poverty, or natural disasters could be caused by curses from our forefathers generations ago -- limits the very work that Jesus came to earth to accomplish. To assume that some BELIEVERS who happen to be sick or hungry are under a CURSE – while other believers (who are healthy and full) are not CURSED – is wrong. Not only is this unkind and judgmental -- it's a misuse of scripture.

The fact is, most of us learned inappropriate responses from our environment and family members. For example, my dad was an alcoholic; therefore when growing up, I learned some really bad problem solving techniques. That was a learned response -- a pattern/habit that needed to be relearned. And, I had to be "renewed in the spirit of my mind" -- repeatedly -- in order to learn the truth about who God is in me, and who He says I am. We need correct teaching to inject TRUTH into our understanding.

Those who fully trust the Gospel of Salvation know that we are not Old Covenant people. Jesus (our deliverer, mediator, savior) proclaimed a new covenant – a replacement for the "schoolmaster." Hebrews makes it plain (8:13), "By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear" NIV.

Jesus gave us the guarantee of our inheritance NOW (Rom. 11:26, 27, Eph. 1:12-14). We are MADE ALIVE in Him (1 Cor. 15:22). The iniquities of previous generations can have no LEGAL jurisdiction in the lives of the NEW CREATION. We are not affected by our old nature any longer; neither do we partake of the sins of our past -- nor the sins of others.

THE DEVIL CAN'T DO IT:
Our freedom doesn't come through repeating specific phrases to the devil about our rights. Scriptures everywhere teach that it's NOT the devil who holds our destiny in his hands. God is absolutely in control. James 4:7 tells us, "Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. DRAW NEAR TO GOD..." James didn't say anything about repeating expressions, or formulas that could supposedly take away satan's "legal rights."

John gives us great assurance when he says: "He who has been born of God keeps Himself and the wicked one DOES NOT TOUCH (harm) HIM" (1 John 5:18). This word for touch in Greek is "hapto" and means to fasten onto or to lay hold. Essentially, John says that if we're born of God, the devil can't affect our lives anymore. (See also Gal. 3:23-28.)

And what could ever separate us from the love of Christ? Not trouble or hardship, not persecution or famine, not nakedness or danger. (NOTHING. Not our past mistakes. Not words or curses that others have said.) Not death nor life, not angels nor demons, not the present nor the future, nor any powers…not anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8:38).

"What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Rom. 8:31 NIV). (Who can be against us? The answer is NO ONE -- NOTHING!) The devil is eternally defeated, and we are delivered from the power of darkness into the kingdom of light. Christ's work is totally FINISHED in us! We now sit in heavenly places (Eph. 2:5-6).

WHAT WE KNOW:
If after becoming a Christian, we continue to act with ungodly behavior similar to that of previous generations, then we just don't understand the reality of the fullness of our salvation. Romans 10:9-10 says, "If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" ("soteria," to be delivered from the bondage of sin, to be whole, rescued, salvaged, be in health). NIV Col 1:12-14, "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" NIV.

There must be a transition for all of us … a full transformation into the REDEMPTIVE TRUTH that CHRIST lives IN US and we live IN HIM. We need our understanding baptized with TRUTH. We need to apprehend what the cross has already provided.

If we believe that our failures and disappointments are due to our past failures -- or those of our ancestors, then we forfeit the need for our own accountability. Galatians 2:19-21 says, "I HAVE BEEN crucified (past tense) with Christ and I NO LONGER LIVE, but Christ lives in me. (The sins of my old life – and my fallen nature no longer exist for me.) The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" NIV. (Rom 5:1-5, Rom. 8:1-8).

For those who live In Christ Jesus, THERE ARE NO GENERATIONAL CURSES.

Ironically, Paul CURSED those who presented a false gospel – these are the ones that required Christians to keep Old Testament laws and concepts: "As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed" (Galatians 1:9, 4:21). The stronghold that really needs to be pulled down is the one of lack of knowledge!

CONCLUSION:
Perhaps we need to change our "terminology" – because we're not under a "CURSE!" However, as believers, we do need to repent. We need to become transformed by the renewing of our minds… and become whole. We all do have "environmental tendencies" that need to be recognized and changed. All inclinations, predispositions, propensities toward wrong behavior need to be modified and adjusted; we all have wrong habits that need to be addressed. But those are not CURSES. They are pivotal CHARACTER issues that we need to deal with.

2 Cor 5:18-21, All this is from God, who RECONCILED us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, NOT COUNTING MEN'S SIN'S against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation."

**Gal 4:8-10, "Formerly, when you did not know God, you were slaves to those who by nature are not gods. 9 But now that you know God -- or rather are known by God -- HOW IS IT THAT YOU ARE TURNING BACK TO THOSE WEAK AND MISERABLE PRINCIPLES? Do you wish to be enslaved by them all over again? NIV

**Titus 2:13-15 also makes it very clear "…. Jesus Christ … gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good. THESE THEN ARE THE THINGS YOU SHOULD TEACH. ENCOURAGE AND REBUKE with all authority." NIV

Out of our own ashes, we emerge as the mature company of believers. We've freed ourselves from wrong behavior by incorporating the truth that Christ has redeemed us from every curse. We've taken our own accountability for wrong-doing. We've changed our responses. Now, with undeserved vindication, we glimpse into the nowness of the eternal resurrection life and we manifest the Image of the overcoming Son.

Generation Joshua

Catherine Brown

Generation Joshua – Can You Hear The Call?"

By Catherine Brown

Part of Gatekeepers ministry call is to mobilize the youth of the nations to prayer, praise and mission. In this hour I sense a powerful and mighty apostolic/prophetic release of Kingdom destiny over the youth/young adults of the nations. The Lord has given me three impacting prophetic words for the youth of the world, this being the first. The second word is a call to be like Josiah and the third a word for the Samuel Generation. I will shortly send these words out.

If you are a young person/young adult take these words and teaching and allow Holy Spirit to melt them to your heart. If you are young at heart, take these promises and pray them as the Lord leads. Arise youth of the nations, and take up the mantle of Christ!

A Call On Your Lives To Worship God – Face To Face

> *"Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshipped, each at the entrance to his tent. The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks with his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent." Ex 33:10-11*

Joshua was a tent dweller before he was a city taker! He learned to walk and dwell in the glory. God has been calling and is calling forth an entire generation of young men and women to be 'tent dwellers'. To a place of worship-full connectedness with God's Spirit, that is 24-7-365, and the Lord says, "It is nothing about walls and everything about My presence. It's a place of rest, yet it's a place of pilgrimage. It's a place of peace and a place of absolute abandonment, where you are learning to hear my voice and to love me with all of your heart, all of your soul and all of your strength." The Lord wants to encourage every young man and woman today to hear his call, to dwell in his presence and to believe that whole nations will be affected as they move in and through this place of intimacy with Christ.

A Call To Holiness

Joshua 5:13-15

God says to the youth of today, "I call you to holiness. I call you to be set apart for my purposes. There can be no compromise. Some of you are living with one foot in the world and one foot in the Kingdom, and I call you out of promiscuity into purity. I call you out of sleepiness into divinely inspired activity, not into a works mentality but a Kingdom mentality that flows from worship reverence and adoration. I call you out of witchcraft and into the glorious accomplishment of the Cross. This is the work of my Holy Spirit."

A Call On Your Lives To Be Warriors In Prayer And Of The Word
Exodus 17:8-15

> *"So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered." v10*
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> *"As Long as Moses held up his hands the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning." V11*

> *"So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword." v13*
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> *"Moses built an altar and called it The Lord is my Banner. He said, 'For hands were lifted up to the throne of the Lord. The Lord will be at war against the Amalekites from generation to generation.'" V15,16*
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> *"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray ...." Eph 6:17*

And the Lord would remind the young generation of today, "There is a call on your lives to be warriors for Christ. To be warriors of His word and to be warriors in the arena of prayer, worship and mission.

God says, "I have put a perseverance on the inside of the youth of the nations, and a stamina for prayer and worship and servanthood that is remarkable. I have given you an energy and an ability to be alert and awake for unusually long periods of time." New calls will be made for prayer and praise gatherings, and many will respond to this new millennium Kingdom pilgrimage.

Make Sure Joshua Hears! = Visual Generation

God says to this generation, "Make sure you hear my Word! Don't lose the love of my Word. It's not enough to hear my word through other people; my Word must not be lost to the youth of the nations. You will learn more of my ways and of my nature through my word. You will learn to be overcomers through my word. Your very lives will be my Word. I have made you a visual generation and I will continue to creatively inspire you to share my Word through art, through drama, through poetry and many other artistic and musical means."

A Call On Your Lives To Be Servants

Ex 33:11 "his young aide"

"Youth of the nations, I call you to servanthood and humility. My children fear not the spirit of Saul, for I command your destiny. Do not fear my discipline for I discipline all those whom I love. It is part of being a son. Just as Joshua was a servant to Moses, so I am placing you in mentoring relationships where you will be nurtured and encouraged and learn to mature as my disciples."

A Call On Your Lives To Be Sons

> *"Do not be terrified; do not be afraid of them. The Lord your God, who is going before you, will fight for you, as he did for you in Egypt, before your very eyes, and in the desert. There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place." Dt 1:29-31*

The Lord says, "I call you to be my sons, and I say to you my children that I have broken the spirit of orphanhood upon you and I am your Father. I speak healing to each one of you my sons and daughters. As you are healed from abandonment and rejection, I will use you to reach a generation of fatherless children."

A Call To Faith And New Realms Of Operating In The Miraculous

Joshua and Caleb had a different spirit – they served the Lord wholeheartedly.

> *"The sun stopped in the middle of the sky and delayed going down about a full day. There has never been a day like it before or since, a day when the Lord listened to a man. Surely*

> *the Lord was fighting for Israel!" Jos 10:13b, 14*

"I call you to faith in like manner as I called Joshua and Caleb. I ask that you serve me with a whole heart. You will see extraordinary miracles as you pursue my presence. I am releasing the mantle of miracles through my body on the earth, and the youth of the nations will not be overlooked in the outpouring. Guard your heart and mind and seek the One who pours out the miracles, much more than the signs and wonders themselves. I call you to new realms of operating in the miraculous.

"I am raising up a standard in my bride that she will place ministry to me beyond and above ministering for me. My works are not to be despised, but I am truly love-sick for my bride. I am calling the youth of the nations to extravagant first love. My children, I am Love. Love is from me. You love because I first loved you. Therefore, the seed of bridal love is within you. I will cause it to deepen and flourish for I am Jealous for my bride and for her full affections. I am Life."

A Call To Obedience

[Jericho was won through obedience (Joshua 6)]

"I call you to obedience and to many victories for my Kingdom, if you will surrender your rights at the Cross. Obey your leaders as Joshua obeyed Moses, and you will be raised up as you embrace humility. Your zeal and passion are contagious, but know that you also need to be married to the wisdom of elders. I call my bride to unity. I am a tri-generational God."

A Covenant Call! Covenant Meeting God; Covenant Keeping People; Covenant Reaping!

Ex 20; Ex 24 (covenant confirmed)

> *"Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountains of God. He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them." Ex 24:13,14*

"I am calling my bride to the place of communion with me that will carry her high above dispute, contention, and compromise. I desire intimacy with my children. I am calling you higher and taking you deeper with me than you have ever known. Youth of the nations you will walk with your elders into the presence of the Lord, and will know the wonder of my ways. Your hearts will burn and ache with a passion for your King. I am the call, I am the cause, I am the One who commissions you. I will display you as trophies of My grace. I will display my honor through your lifestyles of extravagant love for your Lord, for the church and for the lost."

A Vision For Victory

> *"The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will swallow them up. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them." Nu 14:7-9*

The Lord says, "Youth of the nations I have given you a vision for victory. A vision that supersedes circumstances; a vision that lifts the name of Jesus over every tribe and nation. I am pouring out a fresh anointing to prophesy and you will dream dreams and see visions in ever increasing measure. You will have angelic visitations and hear the sounds of heaven. Use your gifting for my glory. Train yourselves for war. I am rising up generals who will train you as David trained the many warriors to come to bless and praise my name."

"I am breaking fear off the youth of the nations. It is time to arise and take up your Kingdom destiny. I am perfecting love in my body and fear will be broken of as my love is made perfect throughout the church generations."

Prophetic Vision

> *"See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many" V17*

"I call you to be strong and very courageous. I call you to look upon the land and walk upon the land, and dance and weep and pray and bless the land and see the restoration of the devastation of many generations past. I am releasing a fresh watchman anointing on the church and the youth will take their place as anointed watchmen. I call you to embrace the seer anointing and to marry your zeal to wisdom. Pray for the nations and pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

"I am going to use the youth of the nations to do extraordinary feats in my name. I will heal you of all that the enemy has robbed you of. I will cause my Truth to resonate in the hearts of the youth of the nations and deception and lies will be exposed by my Spirit.

"There is a quickening across Europe of connectedness amongst young leaders that will act as a catalyst to birth fresh hope, healing and salvations amongst the youth of the world. I have raised up a radical generation of young adults in Canada and America, who are pioneers for purity. I am sending you out to the four corners of the earth, carrying this mantle for purity. Even now I am preparing places where you will be met with hospitality and love. I have prepared the hearts of a generation of spiritual mothers and fathers to receive you. I am using the youth of Asia to usher in my Kingdom and to repair the highway of holiness. In Africa the youth are ushering in my Kingdom through praise and prayer. Many young apostles and evangelists will rise out of Africa. In India the youth will receive a mighty healing anointing. Many lepers will be cleansed and healed in this outpouring. In Australia a powerful anointing for deliverance will release a generation of young men and women who will be bondage breakers for Christ. All across the earth, I will use the youth who have permitted me to sanctify them with my Blood and my Word and for my name sake, they will serve with joy and peace."

Amen

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Get The House In Order

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It is time to get the house in order. It is time that everything unclean is eliminated. For the evil in this world is increasing and the evil will overtake the good in some areas. There is much being said about 911 and how terrible it was, but what is coming upon America is far more outreaching than 911. Many will truly run to and fro and many will take their lives at this given time. Many will not be able to distinguish the good from the evil, for their minds will have been darkened by the hardening of their hearts. There will be much tribulation at this given time. Woe upon woe will increase across this great America. Yes, some have repented and that is good, but so many more have not and that is what has brought this judgment upon My Chosen Land America. I had set America apart as a sign and a wonder of My Great Love for My people. But now it is being set apart to demonstrate My Great Wrath for a people that would not turn to the living Father, but chose to serve their own Baals.

America will no longer be America as you all have known her. She will be distorted on all sides and she will lack in every area. But the bright side is, this move of mine will bring a landslide salvation to America. Sodom and Gomorrah have nothing on America. She has reached down into the bowels of hell and pulled every abomination to the surface and she has played the harlot over and over again. NOW! Now, I will have My say so. The saints that have gone before are crying out for revenge on this perverted land, and I am answering their cries.

When will they repent? You just watch, saith the Father! You just watch!

I will repay saith the Lord, I will repay evil for evil. And good for good in this end time judgment.

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Gods Favor In Our Earthly Court

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Gods Favor In Our Earthly Court Let Alone Justice In His Heavenly Courts:

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I wanted to share a strange but of the Lord thing that happened in my life this last week. I have been involved in a civil small claims matter where I was the defendant in a case against me. I should point out I could not afford an attorney for this matter. So I had to trust entirely on the Lord for deliverance in this matter, so before the first appearance before the court I prayed not knowing what the outcome would be, asking the Lord to put words in my mouth as needed to conduct a good defense for myself, as good or better than what I could have gotten with a paid defense attorney. The other side had counsel representing them but the Lord gave me the words to say that caused the opposing attorney great frustration when he attacked me but couldn't trap me in his words, and they even let some key information slip that helped my defense when the opposing attorney deposed his own client.

A couple of weeks later I got a letter from the magistrate judge who heard the case, that the proceedings against me were dismissed and he said that the other side did not presented a case that warranted a proof that the debt was valid. So they appealed they immediately appealed to a higher court, I got that letter in the mail the next day so the victory and relief I felt from the judge's letter was a short one on our part. So just as before we had to face the whole thing all over again with an even more determined opposing lawyer and us walking into brand new territory never having defend myself against an appeal. So when the appeal occurred, I prayed for favor once again, and for the Lord to handle the situation the way He wanted it to come about. Then before my eyes it was as if the Lord had used this appellate judge to be my defense attorney in the matter, because he grilled the plaintiffs attorney for around 20 minutes asking them the same basic questions that I would have asked if I needed to. Needless to say the opposing consul was speechless and did not have any of the answer that the judge was looking for. So when we got to this stage of the appeal before the appellate judge it was short sweat and to the point without me having to speak more than a sentence or two, so basically I won this too, this is favor worth far more than me having to spend money on an attorney when we have the Lord on our side who needs paving stones.

Prophetic Picture Of GOD's Heavenly Court & His Justice :

On the ride home I got a prophetic picture of the proceedings, that if God is giving me favor in this man-made civil court, how much more will he give us favor in His Heavenly Court because of Jesus that He sees in us through His Blood. How many times has the devil tried to get us to buy into a bill of goods that puts us in bondage even though the debt he is trying to put under is not valid because of the Blood Covering and unmerited Grace through Jesus. The accuser of the brethren is the plaintiff that hires an attorney satans messengers to serve us with a worthless invalid claims to try use the Law against US, because we \do not dwell on the fact that Jesus' blood and nothing else gives us holy justice in God's court. So the enemy will then send spirits of harassment and shame that come in and try to discourage us into walking into the law and legalism instead of what the Lord has for us through grace and freedom. When I am talking bondage to the Law I mean once you fall under one part of the Law all of it comes on us like a ton of bricks and we change from the women at the well into the accuser of the women at the well when we focus on the law instead of grace. This is just like God's best plan before the fall was for us to eat from the tree of life, which was effortless and free and full of Life. And the worst choice Adam could have made was to eat of tree of the knowledge of good and evil which led to death because we could then discern the law partially and then judged wrongly of things we were never to judge or have an opinion about where we would then play God from the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Then the enemy uses the law to get us go and judge others through the Law, and then we get our eyes off of what the Lord has done through us through grace and try to get our eyes off of what the Lord has done in our lives to get us to grow cold and lose our first love, compared to focusing on the freedom and deliverance and love the Lord has showed us.

In His Eternal Heavenly Court, God right now, today has even more favor in store for us than the earthly court proceedings I went through today. When the accuser of the brethren is cast down and the Father is the Judge on His thrown, He will allow the Holy Spirit who knows all truth and mysteries of God to reveal the errors in the enemy's case and He will ask the questions that make the enemies case invalid and then through the Blood we will be set free of the Law and then we will walk in the true heavenly Grace and Freedom that comes only from the Blood of Jesus that make US Righteous in God presence. So this Heavenly Court of God supercedes the Law that the accuser of the brethren brings against us. This is because on our side we are represented by Jesus who pleads our case before the very throne of GOD with His Blood bought for US. This Blood will give us the Grace & Favor to Ask Anything Of The Court In Heaven and it will be done for us. This is why it says in 2 times in each chapter of John 14-16 ask anything in the name of the Son Jesus and it shall be given to you because when we ask in the name of the Son it brings honor to the Father, so every time the Devil doesn’t want us to have justice and uses the Law against US to say that we do not deserve justice. The Father turns to the Son and the Blood of Jesus' wounds stand out as the testament of which we are given justice through grace, and every time that the Son Jesus intercedes on our behalf it Sports the devil and he loses more power in heaven and in our lives each time, and then the adjustment comes when God decrees our blessing in His Heavenly Court, the enemy must pay up, and in God's court once the devil loses He has no more appeals and he must pay up immediately ***in God Kingdom, there are no payment plans*** for the devil, he is continually being stripped of the authority that he illegally took from the fall of man until now. That is why the Lord commanded us to subdue the earth and restore that which was lost. Also when the enemy was cursed in the garden it was said of him that he and the women and her descendants would be at odds with each other and that even though the serpent may bruise her heal, that the deliver was coming who one day would crush his head and break his power. So we may feel the pain and shame of the proceedings and every illegal and underhanded below the belt tactic that will be employed by the opposing side; but that Jesus through the offspring of the women will cause the enemy and accuser of the brethren to have his head crushed every time we turn in truth to faithful prayer that is united with the will of the Father and Jesus will then give us grace to have an overcoming life in all areas and ***once justice is decreed we will walk into it instantaneously***. This was the case of Joseph in Gen 41, the Lord decreed him free and the Lord gave him Justice favor and blessing that occurred all at once upon the decree that The Lord Spoke in the Heavenly Court it occurred on earth as well. So Joseph went from his state of wrongful and illegal imprisonment ***to the palace in an afternoon and had everything plus more restored to him,*** that is why Joseph called his firstborn son 51 Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh [6] and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." 52 The second son he named Ephraim [7] and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."

So whatever you are persevering in wherever your land and field of suffering currently is, when the Lord decrees the Freedom from His Heavenly Court into your life then He will make you an overcomer in the very thing we suffered in, and make you fruitful in what was hindering you in suffering in before. This is why when the blessing was finally given to Joseph for the injustice of the Prison Sentence in His life that once He was restored, he broke through all and any opposition in the financial governmental areas of his life and he never had a prison of lack, faith, wisdom ever again, and he was fully established in His walk forever more.

Just like King David he was on the run and trusting God for deliverance for 17 years before the Lord established Him in Justice but because He did not falter or do the things that God needs to do in Hid own power, he could have short circuited his true Kingdom of Heaven Justice, if he would have struck down God's Anointed King Saul at the time them he would have had a short lived victory but his kingdom would not have been truly established on the foundation of God's Mercy Righteousness and Perfect Justice of Placing It in God's Hands. And because David waited for the true deliverance of the Lord and God's Justice in the matter David's Kingdom was truly established in His life and his son's Solomon's life there was never a successful rebellion or uprising in the land of Israel because of David overcoming rebellion and false authority in his life.

But the Very Heavenly laws that God established cuts the enemy & accuser of the brethren to shreds because the very Law is used against him and the letter of the Law kills his very power and We will always overcome in the Lord's Court, and there will be a time of supernatural justice and the enemy will lose even 7 times what he would have lost, if he had just left things alone. This is exactly what happened when the enemy Had John the Baptist Head cut off by Herod. The word is clear that when he did this they reported it to Jesus, and it said that he Jesus wept and then He went out and healed and delivered all the people He ran across until sundown. In Job's life and in Joel where it talks about restoring what the canker worm and locust had eaten talks about us getting justice in the Lord Court. This is why even when the church came under persecution and martyrdom occurred that this very tribulation opened more doors of blessing once the Lord have us justice from Hid throne.

So I am praying constantly and prophetically decreeing the Justice and decrees of God be spoken over my life, and that He prophecies life to all of us so that the Kingdom would advance through all of the suffering that we all have gone through, so that revival doesn't tarry anymore and that the principalities that have held back the justice be broken and the truth of the law will cu them asunder. And that we all move into a season of supernatural grace and abundance and that our true inheritance would be the Lost. Because what better way to sport the devil than to go into his camp, use his own resources against him, and get them into the God's camp so they in turn can bring more of the lost into Gods kingdom. To prove mercy, grace and love, out-power and thwart hatred, bondage, and fear, and remember Jesus wins every time.

Praised Be The Lord

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Good Fight Of Faith
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> Acts 14:21-22—*They preached the good news in that city and won a large number of disciples. Then they returned to Lystra, Iconium and Antioch, 22strengthening the disciples and encouraging them to remain true to the faith. "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," they said.*

A number of people have written on “the importance of suffering.” Others have countered by indicating that suffering is not God’s will for His children. When Merlin Carothers preached through his Praise Books that we should praise God even when we are suffering, a lot of people could not agree with him. But in Acts 14:22 we see clearly that it takes many hardships to enter the kingdom of God. However, the main issue in Acts 14:22 is not really hardships or tribulations, but remaining true to the faith. In this article, we will see what it means to remain true to the faith. It takes a good fight.

The journey of the Israelites through the wilderness was written for our learning. The mere fact that they encountered many difficulties on their way to the Promised Land did not automatically qualify them to enter the Promised Land. In the same way, the fact that a Christian is facing hardships and even praises God for them is not a sufficient qualification for the blessings of God. In the case of the Israelites of old, with the exception of Joshua and Caleb, all the adults that left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea could not make it to the Promised Land. Why? The faith training that the wilderness experience was meant to accomplish in them failed utterly.

Heb 3:7-11—*So, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you hear his voice, 8do not harden your hearts as you did in the rebellion, during the time of testing in the desert, 9where your fathers tested and tried me and for forty years saw what I did. 10That is why I was angry with that generation, and I said, `Their hearts are always going astray, and they have not known my ways.' 11So I declared on oath in my anger, `They shall never enter my rest.'"*

Heb 3:19-4:2—*So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief. 4:1Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be careful that none of you be found to have fallen short of it. 2For we also have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did; but the message they heard was of no value to them, because those who heard did not combine it with faith.*

The wilderness experience was a time of testing for Israel of old. It was a time of testing for the Lord Jesus. And it is a time of testing for Christians of today. In Heb 3:10 God says that the problem of Israel of old is that they did not know the way of God. Which way? Heb 4:2 answers, the way of faith.

Rom 1:17—*For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*

James 1:2-4—*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3because* *you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

Rom 8:28 (NKJV)—*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*

Do you know why you should rejoice in your hardships? It is because hardships are opportunities for your promotion, because all things work together for good. However, if you allow your faith to fail, the same hardship will become the reason for your demotion. It happened to the Israelites of old. It never happened to the Lord Jesus; He converted the terrible experience of going to the cross into the greatest promotion ever (Phil 2:8-11). The dominant experience of many Christians has been converting hardships into demotion. The question now is: How do we convert trials, temptations or hardships into our promotion? It takes a good fight of faith. Most of us (including myself until just now) have been fighting bad fight that lead to demotion.

1 Tim 1:18-19—*Timothy, my son, I give you this instruction in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by following them you may fight the good fight, 19holding on to faith and a good conscience. Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith.*

Some prophecies were once made about Timothy, and Paul exhorts him to follow those prophecies if he is to fight the good fight. You may begin to say, ‘But no prophecies were said about me personally’. The prophecies refer to God’s promises, which were prophesied when the Scripture was being written or when Jesus carried on His ministry. Follow the promises in God’s word as a necessary first step in fighting the good fight. Paul then exhorted Timothy to hold on to faith and a good conscience. With these three items in place promotion must come.

> *2 Peter 1:3-9—3His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 5For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 8For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9But if anyone does not have them, he is nearsighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins.*

Here Peter writes the same kind of thing. Through the promises of God we “may” participate in the divine nature. “May” in the last sentence implies that it is conditional. In verses 5 to 9 the conditions are listed. Those conditions were lumped into “faith” and “good conscience” by apostle Paul in 1 Tim 1:19.

Good Conscience

Good conscience should actually come first (Matt 6:33). Let us learn some lessons from the battle of Ai (Joshua chapters 7 and 8).

Ai was typical of a promise of God. On first attempt to claim this promise, the enemy defeated the Israelites because there was sin in the camp—Achan's sin. That is the problem of many Christians (modern Israelites) today; they do not have good conscience. The moment the Israelites of old removed the forbidden thing in their midst, it became possible for them to enjoy the presence of God. God then led them to victory over Ai. In the same way, if Christians rid their lives of sin, that will attract the presence of God, which will lead them to victory. The way a Christian rids his/her life of sin is by fasting and prayer. As we pray we ask God to forgive us and we command the power of sin to leave our bodies in the name of Jesus Christ. As members of the Body of Christ we have authority over all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19)—this is the promise we hang on to as we do spiritual warfare.

Hold on to Faith

Do you know what it means to hold on to faith? This is it: Imagine that you are sick with very serious pains. And you want to claim God's promise that Jesus was wounded that you may be healed. You state this promise of God and begin to command the infirmities and diseases in your body to die by the power of the Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ. As a starter in this practice of faith, for some time it will appear as if nothing is happening, even though you may not know that a lot is already happening in the spiritual realm. Your condition might even appear to get worse; your faith is being tried. Do you now give up the faith business and rush for readily available drugs or even go to hospital? Well, that will be failure of faith. This is the reason why Christians have remained in the wilderness much longer than the forty years the Israelites of old stayed in the wilderness. Christians will yet remain in the wilderness until they pass the faith test. When they pass the faith test, they will enter God's rest (Heb 4:1).

As we remove sin from our lives through frequent fasting and prayer, we are now ready to conquer the Ai in our lives—diseases, infirmities, failures, human enemies, etc. There is something we learn from Joshua in the battle of Ai.

Josh 8:18-19,26—18Then the LORD said to Joshua, "Hold out toward Ai the javelin that is in your hand, for into your hand I will deliver the city." So Joshua held out his javelin toward Ai. 19As soon as he did this, the men in the ambush rose quickly from their position and rushed forward. They entered the city and captured it and quickly set it on fire.
26For Joshua did not draw back the hand that held out his javelin until he had destroyed all who lived in Ai.

Joshua held out his javelin towards Ai for as long it took to destroy all of Ai. It was an arduous task for him, but he knew that the success of the battle depended on that and that they could never fail to conquer (Rom 8:37), because they were backed by the promise of God. Joshua holding out the javelin toward Ai represents perseverance in using our weapons of warfare.

Jam 1:4—Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Perseverance must finish its work before anyone can pass the faith test. Anyone who passes the test receives promotion.

Matt 21:21-22—Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, `Go, throw yourself into *the sea,' and it will be done. 22If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."*

Heb 10:35-39—*So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. 36You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. 37For in just a very little while, "He who is coming will come and will not delay. 38But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him."*
39But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved.

Now, in the case of sickness, what does entry into God's rest imply? It implies victory over sicknesses. Once the devil finds out that you have learnt how to overcome sicknesses and diseases, he will not try you from that angle again, unless you commit sin. The same applies to every other kind of problem. The time for our total deliverance has come. Let us learn to remain true to faith. Pain or hardship may endure for a short time, but we have God's promise that in all things we are more than conquerors. Providing we are committed members of the Body of Christ, all of God's promises are "Yes" to us (2 Cor 1:20). This is because the only access Jesus has given us to the Father is through the curtain, that is His Body (Heb 10:20). Even the fasting and prayer I mentioned previously cannot work if we are not committed to the Body of Christ.

1 John 1:7—But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

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Grasp Hold Of The Rock

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When everything seems to be crumbling around you, come to the Rock that is a sure foundation, One that will never let you down. He gave His life so that you would be free to partake of the same glory that He experienced at the Cross. For it is through dying that the resurrection power of the Living Lamb of God comes forth. Once you have escaped the clutches of the evil one, hold fast to your liberty in Christ. He is your true salvation from every bondage, every turmoil, every weapon that might come your way. Grasp hold of the Rock and never let go when the storms start raging heavily.

When everything starts to look hazy, and you feel you have lost your way, hold fast to the Truth that I have given you in My word. Do not look at the circumstances, but look to the light in My word, and it will lead you to freedom and safety. I will give you the strength you need. Just bow down before Me, and worship Me, and I will fill you once again with the life and strength that you need. Cry out for wisdom and grace, and I will lead you to the other side, the land flowing with milk and honey that I promised you.

Yes, I have promised the abundant life, and it is in Me. Cast all your cares upon Me for I care for you. Rest in My loving arms, and be still knowing I will supply your every need. I tell you this hour to give it all to Me. All the raging tides and the winds that blow that are saying you can't make it. You don't have the funds to see you through. Cast them down for you have a heavenly bank account in Me, and I bring it forth in My timing, not when the timing of the world calls for it. For I am stretching you in your faithfulness to Me and My word.

Do not look at the circumstances, but stand on Truth, on My promises, and do not waver, and I will manifest the answer. Draw close and I will keep you safe, and raise you up as mighty conquerors of faith and truth. You will cast down the strongholds of the enemy through My love and grace. You will escape the lies of the evil one that says you don't have what it takes. For greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. Yes, you will run and you will leap in joy when I release My gifts through you.

Many will come into My kingdom through your faithfulness to seek Me and your yieldedness to perform My word through signs and wonders. Be ready for even in the market place I will pour out My glory. My presence will radiate through you like a glowing light. And those that I have prepared will be drawn to it, and collapse under a mighty conviction weaping with joy at My presence. Their hearts long for the healing power of My love. They long for it and are ready to receive My saving grace.

The end time harvest is here. Be ready to reap a bumper crop for the fruit of your servitude towards Me. All that you have given up for My kingdom will return unto you seven fold. You will reap prosperity and health as your soul prospers in Me. Now rest, and let Me bless you, and strengthen you, and fill you to overflowing. For now is the time to rejoice. Now is the time to reap the fruit of your labor. It is time to gather in the sheep and be one, and be the light I called you to be.

Go In And Possess The Land

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2004 is here. It is a new year, just a little into a new century, and time for us to take hold of and DO SOMETHING with the restoration the Lord has given to us. God is restoring, but it is up to us to DO something with what He has restored to us! - I continue to hear these words, "GO IN AND POSSESS THE LAND!"

Now, let me say ahead of time, this has NOTHING to do with salvation or having God love us or getting to heaven. What it DOES have to do with is walking in the promises we've been given and fulfilling the purpose for which we were born.

Those of us who are in the "middle" age bracket were born during the healing wave of the 40's and 50's, have come through the "word" movement, and say we are ready for action! So why do some of us continue to sit in our church pews and stare at each other in complete boredom?!

I believe the Lord is saying to us that it is time to put ourselves INTO ACTION and cross over our rivers of fears and excuses and GO INTO our Promised Lands!

Let us review these scriptures in James 2:
(14) What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?
(17) Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
(18) But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith BY my works.
(19) You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe--and tremble! *(20)* But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith WITHOUT works is DEAD?
(21) Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?
(22) Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and BY works faith was made perfect?
(23) And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God.
(24) You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.
(26) For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

HOW LONG WILL WE WAIT?
Then Joshua said to the children of Israel: "How long will you neglect to go and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers has given you?" (Joshua 18:3)

I have so many friends who have been saying for SO long, "I'm waiting on the Lord!" - I've served notice on them that if they wait so long that they ON PURPOSE die without doing what they were called to do, I'm going to put on their tombstone, "They waited on the Lord, and He came and got them!"

I believe the Lord is saying to us:

"Look, the Lord your God has set the land before you; go up and POSSESS it, as the Lord God of your fathers has spoken to you; do not fear or be discouraged." (Deuteronomy 1:21)

LET'S LEARN FROM THE PAST

When the Israelites ignored the promise of God and focused on the giants, it totally prevented them from going in to possess the land. Their children went in later on, but they died in the wilderness. We need to learn from this and not follow in their example.

(7) Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, (8) Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, (9) Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, And saw My works forty years. (10) Therefore I was angry with that generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart, And they have not known My ways.' (11) So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' " (12) Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; (13) but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (14) For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, (15) while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." (16) For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? (17) Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? (18) And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? (19) So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. (Hebrews 3:7-19)

WHAT ABOUT ENEMIES OR GIANTS?

And the Lord your God will expel them from before you and drive them out of your sight. So you shall possess their land, as the Lord your God promised you. (Joshua 23:5)

God promises to deal with our enemies. As for giants, I believe the Lord had the giants in place to protect and preserve the Promised Land for the Israelites. In much the same way, I believe the Lord God has held and protected our Promised Lands. I also believe that when it's time for us to go in to possess the land, and He gives us the right of passage, God has a way of dealing with the giants. That issue isn't our concern. Our only concern is obedience in obeying His command to "go in and possess the land."

Some of us are facing genuine giants in the area of health, family situations or finances. I know we all have to "go" sometime, and I've just decided I'd rather "go" doing what I'm called to, going as far as I can get, rather than in total defeat!

THE MIND BATTLE

One of the things we have to battle the most is our mind. We like to blame "the enemy," but many times WE are our own worst enemy! Many of us can think up more excuses to avoid change than to go for it!

I love what Colosians 1:21 says, *"And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled."*

Isaiah 26:3 tells us, "*You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You."*

But how do we battle the fears and thoughts that come?

2 Cor. 10:3-5 says:

(3) "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.
(4) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,
(5) casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing EVERY THOUGHT into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

Phillipians 3:8 says: *"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS."*

WHAT SHOULD WE MEDITATE ON?
(13) Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
(14) DO NOT NEGLECT THE GIFT THAT IS IN YOU, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.
(15) MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS; GIVE YOURSELF ENTIRELY TO THEM, THAT YOUR PROGRESS MAY BE EVIDENT TO ALL.
(16) Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for IN DOING THIS you WILL save both yourself AND those who hear you. (I Timothy 4:13-16)

PRAYER
Father, we repent of any way in which we have stood in our own way and been our own worst enemy through allowing our minds to wander from believing in you and actually carrying out that belief by obeying you. Help us get rid of our unbelief and to go forward in you towards the land you've promised us. As David once prayed, so we pray Psalm 19:14, *"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."* And we add to that prayer, let our actions also be acceptable in your sight as well.
In Jesus' name, Amen.
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Glory Into Glory

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It is certain that we are called to the glory of God (1Thes. 2.12). But what does this mean to the child of God in practical terms? How we perceive what the Lord means in this high calling will determine our expectations, our diligence to the task, and our cooperation with the Lord in the process.

In 2 Cor. 3.18 the Lord says that we will be transformed from glory “into” glory as we see the glory of the Lord. In Thayer’s lexicon we find a definition of glory that helps us understand what the Lord might have us see in this text. That definition states that glory is “the absolutely perfect inward or personal excellence of Christ….in which He excels by virtue of His nature.”

If we accept this as true, that the Lord’s glory may be demonstrated through His personal excellence, then we have an inkling of what our goal of the “high calling” of God really is. We, as sons of God, are called to be inwardly changed in incremental steps to reflect the personal excellence of Christ.

Every child of God has some “glory” of God. The glory of the Lord may be manifest in many ways; magnificence, excellence, dignity, preeminence, grace, majesty, splendor, brightness, honor, and so on including any attributes of Christ Himself. But every child of God is in possession of some facet or state of glory (John 17.21). The Lord instructs us that as we perceive another glory of Christ’s (by His revelation to us in our current position) that we are to be changed (metamorphosed) into the next glory.

This, however, is not some kind of magic. It is not some great mystery wherein the Lord appears in a bright cloud to whisk away our problems and issues. We must realize that the glory we are presently in must be “left” in order to attain the glory He has shown us. It is at this point most of us start reviewing the cost. How many of us absolutely know that the Lord has revealed to us an inward problem or attribute of our own that He wishes to correct. We cannot beg off that we do not comprehend what He means or even that we do not know what we should do. But in many cases we just ponder the situation rather than move “into” what He has shown us.

The fact is that we are changed from glory into glory. This means that the Lord knows exactly where we are and He comes to show us where we are going. We cannot say, “We do not know where you are going (John 14.5)” because He will simply say to us what He said to Thomas. “I am the Way” to where we are going. He knows the glory in which we presently live, and He shows us the glory He would have us attain. Our problem lies in our decision to proceed with the painful process of being changed. There is no apprehension of the glory of God from our viewpoint without change….the very purpose of the glory is change.

In studying 2 Cor 3:18 the Lord highlighted the little word “into”, as in “glory into glory.” As I studied the little word I began to understand somewhat better the process of change the Lord would have us enter whereby we go from glory into glory.

The word “into” in Greek is “eis”, Strong’s number 1519. It has a fascinating description, which helps us understand God’s process for us to be changed from glory into glory. Remember that the glory we are referring to in this verse is the personal excellence of Christ. We are not referring to outward manifestations or signs, which may reflect the glory of God, but to the inwrought work of the cross to produce the personal characteristics of Jesus in His people.

“Eis”, or “into” according to Thayer’s Lexicon, indicates the point reached or entered of:

1) Place
2) Time
3) Purpose.

In referring to place it refers to “ a place entered, or entrance into a place.” It stands before nouns designating an open place, or one in which an object can be hidden. If the surface only of the place entered is touched or occupied it may be rendered “on” or “upon”, to mark the limit reached, or where one sets foot.

In reference to time it denotes entrance into a period which is penetrated, as it were, a duration through a time, a dawning into. Further it refers to “ the time in which a thing is done because he who does or experiences a thing at any time is conceived as, so to speak, entering into that time, in their season.”

In reference to purpose and used metaphorically the word retains the force of entering into anything where one thing is to be changed into another, or where several persons or things are said to be collected or combined into one. Used with verbs of going, coming, leading, “eis” is joined to nouns designating the condition or state into which one passes. It is used to indicate the task or work which one enters into, what he undertakes, or to take up and carry on the labor begun by another. It denotes motion to something, of ethical direction or reference, universal of acts in which the mind is directed towards or looks to something. It is also used to denote the end to which a thing reaches or extends or the end which one has in view, the end by which a thing is completed, the result or effect.

Let us begin with the affirmation that we all possess some measure of the glory of God. When the Lord reveals that we are to be changed in some inward way, and He does this almost constantly, our minds need to be wrapped around what He has revealed as the next glory to attain. As always God shares the process with us, we cannot do His part nor can we ignore the part He gives us to do. So we must recognize the ways of God in order to cooperate and be obedient to the call to come up. We do not need to miss the call because it is disguised in what we consider to be “just a small thing”. When the stakes are the personal excellence of Christ no thing is too small.

Having recognized that we are already IN some state of glory we keep ourselves ready to move on to the next. This is what the Israelites did when they followed the glory cloud. They stayed in a state of readiness. Let us not make the mistake of bringing the New Testament age “down” to the Old testament age by looking for, waiting for, and wishing for an outward “big bright shining cloud” to appear in our skies in order to guide us. We are speaking spiritually and we already have the cloud of glory inside of us. Our job is to stay ready to move with Him as He beckons us.

As we are in one state of glory and the Lord calls us “into” another state of glory our first decision is to accept what the Lord has revealed. We cannot go ”into” something that we wish to remain “upon” us. Using the above definition, the Spirit of the Lord wishes to enter into our life in our present state to accomplish the next level of glory. If we, instead, wish only for the Spirit of the Lord to come ”upon” us then we establish a limit. Remember in the definition that if a limit is marked or a point is reached where you set your foot and will not proceed beyond that limit then the correct word is “upon” not “into.” Glory upon glory would imply that we actually see what the Lord is saying but we CHOOSE to look at it, talk about it, discuss it, investigate it or even worse, USE IT but we REFUSE to enter it. We may demonstrate signs of the glory from this position, we may demonstrate healings and gifts from the Spirit of the Lord being “upon” us but we cannot enter INTO the glory from this position.

Here again we remember the Israelites, who after being shown the land of glory, decided to remain in the glory they had already and circle the mountain of their obstacle for 40 years. Entering “into” the land intimates that there is no limit to the relationship between us and the Lord when He wants to move us to the next glory, we have considered the cost and we agree to it.

Nor can we say that we do not understand the timing for moving from glory into glory. The little word ”into” has an aspect of time built right into it. It denotes a period which is penetrated, a duration through a time, a dawning into. Again it refers to “ a time a thing is done because he who does or experiences a thing at any time is conceived of as, so to speak, entering into that time in their season.” This means as soon as we understand what the Lord has revealed the TIME is now for that very thing. As soon as we penetrate what He has shown us we are in the “time” for moving into the next glory. In other words it is our “season” for the next glory to be followed and apprehended. Here is where the Lord urges us so explicitly in Hebrews to not harden our hearts and turn away from the way

He is showing us. Our choice is to enter “into” what He has shown us but our tendency as humans is to review and think about, investigate and discuss (circle) it rather than enter “into.”

This entering “into” predicates our movement into the next glory. Because “into” has a connotation of movement we have to “leave” the glory we are in to go into the next one. This brings about many things in our human frailty. We may become fearful because we enjoy where we are or we are secure where we are. We may have issues of pride because we will not accept what the Lord has shown us as to applying to us (we feel we have already arrived at this point, or gone beyond this point, or see no need for it in our own lives). We may have issues with men’s opinions of ourselves (we need or desire their respect or their admiration of our work or our person.) There are many other things that may appear on the horizon as the Lord would move us on and they always appear as giants. If we succumb to them then we will fail to move “into” the land of the next glory with God.

So we stop going from glory “into” glory because we have chosen to stop at a glory of our own choosing. Whether it is fear or convenience or stubbornness that stops us, the result is the same….we stop growing in the personal excellence of Christ. And when that happens we may continue to “work” for the Lord, even demonstrating and manifesting signs of His glory to which we have already attained, but we have missed the purpose of God….to attain unto the likeness of His Son Jesus, to be part of a great company of sons.

If we can comprehend that we must set aside all weight in order to enter ”into” the glory, and that it has its own element of time associated with it, then the last aspect of “into” needs to be understood. That aspect is of “purpose.”

Going back to Thayer’s definition it says, “ indicating motion or direction, can denote motion to something, ethical direction or references acts in which the mind is directed toward or looks to something. It can also intimate the end to which a thing reaches or extends or to the end which a thing is adapted, the end by which a thing is completed. Oh, how much the Lord is in that!

Remember how many times the Lord refers to the fact that the purpose of God from Genesis to Revelation is to produce sons of the image and likeness of Himself. And the way that is accomplished is to look unto Jesus, recognize Him as the Way, follow Him, imitate Him, and so many more urgings to pursue Him for who He really is. The reason we enter “into” is also the end of the “into”, that is, to become like Him. He is the End, He says so Himself. He is the beginning and the End.

So as we go “glory into glory” we are affirming that He is King and Lord of our lives WHEN we follow the glory cloud of His presence in us to the next level. It is not an easy task but we have His assurance that He will never leave us and that He is able to complete every good work He begins in us. Our part remains to acquiesce to His revelation of the next step of glory so that we know the place we are going, to have the faith to leave behind the old and embrace the new so that we understand the time is NOW to accomplish it, and to believe that whatever He has shown us He has the power to accomplish so that we will move forward with no fear in our hearts. To God be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever.

Gatekeepers

Dennis Drewlo

A Day of Gatekeepers (Porters) & Bridge-Builders - Dennis E. Drewlo

I Am Calling the Gatekeepers (Porters) to Rise Up This Day For the New Thing That I Am About to Do.

I am going to do a new thing in the nation and in key cities through key leaders. A new wave of My Presence will come through these whom I have raised up as leaders and into what I am about to do in the cities is through their gates.

The gates have huge doors--doors that can only be opened by a large majority of the city's leaders together putting their shoulders to them. That is the only way they can be opened. Through these gates is the only entrance: Unity in the Church will open the gates. Division will keep them locked.

"Verily, verily I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and he leadeth them out" (John 10:1-6).

I Am Seeking Gatekeepers (Porters) Who Will Guard My House & the Treasures Within It:

I am seeking those who know that value of the things of the Kingdom and who will guard it and treasure it more highly than the things of this world and protect that which is within My house. My desire is to keep that which is unclean out of My House. They will guard My People as shepherds as I, the Chief Shepherd (1 Peter 2:25, 1 Peter 5.1-4).

"For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in their set office, and were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God" (1 Chronicles 9:26).

"This is the thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the Sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the doors; And a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD" (II Chronicles 23:4-6).

"And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none which was unclean in any thing should enter in." (II Chronicles 23:19).

There Will Be a New Value Placed on the Things of the Kingdom.

The move of My Spirit will cause a radical shift in your priorities. The things of the Kingdome will become more important over the next year than the things of the world:

'Now prior to this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, being related to Tobiah, had prepared a large room for him, where formerly they put the grain offerings, the frankincense, the utensils, and the tithes of grain, wine and oil prescribed for the Levites, the singers and the gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests. But during all this time I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had gone to the king. After some time, however, I asked leave from the king, and I came to Jerusalem and learned about the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, preparing a room for him in the courts of the house of God. -

"But seek ye first the Kingdom of God & His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Mat. 6:33).

The Gates in the Church I will begin to move through the various gates in the Church:

The Prayer Gate Human Bridges (Intercessors) Will Arise

I am calling My people to intercession from My Church, their families, & their cities. Call out to me

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none" (Ezekiel 22:30-31).

"And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. (Genesis 18:23-32).

"Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare Thy people O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them. Wherefore should they say among the people, Where is your God?" (Joel 1:17).

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"Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord: lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street" (Lamentations 2:19).

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. (II Chronicles 7:14).

The Worship Gate

Worshippers will rise up and enter the Throne Room. They will bring My people through the veil, into the Holy of Holies. This will be a time for entering in, past the Outer Court, past the Holy Place, and into the Holy of Holies.

"God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24).

The Art Gate

I will redeem the Arts for My purposes. A new anointing will come on the artists; the painters, illustrators, dancers. The anointing of the Creator will come upon the Church that will speak to the hearts of My people like words cannot. The same Genesis power that created the heavens and the earth will rise up within the Church. The same Genesis "Let there be" will rise up in the Church. I will breathe new life in the arts. You will bring forth divinely inspired works of art, not out of man's intellect, but out of the breath of God.

"For by Him, all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him" (Colossians :16).

The Dance Gate

Dancers will carry the My Presence. A David & Miriam anointing will come upon the Church.

"Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him: let the children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord" (Psalm 149:1-9).

"But as the Ark of the Lord's covenant entered the City of David, Michal, the daughter of Saul, looked down from her window. When she saw King David dancing and leaping for joy, she was filled with contempt for him." (I Chronicles 15:27).

"And it was told King David, "The Lord has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the Ark of God." So David went and brought up the Ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the Ark of The Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. And David danced before The Lord with all his might" (2 Samuel 6:12-14 RSV).

Then Miriam, the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to The Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea" (Exodus 15:19-21 RSV).

"Praise the Lord! Sing to The Lord a new song, His praise in the assembly of the faithful! Let Israel be glad in his Maker, let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King! Let them praise His Name with dancing, making melody to Him with timbrel and lyre! For The Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with victory" (Psalm 149:1-4 RSV).

The Prophetic Gate

The clear Word of the Lord will come forth in this hour to edify, exhort, comfort & guide My Church. This word will sound an alarm to awaken My Church. It will be the Word that they need to hear. nothing more, nothing less.

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; (Joel 2:1).

"Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD" (Ezekiel 37:4).

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams." (Joel 2:28 & Acts 2:17-18).

"Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith." (Romans 12:6).

"Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy" (I Cor. 14:1).

"For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted." (I Cor. 14:31).

Watchmen Will Rise Up at the Gates Watchmen will rise up in cities

"Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion" (Isaiah 52:8).

"I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give Him no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth" (Isaiah: 6 & 7).

"The watchmen found me as they made their rounds in the city, "have you seen the one my heart loves?" (Song of Solomon 3:3).

"The watchmen that went about the city found me, they wounded me; the keepers of the walls took away my veil from me" (Song of Solomon 5:7).

"Also I have set watchmen over you (saying) hearken to the sound of the trumpet" (Jeremiah 6:17).

Open Gates, Open Hearts, Open Minds, & Open Heavens

I will open the minds of My people to the things that I am about to do in the earth. Old patterns of thinking will be replaced as I renew the minds of My Church.

But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away (2 Cor 3:14).

"If, now, the good news we declare is in fact veiled, it is veiled among those who are perishing, among whom the god of this system of things has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, that the illumination of the glorious good news about the Christ, who is the image of God, might not shine through." (2 Cor 4:3-4).

Warriors Will Stand at the Gates as "Unknown Soldiers"

Warriors will rise up as "Unknown Soldiers". These "behind the scenes" people will see great reward because they desire not to be glorified themselves, but to glorify Me. The will take on the Full Armour of God not against flesh and blood, but against flesh & blood (Ephesians 6:12).

"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 6:1).

"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward" (Matthew 6:5.).

Bridge-Builders Will Arise In the Days Ahead. Bridge-builders, and peacemakers will arise in the Church.

"For Christ is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us" (Ephesians 2:14).

"A voice of one calling: In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it" (Isaiah 40:3-5 NIV).

They will be the ones who will build:

I will tear down the walls in the church and with the remnants of the walls I will build bridges:

Cultural, Racial & Denominational Bridges

I will bridge the gap between the races and restore the Body of Christ to the place of unity, and bring the Church to a place without walls or prejudice.

"They shall be one in mine hand" (Ezekiel 37:19).

".and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth". (Acts 1:8 NKJV).

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28)

"- where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all." (Colossians 3:11)

"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6).

They will come to drink and when they come, they will come as One Body, without divisions or factions.

They Will Reach the Unreachable

They will reach out to the unreachable. the discarded ones.the forgotten ones. the outcasts and the outsiders. They will reach the ones that are crying out for something more.

They Will Teach the Un-teachable

They will teach the un-teachable ones the things of the Kingdom. Through them, I will change hearts and renew minds. I will soften the hearts of those who are ready to hear the truth. They will receive My Word and be changed by it.

"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21).

Arise Gatekeepers! Arise Bridge-builders! This is your time!

Glory Bubbles
Sandy Warner

Jan 1, 2004
SANDY VISION: I saw a pool thick with bubbles which had a cloud of vapor over it.

HEARD: I called you like Moses to experience My cloud.

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA
VISION: Suddenly before me was a cloud of tiny little bubbles that were enveloped in a foggy mist. The mist swirled in front of My eyes. I knew it was His glory cloud. I opened my eyes and saw it briefly before it disappeared.

SELAH WORD KISSED BY HIS GLORY CLOUD
What is consciousness? Consciousness is knowing Me and knowing that I love you. How I love to pour out My glory upon your passionate heart. Drink it in, beloved. Let it kiss your mouth with My heavenly mist. Let the bubbles penetrate deeply into your soul bringing you great peace.

"Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth -- For your love is better than wine." (Song of Solomon 1:2 NKJ)

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA
VISION TRANCE: I had just gone to bed and suddenly the room was filled with God's Glory. It looked like all kinds of sizes of bubbles with tiny lights in them. Some were probably 3 inches across and others were very small. All of them were iridescent with lovely rainbow colors. I couldn't see anything in my room very clearly because there were so many bubbles! They were swirling about and began to dance towards me and touch me. Their gentle touches penetrated me to the very core and filled me with such joy. It felt so good that I started to laugh and giggle. I was trying to tell the Lord how much I was enjoying it and it was difficult to speak, because I was laughing so hard. I sure didn't want the experience to end. It was such fun!

CONCLUSION

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WORD TO PONDER THE FULLNESS OF JOY
In My Presence is fullness of joy. I AM descending upon My people and giving them experiences within My glory cloud. My cloud is filled with life and many good gifts. Each are exquisite expressions of My Presence and intimate touch. I will fill you with My fountain of joy bubbles and you shall bubble forth My Presence.

"In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Ps 16:11 NKJV)

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Sealed In His Cloud
Sandy Warner

ANNIE'S VISIONS

Excerpts from River of Blessing, Book 1, page 60

"In another vision she saw the river of blessing. "It was such glorious water all full of light and life. It seemed that anything it would touch would be enlivened, so full of life and blessing and light was it. In the center of this mighty river was the cross so immense and so glorious. It was all of blazing, brilliant light, shining forth in wondrous brilliancy. It seemed to radiate glory and light in all directions. As I watched, the river began to decrease flowing less and less till it flowed no more. All the water dried up and was no more…"

"…Then there appeared small canopies like overturned bowls that covered each one of those who had light in themselves. One came and covered me, also. It was a strange, transparent substance that fully covered and seemed to radiate security and peace and love. One felt so lovely and comfortable and peaceful within this covering sensation." {end quotes}

NOTE: Annie said that where the river had been there were people that had light within themselves and also others who did not have His light. Now without the water, those without the light became spoiled, rotten and decomposed. When His cloud came filled with storms, fire and light, they were without escape. If she had not been so wondrously covered, she would have been in terrible panic and fear. She said truly it was a sight and sound to strike terror into any being that was not covered with this canopy.

SANDY REVELATION
Yesterday as I was writing the following excerpt (from a 2002 post) and had recorded the section about glass terrariums, it began to mist outside, a beautiful light dewy mist. The light was filtering through it and they shone like tiny diamonds. I felt it was an awesome parable of living sealed inside our little bowls. The Lord’s cloud was filling us with His vapor and mist.

GLASS TERRARIUMS (from When You Are Feeling Dry, QW 2002)
"As the Holy Spirit was bringing the concepts from those visions to mind, He reminded me of the miniature glass terrariums, with a dome lid. I used to make them for our home and there were secrets to making terrariums stay healthy and not rot or dry out. Part of it was a layer of charcoal to work as a filter. Part of it was to put exactly the right amount of water in the dirt, so that the same moisture would circulate like dew upon the dome, then once again fall like rain. One only needed to water them occasionally and sparingly."

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WORD TO PONDER: SEALED IN MY CLOUD
Even now I AM placing a seal upon and over My own ones, who walk with an upright heart, with the fear of the Lord, and who have consecrated themselves to Me. The cloud of My Presence shall cover them day and night. They shall not suffer spiritual drought in the dry season, neither shall they spiritually suffer the heat of day or the cold of night. My Presence shall cover them completely and grant them the glory of My light and love all their days.

Come into My Presence and seek My refuge. It is only in Me that you will find your needed rest.

"For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys." (Ex 40:38 KJV)

"And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence." (Isaiah 4:5 KJV)

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The Bell Tower Rings
Sandy Warner

Jan 2, 2004
Long we have waited for this hour of the great awakening when I ring the bell. This tolling is the sound of a clarion call. Listen, even now the bell tower is ringing. On one side, this bell rings liberty for the captives! Break the cords of the pain of delay and be released into your birthright. It is My joy to give you the Kingdom for such a time as this. Deliverance, deliverance is coming, deliverance is nigh, deliverance is here. Within the great irony of a failing and fallen world, I will set My people free! They will go forth amidst the fires, and yet they will fear only their God, for they know the One Who is their all consuming fire.

Those on the opposite side hear the same bell, but they hear a different sound. Will they heed the warning? Awake from your slumber! Rise from your beds of apathy and pleasures and listen to the signs of the times. Like the magma of a fiery volcano, the consequences of rebellion and sin are spewing out. The toll of the bell rings warning, yet few will heed.

My love is so fierce that I will stop at nothing to awaken those in spiritual slumber. Come out My people, come out! Separate yourselves. Turn to the only One Who can save you from the ravages of sin. The earth grows hot with the consequences of defiance, and the bell rings for all who would listen. Come to your Maker and reject Him not. For He alone holds the keys to your deliverance for such a time as this.

"See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:25-29 NKJV)

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Glorious Victory

Bill Burns

Mar 22, 2004

I sound the trumpet, says the Lord, for these are the days of glorious victory in My house. I shall give heavenly weapons, the prophetic word. Corporate power has never been exercised in the history of mankind as it is now being activated. It will come forth as a mighty sword against the enemy and destroy his devices, tear down his strongholds, and establish My rule in the land. It is My land, and I will take back the title deed to planet earth. I am establishing it now through the voice of My servants. I will bring forth a victory in the land that will astound even the greatest of intercessors, for they have desired to see My kingdom established. You have the sword of the Spirit, the torch, the glory, and the anointing by which you will break the power of the enemy. It is written that the anointing breaks the yoke. Go forth in the power of My might and become that which I have spoken. You are My priests and kings, My warriors ordained for victory, says the Lord. Walk it out and perform My will in the land, but begin where you are by taking dominion back from the enemy.

Marsha Burns: The enemy has risen up once again to destroy what I have set and established, says the Lord. Awaken to the sound of the enemy's army that is trying to regroup after having been scattered. Do not allow distractions or complacency to lull you into a false sense of security. Set a watch. Nahum 2:1, "He who scatters has come up before your face. Man the Fort! Watch the Road! Strengthen your flanks! Fortify your power mightily." Stand your ground spiritually and do not waver or bow to a spirit of intimidation.

Mar 23, 2004
Beloved, make every effort to resolve the issues of your life that stand in the way of progress. You cannot move forward until the past is dealt with. Now is the time to squarely face reality and take responsibility for your attitudes, decisions and actions. Ask for wisdom in analyzing the complexity of your situation in order to simplify it enough to deal with it. Do not be afraid or lose hope, for nothing is impossible with Me. But, your first order of business is to rise above fear and become courageous. Now is the time to clear up and bring to a conclusion those things that have hindered you. Begin with your fear of losing your reputation, and deal with the pride of your own heart. I am with you to bring you safely through this process.

Mar 24, 2004
Have I not said that you shall have no other gods before Me? I speak to those who are trusting in men

and circumstances to solve your problems and meet your needs instead of seeking Me. You who have allowed fear to rule. You want to trust Me for answers to your prayers, but your asking is filtered through fear and dread, and your faith is misplaced. You are looking through the eyes of flesh for solutions that seem plausible. Come once again in the poverty of your own soul and ask in true faith and the absolute belief that I alone will lead you out of this valley of despair. John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Mar 25, 2004
You have come full circle, and the choices you make now will determine whether you will go one more time around the proverbial mountain or move into your promised land. Examine your heart to know your objections. What are your motives and reasons for your complaints and disapproval? Know that objections based on emotional issues will interfere with your objective. You must rise above your petty concerns and identify with My purposes in order to progress. You have a great opportunity now to mature spiritually and come to a more complete revelation of My kingdom, says the Lord. 1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

Mar 26, 2004
I keep hearing this phrase in my spirit -- "the past revisited." And the Lord says, I will cause the past to come up for review, but it will be a quick recollection and not a place to dwell. Use this opportunity to completely forgive and release those who have abused and misused you. Refuse to get overwhelmed again with the issues that have brought rejection and pain, and remember how I have brought you out of that wilderness and delivered you from the hand of your enemies. Do not allow regret a place in your heart, but rather give way to praise and thanksgiving. Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Godly Dream

Leslie Johnson

Godly Dream, Arafat/Oil Israel/ Baltimore/ Palestinian State/Jews Fight For Land by Leslie Johnson

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Dear Saints,

This word just came in thanks to a fellow Christian keeping us abreast to it, and I am sending it out asap! Here is a prophetic word that it appears to me is vital--I have noticed if I put urgent on the front of the subject it tends to hold the e-mail up for going forth so until I can get my new e-mail service I must apparently play the game of whatever with this e-mail I am using now/Juno... because right now Arafat is in the Hospital! And there can be a chain of events to soon follow if this is a correct word from God and it appears to be.

Also, I ponder if Baltimore means that an attack could hit our Baltimore where a lot of Jews are and cause them, almost force them to consider moving to Israel? We knew these things were coming... Is this it? Is this one of the places where the terrorists will try to attack? We do know New York is an area to be hit by Terrorists it appears...

Either way the below dream within a dream I think is vital to what is happening right now! Read it carefully and pray and think!

In Our Lord Jesus, s.r.

Arafat in Hospital Dream 04/15, 2002

I dreamt I saw Mary Gene Stephens at a meeting. Mary Gene is Hayseed Stephens wife [Hayseed Stephens went home to be with the Lord Jesus a couple of years ago, but his seed is running the company now, his son!].

Hayseed is the man God told that the largest oilfield in the world is located at the Southwest end of the Dead Sea. Mary Gene was not scheduled to speak and minister but we had ministered together at the Perfect Touch Women's Conference and I asked her to minister with me. We ministered to many people. While we were ministering, Mary Gene got a call from Hayseed. He said, "Mary Gene you need to get home. War is about to break out here in Israel."

She came over to me and told me what Hayseed said and then left to go home.

That night after the meeting, I saw myself sleeping. I had a dream within a dream.

I saw a news report on television that announced that Israel had given the Palestinians a State.

I heard the Lord say, "You must tell everyone that oil is going to come forth soon. It will cause the

Jewish people to fight back for their land."

Then I heard the Lord say, "Let Baltimore know."

I knew this could very easily start a global war. I keep asking the Lord, 'Why Baltimore?' When I awoke from the second dream.

In my first dream, I began to tell Stan what the Lord had said. Stan said, "Leslie, there are people we must tell."

We met a man that was in a high position having both power and knowledge concerning what was truly going on in Israel.

As I began to tell this man my dream, I said, "For some reason we are to tell Baltimore." I asked him, "Why Baltimore"

He said, "Because there are a lot of Jewish people who live in Baltimore."

I said to him, "Stan and I will be in Baltimore in a couple of months to do a Crusade."

There were about eight of us that were discussing my dream. We needed to find a place to talk. The man told us to follow him. Everyone was eager to find out more about this dream. We all walked through what looked like an airport waiting area. As I walked through, I noticed a lot of Jewish people. I could tell by the way they were talking and visiting. As I passed by one woman, I noticed she was reading a small newspaper like the Jerusalem Post. I was drawn to what she was saying. I heard her say with an accent, "Arafat is in the hospital."

She did not say why. However, she was happy to hear he was in the hospital.

We made our way through the crowd into a small room used for an office. Inside this small room was a woman already sitting in there. She was an older woman and would not get up to let us meet privately. However, as we began to talk and visit she would say, "Huh, Huh"

We just decided that she couldn't hear very well so we just let her sit there and went on with our meeting.

We shut the small sliding door behind us. The man that we followed into the room said, "Don't worry about the people outside the waiting room. Even if they can hear us they will not understand and think what we are saying is foolishness anyway. We have so much more information than they do and a deeper understanding of what is really going on, that they will not pay us any attention."

Once inside, this man with high connections in Israel said, "All right Leslie, tell me your dream."

I told him that Israel will give the Palestinians a State, but it will be a temporary arrangement to give the Jews enough time to regroup and get their armed forces prepared. I told him Oil will come forth quickly. The discovery of large amounts of oil will make all the Jewish people willing to fight for their land. It will lead to a major war, almost like the whole world will get involved in this war. I will include many countries.

I awoke and told Stan the dream. I believe the Lord has given me some revelation about it.

The scary thing for me is that in a way the Lord has put a time on this dream. I believe one of the ways to know when this will happen is the key word, Baltimore. We go to Baltimore for a Crusade in 06/21-25, 2002.

However, in my dream I remember thinking it was the first part of 2003 and Baltimore was in a couple of months like the 2nd or 3rd month. I am not sure of the timing other than I know we go to Baltimore in the sixth month. I am not sure it was talking about us going to Baltimore in 06/of 2002 or some other future event.

Another event that could signal it is near will be if Arafat goes into the hospital and especially if the Jews give the Palestinians a State.

The older woman in the room who had a hearing problem, represents the church. There will be many, including Christians who will be thrilled with the Israeli's giving the Arabs, the Moslems a declared State. They will think, 'Yea! Finally peace!'

The people in the outside waiting room area who didn't care or understand the significance of what we were saying represents the world. People of the world do not want to hear the warning. They don't want to hear the truth. They just want to have fun. Peace will only be a smoke screen and only for a short time.

Oil will spring forth and cause the Jews from around the world to return and fight for their land.

In that Hayseed and Mary Gene Stephens were both in the dream means that Hayseed is about to discover a massive oil field in Israel.

Also, the more we pray and seek the Lord, I believe He will give us more revelation.

Order of Events 1. Ministering 2. About to be war in Israel 3. Tell Baltimore 4. Arafat in hospital 5. Palestinians given a State 6. Oil found in Israel 7. Jews home to fight for land

God’s Mighty Army

Yvonne Walsh

My daughter, I HAVE an army—a powerful, mighty, passionate army, ready to storm the very gates of Hell, but they are hidden away at present, ready to be revealed when I desire to do so. I am polishing and preparing My army: I am readying them, training them, teaching them, for they will not go out as they have before. I am a God of changes, even though I change not! For My army will go out as Holy Terrorists, to win souls, rout the enemy, remove blinders and bondages, repair damage, heal souls and rebuild the old foundations which the enemy has attacked and destroyed.

Like Nehemiah of old, My army will rebuild walls, confuse the enemy and protect My people. They will be here, they will be there, and the enemy will know the POWER of ALMIGHTY GOD is against them. I will use creative strategies, insignificant people in the world’s eyes—and people will ask, Who are these people? The answer will be that “these men have been with Jesus”.

I will use men as I used Gideon and others who were few in number but won great victories. NOT ONE will fall to the ground, but I will know. If I am aware of every sparrow, will I not be MUCH MORE aware of those in My army and under My command? Be not afraid—look at Gideon and the boldness and confidence I gave him to go to war against a seemingly unbeatable foe. Numbers don’t faze Me. But My army, My chosen ones, My selected ones, My elite corps are under My divine mandate, My particular protection and covering. They shall go out and do great exploits in My Name. Signs and wonders? Yes—but in a greater dimension than you have ever conceived could be done! My ways ARE higher than mans, and My thoughts vaster. My plans and purposes are for your good—to give you hope and a future. In days to come you will look back and marvel at how much higher, kinder, vaster and wiser My thoughts and plans were! I love you. I love those in My army.

I desire that no one perish—enemy or friend, and everything I do is towards saving people from a lost eternity—separation forever from Me—for in Me is EVERYTHING that is good and holy, pleasant and comfortable for mankind. The enemy seeks ONLY to rob, kill and destroy—literally.
I died to break his power over My creation. Hebrews 12: 1, 3-4

Good News For New England!

Chad Taylor

This last week the New England region has become intensely highlighted and emphasized in the Spirit to me. I began to receive emails and confirmations from this particular region as this continued to occur. Below is snap shots of spiritual visions I have been receiving and specific words for the New England states and regions. If you are from New England then capture this word for yourself and with it "wage a good warfare..."

A VIOLENCE IN VERMONT

The scripture for this state for this season and year is Matthew 11:12, "the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it be force..." The word violence in this context in the Greek is "bee-ad-zo" which means "to force or to be seized". Vermont is going to be violently seized by the Holy Spirit this year. The will of God will "force" its way into agenda and tradition and "seize" possession of her. Jesus did this in the temple in Matt. 21, He violently seized the temple and immediately the lame and halt were healed there. This spiritual violence will be highlighted in the youth as they are "possessed" by the Holy Ghost and surrender their complete essence to the Lord. For the first time they will not be stifled or stopped as they begin to relentlessly pursue the glory of God. They will be the "be-as-tace" of God, or the "enforcers" which the word "violent" means in Greek, "the violent take it by force" will sum up the entire existence of these people as they violently take hold of Heave

I also see a violent or forceful intercession coming to Vermont like a woman in her final term as she goes into delivery. A violence is going to produce a vision in Vermont that will rend the veil of contemporary understanding. A violence for her vision is going to overtake her and an intense intercession will immediately ensue. Even as people read this prophetic utterance a violent state of prayer will fall on them. A intercession capable of wresting the destiny of New England from the enemies clutches. These things will be marked and followed by unusual and sometimes violent natural occurrences that will compliment and agree with the spiritual dynamic at work in Vermont. Vermont will be a hammer in My hand says the Lord to break the rock of religion in the land. Even now the hammer is striking.

A COUNTERFEIT IN CONNECTICUT

I hard the Lord say so clearly, "A counterfeit in Connecticut". A counterfeit movement was going to attempt to deceive and mis-lead the church but the Lord would cut it short. A false apostolic appearing would attempt to steal the glory of the Lord and heap it to itself the anointing but the genuine would eclipse it. What was meant to be a strategic ploy of the enemy would be turned into a divine display of God's true glory in Connecticut. The "smoky mirrors" of religion would be shattered and the Perfect Law of Liberty would be established in this region. The counterfeit in Connecticut would be countered by a grass-roots revival that would happen amongst the common man and woman. The glitz and glamour of showmanship would not be allowed to rob His people of their true inheritance.

A MARRIAGE IN MASSACHUSETTS

I saw a great wedding table being set in Massachusetts. A time of intense intimacy is being granted to her. Like the high priest was given allowance to enter the holy of holies, so will Massachusetts be permitted into the secret place of the Most High. A deep awe will fall upon the worshipers and a holy hush will captivate many as they assemble. A thick cloud will even be seen as the Father manifests His glory to them. A third heaven door will be open to the solemn assemblies that occur in 2004 and beyond. A prophetic mandate to worship will be angelically granted as the year progresses. She will not be able to escape the enormity of her destiny. A spirit of evangelism and outreach will escalate exponentially as the command of Jesus is emphasized, "go into the hi-ways and bi-ways and compel them to come in that My Father's house will be full". A shocking revelation of what true worship is will shake the spiritual foundation of Massachusetts in the coming days.

"I WILL RIDE INTO RHODE ISLAND, WHO WILL RIDE WITH ME?"

A book of Acts experience is going to occur in Rhode Island. A shaking and re-awakening in her. An invitation to ride into His presence will be granted and only the ones who will count the cost will follow. A separation like the sheep and the goats in Matt. 25 will begin in this region. The lip service will no longer be sufficient and the people will be arrested by a spiritual hunger. A famine of hearing God's word will hang over Rhode Island through the spring creating a passion in His people to seek Him personally and intensely. As summer approaches the Heavens will be rended and the mountains will melt at His presence and Rhode Island will shake under the weight of His glory. A remnant will arise with fire in their eyes to ride with the King into victory. Rhode Island will take a prominent position as fall arrives and in November they will be prepared to fight the good fight. Righteousness will prevail and her prayers will not fail says the Lord.

A NEW WINE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

The old wine skins of religious thinking will burst as the paradigm in New Hampshire suddenly shifts. Literally overnight the paradigm will be overtaken with new wine of revelation and the priests steeped in tradition will hear a sound like Samuel and prepare the courts for the King. A visitation will begin within the corridors and courts of the pious and piety will give way to passion and the New Wine will be poured out. The old wine skins will be thrown aside as a people pilgrimage up the mountain of transfiguration. Nothing from the past will hold them back as they persist in this holy pursuit. New Hampshire will be the head and not the tail as their passion for His presence prevails. The old shackles of thinking will break under the weight of His knowledge. The bowls are being poured out in New Hampshire! Come and drink says the Lord. Behold, an open door.

MY MIND IN MAINE

I saw a crown on the head of Maine. I saw a French flag burning. A spiritual authority is being placed on the head and heart of Maine. A sudden significance will be placed upon her this year. The eyes of kings and Queens will be upon her as Maine progresses toward her position. The church will ask what they will and it will be granted. An open Heaven, a window of blessing is over her. She will divide the wealth of the wicked for the righteous as a father would divide an inheritance with his children. The heart of a father will resound in Maine as the Mind of Christ rests upon her. The French will be on fire as the Lord's desire arrests their hearts. The Lord will catch the heel of the French and turn them toward Heaven. Maine will receive her measure in 2004. And with it will come an authority and a blessing for the nations of the world. My eye is upon New England.

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God Is Coming Like The Niagara Falls
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THIS COMING MOVE OF GOD may be not as you think.
Several years ago I was in a meeting in Orlando. During the worship I was asking the Lord what to preach about, and He told me "Romans 6 - you WERE crucified with Christ." Almost immediately I was taken up in the Spirit and wasn't able to move in any way, and I couldn't even open my eyelids.

I could hear the music of the pianist, and the next thing I felt was something strongly swirling all around my legs, just below my knees. Then I seemed to be standing in water which was rushing and swirling around me. In front of me about an 1/8th of a mile away was Niagara Falls. It was loud, roaring, and the water falling, as you know if you been visited there, was very intense - thousands of tons of water per minute.

I was being drawn toward it like a magnet, but inside I was trying to pull back. "How would you like to get under that?" the Lord asked me. "Well, I would die for sure," I replied. "Not if you're dead already," the Lord seemed to laugh. In fact I saw Him, and He tossed His head back, and He did laugh, like a victory laugh.

I could hear my friend, Joy Strang, introduce me, but I was unable to respond. After a little while, the anointing lifted, and I was "unfrozen," so I ministered the word I had. I didn't think of it very often until we were in Rochester, NY, a couple of months ago. Bob Jones had prophesied several years ago that we would be involved in a move of the Spirit in Rochester among the young people. There was also a connection to Niagara Falls.

100 Angels Guarding Niagara Falls

There was a powerful move of God in Rochester - and there was an Angel who came from Niagara Falls. There are 100 Angels who are guarding that portal at Niagara. I believe 100 is a battalion. While I was there in Rochester, I went up and visited Niagara. I remembered what the Lord had showed me about the Falls, and how the move of the Spirit that was coming would be like Niagara. Smith Wigglesworth prayed that God would pour out His spirit like that. Many people have had visions of Niagara being a type of the next and last great move of the Spirit.

The weekend after Rochester, I was home, and so I had a whole day on Saturday to just wait on God. Sure enough in the morning, the fire of God came, and the presence of the Lord filled the room. I asked the Lord about this move - this Niagara move.

Then I was suddenly standing in that water again, but this time it was MUCH CLOSER. It also wasn't scary because I remembered that the Lord had laughed the last time I had seen it.

It seemed to be almost a matter of feet away this time. I was expecting to go under it, but suddenly, a chariot came down and scooped me up. I was taken up over the Falls, and I could hear the sound of the water. As I looked down, I saw the tremendous power of that water and felt the spray of it.

The Move Is Called GREAT GRACE

Then I found myself in a meeting. I had been praying, and people were standing in the front. The Presence of the Lord was great. The perfume of the Lord was all over, as it is now as I type. And then the Lord released a new Angel into my ministry. I already have an Angel assigned to the ministry who has a glass of red wine, but this new Angel had a purse and put some gold coins into some peoples' hands.

The Angels are sent to minister to the heirs of salvation - personally, and also, they work in your ministry. I kept asking the Lord, "What is it then? What does this move look like really?" Driving through Atlanta, He suddenly said, "Its called 'GREAT GRACE', a revelation of the great grace and love of God."

He showed me that He will pour out His grace and love upon His Body, and it will wash away the religious concepts and bondages and spirits that rob God's children of a true revelation of the Father's great love. The lack of revelation of the grace and mercy and love of God makes God's people feel they don't qualify to receive their inheritance.

The Supernatural Ought To Be A Normal Part Of Our Lives

The inheritance Jesus left us - the realm of the Spirit, the supernatural realm, the angels, and heavenly visitations - are meant to be a normal part of our lives. He wants us to be free of all the heaviness. "His yoke is easy and His burden is light and delightful, it is not hard and neither is it heavy (Greek NT)". He wants us full of His light and carried away by His love and His sweetness.

He desires for us to be strong in the Spirit, taking dominion over the powers of darkness yet at the same time totally enamored by His beauty. His desire is toward you. He loves with a passionate and unchanging love. "He is going to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy," as Jude says.

The last few months, the chariots of God have been coming into the meetings and taking people up in them and showing them what God is doing in other places and giving them heavenly visitations. I have noticed the love of God getting stronger and stronger along with the perfumes of the Lord...and the honey and oil and healing and deliverances. The love of God washes away fear and bondage and sickness. It washes away condemnation, guilt, and heartache. "His love has no limit, His grace has no measure, His power has no boundaries known unto men, but out of His infinite riches in Jesus, He gives and gives and gives again."

Well, friend, this Niagara move is drawing closer. Let it fall over you and flow through you. When we get caught up in His marvelous presence, all else fades away. Things that have consumed us get left behind in the amazing wonder of His loving kindness. Niagara is coming - it is close - closer than you think. You are being drawn by His love and His power. His Love will change you into His image, and you will sing and speak out and testify to His goodness. There have been many words and visions given and released from time to time on the 17th of a given month.

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Give No Place To The Devil!

Terry Suggs

When Adam and Eve was in the Garden of Eden, the devil came to Eve and deceived her saying that they were depraved from being like God. God had spoken saying let us make man in our image and in our likeness or someone like us. Adam lost the garden because he was deceived. He was the guardian of the garden of Eden.

We have been given authority in Christ to guard and protect our home, our country, our government, our families, our churches, our health, our bodies, our music, our minds, our children, the media, our environment, the internet and the air waves.

Give no place to the devil in your private life, in the weather, or in the earth. You have been enabled and empowered through Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 5:1

Therefore be imitators of God (copy Him and follow His example), as well-beloved children (imitate their father).

John 14:12-14

I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will do (I Myself will grant) whatever you ask in My name (as presenting all that I Am), so that the father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.

Yes, I will grant (I Myself) will do for you whatever you shall ask in My name (as presenting all that I Am).

Deuteronomy 30:19-20

I set before the choice of life or death. He is your life and length of days.

Luke 10:19

Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy (possesses); and nothing shall in any way harm you.

John 15:1-9

I Am the True Vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit (that stops bearing) He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.

You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the Word which I have given you (the teachings I have discussed with you)

Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. (Live in Me, and I will live in you), Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.

I AM the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me (cut off from vital union with Me) you can do nothing.

If a person does not dwell in Me, he is thrown out like a (broken off) branch, and withers; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, and they are burned.

If you live in Me (abide vitally united to Me) and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

When you bear (produce) much fruit, My Father is honored and glorified, and you show and prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine,

I have loved you, (just) as the Father has loved Me; abide in My love (continue in His love with Me).

There is nothing greater than love. God is Love.

Let your name be synonymous with healing, with power, with love, with goodness, with glory, with Faith, with creative miracles, and with the anointing.

God's love is active and dynamic; constantly working and doing and being expressed towards everyone.

John 1:16

For out of His fullness (abundance) we have al received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift upon gift.

Colossians 3:1-3

If then you have been raised with Christ to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead, aim at and seek the rich, eternal treasures that are above, where Chris is seated at the right hand of God.

And set your minds and keep them set on what is above the higher things, not on the things that are on earth.

For as far as this world is concerned you have died, and your new real life is hidden with Christ in God.

Our minds have be trained to think like new creatures in Christ. We have the new nature and the power and the Redemption of our lives through Christ, but our minds are still just the same as if we were without the new nature and power and the life of Christ.

Romans 8:18-19

(But what of that?) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time (this present life) are not worth being compared with the glory that is about to be revealed to us and in us and for us and conferred upon us!

For even the whole creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known (waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their son-ship.

Colossians 1:13-23

The Father has delivered us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, (which means) the forgiveness of our sins.

(Now) He is the exact likeness of the unseen God (the invisible representation of the invisible); He is the Firstborn of all creation.

For it was in Him that all things were created, in Heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen, whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities; all things were created and exist through Him (by His service, intervention) and in and for Him.

And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together).

He also is the Head of (His) body, the church; seeing He is the beginning, the Firstborn from among the dead, so that He alone in everything and in every respect might occupy the chief place (stand first and be preeminent).

For it has pleased the Father that all the divine fullness (the sum total of the divine perfection, powers, and attributes should dwell in Him permanently.

And God purposed that through by the service, the intervention of Him (the Son) all things should be completely reconciled back to Himself, whether in earth or in heaven, as through Him, (the Father) made peace by means of the blood of His cross.

And although you at one time were estranged and alienated from Him and were of hostile attitude of mind in your wicked activities,

Yet now has (Christ, the Messiah) reconciled (you to God) in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His (the Father's) presence.

And this He will do provided that you continue to stay with and in the faith (in Christ), well grounded and settled and steadfast not shifting or moving away from the hope (which rests on and is inspired by) the glad tidings (the Gospel), which you heard and which has been preached (as being designed for and offered without restrictions) to every person under heaven, and of which (Gospel) I, Paul, became a minister.

Colossians 1:27

Christ in you the hope of glory.

Colossians 2:8-10

See to it that no one carries you off as spoil or makes you yourselves captive by his socalled philosophy and intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense), following human tradition (men's ideas of the material rather than the spiritual wolrd), just crude notions following the rudimentary and elemental teachings of the universe and disregarding (the teachings of) Christ (the Messiah).

For in Him the whole fullness of the deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature.

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead-Father-Son and Holy Spirit-and reach full spiritual stature). And He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).

Every devil and demon in the earth and in hell is subject to Jesus and us in Jesus name or authority.

The devil could not kill Jesus and he can't kill us, because we are in Christ.

We have been running from the devil until now. Now let the devil run from you.

God's power in us and in the kingdom of God, is unlimited. His grace is unlimited, His wisdom and love are unlimited.

There is nothing greater than the love of God. His love is active and dynamic. His love is unconditional and everlasting.

Luke 10:19

Occupy until He comes.

I John 4:15

Anyone who confesses (acknowledges, owns) that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides (lives, makes His home) in him and he (abides, lives, makes his home) in God.

Ephesians 1:18-23

By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set apart ones).

And so that you can know and understand what is the immeasurable an unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength,

Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand in heavenly places,

Far above all rule and authority an power and dominion and every title that can be conferred, not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.

And He has put all things under His feet and appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church (a headship exercised throughout the church).

Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and who fills everything everywhere with Himself.

I Corinthians 6:17

He that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit.

Amos 3:8

The Lion has roared; who will not fear?

The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?

Terry Suggs

In My Image and Likeness
Terry Suggs

What is man that God is so thoughtful of him? Why did God place such a high value on a man's life? Why is man so important? Why was God so concerned about man that He (Jesus, God's Son) got into a body, lived as a man, reconciled and restored man back to Himself?

Why did Jesus allow Himself to be beaten, mocked, humiliated, His bearded pulled out and then crucified? We know that He did this because He loved us, but there were other reasons as well. He wanted man restored to his original position that he had before Adam lost it.

Jesus is the value of man, for it cost His life to redeem mankind. It cost the life of God the Son.

It pleased the Father to bruise His Son.

Adam did not have a natural father. Jesus did not have a natural father. They were both born of God. They had God's characteristics and nature. Adam was created. Jesus was the only begotten Son.

Psalm 8:4-6

What is man that you are mindful of him and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than Elohim and you have crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him to have **dominion over the works of your hands**; you have put **all** things under his feet.

Gen 1:26

God said, let us (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness (Express image, mirror image), and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame beasts and over all the earth. So, God **created** man in His Own image, and **in the image and likeness of God He created him**.

Then Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being (another speaking spirit).

He was first created by God then his body was formed and what God created was put into the body.

Genesis 3:8-10

God loves to fellowship with man.

Luke 3:23-38

Man is the offspring of God.

I Cor. 6:17

But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Paul the Apostle was inspired by the Holy Ghost when he said that without Christ I can do nothing.

I Cor. 3:16-17

Do you not discern and understand that you (the whole church at Corinth) are God's temple (His sanctuary), and that God's Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you (to be at home in you, collectively as a church also individually?

If anyone does hurt to God's temple or corrupts it (with false doctrines) or destroys it, God will do hurt to him and bring him to the corruption of death and destroy him. For the temple of God is holy (sacred to Him) and that temple you (the believing church and its individual believers) are.

As He is so are we in this world.

Acts 17:28-29

For in Him we live move and have our being, as even some of your own poets have said, for

we are also His offspring.

Since then we are God's offspring, we ought not to suppose that Deity (the Godhead) is like gold or silver or stone, (or the nature of) a representation by human art and imagination, or anything constructed or invented.

Man is much more than a physical being.

Man is an eternal creature.

Hebrews 2:6-11

It has been solemnly and earnestly said in a certain place, what is man that you are mindful of him or the son of man that you graciously and helpfully care for and visit and look after him?

For some little time You have ranked him lower than Elohim. You have crowned him with glory and honor and set him over the works of your hands.

For you have put everything in subjection under his feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to man, He left nothing outside of Man's control.

But at present we don't yet see all things subjected to him (man).

But we are able to see Jesus Who was ranked a little lower than Elohim for a little while, crowned with glory and honor because of His having suffered death in order that by the grace (unmerited favor) of God (to us sinners) He might experience death for every individual person.

For it was an act worthy of God and fitting to the divine nature that He, for Whose sake and by Whom all things have their existence, in bringing many sons into glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect (should bring to maturity the human experience necessary to be perfectly equipped for His office as High Priest through suffering.

For both He Who sanctifies (making men holy) and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren. For He says I will declare Your (the Father's) name to My brethren, in the midst of the worshiping congregation I will sing hymns of praise to you.

James 1:18

And it was **of His Own free will that He gave us birth as sons** by His Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of first fruits of **His creatures** (a sample of what He created to be consecrated to Himself).

Romans 8:29-30

For those whom He foreknew (of Whom He was aware and loved beforehand, He also destined from the beginning foreordaining them) to be molded into the image of His Son, and share **inwardly His likeness**, that He might become **the Firstborn of many brethren**.

And those whom He thus foreordained , He also called, and those whom He called, **He also justified, (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into rightstanding with Himself).**

And those whom He justified, He also glorified, raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition and condition or state of being.

John 3:17-18

For God did not send the Son into the world to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him.

He Who believes in Him (who clings to, relies on Him) is not judged (he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment**; for him there is no rejection**, no condemnation – he incurs no damnation); but **he who does not believe** (cleave to rely on, trusts in Him) is judged already (**he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence)** because he has not believed in and trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ's name).

Psalm 82:1-7

Man has a position as representatives of God, and a position of children of God.

God stands in the assembly (of the representatives) of God; in the midst of the magistrates or judges He gives judgment (as) among gods.

How long will you (magistrates or judges) judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

Do justice to the weak (poor) and fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and needy.

Deliver the poor and needy; rescue them out of the hand of the wicked.

(The magistrates and judges) know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in the darkness (of complacent satisfaction); all the foundations of the earth (the fundamental principles upon which rests the administration of justice) are shaking.

I said, you are gods (since you judge on My behalf, as My representatives); indeed, all of you are children of the Most High.

But you shall die as men and fall as one of the princes.

I Cor. 6:2-3

Do you not know that the saints (the believers will judge and govern the world? And if the world itself is to be judged and ruled by you, are you unworthy and incompetent to try (such petty matters) of the smallest courts of justice?

Do you know also that we (Christians) are to judge the very angels and pronounce opinion between right and wrong (for them)? How much more then (as to) matters pertaining to this world and of this life only!

John 5:26-27

For even as the Father has life in Himself and is self existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself and be self existent.

And He has given Him authority and granted Him power to execute (exercise, practice) judgment because He is a Son of Man (very man).

Jesus as the son of man had dominion over everything in this world.

Psalm 115:15

The earth has He given to the children of men.

John 14:12

Jesus said, I assure you most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, He will himself be able to do the things that I do, and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

A man in God's image and likeness was to rule over the creation of God.

God's first man failed to keep his position.

God's second man Jesus restored man to headship.

Adam had dominion and authority over all the earth.

Jesus the last Adam has authority over heaven and earth.

Adam did not have a natural father.

Jesus did not have a natural father.

John 3:35

The Father loves the Son and has given (entrusted, committed) everything into His hand.

Jesus was called the last Adam. Adam operated on earth the same way that Jesus operated on earth.

I Tim. 1:9-10

Knowing and understanding this: that the Law is not enacted for the righteous those who are already made right through accepting Christ, (the upright and just, who are in right standing with God), but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinful, for the irreverent and profane, for those who strike and beat and even murder fathers and strike and beat and even murder mothers, for manslayers.

For impure and immoral persons, those who abuse themselves with men, kidnapers, liars, perjurers and whatever else is opposed to wholesome teaching and sound doctrine.

Hebrews 1:2-3

But in these last days, He has spoken to us in the person of His Son, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and reaches of space and the ages of time He made, produced, built, operated and arranged them in order.

Jesus Is the sole expression of the glory of God (the Light Being, the out raying radiance of the divine and He is the perfect imprint and very image of God's nature, Upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty Word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the Divine Majesty on high.

II Cor. 5:17

Therefore **if any person is ingrafted in Christ** (the Messiah) **he is a new creation** (a new creation altogether), **the old (previous moral and spiritual condition) has passed away.** Behold the fresh and new has come!

II Cor. 6:18

And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord

Almighty.

I Cor. 3:21-23

So let no one exult proudly concerning men (boasting of having this or that man as a leader), for all things are yours.

Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the universe or life or death, or the immediate and threatening present or the subsequent and uncertain future, all are yours, and you are Christ's and Christ is God's.

II Cor. 19

It was God personally present in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against men their trespasses (but canceling them) and committing them to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).

II Peter 1:3-4

For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that are requisite and suited to life and godliness, through the full personal knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His Own glory and excellence (virtue).

Now our minds have to catch up to where God has placed us.

I Cor. 2:16

For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide an instruct Him and give Him knowledge? **But we have the mind of Christ** (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

Philippians 2:5,13

Let this same attitude and purpose and humble mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus.

Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God (possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God, God, did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained.

For it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you energizing and creating in you the power and desire, both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

Ephesians 4:18-25

Their moral understanding is darkened and their reasoning is beclouded. They are alienated, estranged, and self banished from the life of God with no share in it; this is because of the ignorance, the want of knowledge and perception, the willful blindness that is deep-seated in them, due to their hardness of heart (to the insensitiveness of their moral nature).

In their spiritual apathy they have become callous and past feeling and reckless and have abandoned themselves (a prey) to unbridled sensuality, eager and greedy to indulge in every form of impurity (that their depraved desires may suggest and demand.

But you did not so learn Christ!

Assuming that you have really heard Him and been taught by Him, as all Truth is in Jesus (embodied and personified in Him).

Strip yourselves of your former nature (put off and discard your old unrenewed self), which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion;

And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind (having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude. And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image, (Godlike) in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, rejecting all falsity and being done now with it, let everyone express the truth with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one body and members one of another.

Ephesians 2:5-6

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Even when we were dead slain by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation.

Romans 8:17

And if we are His children, then we are His heirs also; heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ sharing His inheritance with Him.

Only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

John 15:19

You are not of this world but only in it, no longer one with it.

John 1:12,16

But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in adhere to, trust in and rely on) his name.

For out of His fullness (abundance), we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing even favor upon favor and gift heaped upon gift.

I Cor. 1:8-9

And He will establish you to the end (keep you steadfast, give you strength, and guarantee you vindication; He will be your warrant against all accusation or indictment so that you will be) guiltless and irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

God is Faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I Peter 1:23

You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God.

God seed or the Word of God is the incorruptible and indestructible seed. A seed will produce fruit of the kind of seed that it is.

We were born of the incorruptible, indestructible seed of God. It will produce sons and daughters of God. The incorruptible seed produces incorruptible fruit.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church, Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself).

Ephesians 2:18,22

For it is through Him that we both (whether far off or near) now have an introduction (access) by one Holy Spirit to the Father (so that we are able to approach Him).

In Him and in fellowship with one another you yourselves also are being built up into this structure with the rest, to form a fixed abode, dwelling place of God in (by, through) the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:19

That you may really come to know practically, through experience for yourselves the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience; that you may be filled through all your being unto all the fullness of God, may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself!

Religious traditions make the Word of God ineffective. No one can keep the law. But there are some still teaching a legalistic doctrine, because it lets them manipulate and intimidate their listeners. The law was given to show us that no one could possibly keep the law of God. Jesus is the One and only One that could fulfill the requirements of God’s law. He lived a perfect and sinless life.

He bestowed His righteousness upon us. He imputed His righteousness to us, It means there was a heavenly transaction when pour out His blood on the mercy seat, and cleansed the books and the sins of every man.

He obliterated our sins. He took them away forever.

Calvary covers every sin ever committed except blasphemy.

Ephesians 4: 12-13

His intension was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), that they should do, the work of ministering toward building up Christ’s body (the church),

That it might develop, until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the full and accurate knowledge of the Son of God, that we might arrive at really mature manhood (the completeness of perfection), the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ’s Own perfection, the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him.

Remember “as He Is, so are we in this world”.

We are born of the word of God. We are quickened by the Holy Spirit. We have the fullness of God inside our new spirit. ***The faith that we use is as powerful as the One we have faith in. The faith that we use is greater than any sickness or disease or situation or enemy.***

Go Go Go

Ravi Kumar

Now is the time Go !!!!

I Picked you up from the miry clay and Put you on the rock to stay! Brought you out of darkness in to my marvelous light!! Turned your mourning in to dancing and Sorrow in to joy Saved you by my grace

I Redeemed you by making my son Jesus shed his precious blood as a price while you were yet a sinner; made you a peculiar person, a royal priesthood, part of a holy nation.

And Jesus healed you by His stripes and took your poverty upon him on the cross and made you rich And gave you his peace which passeth all understanding .

Jesus said “Freely you have received freely you give” but you have chosen to contain the good news and the riches to yourself Do not be like the lepers who initially hid the riches they found in the Syrian camp but change your attitude even as they realized and said to one another that they are not doing the right thing and wanted to share the good news with others!!! Has not Jesus commanded you to go in to all the world and preach and publish openly the good news to every creature of the whole human race? Let not anyone plead ignorance that they never heard of the good news and be not accountable for their blood

GO…. GO….. GO……… do not stop!!! till every nation every creed every tribe and ethnic race hears the word !!!

II Kings Ch 7 Verse 8-9 Amp version:
And when these lepers came to the edge of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank and carried away silver gold and clothing and went and hid them .Then they entered another tent and carried from there also and went and hid it.
9 Then they said to one another we are not doing right. This is a day of good news and we are silent and do not speak up! If we wait until daylight some punishment will come upon us .So now come, let us go and tell the kings household.

Ezek: 33 verses 8&9 Amp version
8 When I say to the wicked O wicked man, you shall surely die and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way ,that wicked man shall die in his perversity and iniquity but his blood will I require at your hand.
9.But if you war the wicked to turn from evil way and he does not turn from his evil way he shall die in his iniquity but you will have saved your life

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Gates Of The Soul

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"I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said to me, 'The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province are there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also broken down, and its GATES are burned with fire." (Nehemiah 1:2-3)

At this time the Temple had been rebuilt under the leadership and encouragement of Ezra. We read in Ezra 3 of the restoration of worship and the fear of the Lord returning to the land of Israel. However, Nehemiah – upon inquiring of his homeland and heritage – found that the Temple was exposed to adversaries because the protecting walls and gates were broken down and in shambles.

The Temple of the Lord is representative of our natural body and the body of Christ in a corporate context. "Walls" are representative of intercession and prayer. The GATES in this account are what I would like us to focus on; they represent "THE GATES TO OUR SOUL."

Our eyes (sight), ears (hearing), mouth (taste), nose (smell) and sexual organs (sexual intercourse) are all openings or "gates to the soul." What we allow to enter or not to enter through these gates will have a strong impact in determining who we become as a person.

A good example would be sexual intercourse. Sexual intercourse is the requirement of consummating the marriage vows between a man and a woman. It is at this time that a man and a woman become ONE FLESH. This is ordained and established by God. It is truly a remarkable and beautiful expression of intimacy within the confines of covenant.

On the other hand, this same act performed outside the protection and blessing of covenant yields a series of tremendous ramifications — even death. Just as a married couple become "one flesh" through the consummation of sexual intercourse, so does the adulterer and fornicator with their sexual partner. (A soul-tie has been forged.) All of the demonic influences that have led a person to rebel against God's plan for marriage and relationships, along with all of the other bondages of rejection, abuse, addictions, and emotional issues suddenly have an opening to manifest in both people becoming "one flesh." (In other words, the addictions or habits of one individual may sole tie to the other through sexual relations.) This is why Paul said, "there is no greater sin than one who sins against his own body."(See 1 Corinthians 6:13-19)

The rebuilding of the walls (our prayer life) and the gates (our natural and spiritual openings) are found in Nehemiah chapter 3. We first notice that there are 10 gates. The number 10 is symbolic of an offering by God that must be received or rejected. There is never a "middle road" with the number 10 in scripture. It always demands a response. We will look at the first five gates this week and the final five gates next week. I will conclude this two part message with an insight of what these actual gates represent in God's prophetic time-line.

THE SHEEP GATE

"Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests and built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and hung its gates." (Nehemiah 3:1)

The Sheep Gate was the gate or entrance into Jerusalem that the priests would enter with the sacrificial sheep or lamb to be slain upon the alter for the sins of the people. The Bible says that "Jesus was the Lamb of God that was slain BEFORE the foundations of the world." God's redemptive plan of salvation was already laid and provided for man in his fallen state before the foundations of the earth were even created. The Sheep gate of our soul represents the receiving (Holy Spirit moving upon our "hearing" and "reading") of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior through His sacrifice. The Sheep Gate is repaired or rebuilt in the lives of people when they surrender their lives to Christ. Any other "way" to salvation leaves the "sheep or lamb gate" of our soul open to deception and the ultimate penalty of natural, spiritual, and finally, eternal death.

John the Baptist was the first to introduce the Savior to the world and he said, "Behold the LAMB OF GOD who takes away the sins of the world." Our starting point for complete victory in life is accepting the blood of Jesus as our redemption.

THE FISH GATE
"Also the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung its gates." (Nehemiah 3:3)

I believe that it is no coincidence that the first words Jesus spoke to His disciples were, "Follow Me, and I will make you FISHERS of men." (Matthew 4:19) Our time-line in history has now arrived at the creation of man. When Jesus met Peter and Andrew on the shores of Galilee and commissioned them to "follow Him and become fishers of men," He was simply revealing His heart for the love of mankind and His desire to cast light upon darkness. (Study the words "without form, void, darkness" in Genesis 1:1-2 in the original Hebraic language for an understanding of why God said, "Let there be light ... and that it was good; and God DIVIDED the LIGHT from the DARKNESS." Genesis 1:3-4) This was not the solar sun and the darkness of space without the moon. The sun and the moon were not created until the forth day in Genesis 1:14-19.

Satan and his demons were cast to the earth before the creation of man. We know this by several scriptural references. We know that Satan was present in the Garden in the temptation to partake of the forbidden fruit which led to man's fallen state. The first words spoken by God to man was that "He blessed them." (Genesis 1:28) It was only after the Lord blessed Adam and Eve that the commission would be given. "And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it."

The commission was clear for Adam and Eve. They were to bear the fruit of God's Spirit, multiply themselves in the image of God as His children, fill the earth with the glory and presence of God, and SUBDUE THE EARTH (to subdue the forces of darkness that had been cast to the earth). What else was there to subdue? The Bible states that everything was created good and man was in harmony with creation. The commission to be a light in exposing and defeating darkness has never changed.

The issue at hand concerning the fall of man is not so much that Eve was tempted by the serpent to partake of the forbidden fruit; it was that Adam let the serpent (Satan) into the Garden. God had given Adam DOMINION over all the earth. (Genesis 1:28) Adam chose not to exercise the authority and dominion that God had given him and it wouldn't be long before the enemy trespassed upon Adam's home, wife and livelihood. The Hebrew word for "subdue" in Genesis 1:28 is "raw-dad'"which means to "tread in pieces and conquer." If we refuse to take authority and dominion over the assignments of the enemy, we will live a life of overwhelming temptation, struggle, and defeat, never seeming to find victory in our lives.

The Fish Gate, when rebuilt, is a life of fruitfulness, multiplying or sowing into the lives of others, filling the earth with the glory of God, and subduing darkness through Christ. Remember, God has BLESSED you for this purpose! Winning people to Christ (being a fisher of men) inflicts more damage to the enemy than any other means of battle.

THE OLD GATE
"Moreover Jehoiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired the Old Gate; they laid its beams and hung its gates, with its bolts and bars." (Nehemiah 3:6)

Isaiah 46:9 says, "Remember the former things of OLD, for I am God and there is no other." The Bible goes on to say in Jeremiah, "Thus says the Lord, stand by the ways and see and ask for the OLD PATHS, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you shall find rest for your SOULS. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"

To repair the "old gate" to our soul is to walk in obedience to God's Word. The Lord said here, however, that many "will not walk in it." Without the gate of protection through the Word of God, we will find this prophecy continues to be fulfilled as many gravitate toward what is "NEW." The New Age movement has been embraced by the NEW World Order within the United Nations. This new age philosophy can be found on the U.N. website called the "Interfaith Movement." This may be the greatest deception of man concocted by Satan that humanity falls to. It parallels the fall of man in the Garden in that New Age teachings place man in a position or temptation of attaining a "god-like" and self-redemptive status.

Interfaith is being planned aggressively and pushed as a standard curriculum in schools whose countries accept UN monies and support. Interfaith is a UN sponsored movement which states that "all of the world religions are essentially good and correct, and that each religion has a piece of the TRUTH." It encourages embracing all religions to give an individual a whole or greater understanding of who they are in relationship to a "higher power." The problem is that the "higher power" culminates in being mankind rather than God.

The tragedy is that mainline denominational "leaders" are embracing this. The World Council of Churches that began as a "Christian organization" is now a den of demonic and unbiblical beliefs. These UN organizations and NGO's (non-governmental organizations) have replaced or compromised God's Word of OLD with NEW and strange doctrines that are not compatible with scripture. The Young Women's Christian Association elected a woman to head its organization who is pro-abortion and a proponent of the gay lifestyle. The most disturbing statistic is that 3 out of 10 professing "Christians" believe that a gay lifestyle is morally acceptable. (Barna Research) Jesus said, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." To rebuild the OLD GATE to our soul, we must hold fast to the Word of God as our foundation and standard. I have stated before that our true love and obedience to Christ is reflective of our true love and obedience to God's Word — for they are one and the same and inseparable.

The Anti-christ spirit is a religious spirit that will attempt to deceive the elect if possible. We have the vulnerability to be deceived by our lack of foundation in not knowing and understanding the Word of God. The NEW deception among spirit-filled believers will be the "resurrection of dead anointings" or the desire for the anointing of people who have died and gone on to be with the Lord (example — the Kathryn Kuhlman anointing, the Smith Wigglesworth anointing, etc). This is very dangerous and I pray that you will bring this before the Lord. This was the temptation that brought down Saul in his quest for supernatural power. The handling of the Lord's anointing by man as if it were cheap, common, and for sale as advertised, rather than rare is grieving the Spirit of God. We have the authority to recognize, equip, stir-up and release whom GOD has anointed. We do not have the authority to impart at will the essence (anointing)of the Holy Spirit. We have used one verse of scripture in the book of Timothy and have formulated a doctrine that borders on the New Age philosophy of man attaining "god-like" status.

THE VALLEY GATE

"Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They built it, hung its gates with its bolts and bars." (Nehemiah 3:13)

The Valley Gate overlooks the Kidron Valley which is between the Temple Mount and the Mount of Olives. It was on the Mount of Olives on a fateful night that Jesus would HUMBLE Himself and accept His Father's will of the cross.

A valley is the LOWEST part of an area's landscape. Jesus became the lowest for us and those who choose to rebuild the Valley Gate to their soul must become lowly and humble as well. The Bible states that "God shows grace to the humble, but resists the proud." The Hebrew word for "resist" is exactly that! It means that God actually resists people who are proud and self-serving.

"Do nothing from selfish or empty conceit, but with humility of MIND let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also the interest of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus.(Philippians 2:4)

Those who are self-centered, proud, and arrogant will never be able to repair the "Valley Gate" to their soul. The extreme importance of this gate is that it is here that the enemy will invade the battle ground of your MIND and rob you of the gift of God's GRACE. One of the greatest weapons that we possess as Christians is the power of GRACE. It is through the grace in our lives that people see and feel Christ in a personal way. All of the words and deeds in the world will not affect a single soul without them being empowered by humility and grace.

THE REFUSE (DUNG) GATE
"Malchijah the son of Rechab, leader of the district of Beth Haccerem, repaired the Refuse Gate; he built it and hung its gates with its bolts and bars." (Nehemiah 3:14)

The Refuse Gate is the gate of VICARIOUS REPENTANCE. I am sure that you can tell by the name of this gate its purpose and what was dumped outside of it. This Gate is vital to the health of our soul and will require two things of us. The first is that we understand that our lives without the blood of Christ are as refuse. "For all of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like filthy rags." (Isaiah 64:6)

The rebuilding of the "Refuse Gate" begins with genuine repentance of one's sins and THE SINS OF OTHERS (intercession). We realize and understand the"waste" that we have left behind for others to clean up. We also come to a realization of all the TIME that we have "wasted" in not making a difference because of our lack of intercession as prophetic people. Again, all revelation that the Lord gives a prophetic person is first and primarily for the purpose of prayer and intercession.

The second thing required of us in rebuilding the Refuse Gate is found in the Valley of Hinnom where the Refuse Gate led out. "Hinnom" translated in the Greek language is "Gehenna," which literally means the GATES of HELL. This area burned refuse and waste constantly with thick filth and dark smoke. The Valley of Hinnom has a horrendous history of a place where pagan worshipers did all kinds of vile and wicked things including the burning of children alive as a sacrifice to their gods. (See 2 Kings 23)

As appalling as this is, hundreds of thousands do the same thing here in America with abortion and the killing of living babies. Satan has made a legal claim on our land because the baby-boomer generation allowed these babies to be legally slaughtered in their lukewarm and lethargic condition of the 1950's to 1970's. They didn't have the guts to face the stench and stain of the Hinnom spirit that was released and is still running wildly throughout our nation. I sincerely believe that abortion will be overturned when the church truly repents for allowing this to happen.

Jesus was a revolutionary and the battle that we are engaged in is a revolution for the lives and souls of mankind. Whether it be the American Revolution or any other revolution in history that has been victorious, two ingredients were necessary for it to be successful. 1) Those involved truly believed in their cause. 2) They were willing to lay their lives down for it. Jesus said that there is no greater love than one would down his life for another. I believe that the greatest martyrs are not necessarily those who die a quick physical death, but those who LIVE a lifetime dying a slow death to one's self.

As you may have noticed, we are not only sharing what the gates in Nehemiah 3 represent to our natural and spiritual health (the gates to our soul), but also the prophetic time-line that they establish. We have traveled from a time before the foundations of the earth when the "Lamb of God was slain." (Revelation 13:8) We then moved to the blessing and commission of Adam and Eve (Mankind), to the giving of God's Word. Upon receiving the Word of God, the Lord commended humility and obedience to His Word for His promises to manifest among His people. And finally we came to the time in history where tremendous repentance was needed in the land and among God's people. The timing was now right for the Son of God, "TheFountain of Life," to be born and dwell among men.

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Islam - The False Prophet
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After two years, the Meccan boycott failed amidst tribal infighting and Abu Talib dicovered that the Boycott document had been consumed by termites in the Ka'ba. Abu Talib upon knowing this, challenged Muhammad's adversaries to to produce it. Of course, unable to do so, they became exasperated that Muhammad's sympathizers were able to get the idict revoked. It wouldn't be long before the Hashemites, fully armed, marched home under escourt. However, this internal tribal conflict was not over yet.

In the year 619, Muhammad's first wife, Khadeja, died at 65. Muhammad would now be 49. Not only did Muhammad lose his first wife and convert, but most likely the inspiration for the Koran writings. Scholars have noted that up to the point of Khadeja's death, the writing in the Koran was very spiritual (visual and poetic) in natural. But after Khadeja's death, the writings suddenly become very dull and mundane. The rest of Koranic writings from this time forward became increasingly adminstrative and dogmatic in nature. We must ask ourselves, "who really inspired the writings in the Koran?" Muhammad stated that it was "god" through his messenger Gabriel. Many unbiased Koranic scholars believe that the greatest inspiration came from Khadeja and not God. Why the sudden and abrupt change of style, content, and format from the point of Khadeja's death? Several instances have been documented by people who were contemporaries with Muhammad. They have stated that he could not quote the complex verses that he was supposedly to have penned.

A historical account claims that "all of the faithful pitched in to raise the enormous building that would become the "Mosque of the godly fear." It was roughly 150 feet from side to side. The eastern section provided rooms for Muhammad's wives. New rooms would later have to be added to accomodate Muhammad's growing harem (even though he had stated that others may have "only" 4 wives). The workers busted into poetry as they constructed the building. Muhammad of course was obligated to join in ... demonstrating to biographers that he lacked the gift of verse. This obviously brought question into the authenticity of Muhammad's claim concerning the authorship of the Koran. Again, many biographers and skeptics have noticed the eloquence found in the Koran up to Khadeja's death and clearly recognize the lack thereof after.

Soon afterward, Abu Talib also died. Although Abu Talib was the protector of Muhammad during many times of crisis, he never converted to Islam. Three months after Khadeja's death, Muhammad married Sauda, who was the widow of a Muslim who had decided to become a Christian. Sauda was more of a house servant than anything else. Muhammad was much more interested in A'isha, the 6 year old daughter of Abu Bakr. A'isha was forced out of the innocence of childhood and consummated (sexual intercourse) in marriage to Muhammad at age 9! Is this the moral conduct and godly example of a true prophet from God?

Without the protection of Abu Talib, the Muslims were vulnerable to attack and assassination. It was at this time that Muhammad started talking about his "Night Journey." The night journey is a much celebrated episode among Muslims. The tradition states that Muhammad was taken on a winged horse (a pagan and mythical symbol) to Jerusalem and back – accompanied by Gabriel. When Muhammad told a relative about this, she advised him to keep it to himself because it would not help the Islamic cause. Interestingly, the Koran only mentions this in one verse (Sura 17:1).

Muhammad stated that from the Temple, he climbed to the seventh heaven where he encountered Jesus, Moses and Abraham and LED THEM in prayer! He stated that Jesus was a "reddish man of medium height, with lank hair and many freckles on his face, as though he had just came from a bath." Muhammad told them that he resolved to teach mankind how to pray fifty times a day. "Too many," said Moses, "considering the frailty of man's faith." The proposal was cut to forty, then thirty, and finally five. Muhammad states that Moses was even dubious or doubting about this; but Muhammad said, "that he was ashamed to ask for less." Therefore, Muslims pray five times per day.

It was this kind of talk that even the Arabs (who at that time were attracted to lavish and sensational stories and poetry) were strained by the credibility of such talk. Defections at this time started to increase with frequency and Muhammad would now make the claim that he was no longer the LATEST prophet sent by god. He now was "THE PROPHET." Once again, Muhammad changed his theology to meet his needs and agenda. He now placed a new note in the Koran that would state himself as the final fulfillment of prophecy, the bearer of a message without which all men were doomed. "Whosoever disobeyeth god and his prophet, for him is prepared the fire of hell." (Sura

72:23) Rules and regulations now became the order of the day. Now, for the first time the world was exposed to "There is no god but Allah, and Muhammad his prophet." This would become the creed of Islam.

The differences between Jesus and Muhammad will continue to grow as we move through this series. Jesus' claim to divinity was clear from the beginning. We never read of any change of plan or theology to meet a specific agenda. If Muhammad was "The Prophet" and final fulfillment of God's plan for humanity, why would he constantly change his viewpoint of himself as time went on and circumstances changed? These changes of identity continued until Muhammad put himself on a plain equal with Christ. He claimed to be God Himself and anybody who sinned or even disobeyed him as "the prophet" would suffer hell fire.

With something as vital and serious as eternal salvation, there can be only one truth. Either Jesus or Muhammad were absolutely 100% correct or 100% wrong. Both men claimed to be the final authority and fulfillment of God's Word. I believe when we weigh out the lives of both, Jesus and Muhammad, the answer is clear. Jesus lived a life that proves His divinity. Jesus' claim to be the Son of God was made within his generation by himself. All it would have taken was one instance of carnality or sin and justification would have been made against Him as being a false prophet and liar. However, in all of history, not one claim or stain has ever been associated with the life of Jesus Christ. What other man throughout the annals of time can make this claim? Jesus fulfilled Scripture in that he died on a croos for our sins as a perfect, spotless, and sinless sacrifice. He was the Word of God incarnate – The Prophet.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (John 14:6)

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Go Through The Door

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My children I am opening doors of opportunity for you that have previously been shut in order for you to step into the new destinies I have for you. This has meant that for some of you I have had to close some doors in your life that have no longer proved useful to the wider scope of My plans for you, yet with each door that I close I form new ones that you would go through. For those doors that I close it is time for you to leave them shut and to look ahead with anticipation of what I am going to do in your lives. For those doors that I open before you I will endow the grace to step over and into the new arena that is for you, however with each door opened for you to step into know that there are adversaries behind each of them. Many of My own people have grown weary as they stepped into the new season from meeting the different trials and tests that have met them as they entered new ground. Satan would send these tests in order to discourage you and discredit My promise of a new work but the Lord says watch for every adversary that you meet was meant to sharpen you for the season ahead and to perfect your faith so that My glory would be shown in you. Behind these doors I am opening for My Beloved there are adversaries ready to meet you, yet My children fear not, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. I have already overcome these trials and tests through My work on the cross and it is for you to stand on this promise and confront satans forces head on and full of faith because you have been in My presence and My glory surrounds you. Step into the new. No longer allow the mindset of fear to cripple you for I have not given you a spirit of fear, but of power, love and a sound mind. Step over that which was meant as a stumbling block and run the full race empowered by My grace. I AM is with you.

1 Cor 16:9 For a great and effectual door is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries

Josh 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and corageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

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God’s Pitchers

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Judges 7:16 – 20: And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers. So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands. And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon.

A pitcher can only share part of what it has with a glass. But Pitcher to pitcher can share all. God wants us to be pitchers. After all "little pitchers have big ears," and the word says to us, "Let him who has ears to hear, hear what the Lord is saying." Amen and amen forever more.

What was it that Gideon and his small army used against the enemy, and drove fear into the camp? Pitchers with a light in them...we are God's pitchers when we speak in the anointing one to the other. We are to be pitchers having no darkness at all in us. The pitcher has within a Great Light. It has within it all that it has “heard” from the Lord. The job of the pitcher is to pour out what it has into another vessel. If we are not doing that we are not God's pitchers. When those pitchers were broken at the sound of the trumpet, the light within shone and caused that great fear and confusion in the enemy’s camp.

There is a rain that fills the pitchers.

Pitchers also serve to carry water and distribute it to others. There is a great rain that comes, and will fill pitchers that they can go pour out of themselves to other pitchers. We could call it pitcher rain. The early rain goes in the pitcher and the latter is poured out of the pitcher. Did He not say, that in the last days He would pour OUT of His spirit upon all flesh. Jesus is that rain, and in JESUS dwells all the fullness of the godhead. In Him are the whole twelve tribes of Israel. It is Jesus only in these pitchers. He is a FULL PITCHER. And He would say unto us:

If you have seen Me, the pitcher,
You have seen my Father.
The pitcher and the Father

are one.

We will be taking the whole twelve tribes to the nations. So we are taking the full pitcher to the nations. After all God hath said that he would pour out of His spirit upon all flesh. As Jesus does the preaching the pitcher knows when the glasses are full. Glasses can hold only so much, then they must become pitchers, if they want the fullness of God. This time the Lord is not sending just a half full pitcher. He will send the whole pitcher, the fullness that will cover the earth. Our prayer is Lord, raise up pitchers to pour and pitchers to receive Your fullness!!

As in Him dwells all the fullness of the godhead, so in us will dwell all the fullness. Pitcher to pitcher, we live in Him and He in us.

The pitcher is filled with Interpreted word...word of understanding so that we can pour out of that spirit on all flesh. We must be what he is now saying. Is not what we are going to say; we are going to hear what our JESUS has to say, and we will say it. We cannot be "day old bread" to the nations. But we must be fresh out of the fire. We are excited we know and want to hear for ourselves what’s in the pitcher.

In those pitchers is the foreknowledge of GOD. There are healings, miracles, and resurrections in those pitchers.

For years we have been clothed in unrighteous righteousness, or filthy garments of man made religion. But now we are becoming unlearned, or uncovered. We will be asked, “What do you belong to?” Or “Who is your covering?” Our answer must be Jesus and nothing more.

The Pitcher is coming to us. Little pitchers, I exhort you to have big ears. Fill us Lord with what You want to say and what You want us to say this day. Amen.

Get Ready For Change

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Get ready for change! No one can prevent it or effect this change. Change is coming and it is inevitable.

Just as there is change in the natural world, there is also change in the spiritual world. The seasons change, people change, every living thing goes through change. Spiritual change is coming to My people, it is happening even now.

You can't see it yet, but many of you can feel its effects and are anticipating change. For some it is an uncomfortable position to be in. Many of My people resist change and would rather keep things the way they are, because it is comfortable. Nevertheless, change is a constant process in the life cycle, both in the physical and the spiritual realms.

I Am saying to many, your present circumstances are about to change. Your position is about to change. Everything as you know it today is about to change.

"Then the LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' " (Joshua 5:9). With change there has to be an exchange! This exchange process can be painful and difficult, but only for a moment in time.

Allow Me to take away all that hinders you from moving forward into your kingdom destiny. Come to spiritual Gilgal and allow Me to cut away the reproach from each of you. Let Me give you a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a heavy spirit.

However, some do not want to let go of what they are holding on to, so that they can take hold of what I want to give them in exchange. Consequently, many will be held back because of their fears and unbelief.

Just know this My people, you are going through a changing process. Allow My Spirit to come in and bring the wind of change into your lives now. Do not delay, run to My mercy seat. For at My mercy seat is where change will take place. Come!

Grace

Catherine Brown

I Saw The Word "Grace" Etched On The American Flag

Tuesday, November 02, 2004

In prayer this morning, I saw the word "Grace" etched on the American flag, and received an incredible sense of peace as I stood in prayer with you, asking Father for His will to be done in the elections.

Just prior to writing this e-mail, I had another brief vision. Initially, I saw three angels positioned over the US -- one is named Valor, the other Mercy and the other Grace. They are significant angels!

Then I saw a further angel, one which seemed so much smaller than the other three large angels, and I inquired of the Lord what this angel was named. The angel turned, in the vision, and smiled at me. His name is Humility.

Each of the angels held prayer bowls, which were being filled by the prayers of the saints and then carried to the throne room before Father.

Although the angel named Humility seemed to look much smaller than the other huge angels, they loved him so deeply and acknowledged and respected the humility of his character.

These larger angels had significant assignments and their prayer bowls were quite large. However, the one carried by the angel named Humility was by far the largest.

I believe these four beautiful virtues -- grace, mercy, valor, and humility are being poured out for the sake of Christ through the prayers of the saints in the U.S. and for the Lord's Kingdom to come in the U.S.

Humility is the root from which all graces flourish. It is a most precious jewel. Humility becomes ours as we participate in the life of Christ. As we learn to trust him more, to depend fully on him, to allow him to show us the hard, prideful places in our hearts, Jesus' humility begins to shine through -- transforming us into His image.

The Bride of Christ is as terrifying as banners to the enemy when she walks in humility. Humility enables us to attain the place of understanding our "nothingness" compared to his greatness.

To be emptied out in order that He might fill us and fulfill His purposes and plans through us, is such a place of honor through humility. How my heart longs to know more of Christ's humility.

May God bless you and all our brothers and sisters in America as, together, we bow the knee and seek the face and the will of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Your sister and friend for eternity,

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Grace And Glory

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2 Cor 3:18 AMP And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

1 Cor 15:10 KJV But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

1 Peter 4:10 KJV As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

“I am in the process of imparting a new level of glory to my church, that will radiate out to the world and bring in the largest harvest the world has ever seen. So I am doing some finishing touches on My bride to make her ready.
I am taking all the bondage, idolatry, rejection, rebellion, and unbelief out of My children, that they might be able to receive all that I WANT to pour out in them. Do not think it a strange thing beloved if you are going through difficult times. I do know what I am doing My love. I now what it takes to change a generation. I know what it will take to change the younger generation. And many of you I am preparing to minister to them life and hope, resurrection from the dead and RESTORATION. So I am preparing you and exposing you to situations that provoke you to closer relationship with Me, that provoke you to learning more of Me and how to minister.

Glory is heavy. It is like a weight. And like something that is heavy, it crushes. It will crush your pride. It will crush your rebellion, and it will crush all UNBELIEF in My church. Although it may look as if I have taken my hand off you, in fact I have placed it heavier upon you to bring forth the crushing I desire. I want to eradicate all that will resist ME, that is in your souls. I will do all that it takes to get you to the place of a HIGHER level of functioning in My Kingdom! I will in no way leave anyone out who really is willing to GO for ME!

I am calling MANY sons and daughters in this hour to lay down their lives and to do MY WILL. If you are willing, I can work with that heart. But if not, then I will search for others who are willing. TRANSFORMATION is coming. TRANSFIGURATION is coming to restore My HOLINESS and MY POWER to these end times generations. Do not think I will leave out your sons and daughters either! I have GREAT plans for them! You will see your heart’s desire to have them walk in MY WAYS! Continue to speak MY WORD over them, and watch how I will RESTORE them!

Radical changes are coming My beloveds and I will explode in the marketplace in ways that will startle even the most casual and complacent observer! Know that is will not be by might nor by your power that this comes. It comes when I will. It comes how I WILL. I comes the way I WANT! The FIRE of My LOVE will consume the most stubborn heart who is at least willing! What I do will be way off the charts compared to what you have seen or are used to. So don’t be surprised when things start to happen that astound you. I am going to DAZZLE you My beloveds! I am going to lay waste the enemy of your soul through all I do in and through you!

Worship ME and stay in My WORD. USE it to develop your spiritual immune system so that you can fight off all the strategies of the enemy.
I am so in LOVE with YOU MY BRIDE! I am enraptured with love for My own. I will make all the crooked places straight and level all the high hills.
I will lead the blind by a way they have not known. And you will REJOICE in this hour as you see the mighty things Your God will bestow on you. I AM the ALL CONSUMING FIRE and I will burn up all the dross! “

Song came to mind: I’m in the mood for love, simply because you’re near me,
Darling for when you’re near me, I’m in the mood for love!

The Lord is singing love songs to His beloveds. He is wooing His Bride and courting her to greater intimacy with Him!

Rom 11:5-6 KJV Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. 6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

2 Cor 12:9-11 KJV And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. 11 I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I be nothing.

Eph 1:6-7 KJV To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Heb 4:16 KJV Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

2 Peter 3:18 KJV But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

2 Cor 3:18 NLT And all of us have had that veil removed so that we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord. And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.
2 Cor 3:18 NKJV But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm Going to Blow
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I'm going to blow, and blow and blow till all that is not standing on the Rock is blown entirely away. For I have a work to do in this hour that requires complete obedience. Everything that isn't found rooted and grounded in Me will be blown away. Even as the palm tree is symbolic of victory, because it's roots go deep into soil that when the winds blow it won't be uprooted, I am firmly establishing the roots of My own in ME. There will be no more vacillating between truth and lies. No more double-mindedness that blow them from one end to another. He that is not for me is against Me. I am drawing a line.

Then had a vision of Moses…after throwing down tablets, saying "Those who are for the Lord come stand with me!"

Either you are for MY TRUTH, or for a lie. Choose you this day, whom you will serve. Many of you are being drawn to the line. And you will have to make a decision. Stand with Me, or fall back. [impression of falling away] Because in this hour, great truth will be preached through My apostles and prophets. They will be sent into churches, into the marketplace and they call out to those I am calling to come to the feast of wine on the lees. Will you come? Or will you doubt, even in the face of fantastic miracles done before your eyes. I'm telling now, you will either choose Truth or be blown away by it. Fall on the Rock or the Rock will fall on you. There will be no firm ground to stand on for those who reject the Truth.

News item tonight on TV….girl on bike attracts 12,000 bees. They postulated queen bee must have landed on the bike…and the hive of bees followed. 1000 – Divine completeness and the glory of God
12 – Apostolic government, governmental perfection

Food You Know Not Of
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Yesterday I sent out Andrew Strom’s tirade on bible colleges. We get hung up in terms a lot and he himself is wanting a school for training. I believe in discipleship training. Years ago, as a clinical nurse specialist, and teacher of nursing students, I was part of a method that has been used for centuries in training doctors and nurses, and Jesus Himself used in training His own disciples. First you give the background for why you are doing things, you establish a foundation of learning principles or truth, then you demonstrate them. Then you have them DO it with you, then you let them try it while you watch, then once they’ve learned you give them more practice to do it on your own. THIS is how schools impart knowledge needed in the medical field and in the nursing field, and in pharmacology. You always get practice in the field, or the clinical area you are going into, before being let loose on your own. You get to do it with someone before being shoved out to do it yourself. You have a chance in nursing to try IV’s for example on each other, and on dummies, before going to do it on actual patients. All of this is with the SAFETY of the clients in mind.

John 4:32-38 NKJV
32 But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."
33 Therefore the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him anything to eat?"
34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! 36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 For in this the saying is true: 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 I sent you to reap that for which you

have not labored; others have labored, and you have entered into their labors."

Jesus says something very profound here, that the disciples were finding hard to understand. They are going by what they can see, and wondering, where is the food? But Jesus is giving them a paradigm SHIFT. He is saying, I don't live for food that perishes, but I live for doing only what the Father says to Me. And He is also saying re: the harvest, I am not just here for you. But I am here for the whole world. I am looking for harvest. You are living for this moment, for the food that I can give you physically, but I have a principle I am trying to show you! You have all been living for food, and things, but I came to restore to you, what was lost in the garden! I have a rest for you, if you will only "get it". I came to restore relationship – see? I only DO what the Father wants Me to do. We communicate, then I do in obedience, what He asks of Me. THAT is My food! THAT is what I live for! I live for HIM. "I don't do anything of My own will", He also said elsewhere. If WE will learn this then we will also be in REST. We will only have to worry about the day's needs, and live in constant communion with Him. In order to get more revelation, God is looking for us to do or enact what he has already told us to do! Any prophet will tell you if they don't obey what they were last told, then God may withhold His voice for a time.
I desire obedience, not sacrifice, obedience, not works, not good deeds in place of what HE wants! HE is the BREAD OF LIFE. His words to us now, are our MANNA, rhema and logos.

Matt 22:1-14 NKJV The Parable of the Wedding Feast (Luke 14:15-24)
And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said:
2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.
4 Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' 5 But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

Listening to this passage the other day, I suddenly got another revelation about how God is ALWAYS setting a table before us. He has made the way into the inner court through the BLOOD of Jesus. So we always have available to us, the table of food He has ready for us to impart and give to us. But often on a day to day basis, we are just too busy. We are busy going about our days, and planning OUR days. And we don't realize, He is there, always with a table set with good food on it. We don't have to wait, because we have been invited and have come, and can come every day to a fully set table of wisdom and revelation and wine on the lees.

Isa 25:6 NKJV And in this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all people. A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees.

His wine represents His love poured out in us, through what Jesus did and the words He has spoken and now speaks. A feast He sets before us of wine, and of FAT things…OIL of the Holy Spirit…, then says again well-refined wines on the lees.
Fat:
OT:8081 shemen (sheh'-men); from OT:8080; grease, especially liquid (as from the olive, often perfumed); figuratively, richness: KJV - anointing, fat (things), fruitful, oil ([-ed]), ointment, olive, pine.
OT:8080 shaman (shaw-man'); a primitive root; to shine, i.e. (by analogy) be (causatively, make) oily or gross: KJV - become (make, wax) fat.
Wine on the lees:
OT:8105 shemer (sheh'-mer); from OT:8104; something preserved, i.e. the settlings (plural only) of wine: KJV - dregs, (wines on the) lees.
OT:8104 shamar (shaw-mar'); a primitive root; properly, to hedge about (as with thorns), i.e. guard; generally, to protect, attend to, etc.: KJV - beward, be circumspect, take heed (toself), keep (-erself,), mark, look narrowly, observe, preserve, regard, reserve, save (self), sure, (that lay) wait (for), watch (-man).

THEN HE SAYS :
Isa 25:7-8 NKJV And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.
He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken.
Back to Matthew 22:
6 And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. 7 But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. 8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' 10 So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

We see from the second part of this scripture above that even when we do hear from God and have this communion, not all will receive it. In fact they want to kill us - Look how they are treated. So when HIS WORDS are rejected through His people, then He will go and seek out those who WILL come in to this communion and feast with Him.

First Corinthians emphasizes the lack of need for “PROFESSIONALS” in His service. See His food is available to ALL PEOPLE if they are willing to come and to SIT AT HIS TABLE that He has prepared!

1 Cor 1:19-31 AMP
19 For it is written, I will baffle and render useless and destroy the learning of the learned and the philosophy of the philosophers and the cleverness of the clever and the discernment of the discerning; I will frustrate and nullify [them] and bring [them] to nothing. [Isa 29:14.]
20 Where is the wise man (the philosopher)? Where is the scribe (the scholar)? Where is the investigator (the logician, the debater) of this present time and age? Has not God shown up the nonsense and the folly of this world's wisdom?
21 For when the world with all its earthly wisdom failed to perceive and recognize and know God by means of its own philosophy, God in His wisdom was pleased through the foolishness of preaching [salvation, procured by Christ and to be had through Him], to save those who believed (who clung to and trusted in and relied on Him).
22 For while Jews [demandingly] ask for signs and miracles and Greeks pursue philosophy and wisdom,
23 We preach Christ (the Messiah) crucified, [preaching which] to the Jews is a scandal and an offensive stumbling block [that springs a snare or trap], and to the Gentiles it is absurd and utterly unphilosophical nonsense.
24 But to those who are called, whether Jew or Greek (Gentile), Christ [is] the Power of God and the Wisdom of God.
25 [This is] because the foolish thing [that has its source in] God is wiser than men, and the weak thing [that springs] from God is stronger than men.
26 For [simply] consider your own call, brethren; not many [of you were considered to be] wise according to human estimates and standards, not many influential and powerful, not many of high and noble birth.
27 [No] for God selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is foolish to put the wise to shame, and what the world calls weak to put the strong to shame.
28 And God also selected (deliberately chose) what in the world is lowborn and insignificant and branded and treated with contempt, even the things that are nothing, that He might depose and bring

to nothing the things that are,
29 So that no mortal man should [have pretense for glorying and] boast in the presence of God. 30 But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom from God, [revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as] our Righteousness [thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God], and our Consecration [making us pure and holy], and our Redemption
[providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin]. 31 So then, as it is written, Let him who boasts and proudly rejoices and glories, boast and proudly rejoice and glory in the Lord. [Jer 9:24.]

We have a greater school in the school of the Holy Spirit to learn from. Yes, I taught in colleges, and have a degree, but it is NOTHING, because I have left all that, to learn from HIM, at His feet. And that is no credit to me, as He had to strip me to do that. He made me weak, that I would have time to get healed of all the pain in my life, and to SIT at His feet learning of Him, so I could learn to EAT FROM HIS TABLE. He has rich food, for those who are willing to just COME! He is beckoning to us to come up higher…meaning to come and eat more from HIM, than of the world and all it's vain philosophies, or the vain philosophies even that have crept into the church and seminaries of this nation. HE is our TEACHER.
Matt 23:8-12 NKJV
8 But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren. 9 Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. 10 And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. 11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Grass Slippers

Priscilla Van Sutphin

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The Lord spoke “grass slippers”. I thought I heard wrong but was reassured I did not. So what do You want to say about it Father?
I looked up grass in Conners’ book and it said: Grass is a symbol of the frailty of the flesh.

1 Peter 1:24-25 NKJV 24 because "All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away, 25 But the word of the LORD endures forever."

In the Cinderella story, she wears glass slippers, and this is how it should be for you. Glass is transparent. Your walk should be something people can see through to see ME. Can they see Me in your daily activities? Can they see Me in your daily talk? Do they feel My presence, when you are near them.
Are they drawn to Me in you? Do they hear My voice when you speak?

Many of My children are still wearing GRASS slippers. BUT I am coming like a mighty wind and blowing all away that has held them back! All the frailty of the flesh will be destroyed by My fire, so that you can be all I want you to be in these last days. I want you to be My ambassadors of GRACE and LOVE, wisdom, and strength in the face of adversity. I want you to be TREES of right standing, that the birds of the fields, and the critters of the forest can feel safe coming to nest in your arms.

So you see, I MUST come. I must bring My fire, that all that cannot withstand the test can be burned up.

Jer 23:29-30 AMP Is not My word like fire [that consumes all that cannot endure the test]? says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks in pieces the rock [of most stubborn resistance]?
30 Therefore behold, I am against the [false] prophets, says the Lord, [I am even now descending upon them with punishment, these prophets] who steal My words from one another [imitating the phrases of the true prophets].

Jer 5:22-28 NKJV Do you not fear Me?' says the LORD. 'Will you not tremble at My presence, Who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea,
By a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it? And though its waves toss to and fro, Yet they cannot prevail; Though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it. 23 But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart;
They have revolted and departed.
24 They do not say in their heart, "Let us now fear the LORD our God,
Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest."
25 Your iniquities have turned these things away, and your sins have withheld good from you. 26 'For among My people are found wicked men; They lie in wait as one who sets snares; They set a trap; They catch men. 27 As a cage is full of birds, so their houses are full of deceit. Therefore they have become great and grown rich. 28 They have grown fat, they are sleek; Yes, they surpass the deeds of the wicked; They do not plead the cause, the cause of the fatherless; Yet they prosper, and the right of the needy they do not defend.

I AM the All-Consuming Fire and nothing can stand in My presence when I come. My glory is not a play toy! My glory is not something light, but it is HEAVY….and the weight of it is a great responsibility. Some have received a great portion, but because of their flesh, and lack of experience or healing, got puffed up and thought somehow they could touch it without consequence. I am telling you now children, that the FEAR of the LORD will be re-established in MY tabernacles! And where are My tabernacles? ARE YOU NOT THAT TABERNACLE? Will you not TREMBLE at My name?

1 Cor 6:19-20 NKJV
19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

2 Cor 6:15-16 NKJV And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

I sanctified My temple of old with My GLORY, My Kabod and I will now do the same for you. Do not resist the work of My Spirit when He comes, for He is coming to re-establish MY ORDER. He is coming to re-establish MY LORDSHIP in you and in the church. THE FIRE OF MY LOVE WILL CONSUME YOU and you will be changed in a moment. I will do a very RADICAL thing. I will do it so that NO MAN can take credit for it. I will do it, that this generation will be TRANSFORMED by My GLORY and be turned into a great weapon of mass destruction against the enemy in these end times. I will have a most unusual ARMY in these times, the like that has NEVER been seen before! The world will fear and dread will fill the hearts of men. Come close to ME My children, stay close, for I am drawing near and SUDDENLY, you will be changed, and mankind will know there is a GOD who is more powerful than they imagined! The FEAR of the LORD is a strong tower, and they who will choose ME, will not be turned away.

Ex 15:16-18 NKJV
16 Fear and dread will fall on them; By the greatness of Your arm They will be as still as a stone, till Your people pass over, O LORD, till the people pass over Whom You have purchased. 17 You will bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, in the place, O LORD, which You have made For Your own dwelling, The sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established. 18 "The LORD shall reign forever and ever."

Job 13:11 NIV Would not his splendor terrify you? Would not the dread of him fall on you?

Ps 14:4-5 NIV Will evildoers never learn — those who devour my people as men eat bread and who do not call on the LORD? 5 There they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous.

Isa 2:10-12 AMP
10 Enter into the rock and hide yourself in the dust from before the terror of the Lord and from the glory of His majesty.
11 The proud looks of man shall be brought low, and the haughtiness of men shall be humbled; and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.
12 For there shall be a day of the Lord of hosts against all who are proud and haughty and against all who are lifted up--and they shall be brought low-- [Zeph 2:3; Mal 4:1.]

Isa 8:12-14 NIV

12 "Do not call conspiracy everything that these people call conspiracy; do not fear what they fear, and do not dread it. 13 The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy, He is the one you are to fear, He is the one you are to dread, 14 and He will be a sanctuary;

Isa 66:3-9 NIV They have chosen their own ways, and their souls delight in their abominations; 4 so I also will choose harsh treatment for them and will bring upon them what they dread. For when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, no one listened. They did evil in my sight and chose what displeases me."
5 Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at his word: "Your brothers who hate you, and exclude you because of my name, have said, 'Let the LORD be glorified, that we may see your joy!' Yet they will be put to shame.
6 Hear that uproar from the city, hear that noise from the temple! It is the sound of the LORD repaying his enemies all they deserve.
7 "Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. 8 Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children. 9 Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give delivery?" says the LORD. "Do I close up the womb when I bring to delivery?" says your God.

Isolationist Policy
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I do not have any isolationist policy. I saw that it was not good for man to be alone. So I created a helpmate. It is not good for any man to walk alone.
I sent out My disciples two by two. I have wanted to restore community and a sense of family within My church, that they would practice true love and “true religion”. I said that you cannot hate your brother and love God. This is incompatible. If you love ME, then you obey Me. If you have no love for your brother, then how can you say you LOVE ME? How can you do the greater thing of loving your enemies? I said, if you only love those who love you, then how is that better than the Pharisees? I realize that a lot of the time in these times, your brother surely has been your enemy, though it should not be so in My church! The conditions of My church are similar to the days in which My Son walked the earth!

Men are haughty and full of greed and desire for selfish gain. There is an arrogance that rots the core of the foundation of My church. I am coming to establish a new foundation. I am still the Cornerstone, but the foundation upon which I intended to build My church, will be reestablished, that the Truth of My LOVE and kindness will permeate every room of My House! I will not allow injustice without consequences. The soul that deliberately hates and destroys, maligns and rejects those whom I HAVE CHOSEN will reap the consequences for their actions. Though I may forgive them, I will not allow rebellion to go unchecked. This is a time of truth or consequences.

I did not come into the world to judge the world, but to SAVE them. So I am also asking you to NOT JUDGE whomever is already condemned, or your own brothers and sisters, but rather to bring LIFE where there is death and destruction! I have called you to be My ambassadors. Do not be ambassadors in chains. Do not do anything by constraint! Anything you do should be done out of

LOVE. If you lack the LOVE, then you are not spending enough time in MY PRESENCE. For I am LOVE, and the Source of all you need! Everything you need, may be found in ME! I am the Alpha and Omega! Nothing is too difficult for Me! So come to Me with anything you have need of. My heart will give you REST. My heart will give you power to overcome all that constrains you! There is no LACK in Me!

How long will you wander in the desert? Won't you come to the place of transformation? Won't you come and be calmed and stilled by the running water, that flows from My throne of GRACE? Let me wash you! Let me love on you! Let me put the finishing touches on your life! LET ME heal the deepest recesses of your heart and mind and soul! Please don't resist My love, Beloveds. Push past the fear of intimacy! Push past all the distractions and pulls on your soul. LET THE KING OF GLORY COME IN!

Who is the King of Glory? THE LORD STRONG AND MIGHTY! I AM the King of Glory. And My glory will permeate your soul! My glory will sanctify your being. My glory will heal your body! My glory will convict you of your sins and wash them from you! My glory will radiate from you like a FIRE so that others may come to the brightness of My glory! But YOU must make the choice to come! Just come, My beloveds…REST, lay down with ME and
LET ME touch you and heal your soul! LET ME empower you for all that is to come.

There are so many concerned with DOING rather than BEING, and WHO they are! If you are My ambassadors, then you must look and talk and walk like ME! How can you radiate My glory to others, if you don't receive it?
Intimacy with ME, is the HIGHEST purpose of your life. SEEK FIRST the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you! I AM the First and the LAST; the Beginning and the END. IT IS IN ME, that you find your life. It is in ME, that you find all that you need!
Ask and it shall be given you! Come while there is time My beloveds! For surely GREAT shaking is coming. You must be hidden in ME to survive the shaking that is coming! Come into the shelter of My wings!

Greece And The Summer Olympic Games
Chuck Pierce

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Dear Torch Bearers for the Lord:

As you know, the Olympic torch was lit this morning in Olympia, Greece in the ruins of the ancient sanctuary where the Games birthed many years ago. I believe these Games are very significant in the spiritual domain as well as in the earth realm. John Dawson, President of Youth With A Mission International, states the following:

"I endorse March 25th as an International day of prayer for the Summer Olympic Games Outreach coming up in Athens. Will you join me and thousands of others across the YWAM family as we worship and stir our hearts in prayer? ...... Whenever you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. God will fight for us." Youth With A Mission Games Outreach Team, along with John Dawson, is making an appeal to the Body of Christ and the YWAM International Family for an International Day of Prayer for the Olympic Games, on March 25, 2004.

The Flame will Travel to All 5 continents

In ancient Greece, the Olympic flame was lit in a ceremony at the temple of Hera by a pagan priestess. Today it was lit by an actress playing the part of a high priestess, who called upon the god Apollon. It will now be run to every continent and every former host city. This will be the first time the flame has traveled to all five continents. This event will attempt to covenant the people of the world to the pagan deities of Greece. Please pray with us on this day. Pray for break through and for the mercy of God to triumph -- to see a nation changed and the world reached with the love of God. As a guide, you can use the 40-day prayer focus that was sent out this week for the next 40 Days. That prayer focus was titled: **Contending with Your Enemy, Removing the Tempter's Covering, and Possessing Your Spoils** and can be found on the Elijah List website at http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word.html?ID=2027

In Daniel, chapter 10, we find the prophet wrestling for 21 days with a power that was resisting him, attempting to keep him from touching God to gain revelation for the future. This shows us the power of dark angels that influence nations. These are ruling princes that abide in the heavenlies, or invisible realm, that tend to keep a region in captivity. These principalities and powers have great control and guard the activity of nations so that God's covenant plan is unable to manifest.

But God!! He raises His army on earth and aligns His army in heaven, and as we labor together, He comes and unlocks the captives. He is Lord Sabaoth, the Lord of Hosts!

Contending with 2 Ruling Forces

In Daniel 10:20, we find Michael, the archangel, comes to strengthen Daniel saying, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the Prince of Persia. And when I have gone forth, indeed the Prince of Greece will come." This represents the *two ruling forces* that we must contend with in the end days. These are the dark forces that have prevailed in Greek history, thought and false worship. These forces have injected a thought process of unbelief and humanistic thinking throughout the world. I feel this is one of our major battles for the future.

Last September while I was in Athens with a prayer team, local leaders and intercessors gathered with us for an awesome night meeting. Some said this was one of the largest gatherings ever of this type. We co-labored with 25 key leaders and intercessors on a prayer journey the following day. The team went to the Parliament to pray concerning the civil government of Greece. We prayed first of all for what God was doing in His government in the land and for His government to arise around the nation. At the Prime Minister's Palace we watched the changing of the guard. John Dawson and Cindy Jacobs ministered in Athens the following month.

Greece and the Olympics

While in Athens, we visited the Old Olympic Stadium. The Olympics were birthed in Greece and date back almost 2000 years to 776 B.C. When they were dedicated to the gods of Olympus, athletes would travel across land and sea to participate in these events, to win honor and to be elevated to the height of the Olympic gods. These games signified the development of man in mind and body. The modern Olympics, resurrected in the 19th century, rotated through the world, from nation to nation, and was hosted in key cites to blend each nation's culture with the international Olympic ideals. This produces a synchronized type of worship. The Olympic torch relay will be especially significant this year. The Olympic flame is lit by the sun's rays and is then passed to the first torch bearer. It then proceeds to 5 continents represented by the 5 Olympic rings. For more information you can go to The Olympic Festivals and Covenants by Randy Weidenaar, http://www.glory-of-zion.org/olympics.htm or visit the YWAM website, at http://www.ywamconnect.com/sites/YWAMGO/Presentation , and download the paper: The Olympics: A Christian's Response.

The Olympics have always been a religious festival and were dedicated to Zeus of Olympia. Sacrifices were made to this demonic power before and during the festival. Many do not realize that the Olympic flame is dedicated to Zeus. The 2004 Olympics will be characterized by pagan revivalism and will begin with the Olympic hymn, a sacred song that invokes the powers of hell to inhabit the games. This will release spiritual authority to the powers of darkness to visit all continents and defile the land.

This defilement was responsible for much of the persecution of first and second century Church. The people of God were forced to either worship these pagan gods or face persecution and even death. While these demonic forces failed to stop the Church, they did begin to invade the Church through the "Christianizing" of the games by the Greek bishops in the third century. This has resulted in the adoption of the Greek mindset and way of thinking replacing the Hebraic or biblical way of thought. Times and seasons were changed so that Christian feasts were held at the times of the pagan festivals.

Please pray for Greece!

With the Olympics beginning this July, we know that Greece will become a focal point for the world. We need to understand how the enemy has developed philosophical thinking that has fragmented our thought processes and kept us from understanding God's covenant purpose. These thought processes war with the gift of faith and contend with the Holy Spirit to prevent a manifestation of the power of His demonstration in the Church.

The Altar of Zeus

The fire of the flame represents the fire of the altar of Zeus. In Athens we visited the altar of Zeus. We prayed and declared the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ would establish a standard that the enemy would have to contend with. One group read the Word and the others prayed and declared the effects of this pagan resurrection would be neutralized in days ahead. Why is this significant? It is significant because this altar's flame will resurrect the demonic powers that linked themselves to Antiochus Epiphanies, one of the four generals of Alexander the Great. Alexander the Great was a world conqueror and everywhere he went he established the altar of Zeus. In those places, anti-Semitic forces exist and contend with God's covenant plan. In 168BC, Antiochus Epiphanies sacrificed swine to Zeus and poured the blood of the sacrifice in the Holy of Holies. The Jewish people were then tortured until they gave up the worship of Yahweh and bowed the knee to Zeus. Eventually the Temple of God was destroyed in 70AD. The demonic forces behind Zeus hate the one true God. This defilement and persecution continued through the first and second century. To read more about the history and details of the Olympics, please visit the YWAM web site at www.ywamgo.org.

We must focus our prayers for Greece NOW! They have a small Body in the land and need our help. We must pray concerning the Anti-Semitic forces that will arise in this coming year around the earth to persecute both Jews and Christians. Stand! Declare! And Boldly Witness to the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Specific Prayer Points

1. Pray for open heavens over Greece. Pray that God will change Greece and the nations by revealing Himself.
2. Repent for the honor and worship that the nations and Greece have given to the pagan deities of Greece.
3. Pray for open doors to share the Gospel during the games.
4. Pray for the unity, love and testimony of Christians involved to be evident to all.
5. Pray for the YWAM team that is in Greece now. Pray that God would give them favor, protection, love and unity.
6. Pray for many intercessors to cover this time, and for many to come and share the Gospel to the 217 nations attending the games.
7. Ask the Lord to reveal any terrorist plots.

This is a time of resurrection! However, we don't want the resurrection power of the Olympic torch to flood the world.

Greek Games A Word for Greece

Priscilla van Sutphin

August 28th, 2004
Watch what I do as the athletes finally go home to their own nations!
Watch what I do in Greece as a nation!
Will the nations now bow to Me?
Will they bend to My will?

Watch and see, for I will let them know that I ALONE AM TO BE WORSHIPPED!
There are good aspects to the games of camaraderie and unity.
But the ceremonies to honor false deities are not honored by ME.

I will transform this nation as it has never seen before.
My voice is above the waters. My voice is powerful. My voice splits the cedars in two. My voice makes the deer give birth! My voice will call to the winds and the sea and they will do MY bidding! And there will be a humbling of the nations. They will know once more that there is but ONE GOD, and they will know the power of the RESURRECTION of My SON.

Oh Greece, did I not dangle you on my knees? Did I not send you prophets and apostles and minister to your needs and make you successful? Did I not
watch over you and protect you from many assaults?
Did I not teach your children to revere ME?

Yet you mixed the TRUTH with lies and have continued to honor the idols of your past. Even in the churches they do this…yet they claim to know Me!

You will revere ME again!
You will bow down and ask for My help when you see the earth tremble and shake around you!
If you will humble yourselves and realize how much I love you and have loved you, you can be saved.
But you must know that you cannot worship any other God besides ME!

Timely Advice

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I got up from reading the word and it was 2:22 am, and tonight I started playing one cell the number of the game was 12222! God keeps reminding me of the 2's this week and I was drawn to these verses this week - and they seem quite appropriate for this hour as it's the Song of David. In Acts it says He will once again raise up the tabernacle of DAVID. See them at the bottom of this word.

Because He spoke to me "timely advice" also I asked, what do You want to say about that Lord?

"Stir up My beloveds the gifts within you! Stir up PRAISE. Stir up WORSHIP! DANCE and celebrate the coming victory and the coming of Your Lord! For soon the world will know without excuse that there is a God in heaven. There will be an amazing display of My power and no one will have an excuse to deny Me.

Stir up the dance in the congregation of the righteous and stir up the dance even in the streets of your cities. For I am looking for those who will praise Me despite what the world thinks. They may try to shut you up, but they cannot stop you from praising ME in this hour. Lift up your voices on high and shout to the Lord Your God with praises. Be unashamed of your love for Me. For then they will know it is not just lip service.

Some make a show of their love for Me, yet when it comes to loving the lost and the downcast they deny they know Me by their actions. For I am a God of love and mercy. I am a God who gives the undeserving what they need. Some of My people think they have the right to say who is deserving and who is not. But I AM THE JUDGE of the earth and all that is in heaven and under the earth. Look to ME for discernment and do My will. So many only give lip service to love, because they themselves have never known it. But soon there will be no excuse, for I will come and pour out My love in a magnificent way and you will know how deep and wide, how high and long My love is for you. I will pour it out and change the face of My church!

Right now the world sees the face of my church as selfish and greedy and self-serving. But in the days to come there will be challenges to all that will change the attitudes of hearts within My body. STIR UP PRAISE. Praise me in ALL circumstances and watch the tests dissipate….for the enemy seeks to sift you and devour you to disqualify you. But if you will PRAISE ME no matter what is going on. The battle will be YOURS, and I will fight for you!
Do not allow the discouragement and despondency a foothold. CAST IT OFF!
Do not give in to thoughts of being disqualified. He is trying to make you give in to defeatism. THROW OFF ALL ACCUSATIONS AGAINST OTHERS. PRAISE ME INSTEAD!

Know that this battle will be won with praise even as Jericho! Keep your lips from complaining and despair. Keep your lips from anger and fear! KNOW that I am with you no matter what you have to go through. I AM THERE. And I will bring you through the fire and the storms. I am the Lover of Your soul and I will keep you in the palm of My hands – you are inscribed on the palms of My hands. You are a treasure in My heart. Stand on My promises and hold them in your heart and soul. Know that I love you and will uphold you as the apple of My eye. Know that the days coming will test your love for me as no other time on earth. That is why I have been telling you to get My Word inside you and to come to ME and let me touch you and hold you and heal and deliver you! The days are coming which will bring fear to the hearts of all men. I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is STAYED on ME!"

Isa 43:1-2 AMP 1 BUT NOW [in spite of past judgments for Israel's sins], thus says the Lord, He Who created you, O Jacob, and He Who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed you [ransomed you by paying a price instead of leaving you captives]; I have called you by your name; you are Mine.
2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned or scorched, nor will the flame kindle upon you.

2 Samuel 22
1 DAVID SPOKE to the Lord the words of this song on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hands of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.
2 He said: The Lord is my Rock [of escape from Saul] and my Fortress [in the wilderness] and my Deliverer; [1 Sam 23:14,25,28.]
3 My God, my Rock, in Him will I take refuge; my Shield and the Horn of my salvation; my Stronghold and my Refuge, my Savior--You save me from violence. [Gen 15:1.]
4 I call on the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. 5 For the waves of death enveloped me; the torrents of destruction made me afraid. 6 The cords of Sheol were entangling me; I encountered the snares of death. 7 In my distress I called upon the Lord; I cried to my God, and He heard my voice from His temple; my cry came into His ears.
8 Then the earth reeled and quaked, the foundations of the heavens trembled and shook because He was angry. 9 Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; coals were kindled by it.
10 He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under His feet. 11 He rode on a cherub and flew; He was seen upon the wings of the wind. 12 He made darkness His canopy around Him, gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies. 13 Out of the brightness before Him coals of fire flamed forth.
14 The Lord thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice.
15 He sent out arrows and scattered them; lightning confused and troubled them. 16 The channels of the sea were visible, the foundations of the world were uncovered at the rebuke of the Lord, at the

blast of the breath of His nostrils. 17 He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of great waters. 18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.
19 They came upon me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my stay.
20 He brought me forth into a large place; He delivered me because He delighted in me.
21 The Lord rewarded me according to my uprightness with Him; He compensated and benefited me according to the cleanness of my hands.
22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 23 For all His ordinances were before me; and from His statutes I did not turn aside. 24 I was also blameless before Him and kept myself from guilt and iniquity. 25 Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in His [holy] sight.
{through the blood of JESUS }
26 Toward the loving and loyal You will show Yourself loving and loyal, and with the upright and blameless You will show Yourself upright and blameless.
27 To the pure You will show Yourself pure, and to the willful You will show Yourself willful. 28 And the afflicted people You will deliver, but Your eyes are upon the haughty, whom You will bring down. 29 For You, O Lord, are my Lamp; the Lord lightens my darkness.
30 For by You I run through a troop; by my God I leap over a wall. 31 As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried. He is a Shield to all those who trust and take refuge in Him. 32 For who is God but the Lord? And who is a Rock except our God?

33 God is my strong Fortress; He guides the blameless in His way and sets him free. 34 He makes my feet like the hinds' [firm and able]; He sets me secure and confident upon the heights. 35 He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. 36 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; and Your condescension and gentleness have made me great. 37 You have enlarged my steps under me, so that my feet have not slipped. 38 I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them; and I did not turn back until they were consumed.
39 I consumed them and thrust them through, so that they did not arise; they fell at my feet. 40 For You girded me with strength for the battle; those who rose up against me You subdued under me. 41 You have made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might cut off those who hate me.
42 They looked, but there was none to save--even to the Lord, but He did not answer them. 43 Then I beat them small as the dust of the earth; I crushed them as the mire of the street and scattered them abroad.
44 You also have delivered me from strife with my people; You kept me as the head of the nations. People whom I had not known served me.
45 Foreigners yielded feigned obedience to me; as soon as they heard of me, they became obedient to me. 46 Foreigners faded away; they came limping and trembling from their strongholds. 47 The Lord lives; blessed be my Rock, and exalted be God, the Rock of my salvation.
48 It is God Who executes vengeance for me and Who brought down [and disciplined] the peoples under me, 49 Who brought me out from my enemies. You also lifted me up above those who rose up against me; You delivered me from the violent man.
50 For this I will give thanks and extol You, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing praises to Your name. 51 He is a Tower of salvation and great deliverance to His king, and shows loving-kindness to His anointed, to David and his offspring forever.

Origins And Times Are In My Hands
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“Waves and waves of My presence are coming to you My beloveds. Waves and waves of My Holy FIRE will burn away all that cannot withstand the test. Waves and waves of My love will invade the church and drive out all that opposes Me within you. I AM a God of mercy and kindness but I am also a God of JUSTICE and FAITHFULNESS, and I AM HOLY. I said “Be holy as I am holy!” and I will not forsake My WORD. Perilous times have ensued. Guard your hearts and come to ME. I have a plan that leads to LIFE. Do not strive to figure things out as much as to depend on Me daily and hourly for what I want. YOU do NOT KNOW the hour of captivity, nor the hour of deliverance, for it is in MY HANDS. You do not know the time of My coming, nor the time of My outpouring, but know that I am

close at hand. I see the conditions of the world and I am not blind to the conditions of My church. I am separating and I am binding. I am delivering and I am healing. I am testing and I am purifying. I am empowering and I am commissioning.

I am about to enter My church in a new wave of glory and I will have a purified bride when I am done. I will give you the desires of your heart that are in conjunction with My own desires for you! No one will be left behind.

What kind of Father would leave his child behind on the platform as the train is taking off? Mercilessness is not MY CHARACTER. But it is the character of the religious spirit. It is the character of the evil one."

"Was not My Word to you…"

[Phil 1:6 AMP And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you.]

"I am a good Father, and I watch over My children. I correct My children and discipline them that they may develop MY character - Those that will let me that is, to have hold of their lives. Your lives are NOT your own! They are bought and paid for with the BLOOD of MY SON!"

Phil 2:5-8 AMP

5 Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:] 6 Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God, God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, 7 But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being. 8 And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross!

"Since He gave up His rights as KING of the Universe and lowered Himself to be a servant and die for you, can you oh man humble yourselves to be like HIM, - if you want to live in His glory and majesty? Many of you seek My power and My glory. But you have not considered what My Son said to His own disciples. " Can you drink the cup I drink?" Are you willing My beloveds?

Are you willing to drink the cup He drank? Are you willing to LAY DOWN your life and take up the cross?"

Luke 9:23-26 NKJV Take Up the Cross and Follow Him

(Matt 16:24-27; Mark 8:34-38)

Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. 24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. 25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? 26 For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father's, and of the holy angels.

"I assure you that as you lay down your life, HIS LIFE will burn inside you and you will receive all that is needed to endure the days ahead. For this time will tests the hearts of men and women, boys and girls severely. With your eyes you will behold many difficult and heinous things. So I am urging you to come, to lay down your life and to lay if finally at the cross - ALL OF YOU. Not just part of you. I have WORK for you to do. Are you willing to serve instead of being served? Are you willing to suffer for My sake? Are you willing to do what it takes to share in My glory? Then tell Me My beloveds and I will direct your paths and I will lead you in paths of righteousness and glory. I will lead you with the pillar of fire by night and the cloud by day.

I am lighting sparks of FIRE in many places that formerly have been strongholds of darkness. I will make a spectacle of the enemy and I will use you, if you will do My will. I am catalyzing many flames that will spread all over the nations. The world will be ABLAZE with the FIRE OF MY LOVE!

THERE IS NO MORE TIME TO HESITATE MY LOVE. COME! I will enrapture you with My love and you will take it wherever you go and many will be the great exploits of My BRIDE!"

2 Samuel 22 AMP The Song of David

1 DAVID SPOKE to the Lord the words of this song on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hands of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul.

2 He said: The Lord is my Rock [of escape from Saul] and my Fortress [in the wilderness] and my Deliverer; [1 Sam 23:14,25,28.]

3 My God, my Rock, in Him will I take refuge; my Shield and the Horn of my salvation; my Stronghold and my Refuge, my Savior--You save me from violence. [Gen 15:1.] 4 I call on the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. 5 For the waves of death enveloped me; the torrents of destruction made me afraid.

6 The cords of Sheol were entangling me; I encountered the snares of death.

7 In my distress I called upon the Lord; I cried to my God, and He heard my voice from His temple; my cry came into His ears. 8 Then the earth reeled and quaked, the foundations of the heavens trembled and shook because He was angry. 9 Smoke went up from His nostrils, and devouring fire from His mouth; coals were kindled by it. 10 He bowed the heavens and came down; thick darkness was under His feet.

11 He rode on a cherub and flew; He was seen upon the wings of the wind.

12 He made darkness His canopy around Him, gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies. 13 Out of the brightness before Him coals of fire flamed forth.

14 The Lord thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice.

15 He sent out arrows and scattered them; lightning confused and troubled them.

16 The channels of the sea were visible, the foundations of the world were uncovered at the rebuke of the Lord, at the blast of the breath of His nostrils. 17 He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of great waters. 18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

19 They came upon me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my stay.

20 He brought me forth into a large place; He delivered me because He delighted in me. 21 The Lord rewarded me according to my uprightness with Him; He compensated and benefited me according to the cleanness of my hands. 22 For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 23 For all His ordinances were before me; and from His statutes I did not turn aside.

24 I was also blameless before Him and kept myself from guilt and iniquity.

25 Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in His [holy] sight. 26 Toward the loving and loyal You will show Yourself loving and loyal, and with the upright and blameless You will show Yourself upright and blameless. 27 To the pure You will show Yourself pure, and to the willful You will show Yourself willful. 28 And the afflicted people You will deliver, but Your eyes are upon the haughty, whom You will bring down.

29 For You, O Lord, are my Lamp; the Lord lightens my darkness.

30 For by You I run through a troop; by my God I leap over a wall.

31 As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried. He is a Shield to all those who trust and take refuge in Him. 32 For who is God but the Lord? And who is a Rock except our God? 33 God is my strong Fortress; He guides the blameless in His way and sets him free. 34 He makes my feet like the hinds' [firm and able]; He sets me secure and confident upon the heights.

35 He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

36 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; and Your condescension and gentleness have made me great. 37 You have enlarged my steps under me, so that my feet have not slipped. 38 I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them; and I did not turn back until they were consumed. 39 I consumed them and thrust them through, so that they did not arise; they fell at my feet. 40 For You girded me with strength for the battle; those who rose up against me You subdued under me.

41 You have made my enemies turn their backs to me, that I might cut off those who hate me. 42 They looked, but there was none to save--even to the Lord, but He did not answer them. 43 Then I beat them small as the dust of the earth; I crushed them as the mire of the street and scattered them abroad.

44 You also have delivered me from strife with my people; You kept me as the head of the nations. People whom I had not known served me. 45 Foreigners yielded feigned obedience to me; as soon as they heard of me, they became obedient to me. 46 Foreigners faded away; they came limping and trembling from their strongholds. 47 The Lord lives; blessed be my Rock, and exalted be God, the Rock of my salvation. 48 It is God Who executes vengeance for me and Who brought down [and disciplined] the peoples under me, 49 Who brought me out from my enemies. You also lifted me up above those who rose up against me; You delivered me from the violent man. 50 For this I will give thanks and extol You, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing praises to Your name. 51 He is a Tower of salvation and great deliverance to His king, and shows loving-kindness to His anointed, to David and his offspring forever.

Great Reformation Coming To America

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In the wake of one of the strongest prophetic words I have ever received, I am writing you with some thoughts. I believe much of it to be prophetic but I am not sure of what degree of it is. There is a great reformation coming to America. It will begin in the San Gabriel Valley in Southern California. I believe there will be other flash points in America as well. Kansas City, Colorado Springs, and Charlotte are a few of them. This coming reformation will be marked by day and night prayer, radical worship, and glory evangelism.

God is rising up a generation of radical believer that will go forth with angelic authority. This is a generation of forerunners that will do great and mighty things for Jesus because everything in their life will center around their passion for the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ. They will be people of one thing: Love. They will be lovers of God and thus they will be lovers of humanity. God is placing a desire for only things He has placed there to remain. This generation will be above all, worshippers!

They will flow in a healing and deliverance anointing that will surpass prior generations. The healing revival of the 40's and 50's was only a foretaste of the revival coming to America. Every street corner, barbershop, and Wal-Mart will become an altar where God will manifest the healing in the wings of the Sun. I believe Todd Bentley and Che Ahn are the first fruits of this anointing. There will also be demon-possessed men set free in the marketplace. I believe with all my heart that God is moving us from the "church" mentality into a Kingdom mentality. Most of the healing and deliverance will take place outside the four walls we call "church."

I believe that we are on the brink of a repeat of a reformation only talked about in the Book of Acts. I believe there is a movement of the Holy Spirit that will result in a one final revolution on American Soil. As God began a national awakening in April 1906, He will begin a national reformation from the same city. Los Angeles will be a key city and I believe this area will be the first major city in America to experience Transformation by the King of Glory followed by Kansas City and Charlotte.

In the first century, the kingdom was advanced to every person in Asia in two years. [Acts 19:10] I believe the Holy Spirit is speaking to the American church to advance the message of the Bridegroom and the King of Glory to every person in America in two years. I believe there will be an ingathering of lost people in the next few years as we respond to this call to get out of the church mentality and into the kingdom mentality. I believe the days of stadium Christianity is around the corner. The greatest testimony of God's restoration will be in the streets as it was in the days of the first century Church.

Lastly, I believe God is rising up a generation for the first time that has godly apostolic voices to be mentored by. Rick Joyner, Dr. Che Ahn, Mike Bickle, and C. Peter Wagner are a few of them. These are voices that will sound like thunder so this generation flow in greater authority than ever before. There is arising a prophetic generation known as the Forerunner Generation!

Gross Darkness

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The Father showed me people and the people turned totally black. Then he spoke this to me:

That is the gross darkness. You will never see anything darker that this. The gross darkness will try to snuff out the light, but the light will grow brighter and brighter. Many have already fallen to the sway of the evil one and many more will fall, but all those that stand fast, their light will shine brighter and brighter.

I showed you the people turning totally dark, so you could see exactly how the gross darkness will look. It will be mid-evil times once again and will run to and fro and they will seek after their own gods, believing that their own gods will deliver them from this evil time. But they will soon see that the only way they can possibly survive is by turning back to the light.

You are about to see many prophetic words come to pass. You are about to see those in bondage broken loose. You are about to see My resurrection power rise up over My people and set them free.

LIVING BIBLE Hebrews 3:15 - 19
15 But now is the time. Never forget the warning, "Today if you hear God's voice speaking to you, do not harden your hearts against him, as the people of Israel did when they rebelled against him in the desert."
16 And who were those people I speak of, who heard God's voice speaking to them but then rebelled against him? They were the ones who came out of Egypt with Moses their leader.
17 And who was it who made God angry for all those forty years? These same people who sinned and as a result died in the wilderness.
18 And to whom was God speaking when he swore with an oath that they could never go into the land he had promised his people? He was speaking to all those who disobeyed go him.
19 And why couldn't they go in? Because they didn't trust him.

LIVING BIBLE 2 Timothy 3:1 - 9
1 You may as well know this too, Timothy, that in the last days it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian.
2 For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be proud and boastful, sneering at God, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful to them, and thoroughly bad.
3 They will be hardheaded and never give in to others; they will be constant liars and troublemakers and will think nothing of immorality. they will be rough and cruel, and sneer at those who try to be good.
4 They will betray their friends, they will be hotheaded, puffed up with pride, and prefer good times to worshipping God.
5 They will go to church, yes, but they won't really believe anything they hear. Don't be taken in by people like that.
6 They are the kind who craftily sneak into other people's homes and make friendships with silly, sin-burdened women and teach them their new doctrines.
7 Women of that kind are forever following new teachers, but they never understand the truth.
8 And these teachers fight truth just as Jannes and Jambres fought against Moses. They have dirty minds, warped and twisted, and have turned against the Christian faith.
9 But they won't get away with all this forever. Someday their deceit will be well known to everyone, as was the sin of Jannes and Jambres.

Grow Up

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Moving From Infants To Heirs

I was awakened abruptly from a sound sleep. It was the clear, audible voice of the Lord, declaring with an incredibly definite tone, "Tell my people to GROW UP!" Stunned, instantly and utterly awake by such a decree, I sat up in bed. The room, however, was still filled with the power of the declaration. My entire body was trembling and shaken by such a potent proclamation. My heart pounding and mind racing, I regained my wits. I inquired of the Lord asking how this was to be accomplished. Again, suddenly without warning, the entire room was filled with this electrifying voice, stating for a second time even more sternly, ***"Tell MY people to GROW UP! THEY MUST ADVANCE MOVING FROM SLAVES TO SONS!"***

His command was followed by the Spirit of Truth clearly highlighting this passage, "Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons."

"And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!' Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." Galatians 4:1-7 NKJV

Do You Want Your Inheritance? THEN GROW UP!

God longs to release outstanding, distinct destiny upon His children. Each of us have a truly unique God-ordained inheritance. It is time to grow up, moving from mere infants into mature sons. It is crucial that we set our hearts to move without delay into maturity. Only then will the Spirit of God be released to bring us into our birthright and divine inheritance. ***It is truly a pity to live spiritually impoverished, when in fact we are a multi-mantled generation.*** It is the our birthright to walk as Kings and Priests (see Rev. 1:5-7). God is looking for a people who will shake themselves and arise coming out of this self-imposed poverty.

The Lord has great plans for His people. Plans for our outstanding success, not our failure (see Jeremiah 29:11). Because of this, an evil spirit resists, opposing the Body of Christ, keeping us from moving into a place of maturity; thus, God cannot release the fullness of our inheritance. But great grace is offered at this time to overcome this foul spirit and recover what has been taken.

RECOGNIZE AND OVERCOME THE ESAU SPIRIT

The identity of this spirit is most helpful: It is an Esau spirit which manifests itself through causing believers to be distracted from the worth and value of their birthrights and divine inheritances. This has resulted in our disdaining, treating, and in many ways, counting insignificant and worthless, what God places great value and worth upon. May we never again be guilty of selling our God-given destiny for a moment of self-gratification.

Many have fallen prey to this spirit, seeking to allure them from the path of God, causing them to seek quick indulgence, promising to satisfy the hunger of the flesh by means of the feeding or indulging the desires of the flesh. Another way this spirit works is causing believers to expect only their inheritance to be given to them when they die and enter heaven...causing us to live below the promise of power and authority here and now.

God Wants Us To Rise Above - AND STAY THERE!

The scripture states that God hated Esau. I feel that it was the deeds of Esau that God hated. What did Esau do that caused such a displeasure in the heart of God the Father? He fell prey to this spirit that demands the feeding and the satisfaction of the flesh, pushing for personal pleasure at all cost. Thus Esau counted worthless his inheritance, not valuing what God had destined him to walk in...selling his birthright for a single bowl of soup (see Gen. 25:29-34 and Romans 9:13).

The Spirit of God is releasing grace to overcome this spirit. We must regain a noble desire to walk in our true birthright. Never should we again be satisfied to walk below what God has designed for us. We are created to be the head and not the tail. God destined us to be above ONLY and not beneath.

Now is the time for us to rise above this spirit, pulling it down, doing all that is within us to retrieve all that has been stolen...seeking to prepare our hearts to receive all the Father longs to release. We are no longer salves but sons, and thus, heirs of the promise. The Lord is looking for a people who will walk in uprightness of heart so that He can release outstanding authority and power (see Psalms 24:3-5). It is one thing to ascend into the hill of the Lord - the place of His power and authority; however, it is another thing to so live that you might abide in such a place (see Psalms 15:1-5).

MARKS OF TRUE MATURITY...DEMONSTRATED DOMINION

The Promise is that as we move from infants into a deeper level of spiritual maturity, we will advance from slave to son, and thus, become heirs. It is awesome to receive the revelation that not only are we heirs because of Christ Jesus, we actually become joint-heirs with Christ (see Romans 8:14-17). Notice this promise found in Romans 8:17 - *And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

To be a joint-heir denotes that you are entitled to the exact equal inheritance as the other family member. The inheritance is divided equal if someone is a joint-heir. This is a tremendous incentive to move into the place of maturity so that we will not be deprived of, nor forfeit, one bit of what Father God longs for us to fully walk in. The same anointing that empowered the early disciples is now obtainable and available for each of us. Christ stated, "As My Father has sent Me, even now I am sending you" (see John 20:21).

Your Birthright: To Walk In The Anointing And Power Of God's Holy Spirit

It is the plan of God that we walk in demonstrated power. Christ declared that we would be able to do the works that He accomplished and even greater works than these (see John 14:12). This is part of our birthright. The promise is that one generation will receive the restoration of all other generations have lost. In Joshua 11:23, God gives to Joshua all the things He had promised to Moses.
The promises of God are sure. Even though one generation forfeits their call, does not disqualify you from walking in your complete birthright. In Joshua, chapter five, forty years of no became a yes in one day. This is a great display of regaining your birthright and obtaining the promise.

The Spirit of God is waking your heart, calling you to receive your birthright. Your birthright is to walk in the anointing and power of God's Holy Spirit; thus empowered to accomplish great exploits by the power and presence of God's Holy Spirit (see Daniel 11:32).

For People Without Mixture, I Will Pour Out My Power Without Measure

We are called to be overcomers, seated with Christ in true prophetic and apostolic power (see Rev. 3:20-22). The eyes of the Lord are looking for a people whose hearts are upright so that He can fully support all they put their hands to do (see 2 Chronicles 16:9). Our hearts must be free from self-seeking and self agendas. Our goal is to be set so we desire nothing more than the advancing of the KING Eternal and the establishing of the Kingdom of God.
The Lord spoke, saying, "If I can find a people without mixture, I will pour out My power without measure." God has promised to identify each of us as Sons and Daughters of the Most High if we will choose to grow up and live a clean pure life (see 2 Corinthians 6:16-18 and 2 Corinthians 7:1).

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Groundswell
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Main Entry: ground·swell
Function: *noun*
1 *usually* ground swell : a broad deep undulation of the ocean caused by an often distant gale or seismic disturbance
2 : a rapid spontaneous growth (as of political opinion) <a *groundswell* of support>

The Lord spoke “ groundswell”. Then, “I have been holding back some things that will no longer be held back. I have been testing hearts to improve the poverty and lack! I have been purifying motives and trying you in the fire. For My heart is to fulfill your earnest desire. I’m faithful and true, My heart is above all sincere. I’m not lacking or limited. I’m eliminating all fears! I’m so filled with life and love, and wanting to give it away. And I hear the voices of children, always going astray! I will bring them back and restore all that’s been robbed. My promises are not slack and My love is never weak. I’ve brought you through much, and now I’m giving you the last tweak! My LIFE is being poured out, upon all flesh, now will come the greatest test!”

“My beloveds, I am not ready to give up on anything yet! I am the Alpha and Omega and nothing surprises ME. I knew the course of this world before the beginning of this earth! Do not be saddened or moved by what you see in the natural, but know even as there are changes in the natural for the worse in many places, that the changes in you in the spiritual will be far greater for better, and to produce GLORY to MY NAME!

I am not slack, nor am I a neglectful Father! I am here and I am with you. I am Emmanuel, God with you at ALL times! Much trouble is coming in the days ahead. But I am loosing some surprises for the enemy, he has not anticipated. I am loosing also many surprises for you! Gifts and wisdom, prophecy and discernment. Remember that a man’s enemy’s will be members of your own household My beloveds. For I did not come to bring peace, but a SWORD. And you will find that All things WILL work for the good, despite the opposition. I will execute MY PROMISES.. I WILL keep you in the shadow of My wings. For I have a controversy with the nations!”

Jer 25:31-32 NKJV 31 A noise will come to the ends of the earth — For the LORD has a controversy with the nations; He will plead His case with all flesh. He will give those who are wicked to the sword,' says the LORD." 32 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Behold, disaster shall go forth From nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up From the farthest parts of the earth.

Although trouble may surround you, yet I will give My own all they need. The lost who refuse me will be in great lack, but those who proclaim My name and refuse to deny Me, will shine like the stars of the heavens. You will do great exploits in My name and many startling miracles will ensue as I pour out My SPIRIT on all flesh! Keep your eyes on ME, My Beloveds! Do not let fear get a grip on you! FEAR NOT, for the Lord Your God is MIGHTY to behold and I will be with YOU. In the days of judgment, REMEMBER My MERCY! Extend your hand to the poor and broken and nothing will be withheld from you! I will pour and pour and there will be plenty for those who want to sleep in My tent!

Trial By Fire
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1 Peter 4:12-18 NKJV Suffering for God's Glory
Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.
17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Rev 3:9-13 NKJV Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie — indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. 11 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown. 12 He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. 13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."'

I AM the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End! I know the end from the beginning in the lives of all who live! I know what the future holds and I know what you will do before you do it! I have seen it, even as I formed you in the womb, and knew you before the foundations of the earth!
So why do you worry? Why do you fret? So many before you and so many in the east already know what it is to suffer for My sake. But you, My church, haven't a clue to what real suffering is like, many of you. You have lived in affluence compared to the rest of the world, and you have been blessed beyond imagination. Only a remnant lives that knows what suffering is. I have refined them in the fires of rejection, affliction, crippling sickness and persecution, so that they would be able to speak into the lives of those when true persecution comes, when true trials come. They have paid the cost, and they are familiar with suffering and they know the value of that suffering!

They know HUMILITY! They know DEPENDENCY on ME, as they had to rely on Me, when no one else was a comfort to them. They knew My comfort in the midst of people judging them instead of loving them! They have had hours and hours, and years of time alone with ME! And I am now going to exalt the HUMBLE, and bring down the PRIDE and ARROGANCE that leads to corruption in My house!

Dan 4:37 NKJV Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all of whose works are truth, and His ways justice. And those who walk in pride He is able to put down.

I am coming quickly and I will level every mountain and exalt every valley, and I will form a bride who is without idolatry in her heart! I am doing that right now, and I will not allow any competition with My love! And I will put into the hands of the humble, the means to help the poor, the power to overcome the enemy in the lives of others, and the resources to house the homeless! I will raise up a standard that will RESTORE My church to the Bride I want it to be! I will have no other gods before Me! I will have no more harsh taskmaster ruling in My house!

The humble will see vindication and those who have slandered the humble will be tried by FIRE that will expose all that is in their hearts, till all the dross is burned away! I am a FAITHFUL and JEALOUS LOVER! I will not allow
anything to get in the way of My love! And I will make you restorers and repairers of the breech, and you will be called trees of righteousness! The planting of the Lord! And many will come to the brightness of My glory because of what I do in you!

It has begun!

I have sounded the trumpets and you have been warned, and now I come. I will lift Myself up! I will be exalted in all the earth! I will make My name glorious, and there will no longer remain any on earth who do not know WHO I AM! For I will be revealed and I will make My Son a majestic bride from all nations of the earth! Who will go for US? Who will consider the cost? Who will be willing in the day of My power?

Have I not shown you the end from the beginning? Do you not know Who wins? YOU ARE THE VICTORS MY BELOVEDS! I will no longer hold back My love from My bride. I will bring you forth as GOLD refined in the fire!
You will shine like the stars in the heavens and My glory will be SEEN upon you! And the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the seas!

Isa 60:2 NKJV For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

Isa 61:1-8 NKJV The Good News of Salvation
"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." 4 And they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 Strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. 6 But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, they shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory you shall boast. 7 Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs. 8 "For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate robbery for burnt offering; I will direct their work in truth, and will make with them an everlasting covenant.

Ps 45:9-11 NKJV Kings' daughters are among Your honorable women; At Your right hand stands the queen in gold from Ophir. 10 Listen, O daughter,
Consider and incline your ear; forget your own people also, and your father's house; 11 So the King will greatly desire your beauty; because He is your Lord, worship Him.

Unbridled Passion
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Song 1:2-4 NKJV Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth — For **your love is better than wine**. 3 Because of the fragrance of your good ointments, Your name is ointment poured forth; Therefore the virgins love you. 4 **Draw me away!**
THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
We will run after you.
THE SHULAMITE
The king has brought me into his chambers.
THE DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM
We will be glad and rejoice in you. **We will remember your love more than wine.**

My kisses are not like your kisses. My kisses are holy. My kisses are revolutionary! My kisses REVEAL ME! My kisses are revelation of My love for you and Who I

AM! And for this reason, the virgins,[those not defiled by idolatry], love ME ALONE! And I am taking you into MY CHAMBERS! I AM TAKING YOU IN to INTIMACY with ME, for I AM the LOVER of your soul! And I am a jealous God, and I will have a pure and spotless Bride!

My kisses are sweeter than honey! My kisses reveal to you so many things including My secrets. I only share My secrets with my lovers! Those who are willing to surrender to Me all that is them, and all that is theirs. I am FAITHFUL AND TRUE, and My kisses are not betraying. I don't kiss you, then remove My love!
I am faithful and true to My WORD! I will NEVER leave you nor forsake you!
I am in love with you! I am eternally forgiving and eternally faithful in My love that is unconditional for you. Like a good parent, My love NEVER FAILS.

Can you imagine a world void of love? THAT is the enemy's camp! There is never any love there! It is to be eternally separated from My love! Can you imagine that My beloveds? **Then you can realize the importance of HARVEST!**
Every day the enemy is taking with him many who have died without ME deceived into unbelief and skepticism and hatred! Will you LOVE ME ENOUGH to lay down your lives? Is it too hard My loves? **Is there anything I ask of you, that I don't give you the GRACE to do? Don't be afraid to lay it all down! I am speaking of everything. EVERYTHING. Your hopes, your dreams, your family, your things, your ministry, your business, your home, your car, your pets, your opinions - these all can be idols. So I ask you to commit them all to MY keeping, and for the purposes of My Kingdom! Then you will know what TRUE FREEDOM IS!**

Mercy and TRUTH have kissed each other! Righteousness and peace are the foundation of My throne. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow you all the days of your lives, and you will dwell in the house of the Lord forever, and ever and ever!
I desire MERCY and not sacrifice I have said. **So I am asking you to lay down and receive MY LOVE and My healing, that you might endure the reproof that is at the door!**

I am raising up the tent of DAVID and I will establish MY WILL. Just as in the days of Moses, I am calling out, **"LET MY PEOPLE GO! THAT THEY MIGHT WORSHIP ME! "** I will remove the cover of oppression that is trying to keep you from the fullness of TRUE WORSHIP! And you will fulfill the call of holiness and the days of POWER that are coming! **You will fulfill the expression of My love when you love one another AS I HAVE LOVED YOU!** So lay aside all unforgiveness and any hatred or disdain in your heart for those in My church.
Relent from all desire for vengeance! **LOOSE the chains of unforgiveness and I will loose the chains of oppression over you!**

Charity covers a multitude of sins! LOVE IS KIND!

1 Cor 13:4 NIV Love is patient, **love is kind**. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

1 Peter 4:8 KJV And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for **charity shall cover the multitude of sins.**

CHARITY
NT:26 **agape** (ag-ah'-pay); from NT:25; love, i.e. affection or benevolence; specially (plural) a love-feast: KJV - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love.

NT:25 **agapao** (ag-ap-ah'-o); perhaps from agan (much) [or compare OT:5689]; to love (in a social or moral sense): KJV - (be-) love (-ed). Compare NT:5368.
OT:5689 `agab (aw-gab'); a primitive root; **to breathe after, i.e. to love (sensually):** KJV - dote, lover.

NT:5368 **phileo** (fil-eh'-o); from NT:5384; to be a friend to (fond of [an individual or an object]), i.e. **have affection for** (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling; while NT:25 is wider, embracing especially the judgment and the deliberate assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty and propriety: the two thus stand related very much as NT:2309 and NT:1014, or as NT:2372 and NT:3563 respectively; the former being chiefly of the heart and the latter of the head); specifically, to kiss (as a mark of tenderness): KJV - kiss, love.

If I am so charitable towards you, can you not be charitable to those who have offended you? Is there anything that I have not forgiven you? Is there anything hidden from Me? Is there anything you have done or are going to do that I don’t know about? The same is true of those around you! There is nothing I do not know about what they have done or what they will do!
So ask of ME when you need wisdom about others. Be forbearing of others, even as I forbear all the things you do to offend Me! I DON’T hold a grudge against you! So why do you hold grudges? Is this what I have taught you by My example or by My Word?
I AM LOVE!
I AM MERCY!
I AM FAITHFUL and TRUE!
I AM ALMIGHTY!
Is there anything too hard for ME?
Think of something you think is too hard and ask if it is something I could do!!
With GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!
So think BIG, and ASK BIG My BELOVEDS!
I AM the GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE!

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Woe To Him Who Strives With His Maker
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Isa 45:9-12 NKJV "Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands'? 10 Woe to him who says to his father, 'What are you begetting?' Or to the woman, 'What have you brought forth?'" 11 Thus says the LORD, The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: "Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons; and concerning the work of My hands, you command Me. 12 I have made the earth, and created man on it. I — My hands — stretched out the heavens, and all their host I have commanded. 13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; He shall build My city and let My exiles go free, not for price nor reward," Says the LORD of hosts.

I know that I have taken My time with you My beloveds, for I am a patient Father. Do not be angry with My ways. Do not grow impatient with My workings. I will do all I have said. Do not doubt nor be dismayed by the opposition that has come against you! All will work to a great testimony of faith under trials! I AM WITH YOU and I WILL see you through! I am only preparing and purging your hearts till they are broken as Mine!

I am looking for bent hearts towards MY purposes. Are you willing to lie all down at the cross? Are you willing to give up your own ideas, or what has been the plan, to embrace the NOW NEW THING I AM DOING? Will you let go of the old wineskin and embrace the New? Can I change the plan? Will you allow ME to rule in your life and to lead as I will? I am looking for the flexibility and conformity to My will in your lives, that you will go with the flow of My Spirit’s wind wherever it takes you! Why will you strive with My desire to cleanse your heart?

I am only doing what you have asked! If you have asked me to cleanse your heart and to purge all pride from you, then you are being cleansed and purged. So don’t think it strange that hardship has come! For when hardship comes, we learn perseverance and patience and let patience have it’s perfect work!

Romans 5:1-5 NKJV Faith Triumphs in Trouble Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; 4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Do not feel guilty to spend time in My presence, as in that place nothing is wasted! In My presence is fullness of JOY, fullness of PEACE, fullness of LOVE, fullness of KINDNESS, fullness of HUMILITY, fullness of MIGHT, fullness of POWER. So do not feel ashamed to spend time with ME. I delight in the times with you. It is then we can commune with no hindrances. So come, My beloveds and do not hesitate to come for I am purging My threshing floor, that the Bride might be bedecked in gold and fine linen, jewels and all manner of perfumes and oils that brighten the countenance!

For I am exalted in HOLINESS! I am exalted when you display My love and kindness to others that comes from being in My presence! Desire earnestly the best gifts, but the better thing is to desire MY LOVE. For I AM LOVE! I am the LOVE that casts down all fear! I AM the author of PEACE that perfects your faith! So come My beloveds, and do not wait! Come into My arms of love and let me pour Myself into you!

Get Serious Really Serious
Robert Cummings

December 24, 2002
(Yes, from 2002, believe it has something to say for today)

TIME IS SHORT!

TIME IS SHORT!

The Door is almost totally shut.

A thin opening allowing Bright Light to Pierce through a small crack of what's left of the Door closing shut is all I see... the Door is about to Totally Shut!

There is such an Urgency by the Set-apart Spirit welling up inside me, I am about to burst from the inside of my being from the Holy Holy Holy Cry of:

Repent! Repent! Repent!

TURN FROM YOUR LAWLESS DISOBEDIENCE!

SEEK MY FACE!

SEEK MY EYES OF FIRE!

SEE THROUGH MY EYES YOUR REAL POSITION, TRUE POSITION IN YOUR OBEDIENCE WITH ME!

URGENT URGENT URGENT

It's like the last 60 seconds at a car wash when the alarm starts to Beep Beep Beep, you only have a short time Before the Source of Water and cleansing is through...

TRUE HOLY APOSTLES - PROPHETS & SAINTS LISTEN!

BE READY & PREPARED FOR THE SEALING...

SOMETHING HUGE AND TREMENDOUS IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE.

A SHAKING OF WRATH!

A SHAKING OF DEATH & DESTRUCTION!

THE RIVERS WILL RUN DRY!

THE SUN WILL BURN & FRY!

MAY THE TRUE CHILDREN OF ABRAHAM ISAAC and JACOB WHO FEAR ELOHIM AND KEEP HIS COMMANDS AND THEIR FAITH IN MESSIAH BE URGENTLY PREPARED AND READY FOR THE EXTRA PORTION...

FOR THE MOMENT OF THE HOLY HOLY HOLY PRESENCE OF YHVH LIKE NEVER BEFORE SEEN OR EXPERIENCED THAT NO ONE ELSE WILL SEE AND RECEIVE THOUGH THEY BE STANDING BESIDE YOU!

Even now at 1:30 pm December 24, 2002 I see the Seven Spirits of Elohim in a straight line, and not a circle any more .....

EARTH IN THE HEAVENS; WORLD WIDE CLIMATIC JUDGMENTS BY THE HOLY MESSENGERS

OF ELOHIM TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE EARTH!

NEW YORK IS CRUSHED!

FLORIDA, OVER FLOWED!

LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO BURN LIKE SODOM AND GOMORRAH! THERE IS NO HOLY FEAR OF ELOHIM IN THE "church" and World TODAY!

ONLY IN THE TEMPLES OF THE RIGHTEOUS OBEDIENT SEED OF ABRAHAM - ISAAC - JACOB IS HOLY FEAR; AND THEIR GARMENTS ARE WHITE AND SPOTLESS who WALK IN THE HOLY LIGHT AS MESSIAH IS THE LIGHT AND MESSIAH's BLOOD LIKE A FLOOD CONTINUOUSLY SWOOSHES AND CONSTANTLY KEEPS THEM CLEAN.

BLOW THE SHOFAR YOU PRIESTLY SEED OF LEVI!

BLOW THE SHOFAR YOUR PROPHETS OF JUDAH!

BLOW THE SHOFAR YOU KINGDOM PRIESTS OF THE SEED OF ABRAHAM ISAAC JACOB

AND THE HEAVENLIES SHALL LIKE AN UNSEEN MIGHTY ARMY GO FORTH ON YOUR BEHALF AND YOU SHALL FEAR NO MAN AND FEAR NO DARKNESS LIKE Hananyah - Mishael - Azarah - Daniel - Stephen AND Yahshuah Messiah. For Messiah will not leave nor forsake thee.

Yet will not the "man of lawlessness" empowered by satan wear down TILL ANCIENT OF DAYS is come.

BUT!

NOW IS THE MOMENT!

NOW IS THE HOUR!

I SCREAM - I YELL - I CRY OUT

GET SERIOUS!

GET SERIOUS!

GET SERIOUS!

THE DAY IS ALMOST OVER!

THE DAY OF YHVH IS COME!

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I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel, therefore hear the word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. Ezk 3:17

Gathering The Unrighteous Fruit
Arlette Pollard

Revelation 14:17-20

I met a man who was looking
For a city set high up on a hill
Where he said he’d find peace
So he would be released
From thoughts that bring
Sorrow, grief and fear
And where all acts of strife
That were contrived
By passions set to kill
Would be kept outside
The pearly lights
Of the city set high up on a hill.

And as I listened
To this man’s hopes and dreams
I turned to my Savior
Who I know walks with me
And I thanked Him for His sacrifice
That prepared the way
For His love to reign in my life
I thanked Him for His amazing grace
That set me free
So I could rise far above fear and misery.

I met a man who was looking
For a kingdom set on high
Yet I noticed his eyes were focused
On darkness instead of “Light”
He spoke words of condemnation
Words of death and not of life
Yet he said he’d keep on looking
For a kingdom set on high.

So I turned to my Savior
Thankful He stood by
As the counselor of justice
Of God’s perfect design
As the truth everlasting
Who takes thoughts captive to His “Light”
So men live outside of darkness
In God’s kingdom sent down from on high.

> *“And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.” Revelation 14:17-20*
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> *“John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I*

> *cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner: but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable." Luke 3:16-17*

> *"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit." John 15:1-2*

In the world covered in darkness, the evil one holds reign, influencing the hearts of men, so that the natural man is incited to speak words of condemnation against the goodness of God. Until the day that a man is awakened by the saving grace of the Lord, he will walk in agreement with the lies and deception that darkness calls light. It is in the world under cover of darkness, which denies the power and authority of God that all men are born into.

Because the natural man lives at enmity with the Lord, he cannot perceive or appreciate God's eternal kingdom of righteousness. Until a man is born again, of God's Spirit, he will not understand what it means to find freedom in Christ. And he will not understand what it means to be released from the bondage of suffering that his own thoughts have brought about within his life.

It is God's desire that a man be set free from the deception that exists within the night. And God has prepared a way, so that this is possible. When a man calls on the name of the Lord, and believes that Jesus is the Son of God, he shall be saved from out of the clutches of the evil one. Through faith, one is saved from bondage to the deceivers realm of darkness.

When a man bears the message of God's love toward him within his heart, then his eyes will be awakened to see that the world stands under the glory of God's eternal "Light." For a man to be awakened from his slumber in the night, is to be awakened unto righteousness by the hand of Jesus Christ. When awakened unto righteousness, the man will understand the joy that can be experienced as he walks in a personal relationship with God through the Holy Spirit.

When a man is loosed from his captivity to the darkness, he will begin to understand that the voice of the deceiver spoke many words, which were used to bring torment to his soul. The man will begin to realize that he had been enslaved by the many words spoken by the evil one, which caused his thoughts to focus upon condemnation and accusation. The man, who is awakened by the "Light" of eternal truth, will begin to realize that, to focus upon condemnation and accusation, is to dwell within the realm where darkness reigns.

As God's Spirit continues to rise up in power and authority within the man's life, the words of Satan will steadily be loosed of the death grip that it has over the man's heart and mind. God desires that His children, "run with patience the race that is set before" them, so He surely and steadily, by His Spirit, removes the hand of the evil one from off the man's heart. When the hand of Satan is removed, the man can then breath deeply, appreciating God's great mercy toward him, as he runs the race that God sets before him.

> *"And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles." Acts 14:27*

When God opens "the door of faith" a man leaves the world covered in darkness, to enter into the world that is filled with God's glory. To walk through the door of faith is to cross over the threshold into the kingdom of "Light" and resurrection power. When a man stands within God's eternal kingdom of "Light," so that God's glory rises up in resurrection power upon the man's heart, the truth of God's mercy toward the man will be a message of great importance and worth. To escape the world covered in darkness, so that a man may walk within the city streets of God's eternal kingdom of righteousness, is to appreciate the beauty, longsuffering, and love that the Lord has had toward the man.

Yet a man who has stepped over the threshold, into God's kingdom of righteousness, will still carry much baggage with him. No man crosses over the threshold of faith released entirely of the burdens, which he carried with him while walking the city streets of the world covered in darkness. Though

God’s love and mercy will take from the man’s shoulders many burdens, yet many will remain, which will weigh heavy upon the man’s thoughts, causing him to feel that he is unworthy, unloved, and unappreciated. He will still be burdened by many thoughts that will weigh heavy upon his heart, which are opposed to the purposes of God.

While the man walked the city streets of the world blanketed by darkness, Satan had, to one degree or another, a role in influencing his thoughts and opinions. Yet, it is God’s desire that a man, who has crossed over the threshold into the kingdom of “Light” and resurrection power, enjoy his life in Christ. “If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” (John 8:36). It is God’s desire that the man be free from sin, death and condemnation, so that he lives his life each day giving praise, with great thankfulness, to the Lord’s holy name.

> *“And this word, yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:27-29*

For the man who has crossed over into God’s kingdom of righteousness, many of God’s descriptive words will be understood more fully, as his relationship with God develops. A man, who has crossed over the threshold of faith, where the “Light” is understood to be Jesus Christ, will also begin to understand that God uses words to express the way that the Spirit interacts with the man. When looking upon the Word, and applying it to himself, he will read words such as, “removing of those things that are shaken” so that “those things which cannot be shaken may remain”, and begin to understand that God is not talking about an actual, literal, outward physical shaking to remove sin, condemnation and other attitudes that do not reflect the goodness of God within his life.

The man awakened by the Son, shining God’s glory upon his heart, will begin to understand that the blood of Jesus Christ, which purified the heavens, shaking loose all that does not reflect Holy Spirit relationship between man and God, is a truth that is to be applied to his life, personally. He will understand that it is for his good, that God shakes loose all beliefs and attitudes that were obtained while walking in the city under shadow of darkness. He will begin to understand that God’s Spirit moves upon his life, exposing the destructive nature behind many attitudes and beliefs, which will be shaken loose from their hold upon his heart and mind by the hand of God, so that he walks freely, unencumbered within God’s city of righteousness, the kingdom without end.

“Our God is a consuming fire.” The man who has just walked through the “door of faith,” may not be able to understand the truth behind the words, “our God is a consuming fire.” The thought of fire may only bring to mind the destructive fires that cover the physical earth, seen by the naked eye. But as God’s Spirit begins to “shake loose” thoughts conceived in the darkness, so that he walks more fully submitted to the will of God, he will begin to understand how the purpose behind the word “fire” may have a spiritual application that is to bless the man’s soul. The man may begin to realize that God uses certain descriptive words to express how the Spirit moves upon his life, so that his relationship with God is enhanced.

As the man realizes that God’s desire is to accomplish His good purpose within his life, and that God uses the Spirit within his life to bring this to pass, then the man will begin to understand, when God speaks of fire, that there is a personal application behind the words that are meant for good. Through personal relationship he may come to understand that the use of the word “fire” is to express a necessary purging that needs to take place within his own life.

How long before the “fire” consumes all that is of no value to a man of God, all opinions, thoughts, behaviors, attitudes which belong outside of God’s kingdom of righteousness, is according to God’s perfect timing. For the man to understand that the fire must consume all that does not express the nature of God, will help the man understand God’s desire that he be holy, as God is holy. That it is God’s desire that thoughts, attitudes and behavior that flourish within the city where citizens live under the shadow of darkness, day and night, have no fellowship with a man who has crossed over the threshold into eternal life.

> *“I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled? But I have a*

baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished." Luke 12:49-50

When Jesus Christ spoke these words, He had not yet ascended on high to His rightful position at the right hand of God. His blood had not yet purged the heavens so that God's glory, His Holy Spirit, would be poured down from heaven. The Holy Spirit had not established God's kingdom within men's lives. The fire, which is a personality of the Spirit, had not done its perfect work within any man's life, the day Jesus Christ spoke these words. Yet, the Son of God would proclaim that, which was soon to come.

When Jesus Christ spoke these words, no man had as yet had the fruit of unrighteousness harvested by the Sword of the Spirit, nor had the breath of God consumed any man's sins. No man had as yet had God's consuming breath of fire move upon his unrighteous acts, so that sin was taken captive to the Word of God. The harvester's sickle was made ready, but until the blood of Jesus purged the heavens, it would not be laid into the earth, so that which was unrighteous could be consumed by the righteousness of God.

When Jesus Christ did ascend on high, to His place prepared, the angels announced it was time for the earth to be harvested. It was time for men to be drawn into the inner chambers of God's righteous kingdom, so they could experience for themselves God's love upon their lives. And as men were drawn close to the Lord, through the Spirit, the Spirit would deposit and establish God's righteous kingdom upon their heart. But sin, all thoughts, desires, opinions, which are aligned with the unrighteous works of darkness, have no place within God's kingdom. So God determined that sin was to be cast off the throne of a man's heart, out of the kingdom of God's righteousness, and unto the earth.

Before the Spirit established God's Kingdom upon a man's heart, sin had authority and right of possession over a man's soul. But after the Spirit set up residence within a man's life, sin was cast off the throne of a man's heart, onto the earth. Sin was cast down to a lesser level of influence over the man's heart. Sin was cast down to the flesh.

For those who were harvested from the earth, as the Spirit led them into God's throneroom, while simultaneously God's kingdom was established upon their hearts, sin, which once had absolute authority over their lives, would remain, but to a lesser degree of influence. Sin, darkness would no longer sit as the reigning authority upon a man's heart and mind, yet it would still have a position, within the man's flesh.

When God's kingdom was established upon a man's heart, sin was not totally consumed by the breath of God. Sin was still able to make its voice heard within a man's life. Though God's love was greatly appreciated, and transformed the way the man perceived life, sin, still dwelt within a man's members, his flesh, so that the voice of Satan could still be heard speaking accusation against the goodness of God.

God "has put all things under his feet." Sin is cast down to the earth, to the flesh, but it is not God's desire that the sin, which now dwells within the flesh, have any power or authority to speak words of destructive condemnation against the Spirit. It is God's desire that man be able to walk after the Spirit, putting to death the deeds of the flesh. It is God's desire that the flesh live in subjection to the Spirit. So, in God's perfect plan of redemption, God gave unto Jesus Christ the authority to put all enemies, which dwell within the flesh, under His feet.

Through visions God revealed to Apostle John, the message behind God's words, which proclaimed, "we are debters, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh." God revealed to Apostle John, a visual picture of great significance, when He showed him an angel, which came out from behind the altar. Apostle John knew that the altar was where the flesh of animals was consumed by fire, so he must have known an important word of great significance was being spoken through this vision. It was then that he heard the angel declare that, "her grapes are fully ripe" to be gathered and placed in the "winepress of the wrath of God", to be "trodden without the city."

Apostle John knew he walked in the kingdom of God's righteousness, the holy city sent down from above. Apostle John, was greatly used by God, and must have been fully dealt with by the hand of God. This godly man would have known the suffering caused by any sin that dwelt within the flesh. God had to have gathered up all the unrighteous fruit, sin which was raised up within his life while he walked in the world covered in darkness, and placed the unrighteous fruit under the feet of Jesus Christ, so that Apostle John could walk fully equipped to do God's will.

Accordingly, so that Apostle John was able to do the Lord's perfect will, all sin must have been removed from out of the holy city, the kingdom that was established upon his heart, through the Spirit, and placed outside in the, "winepress of the wrath of God." It is God's anger with sin that testifies to the seriousness of sin. Apostle John's old life, which was lived under authority of sin, was put to death.

Now new life, abundant life, flowed out of the winepress. Apostle John's blood had been purged of all "filth and defilement." His earthly body would now live in perfect subjection to the will of God. When the unrighteous fruit of sin had been placed under the feet of Jesus Christ, and crushed, Apostle John's blood, which brought him life, would give testimony to the goodness of God.

"Blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs*." (* Strongs def. furlongs – 4712 – arena, stadium, race course; a unit of length: stade (about 200 yards)) So that Apostle John could run the race set before him, God's Spirit would purge the sin nature within his flesh, that had produced any unrighteous fruit, such as self-sufficency, and pride within his life. Apostle John would now live his life undefiled by thoughts that denied the holiness and the goodness of God, so that he could finish the course God had set before him, prepared, "as a strong man to run a race." To have had his sin nature purged by the hand of God would allow him to "run with patience the race that is set" before him.

What God accomplished within Apostle John's life is a demonstration of what is accomplished within other men's lives, through the Holy Spirit. In the flesh is no good thing, but all glory to God who is able to accomplish what man cannot. It is God's desire that the sin which dwells within the flesh be put under the feet of Jesus Christ, so that God has absolute authority over the heart and soul of man. What is the exceeding greatness of God's power to us-ward who believe? May the hearts of many men begin to be awakened to the answer.

> *"And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power. Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all." Ephesians 1:19-23*

Give Us This Day

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Jesus taught us to pray: “Thy kingdom come thy will be done.” Whose kingdom? HIS. Whose will? HIS. When do we pray it come and His will be done? **This day. This** is the **day** the LORD hath made, so let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us live in the **this day**!

Whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Whatsoever is not in the LORD'S will is sin. I have to grow every day or I am out of the LORD'S WILL. If you are doing what you did yesterday, you have fallen into the ditch and you are living in sin. The law is what the Lord said do yesterday. I do today what the Lord says do today. I don't have to pray about it. If I heard Him yesterday, so I do today too. It’s a matter of trusting Him and knowing He will speak **this day** as He did yesterday.

The Lord told MOSES to smite the rock, and it was the Lord's will, but, MOSES, that was yesterday. **This day** His will is for you to speak to it. But no MOSES did what HE heard yesterday. Moses had fell in that ditch i know he told me to speak to the rock. But he also told me one time to smite it. So Moses was where he was yester day instead of growing into what the Lord wanted him to be **this day**. If we have not grown out of what we were yesterday, we are in the ditch and living in sin.

We pray, “Thy will be done.” We have to know the Lord’s will every day. We have to live in this **day.** Let’s not be exalted because we knew the Lord's will yesterday. We must know the Lord's will **this day.** Or else we are in the ditch, living under the law. Life is going out of what we were yesterday. Life keeps us out of yesterday; every day is a new day of hearing, and obeying. So when we take a shower we are washing off what we got on us yesterday.

Spiritually we must not be where we were yesterday. We have a **this day** in the Lord every day. If yesterday is not the Lord's will it is sin. Whether part of an organized church or not, every group that is still where it was yesterday is living in sin. Many of the “out of the system” people boast, “I came out of her.” But did they come out of what they were yesterday? If we have found life, we have found **this day** every day. **This day** is a new day from yesterday. If you are not praying for and finding God’s will for **this day**, you are still under the law and in the ditch.

Hebrews 1:5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, **this day** have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?

The Lord is saying **this day,** “you are my son, and you are my offspring. You are that which proceeds out of My belly **this day**.” You are **this day** what I am saying. **This day** is timely. **This day** is the “fullness of time.” **This day** is never late, but always on time. We remember in scripture that the word “father” goes beyond just the physical father. It also means “point of origin” of a thing. So the spirit of God is the Father of everything Jesus says and does, and as we live in the spirit, he becomes the father of all our thoughts and actions. The Father is found in **this day.**

Jesus was not what God had said. He was what God was now saying **this day.** While not perfect, we can be **this day** what God is saying to us **this day**. We don't want to be in what gets wormy. We can wake up every morning with something fresh from the Lord. Come out away from those that are not getting new things from the Lord and begin to live in **this day.** Be **this day** what Jesus is saying **this day**. We don't label any thing because labels keep us in yesterday. We are in what the Lord is saying today. He wants us come on out of yesterday. You can find what the Lord is saying in your bedroom. You can have precious communion in your kitchen. We can say the Sabbath starts on Friday night, or on Sunday morning, and lasts all week, all month, all year. **This** is the **day** the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in **this day.**

Don't yak, yak, yak and bla, bla, bla, but let the lord give you what to say **this day.** It's broken cisterns that yak. There is a fountain of living waters **this day,** so come on in the water is fine. **This day** is so deep it is a Jesus love, a Jesus supper. All things are now ready, **this day.**.

1 John 3 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

And how do we purify our selves? As we obey the Lord **this day.** We are saying we have this hope **this day.** Obedience makes us **this day** what the Lord is doing. We cannot be pure speaking our own words. We cannot study and be pure. We study what He has said **this day.** Revelation takes the Bible, and gives us what God is now saying **this day.** When we study what others have studied in the "yesterday," we study in darkness. Only in His light of **this day** can we receive revelation. Many love and live in darkness. It is easier than living in this **day.** If we love darkness, it's because our deeds are evil. So two shall be in one bed, and one will be taken and the other left.

One will be taken into what the Lord is doing **this day**. And the other will be left behind in darkness of "yesterday." People die when they rebel and quit growing. False grace preachers say, "I sin every day and am proud of it." They are saying, "I'm against what God is doing **this day** and am proud of it, because I hold on to the way things have always been!" Only the pure remain and are in His will **this day** every day. They are not up and down and in and out. Its not taking pride in being coming – out-ers, it's being going – in-ers and going – on-ers that count. Going every day into the deep and into His will is what He looks for in a people.

Oh there is a love that conquers every part of us. There is a love that keeps us from repeating yesterday. There is a love that satisfies God every day. And the Lord will say **this day** I have begotten thee. You are this **day** what I want you to be. There is a love that cries night and day for the deep things of God. It is a cry for the things of **this day.**

There is a love that cheapens things we have loved in the past. To want God's election is to be God's election **this day.** You can't live in the yesterday and hear what He is saying **this day.** So many in the church houses are living in all their yesterdays and longing for "the way things used to be back then." Living in "YESTERDAY" is the same as being COMFORTABLE. The Laodicean church lives in YESTERDAY. "I have all I need.... I am fine the way I am. Our "church" is going strong, doing great things, building big buildings and growing. They day, "God doesn't do new things. Our denomination has the truth and they way grandma did it is good enough for me." They have wound up in the ditch of yesterday, feasting on wormy manna and do not know what day it really is.

Yesterday appeals to the multitudes. Even tomorrow appeals to the multitudes. But not many want **this day. T**hey live in yesterday and talk about tomorrow. They completely MISS **this day**. To them it is all about what Jesus SAID and what Jesus DID yesterday and what he is GOING to say and GOING to do tomorrow.... but never what HE SAYS **this day.**

Jesus told us to pray, "Give us **this day** our daily bread." And when He entered the synagogue, He began to say unto them, "**This day** is **this** scripture fulfilled in your ears." When is this scripture fulfilled? **This day**. Where is it fulfilled? IN YOUR EARS

The only place the scripture CAN be fulfilled is IN THE EARS, and even if the fulfillment manifests itself right under your nose if it is not HEARD, it is not fulfilled in the ears. JESUS was standing before the Pharisees reading the scripture.... it can only be fulfilled in the EARS. They have to HEAR with HEARING of UNDERSTANDING for it to be fulfilled. Most "marveled" at Him, exchanging looks of total cluelessness, when He said that.

God said in several different ways throughout scripture: Thou art my Son, **this day** have I begotten thee. Some heard and knew. Most heard an indistinct rumble of thunder, and others heard nothing. They went on with “yesterday” revelation because they could not hear the revelation of **this day.**

“Yesterday” people have run out of oil to keep the lamps burning. They cannot afford a power outage because they have no more oil. After those storms there were millions with out power. It costs a great deal of money to get the power back on. "Yesterday" people are still in darkness, because you have to pay a price to keep the power turned on. When we hear many beg for more money saying, "We don't even have enough to keep the power turned on," they are saying a lot. That is the cry of the five foolish virgins: “We don't even have enough to buy the power. We can’t pay our light bill!” Their lamps are dim and they beg for money to keep the power turned on They are "yesterday" virgins. Even when the power is restored in other places, they are still in darkness

He says, "I give you power over all the power of the enemy." We have the power we need **this day**; then we will have the power for tomorrow’s **this day** when tomorrow comes We just need victory one day at a time. It is a **this day** power! With **this day** power we are increasing with the increase of God. In order to be a "third day" church we need to be a **this day** church.

In the foreknowledge (**this day**) of the Lord every battle has been won. **This day** we are being made equal with the Jesus in us. We are being made equal to the power working in us **this day**. Jesus in us is **this day** Jesus in us! That is why He is **this day** our hope of glory. He reads the rolls upon which His words are written, says, "**This day** this scripture is fulfilled in your ears." And then He closes the rolls and sits down. And the religious crowd marvels at Him, because suddenly He is not a yesterday or a tomorrow Jesus. He is **this day** what He says.

The religious accuser cannot understand how we can stumble, commit "sinful deeds" ...fall on our faces and repent and be completely restored. But a **this day** Jesus comes suddenly to us and fulfills the scripture in our ears, if we believe it. That accuser wants to keep us in the DITCH of yesterday. But we leave all that behind and press on toward the upward call of Christ Jesus **this day**. **This day** His mercies are brand new.

He that is **this day** begotten of God keeps himself, and the wicked touches him not. The wicked can't touch the one that keeps themselves in **this day.**
Amen.

Blessings and shalom,
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Grasshoppers Vs. Giants

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The Surface you have been standing on has shifted and is no longer flat, it is now at a slant. Keep your stance. Stand straight and upright before the Lord. The world has been shaken in the spirit. Many things are and going to be out of balance and out of order, but you must continue to stand firm and straight.

II Thess 2:2 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

There is an acceleration in the world of the ugly and perverted. The seed of Satan has raised their head and they will appear as "giants." LO! Know who you are in Christ and remember, it is written, the "grasshoppers" defeated the giants. Rise up grasshoppers, you have been called for such a time as this, to "take back/stand" against that which has been stolen and perverted.

In Numbers 13:33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and we were "in our own sight" as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

Notice the quote, "in our own sight." I break that from you right now and I say you are more than conquerors, in and through the Blood and the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. The grasshoppers were victorious through the Power of The Most High God. When they went, they conquered. So be it! Romans 8:30-39

No more condoning or being "silent." Raise your voice. The battleground is through the mind and through the WORD being SPOKEN OUT. Loose the Angels and the Power of God over the enemy and the victory shall be yours. Know that being silent, to be safe, will not defeat the enemy. Again, I say, loose the power.

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God will "BOLDNESS."

There is a door opened in 2004. Seeing it, believing it, wanting it...will NOT get you through it. You must get up and walk through it to claim what is waiting on the other side of the door.

I hear "MORE." 2004 is about coming out and "going" for "more," for our God is a God of MORE, not less. Come out of the nest, the cocoon, for there is work to be done. It is your time. Do not look to others to lead you. Look and Listen for Me. Receive...Receive...Receive.

Mark 4:24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.

I hear, "Preparedness" and "extra precaution."

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

Be wise and informed, not ignorant of the wiles of the Devil. Watch and be on guard, "in and out" of the church walls. The enemy roams to and fro, but Jesus has given you the power to defeat any onslaught from him.

II Chron 20:25 And when Jehosaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

Your victory will not just be in material riches. There will be souls snatched from the fire of Hell and there will be healing, signs and wonders. Healing by My Hand, My Miracles, My Signs and My Wonders. Know Me. Do not be deceived by the counterfeit of the enemy. KNOW ME and what is OF ME. Deep to deep and Spirit to spirit....AWAKE

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God Wants To Use Your Body

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Luke 1:26-38—*In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, 27 to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."*
29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. 31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."
34 "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"
35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be barren is in her sixth month. 37 For nothing is impossible with God."
38 "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her.

I am sure you know the story of Virgin Mary. She was engaged to a man. Then, suddenly an angel of God appears to Mary and informed her that God wanted to make use of her body, having told her that for God to have chosen her meant that she was highly favored. Mary simply answered, “I am the Lord’s servant.” God then prepared a human body in the womb of the virgin, for His Spirit to dwell in.

Heb 10:5—Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me.”

God later sent His angel to Joseph, the fiancé of the virgin, and urged him to go ahead and marry her, even though she was already carrying God’s Son in her womb. That was akin to asking Joseph to let God use the body of his wife. Joseph agreed.

The Son of God was born eventually. A lot of incidents happened, but the summary of it all is that God waited for about 30 years before His Son could begin to manifest. Finally, the Son of God offered His body as a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of all human beings. The death of God’s Son reconciled mankind to God. This has opened doors of opportunity that were impossible before.

God now needs many sons. Because of the blood of Jesus that has been shed, God no longer needs a virgin and waiting for 30 years in order to manifest a son. Instead, He can now adopt an already full-grown man or woman as His son. What does this adoption involve?

Adoption of God means that somebody is giving his/her body to God, for God to use the body as His temple. God enters the body that has been surrendered to Him as the Holy Spirit or Christ (2 Cor 3:17). The Spirit of God forms a union with the human spirit. God begins to use the human body as His own only if the human being involved continually relinquishes the body through faith. The basis of this faith is that God is better able to rule over the body and take care of it than the human being.

There is need for a closer look at the faith that relinquishes the human body to God. Through the fall, mankind entered into union with the power of sin and death. Birds of the air (demons) began to lodge in the branches of the tree of mankind (Matt 13:32). Jesus made a way for man to become free from the union with Satan by the blood He shed on the cross. When a person hears the gospel and believes, God enters into union with the person by coming into that person as the Holy Spirit. But something more is required before the person begins to manifest his/her sonship of God. All that is required is persistent faith.

Rom 12:1-2—*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

All along a person's body was not surrendered to God. The person was free to indulge in all kinds of worldly lusts. He/she got used to this way of life. Now, due to believing the gospel, this person surrenders his/her body to God. The person necessarily has to change his/her thinking, because the body is no longer his/hers. Everything about his/her body must be made available for God's use. For example, the person's mouth must be directed towards the praise of God, preaching the gospel, etc. There must now be a continuous consciousness of the fact that God is present in the body. The person is no longer alone. There is no more selfishness.

The practice of surrendering our bodies to God is something that must be done before we get into the activities of each day. We get into our prayer closets or solitary place and surrender our bodies afresh to God. This will enable God to take charge of our lives for that day. As we go through the day, the consciousness of God's present in us should keep us in continual prayerful mood. We will never attempt to do anything by our wisdom or strength, but through Him.

Mark 1:35—*Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*

2 Cor 5:14-15—*For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. 15And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*

Eph 5:19-20—Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, 20always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thess 5:16-18—Be joyful always; 17pray continually; 18give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Phil 4:4—Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

As we renew our minds this way, faith will increase, and faith is the vehicle that releases God to do His work. When there is little hindrance to God using our bodies for His purposes, it will be difficult to distinguish our activities from that of God Himself. We will become exactly like Jesus Christ in deeds and holiness.

John 17:22-23—*I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: 23I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.*

John 14:12-14—*I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

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Luke 5:1-7—*One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, 2 he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."*
5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."
6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

Peter was a fisherman. He worked hard all night, but caught no fish. That is the story in the lives of many people today. Everyone is fishing for one thing or the other. And how many people are catching the much-sought-after fish? The “fish” could be anything that is your heart’s desire—good health, promotion, business success, academic success, material or financial needs, marriage partner, children (due to barrenness), etc. Many have worked hard all night (over long periods of time), but have made no headway. What is the solution to this dilemma?

Christ wants to come into your life and make use of your life. You may say that you have already given your life to Christ; Christ is already in your life. Is He making use of your life? You may say that you are doing one thing or the other for Christ, which means that you trust in your ability to do something worthwhile for Christ. Unfortunately, you cannot possibly, by yourself accomplish anything useful for God.

Isa 64:6—*All of us have become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.*

Rom 3:10-12—*As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; 11 there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. 12 All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."*

Matt 7:21-23—*"Not everyone who says to me, `Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, `Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, `I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'”*

Christ Himself wants to do the work, while sitting in the boat that is our individual bodies. In Luke 5:3, quoted above, Jesus entered Simon’s boat that had achieved nothing all night long. He didn’t just get into a stationary boat, but He engaged wearied Peter in the job of rowing the boat to a more convenient position away from shore. From there Jesus ministered life to the crowd. So you see that Jesus would never enter Peter’s boat for Peter to leave Him in the boat and busy himself with something else. No, Peter must leave every other thing and paddle the boat according to the dictates of Jesus.

A casual observer could be wondering how Peter, a family man, would get himself tied to attending to Jesus needs in his boat, even though Jesus paid him nothing that he could use to sustain his family. But when Jesus finished using Peter’s boat for ministry, He led Peter to put out into deep water and let down the nets. The outcome was extra-ordinary. Peter’s all night long of zero headway was wiped off in a moment.

Have you worked so hard trying to solve one problem or the other in your life, but have consistently been making no headway? Is Christ in your boat? Have you received Christ into your life? If not, get down on your knees now and invite Him to come into your body (which is your boat). If you have already invited Christ into your body, have you been making yourself available to paddling the boat to vantage positions where He can minister to people’s needs from the boat? Do you even have the consciousness that since you invited Him into the boat, He is right there with you? When you develop the consciousness of Christ’s continual presence in you, He will be able to direct you to where you will steer the boat, where you will stop the boat for Him to minister, and where you will let down the net for a catch.

Matt 8:23-27—*Then he got into the boat and his disciples followed him. 24 Without warning, a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. 25 The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!"*
26 He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.
27 the men were amazed and asked, "What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!"

As you move around with Christ in the boat (your body), that may not stop storms of life from coming against you. But the storm only comes to test if you know the personality that is with you in the boat. The storm also comes to test whether you think that you are the captain of the boat or Christ is the captain. In the story of Matt 8:23-27, when the storm rose against the boat, the disciples simply called on Jesus who was right there with them, not the one in heaven, and Jesus calmed the storm.

Heb 11:6—*And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

1 John 5:4—*For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.*

Do you believe that the Christ whom you invited into your body really exists in you? If your answer is yes, then you are pleasing God, and God will reward you like He rewarded Peter in his boat. This faith in Christ's continual presence (Jehovah shammah) is the victory that overcomes the world.

Rom 10:9—*That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

If you have the consciousness of Christ's presence in you, in what capacity is he dwelling in your body? Is He the Lord of the boat or a mere passenger? The proper attitude to adopt is that Christ is everything that is needed in that boat. He is the great provider. He is the healer (or engineer) of the boat. He is the protector of the boat against all forms of adversity. When any form of adversity comes against the boat, the disciple in the boat only has to notify Him and praise Him for what He is to the boat—Lord.

Matt 9:1-2—*Jesus stepped into a boat, crossed over and came to his own town. 2 Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."*

If no boat owner had made his boat available to Jesus, He would not have come into contact with the paralyzed man. There are many people in our society that have been paralyzed by different kinds of problems. Jesus is looking for boats that could get Him into contact with these needy people. Your body could be one of those boats.

1 Kings 17:10-16—*So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" 11 As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."*
12 "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread-only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it-and die."
13 Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. 14 For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: `The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.'"
15 She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. 16 For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

The spirit of Christ was in Elijah (1 Pet 1:10-11). Christ led him to a widow in Zarephath who had virtually got to the end of all hopes. Christ wanted to save this woman from her hopelessness, and so through Elijah taught her the victory that overcomes the world. What is this victory? It is to, by faith, surrender one's life for Christ to make use of it and being fully convinced that, by this act of surrender, God is always present in that person's life. In the case of the Zarephath woman, by agreeing to surrender her only remaining food to the man of God (who had the spirit of Christ), that act of surrender made Christ (in the man of God) to begin to live in her house. The man of God did not just stay in the house without ever burdening the woman. Instead, the woman spent quite some effort taking good care of the man of God. She carried the yoke (Matt 11:29-30) or cross (Luke 9:23; 14:27) of Christ. That was the reason for the miracle that followed.

1 Kings 17:17-23—*Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. 18 She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"*
19 "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. 20 Then he cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought tragedy also upon this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?"
21 Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"
22 The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. 23 Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"

The storm of death came against the Zarephath woman's house, even while Christ (in Elijah) dwelt there, and caused quite some destruction. All it took for the destruction to be reversed was the woman being able to realize that God (in Elijah) was right there in her house. She called on Christ as one who is near, not in heaven, and the miracle of restoration happened in no much time.

John 14:12-14—*I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14 You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

Heaven-To-Earth Transit Lines Opened

Dorothy Hedlund

[#10 = The Perfecting Work of Divine Order]
– JUNE 10-11, 2004

[BACKGROUND] – Many personal friends & acquaintances were 'in transit' this day (6/10/04), some even returning from Kuwait. Watching news coverage, also, of President Reagan's viewing in the Capitol Rotunda by thousands today – the strongest urgency to know 'what was up' stirred within me. **The number "10"** (according to E. W. Bullinger) signifies: the perfection of divine order, completeness of order: the 10 Commandments, 10 clauses in The Lord's Prayer, the 10 Plagues upon Egypt, Abraham's 10 trials of faith, Israel's 10 rebellions in the wilderness, etc.

June 10, 2004 – Transit Lines Opened Up

[FATHER]: "Across the nation and around the world, prophetic words are going forth from My lips into the ears of My prophets. This marks a day when many things shall be heard. I need not tell you all of them, for soon, through others, these things shall be learned. Yes, many of these words concern the passing of a great one who led your nation, and nations – in the ways of peace, based on My words of wisdom. There is much about him, this Ronald Reagan, that will be said – but it is not to You this day that such things will be revealed.

Do you know what today is? You have called it one of 'transit' – for rightly so it has been that for many upon the earth. But it is MORE THAN THAT – it is the day when NEW TRANSIT LINES CARRYING THE WORD OF REVELATION have been opened up between heaven and earth. You have heard it said, and rightly so, that THIS SEASON begins A NEW DAY. 'New days' cannot come without an impartation of heaven, so that men COME TO UNDERSTAND MORE of MY ways.

[MAINFRAME SWITCH FLIPPED TO 'ON POSITION'…]

HEAVEN'S WEBSITE has been INTERLINKED with that of EARTH… and THE FLOOD-GATES FOR DOWNLOAD HAVE BEEN THROWN OPEN THIS VERY DAY. [In vision I saw a huge switch then flipped to 'on' position by a large hand.] I have prepared My prophets & people to hear with 'accurate ear' the things I must now download from heaven. Walking in the midst of 'the-fire-that-does-not-burn-but-purge' – I can now trust these ones. These, however, will not include only seasoned veterans used to 'hearing,' but all those EAGER OF HEART who have longed for MY VOICE, MY FACE. THESE, TOO, SHALL HEAR CLEARLY … FOR THE 'POWER SWITCH' of My mainframe has been flipped to 'ON POSITION' in heaven. By My own hand I have done this. There shall come such a flood of truth poured out from the heavenlies into the earth that 'all ears' able to hear, must be attuned.

No longer will there be simply 'one or two good words' received on any given day – but HUNDREDS shall be sent forth, notifying 'generals' of MY STRATEGIES OF WAR.

In past days, only those who were able to 'ascend into the heavenlies' were those receiving My words of truth. But now, dear ones, let Me prepare you for this: A DOWNLOAD IS BEING SENT FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH FOR YOU. Do not be jealous of each other. THOSE WHO PREPARED THE WAY, had the biggest 'price' to pay, and will be richly rewarded while yet 'in their day.'

REJOICE that young ones in the Lord will now begin to HEAR AS ACCURATELY AS YOU, truths from My mouth, as they're greatly used.

I HAVE YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS! I KNOW WHERE YOU LIVE! I KNOW WHEN YOU'RE ON-LINE… AND WHEN YOU SIGN-OFF! I KNOW WHEN TO INTERCEPT YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS – WITH MY VERY OWN THOUGHTS! My messages WILL get through! In day visions … in night seasons … MY MESSAGES WILL FLOW! No longer should you 'wonder what to do' – ASK ME, and I'll SHOW you!

You wonder, "But has this not been done before now? For surely God's computer system has been up and running, long before 'this day.' THIS IS TRUE, for as Master Designer, I've long ago had this planned – but I've been PATIENTLY WAITING on the things of MAN. All across the earth, I've tutored those with 'ears attuned to Me' – but the completion of the project could not be done, until I had an ARMY OF SEEKERS who seek. They have no need for drugs or alcohol – because they're SO ADDICTED, NOW, TO ME. THEY QUIETLY STAND AT ATTENTION EACH DAY, TO 'SEE' AND HEAR ME SPEAK.

June 11, 2004 … 7-Fold Spirit to 'Flood' Once More

June 11th, 2004 – marks the day when the Seven-Fold Spirit will be released 'to flood' once more (Isaiah 11), as well as the spirits attending to these ancient words. Some will be receiving things from THE SPIRIT OF GOD … FROM THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM … FROM THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING … FROM THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL … FROM THE SPIRIT OF POWER & MIGHT … FROM THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE … and yet others things from THE SPIRIT OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD.

Eleven is the number of the prophet, and MY WORDS of the prophetic SHALL NOW BE ALL THE MORE OUTPOURED.

AND CONFIRMATION shall flow … as words received are given the witness of two or three. Does this not excite you – to see words you've heard confirmed? And so shall it be, over and over and over again. This will build confidence in those 'young in My ways' and will serve as an 'electric volt of revelation,' bringing fresh excitement & life to those of 'seasoned days.' It will become utterly impossible to avoid 'THE WORD OF THE LORD' – AS MY WORD IS CONFIRMED. One from Australia will hear on the same day – the same word given to another in Peru.

I will also open ears to hear the WORD OF INTERPRETATION, which has fallen asleep in My Church. When did the prophetic word cease to include tongues and its interpre-tation received, then breathed? If I can find those who eagerly desire this gift and pursue its use – I will OPEN WIDE TO THEM another 'prophetic view.' Prophetic words flow singly from those attuned to Me – but when tongues/interpretation is used, it makes THE BODY WORK IN UNITY. In past days these gifts were at times grossly misused – but they are none the less GIFTS PRECIOUS…that I intend to USE.

I am about to raise up spiritually-partnered pairs: one will flow in Spirit-tongues, with a second attuned to My heart. Together a TREMENDOUS FLOW of the prophetic shall be loosed from My throne … as two come together, representing ONE VOICE as My own. Charlatans will be quickly recognized by the impotent messages they bring. BUT THOSE PARTNERED IN TONGUES/INTERPRETATION WILL LOOSE LIVING WORDS AS STREAMS. I WILL MOVE THROUGH 'THIS WORD OF AGREEMENT' TO USHER BACK INTO SERVICES 'THE GREATER GLORY' THAT MANY, FOR SOME TIME, HAVE NOT SEEN. **It will resound in men's spirits as the 'one-two snap' of LIGHTNING & THUNDER…BOOM, BANG!**

[In vision I saw two standing at opposite sides of a large auditorium. One pronounced a flowing stream of Spirit-words – then the other gave immediate interpretation, opening gates of revelation. I saw people fall under the power of God as these messages from the Lord were declared by these 'Spirit & Truth teams.' I saw others flee from the auditorium, so heavy was the convicting presence of The Fear of the Lord. Spirit utterance' (tongues) prepared the way for a 'Truth utterance'(word/interpretation). The first penetrated hearts – the next was then able to send the Word deeper within. In fact, by this means spiritual surgeries multiplied greatly in services, as deeper works were done.]

Holiness Decreed

I then heard the Lord say: "HOLINESS! HOLINESS! HOLINESS! HOLINESS… in My MOUTHPIECES must be SEEN! HOLINESS, I SAY, OR THEY SHALL NOT LIVE. I do not speak of the pure in heart, in which some maturing is yet needed – but of those who willfully speak lies, opposing truth. THE FEAR OF THE LORD shall again be realized – as you see some fall dead before your very eyes.

Some false prophets, of course, shall remain – those who still presume to speak in My name. They are wolves among sheep, but their colors will be shown to those with eyes to see who have 'discerning gifts' from Me. You will sense no 'sword of righteousness' as they speak on their own. Words that sound religiously harsh – or words that 'lull to sleep' – neither sort comes from the truth nor is from Me. Satan has many counterfeits, but they are poor representatives of Me, garbed in clothes of religiosity or in robes of false humility.

Lambs Protecting Sheep

What shall be done with those who rise to speak, waxing eloquent, on and on? Simply say, "In Jesus' Name, sit down." Take authority, you who walk in truth. You need not be polite to them. They need not even finish a sentence – before I deal with them. Do you understand? I SHALL MOVE ON CHILDREN, EVEN, TO TAKE COMMAND. Shining little beacons, pure in heart, shall rise and say, "DEPART, WE DON'T KNOW YOU." This is the AUTHORITY you'll see from PSALM 8, where **children silence the voice of the enemy. Is My Spirit any less in them? No, and I will use them – for as those still innocent, they've not yet learned the 'fear of man.' Spiritual giants often arise as Davids out of those with the heart of a child.**

The Radiant-Smile-Witness of The Bride

There is something now to which I must speak: LIGHTEN UP, DEAR CHURCH…HIS BRIDE. My Son has little attraction to a betrothed who has little passion & seldom laughs or smiles. KINGDOM BUSINESS IS A SERIOUS THING – but praise and aban-doned worship will set many a prisoner FREE. The joy of the Lord is your strength, so remember to laugh and play. The spirit of heaviness is lurking about – but OH, HOW IT FLEES at 'the joyful sound!' **I release upon My Church THE MINISTRY OF LAUGHTER, recognized even by leading hospitals as a valid healing factor.** There's just something about a group of people known to be of 'happy face' – that attracts the hopeless & hurting, drawing them to that place.

Intercessors, prayer warriors, those who preach My Word! - To some, YOUR FACE is all that's being 'heard.' Before you go out to win a lost world to Christ, smile at yourself in the mirror (even laugh) – until you see MY GLORY, LIGHT & LOVE OF LIFE. You may be one of very humble means, having no elegant clothes in which to be seen – BUT IF YOU LEAVE THE HOUSE 'DRESSED UP' WITH A SMILE, YOU'LL HAVE AN AUDIENCE WITH KINGS in just a little while. Why? Because 'radiance' is an internationally recognized witness of 'royal seal.'

Don't Take Me For Granted

[JESUS]: "In the approaching time of 'poured out truth,' waterspouts of heaven will be opened, as a gushing forth of revelation.

BE AWARE, that even though you're in a season of constant supply – (when you have MUCH WORD) …if you neglect INTIMACY WITH ME, YOU WILL STILL BE DRY.

Living waters issue forth from within My very being, waters to refresh your soul. COME TO ME and DRINK, dear ones. DRINK DEEPLY…MY THINGS OF LOVE.

I must always remain more dear to you than THE VERY WORDS I SPEAK. Passion, love and fervent devotion are still 'things within' I seek. To know My voice and words as heard – is the 'ultimate gift,' some feel. BUT THERE IS A PLACE BEYOND THE VEIL, where in INTIMACY, NO WORDS I SPEAK – where two enter the chambers of Father's heart, to JOIN AS THE HEARTBEAT OF ONE.

Receiving My word will become as 'a normal' thing – all those in Zion shall prophesy in order to benefit the world. BUT WHAT I DESIRE are things of INTIMACY – and those who always desperately have more need OF ME. My gifts, poured out, are simply that: GIFTS – but none of them, singly, ARE ME.

What bride would be content on her wedding night to enter the bedchambers, and close the door – finding ONLY a gift on the bed…but no one with whom to commune, alone once more?

House to House

David Howe

From house to house.

For this is the day My Holy Spirit is moving from house to house. From room to room, Filling, Falling on person to person, Falling on those that are lowly and contrite of heart, Who are nothing in the sight of man and the world.

Who have no plans of their own.

Falling on those without pride in themselves or selfish ambition in their hearts. Falling on those who are in Unity with My Holy Spirit and each other.

Consider what happened in that upper room where My disciples were in one accord with My Holy Spirit and each other.

Consider how they obeyed the Word of Jesus Christ to remain in Jerusalem until My Holy Spirit fell upon them to give power to be witnesses to all men, First in Jerusalem, Then in Judea and then the whole Earth.

For from house to house, market place to market place they went declaring the Word of Jesus Christ unto the people. And as they obeyed the Word of the Lord in Unity with My Holy Spirit and each other, My Holy Spirit fell bringing convection to the peoples hearts so that they may be saved, Set free from sin and filled with My Holy Spirit.

And from house to house they went declaring the Word of the Lord in Unity with My Holy Spirit and each other until the whole Earth is filled with My Holy Spirit, Filled with My Glory.

For I will build My Church from house to house and the gates of hell will not prevail against her Declares the Lord.

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New Beginnings

My beloved people, young and old.... How I rejoice over all of you who are Mine, who have accepted Me as your Lord and Savior. A new year is approaching and, as always, a time of new beginnings in your lives. I tell you, this shall be a time of new beginnings such as you have never experienced nor dreamed of. I am moving by My Sprit over the entire world as the prophets of old foretold it would be. Also foretold by the prophets of old....

...and I will shake all nations and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations and I will fill this temple with glory, says the Lord of hosts. The glory of the latter temple shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I shall give peace, says the Lord of hosts. (Haggai 2:7,9)

Yea, My people, you are seeing the shaking of the nations of the world and out of the shaking good shall evolve. You shall see My glory manifested everywhere and multitudes shall come into My kingdom. Because of the shaking much sin and evil shall cease and people shall begin to search for Me.

Beloved, as you enter into this time of new beginnings you shall be aware that I am doing a new work in you. You shall know a new yearning for a deeper intimacy with Me, You will cry out for new knowledge of My Word and as you seek Me in My Word you will find new revelations and new paths to Me, you will be consumed with a new passion to reach the lost and bring them to Me, you will have a new compassion for the sick and hurting people in your midst.A new desire to pray for the sick shall come upon you and you will find that as you do so, many will be instantly healed. Your ministry for Me shall accelerate to the point that daily you shall see people come unto Me through your testimony and prayer. Daily you will experience many being healed as you lay hands on them and pray for them.

In spite of the great tribulation you shall see around you, yet My glory shall be seen in greater measure and miracles shall abound. I am bringing in My end time harvest and nothing the enemy can bring against Me shall stop the abundant harvest from completion.

I am pouring out My glory, especially on young men and young women in these days. In a moment of time I shall give them the ability to prophesy and they shall bring forth great messages for My people. Without formal education I shall give them the ability to preach and to teach and they shall do so with My power and anointing upon them. Many who inhabit pulpits across the land shall pass on their mantles to the youth. People shall gather in the streets and on the hillsides to receive ministry from the youth and shall be exceedingly blessed. Wonders and miracles shall follow the youth wherever their feet shall tread.O, My young people, you shall see My glory being manifested in divers places. Seek for My glory to rest on you. Have I not said?...

The glory of young men is their strength. (Prov. 20:29)

If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. (1 Peter 4:11)

I am calling all young people into great end time ministries for Me, knowing that I shall give you all ability to accomplish what I desire you to do. You shall be amazed at My words which shall come forth from your mouths to preach and to teach. Do not try to stem the words you shall speak as they shall be powerful and shall accomplish what I desire. Fear not, My young people, for I shall walk beside you and shall open up doors of opportunity for you to enter and shall cause you to speak forth My words with ease.

Peace and joy shall overflow you as you perceive the results of your ministry. I say unto you....

Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. (Isa. 60:1-3)

Hearts and Hurricanes
Roy Resh

…God made a wind to pass over the earth… Gen 8:1

Yes, saith the Lord, I am the author of the wind, of both the gentle breeze that blows refreshing rain to your lands, and of the violent storm that breaks your works and shakes your complacency. When you pray against the hurricane, are you not praying against my judgment? My people, should you not ask me, “Lord, where have we disobeyed, where are we in sin?” When I send multiple storms, is it not because you haven’t sought My face, and have ignored my calls to turn from your wicked ways?

World-renown ministries have grown in your state, Florida, and you have been given great responsibility to exhibit My Glory. These ministries became prideful and led My Body into apostasy, further dividing it into parties; calling attention to themselves and not My Son. Now repent of your pride, you elders, and gather together before me with humble hearts to seek My face. Learn of My righteousness first, follow My guidance, and then ask Me to heal your land.

There is no retirement in My Kingdom, yet you encourage men and women to play in their final years, to reject all calls to be used in the work of My Son. My people, look and see, My storms struck at the very heart of your state because it is your hearts that are set against Me. Why do you run and hide rather than face the consequences of your own iniquity? The shaking that has begun will continue until it has worked its work in the hearts of My people. Storms come to shake the complacent and wake up the sleeping. Storms will continue with ever-increasing strength until My people humble themselves.

Do not pray for mercy, pray for judgment in My house that will bring glory to My Son and wholeness to His Body. He shall surely have a perfect bride, and He shall surely not return for her until I send Him. Why do you think that I will send Him for a carnal Bride? My people, let Me prepare during this greatest moment of Truth so that you will be ready when He comes. Take My shakings to heart and be cleansed and prepared. Become able to shine forth to a dying world that sees My glory in My people.

Elders, you are held responsible to call My people to Me. Even if you are ignorant of My Truth, your guilt remains because you have accepted the role of leader in your congregations. Thus saith the Lord.

But as the days of Noah *were*, so also shall the coming of the Son of man be. Mat 24:37, Lk 17:26

Hang Ten
Danny Korakas

Sep 03, 2004
I am certain that mankind holds within him the truth of what is good and what is evil. The Bible says that we are without excuse in that our conscious bears witness to what is right and wrong. Within the Ten Commandments, God not only gave humanity the foundation of moral living, but the blueprint for deep and meaningful RELATIONSHIPS.

The question that many Christians today are pondering is why there is so much resistance to the Ten Commandments? Why would ten simple sentences of such obvious goodness and genuine care generate such hostility? As we gaze through history and consider all of the mindless and corrupt laws, decrees and writings of man, why would there suddenly be this tremendous aversion to the commands of God in a public setting?

I suppose that many would attempt to answer this question with their limited understanding of the separation of church and state. Some might argue on the grounds that they are not "Christians." Others may not believe in God at all and want to force their agenda on the rest of society. The truth of the matter is that these are all "NATURAL SYMPTOMS" to a greater root or SPIRITUAL problem.

There is an obvious spiritual dynamic that is at work and willing to go to any expense to rid the nations of the Commandments of God. I hope that you will see the prophetic parallel in that the assault on the Ten Commandments reflects perfectly the assault on the FAMILY. I am convinced that the same demonic principality has been set over both of these issues that face us today. With the attack upon the Commandments came the simultaneous eroding of the family -- especially in western culture. As the separation of the commandments from public life increases, so does the methodical breakdown of the family structure and moral absolutes.

Forces of darkness are fast at work in attempting to abolish the Ten Commandments from the VIEW of people. It is not because we need to be reminded what is right and wrong. When a person commits adultery, they know they are doing what is morally wrong. When a person attempts to murder, that individual knows without a doubt that he is committing a crime against humanity. Mankind instinctively knows what is right and wrong, good and bad. Man doesn't need a couple of stone tablets hanging on the wall to remind him. So, why the tremendous and extraordinary spiritual battle for their existence?

The answer is RELATIONSHIP. The Ten Commandments reveal to mankind what their relationship within the family structure should or could be, and most importantly, reveals the type of Father that God truly is. This is why we are seeing the intensifying and raging of this spiritual battle. We have had 2 full generations that have become "FATHERLESS" through mass divorce and selfishness. People are crying out in their soul for a loving and tender father. This is why the enemy wants them out of sight. Let's get a fresh VISION of the Ten Commandments and see them as the Lord does.

"You shall have no other God's before Me."

I alone am your loving and eternal Father. I will never leave you nor forsake you. You are all My children and I will never abandon or divorce you. You do not have to worry about a broken family, illegitimacy, or a myriad of fathers ... for I am faithful to My vows and promises. I AM your Father and will never leave you fatherless.

"You shall not make unto yourselves any graven images (idols)."

I am a Father that has no idols. You alone are the apple of My eye and the desire of my heart. I place no other before you. My eyes are fixed upon My bride and My love for you is never-ending. I overcame the temptations and kingdoms of this world and sacrificed My life for yours.

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain."

Although many choose to deny and curse My name, I have called you by name as My beloved. You have taken on My name as "Christians" and your heritage and birthright is HOLY. Be holy my child, for I am holy. I have called you by name unto Myself and while the world may see this as vain — I speak a Father's blessings and goodness over you all the days of your life.

"Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy."

I am not a father of toil and despair, but a Father of a loving and warm presence that is open to give you rest. I wait with loving arms to hold you close in My presence. I gave My Sabbath as a reunion for my children to come together. And what joy it brings Me to see all of My children within My house. For some, it has been so long. How it breaks my heart when just one of My children chooses to stay away. You who have run away – Come, come back to the home that you have left for the desires of this world. Come back to the Father and the family who loves you and has prepared a place for you.

"Honor your father and mother."

I realize that many of you have not had fathers that you could count on. Yes, some fathers have broken their promises and let you down. It's time that you forgive them, my dear child. Just as I have forgiven you, forgive others. I am a Father of honor and it brings Me honor when you forgive others, especially your family.

"You shall not murder."

As your Father, I will never kill your trust. I will never speak bad about you or embarrass you. Gossip is a murderer of another's character and reputation. Your reputation and character as My child is very important to Me — for you carry My name. You can come to me in your time of need and I promise to listen to you. Your concerns, regardless of how small, are My concerns. Allow Me to share with you My words of LIFE.

"You shall not commit adultery."

As your Father, you can rest that I will be faithful to you — My bride. My vows are eternal and My promises to you will never fail. You are My glory and the beauty that I long for. There is none who compares to you My beloved. Truly, I will cherish you and My commitment to you is everlasting.

"You shall not steal."

Know that My heart is to provide you with a future and hope. I will never steal your hopes and dreams. My will is to encourage and provide you with all that you will need to fulfill your destiny and purpose. Have you ever thought that I have a dream for you, just as any loving father should? You see, I have placed your dreams and aspirations within you. It is My desire that you fulfill these dreams. Do not let others rob you of the abundant life that I have promised you. Step out and use the gifts that I have given you to change your world around you.

"You shall not bear false witness (lie)."

I would have you know My dear child that My WORD is truth. I will always lead you beside still waters and out of harms way. I only ask that you believe in My Word and have faith that you do hear My voice. Through the ages, man has sought to discredit or find fault in My Word. However, not even the smallest jot has been found to be false. Do not fall for the deception of the father of lies and the routine lying tongue of the world. Put your hope in Me — The Father and Spirit of Truth. I will never let you down. This is My nature.

"You shall not covet"

I am for you and not against you. Many envision Me as a judge waiting to strike them down or demanding everything from them. The selfish culture of this world has blinded their eyes to the truth that I have taken nothing and have given everything that I have. Yes, even My own life. How much more could I possibly give before you will understand how much you mean to Me and how much I love you. There is no greater love than one who would lay down his life for another. I commend you this day to put off the selfish influences of this world and give to one another. Everything that I have given you is designed to be shared with others. This is My good and perfect will. The world will know that you are My bride and My children by the love you GIVE.

I hope that you can now see why the enemy desires to remove from view the Ten Commandments. The Commandments reveal to all of us God's view and plan for the family, and how a real Husband and Father should conduct Himself. What a model our Heavenly Father is to all of us who are men and how we should view our bride and children.

Are we committed to the institution of family? Is the Lord and His family the apple of our eye? Do we in vain provoke our children to wrath? Or do we encourage and speak blessings over their lives? As men, are we a place of rest and refuge for our families? Do we honor the opinions of our bride and children? Do we encourage one another or do we kill each other's reputations through gossip? Are we faithful to our vows and commitments? Are we selfish? Or do we give our best time to God and our families? Are we willing to "give" and lay our lives down for our Lord and family? May we as men be committed to the same passion and love for our families as the Lord is toward His.

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What Are We Truly Here For?
Danny Korakas

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I normally do not post more than twice during the same week let alone the same day. However, I felt that I needed to share what Father has laid upon my heart tonight.

I have heard it said that we are fortunate if we have 5 close friends as we grow old and eventually pass on. It seems that as I reflect toward my future days, I must ponder this same thought – not so much whom I will love, but who will truly love me? When we are about to close this chapter in life, we will not ask for our financial portfolio. We will not ask for our trophies and plaques of achievements. Nor will we ask for all of the material possessions that we have accumulated over the years. We will need and ask for people to love and to be loved. It is a shame that so many do not figure this out until it's too late.

Sometimes I wonder how long it will take me to truly realize this by the life that I live. I so often pass through the noise of life, oblivious to the needs and people around me. I move through days and even weeks blind to the deep needs of love and compassion that so many long for. I obviously have no problem loving ME and meeting my needs.

God chose us and knew us before the foundations of the world. What an indescribable gift to know that God has chosen us to give LIFE to – even eternally. I also ponder how long it will take before I fully comprehend the gift and stewardship of life and what it really means to LIVE. Mankind seems to know much about life, but I find it interesting that we know so little about love.

In this gift of life, man has habitually stolen, lied, and murdered each other. We have coveted what another has and have chose to live LIFE as a means of personal gain. We have a track record of unceasing bloodshed and war. I can't help but ask why? Why is man so inclined to rob himself of the greatest attribute and legacy of LIFE – to love and to be loved?

I know this is a simple message to most of you. I guess when God touches my heart with something so simple, I can't help but stand back in awe and wonder at the possibilities of what life and history could have been if we just loved one another. I mean, what are we truly here for?

Life is truly short and people will come and go into our lives. Some will die and pass on, and others will be born. The only way that we can live life without regrets is to know in our hearts that we have loved. The tragedy of loss is knowing that we did not do our best to love. The good news for all of us is that it's not too late.

Look at your relationship with others my beloved and realize that your relationship with others is a reflection of your relationship with me. When you were born, I looked upon your face and breathed LIFE into your soul. I called you by my name and have given you a heritage that transcends the ages – I have given you a heritage and a birthright of love and relationships. For truly, I say to you that this is abundant life. The abundance I desire for your life, are people who will love you. And the gift that I desire to give to others is your love for them. Is this not MY Word?

A Love-Hate Relationship
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Jesus, while here on earth, blessed every child who came to Him. We never read of Jesus refusing to heal anyone who was in need. He raised people from the dead, bringing inexpressible joy to families. He offered salvation to ALL who would repent and believe in Him. I believe that we can say without doubt that Jesus was very kind. He wept over us in our weakness and loves us in our fallen state. We never read of Jesus speaking a single cross word to anybody except the self-righteous and religious Pharisees. Jesus was not only kind, but gentle, thoughtful, and caring. What a stark contrast to the myriad of false "gods" and secular humanism that man worships in the world today.

The question that we must ask ourselves as the impending clash of truth comes to confront everything that is tolerant, politically correct, and false (including religions) is — "How will we conduct ourselves as Christians?" What do we do after we confront sin and falsehood? Do we leave people on the defensive? I believe that the Lord has given us the key in "Loving our enemies."

"But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back, And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise. But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." (Luke 6:27-38)

Why should we, let alone God, be merciful to the ungodly? Well, the answer is clear in that the ungodly would come to know and understand the mercy and kindness of God. There would be no other way for the ungodly to EXPERIENCE the mercy and kindness of God aside from having love and mercy shown to them in their sinful state. Imagine if mankind was commanded by God to hate our enemies or those who mistreat us. Can you imagine the chaos and quality of life that this mindset would produce? If such a possibility were true, then God would be requiring us to love and express mercy more than Himself. This would be contrary to His Word in that "we are to love our enemy." The truth is that as His sons, we are to love and exhibit mercy in the same way and nature as the Father.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:43-45)

If God only loves those who love Him -- we would be serving a performance-centered God that expresses His love conditionally. I believe that most parents can identify to this in their unconditional love for their children. The Bible says that we (you and I) are able or have the ability to love because "God first loved us." What is amazing is that our ability to love unconditionally began as a gift from God while we were yet sinners! So, how do we as Christians respond to those who hate us? How are we to respond as a prophetic people to the increasing evil around us?

We first need to understand the health and benefit of HATE. Just as we are to mature in LOVE as the Lord loves even our enemies, we also need to MATURE in our HATE for the things that God hates.

"You who love the Lord, hate evil!" (Psalm 97:10)

To mature in love is to understand that we are to hate evil and not PEOPLE. We need to come to a place of passionately hating sin. We need hate disease, violence, homosexuality, drunkenness, and perverted entertainment. We need to be AGAINST these things. But at the same time, we need the maturity to be FOR people. When our hate for evil spills over into the hate for the people that commit evil, we in essence condemn and judge them to hell! Our hatred of hell will determine our true and genuine Christ-like love for others. There is no middle road here. We are either a witness of God's mercy and forgiveness or a judge.

As with the adulterous women, Jesus said, "He who is without sin among you, let him through the stone ... first." (John 8:7) If Jesus was not willing to condemn her, why should we? Jesus condemned her sin without condemning the woman. This IS prophetic ministry! Learning to condemn sin and evil while yet loving people will be the essential ingredient to seeing the great harvest of souls that we sense with anticipation. The harvest has continued to be white and some has rotted in the field because the harvest has not been able to distinguish our hatred of sin from their perception that we hate them.

The harvest of souls is depending on a work of the Holy Spirit in OUR lives. We must come to a place of clearly walking in an uncompromising hatred of sin and evil. However, this hatred only bears eternal fruit when we LOVE the person that sin and evil has gripped. True and unconditional love demands and involves hatred. Have you ever thought that God is the greatest hater of all! He passionately hates the works of evil. But God is also the greatest lover and this must be our model for authentic prophetic ministry.

Have you ever noticed that most of what you have heard negative about someone is usually much more exaggerated than what is actually the case? Many times we find second-hand talk to be completely false. You know, this is also true about God. I have found that He is nothing like what many "theologians" have explained Him to be. I have found that My Lord is nothing like what I have heard preached behind many pulpits. I can only make this claim because I know God's NATURE and His nature is LOVE and MERCY.

We have only to look as far as the religious elite in Jesus' day. They tore their ornamented robes with gnashing teeth at the site of Jesus dining with sinners, prostitutes and tax collectors. The utter nerve of a man claiming to be the Savior and letting a sinful woman wash His feet! How dare Him to eat with unwashed hands and forgive thieves that were guilty of stoning!

It seems that Jesus was more pleased and comfortable with the sincere love of the sinner than with the finger pointing religious scribes and Pharisees. They thought and believed that they knew God, but they didn't. If they had truly known Him, they would have loved whom Jesus loved and hated what Jesus hated. The more we come to know Jesus, the more we realize the commission that He left us with as the church is the beat of His heart. The Great Commission is simply to love greatly. When we encounter the "living Truth," we recognize that one of the gravest errors in life has been missing our opportunities to love in the midst of adversity.

In the parable of the sower in Mark 4, we notice that all of the seeds sown were good. It was the condition of the soil that affected the good seeds that were sown. The soil in this parable represents the heart and place of where a man is at. The harvest is awaiting a prophetic expression and work that will cultivate and tend the hearts of man to receive the sowing of the Word.

"Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins." (Proverbs 10:12)

To love our ENEMIES and to overcome TEMPTATION is the means of grace that the Lord has given us to GLORIFY Him. Think about that for a moment. Was this not what brought the Father glory in the life of Christ? We are sure to be guaranteed both enemies and temptations in life. We are not alone in this and God will always provide a way of victory. When we love our enemies and the world witnesses our victory over sin and temptation, we will see a harvest of souls unprecedented in history.

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"You have had a harlot's forehead; you refuse to be ashamed."
(Jeremiah 3:3b)

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. … So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I WILL SPUE [VOMIT] YOU OUT OF MY MOUTH."
(Revelation 3:15, 16)

INTRODUCTION

There are five categories in this Web post: DREAM — INTERPRETATION — PERSONAL TESTIMONY — DREAMS' INDEX — **"I AM IN CONTROL"** GRAPHS' LINKS. I *urge* the reader to read this document with a Bible in hand for spiritual clarity, counsel, revelation, and understanding through the Word of God. *(The bolded, capped and underlined emphases in the NKJV scriptures are mine.)*

DREAM – September 12, 1989

The sun was setting and I was in a tropical setting standing on a cliff overlooking the peaceful Pacific Ocean. The weather was balmy with light winds, and the climate was just delightful. Beneath was vast sandy seashore. I watched as the gentle waves repeatedly washed ashore and ebbed back to sea. The seashore was dotted with many swaying palm trees. The scenic majesty and beauty of the setting sun, the red-purple skies, the sea, sandy seashore and gentle swaying palm trees were just breathtaking. The light winds gently tossed my hair about as I delighted in this tropical setting. I *repeatedly* said to myself, *"All this belongs to my Father."* I had deep peace and a sense of security knowing that this awesome scenic tropical splendor belonged to Almighty Creator God, my Heavenly Father.

It is nighttime in the next scene. However, my sight in the dark was quite clear. The sky was pitch black: no moon and no stars. I was now dressed in an old fashioned, high-necked, long sleeved, white bridal dress. A fair complexioned woman in her mid twenties stood next to me also dressed in a revealing white bridal dress. Neither of us wore a bridal veil. A man was also with us. He was fair complexioned with dark hair, and appeared to be in his mid thirties. He wore light summer clothing.

Although it was totally dark, the woman and I approached a pool of aqua-blue water. It was a very large in-ground pool, lit up from within. We both stepped into the pool and waded in the shallow end in our bridal dresses. The temperature of the water was warm. The man now wore swimming trunks and joined us. I stopped wading when the water reached my chest. The skirt of my dress did not float to the top of the water but remained down to my feet. The woman swam deeper into the water, about twenty feet ahead. The man had followed us into the pool and continued following the woman, staying close to her. Strangely, however, he was now a black silhouette figure.

Suddenly, the woman sprung out and STOOD UP while her ankles remained immersed in the water! However, she was not at all wet and no longer wore a bridal dress. Instead, she now wore skimpy tight white shorts with only two wide straps over her shoulders joined to the shorts at the waist. The wide straps draped over her large bare breasts, perfectly covering her nipples. By now, the man caught up with her and remained at her left side. She became flirtatious and enticing in all of her seductive movement as she laughingly and teasingly flaunted herself at the man. He would lunge at her and try to take hold of her, as she would pull away from his attempts to grasp her. She tried not to let the straps slide off her shoulders. When one of the straps began to slide off, she would laughingly squirm and teasingly slide it back on, carefully keeping the strap secure over the nipple. If the other strap would start to slide off, she would repeat her seductive movement while at the same time repeatedly flaunting her voluptuous breasts at him as she stuck her chest out while giggling and laughing. She would occasionally slide her hands over her breasts while continuing to be very careful that the straps cover her nipples. The woman was beautiful, shapely, and her complexion was fair. She had dark eyes, black hair, and wore heavy dark eye makeup, heavy rouge, and bright red lipstick. She was robust and sensuous in all her behavior.

As this scenario played on *endlessly,* I glanced around my immediate surroundings. Although it was nighttime and quite dark, I could clearly see all the surroundings. To the left was a very high large rock boulder, and to the right were empty animal zoo cages with open gates. The cages were quite large, and some of them were dangerously and crookedly piled on top of each other while other cages lay scattered about on their sides. Beyond the pool, I also saw outlines of full-bodied trees in the dark background.

During all this time, I remained standing in the pool while the water level remained at my chest. It became quite evident that the woman was trying to show me just how attractive and desirous she was with her almost naked and shapely body compared to my *plain, prim, and proper nothingness.* I watched her behavior toward the man as he continued trying to take hold of her while she continued to laughingly tease and out-maneuver him. *Astonishingly, however, she remained standing out of the water with only her feet immersed in water to the ankles!* END

INTERPRETATION

The tropical setting represents a tranquil time on earth as God continues to shed His grace *(unmerited favor)* upon man through the *prosperity and preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.* It also represents peace and prosperity on earth *(although debatable in certain parts of the globe)* before the Rapture occurs (1Thes. 4:13-18 — 1Cor. 15:51-57) and the seven-year Tribulation begins, bringing the Antichrist on the scene (Dan. 9:24-27 — Rev. Chap. 13). The vastness of the Pacific Ocean's waters symbolizes the greatness of God's gift of Eternal Life through the Living Waters that continue to flow, allowing mankind every privilege to hear about and accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord in Whom *ONLY* is found salvation for one's soul. (Jn. 1:12, 13; 3:3-7 — Acts 3:18-21; 4:12; 16:30, 31 — Rom. 10:10 — Col. 2:3 — 1Tim. 2:3, 4 — Titus 3:4-6 — 1Jn. 1:9; 2:1, 2) The setting sun symbolizes the Light that will soon be extinguished (Rom 13:12) and the Word of God that will soon become a famine in the post Rapture Church and in the world during the Tribulation.

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord God, "that I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, ***but*** **[a famine]** ***of hearing the words of the Lord****. They shall wander from sea to sea…seeking the word of the Lord, but shall not find it"* (Amos 8:11).

The swaying palm trees throughout the vast sandy seashore represent the five-fold ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers (Eph. 4:11, 12). These anointed servants of God are moved by the gentle winds that are symbolic of Holy Spirit (Jn. 3:8 Acts 2:2-4), and they minister under His anointing. Here, also, their deep spiritual roots are symbolically nourished by underground moisture from the Living Waters (Jn. 7:38; 15:5). The wind tossing my hair about represents Holy Spirit's anointing upon me (2Pet. 1:20, 21). [See PERSONAL TESTIMONY] The rest of the scene needs no further interpretation.

In the next scene, the moonless and starless black night represents the sinful world's climate (Jn. 3:19, 20). A woman can symbolize sin or a church in spiritual dreams. Here, both of us represent churches. Therefore, the woman and I dressed as brides represent a two-fold identity in the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth: the *faithful* versus the *unfaithful*. Our wading into the pool is symbolic of our standing in Christ Jesus. The *lighted* pool of *water* is symbolic of the Light (Jn. 8:12) and the Living Waters (Jn. 4:10; 7:38). Here, the identities of the *FAITHFUL* and the *LUKEWARM* churches in Rev. 3:7-22 are identified. The other five churches are also identified later in this document.

I remain the steadfast *Faithful* Church (Rev. 3:8, 10-12), immersed in Christ in the midst of the Living Waters while awaiting the Rapture. The other woman in her cheap appearance is *unfaithful*. She is barely immersed in Christ, and totally unprepared for the Rapture (Rev. 3:17). Her almost naked, dry appearance symbolically reveals her spiritual status through her shallow-immersion in the Living Waters as the carnal *Lukewarm* Church (Rev. 3:15-19). Her sudden exposure without her wedding dress but almost naked reveals her character as cheap, flirtatious and seductive.

This *Lukewarm* Church outwardly appears to be robust, strong, and healthy—prosperous in the Word of God—as symbolized by her full breasts and energetic body. However, her dark hair symbolically reveals lack of full spiritual enlightenment through the *full counsel* of the Word. She appears to be *well equipped* while at the same time protecting her identity as *an empty spiritual shell.* Her careful attempt to hide her nipples symbolically reveals her calloused neglect in feeding strong *sound* spiritual nourishment to the man because of her lack of spiritual revelation and knowledge, and indifference to the Word of God. (Jer. 17:5 — Eph. 5:6, 7 — 1Tim. 1:8-11 — Mt. 12:33-37 — 1Pet. 2:6-8)

This church's flirtatious and sensual behavior reveals her to be playing the role of a *harlot* by flaunting herself at and teasing the man. She is *unfaithful* to Lord Jesus Christ, her Savior and Lord, and is walking with the mind-set of a *harlot* in her heart as symbolically displayed by her cheap appearance: *worldly trimmings* in her manner of makeup, dress, and seducing behavior. She keeps the man interested by showing off her breasts to him. She wants to hold and keep him to herself as compensation through his attention and desire for her (Pr. 7:6-23). ***In other words, her hidden motive and need for personal security is her need of his tithes and offerings that keep her propped up while he pays for her services, which in turn helps her remain "sure footed" in the Living Waters. She deceitfully keeps him desiring her through her lively flirtation so that she can continue to spiritually seduce him.***

"But you trusted in your own beauty, played the harlot because of your fame, and poured out your harlotry on everyone passing by who would have it (Ezek. 16:15).

"Therefore I will uncover your skirts over your face, that your shame may appear. I have seen your adulteries and your lustful neighings, the lewdness of your harlotry…" (Jer. 13:26, 27).

"The nakedness of your harlotry shall be uncovered, both your lewdness and your harlotry…. Because you have forgotten Me and cast Me behind your back, therefore you shall bear the penalty of your lewdness and your harlotry" (Ezek. 23:29b, 35).

For indeed, those who are far from You shall perish; You have destroyed all those who desert You for harlotry (Ps. 73:27).

This church is not teaching the man, ***under the anointing and control of Holy Spirit*** (Acts 7:51), strong and *sound* doctrine from the Word of God (2Pet. Chap. 2). She is not teaching him about the curse of *sin and death* (Rom. 6:23), the need for *repentance* (1Jn. 1:5-10 — Rom. 5:9 — Eph. 1:7), *humility* before God (Mic. 6:8 — Jas. 4:10), *brokenness* (Lk. 20:17, 18), *obedience* (Acts 5:29), *HOLINESS* (Heb. 12:9, 10, 14), and *faithfulness* (1Cor. 4:2 — Ps. 31:23) to Lord Jesus Christ. Instead, she is *more focused* on weekly "revenue" to pay salaries and bills, continue maintaining the sanctuary and church property, manicuring the grounds, promoting and operating entertainment and social programs, bazaars, fund raising (Jer. 17:9, 10 — Lk. 16:15), etc., ***while neglectful of Lord Jesus' call to feed His sheep*** (John 21:15-17) ***under the guidance of Holy Spirit***. (Jn. 14:16, 17, 26; 15:26; 16:7-15 — Rom. 8:1-17, 26, 27 — Lk. 11:13) She is not equipping the Saints for spiritual warfare against Satan's endless attacks (Eph. 6:10-18 — Rom. 8:5-8, 13, 14 — 2Cor 10:3-6 — 2Tim. 2:4) nor teaching them to serve God with ***holy***, *obedient, and humble hearts.* (Romans 8 — Gal. 5:16-26)

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, **LOVERS OF MONEY** [1Tim 6:10]*, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful,* **unholy**, *unloving, unforgiving,* ***slanderers****, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty,* ***lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God****,* ***HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS BUT DENYING ITS POWER. AND FROM SUCH PEOPLE TURN AWAY!*** (2Tim. 3:1-5)

The color black symbolizes sin. The man is a backslidden church member with much sin in his heart (Pr. 5:21, 22 — Jas. 2:10; 4:7-10). His darkened understanding and anxious behavior reveals his desire in wanting assurance that he is right with God in his heart. However, *his own personal neglect* of applying himself and his time to prayer, and reading and studying the Word for himself reveals him as *lukewarm* and *unfaithful* in seeking close intimacy with Lord Jesus (Jn. 15:1-8). He wants to continually be spoon-fed the Word and prayed for. He is not responsible for nourishing himself with the Word of God (Jas. 1:21-25). *He's straddling the fence with one foot in the Church and the other foot in the world* (Jas. 4:4), and is double-minded (Jas 1:7, 8; 4:8 — 1Cor. 6:15-17). He is not *a light in the dark,* is not witnessing to lost souls or bringing them into the Kingdom of God (Jn. 8:31; 15:7, 8). He faithfully attends this church and gives his tithes, offerings, time, talents, and skills, *HOPING* that he will go to Heaven because of his "good works" or his parents' religious background. Not because of love and intimacy for Lord Jesus as well as consecration to live his life for Him. (1Cor. 15:33, 34)

Unknown to the man, he is *NOT* receiving full nourishment through ongoing *sound* spiritual counsel needed for personal vigilance (1Pet. 5:8) in working out his salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12). He does not know about victorious living (Rom. 8:31-39 Phil. 4:13) through *LEARNING and KNOWING HOW TO PRAY* for himself and for others, and through receiving *STRONG SOUND TEACHING* from the Word of God (Heb. 4:12, 13). ***This lukewarm church has a firm stronghold on this man's wallet through "seductive window dressing" that is transparent to strong spiritually meat fed discerning Christians, but densely shielded from babes (carnal Christians) who are only fed the milk of the Word*** (Eccl. 7:26). *Not knowing the Word,* these babes cannot receive the admonition to *not* pay attention to what is being preached in the pulpits, but to what is *NOT* being preached and ***taught by Holy Spirit*** (Jn. 14:26 — Eph. 4:14 — Lk. 12:12 — Gal. 1:8-10). Furthermore, to what also is *NOT* being taught in Sunday school classes and in mid-week evening Bible studies in vast numbers of worldwide churches ***under the inspiration of Holy Spirit*** (Jn. 16:13-15 — Lk. 12:1, 2). And so, God's Word bursts forth that *glaringly* declares, ***"MY PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE."*** (Hos. 4:6) — [Mt. 18:6-9; 23:13-35 — Lk. 11:37-52; 11:23 — Lk. 12:10]

And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, and not with solid food [meat — KJV] *for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;* ***for you are still carnal*** (1Cor. 3:1-3).

For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food [strong meat — KJV] *belongs to those who are of full age* [spiritually mature]*, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil* (Heb. 5:12, 14).

TO RECAP: In this dream the breasts symbolize nourishment—the milk of the Word of God. The hidden nipples symbolize the disregard of feeding strong sound doctrine of the meat of the Word of God.

Two thousand years ago Jesus sent letters to "angels" *(pastors)* of the seven churches (Rev. 1:11, 20) in Asia Minor *(present day western coast of modern Turkey)* regarding the status of their spiritual conditions (Rev. 1:19). Sadly, those same alarming *lukewarm* and failing spiritual conditions still exist today throughout the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Many of those pastors were failing in their call as shepherds to the Lord's Flock (1Pet. 5:2-4) just as many are still failing in their call today (1Cor. 7:17-24). *(A great burden rests on the Flock to pray unceasingly for their shepherds, but do they?)* Also today, ***there are in many church pulpits "shepherds" who are "hirlings" in disguise*** (Jn. 10:12, 13). They have not been *CALLED* (Rom. 8:28) by Lord Jesus into the five-fold ministry of Eph. 4:11, 12 to be pastors (1Jn. 4:1). ***THEY ARE DECEITFUL, and have made their self-appointed calling a "lifetime career"*** (2Cor. 11:13-15). Yet at the judgment seat of Christ (Rom. 14:10), Matthew 7:21-23 will be *the decisive Word that will judge them* (1Cor. 11:31, 32 — 1Pet. 4:17).

But evil men and IMPOSTERS will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived (2Tim. 3:13).

"FOR MY EYES ARE ON ALL THEIR WAYS; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes" (Jer. 16:17).

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[NOTE: First read Revelation Chapters 1-3. Then follow with this COMMENTARY QUOTE: (1) *A LOCAL application* to the churches in John's day. The letters portray actual conditions in seven local churches. This is clear from the messages themselves. (2) *A PROPHETICAL application* to the churches throughout this dispensation [up] to the Rapture, revealing spiritual conditions in local churches and in individuals in churches. (3) *An INDIVIDUAL application,* so that the individual
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in any church ***in any generation*** may be warned and [may] profit by the failures of the [six unfaithful] churches." SOURCE: *DAKE'S ANNOTATED REFERENCE BIBLE*, Rev.1:20, note "c"]

The Seven Churches of Revelation 2 and 3

EPHESUS: *Loveless Church* — 2:1-7

SMYRNA: *Persecuted Church* — 2:8-11

PERGAMOS: *Compromising Church* — 2:12-17

THYATIRA: *Corrupt Church* — 2:18-29

SARDIS: *Dead Church* — 3:1-6

PHILADELPHIA: *Faithful Church* — 3:7-13

LAODICEA: *Lukewarm Church* — 3:14-22

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As for the surroundings, the large rock boulder represents Jesus Christ the Rock (2Sam. 22:2, 3   1Cor. 10:4 — Lk. 6:46-48 — Psalms 18:2, 31, 46; 28:1; 31:2, 3; 61:2; 62:6, 7; 71:3; 78:35; 89:26; 92:15; 94:22; 95:1) upon Whom His Church stands and is spiritually victorious in life (Jn. 16:33, 34 — Lk. 10:19 — Rev. 3:21). The empty animal zoo cages represent the opened gates of Hell. Satan's demonic hordes are loose upon the face of the earth now more than ever before. They stand in readiness to ensnare and devour many in the *Lukewarm* Church left behind after the Rapture (1Pet. 5:8). Through much fear (Lk. 12:4, 5, 8, 9) and *gross unfaithfulness*, some will probably surrender to the Antichrist and take the Mark of the Beast (Rev. 13:16-18   Jer. 17:5, 13). The full-bodied trees in the dark distance represent the masses in and of the world sprouting forth their endless "fruit" of unrighteousness and ungodliness. (Jn. 15:18-25 — 1Cor. 6:9, 10 — Eph. 5:5 — Rev. 21:8 — Ps. 1:4-6)

While the woman's appearance and behavior made me feel unattractive, I remained the steadfast *Faithful* Church (Lk. 7:23   Rev. 3:8, 10, 12). Symbolically, I was secure in my faith and righteousness in Christ Jesus (Jn. 15:1-8 — Lk. 11:21   1Tim. 6:12   2Tim. 4:7,8). ***My plain, prim, and proper nothingness symbolizes that I AM NOT to be appealing to the world, but that Christ Jesus—the Word of God, the Light, and the Living Waters—is Who is to shine THROUGH ME and draw all peoples unto Himself*** (Jn. 3:16-18, 34-36; 12:32). Through strong and *sound* spiritual doctrine from the Word (Lk. 11:27, 28 — Ps. 89:7), and Holy Spirit's *flaming zeal and boldness* (Lk. 10:19), I am to continue teaching and admonishing the Flock through the five-fold ministry (Eph. 4:11, 12). I am to operate ***under the anointing and control of Holy Spirit*** (Mt. 28:18-20) while also feeding the Bread of Life (Jn. 6:33) to the dying world as well as witnessing to and leading many souls to Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God of Israel.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. *For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED. He who believes in Him is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God"* (Jn. 3:16-18).

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mk. 16:15, 16).

"AND THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE PREACHED IN ALL THE WORLD AS A WITNESS TO ALL THE NATIONS, AND THEN THE END WILL COME" (Mt. 24:14).

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PERSONAL TESTIMONY

On August 20, 1985, Rev. Victor Onvigbo, native of Nigeria, was a guest speaker at Victory Christian Fellowship in Newport, Delaware, hosted by Pastor Gary Whetstone. *(I've kept both newspaper ad and program flyer. After dying on October 4, 1961 for several hours, God miraculously brought Rev. Onvigbo back to life.)* The meeting was held that evening at the Ramada Inn next to the Delaware Memorial Bridge. That night Rev. Onvigbo declared words over me. Upon returning to my seat, I was prompted by Holy Spirit to quickly write what I could remember. Three of only six recalled declarations *(could not remember the other pronouncements)* are, *"You are called to be a prophet"* at which time he touched my head three times and declared, *"Receive."* He further declared, *"Your ears are spiritually opened to hear from God"* as he touched my ears. He continued by declaring, *"Receive power,"* as he laid hands on my head, chest and abdomen three times.

This testimony to the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth will reveal that I have not brought forth spiritual dreams supported by Scripture to the Church from my own spirit or personal understanding but under the anointing and guidance of Holy Spirit. ***I have operated only in the Internet realm in fulfilling my call as prophet through dreams to the Body of Christ.*** To date, this is how I have been guided in my prophetic call. I would like to reveal to Lord Jesus' Church the following three dreams that explain the beginning of my "dreams" calling.

DREAM ONE > May 1975 — I approached a small dark wooden table upon which sat an uncorked Bordeaux wine shaped bottle. It was filled to the brim with a deep dark red wine-like liquid. Within the liquid drifted a vapor-like smoke. It did not once stop drifting within the liquid. As I drew closer to inspect the bottle, I was suddenly brought down to the ground in a prostrated position. I was held down like a magnet and could not move. While powerfully magnetized to the ground I became *VERY* fearful of what was happening to me. A harsh, *COMMANDING,* scolding Man's Voice began to speak in a language that I did not recognize. While He continued speaking, I became aware of His great anger. As the harsh scolding continued, I continuously asked, *"Is that You, Father? Is that You, Father? Is that You, Father?"* The harsh *reprimand* continued for what seemed eternity while I continued asking the same question over and over without end. *Finally, the Voice changed to my father's voice* that lessened in harshness and spoke in a normal tone while continuing to speak in the same language. Eventually, the powerful magnet hold weakened and I was then able to stand up. When my father's voice finally stopped speaking, I turned to my left and saw my two sisters twenty feet away to my right. One sat while the other combed her hair. Next, a black haired, dark complexioned woman glided toward me from the left. She was dressed in a traditional Middle East style orange dress, and her head was covered with an orange veil. She stopped and stood before me with a firm look in her eyes. Although she did not move her lips I clearly heard her say, *"You must change your ways."*

INTERPRETATION: The bottle of "wine" represents the shed Blood of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. The stirring vapor type smoke within the wine represents the *moving of the Holy Spirit*. The wooden table represents the Cross of Lord Jesus Christ from which His Blood flowed to cleanse all sin after His death by crucifixion. My attempt to approach the Blood was halted by Almighty God's power and *harsh reprimanding Voice* (Isa. 43:25; 55:6-9; 56:1). My continuous questioning about Who was speaking brought forth confirmation *through my father's voice* that it was indeed *my Heavenly Father* speaking, and from Whom I had been separated throughout all my life because of sin. *(As a child, nuns taught me that I was to always call God, "Father." I carried that advice in my heart throughout all my lost and sinful life even though separated from Him by sin.)* The color *"orange"* symbolizes "warning" that revealed *extreme caution* about how dangerously close I was in going to Hell because of my strong and deep involvement in witchcraft and the occult besides a lifetime of *unconfessed and unrepented sins* (Rom. 6:23). The delivered interpretation of having to change my ways was a *"brief" warning remark* about what my Father God had harshly scolded me at length. As for my sisters, they remain close to this day.

DREAM TWO > June 1975 — Jesus appeared before me dressed in white with a brilliant light all around Him. He was *MAJESTICALLY GLORIOUS* in His countenance and just *BEAUTIFUL* to behold! He was at a distance of about fifteen feet away, and about five feet above the ground. A black book was suspended in mid air a few feet below His sandaled feet. The book cover opened up, and *astonishingly* each page of the book began to turn by itself in a graceful manner as though turned by a breeze. When all the pages had finished gently turning to the left, they began to turn back to the right, each page by itself, yet all pages turning closer to each other. I watched the pages gently turn back and forth like a waving fan. I continuously glanced up and down at Jesus and the book as He stood with His arms held out, beckoning me to approach Him. Although He did not speak, I felt great warmth and peace in this dream. Jesus kept a steady gaze upon me and did not move, nor did the book's pages ever stop turning back and forth. The dream lasted for what seemed an eternity.

INTERPRETATION: Lord Jesus' appearance before me was God's confirmation to me through this dream that I could only approach Lord Jesus (Jn. 6:65; 14:6) through repentance of my sins. However, *I needed to know about sin and repentance* through the "Living" Word   the Bible   as represented by the Book at His feet and its "turning pages." His outstretched arms beckoned me to accept Him (Mat. 11:28-30) through the reading and studying of the Word that gives one's heart revelation knowledge and faith to find, believe in, and ***receive salvation ONLY through Jesus Christ, the Son of God*** (Jn. 3:16; 6:44-58; 11:25, 26 — Rom 10:17 — Heb. 1:1-4).

DREAM THREE > July 1975 — An enormous ancient book materialized before me, suspended in mid-air. A brilliant golden light surrounded it. With the bound edge of the book to the left, the black leather cover opened from right to left by itself. A different and calm gentle Man's Voice began speaking to me and said, *"From this time on I will…"* and then it changed and continued speaking in a different language that I did not understand. I beheld *OLD* ivory colored pages with Hebrew writing neatly written on each page. As ancient as the book was, there wasn't one faded, smeared, creased, torn, dog-eared, or corner-ripped page. It was *"well preserved and perfect"* in appearance. I stood before the book attentively looking at each page while the Voice spoke *instructively* without end. The pages continued turning, one at a time. As each page turned, there would be ongoing pauses so that I could carefully glance at both pages for a few good moments before another page turned. Eventually this seemingly eternal dream faded.

INTERPRETATION: The ancient Book was the Old Testament. *(It should be noted that a Hebrew book is read in reverse: the bound edge of the Book is at the right.)* Since the bound edge was at the left, it was shown to me in the reverse—from the end—*beginning with the PROPHETS.* I did not see book name identities. The Voice that spoke to me, first in English with the few opening words, and then changing to another language was the *steady, instructive, and commanding Voice of Holy Spirit.* He spoke with a firm but smooth, peaceful, and flowing delivery, and never once slowed down nor declined in His pronouncements. I later came to understand that as He spoke *e-n-n-n-dlessly* in an unknown language *He was instructing my spirit to study the Word of God*—the Holy Bible—which would equip me for a future ministry of End Time dreams supported by Scripture (2Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17) on the Internet to the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. END

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These three dreams *(number of Divine confirmation)* were instrumental in preparing and leading me to *finally* understand that my deepest need was God's grace, mercy, gift of Eternal Life (Jas. 1:17), salvation, hope (Col. 1:27), peace (Jn. 14:27), and strength *found only in His Son Jesus Christ* (Acts 4:12). I *finally* responded to Lord Jesus' beckoning in the dream of June 1975 and accepted Him (Jn. 1:12, 13 — 1Jn. 1:7, 9   Ps. 32:5) as my Savior and Lord fourteen months
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later on August 30, 1976 through a televised program. Demos Shakarin, founder and President of Full Gospel Business Men Fellowship International, hosted a crusade in New York City that night. I called the phone number on the screen and a prayer counselor led me in prayer as I received Lord Jesus into my heart while sobbing remorsefully on my knees on the kitchen floor.

Because of my deep involvement in witchcraft and the occult, *I remained in sinful bondage, blind, and deaf to Almighty God's call to repent* (Acts 3:19-21). It took me over a year to finally understand that I needed to *OBEY MY HEAVENLY FATHER'S PERSONAL AND SEVERE REPRIMAND* (Isa. 1:18) *TO REPENT OF MY EVIL AND SINFUL WAYS*, and be reconciled (Rom. 5:8-11 — 2Cor. 5:17-19 — Eph. 2:18) to Him through His Precious Sacrificial Lamb (Eph. 2:13), His Son Jesus Christ (Jn. 14:6). It also took me just as long to understand that Jesus beckoned me to accept Him because *HE LOVED ME*, and that *ONLY HE GIVES FORGIVENESS, ETERNAL LIFE* (Jn. 6:47 — Jas. 1:17), *AND PEACE* (Jn. 14:27) to one's heart and soul such as no one else can. ***ONLY JESUS SAVES*** (Jn. 3:16-18 — Acts 10:43; 16:30, 31 — Gal. 4:4-7 — Eph. 2:13) By laying on of hands I received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 11:16) at a home Bible study on October 11, 1976 while sprawled on the living room floor. While *I burned up* (Mt. 3:11), I immediately began speaking in an unknown language (Jn. 7:37-39 — Acts 2:1-4, 11, 16-18). I received water baptism the following year (Acts 10:47). Upon being baptized in the Holy Spirit, I was *immediately drawn* into reading and studying the Word with a KJV *DAKE'S ANNOTATED REFERENCE BIBLE* that eventually prepared me for God's call on August 20, 1985 to serve and glorify Him as a prophet *through dreams* (Acts 2:17, 18). I conferred not with flesh and blood for interpretations, but once *briefly.* I received all the dreams' interpretations through *waiting on Holy Spirit's anointing and interpretive help* so I could then present each dream to the Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth on the Web. *(Their links are listed at the end of this testimony.)* I have worked on and posted these dreams when prompted by Holy Spirit. To this day, I am not anointed to interpret dreams although I can discern some.

Briefly, from 1989 to 1994, I received a series of End Time dreams that Holy Spirit prompted me to type and file away. *(There were many other various non-related types of dreams in between.)* After showing the binder of End Time dreams to a pastor in the fall of 1997, he encouraged me to pray for God's interpretation to the dreams (Gen. 40:8). After praying for Holy Spirit's anointing and help to receive interpretation to the dreams, *I took a **BOLD** leap of faith* and began with PAY ATTENTION TO GOD. Since then I have searched Scripture (2Pet. 1:20, 21) to present those which Holy Spirit showed me (Lk. 12:12) agreed with what Lord Jesus revealed in each ensuing Web posted dream to His Church. I remain deeply convicted in my spirit that the *instructive* words Holy Spirit's calm Voice spoke in the third dream of July 1975 were *to study and deliver the Word* (Josh. 1:8 — Jn. 8:31 — Heb. 4:12 — Jas. 1:21-25 — 1Pet. 1:23) *to Lord Jesus' Church through dreams* (Psalm 119:49, 103, 105, 114, 116, 130, 133, 140, 148, 162, 172).

From 1998 to 2003, I received five more dreams that continued to deal with the End Time.

On March 20, 2000 at exactly 2:00 AM, I received a word in my spirit after studying and researching the Word for a dream I had been working on. I immediately wrote it down, and is as follows:

"IN THIS YOU DO NOT LOOK TO A PASTOR, OR TO A TEACHER, OR TO A PROPHET. YOU LOOK TO MY WORD. YOU LOOK TO MY SPIRIT. YOU LISTEN FOR MY VOICE. YOU OBEY MY VOICE."

*"**OBEY MY VOICE**, and I will be your God"* (Jer. 7:23).

Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart (Jer. 15:16).

Your word is very pure; therefore Your servant loves it (Ps. 119:140).

*If anyone speaks, **let him speak as the oracles of God*** (1Pet. 4:11).

"I send you prophets …" (Mat. 23:34).

I give all the praise and all the glory to my Heavenly Father (1Cor. 10:31) *for HIS CALL upon me* (Rom. 8:28 1Cor. 1:26; 7:17, 20-24 —2Tim. 1:9 — 1Pet. 1:2), as well as to my Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. Because of His love, compassion, mercy, *faithfulness* and willingness to lay His life down for me (Jn. 10:15; 17:6-19), Lord Jesus saved me from the eternal flames of a deserving Hell because of my rebellion, disobedience, and gross sinfulness throughout my life when I accepted Him as my Savior and Lord. *"Thank You, Precious Lord Jesus."*

I remain surrendered to Holy Spirit's anointing to bring Lord Jesus' *URGENT CALL to His Church* through dreams and Scripture that admonishes her to ***STOP PLAYING CHURCH and COMPROMISING*** **[fornicating in Her heart]** ***WITH THE STANDARDS*** **[gossip and slander, morals, abortion, homosexuality, traditions, idolatry, protocols]** ***OF THE WORLD*** (1Jn. 2:12-17 — 1Cor. Chap. 5 — Col. 3:5-10).

Saints of God, ***BE HOLY!*** Draw intimately closer to Lord Jesus through daily prayer, repentance, *brokenness*, study of the Word, *faithfulness*, humility, and obedience (1Pet. 1:13-25) to Him as we await the imminent Rapture of the *FAITHFUL* Church of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. (Rom. 12:9-21; 13:12-14; 14:7-10 — Eph. 4:25-32; 5:1-21 — 1Thes. 5:12-22 — 2Tim. 2:19; 3:12 2Pet. 1:5-11)

*I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and the lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for **HOLINESS**. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. **What fruit did***

you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? *But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves* [servants] *of God, you have your fruit to* ***HOLINESS****, and the end, everlasting life.* ***FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD*** (Rom. 6:19-23).

Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us CLEANSE ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting ***HOLINESS*** *in the fear of God* (2Cor. 7:1).

THE BLOOD of Jesus Christ His Son CLEANSES US from all sin. *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.* ***If we confess our sins, He is FAITHFUL and just to forgive us our sins and to CLEANSE US from all unrighteousness*** (1Jn. 1:7-9).

But as He who called you is holy, you also ***BE HOLY IN ALL YOUR CONDUCT,*** *because it is written,* ***"BE HOLY FOR I AM HOLY"*** (1Pet. 1:16).

Pursue ***PEACE*** *with all men, and* ***HOLINESS****, without which no one shall see the Lord* (Heb. 12:14).

WORK - OUT - YOUR - OWN - SALVATION - WITH - FEAR - AND - TREMBLING (Phil. 2:12).

For GODLY SORROW produces repentance leading to salvation*, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death* (2Cor. 7:10).

BE FOUND FAITHFUL (1Cor. 4:2).

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DREAMS' INDEX

Indexed are 18 files: 15 dreams and 3 others. Those three other files are included as part of three separate dream series. The format is as follows: *Dream Title, Date of Dream* (underlined), *Date of Post*, and *Link*. This HARLOT CHURCH dream now totals 16 Web posted End Time dreams. Just a few more binder dreams remain to be worked on. However, this does not necessarily mean that the Rapture cannot still occur since *the crucial and urgent messages of Lord Jesus through these posted End Time dreams have been delivered to His Church through the Internet.*

NOTE: The RAPTURE series is indexed at the end of the dream file, REMORSE IN HELL TOO LATE.

I AM IN CONTROL (3/85) 5/9/99
http://www.etpv.org/1999/control.html

THE RAPTURE! (8/1/89) 5/11/03
http://www.etpv.org/2003/therap.html

THE REMNANT (1/22/90) 3/19/00
http://www.etpv.org/2000/remnant.html

INHERIT MY HOLY MOUNTAIN (3/4/90) 3/14/99
http://www.etpv.org/1999/1_inherit.html

PAY ATTENTION TO GOD, NOW! (5/30/90) 11/2/97
http://www.etpv.org/1996-97/payatt.html

THOSE WHO SLEEP IN JESUS (7/9/90) 6/8/03
http://www.etpv.org/2003/twhos.html

RAPTURE AFTERSHOCK (2/3/91) 5/25/03
http://www.etpv.org/2003/rapaft.html

REMORSE IN HELL TOO LATE (1/22/92) 6/29/03
http://www.etpv.org/2003/remorse.html

JERUSALEM AND THE CHURCH (9/13/93) 6/16/02
http://www.etpv.org/2002/jeatc.html

LONGING FOR YOU (3/18/94) 11/30/97
http://www.etpv.org/1996-97/dream19.html

GOD'S JUDGMENT ON AMERICA – I ***(none)*** 8/30/98
http://www.etpv.org/1998/gjoa-1.html
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GOD'S JUDGMENT ON AMERICA – II (6/18/98) 8/30/98
http://www.etpv.org/1998/gjoa-2.html

NINTH HOUR, JUDGMENT, RAPTURE (12/18/99) 1/30/00
http://www.etpv.org/2000/ju9h.html

GOD'S JUDGMENT ON AMERICA – III ***(none)*** 9/30/01
http://www.etpv.org/2001/gjoa3.html

GOD'S JUDGMENT ON AMERICA – IV (7/19/O1) 9/30/01
http://www.etpv.org/2001/gjoa4.html

WARNINGS (11/11/02) 11/17/02
http://www.etpv.org/2002/wrngs.html

RAPTURE PREPAREDNESS (2/4/03) 2/24/03
http://www.etpv.org/2003/rprep.html

I AM IN CONTROL – III ***(none)*** 1/30/04
http://www.etpv.org/2004/control.html

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Beloved Saints of God, Lord Jesus has spoken: **"I AM IN CONTROL."** Either His Church repents and *faithfully* awaits His appearing in the clouds (1Thes. 4:13-18 — 1Cor. 15:50-55) to call Her Home (Jn. 14:3), or those found *unfaithful* and *backslidden* will be left behind after the Rapture. Even after they finally repent *too late*, they will still have to face the forewarned consequences of shock, fear, anguish, painful remorse, persecution, famine of food and famine of the Word (Amos 8:11), torment, and *great, great suffering* during the Tribulation (Revelation, Chaps. 6 to 18). They will eventually be *BEHEADED* for their faith (Rev. 20:4) in order to finally enter into Glory.

As for the *lukewarm* Saints, **Lord Jesus will *VOMIT* [spue, spew] them out of His mouth** (Rev. 3:15, 16). Their destiny will be Hell where *their remorse will be too late*. There is ***no Scriptural truth*** to the doctrine of ***"ONCE SAVED, ALWAYS SAVED."*** It's a big lie.

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"I AM IN CONTROL" Graphs' Links

[English Link]

I AM IN CONTROL

[Hebrew Link]

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[Spanish Link]

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MISCELLANEOUS

LEFT BEHIND LETTER
(An excellent read on the pre-Tribulation Rapture)
http://www.raptureready.com/leftbehind/leftb12.html

EAGLE VISION MINISTRY
(Pastor Peter Tan, Web Host, Malaysia. His testimony: http://www.eaglevision.com.my/testimony.htm*. MUCH spiritual treasure found in this Web site. A MUST log on, surf, read, and grow!)*
http://www.eaglevision.com.my/

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High As The Mountains

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Isa 2:2-4 AMP It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be [firmly] established as the highest of the mountains and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow to it.

"My love for you is higher than the mountains and deeper than the deepest seas. My love for you is unlimited and unconditional. There is no shadow of turning with Me. I don't give up on people. You may give up or not have the maturity or patience or wisdom to know what to do or say to them. But I am not like you. My ways are higher than your ways. Don't be discouraged when you lack what only I can give you. Just come to Me and ask. Sometimes a person is not ready to be loved. Sometimes there is still too much baggage that keeps them with walls high up around them. Sometimes they are so broken that love scares them. It is unfamiliar to them. They don't know how to trust. They dare not trust.

I am the perfecter of all that concerns you. So just lay it at My feet. Allow Me to be in charge. The government is on MY SHOULDERS. When you take up a cause and don't give it to me, you then try to carry it on your shoulders. But that weight is too heavy. You cannot carry everyone else's weights. My shoulders are wide enough and My love deep enough to handle anything. You are still growing in love. Wisdom is so important when trying to walk in love. It is important not to be presumptuous about things and ask Me whatever you want to know. I will give you the wisdom you need. I will give you the patience and fortitude you need if I ask you to help someone.

Sometimes, you feel resistant to help because it is not for you to do, but for someone else. Sometimes the resistance needs to be overcome because it is
for you to do and to learn from. So ask Me and I'll show you. There are situations and people who are difficult to know what to do with them or how to pray or talk to them. In those situations, you need to come to ME and I will instruct you on all you need.

My church will be established as the highest in the lands of the earth. I am preparing you My beloveds for the drama of the ages ! There is much to be done. I want you to know the depth and length and width and breadth of the love I have for you. I want you to be filled with the fullness of ME ! I love you and want the best for you. Just come to ME. I won't discard you like others have. I won't caste you aside like flotsam and jetsam. Don't believe the judgments man has made of you. Look to the TRUTH of My WORD to sustain the TRUTH in your inner parts. I am the LOVER of your soul. I do not do things to torment you. I allow testing and I allow troubles, for I know every man and woman, boy and girl. I know what it takes to change the world, the church, the lost, your family, your children. TRUST in Me, and lean not on your own understanding.

The knowledge of Me will cover the world like the waters cover the seas.
You are coming into an unprecedented time of troubles and peril. BUT I AM WITH YOU. I AM greater than all that could come against you. I am initiating a great time of GRACE that will bring in the final HARVEST, and on the back of that harvest will come great persecution and hatred that will rise up

against My own. But I have a plan for the nations. I have a plan that man who is not abiding in Me knows nothing of. They mock and they spout great swelling words but in the end, I will have the last word. I am the LIVING WORD. And what I say goes ! My Words have the power of LIFE in them, and are creative to accomplish what I set out to do. TRUST in ME with all of your heart.

Surrender any areas where distrust lies. For there is no other Lover like ME. There is no one else who will lay down their life for you as I did ! SURELY in a flood of many waters, I will see you through. Do not worry about your life, what you will eat, where you will go, what you will wear. For I hold you precious in My eyes. You are My TREASURED JEWELS. I am polishing and finishing the details of your life and character so that you will live out the call on your lives with success. I want you to overcome, more than you want to overcome ! I am a GOOD FATHER. I give good gifts to My children. And this Christmas I have some very special gifts I am handing out. Yes I said, this Christmas. I know some are skeptical that I would honor this holiday because it came out of obscurity on the back of pagan traditions. But should I resent men honoring My Son ? What I do hate is the mockery of what is holy. What I do hate is greed instead of love.
But this holiday is preceded by the Festival of LIGHTS. Do I resent the lighting of lights when it is a celebration of all that My Son is and was and when people sing worship songs to Me ? Why would they want to quench it if it is not a threat to their immoral ways ? If you worship the lights, and worship the trees, and worship the festivities and forget about ME, then of course it has no meaning. But if you do all things as unto ME, does that not make it worship ? The impatience and clamoring is not of Me, nor for Me.

But know that I do not resent you honoring My son and loving on one another and helping one another during this time or any other time. All times should be like Christmas in your heart. Giving should be an all year affair. Giving and generosity are MY characteristics. AM I not generous to you ? Am I not forgiving and loving, and patient ? So do all things unto Me, and I will bless you. WALK in MY GRACE ! And give grace to others. Be a bright shining light in the midst of the times ! Shine, shine, shine your light in the marketplace of life. Let the Joy of YOUR LORD radiate around you. Take a moment to reach out to someone and touch them. Bring healing to broken hearts and acts of kindness to strangers ! And remember how much I love you and how much you are Mine, and I am yours !"

Mal 1:11 AMP For from the rising of the sun to its setting My name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to My name, and indeed a pure offering; for My name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts.

Mal 3:17 AMP And they shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in that day when I publicly recognize and openly declare them to be My jewels (My special possession, My peculiar treasure). And I will spare them, as a man spares his own son who serves him.
Ps 125:2 NKJV As the mountains surround Jerusalem, So the LORD surrounds His people From this time forth and forever.

Song 2:8 NKJV The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes Leaping upon the mountains, Skipping upon the hills.

Torrents of Rain
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I am sending the rain in torrents and waves. And just as the natural rain washes and nurtures the earth, so I will wash and nurture the souls of men.
I am not a God afar off, but close at hand. There is nothing hidden from My eyes. As the torrents of rain fall, they can mess up the landscape. Mudslides occur, and I have some major mudslides coming…a removing of dead branches, trees and dirt and all opposition to My will.

Jer 23:23-24 NKJV "Am I a God near at hand," says the LORD, "And not a God afar off? 24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the LORD;

It is certain that the rains will come, and when they do, be prepared for new paradigms. Don't move into this without being dependent on Me. I have a new thing to do and it requires My wisdom, not your earthly wisdom. I am doing things in unusual ways and not the "normal" way for church. I am breaking down all that is religious and establishing "true religion".

James 1:27 AMP External religious worship [religion as it is expressed in outward acts] that is pure and unblemished in the sight of God the Father is this: to visit and help and care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and need, and to keep oneself unspotted and uncontaminated from the world.

I never intended for the church to become a giant of religious order. It was to become light and salt to the world. It was to become what I was to the world – the Way, the Truth, and the Life ! Denominations are an affront to the TRUTH. I am One and I long to make you ONE in US. But how can that happen when all you can see are your differences, instead of the good in each other ? LOVE is the GREATEST I said. Love is the thing that binds you together, just as it binds US together ! Without love you are just a clanging cymbal…and there are far too many clanging cymbals these days !

Love and mercy will cause people to turn their heads and say, now that is real! They will want what you have when you love. They will want ME when you learn to love ONE ANOTHER. It is in this one anothering that they will see you truly care for each other, and they want to be a part of something that is genuine and real. They need relationship for most of those on the outside are love-starved. When they see you treat each other with kindness and respect and love, then they will honor ME…because YOU ARE HONORING ME BY BEING LIKE-MINDED ! The person who lays down their life is the one who loves, the one who goes the extra mile, the one who cares enough to take time with another. So many have so little time they want to give these days. They want what self wants and not to have to be bothered sometimes. And people recognize this, and know they are not important to them. It has become epidemic in the church and yet people keep supporting this indifference.

When My judgments come, it will be evident who cares and who does not. Many will change and many will not. Those who refuse to help one another will have the candle of their church extinguished and it will be given to another.
My ways are higher than your ways. I challenged the established church in My time on earth. Those who are truly Mine will do the same in this hour, and woe to the ones who will not listen, for I am sending you prophets and apostles, and they are nobodies in the ways of the world or the churched. But they are precious and holy to ME. They will not wait 6 months to get to know you to speak for I already KNOW YOU. And I have given them what to speak. Abundant grace is in store, but so few are

aware of the power of My blood, and the grace it brought. They are so focused on church growth methods and getting on TV, and being “successful” that they have lost perspective. It’s not that those things are not possible, but that the goal of the Kingdom is in conflict with that idolatry to power and position.

I AM the Desire of all Nations and I will have a pure and holy and undefiled Bride when I am finished. I am pouring out torrents of rains, the latter day rain is soon to start, so I must pour to ready you for what is coming. Don’t be afraid of getting a little messy ! Better to be a bit messy, than dirty.

Hos 6:6 NKJV For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Hag 2:6-9 NKJV "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. 8'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 9'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

Isa 61:10-11 NKJV I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

Joel 2:16-17 NKJV Gather the people, Sanctify the congregation,
Assemble the elders, Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom go out from his chamber, and the bride from her dressing room.
17 Let the priests, who minister to the LORD, Weep between the porch and the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, and do not give Your heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them

House Church Networks Replacing Mega Churches
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World's largest churches - Regional house church networks replacing mega churches

Even though influence is more important than size today, taking a look at the attendance numbers of the world's largest churches gives an impression of the developments in recent years. Much is changing: churches which had an attendance of 300,000 a decade ago, such as 'Ondas del Luz y Amor' in Buenos Aires, now have 'only' 70,000. Completely new models are popping up, such as the Indian University which became a church, regularly seeing 80,000 people attending. The membership of mega churches fluctuates strongly, so the numbers here are the attendance, not members. Yonggi Cho's church in Seoul claims a membership of 773,000, but an attendance of 'only' 253,000 in the main church and most important satellites.

What is church?
The church is starting to see itself completely differently - that is one trend which is growing stronger. It is no longer understood as a single organised fellowship (with a pastor, a building, a programme and a more or less creative name), but as an organic community of Christians in towns and regions, the sum of the members of related house churches, cells, groups and fellowships. This gives the church, as in the times of Acts, a regional instead of denominational identity. "The church in Corinth", Ephesus, Antioch or Jerusalem corresponds today to "The church in Berlin", Boulder, Beijing or Brasilia.

Regional house church networks are replacing mega churches

Such regional churches are not led by a 'Senior Pastor', but by regional teams, generally formed by the coalescing of the fivefold ministry. It is very noticeable that the traditional pastoral ministry tends not to play the key role, but rather people with an apostolic or prophetic gifting, as hinted at in 1. Cor. 12:28 and Eph. 2:20. Christian community and unity is formed by belonging to the same region or town; unity is lived out in networked house churches and large celebrations, or at least in leaders' meetings in places where Christians are heavily persecuted. One of the smaller(!) house church networks in southern China has an attendance of 400,000, larger networks number several million. The twenty largest regional (not national) house church networks in China, Vietnam and northern India would completely change the list below. For security reasons, we cannot publish any names or other details, with the exception of V. Choudhrie in India, because most if not all such large regional house church networks exist in nations which persecute or repress Christians. They generally belong to the group which missiologist Prof. David Barrett calls 'Crypto-Christians' ? underground Christianity. We believe that there are around twenty regional house church networks around the globe with an attendance of over 250,000. Hence, the list below starts with the world's previously largest known church, the Yoido Full Gospel Church, ranked 21st. Which are today's trend-setting nations?

These developments started outside the West (North America, Europe, Australia and New Zealand), so many Western pastors and Christian leaders find it difficult to take seriously. Many still understand the West to be the centre of Christianity, as in 1700, from which missionaries are sent out to complete the Great Commission. Traditionally, the USA, Britain or Germany have been the trend setting nations in the church. That is where the influential publishing houses have their headquarters; the overwhelming majority of Christian conference speakers, authors, seminars and concepts for pastor training originate there, but is seems that many are asking "What good thing can come out of Vietnam, Northern India, China, Indonesia, Nigeria, Nicaragua, Honduras, Trinidad or Argentina?" And yet exactly these - and other - non-Western nations are home to the most important trends in missionary Christianity. Are we listening?

What about the USA?
Up until now, mega churches were a typically American phenomenon. It is striking, then, that not one of the world's forty largest churches is in the USA or another Western nation. The really significant church growth is taking place basically outside the West. The Washington Post recently published a study by church researcher John N. Vaughn revealing 840 mega churches in the USA, with a weekly attendance of over 2,000 (figures of 13th May 2004). The top 5 are:

Leader & Church Average attendance
J. Osteen, Lakewood Church, Houston, Texas 25,060
Creflo Dollar, World Changers, College Park, GA. 23,093
Rick Warren, Saddleback Community Church, Lake Forrest, CA 20,100
T.D. Jakes, The Potters House, Dallas 18,500
Ed Young, Fellowship Church, Grapevine, Texas 18,129

The world's largest churches

Rank, Leader, Church Average attendance
21. Yonggi Cho, Yoido Full Gospel Church, Seoul, Korea 253,000
22. Dijon Roberts, Works and Mission Baptists Church, Abidjan, 150,000
Ivory Coast
22. Javier Vasquez, Yotabeche Methodist P. Church, Santiago, 150,000
Chile
22. C. Castellanos, Mision Carismatica Internacional, Bogotá, 150,000
Colombia
25. William Kumuyi, Deeper Life Bible Church, Lagos, Nigeria 120,000
26. Mario Vega, Elim Church, San Salvador, El Salvador 117,000
27. Nambu Full Gospel, Seoul, Korea 110,000
28. Yong Mok Cho, AOG Grace and Truth, Kyanggi-do, Korea 105,000
29. Hong do Kim Kum Ran Methodist, Seoul, Korea 80,000
30. Omar Cabrera, Vision de Futuro, Santa Fe, Argentina 70,000
30. Hector Gimenez, Ondas del Luz, Buenos Aires, Argentina 70,000
32. Pastor Oh Young Nak Presbyterian Church, S. Korea 60,000
33. David Oyedepa, Winners Chapel, Ota, Nigeria 50,000
34. R.B. Lal Yesu Darbar, Allahabad Agricultural 40,000-80,000
Institute, India
35. Yi Hoon-Moon Soong Eui Methodist, Inchon, Korea 47,000
36. Misael Argenal Ministeria La Cosecha, San Pedro Sula, 35,000
Honduras
37. V. Choudhrie Chattisgarh/Madhya Pradesh House Church 30,000
Network, India

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Two Major Articles on this subject:

The City Church - Is God introducing a new chapter in church history? - By Wolfgang Simson: http://www.baspub.com/news/article.asp?id=91

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A Vision For The Church At The Turn of The Millennium: http://www.baspub.com/news/article.asp?id=75

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Imagine Christians meeting in your area or city again in two places, just like in New Testament days:

1. "From house to house", decentralized in many house churches, and

2. Meeting repeatedly at a real big and central place, a modern version of "Solomon's colonnades"; a big hall or stadium.

In the houses they would authentically share lives together, live organic fellowship and thus be a true shopping window of God for their neighborhood. In the large citywide celebrations they would mark their unity in Christ, express the fact that they belong together, have a big festival together and allow as many housechurches as possible to click together for the big vision and take on the shape of a regional transdenominational gospel movement. That would, just like it did before, truly transform whole cities and regions through the gospel of the Kingdom of God. And nobody could deny that "you have filled Jerusalem with this teaching" (Acts 5:28).

In many areas of the world this two-stroke-model of church (the very small combined with the very large) is stirring again, especially since the new Millennium. Authenticity in real life, the synergy of housechurch and Citychurch means this: on the small level organic communities and extended family-type communities in houses (or wherever people's lives gravitate); on the large citywide level: regular or irregular huge meetings of Christians, who overcame all small-minded barriers and understood that they are one in Christ and also one before the eyes of the world. It is as if Christians start to rearrange themselves according to an invisible magnetic field with two magnetic poles, just like the good old iron-filings on the overhead projector of our physics teacher. What is God doing here?

The corporate identity of Church Where is the true home of the Christian church? Where does its identity lie? I would like to point out the four levels on which Christianity expresses itself today: the house (cell, level 1), the one-pastor-church (the traditional congregation, level 2), the citywide or regional dimension of church (Citychurch, celebration, level 3) and transregional networks of churches, the denominations (level 4). I assume everyone is in agreement about the existence of the universal Church, the Body of Christ on earth, which, technically, would be level 5. Here I want to briefly highlight each of these four levels:

1. The cell (housechurch, "small group") is typically the church in the house, usually between 3 and 15 adults in size. Here people can live in real close relationships and therefore disciple each other. Most housechurches function organically - their members are in direct natural contact and share lives with each other.

2. The congregation (one-pastor church) is of "medium" size and typically has between 16 and 300 members. The congregation functions more formal and planned then an organic housechurch, is more organized and usually has a Pastor, staff, common worship services and different programs. This type of church often works parochially and serves members of a specific geographical area, and nearly always uses special church facilities, a sanctuary or church building serving special religious purposes. The members usually do not have a direct and natural contact with all other members any more; they are simply too big for that, and the structures of a Sunday-morning-worship-service-oriented church does not allow too much organic fellowship of all its members.

3. The celebration is the real big gathering of Christians, 300+, who gather within their city or region to document their unity in Christ, celebrate what God has done for them, expecting the return of Christ together. These celebrations are often facilitated by Christians with apostolic and prophetic ministries. Such celebrations can happen outdoors, or in stadiums, conference centers or other large halls. For those attending these meetings it is impossible to be in touch with all others, and most just happily drown in the crowd.

4. The Denomination is usually a national (or international) group of churches with a common bond, the network of all Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Mennonite or Pentecostal churches etc.

The New Testament "two-stroke model" of Church In the New Testament we expressively find only two of these four levels of church: the housechurch or cell (level one) and the celebration (level three); the church "from house to house" and the citywide corporate community called the church in Antioch (Acts 14:27), the church in Jerusalem (Acts 15:4), which met for a while in the colonnades of Solomon in the temple. The "Church of Antioch" was nothing else than the sum total of all housechurches throughout Antioch - not the sum total of all denominational congregations, since there simply where no denominations nor congregations at that time.

The housechurch offer healthy family dynamics, a private home and true nest for each person, an organic space of the church in the community, where Christians share their lives together, are accountable to each other, and not do but be the church exactly at the place where they spend most of their time, in their houses, tents, apartments, or on the roads, squares, offices and cafés.

The Citychurch was the public dimension of church, where all Christians of the City or the region came regularly or irregularly together for large celebrations, mostly breathing quite an electric and grandiose spirit of the occasion. That was the place where the housechurches could click and connect with the rest of the Body of Christ, see and become part of the big picture, find their place in the net, and experience apostolic teaching and prophetic vision. This unfailingly leads to a certain vortex-effect, making it difficult for large sections of the society to not see what is happening here. We sometimes observe these dynamics for a fleeting moment in one of the evangelistic rallies or conferences most of us know. Such a gathering of the Citychurch could literally shake a whole city, a region or area.

Geographical identity

The church in the New Testament was called after its geographical location, not carrying the label of a denomination. The church of the region or city was the sum total of all housechurches in a city or region. The Church of Ephesus, Antioch, Jerusalem or Corinth consisted of all born again believers of the city. Paul wrote his letters to "the Romans, Galatians, Ephesians, Corinthians", the corporate identity of the Body of Christ in the various areas. It is true that some cults have picked out that element of truth, isolated it from the rest of the gospel of the Kingdom, therefore distorting it and preach it as a law. It does not devalue the principle of the Citychurch if a few marginal groups have made it their special flavor. If God looks at your city, what does He see? The church in Houston, Hamburg, Taipei, Buenos Aires and Johannesburg. Do you see what He sees?

Overcoming Denominationalism

In the course of church history the congregations (level two) formed associations of churches called denominations that have a common "denominator". They trace themselves back to a certain teaching (the Anabaptists, the Baptists, Pentecostals), a method (Methodists, Presbyterians), a founding person (Lutherans, Calvinists, Mennonites) or a place (Moravians, Anglicans) or carry a confessionalist statement in their name (catholic, orthodox, independent). Today there are around 30.000 different denominations in the world. What would Paul say to that? Paul had heard from the Corinthians that they say: "I follow Paul, another I follow Apollos, another I follow Cephas, another I follow Christ". In modern day language this would read: "I am a reformed Christian; I am a Baptist; a Pentecostal; a Methodist". Paul's reply? "Is Christ divided?" (1. Cor. 1:12-13). The obvious answer is no. Paul does not mince words for denominationally oriented Corinthians. "I follow Paul, and another I follow Apollos - are you not mere men?" (1. Cor. 3:4) In other words: Paul goes on to say that this mentality Are you acting according to the spirit, or according to the flesh? Paul goes on to say that this mentality of fragmentized thinking leads Christians to stand still, drink only milk and cannot digest solid food, because they are "mere infants in Christ". Then he goes on to point out the only solution for this dilemma: the cross of Christ. At the cross of Christ there is the only real answer for the fragmented body of Christ: self-denial, the crucifixion of our pride, to let go of selfish interests and repent of the preaching of self, and humbly submitting ourselves to each other. Shall the unity of the Body of Christ remain a romantic dream, a distant vision, a cry or an empty phrase of diplomatic church politics for the next 2000 years? Or are there anywhere on this planet disciples of Christ who fear God more than men, who are radical and consequent enough to obey the clear standards of the word of God? Where is the city on earth that takes the first step?

Until today Sunday morning is probably the most embarrassing hour of Christianity, the hour in the week where all of Christendom is blown apart by an invisible wind into all directions, Christians leaving their homes and hurrying off to their different churches and preaching centers, often enough brushing by each other on their way. The times of this kind of Christianity is gone, its hours are counted, because it neither glorifies God, nor is it biblical, nor can it truly fulfill the apostolic tasks and mission which God has commissioned the church today.

Changing the Tracks: from 2/4 to 1/3 I was previously stating that biblically church is at home on two levels, one and three. In another picture we could say that Church is like a train running on two rails forming one track: rail one (the house) and rail three (the city or region). This is where Christian loyalty and accountability is expressed most healthily which can also be seen by the fact that money is collected on those levels. Today most churches have sought their identity on level two (the one-pastor-congregation) and level four (a special denomination). Most Christians are so taken up with their own set of programs and activities within their church (level 2) plus the occasional involvement through denominational agendas, that they are, in practice, effectively isolated from the rest of the body of Christ in a city or region. Many cannot afford to fellowship with Christians in their own neighborhood, because the denominational churches they all belong to run separate programs and effectively create parallel universes they feel obliged to stick with. The result is nothing short of institutionalized inefficiency and the death of synergy. Many also suffer from a drastic kind of spiritual malnutrition through long years focusing on a small fraction and part of the large church of God. As a result, they develop an unhealthy and tribalistic clan-mentality and potentially even form signs of spiritual incest - all while they might well develop a similar feeling of superiority like the Corinthians of old. They might feel "privileged" to be watching over a unique spiritual heritage or tradition, or feel outstanding because of specially treasured insights, experiences or special alliances with extraordinary servants of God.

The good news is, however, that God is changing this setup, and many Christians - especially those of the younger generations, simply do not accept this as an unchangeable fact of live. They instinctively know, that something is very wrong with the denominational system of "two & four", and that God has never created church to be that way. If it is the hand of humans that did it, it is legitimate to allow God's hand to undo it again and let the great restorer of truth, health and life also restore his own body again. It is not only globalization that drives Christians to look beyond their boxes and to seek fellowship with other Christians in their region and neighborhood, who long to share lives locally and celebrate together in citywide celebrations. It is God's spirit who is doing an extraordinary thing in our time that will bring back to life, unity and apostolic efficiency what humans have so utterly manhandled and divided.

Time for prophetic fusion In the coming months and years we will see a fusion of Christians, groups and whole churches, who recognize that they have the same spiritual genetic code, and who would like to live and work much more closely together in their neighborhood and city or region, because they feel that is what the Lords wants them to do. In a growing number of cities and regions of the world many churches will see that what they share is endlessly much more than what seems to have divided them in the past. Yes, and it will be not mere technical information, but a life changing revelation to them that they do have a powerful common denominator, a common vision, very similar values and the same heartbeat - because they quite simply have the same Lord.

Many traditional churches including many of the "new independent" churches planted in the last 20 years also share another phenomena: they do not really grow or do so only sporadic; they are facing formidable growth barriers, their members are kept busy through myriads of programs and in-house activities, the pastors are in and out of certain stages of stress or even burnout, the financial liabilities are often depressing and almost everyone knows: something is missing, something is wrong.

Sounds familiar?
Church X in Y is receiving a fascinating offer to buy a large auditorium with Z-seats. Although the project is way too large financially and practically, this is the beginning of a lively discussion. Some are just convinced that God is offering them the long awaited revival locality and space to grow for their church, others are less enthusiastic and warn to take on such a crippling financial commitment. They agree to bring this subject before God and various commissions and have it tested. But the result of this testing phase is strangely unclear, the way forward seems blocked and the parties with differing views are more divided than before. No matter how carefully they are drafting financial plans, ends just do not seem to meet, valuable members take their leave over the issue, the building commission seems to move in circles and it all looks like a dead end road. After 6 months of undecidedness a businessman buys up the auditorium and starts using it for commercial purposes.

The same course of events looks totally different, however, if you see it from the perspective of the emerging Citychurch. God is not at all offering the auditorium to "church X", but to the Citychurch, the collective body of Christians in town. God wants to bless the Body, not an arm or a leg of it and leave out the rest. What God wants is to provide a place for the Citychurch and their citywide celebrations, probably in return to many earnest prayers for revival and unity of the local Christians. If any one single congregation does not grasp that God does not see His own Body as divided as humans do, they will misinterpret God's intentions completely, and consequently try to direct all or at least the lions share of His blessings to them and through them.

The "2 percent-architecture"
I can see God again and again offering to the Christians in a number of regions and cities a really big building, auditorium or ground, a modern day version of "Solomon's porch" of the early Church in Jerusalem, so that there will be a place to convene as the Citychurch. My estimate is that the emerging Citychurch in many countries will initially attract about 10 percent of the population in their regions. If such an auditorium would be used multiple times, like an average of 5 times a week, such a center should offer space for about 2 percent of the population in a region or city.

Through death to life

Countless "prophecies", warnings, sermons and exhortations have gone out from and to Christian leaders, bishops, pastors and lay leaders for centuries decrying the utter dividedness of the Body. To what avail? The core issue is: if we continue to avoid the cross of Christ, there will be no true Church. Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it produces much grain. This dynamic is not only valid for individual Christians, but for Christianity as a whole. But now I can see it happen: a good number of churches and groups in a region or city who are spirit-oriented, God-driven and mature enough leap out of a crippling mentality of congregational independence and autocracy, step across all small differences and reach out to each other. I already see them reconcile, cry, pray, laugh, fall into each other's arms and literally melt into something new together - a God-sized and God- shaped church. This will be the prophetic start of a new chapter in church history. How could this happen in the real world? The churches and groups who are ready for this melt into a unique movement with geographic, not denominational identity: the Citychurch * As many of all born again Christians as possible meet again and again for citywide celebrations * A ministry network (including the Eph. 4:11 ministries) is emerging as a regional pool and empowerment-structure * Many house churches emerge in neighborhoods, schools, scenes, offices and wherever people spend the lions share of their life

Some striking advantages of this development

* A milestone towards the unity of the Body of Christ will be reached

* Relief for all pastors and full time workers: everyone works less, but together we achieve more

* We will more fully use the god-given gift potentials: everyone will be able to work within the exact focus of his gifting, calling and anointing (like Eph. 4:11), and does not have to be "everything to everybody"

* Together we will leap across traditional growth barriers (like the 80- or 200-barriers)

* A new chapter of local church history starts and might well become a prophetic model for other areas and cities

* Christianity, which has been divided into ineffective small fractions would gain a dramatically higher "visibility" and a voice in the city which is difficult to ignore

* Relief for staff workers and volunteers who run programs for the sake of the programs

* Through the pooling of resources on city level there will be an immediate increase in the quality level of ministry in areas like children's ministry or biblical teaching

* Far bigger and more permanent pull - like an all-year evangelistic rally

* Common use of city-level buildings/auditoriums (which could be financed together)

* Saving resources (five medium-sized halls/church buildings might well be more costly to entertain than one rather big auditorium)

* This clear expression of Christian reconciliation will lead towards a public image correction of Christianity

* Constant informal communication and short roads to each other enhance quality of full-time ministers who work in the region, because they can start using one central office as a common resource pool

* Discipleship, multiplication and integration of new believers can happen in the house churches on neighborhood and village level using citywide resources

* Sunday morning preaching tourism will be reduced greatly, saving money, time and embarrassment

* More effective church discipline: black sheep can be disciplined on a regional level much more efficiently and will find it increasingly difficult to hop churches without changing their lives

* The high percentage of unchurched Christians and those hurt or excluded by the existing structures find a revolutionary new concept of church to click with

* Each church or ministry has particular strengths which can flow together into a pool towards a citywide synergy and corporate handling of training, evangelism, prayer, public relations etc.

* Many gifted Christians are literally divided by their "ministries"; this deadlock as well as denominational glass walls would tumble down which have hindered true cross-fertilization and cooperation long enough

* The new generation of Christians are getting an adequate platform: most of them are simply not interested in denominations, but seek small groups to be real and they like to participate in large regional or citywide celebrations

* The constant clash of available dates and the collision of separate interests would be dramatically reduced, since those serving full time will stop living in their own small world driven only by their own set of agendas, programs - and appointments

* A true postmodern structure of redeemed diversity is much more ready for the future and publicly presentable

* Christianity takes on a more meaningful shape and becomes not only a Jew to the Jews and a Greek to the Greeks, but global to global citizens, truly local to patriots, and even becomes the Y and Z to Generation X.

Leap over walls
At this point in time, I see 4 formidable roadblocks which have grown into crippling strongholds and thought-patterns in the minds of many which need to be overcome by everyone involved. (I have expanded on this in my new book "Houses that change the world") These are the four "walls" we need to leap over in faith (Ps 18:29) today before significant change will happen:

1. The institutionalization of fleshly Christianity ("Can I not be an average Sunday morning Christian just like everybody else?")

2. A denominational mindset ("I am in the world's best Church!")

3. The congregational misinterpretation of church (the one-pastor-congregation "is" the real expression of church)

4. The hierarchical, religious misinterpretation of biblical leadership (and therefore church structure) to be pyramidal and top-down

Practical steps God himself is sovereign, and true strategy flows out of intimacy with Jesus. Copying spiritual recipes for instant success is out; that is why this process will start in various shapes and forms, following no firm models, patterns and rules in each city alike. However, there might be similar dynamics and principles we need to be aware of. That is why I would like to make only a few observations about what I feel are non-negotiable elements which need to be in place before such a major reshaping of Christianity:

* It is never a structure - no matter how biblical - which changes Christianity from outside in, but a life changing encounter and relationship with Jesus, the renewing work of the Holy Spirit and a return to biblical standards to change us all from the inside out.

* A significant portion of Christians in a region or city are ready to deal with this proposal with a "Berean mind" (Acts 17:11) and pray with their open bibles about it and not hide behind human traditions.

* Those churches, ministries, groups and individuals who can agree with this vision, its values and who share a common heartbeat carefully start the process of transformation and fusion. I do anticipate between 1/3rd and 2/3rd of all born again Christians of a given area or city to move towards a

Citychurch fusion in the coming years. Those churches (ministries, groups, individuals) who prefer to carry on in their traditional ways should be able to do so without loosing face, or have a standing invitation to join the process at any time in the future.

* Christian leaders are ready to stop pushing their own thing or agenda, and in humility consider others higher than themselves and become part of something much bigger than anything they could ever achieve alone.

* "Submit yourself to each other" (Eph.5:21): the end of the worldly one-man-principle of leadership requires a very significant step of humiliation: "Number one" persons (senior pastors, presidents, directors etc) of churches and ministries would have to step down and become a "number two" person - like everyone else in the priesthood of all believers. If everyone submits to each other, no one would be number one any longer, except Jesus Christ. We will have to cease working based on status and organized accountability, but work based on spiritual function and organic, mutual trust. We would have to move away from top-down leadership and delegating systems of authority to work with (not under or over) each other; not any more in hierarchical pyramids of power, but in a togetherness and synergy of gifts and callings.

* We could adopt a common statement of faith, like the Lausanne Declaration or the statement of faith of the Evangelical Alliance, or draft a new statement together in the cities or regions.

* "Seek you first the kingdom of God" - not building up your own church, ministry or empire, would have to be a common denominator and foundational value of everyone involved.

* "Seek the welfare of the city" will become more important than "each of us has turned to his own way."

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A Vision For The Church At The Turn of The Millennium

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This vision is based on my own experience and sense of what God seems to be doing in the world today. I do not claim it to be a `prophecy’, although I believe there to be prophetic insight here – much of it gleaned from others. The global perspective is where we start, since I am sure this needs urgent restoration across the Body. In the past certain individuals and groups – especially missionary and parachurch organisations – have carried the torch for world evangelisation. But we are all called to have the world on our hearts. For many of us the first verse of Scripture we learnt was John 3:16, `For God so loved the world…’ God has always had the whole world in focus, although He is active in every part. We too need to see things this way, His way.

From the global context, however, we need to see how these principles work out at the local level. The global and local are two aspects of the one church. If the Body is the sum of the parts, to function effectively all the parts need to work in harmony, allowing the flow of Holy Spirit life through the whole Body that is His home. So as well as having a global perspective, we need to understand what God is doing at local level and become passionate about what local church life could be like if God REALLY had His way there!

There are two dangers to avoid here: firstly, for those networking across the Body to drift into a superficial world of exciting relationships that have no ultimate effect `on the ground’ where most people are. The converse danger, however, is for local believers to get so buried in their own needs and aspirations that they neither see how they fit in the wider picture nor experience the life that flows from the wider Body.

What follows is an explanation of what I believe God is doing in the Church today, in its global and local aspects, with some concluding thoughts. You may not agree with everything I have written, but I hope it will encourage you to think and pray about the issues raised and the significant times we are living in.

GLOBAL ASPECT

The net now forming

At this very moment in history God is beginning to cover the world with a network of interlocking relationships between groups of believers in every place. Although the net is in a very early stage of development, it is forming at a rapid pace. Initially, God is joining key individuals and groups together, making critical personal and geographical connections for His future purposes. But His intention is to involve everyone who is willing to be a part of this net.

Divine initiative

In the process, God is releasing the Body of Christ world-wide from many of its traditional and `neo-traditional’ constraints in order to make room for new developments and allow for the level of joining that is required. This does not mean that old forms are being summarily discarded, but that they are being naturally superseded by new relationships and priorities. This is more a case of evolution than revolution, as God in His mercy increasingly takes `hands on’ control. While many of our endeavours and relationships, new and not so new, are being used by God, He is also overtaking our initiatives with His own in order to achieve His desired outcomes His own way! There will be no doubt in the end that it was God Himself who formed the new wineskin that is soon to appear.

The call to prayer

God has made the success of this joining dependent upon our co-operation with Him, primarily in the place of prayer. This has always been the way God works. It is all the more important now, given the difficult times that we live in and the greatness of God’s present-day purposes. Today God is promoting prayer everywhere. There is an unprecedented call to urgent prayer in and for the nations. Starting spontaneously, many national, regional and international prayer movements are emerging - and already they are beginning to connect with one another. Prayer centres committed to twenty-four hour prayer for the nations are springing up all over the place, and are also being linked. This global network of prayer foreshadows the network of kingdom life that we are talking about. Special seasons of intense intercession are happening somewhere all the time. There is a tremendous increase world-wide in prophetic revelation in the place of prayer. Flexible and mobile prayer teams are becoming a common feature in the advance of the Kingdom. Sometimes these teams are going out to prepare the ground for intensive evangelism. More often they are dealing with unresolved issues from the past through warfare prayer and acts of penitence and reconciliation. These are remarkable developments. Yet there must still be an exponential increase in prayer across the whole Body for the true Bride of Christ to come forth, ready for Christ’s return. There are some signs that this kind of increase is beginning.

The significance of Israel

At the same time, God is restoring some key understandings to the church concerning the place of Israel in His purposes at the end of the age. Israel is, as it has always been, God’s time clock. We are to watch its face more closely than ever, seeking to bless that nation and co-operate in what God is doing there and among Jews everywhere. Above all, we are to pray for Israel – especially for the peace of Jerusalem. Our attitude to Israel and what is happening in the Middle East as a whole affects other aspects of our lives, even though the relevance is often not revealed to us. We need to be prayerful and vigilant. We need to love the Jewish people unconditionally, wherever we find them. We also need to be sensitive as to how they might relate to the global net we are expecting.

The destiny of the nations

The relationship between believers in different countries – especially between those in Western and Third World countries - is of particular significance as this net forms, since any barrier obstructs God’s purposes. God has chosen to distribute gifts variously among the nations. The church in each nation needs to give what it has and receive what it lacks, each using its redemptive gift and fulfilling its national destiny, in order that the whole global Body of Christ might be built up. In particular, the church in rich nations must face up to its responsibility to release the practical resources that God has so graciously given to it, in the knowledge that God will give back to us out of the abundant spiritual treasures He has placed within His church in poorer nations. As is true from believer to believer and congregation to congregation, so from nation to nation: we need each other and the gifts that we bring to each other to be complete.

The structure of church

Another important area of new insight is to do with the way we express church. The DAWN (Disciple A Whole Nation) strategy, the Cities for God initiative and the burgeoning cell church movement are just three fresh reflections on what it means to be church at the turn of the millennium. Other ideas about how to be church in the home and in the world, or how to penetrate the profusion of subcultures in Western nations and reach minority or unreached people groups around the world, are being given variously. As has always been the case, the Holy Spirit deposits revelation as and where it suits the Father's purposes. This increase in revelation itself bears witness that the end draws closer. None of these insights are complete in themselves, but must be seen in the light of the Big Picture of what God is doing and the net that is forming.

The release of apostolic teams

An essential element in the process of change now taking place is a fresh release of apostolic ministry, according to the New Testament pattern. In contrast with some recent models, the emerging apostolic dimension is not so much about setting government in place but about releasing ministry to `go' in order to bring maturity to the Body of Christ. This `going' can be to a place, a group or a nation or nations. A key feature of this emerging ministry will be the creation of flexible, mobile apostolic teams that will move from place to place, bringing that which is lacking into local situations everywhere, establishing new churches wherever they are needed. The relationship between the local and mobile will be one of mutual submission, always looking for the leading and anointing of the Spirit. The teams will operate out of local bases, often communities of local congregations already flowing together in God's purposes. Some will grow within and out of existing missionary organisations and parachurch groups, recognising the significance of their historic role, but embracing new ways of going about their calling. The teams will vary, changing in personnel to fit particular situations. They will function relationally, as the Spirit leads. Often these teams will overlap and interact with one another naturally, as and when appropriate. There will be no set form for them, although we will see prophetic, teaching, evangelistic, healing and other ministries functioning regularly through these teams. What counts will be the gifting and anointing God wants in a particular team at a given time for a specific situation. Many teams will be multicultural and international in make-up. This will express a powerful witness to the world and into `the heavenlies' of the unity of the church. These teams also strengthen the mesh – representing translocal relationships - which link the knots in the net, so that the whole net can become strong. Some teams are already operating in a limited way. Others are beginning to form. Thousands more are needed in order to see the whole net come into place.

The manifold wisdom of God

It must not be thought that the net or the apostolic teams that operate across the net represent a simple, uniform structure – as the image of a net might imply. In fact, while the principles hold everywhere, the outworking on the ground will be a profusion of many and different expressions of church life as God makes a supreme revelation of His `multifaceted' wisdom and incarnates Biblical truth in myriad different contexts through His church at the end of the age. In many ways the variety and diversity will be greater than we see now. The wonder of it all will be the strength of the unity, the level of co-operation and the underlying faithfulness to the Scriptures that will characterise this church. What might seem structural chaos to many will, in fact, be the true organism - as distinct from organisation – that is Christ's Body, the Church.

The preservation of wine

Neither must it be assumed that present denominational and other organisational structures will necessarily disappear. When Jesus used the metaphor of wine and wineskins, he was not rejecting old wine, but simply showing the foolishness of putting new wine in old skins. There is old wine that is good, very good. But it needs the old skins. Perhaps this speaks of the accumulative wisdom of the church that is preserved in, what may seem to many of us, archaic containers, yet has brought us to where we are now and still provides kingdom life for many millions of people today. As long as it is kingdom wine, it is worth drinking. I believe there will be older structures, forms and practices that will be interwoven into this great net of kingdom relationships, becoming part of the rich variety and diversity we have already spoken about.

The call to give

All these changes call for a great release of people, time, money and other practical resources into the work of God’s Kingdom . Hospitality will become a commonplace gift, to the point where no-one can really call his home his own. Many practical comforts – especially in the West - will need to be `liquidated’ into finance for the kingdom and more often than not released into the Third World. People will be required by the Spirit to uproot and go to far flung parts of the world. The UK in particular will have a special mandate to send people. Bibles, Christian books and magazines, worship material and other resources will be needed in abundance to feed the coming growth in the church. The many apostolic teams will need to be equipped and supported to do the work they are called to do. All this will be required, despite increasingly adverse economic conditions world-wide. More than ever before we will need to know how to give, how to pray and how to trust the One who holds everything in His hands.

LOCAL ASPECT

Change at local level

Nowhere is the change that is taking place more evident or needed than at a local level. The local church is the microcosm of the global church. However, what constitutes a locality is often a complicated matter. For most believers it is important to be able to identify with some clear geographical region beyond their own group - yet without becoming as ego-centric about that area as we can be about our group! The biblical concept of a `city’ is helpful, if understood to include a town, borough or other administrative area. But it is a fact that unity can be complicated, and many of us are relating to one other at different levels, from immediate neighbourhood to large, urban conurbation. The principle to bear in mind is to pursue as far as we can unity at EVERY level, but discern the main perimeters of local church for us. Some will probably need more wisdom from the Spirit here than others, depending on specific local circumstances.

Defining local church

Bearing this in mind, we can define local church, in its simplest, biblical terms, as the sum of believers in a given area – one body of people irrevocably joined to one another, without barriers of age, race, background - together expressing the life of Christ to the community around them. This definition does not preclude variety within and between local expressions of church, but it does insist that these will be facets of one local entity and that this unity be explicit in terms of identity and vision. This is the local church that the Spirit is working to restore at this very moment in history.

A fundamental shift

While many people adhere to this definition in theory, the practice is often very different. Many still refer to their own congregation as their `local church’ and treat it to all practical purposes as a self-contained, independent structure with respect to vision and mission – even if another one meets directly across the road or operates in the same patch! I believe God is challenging this unbiblical and unwarranted autonomy. Scripture says that we are members of one another. It is only we who often restrict this to relationships and ministry within `our group’, forgetting that most epistles were written to the church in localities, not individual groups. Anyway, there is not limitation on our unity. This principle of interdependence is as true for families as for nations, and needs to be manifest in every arena – including local church, as we are defining it here. I believe that God has this issue - a vision for true local church in true unity for common territory - near the top of His agenda today, and that the winds of change at local level are there for those who have eyes to see it. That is one reason why there is such a restlessness at local church level - certainly in the West. It is a sign of the fundamental shift taking place.

The church now emerging

The fact is that many Christians – including church leaders – are no longer content being cooped up within an independent congregational structure and vision, often feeling restricted by too small a vision with little progress towards stated goals. There are probably more Christians than ever struggling within their local fellowship situation, hankering (probably unwittingly) for a bigger vision to live within. Some are frustrated where they are; others are moving uncertainly between congregations, or out on their own somewhere. Whether this is good or bad, of course, depends on individual attitudes and particular circumstances. But it is happening, and we cannot ignore it.

New alignments

One of the most significant developments locally are the many links that are forming naturally between Christians across congregational fences, usually where a common `heart' for the common territory is felt, quite often forging bonds that are at least as real, meaningful and fruitful than those experienced within their own respective groups. Some leaders are uneasy about this, because it seems to cut across their own initiatives and agendas. Of course, issues of rebellion, running from personal issues, etc. are part of the mix. Yet this restless tension and spontaneous re-aligning is to be expected when God is changing things. Upheaval of this kind always brings both good and bad elements to the surface. However, whatever negative forces may be at work, the solution is not to be reactive and try to preserve the status quo at all costs, it is to press through into what God has taken hold of us for – whatever THAT costs. When you consider that it is often at the local level that we find most resistance to change - both in human and spiritual ways - then things are bound to get interesting when God starts moving here!

The front line

When considering what God might be doing at local church level, we need to remind ourselves that it is here at the local level where for most people the `rubber hits the road' in terms of kingdom life. The local church as it exists in cells and congregations, homes and public places, schools and workplaces, is the real front line of God's kingdom. This is where the vast majority of believers live out their faith day after day, and it is not so easy here to stay focused and faithful in often mundane situations. We can so easily get side-tracked into secondary issues and petty concerns. I believe it is here that, quite frankly, the enemy gets us most battened down in various kinds of pride, complacency, self-seeking and other ways of preserving what we have – without us really being aware it! Over the generations satan has been largely successful in cutting us off from one another locally, effectively blunting the local church as a powerful force for God's kingdom in the area. If he can now get us to take the present renewal and focus inwards on our own group and its mission, he will have seriously restricted our ability to disrupt that long held hold over our localities. And if he can neutralise the church at this level, all the exciting movement at translocal level is of little consequence. Remember, just as the whole church is the sum of its parts, so is the local church the main substance of all that makes up the universal church. Because the local church stands on the front line in God's kingdom purposes, it is imperative that we listen to His voice at local level. In the light of what we have said about local church – and, indeed, the whole sweep of God's dealing with His people - I think it is entirely unreasonable and unrealistic to ask God to move powerfully in our localities, yet expect Him to leave untouched all our structures and systems – however biblical we think ours are! We really must choose to co-operate with God as He works to set His people in each place free to be all that they were meant to be as an instrument for the advance of His kingdom in these latter days.

The present renewal

I believe that much of what we are reaping now goes back to what happened a few years ago, when a fresh wave of the Holy Spirit broke out and impacted many churches in the Western world – especially in the UK. One of the prophetic 'slogans' of the time was 'Jesus wants his Church back.' This was clearly a true word from the Lord to His Church. But many people interpreted this within their own narrow mindset of what church, even local church, meant. Leaders preached a half word - `Jesus wants THIS church back', or even `Jesus wants OUR church back'. Some saw it largely in terms of the renewal of their own stream or denomination. Yet this was not what had been proclaimed. Jesus was after HIS church, ie the WHOLE thing back, the Church he died and rose again for. It follows that, if Jesus wants His Church back, it is so he can manifest his Headship over and his purposes through that Church. Why should we assume He will leave things as they were in terms of the structure of the church locally? Might He not consider the independent ways we operate as belying the unity that He Himself prayed for? There is a strong argument from outside the church that our disunity does more to prevent a lost world finding the saving love of the Father than any other single factor. As the Owner, Jesus has every right to do what he likes with what He owns - including demolishing or reordering as he sees fit - so that he can build what He has in His heart to build. For those who believe in the net now forming and the united expression of local church that is emerging, this is no surprise. We must face up to the fact that much of what exists in our localities church wise will need some radical attention before we see what we are believing for begin to take shape.

A reformed local church

The fact is God is restoring something more akin to the picture we see in the New Testament of local church life in terms of its unity, simplicity and flexibility. He is taking the best of what we have brought with us down the centuries and through more recent decades, adding new forms for the needs of the present time, and connecting the whole thing together. What will emerge is one interlinked network of believers in a given area, together covering that area with many and varied small and middle-sized groups. Older groups will bring the best out of their own particular history and multiply it, but always seeking to further the overall progress of God’s kingdom in the area (and beyond). Many new groups and new types of church life will form. The cell-based church model provides valuable principles as to how we might become much more flexible through its emphasis on small groups (although at present it is heavily postulated towards an independent church structure). Relational unity among recognised leaders is a clear prerequisite for what is coming, as is grass roots prayer across denominational and other lines. United leadership is needed to bring cohesion within the wider local Body. This must work in hand in hand with outside input `into’ the area (not just `over’ individual congregations), bringing what is lacking into the Body and knitting the local into the translocal scene.

An apostolic church

However, the relational connecting that is happening is the starting place for, not the fullness of, what is coming. It is not ultimately about having a strong group of pastors who are bringing their congregations together and flowing together for the sake of the gospel locally – encouraging though this is. Rather, it is about having the right leadership ministries released within the whole local church and surrounding community, in conjunction with appropriate help from outside, so that Ephesians 4 can be fulfilled and maturity might come. For a variety of reasons, we have tended to shy away from the key issue of the role of apostles and the apostolic in the church today. Once we realise that the apostolic is all about the church ‘going out’ and that the reason for having apostles in our midst is so that the whole church might become apostolic, then we can begin to appreciate and covet this ministry. God is restoring the so-called ‘five-fold ministries’ in these days – including the apostolic - in order to complete His mission. But this is about function not title, servanthood not government, and will more likely than not challenge many of our previous notions relating to these leadership ministries. However, if we keep in view a local (and universal) church that is growing ever closer to maturity as a teaching, pastoring, evangelistic, prophetic and apostolic community of believers, we will welcome among us those who are strategic in helping this come about.

Call the elders…

In particular we need to see true spiritual ‘fathers’ or elders take their place amongst us, in our churches and communities. By this I mean those appointed and anointed of God (not man) to provide a spiritual canopy over the territory for the sake of the people who live there – believers and non-believers alike. This is more than and different from simply a gathering of congregational leaders. It is a divinely ordained group of men (and women) sharing responsibility and authority in the Holy Spirit for specific regions. It does not even have to be an explicit group that meets and has an overt function. It may include individuals active in secular fields, exercising eldership and exerting influence there, but all joined by the Spirit towards a common vision. These elders are not necessarily of high profile or active in conventional church leadership. They will want to serve not rule, and the bulk of their ministry will relate to the hidden ministry of prayer. They will discern and build in harmony with the travelling apostolic teams we have already identified. They will release, simply by being in place, a plethora of ministry in the local community. The important thing is that these elders be recognised and honoured by the church and, to some extent, the wider community. We will know when they have come into position because of the new sense of strength, security and freedom in the Holy Spirit that will be evident – as well as the fruitfulness that will follow hard on the heels of their inauguration. This is a restoration of New Testament patterns and a fulfillment of our desire for God’s order. But beware God’s serendipity here! There is little doubt it will all look very different from what we have been expecting!

Local and translocal

It is perhaps important to stress again here the God-ordained interdependent nature of the whole church, local and translocal. As we have asserted or implied a number of times already, there is in reality only one church of Jesus Christ. So even local churches as we are defining them here are no more self-sufficient than an individual person, cell or congregation, and therefore need to be joined to the wider body to be complete and have real success. The purpose of the apostolic teams mentioned earlier is to establish, help and support local churches and their leadership as appropriate, so these churches can mature and multiply, finding their own key ministries from within as well as receiving ministry from outside. In the process, these visiting teams will be making kingdom connections - facilitating the wider networking essential for global church expansion, and also being agents for the creation of specific mutual, life-giving relationships between local churches in different parts of the world, as the Spirit makes such links. Again, this is in contrast to much of the apostling we have known in recent decades. In the past, these apostolic relationships ‘at a distance’ were mainly vertical and functioned within a particular denominational or stream context. Those will have to adapt in a changing situation. Either they will continue as a helpful but less significant support to one part of the local body, or evolve into a significant ministry to the whole local church - or simply disappear. As I mentioned earlier, some local churches (as we have defined them) will become apostolic home bases for traveling teams. However it works in each situation, there will be amazing and strategic links around the world that will mean in a very real and meaningful sense that to be part of the local church is to be part of the church world-wide.

The Flow of the Spirit

How the local church will be organised and express its life will vary from place to place as it does now, according to the history, culture and (hopefully) the present needs of that area. We must never interpret the principles here as representing or determinant of any specific form – like Macdonalds opening another virtually identical restaurant in yet another town. God intends displaying His manifold - i.e. 'many faced' - wisdom for all to see. He is a God of variety not uniformity. But there is an essential underlying understanding about unity and priorities which is non-negotiable for the future. We must be ready to die to our own ideas and desires to be part of God's greater purpose for the locality in which we live – and, indeed, his global purposes. We need to realise that perhaps more than ever before it is true that the river of God's Spirit flows where hearts are being joined, gulfs are being bridged, vision is corporate and a destiny is being pursued together.

The challenge today

At the present time it is important that each local congregation ask itself a fundamental question about how it views its life and ministry. Does it operate out of an independent mindset, expressing a unilateral vision, with only a secondary or optional regard to what else is going on locally? Or does it seek out fellow local believers, desiring a corporate vision for an area together, looking to find its place in the wider context? The latter situation must become normative for everyone to prosper. Sadly, much of the local linking that is going on today falls short of this principle, reflecting a struggle with issues of priorities. The truth is that until a group (or, let's face it, the leadership of that group) acknowledges that its own destiny and success is irrevocably tied up with that of all other groups in that area – and, indeed, the whole church world-wide - it will not give the necessary priority to finding and following a corporate vision, and in consequence will not be able to fully play its part in fulfilling God's highest purposes for that area.

CONCLUSION

The end is in sight

We have looked at the net that God is making, His fishing net. As in the parable Jesus told, God is building a net for a great catch of fish (people) at the end of the age. Looking back we can see that He has visited His church in recent years to encourage us and restore many things to us. And now its time for Him to build the end-time net. God is always moving things forward, according to His own schedule. We cannot afford to stand still or miss His timing. As the 90's started, many prophetic voices were predicting the transformation we are talking about here. One particularly respected voice prophesied that the church at the end of the decade would be almost unrecognisable from the one at the start. Yet this profound change has not yet happened: so were the prophets wrong? I don't think so. In my opinion the prophetic insight was correct, it is the church that has been painfully slow to respond to the Spirit. We are far more entrenched in our familiar surroundings and resistant to change than we think we are, and that has kept us, I believe, behind God's schedule. However, in many ways the 1990's have been a watershed for the church. We have certainly seen more failure of past methods and structures than we have success with our new ones. But most believers are agreed that there is no turning the clock back now. The scene is set for a fulfilment of the hopes of the early 90's, and, indeed, of the biblical expectation of a glorious church before the end comes.

The last great push

So where is it all going? Where does it end? Many people are talking about revival today. Others speak of great harvests of souls to come. Yet God has more in His heart than even these wonderful things. The Scriptures are clear: we know our mission mandate is fulfilled when we see Jesus return in glory. It is my firm conviction that we are entering the final stage in history and that the present stirrings in the church and the world – particularly events in and around Israel - are the beginnings of the final great `push' of God's Spirit, in partnership with God's people, that will ultimately usher in the return of Jesus. However, He will only come back to a spotless Bride in a fully evangelised world. The net represents both the Bride of Christ in its global completeness, as the body is joined together, and the

Church's mission fulfilled, as it spreads over the face of the whole earth. We are all called to be part of this great enterprise.

A final warning

In all this change, we need to watch ourselves carefully. It is vital we remind ourselves constantly that it is God who is at work right now bringing about this great transformation. Rebellious, divisive and critical attitudes and behaviour on our part with regard to God's people and any existing church structures are never justified, and will seriously hamper, if not severely undermine, what God is doing at the present time, if given the space to do so. We must watch our heart attitudes, preserving the unity of the Body at all costs, following the footsteps which lead to the Cross. We need more grace than ever to stay right with God and right with one another through this time of change, looking to God to lead us forward and for us to simply find the grace to follow. Out of an undying love for the world God sent his Son to die for all people. God will only work His purposes out through those who will share in that same heart of love and self-sacrifice, and share the same vision to see the whole world netted with living Church, bearing witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ, so that the end might come.

As each part does its work…

As you have been reading this article concerning the Church at the turn of the Millennium, I hope you have been listening for what the Spirit might be saying to you through it. It is time for all God's people to be seriously asking Him to take from us all that obstructs His highest purposes through us. We then need to ask Him to fully include us in what He is doing today - both in the nations and down our street - rather than ask him to simply bless what we are doing. Expressed in different words, there is a need for sincere and radical repentance, ie. turning from that which is not lined up with God's will to that which is. We must then ask in simple sincerity: show us, Lord, our part in Your great scheme of things and we will do it. For the whole Church is built up as each part does its work. Ultimately, the church on earth boils down to you and me and every other Christian seeking to do what God tells us to do in the power of the Spirit. Let's ask God for the grace to do it!

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How Do You Respond To God's Cutting Truth
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"Truth strips them of their vices, sacrifices their idols, darts its lightnings against their easily besetting sins and absolutely requires a conformity to a crucified Christ." - Adam Clarke

Are you turning away your ears from God's Cutting Truth?

Answer these questions to find out -

How do you respond to Truth that "strips you of your vices," demands the "sacrificing of your idols," "darts its lightnings against your easily besetting sins, " and "absolutely requires a conformity to a crucified Christ"? Just how passionately are you hanging on to the "vices," "idols," and "pet sins" in your life? Do you find it highly offensive, repulsive, annoying, or even disgusting to be required to "conform" to a "crucified Christ" Who demands a "death blow" to your will and way?

How important is it to have "ears to hear"?

The Scriptures say much about the ears and hearing. To be able to hear with attention or interest, listen to, give heed to, yield to, and obey the Scriptures is a great blessing.

In fact, the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 13:16 - "But blessed are...your ears, for they hear." Deuteronomy 29:4 - We see from the Scriptures that "the hearing ear" comes from the Lord - "Yet the Lord hath not given you...ears to hear..." Proverbs 20:12 - "The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the LORD hath made even both of them."

Psalm 78:1 - The "hearing ear" listens to and is obedient to God's law - "Give ear...to My law..." It is bent or stretched out towards His promises and commands - "...incline your ears to the words of My mouth." Proverbs 4:20 - It pays attention to His utterances - "My son, attend to My words..."

So basically we can explain an "hearing ear" by three simple commands - "Give ear... to My law"; "Incline your ears to the words of my mouth"; "attend to My words."

The "hearing ear" is sensitive to God's Word and obeys it.

Two Scriptures that depict it are found in the Book of Proverbs - Proverbs 15:31 - "The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise." Proverbs 13:1 - "A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke."

The "hearing ear" is one that listens to correction...gives heed to reproof and rebuke...and receives all punishment and chastisement from the Lord. It "heareth the reproof of life." In a wise son, it hears the Father's instruction - which includes all the checks and restraints...rebukes and reproofs...correction and instruction that come from his heart.

Are all of God's children "wise" sons and daughters? Do they all hearken to His commands as outlined in His Word? Do they all "hear" His chiding and reproof?

No, Proverbs 13:1 tells us that "...A scorner heareth not rebuke." These are those who are arrogant boasters and mockers of "harsh" or corrective words from the Lord.

2 Timothy 4:3 tells us about those who have "itching ears." They are desirous of hearing "pleasant" things from the Lord. They want "smooth" words which conform to their carnal wishes and feelings -

the kind of instruction that will allay their restless and uneasy sinful desires.

2 Timothy 4:4 tells us about those who "turn away their ears from the Truth" and turn them unto fables and falsehoods.

Adam Clarke's Commentary so explicitly tells us what God's Holy Word actually does - "Truth strips them of their vices, sacrifices their idols, darts its lightnings against their easily besetting sins and absolutely requires a conformity to a crucified Christ."

These kind of people - mentioned by the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 4:4 - do not want this kind of Truth. In fact, they have gone so far as to "change the truth of God into a lie"(Romans 1:25). They have turned away their ears from such piercing Truth to believe any kind of "nonsense" that comes under the label of "Christian" or "God."

Lastly, Proverbs 28:9 tells us about those who turn away their ears from hearing the Law. They will not read the Bible nor expose themselves to any hard-hitting, sin-exposing, or plain-truth messages from the Scriptures - "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination."

John 10:27 says - "My sheep hear My voice..." Nonetheless, Hebrews 3:15 warns - "...TO DAY IF YOU WILL HEAR HIS VOICE, HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS..."

Even though we are God's children and hear His voice, there are times when He speaks things to us that we do not like to hear. The temptation presents itself to become stubborn or obstinate to His command.

The Scriptures abound with example after example of times when the Father cried unto Israel - His people - and they would not hear.

Psalm 81:11 tells us - "But My people would not hearken to My voice; and Israel would none of Me." They were supposedly God's sheep, yet they would not give heed to His Word. They did not like His terms and refused to be ruled by His commands.

"Israel would none of Me." What does this mean? They refused or rejected God - did not incline their ear to Him...worship Him...find satisfaction in Him...were no longer attached to Him or cleaving to Him as their All-in-All.

Other Scriptures which demonstrate this resistance to God's commands are as follows - Proverbs 1:30 - "They would none of my counsel..." Proverbs 1:25 - They "...would none of My reproof." Psalm 81:11 - "...Israel would none of Me." Ezekiel 20:8 - "...they rebelled against Me, and would not hearken unto Me..." Zechariah 7:11 - "...they refused to hearken...and stopped their ears, that they should not hear." In Jeremiah 13:10, God called them "...evil people, which refuse to hear My words..."

We can hear the Father's cry of anguish for all of His children in Psalm 81:13 - "Oh that My people had hearkened unto Me, and Israel had walked in My ways!"

He desires for us to have an "hearing ear" - one that pays attention to His Word and obeys it. He desires that we receive His checks and restraints - rebukes and reproofs - upon our lives.

After all, Revelation 3:19 tells us - "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten..." He does not cater to our whims and fancies. Today, if we hear His voice speaking to us, we must be careful not to harden our hearts against Him because it is not what we like or want to hear.

Job 9:4 - Let's remember the admonitions found in the Book of Job - "...who hath hardened himself against Him, and hath prospered?" Revelation 2:7 - and the Book of Revelation - "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith..."

And let's be sure to always make this our earnest plea -

Lord Jesus, grant unto us an "hearing ear" and - at all events - keep us from hardness of heart.

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3 Life-Changing Questions
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2 Corinthians 5:11 - "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

There are three very serious questions that we must ask ourselves at this point in time. They are as follows:

A. Have We Forgotten About The Terror Of The Lord?

The Apostle Paul was fully aware of the certainty of Judgment to come - for the sinner and saint alike. He had a keen awareness of the wrath and judgment of God. In fact, it became an electrifying motive that stirred him to action in the Kingdom work.

"Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord" - What was it that Paul knew? It was the "terror of the Lord."

What is "the terror of the Lord"? It is the awareness that the Lord Jesus is the Great Judge Who is coming once again to this earth "in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His power"(2 Thessalonians 1:8-9).

It is a subject that should inspire terror and alarm in each one of us - knowing that the day is soon to come when we shall all stand before the Judge and give a strict account for everything that we have done in our bodies. We are moved to extreme gravity in our walk with the Lord when we realize that He will be very particular and very just in His evaluation of our lives.

Some questions we must ask ourselves are - Have we forgotten about "the terror of the Lord"? Do we live each day of our lives with it on our minds and in our hearts? Is it our main motivation for action in the Kingdom work?

It is sad to say - but in this day and age, there is hardly any mention of the "terror of the Lord" from the pulpits of the land. Very seldom on Christian TV or radio will you ever hear a preacher mention such a crucial topic.

Could this be why so much of the Church is spiritually asleep? Have they been lulled to sleep by the preachers singing out lullabies to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me This I Know"?

Is this all that we know? That Jesus Loves Me? Isn't it time that we also know the "terror of the Lord" as well? As we have seen, it's in the Bible right there along with the Love of God.

Have we emphasized one to the point where people are not even aware that a Judgment Day is on the horizon? Many will be in for a rude awakening on that day, and they will have the preachers and the Christians to blame.

Don't you think that it is time that we - as the Body of Christ - mature in the Faith and get a hold of this concept of the "terror of the Lord"?

So many run off to seminary or Bible School and graduate - not knowing one thing about it. Yet, Paul the Apostle used this topic as a springboard for his entire ministry of soul winning.

Something is definitely wrong here. Wouldn't you agree?

B. Are We Persuading Men?

What exactly did Paul have in mind when he said that "knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men"? How do we possibly "persuade men"?

Using the means of two specific subjects - a future day of accountability for all of our thoughts, words, and actions, as well as a day of future recompense for all wrongdoing - we endeavor to provoke people to "flee from the wrath to come"(Matthew 3:7).

Using the Scriptures, we make "men" fully aware of the consequences of going astray from God or following their own way. We attempt to convince them to be prepared for the day of accountability or judgment by preaching a strong word of repentance from all sin and holiness of living.

Some questions we must ask ourselves are - Who is persuading who here? Is the Church persuading the world, or is the world persuading the church?

Has the world convinced us to calm down and not be so forceful, straightforward, or fiery in our approach of presenting the Gospel? Have we toned down a bit and altered our message to appeal to the sinner? Have we become more concerned that we do not offend any one than that the Truth be preached? In the end, have we allowed the world to subtilely influence us to their way of thinking?

O Saint of God, who are you persuading today? In the "mission field" where God has planted you(and every saint is called to one), are you inciting men to Fear God, repent of all sin, and live holily in preparation for the Judgment Day, or are they swaying you to lighten up and compromise your godly standards?

C. Are We Fully Aware Of The Fact That Our Lives Are Lived In The Sight Of God And Men?

The Apostle Paul interjected a "but" in his statement which brought a contrast between the saint and the sinner.

Once again, we quote 2 Corinthians 5:11 in its entirety - "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

He spoke of "the terror of the Lord." He then mentioned the importance of "persuading men." His train of thought is abruptly changed with the word "but." He changes his audience from the sinner to the saint - "but we."

What message does he have for the Christian? What marked distinction does he draw between the saint and the sinner?

"But we are made manifest unto God" - In other words, we have nothing to hide. We are not cringing back from God in fear. He knows our hearts. He knows that our definite goals and purposes are to live wholly for Him and to see Him glorified in this earth. We desire to please Him and Him alone. That is "made manifest" unto Him.

Not only is He acquainted with all of our ways, but men know us as well - "and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences." We live transparent lives before all. The people around us know us for who we really are. We are not fakes, phonies, or hypocrites. We do not act godly on Sunday and then live like the devil the rest of the week. We are not sweet, kind, and loving before the church members and irritating, angry, demanding, controlling, and fitful before our families.

We should have nothing to fear come Judgment Day. The subject of the "terror of the Lord" should not really alarm us if we are doing our part - persuading men and living our lives sincerely and openly before God and men.

Using the "terror of the Lord" as a springboard for your argument, are you persuading men to "flee from the wrath to come"? Are you living a life that pleases God and clearly defines what a Christian really is?

Judgment Day is on the horizon.

Knowing this will either frighten you or stir you up to get busier than ever before.

Which will it be?

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Heavenly Workshop

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… a vision portion recv.'d 2-19-'04
I was praying and in the Spirit I found myself in a room that appeared to be a workshop. Jesus was here standing just in front of me. There were people (or angels?) working here in different areas of this shop …one in a corner was working on clocks, some I saw were working in pottery, others seemed to be occupied and busy with different projects that I could not identify clearly; but -- there was metal working and wood working and engine working. This was a workshop, but one like I could never have ever imagined because of all the variety of projects! ….

Most important was that Jesus was here standing in front of me. He wore a work-apron of what seemed to be natural leather, almost full length stopping somewhere below his knees. He stood at a blacksmith's anvil which was between us there. Jesus was placing two thin rods, like sticks – one in each of His' Hands upon this anvil…… these rods were glowing red/white at the lower half ends, as if they'd just come from the fire, or blacksmith furnace.

I was then made to 'know/understand' that these were two drumsticks in Jesus Hands (!) This information very much surprised me.

Drumsticks..... however, they were made of some kind of supernatural metal, not wood. Yet, they were drumsticks as we might use in the natural for playing drums, or hollow logs or 'whatever's'. I knew their material was a heavenly metal, for it appeared as a creamy white, a pearl color having the luminescence of many colors on their surface. I knew these were constructed of strong and special elements, these two drumsticks.

I watched Jesus forming and shaping these two metal-drum-sticks – as He rubbed them against each other (!), while they were pliable in their red/white hot glow. Jesus was somehow making the drumsticks perfect in balance and shape as He worked the two sticks against each other, on the anvil (for I saw no hammer, or any other tool He used). When he was finished Jesus then slipped the two drumsticks into his tunic at the chest, at HIS' Heart they were being placed - and, as Jesus opened His' tunic just a little I saw some of the Fire at His' breast, the Fire emanating from His' Heart.. (awed....)

As if in answer to my unspoken, rather dumbfounded questions, Jesus then began to reveal some to me concerning 'these two drumsticks'; These were instruments who were being forged and fired in the furnace of His very own Heart, and then being shaped of His very own Hands -- *right now*,,, on His' anvil ...... and Jesus wanted me to see and understand that this is a present-time operation. As Jesus was revealing this to me, I thought of the scripture, ' as iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of a friend ' (my paraphrase, Prov. 27:17),,, concerning these two rods, two drumsticks of heavenly metal...... Jesus nodded His approval and His "Yes" to my heart thoughts. This was so.

Jesus spoke to me of why the two drumsticks He worked upon were important -- Theses two were soon to have a unique 'cadence' to play that will be vital for all Believers to hear and come into alignment of, each one of us, and each one of us with each other... yes, important to be at, of, and in Jesus 'beat'. He told me this is why I was being shown this vision depiction; To see that He, Jesus is working diligently presently in forming and balancing and the perfecting of these two instruments,,, as depicted to me in this heavenly workshop.

These two drumsticks will give a special beat and cadence, to be 'beat and drummed forth' to Jesus' people. This sound will be of Jesus calling and Voice as formed at His' very Own Fiery Breast and of His most holy able Hands....... Christ' Fiery Heart and Love instruction to HIS' Beloved, HIS' army of Saints who have ears to hear their Master via the 'beat & cadence' of these two drumsticks ~selah.

I feel this vision portion may have many facets of revelation which each reader may understand, receive and judge. Along with these different gleanings of each reader, I sense of Lord for my own understanding that the drum sticks of this vision/experience are depicting our Lord's two servant gift persons of apostles and prophets gifted into His Body; Gifted of our Lord into and for His' beloved Blood bought Church; And HIS' Bride in the forming,,, now....... ~v.c.
(Other folks comments and inputs to this vision are on our web site, if any are interested to read these further .....)

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"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea." -Hab. 2:14

Heart Explosions

Mary Clark

Tonight, during worship, the Lord said “heart explosions.” Then He showed me a globe of the world, and said “I am causing heart changes from sea to shining sea.” Here is what He has to tell us about these “heart explosions,” and changes from sea to shining sea:

I, the Lord God Almighty, have spoken My heart to My beloved. I have called to you, asking that you draw nearer. I have many wonderful plans for your future in Me. I have many wonderful plans for the end of this age, and the beginning of the new age that is about to EXPLODE in your midst. Listen to My voice. Hear My whispered words, and know that they come directly from My heart:

I, the eternal King, have looked on you, My beloved, with kind favor. I am intent on bringing you into a new hour with Me, and nothing will ever stop Me. Know that My delight in you is overwhelming. It is not something easily understood by man, but nevertheless it is there – it is there in its purest form.

I am delighted to tell you that I am making changes in willing hearts – hearts willing to comply with Me, looking to Me, the Author and Finisher of their faith, to bring them into a wonderful new place. Realizing that the Almighty One has His hand on you should make you smile a sweet smile of contentment, for I am the all-powerful One, and I can and will do wonderful things in a heart that is willing to serve Me – wonderful things.

Be that as it may, many refuse Me. They want to put Me in a box or really not give Me the time of day. They wish to ignore Me, pretending that I am not there – that I hold no reign in the world or in their lives. But they are sadly mistaken. I do hold reign in the world, and in the lives of all who live and breathe in the air of this place called earth. I am a sovereign God. I am not a God who is powerful one moment and suffers a shortage of that same power the next. No! My power never vacillates. It is constant, beloved, just as My love for you is constant.

In this day, I am doing many wonderful things in hearts. I am taking hearts that favor Me and My work, and doing things that you cannot fathom. Be still and know that I am your God. I am at work in YOU! I am causing heart explosions in those hearts that are bringing about WONDERFUL changes. Be changed, beloved. Be changed by the mighty work of your God, and know that it delights Me to do this work. In fact, it is most satisfying. I want your hearts cleansed – purified by My loving, careful work. I want you to know true heart satisfaction in the work of your God – the One Who holds you dear.

So get ready to see some changes develop in your midst, and know that they come by My hand. I am working throughout the whole earth. I am bringing about a miraculous work – a stabile work – a work that will live forever. Be of good cheer! Your God is satisfied deep within by His ongoing work. He is smiling a smile of contentment over YOU. Be adjusted – be well-adjusted by the hand of your God and know the true heart satisfaction that My work brings – know the living touch of your God and walk in the wonder it provides.

I am your God. I have touched your lives in many wonderful ways in the past, but NOW I am getting ready to touch it in a BIG way – a way too BIG for words. Get ready for MAJOR assignment to spring forth, and know with each assignment that I present to you, I am equipping you for the hour to walk in My truth mightily. And know this too, beloved: The hand of your God is truly reaching forth and tweaking some areas in your heart. This will bring about an explosion in your heart that you will certainly realize. You will sit back, and say: “My God has touched My heart in a wonderful way. I am so satisfied with Him and His ways. Yes! I am satisfied with My Savior, and I want Him to be satisfied with Me. I want to embrace all that He is in the coming days. I want to walk in His truth. I want to be established in the realization that My soon coming King has given Me a testimony of His love, and I have accepted it. I have not only accepted it, I have embraced it and all that it contains. Truly, He has blessed Me. Truly, He has demonstrated His loving kindness to Me. I am not alone. I am not alone in this walk that He has given to Me. He is with Me – right beside me, and I will not question His methods. I will fall in line with His truth and walk according to His orders – according to His delight.” Yes, beloved, you will say these words, and I will say to you: “You have looked on Me as your God –

your holy Savior. Now I want you to look on Me as more than that – more than you ever dreamed – more than you have ever known. For I have seen fit to reveal My love to you, and you have accepted Me and all that My love contains. Now the hour is right for a union of hearts, beloved. Now the hour is right for Me to call you My own in a new way – a wonderful new way!!!"

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The Sextant
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sextant – an instrument used by navigators for measuring the angular distance of the sun, a star, etc from the horizon, as in finding the position of a ship.

I want you to know, beloved, that I am right on target. My plans are going forth as I have determined, and I will not fail in My endeavor.

Man uses many instruments to get his bearings, but I want man to realize that His bearings are found in Me. I am the One Who holds you secure. I am the One Who delivers you into a place of profound wisdom. Now is the hour to walk in the strength of your God, knowing that He is holding you secure, and your bearings are found in staying close to His side.

I am the God of the whole universe. I know what holds all together. I understand the inner workings of things that you do not even realize exist. "How is all of this accomplished?" you ask. I tell you, beloved, that all power, might, strength, intelligence – knowledge of man and knowledge of the living God – are contained in Me – your God. Never doubt this amazing fact.

And never doubt My great love for you. Never doubt My wisdom in creating you. I did a GOOD thing, and I continue to carry forth My GOOD plan. I am in the process of producing many times of enjoyment for My dear children. This, too, is a part of My wonderful plan – this GOOD thing that I am doing to bring forth My will in this last hour.

I am calling My children into a holy place with Me. Stay the course, beloved. Stay close to Me. Your successful arrival depends on your maintaining your focus. Don't get sidetracked by the world, but stay the course, looking to Me as the One Who will enable you to keep your bearings. I will keep you close by speaking My words of instruction. You will tell by My voice, as I speak to you, the urgency of the time. You will know that one who looks to the Beloved stays the course.

I have charted your position by My most expert hand. I fix your position in Me, moving you forward into the delight of My heart. I am moving you closer to the One Who is love, and has plans for you to reign in His kingdom of love. The finish line is in sight. The time is fast approaching when you will step into this place of wonder. So stay close. Listen to My voice, and know the delight of running the course and not having failed – not having failed the Master, and not having failed in your endeavor to bring pleasure to the heart of your God and Father – the Holy One Who enables you to keep your bearings – your bearings which are fixed, as you stay the course, coming closer to His heart.

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Five Silver Planes
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In a vision, I saw five silver planes flying in the distance. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I want the world to sit up and take notice at what I am about to do! I want the world to exclaim over My work, because it is a work like no other. No, never before in the history of man have I done a work like the one that I am about to do. Never in the history of the world have I sprung forth with such almighty power to show Myself to the world. You say, “But Father, what about the parting of the Red Sea? That was power, Father! And, Lord, what about the mighty flood in Noah’s day? That was power too.” I tell you, beloved, the world has never seen power like the power that I am about to exhibit. Never! No, never! Let Me tell you some things that I want you to look for. Let Me tell you some things to which you may look forward:

I am a God Who does an expert job in all that He undertakes. I am about to show you some sights that will not only get your attention, getting your eyes off the world, but I am going to show you some things that will make your heart turn flips. Yes, beloved. Your heart will flip-flop over the sights that I am about to show you.

You ask, “Well, Father, what is so unusual about five silver planes flying in the air?” I will tell you, beloved. These look like planes at a distance, but they are not planes, beloved. No, they are not planes. They are silver objects that you have never seen. They are coming your way as fast as the proverbial silver bullet. Yes, they are coming your way to show you something of great importance.

I take delight in My children. I take delight in seeing them realize their fancy – the desires of their hearts realized. I take delight in bestowing My finest on each of them. But in this day, I am doing something so stupendous that you are going to be at a loss for words. The words will not come forth to express the greatness of this hour that I am about to bring into your midst. No! The words just will not come forth. So get ready for a feeling of speechlessness to come about in your life, and know this: The Beloved is shining the light of His glory your way for a very expedient reason, and it is to reveal His heart to the nations. Get ready to go forth in My name as I direct, and express My heart. I will give you the words, beloved. You give voice to My words, because you are about to be ultimate shining examples of the living God in powerful demonstrations. You are about to see My glory for real on display in your lives. You are about to know some truths without a doubt and you will walk in this hour with your head held high in the knowledge that the One Whom you serve is not only in control, but He is leading the processional into a new place of glory.

I want My beloved children to realize something, and it is this: I have made a way for you to grow – grow fast in the knowledge of My love. I am presenting some unprecedented sights to you in the near future. So realize this. Reckon with those things that would keep you distanced from Me. Arrive safe in My arms, and let Me reveal My heart to you. For it is in knowing My heart that you will arrive to this great truth: The King of glory holds nothing back where His dear, precious children are concerned. He holds nothing at bay where the ones He adores are concerned, and in this hour He is presenting His HEART! Wonder of wonders!!! The Holy Master is about to present His HEART to His beloved children. And when this happens, look out. LOOK OUT!!! The end is near. Again I say, beloved, the end is finally near – so, so near!!!

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His Glory His Presence

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A word for the Lord's People caught in despair

We all have experienced how one small candle can bring light to a dark room. Imagine a light bright enough to light the world in the darkest of times. Imagine even still a light that would make a conscious willful decision to stay lit in these times. This would seem to be a great opportunity to show the glory of His presence in lives, yet many called to be lights sadly remain hardly a flicker.

Oppression and depression have surrounded many of the Lord's own as they have focused on the darkness so much that they have forgotten their hope and promise of deliverance. Many trials, fires and battles have created a major struggle for spiritual survival. Weary from an overload of the enemy's attacks in various areas, many have slumped into despair and hopelessness.

The Lord has a word in Isaiah 60:1-2 (amplified) that says:

"*Arise (from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you--rise to new life)! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!*

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness (all) peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you (O Jerusalem), and His glory shall be seen on you."

His glory that shall be seen on His people **is His presence**. We have all that will ever be needed to stand in the darkest of days that we will face. Jesus is with us and with that fact alone, we can worship and be thankful for his presence in our lives.

The Lord says,

> " *ARISE and be depressed no more. ARISE and stand in MY GLORY. STAND in the assurance that I AM with YOU. Stand because I have made a covenant promise with you that I will remain with you through the darkness. I will walk through the valley, and I will walk through the fire and I will bring you across to the other side to be with me forever. I will walk hand and hand with you up the mountain and we will sit in heavenly places together. Yes we will.*
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> *See ME now. Focus on Me again and not circumstances that have hindered your joy and your progress in Life. See My face alone again. Don't focus on the darkness but BEHOLD THE LIGHT OF MY GLORY in YOU. It is still there. You can be renewed again, but it requires a new level of faith. I will help you and this is what you must do.*
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> *Surrender the darkness to Me. Lay it on the alter. Lay it at my feet. Let me take the darkness and crush it's affects,as my light destroys it's power. I am with you. Turn away from the distressing scenes, depressing news, oppressing circumstances, and negativity that the world sends daily. Do not be distressed nor despair. Remember that I have told you before hand that these things must come upon the earth. They should be of no surprise. Reach into your heart and remember the presence that dwells with you of Myself, and be thankful. I chose you and loved you before you ever knew Me. I called you to Myself and you are Mine. Remember and think on these things and My joy will come as a refreshing well of water spilling up and out."*

Headless Horsemen
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I heard " Headless horsemen" and asked the Lord what He wants to say.

"Some trust in chariots and horses, but MY OWN trust in ME. Some trust in their own strength to do things. But those who KNOW ME, trust in ME.
And I am making the men who trust in horses to be headless in the coming days! No longer will I extend favor to those who trust in themselves. They will be exposed for what they have trusted in. So I admonish you to come again, to buy gold from ME with which to make yourselves whole.

Those who know ME, know that I am a rewarder of those who diligently seek ME, and not their OWN ways. I am pouring out GRACE to repent and change, if you will only come seek that. I am changing the face of the church and she will not be what she has been. She will NOT be led by HORSEMEN, but by true shepherds in the days to come. I am doing away with the old order and the traditions of men, and the will be MY ORDER where I AM GOD, and where I AM PREEMINENT, so that My people will receive the care and nurturing they need to be made WHOLE.

Again I tell you that the unholy one is coming, and there will be an ascendancy for all who follow him that are wicked and too fearful to stand against his spirit. Men will betray brothers and sisters will betray mothers.
Children will be given up and parents will be reported for speaking against his ways. His ways will SEEM to have a semblance of religion, but it will be mixture and ungodliness of the highest order. You cannot stand but ON MY WORD, and IN ME. I am disciplining you now, that you might become stronger like MY warhorses in battle to withstand the assaults of the enemy.

KNOW MY WORD and STAND ON MY WORD for this one will twist it to pervert the TRUTH and hide the motive behind his actions. Do not be deceived by the false PEACE that will come. For they will say "PEACE, PEACE", then there will be sudden destruction! KEEP YOUR WATCH, oh watchmen, and do not let up until Jerusalem is made a praise in the earth.
Suddenlies are upon you! SUDDENLIES will catapult you into what I have been preparing you for soon. Suddenly the Lord will come to His temple!
Be expentant My loved ones. For I will make the horsemen headless who come against MY OWN. Remember the days of Egypt. And remember the works of old I did for them in this hour. INCREASE YOUR FAITH through the word and I will increase it through circumstance and you calling on ME for strength! WORSHIP ME in the beauty of holiness and in the spirit of TRUTH, for I am seeking after your wholeheartedness and restoring all that has been stolen. I will restore all the canker worm has eaten. "

Ex 15:19 NKJV For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them. But the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

Isa 28:27-29 NKJV For the black cummin is not threshed with a threshing sledge, Nor is a cartwheel rolled over the cummin; But the black cummin is beaten out with a stick, And the cummin with a rod. 28 Bread flour must be ground; Therefore he does not thresh it forever, Break it with his cartwheel, Or crush it with his horsemen. 29 This also comes from the LORD of hosts, Who is wonderful in counsel and excellent in guidance.

Isa 31:1-2 NKJV The Folly of Not Trusting God
Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help, And rely on horses, Who trust in chariots because they are many, And in horsemen because they are very strong, But who do not look to the Holy One of Israel, Nor seek the LORD!
2 Yet He also is wise and will bring disaster, And will not call back His words, But will arise against the house of evildoers, And against the help of those who work iniquity.

Jer 4:29-30 NKJV The whole city shall flee from the noise of the horsemen and bowmen. They shall go into thickets and climb up on the rocks. Every city shall be forsaken, And not a man shall dwell in it.
30 "And when you are plundered, What will you do? Though you clothe yourself with crimson, Though you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold

Ezek 38:1-17 NKJV Gog and Allies Attack Israel
Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. 4 I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6 Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its troops — many people are with you.
7 "Prepare yourself and be ready, you and all your companies that are gathered about you; and be a guard for them.
8 After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. 9 You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you."

10 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that day it shall come to pass that thoughts will arise in your mind, and you will make an evil plan: 11 You will say, 'I will go up against a land of unwalled villages; I will go to a peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates' — 12 to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land. 13 Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions will say to you, 'Have you come to take plunder? Have you gathered your army to take booty, to carry away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?''"

14 "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that day when My people Israel dwell safely, will you not know it? 15 Then you will come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great company and a mighty army. 16 You will come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It will be in the latter days that I will bring you against My land, so that the nations may know Me, when I am hallowed in you, O Gog, before their eyes." 17 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are you he of whom I have spoken in former days by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied for years in those days that I would bring you against them?

Ezek 38:18-23 NKJV Judgment on Gog "And it will come to pass at the same time, when Gog comes against the land of Israel," says the Lord GOD, "that My fury will show in My face. 19 For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken: 'Surely in that day there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel,
20 so that the fish of the sea, the birds of the heavens, the beasts of the field, all creeping things that creep on the earth, and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence. The mountains shall be thrown down, the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.' 21 I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains," says the Lord GOD. "Every man's sword will be against his brother. 22 And I will bring him to judgment with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD."'

Ezek 39:1-8 NKJV Gog's Armies Destroyed
"And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal; 2 and I will turn you around and lead you on, bringing you up from the far north, and bring you against the mountains of Israel. 3 Then I will knock the bow out of your left hand, and cause the arrows to fall out of your right hand. 4 You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

5 You shall fall on the open field; for I have spoken," says the Lord GOD.
6 "And I will send fire on Magog and on those who live in security in the coastlands. Then they shall know that I am the LORD. 7 So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel. 8 Surely it is coming, and it shall be done," says the Lord GOD. "This is the day of which I have spoken.

Dan 11:40-45 NKJV The Northern King's Conquests
"At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. 41 He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. 42 He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. 43 He shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; also the Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at his heels. 44 But news from the east and the north shall trouble him; therefore he shall go out with great fury to destroy and annihilate many. 45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and no one will help him.

Hos 1:7 NKJV Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah, Will save them by the LORD their God, And will not save them by bow, Nor by sword or battle, By horses or horsemen."

Nah 3:3-11
3 Horsemen charge with bright sword and glittering spear. There is a multitude of slain, A great number of bodies, Countless corpses — They stumble over the corpses — 4 Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot, The mistress of sorceries, Who sells nations through her harlotries, And families through her sorceries.

5 "Behold, I am against you," says the LORD of hosts; "I will lift your skirts over your face, I will show the nations your nakedness, And the kingdoms your shame. 6 I will cast abominable filth upon you, Make you vile, And make you a spectacle. 7 It shall come to pass that all who look upon you Will flee from you, and say, 'Nineveh is laid waste! Who will bemoan her? 'Where shall I seek comforters for you?"
8 Are you better than No Amon That was situated by the River, That had the waters around her, Whose rampart was the sea, Whose wall was the sea? 9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, And it was boundless; Put and Lubim were your helpers. 10 Yet she was carried away, She went into captivity; Her young children also were dashed to pieces At the head of every street; They cast lots for her honorable men, And all her great men were bound in chains. 11 You also will be drunk; You will be hidden; You also will seek refuge from the enemy.

Rev 9:13-21 NKJV Sixth Trumpet: The Angels from the Euphrates

Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God,
14 saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, "Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates."
15 So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.
16 Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.
17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone.
18 By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed — by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths.
19 For their power is in their mouth and in their tails; for their tails are
like serpents, having heads; and with them they do harm.

20 But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their

hands, **that they should not worship demons,** and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. 21 And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.

Erasing Indebtedness
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"I am coming to pour out mercy and to erase any indebtedness. I speak not of debt that is financial but debt that is sin based. I am coming to pour out My glory and in that pouring out there will be great reversals in your life that will bring My RESURRECTION LIFE to shine through you. My Light is the light of all men. I AM the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE. I will be preeminent in your life that all men will be drawn to Me through you. I have promised you many times that I will come and bring a great reversal, so believe that you may receive. The one who is looking forward to company, will prepare their house and sweep it clean and make sure all is ready. They will prepare food and also put on fresh clothes so as to make a good impression on their company. I have been asking you to prepare ME an habitation, that I might come in and have union and communion with you.

I am the LIGHT. And you will shine like the stars in the heavens. You are my bright and shining stars. I am going to pour into you such glory and you will wonder at the change in your own heart and the change will bring you much closer to ME. You will see as I see and hear as I hear, and feel as I feel. I AM the All-Consuming FIRE and I will burn away all that cannot withstand the test, that you may be light in the darkness to all around you!

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of My throne. Goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life and you will dwell in the house of the Lord forever if you will abide in ME. Come and sup with Me. Come and let us reason together about the things that are on your heart for I am a God close at hand and not afar off. Is My hand too short to save? Indeed I am WITH YOU. I am Emmanuel. So believe that I am with you. Do not act as if I have gone somewhere. I am always with you, now and forever.
Run into My arms of LOVE and allow ME to be in control. I will do all you need for me to do if you will cast ALL your cares upon ME. For I care FOR you."

Ps 89:14 NKJV Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

Jer 23:29 AMP Is not My word like fire [that consumes all that cannot endure the test]? says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks in pieces the rock [of most stubborn resistance]?

John 1:3-5 NKJV 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

Luke 11:4 NKJV And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one."
Luke 11:4 AMP And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone who is indebted to us [who has offended us or done us wrong]. And bring us not into temptation but rescue us from evil.

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Though I Speak With the Tongues of Men and Angels
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I heard: “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.”

1 Cor 13:1-10 AMP
1 IF I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, but have not love (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such as is inspired by God's love for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
2 And if I have prophetic powers (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), and understand all the secret truths and mysteries and possess all knowledge, and if I have [sufficient] faith so that I can remove mountains, but have not love (God's love in me) I am nothing (a useless nobody).
3 Even if I dole out all that I have [to the poor in providing] food, and if I surrender my body to be burned or in order that I may glory, but have not love (God's love in me), I gain nothing.
4 Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily.
5 It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong].
6 It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail.
7 Love bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].
8 Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. As for prophecy (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), it will be fulfilled and pass away; as for tongues, they will be destroyed and cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away [it will lose its value and be superseded by truth]. 9 For our knowledge is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect), and our prophecy (our teaching) is fragmentary (incomplete and imperfect). 10 But when the complete and perfect (total) comes, the incomplete and imperfect will vanish away (become antiquated, void, and superseded).

When my husband wanted a divorce, for a long time, I’d felt overwhelmed and neglected, and I was very sick with Chronic Fatigue Immunodeficiency Syndrome and Fibromyalgia. I gave out to everyone else , but did not take care of me very well. I didn’t know how. So I was incapacitated to do some things to the level I would have had I been whole at the time. But the fact is I was very unhealed and physically spent. The stress of a lifetime of on and off, abuse and rejection and self neglect had taken it’s toll on the physical. And the Lord convicted me at this time, that if I can’t even love my family as much as I need to, how could I possibly do ministry and reach out to others. The scripture He used was from Luke 6 where He says to ’ love your enemies, be good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you! ‘
I thought to myself…how can I do that if I am a failure at this. I also had so much been abandoned and neglected, and defeated in my personal life and relationships that I took on whatever anyone said about me. I was a success at work or in artistic pursuits, but in all else very dysfunctional, not to mention schizophrenic.

I say this to help some understand the level of pain that some humans go through, is not understandable to others who have not been through it. A person who has not been traumatized to the level of fear for their life over and over again at an early age, hasn’t a clue how hard that is. They can only imagine it. So for some of you to understand someone like me is like asking an banana to change into an apple.
A little girl who experiences molestation or rape as a toddler or preschooler, over time develops such an ingrained fear that distorts her soul and splits it into fragments of what it had been! This is called anguish. The Lord once showed me that anguish was to the soul what a cracked vase looks like…only in your soul.

GOD is the ONLY ONE Who can translate that experience to another for understanding. THAT is why we need to SEEK HIM, and not our opinions for advise to others. I am forever appalled at my own lack in doing this at times…so I cannot say you should do this without acknowledging the GRACE it takes for me to do it. NOTHING that is good comes from ME alone. Nothing that is good emanating from

YOU comes by your own effort. If it does it is flesh and not from the Spirit. GOD is the AUTHOR and FINISHER of our faith. He alone knows what it takes for one person who has been so pummeled to get to the place of TRUST in Him that He desires. We all think it just happens and that we have some internal stamina. But the days coming to us will test that STAMINA to the inth degree! There will be persecution and martyrdom on a scale yet unseen! And the love we need to give to others comes from HIM. IT MUST COME FROM HIM. THAT is why He is admonishing us in His grace to come close to Him for more healing.

It is not a fearful thing for me to consider dying for Christ. Rejection may still at times cause me some fear, but dying for HIM does not! That may sound strange. But it is not. God heals us in degrees. He works at one level then goes deeper, and deeper and deeper, till all that opposes HIM is eradicated. Some areas are excavated while others remain dormant. ALL PRIDE, ALL FEAR, ALL INSECURITIES and PAIN, must be excavated and forgiven and dealt with. And until the wounds of the soul are eradicated which usually is not till we meet our Maker after death…then we ALL HAVE IMPERFECTIONS. I am not alone in my fear or weakness to falling prey to the enemy. Many people like to PRETEND they are invulnerable, but that is only a Pharisaical FAÇADE and certainly not in character with the WORD OF GOD, which is truth. We go from GLORY to GLORY.

2 Cor 3:18 AMP And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

It doesn't come from us. That is part of the wonder of His GRACE. IT IS SUFFICIENT FOR US because we cannot do it ourselves! That was coming from the Spirit and not me…His GRACE IS SUFFICIENT because WE CANNOT DO IT OURSELVES! For it is by grace we have been saved and not by our WORKS. This is not new to us, but I know from my own dysfunctional experiences that I am NOT alone in this. IT is so EASY to get into works and striving to be good enough. If I get too prideful, He withdraws grace just so I can see that it is NOT in my own EFFORT that I can do any good thing. But it is only by HIS SPIRIT that I can and am able to do anything.

This is opposite to the stiff upper lift training of perfectionism and workaholism. In that training you hear " If you don't take care of yourself, no one will! " " You have to strive to get an education so you can take care of yourself." It is training in SELF SUFFICIENCY and the opposite of this:

Matt 6:25-34 NKJV Do Not Worry (Luke 12:22-31)
"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?
28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?
31 "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

FAITH is not perfected by the stiff upper lip. IT IS PERFECTED THROUGH TESTING!!!
Yes…TESTING! Unless we go through some things that we can't "handle", then we will never have the faith it takes to believe for greater miracles! If you can do it yourself, then you don't need GOD. So He HAS to get you in a position of desperation and being unable to do something to get you to TRUST that HE can and will do it! And until we learn the lesson, we will march around the desert some more, being tested again until we pass the test! This can be very unnerving to go through, but it doesn't mean you are a failure, but that you need more training. Just like a child learning to walk, has to go again and again, and fall down again and again before they finally can walk without falling. God knows for each person how much it will take for trust to be established. And where there has been betrayal

and abuse, or mistrust, how to REESTABLISH TRUST again. The amount of love and reinforcement may just be paramount to the amount of pain and abuse received sometimes. So we cannot RUSH people through the process just so we don't have to put up with them or so they won't be a burden to us. Didn't He say, that even the weaker brother is NECESSARY? He does it all through LOVE & His great GRACE! He is SO wonderful. He never gets tired of us! People get tired of us, but HE never gets tired of us. People misunderstand us, but HE never misunderstands. And a bruised reed he does not break. He will have patience no one else has EVER had with you!

I know this because I have been the recipient of much of that grace! I remember when my mother died, I was sleeping in her bedroom on the bed she slept on. [My mother was into new age witchcraft – and had a jezebel spirit] I had one after another encounters with demons from the time of my divorce till after she died a year later. I could smell them. I could sometimes see them. I could feel them sometimes go through me or by me , trying to scare me. One time I remember waking up in a start when something sat on the bed while I was asleep and woke me…but nothing was there. Then God began to retrain me in warfare. I was in such an emotionally weak state, that I had let down my guard. But my son was also in that apartment and I didn’t want anything terrible to happen to him either.

I remember laying down at night and suddenly just as I was nodding off to sleep, I felt something attack me from the back that was the size of a man, but felt like it was crushing my lungs…and I cried out JESUS but my voice didn’t work, but three times I cried out Jesus in my spirit, and suddenly it was gone! OUTTA THERE! This is how He got me over my fear of demons. I was not just molested as a child but there was witchcraft involved. So I had great fear of darkness and death at the time. There have been many times in my life starting in the womb where the enemy tried to kill me. It was after getting saved that I suddenly would begin to see demons out of the corner of my eyes. After so many encounters, I got so fed up with these familiar spirits, and the Lord had been teaching me how to ignore them to defeat them. And finally one night or early morning I should say, I suddenly felt a pounding on the bed and a scratch on my knee, and looked up to see a full body apparition of a demonic being that looked like a man with long grey hair from the back, but it had TALONS to scratch me, and I couldn’t see the face, but it was in a long robe, and racing out the door. I remember hopping out of bed, furious with it…and chasing into the living room, but of course it was gone…I turned on the worship and began to quote from Revelations 19 and 20 to remind him or any more that might be around of their end!

That is how much more faith I had by the time God got through with me! I went through many painful experiences learning much from the Lord, and making many mistakes to get to that point. And even of late have overcome even more to know that if you really believe in HIS protection, you will be protected in ANY circumstance…but you must also OBEY His leadings. He does give us warnings and help us in all circumstances to have the wisdom we need. I remember that the first time I read ‘Pigs in the Parlor’ I was going through those lists at my mom’s apartment rebuking almost everything on the list, and sometimes I would feel things leave. I had not known anything about deliverance ministry till after the divorce, then I learned the hard way.

But then shortly after that I met a young lady who had seen in the spirit since she was in 6th grade in a Lutheran school and the Lord opened up her vision to see angels, demons, glories, etc. She taught me that the main thing for getting rid of demons was to INVITE THE LORD to come down. Then HE would deal with them. Because He had taught her this after they realized she could see them and they had tormented her. And isn’t this the same as the experience I had? By the third calling out to JESUS, suddenly the demon was gone! So sometimes it is not about rebuking, but rather about WORSHIPPING & PRAISING.

Another time, an acquaintance brought her son to me while I was still sick and alone with David, after my mom had died and we’d moved to a different apartment. She was tired of dealing with his rebellion and asked if I would keep him for a short time. I had just come out of worshipping for three hours, so it was good timing. So after she left, I looked at him, [I’ll call him Bob], and he was almost in tears. He was also tired of her rejection and conditional love. I began to pray and as I was kneeling down beside the chair he was sitting on in the living room, I felt to stroke his left arm from top to bottom.

This was kind of unusual…but the left hand in the Pigs in the Parlor book represents rejection, in the vision she had of schizophrenia. That’s a long story so not for now,but after a bit he shared a vision with me. He said while I was praying he saw three demons, navy, red, and black in color, and they were trying to put this rope around my neck, but everytime they did it, in the spirit, it would melt because of the fire on me he said!!!

He was doing drugs…so the ungodly trio of Sorcery, Divination and Witchcraft was present and trying to do something to me. Remember my mother was a witch, so spirits familiar to me. But they couldn't touch me when I was in worship and prayer! THAT IS THE PLACE OF IMMUNITY! In His presence is fullness of JOY! AMEN? Praise and worship and communicating with God is a place of SAFETY, our hiding place.

I have had many friends describe to me interferance with prayer when they just prayed for a long time. But when I worship and then go into prayer, I haven't had that experience [so far]. I'm sure there is opposition I don't see anymore, but it can't touch me when I am in worship and praise. I have had times in the last year and a half where I found it so hard to worship, but would offer the sacrifice of praise, and God would break through in communication.

Whenever witchcraft is around it tries to stifle the prayer and worship and the word. And if that doesn't work, he will send slumber your way or distractions. Anyhow…the point is that worship will break the back of the enemy no matter which one it is. Because when we worship, the Spirit comes MORE and you can actually if you were to see the Kabod, you would see what looks like a cloud around you. The air gets heavy and you can feel it on your hands.

After leading me into this arena, then the Lord began to teach me on LOVE and it's power in compassion in bringing miracles. Remember the prayer of St. Francis? If you never heard it:

"Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is discord, union;
Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

AMEN"

This is the absolute essence of spiritual warfare! Just as Isaiah 58 is. We sow in the opposites to the world. Where there is hatred we sow seeds of LOVE. Where there is greed, we sow seeds of GENEROSITY, sacrifice and giving.

LOVE is as strong as death it says in the Word. Love is the greatest says the Lord. Therefore it is the most powerful weapon. So when we sow LOVE to our enemies, even when they are members of our own household…then we are fighting the good fight of faith, knowing the Almighty God Who IS WISDOM,
doesn't demand of us more than He will give us grace for! I remember this story about Billy Graham that he was preaching and some witches were protesting and trying to disrupt outside, then one came in set on interruption which succeeded, but Billy told the people to just love on him. You see, Billy's son Franklin had taken to rebellion in his youth, but his parents knew to just love him. To give him the love he didn't deserve, just like God does to us.

Doesn't God every day give us love we don't deserve. It is His amazing GRACE! It is amazing that if I blow it, I can run to Him, and receive love when I am expecting a hammer to fall on me! It is LOVE when I grieve the Spirit, and instead of punishing me, He encourages me, and lets me witness to someone or pray for someone and they get healed. Then the person who blew it realizes how much love He has for us, because instead of withdrawing his love, He continues to love us into perfection. Love leads to repentance. You love on people till they wonder WHY and how can that person love me when I've treated them so badly. It heaps COALS on their heads we are told! Well, coals represent the purifying FIRE of the HOLY SPIRIT. So as I pour out that LOVE that is undeserved and unexpected. IT

DISARMS THE EVIL ONE who wanted to stir up strife and hate.

Another example from Merlin Carothers: A mother of a teen was frustrated with her daughter who was rebellious and railing on her, swearing at her. She read one of his books, and applied the principle of PRAISE in the face of the enemy. She was doing dishes one night, and her daughter started an argument and swore at her and the mother turned to her and said calmly but firmly with a smile " PRAISE THE LORD"! At which point the daughter became more animatedly defiant and swore some more. So the mother stood her ground and said, "PRAISE THE LORD"! THEN, the daughter turned on her heels, went into her bedroom and locked the door and didn't come out till morning, and she NEVER swore at her mom again! You see, the mom was able to see, it wasn't her daughter she was battling. It was the demon oppressing her. So she was speaking to the demon…"PRAISE THE LORD"! hahahaa! We WAR NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, but against powers and principalities, etc.

We must really see it at the moment so we know what weapon to use. Call on the Lord and HE will supplant the enemy. Sometimes we also need reinforcements! EVEN MOSES had to have Aaron and Hur to lift up his arms so that the battle Israel was fighting could be won. There is a dynamic in enjoined prayer that will defeat the enemy quicker than if you do it alone. And this is important in this hour, for the enemy is coming in like a flood, knowing there isn't much more time. So we cannot be alone. The Lord has warned in past prophecies to no longer go out except two by two AT LEAST. And what He has shown me for this ministry is to develop TEAMS of people who go out to assault the enemy's territory together. People like Randy Clark have been doing that for some time now. It is effective. IT is the GOD PLAN. He did it with the apostles and we are coming into an apostolic age as well. So we cannot be doing things alone any more. We need to go in force. One can set 100 to flight, two can set 10,000 to flight and three by those standards could set 100,000 to flight!!! Praise the LORD!

So the key is, that we must learn to love one another. We must learn to sow in the opposites. We must learn to love ourselves, that we can love others. In order to love ourselves, we have to learn the depth of His love and grace towards us who BELIEVE.

Eph 3:17-19 AMP
17 May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love,
18 That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];
19[That you may really come] to know [practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

Love in Him, Priscilla

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SAVANT **1 :** a person of learning; *especially* **:** one with detailed knowledge in some specialized field (as of science or literature)

Isaiah 42:1-4 AMP
1 BEHOLD MY Servant, Whom I uphold, My elect in Whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice and right and reveal truth to the nations. [Matt 3:16,17.]
2 He will not cry or shout aloud or cause His voice to be heard in the street.

3 A bruised reed He will not break, and a dimly burning wick He will not quench; He will bring forth justice in truth. [Matt 12:17-21.]
4 He will not fail or become weak or be crushed and discouraged till He has established justice in the earth; and the islands and coastal regions shall wait hopefully for Him and expect His direction and law. [Rom 8:22-25.]

"I am releasing a host of 'liberty savants' to the nations. They are those in whom is My Spirit, and those who have learned their lessons, so that they may teach TRUTH about GRACE, HOPE, LOVE, PEACE and JOY to the nations ! They will bring LIBERTY to those imprisoned by the enemy. They will not balk at the quest to establish TRUTH in the earth, no matter what the cost ! They are dedicated to ME alone. FREEDOM is on My heart. I want to see people set free. Many want to see people saved. But my heart is also to see them free from all forms of torment of the enemy.

The one who has been through much will be able to give much if they have submitted to the healing process and cried out to ME. I am coming to ruin the plans of the enemy and to override all his bulwarks to stop MY savants from going forth. There is much healing needed in all nations. I will mix and I will fix. I will tread out the grapes of wrath and nations will be shaken.
I will execute MY JUSTICE in the earth and bring millions to salvation. You are NOT alone My beloveds in your longing to see them set free from the tyranny of the enemy. That is something I have put in your heart ! I will establish MY KINGDOM and it will NOT fail. My plans do not fail. Just as My love never fails, so My plans for you are SURE.

I am making you to climb on the high hills of the earth and I will make you to shine before nations. They will be drawn to My glory in you !

Isa 40:3-5 NKJV
3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. 4 Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; 5 The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Keep to the old ways - the ways of holiness. Keep in your heart the desire to worship Me in the beauty of holiness. For I will honor the one who honors ME. I am Holy, and without holiness, no one shall see God ! When I perform My mysterious wonders, the eyes of men are to be on ME. Do not think to steal My glory. Glory belongs to Me alone ! There are consequences for trying to touch the glory ! I am stirring in your hearts an even greater love for the TRUTH ! Truth shall be your shield and buckler ! Ask for My GRACE, for I will empower you to do as I will if you ask ME. Whatever you ask, in My name, will be done !

STAND UP MY WARRIORS and beat the drums ! Beat the war drums ! For there is a release in the heavenlies coming that will bring forth more sounds of war. I AM LOOSING MY KINGDOM and it never goes forth unopposed until I come again ! But I have a huge surprise for the enemy. I have a HUGE surprise. You are My precious treasure and I am pouring out precious stones to you - special gifts from heaven to empower you for the days to come ! I WILL ESTABLISH MY GLORY IN THE EARTH ! Stand up and DANCE warrior bride ! For the sounds of shouts and laughter and joy must be heard by the enemy ! It will cause TERROR in his camp as you do this.
He has been trying to KEEP YOU from the intimacy. But when he hears the sound of the drums and trumpets blaring…indeed he knows he has something to fear ! And as he sees you worshipping and praying for revival and souls, and unity and LOVE…he is restless and nervous !

I told you that in this life you will have tribulation, but I have overcome it !
This last battle will be the worst yet ever seen on earth. PREPARE YOUR HEARTS, and withstand his attempts to discredit you and cause depression, for he is trying to steal, kill and rob all from you.
SING you singers ! Sing to ME a new song, and I will sing to you as well. I am putting a new song in your heart. A song of intimacy, a song of deliverance, a song of endearing love and appreciation, a song of JOY inexpressible for your KING of KINGS.
I am singing love songs that will break the back of death and darkness !
Be unashamed to sing to ME ! TAKE this worship into the streets and see what I do for radical lovers !

It is time to go forth NAKED and UNASHAMED ! Naked in the sense of transparency of who you are, and unashamed of the gospel of peace ! "

Then I heard the song " Blow the trumpet in Zion, Zion, Sound the alarm on My holy mountain ! Blow the trumpet in Zion, Zion ! SOUND THE ALARM !
Praise the LORD !

He Hugged Me!

Conrad Lampan

Christmas time. A good time for reflection, and a time to remember what He has done for us. I feel like sharing a very personal testimony with you all, and I pray that you may be encouraged.

It was back in the beginning of year 1993. I suddenly learnt how God takes our prayers to the letter. I had just asked the Lord to “organize” my life, only to find out that God has a rather different concept of what “organize” means. Too late. I had already prayed and God was only too eager to answer that prayer. My life had been sort of messed up, so I just told God to take control. Frankly, it was like trying to quench a fire with gasoline. But then it happened; in the middle of turmoil Jesus hugged me; just like that, and everything changed.

I usually went to my room at about 8 PM to read and pray before going to bed later on. I would put some music and read some book, read my Bible and pray, or just “be” there with the Lord. That particular day in the summer of 93 I was at my brother’s house at about 4 PM and I began to feel an urgency to go back to my place and pray, although I did not have a prompt to pray for any specific issue. I took off somewhat startling everybody as I had just arrived a few moments ago, and arrived at my house about one hour later.

All the way home this desire, and hunger inside grew to an almost unbearable level. As I arrived at my place, I just went upstairs to my bedroom and immediately went to my usual kneeling place by a chair and knelt down. I could feel the presence of God in a rather unusual, very strong way, and although I wanted to pray, I was there without know what to say. I just knelt down and I said: **“Jesus, would you hug me?”** while at the same time I actually wrapped my arms around as if I was hugging someone. And then it happened.

All of a sudden the place was inundated by warmth as I had never experienced before. Suddenly I was literally hugging someone, I was touching someone physically; we were embracing each other. I could feel a head resting in my left shoulder, and could feel the touch of soft hair on my left cheek. I didn’t dare open my eyes, I wanted to see Him but at the same time I was scared. It was at the same time awesome and awful. I didn’t dare move either, I was just stuck there feeling this amazing love and at the same time experience the fear of the Lord in a way I never felt before.

I began to cry almost uncontrollably; the only way I can describe is like when babies cry so much that they stop breathing for moments (in Spanish this is medically called “sobbing spasm”); the fact is that I could not breathe, I just wept and wept and wept. After some time –I actually lost sense of time- I managed to speak, and I just said: “Lord, I want to go with you, I just want to go up hugging you”, for the first time in my life I heard an audible voice, if from the outside or from the inside I don’t know, I only know I heard Him say: “Conrad, I still want you here” Slowly He began to “withdraw” until I could not feel Him any more in a physical way, but His presence remained there and I can say it is still with me.

When things seem to go wrong, or I do feel down, or frustrated; when all the forces of hell seem to be loosed, and there are troubles of every kind, and trials; when it seems that all the things I gave my life too have been lost, and that all I have is ashes; and when people do not seem to understand, or even worse when people scoff or laugh at me –sometimes I even feel that some people literally laugh when reading this testimony- then I remember that night back in time and I can say “He hugged me!” Then, as the old song goes: “It is well with my soul”

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He Is A Bridegroom
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"You have ravished my heart, my sister, my spouse; You have ravished my heart with one look of your eyes..." (Song Sol. 4:9).

The heart of God is ravished with enjoyment and delight over His people. We cannot pass by this quickly. We have known the concept of His love, yes, but often this very knowing and familiarity is what hinders us from ever entering into the depths and actually drinking from the deep wells of Love's plentitude. We cannot let common words stand-in for experienced realities. To say that He loves me is a familiar notion indeed, but to pursue, know and experience His love is a rare preoccupation. Our familiarity with the words deceives us into thinking we have personally known the exceedingly vast riches that lie beyond the realm of language and in the eternal deep of God's heart. We confuse the hearing of a concept with the actual abiding of that reality inside of us. Yet His Love is a realm that transcends all mental comprehension and leaves all utterance ashamedly barren. It is to this unknown world of eternal pleasures that we give ourselves as we begin our pilgrimage into His ravished heart.

God describes His Love in the Word as surpassing knowledge (Eph 3:19). Paul proclaims, "'...Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him'" (1 Cor. 2:9). A raging River of affections surges within His heart. It is a holy, violent flow of love. Daniel beheld a fiery stream coming forth from before the throne of the Ancient of Days. In Psalm 36, David describes a glorious river of pleasures, the very fountain of life that God causes His people to drink from. This river of desire within His heart is the one route into the place of intimacy that we long for. We can hear a thousand teachings and read a hundred books, but we will only find the satisfaction of our search in the deep of His heart. We must plunge the Person of Jesus Christ. It is not casually or from a distance that we dive into the depths of these vast regions, but rather we enter this Ocean by a focused abandonment, a violent pursuit and a lifelong drinking.

We were made for this love. Our entire story is wrapped up within its tale. For love we were created, and in love is our eternal testimony. It is our reason, our purpose, our end and our beginning. We have heard with our ears of a God of love, and we have known with our minds that in this love is our life, but have we yet been embraced by Love Himself? Have we deeply considered love's mysterious nature that has caused the entire purpose of mankind to be a stunning narrative of holy romance? Have we been overcome with delight and wonder at the boldness of Love's pursuit? Indeed, we have not yet even begun to search its treasuries. Language we have, perhaps, but the living glories of Love's delights we have only just begun to peer into. Though love is our eternal story, we do not yet even slightly recognize or know it. This is the journey we are embarking upon. It is the voyage into Love Himself.

The Everlasting Story

To begin the great story of our existence we must start at the end. For the end of natural history best unveils the beginning and all that lies between. The end of our story, as recorded in Revelation 19, is a glorious wedding day. This passage magnificently announces the ultimate purpose of all creation and the natural order. It reveals the day when the bride of Christ meets her heavenly Bridegroom and the marriage covenant is established.

In this passage, we find a great multitude gathered together on the sea of glass like crystal. The Body of Christ, all the saints from all history, will finally be assembled together for the first time. An anticipation that has been building for thousands of years will fill the air as each person looks around in wonder, beholding with natural eyes for the first time what he or she had only ever peered into with eyes of faith. Our voice of one will sound from the throne of God, saying, "Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" God will fling wide the great door of invitation and beckon believers to release the song of their heart to Jesus, the Desire of All Nations! Together, we will ascribe our love and declare our affections to the One who is beautiful and glorious!

This wondrous end of natural history was purposed from before there was time. In the mysteries of eternity past, God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit dwelled in unsurpassed union and intimacy. The Holy Three have always existed as a divine dance of romance, a whirlwind of affection and pleasure and love unending. It was from this pulsating intimacy that God created humanity and the natural order. Though we will always remain the creation, He formed humanity to enter into relationship with the Trinity, the Godhead. In His great mysterious heart was a desire to bring human beings into the holy river of affections known between Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to share in this Divine communion with them. The Father desired a family, and the Son desired a bride. From this overflow of burning desire, humanity was brought forth.

Yet it was not without a determined price established before creation that this glorious union would come to pass. It was for this ultimate end and purpose of eternal intimacy between God and man that the Lamb was slain before the foundations of the world (Rev. 13:8). To bring humanity into this astounding position of nearness with Himself, Jesus was crucified, and we were hidden in Him (Col. 3:3). It was for the joy set before Him, His eternal inheritance promised Him by His Father, that He endured the cross. He had the power to lay down His life and the power to take it up again, and He laid it down by His own choosing (John 10:18). Taking upon Himself our punishment, we are clothed in the very righteousness of Christ, justified freely by His grace and given eternal peace with God. For He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we might be holy and blameless before Him in love, forever accepted in the Beloved (Eph. 1:6).

When God created Adam, He said to him, "I will make a partner suitable to you." The Holy Spirit revealed to Paul that this promise ultimately speaks of Jesus and the church (Eph. 5:32). When God said this to Adam, He was declaring the hidden purpose of His heart from eternity past, the mystery of the ages, to bring forth for His Son His own bride that would be a fitting and suitable companion. He desired to bring forth voluntary lovers of God, entirely possessed by Jesus, a people who chose Him and lived out of the spontaneous overflow of their hearts rather than by mandatory obedience. The Father has kept this eternal motivation central in His administration and unfolding of all human history. He planned the wedding day, this unprecedented celebration feast, so that we, the dust of the earth, redeemed by the blood of Jesus, could end natural history where we began - in the embrace of the Son of God.

On that final day, Jesus will have affectionate partners who are voluntary lovers fully possessed by Him, and natural history will culminate with a lovesick bride in the image of Jesus, ruling the Kingdom of God with Him! "'Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High...'" (Dan. 7:27). Oh how great is the mystery, this hidden plan that God has designed from before the ages!!

His Inheritance And Ours

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Yisraelite,

Before I get into this letter, I want to bring you up to date as to a couple of miracles that have just taken place, or are they? Our sworn enemies (Ps. 83) have suddenly decided to warm up to us. The Jordanian and Egyptian ambassadors, who left Yisrael at the start of the Palestinian present war of attrition against us, are returning, and Kuwait, Libya and Morocco are forming trade relations with us. Now, doesn't that sound just wonderful?! However, we are wondering what kind of concessions have already been made by our government to merit these rewards by these nations. Somehow I don't think it is because we are removing a few settlers and dismantling their homes, nor is it a reward for releasing some Egyptian would-be-terrorists. What were the VERY painful concessions that Ariel Sharon spoke about in his speech at the annual international policy making conference just held in Yisrael? Why is a unity government being put into place with Shimon Peres as deputy Prime Minister? We will see as you tune in tomorrow to "As the World Turns"… or now that Arafat is no longer gracing the stage it could be "The Brave and the Beautiful".

"The counsel of YHVH stands for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose Elohim is YHVH; and the people whom he has chosen for his own inheritance" (Ps. 34:11-12). *"For YHVH'S portion is his people; Ya'acov is the lot of his inheritance"* (Deu. 32:9*). "For I am YHVH, I change not; therefore you sons of Ya'acov are not consumed"* (Mal.3:6). What encouraging words for those of us who have seen and experienced personally the fulfillment of Malachi: 4:6 *"And he will turn the hearts of the fathers [Patriarchs] to the children [their progeny], and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse"!* We now have no doubt about the faithfulness of YHVH, His lovingkindness and His tender mercies. We also have the advantage of understanding the prophetic word of YHVH as it refers to this generation of His nation - His inheritance Yisrael (both houses). Even the head of the first Messianic Believers in Jerusalem, Ya'acov (James), addresses his letter to the twelve tribes that are scattered abroad and speaks to them about a Father of lights who has no variation or shadow of turning (see James 1:1, 17). Ya'acov then continues with these words: *"In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we might be, as it were, the first fruits among His creatures"* (James 1:18).

YHVH said, *"Ephraim is My first born [first fruit]"* (Jer. 31:9), and *"Yisrael is My son, My first–born"* (Ex.4:22). YHVH's loyalty and consistence to His word is vital for our faith, because had He not proven Himself faithful to His covenant bride Yisrael and had He gone after another, we would have an adulterer for a husband. Likewise, if we preach another bride or another inheritance we become a false witness: *"A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaks lies shall not escape"*(Pro. 19:5). The commandments of YHVH enjoin us not to bear false witness, especially against the One who enacted them. We, of the redeemed remnant of Yisrael, are to sing a new song; *"Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise. For the word of YHVH is right; and all his works are done in truth"* (Psa. 33:3-4).

What works?

"Therefore thus says YHVH, who redeemed Avraham, concerning the house of Ya'acov, Ya'acov shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. But when he sees his children, ***the work of mine hands****, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Ya'acov, and shall fear the Elohim of Yisrael. They also which erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine"* (Isa. 29:22-24).

We can really be encouraged today: *"For behold, days are coming,' declares YHVH, 'when I will restore the captivity of My people Yisrael and Yehuda. I will also bring them back to the land that I gave to their forefathers, and they shall posses it'"* (Jer. 30:2). *"In those days the house of Yehuda will walk with the house of YYisrael, and they will come together from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers as an inheritance"* (Jer. 3:18).

Yes, we are YHVH's inheritance but He also gave us an inheritance (see Josh 1:4). As mentioned in the above scripture, the land promised to our forefathers awaits redemption just as we had to be redeemed (by Yeshua). The house of Judah began to redeem their portion of the land of Yisrael, but in the course of world events and pressures all around they are relinquishing their rights to their inheritance and compromising the contract that YHVH had made with them. The big question before Ephraim, (a firstborn and redeemer), is he willing to take up the responsibility and redeem the rest of the inheritance?

Ephraim

How good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together
in unity....for in this YHVH commands the blessing life eternal (Ps. 133).

Honoring Life

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Rom 8:37-39 NKJV For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 3:14-16 AMP We know that we have passed over out of death into Life by the fact that we love the brethren (our fellow Christians). He who does not love abides (remains, is held and kept continually) in [spiritual] death.
15 Anyone who hates (abominates, detests) his brother [in Christ] is [at heart] a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding
(persevering) within him.
16 By this we come to know (progressively to recognize, to perceive, to understand) the [essential] love: that He laid down His [own] life for us; and we ought to lay [our] lives down for [those who are our] brothers [in Him].
17 But if anyone has this world's goods (resources for sustaining life) and sees his brother and fellow believer in need, yet closes his heart of compassion against him, how can the love of God live and remain in him?

I AM the AUTHOR of LIFE! I created the earth with a WORD. Your words can bring life or death. So will you, oh man, listen to the words of your loving Father, and DO as I have instructed? Will you lay down your life for your brother or sister who is dying? Will you show MY COMPASSION and love to this generation who needs to know there is something MORE powerful than all they have experienced? Will you lay aside your opinions, and your inclinations to judge and criticize, and only speak what I would speak? When I say lay down your opinions, I mean to kill them - to lay them to rest forever! I don’t want you to pick them up again. It will take some practice, but will you lay aside all you have learned of this world and take up MY OPINION? Will you depend on ME for wisdom. I AM WISDOM! I AM Understanding! I AM Knowledge! I AM Revelation! So will you yield to MY thoughts over your own thoughts?

[Prov 18:21 NKJV Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.]

Every time you have a negative opinion of someone else, will you take it to ME? Will you run it by ME? Allow ME to introduce you to My thoughts on that person, or any problem? Is there anything I don’t know? Am I not the ALMIGHTY GOD? You are not almighty. You are not omniscient. You are NOT all knowing! Lay down your pride and your arrogance AMERICA!
Lay down your propensity for judging every little thing! Your defiance of dependence on ME stinks in My nostrils! How much more of this offensive
ODOR must I tolerate? I don’t care if that person is saved or not! I want you to come to ME for MY opinion, and I will give you what I think and how to pray!

I AM the Author of LIFE and I breathed LIFE into everything I created!
Can you say the same oh man? Do you breathe life to others. Or are you too busy judging them to love them and demonstrate My goodness? Lay down your swords especially towards your brothers! Did I

not say, to LOVE your enemies. When you can do that, you have been perfected in love!

Luke 6:26-31 AMP
26 Woe to (alas for) you when everyone speaks fairly and handsomely of you and praises you, for even so their forefathers did to the false prophets.
27 But I say to you who are listening now to Me: [in order to heed, make it a practice to] love your enemies, treat well (do good to, act nobly toward) those who detest you and pursue you with hatred,
28 Invoke blessings upon and pray for the happiness of those who curse you, implore God's blessing (favor) upon those who abuse you [who revile, reproach, disparage, and high-handedly misuse you].
29 To the one who strikes you on the jaw or cheek, offer the other jaw or cheek also; and from him who takes away your outer garment, do not withhold your undergarment as well.
30 Give away to everyone who begs of you [who is in want of necessities], and of him who takes away from you your goods, do not demand or require them back again.
31 And as you would like and desire that men would do to you, do exactly so to them.

This is the law of life and love! This is what you must learn! Truly there is no bitterness in you if you can do these things. So I am asking you to ask of Me what you lack in this area of love, until you can do this! Lay your life before me and let me extract all that hinders you, and pour into you all that I can of My love so then you can respond in love instead of defensiveness!

Do you want true prosperity of life? Do you desire true freedom to be all you want to be and do? Then listen to me today and do not turn your heart away from coming to ME for this LIFE I offer you! I offer you LIFE abundant and that means free from your own. MY LIFE. Do you want My life? Do you want abundance in all you are and do? Then lay aside your life, and take on MY LIFE!

Prov 12:28 NKJV In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death.

Phil 1:20-21 NKJV according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. 21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Rev 2:10 AMP Fear nothing that you are about to suffer. [Dismiss your dread and your fears!] Behold, the devil is indeed about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested and proved and critically appraised, and for ten days you will have affliction. Be loyally faithful unto death [even if you must die for it], and I will give you the crown of life. [Rev 3:10,11.]

2 Tim 1:10 NKJV but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

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Rev 22:1-4 NKJV The River of Life
And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God

and of the Lamb. 2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3 And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him. 4 They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

“I am planning a surprise attack. The enemy knows it’s coming, but he hasn’t a clue where. It will just IGNITE like WILDFIRE, and it will not be able to be put out. For the breath of the Lord will feed it. It will not happen where everyone thinks it will happen. It will not come as a surprise to those who have My heart. For they have been shown for years what is coming. It will spring forth, like sparks on a dry, dry land. All that is combustible will burn.

All that is dry will be burned…and then filled with the RIVER of LIVING WATER. This river that will flow, will NOT dry out. It will never die. It will continue to flow till the Son of Man is seen in the air.

This River brings Resurrection LIFE and will give life to all who desire it!
To those who do not desire this river of fire, it will come with judgment and
there will be consequence that is unbearable. My fire will consume all that cannot withstand the test. Everything the enemy has done to try to stop it will fail. All who are desirous for more of ME and waiting will RECEIVE.
It will purify hearts and it will divide sheep from the goats. Those who oppose it will not be able to stop it. NOTHING can stop it! NOTHING!

It will bring LIFE to all who desire LIFE instead of the death they have had to endure. I am a GOD OF ABUNDANT LIFE, and this LIFE will never die. When the apostles were touched at Pentecost, did any of them give up later? Did they not receive EVERYTHING they needed to do the work of the Kingdom Thomas was the only resister, but in the end, he did as I desired. All paid a price for what they received, but even that was not their own strength, but given them. My GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU! There is nothing I give you to do, that I don’t also give you the GRACE to do it. That is one parameter that tells you whether it is Me or not telling you! If I ask you to fast, I give the grace to fast. If I ask you to leave everything, if your heart is willing, then I will give you the GRACE to do it! MY GRACE is sufficient for you!”

2 Cor 12:8-10 NKJV Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. NT:714 arkeo (ar-keh'-o); apparently a primary verb [but probably akin to NT:142 through the idea of raising a barrier]; properly, to ward off, i.e. (by implication) to avail (figuratively, be satisfactory): KJV - be content, be enough, suffice, be sufficient. NT:142 airo (ah'-ee-ro); a primary root; to lift up; by implication, to take up or away; figuratively, to raise (the voice), keep in suspense (the mind), specially, to sail away (i.e. weigh anchor); by Hebraism [compare OT:5375] to expiate sin: KJV - away with, bear (up), carry, lift up, loose, make to doubt, put away, remove, take (away, up).

“Where ever this River flows, there will be LIFE. Where it is not wanted or allowed to flow, those places will become like swamps and stagnant water that does not bring any life, but rather death. Remember that when the enemy comes in like a flood, I will raise up a standard against him.”

Isa 59:19 NKJV So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west,
And His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.
OT:5127 nuwc (noos); a primitive root; to flit, i.e. vanish away (subside,

escape; causatively, chase, impel, deliver): KJV - abate, away, be displayed, (make to) flee (away, -ing), put to flight, hide, lift up a standard.

“This will be something no man can take credit for. I am erasing the sibling rivalry out of My church. There will be a coming together for those who TRULY FOLLOW the LAMB! Those who come to salvation in this hour will not be heavy laden for long time. There will be a rapid conversion and deliverance from bondage and death because of the apostolic power I will pour into My bride! It will NOT take years and months for people to change. They will be changed in moments. MY LOVE that will flow like a river will transform them as it will transform YOU and there will be such change it wreaks to the body, that all will be unrecognizable compared to before it flows down from the throne.

There will be SIGNS and WONDERS, and some of them will be most spectacular! I am putting on a light show that none will forget! My NAME will be lifted high. And many who were SO skeptical and antagonistic will repent and be saved most quickly! There will be swift judgment for those who touch My bride! I AM YOUR ROCK OF DEFENSE. DO NOT FIGHT FOR YOURSELF, BUT RECOGNIZE THAT I AM WITH YOU. AND ALL THAT YOU DO WILL BE DONE IN LOVE FROM THIS TIME OF EXPLOSION ON. You will find yourself to be TRULY a new creation in Christ! And all those you touch will have this same experience in ME.

Many will be shocked into submission, who thought their own ideas were much more weighty and important. I will destroy the confidence of the wicked and proud. And they will know there is a GOD in heaven and on earth and there will be NO excuse for blatant rebellion, save a reprobate heart.”

“ Nothing that has been can compare with what I am about to do. DO NOT look to the former ways…but only seek MY WAY! My ways are higher than your ways. YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU and DESIRE that YOU be fully MINE! I am yours, and you are Mine, My beloveds. Don’t let the enemy think he can disqualify you from anything I have planned. Keep your eyes on ME! I will uphold you with My righteous right hand! “

Hidden Mysteries

Bill Burns

I will now reveal that which has been hidden, but I have not come to reveal only sin that has been hidden; I have come to reveal the hidden mysteries of the last days, says the Lord. I will reveal the thoughts and intentions of your heart that you may be set free and no longer be taken captive by those intentions. I will set at liberty those who desire to walk in freedom in this day, and I will reveal to you the open door and the anchor of your soul, that which the enemy has used against you. I will bring these things to the light that you may be free. I will bring revelation and the knowledge of the times and the seasons in which you live. These things I desire to reveal to My prophets, for I do nothing unless I first reveal it to My prophets, says the Lord.

In this time of new beginnings, I declare a special Jubilee. It is a day of Jubilee like no other, it will be a double portion of that which is written in the word. You will be a standard, for the favor of the Lord will shine upon you. I will bless you in ways that you cannot even understand in this time, for I will do exceedingly abundantly above all that you could imagine, for this is the Jubilee of the Lord of this day, says the Lord.

Get ready to rejoice, for that which has passed away is being removed, and you will receive your inheritance in this time, says the Lord. Take it and apply it; believe it and then receive that which I do and give Me glory for each revelation of My presence and My intervention and the signs that I give to you. Surely you shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land.

Hineni - Here am I

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Friends,
Last week's Parashat Va'Yeshev introduced us to the Yoseph story. In chapter 37 verse 13 we read: *"And Israel said to Yoseph, 'Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' So he [Yoseph] said to him [to Yacov], 'Hineni - Here am I'."* Several weeks ago we mentioned in one of the Friday letters the idea of making a "calling card" documentary film in order to introduce (to the Jewish population in the State of Israel and around the world) the phenomenon of the Israelites waking up to their identity. It is high time for Yoseph to step into the light…
Below is the vision statement for you to read, consider prayerfully and also to pass on to any individual, group, organization or fellowship whom you think might be interested in this venture. If you have any questions please feel free to ask us, and we'll try to answer as best we can. May you enjoy a blessed Feast of Lights, in Him Who is the Light of the World.
Ephraim and Rimona
Hineni (Here Am I) Documentary Film – Vision Statement

For the past decade or so we have been witnessing the fast growth of a movement which may be termed the "restoration of the whole House of Israel." Thousands of Bible Believing Gentiles are discovering that they are fulfilling scriptures which pertain to the Northern House of Israel/Ephraim as described by the Word of YHWH. This awakening is making such a deep impact upon these individuals that their entire outlook on life, as well as their lifestyle, is undergoing a paradigm shift. Alongside this particular move, many Christians the world over are becoming interested in Israel, in Hebraic roots and in the role that they are to play in relationship to these matters in the critical days ahead of us.

Many of the individuals who are involved in this movement of the Spirit desire to return to the Land of their newly discovered ancestors, but alas, the Israeli authorities as of yet do not recognize them as eligible for Aliyah (immigration to Israel) However, more and more Israelis, from all walks of life, Orthodox and secular alike, are becoming aware of this phenomenon. But more than simply waking up to this, they are actually starting to see that these very people may be the only ray of hope in these very trying times for the Jewish people in the Land of Israel. Others have gone as far as to make studies of the "lost tribes" and of their possible whereabouts, or about the role that Christian Zionists could play in the dynamics of events surrounding the State of Israel and its future.

The time therefore is ripe for Ephraim-Israel to come out of his hiding and present himself to his brother Judah in an accurate manner and say: "Heneni, here am I."
Judah is on a quest to find his lost brothers and the latter must respond. In these days of mass media communications we are very fortunate to be able to reach the masses quickly, accurately and effectively. Yes, the nation of Judah in the State of Israel (and in the Diaspora) is waiting to be reintroduced to the other House of Israel whose occupants have come to the staggering revelation of the faithfulness of their covenant-keeping Elohim and King through His Spirit of Holiness (Ruach

HaKodesh).

A calling card in the form of a professional and accurate documentary is therefore a timely and absolutely imperative endeavor! Such an expose', although a large and ambitious undertaking necessitating much footage from far and wide, will deliver a message of love and hope which comes from the heart of Ephraim who is scattered throughout the world. The skills, the will, the funds and the equipment needed are no doubt already available in Abba's economy; they just need to be uncovered.

At present talent, professionalism, time and energy have already started to be invested by Duane and Millie Whittlef, (Minnesota) Ephraim and Rimona Frank (Israel) and others.

A thorough study of this topic of Ephraim has been done and is also an ongoing task that will be put on video tape and DVD and distributed among the nations and prayerfully on Israeli television as well as on US TV via a documentary channel.

Having studied video thought, techniques, documentaries, camera work and editing on professional editing equipment, Duane and Mille believe a very professional presentation can be put together. Some of the projects they have already completed are video biographies, teaching videos, wedding ceremonies, business seminars, Church and Messianic synagogue services and numerous others.

If you are one of those whose heart is saying "Hineni" - here am I" - we elicit your prayers and your contributions in the form of funds, video/film footage that you have available (of your own "Israelite" life experiences), skills, important contacts or constructive ideas. Please be in touch with:
Duane and Millie Whittlef, EtzChayim@aol.com
and Ephraim and Rimona Frank, shevet@netvision.net.il (when you write to one of us, please be sure to "cc" the other for organizational and communication purposes).
Those interested in budget details and breakdown can write Duane and Millie, who are also able to provide tax deductible receipts.
Thank you.
Duane and Millie
Ephraim and Rimona

Heaven Is Opening

Ron McGatlin

Heaven Is Opening - Are We?

The "Glories of Heaven" are opening to those who truly humble themselves and draw near to God. There are today those among us who have hungered and thirsted to the point of laying their lives before Him in worship and are rising to praise Him with their whole heart and life.

Mat 5:3-6: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.

The reality of the Presence of God is overwhelming those who have mourned and suffered and now have a humble and merciful spirit - those who have moved beyond the veil caused by pride. Intimate oneness with God is reserved for those with pure hearts and humble spirits..

Mat 5:7-10: Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The veil caused by our pride can prevent us from intimacy with God. Beyond that veil is the spiritual reality of a potential face to face intimate relationship with God. It is the poor in spirit - the meek - the persecuted - the mourners - those hungering for the substance of the righteousness of God - those who have NO PRIDE left in themselves or their work, their games, their religion nor anything else except to know and be known intimately by Christ Jesus - it is the pure of heart who will see God.

There is an intimate reality being more widely discovered today than in the past. More people of God are finding the greater foundational substance of love. Being in love with God and loving those around us is the foundation of prophecy and the law. Prophecy and law are foundational in relating to God on earth. Yet there is one thing more primary and more foundational in God; it is face to face intimate oneness in love with God. Face to face involves clearly knowing spirit to Spirit. The law and the prophets are often dim sayings that require interpretation or explanation - like seeing in a glass dimly. Experiencing the love of God and then loving others with the overflowing love of God in us is the greatest reality experience on earth.

Mat 22:37-40: 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' "This is the first and great commandment. "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

1 Cor 13:12-13: For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The "then" in 1 Cor 13:12 refers to a season of maturity. The previous verses (10-11) speak of the season of maturity.

1 Cor 13:10-11: But when that which is perfect (mature) has come, then that which is in part will be *done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

We are entering a season when the potential for the maturing of the Bride of Christ is beginning. In the scope of history of God and man a maturation of intimate oneness with God is emerging. Open heavens exist for those who will open their minds and hearts and humbly lay aside anything necessary to love God with their whole heart.

There is a significant difference in being loved by God and being "in love" with God. God's love is passionate for every person but only those who abide in Him and return love to Him with all their hearts are "in love" with God. "In love" means a fully reciprocated love.

Pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
Ron McGatlin

Good Politics or Godly Principles
Ron McGatlin

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance. Psa 33:12

Woe to you, O land, when your king is a child, And your princes feast in the morning! Eccl 10:16

Sincere appreciation is due to all those who serve in the area of politics and government to bring forth the purposes of God. Godly morality cannot be legislated and forced upon a nation of people but God can work through faithful men and women to make room in government for godly principles and morality to be honored and established by the will of the people.

Just as important as making room for godly morality to exist and grow is the effect of leadership's example set by men and women in political offices. The principles and patterns of life demonstrated by respected leaders will have an affect on the people. The good and the bad actions of leaders seem to have somewhat of a permission and an enticement effect for the people to do likewise. The people are somewhat encouraged in the direction of the life patterns and principles demonstrated by leadership at all levels from parents, school teachers, and sports stars. to presidents.

As important as good government is, it cannot create a holy people with godly morals that will build a chosen nation for God. God works individually to capture and change the hearts of the people.

Psa 33:12-15 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, The people He has chosen as His own inheritance. The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men. From the place of His dwelling He looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.

The government of God is within His people and first must be developed in us as King Jesus rules and reigns in individual lives. Government will eventually be affected by the godly lives of the people as God intervenes on their behalf. (Luke 17:21)

Psa 33:16-19: No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength. A horse is a vain hope for safety; Neither shall it deliver any by its great strength. Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy, To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.

A nation of individuals with corrupt personal morals will eventually have a corrupt government and will not continue in the blessing and favor of God.

A nation of individuals living holy lives of godly moral values will be blessed of God.

A nation of individuals who value the Word of God, hear His voice by His Spirit and obey will impact the world.

As the love of God is poured out by His Spirit upon those seeking Him with their whole hearts the people are cleansed by the blood of the Lamb and empowered by the Holy Spirt to walk in the world as Christ is in the world.(1 John 4:17) Individually one heart at the time our nation must experience the reality of the love of God in His Presence and become worshipers of the Most High God who reigns over the affairs of men.

As we individually and corporately praise Him we become a nation of praise to God chosen as His inheritance. The salvation of America rest in the people worshiping and praising Him until they are abiding in His Presence and saturated with His love.

Pursue love - it never fails.
Lots of love, Ron McGatlin

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His Arrows

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> *Isa 49:2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;*

That verse in Isaiah 49:2 is interesting. The Lord uses us to speak out the Word of God and sends us out as a arrow with great precision.

Isn't that cool though? I mean the Lord doesn't throw the arrow and ever "miss". He throws the arrow with exact precision knowing where it is going to go and where it has to hit. It hits bullseye everytime. That's pretty amazing.

I think the preparation behind the arrow is amazing too. He moulds us, sands us down, polishes us, sharpens us, all in the exact timing, and proper way. So if we try and run off, and find out where we are supposed to "hit", where that "bullseye" actually is, we will run off not completed, we will run off, and it just slows the process down, because unless the arrow is completely "complete" then when God throws the arrow, it may not fly properly, or if it isn't strong enough when it hits the bullseye the arrow may snap, or it may not even fly. It just wouldn't perform the way it was made to.

Isn't that just a wonderful analogy of us as christians with Christ. If we are not allowing God to shape us and do what He wants with us, we are not performing the way that God intended. We won't be able to do what He wants us to do freely by the empowerment of His spirit, because we won't be "ready" to do it yet, there will still be more "shaping us up" that the Lord wants to do in our lives.

So as children of God we should continue to wait and welcome joyfully the shaping and the cutting off and the moulding knowing that it will result in us being prepared in perfection and when the Lord "sends us out" we will hit target exactly the way HE designed us to.

I think there is another element to the "arrow making" though, it's the intimate process which is involved in making the arrow and crafting it to perfection. The intimate "relationship" if you can say that, between the Maker and the "subject". He is continually thinking of this "subject" and "interacting" with this "subject", putting HIS "mark" on the "subject".

A connection is established in that time spent "together" that time where the subject is placed in a place of surrender before the Maker to allow Him to do what HE desires. WITHOUT that process.....WITHOUT the process of allowing the creator to do what He wants to do and that deep "relationship" that is formed there, the "subject" getting to know the Master's amazing nature, His creativity, His gentleness, His character, His goodness, His love and care, His perfect precision with you, and the Master interacting with His "subject", knowing His subject more than anyone else EVER, knowing the subject inside and out, without this process nothing can be done.

When the arrow breaks, it goes to the Creator to be fixed, when the arrow has done a great job and hit target, the Creator takes it back to give it a good "polish" and He stands back so proud at His creation.

But see, the Creator treasures the time spend with that "arrow" alone. Before it gets sent out, once it's been sent out and the Master brings it back, and without that arrow continually coming back to the place where it was created the arrow will "die" in a sense. It will be left out in the cold, if it gets broken, no-one to heal it, etc...it's only through continually going back to the place where it was created that the arrow LIVES in a sense, the arrow continues to do it's duty, what is was created for, but all that only stems out of a deep "relationship" with the Creator of the arrow.

The Creator desires that deep intimate time of refining, creating, polishing, cutting more than anything else. The Creator designed it for HIS pleasure and HIS purpose.

Whoa, now that was a major revelation. Isn't that just the message for today. As "arrows" children of God, we have to constantly be in that place before the Creator above ALL else. Away from that we will die.

It also has an evangelistic side to it, those arrows who have been created and decided to run off (yes arrows with legs.. LOL) and not allow the Creator to take them back to where they were first created will surely die.

His Pillars

Joyce De Pauw

2004 - "God Will Establish His Pillars In Our Temples..."

2 Chronicles 3:15-17 Two pillars of the temple - Jakin & Boaz, Security and Stability.

God will establish His pillars in our temples, the residence of the Holy Spirit. Solid structures placed in the front, ornately designed.

Jesus says develop risk tolerance. Step out. Step up. Deep is calling unto deep. He wants us to respond with vigor, zest and confidence.

Break through in Jerusalem - mind boggling world changing events in the middle east. Jesus says keep your eyes on the prize. Look to the Eastern Gate. Do not let your hope be diminished. Guard your hearts well. Hang on. Wild ride ahead, but destination: Utopia!!!! Do you believe? Mal 3:17-18 (Msg)

Once more you'll see the difference it makes between being a person who does the right thing and the person who doesn't, between serving God and not serving Him.

Great trials, but greater rewards!!!

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He Is The Lord Of The Silent Harvest

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Recently, I had a dream in which I found myself inside the mind of a dying man. The man had been in a coma or drug induced unconsciousness for some time; his family had been praying, but they did not know whether or not he had accepted Christ's sacrifice. All they were sure of is that, throughout his life, he had resisted their efforts to lead him to Christ.

In the dream, I became so acutely aware of the man's state of mind that his thoughts, feelings and struggles almost seemed my own. Although his eyes were nearly closed and his vision clouded, through a break in this visual fog he saw his loved ones at his bedside. I watched as he tried to reach toward his family, but outwardly his arm never lifted. Inwardly, I heard him speak their names, but no sound whispered through his lips. A loved one held his hand and asked, "If you hear me, squeeze." He heard and pressed his fingers tight against hers, but to the eyes of all his hand clearly remained limp. He was conscious, but perfectly incapable of responding. He could hear their prayers; he felt the wet warmth of their kisses on his face.

Unprepared for Eternity

The pride and isolation that had, throughout his life, stood as guards over his heart were gone. A physical catastrophe had overtaken him. Death approached and he knew he was unprepared for eternity. Submerged beneath his placid exterior, a war had raged for his soul and God had won. Subdued by the relentlessness of God's love, he was finally at peace. During his time in the hospital he had silently prayed and accepted Christ as his Savior. I was watching his last effort to tell them as life ebbed out of his body.

Suddenly, the alarms of hospital monitors filled the air and I now found myself in the room looking down at the lifeless body of a man who had just died. The room was buzzing with nurses, while his family huddled in a corner, grieving. The idea of their loved one dying without receiving Christ was more devastating than the reality of death itself. In my sleep, I stirred and, as I woke, I heard the Lord speak to my heart, "Tell them he is with Me."

God is Good

A couple days have passed since I had this dream. During this time, as I pray, I am increasingly aware that there are many of God's people who have been carrying a deep and troubling heartache about the passing of an unsaved loved one. Obviously, this dream does not apply to all, but there are some for whom this experience is divinely directed. I submit it to you in a general sense, because the Holy Spirit has assured me He will bear witness to your heart.

Yet, I have also felt an urgency to pass this dream to you. I am convinced that the Lord has an important work for you, yet the enemy has used the questions about this event to sow doubt into your soul, not only about your deceased loved one, but doubts also about God Himself and the power and gift of prayer. As a result, your confidence in looking to God has diminished, and this is at a time when it is vital for you to stand for other members of your family.

Finally, even with all the questions and mysteries of life, we must not let the unknown obscure the face of the known. God is good. I only know the nature of God by looking at one reality: the life of Christ. I know God loves me because He sent His Son to die for my sins. Indeed, Jesus said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (Jn 14:8). When we look at Christ, we see God.

Sudden "Opportunities" Before Death

Some of us have lost loved ones in sudden tragedies, where they had apparently no time to repent and turn to God. Yet, let me remind you that many people who have had near death experiences, tell of seeing their "whole life flash before [their] eyes." Others who were in accidents tell of "time slowing down" and the movement of life almost stopping. I believe that, even in what seems like a "sudden" death, time itself accordioned out: it stretched and slowed until that person entered a different realm of time. There, they saw the highlights and shortcomings of their lives and again had an opportunity to accept Jesus Christ.

Beloved, in spite of what we do not know about the mysteries of life, this one thing remains eternally true: God is good. He does not desire that any man perish and He will fight to save us, even to the moment of one's death. Let us, therefore, cast our burdens upon the Lord, for He truly cares for us. And let us again run with endurance the race set before us, for He who has promised is faithful.

Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for my sins. Lord, there are many issues I do not know, but I do know that You are good. Those things I do not understand, I give to You, trusting You with myself and those I love.

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Hidden In The Secret Of My Presence

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My Own Hidden In The Secret Of My Presence

Psm. 31:20-24 19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men! 20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man: thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. 21 Blessed be the LORD: for he hath showed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city. 22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee. 23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. 24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the LORD.

My people are about to see the greatness of My goodness for it has been laid up for those that fear Me. My heart is always turned towards the welfare of My people. I never slumber and I never sleep, and My thoughts are always turned toward My people, and their welfare.

And some, so many times, have felt rejected and abandoned by man, but I tell you that My thoughts were turned to them to hide them in the secret of My presence from the snares of men. What they perceived as rejection from man, was the protection of a loving Father. I have protected them so often, and so many times, from situations and from people that would have wrought destruction in their lives. So I hid them in the secret of My presence, where they were covered and protected.

And often I have even moved out of the way those that came with evil in their hearts, and that had evil plans and plots against My Beloved. I changed the course of those intent on doing wickedly towards My own, and I changed the path of My own so that they would not fail into a snare prepared for them at the hands of these. Knowest thou not that I have even given others over to the lust of their hearts that I might preserve My faithful ones?

But the enemy of the souls of My Own, has come with words of condemnation, even heaping coals on the head of My Beloved. The father of all lies has come to inflict wounds into the heart of My Own, telling them that they don't fit in, that they are unacceptable, that they are not worthy, and that they don't belong. Oh, he is the father of all lies, and the truth is not in him. And it has caused some of My people to begin to have to have fears and doubts about themselves. And it has even caused them to separate themselves from Me.

But, the lie has been exposed, and the truth has been revealed. And now the eyes of My people will be opened to My marvelous kindness. That which they thought was the rejection of man, was My loving protection. Oh, I have hidden My Own in the secret of My Presence hidden from the wickedness of man. Oh how great is My goodness that has been laid up for them that fear Me.

Eyes to see. This day the eyes of My people will be opened to see My marvelous kindness, love and protection from the wickedness of man.

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His Voice

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Baruch haShem!

Adonai Elohim says:

"Yes, the I AM comes in the WIND, a Great Storm that will blow away all debris cluttering and defiling My house. Prepare the way, for I come; I come shockingly soon to a Temple rebuilt, beautiful and clean!

I direct you to bend as a reed, firmly planted in Living Water. Your source to continually keep you supple; able to bend, sway and be made low but not crushed nor broken/cut off from Adonai Elohim.

Come before me in humility, bow down, I will lift up. As you repent, love, honor, worship, and adore ME, the Holy One of Isra'el, I shall write My Torah upon your tender hearts, covenant people to Me from before and beyond all time.

In your midst are those [prophets] who say STAND, STAND, STAND up...but these words come NOT from ME. Their pride will reap what it has sown. The great I AM SOON STANDS!

They do not wish to obey My Torah (my instruction), nor do they observe as loving sons. They say "We need not for the old, the ancient paths, only the NEW".

I weep, I AM grieved, I AM angry! The sly deceiver further encompasses My own. In their freedom that I provided at GREAT COST, My only Son, Yeshua haMashiach -- they choose their own way, the path of desrtuction to their souls. As it first was, they forget ME, they forget My deeds and wonders for their sakes. By revealing their rebellious hearts, they oppose El Elyon, I AM.

Fall upon your faces and weep for these, your brethren, they are falling, falling, falling.

I again declare haTikva, You know HIS name! I sent HIM as sacrifice in your place...I have sent HOPE, the HOPE, HE IS HOPE! HE is the Way, the Truth and the Life for all men.

Blow the Shofar and warn the great assembly, My Wind comes, obey and live, obey and life eternal is yours, obey and 'Come up here to Me' -- safe, secure, sealed."

Ruach haKodesh speaks: Y'Karyah 5

Catptivated by HIS mercy, grace, justice, HIS LOVE,
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Tell them
I AM
Coming
SOON!

Love,
Yeshua
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Marie-France McDowell-Smith

Jonah 2:8,9
Phil 1:6
Psalm 122:6,7

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Heavenly-Minded Campanologists

Catherine Brown

A Company Of Heavenly-Minded Campanologists!

***"No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."* Matthew 24:36 (NIV)**

On Sunday evening just before I went to bed, I had a vision of Jesus ringing a small handheld bell. Puzzled at the picture before me, I asked, "What are you doing Lord?" He replied, "I want to teach my children the art of heavenly campanology."

As you can imagine, I was somewhat perplexed (probably much as you are now. <smile>). I paused in my mind and thought about what campanology meant. I reached for the dictionary to refresh my memory, which stated "the art or practice of bell ringing."

A SPIRITUAL RIDDLE

The Lord was gracious and patient with me as I pondered this spiritual riddle! He spoke to me again. In the vision he held the bell out to me and said, "Would you like to try?"
Feeling rather clumsy and awkward I said, "Lord, I can't do that. I don't know how."

Still smiling, Jesus said, "It's funny, child, but that is what all my children say the first time I ask them this question."
With this, the Lord permitted me to see back in time, and I saw a line of anointed men and women of God who have preached the Gospel with power and compassion down through history. The Lord revealed how they had each taken a turn to line up and learn how to play the bell that Jesus was holding in his hand! Amongst them I saw John Wesley, George Whitefield, William J. Seymour, Martin Luther King, Kathryn Kuhlman, Smith Wigglesworth, and countless other preachers and revivalists. They appeared to have had the same conversation with Jesus as I was currently experiencing.

LEARNING TO IMITATE JESUS

I was still feeling slightly confused, but felt encouraged to "have a go." The Lord began to ring the bell in his hand, and I also took up a small bell in my hand and started to play. It really was a wonderful experience playing a tune on the bell with Jesus, and I was amazed at how easy it was when I concentrated on following Christ and His lead; it was so simple to echo and imitate what He was doing. The harmony was beautiful. I felt wrapped up in unity with Jesus.

When the vision ended I was left with a sense of the strategic nature of what I had just seen, but had not yet fully understood. I prayed for wisdom and discernment and slowly the spiritual conundrum began to make sense. Deep in thought and prayer, I earnestly pursued the fullness of comprehending the message Jesus had shown me. Holy Spirit spoke to my heart, *"Child, what you have seen and heard is about listening to my Spirit; it is about understanding the times, it's about heralding the message from heaven, and it's about being in harmony and unity with heaven. It's about healing and it's about salvations."*

HERALDS OF THE GOOD NEWS

I started to think about occasions when bells are rung in communities, cities, and nations. I pondered how bells are rung to warn us in times of crisis, such as war and times of national disaster. Bells are rung to gather people together, often to announce critical/crucial information. Sometimes bells are rung for celebration (such as a wedding or church service), but often bells are rung to let people know of impending disaster, gathering people together to make preparations and prepare rescue plans.

I recapped on the vision, and heard the Spirit of the Lord say, "I am seeking a company of heavenly-minded campanologists, those who are willing to be heralds of the Good News."

WAKE UP CHURCH! JESUS IS COMING BACK!

In my heart of hearts, I had a profound sense of the importance of understanding the time and context of such a message and call from God the Father in this hour. It occurs to me that very few of us could sleep through the sound of a bell ringing. Similarly, Jesus does not want us to sleep through this wake up call to the church. The spiritual symbolism of the bell in the hand of Jesus is a wake up call to the church to rise up and preach the Good News, because time is of the essence. God loves us too much to allow us to die in sin, and so he is sending a wake up call to the church and the nations of the world. Father wants to remind us, in his mercy, that Jesus is coming back.

In the vision, as long as I concentrated on imitating Christ, I was able to follow the Master with ease. We, as believers, need only focus on following Jesus and we will be fully equipped in his love, grace, and power to share the Good News of the Gospel. No matter how nervous we may feel, or how little experience we may or may not have, no matter our age, our gender, our social standing, our culture, Jesus calls us to be heralds in His hands to allow the message of God's love to ring out loud and clear in our lives, from our hearts, in our words and deeds and thoughts. We must proclaim and declare the Gospel with boldness. Let our minds be full of Christ and our mission be to say and do what we hear our Father saying and doing. May each one of us walk in the reality that we are revival flames in His hands. Each one of ours hearts set ablaze with love for Jesus, each one of us longing for souls with His passion.

ALL FOR JESUS

God is releasing a fresh anointing on the earth to raise up an end-time army of preachers, revivalists, and those who will bring healings and salvations to the multitudes in the name of Jesus Christ. We may be nearer to the second coming of Jesus Christ than we realize. Only Father knows the time of Jesus' Second coming, but we are called to prepare and be ready for that time. Dear child of God, open your heart today and receive a fresh anointing to share the love of God. Trust Jesus to give you words to say and pray. Release your resources into mission. Give with a glad heart of your time, your energy, and your heart. It's all for the glory of Jesus.

Lord, we desire to be your company of heavenly-minded campanologists!

Blessings in Christ,

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The Bread Of Heaven
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"Lord, Please Heal Our 'Temporary Spiritual Amnesia'" by Catherine Brown

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Whilst in prayer recently I had a beautiful vision of Jesus with manna in His hands. In the vision, one by one, people approached Christ and took a piece of manna from His outstretched palm. Some ate the manna straightaway and their countenance was instantly transformed; they were just so happy and full of peace and joy! Others put the manna in their pocket, which seemed a strange thing to do. Those who did not eat the manna straightaway seemed to forget they had received a gift of provision from

Christ. Others would not even approach Jesus for the manna. They looked so tired and angry. Jesus continually held out his hands, desiring to give his children manna. The ones who refused the manna became full of bitterness and a dark cloud covered them. Jesus was brokenhearted over this.

"THE MANNA IS MY MERCY"

I asked the Lord what the manna meant. He replied, "Child, the manna is my mercy. Mercy is my provision in this hour for my children. There has never been such a need for absolute mercy, because there has never been such a lack of mercy in the world and even in my church. To lack mercy is to walk in the spirit of the world. I have given my grace to the church, that in faith my bride may be robed in mercy.

"At the ends of the Age I will come to judge the quick and the dead, but this hour has not yet come. Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy. Mercy and forgiveness flow down in unity from the throne of Grace. Mercy triumphs over judgment. Above the cherubim, the children of Israel learned that I am enthroned on the mercy seat. The ark of my presence, the altar of faith in your hearts, is still the place of my abiding mercy.

"Mercy is your strong tower in times of trouble. Mercy washes away all roots of hatred and bitterness. My mercy redeems the mindset of man. Mercy is a river, and mercy washes each of my children clean. Mercy is purity and mercy is peace. Mercy is full of love and grace. Mercy is wisdom. Mercy heals cruelty and heals all wounds. Mercy is the meeting point between heaven and earth, because in my mercy I commune with my children. Mercy is the power of the Age to come, poured out in this age. In your frailty, my mercy is your protection and strength. Mercy is given freely to my children in Grace. Mercy is the fruit of loving me and mercy is my Father's gift to His children. Mercy disarms the powers of darkness. Mercy covers all. Mercy triumphs over judgment. My mercy is blood-bought, and my unconditional love and mercy are full of Life.

"Beloved child, my mercy is new every morning. Mercy is part of your Kingdom identity and my mercy releases your destiny, because mercy prepares your heart in compassion for the mindset of the Kingdom and the agenda of your King of Kings. Mercy brings you into the inner courts of my Father and mercy compels you to a lifestyle of kindness and compassion."

WHAT IS MERCY?

1. Compassion or forgiveness shown towards an enemy or offender in one's power.

2. Something to be grateful for.

"The Lord your God is a merciful God" (Dt 4:31). Mercy originates in the Father's heart and flows into ours through the Holy Spirit. God our Father forgives our sins through the atoning sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ. This is a beautiful work of Grace. Jesus said, "Father forgive." There was a cost to mercy, but Jesus paid the price, as mercy and forgiveness flowed like a mighty river from the Cross of Calvary. We are delivered from judgment in God's mercy.

When Jesus taught His disciples about mercy, he taught them that mercy leads to purity of heart and purity of heart releases us to see Jesus face-to-face. God's word inspires us to choose the way of mercy, so that we might become so full of God's mercy that it would overflow from our hearts into the lives of all that we encounter.

"Blessed are the merciful for they will be shown mercy" Mt. 5:7 "Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God" Mt. 5:8

Forgiveness is an act of mercy. If we withhold mercy it means we are withholding forgiveness in our hearts towards another. God wants us to understand that as we forgive and do not judge each other, then we are able to look at one another in and through the perfection of Christ.

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Mt. 7:1

We are commanded to love one another. Without mercy we become mean, and this in turn permits bitterness to take root in our hearts.

MERCY – THE BREAD OF HEAVEN

"'I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.'

"Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" John 6:48-52

Mercy is Jesus' manna (bread), life to us in this world. We cannot survive as believers in this world without the mercy of God. Daily we need to receive a fresh revelation of the mercy of our Father, given to us in Christ. In God's mercy we gain access to the fullness of our heavenly Father's heart. Without mercy operating in our lives, we will lack intimacy with Jesus.

Without a staple diet of bread or rice, we would die. Without God's mercy operating in our lives, we would be dead in our sin. God calls us afresh to the Cross to look again at the incredible, sacrificial cost of mercy. He calls us again to be washed in the blood of Christ and receive His mercy. It requires humility to receive mercy, but what will we choose?

Will we be like the Pharisees, who in their religious bondage, could not and would not receive the mercy of Jesus Christ? Will we be so blind that we will allow this pearl of great price to fall from our hands? Will we be like the many disciples who said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Will we turn our back on our precious Savior and no longer follow Jesus because we are too arrogant or ignorant of spiritual truth to receive his mercy? Will we, like those lost souls, walk in offense and deny the Lordship of Christ in our lives?

OFFENSE – THE GREATEST OPPONENT TO THE MERCY OF CHRIST

"On hearing it, many of His disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?'

"Aware that the disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe.' Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, 'This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him.'

"From this time many of the disciples turned back and no longer followed him." John 6:60-66

COMMANDED LOVE – LIVING IN GOD'S MERCY

Perhaps some of you have suffered in this life and may be wondering if there are times when we might justify withholding mercy...broken promises, betrayal, rejection, abandonment, brutality, pain. The answer is an unequivocal 'no'! Christ calls us to total forgiveness, and total forgiveness includes loving the offender in the mercy of God. It is never too hard to forgive, because mercy is a work of grace in our lives. God commands us to love one another. Loving means forgiving, and forgiving means living in the mercy of God.

In my life I have known many instances where forgiveness has not been an easy choice to make. Through many kinds of abuse, violence, and heartbreak Jesus taught me to love -- one offender at a time. Jesus is the bread of heaven and His living word is mercy in our souls, to our souls, and through our souls. Withholding mercy speaks of desiring to inflict punishment on another. To withhold mercy is to place your agenda above the compassion of Christ. Grumbling against another quickly leads to hardness of heart, and hardness of heart soon leads to the sin of offense.

TEMPORARY "SPIRITUAL AMNESIA"

Offense is when we "think" we have a "right" to be angry because someone has hurt us. We hold resentment and unresolved anger in our hearts towards that person, all the while justifying our wrong attitude. We become self-righteous because we place our perception of what we think is "right" above the perfect righteousness of Jesus. We think our opinion, feeling, and insights in a matter are more important than any others. In offense, we suffer from "temporary spiritual amnesia" with respect to the wonderful mercy Jesus has poured into us, that we might also pour into others. Offense distracts us from God's Kingdom agenda and "untreated" offense will consume our hearts with unforgiveness.

LORD, RESTORE OUR "MERCY MEMORY"!

I believe Jesus wants to heal His bride and restore her 'mercy memory'! God calls us to be imitators of Christ and to live a life of love (Ephesians 5:1).

"Father, in humility we come to ask you to forgive us for being hardhearted and for withholding mercy to others in our lives. Forgive us for any time we have walked in offense. We choose now to walk in mercy. Please heal our temporary spiritual amnesia and restore our mercy memory. May your mercy fall on us today like sweet spring rain and bring healing and restoration to all our relationships, beginning first with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

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How Much Time Do We Have

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Through the past centuries and decades there have been many speculations and predictions that the world would come to an end at a certain time. Bible readers have come up with many different scenarios as to events that must happen or have already happened before the "end of time". Interestingly enough time has ended or will soon end for all of the people who made those predictions. Their time along with everyone else of their season ended.

The reality is that time for me and for you is going to end soon, perhaps sooner than we perceive in our thinking. If you are a young strong person it may seem to you that it is very far in the distance before time runs out for you. Now past 71 and looking down a much shorter road it seems to me it has been no time at all since I was thinking those same thoughts - thoughts of such a long road of time ahead. A long road with plenty of time to seriously consider the fulfillment of destiny and purpose of my life - plenty of time to become all God wants me to be and plenty of time to do all that is to be done - tomorrow or some day perhaps soon in the long future ahead..

You may have heard the old saying "life is too short" for some reason or another. Truly our days in this life in time are precious - too precious to let them be stolen away in the misadventure of "unlove" and all of its disorders.

Love brings the adventure of life and peaceful order of spiritual serenity. Our life is in God and God is love. Separation from God is separation from love and separation from life. A day in the manifest presence of God is a day in His love and a day of life. A day apart from His presence is a day of lack of love and lack of life. Lacking love brings disorder, strife, and loss of life.

1 John 4:8-9,16: He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

Jesus has come that we might have life and have it more abundantly.

John 10:10: "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

God is love. The thief (enemy) is "unlove". The thief steals life - Jesus gives life. This is a practical daily reality as well as an eternal principal.

How much time do we have? Only the days, weeks, and years that have not been stolen by "unlove" the rest are all lost. One day in His manifest presence is better than thousands elsewhere. In His manifest presence, grace (empowerment) is poured into us. Abundant life fills our being and we are charged with the creative energy and wisdom of God. More can be done in one year empowered by His grace than seventy years of striving.

The kingdom of God coming forth on earth in the hearts of His people is a grace empowered, love based, spiritual and natural order of life.

Pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love, Ron McGatlin

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The New Face of Revival

Ron McGatlin

Limitations are being broken off the church. Stadium Christianity is becoming a reality. Millions are gathering in stadiums and large venues for prayer and fasting across Africa this week. Hundreds of thousands have gathered for prayer and fasting in the US and other nations answering "The Call".

45,000 gather on Sunday Mornings in a football stadium in India for church. Countless miracles - extreme intimate worship - high praise - deep intercession - spiritual visions are some of the hallmarks of the fresh expression of Christianity.

The gatherings of "Stadium Christianity" for prayer and worship wouldn't be coming forth without the Spirit network of multitudes of smaller gatherings in churches, home churches, workplace groups, soaking groups and other fresh expressions of Christianity. People are starved for the reality of the manifest presence of God - the love of the Father - the intimacy of the Bridegroom - and the river of life of the Holy Spirit.

Humility is coming forth as hearts are melted in the manifest presence of God by the love of the Father and the passion of Christ. The new face of revival is coming forth from a heart of humility, purity and holiness, in intimate love. The shallow shine of "spiritual pride" and elitism is giving way to the joy of serving in love.

The clergy and laity gap is giving way to a kingdom of kings and priest. The cast system of clergy and laity - pulpit and pew - leadership clique and congregation - which developed in the institutional church has greatly limited the work of God. The new face of revival is dissolving the gaps and releasing multitudes of dormant gifts in humble men and women young and old. No longer is the work of God limited to a few on the platform but is growing to include all of "those who believe".

Mark 16:17-18: "And these signs will follow ***those who believe:*** *In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them;* ***they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."***

John 14:12: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who ***believes*** *in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.*

The miracle working power of God flows through believers in whom Christ dwells - the "Christ in you" generation in whom the character and nature of Christ is being formed. The release of limitations off multitudes of men and women is producing far greater works than the platform only could produce.

Col 1:27: To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
Ron McGatlin

Hurricanes of Destiny

Gary Coldiron

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; THE SEA AND THE WAVES ROARING, Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." (Luke 21:25-26)

It was nearing the end of October in the year 1998 when, on a warm afternoon living in the northern Houston region, the Lord without warning spoke in my spirit. He told me that there was a hurricane moving across the Atlantic that needed to be watched. He said that the spirit behind the hurricane was our ministry's personal enemy.

I called my pastor's home and spoke with his wife that Monday evening and shared the word that I had heard earlier. We both decided that it would be a good idea to pray about the information and see what the Lord would want us to do, if anything.

The next day, on a Tuesday, I took the matter back before the Lord. I asked Him if He wanted me to go to the Gulf of Mexico, point my finger high to the eastern sky, and command in faith the looming hurricane to be broken up. Suddenly, I had a vision of another man standing on a Gulf shore doing just that, and the Lord said that the action had already been done.

In the days to come I observed with much interest, as the rest of the world did, this hurricane make its' approach south of the entryway between the Mexican peninsula and Cuba. It made a beeline towards Honduras and then, on the 27th of October, unexpectedly and amazingly stalled. It sat stationary for close to two days. By the time it moved and went ashore, it poured so much water onto the land that it caused mass flooding. The great winds and rain of those days killed over ten thousand people. What a tragedy!

The infamous hurricane remembered is commonly known today as Mitch. This was a furious storm that seemed to have a mind of its' own. After going inland and pounding Honduras with incredible fury, it cut back into the ocean and reversed direction, making its way northeasterly back into Florida. Interestingly, though, it never did make it deep into the Gulf. By nature, it probably should have done so. And I believe it took this unlikely course because one man stood on the shore days earlier and commanded it not to come in.

Nevertheless, we can learn a valuable lesson from that incident. I now know that you don't command your adversary to stop and bind him from affecting you without following through and destroying his power. Though your words may have the power to stop your enemy dead in his tracks, if he is not dealt with properly, he'll just go somewhere else and manifest death. And this death is usually released on a mass scale. As an observation concerning this thought, I believe that Jesus sent demons into a herd of pigs for a distinct reason. I submit that it was for our learning benefit. The Lord was not interested in killing off a multitude of innocent pigs for no purpose. Rather, He wanted His followers to view as a hands-on example just what happens when the enemy is cast out without further action. Instant death taking place on the peripheral, like the pigs quickly drowning, soon results. Thus, you have to understand that the unfruitful tree that you pluck up by the roots must be **planted** into the sea (Luke 17:6). Realize that the enemy you bind has to have his goods spoiled. Only then will your opposing work not harm others.

The power in naming Ivan

The judgments of September are here…the snipers of October are soon to come. The signs of this special End Times year are strong upon the earth. My goodness friends, do you understand what's happening around you? Presently, only once before had the Lord talked to me about a deadly hurricane…until recently.

As the large and lumbering water-laden Hurricane Frances approached Florida last week, close on the heels of the compact, fast wind-driven Hurricane Charlie, the Lord spoke to me once more about a hurricane. He told me not to focus on Frances, as so many was at the time, or look back at Charlie, but to set my attention on a more dangerous hurricane becoming a force in the mid-Atlantic – the one named Hurricane Ivan. I heard in my spirit that Ivan, the 3rd hurricane, would be a combination of the two before it – having both of its' predecessor's qualities; much rain, much wind, hard-hitting and widespread. And also, and more importantly, it had a spirit behind it - like Mitch.

Therefore, it's a cold-hearted killer – as Mitch was. With that in mind, suffice it to say that Ivan has yet to hit Cuba, Mexico or America and it has already taken the lives of over 60 people in the small islands behind it, leaving great destruction in its' tracks.

Quite incredibly, have you heard national television commentators refer to this hurricane as **"Ivan the Terrible"** and **"Ivan the Killer?"** It's so sad that people do not understand the biblical principle of people having what they say. Death and life remain, as God said, in the power of the tongue. There is and always will be power in mankind's words.

At this time, I'm not forecasting doom concerning this hurricane; though, no outcome would surprise me. I've learned a long time ago that just about anything can happen when God's people stand up in true faith. In fact, there is good news within this inside information: Since it's a spirit driving this storm, we know that it can be stopped.

I do know, though, that the events of this hour are signs to acknowledge in this Last Days. Presently, anyone observing recent weather and geological events around the world must recognize that the earth is currently staggering with intensified typhoons, earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, etc. In my opinion, these physical disturbances are being employed as a shout that warns the inhabitants of the earth of impending judgment.

Calculating the appropriate action

I do have one piece of prudent advice for anyone intent on confronting this hurricane as it enters into the Gulf of Mexico. I strongly sense that this hurricane, because a spiritual wickedness in high places entity is most likely behind it, must be approached by a humble Believer or Believers that have a faith built up through prayer and fasting. I sense that this Being is of the powerful type that only goes out through that. Hence, check yourself over thoroughly before you go out there. And don't just stop this storm to save one section of land at the expense of another. The world doesn't need the aftermath of another Mitch. And Ivan has that kind of potential.

One last comment: Watch and pray as a precaution for the people of New Orleans. In my estimation through prayer journey experience, this is a place with a clear destiny for destruction if it doesn't repent. It's also a below sea-level city that would be devastated by the direct hit of a Category 3, 4 or 5 hurricane. Now, I'm not saying that Ivan will strike New Orleans. Only God knows Hurricane's Ivan's future. I do know, though, that New Orleans was struck a couple of years ago by two hurricanes turned tropical storms. I wonder if a third hurricane, such as Ivan, is part of her destiny.

Grace to you and peace multiplied with love and mercy from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Hearts of Darkness Hearts of Light

Angel Dahilig

In a dream, I was inside a church... perhaps my church.
Before me, I saw the pews in the sanctuary with people sitting in them.
My field of vision, was focused on only a few of the pews.
The rest of the pews, and the people, were shrouded to me, because the edges of my field of vision fading into darkness.
This effect, zoomed my attention right on these pews, and especially upon the people seated in the pews.
I did not see their faces clearly, but rather my attention was drawn to the area of the heart.
Then, I noticed a few of the people had lights, like the light of a warm candle, glowing from within their chests...
But, only a few, perhaps one or two.
The rest of the people, had only darkness there, no light, but empty of light.
This made me sad to see no light, no warmth from the light.
I was surprised, that so few, out of so many, had this light.
You could not "normally" tell by looking at them,
which ones had the light in their hearts,
and which ones had only darkness.
I could only see because God's Spirit showed me
what only He can see.
For God sees into the heart.
They all sat in the same pews.
They all sang the same songs.
They all came to church.
They all claimed to be Christians,
believers and followers of Christ.
But, not all had the light in their hearts.
Some still were in darkness.
(John 5:42)

Those who had the light,
were those who truly knew their God,
(1 John 4:7, 1 John 4:12)
and were also KNOWN BY HIM.
(1 Cor. 8:3, Gal. 4:9)
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Scripture References:
The Light:

John 8:12
When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said,
"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."
John 1:4
In him [Jesus, the Word] was life, and that life was the light of men.
John 9:5
[Jesus said,] "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
John 12:46
I have come into the world as a light,

]so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness.
John 3:21
But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light.

The Command of God/Jesus:

Mark 12:33
And to love him with ALL the heart,
and with ALL the understanding,
and with ALL the soul,
and with ALL the strength,
and to love his neighbor as himself,
is more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.
John 13:34
"A new command I give you:
Love one another.
As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
1 John 3:23
And this is his command:
to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,
and to love one another as he commanded us.
1 John 3:11
This is the message you heard from the beginning:
We should love one another.
Romans 13:8
Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another,
for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.
Matthew 7:12
So in everything, do to others
what you would have them do to you,
for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Those Who Truly Follow Jesus, Are In The Light:

John 8:12
When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said,
"I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life."
John 13:35
By this all men will know that you are my disciples,
if you love one another."
1 Peter 1:22, 25, 2:1
Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that
you have sincere love for your brothers,
love one another deeply from the heart...
... the word of the Lord stands forever.
And this is the word that was preached to you.
Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy,
and slander of every kind.
1 John 4:12
... if we love one another,
God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
1 John 1:5, 7
[5]This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:
God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.
[7]But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 2:10
Whoever loves his brother lives in the light,
and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.

Those Who Are Still In Darkness:
1 John 2:9,11
[9]Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness.
[11]But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness;
he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.
1 John 1:6
[6]If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,
we lie and do not live by the truth.
John 5:42
but I know you, I know that you do not have the love of God in your hearts.
Those Known By God:
1 John 4:7
Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.
Galations 4:9
But now that you know God--or rather are known by God....
1 Cor. 8:3
But the man who loves God is known by God.
What is this love Jesus commands of us?
To love our neighbor as ourselves. (Mark 12:31)
To lay down our life. (John 15:13)
To love our enemies. (Matthew 5:44, Luke 6:27-36)
To help one another. (Matthew 25:31-46)
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Those Who Seek After Knowledge, Will Not Find Me!
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"Those who go 'to and fro' seeking after knowledge,
will not find Me, in 'That Day'.

But, those who sought to grow in My Love,
have already found Me!

THESE are the ones whom I know, and
whom will be found IN ME,
on that Dreadful and Terrible Day!

Says the LORD!"

Isaiah 29:14
Therefore once more I will astound these people with wonder upon wonder;
the wisdom of the wise will perish,
the intelligence of the intelligent will vanish."

Matthew 19:30

But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

John 15:12-14
[12]My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
[13]Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
[14]You are my friends if you do what I command.

Matthew 7:19-23
[19]Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
[20]Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.
[21]"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven,
but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.
[22]Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord,
did we not prophesy in your name,
and in your name drive out demons and
perform many miracles?'
[23]Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you.
Away from me, you evildoers!'

1 Corinthians 8:1
Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

1 Corinthians 12:31; 13:2
And now I will show you the most excellent way.
[2]If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge,
and if I have a faith that can move mountains,
but have not love, I am nothing.

Additional scriptures:
Genesis 2:9, 16-17; 3:4-7.

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Heaven On Earth

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Birthing Manifestations Of The Realm Of Heaven On Earth

In recent months, the Lord has taken me up several times, in the Spirit, to a particular place in the Heavenly realm. I call this place the land of promises. This place was lush and flourishing with the life of God. The very atmosphere of this place was radiating with the presence of the Lord. It had the feeling of Spring when all things are new and refreshing. All around I could see rainbows reminding me of the promises of God throughout His word and the personal promises and prophecies that have been delivered from His mouth to His people throughout history. I instinctively knew that this was the place where these promises were found, activated, and brought down to the earth realm. God is currently speaking something at this time to the Body of Christ about His promises and the fulfillment of them in these end-times.

In this experience I simply laid down in the grass in order to enjoy the heavenly atmosphere of this place. While lying there I saw two angels approaching me and they began to feed me with honey. Honey in the Bible is symbolic of revelation. I believe, in this experience, the honey represented a spirit of wisdom and revelation that was being placed upon me in greater measure in order to comprehend, in the spirit, the things that were about to take place. The angels left and I then saw Jesus approaching me from a distance. The light emanating from His being was blinding, yet incredibly inviting at the same time. As He reached me and stood before me I was undone within myself. There was such purity and holiness that emanated from Him. It really is an experience that is impossible to describe in earthly terms! While kneeling in His presence, I suddenly realized that the light emanating from Him was encompassing me and I was beginning to glow with the glory of His presence. The love and intimacy that we shared in that moment, even without spoken words, was out of this world! The Lord then spoke to me with a voice that shook me to the core. It was as if every fibre and cell of my being was shaken and awakened by His voice. What He said surprised me: "Know My Holy Spirit!"

The Lord then turned and walked away, but as he left, this mist or glory cloud, began to completely envelop me. I knew it was Holy Spirit! The atmosphere changed when this other member of the Godhead moved in. The Holy Spirit spoke to me and said that when He is present He brings with Him the atmosphere of creation. He then said something that astounded me: "Ask what you will and it will be done for you!" Without words being spoken, Holy Spirit began to communicate to me different scriptures that verified the truth of this experience. How many of you know that you can read certain scriptures hundreds of times throughout your life but when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes upon you as the spirit of wisdom and revelation, He reveals and uncovers hidden revelation. He took me to Gen 1:1-3, which begins the story of creation, and then to Luke 1:26-45, the story of Jesus' conception in the womb of Mary. In the same way that Mary was chosen to conceive Jesus within her womb and bring Him forth into the world, so too, we as believers are chosen through intimacy and impartation from heaven (conception), to bring forth the Son of God to the world through displays of heavenly glory and power. Before diving into the story of Mary's visitation, I want to present a key in the life of Jesus that I call "synchronization" because it is a secret to bringing manifestations of heaven into the earthly realm.

Synchronization: A Key To Bringing Heaven To Earth

I believe that Jesus came to this earth and lived His life as a prototype of what is possible and available for each one of us. Jesus lived in a place of such intimacy and fellowship with the Father on a daily basis that He just proclaimed and decreed what he saw and heard His Father doing and the realm of heaven was immediately ushered into every situation He touched. You see, Jesus did not do any miracles as God! He was most definitely the Son of God but He laid down His power as God and limited Himself as a human in the very same way that we are limited. The only difference between Jesus, in His human life, and us is that he lived a life completely yielded to the Holy Spirit. Jesus lived out of John 5:19-20-He simply kept himself in constant communion with the Father and Holy Spirit. Then He did what He saw the Father doing and said what He heard the Father saying. Jesus was one who synchronized heaven and earth and therefore He was the very gateway for the power and reality of heaven to come into our natural realm. What do I mean by synchronized?

Jesus lived with a higher reality than many of us have. He lived everyday with the revelation that He had access to the supernatural realm and if He could just see and hear what was going on in heaven with the Father and simply proclaim that on the earth, then mighty demonstrations of power would be ushered into every situation. The Lord at this time is emphasizing our need for the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him to be able to comprehend the supernatural realm around us. The spirit of wisdom and revelation gives us anointed eyes and ears to be able to access heavenly realms and to co-operate and co-labor with the plan of heaven for each moment of our lives. This end-time generation is destined to be a generation that manifests the King of Glory and His kingdom realm to a people blinded from the truth of Jesus Christ. Just as Jesus synchronized heaven and earth and did mighty miracles, signs and wonders, so also, we as believers are called to be the "gateways" of heaven and manifest the Kingdom realm to everyone around us.

Paul stated in Galatians 4:19, "My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you." He also prays in Ephesians 3:19 that we would all be filled with the fullness of God. You know, a cup is not completely full until it is overflowing! Likewise, we are not completely full until Christ is so formed in us that He overflows through our life with great demonstrations of heavenly power and glory! God has given each one of us awesome promises, individually and corporately, through His word. Many believers strive in the natural to see the promises of God brought to pass but it's only as we access heavenly realms and enter into divine friendship with God that our promises are fulfilled. Let's gain some additional revelation on the process of birthing promises through the story of Jesus' conception in the womb of Mary.

We Are Called To "Bring Forth The Son" Into The World

Remember, the Holy Spirit told me in the experience mentioned at the beginning of this teaching that the key to seeing promises birthed is found in Luke 1:26-45. The first thing we read in verse 26 is that Mary has a visitation from the heavenly realm by an angel. The first thing proclaimed from the mouth of this heavenly being is Mary's identity in the sight of God! Gabriel says in verse 28, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" The very next verse says, "But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was."

The angel then says in verse 31, "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS." You've got to notice the parallel here between the physical conception and birth of Jesus and the spiritual birth that you experienced the moment you were saved. Did you know that at the moment of your salvation experience the Lord Jesus Christ was "conceived" in your spirit and now your calling and mission in life is to know Him intimately and "bring forth the Son" through your life for the world to see Him in all his majesty and glory? For this reason, it is so important to the Lord that we receive a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, and through anointed eyes and ears, learn to access the realm of heaven. Ephesians 1:18 says that the reason we need illumined eyes is so that we "may know what is the hope of His calling and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." Notice that this verse says the glory of "His" inheritance in the saints, not our inheritance. Jesus' inheritance is to have a Bride madly in love with Him, without spot or wrinkle, which as His body, manifests the glory of heaven just as He did through His own body while alive on this earth.

The very beginning of the conception experience of Jesus is marked by a heavenly visitation granted to Mary, the person chosen to "bring forth the Son!" Likewise, if we want to bring forth the Son in our lives then we have to learn to access heavenly realms, because that is where the seed of heaven comes from. The Lord is currently raising up and training a remnant of people who will dwell in heavenly places, through the spirit of wisdom and revelation. These ones, marked by Throne Room encounters, will carry that atmosphere to the world with them! Anyone who has ever had an encounter with the Lord in the heavenly realms is marked by that experience forever. There will always be an element of heavenly DNA and atmosphere that these people will carry with them. Can you imagine a people who learn to dwell in heavenly realms and carry that presence with them at all times? This characteristic will mark each member of the great and terrible army that the Lord is raising up in these end-times!

Encounter and Impartation (Conception) From Heaven

The first key to realize here is that the conception of Jesus began with an angelic visitation from the realm of heaven! Our God is jealously seeking a people who will ascend the hill of the Lord and dwell in the throne room of heaven. A couple years ago I had an experience in Kansas City with Jill Austin and a group of about 50 other people. An intense atmosphere of the Holy Spirit moved into the room and there were many laid out on the floor just soaking in His presence. Suddenly my spiritual eyes were opened and I began to see what was going on in the spirit realm around these people. I saw a whirlwind come down from heaven carrying multitudes of angels. This whirlwind wrapped around the people lying on the floor and was pulling them upward in the spirit. Meanwhile, the angels were going around sprinkling something on the hearts of those on the floor. I asked the Lord what they were doing and He said they were ministering spirits sent to carry His presence from the Throne Room of heaven and impart it to these people. He said that He was imparting a fresh hunger for heavenly things to their hearts. The direction of their heart's hunger and craving was literally being redirected by the impartation from heaven!

Many of us try and try to see the promises of God's word fulfilled through some rational ascent and belief in the Word of God. But the Word of God is simply meant to lead us into an encounter with the Author of the book. John 5:39-40 says, "You search the scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life." It's ludicrous to think that a husband and wife should expect to conceive and give birth to a baby without first experiencing intimacy together. In the same way, we as believers can't just go to the Word and see the Lord's promises (of a great healing revival, for example) and expect to see it happen just because we read it. Mighty demonstrations of God's power and glory are only birthed and manifested on the earth "through" ones who have learned to encounter the Lord in intimacy. Paul says in Ephesians 1:3 that we are "blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ." The only way to see spiritual blessings in heavenly places turned into manifestations of blessing in the natural realm is to access the heavenly places and bring them back with you. Our promises are accessed in the heavenly realm where we are seated with Christ! Each time we as believers have an encounter with the Lord we are filled with more of His fullness and carry more of His presence and we are changed from glory to glory.

Identity

Now, the next thing we see in the midst of Mary's angelic visitation is Gabriel declaring to her the identity she has before God. Gabriel says, in Luke 1:28, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" One of the biggest reasons we aren't seeing more displays of God's power throughout the Body of Christ, besides a lack of intimacy, is confusion over our identity. I recently heard Bill Johnson make this statement: "In the world, before a person is saved we 1) Do things, 2) in order to gain an identity, 3) so we will be accepted. However, in the Kingdom, as born-again believers, it is backwards from the world. In the Kingdom we 1) are accepted, 2) being accepted is our identity, and out of our identity we 3) do things!" I find it interesting that in Luke 1:28 the Greek word for "highly favored" is used only one other time in the entire New Testament. We find it in Ephesians 1:6, "to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved." The word "freely given" or "accepted" (NKJV) in this verse is the very same word used for "highly favored" and this word is only used in these two places. The word is "charitoo" and it means, "highly favored," "accepted," or "freely given." Mary was the one person on the earth who was chosen to "bring forth the Son of God" and she was called highly favored and beloved of the Lord. The one other place that word is used in Ephesians 1:6-it is talking about every born again believer being accepted in the Beloved. Just as Mary was used to bring forth the Son of God, so also, we will be used to bring forth the Son of God in all His glory!

This Bridal Paradigm message that is spreading across the earth is deeply rooted in the heart of God. There are places all over the world beginning to teach out of Song of Solomon and our identity as the Bride of Christ and as Sons of God. It is no mistake that "Intimacy with God" is one of the most prominent messages in the Body of Christ at this time. Without deep intimate fellowship resulting in heavenly encounters with the Lord we will never know our identity and, therefore, never take dominion and destroy the works of the devil by the power of God.

So how do we get to this place of intimacy and encounter? Mary wondered the same thing. Gabriel lays out the plan and promise of God for her life and she responds in verse 34 saying, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" Don't we all respond the same way when God calls us to something, yet see all the promises in the Word of God that aren't being fulfilled in our lives? Every one of us could have any number of excuses why God couldn't use us in the supernatural realm to see miracles, signs and wonders in our day. In ourselves we are nothing and it would do some of us a lot of good to realize that! But remember, we are highly favored because of His grace and we are freely accepted in the Beloved! We've been given free access to the Throne of Grace (Heb. 4:16) and encouraged to seek the things above (Col. 3:1-3).

Intimacy With The Holy Spirit and Waiting On The Lord

So what was the answer to Mary's question as to how this could all be accomplished? Verse 35 says, "And the angel answered and said to her, 'the Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you.'" Let me take you back to my heavenly encounter for just a moment. In my experience the Holy Spirit came in and overshadowed me and He said to me, "Ask what you will and it will be done for you!" It seemed that in that situation of being immersed in a place of intimacy with Holy Spirit that anything was possible! Just like in the beginning in Genesis 1:2-3, the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters and in that atmosphere God said, "Let there be light", and there was light. When Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, conception took place and the impossible was made possible! In my encounter, before Jesus walked away, with a voice that thundered and shook my entire being in the spirit and the natural he said, "Know My Holy Spirit!"

I'm prophesying to you now that in the coming days there will be a renewed interest in the Holy Spirit. Many in the Body of Christ are afraid to worship the Third "Person" of the Godhead. They feel they should direct all their attention to the Father and the Son. But it was Jesus that said He was going away and was sending the Comforter, the Holy Spirit in His place. Holy Spirit is just as much God as the Father and the Son. The bible says to worship "God" and God consists of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. For too long the church has prostituted the anointing! People want the service and the acts of the Holy Spirit without the intimacy of the Spirit. So many times people are operating out of the gift or the anointing within them but with no real power from on high upon them. Some of the strongest anointings in history have rested upon the people who developed an intimate relationship and exchange with Holy Spirit! We need to be released to worship and adore the Holy Spirit because it is Him that tells us of Jesus anyway. It's the Holy Spirit that brings the manifestation of heaven to earth!

Years ago I had an experience that reaffirms my emphasis on intimacy with the Holy Spirit. I was soaking in the presence of the Lord one day and telling Holy Spirit that I wanted to know Him more. Suddenly the whole atmosphere in the room changed and I was filled and overshadowed by the Holy Spirit. I immediately entered the realm of the spirit and found myself floating in a river. I was weeping as waves of His presence coursed through my body. Suddenly, this eagle mask appeared in my hand and I heard the Lord say, "Put it on!" I obeyed and as soon as I put the mask on my face, in my vision, wings started to sprout and grow out of my back. The wings sprouted and I suddenly shot out of the water and began to soar in the heavenly realms. I could literally feel the sensations of flying in my natural body! In the midst of soaring I ran into Jesus and He was stunning! He reached out a scepter and touched my forehead. My whole body instantly turned golden and I could feel "purpose" enter my spirit like electricity. I was infused with the purposes of God. This was one of the times when the Lord reaffirmed my calling and commissioning to the ministry. When I left Him I began to fly over cities and regions and, with great clarity, the Lord began to give me prophetic insight into these places. Just as I was coming out of the experience, the Lord spoke to me and said, "You will find this in Isaiah 40:31." Now this verse is a very popular verse and I knew it well. But at the time I did not have the scripture reference memorized, so I quickly went to it to find out what it said. I studied it out and Holy Spirit brought an amazing revelation to me. The verse says, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." The Lord directed me to the words "mount up" and I discovered that the Hebrew word means "to sprout," just as the wings in my experience sprouted.

The Lord is bringing clarity to the body of Christ on how to enter the realm of the spirit through the model of "waiting on the Lord." My experience taught me one of the most valuable lessons I've ever learned and that is how to engage the Lord. As we wait in the overshadowing presence of the Holy Spirit, we are given eyes and wings through the spirit of wisdom and revelation, to engage the realms of heaven and encounter the Lord! We are called the "Royal Priesthood" in the Word of God and, as priests, we must learn to wait on the Lord and minister to Him. We are also called Kings and Priests in Revelation, but it's only as we learn to minister to the Lord as priests that we will attain the power from heaven to rule and reign as kings over the works of the enemy!

Prophetic Declaration of The Plans and Purposes of Heaven

Now we come to the fulfillment of God's promise to Mary. She has had a visitation from heaven, received an impartation by the Holy Spirit, and was encouraged with the reality of her identity and how she is seen in God's eyes. It's after all this that she finally aligns and synchronizes herself with the plan and purpose of heaven. In the creative atmosphere of heaven overshadowing her she proclaims in verse 38, "Behold, the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." Then conception took place. A seed from heaven was planted within her and she "brought forth the Son of God," the greatest gift and display of heaven ever brought forth in all of history!

Allow me to dwell, for just a moment, on Mary's proclamation of agreement with the plan and purpose of heaven. Mary did something that Jesus did everyday of His earthly life. Jesus would hear and see what the Father was saying and doing in heaven; He would simply go proclaim it and heaven would invade earth. Let me give you a personal testimony of this in my own life. Several months ago I was in Australia ministering at a church on Sunday morning. I heard clearly from the Lord that I was to step up to the pulpit and, without any preaching, I was to immediately release a healing wave. He said the altars would be filled with healing testimonies. I simply did as He said and I never got to preach! I lined people up and listened to their testimonies of healings and miracles for an hour and a half. The next week I was in Tanzania, Africa and preached again at a church on Sunday morning. Just as I was about to step up to the pulpit I felt a wind blow on my left hand and I heard the Lord say, "My healing angels are here. Release a healing wave right away and I will do signs and wonders in your midst!" I thought, "Yeah, I've clearly heard from heaven, so this is gonna be fun." I simply decreed to the people what I heard from God about the healing angels and I released the healing wave. For the next 2 hours I stood up front and listened to the testimonies of God's power. All in all there was one paralytic completely healed that was pretty much carried into the service because her legs were paralyzed and her arm was shriveled up. I saw her walking and saw her healed and outstretched hand! There were also over 5 blind people and over 5 deaf-mutes healed along with dozens of other healings and deliverances! Heaven had invaded earth simply because I had a supernatural encounter with an angel, heard from God, and proclaimed it to the people.

There is power in our decree just as there was in Mary's. Her declaration of agreement with the plan and purpose of heaven, which came from her visitation, is what eventually brought the conception of Jesus to pass. We are told to do the same in Job 22:21-30. The scripture tells us to acquaint ourselves with the Lord (Intimacy), receive instruction from His mouth and lay up His words in our heart (hearing from heaven) and because of this we will lay our gold (our identity) in the dust and the Lord will become our Gold (our new identity). It goes on to say that we will have our delight in the Lord and make our prayers to Him and verse 28 says, "You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you." It goes on to talk about how our declaration, out of intimacy with the Lord, will actually bring freedom and deliverance to the bound and guilty (bringing heaven to earth).

I want to encourage all of you reading this that God is ready and willing to bring His promises to pass in your life. However, it is through our co-operation and co-laboring with Him that the supernatural is manifested in the natural. We are His vessels and we are the gateways through which His glory will be displayed on the earth. Press into Him more than you ever have before. Ask Him for a release of divine hunger that will drive you deeper into Him. Like Mary, it is simply through intimacy, engaging the realm of heaven, and declaring what you see and hear that brings heaven to earth! The scripture in Luke goes on to say in verse 39 that Mary arose and went. As she entered Elizabeth's house and simply greeted her, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. May we all lay down our gold and receive the Lord as the true Gold in our lives and may we arise and "go" as we display the glory of heaven. The deposit of heaven that will rest on you after engaging the revelatory realm will simply overflow and people will be filled with the Holy Spirit. Mary called herself the "Maidservant of the Lord." There was also a prophecy given in Acts 2:18 about menservants and maidservants. It says, "And on my menservants and on my maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy." That means you!!

Father I pray that you would visit everyone reading this with a heavenly visitation. One encounter with you can shake regions! I pray for the spirit of wisdom and revelation to be released in greater measures so that your people might really begin to engage the supernatural realms of heaven and experience You. Holy Spirit, I pray that you would make yourself real to each one reading this and cause a boldness to be released. Overshadow us, rest upon us, and fill us afresh! May we be vessels who truly cause heaven to invade earth!

Holiness is Coming
Ron Powell

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Then he instructed me, ``Do not seal up what you have written, for the time of fulfillment is near. And when that time comes, all doing wrong will do it more and more; the vile will become more vile; good men will be better; those who are holy will continue on in greater holiness." ``See, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me, to repay everyone according to the deeds he has done. I am the A and the Z, the Beginning and the End, the First and Last. Blessed forever are all who are washing their robes, to have the right to enter in through the gates of the city, and to eat the fruit from the Tree of Life. ``Outside the city are those who have strayed away from God, and the sorcerers and the immoral and murderers and idolaters, and all who love to lie, and do so. Rev 22:10-15 LB

My Children,
Holiness is coming to My church through brokenness and contrition. I am not making thee holy to become a reputation or a name, I am making you holy that you may see Me and abide with Me forever. Therefore, wash thy Garments, confess thy sins as I reveal them to you.

Soon the humble and holy will inherit the earth. Soon My elect will rule and reign with Me. Guard thy words and may they be few, for many men have recognized their call and advertised themselves and labeled themselves in a spirit of pride. These I must abase! As it is written: Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord. I will lift you up! Cry out from thine heart to be cleansed and I will wash away every stain and remember them against you no more.

Run not in a race to become holy, holiness will come to the heart which desires to see Me. Holiness is the transforming work of My spirit wrought through Grace. It is My eternal will that you be made holy in My sight. Holiness is the eradication of evil as sins are laid on the altar and yielded up in My presence to be consumed.

Soon all you hold dear will need to be offered upon this altar, for all that you hold dear has divided thy loyalty and thy love. I will not destroy those you place on the altar, I will return them once you realize the need to place all on the altar. Thou shalt have no other gods before Me!

I hear you say, "where does it start?" Confess the pride of thine own goodness and acknowledge that there is but One Good... "GOD." Thou shalt find thine eyes opening to true holiness and thy desire will to be as I am. You will confess before Me thy very nature as sin. This confession will transform you and you will be among those who are holy and will continue on in greater holiness." Delay not thy confession! Much work needs to be done this day!

Blessings,
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Continue Steadfast
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But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as an example to show everyone how patient he is with even the worst sinners, so that others will realize that they, too, can have everlasting

life. Glory and honor to God forever and ever. He is the King of the ages, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God, and full of wisdom. Amen. Now, Timothy, my son, here is my command to you: Fight well in the Lord's battles, just as the Lord told us through his prophets that you would. Cling tightly to your faith in Christ and always keep your conscience clear, doing what you know is right. For some people have disobeyed their consciences and have deliberately done what they knew was wrong. It isn't surprising that soon they lost their faith in Christ after defying God like that. 1 Tim 1:16-19 LB

But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Hebrews 3:6 KJ

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. Matthew 24:12-14 KJ

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, 2Thes. 2:3-4a KJ

Children of God,
Make no mistake as you are given eyes to see. A great shaking has come to My house! I have purposed this from the beginning of time. For a refiner and a fuller am I.
As it is written:
"Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
For our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:26-29 KJ

I say to you My children, continue steadfast as you see the day of My appearing approaching. Continue in meetings and in comfort one of another. Yes, gather more and more as the evil day has come upon the face of the whole earth. Yes, I will draw My elect from among the dust, I will cleanse Her garment, I have promised and I will fulfill this in your generation. Yes, and those who decide to please Christ Jesus by living godly lives will suffer at the hands of those who hate him. In fact, evil men and false teachers will become worse and worse, deceiving many, they themselves having been deceived by Satan. But you must keep on believing the things you have been taught.

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Hold Tight

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I was dressing this morning and started to cry uncontrollably. I came into the computer room and started crying out to God and this is what I heard:

My heart weeps for My house, for My house will not hear My pleas for repentance. My sorrow goes so deep. My heart breaks at every turn. Why children? Why won't you turn to Me with your whole heart? Why does the world have such a pull upon you and your families? I have pondered over this for ages, and I have only one answer. The world holds more for your heart than I do, so you think!

The wages of war are so costly. But the wars must come now, for My people would not repent and turn from their wicked evil ways. These wars will cost you more than you care to pay. There will be great wailing and gnashing of teeth heard on the streets. For the soon coming despair will outweigh anything that the world has ever experienced. Many will bemoan the very day they were born. The homosexual community will be destroyed. I will not be mocked. I am not a bastard. I am the true Father of all creation. Why do you, church, think the enemy created? Why do you think he is in control? You will soon see who is in control, and for some it will be too late, for others, they will finally see that all I have spoken is coming to pass and they will fall upon their faces in total worship of a loving and caring Father. Hold tight to what you have in Me, church! Hold tight, for it will be worth it all in the very end.

Much destruction on all sides. Many will be running to and fro, and many will be seeking places of refuge, but will be unable to find any. Total disaster awaits this world as you see it. I am not a God of destruction, but I do destroy when necessary. As you read My Word, you will see destruction after destruction and devastation on all sides. This was because My people refused to follow My voice. I sent My Son, so His blood would be an atonement for sins, but even that has been trampled under foot. I am left with no alternative, but to bring destruction, so I can rebuild My world once again.

Woe upon woe. Sorrow on all sides. But I will be with My remnant in all this. You who have chosen Me in the years past have chosen a good thing, all those who chose the things of the world will reap what they have sown. Go church and preach My gospel to a lost and dying world. For My Son will soon return for a glorious church, one without spot nor wrinkle.

I ask you to abide under the shadow of the Almighty until My Son's soon return.

Honor Life

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Last week we discussed how the ultimate slide of humanity into the abyss of darkness will begin with the betrayal of doctors with their most basic trust to save and preserve life. Instead, they will start to freely take lives. As this trend has been growing in the last few decades, we are not far from again seeing man rise to the ultimate arrogance-determining to play God by choosing who should live and die by their own discretion.

Medicine has risen to become one of the most esteemed professions in the last century, and this has been well earned. However, as we are warned in Proverbs 16:18-19: "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling. It is better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." When pride gets a foothold into anything it can fall to a darkness that corresponds to its exaltation. As we read throughout the Scriptures, the foremost reason that the Lord will judge the earth is for the pride of man. The ultimate form of this pride is thinking that we have the wisdom to choose who should live or die. At this point judgment must come, because by this fallen humanity is crossing the line to incorrigibility, as is well documented by what happened in Nazi Germany. Soon it was not just individuals who were deemed to be "useless eaters," and therefore killed, but a whole race was then deemed unworthy of life by minds that had become some of the most demented in history.

As we see mankind becoming increasingly calloused about aborting their young, it will cross over to killing those who are born deformed. It will also go to the other extreme of killing the aged when they are no longer deemed useful. This is another, even greater extreme of the pride of man because one of the ultimate forms of humility is to honor our fathers and mothers. This is the only commandment that comes with a promise, that we will remain long in the land that the Lord has given to us (see Exodus 20:12). The reverse is also true-when we cease to honor our fathers and mothers we can be sure that our time left on this earth will be short.

Contrary to this trend that is now growing in many nations, the redeemed will be growing in their love and respect for life. Christianity is a faith that loves and cares for people from the womb to the tomb. As both the young and the old are increasingly threatened, we must resolve to serve both even more. We must give ourselves to the best education and preparation of our young and to the finest care of our elders, helping them make their last years on earth some of their finest. One of the answers to the education of the young is for the elders to be able to impart their wisdom and knowledge to them. This will also be one of the most fulfilling things that our elders can do, and will help to keep them young and alive. One of the most invigorating things for any person is to be needed.

This ultimate pride of man that seeks to determine which of the old or young should live is the ultimate maturity of the doctrine of "the survival of the fittest." To deem someone that has physical or mental problems as too expensive to be allowed to exist is the exact opposite of the nature of God. When man fell, truly becoming both sick and insane, God did not deem us as too expensive to help, but paid the ultimate price for our help. When we serve the sick or aged, it is for our sakes as well as theirs. It is in this way we can start to identify with the Lord's heart for "the maimed, and the halt, and the blind," (Luke 14:21 KJV) which we all are in a sense.

Even so, as health care costs continue to skyrocket, the cost of helping one in need will increasingly become the criteria of whether they deserve to live or die. We will also see many of those who will be given treatment that will actually be used for experiments, even as much as to see them healed. Doctors, who now save so many lives and help so many people, can be the most vulnerable to the ultimate pride of playing God with people. Not all do of course, but as the medical professions continue down the trail of being a business more than a calling, the door is opened wider and wider to this ultimate depravity.

Jesus is often referred to as "the great Physician" because of His devotion to healing. Some have estimated that as much as two-thirds of His ministry while on the earth was devoted to healing and deliverance. He came to reveal the nature of the Father. By this we know His most basic desire is to see people healed, to deliver them from their afflictions, and from the bondage of the devil.

The Lord said that we would do the works He did and even greater works after He went to the Father (see John 14:12). We will see this come to pass before the end of this age. We will see believers lay hands on hospitals and everyone in them will be instantly healed of every kind of affliction. Plagues that are sweeping over continents will be stopped by intercession. The deeper that darkness comes upon the rebellious, the greater the light that will come. When sin increases, we will see the grace of God abound even more (see Romans 5:20).

Jesus was also especially devoted to helping society's castaways to be made whole. Those who are in true unity with Him and His purposes will likewise have this basic devotion. As the Lord said in John 10:10: "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly."

Jesus is the "Prince of life" who came to lead us in "the path of life." He offered "living water," and the "bread of life." His words were "words of life," and He was the light of Life who came to give us "eternal life." Everything about the Lord revolved around the giving of life. The ultimate enemy that He will destroy is death.

The Father gave Jesus life to have "in Himself" (see John 5:26) to give to others, but He came to lay down His own life for our sakes. In the ultimate paradox, the way the Lord gave life to the world was by dying, and He has likewise said to us, "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it" (Matthew 16:25). Our calling is to count the lives of others with the greatest value, but to easily lay down our own.

It is the ultimate devotion to give life to others. To sacrifice one's own life is the mark of the true followers of Christ. However, this definition of life the Lord made clear is not in our possessions. True life, which is eternal, is knowing the Father and the Son whom He sent (see John 17:3), and to believe in Him (see John 3:16). In all of these things we must never let our devotion to healing the body eclipse our devotion to healing the soul. These are not mutually exclusive and actually go together, but we must still keep them in proper order.

"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die" (John 11:25-26).

"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (John 10:10).
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The Pit Of Destruction
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Last week we discussed how crucial it is to esteem the value of life. It is the reason why this was the first test of Solomon's wisdom, as it is a value that is fundamental to wisdom. However, history teaches us that this is a value that gets harder to hold on to the more difficult the times become. At the end of this age, during the greatest times of trouble that the world has ever known, the devil, the one who was the murderer from the beginning, will be unleashing his last and most desperate fury upon the earth in an attempt to kill all that he can. The result will be that those who are controlled by him will casually kill multitudes. They will seemingly have no pang in their conscience, but rather will be rewarded for their deeds, as those who kill the most will become the most celebrated. As mankind falls into its deepest darkness and depravity, this will be measurable by their lack of esteem for life.

The Nazi regime degenerated to the point where whole families, and even whole neighborhoods, could be wiped out at the whim of a relatively junior officer, while some of the most brilliant minds were devoted day and night to determining how they could kill people more cheaply. It was just a foretaste of what is to come. In contrast to this, those who grow in the true wisdom of the fear of the Lord will also be growing in their esteem for the value of life. These will be given increasing power to give words of life, even resurrection life, as they grow in this true wisdom.

For this reason we should all be devoted to imparting the words of life every opportunity we can. That words can give life is one of the great marvels. Let us determine every day to sow seeds of encouragement, hope, and faith. We should recognize the encroachment of discouragement and hopelessness as the beginning of enemy strongholds that must be resisted. Above all, we must value the most valuable gift that has been given to any—the value of life.

Again, as we proceed toward the end of this age, one of the most prominent, distinguishing characteristics between those who serve the Lord and those who serve the devil will be the esteem for life. One of the primary entry points for the spirit of death into Nazi Germany was through the medical community. We can expect the same for what is to come. When this profession, which is supposed to be fundamentally devoted to the preservation and protection of life, starts to be used to kill, it will eventually open the floodgates of death.

Before developing this theme further, please allow me to make an important observation about our present, American, medical community. What I am about to say applies to different degrees to other countries, especially Western nations, but it would be too much of a generalization to attribute it to all of them.

First, we should all keep in mind that if we are alive today we probably owe this to at least some degree to the medical community. If it had not been for the advances they have made in medicine, the world would almost certainly have suffered plagues such as were released during the Middle Ages many times over. We should also be very thankful for the quality of life and even life itself, which has resulted from the medical community's devotion, diligence, and brilliant use of the gifts and talents that God gave to them. For this reason we too should be devoted to encouraging doctors and any other health industry workers for their work.

However, there are some very dark practices already gripping modern medical science—the very ones that preceded the turning of medicine in Nazi Germany into one of the most diabolical tools the devil ever had in his hands. If they are not addressed and reversed, we can expect the same results.

The fall from grace in medicine usually begins when it changes from being a calling to being a business. There are still doctors who are true healers, whose devotion and fulfillment comes from seeing the sick made well. However, these are increasingly rare. Too many doctors today are just professionals, and their practice is a business more than a calling. To them their patients are more like commodities than people. Hope is still the most potent medicine ever devised for any disease. One of the greatest tragedies of modern medicine is that doctors have, to a large degree, been deprived of being able to administer this medicine for fear of potential lawsuits or other consequences to their business if anything goes wrong.

It would not surprise me if 99 percent of physicians are ignorant of what I am about to tell you, and would dispute it, but the cure for cancer could have been found a long time ago, and would have been found if cancer was not such big business. The same is true of almost every other degenerative disease.

The chemicals that are used in chemotherapy cost about ten dollars, while they are sold to patients for fifteen hundred dollars or more. When you are mostly dealing with professionals instead of true healers, who are running a business more than a true hospital, there is really no incentive to find a cure for cancer. Where is the incentive for the pharmaceutical companies to find such a cure, especially if it turned out to be an inexpensive cure? I personally have become convinced that such is in fact the case.

Everyone has cancer cells in their body. A normal healthy immune system will eradicate them easily, keeping them from gathering to become a tumor. However, the chemotherapy that is used to fight tumors attacks the immune system, making future tumors inevitable. Alternative medicine has found ways to eradicate tumors while strengthening the immune system instead of destroying it. Why are these not more widely known or used by "traditional" medicine? I honestly believe that 99 percent of doctors and most people are ignorant of these facts because a system has evolved that is so self-interested and so devoted to self-preservation that it resists and attacks everything not coming through it. Sound familiar? Sounds like many church institutions, does it not?

This is why many of the great advances of the gospel have had to come from outside of the church institutions. Some great revivals and advances of the gospel have come out of denominations, but they are now rare because it is hard for such to maintain the ability to take risks, which is required to walk in faith.

It is not likely that many doctors have even thought through these things, even those who are true healers that are trying to do the best they can. They are just doing the best with the knowledge that they have been given, and within the system as it is. They can draw from the encouragement of many patients that have truly been helped, at least for a time. However, the plot of the movie The Fugitive is more prophetic than many supposed. A doctor who discovers the fraud in medical research will be deemed far more dangerous than any mass murderer by that establishment.

This is not to imply that such a diabolical fraud is to be found in all medical research, or even most of it. Probably, the majority of doctors and researchers are sincerely trying to do the very best they can. It is the system, which has an entity behind it that is bigger and more powerful than any individual. When you start touching, not just a multi-billion dollar business, but a multi-trillion dollar business, it will get very dangerous.

In this format of the Word for the Week, I do not have time to back up and establish some of the statements that I have made in a way they deserve. I am not a doctor or an expert in this field, and many who are have been addressing them. I believe it will become a major issue in the future, even affecting presidential races. In spite of what I have said, I still believe we have the best medical system in the world. It has cancers within itself, and they must be addressed or soon the whole body will die. The answer is to get rid of the cancer, not kill the body.

I think the legal system in America likewise has some very deadly cancers growing within it that will soon have to be addressed. Even so, having traveled throughout much of the world, I think it is still one of the best legal systems there is. The world is the world and we should not expect perfect solutions in this world until the King returns.

Even so, I have talked to too many doctors who are genuinely horrified at what is happening and for these things to continue much longer without being exposed. A growing number are already sounding the alarm. Those who know me, and my message, know that I am not given to paranoia or conspiracies. Even in this I am not ready to put the blame on any individual, as I know that we are not warring against "flesh and blood," but against higher spiritual powers (see Ephesians 6:12). There are probably some individuals who know what is happening, and have given themselves over to evil. In general, I do not believe that this is the case. I think the system has taken over the people instead of the people running the system.

Again, even though more doctors are seeing what I am describing, greed is driving much of the medical industry. The warnings are presently being treated the same way that they were in Nazi Germany. The momentum of a dark and deadly evil is permeating the medical industry. It is growing in power and is already dominant. There are some who are being salt and light, but not enough. The medical system is headed to the place where doctors will decide who should live or die, not by whether they could be treated or healed, but by the patient's usefulness "to society." Remember the "useless eaters." That is how it began in Nazi Germany, and this same philosophy is now growing in even the most advanced, free nations.

Abortion is the biggest gate of hell, giving hell entry into the medical community in a way that will make it one of the enemy's most powerful fortresses for his evil devices. It is the snuffing out of life at its most vulnerable stage. Almost any beast that is a mother would willingly sacrifice its own life for the sake of its young. When we sink below this to even casually killing our own unborn children we have in some basic ways fallen below the beasts. This is ultimate depravity, selfishness, and darkness of soul.

Jesus came to save "the maimed, and the halt, and the blind" (Luke 14:21 KJV). He came to save sinners. His grace is more than enough to forgive those who have had abortions, and heal them of even the emotional scars. Some of these, who have experienced firsthand the horrors of abortion and the destruction of a precious life within their own bodies, are becoming the greatest champions of life. Others have had their consciences seared by the experience, and will not live as they could have, neither feeling, loving, or experiencing life, because of their moral and spiritual calluses. Every abortion also kills part of the mother like few other things could.

Those who serve the "Prince of life" will love life. They will esteem honor and protect it, even at the risk of their own lives, just as our Savior gave His life so we could live. The Reformation that released the great increase of knowledge that we are now experiencing (see Acts 3:15), began on the foundational principle that salvation was individual, not corporate, and that there had to be personal faith, not just membership in an institution, to be saved. This gave infinite and eternal value to every individual, regardless of what condition their body was in, because they had a soul that could live forever. This was the foundational belief that gave birth to democracy and free enterprise. For the last five centuries, if you look at where freedom and true, lasting, prosperity spread, it was where these great Reformation truths were spread.

As II Corinthians 3:17 declares, "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Freedom is a basic characteristic of anything that God is truly in. The most basic freedom of all is the freedom to live. One of the devil's ultimate strategies is to take our lives away. To do this, one of his most basic strategies is to take our freedom away so he can give the power of life and death to his followers who are under his control. We will address this issue in more detail in the coming weeks, but for now we must set in our hearts that death is an ultimate enemy, and to love, esteem, and protect life is a fundamental characteristic of Christianity.
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Wisdom
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The very first test of Solomon's wisdom concerned the respect for life. This is the fundamental test of all true wisdom. Life, in itself, is the ultimate gift, and is greater than any treasure. This is why the right to life, and euthanasia issues are so crucial. Once doctors who have sworn to protect life, and do all that they can to save life, begin to twist their vows in order to take life, the slide into the most tragic and diabolical forms of injustice has begun. When these begin taking other people's lives at the discretion of those who have set themselves up as judges, deciding who is worthy of life, human beings have been made into automatons, not lives.

The One who gave life is the only one who has this right. Life and death are the ultimate issues, and in the end these are what the ultimate conflict will center around. True wisdom, true righteousness, and justice will always be found with those who esteem life itself as too precious to ever take needlessly.

So how does this relate to the death penalty? First, to adequately address that issue would take far more room than we have in this Word for the Week format. However, let me state that God, when He established His law, the standard of righteousness and justice, also established a death penalty. He alone has this right, and He thought that it was right in some circumstances. Jesus, who established the even higher law of liberty, also established that He was willing to forgive at least some who were deserving of death under the law.

So what is my conclusion? This is still an issue that needs Solomon's wisdom to decide, and I feel that every case must be decided on its own merit. I think that those who conclude, on the basis of a humanistic philosophy of human goodness, would be the first to also turn their backs on "the useless eaters" and let them be killed. Human goodness based on humanistic philosophies is that whimsical, and that irrational.

I am personally very thankful for the American system of justice which so esteems the taking of a life that it has the involved, exhaustive appeal process which does all it can to insure that any execution is indeed just. When I watched the Timothy McVeigh execution, the unrepentant Oklahoma City bomber who had himself murdered so many innocent lives, I confess to still feeling sorrow at his death. However, that does not mean it was not just, or the right thing to do.

I think if any judge who has the power to decide such an issue loses his or her sense of sorrow over a life so taken, they should resign their position. Doing even the right and just thing to someone who truly deserves it does not mean that we still should not feel sorrow at any life lost. The Lord Himself said in **Ezekiel 33:11, "As I live!' declares the Lord God, 'I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live."**

I personally do not want to lose the sensitivity where I would take pleasure in the death of anyone. I have prayed for the souls of Saddam Hussein and Osama ben Laden, for years. I pray that they will be converted and trust in the cross of Jesus for their salvation, and be with us in eternity. Would that not be the ultimate victory of good over evil?

If I was the Commander in Chief, and had the opportunity to take out any terrorist who was threatening innocent lives, I would do so without having to think about it. It is the mandate of those who are in positions of civil authority, according to **Romans 13:4, "... for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil."**

As the apostle made clear, it is the responsibility of civil authority to avenge evil. I am thankful for a government that is trying to do this. However, I am not in civil authority, and my responsibility is for souls. To understand the will of God on earth, we must understand this distinction between the responsibilities of civil and spiritual authority. They are different. A civil government that did not avenge evil would be rebelling against its mandate. The church would be rebelling if it did. We need to give to Caesar what is due to Caesar, and to God what is due to Him.

We must also understand this distinction between civil and spiritual governments if we are going to understand the times. In Romans 13 we are told to obey all authority because it has all been given by God. Does that mean we should have obeyed the Nazis? How about the antichrist? These are valid questions, and we will address them. These are issues that we may very soon be facing, and the wise will have resolved them before they are upon us.
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House Of Nations

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All of a sudden, what I kept seeing was these tents. God mentioned the tent. God mentioned...**and I'm just going to start moving in this, and as I'm giving the word, if you feel like part of this is for you then you catch it too. In other words, there is always impartation when the prophetic is moving.** He started off immediately; what I saw up in Canada was a tent. And the Lord said, "Tent of glory! Tent of meeting! Tabernacling! Tabernacling! Tabernacling!"

He says, "I am going to tabernacle. I am going to tabernacle."

What I saw was this tent of glory! Tent of glory! Tent of glory! And I kept seeing like a tent city. I kept seeing a warehouse over this tent and this warehouse had body parts in it. This warehouse had body parts! It was body parts of the miraculous! Body parts of the miraculous! What I kept seeing was new hearts coming down. I kept seeing new hearts coming down. I kept seeing new legs coming down. The Lord says that you are even going to be seeing crippling diseases being healed. He says, "I am going to open blind eyes. I am going to open deaf ears. I am going to deal with MS. I am going to deal with insanities."

Profound New Visitations

I just kept seeing from a warehouse a miraculous place and the Lord says, "It's going to be like Moses."

And what I kept getting was Moses...and it's Exodus 19. I felt like the Lord said that many of you are going to be going into heaven on the sapphire sea and eating with the Lord. And many of your places are going to be places of visitation. It's going to be a place of heaven touching earth. It's not only going to be the miraculous. In Exodus it talks about how a company of them, how 70 of them went up to the Sapphire Sea and they ate with Him. I just feel God is going to bring an anointing of coming into places of heavenly dimensions, heavenly visitations, and eating with Him.

But I also feel like the Lord said, "Get ready! I'm going to release profound new kinds of visitations! I am going to take you into that smoky, black realm of God."

What I kept seeing is the fear of the Lord! What I kept seeing was the holiness of God. I saw a lot of fun. I saw this place of real family and intimacy. But I felt like the Lord said, "Is that a priest? Is that a priest?" You are going to be releasing mantles of ones that will minister to the Lord...but minister to the people and come with the sword of the Lord. And again, I saw the Hebrews 4:12 [anointing]: **"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword..."**

A New Breed of 'Apostolic Five-Folders'

What I kept seeing was this warehouse, this warehouse of miracles. But then what I kept seeing was radical realms of visitation. What I kept seeing was also a releasing, where it's almost like the Lord says, "You are going to go back and uncap ancient wells of tent revivals." Tent revivals.

What I saw was *The Voice of Healing*. What I saw was this magazine of *The Voice of Healing*. "But," the Lord said, "it's going to be different." It's not just going to be faces of ten or eleven men. What I saw was a young...not young...the Lord corrected me on that. **But the Lord said, "New breed of apostolic five-folders."** What I saw was tent meetings.

Face-to-Face Encounters with God

And the other thing I kept seeing was circuit riders. I felt like the Lord is going to [set apart] a group of men and women and they are going to catch the fire and they are going to go into beachheads; they are going to set up tents out on fields. People are going to come because there is going to be so much healing; it's going to be like the old time healing days. It is

going to be sparked.

The Lord says, "It's going to be like Aimee Semple McPherson"; she was a Canadian and it's going to be part of the Canadian root system of radical signs and wonders. So I just kept getting, "Glory, a city of glory." I kept getting that the tent meetings were going to have an open heaven. It was going to be Exodus 19 and it was going into this thing of face-to-face, secret place, intimacy, harvest, radical harvest, signs and wonders, souls. But I also got this intimacy of the secret place, of hearing the voice, and face-to-face encounters with God.

"I Am Going to Give you Revelation...to Break Open"

He says, "There has come a religious professionalism to the conference scene." I just feel like you are going to be breaking, breaking an old kind of conference thing - this professionalism of the speakers. It's going to be more like Tent City. A lot of unknown faces, unknown people. Young, old, women, men, different colors are going to be preaching - signs and wonders. There is going to be an anointing. I just kept feeling like the Lord says, "Get ready!"

And there is going to be a sound. There is going to be an angel now. There is going to be an angel that is going to stand over the tent and there is going to be a trumpet and there is going to be a sound of trumpets. I feel like the Lord says, "I am going to give you revelation from the counsels of God to break open mysteries, to break open seals, to break open things that are over." It's like you are going to have an understanding of the Word and the Spirit. But I see that angels are going to be releasing a sound and people are going to say, "I don't just want to go to that conference, I want to go where there are tent meetings that are emerging all over the nations." There is going to be a catalytic spark. He is going to start to birth it. But it's going to start to become a new kind of thing where people are going to want to come and sit in the dirt.

The "Tent of Meeting" Anointing

You see, in the old days they couldn't come in a plane. They would get snowed in. They would have to camp out. Whole villages would get saved. Whole towns would get saved. I just feel like we are going to start moving in a thing where it's much more home grown, much more real, much more "the feel of the nations." I tell you this prophetically. I feel like many of you will also take jumps and start renting tents. Let's give the Lord a clap offering.

I got this yesterday morning. But I kept feeling like the Lord said, "New breed." Different ages. And when I saw *The Voice of Healing* (magazine) and I saw all men on it. The Lord says, "No, that will offend My heart. I want to kill the Old Boys Club. I want family. I want fathers and mothers, all ages, all colors. I want those that carry the weight of heaven." Because Holy Spirit is the great equalizer. Holy Spirit is the one. And, do you have the goods? Do you have heaven backing you up?

The Lord says, "There is a new anointing, and its tabernacling." It's an anointing of the "Tent of the Meeting." It's an anointing of Houses of Prayer on the move. It's almost like, what I thought was movement, like wheels moving with the glory. It's going to be wheels of revelation moving with the glory. It's like a moving throne. It's like a moving place of glory. I feel like the Lord says, "I'm on the move. My glory is on the move. It's going to look very different. I want you to be hungry. But I want you to be ones that go into whole communities."

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Hedge Of Protection

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The grip of terrorism seems unshakeable in our nation. Its effect is everywhere: our airports, our power plants, our schools, our government, our churches, our media outlets. Every few weeks, we watch as another act of atrocity is committed overseas and we wonder: "When will they strike here again?"

We are facing an arena of attack unlike any we have faced before. Our soil, our land, our shield, our hedge, our protection, has been violated. A crack in our armor has been discovered—and the enemy is looking for other cracks, other chinks, to enter through. Sadly, there are plenty of them there—we have committed many sins as a nation.

The hedge of protection that God has placed around us has been removed. All throughout Scripture, God told Israel, "I will protect you. My hand will be upon you. I will push back the enemy who comes to your gates."

But when Israel sinned against God, He was equally clear: "I will remove my protection from you." That's what's happening in America. The protection of the Lord may be lifting.

Here is a profound spiritual principle: the degree that your protection is removed from you is the same degree that sin exists in your life.

September 11, 2001 was a warning call. We can respond in a way that will stop terrorism from ever occurring again in our land. How? All we have to do is repent of our national sin. Before September 11, the FBI says it thwarted more than 100 terrorist attempts to attack our nation. What made September 11 different? God's hedge of protection had been lowered.

In 1993, during the first Gulf War, we had an opportunity to turn back to God, but we didn't. Since that time, four denominations have agreed to bless homosexual marriages and ordain homosexual pastors. Since that time, more babies have been aborted. Since that time, adultery has run rampant. Since that time, our justice system has continued to treat the wealthy and famous differently than it treats the poor. The Ten Commandments have been removed from our courthouses. Since that time, we have had a president who was impeached for lying (but not removed from office) and become famous for an adulterous affair; we honored him as our leader.

As I go before the Lord on these issues, one Scripture rings continually in my ears "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land," God says in 2 Chronicles 7:14.

The great thing about repentance is that it heals the cracks in our armor. The key to stopping future terrorism on our soil is repentance. I'm not talking about repentance for a day, but true, godly sorrow for ungodly beliefs. True repentance produces change. This is the call on our lives; this is the call on our nation.

God can—and will—restore the hedge of protection around the United States if we repent. We need God to pour out the spirit of intercession upon His Church. We need to ask for the Holy Spirit to pour out the conviction of sin. It's my prayer that God will double the size of our nation's intercessory groups, gathering hundreds and thousands to earnestly pray and repent. We must be convicted of our sin.

God wants to give us a warring spirit to provoke us to never stop fighting the good fight. He wants a people who will walk through the cities of America and ask God to move in them. There are many ways in which terrorists could be successful in their attacks on our soil, but God is blinding their eyes.

If we cry out, and we repent, everything will change. The scourge of terrorism will be broken. Will you bend your knees and cry out to God in repentance? Will you humble yourself and seek His face? Will you turn away from the things that grieve God's heart? If you do, He promises to heal our land. What are you waiting for?

If we do not recognize our growing irreverence for God, this nation's hedge of protection will continue to weaken, terrorist attacks will occur, and many lives will be lost, because sin separates us from God's presence.

Hedge Of Protection Is Being Removed
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ISA 5:5 Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.

(I asked the Lord to tell me more about the coastline regions and the dangers that they might face in the near future. This is what He told me. I sought more answers and information based upon the word that He had given to me on Jun 17, 2004. I do not relish sending forth messages like this, but I believe that I am to be obedient to warn you.)

"The coastlines are far from Me and my desires. All who live in large metropolitan cities will be targeted soon. Remain in Me and I will remain in you. The branch cannot survive unless it is rooted into the tree. Many of you are far from Me. Because of your great sins and wayward ways, these things are coming. If I speak to you concerning your safety, then you should move. "

(The Lord showed me a picture of the state of California. I looked at it as if it were a 3-D layer of ground with its boundaries. I saw it waver from side to side and rock back and forth. I then saw ocean waves begin to spill over onto it as it rocked back and forth. It sank and then seemed to come back up again.)

(I then saw bomber planes drop bombs below onto the ground. Concentric circles, or waves, came forth then from this action below. I saw what looked like an arm or hand coming out of the water. Someone or others, were attempting to rescue or grab this arm out of the water. Eventually it came out and what I saw was the Statue of Liberty. It had evidently been hit and now people were attempting to help erect it again.)

"I tell you that many of the freedoms that America once had, will be lost. You were once a land of liberty and promise, but I tell you that you are far from Me. You think that you will always be safe and that the wall of protection is round about you. You are wrong. Are you safe from danger when you are far from Me? Have you gone to your prayer chambers and prayed about these things? I tell you that I have warned, and warned, and warned you. A foreign power will enter into your borders; and yet, I will protect my people, says the Lord. "

(This vision/word finished with one more scene. I saw the land of America from the air, and it had a net of some sort that had been placed on top of it. Now, I saw a great hand reach down and take this net that once had been secured on top of America and was now, taking it off. It had been pinned down in all directions, and had been safely fastened to the ground around it. I watched this great hand take the entire net and ropes that held it into place, and toss it away. I sensed that now the hedge of protection that had for many years, been safe upon our nation, was now being removed.)

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Be Joined To My Head So That Will Function As You Should
Stephen Hanson

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[18] And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. Col. 1

1CO 12:14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. [15] If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. [16] And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. [17] If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? [18] But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. [19] If they were all one part, where would the body be? [20] As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

"There are many ministries around that think that they know Me and that they serve Me, but I tell you that they are building their own kingdom. They have put so much emphasis upon the eye or the foot, or the hand, that they have neglected the head. Can a body function without its head? There would be no hand or foot or eye, if this were so. I tell that some will step down in this hour because of these things."

(The Lord showed me a picture of a man who was upon a horse. However, he was very much like the "headless
horseman" that you read about in classic literature. Then in the midst of this, coming down from the sky was a
beautiful golden crown and a gold sword that shimmered as it approached me. As I watched this, they slowly
came and were laid upon the ground.)

The Lord then said:

"I gave up these things so that I might be joined with the Father. I forsaked an earthly kingdom for a heavenly one.
Then my kingdom became one which is everlasting. My spirit is being poured out more and more; but I will not
tolerate parts of my body elevating themselves above my head as they have. Be joined to my head so that you will function as you should. "

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Horns of Righteousness and Horns of Deception

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Revelation 13:11

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Endowed with power from above
His life revealed the strength of God’s love
Innocent as a Lamb
Unclean spirits fled at His command
Lives were healed and changed
With the touch of His hand.
Jesus the Christ
The resurrection, the life
Testified to the power of God’s love.

When bestowed with power from above
A man walks influenced by God’s love
Through the faithfulness of the Son
Man gained entrance
Unto God’s holy throne
So he may understand
The purpose of the Holy Lamb.
Jesus the Christ
The resurrection, the life
Released, through the Spirit, God’s love.

A man led of the living God
Will understand the might of His love
He will not profane God’s Holy name
By seeking his own glory and fame
What was revealed by the Light
Will burn in desire and ignite
Love in others toward the Lord above.
Jesus the Christ
The resurrection, the life
Reveals to man’s heart the power of God’s
Eternal love.

> *“And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.” Revelation 13:11*
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> *“I said unto the fools, deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, lift not up the horn: lift not up your horn on high: speak not with a stiff neck. For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another. For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them. But I will declare forever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.” Psalm 75:4-10*

God’s faithful Son, the Holy Lamb who was without spot or blemish, looked upon the cross, with a heart filled with compassion, with a heart that beat with the Father’s love. It was the Father’s love that compelled the Son, to walk His predestined course. It was the Father’s abundant love, which moved in power upon the Son’s heart, so that His focus was united with the Father’s desire to see that the captives were set free. Prisoners, who could not perceive their own captivity, because great darkness covered the earth, so that the hearts of many men became hardened to the goodness of the Lord of all creation.

There is no greater love that man will ever hope to comprehend, than in understanding God’s purpose in allowing the innocent, precious blood of the Lamb to be shed upon the cross. Strength, revelation, purpose, salvation, redemption, prophetic proclamation, awaits the man who gains insight into the purpose of the cross and is released from his captivity to the darkness. As the eyes of a man’s heart begin to perceive the message that God has spoken to mankind through the cross, man’s thoughts and desires will be influenced by the power, mercy, and longsuffering of God’s love. It is God’s holy love that will strengthen the heart and mind of a man, so that he is able to stand with his faith firmly established in God. He will gain strength to stand firmly positioned on God’s foundation of truth, so that no matter what words of deception are heard calling from out the darkness, he will not be moved.

Behold, those who seek after righteousness and truth, “the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” has made a way of escape from out of the darkness, so that man is able to perceive the mysteries that exist within God’s eternal kingdom. Through the redemptive blood that the Holy Lamb shed upon the cross, the way prepared, was brought to pass, so that sin and death would no longer have any claim to a man’s life. Through the blood shed upon the cross, the Father’s divine plan of redemption was established upon the earth. Man will begin to understand the riches that exist within God’s kingdom of eternal light, power and authority, as they awaken to the understanding that their souls have been redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb.

Through Jesus Christ, the Holy Lamb, God visited the earth and redeemed man’s soul from the grave. Love is the power that sent the Lamb to the earth, love is the power that kept Jesus Christ upon His predestined path, and love is the power that raised the Son from the grave. And it is God’s love that was released upon the earth, in a great outpouring on the day of Pentecost, so that man could become partakers of God’s holiness. Now, whosoever believes within his heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Holy Lamb of God, is welcomed to partake of God’s Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit, which reveals God’s divine love toward man, was released upon the earth, enabling men to understand God’s longsuffering, mercy and compassion toward them. God’s love is shed abroad within a man’s heart, so that man is empowered to walk as Jesus Christ walked upon the earth. The Holy Spirit, God’s holy, divine love, provides man with evidence of God’s power and righteousness. It is God’s Spirit released into a man’s life that will deal with his old nature, which was influenced, formed and fashioned, by the darkness. It is God’s supernatural love that will transform thoughts and desires perverted by the darkness, so that man is able to walk renewed, restored according to God’s divine purpose for man, and able to love with a love that is aligned with the Light.

> *“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began.” Luke 1:68-70*

All praise, honor, and glory unto the Lord of our salvation, who is able to force loose the hand of deception, so that man may escape from out of the clutches and control of the enemy of his soul. The enemy of God, whose nature of death and destruction is aligned with the plans and purposes of darkness, continues to pervert the revelation of God’s mercy toward man. God has declared that Jesus Christ, the Holy Unblemished Lamb, is the horn, the strength of our salvation. It is through Jesus Christ that the Spirit is given, so that power and strength is obtained to push aside the hand of the deceiver, whose voice has held a firm grip upon man’s thoughts and opinions. The hand of deception that has held man in bondage to the realm of unbelief, where faith is quenched and love grows cold, will be pushed aside through the power of God's divine love, received through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Lamb, the faithful Shepherd over God's flock, "will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick." God's love, which contains all the elements of God's power and authority, purpose and plans for man, held Jesus Christ upon His predestined course. This same love has now been made available to mankind, through the Holy Spirit. As man calls upon the name of Jesus Christ, God will be faithful to release His healing waters of restoration, the flowing, living presence of the Holy Spirit, into a man's life, so that man's soul is quieted, able to rest in the comforting arms of God's love. Those who have partaken of God's Holy Spirit, who have been redeemed from the grave, will be renewed in their understanding, able to perceive that Jesus Christ has provided their salvation from out of darkness.

Those born again of the seed of righteousness understand that Jesus Christ, "the horn of our salvation," was endowed with divine power, by the Father of all creation. And that it is this same power at work within their lives, which is conforming their thoughts and desires to that of the nature of the Holy Lord. God's love flowing through their lives has and will continue, to provide power to overcome thoughts of condemnation, covetness, doubt, hatred and lust. Because Jesus Christ is the horn of their salvation, their strength and power to walk wholly devoted to the Lord, they will not desire to profane God's holy name by taking any praise to themselves. Those changed by the power of the Holy Sprit will give all honor and glory to God alone for the transforming work that He has done in their lives, and in the lives of others.

> *"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon." Revelation 13:11*

The "beast" who rises up from the sea of mankind's unrepentant, self-focused existence, has not been baptized into the healing, life transforming waters of God's Holiness. He has not partaken of the living waters, his focus is earthly, carnal, his heart and mind have not been changed according to God's nature of divine, holy love. The beast's power and authority has not been established upon the foundational truths that Jesus Christ has established, but upon the sifting, ever changing sands of deception that the dragon, Satan, uses to uphold his doctrine of self-centeredness.

Because God's finger of righteousness has not written upon the tablets of the beast's heart His Holy commandments, he will not have experienced a transformation of thought and emotion. God has not become his first love. Unselfish, holy, brotherly love is not an experience that is established within his life. Because the beast that speaks like a dragon has not been convicted of his need to live in holy obedience to the Lord, he finds it natural to take the glory, which belongs to God, unto himself. He finds it natural to desire that others give praise unto his gifts and talents, his thoughts, and ideas. Because the Holy Spirit has not been given access to reign and rule upon his desires, his lust perceives no boundaries, so that what he sees with his natural eyes become the desire that guide his heart.

The beast who proclaims that his power and authority comes from God, who reports that he speaks for the Lamb, Jesus Christ, may deceive man; but God is never deceived. God looks upon this man, and proclaims that he does not speak the mind and will of Jesus Christ, but of the dragon. The beast may claim authority according to his interpretation of the Word of God; but God declares, I do not know him. The beast may have learned to speak great, swelling words so that he is able to influence the thoughts and emotions of men, and take them captive to his desires; but God continues to declare that the words spoken by the beast will not lead men into freedom. The words spoken by the beast will continue to hold man in captivity to ideas and understandings that Jesus Christ desires to set men free from.

> *"And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, thus saith the Lord, with these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have consumed them." 1 Kings 22:11*

Zedekiah the son of Chenannah made horns of iron for the king of Israel, King Ahab. As the horns made by the hands of a Zedekiah were lifted up before the king, Zedekiah prophesied that King Ahab would gain victory over those who opposed him. But Zedekiah was a false prophet, who spoke words influenced by a lying spirit. Yet, the King of Israel received Zedekiah's lies as truth, his lying words catered to the Kings desires. Other prophets, who stood before King Ahab would herald Zedekiah's false words of victory as truth. Other prophets, influenced by a lying spirit, would join Zedekiah in his proclamation that King Ahab was assured victory on the battlefield.

Yet, when a devoted prophet of God, Micaiah, bore witness to the truth of what God had revealed to him, he would be rejected, imprisoned and fed the bread of affliction and the water of affliction. Micaiah belonged to the Lord; his reputation before the King of Israel was not his first priority. His devotion was to God, so no matter what suffering he might encounter from the hand of King Ahab, he would speak only what God revealed to him. Micaiah, contrary to the words spoken by the prophets who fashioned horns of iron, proclaimed there would be no victory for King Ahab in battle. Micaiah proclaimed that he saw, "all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd."

The King, who was presented with iron horns fashioned by the hands of a man who sought to please his desires, loved a lie over the truth, and would not gain victory on the battlefield for the children of Israel. Just as the beast who rises from the sea, his emotions influenced by the carnal, earthly nature, wears his two horns, fashioned by the hands and ideas of man, will not gain eternal victory, salvation from the darkness, so it is for those who would listen to his words of self-focused deception. The beast may proclaim that God goes with him, and that his authority is of God, but the words he speaks mirror his own selfish desires. The words he speaks reflect the nature of the dragon, who feels no remorse as men lie dying upon the battlefield.

Yet, God, in His infinite mercy, looks upon the sheep that "have not a shepherd", and continues to send out His true servants, proclaiming there is victory to be found. God's holy servants, who live in obedience to God, will speak words of truth, which proclaim that salvation is not obtained through the might of men who wear "iron horns." Men who speak words of deception, promise victory, but they are not able to deliver, because their strength lies with man, and not with God.

The Holy Lord will continue to send out His servants, who will declare victory is not to be gained by looking to men who love the praises of others, and who live according to the selfishness of pride. Man may be deceived by those who wear "iron horns", men who proclaim victory will be gained for those who continue to follow their lead into battle. But God will not be mocked. God is able to reveal the truth to His scattered, lost flock, that salvation, freedom from the darkness, is found only in turning to the Son, trusting Him, and submitting themselves unto God's righteousness.

The horn of our salvation, Jesus Christ, is the holy, obedient Shepherd who drank from the cup of suffering. He was obedient unto the will of the Father. And He was afflicted for man's sake. The Holy Son of God bore man's sins upon the cross, so that man would be able to drink from the cup of baptism, and partake of God's Holy Spirit, able to bear witness to the power of God's great love. Through the sanctifying presence of God's Spirit moving upon man's heart and mind, the inside of the "cup", a man's vessel, is made clean, ready for the Master's use.

Yet, the beast who rises up from the sea, whose nature is earthly, carnal, wears horns that represent his own self-focused thoughts and ideas of what relationship with God should be like, works to make the outside of the cup clean, but in prideful ignorance forsakes the inside. Because he has not partaken of the cup of baptism, the Holy Spirit, he does not understand that the inside of the cup, man's vessel, is full of what he has partaken of; that is, the dross that was wrung out of the mixture held within the Lord's cup.

Jesus proclaimed that "the disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord." Jesus also spoke that, "it is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord." For a man to take it upon himself, and fashion horns of power and authority so that men will bow in honor of his superior talents and abilities, is to behave as if he is greater than the Master, wiser than the Master, above the Master, in many ways. His pride has blinded him to the truth of submitting in humility unto the Lord.

If a man continues to walk according to his own preconceived ideas of what Christian authority represents, seeking his own way, and not God's, he will needlessly bring destruction upon himself. His pride will cause blinders to be put upon the eyes of his heart, so that he is hindered from seeing God's hand of mercy. In seeking his own way, lying spirits will influence the thoughts he thinks, and the words he speaks. He will walk in delusion, proclaiming he speaks with God's authority, but in truth speaking words that reflect the nature of the dragon. In this, he will find that peace escapes him. Unless he repents and calls upon Jesus with a sincere and humble heart, with a desire to serve God and those to whom God calls him, there will be no release from thoughts that belong buried in the grave.

When man understands, through the leading of the Holy Spirit, that Jesus Christ is the horn of his salvation, the only true source of strength and power that is able to save man from thoughts and desires that belong in the grave, then will his heart humbly seek to live in obedience to the nature of the Living God. Deception will flee as the Spirit begins to reveal even greater truth to the power that lies behind God's love. When man receives revelation to the nature of Jesus Christ, the words that fill his mouth, will seek to give all honor unto the Father for His abundant, holy love that has been released upon the earth.

> *"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words, which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."*
> *1 Corinthians 2:12-14*

Heart of Stone Heart of Flesh

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Heart Of Stone - Heart Of Flesh

So often we hear the same old words of doubt concerning the love of God. So many people confess their fears and lack of trust in God's ability to love them. They think that they have to deserve His love by being good and doing their best, otherwise God would not love them.

They don't understand that God's love is unconditional, and is not based on their love for Him, or lack of it. God is love ... His very nature is love, and He loves us no matter what ... That's why He sent His only Son - "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son ..." John 3:16

He sent Jesus for that reason ... because He loved us ... as bad as we were, as cold and heartless, full of sin and ugliness, yet He loved us. He does not place any condition on His love, our goodness is not prerequisite for it. His love is free and is not bound by any rules and regulations.

He desires for us to love Him back ... But if we don't, He still reaches out to us through the darkness of our lives. His love cuts through the web of lies, and through all the barriers we have erected ...

God loves His creation ... He loves people ... God hates sin, but He loves humanity. He has made provision for every single person in this world to get to know Him, to partake of His goodness, to enjoy the benefits of His Kingdom, long before we loved Him.

True love loves beyond any reason ... True love doesn't depend on responses to that love, but continues to love with the passion and compassion, with understanding, and it is the gift that keeps on giving throughout the lifetime, into the eternity.

And once our eyes are opened to the wonders of such love, it is hard to resist it, and turn away from it. But, as we receive it in our hearts, may we not be selfish to keep it for ourselves, but allow it to change us, and transform us into the love itself, so it can be multiplied and spread throughout this cold, heartless world.

People need to see the love of God in action ... That love needs to become alive, needs to take the form of the flesh once again, and walk this earth, selflessly giving, sharing and feeding, so the cold, stony hearts of men would be touched by the warmth and transforming power of that love, and become the hearts of flesh, being able to give back to God the kind of love that loves forever.

God gave the body to His love in the person of Jesus - He touched all around Him, doing good wherever He went ...

But, Jesus is the Firstborn among many brethren! We too have the same ability to love unconditionally, to give and do good, to love with the same kind of love we have received, so that the world may know that GOD LOVES THEM.

We need to shine the light of that love into their darkness ... For how will they know if they are not told, how will they see if they are blind ... how will they follow if there is no leader?

It is time to set the captives free, to give from the Bread of Life and feed the multitudes, to dig wells in the deserts, and allow the rivers to water the parched ground of the earth. This humanity are earthly vessels, dry and cracked, and it is time for RESTORATION of all things unto our God!

Winds of the Holy Spirit, blow upon us and spread us around, to touch untouchable, to love unlovable, to proclaim the goodness of our God, and His Good Will toward every man ... (2 Pet. 3:9)

Love is calling in the streets ... CAN YOU HEAR HIS VOICE???

1 Cor. 13:4-8a

God's DNA
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If there is one thing that we can learn by being around God, it would be that He doesn't do anything just for the sake of doing it. He has a PURPOSE for everything. His nature is not impulsive. I just have a very hard time perceiving God as the one that has to fix His mistakes. Presented that way it shows imperfection in God, but we know that God is perfect.

So than, what can we say about the sin? Did God make mistake by creating the man, and by that condemning him to the life of pain and suffering? Did God make mistake by creating the angels, whose one third has turned against Him? Did God know what would happen? Could He who is perfect create something so imperfect? Did He leave all to the chance and circumstances, or was there some greater plan, some purpose that is clearly eluding our human mind?

God is the spirit, He is all knowing and all powerful ... To understand Him, we need to get deep into deepest parts of our being, and allow our spirit to commune with the Eternal One, so we can find the answers to these valid questions, that are essential to our existence.

There is a purpose to everything that God does. He is the God of purpose. This purpose is written on the every page of the Bible - we have examples of people that have followed God, and we can see their clearly defined destiny and purpose, etched within the very fiber of their being.

When God would say or do something, there was always the reason behind it. We quote the scriptures and sing songs about His greatness and power, yet with our words and our lives we have reduced Him to the individual who has to fight this ages long war against evil. We have made Him weak and small, we have forgotten who God really is.

He is The God! In the Beginning there was only God. He is the God that has created everything! He created the universe and the stars, He created the earth and all the planets ... He is all in all, and everything came out of Him. From His spoken Word whole creation came into being.

Did God know that man was going to sin? Did God know that Lucifer was going to rebel? We have a definite YES to all of it. Revelation 13:8 speaks of God's infinite knowledge and His provision: THE LAMB WAS SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

God knew what was going to happen. He knew all of the rebellion and sin that will corrupt and destroy the perfection of His creation, yet He went ahead and did it anyway. And I have to wonder WHY!

We take for granted all of His love, we go after the gifts and His callings, we dream of His Kingdom and the Heaven, we are in the love with the Bridegroom, yet do not understand His ways, we do not comprehend the full truth and the nature of His heart.

There are mysteries that are hidden, and they are about to be revealed - for the time is drawing near and is upon us!

I can see the Garden, in the beginning ... God coming down in the cool of the day, to walk and talk with Adam. Desire for fellowship means not liking the loneliness, it means sharing your life with somebody else, sharing your dreams, your plans ...

God has created perfect world ... So why than was sin introduced? Was it just a chance? Why did satan had to meet a man? With all the planets available in the whole universe, couldn't have he been cast out to some other planet in some other distant galaxy, far away from the man?

Or was there a plan for the two of them to meet? Certainly, God has the ultimate power and control over everything. Nothing depends on the mere chance, but is created and orchestrated with a purpose, by Him alone.

If God created everything, which He did, the man too is just a creation, made out of dust. What gave him life was the very breath of God. But still, he is just a creation. He still is not a family. What defines the family is the same DNA they all carry, the genes from the parents ... Man, being just a creation, didn't have God's DNA - therefore he wasn't part of the Family.

So what if, before all the creation, God had a plan to have a Family. That's why the BLOOD had to be spilled, and the sin had to be introduced ... So that the earthly, carnal man (creation) could die, and be reborn (born again) by the blood of Jesus, the Son of God, and through that New Birth come into God's Family.

Through the New Birth we get new DNA, God's DNA, which is incorruptible, perfect DNA. That is why God can say to us: BE YE HOLY AS I AM HOLY! He wouldn't say it if it wasn't possible. Holiness is His nature, and as His children we inherit that same nature, same DNA. Jesus was the firstborn among many brethren. He became the way!

Once again I want to emphasize that God never does anything just for the sake of doing it. He has a purpose for everything. He is purpose driven, and there is no chance or coincidence in Him.

Are we just a mere men that work, toil and fight throughout this human life, just hopping to make it until we get to heaven, when all our problems will disappear, and we can live forever more on the "streets of gold"?

Or, are we the true children of the Most High God, made for greatness, having intimate relationship and knowledge of our Father, understanding His purpose and walking in the wisdom, bearing the fruit and ushering the Kingdom, spreading the Good News, being the true witnesses to His greatness.

So, do we believe the traditions of men, that are without the power of God, and do not really bring men out into the sphere of heaven, but are leaving him to toil in the dust of the earth?

Or do we knock and it shall be opened, do we ask and it shall be given to us ... Do we seek and we shall find?

Can we finally become the true witnesses to the greatness of our God, so that the whole earth could be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord?

Jasminka

Hold On To My Promises

Milt Ortiz

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My people of Zion, hold fast to the promises which I have bestowed upon you through My Word and through the mouths of My prophets. For these are not empty words spoken in vain, but the voicing and revealing of My plan for your life for the purpose of giving you vision and renewing your hope and faith in what I am going to do and that I am capable of doing it. Heaven is rejoicing even as My sons and daughters of thunder proceed forth with the call and anointing of God on their lives. Remember to keep praises in your mouth and stay pliable to My work in you, for I am preparing you for glorious days, says the Lord.

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Hijacked On The Way
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Much of the church is on the move from one place to another - from institutional and highly structured to a less structured, less formal, Spirit led, more intimate experience with God. Small intimate groups of church are forming. Many based in homes or businesses.

A transient condition has developed much like the pioneers and explorers of new lands in centuries past. Small groups of pilgrims or explorers would break off from the safety of their imperfect homeland in search of something better. The small groups in transit became vulnerable to hijackers who plundered them and stole their valuables and supplies. Pirates at sea and raiding parties on land were a risk that they took in their attempt to reach a better place.

There is no doubt that God is bringing about the massive changes in the landscape of church. There is also no doubt that the enemy seeks to corrupt the work of God and prevent people from making a safe and successful move to the new place. There are principalities, powers, and spiritual wickedness that are seeking to hijack the small groups and take control of the people to divert them from the plan of God. (Eph 6:12)

The hijacker may approach as a friend of God, even a minister of light and then after gaining confidence, begin to release strong spirits of deception and an altered focus for the group. The deception and improper focus may range from a focus on "worldly carnal living" to a focus on "hyper spirituality". Once the group is off the intended road they become isolated. They are cut off from other parts of the body and become easy prey for controlling deceptive spirits to take over and lead them toward disorder and eventually destruction.

A deceptive spirit is a cruel task master and may come in the appearance of truth and light but eventually turns toward the darkness of criticism, judgmental attitudes and fear. The deception of carnal living and "hyper spirituality" may both be operating in the same group at the same time or either one may be the dominant attack on a group. The cruelty of the deceptive spirit is that the people cannot see they are deceived and believe they are spot on. Usually, not until strong negative consequences occur will the person begin to reexamine their life and beliefs.

If the attack on the group is toward a focus on carnal living, a spirit masquerading as "freedom" will lead them toward partaking of the fulfillment of perversions of natural appetites and pleasures. Younger people are sometimes particularly vulnerable to this diversion of focus but all ages can be deceived. There will be tolerance for carnal pleasures and worldly ways with little or no discernment of the spirits behind the activity. While the people may be led to think they are only throwing off the "old restraints of religion" they are truly being diverted from the ways of God onto a side road leading to disorder and destruction.

If the attack on the group is "hyper spirituality" there are some warning signs to look for. There will be a sense of superior "pure" revelation or understanding of Scripture above and beyond what others see. There will be elitism with a sense of superiority over others in discernment and gifting.

There will be an underlying belief that the leaders and their close followers are the only ones around that have got things really right. Others who have some difference of understanding are often characterized as of the devil and generally blamed for things that go wrong.

There will be strong devotion toward the leader or leaders and those who dare to disagree are ostracized in one way or another. Leaders who could help the group's eyes to be opened are dumped on with the mud of accusation to discredit them with the group and separate them from the people.

There are other characteristics and signs of these deceptive attacks but there is one quality or lack thereof that will always identify the deceived minister of mixture posing as a minister of light. It is not gifting nor revelation nor Bible knowledge but the distinguishing quality is the presence of the pure holy real love of God. Self sacrificing love will never really be present although it may be professed and pretended.

In reality the person does not know the true depth of the love of God. They may think that they know Him but have never really tasted the all consuming love that overcomes the world - the love that brought Jesus to and through the crucifixion - the love that caused Him to become sin for us.

The sweetness of the reality of the holy intimate love of God that changes the harlot to a pure and holy Bride is not really experienced and demonstrated in those who are yet in bondage to deceiving spirits. They will not poses this love and will not be able to see it in others who do have it. They will see others through the filter of their own hearts.

What can we do to assure our group a journey safe from hijackers?

See that the loving presence of God is manifest in our group. If we don't have it go where it is and get it. Allow Jesus to fully heal us of all painful experiences of the past. Love those who have harmed us and love those around us. See that our group stays connected to other groups and several (not just one) of God's loving leaders. Be subject to one another and do not follow any man that does not demonstrate the pure holy self sacrificing love of God. Follow the Jesus in man.

Look for the love - follow the love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
Ron

Church Planted Over The Internet - USA

I recently received an e-mail from a friend on the East coast of the USA who had led someone to Christ over the internet. It turned out that the person lived in Austin, Texas, as do I. My wife Felicity and I met the couple; three short weeks later, they had a new church in their house. Yesterday evening, there were already 12 participants, and we had a fabulous time! For me, that is another example of finding 'people of peace' (see Luke 10) in their home, bringing Christ into their sphere of influence. Similar things are happening all over the nation," says Tony Dale.

Since a regional conference in Raleigh, North Carolina last year, twenty new house churches have formed. It doesn't stop there, though: the new movement has already started thinking about multiplying itself, and is training the next generation of church planters using Tony and Felicity Dale's "Getting Started" material.

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How Many?

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The Lord's heart is sorely grieved over the walk of many of His own - those who profess to KNOW Him in all ways but yet are far from HIM. HE has wept many tears and His heart has been grieved by those who go forth 'In His Name' while seeking their own agendas. So many of us have

been shedding His tears and feeling His pain as we eagerly await His Glory to fill HIS Temples but find His Glory has been staid because of pride, self exaltation and vain self glorification. Although my heart weeps for those "Christian" eyes that are blinded and ears that are stopped, I weep even more for the Lord. HOW MUCH MORE must HIS heart weep for HIS own? HOW MUCH MORE must HE be hurt by the very ones calling Him "Lord, Lord?" HOW MUCH MORE must HE continue to watch those who profess they are His, follow their 'own' self seeking agendas and plans? HOW MUCH MORE until HE stands to HIS feet and says: "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH?"

He has waited so patiently for those of His own who are only partly following Him to "see" for He would have NONE be exempt from HIS GLORY that is descending upon His Faithful and true. He truly has much grace for us .... However, HE will NOT be mocked and HE will NOT be deprived of His Glory Fillling His True Temples and that time is fast upon us. Even in His final crying out to His own, HOW MANY still will not have eyes to see or ears to hear?

HOW MANY still will not see that they do not follow Him in every way? HOW MANY will 'miss' His Visitation, His Glory and all that He has for His true followers? HOW MANY will say "Why didn't I see what I was doing?" HOW MANY will say "Why didn't I see the false doctrines I was spewing forth that had come from within another or from within my own flesh? " HOW MANY will say "Why didn't I see how I have hurt His own Beloved, in the guise of using HIS Name, while trying to elevate myself within the brethren and even within myself?" HOW MANY will say "Why didn't I see that my talk was not a true walk?" HOW MANY will say "Why didn't I see His warnings that I needed to heed before it was too late? HOW MANY will say "Why didn't I see that my time was truly running out for the necessary changes to be made?" HOW MANY will say "Oh Lord, Why didn't I see?"

HE will NOT be robbed and His Glory IS set to descend upon 'His holy temples.' HOW MANY will receive HIS Glory? HOW MANY because of their own self righteousness will watch it pass them by? Beloved, it is time that we stop "Exalting OUR 'Stand' OVER the Blood of Jesus." It is time to stop "Exalting OUR difficulties OVER the Blood of Jesus." It is time to stop "Exalting OUR stubborn and our 'oh so correct theologies' OVER the Blood of Jesus." This is the time for His Glory to inhabit His faithful and true. HOW MANY, HOW MANY will the veil be lifted from their blind eyes and their deaf ears unstopped to hear? HOW MANY?

(A dear sister and a strong sister in the Lord, from S. Africa, had sent me these scriptures the other day which He gave her while her own heart was weeping for HIM and with HIM. Very clearly He is speaking to us, HOW MANY will hear?)

Isa 22:4 Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people Isa 22:5 For *it is* a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains

Mic 3:1 And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; *Is it* not for you to know judgment? Mic 3:2 Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; Mic 3:4 Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings. Mic 3:5 Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err, that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him. mic 3:6 Therefore night *shall be* unto you, that ye shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. Mic 3:7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded: yea, they shall all cover their lips; for *there is* no answer of God.Mic 3:8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin. Mic 3:9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.Mic 3:11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the LORD, and say, *Is* not the LORD among us? none evil can come upon us.

Isa 63:1 Who *is* this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this *that is* glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Isa 63:2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat? Isa 63:3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.Isa 63:4 For the day of vengeance *is* in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

Isa 62:1 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp *that* burneth. Isa 62:2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.Isa 62:3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Isa 62:4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. Isa 62:6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, *which* shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, Isa 62:7 And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.Isa 62:8 The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn *to be* meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured: Isa 62:9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness. Isa 62:10 Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

Isa 62:11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him.

Isa 62:12 And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

I Have Not Failed You
I Will Not Fail You

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So many of My Beloved have been crying out to ME and seeking My face as to the pressures and times you have been going through and you have looked for 'reasons' - but I say to you .... Set your sight upon ME and Rest In Me - do not 'toil' to look for reasons but "rest in My presence."

I have your life and your purpose in My hands. I have the power and the ability to place you in the place I have ordained for you. As I carry you into that higher place, KNOW that I WILL do ALL that I have promised! You have been obedient to My calling and you have been obedient to My work, even with the sands of adversity swirling round about you. Do you think that I would forsake you or abandon you now? Many are swimming in a sea of financial problems ... Many can only see a big debt with no way out. Many are in dire need of a healing... I am a miracle working God do you not think that I have the resources to turn you around? Do not fret over finances for greater will be your testimony of how your God delivers and provides. Believe that I heal now as I always have healed. Everyone will see what your God can do. Your God is greater than the largest debt you can imagine or the greatest of disease and sickness. Your God is greater than ANY problem that is currently besetting you.

Know that I AM close and not far away. Continue to stand on the Words which have been spoken over you. Do not allow the enemy to steal them from you or your hope for I AM your hope, your refuge and your strength. All will be done by MY hand that the I AM shall be glorified. The only thing that you must do is trust in ME as I will perform your miracle and I will do it quickly, for **none of My Own will be ashamed.**

The eyes of your Lord move to and fro, seeking those who would serve Me. Seeking those who would truly follow Me and give ALL to Me. As I sought, I saw you saying ... "Here am I Lord, a vessel empty and ready to be filled with You." I have emptied you still more, cleansing you and filling you with Myself. I have been making you ready. Ready for the work I have called you to do ... a joint heir and servant ready to move into the place I have called you to go.

Rise up and be alert for the very circumstances and opportunities that you seek are presenting themselves, having the potential of bringing GREAT CHANGE into your life. You will never be the same! Seek My face and yield to My plans. Have I forsaken even one of My chosen? No, I have not forsaken even 'one' of My chosen - you have gone through the fire "for Me." I have been purging and making you fit for My chosen vessel and you have not been forsaken or abandoned.

There is a great breaking forth as everything is lining up for "your day", the day for which you are longing. What the enemy has used to attempt to destroy you - I AM using to perform the miracle that will be your testimony. Beloved, I extend to you, MY PEACE, take it - the peace that I have given you as your sign that I AM bringing forth the miracles that you need. Take My Peace, the peace of KNOWING that I have heard each prayer, each cry and each pleading now KNOWING that I AM answering each of your cries for help.

FEAR NOT - that I will not do as I said I would do. FEAR NOT - that I will not meet your every need as I have promised. FEAR NOT, that I will not keep My Word to you. FEAR NOT, My Beloved child, for I AM always with you. Through 'every moment of your life', I AM there with you. I have given you the love and support that you have needed to make it through the most challenging of times and you will always come through 'whole and well.' Where-ever you go, I AM right there with you. Your destiny In Me is at your door and I shall provide every need. -The road ahead may challenge you but you are more than capable of meeting and overcoming any obstacle in your way. If ever you have a doubt - let My wisdom be your guide.

Beloved, I AM a vast God. My vastness so supersedes all that you can imagine. That is why you can't fully comprehend what I AM doing and will continue to do in your life. My ways and thoughts so supersede your thoughts and ways, seeing the beginning from the end and I AM never too late, but always on time. FEAR NOT - My chosen one, for I AM RIGHT ON TIME IN YOUR LIFE. You have been moving into a new realm of the Spirit. You will now see new manifestations of My Spirit. You will have a new understanding in the Spirit in a new and powerful way. I AM your source and you will comprehend Me as your source as never before. I AM your source and your power, it comes from ME, saith the Lord and I AM bringing change into your life. A change that will be seen by those around you. Just as I wrestled with Jacob, you have been wrestling with your God, and I have changed you. As you have said "I will not let go until you bless me", I AM BLESSING YOU! My Word says "IN DUE SEASON", this IS your season and time. You have sowed in faith over the years and your due season is here.

Arise, My child, let no condemnation come against you, for there is no condemnation for those who are in ME! Feel MY FAITH flooding over you NOW!!! I AM coming in 'like a flood' and driving away your enemies and "ALL who have risen against you shall fall to the ground." I will satisfy all of your needs and there shall be no doubt that it is the I AM who is leading you! Faith has opened the door and you shall be far from oppression - you shall have MY heart and My heart is for you and the lost. Do not look to feelings as feelings will lie - look to ME knowing I AM giving ALL for My Beloved. Stand firm on everything that I have already spoken to you, knowing that the I AM ALWAYS fights the battle.

Precious in the sight of your God is My child who puts his trust in ME. You have put your trust In Me, entrusting me with your very life and everything that pertains to your life. You are precious in My sight. Have you trusted in vain? I say No, My child**. I HAVE NOT FAILED YOU AND I WILL NOT FAIL YOU**! You have trusted Me for all and now see ALL come to pass!

His People Are Crying, "Holy!"

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Heaven and earth cry out, "Holy!" And you are crying out, "Holy." You are singing, "Holy." You are praising and worshipping Me as "Holy." Come then, and understand with Me what this means: it means divine order. It means that all the earth, through you, worships Me. It means that My will can be done on earth as it is in heaven because "hallowed is My name." Holy is My name.

Oh, rejoice in this, My beloved, that things are right in heaven and on earth because My people have cried out and are crying out, "Holy!" See--wait, watch and see--what I will do.

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His Pocket Watch
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Received this message on July 20, 2004 from Robert Cummings, Sr., a Prophet and Warrior Priest of YHVH . Robert sent the following: "a Word just now from YHWH -- 'at face value', and 'AND CALLETH THOSE THINGS WHICH BE NOT AS THOUGH THEY WERE'. "

After an inquiry of Abba asking, "What would you have us to understand about these phrases from Your mouth to Your Prophets ears?" This is what YHVH shows and speaks:

What YHVH [God] is showing: HE shows the FACE of a pocket watch with an attached chain being held in the palm of a large hand -- the hand of the skilled watchmaker. HE is smiling and looking at the inner workings of HIS creation; precisely and finely crafted to last forever! HE holds it one way in the light and then tilts it and looks from a different perspective. HE is admiring the pocket watch and its exquisitely harmonious inner workings --- all the while examining as though performing a final visual inspection before allowing it's final release.

What YHVH [God] is saying: "This timepiece is one with many intricacies that only I can fully comprehend and appreciate. I have set my stamp of approval upon this watch(man). When I place my name upon My creation, I AM doing this with great pride and love for all that WE have endured together to come matured to this place and time.

I AM about to place My creation on display with spectacular fanfare, lighting, sound, color, costumes and backdrop.....as a most magnificent opera....a Holy GRAND OPENING for all to see. Many will marvel at this great work that I have done....no man may boast of all that has been accomplished and that shall soon come.

Many surprises for My Remnant Warriors, many wonderful surprises are in store for those who hold true...just a moment more, not much longer, all will come into focus with clarity. My work as a rare museum piece, a grand treasure--many will SEE and be amazed; they will turn from their SIN and bow down before ME in great awe.

I AM the GREAT I AM! I hold INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE of this instrument which I lovingly hold this day in My Mighty Right Hand. This instrument of My making, a beautiful and humble tool for My use and good pleasure. My laborious work has been precious time spent with you....many, many hours have gone into smoothing away rough edges and molding and refining the object of My affection.

YOU, My end-time Remnant Warriors are this proudly displayed timepiece. YOU are My precious ones, My called-out ones, My set-apart ones, My wall's watchmen warriors. You are the markers of time in obedience. YOU are now qualified as my instruments of Spiritual victory, peace and reconciliation to those lost in the quagmire that the enemy has created in this world...soon slotted for redemption. Oh, yes, soon to be redeemed by the only one worthy to loosen the seals of the scrolls, Messiah Yeshua (Jesus Christ).

I AM Your Adonai Elohim, Your YHVH, Your Abba.....I AM faithful and True. I have filled you with my shalom and simcha [My peace and joy!]. O, Prophets -- mine -- pass it on, yes, just pass this peace and joy right on to all in the camp for My name's sake and Glory. Give it away, call it forth in My Body. Watchman Warriors, blow the Shofar in the great assembly, pass it on straight away! This is preparation for the GREAT WAR for ALL souls upon the earth.

"With My eyes, I can see things from a far superior vantage than any man can determine. Man's estimation stops short, and aborts the destinies and honor that I have designed for many. Man elevates man unto places of prominence by criteria not mine. " As they sit high in the sky, puffed up with pride, I shall pull them down," says Elohim Adonai.

"Man's limited ability can view most things in this life at 'face value'. This is not always a flaw, yet, I purpose a much higher level of spiritual sophistication from MY appointed/anointed top level Generals," says Adonai, who is the Commander of the Angel-Armies.

No longer little children, but rather--your task to quietly discern of all that is placed before you. Have you not heard "All that glitters is not gold", and "all that sparkles is not a precious gemstone for the assembling of My crown." Some of the rocks littering Boaz' field may be diamonds in the rough, just waiting for you to redeem them...oh, kinsman redeemer....do your duty!

Prayer warriors and prayer intercessors...CRY OUT TO YHVH for their redemption! Call forth and ask for the reclaiming of billions and billions and billions of souls. Pray, war, intercede!!! I AM calling you to fight--for your warfare is not with flesh and blood but against principalities and powers of the air ... FIGHT!!! Be brave and courageous....no delay! Victory, Victory, Victory!!! Have you not read the end of the book? Victory! Shout, Victory!!!

Man has not my degree of understanding, nor complete knowledge of My ways...you see dimly now and in part...for I AM the creator of ALL. Who hung the moon and the stars and the sun and clouds in the sky? It was I, YHVH....did you have part in creation? Man can only see on the surface and does not discern the essence, or core character of My highly crafted jeweled pieces of usefulness. Man's judgment lacks without MY Ruach haKodesh (My Holy Spirit)and knowing My son Yeshua.

It is I who have conceived, nourished, crafted and with great skill worked to perfection in your lives My Endtime Remnant Warrior Armies. It is Your Abba who has honed to perfection events and circumstances for your good. I AM the Aleph and the Tav. I AM polishing and cleaning for the final time.

SOON My Great Work will be displayed for all to observe. My own, My remant people will cheer! YOU will shout Halleluyah's and dance and sing. For I AM good! MY WORK in each of your lives is good! Now you will be glad and understand....rejoice!!! ALL TIME AND BEYOND IS MINE, AND SO ARE YOU!!!

I tell you My treasures, FOLLOW ME, my last plea...just follow ME!

I AM lowering the glass cover on MY precious work and as it snaps into place for the final time, all of heaven is hushed!!!

My watch(men) Remnant Warriors completed and displayed in splendor; they resonate with mercy, grace, justice and love from My heart, prepared for this last HARVEST in Holiness!!!

Love,
Abba

Consecrate Yourselves
Robert Cummings

Jul 21, 2004 So many not only in the world but in the body of Messiah that are part already of the Great Falling Away and will not make it. ONE crying in the wilderness and shouting from the house tops Truth & Revelation told us in secret commanded to be proclaimed openly letting the chips fall where they may separating even more the goats from the sheep and the wheat from the tares, the Plumbline straight and narrow, the Rod of Iron and standard of the Wrath of the Lamb, the Lion of Judah, the KING of kings, with HIS eyes of fire our own and HIS voice of Justice and Judgment our own as HE slays HIS enemies by HIS Voice in our mouth:

"Therefore have I hewed them by my prophets, I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and Thy judgments are as the Light that goeth forth" Hosea 6:5

ONLY THE REMNANT WHO ARE WILLING TO TAKE "HIS" DESTROYING WEAPON IN THEIR HAND, THEIR WEAPON OF SLAUGHTER IN OBEDIENCE TO YHSHUA'S FLAMING EYES AND

VOICE OF COMMAND; "Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near the man with the mark, Seal, and begin at MY Sanctuary. then they, (we) began at the ancient men which were before the house". Ezekiel 9

"....... Defile the house ..... smite; let OUR eyes not spare; neither have WE pity ......

NOW I KNOW YOU FEAR "ME" FOR THOU HAST NOT SPARED THY SON, THY ONLY SON FROM "ME" ....

OH THE PUNY FEW REMNANT THAT MUST FEAR YHWH IN ABSOLUTE TRUTH AND JUSTICE AND WITH THE VOICE OF YHWH THROUGH US AS THROUGH MOSES SAY:

"Thus saith YHWH Elohim of Israel, put every man (and woman) his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate through out the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor" Ex 32:27

"For Moses (YHWH) said, Consecrate yourselves to day to YHWH, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother, that HE may bestow upon you a Blessing this day". 29.

OH REMNANT PUNY FEW, WHO ARE YOU ? ARE YOU INDEED ONE OF THE PUNY FEW REMNANT ?

"THUS SAITH YHWH, SEE WHAT I HAVE BUILT I AM BREAKING DOWN, AND WHAT I HAVE PLANTED I AM PLUCKING UP, THAT IS THE ENTIRE LAND. AND DO YOU SEEK GREAT MATTERS FOR YOURSELF ? DO NOT SEEK THEM, FOR LOOK, I AM BRINGING EVIL ON ALL FLESH, DECLARES YHWH. BUT I SHALL GIVE YOUR LIFE TO YOU AS A PRIZE IN ALL PLACES, WHEREVER YOU GO". Jeremiah 45:4-5

INDEED PUNY FEW REMNANT, ARE YOU, ON THE SIDE OF YHWH ? ARE YOU DECLARES YHWH, ARE YOU ?

THEN PREPARE TO TAKE UP MY SWORD BY THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH IN AND THROUGH YOU AS "I" SLAY MY ENEMIES IN TRUTH AND JUSTICE AND ESCAPE WITH YOUR LIFE IN "ME" ONLY.

thus ends the Word of YHWH

in LOVE and devotion to my King YHshua

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I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the Word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. Ezekiel 3:17

This New Moon and Seven MY Sabbath is Seven days After This New Moon Observe MY Sabbath's After Each New Moon

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Pray Your Flight
Robert Cummings

Matthew 24
20 But Pray ye that Your Flight be not in the Winter, neither on the Sabbath day: 21 For Then shall be Great Tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Shalom last day Remnant,

In 2001 my 4 year old granddaughter Abigail asked my daughter Lisa, Mommy, what are we going to do when we can't buy anything, where will we get our food and water ? My daughter said I don't think that is going to happen. Abigail said yes it is Mommy, I know it is because Jesus (YHshua) told me it is. Lisa had never talked with her daughter about anything like this.

This year 2004, Abigail now 6 (7 in July) said to my daughter. Mommy, I have to go to the Wilderness. Why Abby ? Lisa asked. Because Mommy I really want to know who I am. Lisa said, well in the wilderness, you might not survive you might die. Abigail said, well then I would be with Jesus (YHshua) and I would really know who I am. From the mouth of Babes.

"And to the woman (Israel) were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the WILDERNESS, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent." Revelation 12:14

Please keep in mind, "those who Believe in Messiah YHshua are grafted into Israel the olive tree and are no longer Gentiles (goyim) - those of the nations. You are either of the house of G-d or you are of the nations". Paul Wilbur May 26,2001 at Christian Assembly Columbus Ohio.

So when You Who believe in Messiah read of Israel you are reading of YOURSELF. Christians separate themselves as not being part of Israel and not being Israelites but only their friends. That is False ! READ Romans 11:17-24 your grafted into the Household of Faith, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, ISRAEL. No longer goyim, Gentile.

For the past three months YHWH has been speaking loudly in my Set-apart Ear about Matthew 24:20 and preparing this WORD from HIM to the Remnant who Love, Fear, Hear and Obey HIS Voice above all no matter what the cost or sacrifice.

Five days ago YHWH woke me up at 4 am with these words: "pray that your flight, pray that your flight, pray that your flight". I got up and for over one hour these were the words I kept hearing over and over and over. (Question, will you Hear His Voice when HE says GO, Flee ?)

I will write Matthew 24:20-21 (1) as YHWH has given it to me by first impression (2) and then I will write the word meanings of this verse (3) and what they are when put together collectively as one verse. Please read this Word straight through first to get the whole picture and watch it come together with understanding at the end.

vs20 "But pray ye that your Flight be not in or during, the STORM and TEMPEST neither at the APPOINTED TIME".

vs21 "for THEN (what THEN ? the Storm and Tempest at the Appointed Time) shall be Great Tribulation such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be."

THE DAY OF YHWH (L-rd) is soon, very soon upon us.

HE, Messiah, says there is a FLIGHT; Strongs concordance #5437 flight, phuge, foog-ay, fleeing, escape, #5343 phule, foo-lay = FROM.

HE, Messiah, says not in WINTER #5494 storm, tempest, Season. #5494 is akin to the base #5490 chasm, Vacancy, impassable interval - gulf. The word season in the Hebrew also means Appointed Time #4150.

HE, Messiah, says not on the Sabbath. The Sabbath is a sign between Elohim and HIS people Israel, US, Exodus 31:13;17.

Strongs Hebrew #226 owth, oth, Signal;

Hebrew #225 mark = consent (to observing). Appointed Time Strongs Hebrew

#4150 mow'ed, mo-ade' - appointed (sign, time), (place of, solemn) assembly, congregation, (set, solemn) feast, (appointed, due) season,

solemn (-ity), synagogue, (set) time (appointed).

The FLIGHT can not be in or during, the Storm & Tempest at YHWH's Appointed Time of Tribulation. WHY ? Then it is too late for you; vs22 ... no flesh would be saved... saved Strongs #4982 sozo; sode'-zo = deliver, protect, preserve.

Remember WINTER #5490 = chasm, vacancy, impassable interval, gulf. It's like the bridge of passage across the gulf or canyon has come fallen down no way to cross over, go Before the Storm to Escape.

PRAY, Strongs #433 aneko an-ay-ko To attain to; be proper, be fit; (this is a high spiritual intimacy with YHWH each day thus HE has enabled you to attain to a proper & fit relationship with HIM hearing His Voice talking with HIM each day. (Adam & Eve before the fall we can now have in Ruach (Sp-rit) John 4:23-24.

YOUR #5216 humon, own selves (self) hoo-mone' #5310 yourselves.

NEITHER #3366 mede, may-deh' = not even #3361 qualified negation, G-d forbid.

With these word interpretations now let me quote Matthew 24:20 in KJV then with the translation interpretation.

KJV "But pray ye that your Flight be not in the Winter neither on the Sabbath day".

from Messiah to me:

Being properly spiritually fit having Attained to obeying MY commands and Hearing & Obeying MY Voice at all times your Own Self, be ready to Flee and Escape when "I" (YHWH) say go, BEFORE the Storm & Tempest break down the time and opportunity to GO to the Place of Provision and Protection "I" have prepared for you and shown you and will guide you, for "I" would forbid and would not have you Flee at MY Appointed Time of tribulation during the Storm & Tempest "I" am allowing. (MT. 24:20)

vs21 "for THEN shall be Great Tribulation such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be"

Just as YHWH warned Mary & Joseph in a dream to FLEE to Egypt BEFORE the slaughter of the children as Herod tried to kill Messiah, so is YHWH telling us the Remnant who will hear, fear and obey HIM only. Matthew 2:13-23.

This is a world wide event. Each of us YHWH has been showing where in our region of the world (not all go to Israel) HE has prepared and shown and directed we should GO when HIS Voice says go (Rev. 12:14). IF this is not You then seek ask and knock for this revelation of preparation and direction. (6 year old Abigail is hearing to go to the Wilderness)

I have heard preachers say, well we all need to be ready, these preachers don't know what being ready is. Jer. 12:10.

Remnant saints, If we are not Obeying the Word, Torah, and HIS Commandments, we will not hear HIS Voice when to flee for HE will not speak to us in disobedience. ONLY a Obeying remnant are sealed:

Revelation 7:1-3. vs 3, "saying, Do not harm the earth or sea or trees, until we have SEALED the bondservants of our Elohim on their foreheads".

The SEAL is a Mark, a Mark is your Belief system in what you DO and OBSERVE TO DO in Obedience to Elohim (G-d). Torah & Commands. LK. 8:21;11:28.

Why is Matthew 24:20 So important ?

Please be very patient here in reading and understanding what I am about to share with you. This by the Voice of YHWH (L-rd) not only to me but others; YHWH is judging the four corners of the world, all mankind, for not observing HIS True Sabbath. It is the only Command all the world including Israel that is not being Obeyed and Observed Correctly.

YHWH has told me personally direct from HIS Throne Room this WORD on June 29, 2003:

THIS NEW MOON AND SEVEN JUST DO IT !

MY SABBATH IS SEVEN DAYS AFTER THIS

NEW MOON JUST DO IT !

OBSERVE MY SABBATHS AFTER EACH NEW MOON !

So you see, the Sabbath isn't the seventh day of each pagan Saturday calendar day that the Hebrews are on; Dueteronomy 31:29 "For I know after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the Latter Days; because you will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands".

Nor is it the pagan Sunday every seven days on the same pagan calendar that the Christians are on. Jeremiah 16:19 "..... the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited Lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit".

But seven days after each new moon crescent is seen in your region of the world.

Keep in mind the Roman ruler Constantine and the Pontificus Maximus Decreed a Christian Decree in 325 AD doing away with everything Hebrew in our Faith in Messiah our REDEEMER. THE GREAT FALLING AWAY.

Daniel 7:25 "And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to CHANGE TIMES AND LAWS: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. Daniel 12:9 : "And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed TILL THE TIME OF THE END".

The Time Of The End is here Remnant saints !

The True Sabbath is Regulated by each new moon just as the Hebrew Feast and Months are.

The Forth Command is Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Set-apart. (H-ly) Just as Leviticus 23:1-5 says of the Sabbath, Hebrew Feast and Hebrew Months. Read the record of Truth in all of Lev. 23.

Look up the words moon, moons, new moon.

To be properly spiritually fit to HEAR HIS voice say GO and know where to go we need to be in Obedience to HIS Torah & Commands.

Especially the Sabbath Regulated by HIS Sign the New Moon each Hebrew Month. SEALED (marked, belief and obedience to HIS Torah & Commands) by HIM.

Psalm 104:19 "HE Appointed the Moon for for Seasons": (Appointed Times).

Psalm 89:37 "It shall be established forever AS the MOON, and as a faithful witness in heaven."

How Puny Few know this and are obeying and doing it ? Matthew 7:14... and few there be that find it.

Pray Your Flight

Pray that your flight is BEFORE the Tempest and Storm and the Appointed Time of HIS Great Tribulation.

Abigail, 6 years old, "Mommy I need to go to the WILDERNESS". Revelation 12:14.

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Yours in and by the Set-apart Ruach (H-ly Sp-rit) unto HIM WHO is the only ONE WORTHY in all heaven and earth to open the Seals of the BOOK, Messiah YHshua !

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I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the Word at My mouth, and give them warning from Me. Ezekiel 3:17

This New Moon and Seven MY Sabbath is Seven days After This New Moon Observe MY Sabbath's After Each New Moon

Howard Pittman's Testimony

[excerpts]
On August 3, 1979, Howard Pittman, a Baptist minister for 35 years, died while on the operating table during surgery and had a near-death experience. After angels showed him the second and third heavens, he was taken before the very Throne of God where he was given a message to share with the world.

"When the angels lifted my spirit from my body, they carried me immediately to the second heaven. We did not have to leave that hospital room in order to enter the second heaven. We entered there in that same room where my body was, just passing through a dimension wall. It is a wall which flesh cannot pass through, only spirit.

"As we moved through that dimension wall into the second heaven, I found myself in an entirely different world, far different from anything I had ever imagined. This world was a place occupied by spirit beings as vast in number as the sands of the seashore. These beings were demons, or fallen angels, and were in thousands of different shapes and forms. Some of the forms were so morbid and revolting that I was almost to the point of nausea.

"When I first arrived in the second heaven, I knew immediately in what direction I must go to reach the third heaven where God was. I don't know how I knew that, but I did. I also knew that if I was going to get my prayer answered, I was going to have to appear before God the Father in the third heaven. I was aware that I was traveling in that spirit world under the protection of the Holy Spirit, and that the angels who were escorting me were also moving about under the protection of the Holy Spirit.

"As we moved about there in that world, I was greatly disappointed that my escorts did not take me in the direction of the third heaven where God was. Instead, we moved in the opposite direction. As we moved from place to place in that world, I learned many things about demons.

"I did things differently in the spirit realm than what we do here in the physical world. For instance, we did not communicate with our mouths and ears, but rather, we communicated with our minds. It was like projecting our words on thought waves and receiving the answer the same way. Although I could still think to myself without projecting, I discovered that this really did not benefit me because the angels could read my mind.

"I could hear different sounds in that world, but I did not hear with my ears. I heard with my mind, but I was still able to "hear" those sounds. When we traveled, we traveled mostly at what I call the "speed of thought." When we traveled at the "speed of thought", there was no sensation of movement. The angel would say where we were going and we were there. There were other times when we did not travel in that manner, and I was very much aware of movement while traveling. One of those times when I was aware of movement was when they brought me back into the physical world and allowed me to see the demons working here. We moved about here somewhat like floating on a cloud. Still, I had the sensation of movement.

"When we started the tour of the second heaven, the angels began by showing me the different types of demons. Each demon was revealed to me in a form that indicated his area of expertise, and I soon discovered that there is no such thing as a "general practitioner" in all the demon world. The demons are all experts in their fields. They have only one area of expertise which they do very well. "At one time during this tour of the second heaven, I watched the demons within their own related group and I experienced an awful feeling. It was an overwhelming, oppressive, and morbid feeling. This feeling came to me shortly after I had entered the second heaven and I wondered what was causing it. It was at this time that I learned that the angels could read my mind because my guardian angel said to me, "That feeling you are wondering about is caused by the fact that there is no love in this world." The angel was telling me that in this second heaven there is not one bit of love! Wow! Can you imagine all of those demons serving a master they don't love and the master ruling over beings that he doesn't love? Worse than that, their companions are working together for an eternity and they do not even love each other.

"I started reflecting on what our physical world, called the first heaven, would be like without love. If God had not introduced his love here in our world, then we would be living in a no-love atmosphere like the second heaven. By God giving us his love, we are able to return that love and then love one another. Can you imagine what it would be like in your own home or your community if it was totally void of love?

"My escorts then told me that they wanted me to see demon activity in the outside world. I was then escorted outside the hospital directly through the brick wall into the streets of that city. I was amazed as I watched all the activity of the humans in the physical world. Going about their daily pursuit, they were completely unaware that they were being stalked by beings from the spirit world. I was totally flabbergasted as I watched and horrified as I saw the demons in all shapes and forms as they moved at will among the humans. "When the angels decided that I had seen enough of the demons at work in this physical world, I was taken back into the second heaven just by passing through the dividing, dimension wall. Once back inside the second heaven, my escort guided me in this direction of the third heaven and I was happy at last. After all, this was where I had wanted to go all the time. Even at this stage, my physical life was still my primary concern.

"Suddenly we came to a most beautiful place. I know that I've already reported how terrible that second heaven was, so you can imagine how surprising it was to find anything beautiful over there. God would not allow me to retain the memory of why this place was so beautiful. I do remember that it was the most beautiful place I'd ever seen. This place looked like a tunnel, a roadway, a valley or some sort of highway. It had a most brilliant light all its own and was completely surrounded with an invisible shield. I knew that the invisible shield was the protection of the Holy Spirit.

"Walking in this tunnel, or along that roadway, or valley, or whatever, was what appeared to be human beings. I asked my escort who they were. He told me, "They are saints going home." These were the departed spirits of Christians who had died on Earth and they were going home. Each of these saints was accompanied by at least one guardian angel and some had a whole host of angels with them.

"I wondered why some saints were accompanied by only one angel and others had many. I was watching as the saints passed through the way that all saints must take to go home. Here it was, the passageway from Earth to the third heaven.

"Instead of allowing me to enter, the angel stationed me before the gates, slightly to one side. He instructed me to stay there and watch as the saints were permitted to enter into heaven. As the saints were allowed into heaven, I noticed a strange thing. They were permitted to enter only one at a time. No two were permitted to enter those gates at the same time. I wondered about this but it was never explained to me.

"When the last of the fifty saints had entered into the third heaven, I started to enter but my escort stopped me. He told me that if I entered I could not come out and that I would have to stay there until the Father brought me back. The angels told me that all who enter the third heaven must remain there until brought back to this physical world by Christ Himself.

"When the angel said I could not enter unless I stayed. I protested, "But if I can't come out then my body will die! That will defeat my whole purpose!" was my emphatic rebuttal. Still my physical life, even at this point in time, was more important that anything else. My escort told me to stand to one side of the gates and present my case. He assured me that God would hear and answer my request. "As I stood before the gates, the sense of joy, happiness, and contentment radiated out from heaven. I could feel the warmth it produced and as I stood there to plead my case, I could feel the awesome power of God.

"Boldly I came before the throne and started out by reminding God what a great life of love, worship, and sacrifice I had lived for him. I told him of all the works I had done reminding him that I had accepted him when I was quite young and that I had served him all my life for all these many years. I reminded him that I was now in trouble and only God could help by granting me an extension of my physical life. God was totally silent while I spoke. When I had completed my request, I heard the real, audible voice of God as God answered me.

"The sound of his voice came down on me from over the gates even before the words hit me. The tone of his anger knocked me on my face as God proceeded to tell me just what kind of life I had really lived. God told me what God really thought of me and even others who did as I had. God pointed out that my faith was dead, that my works were not acceptable, and that I had labored in vain. God told me that it was an abomination for me to live such a life and then dare call it a life of worship.

"I could not believe God was talking to me in this manner! I had served him for years! I thought I had lived a life pleasing to him! As God was enumerating my wrongs, I was sure God had me confused with someone else. There was no strength left in me to even move, let alone protest, yet I was panicking within myself.

"No way God could be talking about me! I just could not believe that what God said was referring to me! All of these years I thought I was doing those works for God! Now God was telling me that what I did, I did for myself. Even as I preached and testified about the saving grace of Jesus Christ, I was doing that only for myself in order that my conscience might be soothed. In essence, my first love and first works were for myself. After MY needs and wants were met or satisfied, in order to soothe my conscience I would set out to do the Lord's work. This made my priorities out of order and unacceptable. Actually, I had become my own false God.

"Only now as I was here before him being chastised did those two portions of scripture become crystal clear to me as to their true meaning. As God told me about my true motives, I could see plainly for the first time how my works were dead. Because God was displaying his wrath toward me, I could not stand nor could I speak. No strength was left within me as I was nothing more than a wet rag lying there writhing in agony.

"It needs to be stated that at no time while God was chastising me did God say I was not saved nor did God say that my name was not in the lamb's book of life. God never mentioned salvation to me at all but only spoke about the works produced through my life. God told me the type of life I lived was an unacceptable life for a true Christian. As God spoke to me of my dead works, God indicated that there are some people who are not saved but think they are. "When God was through with me the interview was over as suddenly as one would turn off a faucet. I was not allowed to linger or even reflect on what God said. The angels immediately carried me away as if I were a wet rag having no strength in myself. Totally annihilated, I could not even gather my thoughts.

"The angels carried me back through the second heaven, through the dimension wall, and into the hospital room where my body was lying. It was not until I reached the bed upon which my body lay did I regain my composure. As I regained my composure, I vehemently protested, "No! No!" I told the angels, "God did not answer me! God did not say yes or no to my request! Please, oh please, take me back!" I pleaded with the angels.

"Upon my arrival back before the third heaven, I was brought to the same place from which I had previously pleaded my case. Not nearly so bold this time, I remembered how God's wrath had floored me beforehand. Nevertheless, I had asked God for a favor and God had not answered. Wanting his answer no matter what it was, I timidly started pleading my case again.

"This time God did not knock me down but let me talk. God did not talk to me in anger but started out answering me in a tone of pity. Before it was all over, God was speaking in sorrow.

"Opening my plea by quoting scriptures to God, I began by telling him all about Hezekiah. I told God that I figured out that Hezekiah was the "good-old-boy" type, that the intentions of his heart were pure, but he seemed to be unable to translate out those intentions into everyday living. Here I was, an insignificant nothing and the smallest creature in all his universe, bartering words with this great and awesome God who had created it all.

"I said, "Father, if You will grant this request, I promise you I will do better the next time."

"The Lord answered me thusly, "Howard Pittman, you have promised before." God did not have to say another word. There they were, all the promises I had made to a holy God in my past entire life. Not one of them remained whole. Somehow, someway, I had managed to break them all. With nothing left to say, no words in all my vocabulary, nowhere to go, I fell on my knees before him. All I could say was "Amen" to my own condemnation. I knew that if at that moment God would banish me into the pits of hell, it would be just to say "amen" to my own condemnation.

"At that moment God did not demand justice but showed me mercy. The scales fell from my eyes and my soul was suddenly filled with light. That powerful, awesome, all-consuming God was now not evident. There on that throne dealing with me was my REAL Father. God was no longer a distant God, but a real, genuine Father. The realization of his being my true Father and my best friend came to me for the first time in my life. The wonderful relationship I had enjoyed with my physical father and the wonderful love we shared for each other was suddenly brought to mind yet magnified a thousand fold. For now I was with my real Father, the one who loved me so much that God left all of his creation to deal with me, the prodigal son.

"For the first time in my life, I saw in my mind's eye who God really is. For the first time I met God as God truly is, my real Father, my very best friend. As the realization of who God is flooded my soul, great and painful sorrow also came. Sorrow came when I realized that through disobedience I had hurt my Father. This realization and sorrow produced actual pain which was not just a guilt feeling but actual pain similar to what one would experience in the flesh when one sustains a physical injury. At this point in time, God started dealing with me in sorrow and no longer did the tone of his voice express pity. Instead, the sound was of genuine sorrow. I suddenly realized that God was hurting too. God was hurting because I was hurting. Being a true and just God as God is, God had to allow me to suffer the pain and God could not lift it from me. Although God had to allow me to suffer the pain, God would not allow me to suffer it alone. God the most High, the most Supreme, the Creator of all, the Father of all would not let me suffer alone.

"By this time I suddenly realized that my physical life was not so important after all. What I was really concerned about now was what my Father wanted. His will had suddenly become the first thing of my life and my physical life was no longer important. This is when God gave me back my physical life. Only when I reached a place that my life did not mean anything to me, did God give it back to me. Now that the prodigal son had returned, the Father could talk at last. God could tell me what my trip to heaven was all about and that God had a message God wanted me to tell people on Earth. "I now repeat for you point by point the entire five point message that God gave me to deliver to this world today."

Point number one: "For those who call themselves Christians, this is the Laodicean Church Age in which we live. A high majority of so-called Christians are, in fact, living a deceived life. They talk Jesus and play church, but do not live it. They claim to be Christians and then live like the devil. They have bought the great lie from Satan who tells them that they are alright. He tells them that it is alright to go to church on Sunday and attend mid-week services but as far as the rest of the time is concerned, they are to get all they can out of life. As far as their Christian life is concerned, they believe they are comfortable and have need of nothing and as a result, they are only lukewarm Christians if Christians at all."

Point number two: "Satan is a personal devil."

Point number three: "To the whole world, this is Noah's second day. As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the coming of the son of man. Humans took no thought of what Noah was saying nor did humans believe that anything was about to change. Humanity could see the storm clouds over the horizon, but yet did not believe the rain was imminent. Notice the close parallel today. Humanity can see all the signs of the last days, yet humanity does not believe that anything will change. He does not believe in the impending coming of our Lord and he does not prepare to meet God."

Point number four: "For those who claim to be Christians, they are supposed to be ambassadors for Christ here on Earth. One cannot have any true witness or power in his life unless that one lives his Christian faith at all times, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. To be a true Christian one must live it, not just talk it. To honor God with your lips and not your heart is not acceptable. Those who accept the responsibility of teaching, preaching, or any leadership role have much for which to answer.

Point number five: "God is now in the process of recruiting an army with which God will shake this old world one more time. By working through his soldiers, God will produce great miracles that will shake the established hierarchy of the so-called organized religion that is in this world today. These soldiers that God is now recruiting will demonstrate the power of God to a greater extent than did the disciples in the Pentecostal age. Now the recruitment has begun in earnest because God is about to perform the great miracles through his army that God promised us God would do in the Bible. John the Baptist brought the spirit of Elijah into this world and he did not even know he had it. John denied it, but Jesus confessed that it was so. The purpose of that spirit was to make straight the paths of the coming of the Lord."

His Presence - The Fountain of Life

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Isaiah 43:10-11 (NLT)
10 "But you are my witnesses, O Israel!" says the LORD. "And you are my servant. ***You have been chosen*** *to* ***know*** *me,* ***believe*** *in me, and* ***understand*** *that* ***I alone am God****. There is no other God; there never has been and never will be. 11* ***I am the LORD, and there is no other Savior.***

Psalms 36:9-10
9 For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.
10 Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

The LORD was standing in the darkness.

I would not have known He was there, had He not spoken to me.

But as soon as He spoke, I felt His presence, as a person standing before me.
His presence was quiet, still, and unpretentious.

He said to me, as I almost walked past Him,

"I AM the 'Fountain of Life', yet [My] people pass Me by, to run to the prophets."

And I heard "**Isaiah 43**".

I felt the LORD's heart, and I knew that we do not truly seek HIM.

We don't truly wait upon Him, to linger and drink of The LORD, "The Fountain of Life".

We don't inquire of the LORD as those who truly put their trust in Him.

Yet, I felt in His quiet presence, His availability, His waiting, His patience with us, and also His loneliness and sadness of heart, when we, His people, choose to pass Him by and flock to others first, to "hear from Him".

But, He is always waiting for us to come to Him ourselves. I did not feel it was wrong to read or listen to prophets and teachers, but we should come to Him FIRST, relying on HIM as our source and life.

Let Him speak to us, teach us, and lead us, by His Word (the scriptures) and His Holy Spirit. Then we will have discernment when we hear others.

Seek Him FIRST.

Spend time with Him in quietness, in prayer with thanksgiving and supplications for all.

Adore Him.

Linger in His Presence.

Learn at His feet with prayer, praise, and Bible scripture reading and study, so His Spirit can work in our hearts and wash us by His Word.

Don't pass Him by.

He is waiting...

in the stillness,
in the quietness,
and in the darkness
for you and me.

Jeremiah 29:11-14
11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.
12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.
13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with ALL YOUR HEART.
14 I will be found by you", declares The LORD, "and bring you back from captivity."

Psalms 46:10
Be still, and know that I am God.

Matthew 6:33
But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things [that you need] will be given to you as well.

Matthew 11:29
"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Isaiah 30:15
This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:
"In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it."

Psalm 134:1
Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,
who minister by night in the house of the LORD.

Psalm 63:6
On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.

Additonal Scripture Reference:
Jeremiah 31:34,
1 Kings 19:11-12,
Isaiah 9:15-16,
Luke 6:12,

Love in Christ Jesus, who is our Hope and Salvation.
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His Skipping Stones

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YOU SHALL BE as 'skipping stones' across a pond, doing incredible feats, amazing feats, that will mesmerize even the hardest of hearts and draw them into MY LOVE!

It is all in the angle, trajectory, power and skill of the hand from which the stone is cast.

Allow yourselves to be swiftly released upon many waters by the Master's hand ... 'as MY living stones'.

I tell you --- trust me more. Obey my every command and direction. ALL shall see what MORE I shall do with you, GREAT miracles! I cast you to every tribe and tongue and nation! The true FIRE-WORKS are about to light up the whole world!!!
My stones who become My FIRE-WORKS of GLORY! Yes, even the very STONES will cry out and praise ME!

A Great Wound And My Fire-Works Are About To Light Up The Whole World!"
Marie-France McDowell-Smith

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Adonai in the early morning of June 25, 2004:

"My gentle ones, A GREAT WOUND is coming to My Body, be prepared to rush aid to your brothers and sisters" .... (sensed in the natural as well as spiritual)

SAW: 'white cells rushing to aid the red blood cells, attacking en masse, the infection was overwhelmed, carried away with the body sloughing off the clumps of whites that surrounded and took away the infection; the invader cells, who came to overcome the Body.... the white's did their duty, performed their function/purpose and courageously died saving the Body'.

SAW: that The Body was healed, the Body lived, now stronger and healthier than before, stronger because ALL infection (SIN) was completely eradicated from the Body, which now was Beauty emanating LIGHT and SHALOM'

UNDERSTOOD:

THERE WAS A GREAT WAR! VICTORY ASSURED AND AT GREAT PRICE!

Think upon the cost.

IT COST ALL, EVERYTHING! THE PRICE IS GREAT AND THE REWARD GREATER STILL !!!

Keep your eyes upon Yeshua, our Commander-in-Chief!!!

HIS PROMISED REWARDS IN HIS HAND...EXPLOITS, EXPLOITS, EXPLOITS!!!

Exploding in the air, exploits of the saints. Like firecrackers at first! More noise than maneuver and then the BIG SHOW ... HIS FIRE-WORKS more Dazzling!!! -- Lighting up the darkness, sending fear of darkness scurrying into the outer reaches!!!

HEARD: .. at the cost of many -- who were unafraid to die for their brothers ... 'what greater love' 'what greater love' "what greater love' --

UNDERSTOOD: much of this dying is certainly spiritual, dying from worldly desires of no eternal value, and some may be in the natural, and becoming :

ALIVE to the ETERNAL OBJECTIVES, GOALS and Exploits of LOVE one for another for YHVH's name's sake and HIS GLORY!

HEARD: "team up, 'two are greater than one' ... get positioned for greater strength and discernment, team up, line up, formations -- no lone wolves in My Army .... for My Glory !

HEARD: Music of these songs being sung by thousands....

"What a mighty God we serve, angels bow before HIM, heaven and earth adore HIM, what a mighty God we serve. Great and mighty is HE! Clothed in glory, arrayed in splendor, Great and Mighty is HE!"

HE IS EL GIBOR!

UNDERSTOOD/HEARD: IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO PREACH forgiveness of SINS and the power of SALVATION through the completed work on Mt. Moriah by Yeshua, haMashiach!!! Tell them, IT IS FINISHED, MY BLOOD PAID IT ALL!

HE ENCOURAGED: Don't STOP, DO NOT BECOME WEARY OF WELL DOING! DO NOT become self centered and implode!!! Do not give up now, the race is not yet over!

DO NOT BELIEVE THE LIES THAT IT IS TOO LATE! Too late for what? It is not too late for you, turn back to Your Abba...for your ideas of life and purpose upon this earth--for My thoughts are not as your thoughts and My ways are not as yours...Gentle Ones, listen to MY HEARTBEAT.... WHAT is the objective of My Love for people? To heal, deliver from the bondage of SIN, to set them FREE, to forgive their SIN, to redeem, sanctify, justify and GIVE LIFE ABUNDANT, to restore and reconcile relationship with ME, haShem (God), to flood people with TRUE LOVE, to give ETERNAL LIFE, My Ways have NOT changed. MY Plan has not changed, and MY PROMISES ARE FAITHFUL AND TRUE ..... IT IS NOT TOO LATE, MOVE FORWARD...do not believe 'TOO LATE!!!' That is a trick of the enemy, don't fall for his lies! He is the father of lies. I AM LOVE, I AM YOUR ABBA, the Lover of Your Soul, My eyes upon you for good, all things for your good. Allow My Ruach, My power to do exploits thrugh YOU! Be moldable, bendable and flexible in My hands for My Kavod [Glory]!

MY GREATEST HARVEST IS JUST AROUND THE BEND!!! Look up! I COME! King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Glory, Halleluyah! The King of Glory ... ENDURE UNTIL THE END! for what your mind perceives as the END is in fact just the BEGINNING! Listen to My Heart Beat, My Ruach and do not march to the death cadence of this world, but follow the Lamb wherever HE GOES.

Love,
Abba
Halleluyah!

How the Kingdom Will Come

Rick Joyner

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Robin McMillan, senior pastor of MorningStar Fellowship in Charlotte, had an important and profound insight into the gospel of the kingdom. It seems that every message to date which has claimed to be the gospel of the kingdom was devoted mostly to bringing men back into obedience, and was usually demonstrated by having men submit to other men. Certainly obedience to the Lord is an important issue, but it was not the main emphasis of the Lord's own teachings on the kingdom. His message was overwhelmingly devoted to the authority of the kingdom of heaven over the kingdoms of this world in power, not just the subjugation of men. The practical application of this was that the kingdom of heaven could heal any disease, cause cripples to walk and the blind to see, multiply food, and even allow one to walk on water when necessary. This is why Paul wrote I Corinthians 2:3-5, and 4:20:

> *And my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,*
>
> *that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. For the kingdom of God does not consist in words, but in power.*

Of course, reversing the disobedience of man since the Fall will be a top priority of the coming of the kingdom, and we do not want to belittle this issue. However, this must come from the understanding, and the application of the superiority of the kingdom of heaven over the earthly realm. The authority of the kingdom is about much more than just getting people to obey-it is the truth of God's ability, His authority over everything. His authority can part the Red Sea, close the mouths of lions, or even calm a storm. This is the authority of the Lord that we are praying will come to earth, which Jesus demonstrated with His life, and we are called to demonstrate with ours.

Hebrews Eleven, called "the faith chapter," recounts the amazing things accomplished by the Old Covenant saints through faith. In II Corinthians 3:7-11, we are told that the glory of the New Covenant is much greater than the glory of the Old Covenant. We should therefore expect to see greater things done by those who live under the New Covenant than those who lived under the Old Covenant.

This implies that New Covenant prophets should do even greater works than those accomplished by the Old Covenant prophets. They set a standard to which we have not even come close to equaling, much less exceeding. However, before the end comes you can be sure that in every way the glory of the New Covenant will exceed that which was done under the Old. It will be so great that at the end even the Jews will become jealous of it, so jealous that they will turn to the Lord.

Since Robin McMillan started emphasizing this in his message, he has seen a number of noteworthy miracles. We are excited, but by no means satisfied. We must see more, a lot more. We are called to see much more, as we are called as messengers of a better covenant. We must never settle for anything less. This is not pride or arrogance, but the determination to see it demonstrated that the New Covenant is greater than the former. The Lord Jesus Himself said in John 14:12:

> *Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father.*

We are called to do the "greater works" as a testimony of where He now sits, which is at the right hand of the Father. As the book of Hebrews illuminates, there were no other messengers, not even angels, who were called to sit where Jesus now sits. He is the Son, the very builder of the house, and all others are but a part of the house He is building. This is the gospel of the kingdom-the demonstration of the fact that He is the King above all kings. His authority is over heaven and earth, and He can therefore release through His messengers dominion over the very nature of the earthly realm.

Obedience to the King is crucial for living in the kingdom. Being an ambassador for the kingdom is crucial as well, but this is often twisted into simply trying to get men to submit to other men. What we are after is much higher than that. Those who truly understand the kingdom and its authority, will have a profound respect for all authority. They will give honor to those to whom honor is due. They will pay their taxes just as the Lord instructed, and respect the authorities of this realm as also being servants of the Lord (see Romans 13). Even so, bringing the kingdom to earth is much more than bringing submission and obedience to authority-it is bringing the unlimited resources and power of the kingdom of heaven to the earth. This must be our resolve-to demonstrate our King's authority over all things.

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Hear This, Oh My People!

Angel Dahilig

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Oh, my dear people, *Hear this*!
"The LORD hears his people when they call to Him for help.
He rescues them from all their troubles.
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
He rescues those who are crushed in spirit.
The righteous face many troubles,
but the LORD rescues them from each and every one."
Psalms 37:17-19 (NLT)

14 The LORD says, "I will rescue those who love me.
I will protect those who trust in my name.
15 When they call on me, I will answer;
I will be with them in trouble.
I will rescue them and honor them.
16 I will satisfy them with a long life
and give them MY SALVATION!"
Psalms 91:14-16 (NLT)

My people, you are not forsaken.

Your hope lies not in a man.
Your salvation is not in a government.

Your hope and salvation are in Christ Jesus alone!

He shall remove our asherah poles,
and bring down our high places [of false trusts and securities].
They shall be toppled from their place [in our hearts]!

Then, we will see Him! High and lifted up!
His banner and standard waving,
a solid and sure High Tower of Refuge and Salvation,
to all who trust in Him!

"*Hear this, Oh My people!*
Return to your Mighty Fortress!
Return, and put your trust in Me!
Christ Jesus!
Yeshua HaMassiach!
Your *Only* Hope and Salvation!"
Amen.
Psalm 118:8-9
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man.
It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

Isaiah 43:11
I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from Me there is no savior.
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Hear 'The Sound' Of Taking Ground

Dorothy Hedlund

PRAYER TARGETS of the Lord for Intercession
- April 29, 2004

QUICKLY THINGS WILL TURN AROUND

[JESUS speaking] By reason of urging and stirring you have been reminded of 'the corporate word.' This is not the day of a word hidden… or of mystery… but a word for all to be heard. Get you to the high place and LISTEN… before doing anything else... LISTEN… and I will speak. The Kingdom is being established and many, soon, will be commanded TO TAKE NEW GROUND. In recent past, elect 'captains' and 'generals' in My army may have thought, in fact - they were LOSING GROUND. This trial has proved them 'sure' in taking, now, the HIGHER GROUND**. I AM ABOUT TO MOVE, QUICKLY & DECISIVELY, TO TURN THINGS AROUND. As a part of a great wheel, I will SPIN YOU into POSITION.**

[In a repeated vision, I saw the game show, "The Price is Right" wheel, spinning. At first stop it arrived at "Bankrupt" where it remained for the appointed time until a great hand then spun it again. It stopped at the upright place on the wheel just to the right of the prior one: "The Jackpot."]

Again I say unto you: everything that the enemy meant for harm, shall be TURNED AROUND. You have become so weary & worn, some even enduring much scorn - that, even now, you find it difficult to believe this word - too good to be true. But let Me assure you, beloved, I am the Lord your God WHO DELIVERS YOU. Yes, YOU… the one reading this even now. I will deliver YOU. I will show you wisdom. I will show you "how."

THE DAYS OF MAY

You are about on your calendar to enter "the days of May" - during which time I will approach you with the word of prior year: **"May I....?"** Give Me PERMISSION to work in your behalf, and I WILL MOVE IN to stand in the gap. I am the Captain of the Hosts, and I fight FOR YOU. You were brought to the end of yourself - that We might entrust to you, now - MUCH HIGHER GROUND.

Strong winds are shifting to turn ships around. Strong winds are blowing, can you hear the sound? Things that have laid stagnant, immovable - will begin to 'creak' with sound - as their moorings are loosed, and I push them free from their 'settled positions' in the ground. Shock will result in some - while in others, joy.

EARTH-MOVING MACHINES

EARTH-MOVING MACHINES, LONG RETIRED into storage places for keeping - are about to be RESURRECTED, a surprise to the earth. I speak of 'LeTourneau machines' - massive in construction and ability. In the Spirit you will feel the ground shaking by the progress they bring for which they were built and made. Their "operators," too, WILL BE COMING OUT OF RETIREMENT… "veterans of war"… driving these big rigs once more. You wonder at the symbolism with which I speak - but those who search out wisdom will know, by the Spirit, the message I bring. THE LANDSCAPE WILL CHANGE as the structures of man are torn down, the land cleared, and Kingdom authority in regions established once more.

MY BUILDERS ARE READY TO BUILD! They have counted the cost! Many were tested and refined in a fire of great loss. The architects have My plans! In vision they have seen the details I've given them by both "eye" and "ear" heard.

THE GENERATIONAL ROAR

Many of you have been tormented by the enemy - but now the sword of the Lord shall be felt & seen. "Terrorists of the Spirit" will strike TERROR in the heart of the true enemy. This one, Satan, is raging because he has known there was going to come forth the day of the "GENERATIONAL ROAR." UNITY OF PURPOSE in this army of Mine shall bring together the generations. Those of great wisdom - will assist those much younger with "legs to run." And those RUNNING across the earth with My word - shall look to the WHITE EAGLES who overhead soar. Neither will find success without the other: fathers with sons, daughters with their mothers. All this I speak as truths in the Spirit.

THE FATHER'S DEALINGS

I have seen too many casualties in My army in recent skirmishes endured. Attacks to "heart" and "home" have wounded and destroyed. Beware of THE GATE OF PRIDE - spiritual or otherwise - for by it the enemy gains access to your soul, and thus follows destruction.

Those gifted with mercy and compassion must rescue the perishing (My own, lost sheep) - and bring 'the cast down' home. Those still of pride, however, must enter their season of 'the hammer that breaks the rock.' DO NOT interrupt the process - or
MORE CASUALTIES you'll see. LEARN TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE between those I call you to 'rescue from the fire' - and those, for now, to leave alone. They are never 'alone' - We will deal with each one, carefully.

THE STONE FURNACE shall purify many wayward ones still positioned, upon returning - to be priests and kings. This is not their time of 'grace removed' - but of
THE FATHER'S DEALINGS. All this is done in love to bring about their best and good - even though His disciplines may seem harsher than they should. This time of 'TOUGH LOVE' will turn many believers, deceived, back to Me.

DO NOT JUDGE THEM - or you, too shall be. Weep for them, stand in the gap WITH ME. Ask the Father for DELIVERANCE for those deceived. But for the grace of God - go you. If your heart cannot love - neither shall you accurately "see" - for personal judgments cloud the picture bringing inaccuracy.

PROTOCOL FOR WOMEN & MEN

DAUGHTERS OF GOD… act like the Bride of Christ, desiring no other lover. You are Mine. AND MEN OF GOD - rise up as His sons, chivalrous in duty & calling, highly esteeming those of feminine gender called to serve at your side. Cover and protect these chosen elect. In honoring them, they will honor you for reflecting MY HEART to them, and the honor due.

BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT… as genders join, to battle and fight.

In these days of service and advance, MORE AND MORE YOU WILL BECOME ONE… a glimpse of the body who will function together at last. The strength of warriors abide in you both.

MALE & FEMALE HE CREATED THEM … two but one in image. Like spirit and like spirit will join for creation works upon the earth. Those 'dead' [i.e. soul-life, self] will serve as a LIVING ARMY, marching side by side. There are those purified, who walk in the fear of the Lord - who, together, shall ROAR in a POWER RELEASE.

"MAY I" . TURN YOUR WORLD UPSIDE DOWN?

MAY I… do as I please? Are you committed to integrity? MAY I… turn your world upside down to correctly bring things at last around? MAY I… use you to stand against all odds as a people of faith? MAY I… make you into a 'spectacle of grace?' MAY I… change your nature and name? MAY I… impart heaven's seed into the midst of your frame? MAY I… expand your womb to hold what I bring? MAY I… use your voice to sing MY SONGS for Me? MAY I… transport you away, to show you mysteries for this day?
I can hear the corporate "YES!" OF MY CHURCH! Even now, in the heaven-lies, your voice is heard!

Angels, held back, shall now enter into your battles & fight - for this they have waited….
to serve you… their delight. They far outnumber those of the evil one - AND WILL NOT BACK OFF until YOUR BATTLE is WON! Encourage them, friends, by the Word that you speak. WORSHIP IN SPIRIT - and the enemy will retreat. Across the globe heaven is partnering with earth - that My glory be shown, that new things be birthed.

OPERATE IN THE GIFT OF ENCOURAGEMENT

PRAY DILIGENTLY for the 'hand of the five-fold' - they are My own, and 'the hand' at the wheel [of the earth-moving machines]. LEARN TO ENCOURAGE, LEARN TO UPHOLD, LEARN GENUINE EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE - that My Church be built up, encouraged, refreshed, and bold. WITHHOLD NOT APPRECIATION from whom appreciation is due - do you now, also, want someone to encourage you? In doing so, these great earth-moving machines shall function without breakdowns…with 'LOVE TANKS' FULL. YES, I've heard it said that I am your greatest reward - BUT MY WORDS OF LIFE & LOVE…IN YOU… MUST BE RELEASED. My words IN YOU were designed to LIFT OTHERS UP as on 'thermal winds' to soar. You are the body… appreciate the part each one has. The 'less comely parts' are often those for whom much is planned.

And one last thing in this message I bring, one more "MAY I?" that I would ask:

MAY I SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOU?…

…to prepare you for the task? I have a portion love for you that I can share with none other, placed in Me, by Father. Also in YOU is something uniquely yours… for Me, none other.

COME OFTEN APART… to give, receive. I shall draw you CLOSER than EVER YET EXPERIENCED, deeper into realms of Me. You will remain in position secure, on the ever-ascending path of life - if MY FACE you continually see and seek. THE FIRE IN MY EYES will bring ALIVE all who continually stop to gaze at Me. I release to them fountains of LIFE and waters from the deep.

PRAYER TARGETS of the Lord for Intercession

1. Pray for encouragement for 'generals' and 'captains' who have seemed to have lost ground. Identify leaders and AGREE WITH ME for turn around.

2. "Prepare the way" for the Church to enter 'the May gate' (as African pastors do) - then march on ahead of them! Go on through!

3. Pray that strong winds continue blowing to turn the fleet of ships about (agree with those who have been given like vision & dream)

4. Pray that those awaiting their 'day of visitation' begin to move anew (where once things seemed stagnant, immovable . people, ministries). Identify such people and 'pray them through.'

5. Pray for the LeTourneau machines (5-fold ministries) to be released, with their operators of great wisdom" coming out of retirement.

6. Pray that the generations join together in UNITY OF PURPOSE for the sake of joint 'generational roar.' Pray also that men & women 'roar together' with the voice of the Lord - for power release.

7. Pray that "deceived sheep" receive a truth release and 'rescue team.'

8. Pray that the 'gate of pride' be dealt with in many lives.

9. Pray for the 'continued disobedient' to receive the BENEFIT of the Father's dealings - that His TOUGH LOVE release be received.

10. PRAY FOR WISDOM for those in the Church to know the difference between those needing 'rescue' as the perishing - and those in their season of 'the hammer that breaks the rock.' Intercessors and leaders Must remain positioned in truth, love, mercy, and grace.

11. Pray for a release of unity between men & women serving together, directed by God's protocol - in honor, serving side by side. (song) "We will break dividing walls, we will break dividing walls, and we shall be ONE."

12. Pray that the Church truly grasp the message of encouragement, that the body be built up and the five-fold 'officers' strong.

13. Pray that MANY ENTER THEIR SECRET PLACE season, spending more quality/intimate time with the Lord.

14. And to the question placed before the Church: "MAY I. COME, AND TURN YOUR WORLD UPSIDE DOWN?" - we, Your people, Lord, decree:

"YES! YES! YES, LORD! - C O M E !!! "

HEAR 'THE SOUND' OF TAKING GROUND

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Humanism

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A prophetic word must be delivered to the universal church of Jesus Christ dealing with the encroaching lie of humanism and its erosion of our Christian belief system. Even though this word may not be popular, it is a present truth that needs to be recognized because the lie of humanism is a cancer eating away at the Body of Christ. This perversion of truth is destroying our vitality and laying the foundation for the religion of the antichrist from which he will endeavor to deceive the very elect. The writing of this word is not directed toward any one person or specific aggregate of believers, but is for the whole Body of Christ. We all, both Christian believers and leaders alike, need to heed this warning. This subtle danger has been growing among us and has now gained a stronghold in our generic Christian belief system.

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica of 1911, humanism is "in general, any system or thought or action which assigns predominate interest of the affairs of men as compared to the supernatural." The Second Edition of Webster's New International Dictionary says that it is "a contemporary cult or belief calling itself religious but substituting faith in man for faith in God." In a simple statement, humanism is the belief system that subtly magnifies the importance of mankind above the importance of God. To bring this into proper focus, it is Baalism with a modern veneer; it is worshipping the created thing above the Creator.

As we understand humanism and see its effects, we will see that it is encroaching upon the church and modern beliefs through the New Age movement. Although nature worship may seem novel today, it is simply an age-old belief with a face-lift. We see this doctrine introduced in the Garden of Eden when Satan said, "ye shall be as gods." The strategic culmination of this lie will be seen when the antichrist, as a human, sits in the temple of God to be worshipped—elevated to the position of God and endeavoring to show that he is God (2 Thessalonians 2:4).

The belief system of humanism has existed throughout history, but its recent invasion into the church of Jesus Christ through New Age beliefs has made it become a "clear and present danger" to the Body of Christ. It is now operating very cleverly under the guise of compassion where mankind and the care of mankind are elevated above the purposes of God. Telltale signs of it are clearly seen when churches do not preach holiness but substitute convenient beliefs that elevate the human element and require no obedience to Almighty God. More and more, we see that churches are built for the comfort of people and not for the presence of God. When social issues become the dominant theme in churches, instead of biblical truth, and the purposes of God are relegated to a secondary priority, it is certain that the disease has infected and contaminated the doctrinal system of those congregations. Humanism is cloaked as a counterfeit compassion where the greater focus is on the creature rather than on the Creator.

This doctrine will be the cohesive force to pull all religions, even Christianity, into a false unity. This is the pillar of the antichrist's one-world religion. This is the doctrine that will endeavor to deceive the very elect of God in the end times (Matthew 24:24). Since this is a prophesied end, hopes of reversing its effect on the world are futile—that is until Jesus appears on the scene and throws the antichrist and his damnable heresy into the lake of fire. Since there is a prophecy of this encroachment, this exposé may not reverse the whole belief system. However, it can serve to enlighten those who would not be deceived into following the mass hysteria and "band wagon" doctrine that is engulfing the world in the wake of its flow.

New Age Encroachment

We must realize that the devil, in his attempt to deceive the world, is not going to jump out from behind a tree, dressed in a red suit with a pitchfork in his hand and say, "Okay, I've come to deceive you and prepare for the coming of the antichrist." He is going to subtly divert individuals away from following God by baiting them with whatever he can. Ultimately, he will expose the hook in the bait but most assuredly, he will adapt and repackage his age-old methods to fit modern times.

This New Age belief system that will unify world religions is nothing more than the Old Testament disclosure of Baal worship in a new package. It is worshipping the created thing above the Creator. We see this in references to Mother Nature, Greenpeace, Free Willy, and "Tree Huggers." Baal worship had groves of trees on a hill, which we now call "save-the-environment." It had "free love" and sexual practices that are now called personal liberty and/or choices. If we really want to take off the gloves and call a spade a spade, Mother Nature is nothing more than the Queen of Heaven. Nature worship has always been a big deal because people need something to see when they have no revelation of the true God.

As dangerous as nature worship was and still is, it pales in comparison to the real aim of Satan's deception—to steal God's glory. What better way to deceive people than to get mankind to worship God's ultimate creation: humans? This is humanism. You have to give Satan credit—this is one of his better ideas. He has taken the most prized creation of God—His masterpiece (Ephesians 2:10), His under-ruler and companion—and deceived it into worshipping itself. When a man sits in the temple of God showing that he is God, Baal worship will crescendo.

Incidentally, to show the folly of man and humanism, someone said to me recently, "Do you think the antichrist could possibly be a clone—someone created by mankind with the ultimate gene pool of perfection?" My response was, "Good question, but only if the "brain trusts" could get a copy of Jesus' DNA, and I don't think His is for sale."

Self-Helps

It seems that if anything proposes to aid people, then the practice of it gets lauded to the heavens. It seems a simple matter to appeal to a congregation by telling them that a particular method or resource will "help" the people. It automatically becomes legitimate and is authorized in houses of worship and by church authority. Shelves of Christian bookstores are lined with self-help titles of books, magazines, and periodicals that emphasize the bettering of one's self. We see items all the way from Christian diets to the anointing of making money. Please don't misunderstand me, many of the items serve a good purpose, but the question we must ask is: Is the purpose to build people as a separate entity without contributing to the person's destiny to serve God? If so, then self-helps are serving mankind instead of mankind serving God. As clever as this is, a discerning eye of spirituality can easily see through this ploy. Mankind, even one's own self, can very easily become the center of one's focus instead of God.

I see this clearly as a frequent traveler to the nation of India and observing Hinduism, the native worship of that particular land. For example, Transcendental Meditation has become a commonly known practice for self-helps but beneath the surface, it conjures the same demons and false gods as Hinduism. My good friend, an apostle and minister in Fairfield, Iowa, the headquarters of TM1 in the United States, told me that local pastors in Fairfield have told their congregations to avail themselves to the TM practices to help them relax. They even tell the flock of the folds to go to the TM chapel and meditate in order to facilitate this. In other words, to facilitate the comfort of the people these leaders say, "Forget about the commandment to not have any other gods and go meditate." Through this practice, man and his comfort have become the focus of belief and not God. We see the same thing in yoga or martial arts. We can get so focused on the importance of people that we often fail to see that the activity violates the commandments of God. The logic becomes what does it matter as long as it helps the person?

Another prime example of a self-help tool in the church is the prayer of Jabez. Please do not misunderstand me, the actual prayer of Jabez was and still is a good prayer, but the reason the booklet has sold millions is because it is a "bless-me prayer." People could use the increase that comes from praying the prayer for the good of God and the kingdom, but all too often the focus is upon the person's gain and not upon God. We need to be mindful of 1 Timothy 6:5 NKJ, which says to withdraw from those who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

Are We Having Church for God or People?

There is a growing movement in Christianity to have our churches more comfortable for people than they are for God. Is the measure of a good church the presence of God or the thickness of the cushions in the pew? Do we tailor-make our services for the convenience of people, giving orders of service to ensure that we dismiss on our timing and not God's? Do we rehearse our church services in a methodical fashion to make sure that nothing new or unknown interrupts the flow of worship? Do we try to inhibit any movement of the Holy Spirit by making sure that spontaneity and congregational involvement in the church service is discouraged?

Some of these elements are explained under the heading of "all things must be done decently and in order." They may have an element of good in them, but when the whole picture is put together, the acid test is still this: Is the church man-oriented or God-oriented? This is just another example of how subtle the worship of the created thing over worship of the Creator can be.

What? Homosexuals in the Pulpit?

As volatile as this next statement may be, it needs to be made in light of the worship of mankind being elevated above God's opinion. Homosexuality is strictly banned and is called an abomination in the Word of God (Leviticus 20:13). But now in major Christian institutions, this blight upon Christian behavior and moral conduct is being considered under their doctrine of inclusion. This is nothing more than a continuing perversion of man's opinions having preeminence over God's precepts. Romans 1:26 and 27 gives the details of God's opinion of such behavior, but we in the church oftentimes gives more earnest heed to the opinions of mankind than the opinions of God as stated in His Word.

The acceptance of homosexuality is a manifestation of how New Age beliefs have encroached upon the church. It is obviously not new because God had a solution for it long ago. It was punishment and the eradication of the evil thing in Sodom and Gomorrah. Oftentimes the accepted Christian norm for these actions now are to either ordain the offender or to send them for counseling while we subliminally accept their behavior. This is nothing more than a perversion of worshipping the created thing instead of worshipping the Creator.

These issues would not be issues at all if we understood true compassion versus counterfeit compassion.

Counterfeit Compassion

God commands us to love one another (John 13:34), but not at the expense of loving Him first (Matthew 22:37–40). The subtlety of humanism is that the emotional compassion for people outweighs our allegiance to God and the importance of obeying Him rather than man. Is it possible to love people more than God? Of course it is and that is a blatant sin of idolatry. The first and great commandment is to love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength, and this is the only mandate that cannot be overemphasized. Throughout the Word of God, there is always a balance of understanding when viewing perspectives of the truth. Extremism (when one point of view is magnified at the expense of another) has all too often become the norm in Christianity. We dare never magnify the importance of mankind at the expense of the purposes of God. When it is, counterfeit compassion emerges.

Unfortunately our concern for people surpassing our allegiance to God is often witnessed in Christianity and this is the basis of counterfeit compassion. This has grown up around us and subtly overtaken us; without notice we have been diverted from the righteous judgments of God and are worshipping humanity rather than worshipping God.

In giving an example of humanism and counterfeit compassion, I would expect to see the rage and fury of humanism explode upon me when I mention Mother Theresa. Being a convener of apostolic fellowships in India, I am rather well versed in the opinions of native Christian leaders in India concerning her. Mother Theresa was no doubt a wonderful person with a great compassion for people, and she helped thousands of them. However, it is well known among the national Christian leaders in India that she forfeited witnessing privileges concerning Jesus Christ in her ministry. She was commended, as she should have been, for her demonstration of goodwill and helping the underprivileged, but to appease the government of India and to not offend the Hindus of Calli, she magnified people at the expense of her allegiance to God. Even though canonized by the Roman Catholic Church and revered and loved by millions, she was a major proponent of humanism. Seeing her stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ will be very interesting. This is an example of counterfeit compassion when the value of humans and even physical life is elevated over the commandment of God to proclaim the great commission.

Certainly, the Bible encourages us to do good—to feed the poor and to visit the fatherless and widows. This is true love and shows an element of compassion but it can easily be perverted if humanity and the importance of humans are emphasized over the importance of God. We must love others because of God's love for them and us, not instead of God's love for them.

Love Never Fails?

We have all heard the quotation "love never fails." Is this an unconditional statement that always applies, or a conditional statement made to Christians who are trying to get along with each other in the church? Question: Did love fail in dealing with Lucifer? The Word of God very clearly itemizes the punishments of Lucifer's disobedience (Ezekiel 28:13–18). He was banished from heaven and sealed with a fate of doom and punishment. Did love fail with Lucifer? The obvious answer is yes. Will it fail with certain people? The answer is again obviously yes since we see certain of them being thrown into the lake of fire with Lucifer. So, there is a place where the commandments and judgments of God are supreme over compassion and even forgiveness. The place of the balance between compassion and judgment needs clarification because humanism makes no provision for punishment of people, since people are the supreme cause of its existence.

Even though vaguely related, the issue of punishing children for disobedience arises at this juncture too. Humanism has no provisions for punishment because it has elevated people to the highest tier of importance and has no higher realm of judgment than self-preservation. Humanism will condemn a parent for disciplining a child. When the Bible says to spare the rod and spoil the child, humanism will even contradict itself when disallowing benefit/consequence if the consequence includes punishment. Along these same lines, humanism denounces capital punishment. Although this may seem deeply spiritual, it is not biblical.

Is War Justified?

Humanism will place the value of human life above the value of God's righteous judgment. We need to recognize that God is supreme in His judgment over mankind and that man was created in the image of God and not God in the image of man. We also need to be reminded that when the importance of mankind is elevated above the commandments of God then true justice and righteous judgment will appear as harsh or unfair.

Even though the book of Ecclesiastes tells us in chapter 3 that there is "a time of war and a time of peace; a time to hate and a time to love," humanism will disallow God working through others to inflict punishment where punishment is due. It counts it an unrighteous thing when God charges righteous judgment. Humanism will deny these realities and not allow the existence of war or punishment for disobedience.

(Please be reminded that I am not opposed to true compassion and the withholding of merited judgment against people. My point in discussing these issues is that humanism will deny God the righteous choice and decision of punishing disobedience.)

At the writing of this, a coalition of nations is attacking an evil regime (Saddam Hussein's) and thousands upon thousands of people are demonstrating in the streets. Humanism is their platform, decrying justice for a mass murderer. Why? Because humanism has elevated itself to lofty heights and has made the rights of mankind supreme to the judgment of God. Within humanism, there is no place to police itself.

Recently on a church bulletin I read: If we Christians are to love our enemies and instead we are attacking them, then how can war with Iraq be right? If I had the time and inclination to discuss the issue with the pastor of that church, I would have asked him, "Who is the Prince of Peace?" He would have rightly said, "Jesus." Then I would have said, "That same man will descend from heaven with the armies of the Lord to impute judgment on the ungodly for their ungodliness in their ungodly habitations (Jude 14,15). So then by your logic, is Jesus the minister of sin?" God reserves the right to punish evil, but humanism (the religion of that Christian minister) denies Him that right.

Certainly Christianity is the belief of a kind and forgiving God, but the Lord of the Host (army) is used four times more than any other description of God in the Old Testament, and "sell your coat and buy a sword" is used the same amount of times (one) as "turn the other cheek." Love and forgiveness are valid concepts in Christianity, but so are punishment and retribution. Forgiveness and mercy are more commonly emphasized because humanism is more popularly taught at seminaries than spiritual warfare.

The First and Great Commandment

The subtlety of the devil's deceptive move of humanism upon people is clearly seen when we view the first and great commandment and its relationship to the second one.

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. Matthew 22:36–38

This seems easily understood, and then the second is like unto it.

And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Matthew 22:39

The subtlety and success of humanism is not to negate or deny either of these commandments, but to reverse the order of them. The devil transposes the importance of these commandments and therefore establishes the doctrine of humanism. As I mentioned before, Satan has not come to us dressed in a red suit, but in a two-piece suit, standing in pulpits trying to convince us that social issues are the matters at hand rather than spiritual ones.

Humanists recognize the need to love individuals and to care for the more unfortunate ones. They will feed the poor, but will they witness to them? They may tolerate them but will they confront the evil in them? Will they be motivated to love and care for the needy by guilt or by obedience to God?

We must realize that this perversion of our belief system is a very, very deceitful thing. Yes, God has put tenderness and care for others deep in our hearts, but when the United Way shows pictures of starving children, are we moved by our emotions for people or by our allegiance to God?

This is a very, very tricky matter. The following biblical example will show how tricky it is and help to clarify the importance of the issue.

A Biblical Example of Humanism

Matthew 16:23 NKJ deals with perhaps the strongest rebuke ever given to a believer. Jesus looked Simon Peter, the leader of all the apostles, straight in the eye and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan!" The context of this occurrence reveals the subtlety of humanism and also the Lord's admonition of how serious it is to the overall belief system of a person.

It would do us all well to remember the more remote context of this rebuke. Just two verses before, Peter was lauded to the highest honor by Jesus saying it was not flesh and blood which had revealed to him the identity of the Son of Man, but the Father in heaven. Then while in an honorable position, Jesus bestowed upon him the keys to the kingdom. However, only four verses later, the leader of all the apostles and the man to whom the keys to the kingdom were given was publicly and sharply rebuked and exposed that Satan was working through him! What caused Peter to err in such a fashion? Humanism.

It is interesting that this section of Scripture is the one referenced by Roman Catholicism conferring the first papal office upon Peter. Will they likewise be so consenting as to grant the first pope the first rebuke for satanic humanism? No one is immune.

In the context, Jesus had been telling His disciples that He would be crucified. Peter in his well-meaning (but deceived) state, rebuked the Master by saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" Jesus looked Peter in the eye and said, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

No one wanted to see Jesus die. If anyone would have bathed Peter's words in solace and comfort, it would have been the shepherd and bishop of his soul, Jesus Christ. However, Jesus rebuked Peter, knowing the dire importance of standing firmly on the will of God in the face of suffering.

In a personal question, do you savor the things of men more than the things of God? Will you deny God's punitive retribution on mankind if it violates your comfort? Would you deny God (as if you could) the privilege of venting His wrath on disobedience? Do you personally think that you are above punishment for disobedience? Do you think that love never fails and do not consider that it has failed and is continuing to fail? These personal questions are asked not to condemn you, but to show you that neither you, nor I, nor anyone else, is immune to the doctrine of demons of humanism.

The strength of humanism is its subtlety. We all are possible offenders and violate the commandments of God by elevating man and even the care of man above the will of God.

Mercy and Punishment

Oftentimes it can be overheard in Christian conversation the point/counterpoint of God's mercy versus His judgment. As interesting as this discourse becomes, we can now easily see that its tenets are in humanism also. Look at how deceptive the argument has become. The opposite side of mercy is not judgment, but punishment.

To visualize a balance between mercy and punishment, imagine a scale with equal portions on both sides. If we put total love and unreserved forgiveness on one side of the balance scale, then we must put deserving punishment and godly retribution in an equal amount on the other side. One problem we have had with the encroachment of humanism is that we have not balanced the mercy side with the punishment side.

Therefore, when we begin viewing true compassion and forgiveness, we do not have a true system with which to define it. This again shows us the fallacy of counterfeit compassion. True compassion means that God loves mercy and withholds punishment, but without punishment, mercy has lost it strength. Jesus taught us to turn the other cheek and love our enemies, but He also said to sell your coat and buy a sword.

When dealing with mercy and punishment, the verb "judge" is the action that is taken, and either mercy or punishment will be the result of the decision that is made. Surely God delights in mercy (Micah 7:18), and He does withhold His punishment—at least until people begin taking His goodness for granted, and then He is quick to remind them who He is and who is supreme. Remember, God is not a man that He should lie. What He says, He will do. Examples of this are abundant throughout the Word of God. When Samuel hewed Agag to pieces before the Lord in Gilgag, it was an example of God's righteous retribution on disobedience. Likewise, when God had mercy on David and did not require his life for having Uriah killed, God showed His mercy. The point of this discussion is not to debate whether God was righteous in directing Samuel to do this nor is it to negate the charge against David, but to show that God does mete out judgment and mercy. One time punishment came, and the other time mercy came. Imputing punishment does not mean that God is unrighteous.

Following this line of consideration, King Saul was also judged for his disobedience. He was weighed in the balances and was found wanting and was rejected as king over Israel. Does this mean that God did not love Saul? Does this mean that God unjustly punished Saul? Did God not have mercy on Saul?

These are valid questions, but humanism gives no answer because the advancement of mankind is its aim. Conversely, true faith is the advancing of God's purposes and allowing God to decide what is best for mankind. God does prefer mercy, but He also charges retribution for disobedience.

Some people have said that in the New Covenant God's punishment was eradicated. This test of logic must be judged against the "counter example" of logic. Elymas, the sorcerer and false prophet, was smitten blind in Acts 13. Ananias and Sapphira died for tempting God in Acts 5, and the seven sons of Sceva the High Priest were severely injured by the demon they were trying to exorcise. It is accurate to say that the blood of Jesus availed much more forgiveness, but we cannot afford to allow humanism to be elevated above true godly belief, even when the forgiveness of the blood of Jesus is considered. My contribution to the discussion is that God did not change when His covenant changed. More of God's mercy is availed to us by the blood of Jesus, but because Jesus died on Calvary does not mean God's nature or His desire to carry out His perfect will was changed.

Another example of humanism invading the church is the subject of the nation of Israel. Many members of the church of Jesus Christ have become well informed over the past years of the need to pray for Israel. This is a major breakthrough in church doctrine to replace "replacement theology." Yes, Israel is the viable interest of world politics, but this does not eradicate the prophecy of God's punishment still to come on them. This brings the subject of humanism and godly judgment upon Israel into a more focused perspective. In the church's zeal to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, let's not be blind to the fact that they must still go through the time of Jacob's Trouble before the end comes (Jeremiah 30:7; Daniel 9:24).

If, in our haste to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, we overlook the approaching fulfillment of the end-time prophecy of Jacob's Trouble, we could be praying against the will of God. This happens within the church because of the influence of humanism. Its effect is to cause us to not recognize that God still has unfulfilled judgment against Israel.

These examples have been cited to show that God's judgment is going to fall on the earth and that we cannot magnify men above God's judgment.

Conclusion

Humanism, by the self-defining terms included within this article, is when we savor the things of men above the things of God. We must never allow ourselves to elevate man's importance above the commandments of God. Humanism has carved out a tenet within our society called, "the god of our belief system" and also "the god of our comfort." These belief systems will not allow individuals to venture into the consideration of God's judgment upon the people of the earth.

We can see the growing emergence of a one-world religion and the coming reign of the antichrist. Humanism is worshipping people; Greenpeace is worshipping nature; Save Willy is worshipping animals, and Tree Huggers are worshipping plants. Mother Nature and Baal are on the same team and Satan is preparing the antichrist to be the captain.

Yes, we can see humanism growing in many places, but the most dangerous place is in the church. Are the very elect being deceived?

Humanism is a growing concern among all Christians and subtly will leech away sound faith and doctrine. When mankind and social issues become more important than God and righteous judgment, the encroachment has come upon us. All Christians should be on guard against this perversion of doctrine. This is an ever-growing concern for ministers and all believers who have regard for the sanctity of truth and the preservation of a godly belief system.

Notes
1. Maharishi Vedic Education Development Corporation.

Heavenly Workshop II
Vicki Camp

Pre: In the first part I published: In the Spirit in a vision, I found myself in a heavenly workshop, and I watched as Jesus fashioned two metallic pearly colored drumsticks on an anvil, rubbing these two red/white heat fired rods / drumsticks, against each other. He then placed them in His tunic, next to HIS' Fiery Heart,,, shown me in part - a glimpse into Jesus furnace of Heart Fire.
Part II
Jesus then stepped away from the anvil. He walked a short distance, just a few feet away to a new place in this heavenly workshop, where He now stood at a table, a workbench. I followed Him and stood again looking to see.......

As I watched Jesus, He slipped off his leather apron and laid it on the table. In His hand now was a pair of very long bladed shiny silver scissors, and He cut out a large circular piece of material from this raw leather. On the table's side and on shelves above it, there were many open jars and glass containers and even a few small cans looking like common paint cans to me, with different colors splashed on their outer rims. Jesus dipped his fingers into some of these containers, one at a time, and He began to rub this large round leather piece he was working on with these substances, rubbing with his fingers and sometimes the palms of His Hands, in steady circular motions, at times applying strong pressure and at other times a very light touch.

Jesus was very concentrated on this task, but also I saw happiness on his face as He worked this leather, kneading and making it more supple. His eyes were intent but soft and His lips slightly parted and upturned at the corners in a sure contentment of happy 'working' as He applied to this task. I watched in fascination as He rubbed these ointments, various fluids of different colors and substances in turn, from the various containers, into this leather piece He had cut out.

After some time He gave a happy sigh of accomplishment, as Jesus lifted the round leather piece with both hands, stretching out full the round leather piece up in front of His face, seeming to inspect and admire it,,, and I was surprised to see that his round piece was now a lovely deep purple colored leather, and it was no longer rough but now smooth - even though I had seen many many colored substances being kneaded into this piece, all of it was shown evenly colored a deep purple (!), with the piece having a soft shiny smoothness to it's finish now.

As He placed it back on the table I saw that there was now a shallow circular bowl laying there, that appeared to me to be a reflective metallic bowl, of a rich medium blue color. Jesus now began fitting the purple leather piece onto the top of this base, and I realized as I watched, that this was to be 'the drum' for beating and sounding. He was making and creating this project -- His' drum for sounding.......
"Ah,,,", I thought, *"now I can see what Jesus is making so carefully and tenderly of attention and so powerfully with His very Own fingers, at this work bench - a drum for the drumsticks of HIS' Heart Fire to beat upon."*
Jesus eyes looked to me and He smiled, letting me know again with His nod that I was understanding correctly, even though once more I had not spoken this out loud..... He knew my heart thoughts.

With the long silver scissors, using the pointed end of one blade, He now poked even spaced holes around the circumference of the leather piece. With each hole he made He carefully applied ointment of a red color from a large wooden basin-bowl he reached into, followed by a blue colored oil from a tall gold vase-like container which He also reached into. Jesus rubbed these two substances into the new punctures, rubbing into each hole thoroughly, and then over the whole piece he massaged these two, both the red and blue substances, into the whole leather piece, front and back. He finished all up with water, which I saw Him pouring from a great white pitcher, all over this piece of leather and through the holes punched,,,,,, so much so was there water, a fizzing bubbling water, that it soaked the purple leather piece into a soft thickness, and the waters filled the shallow blue base beneath, splashing and spilling over, and off the work-bench - so much water, for I saw that this white pitcher supernaturally did not run out of water, but kept pouring and pouring, well beyond it's measure..... from Jesus Hand held.

Then Jesus spoke, kindly explaining some of what I had been shown,

"This piece of My work-apron I wore closely, and this once raw leather skin you may liken to My Body, My people that have died to self and flesh yet they are most Alive In Me! My own special people.
The red ointment and the blue oil you may liken to My blood applied with My Spirit anointing; I finish all with the washing of the Living Water by My Word. All I apply to full absorption.
My silver sword of justice, as the silver scissors you saw, does cut and try these ones, proving them unto full strength – My strength made perfect in their weakness.
This is a royal company, thus the purple. These who make up this purple colored likeness you are being shown are My own special treasure; My Body being now shaped and stitched and placed together on the firm reflective of Me heavenly blue base, thus the rich blue color.
These ones are Mine, given Me by My Father; I bought and paid for them -- they inherit with Me and share My Throne; I love these ones beyond the telling to you and beyond your present full understanding just yet...but you and all who are mine, must receive this understanding - I love you and care over you, forming you for Myself, as you were shown .... Now watch again, daughter."

And I saw that purple leather piece now begin to glow, and roll slightly and jump (this is best I can describe), for it was animated / alive / quickened ...... in Jesus Hands.

Next I saw an even more amazing sight, which is very hard to describe with words, but I will try...... Jesus reached up very high with His right arm, and as my eyes followed I saw there was no ceiling or roof on this work-shop !...... there was only night sky above us, with stars and planets glittering against this velvet dark backdrop of night. Somehow supernaturally Jesus reached up so far into the galaxies, so very deep into this night sky,,, then pulling back down with His Hand a long cord of -- Light (!),,,, white Light cord of a golden-white color which shone in beauty. And I was made to 'know' that this was a three strand cord of perfect witness of Himself our Lord, a cord that cannot not be broken, for it comes forth, is brought forth of Jesus Own very Arm of strength,,, from the eternities ~ selah.

Jesus, working in eagerness was now attaching, tie-ing the circular leather piece through the holes around it's edge and onto the shallow rich blue base, or kettle piece (?), of this unusual drum he was creating on the work table. He used the heavenly cord of Light to secure all firmly, with some areas doubled of cord, and in other places the cord crossed many times, as He wove and tied it lovingly together .... , and the finished product drum gleamed and shone in a vibrancy that is beyond my description ability here.
I thought as I looked, *"This is a truly a drum of “wonder” !" ..... as in, our Lord's 'signs and wonders'.*

Jesus nodded again to me,

"Yes. This is truth, for this drum of My sounding forth, is a true wonder of My Own making, by My

Own Fingers, of My crafting and Ownership and righteous care."

At this time, when Jesus had finished the drum, I noted commotion and soft murmured cheers coming from the many people or angels who also had been working in the different areas of this heavenly workshop. As I took my eyes from Jesus and looked about this heavenly workshop, I saw all the workers were turning our way, looking towards Jesus as He held up the finished drum that purely shimmered and reflected the sky's natural night-lights shining down upon us in the open ceiled workshop.
Jesus lifting high His' finished drum for all of us to see .... and now as my eyes centered back onto the drum, I noted again that rather than an inanimate sounding instrument as a natural earthly drum which a human artisan might build, Jesus' created drum appeared as alive, pulsing and shining of The Light cord and the vibrant reflective color of blue base, with and the smooth now taut deep purple top skin .... as He presented it thus before us all to see His handiwork, finished.

"I want you to understand this scene I show you as a similitude, daughter. I want you to write this vision and tell it to my people, for those who will hear. The drumsticks I fashioned of creamy white pearl-like material from Fire may be likened to bone, Even as the raw unfinished at first leather, may be likened to flesh.

Soon at the time appointed I will sound forth to and through My Body, My special people, bringing forth a new beat that is of old; Sounding through those of My very Bones and My Flesh of communion; My people who are attuned and in tune by My Spirit; These are those who will so beat with My Own Heartbeat that they will march in My cadence of perfect supernatural unity, for these ones are formed of My Fiery Heart, My Body closeness, of My Own Hands -- in holiness unto Their Lord.

My Holy Spirit 'sounding' will cadence Our beat, outward and EVERYWHERE to all living creatures, in great waves. Yes, all heavens and the earth will hear, see and know.
The multitudes of people upon earth will most assuredly understand fully that I am Lord and Savior at that time, and some of them will even change, attuning to Our rhapsody, running into Our pinions of protection, finding Life, even finding Life of MySelf with My Bride. She will speak, singing My beat throughout the air waves with Our 'sounding', and the many miracles will be great of My might. Those with open hunger to see and hear will see and hear and be fed, for they will come and be healed of Me, Jesus Christ - even as I have always afforded to mankind. Those who will not partake, nor see or hear unto acceptance are judged.

This Wonder of eternal Light binding cord; My 'sounding' creation of Love beat will no longer be hidden in that time, but She will stand in that season firmly upon Her moon, in Glory displayed gown, crowned of heavenly Lights, bridled unto the cadence of My Light cords, and in chords of 'sounding' Life. She and I will flash forth into the earth Our Voice, in a final calling.

Tell this to my people; tell them to be pliable in eagerness; To be found in company of My 'sounding' being formed today – for My soon coming cadence will shake all of the heavens and all of earth; Yes, this will be so even before I set my feet back down upon My footstool, My earth, to declare the ending."

After Jesus finished speaking, I gasped quietly as I watched Jesus rise right up through the open roof, and I saw Him stand there at a distance amongst the stars and heavenly bodies. He sat down placing

His' new created drum between His knees. Jesus reached into his now changed tunic, for His garments were also now bright Light as was His' whole head,,,,, Glory Light that was almost blinding for me to look upon against the dark night surround; I squinted to see, as He took out the two drumsticks of pearly colors, these that still glowed brightly of red/white Fire heat from His' Heart closeness. With a now strong countenance showing forth Jesus raised the two drumsticks to begin His 'beating sounding' on His newly fashioned and created "wonder" drum,,,the two metal rod drumsticks from His' Fiery Heart raised high…..

Simultaneously we, everyone in this heavenly workshop where I stood, including myself, fell totally quiet in anticipation of Jesus 'beat and sounding' as we all then fell to our faces ~ to worship,,, under a sudden descending cloud of Shekinah presence that flowed down and pressed upon us of Glorious weight.
- this vision/experience portion faded, and I continued in His' presence, in stillness and awe.

"And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." - Gen. 2:23
"The first man (Adam) was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven." - I Cor. 15:47

"For we are members of His (Jesus Christ) body, of His flesh and of His bones." - Eph. 5:30

Shekinah: the weighty Glory presence of our Lord.
similitude: 'like'. Something closely resembling; a simile', or parable.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst Come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." - Rev. 22:17

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"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea." -Hab. 2:14

Is Anything Too Difficult For Me

Miqua Miles

My Dearest Child,

Is anything too difficult for Me? Rejoice in this change in your life - despise not the day of small beginnings for out of these shall grow a mighty giant of hope and joy by My leading. - Just rest for a while until the fullness of My joy bubbles up in you for . in resting you will regain your strength and vision. Yes, I know you might feel unsure and a bit insecure in your own ability at this time, even though you asked for this. Let Me re assure you, I AM your Father, will I allow this 'birthing', this 'new thing' if I knew you couldn't handle it?

Be aware of this though - even like a natural baby, this will grow and mature only through LOVE, (even when it's 'teething-time). It may turn out to look different to your understanding and early expectations - but- a new thing is firstly NEW. I AM leading you on this new path by My Spirit. Rejoice for the first hurdle has been crossed. Where you are –

I AM Lovingly
Your Father

The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23 :1-6

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I Am A God Of Memorials

Julie Baxter

Today the Spirit of the Lord surrounds me as I reflect upon this day in our nation, Memorial Day. A day to reverence and respect those men and women who have died fighting for the freedom I enjoy every day of my life.

As the Spirit hovers a message is incubating in my Spirit and I sense I had better find my quiet place and listen and I heard a message from the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of the Bridegroom says to His Bride being formed today".

"This is a day like any other day in your life. You enjoy my freedoms, my pleasures, and my provision and feel my delight upon you. You do what you must do and think no further afield than how to prepare for your own. You are like nearly every shepherd I have.

My spirit is grieving over the shepherds who do not and will not look further afield to My scattered flocks. My spirit is grieving over those who are so busy taking care of every detail of their sheep's lives they spend all their time with the sheep they have rather than leaving those comfortable sheep in their fold to go out to find and comfort the one lost one.

Today I will call a Holy Day - A Day of Memory - A Day to take time to remember those who have died for your freedom. Those who have put on garments of peace and safety, camouflaging themselves and fighting deadly enemies so that you may have peace.

But today I call my church to stop spending all her time with herself. Today I call my church to use this day and every day to begin to wage warfare against my enemy, by simply making friends with those who do not know me. Today I call my church to begin to stretch forth to other vineyards and other shepherds and join themselves without regard for boundaries and possessions.

Today - I will remember and I ask you to remember that you who are engraven upon the palms of my hands, you whose names are written in my book, I ask you to remember that even as you do it for the least of those you consider outside your own circles you do it to me and for me.

If you do not reach out, beloved, if you do not believe that my blood is sufficient for others even as it has been for you - then I tell you - I will not remember you in my book. But rather, you will be among those who say, "Lord, Lord, this and this and this I have done in your name" and I will reply, "I never knew you."

I never knew you intimately enough to beget children of your faith.
I never knew you intimately enough to have been your every waking thought.
I never knew you intimately enough to have you telling everyone you know me, that I am the ONE who saves, heals, fills, and comforts. I never knew you intimately enough that you would leave your daily bread for time in my Word, learning where I feed at noon, and how I move mountains and where I rest in eventide. It is so painful, I never knew you. And you never knew me.

Today - a brand new day I give you.
What memories shall we make?
What memorials shall we place?
How will you be remembered?
Will you remember ME?"

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I Am At Work In You

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April 3, 2004
Indeed some of My children have wondered whether I am at all working in their lives. You see evidence of My work in others, you see an opening to revelation in many, yet there does not seem to be any activity in much of your daily life. Because of this, the enemy has caused many to doubt My presence and to wonder whether I have left them. **Yet My dearly Beloved, far from it, I AM accomplishing a hidden work in you.** For most of your life you have associated My work in and around you to be something you see with your physical eyes, yet this is not so, for deep within the recesses of your heart I am forming My character in you. Your trials will be turned into opportunities to leap over obstacles with hinds feet.

Behind the curtain I am working the impossible, accomplishing the unimaginable and bringint to pass that which I have spoken and promised you. Do not be discouraged nor lose heart For the silence and the lullness you feel is the Almighty working his hidden work. Sometimes beloved I have to veil what I am doing in your life in order that you would not speak words of unbelief or retreat for fear of what I will take you through. The Christian walk of faith and trust, whereby you have faith and trust in the fact that I am God and that I am moving whether you see it or not.

But believe Me you will be most surprised at the finished product. *I will not promise you smooth roads. In fact, you will a various levels be met by obstacles, trials and tests that are so huge, that it will taken only complete faith and trust in Me to move your mountain*. Once again I say do not lose heart. Do not lean on your own understanding but acknowledge Me, and I will surely direct your paths and lead you in My righteousness.

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Stand On My Promises And Enter My Rest

Musa Opiyo

April 4, 2004

Stand On My Promises

I go before you to make your paths straight. Though narrow, it leads straight to Me. But it is a path on which we both shall walk for I have promised never to leave you nor forsake you. Seek My wisdom in this hour for you cannot afford to run without a vision, for without a vision the people perish. I would not have you ignorant of the devil's devices, for he is pulling out all the stops and is more slick and sly than ever in order to lead many of My own through deception into a life of darkness, unforgiveness, hate and devoid of My love. Do not give him the time nor the day, but yet stand on My promises for they are truly yea and amen.

John 10: 14 "..And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice."

Enter My Rest

In My presence there is a fullness and an abiding of My Joy. For where the Spirit of the Lord rests there is life, freedom and joy. My Spirit desires that My people enter My rest. For My rest is not a physical rest. My rest is coming to a place where My peace which passes all understanding, My Joy which makes you full and the presence of the Spirit abides in you and you have the assurance of this rest in you whether there is peace around you or not. Many are indeed devoid of My peace, My Joy and My everabiding rest. If only My people would quiet themselves and be still and know that I am God and know that I am present in their situation. Oh My people, enter into My rest. Trust in Me and do not lean on your own understanding. For great turmoil shall soon break out across this earth, yet you shall be a beacon of light, that city set on the hill where you shall shine with My Abiding Glory. That day is now. Come into My rest.

I Am Coming For The Prodigal

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I Am Coming For The Prodigal and For His Older Brother

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The Lord has been speaking to me from the parable of the Prodigal son. Luke chapter 15.

The Lord is drawing the prodigal back into the fellowship of the body of Christ. But He is not just coming for the prodigal son. He wants his older brother also.

The Lord says, "I will parade the prodigal in front on the older brother in hopes that his heart will become jealous for Me".

To the older brother the Lord says:

"There is no limit to the inheritance I have provided for you. Just try and see if you can spend more than I can provide. My Love and favor towards you is unending. You will see this is you stop trying to earn My love and instead start spending it.

You can not divide My love up into equal parts and pay it out like a workman's wage. Tear down the walls of jealousy, pride and competition and let's have a party. I will serve as the main dish. Come feast on ME!

I am bringing in the prodigal. If you will learn his lesson you will do well. The trough of self righteousness and religiosity is not far from the trough he was eating from. If you will embrace him with love and humility and esteem him highly you will see a great time of feasting and growth.

However if you despise him and seek to put you're heavy yoke around his neck, I will shut the doors of heaven on you and you will experience a time of great famine. One way or another, I will reveal your starving heart and make you hungry for me.

My desire if for you to come to Me.

I am raising up passionate lovers unto Myself. Chaste ones that will give up even their natural desire's to have them filled by me. I will dance them in front of you. Join in their dance. For now is a time of plenty. Come feast on my love. Have the wisdom of Joseph. Fill every room of the warehouse of your soul.

Those who come and feast on me I will fill them to overflowing. But to those whose desire is to feast on themselves, I will take even that away from them.

What is better in the eyes of the Lord. Those who say they will follow with all their hearts but then later withhold from Him. Or those who struggle with giving all of their hearts and then give in".

"I am calling to the gate keepers. Let your prayers be mighty".

I Am Lord Of The Harvest

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Mat 9:37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Mat 9:38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.

The great I AM, the Alpha and Omega is calling you to come up higher this day. Enter into My Throne Room that you may hear My heart beat for this hour.

I see the lost, the broken and the destitute; those under the heavy oppression from the enemy of their souls. But where is My church, where is My bride? She is distracted with the busyness of the world, this world and all that is in it, which will soon fold away along with the heavens.

Look around you, see the fields white unto harvest. I AM the Lord of the Harvest, seek Me for the direction you are soon to take, but for now draw away unto Me. You must be prepared to reap this great harvest at My direction, by My Spirit. This harvest will be brought in BY MY SPIRIT. I AM the director. You will be bold, you will go out By THE POWER OF MY MIGHT. You will speak words that will cut into the heart and it will bring many to their knees before Me.

What is this dross I see before me? You are making your own plans for the future. Where are My plans for you in your heart? YOUR LIFE IS NO LONGER YOURS BUT MINE; BOUGHT WITH A GREAT PRICE. I speak these words so that you may be smitten in your hearts to lay down your lives for others, as MY Son laid down His life for you! THERE IS A COST BEFORE THE GLORY! It cost My Son everything before He received the Glory, before He was seated at the right hand of the Father. I REQUIRE THE SAME OF YOU.

Where are those that are prepared to disciple My new lambs. Intercessors stand in the gap so that the church will be ready to receive this GREAT HARVEST; the sheaves are being prepared to be brought into the barn.
The I AM.

Submit To My Headship

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Eph 1:22 And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, Eph 1:23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.
Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.
Eph 4:15 but, speaking the truth in love, may we grow up in all things into Him who is the head - Christ.
Submit to My headship, submit to My leading. Many are running to and fro thinking that they are accomplishing something for My Kingdom. Now hear this Beloved, My Word says that those who are led of the Spirit of God are the sons of God. Those who are not led by the Spirit are still My children, BUT NOT MY SONS.
Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
Seek My face My children as to what dross is still to be purged out of you so that you can hear My voice. I will deal gently with you, but you must first cease striving and running to and fro and come to Me says the Lord.
Mal 3:3 And he shall sit *as* a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.
Oh My children, perilous times are ahead, if you are not in My Spirit, if you are not submitted to My guidance and My guidance only, how will you stand in the season to come and almost is.
There are some who have been purged and made ready; these are My forerunners, but I still have many children lagging behind in My army. Cease from your striving, cease from dead works and simply sit at My feet and hear My words to your heart.
2Timothy 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.
Hebrews 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
I seek to refine you, to fine tune you to hear My voice directing, prompting you in the way you must go.

The Father

I AM who I AM

Jeannette Rodgers

November 13, 2004

I AM the Beginning.
I AM the End.
I AM the Light.
I AM the Way.
I AM the Truth.
I AM the Word.
I AM Glory.
I AM Grace.
I AM Sustenance.
I AM Strength.
I AM Salvation.
I AM your Song.
I AM Jehovah Raphe, your Healer.
I AM Jehovah Jireh,Your Provider
I AM who I AM.
I AM your Answer.
I AM Love.
I AM Truth.
I AM your Help.
I AM Eternity.
I AM Compassion.
I AM Joy.
I AM with you.
I AM never leaving you.
I AM called you.
I AM your purpose.
I AM with great plans for you.
I AM your refuge.
I AM who I AM.
I AM Jehovah Shalom, your Peace
I AM your shelter.
I AM Comfort.
I AM Forgiving.
I AM your Father.
I AM your Friend.
I AM who I AM.
I AM your Freedom.
I AM Life.
I AM listening.
I AM Restoring.
I AM Renewing.
I AM Gathering.
I AM Hope.
I AM who I AM.
I AM refreshing.
I AM calling.
I AM the Standard.
I AM your Rest.
I AM your Leaning Post.
I AM omnipotent.
I AM omniscient

I AM who I AM.
I AM Deliverer.
I AM Judge.
I AM Mercy.
I AM Righteousness.
I AM Holy.
I AM Coming again.
I AM a Consuming Fire.
I AM a Refining Fire.
I AM Victory.
I AM who I AM.
I AM the Reward.
I AM the Inheritance.
I AM your Bread.
I AM Breath.
I AM who I AM.
I AM your Shield.
I AM the Lord your God.
I AM the Alpha and the Omega.
I AM ***El Elyon:*** The Most High God
I AM ***El Shaddai:*** God Almighty
I AM ***El Olam*****:** The Everlasting God
I AM Jehovah Shammah, yes I AM here.
I AM who I am.
I AM Counselor.
I AM Living Water.
I AM More than a word can even express.
I AM who I AM .

You are who I AM says you are. You are loved, You are more than a conqueror, You are beautiful, You are the apple of My eye, You are able, You are rich, You are victorious, You are Mine, You are with purpose, You are with destiny, You are My child whom remains in My sight always. You are forgiven. You are chosen. You are called.

And I say unto you, I AM has called you forth, I AM has sent you, I AM holds you up, I AM bringing you out, I AM wiping your tears, I AM pouring them unto you in Joy, I AM with you, in you , for you, drawing you, and bringing you, higher in Me.

I AM who I AM , my precious beloved children.

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Joel 2:19- I AM sending you Grain, New Wine and Oil, ...Enough to satisfy you FULLY.

Seal The Cracks
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Seal the Cracks !!

Blessings to you in the name of Jesus Christ.
Blessings of Strength, Wisdom, Peace and Joy in Him.

I submitted this word back on 9/26/02. The Holy Spirit has brought this word back to my remembrance for the body of Christ. **We must** rise up as **One body** and **One voice** (Ephesians 4:1-6) and know this is **all for Him** and in Him and about Him. Our Lord, Our King, Our salvation, Our strength is Jesus Christ. We live because He lives in us. We breath because He gives us breath. We are to be One body letting His love and all that **He is** within us reach out to each other and beyond into the world. I implore you today....to ***Seal the Cracks in the wall*****.** Let us work together that Jesus Christ would accomplish all things through us here and that we would see realms of Heaven while we are here in the earth.

Yes, the Lord is placing the ***spirit of Nehemiah*** into those who have been calling out for unity and restoration of the Body of Christ. A people who are ready to take action and build up, restore, renew and rise up. We are His body. He uses our mouth to proclaim "good news" He uses our hands to do the work of His business and to heal, He uses our legs to move wherever He sees He is needed, He uses our feet to walk in peace and to stand up in strength, He uses our heart to comfort with compassion, He uses our arms to hug the lonely and hold up the weak and hurting, He needs our BODY to be who HE IS through us. Nehemiah wept over the condition of the walls of Jerusalem and took action. Let us come together and be His body. Let us together…
Seal the cracks in the wall !!

September 26, 2002
Today, I humbly come to you my brothers and sisters in Christ.
In the Spirit; the Lord has shown me a great wall that was built to keep the enemy out. The body of Christ, His children were all gathered as one in a tremendous circle. He has shown me that we are supposed to be standing so close together so that nothing (no darkness, no division, no strife etc.) could break through, so that nothing could come in against us, but there were cracks in the wall of this circle. The enemy has been seeping in through those very cracks.

He said, IF My people, who ARE called my name will humble themselves and PRAY...and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways (distractions, idols, religion, sin, traditions, motives, time constraints, strife, control, jealousy, and.......THEN............I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Today, I am making a call out to all of us ....We must pray hard!!! We must seal the cracks in NOW!! Please take just One day to fast and pray solely for our leaders. Those who have given their lives for us. Those who the enemy will go after first because they have chosen to lay themselves down for us. Please pray for your pastor, for the preachers and teachers (five-fold ministry) that you so dearly love and draw from all the time that they would be refreshed, revived, healed and strengthened. Pray, Pray, Pray, ...As they have been called and chosen to bring the Life and Love of Jesus Christ to you, they must continue to receive Life and Love and strength through our prayers for them unto God.

In Joel 1:14, It says; DECLARE A HOLY FAST, CALL A SACRED ASSEMBLY. Summon the elders and **ALL** who live in the land to the house of the Lord your God, and CRY OUT TO THE LORD.....! ! !

Joel 2:21-Be not afraid, O land; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things!!
(He is doing greater now and is about to do even more)

SEAL THE CRACKS IN THE WALL !!!! Praise Him like never before and worship Him before His holy Throne. He is so worthy. We must stand together in Unity in our God to fight. It is time to get mad at the enemy for everything he has taken and everything he trying to do because he knows his time is short and coming to an eternal end. We must fight and cry out to God for He is listening. It is time to take a stand and fight in the name of the Lord. It is time to walk in victory and stop feeling defeated. No more defeat, No more discouragement, no more division.
Seal the Cracks!!

If you have been in the boxing ring with the enemy and its the 11th round and your tired; its time to draw from Jesus and come in with that left hook and knock that devil out. The Champions belt of honor and victory already has your name on it..... We have won !!!! We have Jesus Christ. We have an eternal promise.

We have been given His strength to fight this good fight. We must use our swords and our armor for

this battle. It is time to pray like we have never prayed before. It is time to stop looking at all the distractions in this world and at your job, and in your home and look to Jesus. Greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world. If we continue to look at those things the enemy is using to distract us we will lose focus on the Great I AM. That is his job to get our eyes from looking to Our strength. Today we must make a decision to take our eyes and lift them up to Jesus. We must remember to fight in the spirit and not flesh and blood. **Lift up** your brother and your sister and do not beat them down. Love, Love, Love…then watch God move. Its not about you, its all about Him. We are all on One team. Know that God has called each one of us old and young. It is high time to awake and cry out to Him with a shout and loud cry and the enemy and his armies will flee in the name of Jesus. Every injustice WILL bow to the name of Jesus Christ
The Praise you have in you is a great weapon.

Pray for your leaders, pray for your elders, pray for the preachers, pray for your wife, pray for your husband, pray for your family, pray for the lost, the hurting. So that their will be no cracks in the wall and circle of Life God has placed around us. Pray. Pray. However you pray, just pray. When you walk into the house of the Lord ...think about simply walking into the room where Jesus is on His throne and imagine there is no one else there but you standing before His throne. When you begin to praise Him for who He is and worship Him in spirit and in truth; you will find Life, and strength and healing like you have never seen before. Walk into His sanctuary with this one thing in your mind, in your heart and in your vision; Jesus Christ. Be a living sanctuary. If we all understand we are coming before His holy throne and we seek His face individually we will see a move of God corporately and a humbling and a unity. There will be an explosive move of the Lord. We must seal the cracks in the wall.

I believe we will see the Glory of God. Bow before Him, Trust Him, Don’t hold back from God...Seek revival within your self and surely there will be a great corporate revival in this land. If we will let Him do it in us ...it will come together. He is saying Now, Now, Now is the appointed time ......COME, COME, COME....NOW IS THE TIME .....SEAL THE CRACKS IN THE WALL.........SEAL THEM WITH PRAYER, SEAL THEM WITH PRAISE, AND SEAL THEM WITH WORSHIP UNTO OUR GOD WHO REIGNS IN BEAUTY, WISDOM, STRENGTH, AND GLORY AND HONOR!!!

Get out your spirit filled caulking guns (prayer, praise, worship, love, peace, wisdom) and begin to seal the cracks so that nothing can come in to divide the body. We are all One in Him. We must fight together.
Mighty is the army of the Lord. Joel 2.
Seal the cracks in relationships, seal the cracks in the church, seal the cracks in your life so that it is just you and Jesus. Glory.

In the power and glory and blood of Jesus Christ ...Amen and Amen...

Living For Him who died for us. One for All and All (The Body) for One

I Am Pouring Out My Spirit

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THE THIEF DOES NOT COME EXCEPT TO STEAL, AND TO KILL AND TO DESTROY. I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MAY HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY. (John 10:10)

O, My people, are you seeking the abundant life that only I can give or are you allowing the enemy to have victory over you? Of course he is gathering all his forces to come against you, My people, as he knows his time is short in which to draw you away from Me. My beloved ones, put on the armor I have provided for you, and go forth to dispel the enemy, knowing that I go with you.

THAT WE SHOULD BE SAVED FROM OUR ENEMIES AND FROM THE HAND OF ALL WHO HATE US. (Luke 1:71)

Beloved, an important part of the abundant life is the infilling of the Holy Spirit which I am pouring out in unprecedented measure in these last days and I would admonish you to embrace it with all your hearts.

AND IT SHALL COME TO PASS AFTERWARD THAT I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH; YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHESY, YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS, YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS; AND ALSO ON MY MENSERVANTS AND ON MY MAIDSERVANTS I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT IN THOSE DAYS. (JOEL 2:28,29)

My people, 'those days' are the days you are living in and the time for the pouring out of My Spirit is now. As you observe the evidence of your sons and daughters ministering in prophecy, your old men dreaming dreams and your young men seeing visions you shall know that I am pouring out My Spirit. There are many who will reject this infilling of My Spirit but they do this to the detriment of their ministries for Me. The Holy Spirit provides the power and anointing to go forth and operate in the ministries I have destined for you, My children.

What does the Holy Spirit provide for us, you may be asking?....

~ He will help you to be obedient to My Word

I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU AND CAUSE YOU TO WALK IN MY STATUTES, AND YOU WILL KEEP MY JUDGMENTS AND DO THEM. (Ezek. 36:27)

~ It is He, the Spirit, who gives life, of ourselves we can do nothing..

IT IS THE SPIRIT WHO GIVES LIFE, THE FLESH PROFITS NOTHING.(John 6:63a)

~ He reveals truth unto us and tells us of things to come.

HOWEVER, WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, HAS COME, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH, FOR HE WILL NOT SPEAK ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY, BUT WHATEVER HE HEARS HE WILL SPEAK, AND HE WILL TELL YOU THINGS TO COME. (JOHN 16:13)

~ He helps us overcome our weaknesses and makes intercession for us.

LIKEWISE, THE SPIRIT ALSO HELPS IN OUR WEAKNESSES. FOR WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT

WE SHOULD PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT, BUT THE SPIRIT HIMSELF MAKES INTERCESSION FOR US WITH GROANINGS WHICH CANNOT BE UTTERED. (Rom 8:26)

~ He reveals to us the things God has given to us.

NOW WE HAVE RECEIVED, NOT THE SPIRIT OF THE WORLD, BUT THE SPIRIT WHO IS FROM GOD, THAT WE MIGHT KNOW THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN FREELY GIVEN TO US BY GOD.(1 Cor. 2:12)

~ He gives us the Gifts of the Spirit.

NOW THERE ARE DIVERSITIES OF GIFTS, BUT THE SAME SPIRIT.(1 Cor. 12:4)

~ He convicts us of sin in our lives.

AND WHEN HE HAS COME, HE WILL CONVICT THE WORLD OF SIN AND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND OF JUDGMENT. (John 16:8)

~ He produces fruit in the lives of believers.

BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONGSUFFERING, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF CONTROL, AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW. (Gal. 5:22,23)

~ He will instruct you in spiritual things.

BUT THE HELPER, THE HOLY SPIRIT, WHOM THE FATHER WILL SEND IN MY NAME, HE WILL TEACH YOU ALL THINGS, AND BRING TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE ALL THINGS THAT I SAID TO YOU. (John 14:26)

~ He will bring healing to the sick as you pray for them.

...TO ANOTHER GIFTS OF HEALING BY THE SAME SPIRIT. (1 Cor. 12: 9b)

~ He will manifest the working of miracles through His people.

...TO ANOTHER THE WORKING OF MIRACLES. (1 Cor. 12: 10a)

My precious people, I tell you, in the midst of a troubled world, you have a great need to be filled with the Holy Spirit as the people were filled, as recorded in the Book of Acts. Receive My Spirit with joy and go forth in the power and anointing contained therein and minister as I shall direct you. Allow the Spirit to give you powerful words of testimony to speak forth to unbelievers and see them receive Me as Saviour. Believe in the power of the Spirit to bring healing to the sick as you pray for them. I yearn to see the fulfillment of the life of the Spirit come into being in every church across your land with the evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit manifested everywhere.

I Am Releasing Favor To You

Shirley Lise

I am breaking apart the hierarchy that has been at work. I am disassembling strongholds. Make room for My miracles. This is a day of great grandeur for those who have put their trust in Me, and a day of joy and gladness for those who know the Lord their God.

Rest in Me. Rest in My loving arms. I am moving out on your behalf, addressing issues that have come about. Trust in Me and do not let the enemy side-track you. Do not listen to the lies. I have given you My grace to see you through. I have invested time into your circumstances. I have built a hedge of protection round about you and given you My power to ward off the darts of the enemy. I have given you strength beyond comprehension and I will lead you out and on into the depths of My Spirit. Though many say they are in control, I am the One who sees all and who changes and arranges things, so pick up speed and run the race undaunted.

I have provided you with all that you stand in need of. I have given you insight into those things that are at war with My Spirit, and I am coming to bring the haughty to their knees. I will pull out from under them the rug, the platform from which they perform and I will address issues of the heart. Jesus saves and He will bring salvation to your household. He will bring you into the free flow of the Spirit of the living God. Just acknowledge Me and do not bow down to the pressures of the ungodly.

I will dethrone kings and raise up the lowly. I will break apart the web of lies that has held captives and release them into liberty in My spirit, says the Lord. I will make a covenant with My Beloved. I will introduce to them the beatitudes, understanding of what it means to walk humbly with the Lord their God.

This is a day to rejoice. I will bless you beyond all you could think or ask. I will lead you into the promises, one by one, and you will rejoice when you see what I have done. I have spoken to you about division, about separating the wheat from the chaff, about decisions regarding moves. Be ready to “let go” of those things and people who are a hindrance to your movement on into the fullness of the calling upon your life and I will take you on and into the full inheritance. I will bring you into the full scope of the ministry of Christ. I will preach the gospel via your mouth. I will fill it with words of truth, words of wisdom from the Heavenly Father.

I have fully-equipped you to press into the call. I will mobilize you, set your feet to music, and thrust you on and into the mandate. I will propel you forward and into the depths of what I am doing. So get ready, for I am releasing favor to you. Go with the flow. Make the break from contentment and let My Spirit stir you up and propel you on.

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"....You know how to discern the appearance of the sky, but you can't discern the signs of the times! An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and there will be no sign given to it, except the sign of the prophet Jonah." Matthew 16:3-4

"Do this, knowing the time, that it is already time for you to awaken out of sleep, for salvation is now nearer to us than when we first believed." Romans 13:11

Position yourself for great gain. Open the eyes of your understanding to see that I have done a great thing in the land, that I have reached out across the borders and united hearts in My kingdom for My kingdom purposes. I have overcome barriers, torn down blockades, and released a fresh revelation of My kingdom into the hearts and lives of those who have truly sought Me. I have broken through resistance and made a display of My splendor to the nations.

Know this, that I cannot be contained or restricted by the hands of men, that I override authority given to men to establish My own parameters and will not be boxed in by the status quo. I am not a respecter of persons, but freely give to any who would come unto Me, and I will send My Spirit forth into the lives of men, women, and children who desperately seek Me.

You will see that I am not pleased with those who lord it over those in their midst and that I am taking authority out of their hands and placing My heart and My rule into the hands of those qualified by Me. As I do, these shall stand up and take notice of what I am doing. They shall look on and understand that the times and seasons have changed, that a new order, divinely appointed by the Lord God their Maker, has been put into place. They will look on and observe what I have done and know that I have positioned My spokespersons within their midst to make known these mysteries. Their hearts will be changed and they will embrace the move of My Spirit to take those of no reputation to the nations.

This is the time and season of the great intake of a harvest from the nations, and My harvesters are sitting on the brink ready to be thrust out into the fields. The groundwork has been done and the way has been made straight. There is no more delay. Multitudes who are in the valley of decision will be confronted with a choice as to whom they will serve.

Watch and you will see the nations tremble as I release a wave of My Spirit that will bring multitudes into My kingdom in this hour. Position yourself for movement out of the comfort zone and onto frontlines. Be ready to be moved out at a moment's notice.

Gain Momentum
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This is the mandate for which I have called you. You shall run with passion in your heart for the Lord your God. You shall be counted amongst the Elect. You will be brought into the fullness. I will write My word upon your heart, engrave it in your mind. You are able to carry it out and into the places ordained for you. This is the call to which I have called you. This is the mandate, to run with great grace into those things prepared for you.

Lift up your head and do not be bent low, for I have lifted the veil and appeared to you in truth. I am the Lord of Heaven, the Maker of Heaven and Earth. I am the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords and I shall reign. I shall reign in the hearts and lives of those who know My name, and just as I promised, I shall take you on and into the fulfillment.

This is a day of change, a day of great anticipation. I will clothe you in righteousness, in garments of praise. I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. My life I give to you. Walk in the way, the narrow way. Understand that I have been at work behind the scenes, putting all into proper place and perspective. Dance, delight yourself in Me. Be set free to sing and praise My name. Be free to make My ways known to all who are searching for truth.

Gain momentum. Move in the direction I would lead you. Go in accordance with My will and purpose. Make Me the center of all you do, and when you are caught in a dry place, let Me wash over you with My love and humility, for there is no other way to move into the fullness than to let Me walk you on and into momentum with My Spirit.

Produce fruit for the kingdom. Declare praise within the assembly. Declare My ways to the people. Let Me lift you out of complacency and position you with a trumpet onto front lines. Reach for the top and do not stop short of what I have made available for you. I will usher you on. I will cause the passion you once knew to be rekindled and to bring life to multitudes within your jurisdiction.

Ample opportunities are coming your way to be taken into the mainstream of ministry. Study the details. Have them firmly established in your mind. I will use you to implement the things being taught you, the skills being dispensed to you. This is the way outlined to you, so go forward in it. I will qualify you for the job. I will give you the tools to perform tasks set before you. I will equip you with everything you need. Venture out and in the direction opening before you and I will lead you into all I have promised to you. I will take you into the mainstream in ministry, but also into the marketplace, and great skill and expertise will carry you into areas of newness.

Open wide your heart to receive all I am pouring into you in this day. Receive love and blessing from a Heavenly Father who will never abandon His own. Walk out in liberty. I will break the power of the enemy to dissuade you from moving forward, so press in and press on and into all I have for you, and I will see to it that you prosper in this day!

I Am Starting The Sifting

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You are going to see a lot of changes. There will be things happening that you would never expect. Earthquakes? More than that.... Heavenly QUAKES!!!

I am starting the sifting NOW! There will be hard times ahead. I have warned you before, now I say it again. Hard times ahead. I am not going to "lift" you out of it, I am going to sift you BY it. If you are waiting for a great "uplifting" you will be disappointed and swept away by the force of the sifting.

I am the Rock. I can NOT be moved! I am the only thing that will UPHOLD you in this time. I designed it all this way, so you will grow stronger and closer to ME than ever before. If you run from the Rock, or hide in the mountains, they will fall on you. Those great building you have built will fall. They are nothing to ME.

Only the Truth Church will stand, and that is My Word. My people, who know My voice will stand on the Rock despite the winds that blow, as they are My Church. I have called them. They know My voice, and know that all that is being said, by some, is not true.

As others cry to you Peace, Peace, they lie, for there is no peace coming but a Sword. I have waited long, and now I will settle with the UN-just, and the UN-righteous. But you will SEE it My children, for then you will grow even stronger as you see the storm all around you, yet in My Presence there will be Peace that passes all understanding.

I Am Stirring Your Passion

Jana Alcorn

I am purifying My Church with a love fire that will burn and blaze the way for an impact revival that will hurl My message around the globe. I am now burning the love in the hearts of My Children and it will penetrate the barriers of the past.

I am washing the eyes of My servants so that they may see Me more clearly. I am going to give new visions of My sufferings and new visions of My work, so that the message can be strong and not diluted. I am preparing for a force so mighty in the Earth that it will shake the foundations of your thinking of the past.

This fire will burn uncontrollably and you shall get back on focus and back on target and you shall remember the price that was paid and you shall be enflamed with My purposes, My motivations, and My objectives, says the Lord!

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I AM the Author of Your Life

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I couldn't sleep, and smelled a waft of rose perfume type smell, so got up to see if He wanted to talk, and it was 4:44 am again ! Tonight when I'd gotten home from a prayer meeting also, I had smelled roses as I sat down at the computer.

Felt led to share this:
Tonight as I prayed for a friend, I saw a vision that I think applies to many in the body of Christ. I saw a narrow dirt path with tall thorns and brambles lining it, and it led down to a place that finally opened up to a broader place, though the path was still narrow to green verdant fields with flowers, and then down the path further was the Lord Jesus standing with arms open waiting to embrace His beloved friend and there were tears coming from His eyes. As he reached the arms of the Lord, Jesus drew him to Himself and embraced him to His chest and then you could see bright light emanating all around the person, glory had filled them, and these little thorns, and stickers that had accrued along the path fell off them, then the Lord began to walk with him, not that He hadn't walked with him before, but that now there was this greater intimacy…and immediately I thought of Enoch or Noah who had walked with God.

Heb 11:5-6 AMP
5 Because of faith Enoch was caught up and transferred to heaven, so that he did not have a glimpse of death; and he was not found, because God had translated him. For even before he was taken to heaven, he received testimony [still on record] that he had pleased and been satisfactory to God. [Gen 5:21-24.] 6 But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].

Gen 5:24 AMP And Enoch walked [in habitual fellowship] with God; and he was not, for God took him [home with Him]. [Heb 11:5.]

Jude 10-25 AMP
10 But these men revile (scoff and sneer at) anything they do not happen to be acquainted with and do not understand; and whatever they do understand physically [that which they know by mere instinct], like irrational beasts--by these they corrupt themselves and are destroyed (perish).
11 Woe to them! For they have run riotously in the way of Cain, and have abandoned themselves for the sake of gain [it offers them, following] the error of Balaam, and have perished in rebellion [like that] of Korah! [Gen 4:3-8; Num 16:1; 22:1-24:25.]
12 These are hidden reefs (elements of danger) in your love feasts, where they boldly feast sumptuously [carousing together in your midst], without scruples providing for themselves [alone]. They are clouds without water, swept along by the winds; trees, without fruit at the late autumn gathering time--twice (doubly) dead, [lifeless and] plucked up by the roots;

13 Wild waves of the sea, flinging up the foam of their own shame and disgrace; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of eternal darkness has been reserved forever
14 It was of these people, moreover, that Enoch in the seventh [generation] from Adam prophesied when he said, Behold, the Lord comes with His myriads of holy ones (ten thousands of His saints)
15 To execute judgment upon all and to convict all the impious (unholy ones) of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed [in such an] ungodly [way], and of all the severe (abusive, jarring) things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.
16 These are inveterate murmurers (grumblers) who complain [of their lot in life], going after their own desires [controlled by their passions]; their talk is boastful and arrogant, [and they claim to] admire men's persons and pay people flattering compliments to gain advantage.
17 But you must remember, beloved, the predictions which were made by the apostles (the special messengers) of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed one).
18 They told you beforehand, In the last days (in the end time) there will be scoffers [who seek to gratify their own unholy desires], following after their own ungodly passions.
19 It is these who are [agitators] setting up distinctions and causing divisions--merely sensual [creatures, carnal, worldly-minded people], devoid of the [Holy] Spirit and destitute of any higher spiritual life.
20 But you, beloved, build yourselves up [founded] on your most holy faith [make progress, rise like an edifice higher and higher], praying in the Holy Spirit;
21 Guard and keep yourselves in the love of God; expect and patiently wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah)--[which will bring you] unto life eternal.
22 And refute [so as to] convict some who dispute with you, and on some have mercy who waver and doubt.
23 [Strive to] save others, snatching [them] out of [the] fire; on others take pity [but] with fear, loathing even the garment spotted by the flesh and polluted by their sensuality. [Zech 3:2-4.]
24 Now to Him Who is able to keep you without stumbling or slipping or falling, and to present
[you] unblemished (blameless and faultless) before the presence of His glory in triumphant joy
and exultation [with unspeakable, ecstatic delight]-- 25 To the one only God, our Savior
through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory (splendor), majesty, might and dominion, and power and
authority, before all time and now and forever (unto all the ages of eternity). Amen (so be it).

[Felt the context of this passage important to look at]

"There is coming a shaking of significant proportions to the body. This shaking will cause many to fall away out of fear. But you, My beloveds, do not fear the shaking. Do not fear My coming into the church, and recreating what I want "church" to be. I have looked for a people who will LOVE ME and who will be faithful as I AM FAITHFUL. I have chosen you before the foundations of the earth to be in this army that will go forth through the earth. I am going to transform you into the bride I want you to be. Those who do not desire this tranformation will be disappointed. Many who refuse to come to My heart, to be transformed by My glory, will become hostile to those who want to be changed. Many will be jealous when they see the fruit that you will bear, and the power that you will wield through intimacy with Me.

You will be hated for My name's sake throughout the earth. But I will use you to do great and mighty things and to help reap a great harvest out of this earth. You will not be afraid of their faces, for you will be perfected in LOVE as I pour out My Spirit on all flesh. For devastation is coming. The destroyer is coming to try to counter this move of Mine. But know that I WILL BE WITH YOU. NOTHING WILL SNATCH YOU OUT OF MY HAND.

NOTHING WILL BE ABLE TO STOP WHAT I WANT TO DO IN YOU AND THROUGH YOU.

I will accomplish all I set out to do. Harvest time is a season of intense reaping and much work to be done. Sheaves must be gathered, grains must be shucked and cleansed. There is much work ahead. There is no need to compete for the work to be done is PLENTIFUL ! Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision ! So stop thinking small. Stop thinking that you need to make a place for yourself. Caste off all competition. I am drawing you to Myself to give you a greater vision for what is to be ! That all selfish ambition will be annihilated. For it is I who will pour out My Spirit. It will not be because of YOU. It will be because I have desire to see all who are called to come, to receive the TRUTH of My LOVE for them. My Spirit will be poured out on all flesh so that no one will be able to say, " it is because I did this, or I did that, that He has come ".

Though I am pleased with your earnestness of prayers and fastings, it will not be because of them, that I pour out My love, for I have planned this from the beginning of time. It is I Who led you to pray. It is I Who led you to fast and gave you the GRACE to do it ! It is I Who has empowered you to do MY WILL. You will not be able to boast among yourselves, except in ME.

NOTHING will be able to quench what I WANT to DO ! NO man or woman will be able to lord it over others, that they have done this, or done that !
It is I Who brings the increase ~ It is I Who molds and equips the bride ~
It is I Who will pour out My Spirit and will REAP a great HARVEST ! I AM THE LORD OF THE HARVEST. I AM THE LORD OF LORDS ! I AM ABLE
TO ACCOMPLISH IT IN MY OWN DOING IF I SO CHOSE ! So do not strive to make known YOUR accomplishments ! For it is I Who have given you the strength and tools to do as I command.

John 13:16 NKJV Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

Guard your hearts against the PRIDE of life, for great power will be given to the humble. Honor ME, and I will honor you ! I LOVE YOU AS NO OTHER LOVES YOU ! I am doing all to accomplish MY WILL in your life, that you may live out the call on your life to glorify ME.

1 Peter 5:5-10 NKJV Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."
6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.
8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

Rom 12:16 NKJV Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

I Am Not Slack
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I am not slack as some count slackness. My will, WILL be done on earth as it is in heaven. The heavenlies are invading the earthly realm. It will be restored before the awesome and terrible day of the Lord.
My life is everlasting life. It is RESURRECTION life. I will resurrect in My people all that has died, all that has been stolen and robbed from them.
Only BELIEVE and do not be unbelieving. TIMES are changing. I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man, that I should change My mind !

Just as the seasons change, so the order of things is changing for a time, because I HAVE A HARVEST TO REAP ! The tsunami of people will flood into the Kingdom, and there will be a majestic demonstration of My love and power all over the earth.

Hide yourself in the shadow of My wings ! Do not get so busy that you neglect your own sanctification and empowerment for doing things that compete with affection for Me. You are Mine and I am yours for all of eternity. I have placed My Spirit in you, that you could be LED by Me.
But you must desire to be led by ME. You must give up your will and yield to My will, in order to walk according to the Spirit. I said to walk in the light as I am in the light ! Be holy as I am holy. You cannot do that unless you have time with ME, that your mind would be renewed daily, that your heart would be renewed daily; that you could be filled up with all you need to get through each day.

Many people go to time management counselors and seminars, and read books on it…but I have a course to take, and it's called PRIORITY management ! Seek FIRST the Kingdom of God and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, and all these things will be added unto you. Will you learn to TRUST that I really can take care of you, that I really WANT to heal and deliver you ? Will you really TRUST that I know what is best for you ? I am a LOVING FATHER. I do not give a stone when you ask for bread ! I will complete MY WORK IN YOU HOWEVER, so that you will come forth as GOLD ! Every thing I do has purpose. Every thing I allow has purpose ! All things work for the good, for those who are called according to My purpose !

Many of you are still holding on to your defenses….still holding on to control over your life. Please let me take this weight off you and help you to walk in MY WILL, that your life may be a living sacrifice, pleasing to Me. Let me unwrap the cords of fear, and death, perfectionism and drivenness, rebellion and rejection. Come into MY arms and LET ME love you ! Push past the fear of intimacy. Push past the distractions that make you feel like you aren't doing enough ! Listen to MY voice, and not the voice of the harsh taskmaster who wishes to keep you from My presence. Learn to REST in My arms. Learn what it is to be still and know that I AM GOD. I said in quietness and REST you would be restored. Come to that place of restoration and let me touch you. LET ME restore all that has been wounded ! Press into ME for the fullness of what I want to give to you ! Do not fret, it only steals from you. Let me fill you with MY peace ~ ! Lay aside all striving. Open the door and let the King of GLORY come in !

Isa 30:15 NKJV For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:
"In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

Isa 32:17-19 NKJV The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. 18 My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, In secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places, 19 Though hail comes down on the forest, and the city is brought low in humiliation.

Prepared for Glory Priscilla

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Ex 40:35-38 NKJV And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. 36 Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. 37 But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. 38 For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

Ex 33:22-23 NKJV So it shall be, while My glory passes by, that I will put you in the cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. 23 Then I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen."

When true glory comes, note the reactions of the people…

Lev 9:23-24 NKJV And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people, 24 and fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

Num 20:5-6 NKJV So Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell on their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them.

1 Kings 8:10-11 NKJV And it came to pass, when the priests came out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, 11 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

2 Chron 7:2-3 NKJV When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, for His mercy endures forever."

And I asked the Lord what He wanted to say…

" My people are not prepared for the glory to come. They are getting closer, but need to understand the significance and HOLINESS of MY PRESENCE in it's fullness. I AM HOLY. YOU cannot look at My face uncovered. IN MY PRESENCE is fullness of joy, fullness of love, fullness of peace, fullness of humility and every good thing that you need. You cannot stand before ME. My people are learning more of My love, but they need to also have reverence and a holy fear of the LORD. My glory exposes, and so it has been doing it's work in your hearts to cleanse you from things that have defiled you for a long time. For when it comes in fullness, every haughty thing will be laid low !

I AM LOVE, but I am also JUSTICE. I AM MERCY, but I am also filled with WRATH for the wickedness that is on the earth. Do not think that the LION of JUDAH is meek like the Lamb. I demonstrated the LION when I came into the temple and found them buying and selling. I said, that My FATHER's HOUSE shall be a place of PRAYER FOR ALL NATIONS.

…NOT a place of buying and selling…NOT a place of unfair scales and balances…NOT a place of gossip and competition. And so I will come into MY TEMPLES and make all things NEW. I will SANCTIFY you with My glory ! I will break every chain that has been put upon you by the enemy, and I WILL have a GLORIOUS BRIDE ! Hold on My beloveds, for all will be made new !

Do not get discouraged by the upheavals you will see in this world that are coming, nor the false peace, but KNOW that I AM WITH YOU and will never leave you behind. I will finish the work I have started in you and nothing will ever be the same, once I have done My mysterious work. I will make you living FLAMES OF FIRE ! And you will go forth BOLDLY proclaiming MY KINGDOM and DEMONSTRATING it to the world. And you will be hated by many for My name's sake. But I will use you to humble the prideful in their own opinion and those who are wicked will come and lay down their goods at your feet because of what I do in you ! Do not be afraid of the enemy's threats and seeming advances, for did I not say, when the enemy comes in like a flood, I WILL RAISE UP A STANDARD AGAINST HIM ?

And you are that standard My loves ! YOU WILL BE THAT STANDARD as I put the finishing touches on you ! I am pouring out my oil of anointing and you will be filled as you lay at My feet !"

Num 16:19-21 NKJV And Korah gathered all the congregation against them at the door of the tabernacle of meeting. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation. 20 And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, 21 "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment."

Judg 7:2 NKJV And the LORD said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.'

1 Chron 16:24-25 NKJV Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. 25 For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all gods.

2 Chron 5:13-14 NKJV indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

Intimacy And Warfare A Vision

Geoff Pick

Sunday 25th April 2004

Intimacy and Warfare

A sword in its scabbard (undrawn) appeared as a distant object, that seemed out of reach initially, it felt as though this was a gift offered by God to be reached out for.

In the picture as I looked closer I could see the handle, it was made of gold.

The blade was mostly obscured by the sheath, so that only the very top part of the blade could be seem.

The blade was silver in appearance glinting and looked very sharp and strong.

Interpretation (enlarged)
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God is offering us a gift that we need to seek Him for, it is not yet ours.

The undrawn sword (illustrates that we have not yet taken hold of this weapon in our warfare), the scabbard hides almost all that can be seen of the "potent violent" part of the weapon, only a hint of this power gift is perceived , far more is yet to be discovered and experienced than we can know).

***The Gold handle represents INTIMACY with Christ**, this is key to drawing the sword and using it. In effect we wield the sword holding it in union with Him. This power comes from dwelling in the presence of Him being deeply in love with His presence and whole hearted in our worship.*

The blade (top of - it was mostly hidden) was silver in appearance glinting and looked very sharp and strong.

More is to be revealed about this Holy sharp penetrating source of power from above. We do not yet know the anything like the full extent of the implications of this road of intimacy. Revelation cannot come however without experiencing intimacy. Only by taking hold of the gold handle will the blade come into view. Only by entering into the fullness of our relationship with Christ will we experience supernatural anointing for warfare that will bring victories that would be impossible by our human efforts.

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I Await You In The Currents
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I Await You In The Currents And Streams Of My Love!

The Flow Carries Away The Filth

NOTE: This morning I was resting in the Lord and was thanking Him for Himself and the life we have in Him, and was meditating on some of the metaphors such as the "river of life" and the "waters of life" and such things. Then in my spirit I heard, "THE FLOW CARRIES AWAY THE FILTH".

GET INTO THE FLOW!

"Precious ones, come into the waters of life for unless you willingly align yourselves to Me and "jump" in, respond the to promptings of My Spirit and draw near, you cannot experience the fullness that you yearn for. This is not a spectator sport. Your participation is required. Just as you can tell your children to wash up, and demonstrate it yourself, unless they willingly engage and wash up and you assist them in the washing process, they will remain very dry, very unclean! To get washed you need to get wet! Beloved this is YOUR INVITATION TO GET WET! To "get wet" you need to jump into the flow of My life and Spirit and submerge yourselves completely in Me.

"Don't worry about others and their opinions. Only concern yourself with your own hearts. How hungry and thirsty are you? Are you willing to settle for being dry and empty? Jump in and align yourselves to Me. Come into the flow of My heart and receive the fullness that is bursting from My heart to yours! Get into the flow!

THE FLOW CARRIES AWAY THE FILTH

"Beloved ones, come and draw near, for as you come under the waterfall of My Spirit, My waters wash away all the filth. As you humble yourselves under the mighty waters of My Spirit, you will have all those cakes of crud and miry clay wash off and dissipate and fall away from you. I shall remove the heaviness of what weighs down upon your hearts and minds and give you a clean heart. Come into the flow of My Spirit!

"Like all the waters, as you submerge under the CURRENTS of MY SPIRIT, the currents will speedily remove and CARRY AWAY the residue of filth and ALL THOSE things that are not of Me. Come and willingly jump into the flow, and let the waters carry away all that is not of Me! The waters will not only carry it all away, but the waters will refresh and renew and bring a deeper life and fulness to you.

I AWAIT YOU IN THE CURRENTS AND STREAMS OF MY LOVE!

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I Came That You May Have Life

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I came and died that you might have life and have it more abundantly. I have given you authority to not only tread on the enemy but command a release a hundred fold of what was stolen, pressed down, shaken together and running over. I desire that you, My people, live an abundant life. Abundant life may mean doing well financially as well as good living, and spiritually speaking, the abundance of My presence and My power flowing through your lives. Many in My body have come into conflict with the prosperity message. I am an abundant God and I do not withhold things from those who ask. Yet I provide with the reason for you to provide for your brethren who are in need.

Isaiah 53: 6-9 Is this not the fast that I have chosen; to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, to let the oppressed go free, and that you break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and that you bring into your house the poor who are cast out? When you see the naked, that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh. Then your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call and the Lord shall answer, you shall cry and he shall say, 'Here I am'.

I have called you to minister unto the needy. How can you do so if you are broke and barely able to survive? I have not called you to survive and get by but I have called you to live in My abundance so that you shall be indeed the salt and the light that I have called you to be. I have called you to further My Kingdom of hearts though your giving. You have said all you can say. You have prophesied all you can prophesy. But if My Word it not applied practically, what good is that?

My Spirit longs that you are free from the chains of bondage to sin, sickness, discouragement and all that is contrary to My Word. There is a need for a revolution of your mind. Who do you see yourself as? When you look in the mirror, do you see yourself as I see you, or are you conformed to a mindset that is still bound to the law?

Romans 12: 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

It is time for My church to step out in faith and reach this earth for Me. It is time to shine with the abundance of My authority and grace unto a hurting people. This is My heart. I will no longer allow squabbles and unchanged mindsets to ground the work that I am doing to a halt. I am raising up Josephs' in this hour who will bring forth a godly administration and government to My Body. Those who know My heart and those who have sought after Me with their all. Creative power and miracles shall proceed from the words they shall speak, for they shall be My Words, says the Lord.

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I Have Drawn My Sword

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2004-The Year that I Have Drawn My Sword

I say to you, that the stone has been rolled away this year, and you have been summoned forth from thy cave of hidden-ness and into My Glorious Light of Truth! You will no longer walk in the past, or think in the past, or be dictated to by the past, for I have severed every tie from you, and have set you free to walk in your liberty! For this is the Year that I have drawn My Sword, and My People will walk by My Sword, and will wield My Sword, and will live by My Sword!

No more will you walk in the shadow of another, and feel as though you had no voice of your own. I will now be your voice, and I will speak through you, and you will speak with My Words, and you will speak with My Heart, and you will speak with My authority, and you will speak as I decree, and you will see My Hand go before thee. For I will perform My Word as it is spoken forth.

No more will you speak of the past, nor of the struggles of the present, but you will speak as My Voice, and declare to My people the victory, and the liberty of My Name. You will know and see My Face and clearly walk uprightly before Me, and will show the way to My People, and will bring them before Me, and will cause them to be in My Presence as you obey Me. It is not your person they will see, but it will be Me. My voice will be heard from your lips, as you obey Me and speak forth and I will do what I have said.

No more will you know the constant shadowing of the enemy over you, and the never ending tirade against you for I have stood up, and have said, No More! You are Mine, and this day I bring you out into My Light, and into My Purposes, and into My Destiny for which you were born. Yes, I created you to live in this hour, and to walk forth full of My Power. That is why the enemy has tried to prevent this day from coming. But, I have said that I Am on the Throne, and I Am! What I have created, will be released, and will be seen once again in the earth!

No more will My People be dictated to, controlled, abused, and forced as ways of preventing them from coming into their inheritance! For I Am the Redeemer Kinsman, and I have restored all the injustices and the false weights against you, and this year, I will bring forth the Truth and the Justice will be Mine! I paid the price for your Victory and you will yet see what I have prepared for you, as you follow Me! For I Am Faithful and I Am True and I will show all things unto you.

No more will you yield to the Lie and to the Deception that has held you back. For as you step forth this day, you will break forth into My Light of Truth and into My Brightness of Day and be no longer conformed to the image that held you captive. You will not be stooped under the weights any more, and will not be subject to fear, but unto My Joy! For I Am the Bright and Morning Star and have shown you the way of Truth. No longer will you be walking on the wayward paths of doubt and unbelief but of faith and of Life!

No more are you to cower under the accusations of the enemy and the taunts and ridicule of the liar. But you are to cut off the voices that speak against you and tear down all the high things that tower over you and pull down all the lofty things that rage against you, and bring them under your feet! It is time to rise up and to walk as Mine, and to know your Place. It is time to speak to your enemies and to declare your emergence from their fetters! There is no longer any chain that can hold you, for I have paid the price for them all. You are free!

No more will you look for others to speak for you. No longer will you pay others to fight for you. No longer will you run for cover when trouble comes to your land. No longer will you hide from those who hate you and threaten you. No longer will you pay for other people's mistakes. No longer will you cover for other's sins. No longer will you hide things for deceitful people. No longer will you be at the beck and call of taskmasters. I Am your Lord. I Am your Covering and will be your Defense. For I have arisen this hour to stand in My House, And My People will know their God!

No more will the world say, where is your God? And mock you and belittle you, and cause you to be hounded by fear and terror of their scourgings. I Am now in the midst and will now be seen amongst the nations. It is time for the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to be known by this generation. No more will My House be empty and lifeless and Godless. There is a Living God, and I Am in the midst of thee!

I have said that as the darkness has now risen up and made it's stand in the earth. So AM I!

No more will men stand in My House with unclean hands and unclean lips and speak My Word falsely and lie to My People. I now stand in My House, and they will be judged by My Word that they will speak, as it will now perform the act for which it was released. My Word is Holy! My Vessels will now be Holy! My House will now be Holiness unto Me!

For I have arisen this day, and now will all things be fulfilled as I have stated in My Word, in the days that now are before you.

For My Sword is now drawn, and My people will live by the Sword of My Truth, and will walk by it's Power and Light, and will see the Day of My Vengeance and the Year of My Recompense!

Isaiah 61
http://groups.msn.com/CummingsFamilyAdventures
http://topica.com/lists/JustHisWords

Steering Clear In This New Year
Susan Cummings

Now that you have begun to walk through the New Door that was opened unto you, it has become apparent to you that the enemy also knows of your progress. The warfare has increased to match the assignment that has been given. It is no surprise to you, as you have walked this way before, but you know also that time no longer has the same effect now. For time has accelerated and has given way to My Purposes concerning My People now.

As all things come into fulfillment, the time will accelerate, and everything will progress so that you may fulfill your assignments and bring forth the harvest at this time. You have seen the beginnings of the acceleration. Already things don't fit, or keep in their sequence like it used to.

Both natural time, and the spirit are adjusting to My movings. Readiness is being made in the heavens for the next release upon you, My servants.

Take nothing for granted. Make good use of your time, and remain at rest. Many distractions have been unleashed against you to prevent you from walking in My timing. For it is important to remain in step, and in tune. Do not allow trivial things to rob your focus or your peace. Lay all things at My Feet, and hold nothing tightly that would bring your focus off of the task at hand.

I have told you your task. I have shown you what must come to pass. I know your steps in the sequence that they will fall, and do not need to remind you of them. Keep your eyes upon My face and allow nothing to draw you away from Me.

I am ushering in New Directives and many changes will be seen in the days to come, as to your placement and advancement. I am bringing forth all My Plans concerning you, and My People, and you will begin to walk in them this year. It is time for My Remnant to walk and to be and to do, in the earth. No longer will I be hidden and no longer will things be veiled.

Just as the enemy is being revealed at this time, so am I! As time now accelerates, so does the unveiling! For all things now strain towards the release and to the glorious culmination of My return. I will bring forth My Hand in plain sight of My People and they will know that I Am their God. For as the antichrist rises up to sit for his hour, I also rise up to rule and reign in My House.

There will be no fear in My Own. They will be full of My Might and Power and will walk in Me in the earth as a witness and as the Truth, even unto the end. For My Word is True. You have been made ready by Me, and I know you by name, and will be in you, and with you, as you follow My lead. Do not detract from your course. I have laid your path and will be upon you mightily as you walk in Me. I will reap with My Sickle, and reap a full harvest, in these dark days ahead, and I will do it through you! Fear not, but rise up!
For I have unfolded the scroll and it has already begun.
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I Have A Plan
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I have felt the Lord impress me with the statement: "I have a plan," and today, after a time of intercession in my spirit, I believe He gave a word for His own.

"I have a plan. Are you willing to wait for its perfection? A day, a month, a year, ten years, 100 years, a millennium? Does it matter? I have a plan, and you are part of it. Your agenda is NOT a part of it. Do not try to speculate the "how" and the "when" of it. It will be when it will be. To try to force My plan would be presumption, as Abraham going in to Hagar to reap the son of promise. Do not try to rush it or work it your way. For your ways are NOT My ways, nor are your thoughts My thoughts. To try to force My plan or rush it is sin, and swift and strong will be My correction to keep you on the path. Know this, you are in a time where remaining on the path is vital. So, yes, swift and strong are My corrections.

"Be willing to wait, no matter how long it "takes" for My plan to reach perfection. Be willing to finish your course, content with where you are and who you are, but ever diligent to seek Me and My orders for you. I will order your every step and correct your every MISSED step.

"To wait for My plan is NOT idleness. Occupy your land until I come. To wait for My plan is to TRUST Me wholly with your life and your situation.

"Wait. A day, a month, a year, a century, a millennium. What is time to Me? I have a plan, and I know it well. I conceived the plan before time began and you are a part of it.

"Rest. Rest in Me. You will not be disappointed."
Amen and Amen.

Coming To The Edge Of Destruction
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A group of "us" (whoever that could be) were taking a walk in a wilderness area (Looked like Utah ...**Zion** National Park) I was leading the way and had my walking staff with me to help me over the rugged areas. A couple of people were in an OLD BROWN pick up truck driving, perhaps because they couldn't make the walk. They were right behind me. There were other hikers behind the truck walking much more leisurely.

We came to a lovely trail, rugged, but beautiful. I went on UP the steep trail, with the truck creeping behind me. I was looking in all directions, taking in the view and talking over my shoulder at the group. I just HAPPENED to turn my face forward and looked down. I was RIGHT ON THE EDGE of a HUGE SHEER DROP OFF...thousands of feet below me was the ground below...This cliff dropped STRAIGHT DOWN...NO LEDGES or anything to break a fall. I STOPPED ..the toes of my boots hung over the edge and the truck was moving right in behind me.. it touched my back and I held up my hands and said very calmly: STOP, BACK UP VERY SLOWLY AND TURN AROUND. I was tottering on the edge. After a few very frightening moments of feeling the heat of the truck's motor, and feeling the bumper pushing me forward, the truck finally eased backwards. I looked to my right and saw a trail that gradually led DOWN the side of this cliff, but then I realised. If we go DOWN there, we have to turn around and climb BACK UP this thing, and get back home before dark. So I directed the whole group to make a very cautious U turn and go back the way we came. The path to the RIGHT would have only gotten us to the "bottom" of the WRONG WAY without the pain of the FALL. I woke up. EXHAUSTED with severe weakness, pain and shaking in my knees. (tottering knees: in scripture, feeble knees = great fear)

" To minister LIFE to My people is to minister out of REVELATION of the word, because My Word is a Person: Jesus Christ, and Jesus must be REVEALED to us in order for us to preach a true gospel. To whom much is given, much is required, and when you are given My revelation, you are expected to walk close to My word and not venture out on paths that could lead to sudden death. If you get too "confident" in "revelation" over Truth, the enemy is RIGHT THERE to lead you down a wrong path, SOUNDING LIKE ME ALL THE TIME. If you are a LEADER, you will lead the "followers ' with your words and actions. to the edge of the cliff. You will hear My voice of warning to STOP! Back up! and TURN AROUND and GO BACK WHERE YOU STARTED, but the "followers" who are now eager for "revelation" at the expense of Truth might keep pushing you forward and over the cliff, balking at the message to STOP and REPENT, for many people thirst for more strong drink as opposed to My living waters.

"As prophetic people you are DOUBLY accountable: for your own souls and for the sake of those who are "following" because the words we speak "sound good to them." Beware thinking you can stand, lest you fall, and take heed that you not cause any of My little ones to stumble in your stumbling. For I the Lord change not. Consider the heights from which you are capable of falling, and turn to the One who keeps your soul against that day." Amen

Isaiah 35:1-4 *The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God. Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you*

Tainted Phone Line
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Recently I went to prayer with a long time prayer partner concerning recent issues in my life. There was a tremendous breakthrough in the spirit and for the first time in a long time I felt "normal"..(Whatever THAT is these days...*smile*) We talked about being under the BLOOD and I have been playing and singing the good old BLOOD songs for several days. My prayer partner saw clear waters all around me and said, "Not just a little mist either, but a downpour of clear water." She also reminded me to anoint my house and telephones to block any further spiritual deception from coming in or going out across those lines. Funny, I had "thought" I had grown beyond the need to do spiritual warfare. Beware thinking you can stand...there is a fall close by! Anyway, the dream came last night:

I dreamed that a technician was working on my telephones and was able to detect WHICH lines were "tainted". He held them up one at a time and said: "This one is tainted." I recognized the telephone number of each one and gave the technician permission to cut that line of communication. He was about to finish up and said, OH here is one more. It was the line to a person here in town whom I have talked to for over 20 years! At this point, however, I said CUT IT. So he did.

The Holy Spirit is that "technician" who is able to go into the communication system and identify all "tainted" lines. He will point them out one at a time and show us the "number" on that line. WE must give Him permission to "cut the line" so that no more perverse, tainted communication be shared. Some of these decisions to CUT IT may be painful, because we have been communicating for a long time. But if He shows it, our hearts must be so turned to let Him CUT IT so that we can more clearly hear from the Lord.

The Angry Woman
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I want to share a dream I had very recently. Though I know it was mainly for me, I feel there is a word for others too.

I dreamed a friend and I were outside a house, which appeared to be "ours". An angry, religious woman came to us and said to us, "I don't like what you are doing; I will go into your house and throw all your dishes outside and break them...ALL of them. I will destroy you." She stormed into the house and began to throw the dishes out. I heard pottery breaking, crystal, china, and glassware. The dishes were things we had collected and treasured over a period of time . **Some we even thought were "from God."** She was throwing them out with great force. It was fearsome as I saw the bits and pieces flying through the air in clouds of dust and landing all around the house in the yard.

My friend and I lay face down on the ground while the tirade went on. We realized that there WERE things that were not "right with God". We wept before God, and waited before Him in humility and contriteness.

When the angry woman finished her tirade and the dust settled, my friend and I looked at each other face to face and smiled. We discovered that we each held on to a plate that we had kept and covered with our bodies. The plates each had rainbow stripes proceding from the rim to the center and we held them very closely to our hearts. The angry woman had **not** utterly destroyed every dish in our house; **what GOD had given us remained**. All the other "stuff" we had accumulated that was NOT God had been destroyed.
End of Dream.

In spite of all that is coming our way, and no matter how much is destroyed in the "house" We hold that which is **true from Him** and near and dear to our hearts. All else must be destroyed. We must LET it be destroyed. Also, God made a covenant with Noah with demonstration of a rainbow. He has established that same covenant with us. That covenant is our "plate" upon which we can feast upon our Lord, eating the whole lamb, so that death passes over us.

Lie at His feet until the tirade is over. Confess your sins before Him and seek a clean heart and a right spirit. **Forgive, forgive and forgive those who have hurt you, used you, or persecuted you. EVEN the "angry woman. Forgive yourself for sins committed. Remain silent before Him until He says, " Rise up, your faith has made you whole. Now GO and sin no more. "**

God DOES use the "angry woman" to execute His swift judgment on what we have "kept" that was NOT Him. It brings us to swift repentance and returning to Him and His ways. He has promised "Lo I am with you always, even unto the ends of the world; so, be strong and very courageous, do not fear or be dismayed , for the Lord your God is with you."

I know Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which has been committed to Him against that day. **IT WILL REMAIN.**

Amen.

A Praise

O, Lord, My God,
For so long I have bemoaned the iniquity
that resided in my very being,
and when it came to its fulness,
You caused a fiery dart to penetrate my
heart,
exposing it in all its horror.

So dark it was, and so strong,
yet with Your swift judgment, it leapt to the forefront.
I fell to Your feet in utter broken dispair,
crying, O, JESUS!
And what did You do?
You spoke instantly.
You said, "Lo I am with you always, even unto the
end of the world!"

But LORD, I cried, "Even after what I did and what I have been for so long?"
I dispaired more, the darkness trying to completely take me over.
Death thoughts.
Oh yes, death would be a quick relief from my grief and from having to face this.
Fear struck hard.
Fig leaves could not cover me, nor could any flimsy excuses or justifications.

I held my heart and wept bitterly,
once again crying Your name.
You spoke again, instantly.
You said, "Be strong and courageous, do not fear or be dismayed,
for the Lord thy God is with thee...."
But LORD, I wept, "My accusers are after me, and rightly so."

I quoted Your words over and over, Jesus.
I held on to you for dear life, still wanting to die.
You spoke again, instantly.
You said, "You shall LIVE and not die."
But LORD, I whispered, "To LIVE is so hard. I will have to walk this through."
You said, "I will not leave your soul in Hell."

Suddenly I knew something more about my Savior.

I added those words to the others You had spoken.
The accuser of my soul told me I was no use to God anymore.
"Lord, I have heard that one before, and You made the accuser a liar.
But THIS time, Lord, I know I am no good to You."
You spoke again, instantly.
You said, "CALLED according to My purpose."

What amazing grace!
What tender mercy!
Suddenly I know what SALVATION is.
It is NOT about me.
It is all about You, Jesus.
The life I live in the flesh I live BY THE FAITH OF GOD.
Your faith sustains me.
"Called according to My purpose."

The weeks have passed.
Wave upon wave of tears, crying and praying.
For mercy.
Mercy for me, and mercy for those who hate me,
and mercy for those who love me.
For it turns out, that the ones I think hate me
may have shown me the most love, because they stopped me in my tracks
and made me run back to You.
Back to my First Love.

Something is happening.
The clouds have left.
A strong anointing fills my soul.
An anointing to SING
to DANCE
to PLAY INSTRUMENTS.
To preach to whomever will hear Your words.

I have touched the keys of my piano and my keyboard, LORD.
It flows once again.
I hear Your love and your mercy as I draw my bow
across the violin strings.
It SINGS a song out of a broken spirit and turns it to healing.

The Son shines again for me.
All I can say, O, Lord, is this:
"THANK YOU, LORD,

for saving my soul.
THANK YOU, LORD,
for making me whole."

I rise up from the place at Your feet,
and see the glisten of tears and oil upon them.
FORGIVEN is stamped across my NEW heart
DELIVERED is written in my mind,
And "HOLY to the Lord" is written across my forehead.
And this time I KNOW Your salvation.
Your oil flows from the top of my head to the hem of my garment.
And I throw my hands to Your heavens and declare:

"I am beloved of my Beloved,
beauty brought up from ashes,
and I wait for the rest.
It will come.
THANK YOU, LORD."

Amen.

I Have Been Patient

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You don’t know what I’m going to do and neither does anyone else, for my ways are not your ways and my goals are not your goals. Many of the things men focus all of their attention on have no lasting or eternal value. They do not even register in my book.

Keep your eyes open in the days ahead, for I have begun to roar and the earth has begun to shake. Bit by bit I promised I would ratchet up the “disasters” and I would make myself known. I will be heard in the midst of the storms. I will be heard in the depths of the darkness that has darkened men’s hearts.

Lightening will light up the sky and signs will abound in the sun, moon and stars.

I have been patient. I have withheld my judgments in mercy, but I say NO MORE! No more will mankind defy me with impunity and an egregious* attitude, for no man can stand against me and win. No man can withstand me when I move in might and power.

The winds and the rains are being unleashed. The ground will quake and melt away. The seas will roar. There will be distress and perplexity among nations,** for you, Oh man, have boxed yourself into a corner from which there is no escape. It was a trap from the enemy all along, but you followed him willingly.

I do not tempt man, but I will not forever block the path that leads to your undoing. You would not choose the better portion, but instead that which was corrupt and defiled. You wallowed in your dirt. You wallowed in your uncleanness and you loved to have it so.

Watch now and see what I will do. For some I will just lift my hands of protection, for others my hand of provision, for you would give me no credit, nor would you give me glory. Instead you gave all the credit to yourselves.

So now you will see what I will do. How will you respond Oh man? Will you finally give the glory to ME, the One who created and sustains your very life? If you do not bow to me willingly, then I will bring you to your knees with my mighty right arm.*** The victory will not be yours but mine.
Your Abba

**Egregious: Outstandingly bad; blatant; outrageous*

***Luke 21:25-28 And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens sill be shaken.*
Then they will see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near. [NKJ]

****Ps. 44:1-3 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us what work thou hast wrought in their days, in the times of old;*
How thou didst destroy the Gentiles with thy hand, and establish thy people; how thou didst vex the kingdoms, and strengthen thy people.
For they inherited not the land by their sword, neither did their own arm save them; but they right hand and thine arm and the light of thy countenance, because thou wast pleased with them.

Ps. 98:1 O sing to the Lord a new song; for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have gotten him the victory.

Isa. 51:5-8 My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth and my arms shall judge the peoples; the islands shall wait for me and on my arm shall they trust. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look also upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it shall perish in like manner; but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not pass away.
Hearken to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their revilings.
For the moth shall eat them up like wool and like a garment; but my righteousness shall be forever and my salvation from generation to generation.

I Have Fashioned You By My Own Hand

Susan Cummings

I have fashioned you by My own hand, child. You have been with Me from the beginning. For I knew you in My Heart before I ever spoke you forth. I sent you into the world for this hour and time. You have never been out of My Will.

Everything that has been in your life, has been according to My Plan for you. I knew your beginning and I know your ending. You will be with Me. Everything in between is also with Me. For I have called you to walk closer to Me than ever, at this time. There is nothing about you that is not Mine, nor apart from My knowledge or My Heart.

You were born for this hour. You are My Vessel in which I live. There is nothing for you, but Me. There is nothing for Me, but you. For we are One. You are Mine. You have been redeemed with My Blood. I am your Kinsman Redeemer, and your King, you are My Own.

I will reveal to you, the depths of that Union as you walk with Me.

There is no other place, but at My side. For you sit with Me in the heavenly places, till My Father releases Me to come for you. Until then, know that My Hand is upon you, and My Mark shows all that you are Mine. I will live through you, until the day of My Return. So, walk forth in freedom, child. Nothing can remove you from Me.

You have chosen Me as your own, and My Covenant with you is eternal. What has been wrought through My Blood is Eternal and is True. I have embraced your choice, and have brought you to My side. Remain with Me. Stay by My side.

Do not leave My side so easily. Allow nothing and no one to have the ease of separation between us. Allow nothing to distract your heart from Mine. Keep your heart leaned upon Mine and beating with Mine. There is no other place for you, but at My side. My Spirit within you bears witness of My Love for you.

Distractions will come to lure you away with alluring words of faithfulness and loyalty, but no one if faithful but Me. My Word is Truth. Pleasure is only a mask for pride, as it entangles the soul in deception and binds them to it’s rule. Give no thought for the pleasures of this world, as it entangles and darkens the purity of your heart.

Diversions will become quicker in this hour, as the enemy knows he has a short time to rule, so he comes with enticements to separate the children from the Father. But Mine will not listen to his voice, as they do not follow another, but will not be diverted from My side. So, the diversions will bring the hidden to the light and all will be removed to it’s rightful place. Then the Truth will be known.

Delays will no longer plague you, my child. For I have decreed your birth, and your finish, and all things will become as I have stated. For My Word has gone forth concerning you, and it will be accomplished. My Plan has gone forth from the very beginning when I spoke you into existence, and it will surely become all that I uttered, now look, it will come forth. It is time.

Rise up, child. Do not doubt and fear anymore. Know that I am bringing all to fruition and will be by your side, as it is accomplished. Nothing has been denied, or has been lost. I have seen all things, and I make the choices for you. I have chosen well concerning you. You have not yet seen My choice for you. But it will come. It is time.

Walk forwards. Stand firm, and see the day that has dawned. It is as I have shown to you. I have come to reveal all things. Even in this hour of trial, will My Glory be seen. For I AM the Lord and your God. I have chosen this day to bring you forth, and for you to walk In My Purposes. You will see My Word come. You will see Me rise up. You will walk with Me through the trials and the darkness, walking hand in hand with Me.

Nothing can stop what I have begun.
Nothing can stop what I have decreed.
Nothing can stop My Word.
Nothing can remove you from My Hand.

Great upheavals will come as the birth pangs increase in the earth and shorten to it’s travail and final struggle. All things are in motion. The choices have been made, and all is in readiness. My Word has shown you this hour and yet, so many choose to look away.

But you will not. You will look ahead and see Me in the midst of it all, and you will know My Love in you and through you, as you see My Hand pass through the lands. For you hold My Hands. You will walk the lands and see My great work that I will bring forth.

Men choose their courses, but they do not know their God. They walk forth with nothing but their ideas, but have no hope to sustain them. They think they are wise, but will fall in the Hour of the Truth. For none can come to Me, but Mine.

Your destiny has been established, and you have come to know it, as you have walked with Me, but now you will live it, as you yield to My Voice and follow Me this new way. All has changed, as you have rightly discerned, and only the blind now walk in their vain devices to their demise. There is no Truth but In Me.

Leave the old ways behind. Take My Hand and look not back again. But place your trust fully In Me, and see the new day that has come. I haven’t brought you this far to leave you. You are Mine. You will be My Abiding Place in the earth, as it passes through the birth pangs. For My Wisdom has ordered all the events of your life up to this day, and now I can break forth with the rest of it, for you have given Me the key, your heart. It has always been your heart, child. For that is where My Love abides.

Get ready, all of My Children. For even in great darkness, will I be your canopy.

My Fire will burn over you as you have seen. But more than that, it will burn through you, as I release it to the lost. For I send you to the lost, to my hurting ones.

Give them my fire.
Give them My Love.
Give them My Heart.
Give them My Word.
For the first wave will now hasten the birth.

-Susan Cummings

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I Have Given You The Call

Susan Cummings

I have given you the call to sit at My Feet. It pleases Me that you have made room for Me, and have chosen to come to Me. It is the greatest of gifts that I have, which is Myself. Many do not want Me as their treasure, and they run after manmade, perishable gifts, rather than their God.

So many, want to know what I am saying, but don't come to Me to find out. They run after my leaders seeking a word, and they don't seek Me, the giver of all wisdom. They do not love the Truth, for if they did, they would leave all behind and seek after it with all they have. I am not enough for them. So, they run, always thirsting for Me, but never finding Me.

The Famine of the Word is their portion. It is the season of famine and hardship, and it will be reaped fully. For My People do not care for the things of My Kingdom, but only of their comforts and ease. Only of their desires and what they plan for their lives, and not of what I have chosen for them. So, they will get what they want, and it will be dust in their hands, and rotten in their stomachs. What is not given by Me, will have no life in it. For I Am the Life and the Light of men.

My Truth and My Light has always been available in each generation. I have called to each generation with the same call. Each chose their paths, and each reaped their choices. So will this final generation. But it will reap the fullest, for they had the greatest Light and rejected it for their own ways. So, the famine will burn through the land, and the hardships will bring suffering on the rebellious and the wicked.

I have told you of the coming waves. I have shown you their course. I have warned and cried till no one listens anymore. Now, the Word itself will be their judge. The fiery waves now come, as I have shown you and they will no longer delay. For I no longer call to a rebellious house, but will now be found among My Own. For they have chosen Me as theirs, and have prepared a place of Habitation for Me to dwell in.

Now My Habitation will be seen, and felt, as I move amongst them. My Own will not fear, nor lack, in this season. For I Am the Life, and Mine will go in and out through Me, and not stumble.

I have brought forth Mine from the womb of preparation and purification, and they have been brought forth now into My Purposes. The birthing is complete. What I have wrought within them will now be seen through them. For I am coming forth from within My People, and through them in this hour. My Vessels are ready for My Use.

The Birthing is complete. Now I will bring forth the maturity and the establishment of My House will be evident, in the ravaged land. For My House will be full, and will be the Light that will be seen in the darkness. I AM the Resurrection and the Life, and no man will be found In Me, but Mine who paid the price to come to Me.

You have had your call. Now I am answering the response to My Call.

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I Have Heard Your Cry

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I have heard your cry how you felt that you were all alone, but I have been right here in your midst. You could not see me because of all that was going around about you. I will give you hope, I am going to wash you afresh with my word, I will take the logo word and make it a living word within you. You shall again rejoice as you once did and even a greater joy will come to you.

Be not anxiously looking about you, keep from looking to right and to the left but look straight unto me, lift up your eyes for your redemption is drawing near, allow me to be who I am, I am your vindicator, I am your healer, I am your deliverer, I am the need of all that you need, just put your hope and trust in me.

You shall see that which I have spoken to you will come to pass, for I am the living God I change not for I still dwell in the fire for I am the consuming fire that will consume all that is not of me in your life and all that has been troubling you has been working out together for your good for now you have a strong desire to be all that I have chosen you to be. You are not so consumed with yourself your lower nature but your eyes have now turned towards me.

My word is light unto your path so that you by faith can look in the pitch like darkness and behold my face, and you will be steady, you will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living, just be patient as you wait upon me and see that I am all that I said that I am. Drop that which some have told you and put fear in you, but it was not my fear but it was the fear from the enemy. I have not given to you a spirit of fear, but I did give to you my spirit of power, my love and I have given to you a well discipline mind. It is because you have chosen to go the way you feel instead of by faith in my word that you fainted, but I say arise out of your darkness for your light has come, it is the light of my word that will shine through the darkness.

Rise up out of the depression that you have sat in for a long time, you have not paid attention to my word, but you have paid attention to the lies of the enemy, but I say to you this day arise and do not look back for I am doing a new thing and I will cause the rivers to flow into your midst, I will bring the rain that you so cried out for, I will also bring the fire that you wanted so bad to cleanse you and is not my word like fire? Will you not behold it and is not my word like a hammer that breaks the hardest heart, and is not my word like water that cleanses you? Yes my word is all of that and even more, for my word creates.

Don't worry about what men may say, but look to me and be saved, delivered and set free.

I Have Not Forgotten You

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I have given My Beloved so many wonderful promises. My righteous ones who have been waiting, ready to move on in My plan and sometimes you wonder have I forgotten you?

For some it seems as though family is crumbling around you. Some are seemingly sitting in darkness praying just to have comfort and peace and hopefully that there will be ultimate deliverance. Some are very lonely and depressed. Some have made tragic mistakes and feel they can't be forgiven let alone move forward. Some are in the midst of uncertainty and hopelessness. Some feel like you are suffocating under the weights that have beset you. For some there are doubts, fear or anger and you feel abandoned. Some have grown weary from the waiting. Some are battling with an illness that says you are at death's door - you are in need of a healing, a miracle healing and you feel so helpless and vulnerable. Some ask why haven't my prayers been answered? Why is this tremendous hurt still besetting me? Why am I suffering? When will I see an answer to my financial problems? Why don't you tell me what to do? What did I do wrong? Some have even gone your own way and you depend on the words of others instead of My Word. You have trusted in your own thoughts rather than Me and wonder if there can be any hope that I will still use you? Some are distraught for you know My promises for you but still you remain in a waiting mode, not getting anywhere let alone accomplishing anything for My Kingdom purposes. Some have a great fear that you will blow it, that after you have waited so long and so patiently even when everything in you screams to move forward, still you stand - now concerned that at the moment I move you will miss it. The enemy wants you to believe I have forgotten you by besetting your mind that I won't see your needs or answer your prayers and to whisper in your ear that I AM not listening and have forgotten you.

My Beloved, I CANNOT forget you because I am a God of justice.

My Beloved, hear me and believe Me in what I say unto you. I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN YOU !!! Now is the time that I wish to remove any areas of doubt - any areas of fear - any areas of anger or bitterness. Instead of despair I bring you hope. Know that through this lengthy storm that you have been enduring, where you sometimes think I have been doing nothing, that this is when I have been doing My greatest work in you.

Haven't I said that you are engraved in the palms of My hands? Haven't I said that I will make a way where there is no way? Haven't I said that I will provide for your every need? Haven't I said that I would heal every hurt?

Forgotten you? Beloved, I CANNOT forget a child of mine! When others have abandoned you in your hour of need, I have never abandoned you! Although the answers seem agonizingly slow in coming, Beloved, the answers ARE coming!!! NOT ONE PROMISE I HAVE MADE UNTO YOU SHALL FAIL, FOR I HAVE SPOKEN IT! Haven't I said that I will come with a vengeance, a God of recompense? SURELY, I will come and save you and SURELY, I will move you into your Kingdom position.

The battlegrounds have been many, but still the hope in Me was always deep in your heart so that nothing or no-one could tear you from Me. For all who have listened to Me, spent time with ME, obeyed Me, depended on Me even through all your failings, and still you wait upon your Lord and you will see Me move in unprecedented power and glory upon you. I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN YOU. I know exactly where you are and what you are going through, trust Me, I have it all under control.

I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN YOU and you have My unfailing and unending love and My plan for your life. I will never leave you alone or forsaken. Your answers are coming and they will be the 'correct' answers and they will come RIGHT ON TIME. I HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN YOU and I shall come to you. Prepare your hearts for I AM coming!!! This long season of heartaches, tests and trials is coming to an end so prepare the way for the Lord!!!

"For the Lord thy God is a merciful God. He will not forsake you, neither destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore unto them." Deut. 4:31

"For the Lord loves justice and does not forget His saints (holy ones, consecrated ones); they are preserved forever, but the descendents of the wicked shall be cut off." Psalm 37: 28

"Say to those who are of a fearful and hasty heart, Be strong, fear not! BEHOLD, your God will come with vengeance; with the recompense of God He will come and save you." Isaiah 35:4

I Have Put My Scroll Within You
Susan Cummings

I have put My Scroll within you. You have been given your portion of My Word to speak forth. When I placed it there, I told you that you would go and speak forth My Word and see what I would do. That time has come. It is time to prepare to move, and to go, and to do My Will.

Much has been given to you, and much has been placed within you for the days ahead. You haven't always understood the call, but you remained trusting Me anyways. That is why I can use you. You have not denied My Name. So many quit, after they don't get what they want out of the deal, and when it doesn't please them. But you remained faithful, even when it cost you greatly. I see your pain. I know your struggles. I hear your cries. I birthed every one of them.

The burden of My Word is growing within you. The cry will get so great within you, that you will trumpet forth the Word, and sound the alarm, and strike the earth with My Rod. Yet, you fear to trust that what you have within is you enough. I AM the Living Word, child. It is Me that is within you. I AM enough. What I have placed within you, is Myself. I am coming out now.

I AM the Word upon the Scroll that is now being unrolled. I AM revealing Myself to men upon the earth. I AM the Living God, whom they have rejected. I will be seen by men, and they will mourn for their beloved, whom they have turned from, but I will not receive them, as they did not love Me, nor would they turn to My Ways.

MY Word is their judge. My Truth has always been the Righteous Standard, and it still is. It is raised up for all men to see, and those who are Mine, stand under My Banner. I have given time, and more time, but still men go their ways, and now they will see and eat of that tree.

Never think that you are without excuse. For even My Word judges you. But you asked Me for Grace, and I extended My Hand to you. My Blood covers you, because you received My Grace to embrace it. Remain close by My side, and obedient to My Voice. Those who are Mine, and who now walk away from Me, to go after their own ways, will be forever separated from Me, from now on. For the Hour of Grace has lifted. Now is the Hour of Travail. For the birthing has begun.

Multitudes are in the Valley of Decision.

The cries of travail have begun.

Multitudes cry out for My Justice from beneath My Throne.

Multitudes cry out from the dust of the earth, as their shed blood reaches Me to it's fullest.

The cup is full.

The Righteous cry out for souls. The Incense rises before My Throne, and stirs My Heart.

The cries of warning have also gone out to the ends of the earth.

The cries of the Trumpets now sound forth.

You also must cry out. For you have been given My Word. It has become a part of you, and cannot be separated from your path anymore. Each step you take, will release another portion, and each day you obey, will reach another soul for My Kingdom. Delay no more.

Trust the Word written within you. I will do what I have given to you to bring forth, for it is Me, that will be seen and heard. I AM being seen in My People once again. Do not doubt or fear, but move forth, and it is My Voice behind you that you will hear. I have given you your portion, and your field to reap.

Step through the door.

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It Is All Up To You

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Come apart from the cares of the world and rejoice for the King of Glory is in your midst. This is not the time to dwell upon all that could weigh you down, but it is the time to forsake the cares of the world. Yes, cast them aside and I will pick them up for you. For I have provided for you your every need. I have died so that you would be able to live abundantly with Me by your side leading and guiding you into all Truth. Yes, I AM filling you up this day with My grace and truth as you partake of My glory. As you lose yourself in My glory, I AM filling you with all the ammunition that you need to defend yourself against the evil one.

I AM even admonishing you to come apart from the cares of the world and abide in My presence as I fill you with My resurrection power. As you forsake the works of the flesh and abide in Me, I AM taking care of your every need. Abide in Me. Let My words abide in you. Let My faith take you through. All you need to do is rest in My faithfulness to bring forth the Promised Land in your life. Let Me take you to the other side where My victory reigns and My sovereign will rules.

This is the day and the hour to make a choice of who you will serve. Life and death lies in the power of your choice. Yes, you can choose life in My word, or you can choose to carry your own burdens, your own cares, but they will weigh you down. And you will not have My strength. You need My joy, My peace and My love ruling and reigning in your life, and that only comes as you forsake all and follow Me.

My kingdom consists of love, joy, and My righteousness. Every time you choose to walk in My will, strongholds fall that have been set up to hinder you. The enemy's plan is to hinder you from truly worshiping Me with your life, not only when you bow before Me, but as you choose to be a living sacrifice of praise before Me.

I choose you to be My warriors of Light. I choose you to be My bride and My beloved. I choose to live My life through you. What do you choose? Your future lies this day in your very own decision. Cast off the cares of the world. Pick up your cross and follow Me and walk in My glory. My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Let this be your testimony. They loved not their life unto death. They overcame by the blood of the Lamb, and the enemy was defeated.

It Is Time To Get Free

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"Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing His plan to His prophets. The Lion has roared-who will not fear? The Sovereign Lord has spoken - who can but prophesy...." Amos 3:7-8 NIV "...a spirit of prostitution leads them astray; they are unfaithful to their God." Hosea 4:12b NIV "Come, let us return to the Lord, He has torn us to pieces, but He will heal us; He has injured us, but He will bind up our wounds. After two days He will revive us, on the third day He will restore us, that we may live in His presence. Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to the knowledge of Him..." Hosea 6:1-3a NIV

How can I but prophesy what the Lord has spoken, what He has revealed to His prophets. People of God, the spirit of prostitution have lead you astray! Don't pursue the desires of the flesh. The flesh cannot go past the outer court of the Spirit. But we have continued in our flesh, dazzled by our sin. We have been bound by the Spirit of prostitution, and the Spirit of the Lord has said that it is time to get free! It is time to return to your first love.

See, most of us don't truly love God, like ancient Israel, we just love what He can do for 'ME'. We would not give God the time of day, because we have lost our first love. The Lord says that it is time to stop looking for love in all the wrong places. It is time to stop prostituting yourselves to the lusts of the flesh! He says to return.

God is breaking loose. He is coming out of the box for a massive visitation! But because the Body is lost in her ways, because they are to busy being prostitutes and enjoying the worldly desires that the wickedness of their heart lusts after, she will miss it! The Church is missing it. Get FREE! We cry out for the Lord. Well here He is. You can't see Him because the god of this world has blinded your eyes! People get FREE!

"I love you. But you do not love Me. And the wages of your sinful lusts is death. O Beloved, you have prostituted yourself away from Me. Material things will pass away, but My judgments will stand. Memorial. O Bride return after My presence. Acknowledge Me. Press into Me. I say REPENT for seasons of refreshing in My Spirit."

Right now, I begin to declare freedom to the captives. Church, this is your wakeup call! GET A HELMET because God is on His way, sword in hand. It is time to get free. Before He tares us to pieces, are you willing to save your life?

It Is Time For Revolution

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Revolution-
(1) a sudden, radical, or complete change
(2) a fundamental change in the way of thinking about or visualizing something

A day to remember, A day to stand up, A day to arise, A day to be revolutionized, A day for revelation, A day to be One with Him as He is One with you, A day to say I can, A day to say He is the Great I AM, A day to push, A day to press, A day to say yes and Amen, A day to know, A day in which our Father has created for you to know His love for you, A day in which our Lord is alive in you, A day in which the enemy no longer has chains around you, A day for a new beginning, A day that you will be set free, A day that God Almighty has made a way, A day that was created for you to say He lives in me with Dominion and Power and Majesty and Glory and Life and Wisdom, A day to put one foot in front of the other and move toward your destiny in Jesus Christ of Nazareth who dwells in you, for you to walk in Him , in the Spirit, in Love, in authority, A day of new mercy, A day to be forgiven and A day to forgive others, A day to forgive yourself, A day to love, A day to let yourself be loved, A day to reveal who HE is within you, A day to say I am coming out, A day to say I am coming in, A day to say I am coming up, A day to say I am healed, A day to declare Jesus is Lord, A day for salvation, A day to shout HE IS RISEN, A day to say I can see, A day to shout I AM rich, A day to say I AM is strong in me, A day to remember that you are no longer a victim but victorious, A day to let go of the past and live in the present that God has given you, A day where you know you are the apple of His eye, A day your marriage is restored, A day your heart is made whole, A day that you will know if you are single that God is your husband, your provision, your protection, A day to know your children will come in, A day to let go and let God, A day to soar, A day to say **IT IS TIME!!!** A day to be revolutionized in Him and through Him and for Him. **It is Time!!**

Go forth; for it is high time to stand up , rise up, push forward, press on , look to Him, follow His steps, listen to His voice, look to the Lamp that lights the Way before you.

It is high time to be revolutionized. It is time to reflect on the revelation that He has shown, that He has spoken from the beginning. All things that He has spoken shall come to pass in due time. His spoken word became flesh...you were called upon before entrance into your mothers womb. You were not a mistake, you were not an accident, you were called here by God to fulfill a great purpose for Him in this earth. You were created beautiful in His eyes. Your name was spoken by God and you were brought into existence for such a time as this. There is nothing that can keep you down because the Lord Jesus Christ is holding you up. There is nothing you can not do because you can do all things through Him who gives you the strength to do so. You are not defeated because He is victorious in you.
You are not broke down but being built up.
For those who are crucified with Him live with Him.

2 Corinthians 4:7-11
[7] But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. [8]We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; [9]persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed-- [10]always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. [11]For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

IT IS TIME....The Lord is saying, **IT IS TIME!!!!** We must come up higher now , for the time of this season is drawing to an end and one that is coming will be one of great and tremendous and mighty, and strong growth. For this season has been a difficult one for many; but the Lord God Almighty has set forth a word for HIS remnant and He is saying;
IT IS TIME!!!

There is purpose in all that I have set out to accomplish in you and through you. There is nothing that you have endured that I have not seen. It is MY strength saith the Lord that has held you during this process of elimination of self, of motive, of agenda so that I could arise within you. For in this hour to whom much is given much is required. I have looked to and fro for those who have stood in the fire and have not run. I have watched where you could have taken the easy road but chose the narrow, the difficult , the humbling way to Me. I am calling for a chosen and faithful people who will lift up and hold MY banner unto all nations to declare MY name and reveal MY glory that has come from all that you have endured through, unto all people. ***IT IS TIME!!!!***

Be ready!! Know your place, Know your position, Know where I have called you to stand. For I alone will do this great work through you and My glory will shine in darkness and MY light will remove darkness. For where I AM saith Adonai, there is no darkness. Let us go for as you abide in ME, I shall abideth in you. I will speak through you, I will heal through your hands, I will deliver through my authority and dominion through a spoken word that will breathe upon My people who call upon MY name and to every dry bone will come life. For I am calling a great and mighty army into place. I will hold you up, I will strengthen you, I will sustain you and keep you in places you would never imagine you could stand. You will know that I AM that I AM has sent you and kept you through this commission (co-MISSION). This CO-Mission is one in which we will walk together.
This is... the great C0-Mission.

IT IS TIME!!! Greater Revelation, Great Revolution, to fulfill the Great Co-Mission in Jesus Christ. You may not be understood, its all right, you may think your alone but it is a mission between you and Jesus. He is there with you right now. Walking with you. Yes, He is the One who enables you to walk in Him. Don’t try to explain it, don’t try to justify it, don’t try to even understand all of it. Just do it!! Fulfill all that He has called you to do.

IT IS TIME!!

IT is the Day!!!

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It is Time Now My Church

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It is time now My church. It's time now to wake up and to stand before Me. It's time to get rid of the many things that burden you and make wrinkles on your face and put heaviness on your shoulder. I'm no longer going to accept the dualism in your life, worshiping me and following your idols. I Am going to interfere. The reason why is because I love you. Love is the driving force to stretch My Mighty Hand. I am going to (do two things:) to cleanse you and to equip you. I Am going to cleanse you from fear . I know about the heaviness of your fears and the different kinds of fears (1st John 4:18). I will cleanse you from unpurity and unholyness. I am going to uproot the idolatry from your very life. I am going to deal with your suspicions and doubts. The very deep places of pride will be exposed and dealt with. My Hand will go to the hidden places of the sin and dirt in you. My Hand will deal with your lies, your inferiority and your unstraight double hearted life. I Am going to cleanse you from the wrong priorities.

I Am going to equip you with new level of High grade abilities. I will teach you to walk in humbleness. I will equip you with new understanding about true worship. True worship that gathers both your prayers and your praises in an overwhelming way that will have the greatest impact. You will get astonished from how true worship is something different. You will enjoy my presence and you will practice through worship my authority.

I will also equip you with new level of faith. The faith that moves mountains. The faith that lifts you to see things form my view not yours. The faith that gives you to walk in boldness and courage knowing who is your God. The faith that honors Me. And from My side I am going to support you with signs and wonders. Physical and inner healings will be your daily practice. Deliverance and setting free will be the very things that accompany you.

I Am going to heal & restore relationships that My enemy have broken. I Am speaking restoration of broken families & broken connections. I Am speaking unity.

I'll deliver you from the slavery spirit that the enemy used to put you under for ages. Now I'm speaking deliverance from slavery. Now I'm calling you to practice the sonhood & no longer the slavery. No more slavery for whatever the master is.

My bride, I Am going to wash you with My Water (My word. Ephesians 5:26) and My Blood (John 19:34), so you will never be the same (Isaiah 54:2-5). I am stretching My Hand, what will be your response.

As given to
Ayman & Hala Mikhali
Cairo , Egypt

It Is Time To Rise Up
Susan Cummings

What I have told you, will be seen, exactly as I have given it to you. For I have called you to stand before Me and to speak forth those things that I have now begun to reveal to this generation. For the time of revelation has been given. My Own will come to Me and will receive Truth from My Hand and not from a middleman anymore.

No more will My People accept stolen bread, or spoiled meat, but they will eat My Living Word, and they will obtain it from Me. I am calling each of My People to meet with Me. They must each know Me for themselves, and be able to stand in the time of darkness that has come.

Every man, woman, and child will know what they believe, whom they believe in, and what the Truth is. For I am requiring all My People to walk in Truth, and to be responsible for their own walks. There is no middle ground. Either they serve Me or they don't. Now it is time to walk with Me.

It is Time to Rise Up!

What I have spoken to you in My Word is True, and will come to pass as I have stated. It will not happen as many men have declared it to happen, and as they have chosen to believe it will. It will happen as I have written it. My Babes know the Truth, and they can see clearly. Men have chosen to see what they want to.

My Word, is a Living Word, and it shall bring forth every aspect of My Will, for the Time is Now, for My Purposes to be seen amongst My People.

Prepare for My Winds.

For they have begun to blow and will increase even more, and will blow until nothing is left standing, but My People. For I am showing all things for what they are. My People will stand firmly planted in Me, and all else will fall under the weight of My Winds.

Prepare for the Rains.

For they have begun, and I have told you to begin to run for they will overtake you if you do not obey. I have brought forth My Rain of Truth, and it will become a Deluge, and it will wash away all uncleanness and will bring forth a clean and holy people. It will also release the former and latter rains that have now come to the time of full birth.

It is time for the Latter Rains, and it is Now that they will pour out in My House. No more will it be looked for, dreamed about, prayed in, or delayed, for it is time, and it is NOW. It has begun to rain. It has begun to blow. It has begun to shake.

Prepare to Run.

I have told you it was coming.

Do not deter from what I have told you to do. Do not stop advancing, as I have fully prepared you, and am with you as you go. Do not fear what others think, but fear Me! Remain focused and continue on!

For I am the Lord and what I have spoken, I will do, and I will do it through you!

It is time to rise up, and see what I will do!

-Susan Cummings 4-18-04 8:38 pm

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Circumstances and Situations
Susan Cummings

Circumstances and situations do not determine your outlook. It is I that should be your determining factor. Am I not the One who lives within you, and who guides you daily? Then why do you allow circumstances and situations to determine your daily outlook and your focus?

Rethink your position. It is time that you cease trying to arrange everything to fit your ideas, and instead lay it all down at My Feet, and let me pick up those things that I desire for you that day. When you begin to do this, then your peace will return. Your focus will be sharp, and your problems will not be seen as insurmountable.

You must begin to realize that I hold all things in My Hands concerning you, and that I know what you need, and when. I know just how to bring it forth, and what you will need to walk it out. So, remain at My Feet. Do not run to and fro seeking advice. I am right beside you and within you.

Can two walk together unless they agree? Unless you and I walk in agreement, there will be no balance and growth unto maturity, in your life. You must settle it in your heart and mind that I am able to guide you. You must line up your life with My Word and allow it to change you.

Until you do, you will have the ups and downs and the continual struggle to overcome. It is time to bring it all down and leave it there at My Feet. It is where it all belongs, as you are to carry no other burdens than Mine. The Burdens that I bring to you, are Mine, and they are mutually shared. I lay nothing heavy upon you, that I have not already carried, and that I have not given you the ability to walk through.

As you change your thinking, and your choices, I will line up everything and you will see many changes. I have been waiting for you to choose. I have been waiting for you to surrender your will to Me. Come to Me and allow Me to refresh you and to strengthen you for tomorrow.

Tomorrow is a new day, and it is a day that I have made just for you.

Will you walk it with Me, or will you walk it alone?

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Vision of the Great Hall - Part Six
Susan Cummings

"The Spring of Empowerment"

I hear the sound of roaring water coming from ahead of me. I walk towards the sound and seek the source of the roaring. It is quiet of all other sounds except the sound of the rushing water. I am anticipating the scene in my mind, as I walk towards the water. I can imagine a beautiful waterfall and gorgeous scenery.

But as I get closer, I am surprised that it is not as I had thought. I draw near to the source of the roaring and it is coming forth from a spring that has erupted from the ground. It is like an artesian well that has suddenly become alive and is now flowing forth for the first time, or after a long time of silence.

The ground is hard and barren. It is like rock or shale like in appearance. It is very colorful, yet lifeless. There is little vegetation around. Then, I am stunned! I realize that I am back at the scene of the Great Hall. I am at the place of the desert meeting the land as it opens up to the Great Hall.

I do not see the Great Hall, nor do I see the people, but I know the area, and I feel it is nearby as I stand there. I wonder why I am back. I look at the water that is gushing forth with such a roar and intensity. It is surprising that a small spring can make such a loud roar, I am thinking to myself.

There is no one else around, and I choose to stay and rest by the spring for awhile. I sit down by the spring and watch as the water gushes forth and runs along the ground, bringing life to the hard rock area. I watch as the water runs along the ground, with not much soaking in, but running swiftly along as if driven by the wind. As I watch, I do notice some beginning to soak in some places, and the land does change it's color some as the water penetrates the hard shell of the top rocky layers. It seems to drink it in faster now in areas.

I lean forwards and reach out to touch the spring, and am surprised that it is not cold at all, but hot. It is a hot springs. It is a spring that is roaring loudly in it's rushing along the rocky land, but it is hot like a still hot spring would be. I watch it in wonderment. It is pleasant to touch and to feel it on my hands. I slide over and stick my feet and legs into it. It is very hot and feels great. I look around and still no one is around. So I feel led to slide in all the way.

I enter the hot spring and am delighted at it's warmth and it's current that flows by me. It is not big in size, but I do fit into the spring nicely. I feel such life and energy entering into me from the hot spring. I do not know how long I am in the spring, but I realize that I don't need air as I am under the water. It is alive!

I am again shocked! I emerge from the depths of the hot spring and I suddenly am aware that I should have known that any source coming from the Great Hall would have life in it. As I was thinking these thoughts, the Lord spoke to me. He said, "It is true that this is a life giving source, as you have discovered. I AM the LIFE of MY People. But My People forget so easily, and do not take what is theirs by inheritance. They live their lives with very few victories and very few times of refreshing."

"You have come back to the Great Hall as you have discovered. I have brought you full circle, so that you would know that what I showed you will now come to pass. It is time for My People to know Me, and to know their places in My Body. It is time for My Word to live within them."

"The spring opened up, because I have chosen to break forth into the lives of My People in a big way now. No longer will I be silent, but will roar over My People. That is why you heard the roar and came to investigate. So it will be with My Own, they will hear My Roar, and search for it's sound, and they will find Me. It will be as you have done today. It will be a time of refreshing for those who choose to draw near to Me now."

"The ground of My people's hearts has been like the Shale rock that you see all around here. But with Me bringing life to them, I will begin to penetrate those areas of hardness and will bring change, as they rest IN ME, and drink deeply of Me, in their times of Intimacy with Me. As they come and rest at My Feet, I will penetrate those hard issues and break it's hold over My People. I will set them free from the bondages that hold them captive."

"The transformation has already begun in My House, as many have heard the sound of My Roar, and have begun to come to Me. Many more will follow as they see the spring burst forth, but I say to you child, that it will burst forth as a raging river shortly. Right now I have begun the emerging as a hot spring, but it will soon become a flood of My Fire. Warn My People. Warn them not to think they can come to Me then. For they need the strengthening of the hot springs now, before the Flood of Fire comes, or they will not be able to abide in it. It will bring destruction to those who have not prepared themselves."

"For I AM a Consuming Fire. I AM the LIVING GOD and I AM HOLY. All who come to Me, must come to Me and allow Me to cleanse them and make them clean. Otherwise My Glory will consume them as Fire. I have begun the release and it will increase into a raging flood. It is time now to totally abandon yourself and freely enter into Me, just as you did by entering into the spring completely. Unless you totally die to all that you are, you cannot be transformed into My Image. You will still try to hold onto your images. You must let all go, in order to walk in My Power to come."

"There is great Glory coming into My House. Prepare My People for the greater visitation. Warn them to humble themselves, and to prepare their hearts. For I have begun to visit My House already, and many are receiving Me, but they still hold onto their traditions and mindsets. There will be no traditions IN MY House! I AM in My House! The old ways of ministry are passing away, as I Am rising up and taking over. Man will no longer be in control of meetings."

"I Am going to BE the meeting!"

"It will be a Meeting between My People and their Living God!"

"Look at yourself child, and see what you now have entered into." I climbed out of the water, and stood on the ground. I looked, and I was on fire. I was burning with a fire that was like a garment that I was wearing. I did not feel the fire burn me as a real fire does to destroy, but I felt such a Love burning within me. I could feel His Fire within me and upon me. I have felt this fire before, and have begun to walk in it some, but now it was like it was greater."

The Lord said, "This is the endowment of My Fire and Power that your generation will walk in upon the earth. We will clothe you with ourselves. Just as the Father and I are One, so will My People know us in that way. You will walk in Union with us, and will know us within and upon you. Your generation is called to do the greater works than I did upon the earth. It is time. It is time to walk in that depth of relationship with us."

"This empowerment comes through Union with us. It is not bought, or taught. But it comes through intimacy with Me. I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and no man comes to the Father, except through Me. It is time to know the Father. It is time to be full of the Holy Spirit and to be clothed with Fire."

"It has begun. Some are entering in at this time, and many more will yield to Me, but I warn them that I will not wait for them to decide. I Am moving in the earth, and I Am bringing My Word to pass, and I will come as a flood shortly. Prepare yourself to run! Prepare for the rains and the winds as I have told you! For great storms will come on the heels of the greater release. You have only begun to see the storms upon the earth. Much greater will now come, as I Am now roaring in the earth."

"Only those hidden in me will not be devastated by the storms. They will be clothed with Me, and I will be their covering. I am preparing you to stand and to see Me pass over the earth once more. It is a time of great upheaval. For the enemy knows I have come, and He is in distress that his hold on Mine is broken. No more will Mine walk in defeat! I am their God, and I will bring them forth, into My Light and into My Truth! I am bringing forth My Hidden Ones."

"Now comes the storms and the floods, and also the flaming river of My Fiery Glory. Both come as the transition period is complete."

"It is the time of the end. It is the day of My Judgment in My House."

"It is the time of the Beginning. It is the Day of My Power in My House."

"Walk upright before Me, My People. The time has come to know your God, and to walk in Union with Me! Never again will you be enslaved to men or to the world, but will be wholly Mine. You are bought with My Blood. You are redeemed and set apart unto Me. I now take what is Mine, as Mine. I will now be seen IN You and through you."

"It is My Word that will burn within you. It is the Burden of that Word that will compel you to go forth into the world. It is My Heart that will show you My Ways and Plans and will bring forth the lost ones as you stretch forth your hands in MY Name. I will show you where to go, and will bring you by My Hand into those areas. So, begin to Walk with Me."

I looked and the roaring hot spring was pouring forth and spreading out all over the area where I stood. It was following no path, but the Lord's. For the Spring that roared forth from the ground was the Lord Himself, flowing out to the nations. He is moving and is coming forth as He said. For the Time of the Empowerment of God's People has come.

It has begun.

-Susan Cummings 4-22-04 6:19 pm

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It Is What’s Within You That Counts

Susan Cummings

I see your heart. That is what I look at.

Men look upon your person and your talents and abilities. They decide what they will believe about you by their own opinions and desires, and not upon what I see. They do not look through My Eyes, but choose to see through their own beliefs and filters.

My People are falsely weighed down by other people’s expectations and opinions. It is not My Will for them to please others, but to please and serve Me. I am to be their total and complete desire and motivation for service. So, they should not be controlled by them, nor placed in bondage to those who rule over them.

It is time for My Own to lay down their weights and burdens.

It is time to come out from the captivity and bonds from others.

It is time for My Own to walk in obedience to Me alone.

It is what’s within you that counts! I made you, and formed you, to be One with Me. When you begin to look to others, and desire to please them, and look upon others for approval and for your identity, then you have taken your eyes off of Me, and have gone after false gods.

Turn back from your pursuit of men, and come to Me!

I am the God of your Salvation. I am the Living God. There is no other apart from Me. There is no other to which you can turn and to be saved, or given true Life. I AM the LIVING WORD!

Why would you go to polluted waters for a drink? I AM the LIVING WATERS OF LIFE!

Why would you feast off of dead carcasses for your sustenance? I AM the LIVING BREAD!

Come to Me, and remove the constant striving and fleshly works from your Life. Rest in Me!

When My People come to Me, and give Me their whole heart, life, and future, then I can bring them fully into their destiny. I cannot birth forth what is not of Me. Neither can you give forth what is not within you to give.

What is within you? Is it Me, or another?

Who is leading you, and controlling you? Is it Me leading you, or another who controls you?

I do not control. I have given you a free will. You alone must choose.

Each day you must come to Me, afresh.

Each day you must choose whom you will serve.

Each day you must pick up your cross and carry it.

Come to Me all who are thirsty and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Come to the Living Waters for your Sustenance and Healing. Stop going after false gods and idols and the approval of men. Look unto Me!

Matthew 11:25-28 Hebrews 3 & 4 Jeremiah 2 & 17
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My Justice Will Prevail
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My Justice will prevail
Throughout the great travail
For the earth is now about to give birth
To the final wave of My Truth

The Truth will so clearly disclose
What is truly false and what is Mine
As the wave of My Holy Justice
Rolls across the face of the globe

The scales are tipped and made ready
Multitudes positioned in the great Valley
Shakings and Siftings have now prepared
Those of Mine who will now be spared

My Judgments are True!
And My untold Mercies are new
But the Believing Remnant is so few
Yet, they have walked the path into the New

Prepare the way, before Me!
Inhabitants of the earth, Prepare!
For My Justice has been meted out
And the travail has now begun

Look unto your life, and judge what I say
For My Word has given you the Way
Yet, so few truly embrace My Word
And will now go out from before Me

Nations weighed in the balance
Men called by My Name have played the game
Such will now be put to the test
Seeing their sins will now give them no rest

For I called, and few answered
Reached out, and few embraced Me
Sent My Son, and only the remnant do believe
What more can be given, none!

Watch, and Pray, and seek My face
Oh, men of the earth among the human race
Never before have men seen this day
Nor will it come again, as it is written, in My Grace

Fully coming forth, and fully will it be reaped
Each man will now walk his course, and many will weep
Mockers and scorners say, where is this day?
Yet they blindly cannot see the way

There is no forgiveness for the rejection of My Spirit
Given as the Light of men, and the Life of all
He gave wisdom to those who asked
Many chose to go their way, without Him

And as Esau, they now lose their inheritance
And will wander the earth, empty and void of Light
Who among men, have desired Me above all?
So many, so many, will now fall a great fall

My Justice will truly prevail
For I have tipped the end-time scales
Only My Holy Ones, will now in My Truth, prevail
For they have counted Me as Precious

For I Am Holy, and I AM Just!
I will be amongst My Own!
As the nations go into the violent dust
Their way paved by their own lusts

Cry out for the Light of My Truth!
Oh inhabitants of the earth
Leave your idols and your sins
For you are facing a new and terrible birth

Behold, I AM your God!
And I have come to gather My Own
They will now enter into My Tents
To join with Me, in the Divine Romance

Holy Union given unto My Own
Judged by Me, before My Throne
Wholly Mine, and bought with My Blood
Now, receiving for all their trials, in this time of the great flood

Watch, and see Me as I now pass by
For My Justice will now be served and not denied!
All is in place, as it has been prophetically decreed
The wicked one will rule with his seed

A Season of Justice will now be served
Purging the wayward and making them pure
Nothing will ever be the same
For I have now entered the game

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I Know Whom I Have Believed
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The Scriptures exhort us to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." Our spiritual growth may be generally discussed as occurring in three seasons of development. Please do not us this teaching to examine where others are, but use it to examine yourself and see if you are indeed growing and maturing in the knowledge of Christ.

I will use the terms "immature" and "childish", but not with the intention of disdaining the young. I am simply contrasting maturity with immaturity, adulthood with childhood. My children are immature, but I cannot expect them to be anything other than immature so long as they are children. I am lovingly committed to their long-term growth. In the same way, let us not despise the spiritually immature or the weak in faith. Instead, the Word tells us to receive them and watch over them. For those of you who are further along, never forget how many years of God's dealings it took to bring you to the level of experience you take for granted today.

With those words of introduction, let us discuss the beginning season of the Christian life.

The Child Says, "I Know WHAT I Believe"

In the beginning of the Christian walk we are primarily concerned with WHAT we believe. We depend heavily upon other Christians, the pastor, or the church to tell us what we should believe. Our belief systems are established according to what we hear, see, or are taught during these formative years of spiritual development. Not being experienced in the ways of the Lord we naturally give attention to those Christians who have known the Lord longer that we may learn the essential doctrines of our faith. Whoever or whatever influences us as a spiritual child will usually shape and mold us into what we will become twenty, thirty, or fifty years hence.

Participation in Sunday School classes, Bible studies, church attendance, retreats, conferences and seminars is seen as a desirable and necessary step towards becoming a strong Christian. Memorizing a catechism, statement of fundamental truths, or doctrinal position is often a prerequisite to church membership. As the particular belief system is identified and reinforced, the young Christian may come to identify with social labels such as Fundamentalist, Evangelical, Charismatic, or Conservative. Labels are important to the spiritually immature because it allows them to sum up an entire ideology in one succinct title which provides instant recognition and camaraderie with those of the same genre. Baptists believe certain things, as do the Methodists, the Presbyterians, the Lutherans, the Catholics, the Pentecostals, and even the so-called Non-Denominationals or Independents. Identifying yourself as one or the other immediately brings you into the good company, fellowship, and relationship with others whose particular belief systems most resemble your own.

New Christians (or old Christians who remain childish) are acutely interested in WHAT they believe, seeking to have all the I's and T's of their personal theology dotted and crossed. In the process they usually major in the minors and strain out a gnat to swallow a camel. Doctrinal discussion and religious wranglings are the seedbed of most vain speaking, arguments, hurt feelings, biting and devouring.

Once they are settled into WHAT they believe it is nearly impossible to convince them otherwise, and any perceived threat to their belief system is met with hostility, anger, confusion, even depression. I heard of a Bible study that was devoted to a particular issue. An outsider posed the question: WHY do you believe this? The indignant answer was, "Because the Bible says so" and a chapter and verse reference was given. But how do you know the Bible is true? Because the Bible is the Word of God. How do you know the Bible is the Word of God? Because the Bible says so. And so on.

Christians at this stage of spiritual growth cannot reply, except to say that you just have to believe it by faith (even though God has never required us to believe something without offering substantial, albeit invisible, proof - but that is a topic for another discussion). The leader of this Bible study could answer to WHAT she believed, but she could not reply to WHY she believed it because her particular belief system would not allow for a frank and open discussion on the inspiration of the very Scriptures she was citing. God said it (or the pastor said God said it) , I believe it, and that settles it. End of conversation.

Children are often told to do thus-and-so, and when they invariably ask why, the answer is usually, "Because I said so." Such an answer is sufficient for them at THAT stage, but when the child becomes a teenager a simple "Because I said so" is insulting. As an adult it is offensive. Why is this? Because it does not allow for input, feedback, or questions. What is lost? The experience of LEARNING and becoming mature.

Is the Bible the inspired Word of God? Well of course it is. But not because it says it is, and not because the pastor says so or the church says so, or I say so. Do you know WHY it is the inspired Word of God? Have you ever wondered why? "Because the Bible says so" is sufficient enough for a new Christian, but you most move beyond the elementary if you ever hope to experience or lead others into the full knowledge of Christ.

The Young Adult Says, "I Know WHY I Believe"

The one who knows WHAT they believe is always threatened by the one who knows WHY. Unfortunately some never grow to the point that they ever ask why. They see no need to ask why, and therein lies the reason for their perpetual childhood, their incessant carnal fighting and vain blabbering. To ask why is to commit the unpardonable sin! To question the church, its leaders, or its teachings is to jeopardize your eternal soul! People with faith are not supposed to ask why. People properly submitted to authority are not supposed to ask why. If you don't know why, they say, focus on what, and don't worry about why.

Allow me to say it as plainly as I can: to discourage the asking of WHY is to stunt the spiritual growth of yourself and others. An immature Christian is one who does not permit himself or others to question anything incorporated into their belief system.

Yes, it is true that many who grow up in the church and begin asking WHY often appear to backslide or end up leaving the church altogether. This healthy questioning, searching, and seeking for truth Jesus called "hungering and thirsting after righteousness." The promise is, "They shall be filled." They are The Blessed, not The Backslidden. Jesus is simply leading them elsewhere because He cannot fill them where they are. The quest for Truth, and the subsequent filling, almost never takes place WHERE YOU ARE, but WHERE GOD WANTS TO BRING YOU. If you are hungry and thirsty for what is right, for what is true, then you will be filled. It did not say where or how, only THAT. I cannot presume to say where or how He may lead you, only that He will.

You see, knowing WHAT you believe brings a certain aura of satisfaction and security which is akin to nursing at your mothers breast. It is an important first step in the Christian life, but that is all a first step, a means to an end, not THE end. We are not suggesting that you do not have to know WHAT you believe. We are saying that real progress begins when you begin to get an inkling as to WHY you believe it. This is the middle stage of spiritual growth. Like knowing what, knowing why is an important step, but it is not the end either. It is merely a rite of passage between childishness and maturity. It is the literal enlargement of one's capacity for Truth, and of course, for Christ Who is Truth. It is the spiritual equivalent of puberty, a time of great change, rapid growth, and of great turmoil, emotionally and spiritually.

An exciting thing begins to happen in the spiritual life of the Christian who desires to grow and mature. It is hoped that after some progress in spiritual things, once the new Christian has experienced a few defeats or disappointments, that he or she will ask, "Is there more to the Christian life than what I am experiencing?" Oh, blessed question! How God has worked long and hard to bring the Christian to this point! And the Answer which God so desires to give us is, "Yes! There is more to this Life! You have but scratched the surface!" The Question often comes to us in the middle of a church service, when everyone else seems to be worshiping the Lord and having a good time. We try to join in but the

Question continues to bother us week after week until we resolve to do something about it.

But what usually happens? The church will often reassure the babes that all is well as long as they ignore how they feel, keep attending church, reading their Bibles, saying their prayers, etc. Nevertheless, the One asking the Question will not go away, and it indeed is the bidding of the Spirit of Truth Himself which ignites and fans into flame the holy desire to launch out into the Deep, the very Depths of Christ. WHAT they believe is no longer good enough, and they want to know WHY. Instead of discouraging these questions, we should welcome and invite them. We even ought to take the initiative and begin asking them of others.

What emerges after this period of soul searching, asking, seeking, and knocking is a core set of values and beliefs that are refined in the fiery furnace of real-life experience, not taught or learned out of a textbook or Sunday school class. It is the difference between singing, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" because we know the words to the song or because we have truly experienced the great faithfulness of Jesus Christ. We know WHAT we are singing, but more importantly, we know WHY we are singing. And WHY we desire fellowship with other believers. And WHY the Bible is the inspired Word of God. And so on.

Most importantly, Christians at this stage of growth are liberated from the limiting beliefs imposed upon them by other people, even other good people. The younger children are full of argument, opinion, defense, and either/or thinking. For them, the less they think they know the more distressed they become. Pose a question to them that is not in their catechism (literal or figurative) and they will be off to look up the answer so they can impress you with the solution the next time you meet. They haven't yet learned that there will always be someone in the world who is smarter and can come up with a more brilliant argument, right or wrong. It seems their whole goal is to confound the world with WHAT they believe.

Not so the Christians with some maturity. The Christians at this stage realize they don't know as much as they thought they did, but they know what matters. They are no longer straining out the gnat while swallowing the camel. They do not have as many answers, but neither do they have as many questions. Their spiritual life follows a steady, even course.

The Mature Adult Says, I Know WHOM I Believe

There is a certain downside to the intermediate stage of growth, and that is a danger to lean upon our own understanding. Now that we know WHY we believe we are apt to begin teaching the younger ones. People will look to us for answers. We tend to tell them all we know, even more than we know. We are in danger of falling prey to an intellectual faith instead of a Spirit walk. Naturally speaking, teenagers and college students have a lot of knowledge. In fact, according to their own mind, they are smarter and more enlightened than anyone over the age of thirty. Once they reach thirty they will realize how little they really knew about life. Academic learning is no substitute for experience, and experience takes time. In spiritual things we will always be growing. Even the spiritually mature will continue to grow and learn.

We must see the process of maturity through to completion. To illustrate, let us imagine that we here on earth desire to reach the moon. That is a definitive goal which we can see. We can measure the distance and make plans to reach the moon. To us here on earth that is the ultimate in space exploration. Now let us imagine that one day we reach the moon. Just as we become acclimated to this enormous triumph, our eyes turn upward yet again and we see the vast expanse of space, the innumerable stars, planets, and galaxies, stretched out before us for more than 15,000,000,000 light years, and enlarging its borders faster than we could ever hope to keep up. We will never get to the end of it.

Suddenly, we realize all that we have accomplished in reaching the moon is but a drop in the bucket. In the grand scheme of the universe it is so small as to be infinitesimal. Of course you had no idea that the universe was this large while confined to the atmosphere of Earth, but now, having journeyed a bit beyond, you see just how large it is.

This, in a nutshell, is what it is to find ourselves lost in the depths of Christ. The edge of the universe is beyond our reach, but even it is finite in terms of size. This vast universe is summed up into Christ. The Creator is larger than the creation. So it follows that the more we know of Him, the less we realize we know. All the learning and spiritual experience of all the saints since the foundation of the world hardly makes a dent into the richness of Christ.

Job was left speechless after his encounter with God. He entered into a dialogue with the Creator thinking he knew what he was talking about. Thoroughly confounded and reduced to nothing, Job regretted having spoken of things that he knew nothing about. His idea of God was totally shattered. Before he had heard about God, but having seen God, he realized he didn't know anything. Ironically, his confessed ignorance was higher and more noble than the wisdom of his counselors who claimed to know God, but had never seen Him.

This is the difference between revelation and head-knowledge, between seeing for yourself and merely hearing about. The man who says, "I don't know" is finally beginning to know. Once he can see, he can say, "I know whom I have believed" and be accurate, even though he doesn't know anything in and of himself. It is a case of owning nothing, but possessing everything. The Christian is poor in spirit, yet blessed with every spiritual blessing.

Christianity is a spiritual paradox designed to confound man's wisdom and reduce him to Christ. If it were only a teaching or a philosophy, it would be easy to follow. But Christianity is not a teaching or a philosophy, it is a Man. Take away the Man and there is no Christianity. It is all about giving up your own life in order to receive the Life of Another.

The more I write, the more I realize I don't know anything. A million words cannot convey HIM. Everything of me is filthy rags; who am I? Who am I, really? What do I know? Nothing, not one thing. Oh, I've seen a little fragment, and I can hardly express THAT, much less anything beyond that. I am a man of unclean lips, in a generation of people with unclean lips, and like Job there is not much else to do but sit in the ashes and loathe myself. There have been times when I laid down my pen or shut off my computer and said I would never write again. All that I thought I knew I realized I did not know. What I did know I could not find words to describe.

We don't know this Jesus we think we know. He is Wholly Other, totally, supremely, magnificently GOD. Only God can remain silent while we speak blasphemies and heresies in His name. He allows mankind to distort and misrepresent and bring people to a place of despair, just so He can then step in and reveal Himself for Who He really is. And He is never, ever, ever, ever what you thought. Nothing is as you have been told. And then, once you meet Him, you cannot describe Him, except to say He is nothing like what you had been told. Beyond description.

When we realize we don't know, then Christ becomes our Wisdom so we CAN know. When we are children we are apt to say, I know WHAT I believe. As we grow out of infancy and begin to wrestle with the deeper questions and issues of the Christian faith we will learn to say, I know WHY I believe. The ultimate experience, however, is to be brought to a place where we can say with confidence, I know WHOM I believe.

Knowing WHAT is a beginning. Knowing WHY is progress. Knowing WHO is maturity.

There is a time in our life when we penetrate the veil and from henceforth we KNOW Whom we have believed. It is no longer a question of belief, reason, argument, or opinion. We simply know.

Wait a minute, someone will say. First you say we cannot know Him, then you say that we can know Him. Which is it? All I can say is, it is both.

The child is preoccupied by WHAT, the young adult is consumed by WHY, and the mature believer is obsessed with WHO.

A brother wanted to know what holiness was. So, he found over 200 Scriptures on the subject, arranged them in order, and committed them to memory. Yet, he still didn't know what holiness was.

He felt empty inside. Finally he met an elderly sister who was holy. He finally saw Holiness, and it struck him to the ground. He then knew, because he saw. What he saw was not a concept or a teaching, but Holiness living through the elderly saint. It was not a virtue or a code of conduct, but a Person, Who was expressing His holiness through a yielded vessel.

Another brother was in a similar situation. He was emphatic about what he believed until someone with equal or greater argument confronted him. This occurred one day and someone pointed out several supposed "errors" in the Bible. This caused the brother to be very alarmed. He went to the same elderly lady and informed her of these alleged errors and wanted to know her opinion. She simply stated that the knowledge of God did not depend upon the answering of these questions. He thought, perhaps not to you, but to me it is important! So he spent the next year investigating what this other person had told him and found it to be untrue. But, had he simply known God He would not have found it necessary to study the whole thing and reason it out. The elderly sister was right, the knowledge of God did not depend upon the answering of those questions. If you know Who, knowing what and why become less significant.

No one illustrates this better than Paul the apostle. As the final hours were upon him, what was his testimony? He did not say, "I know what I believe." A man of extraordinary intellect and education, he had forgotten more about Judaism and Christianity than most people will ever know.

He did not say, "I know why I believe". Of course he knew why he believed. He didn't have to say it. The years of persecution and prison had made him better, not bitter. For the first time in his life he knew what real joy was. But even knowing what and why would not be enough to carry him through this much suffering.

What was his secret? "I know WHOM I have believed, and I am confident that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him."

You can start out with WHAT, sort through it with WHY, but it ultimately leads to WHO.

Who else? Christ as all in all. Everything leads to Him. All the questions, all the answers. Everything is reduced to Him, for He is the sum of all spiritual things. When we are reduced to Him, then we will be satisfied. Let us lose our life that we may gain our Life and know Whom we have believed. Amen.
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I Love My Church

Heidi Cummins

Tell them: I LOVE MY CHURCH!

I will surprise you by My greatness, says the Lord.

I will surprise you by what I am doing and what I will do.

All glory belongs to Me and Me alone.

I saved you for My glory! I saw you kicking about in your sin and I pitied you. I knew you could do nothing for yourself. I saved you by My righteous right hand and I am going to reveal Myself to others who you think I cannot possibly save. I WILL reveal Myself to them because I want to. Despite what you may or may not do. Because I want to. You are just along for the ride. I want you to be a co-laborer with Me. THAT gives Me profound pleasure!

I AM God. There is no other.

You will see and give glory to Me because you know that it is I who does the saving, the redeeming, the sanctifying. It is Me says the Lord. There is no other.

I want My Church to know that I love them. I love My Church, My called out ones. You are My prized possession, of My own choosing. How I love you! You cannot understand how much I love you, but you can accept what I have done for you. Rest in My love. Take heart and rest in My love for you, My chosen ones!

The world will marvel at how much I love My church. I have called you out to put you on display and show how beautiful you are to Me. When I say that you are My treasure, My prized possession, I mean what I say. That is what you are My beloved. Do not think that you are unlovely. Oh no, you are all glorious within. You ARE My treasure, something of great value to Me. I created you for Myself, for My pleasure.

So rest in My love. You will be like one who has found contentment in My eyes. Enjoy My love for you. Delight yourself in Me. This brings Me tremendous joy and satisfaction to see you contented in Me. Do you know this?

Watch and see what I am going to do, says the Lord. Watch and marvel! You will be in awe! You will be astounded! Mark My word, I love My Church and I am going to display My glory in Her in these coming days. Watch and see the revealing of My true sons and daughters in this hour!

Watch and see and believe!"

The World Will Have To Deal With The Cross

Heidi Cummins

Jesus asked one of His disciples, Peter, "Who do you say that I am?"

Jesus is bringing this question to the whole world right now and asking this present generation, "Who do you say that I am?"

The people of the world(including the Church) will have to deal with the reckoning of the cross. It is being brought to their attention- Jesus is bringing it to the forefront of their attention.

They will have to make a choice. The whole world will have to make a choice about Jesus. They will either accept Jesus or reject Jesus based on who they believe Jesus is.

There is no more middle ground. There is no more wiggle room. You are either for Jesus completely, or you are against Jesus completely. You can't be half for Jesus anymore. You can't be half against Jesus anymore. It is all or nothing.

The choice is your's and your's alone to make. Mom, Dad, brother, sister, relative, friend, cannot make the choice for you. It must be your's and your's alone. By your words, you be held accountable.

To the world, Jesus asks "Who do you say I am?"

Every individual's destiny, hinges on that question.

Soon it will be answered by every person on the face of the earth. Those in the world will give their final answer. There will be no turning back. This will be their final decision.

Heidi Cummins Feb.11, 2004

It’s Later Than You Think

Dee Hoetmer

10th May 2004

Do you not discern the times or the season Beloved? The season is late, even unto the end of an era, an epoch.

Great things will come forth now, even suddenly. The heavens are soon to fold away into a scroll and great darkness will cover the earth. The evil one is spewing out his hordes from the gates and portals of hell. He is sending them forth, even those he has reserved for this time, to wage war on the saints.

Isaiah 34:4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.

Revelation 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

These things must come to pass, all that has been prophesied will come to pass. Even the son of perdition is soon to be revealed. Great upheaval is soon to occur, in the nations and in creation.

2Thessalonians 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

Do not let fear possess your heart Beloveds, for those who have honored MY name, I WILL NOW HONOR. You will go forth as My dread champions, you will disseminate
many of the foe who have been sent forth to beguile and lead astray those not IN My h
Heart.

I am not sending you My prophet of doom and gloom, BUT OF GREAT LIGHT AND LOVE, for as you behold these things coming to past, I will lift up My banner over you, proclaim you MY DREAD CHAMPIONS OF WAR and send you forth. It is by My Spirit in you, that you will go forth!

The peoples will see you as MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GLORY. The devil and his hordes will cringe at the sight of you. He is even now cringing at what I am bringing forth in you Beloved, a PEOPLE MIGHTY AND STRONG IN BATTLE.

As the son of perdition is revealed, there will be persecution Beloved, BUT KNOW THIS, they can do nothing to you that I do not allow, even death will be stayed by My hand.

This is a time to rise up, be bold and do great exploits IN MY NAME.

Those who have given Me honor, those who have favor with Me, will lack nothing. Beloveds. YOU WILL LACK NOTHING, in this time of coming turmoil.

Even as we now speak, I AM orchestrating things for your provision. I will, in a word, “move heaven and earth” to see that My perfect will come to past in your lives, MY BELOVEDS, MY BEAUTIFUL

BELOVEDS!

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Merriam-Webster
Main Entry: **ep·och**
**1 a :** an event or a time marked by an event that begins a new period or development **b :** a memorable event or date
**2 a :** an extended period of time usually characterized by a distinctive development or by a memorable series of events
**b :** a division of geologic time less than a period and greater than an age
**3 :** an instant of time or a date selected as a point of reference (as in astronomy)
**synonym** see PERIOD
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Main Entry: **per·di·tion**
1 a *archaic* **:** utter destruction **b** *obsolete* **:** **LOSS**
2 a : eternal damnation **b :** **HELL**
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Main Entry: **dis·sem·i·nate**
**1 :** to spread abroad as though sowing seed <*disseminate* ideas>
**2 : to disperse throughout**

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# I Am Coming To Reign In Holiness And Justice
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*It is with much pacing about the floor, in sorrow and travail of spirit, that I write the word of the Lord this day. The Lord said to me three times "write it down"*

Be prepared My People, I am a God of Love and Mercy, but also of Holiness and Justice.

Will you continue to tread under foot those who are poor in spirit? You religious Pharisees who know My Word but do not have My Love, I am coming to judge you! Repent before I come with a swift sword on My swift steed!

You have muddied the waters with your feet. You have trampled My Word under foot as you have manipulated its true meaning, for your own ends. No more shall it be so, for I will remove My true sheep from under your care. I will take them under My Wing and nurture, restore and heal them.

You have kept captive those who are called for My End Time Army, with your control and false doctrines. I AM releasing them from bondage; I AM putting them into My Mighty Army. Yea, the very ones you thought you owned to manipulate and control for your own ends, will be no more. You will look for them, but will not find them, for I will remove them from your fold and place them in My fold!
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Oh haughty ones with unrepentant hearts, I have called and called, spoken and spoken, but you heeded it not. With a thunderclap and with a roar from My Throne, these will be removed from under your care and nurtured by My Spirit, to become part of My End Time Army.

And what of you my false shepherds, you have a small window of time to repent and truly seek My face, before I come to you. Did I not tell you that judgment will first come to My house, you have been warned.

Eze 34:7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; Eze 34:8 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, BUT THE SHEPHERDS FED THEMSELVES, AND FED NOT MY FLOCK; Eze 34:9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; Eze 34:10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; BEHOLD, I AM AGAINST THE SHEPHERDS; AND I WILL REQUIRE MY FLOCK AT THEIR HAND, AND CAUSE THEM TO CEASE FROM FEEDING THE FLOCK; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; FOR I WILL DELIVER MY FLOCK FROM THEIR MOUTH, that they may not be meat for them. Eze 34:11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, *even* I, WILL BOTH SEARCH MY SHEEP, AND SEEK THEM OUT. Eze 34:12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep *that are* scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. Eze 34:13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. Eze 34:14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. Eze 34:15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD. Eze 34:16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up *that which was* broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: BUT I WILL DESTROY THE FAT AND THE STRONG; I WILL FEED THEM WITH JUDGMENT. Eze 34:17 And *as for* you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he goats. Eze 34:18 *Seemeth it* a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, BUT YE MUST TREAD DOWN WITH YOUR FEET THE RESIDUE OF YOUR PASTURES? AND TO HAVE DRUNK OF THE DEEP WATERS, BUT YE MUST FOUL THE RESIDUE WITH YOUR FEET?

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"RETURN, AMERICA, TO THE LORD YOUR GOD"
-Hosea 14:1

40 Days of Corporate Prayer & Fasting for National Repentance
September 24 - November 2, 2004

FINAL THREE DAYS OF CONCENTRATED PRAYER & FASTING
October 30 - November 2

"Return to Me.and I will return to you." --Zechariah 1:3

"Come to Me, all you who are labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and My burden is light."
--Jesus of Nazareth; Matthew 11:28-30

In accordance with II Chronicles 7:14:

"If my people which are called by My name, will humble themselves,
and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways;
then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

MANY are continuing in a variety of 40-Day and other God-appointed protracted fasts and prayer disciplines. Leaders are issuing calls to special prayer and fasting vigils. Churches and networks have orchestrated unbroken 24/7 prayer and fasting chains, and some individuals and members of churches will be maintaining a more severe closing fast, like an Esther fast. (Esther 4:16) Some churches and groups are also engaging in corporate Ezra fasts. (Ezra 8:21-23)

THESE FINAL THREE DAYS will continue to be marked by repentance and a "crying out to God" - for mercy, for the exposure and thwarting of all assassination and terrorist attacks, for cleansing and deliverance from sin, transgression and iniquity, for the dismantling of occult systems and shields, for the tearing down of the strongholds of pride, deception and lies, for the election of God-fearing men and women into public office across the USA, for the speedy legal settlement of all contested election results, for safe passage into future days, and for grace unto obedience for the believing Church in America to fulfill the Great Commandment (Mt 22:37-40) and the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20).

PRAYING THE NEWS after the Nov 2nd elections will help settle disputed vote counts, release grace into the divided soul of the nation, and continue to restrain terrorists and the evil one.

".for the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate. He will not turn His face from you if you return to Him."
-Hezekiah, II Chronicles 30:9-10

For a 40-day Prayer Guide, more resources and links visit www.40daysUSA.org or email info@40daysUSA.org

"THE UN AND THE TERRORISTS. DESIRE TO BRING AMERICA UNDER SUBMISSION TO A GODLESS GLOBAL SOCIETY AND REMOVE HER AS A PROTECTOR OF ISRAEL" - (Excerpted from article by Bill Wilson, Word Of Life Ministry, www.dailyjot.com; Original titled "Election Significance") Tuesday's Presidential election is of paramount significance from a Biblical perspective, otherwise why would the enemies of God be so actively working to influence the outcome. When I say "enemies of God," I mean those who support the secular humanist agenda or deny the deity of the one true God, Jehovah. There are a myriad of issues before the nation from health care costs to jobs, but none are nearly as important as the soul of the nation, which is at stake in this election.

The United Nations, an ardently secular organization that wishes to establish a one-world government, has taken sides in this election-a precedent of huge proportions. U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan, two weeks before the election, parroted the Democratic Party's talking points by saying the war in Iraq is illegal and the world is not safer with the removal of Saddam Hussein from power. Mohamed ElBaradei, the U.N.'s nuclear watchdog, launched the "October surprise" which implied recent U.S. negligence in securing explosives known to be missing for over 18 months. Democratic Presidential nominee John F. Kerry has since used the issue despite its veracity being thoroughly suspect.

Now al Qaeda has joined its more mainstream Muslim brethren with a very public opposition to the reelection of President George W. Bush. A video tape obtained by ABC News thought to be genuine al Qaeda by the FBI and CIA threatens consequences for reelecting the President, it says "People of America, that was the verdict, now for the sentencing: As participants and partners in the crimes of the regime, you too shall pay the price for the blood that has been spilled." The video tape also says, "Allah willing, the streets of America will run red with blood, matching drop for drop the blood of America's victims."

The United Nations and the terrorists want George W. Bush defeated. Not because they wish to broker peace, but rather because they desire to bring America under submission to a godless global society and remove her as a protector of Israel. The United States is the only obstacle to the advancement of Islam against Israel and it is the only superpower rooted in Christianity. The anti-American factions see George W. Bush as the one man standing in obstruction to their diabolical plans. It is your choice as an American Christian as to the direction of this nation. It is in your hands. As Joshua said, "And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

PENTAGON ACCOUNTS FOR "MISSING" EXPLOSIVES; U.S. TEAM REMOVED AND DESTROYED 250 TONS OF IRAQI MUNITIONS - A spokesman for the Pentagon said Friday that a U.S. army unit removed 250 tons of ammunition from a weapons depot in Iraq and later destroyed it. The explosives' whereabouts have dominated headlines since Monday, when the United Nations' nuclear watchdog reported that close to 400 tons of explosives had gone missing from the al Qaqaa storage facility south of Baghdad. The Airborne company's former commander told reporters his unit removed some 250 tons of explosives when it was at al Qaqaa on April 13, 2003.

Video evidence emerged Thursday night that potentially proves U.S. troops were at the Iraqi military base where tons of high explosives went missing -- before the weapons disappeared. A Minnesota television crew embedded with U.S. 101st Airborne Division in Iraq recorded the video at the al-Qaqaa munitions base in April 18, 2003, nine days after the fall of Saddam Hussein. Rebroadcast by ABC News, the footage shows troops inspecting what appear to be the now-missing explosives, still in barrels stamped with International Atomic Energy Agency markings. (CTV.ca News, Bell Globemedia Inc.)

The question of what happened to the explosives has become a major issue in the closing days of the 2004 presidential campaign. Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry says the missing explosives are an example of the Bush administration's poor planning and incompetence in handling the war in Iraq.

The Washington Times on Thursday quoted John A. Shaw, the deputy undersecretary of defense for international technology security, who said he believed Russian special-forces personnel, working with Iraqi intelligence, "almost certainly" removed the high-explosive material from Al-Qaqaa. Shaw said he believed the munitions were moved to Syria in the weeks before the March 2003 invasion. (Fox News)

SERIOUSLY ILL, ARAFAT LEAVES MIDDLE EAST TO SEEK LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT IN FRANCE

-- PRAY that redemption come to the houses of Yasser Arafat, those in his related organizations and the entire population of the Palestinian/Arab people in Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Lebanon.
-- PRAY that at the time of Yasser Arafat's death, whenever that occurs, the entire Palestinian population, in their grief, be affected in ways that would lead them to seek the true God, and in their seeking, they would experience a saving encounter with Yeshua, their Messiah.
-- PRAY that the anticipated bloodshed resulting from organizations contending to fill the power vacuum left after Arafat's death WILL NOT OCCUR and that a reprieve would come and allow a time of great harvest of souls in the Middle East region and around the world.
-- PRAY that, upon his death, Arafat will not be buried on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem, as he has ordered.

A weakened Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat left the West Bank for the first time in 2-1/2 years on Friday and flew to France for treatment in a military hospital. He was stretchered inside. He was expected to be flown to Percy military hospital in Clamart, near Paris. The sleek and modern hospital has a strong reputation for treating blood disorders including cancer. Palestinian officials and Arafat associates say he has been unable to eat and suffers from vomiting and diarrhea. They have offered conflicting explanations for the symptoms, ascribing them at different times to a severe flu, an intestinal infection, gallstones and a blood disorder, possibly leukemia.

France has traditionally good ties with the Palestinians and wants to raise its profile in Middle East peacemaking. It has kept close ties to Arafat, saying he is central to any Middle East peace, while other Western states have avoided contact with him. Arafat's slide into illness has raised fears of chaos among Palestinians, whose 4-year-old uprising has stalled. The death of a leader whom Israel and its U.S. ally see as an obstacle to peace could shuffle the cards in the Middle East conflict as the United States heads into a presidential election on Tuesday. (Reuters, Washington Post, 10/29/04)

ARAFAT ROBS THE PALESTINE INTERNATIONAL BANK - (Middle East Forum, By Issam Abu Issa, founder of the Palestinian National Coalition for Democracy and Independence, a Palestinian democratic reform movement.) I returned to Ramallah from Qatar after the Oslo accords and in 1996 founded the Palestine International Bank (PIB), hoping to build a thriving economy in the newly autonomous PA areas.

On November 28, 1999, Arafat dissolved the PIB's board of directors, and the state-controlled Palestine Monetary Authority took over the bank, whose assets amounted to $105 million, a confiscation of my own, my shareholders', and my clients' private assets for Arafat's personal use. Many of us who worked with or lived under Arafat see him as a man exclusively concerned with power, money, and personal gratification. He heads a dictatorial regime staffed by gangsters. Arriving penniless in Gaza and the West Bank from exile in Tunisia, many PLO members amassed wealth, built villas in Gaza, Ramallah, and Amman, and sent their children to the best schools in the UK and the U.S.

The Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction, an organization meant to channel funds from donor countries like France and Germany, became a mechanism by which to enrich Arafat. Authenticated PLO papers signed by Arafat instruct his staff to divert donors' money to projects benefiting himself, his family, and his associates.

Between 1995 and 2000, Arafat's thugs beat up at least 11 elected members of the 88-member Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) because they voiced views in private and in public that were opposed to Arafat's. One of Arafat's favorite slogans was "Democracy of the Guns." Arafat believes true power lies in force, whether directed against Israelis or against his own people.

Arafat's failed leadership is one factor responsible for the evolution of Palestinian extremism and fundamentalism, as well as a culture of death and despair among the Palestinians. Increasing numbers of Palestinians blame U.S. and Israeli officials who calculated that a Palestinian dictatorship would make a better negotiating partner than a Palestinian democracy. When growing pressure in the Palestinian territories forced Arafat to find a scapegoat for his political failure, mismanagement, and economic plunder, he turned his guns toward the Israelis.

FRANCE FINANCE MINISTER SEEKS FUNDING FOR MOSQUES - (Intercessors Network, Intercessors.Network@Comhem.se) France's finance minister, a presidential hopeful, says mosques need state funding and it's time for a century-old law banning financing for religious groups to be modernized, according to excerpts of a new book hitting the shelves on Thursday, October 28. Nicolas Sarkozy, in his book "The Republic, Religions, Hope," says extremism is festering in underground mosques and Islamic groups don't have money to build houses of worship. "What is dangerous is not minarets, but caves and garages that keep clandestine religious groups hidden," Sarkozy says in the book, according to excerpts published in Le Monde and other French newspapers Tuesday.

Unlike Jewish and Christian groups with a history in France, Islam is relatively new here and needs a helping hand, Sarkozy says. "In light of our past experiences and our errors, let us prove our modesty and tolerance. Have we already forgotten our crusades?" The proposal to modify a 1905 law banning state subsidies for religious groups is sure to spark debate in France, which cherishes its secular underpinnings.

SIX MONTH NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL PRAYER CALENDAR

-- 40 DAYS OF CORPORATE PRAYER & FASTING FOR NATIONAL REPENTANCE, September 24-November 2, 2004: (www.40daysUSA.org) Our desire is to "stand in the gap" for our communities, regions, states, and nation as it passes through a time of war and another critical national election. A 40-day Prayer Guide is available at www.40daysUSA.org.

-- 30 DAYS MUSLIM PRAYER FOCUS, October 26-November 24, 2004: (www.30-days.net) -- Offer Thanksgiving that an annual Muslim Prayer Guide is now distributed in more than 42 languages, and that millions will be praying during Ramadan. -- Pray Boldly for the revelation of Christ as Messiah to key Muslim leaders, to Muslim terrorists, to your Muslim neighbors in American, and to multitudes of souls in Islamic communities worldwide. (Heb 4:16)

-- INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH, November 14, 2004: (www.persecutedchurch.org)

-- GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR AIDS, December 1, 2004 (www.gappartnership.org)

-- 32nd ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE 2005, January 22, 23, & 24th. (www.marchforlife.org) March for Life is a peaceful protest of the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions, Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton, legalizing abortion through all nine months of pregnancy. January 22, 2005, will mark 32 years of abortion on demand. On January 24, 2005 hundreds of thousands of people will meet in Washington, D.C. to publicly display their respect for human life.

-- SEEK GOD FOR THE CITY, February 9-March 20, 2005 (www.waymakers.org)

-- OPERATION IRAQI CARE: ADOPT A CITY IN PRAYER, Date: Ongoing, (www.operationiraqicare.org)

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In My Image and Likeness
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What is man that God is so thoughtful of him? Why did God place such a high value on a man's life? Why is man so important? Why was God so concerned about man that He (Jesus, God's Son) got into a body, lived as a man, reconciled and restored man back to Himself?
Why did Jesus allow Himself to be beaten, mocked, humiliated, His bearded pulled out and then crucified? We know that He did this because He loved us, but there were other reasons as well. He wanted man restored to his original position that he had before Adam sinned against God and lost it.
Jesus is the value of man, for it cost His life to redeem mankind. It cost the life of God the Son.
It pleased the Father to bruise His Son.
Adam did not have a natural father. Jesus did not have a natural father. They were both born of God. They had God's characteristics and nature.
Psalm 8:4-6
What is man that you are mindful of him and the son of man that you care for him?
Yet you have made him a little lower than Elohim and you have crowned him with glory and honor.
You made him to have dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet.
Gen 1:26
God said, let us (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness (Express image, mirror image), and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame beasts and over all the earth. So, God created man in His Own image, and in the image and likeness of God He created him.
Then Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being (another speaking spirit).
He was first created by God then his body was formed and what God created was put into the body.
Genesis 3:8-10
God loves to fellowship with man.
Luke 3:23-38
Man is the offspring of God.
I Cor. 6:17
But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Paul the Apostle was inspired by the Holy Ghost when he said that without Christ I can do nothing.

I Cor. 3:16-17
Do you not discern and understand that you (the whole church at Corinth) are God's temple (His sanctuary), and that God's Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you (to be at home in you, collectively as a church also individually?
If anyone does hurt to God's temple or corrupts it (with false doctrines) or destroys it, God will do hurt to him and bring him to the corruption of death and destroy him. For the temple of God is holy (sacred to Him) and that temple you (the believing church and its individual believers) are.
As He is so are we in this world.
Acts 17:28-29
For in Him we live move and have our being, as even some of your own poets have said, for we are also His offspring.
Since then we are God's offspring, we ought not to suppose that Deity (the Godhead) is like gold or silver or stone, (or the nature of) a representation by human art and imagination, or anything constructed or invented.
Man is much more than a physical being.
Man is an eternal creature.
Hebrews 2:6-11
It has been solemnly and earnestly said in a certain place, what is man that you are mindful of him or the son of man that you graciously and helpfully care for and visit and look after him?
For some little time You have ranked him lower than Elohim. You have crowned him with glory and honor and set him over the works of your hands.
For you have put everything in subjection under his feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to man, He left nothing outside of Man's control.

But at present we don’t yet see all things subjected to him (man).

But we are able to see Jesus Who was ranked a little lower than Elohim for a little while, crowned with glory and honor because of His having suffered death in order that by the grace (unmerited favor) of God (to us sinners) He might experiemce death for every individual person.

For it was an act worthy of God and fitting to the divine nature that He, for Whose sake and by Whom all things have their existence, in bringing many sons into glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect (should bring to maturity the human experience necessary to be perfectly equipped for His office as High Priest through suffering.

For both He Who sanctifies (making men holy) and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren. For He says I will declare Your (the Father’s) name to My brethren, in the midst of the worshiping congregation I will sing hymns of praise to you.

James 1:18

And it was of His Own free will that He gave us birth as sons by His Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures (a sample of what He created to be consecrated to Himself).

Romans 8:29-30

For those whom He foreknew (of Whom He was aware and loved beforehand, He also destined from the beginning foreordaining them) to be molded into the image of His Son, and share inwardly His likeness, that He might become the Firstborn of many brethren.

And those whom He thus foreordained , He also called, and those whom He called, He also justified, (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into rightstanding with Himself).

And those whom He justified, He also glorified, raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition and condition or state of being.

John 3:17-18

For God did not send the Son into the world to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him.

He Who believes in Him (who clings to, relies on Him) is not judged (he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation – he incurs no damnation); but he who does not believe (cleave to rely on, trusts in Him) is judged already (he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence) because he has not believed in and trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ’s name).

Psalm 82:1-7

Man has a position as representatives of God, and a position of children of God.

God stands in the assembly (of the representatives) of God; in the midst of the magistrates or judges He gives judgment (as) among gods.

How long will you (magistrates or judges) judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

Do justice to the weak (poor) and fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and needy.

Deliver the poor and needy; rescue them out of the hand of the wicked.

(The magistrates and judges) know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in the darkness (of complacent satisfaction); all the foundations of the earth (the fundamental principles upon which rests the administration of justice) are shaking.

I said, you are gods (since you judge on My behalf, as My representatives); indeed, all of you are children of the Most High.

But you shall die as men and fall as one of the princes.

I Cor. 6:2-3

Do you not know that the saints (the believers will judge and govern the world? And if the world itself is to be judged and ruled by you, are you unworthy and incompetent to try (such petty matters) of the smallest courts of justice?

Do you know also that we (Christians) are to judge the very angels and pronounce opinion between right and wrong (for them)? How much more then (as to) matters pertaining to this world and of this life only!

John 5:26-27

For even as the Father has life in Himself and is self existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself and be self existent.

And He has given Him authority and granted Him power to execute (exercise, practice) judgment because He is a Son of Man (very man).

Jesus as the son of man had dominion over everything in this world.

Psalm 115:15

The earth has He given to the children of men.
John 14:12
Jesus said, I assure you most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, He will himself be able to do the things that I do, and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.
A man in God's image and likeness was to rule over the creation of God.
God's first man failed to keep his position.
God's second man Jesus restored man to headship.
Adam had dominion and authority over all the earth.
Jesus the last Adam has authority over heaven and earth.
Adam did not have a natural father.
Jesus did not have a natural father.
John 3:35
The Father loves the Son and has given (entrusted, committed) everything into His hand.
Jesus was called the last Adam. Adam operated on earth the same way that Jesus operated on earth.
I Tim. 1:9-10
Knowing and understanding this: that the Law is not enacted for the righteous those who are already made right through accepting Christ, (the upright and just, who are in right standing with God), but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinful, for the irreverent and profane, for those who strike and beat and even murder fathers and strike and beat and even murder mothers, for manslayers.
For impure and immoral persons, those who abuse themselves with men, kidnapers, liars, perjurers and whatever else is opposed to wholesome teaching and sound doctrine.

Hebrews 1:2-3
But in these last days, He has spoken to us in the person of His Son, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and reaches of space and the ages of time He made, produced, built, operated and arranged them in order.
Jesus Is the sole expression of the glory of God (the Light Being, the out raying radiance of the divine and He is the perfect imprint and very image of God's nature, Upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty Word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the Divine Majesty on high.
II Cor. 5:17
Therefore if any person is ingrafted in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creation altogether), the old (previous moral and spiritual condition) has passed away. Behold the fresh and new has come!
II Cor. 6:18
And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.
I Cor. 3:21-23
So let no one exult proudly concerning men (boasting of having this or that man as a leader), for all things are yours.
Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the universe or life or death, or the immediate and threatening present or the subsequent and uncertain future, all are yours, and you are Christ's and Christ is God's.
II Cor. 19
It was God personally present in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against men their trespasses (but canceling them) and committing them to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).
II Peter 1:3-4
For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that are requisite and suited to life and godliness, through the full personal knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His Own glory and excellence (virtue).
Now our minds have to catch up to where God has placed us.
I Cor. 2:16
For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide an instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

Philippians 2:5,13

Let this same attitude and purpose and humble mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus.
Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God (possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God, God, did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained.
For it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you energizing and creating in you the power and desire, both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.
Ephesians 4:18-25
Their moral understanding is darkened and their reasoning is beclouded. They are alienated, estranged, and self banished from the life of God with no share in it; this is because of the ignorance, the want of knowledge and perception, the willful blindness that is deep-seated in them, due to their hardness of heart (to the insensitiveness of their moral nature).
In their spiritual apathy they have become callous and past feeling and reckless and have abandoned themselves (a prey) to unbridled sensuality, eager and greedy to indulge in every form of impurity (that their depraved desires may suggest and demand.
But you did not so learn Christ!
Assuming that you have really heard Him and been taught by Him, as all Truth is in Jesus (embodied and personified in Him).
Strip yourselves of your former nature (put off and discard your old unrenewed self) which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion;
And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind (having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude. And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God’s image, (Godlike) in true righteousness and holiness.
Therefore, rejecting all falsity and being done now with it, let everyone express the truth with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one body and members one of another.
Ephesians 2:5-6
And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
Even when we were dead slain by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ’s salvation.

Romans 8:17
And if we are His children, then we are His heirs also; heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ sharing His inheritance with Him.
Only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.
John 15:19
You are not of this world but only in it, no longer one with it.
John 1:12,16
But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in adhere to, trust in and rely on) his name.
For out of His fullness (abundance), we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing even favor upon favor and gift heaped upon gift.
I Cor. 1:8-9
And He will establish you to the end (keep you steadfast, give you strength, and guarantee you vindication; He will be your warrant against all accusation or indictment so that you will be) guiltless and irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).
God is Faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
I Peter 1:23
You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God.
God seed or the Word of God is the incorruptible and indestructible seed. A seed will produce fruit of the kind of seed that it is.
We were born of the incorruptible, indestructible seed of God. It will produce sons and daughters of God. The incorruptible seed produces incorruptible fruit.

Ephesians 1:22-23
And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church, Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself).
Ephesians 2:18,22
For it is through Him that we both (whether far off or near) now have an introduction (access) by one Holy Spirit to the Father (so that we are able to approach Him).
In Him and in fellowship with one another you yourselves also are being built up into this structure with the rest, to form a fixed abode, dwelling place of God in (by, through) the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:19
That you may really come to know practically, through experience for yourselves the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience; that you may be filled through all your being unto all the fullness of God, may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself!

Religious traditions make the Word of God ineffective. No one can keep the law. But there are some still teaching a legalistic doctrine, because it lets them manipulate and intimidate their listeners. The law was given to show us that no one could possibly keep the law of God. Jesus is the One and only One that could fulfill the requirements of God’s law. He lived a perfect and sinless life.
He bestowed His righteousness upon us. He imputed His righteousness to us, It means there was a heavenly transaction when pour out His blood on the mercy seat, and cleansed the books and the sins of every man.
He obliterated our sins. He took them away forever.
Calvary covers every sin ever committed except blasphemy.
Ephesians 4: 12-13
His intension was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), that they should do, the work of ministering toward building up Christ’s body (the church),
That it might develop, until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the full and accurate knowledge of the Son of God, that we might arrive at really mature manhood (the completeness of perfection), the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ’s Own perfection, the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him.
Remember “as He Is, so are we in this world”.

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The Spiritual House
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Haggai 2:9
The latter glory of this house (with its successor, to which Jesus came) shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place will I give peace and prosperity says the Lord of hosts.
I Peter 2:5
Come and, like living stones, be yourselves, built (into) a spiritual house, for a holy (dedicated, consecrated) priesthood, to offer up (those) spiritual sacrifices (that are) acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 3:3-4
And that the mystery (secret) was made known to me and I was allowed to comprehend it by direct revelation, as I already briefly wrote to you. When you read this you can understand my in sight into the mystery of Christ.
Col. 2:
For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And you are **complete in Him**, which is the Head of all principality and power.
Col. 3:1-4
If you then are risen with Christ, seek those **things** which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. **Set your affections on things above not on things on earth.**

For as far as the world is concerned, you have died, your (new real) life is hidden With Christ in God. When Christ **who is our life** shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in the splendor of His glory.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ. (I share in His crucifixion). It is no longer I who live, **but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me**; and the life I now live in my body I live by the faith in adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Ephesians 5:8

For you were once darkness, but **now are you light in the Lord**; walk as children of Light (lead thee lives of those native-born to the light).

Col. 1:11-13

You are strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness. Giving thanks unto the father, Who has qualified and made us fit to share the portion which is the **inheritance of the saints** (God's holy people) in the Light.

The Father has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and **has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His Love. In Whom we have our redemption through His blood**, which means the forgiveness of our sins.

John 14:20

At that time (when that day comes) you will know for yourselves, that I am in My father, and **you are in Me, and I am in you**.

I John 4:13

By this we come to realize, receive, recognize, and understand that we abide live and remain in Him and He in us; because **He has given or imparted to us of His Holy Spirit.**

v. 15 Anyone who confesses or acknowledges, owns that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides (lives, makes His home) in him and he abides (lives, makes his home) in God.

I John 5:11-12

And this is that testimony that evidence, God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

He who possesses the Son has that life; he who does not possess the Son of God does not have that life.

Col. 1:27

To whom God was pleased to make known how great for the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ within and among you**, the Hope of realizing the glory.

Luke 17:21

The kingdom of God is within you.

I Cor. 11:7

A man is the image and reflected glory of God.

II Cor. 3:18

And all of us as with unveiled face because we continued to behold in the Word of God as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor an from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord Who is the Spirit.

II Cor. 4:7

We possess this precious treasure (the divine Light of the gospel) **in frail human vessels** of earth , that grandeur and exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves.

Col. 2:9-10

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature.

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead-Father, Son and Holy Spirit- reach full spiritual stature. And He is the Head of all rule and authority(of every angelic principality and power.

God has prepared His people to receive of the fullness of His life at this point in human history. This is not just a move of God we are experiencing. This is all God this time.

Pray like it is your last day on earth. Don't be distracted now. Let things rest that are we are doing to appease our fleshly desires.

Some are still not aware of the time we are in. They go to church just to have a social gathering. God wants us to be in tuned to the direction of the Holy Spirit. Some great sermons are preached, but there are not many souls won to the Lord.

There are masses of hurting and physically ill people seeking God for help in churches where there is no clue about what God wants to do to help them. God is looking for someone to show Himself strong in.
This is your golden opportunity to step up to the front in God. Just get into serious prayer times. Let God talk to you through His word.

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Step Out To the Unlimited
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Matt. 14: 17-21
They said to Jesus, we have nothing but five loaves and two fish. Jesus said bring them here to me. He gave thanks and blessed and broke the loaves and handed the pieces to the disciples and the disciples gave them to the people.
They all ate. 5,000 men, not including the women and children
Matt. 14:25-29
And in the fourth watch (between 3am and 6am) of the night, Jesus came to them saying, take courage! I AM! Stop being afraid.
Peter answered Him, Lord if it is You, command me to come to you on the water.
He said "Come". So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water. And he came toward Jesus.
Matt. 14:35
And when the men of Gennesaret recognized Him, they sent around into the surrounding country and brought to Him all who were sick. And begged Him to let them merely touch the fringe of His garment, and as many as touched it were perfectly restored.

Step out of your boat of limitations, and procrastination, your boat of doubt, fear, unbelief, your boat of apprehension, and uncertainty. Step into the unlimited spiritual realm. Step out to where I AM, where all things are possible. Come to me. It is My righteousness, My Spirit, My word, and My faithfulness, My power, My fullness, My compassion, My Strength, My Grace, My goodness and mercy, My wisdom, My ability and your faith in my faithfulness that causes all things to be possible for you.
Come to me with your weaknesses, your negativity, your procrastination, your weak faith, your uncertainty, your hopelessness, your imperfections, your cowardice and shame.
Come to me because you are sons and daughters of The Most High God.
Col. 1:16
For it was in Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and things unseen. Whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities, all things were created and exist through Him (by His service, intervention) and in and for Him.
17)And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together)
Col. 2:9-10
For in Him the whole fullness of deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature.
10)And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead-Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and reach full spiritual (stature) and He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).
18) Let no one defraud you by acting as a umpire and declaring you unworthy and disqualifying you for the prize.

Col. 3:1

If then you have been raised with Christ (to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead, aim at and seek the (rich, eternal treasures) that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

And set your minds and keep them set on what is above the higher things, not on things that are on earth.

10) Clothe yourselves with the new (spiritual self) which is ever in process of being renewed and remolded into (fuller) and more perfect knowledge upon knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him who created it.

11) In this new creation, all distinctions vanish. There is no room for and there can be neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, nor difference between nations (whether alien) barbarians or Scythians (who are the most savage of all) nor slave or free man: but Christ is all and in all (everything an everywhere , to all men without distinction of person).

Colossians Chapter 1, Chapter 2

God has translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son. God has translated us into the kingdom of all power, all wisdom, all might, all glory, all faith, all fullness, all spiritual blessings, all spiritual understanding, all supply, all riches, all patience and longsuffering.

I Am With You

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My children I have not left you in a forsaken place but I the Lord have walked with you through every level and stage. You have known the abundance of My presence in your lives through My financial blessing upon you, through My Joy and My peace which surround you continually and through My love. Yet if I do not also take you through the fires and the hard pressed moments then how will you know Me as God and fully realise My ALL surpassing power?

Know that it is My purpose to see you grow in Me. You will only mature and come to an even deeper spiritual understanding when you have been through the valley and you have experienced My sustaining power. Keep your faith locked on Me and upon the fact that I AM who I say I AM and that no matter what the natural circumstance, you serve a supernatural God.

At this time I will level your mountains and raise the valleys. I will show you that you do not sustain yourself, but that I alone Am your source of strength. Declare My praises for surely they shall bring the strongholds of the enemy down. Life and death rest in the power of your words. Decree My words of life to your situation. Do not speak that which you will not bear responsibility to. Take hold of My promises by faith, for you are victorious warriors.

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In 2004

Jim Murr

12/31/2003

In 2004 things will never be the same as before. I say to you my chosen and anointed vessels that 2004 will be the year of the open door. I say to you who have been faithful to me and have not denied my name that in 2004 I will make them of the synagogue of Satan to come and worship before your feet and to know that I have loved you. It will be a time of breakthrough and it will be a time a deliverance. In 2004 you will be set free from all those things that have been holding you back and you will be released into the fullness of your calling, saith the lord. I will change things and I will make all things new in 2004, saith the Lord.

In 2004 violence and wicked imaginations will increase. In 2004 many shall marry, and many shall run to and fro. In 2004 it will be as it was in the days of Noah, saith the Lord. You will experience thunder and lightning. The winds will blow, and the rains will come. Hailstones will cover the earth like snow. The rivers will overflow, and the waters will cover the earth, but the earth shall not be utterly destroyed, saith the Lord.

In 2004 men will seek to make good to be evil and evil to be good. Incest, sodomy, and all manner of sexual perversions will increase. In 2004 it will be as it was in the days of Lot, saith the Lord. The earth will shake and fire will fall from heaven. But I say to you, my intercessors and chosen vessels, I have heard your cry; therefore, you shall not all perish, saith the Lord. I will send my angels to watch over you and your loved ones. They will protect you and lead you out of the judgment that is coming, saith the Lord.

In 2004 idolatry, witchcraft and devil worship will increase. In 2004 it will be as it was when I carried Ezekiel my prophet back to Jerusalem and showed him the secret sins of the children of Israel in my house, saith the Lord. Nothing will be hidden, saith the Lord. Those things done in darkness will be brought into the light, and those things done in secret will be shouted from the housetop. I am a jealous God, and because of my anger I will utterly destroy the house of the Lord, saith the Lord, but I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy, and I will reserve for myself a remnant people, saith the Lord.

In 2004 it will be as it was in the days of Moses, and the days of Aaron, and the days of Samuel, saith the Lord. They called upon my name, and I the Lord answered them from the midst of the cloudy pillar. Soon you will not be able to look upon the faces of my chosen vessels because of my manifested glory, saith the Lord. I will visit you in the cloud by day, I will visit you in the fire by night, I will visit you in the thick smoke, and I will visit you in the cloudy pillar, saith the Lord. In 2004 open visions will increase. In 2004 dreams will increase. In 2004 miracles will increase. In 2004 you will experience a new move of my Spirit. 2004 will be known as the year of the creative healing revival. Yes, in 2004 things will never be the same as before. In 2004 you will experience both my judgment and my manifested glory, saith the Lord.
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In Christ-ed Life
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In our studies of destiny, we have discovered a Life, the eternal zoe Life of God without beginning or end, that Jesus came to give to US abundantly (John 10:10). It is a Life originating in Christ, lived in Christ and ultimately consummated in Christ... the IN-Christed life.

I used to have a Christianity that was more ENCRUSTED than In-Christed. I was encrusted in layers of inaccurate beliefs and mindsets that had slowly hardened over the years. I had built a Charismatic / Pentecostal cocoon for myself. I died in that cocoon, suffocated by my own doing. I was resurrected out of that cocoon into a new life. In reality, it's a Life older than time itself, just new to me. I don't know that I yet walk in the total fullness of that Life, but I am 'laboring to enter into the rest' of that Life.... resting in the finished work of Christ (Heb.4:11). My personal calling is to help facilitate the release of that Life through teaching and impartation, helping facilitate destiny in the lives of others.

Much of our entering into and manifesting the In-Christed Life has to do with the renewing of our minds (Rom.12:2), "For as he thinketh in his heart, so IS he..."(Prov.23:7). With that in mind, let us consider some Scriptures that speak of the progression of the In-Christed Life.

CALLED in Christ -

Romans 8:29-30 speaks of our being CALLED; "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son... them He also CALLED: and whom He CALLED, them He also justified: and whom He justified, them He also glorified." The word translated as called is kaleho in Greek, meaning to call forth. It is from kelyouo, which means to incite by word. The Father foreknew us, foreordained us, and by His words spoke our calling into our being.

Isaiah 55:11 speaks of this WORD, this calling; "So shall My WORD be that goeth forth out of My mouth: it shall not return unto Me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." The Father spoke His WORD, the deposit of Christ into you before the foundation of the world. Contained within that WORD that you heard from the beginning is the power to bring that WORD to manifestation in your life. The Father says it will prosper in the thing for which He SENT it! You are SENT, my friend! You are SENT with the destiny and purpose of the Father that He spoke into you from the beginning.

CHOSEN in Christ -

"He CHOSE us- actually picked us out for Himself as His own- in Christ BEFORE the foundation of the world..." (Eph 1:4)

"for many be called, but few CHOSEN." (Mt. 20:16)...

"Ye have not chosen Me, but I have CHOSEN you, and ordained you..."(Jn. 15:16)

To bring clarity on this subject, let us consider a progression in the seedbed of Gen.1:26-27:

CALLED - "God SAID, Let us make man..." God speaking His purpose

CHOSEN - "in Our image and likeness" - God choosing what kind of man to make

CREATED - "so God created" - God bringing to manifest that which He had called and chosen.

The man that He has CHOSEN is the Man in the image and likeness of God that is inside each of us. That man is the One with zoe (Spirit) Life. We also have a choice and it is this, "For whosoever will save his life (psuche in Greek- the soulish life) shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."(Matt.16:25). We can choose to live in the soulish Adamic man, or we can choose to live in the Christ man who is the REAL you. "For in Him we live, and move, and have our BEING..."(Acts

17:28).

This is why many are called, but few are chosen... it is not that the Father is out to exclude anybody. It is that many choose to live in the deception of the soulish psuche life, rather than the Christ Life. Thus few are chosen because the man the Father has chosen is the Christ-Man, Christ IN you the hope of glory. We are CHOSEN in Christ!

CREATED in Christ -

"For we are His workmanship, CREATED in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath BEFORE ordained that we should walk in them."(Eph.2:10)

To bring clarity, let us examine a spiritual principle at work:

God CREATES things in spirit before he FORMS or manifests them in the natural realm. He separated light from darkness the first day, yet it wasn't till the fourth day that He made the sun, moon and stars. And just like the Father CREATED man in Genesis chapter One but didn't FORM him till chapter Two; we were created in Christ before we were FORMED in the womb. The word translated as create in Genesis One is bara in Hebrew, giving the idea of creating something out of nothing... the Father SPOKE this man into existence. The word translated as formed is Genesis Two is yatsar in Hebrew meaning to squeeze or mold into a form... the Father molded this man from the earth. The substance of the man in Genesis One was spirit or breath (same word in Hebrew-ruach) as God SPOKE. The substance of the man in Genesis Two was earth.

These two men found complete expression in the Man Christ Jesus as He is the Last Adam. Did you catch that?... Jesus Christ was the LAST Adam, and He formed a perfect union of being a Spirit-Man manifested in a natural / physical body... "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us..."(John 1:14). He was the LAST Adam so that WE may become the Second Man - Christ manifest in His many-membered Body; "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ."(1 Cor.12:12). We are no longer IN Adam as Jesus Christ was the LAST Adam; our true identity is created IN Christ!

CONSECRATED in Christ -

As we read through Exodus chapters 28 and 29 we find much pertaining to CONSECRATION- that which is set apart to the worship of God. Specifically pertaining to the consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests set apart unto God and the consecration of the tent of meeting. Without going into great detail, we can read of the garments of consecration they were to be clothed with and the ram of consecration they were to eat.

My friend, you and I are to be a "tent of meeting", a place of communion between God and men, clothed with Christ (Gal.3:27) and feeding upon His body and blood (Jn. 6:56). We are set apart, consecrated as priests unto God after the order of Melchizedek, and this consecration is only possible IN Christ.

The life of Melchizedek was without beginning or ending of days (Heb.7:3), eternal Life... and that is the Life Jesus Christ came to give to us abundantly. This is the Life that is consecrated unto God, for it is His very Life in Christ manifesting through us.

CRUCIFIED in Christ -

Only something dead can be resurrected. "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."(Col.3:3) "Knowing this, that our old man IS crucified WITH HIM, that the body of sin might be destroyed..."(Rom 6:6) Some are trying to 'die daily" by effort and sacrifice... this may sound noble, but it leads to a deadly form of pride - false humility. (When Paul penned those words, he literally faced physical death on a daily basis because of the culture he was in.) Dead things don't need to die daily, they're already dead. Dying daily puts the focus on OUR sacrifice and denies the power of the cross. Jesus said "...if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.(Jn. 12:32). It wasn't just one Man on the cross, YOU were there also IN Christ. When He died, you died... it didn't stop there though.

CONTINUE in Christ -

When He was resurrected, you were resurrected... or rather, the Christ Life within you was resurrected. Adam was not resurrected, he was dealt with ONCE and for all, for Jesus Christ was the LAST Adam. This is why Paul says "...nevertheless I LIVE, yet not I, but Christ lives IN me." (Gal. 2:20) "Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall

remain in you, ye also shall CONTINUE in the Son, and in the Father." (I John 2:24-25) We are to continue in Christ, in that which we heard from the beginning - the destiny that He spoke into us before He even formed us.

CONSUMMATED in Christ -

"Making known to us the mystery of His will- of His plan, of His purpose. And it is this: In accordance with His good pleasure which He had previously purposed and set forth IN HIM, He planned for the maturity of the times and the climax of the ages to unify all things and head them up and CONSUMMATE them IN Christ..."(Eph.1:9-10)

* We WILL see the fulfillment of Gen.1:26-28; a many-membered MAN (male and female) in the image and likeness of God, filling the earth and subduing it...

* We WILL see the fulfillment of Eph.4:13 "...that WE might arrive at mature manhood, the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ's own perfection."

* We WILL see the 'teleios' Perfect Many-membered Man, the Second Man...

* We WILL see the manifestation of mature 'huios' Sons of God...

Most of this progression is actually PAST tense-
CALLED
CHOSEN
CREATED
CONSECRATED
CRUCIFIED

and then there's-
CONTINUING
CONSUMMATION

It's really a matter of becoming who we ALREADY ARE in Spirit, in Christ... bringing that finished work to manifestation in our individual and corporate Life. Let us press on to the 'mark' of manifesting the Life of Christ in the world, "because as He IS, so are WE in this world." (1 John 4:17)
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Incredible Love

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1 John 3:1-3 AMP
1 SEE WHAT [an incredible] quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should [be permitted to] be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him.

2 Beloved, we are [even here and] now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be [hereafter], but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall [as God's children] resemble and be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He [really] is.

3 And everyone who has this hope [resting] on Him cleanses (purifies) himself just as He is pure (chaste, undefiled, guiltless).

Heb 3:12-13 AMP
12 [Therefore beware] brethren, take care, lest there be in any one of you a wicked, unbelieving heart [which refuses to cleave to, trust in, and rely on Him], leading you to turn away and desert or stand aloof from the living God. 13 But instead warn (admonish, urge, and encourage) one another every day, as long as it is called Today, that none of you may be hardened [into settled rebellion] by the deceitfulness of sin [by the fraudulence, the stratagem, the trickery which the delusive glamour of his sin may play on him].

“I want you to know My children, how incredibly in love with you I am! I want you to experience that love more than anything! My Son came and shed His blood on the ground, & on the cross, that you could have this restoration of love that enables you to come into the throne room asking for grace in time of need. You are constantly able to access the throne room of heaven due to the blood of Jesus! There is not any time the doors of heaven are closed to your cries. I am present always to listen to whatever your heart wants to express or ask!

My Spirit lives in you, so that you have INSTANT ACCESS!!! Whenever two or more of you are gathered together, I AM in your midst. And anything you ask as touching ANYTHING on this earth, I will do as you pray in the Spirit.

You have not because you ask not many times. The power of agreement on any issue of need magnifies the request! Agreeing prayer is powerful prayer. This is why husbands and wives praying together is something the enemy loves to DISRUPT! He knows that if the two of you ask as touching anything, then I will immediately dispatch angels to answer! IN these times, you especially NEED AGREEING PRAYER. The enemy is trying to block you from praying together and corporately so that he can interfere with prayer requests in some way. I encourage you to pray together whenever possible for the most important things especially, and watch how mightily I will move!!!

I am looking for intimacy with you in the secret place because I am eager to shed My love in your hearts, and to answer all your needs. As the fire is purging you, you will find more and more of your prayers being answered and more swiftly than ever before. There is a build up of heavenly reinforcements going on for I AM about to do some very mighty things on your behalf! So keep your eyes steadfastly upwards and proclaim the TRUTH of the WORD into your lives and the lives of those you love and care for! Trust that when you pray that I WILL answer. Anticipate ANSWERS to prayer! For the believing heart will always anticipate! The unbelieving heart doesn't expect action. And after time and again of unbelief in their hearts, they gradually stop praying.

Some of you have been so pummeled in your walk that you have been quenched and discouraged, but I am REVIVING you. I am RESTORING all that has been stolen and I will once again pour out the Spirit of MIGHT, and you will be empowered to do all your heart longs to do, and My heart longs you to do! I have a river of honey I am yet to pour out that will alter the way you see everything! When it is poured out, you will see with new eyes, and hear with new ears. You will understand much better all things relating to Me. Know that it will not fail to come! I am tipping the giant jar of honey and all you need to do is look up and lap it in! GRACE, GRACE, GRACE is coming to you. You can't imagine how long I have longed to do this great and mighty mysterious act! Now the honey will begin to flow like a river that starts out peaceful and calm, but as it goes through rocks and hedges, it becomes more and more filled with turbulence and becomes RAGING RAPIDS! So will My river escalate in it's power and being poured out! And as it flows out, it will impart incredible LOVE for Me, and for each other, and a realization of so many things you have longed to understand.

The best thing is that I am doing it just to show how much I love you, and not because you have prayed enough, or fasted enough, or worshipped enough! For just as a bridegroom tries to find things to please his wife, I also look for things I can do to bless you and please you, and show you My love! I love surprises and I have plenty in store for you!

From the Frying Pan into the FIRE
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Mal 3:2-3 NKJV "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Isa 43:2-3a NKJV When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;

Ex 3:1-2 NKJV And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

Ps 50:3 NKJV Our God shall come, and shall not keep silent; A fire shall devour before Him, and it shall be very tempestuous all around Him.
Ps 66:12 NKJV You have caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water; But You brought us out to rich fulfillment. \
Matt 3:10-12 NKJV I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

"Many of you feel like you have been in the frying pan and this is true. In the frying pan, a lot of things get burned up. I am desiring to release you from anything that would compete with My time with you! I am a jealous Lover, and I want you to come forth as gold refined in the fire! Ask for the Spirit of BURNING and you will receive it! Ask for purifying fire and it will come to cleanse you. Be brave My beloveds, for the frying pan will lead to the FIRE of My LOVE being poured out, and greater and greater things you will do in My name! Some of you have a limited view of WHO I AM, and how powerful I am. You think I need you to do everything, when what I am desiring is your time, so that My love can permeate your soul and transform you into the person I want you to be. Then you will hear, and you will do. But can we just have this time My beloveds to soak and become more in love with the God Who loves you? Will you come and dance with Me, and walk with Me, and learn from ME, and be filled up by ME with My love, that when I ask you to DO, that you will hear clearly, and OBEY?"

Jer 23:29 NKJV Is not My word like fire [that consumes all that cannot endure the test]? says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks in pieces the rock [of most stubborn resistance]?

"I want you to eat the SCROLL and get My Words into you, because you need them to build a strong spiritual immune system! You need to fight with My word, and to speak it and the meaning to those who will want to know Me. So get it on the inside, meditate on it, listen to it, eat from it, that you may be strong in the power of My MIGHT! And so that you may discern the true from the false!"

2 Kings 1:9-14 NKJV Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men. So he went up to him; and there he was, sitting on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him: "Man of God, the king has said, 'Come down!'"
10 So Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, "If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty. 11 Then he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty men.
And he answered and said to him: "Man of God, thus has the king said, 'Come down quickly!'"
12 So Elijah answered and said to them, "If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men." And the fire of God came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.
13 Again, he sent a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and pleaded with him, and said to him: "Man of God, please let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your sight. 14 Look, fire has come down from heaven and burned up the first two captains of fifties with their fifties. But let my life now be precious in your sight."

"The days of Elijah are upon you, and there will be a mighty demonstration of My power. But you must walk in the Spirit of Might with CONFIDENCE that when I tell you to do something, you will not HESITATE to do it! So I have you in the frying pan, that all that cannot stand the test will be burnt off, and that all that remains will bring forth MY LIFE, and that you will obey without any argument, doubt or hesitation, or procrastination. Jesus only did what the Father was doing. THAT 100% dependency on Father is what I am trying to build in you My sons and daughters, that every step will be ordered. Remember I said I will keep him in perfect peace whose MIND is STAYED on ME. And I said the steps of a RIGHTEOUS man are ordered by the Lord. You must appropriate My righteousness."

1 : to take exclusive possession of **: ANNEX**
<no one should *appropriate* a common benefit>
2 : to set apart for or assign to a particular purpose or use
<*appropriate* money for the research program>
3 : to take or make use of without authority or right

Ps 57:4-5 NKJV My soul is among lions; I lie among the sons of men
Who are set on fire, Whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword. 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let Your glory be above all the earth.

Ps 97:3-5 NKJV A fire goes before Him, and burns up His enemies round about. His lightnings light the world; The earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

“ Indeed your souls lie among the lions, the sons whose tongues are arrows and spears. So I have sent you out to be lights in the darkness, and the darkness is getting darker, but so will MY PRESENCE get stronger and stronger within you as you submit to the FIRE of My presence and ask for healing and deliverance. The FIRE of My presence will burn off all the dross that remains until you are able to do all I want you to do. So stay in the place I want you, and submit to my fire, I say SUBMIT TO MY FIRE! And I will also pour out the FIRE of MY LOVE that will consume all the fears, and all the worldly desires. For when you see ME as I really am, so in love with you, then you will have a knowing that is more than brain knowledge, but you will be more and more filled with MY LOVE, and then will reflect My glory, My character, My heart attitudes and desires! If you WANT to be a living flame of fire , then all you have to do is ask, and it will be done. I will bring you forth as GOLD, and you will inherit the nations!“

Ps 104:1-4 NKJV Praise to the Sovereign LORD for His Creation and Providence - O LORD my God, You are very great: You are clothed with honor and majesty, 2 Who cover Yourself with light as with a garment, Who stretch out the heavens like a curtain. 3 He lays the beams of His upper chambers in the waters, Who makes the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind, 4 Who makes His angels spirits, His ministers a flame of fire.

Isa 64:1-2 A Prayer for Help
1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down!
That the mountains might shake at Your presence — 2 As fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil — To make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence!

Isa 66:15-16 For behold, the LORD will come with fire and with His chariots, like a whirlwind, To render His anger with fury, And His rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire and by His sword the LORD will judge all flesh; And the slain of the LORD shall be many.

I have an invested interest in your children and the youth of this generation and I will have an army dressed in white, and with a flaming sword they will devour their enemies! It is not a time to pretend, or to be half-hearted. For what is coming against you is NOT half-hearted but full of hate and fury. So gird your loins with strength by praising ME in the beauty of holiness, and stand firm with the WORD against the enemy of your soul.
Do not give in to doubt and rejection. I am purging you with fire, that all that doubt, all that unbelief, all that rejection and intimidating fear will LEAVE and not return. YOU WILL KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU, AND OTHERS WILL KNOW THAT I HAVE LOVED YOU! Also know that it is by GRACE alone you are saved, by GRACE alone you are healed and delivered, not because of STRIVING! NOT because of works in fleshly pursuit of selfish ambition! But by MY GRACE ALONE. What I do now, will be by My power alone, and not because of the good works you have done or by your goodness, but solely by My love for you!”

Joel 2:3 NKJV A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns; The land is like the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; Surely nothing shall escape them.

Amos 5:6-7 NKJV Seek the LORD and live, Lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it, with no one to quench it in Bethel —
7 You who turn justice to wormwood, and lay righteousness to rest in the earth!"

Zech 2:5 NKJV For I,' says the LORD, 'will be a wall of fire all around her, and I will be the glory in her midst.'"

The Wickedness of the Wicked
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Ps 7:9-17 NKJV
9 Oh, **let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just**; For the righteous God tests the hearts and minds. 10 My defense is of God, Who saves the upright in heart. 11 God is a just judge, and God is angry with the wicked every day. **12 If he does not turn back**, **He will sharpen His sword; He bends His bow and makes it ready**. 13 **He also prepares for Himself instruments of death; He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.** 14 Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and **brings forth falsehood.** 15 He made a pit and dug it out, and has fallen into the ditch which he made. 16 **His trouble shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown.** 17 I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness, and **will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.**

" My heart is tested everyday at the wickedness of the wicked. Every day the wickedness is increasing. Satan is launching many untoward attacks. But remember that I have said, that when the enemy comes in like a flood, **the Lord will raise up a standard against him!** Do not forget my sons and daughters, whose you are! I will use you to raise up the standard. I will explode inside of you and you will carry my glory from your home into the streets and paths of the nations.

Do not think because of the heaviness of your trials that I have forgotten you. I am purifying and refining, and I am doing a Divine reversal of all things, that your hearts may swell with JOY inexpressible and overflowing! I AM RESTORING. And all things will be made new. The harvest is white and the workers are few so I will use all who are willing to go for Us. Nothing will inhibit your ability to go. Finances will be provided or bypassed by supernatural means. Do not think that I am limited in how I provide for you. I am going to surprise you in many things. I have many, many surprises up My sleeve! I am not limited, and because I live in you, you will not be limited. Think "GREATER THINGS I WILL DO!" Anticipate healing and miracles. Anticipate multiplication of food, and all forms of provision. Do not think because I don't have this, I can't do that! EXPECT ME to act when you ask. Ask and it SHALL be given you, I have said. So look for more, when it seems all hope is gone. Watch how I can multiply anything you need!

Lean on Me for understanding and wisdom for all you do. I am forcing you to be more dependent on ME, than yourself! IF you could do it alone, then it wouldn't be called FAITH!

If it all depended on you, then where would there be room for ME? **Religious men and women want law and order,** but **I want to heal and deliver souls!** I am a jealous GOD, and I will have no other gods before Me. I am not limited in My power! I am the God who drives diviners mad, and empties the coffers of the rich and wicked into the hands of the poor and humble! NOTHING is impossible with ME!

Is there something that SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE? NOTHING is impossible with ME!
There is nothing you are concerned about that I can't fix. There is nothing spoken that cannot be reversed! There is nothing done wrong that cannot be undone! I AM a RESTORER. AND you will be restorers of the breach! I know My sheep, and they know ME! **My sheep hear My voice and they**

FOLLOW Me! The voice of another they will not listen to! Grace and GLORY will be poured out till they are running over in you and onto others around you! I am not slack concerning My promises. IT WILL ERUPT SUDDENLY, as you fulfill each day' s instructions!

REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEBODY! ASK for Divine appointments and they will be given you! Heal the sick. Cast out demons, & raise the dead! ASK and you shall RECEIVE! Knock and the door will be opened. PROCLAIM FROM THE ROOFTOPS WHAT YOU HEAR IN YOUR EAR! Know that I will back up your words when you speak MY Word! Signs and wonders follow the preaching of the WORD. IF I am lifted up, I will draw all men unto Myself! So TESTIFY of all I have done! Honor the blood of Jesus and all will be undone!

I am coming soon with My terrible swift sword and judgment will be swift to the wicked who will not turn from his sin! Consider the souls dying daily without the knowledge of My love and grace! CRY out! WEEP and travail, and watch what I will do. ASK for MY HEART OF COMPASSION and I will give it. ASK for MY LOVE and I will give it! Anything you need comes from the Father above who gives generously to all who love Him! Every good and perfect gift comes down from the Father of lights with Whom there is no turning!

My love will flow like a river of HONEY and it will melt every hard heart. My LOVE leads to REPENTANCE! My love is as stronger than death! If you are filled with the fullness of My love, then you will have all you need to go forth! Look upon ME!
Cling to ME! EXPECT AWESOME THINGS which you do not deserve! For it is by GRACE alone that My power and love now comes! And will I not avenge those who hate My beloveds? Love your enemies and you will heap COALS of fire on their heads. **Love one another as I have loved you! BY THIS all men will know that you belong to Me!**

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"And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had
understanding of the times,
to know what Israel ought to do; ...." (1 Chronicles 12:32)

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Theme Scriptures

The following verse from Hosea shows God speaks by prophecies, visions and similitudes. (Similitudes are the symbols, types and allegories written into the bible; *scriptural insight* is the light the Holy Spirit has given to understand the similitudes of the prophets.)
"I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets." (Hosea 12:10) Hence this is a theme scripture here for the material we present.
"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." *(Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22)*
I pray that this material will bless you as it has blessed me.

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Induction

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Main Entry: **in·duc·tion** Function: *noun*
1 a: **the act or process of inducting (as into office)**
b: **an initial experience**: **INITIATION**
c: the formality by which a civilian is inducted into military service
2 a (1): inference of a generalized conclusion from particular instances -- compare DEDUCTION 2a (2): **a conclusion arrived at by induction b**: mathematical demonstration of the validity of a law concerning all the positive integers by proving that it holds for the integer 1 and that if it holds for an arbitrarily chosen positive integer *k* it must hold for the integer *k*+1 -- called also *mathematical induction*
3: a preface, prologue, or **introductory scene especially of an early English play**
4 a: **the act of bringing forward or adducing (as facts or particulars**)
b: **the act of causing or bringing on or about**
c: **the process by which an electrical conductor becomes electrified when near a charged body, by which a magnetizable body becomes magnetized when in a magnetic field or in the magnetic flux set up by a magnetomotive force, or by which an electromotive force is produced in a circuit by varying the magnetic field linked with the circuit**
d: **the inspiration of the fuel-air charge from the carburetor into the combustion chamber of an internal combustion engine**
e: **the sum of the processes by which the fate of embryonic cells is determined and morphogenetic differentiation brought about.**

I heard the Lord say “induction” so looked it up as above, and asked what He wanted to say…

“You are almost near the point of induction My beloveds. I have been awaiting this day longer than you have! I have looked forward to this day for centuries and millennia! You may feel like it has taken forever to come, but it has taken longer for many others. All is in perfect timing in My Kingdom! I am facilitating a grand change in the scheme of things. In the midst of your enemies, I am setting up a table of delights. I have given each of you weapons of varying kinds and together, we shall fight. I will never leave the side of My Bride! I will not allow you to be muzzled anymore!
What you hear in your ear, shout from the rooftops! Prophesy to the winds!
Prophesy to the demonic realm. Prophesy to those in darkness!
Ps 124:7-8 NKJV
7 Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped. 8 Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

Many of you have been driven out of the church, but there is more than the church to speak to! Take hold of ME and speak what I give you to speak, as I come and draw you nearer to My heart, I want you to prophesy to all I tell you to! Do not limit your thinking. Do not limit how I want to work. Do not look at what is in defeatism, but look at what can be and speak into the dry bones! Call them to assembly through prophetic proclamations! I will give you utterance as never before!

I am laying an axe to the root of jezebel in My church, that will bring forth shaking and disassembly of the distant parts. So what comes forth will be new and invigorated by a revelation of the Cross and the Blood of the LAMB.
For you will overcome by the power of your testimony and the blood of the LAMB! I will release new revelation if you will but come to ME and hide in My arms of rest, ceasing from your own efforts and

just allowing me to blow you where I will. I am going to assemble the dry bones and she will rise and become the BRIDE I want. Those that scatter and do not gather with Me will be shown for the tares that they are. I will have a church based on relationship and not on hierarchy and pride. I will bring down Leviathan in your midst. And I alone will rule and reign over those who are truly Mine!

I am laying foundations in your heart and I am reestablishing TRUTH in My church that will lay a SURE foundation for the days to come…as they are approaching quickly. I have been working on you for a long time, and I will bring to fruition all I have planned. I will not leave you comfortless. You are coming forth as gold! I am refining and I am cleansing and I will cause a revolution of all that has overtaken My church. She will be a NEW CREATION in ME. Hold on for the ride of your life! And keep your eyes focused on ME.

Isa 31:4-5 NKJV God Will Deliver Jerusalem
For thus the LORD has spoken to me: "As a lion roars, and a young lion over his prey (When a multitude of shepherds is summoned against him, He will not be afraid of their voice Nor be disturbed by their noise), So the LORD of hosts will come down to fight for Mount Zion and for its hill. 5 Like birds flying about, So will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem. Defending, He will also deliver it; Passing over, He will preserve it."

Bridge Over Troubled Water
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I AM Your bridge over troubled waters. I AM the Breath of Life! I AM the Living Waters of LIFE! I AM the One, the TRUE, the FAITHFUL ONE!
And I am calling you to build bridges of peace between brothers and sisters all over the world. I am calling you to lay down your lives. To lay down all selfish ambition and pride. To lay down all that would try to steal My glory. Does it make peace to argue? Does it make peace to dispute? Does it make peace to criticize and judge one another? Peace is sown in kindness and love!

James 3:18 NKJV Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:18 AMP
18 And the harvest of righteousness (of conformity to God's will in thought and deed) is [the fruit of the seed] sown in peace by those who work for and make peace [in themselves and in others, that peace which means concord, agreement, and harmony between individuals, with undisturbedness, in a peaceful mind free from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts].

Phil 4:4-6 AMP
4 Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Rejoice! [Ps 37:4.] 5 Let all men know and perceive and recognize your unselfishness (your considerateness, your forbearing spirit). The Lord is near [He is coming soon]. 6 Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything, by prayer and petition (definite requests), with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God.

Surely the days are getting darker, but the light in you will shine brighter if you will learn the lessons I have been trying to teach you! REJOICE in all circumstances for I am coming to set all things right and you must not be critical of others of the faith. Remember that when I was on earth, I told My disciples that if another preached the gospel, even if he was not with us, to let him be! I have not put it in your hands to be the angels who divide the sheep from the goats. You just do what I have told YOU to do, and be faithful to the things I have said to you, and I will bring about the admonishment that others need, if you will just PRAY for them! And if you will WAR with WORSHIP, in this time, it will be an effective weapon. Listen for MY voice on how to bring effective intervention for those caught in the trap of the enemy. But do NOT act as the judge.

I am your sufficiency! Pay heed to the call to seek My face, and do not worry what is wrong with others…just worry what is needed for your own life to be healed. Give up all bitterness and fault finding, for as you judge, you will be judged. For those who show no mercy, will be shown no mercy when they need it! Whatever YOU want, do that to others. Think how you would want to be treated! Think how you would feel! THINK before you speak and ASK and the door will be opened for you to receive the wisdom you need to confront and to love on others and to encourage others to higher levels of righteousness. How would YOU want to be dealt with? What motivates
you? If you are criticized harshly, does that make you want to change?

LOVE on others and you will receive love. ASK for MY LOVE. I have plenty for all who will ask and spend time with ME! I will not refuse anyone who comes with sincerity of heart, not seeking your own ambition. I will ALWAYS do what is best for you. I am a good Father, and I give good gifts to My children. But I will give what is BEST for you…not just everything you ask for! I'm not a sugar-daddy! For I am forming MY CHARACTER within you. Praise, REJOICE, and war with thanksgiving and worship and you will see the VICTORY!

Reprobate Hearts
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Jer 6:29-30 KJV The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away. 30 Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

Hebrew: OT:3988
ma'ac (maw-as'); a primitive root; to spurn; also (intransitively) to disappear:
KJV - abhor, cast away (off), contemn, despise, disdain, (become) loathe (some), melt away, refuse, reject, reprobate, utterly, vile person.

Titus 1:16 KJV They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Rom 1:28-32 KJV And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; 29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, 30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
31 Without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: 32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

2 Tim 3:5-9 KJV Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. 6 For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 7 Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. 8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was.

Greek NT:96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and NT:1384; unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally): KJV - castaway, rejected, reprobate.

My sewing machine broke down and when I turned to check the clock on the computer, it was 2:22 am…so asked the Lord if He wanted to talk again and got an affirmative…and He said " reprobate hearts". Then asked again, what He wanted to say…

" I am coming to execute My will in the earth before the rise of the antichrist comes to full fruition. I am readying My people for a display of My power and glory that will bring in the harvest of souls in the earth. The earth will cough up salvation. The fear of ME will fill the earth again. No man will have an excuse for their disdain of Me! The times however will be tumultuous as the battle of the ages ensues.

There are ways to encourage love that I have tried. I have tried to instill it through preaching of men, and to impart with revival, and men shut down the move, because it didn't fit their ideas of how I should do things. So since they interfered and were unrepentant in their hearts, I will now bring situations and calamity that will draw men's hearts together as they come to see and realize what is really important in life. Perilous times ensue and I have been warning and warning for a long time, yet it has done little to change people. There is still apathy and complacency, though some are changing. So there will be now an escalation of events that will lead you into the TRUTH that I want you to live, and not just talk about! Talk is cheap as you say. It is ACTION that counts.

If you tell a child over and over that you love them, but never demonstrate it through what you DO, then they come to hate even the word love, as to them it means NOTHING. Everything is then in doubt in their minds, because it is not lived out and there is no trust in others. And in too many who call themselves by MY name, there is the same inaction. Apathy and complacency need to be shaken off. I am calling you to live the ONE ANOTHERS.

John 13:34-35 NKJV A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

The heart that is willing to change and wanting to change…I WILL HONOR and help to change. The person who is unwilling to change and not giving thought to change, not caring how he lives or acts, will be turned over to a reprobate heart because his will is only towards SELF, and what HE wants. Unwilling to forgive, only loving self, and incapable of love towards others, they will bear the consequences of their own hearts. I am calling for a generation who desires the COMPASSION I HAVE and who are willing to pay the price to have it. I have said that if you suffer WITH ME, you will share in My glory. Some of you think you have suffered greatly, and yet in China people have been dismembered for being Christian. In Sudan, they have been maimed, tortured, raped, dismembered and killed. In Egypt, they may lose their family, their job, their ability to have any freedoms. They are mocked and disdained by the whole of those around them. It is time for the church in AMERICA to awaken to call of MY HEART's CRY!

I am crying for those I see every day, every hour, every moment, suffering and hungry, jailed and tortured, maimed and tormented for MY SAKE. They know the cost and have counted it. They know that not everything is perfect if you are a believer. They know more about the truth of the gospel than most of my people here and in western societies, because they have suffered greatly for MY name's sake. You think you have suffered when the pastor doesn't let you prophesy. You think you have suffered greatly when you are rejected of men…and you are correct, but you have not suffered to the point many others have. In your pride, you thought you never would!

Those who hold onto their pride and arrogance in the days ahead will be taken away and suffer great loss. So I am warning you once more that you need to humble yourselves in My site, and to repent of your pride and arrogance. For I will ONLY EXALT THE HUMBLE in this hour! It is a new day and a new church I am building. HUMILITY and LOVE and FORGIVENESS will be the hallmarks of it's

foundation. GRACE will adorn it's walls, instead of pride and self righteousness. Take heed that you stand not in your own strength, but in the blood of the LAMB! Ask and you shall receive, knock and the door will be opened. I am full of mercy and lovingkindness for those who are contrite in their hearts and spirits;
for the one who loves and adores me above all else.

Mark 9:50 NKJV Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."

John 15:12-14 NKJV This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

John 15:17 NKJV These things I command you, that you love one another.

Rom 12:10 NKJV Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Rom 13:8 NKJV Love Your Neighbor (cf. Mark 12:31; James 2:8)
Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Rom 15:4-6 NKJV Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 15:7 NKJV Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

1 Cor 12:25 NKJV that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

Eph 4:2-3 AMP Living as becomes you] with complete lowliness of mind (humility) and meekness (unselfishness, gentleness, mildness), with patience, bearing with one another and making allowances because you love one another. 3 Be eager and strive earnestly to guard and keep the harmony and oneness of [and produced by] the Spirit in the binding power of peace.

Eph 4:32 AMP And become useful and helpful and kind to one another, tenderhearted (compassionate, understanding, loving-hearted), forgiving one another [readily and freely], as God in Christ forgave you.

Eph 5:19-20 AMP Speak out to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, offering praise with voices [and instruments] and making melody with all your heart to the Lord, 20 At all times and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.

Sanctuary
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I Am your Sanctuary. I Am your Resting Place. I Am your Infinite Security and your Deluxe Accomodation! Heaven is My throne and earth is my footstool. Yet I have made YOU My dwelling place! I've said, *For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee*. Isa 60:2 KJV

Isa 11:9-12 NKJV
9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of

the LORD as the waters cover the sea.
10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, and His resting place shall be glorious."
11 It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Assyria and Egypt, from Pathros and Cush, from Elam and Shinar, from Hamath and the islands of the sea.
12 He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

I will make My name GLORIOUS. There will be no excuse for people to blaspheme My name, for over and over and over again they will even see it on the news that I, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob am the ONLY TRUE and LIVING GOD! I will heal the sick and raise the dead, and there will still be scoffers, for unbelief and wickedness have grown, yet there will be a most glorious Harvest of souls in the earth and many MIGHTY SIGNS and WONDERS. Many will come to the rising of My glory, yet many also will choose to refuse. Spare not! Lift up your voice and proclaim what I tell you. For I AM coming and there will be great tumult, yet great victories in My name! I will show MY MIGHTY HAND through my true witnesses!

Men’s hearts will fail at all that is coming to the earth in days ahead, but in the mean time, many hearts will be rent for recognition of their sins and recognition of Who I AM! The difference between darkness and light will be more disparate…yet you will shine like the stars in the heavens and I will use you ALL mightily who are willing to STAND with ME! For a mighty HARVEST of souls is coming and there is no need for competition , for there will be so many fish to clean, that there will not even be enough to do things the way they have been done…You will need to do CORPORATE deliverance, and CORPORATE HEALINGS as there will be multitudes in the valley of decision and so many will flood into the church as waves of My glory is poured out into the highways and byways.

At the same time, there will also be fierce opposition by many and my people will have to make a choice to COUNT THE COST of standing with ME. RECOGNIZE the signs of the times. See what is happening in the mideast. Watch what is happening in Israel and you will see the signs of what is happening in My church. Israel is surrounded by hatred, yet hearts are softening in many around them, as they are tired of war and violence.
Just as in Iraq, many are tired of the old ways and want freedom from all that obstructs true freedom. The prince of Persia is battling for the souls of men, even as he has done in the past. Lift your voices in prayer and praise and watch as I bring down the walls of Islam in the nations! Watch as millions come into the KINGDOM! Testimonies by people of various walks of life will become NEWS items, because of dramatic miracles! People will begin to falter in seeing what they cannot hardly believe. Their belief systems will be shaken to the core!

Stand UP! ARISE from your slumber oh church! Arise and REAP! For the Lord Your God is coming to you and the winds will CHANGE! PREPARE your storehouses, and prepare your hearts, Come into the secret place with ME, so I can show you what to do! Come and let Me counsel you for the days ahead…so that you will KNOW your role and be fit to execute it! Lay down all your former agendas and listen to ME. I am speaking. Stop! Look!
Listen!

Be BOLD, for the LORD your GOD is WITH YOU! I AM WITH YOU!

Simple Faith
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Matt 18:2-4 AMP

2 And He called a little child to Himself and put him in the midst of them,
3 And said, Truly I say to you, unless you repent (change, turn about) and become like little children [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving], you can never enter the kingdom of heaven [at all]. 4 Whoever will humble himself therefore and become like this little child [trusting, lowly, loving, forgiving] is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

The faith that I want in you is the faith of a little child. A little child does not have to worry. A little child only looks to their parent for what to do. A little child just TRUSTS that what the parent is doing is for their good.
He doesn't go around discussing with all his friends how worried he or she is about all the things happening to them…what if this or what if that! He or she is trusting there will be food on the table when they return home after playing in the afternoon. They trust that there will be a house to come home to after school. He doesn't go around depressed when he is sick even, he will still PLAY and act as if nothing is wrong. He won't be paralyzed by circumstances as much as adults are. A baby in the arms of his mother trusts that he will be fed and changed and cared for.

In My Word, I have said that you are to BECOME as little children…so this is a process I expect in My sons and daughters. You have to unlearn years of opposite training or dysfunction and as you are healed more and more, and go through many trials and circumstances…you learn that you can trust and rely on ME; that I AM FAITHFUL. And I hold the keys to death and hell. I AM the ALMIGHTY GOD WHO CAN DO ANYTHING. But unless that is tested, you would never learn would you? You would stay in your SELF-sufficiency.
You wouldn't be able to RECEIVE as a child receives. And many of you have trouble receiving. You are used to providing for yourself, and doing everything yourself. Many of you have a spirit of INDEPENDENCE from Me, as opposed to DEPENDENCE on ME! In the days to come it is VERY important that you learn to look to ME each step of the day, that each decision is made by leaning into the HOLY SPIRIT, and not relying on your own spirit. Such independence in the days ahead could cause you great pain, or even death.

The sons of God are those who walk according to the SPIRIT, who lean on MY understanding and NOT their own! Keep your minds STAYED on ME, and you will have peace that passes understanding. EVEN in the midst of your enemies, I will set a table before you! That will take TRUST. And many of my children are not healed of their TRUST issues. I am not impatient with you, and I am not the harsh taskmaster driving you to do and do and do! I want you to learn to lean on ME, and to be conscious of MY PRESENCE in your life. I LIVE INSIDE YOU! I AM EMMANUEL; GOD WITH YOU.

If you will REST in ME, and listen for MY voice without striving…you will hear. I speak through many ways and means. But I speak! I am not aloof like a "god" of stone or wood that is dumb and cannot speak. I AM THE LIVING GOD and I care for MY OWN!

[Aloof: Function: adverb: at a distance]

Jer 23:23-24 NKJV
23 "Am I a God near at hand," says the LORD, "And not a God afar off?
24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD.

Isa 49:15 NKJV "Can a woman forget her nursing child, And not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, Yet I will not forget you.
Isa 49:16 AMP Behold, I have indelibly imprinted (tattooed a picture of) you on the palm of each of My hands; [O Zion] your walls are continually before Me.

Prov 17:1 NKJV The LORD Tests Hearts
Better is a dry morsel with quietness, than a house full of feasting with strife.

Job 1:21-22 NKJV And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD." 22 In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong.

Isa 30:15 NKJV For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

Isa 30:16 AMP And you said, No! We will speed [our own course] on horses! Therefore you will speed [in flight from your enemies]! You said, We will ride upon swift steeds [doing our own way]! Therefore will they who pursue you be swift, [so swift that]

Isa 32:17 AMP And the effect of righteousness will be peace [internal and external], and the result of righteousness will be quietness and confident trust forever.

Tasmanian Devil
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Isa 8:12-15 NKJV
12 "Do not say, 'A conspiracy, 'Concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled. 13 The LORD of hosts, Him you shall hallow; Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread. 14 He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense To both the houses of Israel, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And many among them shall stumble; They shall fall and be broken, be snared and taken."

There is a character on television called the Tasmanian devil and he spins up a storm, dust flying everywhere, mad as a hornet. He has a ferocious appetite. I saw this cartoon character and as I asked the Lord what the Lord might want to talk about.

“Just as the Tasmanian devil runs out of steam, and mostly just puts up a façade of terror, so the enemy is doing to many of you. But I have the upper hand and I will bring down the walls of Islam that the gospel will go forth.
Do not think that all Muslims are rioting in the streets and hating everyone. Many are embarrassed by what is happening and their hearts are being softened that they can receive the truth of My love. If you want to fight this mask of terror, then rise up and worship and dance on the injustice that has been done to them. For centuries they have been in bondage with no one to say “RELEASE”. Pray for the haunts of evil to be unmasked and unveiled.

For in this hour there are many ramparts of the enemy that I will bring down. Witchcraft abounds all over the world in many forms, from compromise to Satanism, and they are all one in My eyes. All have been caught in the snare of the enemy and his lies. WHO will fight for their FREEDOM? Who will consider that for generations they have known nothing but bondage? Will you enter into My room of compassion and mercy that you can feel MY heart and MY tears for them? Will you pray that the VEIL of DECEPTION be removed, and that the walls of lies will come tumbling down? The prophets have been told to pray the occult shield is removed. Agree with this and come into agreement and watch what I will do!

The nations WILL open up! There is nothing that I cannot change! There is nothing beyond the power of the Blood of the LAMB! Jesus is the LAMB Who took away the sins of the world. NOTHING is beyond His ability to transform. Realize that I will have a HARVEST and this harvest is the harvest prophesied in ancient times in so many ways. I will not come until that harvest is reaped! And I will come before yet to empower My sons and daughters to GO FORTH and REAP in the power of the Spirit of Elijah that
the power of the enemy will be confronted with great FAITH. For if you exercise great faith, then I WILL

FOLLOW IT WITH SIGNS and My mighty WONDERS!

So I am building your faith through the things I am doing that you will be able to STAND in the days to come! Faith is built when you go from one challenge to another and see that I upheld you in it and through it.
A HOLY BOLDNESS will overtake you, and there will be a reestablishment of apostolic holiness that will usher in an apostolic age. MY LOVE will be poured out in unprecedented measure, so that the bondages of fear and insecurity and compromise in My church will be broken. You will be catapulted into your destinies as transformation takes place. Nothing will be impossible for you, for I will be with you in a more powerful way. Continue to worship Me and be EXPECTANT! For I WILL raise the bar! You will go higher and higher and you will FLY with Me. You will SOAR to new levels of manifesting My love and GRACE.

Induction
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Shalom Fellow Israelite,

This past week our family experienced another one of those events where the present meets the future. Here in Israel, when you have a child (boy or girl) you always bear in mind, somewhere deep in the recesses of your mind, that at the age of 18 they will join the Israeli Defense Forces. Throughout the children's growing up years you are reminded daily of this reality; there is always someone you know who has a son or daughter somewhere in the land who is at the forefront of a battle against an enemy that does not want you to be living in your own home.

Our 'turn' came as we took our son to the induction center this week. Just as Steve shared last week in his letter, we met the same scenes. The night before many of our son's friends came to the house for the farewell party. Our daughter (who will go to the Army next year) brought some of her friends as well. They all enjoyed a variety of barbequed meats that abba (dad) prepared. At one point during the evening, the electric hair-cutting razor was taken out and a couple of heads of hair were transformed to stubble. For some reason the music had to be turned up to the point where everyone in Israel could hear it, and amazingly some of it was right out of the days when dad and mom were doing their tour of duty in the Army (60's and 70's).

Early the following morning it was off to the induction center, where parents, brothers, sisters and close friends came to bid the loved one farewell with a final kiss and hug before the new recruit was take off on the bus. It was a jungle of emotions; from excited hoopla to tears (especially moms'). I had quite a memorable experience as just before the bus was to drive off, my daughter, camera in hand, wanted to position herself for a last picture. We had been standing on a little grassy area, but when she stepped over some pipes a lever that turned on the sprinkler system was move by her foot and I took a direct shot right in the front of my pants. It broke the mood of the crowd, as they all turned to see one of the dads getting soaked by this sudden spurt of water.

As I sloshed back to the car with this fresh 'anointing', I heard the Spirit speak these words: "Just as your son, your firstborn, was inducted into compulsory military service so am I going to call those (who are ready) of "Ephraim" (my first fruit) into basic military training." As I pondered those words, scriptures began to come to mind. "This war is not against flesh and blood"; "The weapons of this warfare are not carnal"; "Cast down all strongholds"; "Build watchtowers"; "Destroy the works of the devil", but most of all learn to love one another "just as I love each and every one of you".

If you or others are still walking in, or entertaining spirits of bitterness, unforgiveness, resentment, envy or jealousy etc. toward others in the greater Body of Messiah, especially if you know who you are as YHVH's firstborn, you must repent from unbelief! When Yeshua died *"all men died, therefore we no longer look at any man after the flesh"* (2 Cor. 5:14-15) therefore it is waste of time and energy to be in conflicts with one another. It also means that you have lost the battle within yourself and with the particular spirits behind each of the attitudes entertained. We cannot be in this Army if we are at war with some flesh and blood person. If this is the case, the enemy still has a foothold in us. Yeshua knows the thoughts and the intents of the heart, and since He is the captain He will not tolerate the enemy's presence in His own camp.

Learning to walk in Spirit and in Truth is YHVH's boot camp. If we do not have His training to use the tools or the weapons appropriately the enemy will have a foothold through ignorance and deception.

To our surprise our son returned home that same evening, but when we picked him up at the bus stop he was no longer in civilian clothing. His handsome frame was now in the uniform of the Israeli Navy. As we approached we could already see the change in him. I felt in my spirit that here was another type of our induction into Yeshua's military service. In one day, in one moment He gives us His uniform. From that moment on, when we look at one another we see the dress and insignias of the Army of YHVH. Even though our son did not have a weapon at this time, he had his identity tags, papers, and fatigues. YHVH has given to us everything pertaining to life and godliness and His own personal dog tags. It is only by faith that we wear and walk in this uniform.

The call at this time to a remnant of the redeemed Israelites is to prepare for war, as these are very serious days. For some of you, your school days are over. You have had enough Torah teaching and academic knowledge. At one point Moses reminded the camps of Israel what YHVH spoke while at Mount Sinai *"You have dwelt long enough at this mountain. 'Turn and take your journey… See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which YHVH swore to your fathers -- to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob -- to give to them and their descendants after them'"* (Deut.1:6-7).

The Captain of the Army of Israel is standing at the banks of the Jordan with His sword drawn, just like in the days of Joshua.

"Moses My servant is dead. Now arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them -- the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory" (Joshua 1:2-3).

As we can see from this scripture, YHVH intends for Israel to conquer and take everything that He has promised them both in the natural and in the spiritual. In our case, He wants His kingdom manifested on earth as it is in heaven. Satan is not going to yield up one iota of territory that he thinks is his; it will take weapons and an obedient Army trained to move in unison with His Spirit. You may have been taught some form of spiritual warfare, but the one that Yeshua is preparing the Believers for, accomplishes in them a work of sanctification first, *"till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Messiah"* (Eph 4:13).

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Insatiable Hunger
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Is 55:8,9 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

His call to us has always been to come up higher, for our tendencies have always been to procrastinate and get settled in a routine, being satisfied with a norm and a standard we have set for us from the standpoint of our human achievements and accomplishments, rather than from the heavenly perspective.

Such a perception limits our growth in wisdom, knowledge and understanding of heavenly things, binding us to this natural realm of limitations, where Faith doesn't have enough room to expand and grow, so that truly impossible things would become possible, simply because ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO THEM THAT BELIEVE ...

To believe, we need to learn of His ways and enter the sphere of higher living, adjusting to the eternal perspective of the law of heart of God, that defies the logic of men and leads to the higher ground, where the knowledge of His person is available and is given to all that hunger and thirst for His heart and His righteous ways.

By drawing near to Him, one thing becomes obvious: THE MORE WE KNOW, THE MORE WE REALIZE HOW LITTLE WE REALLY KNOW. For there is such awareness of His awesomeness, His greatness, His incredible vastness, and also of our inability to comprehend and know the fullness of His Person.

He has told us to ask and it shall be given to us, to seek and we shall find, to knock and it shall be opened to us. Luke 11:10 says "For EVERYONE that asketh receiveth, and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened". That is the awesome assurance and promise to us, straight from His heart of love, and is settled forever in heaven (in the realm where all things are possible).

He speaks softly to our hearts, awakening this yearning within us. Love is calling us to get to know Him and His everlasting ways, His arms wide open - He wants to share Himself with us.

Drawing closer and pursuing Him leaves us with so many questions we are all of a sudden faced with, and attempting to answer them just by our human understanding will produce the wrong fruit that will not last, withering away and perishing for the lack of knowledge.

The understanding of how little we really know is a good place to be, and God wants us to seek the Truth, to find the answers to our valid questions. But these questions here are not used as a reason to sin, to produce doubt and unbelief. Such things are product of our human imperfection and mind reasoning.

These questions are rather used to draw us even closer to Him in CONTINUOUS pursuit of truth, and are actually helping us in gaining that higher ground by allowing Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into ALL truth, opening the portals of the Kingdom of Heaven, by letting it spread from within us and saturate the earth.

As the followers of Jesus, we can see only Him as our heavenly Pattern. No other will do! No matter how good and how holy they are, still they are just a mere men, and they too follow Jesus as their example. So, we always should pattern our lives after Jesus - there could be no other choice.

His life, His ministry, His words and teachings - all came out of LOVE, and all can be applied in our personal lives. It should be our PRIORITY to become like Him (The Son of God).

Each one of us is called into maturity (perfection). The questions we have are there so we can seek

Him, and find the answers in the knowledge of the heart of God. If it produces pride and strife among us, we are eating from the wrong tree. We are eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The knowledge of who God is should be used to produce the fruit in our lives - not the doctrine; to shine forth the light and dispel the darkness, to open our eyes to the spiritual realm and ultimately transform our heart and our nature, so we would reflect that heavenly realm, and be the image of the true LOVE.

Passion for God and People
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There is a whole world out there ... saved and unsaved ... with REAL needs ... They are real lives that need touch of God, and it can be done only through OUR hands, OUR time and OUR effort ...

Our lives shouldn't and cannot be self-centered, serving our own purpose ... All the revelations and all the knowledge and all the teachings we have are nothing, if we don't reach out and give of what we have ...

Writing and reading articles is good ... going to church is good, doing some charity work is good ...BUT, we are called to FORGET ourselves, to give our lives and share everything we got, to love with the love of God and do good to all we can, anytime we can. We are called to be holy, imitators of Jesus. That way we wouldn't be just some humanitarian organization that helps because they see the need, but we help because we love.

Duty gives, than leaves and than forgets those in need ... Love, on the other hand, gives and than stays, and continuously cares.

We need to realize that sharing our lives is what separates us from the world ... World says ME and I ... We should say others and God! Me and I shouldn't exist in our vocabulary ... Paul speaks of it so adequately in Galatians 2:20 : "I AM CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST; NEVERTHELESS I LIVE; YET NOT I, BUT CHRIST LIVETH IN ME; AND THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME."

My prayer is for our total transformation that only deep hunger for the heart of God would bring it about. My prayers is that we would allow those living waters to flow freely and saturate all around us. My prayer is that we would walk straight into the darkness of people's lives and shine the light of God, bring the life and wholeness, hope and love into that cold, heartless world.

Kingdom of God is not about us, but always about God and others. The example of the true King and His true love is found in the life of Jesus. May His passion for the world become ours. May we not just read about it, but may we live it! For God so loved the world (not just few of us) that He gave His only begotten Son ... (John 3:16)

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Peculiar People
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There is shifting taking place in the Realm of the Spirit and it is manifesting in this natural realm.

As our faith is tested, the outcome of the impossible situation is determined by that faith, when the Realm of the Spirit is pushing forward into the natural, and by faith we open the door to Kingdom of Heaven, to enter in and manifest itself - all the time advancing, going forward, gaining momentum and transforming this kingdom of men into Kingdom of our God, gaining the ground and taking all unawares by surprise.

We cannot depend on people anymore, but have to make God our PRIMARY source. When the need presents itself, God already knew about it long before it even manifested in the natural. Faith means our daily living by trusting God with every moment of our life, it is depending on Him for everything,, and giving thanks for those provisions on daily bases.

Faith is found in the impossible and not in possible circumstances. Without impossible there would be no need for faith.

Being our true pattern, Jesus, when His personal need presented itself, told Peter to go catch the fish, and in its mouth he would find provision for that particular need.

That way He didn't run the risk of having that need met out of human compassion and goodness of their hearts, but have rather completely depended on God, in the knowledge that God knows the need and the best way of meeting it.

Does that mean that God will not use people to meet the needs and support the work in spreading of the Gospel? God forbid! But we need to come to the place of total dependency upon God, and let Him choose the way and the vessel He would use. That way all the glory would truly go to God, for God will be the only one responsible for the outcome of the awesome provision.

May this year be the year of understanding the truth of God's Word that will flood our hearts with renewed and lasting passion for His ways and His heart, so we would get to know Him in such a way that would cause the whole generations to come to the saving knowledge of our God.

Are we those people that will usher Kingdom of God in its fullness, by not just talking about it, but by living it day in and day out, and that way spreading it all around us. Thus saturated in the glory of God we can give the world no other choice but LOVE.

For love is stronger than hate, love is there when all else fails. When we allow that love to completely transform us by being rooted and grounded in Him, our roots will go deep in His heart, and there will be no power that is stronger than love of God that is shed abroad in our hearts.

So may the unveiling of the sons of God take place, may the transformation of our hearts produce the permanent indwelling and habitation of the Glory of God, so we would truly be City set on the hill, the light that shines in the darkness, and true brethren of the One that has gone before us to show us the way - Jesus, the Firstborn among many.

1 Peter 2:9
"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

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Indoors Or Outdoors
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"GOD IS MOVING THE FURNITURE IN HIS HOUSE ONCE AGAIN.... NOW THERE IS INDOOR AND OUTDOOR FURNITURE!"

People have asked me, "Bill, what seemed to activate your prophetic gifting and launch you into the ministry?" I tell them... "Trouble!"

Other people have asked me, "What seemed to bring about your maturity in the Lord to hear Him more clearly?" I tell them... "Double Trouble!"

The worst things that have happened in my life that I thought would do me in, have actually catapulted me and given me an international ministry!

I was shaken to the core when a year and a half ago the attack against my heart came and the doctors were giving me a heart catherization. My heart had stopped beating during that procedure on the table and they used those paddles to shock my heart back to beat again. At times I have wondered where certain insights or revelations have come from since then, but it seems easier to hear the Lord when you are sensitized through suffering.

Recently after receiving a fresh word from the Lord, I asked Him, "Father, Where did that word or revelation come from? How was I able to hear that?" I sensed the Lord answered me: "Bill, I put that revelation inside of you when your heart stopped on that table that day. Would you like to have some more revelation?" I said, "Jesus, put a hold on the revelation for now... please!"

But most of my spiritual growth came by staying in the same church for thirty years. For some reason when others were 'called' to leave and go elsewhere, the Lord forgot to call me! I had to stay in my church after the honeymoon was over. I had to stick it out through storms, hurricanes, and shakings.

Once I started to leave on my own and the Lord warned me... "Don't you leave! I don't want you messing up any other church!" I stayed so long I had roots growing down through the church floor into the very foundation of that Rock Christ Jesus.

After thirty years my roots have grown so deep that nothing moves me now. I have seen it all, heard it all and now I have an anchor that holds and grips the Solid Rock. Have you discovered that marriage and church was not created to make you happy? It was created to conform you to the image of Jesus Christ.

I have noticed that when God moves the furniture of His House around is when we become vulnerable to the enemy. How many of you have ever gone into someone else's house and said to them. "I don't like the way you have arranged your furniture in your house so I am leaving!" Sounds like we are thinking of the furniture more than the owner of the house.

If we really love the owner of the house we will accept the way he arranges the furniture. And you will even respect and learn to love the furniture and its arrangement for it is a reflection of the owner himself!

The furniture is actually apart of the owner himself. He owns the furniture too. The furniture is not ours. I sense the Lord saying. "Hands off the furniture please... Let go of My furniture but never let go of your relationships with each another. When you do, that is when you let go of Me!"

I see us as the House of the Lord. I see each person as a fine piece of royal furniture of a King who lives here. I see Jesus in each one of you. God is arranging and moving some of you around inside of His House. But let Him place you. Don't try to move yourself. I have never seen a piece of furniture try to move itself.. for it doesn't know where it is suppose to be... only the owner and builder of the house knows where each piece should go! Don't try to move any other furniture either for you may scratch it or damage it.

Learn to love and respect God's furniture wherever He places it. He will honor you for it. I sense the Father saying. "I'm not arranging my furniture to please you. I'm arranging it to please Me!"

I have never heard of one piece of furniture telling another piece where it should be in the house. That's the owner's decision. Furniture can't talk.... that's an added blessing. Has your sofa ever told you when you decide to move it... "Don't do that. Don't move me over there. I don't want to be around that piece of furniture... it looks so old, it must be an antique! Or I am so much older and wiser and built better so don't move me next to that new piece of furniture for it doesn't look like it knows anything next to me!

If we have a problem with the furniture we will have a problem with the owner... God Himself!

I am discovering more and more that just like in our own homes God has some outdoor furniture. In fact I am sensing that much of God's furniture was made to be outside the church doors for the lost to find rest and comfort in.

Whether the furniture is inside or outside the House, the furniture is still His... For God's House is in each piece of furniture! If you are discovering that you are a piece of outdoor furniture, make sure you stay in close relationship with the inside of the House. Remember you are apart of God's House and when the storms and winds come you will need the protection of the rest of the House to cover you.

I can't tell you of the devastation in thirty years that I have seen over church splits and people leaving churches because of things they didn't agree with. Often children inherit the hurts from their parents and turn away from God. I have seen divorces come form the roots of bitterness of church hurts. I have seen people die and even suicides.

Paul says. "For this reason, many are sick and asleep (die ahead of their time) because you are not discerning the Body of Christ."

The furniture is not ours.... "Hands off the furniture please."

I asked the Father. "Lord, was I created to be an indoor or outdoor piece of furniture? I heard the Father say.... "Yes!"

Intercessors Release
Maria Inello

February 18, 2004

My intercessors I speak release to you this day. For indeed many of you have been hidden by Me in the cleft of the rock where I have trained you to hear My voice and to pray according to My Spirit. You have many times been through seasons of dryness in which My voice has sounded distant, yet, you have been persistent in your praise and worship to Me. You have danced even as David danced despite the many 'Michals' that have tried to silence you through criticism and mockery. Yet I your Lord say arise. Arise and worship for even now angels have been dispatched to war on your behalf. Your weeping and travailing has endured in this night season, so watch out, because My everlasting Joy is about to overtake you. You know not how many are touched by your unknown prayers, unknown to men, yet heard by your everlasting Father. Do not give up but even now press into the heart of God. I love you, says your God. Continue to offer up your prayers and praises as incense before Me, for they are a sweet smelling sacrifice.

Ask For The Rain
Bill Inello

February 9, 2004

The Lord is saying, Ask for the rain. For in this season he is releasing his rain from heaven to water those seeds that he has planted within many of his people. The winds of refreshing and renewal will blow upon his Beloved and with his abundant rain bring forth the desired harvest. This shall not come about in our own strength but by the power and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit (Zech 4:6). Ask for the rain, says the Lord.

Hidden Treasures
Bill Inello

February 8, 2004

"Treasures, there are hidden treasures within each of you, My beloved children. My beloved, as you continue to come to Me, I shall fill you with My righteousness and I will draw out from you that which was buried deep. You are My precious gems, and I hold each of you in the palm of My hand. Join with the angels in heaven, and cry 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lamb who was slain, the earth is full of his glory.' For worship shall tear down the strongholds of satan. Worship Me with your whole heart, and do not hold back from Me, says your God. For when you praise Me, My windows in heaven automatically open out to you with every spiritual and physical blessing you need. I need some worshippers who will worship Me in spirit and in truth. I call for you, Beloved, to lift up your hands, and declare your praise and commitment to Me. For in doing so, the enemy's forces are scattered."

"I am a God who trains your hands for war and your fingers for battle. I will launch you out to the battlefield when you are fully ready. For now, My people, you must undergo much preparation. I will take you through My fire, but you will not be burned. And once you are out, you will be My warriors dressed in My armor of light ready for battle. Some of My children think they can outrun the devil with their own understanding, but I say, do not be wise in your own eyes. My Spirit I put within you to be your guide and direction. Listen to the sound of his voice speaking to you, for he will direct you on the right path to victory. This is what I have said unto you today."

In The Cloud Of His Glory

Susan Cummings

I am standing, and all around me is a swirling, living cloud. I say, it is swirling, because it has no specific direction of it’s flowing as it encompasses me. It moves at the direction of the Lord, as it is His Spirit that is in the Cloud. It ebbs and flows around me, with the movement of the Lord’s heart. It also is living, because it pulses and radiates with His Heart Beat, which you can feel all around you as you stand IN HIM.

Every color that is imaginable is IN HIM. He is all around me, and is surrounding me with Himself as He displays His colors to me, and they are alive with His Radiance. I can feel the colors and their love towards me. I know that sounds silly, but everything about the Lord, displays His Love. His Light, His Colors, His Cloud, His Glory, all reflect His Love towards His Child. For He is Love.

There is no fear in His Glory, only His Love and His Peace. It is like standing in pure Light and Love that is full of His Person, that is His Glory……. And it is the secret place for His Own. This is where we are hidden IN HIM. Nothing can enter here, but through the BLOOD. It is the BLOOD, that gives us the Key to His Glory Cloud.

I am standing here, and the living cloud swirls, and changes, and moves as the Spirit wills it to. It flows by the mind of the Father, and becomes what He desires, as we are there with Him. I can feel His Heart. I can feel His Love. I can feel His Concern for His Children. I can feel His arms reaching out for them.

I feel such a strong pull on My Heart. I can feel My Heart expand and stretch outwards with the desire for His People, and it amazes me how little we realize His Care for us all. He is ever reaching out, ever searching for that one who would draw near to Him, ever seeking for those who understand and who pay the price to come to HIM, and who want to stand IN HIM.

I feel His burden. He cares for each one who struggles to know Him. He is moved with their frailty of faith and their lack of vision, yet they still continue to try. He knows their pain and sorrows, and their constant battle with their flesh and minds. He treasures them greatly, for they are HIS, and He knows them by name. He sees them in the night, crying tears of frustration and of hopelessness, and He wipes away their tears and places them in His bottles, and treasures every one of them. He looks upon His Children, and sees them through the BLOOD, and calls them each to Himself. For such, are these ones, the kingdom now fully comes………

I feel led to move forwards in the Cloud, and so I begin to step forwards. I do not feel afraid, even though there is nothing but swirling colors all around me, but I do feel like it is changing as I move. The longer I stand in the Cloud of His Glory, the less I feel of me, and am aware of me, and the more I become aware of Him, and what the Father is feeling and doing. The illumination of His Presence transforms me into His Vessel and that means nothing of me is alive, only available to Him. An empty vessels that awaits it’s filling in absolute surrender, with no thought for it’s life or future use. It does not matter. Only the Father’s desire matters. Only the Father matters. My thoughts are becoming His. I feel free.

As I move further into the Cloud, as if that is an accurate description of my movement, but it’s all I can refer to, I feel freer and freer, like I have emerged from a shell into my true form, somehow. There is no weights, or restraints, or cares that remain in me, and I am totally HIS. I cannot remember when I have felt like a new creation IN CHRIST, such as this, but it all comes into focus now. It is a real place and position for us all, as His Children. We can stand IN HIM, and be totally HIS, and have nothing IN us that is separated from HIM!

There is a light ahead of me. I am surrounded by the living lights and colors, but there is a different light ahead of me. It is distinct and separate from the living light, yet the same. It is a LIVING FLAME. I can see it burning in a seeming distance from me. There is no spatial measurement in the Cloud, as you cannot measure God, so it is hard to distinguish how far I am from it. Yet, I can see it ahead of me. I walk towards it.

The closer I get to it, the hotter it becomes. I can feel it burning through me as I approach. I cannot go any closer as I feel My drawing nearer would defile it. I know that the Father has cleansed me, yet, HE IS HOLY, and is fearful to behold. The flames burn with HIM. He is LIVING FIRE, and LIVING LIGHT. He is a LIVING GOD. The flames are burning around the FORM of the FATHER. I can feel Him in the Fire. I can see His burning eyes as they behold me approaching. I cannot stand anymore…..

Everything within me cries out to Him, for mercy. I know He has brought me here, yet His Holiness consumes me, and I cannot live in His Holy Presence. He is a Holy God. He is a fearful RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, and a GLORIOUS KING. My mind cannot grasp Him, but only lay in yielded ness to HIM. Many thoughts flow through me as I lay before Him.

I can hear His heart beating. I am stirred, and awaken, as if from sleep. I can hear His Heart beating. Where is it coming from? I look around, and I can see Jesus standing next to the Father. The Burning Flames are still there, but now Jesus is next to Him. I notice that Jesus comes closer and I am able to sit up. With Jesus here, I can stand being nearer to the Father, and Jesus smiles. He says, "That is because of My Grace. My Word says that I draw all men to Myself, and you can stand here because of Me."

It is simple, yet profound to grasp. We can stand IN HIM, and be ONE with Him, because of His Grace to draw us, and to behold Him, face to face. At that moment, it dawned on me, that I had stood face to face, with the Father, and had not grasped it! Jesus, again smiles at me. He says, "You cannot grasp or understand or perceive the person of the Father, except by Me, for I AM the GATE through which all men come to the Father. You cannot see His Face, unless I reveal it to you, or unless the Father brings you to Himself."

"You, and others like you, are coming to the Father, for He is bringing His People into a greater revelation of Himself. You are being brought forth into HIM, so that you can know HIM, and then His People can know HIM. It is time for God's people to walk as ONE with us, in true relationship. I said in My Word, in John 17, that there would come a time that this would be so. Now is that time."

"It is time for you, and those chosen like you, to come and meet with us, and become those LIVING TORCHES, that draw them to us. It is time for MY People, to know ME, says the Father." I look, and the Fire of the Fathers Glory burns even stronger. It seems as if it magnifies a thousand times as I look at HIM. I sense such a stirring within Me, for HIM. I can hardly keep from casting myself at His Feet, into the Flames. I care nothing for my safety, only to be like HIM. Only to be with HIM…..

"You can be with Him, daughter, Jesus says." I turn, and look, and Jesus is standing next to Me. He has a burning torch in his hand. He is looking at the Father with me. He turns to me, and says, "It is right to want to be one with us, as you were created to know us, and to be one with us, as that was the original relationship that we had in the beginning. It is your spirit drawing nearer to us, and crying out for us, for liberty. That will soon come, for our return is soon. But for now, you must return, and give His people His Words."

"Speak the Truth, in Love, and never harm one of HIS. Always feed them with the LIVING WORD that we will speak to you, as you seek us, and read the Word. Never give them bread that is not food from our table. For many give bread that is not from our table, and my people are starving. You must reverence the WORD above all else. As you do, it will remain LIVING and fresh food that nourishes. But, if you lose respect and honor for MY WORD, then you will cease to cherish it, and it will become a stumbling stone for many, because it is no longer given IN LOVE, but in greed. It turns to a stone, because greed comes from a lack of respect and a ceasing of honor and submittance to MY Word. But if you ever keep MY WORD before you, then you will feed them with a true heart, and they will grow and know Me, for you will show them the way."

Jesus then reached out to me, and held the torch to me. He said, "This is yours. It is lit with the Flame of the Father. The Flame of the Father lit the Menorah, which stood before the Ark. Just as I stand before the Father now. It is an eternal flame, but men failed to keep it lit. The Light went out in the Holy Place. Men are not faithful, and do not have their hearts set upon MY WORD. They take their eyes off of Me, and do not fear Me."

"You have been called to be a Torch Bearer. You must carry the BURDEN OF THE WORD. You must show MY WORD, the LIVING WORD, to those I send you to. I am calling many to this task. For the

Hour of great darkness has come, and the LIGHT OF MY WORD will dwell among men, all who are Mine. It is your choice to carry this torch. It will be your burden to bear, and your destiny to walk in. Many will come to this place and receive MY WORD, and embrace it fully, or they will not. Just as you do this day."

I stood and watched as the fire danced upon the torch. I felt such a longing for it, yet, I also felt a fear rise up from within me as I thought about taking it. The Lord said, "That is the true Fear of the Lord. If My People would allow the true Fear of the Lord to guide them, they would not so easily stray from Me or deny Me. They would be fully yielded to Me, and would not struggle as much as they do in their sins, for they do not allow MY WORD to do it's complete work in them. So they live only partially in victory, and remain in their flesh and carnal ways, and do not know the fullness of the relationship with us."

I reached out for the Flaming Torch, and Jesus put it in my hand. It fit right in my hand like it was made for it. Jesus smiled, and said, "You were made for Me. Why would not MY WORD feel like it was made for you. I AM the LIVING WORD, and you now hold MY HEART in your hands. The BURDEN OF THE WORD that burns in this torch before you is MY HEART. It is MY HEART that ignites the WORD, and it becomes alive and creates the Father's Will in the earth. I still live to do the Father's Will, and so will you."

"Go, and allow the WORD to burn within you, and upon you, and become the BURDEN of the Father through you. That is what is meant by, being the salt and the Light of the world. How can men see, unless a LIGHT is lit, and how can they understand, unless one is sent to them, to point them the way?"

I began to feel the BURDEN OF HIS HEART as I stood there holding that torch. I could feel His Concern for them, and for their burdens and captivity. I could feel a great stirring deep within me, as I began to walk forwards, and the Cloud of His Glory began to fade…..

-Susan Cummings
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True Promotion Comes From Me
Susan Cummings

In this hour many run to and fro claiming that they have now advanced and have attained great new levels and positions and have now been promoted and are ready for the glory. But I say to you, that promotion comes from Me, alone. Many run to and fro in My Name, and make claims of greatness, but are actually running in their own delusions and empty hearts.

The way to promotion is through death. I bring My People through the furnace of affliction, and the fiery trials of life, so that they are purified and learn of Me, in the process. There is no glory in death, but there is LIFE in Me.

None of Mine run unless I send them.
None of Mine point to themselves, but point all men to Me.
None of Mine ever strive for position or ranking, but leave all their futures up to My Choices for them, and they embrace Me in them.
None of Mine speak in My Name, unless I give them My Words to speak, for they properly fear and reverence Me, and My Word.
Where is the Fear of the Lord, amongst the ones who call themselves by My Name?
Where is the Reverence for Me, and for My Word?
Where is the Respect for people and their brethren?

I say to you, that it will not remain so, for I am coming to deal with each, and to cause them to see their true foundations and hearts. I will expose all false motives, pride, arrogance, promotions, egos, and self wills. Either Mine will lay their lives upon the altar, or they will walk out into the darkness and into deception, apart from Me.

I will not tolerate the use of My Name or Word falsely, anymore!

I am Jealous for My Name, and for My Word!
I will promote who I choose, and where I choose. Man will not dictate to Me, who they want. I AM God. It is MY House, and not theirs , and the people are My Sheep, and the their flock. Who is man, that He would assume to be the head over Mine?
It will be plainly seen who is the Head over My House!

I am righting the wrongs that have been allowed in My House, and bringing correction where it is due. No more closet deeds, and back room plans! I see all, and know it before they do it. Now it will be brought out into the light. For I have repeatedly told you that I have returned. Man does not believe me. It has always been that way, even from the beginning…..

I am bringing Mine to the forefront, who are faithful and who have My Heart for My People. They will now lead, and will prepare the people for Me. They will faithfully teach the people the difference from the holy and the profane. The Truth will be embraced in My House, and it will be clear and not dark anymore!
Sin is Sin, and Holy is Holy! My People will know the difference!

The Standard is being raised up. True Humility and Love will order MY Own, and they will not harm one another. The Truth will be upon their lips and their lives will be marked, and ordered by My Word. For they will be Lovers of the Truth.
True Promotion comes from Me, and it is Mine who will now displace those who were unfaithful…..
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Vision of the Cresting Waves
Susan Cummings

Tonight as I was sitting at my computer, the Lord flashed a vision of cresting waves before me.

The waves were coming in rapid succession, one right after another, following closely behind the next one. Each wave was rising up higher and higher, and they were cresting as they came closer. There was not a lot of noticeable distance between the waves that I could see.

They seemed to be riding upon each other's flow, and were timed just exactly in sequence with the others rise and fall. They had a strip of shiny lining at the crest of the wave. The waters of the ocean were blue, and not dark at all. They were relatively calm, except for the incoming waves.

There was no storm that could form these waves, nor was there a noticeable wind that drove them. It seemed that they came in on their own volition, as they were brought forth by the Lord.

The next scene:
People were scattered among the beach, and some began to notice the waves coming in from afar. They began to gather, and to watch, as these waves were not normal. They were not moved by the seasons or weather. So many, were just standing and watching.

Others, picked up their belongings and began to leave or change their places on the beach frontage. You could see that those who were moving seemed to be making speedy changes to their positions. They did not wait for the others, but quietly moved away.

I watched as the people lingered and chatted easily about the waves with each other, and commented on their meaning. But they did not seem to care about their course or their coming in. They only wanted to watch the scene.

The next scene:
I watched, as the waves began to rise up further, and become more beautiful as the sun began to shine upon them. The glittering lining atop of each crest glowed in the bright light of the sunlight. It seemed to mesmerize all who watched.

I noticed a shadow under the waves as it came closer to the shore. I did not see it before, as it was not close enough to see, and no one was paying attention. The shadow underneath the waves was very large, and the waves seemed to be on top of the shadow, riding upon it.

Then, as it got close to the shore, a huge beast rose up out of the water. The waves had only been a glittering trail left by the beasts underwater motions, as he swam for shore. The people who had been watching were totally unable to move, as it came to shore. They were mesmerized by it’s fierceness and it’s beauty. They were not discerning of it’s evil.

The Lord then said to me, this is the beast that sits upon the waters. It will rise up, as you have seen it. Those who are mine, know the signs of it’s coming, and will move to where I lead them to. Many will be caught unawares and not see the true form of the beast, and will not escape it’s trap. It will be too late.

The hour is come, for the beast to soon rise and to sit upon his seat for a time. I have repeatedly told My People to prepare themselves, but few believe that they will live in that hour, or see it.

They have become conditioned by the world and it’s enticements and have not remained separated from its deceptions. So they will perish from their lack of knowledge.

But Mine know Me, and know the hour that is come, and are not partakers of the world or it’s mindsets. They have remained pure and close to Me. They will see the false, and know it’s coming. They will help many to see the Truth.

My Word has proclaimed the hour, and few can see the lateness or the signs, for many look for another, but they do not yet see that it has already came and gone. So few truly read My Word or study it, if they had, they would have oil in their lamps and they would see.

The waves are now moving upon the waters in rapid succession, and now will the events come rapidly and in succession, as My Word has said. Who will stand when they come in, and who will found in Me?
-Susan Cummings
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Intimacy

Jon Hamill

Inconvenient Intimacy" is about to Overthrow "Illegitimate Intimacy"
In November 2003, while in New England on a ministry trip, the Lord spoke to me about the year to come. That 2004 is a pivotal year, in which He is calling His people into a season of what He termed "inconvenient intimacy." Though speaking of intimacy, the word came forth like thunder as though it were a mandate for the year. I knew immediately in my spirit that He was yearning to call forth corporate and regional solemn assemblies, significant gatherings of repentance, prayer and fasting. These solemn assemblies would be inconvenient in the natural for many - whether in time, money, sleep, or even in spheres of relationships, these solemn assemblies would cost believers deeply to call, and to participate in. But they would be catalytic to greater dimensions of intimacy with God and governmental breakthrough so needed at this time.

Watch by Night

Recently the Lord brought this word back to my attention a number of ways. The first was through a brief vision. I saw Jesus by night at Gethsemane, dressed in a dark red robe, His hair moistened by dew and by His own sweat. In the vision He motioned to me with His hand and said simply, "Come pray with me." Christ's invitation in the vision is being given as a mandate to many in the body at this hour - a season of inconvenient intimacy, involving night watches of prayer and repentance until "the day breaks" and His justice is released into lives, churches, into regions and even nations.

A Second Call

The Lord also spoke on "inconvenient intimacy" through a dream. I was in a house of prayer that stood virtually empty. A man went to a microphone in front of a stage and declared, "45 minutes until a second Call!" It was clear he was referring to a solemn assembly similar to those from the Call movement led by Lou Engle and Che' Ahn. But with little time left before the event began, the seats of the auditorium were virtually vacant. I found a place in the third row from the front, and talked briefly with two beloved intercessors in the second row before going forward to pray.

Interestingly, one of my intercessory friends I saw in the dream had gone through heart surgery, and had not been at church for months as a result. Amazingly, the morning after my dream the two intercessory friends showed up unexpectedly at church - and sat in the second row!

In the dream the Lord asked me to pray Revelation 19:11 for God to war against the stupor satan was trying to bring to keep God's people from gathering together to repent and pray. To my remembrance I have never prayed before in a dream, but the anointing and authority released in this dream was beyond anything I have ever experienced. While the intercession was going forth, the house of prayer began to overflow with people suddenly gathering for this "Second Call." I awoke from this literally trembling.

We Need the Experts

Later during the church service, the Lord reminded me of a warning He had given during the Kettle Tour, a prayer journey through the northeast that ended literally days before the tragedy of September 11, 2001. A friend telephoned in a dream she had in which she was suddenly and unexpectedly pregnant. She looked down at her belly, and realized that just as suddenly, she had come to full term - and there was nobody around to help her deliver this child. She began calling out "Call 911! Call 911! We need the experts!"

Each of us on the journey had our own interpretations - all of which were true. God was giving us Psalm 91:1 protection. The baby of revival is about to be birthed, and we need to prepare. The Lord was joining the Call movement of societal repentance to the International House of Prayer movement, which focused on Amos 9:11, the restoration of the Tabernacle of David.

But none of us perceived the "call" that would come from God's gracious heart amidst the explosions and confusion and darkened skies of September 11. Call 911. A call for the northeast and for America, resounding as a trumpet amidst the tragedy, to awaken from stupor and arise in prayer and service to meet the challenges of the kairos hour.

I am by no means prophesying another tragedy for our land as a means to motivate prayer. What I am saying is that God is releasing to His body in America another call-- another trumpet is now beginning to sound, calling Christians to gather for repentance and prayer on a massive scale. I don't know how the trumpet will sound, or what its melody will be, but we are prophetically less than an hour away from the full expression of this second Call. Whereas God was releasing Amos 9:11 in the first call, He is releasing Revelation 19:11 as a significant expression of the second Call. In righteousness He is establishing justice, moving through the doorways of an open heaven to war against the stupor and slumber so many of us have fallen back into. It is time to awaken and gather for Solemn Assemblies across the land - the experts are needed!

Illegitimate Intimacy

This brings me to my third prophetic experience, which was simply a whisper from the Lord while praying over the gay marriage issue that has brought Boston, Massachusetts to the forefront of the news lately. The Lord spoke that "Inconvenient Intimacy" is set by Him to overthrow "Illegitimate Intimacy."

It has been amazing to see the massive gatherings of gays and lesbians at the Statehouse on Beacon Hill in the city covenanted to the Lord as "A city on a hill, a light to the nations." They are gathering to convince politicians that their expression of intimacy should be legitimatized by a law allowing them to marry. As Massachusetts is a major root of our nation, what transpires in this pivotal state often finds expression across the land - "For if the root is holy, so are the branches."

It is therefore interesting to note the proclamation this state carries on its license plates - "Massachusetts, the spirit of America." What spirit will prevail in this region covenanted to God by our forefathers? What is God asking us to do on behalf of the land in this season of inconvenient intimacy? Bigotry and hatred only mar the countenance of Christ as expressed through His people. Truthfully, we have no option but to pray!

It is also interesting to note the 911 terrorists launched their attack on the World Trade Center from Boston. And it was in Boston, only 11 days after September 11 that 50,000 Christians gathered for the Call New England, which was the second Solemn Assembly planned by Lou Engle and Che Ahn in the Call movement.

Establishing God's Presence

My friend Katherine Puleo has been holding prayer meetings each Friday at the Boston Statehouse for almost a year now. I had the privilege of ministering on Beacon Hill with Katherine in September. During that time the Lord quickened to me David's covenant with God in Psalm 132 for a lifestyle of 'inconvenient intimacy' until His presence was established in Jerusalem. "I will give no sleep to my eyes, nor slumber to my eyelids, until I find a dwelling place for the mighty God of Jacob." This is an amazing revelation. David in essence poured out his life to see God's presence established in the governmental structures of the governmental city of Jerusalem.

And this is the invitation that the Lord is mandating in this hour. His call is for His intercessory forerunners to covenant with Him to give no rest to their eyes, nor slumber to their eyelids, UNTIL GOD'S PRESENCE IS ESTABLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURES OF THE GOVERNMENTAL CITIES OF THEIR REGION! This is the core commitment needed to see the restoration of the Tabernacle of David as Amos prophesied.

Please pray for Boston, and for the Northeast. Pray for leaders and intercessors in the region and nation to be strengthened by the Spirit. Pray for gays and lesbians to find And please be sensitive to the whisper of the Holy Spirit that is now a mandate for our land. Whatever the cost, it is time to gather together for fasting, for repentance, for worship and intercession in this season of inconvenient intimacy. Please let us heed God's invitation to gather for a "Second Call"--- the experts are needed at this time!

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Intimacy Revealed
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How can I be totally humbled before the living God, and yet at the same time Jesus is my best friend in the whole world? That is a good question. I like it when people ask good questions, or as proverbs calls them, questions inspired by wisdom. Like how do we understand the relationship between Father Son and Spirit?

The Bible constantly says things in little triplets, one part from the Father's viewpoint, one from the Spirit, and one from the Son. The Psalms and the prophets are full of these little triplets, each saying the same thing from a different perspective. What I hadn't expected was that the Glory Cloud thought would be like that too!

The Church Exodus was seeing the Father's view on the church and how He is leading us out from slavery into the wilderness place by His Glory Cloud. The Glory Cloud part was from the Spirit, revealing how he longs for us to know that place with Him. He is the Glory Cloud. But there was something missing, there still is really as all these thoughts are incomplete and just glimpses of a depth of what He is doing.

I was reading in Joel 2:12-13, although it could have been anywhere really and the Lord was saying, (as He does throughout), about How His heart is broken because His people rebelled and how He longs to love and forgive, and to heal them:

'But now - it is Yahweh who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning.' Let your hearts be broken not your garments torn, turn to Yahweh your God again, for He is all tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in graciousness and ready to relent.

And I wondered - why did Israel do that? Why did they leave Him to follow idols, when He was offering love and healing and forgiveness? Then I thought - this has nothing to do with Israel! We are exactly the same!

The Lord is offering us an incredible gift. He offers it freely because He has paid the price. Why is it that we go our own ways? Why do we rebel against that love? Why is it that I would rather do some flesh thing that numbs the pain for a short while?

I guess I can't always say for someone else, but I can say why I do it. It comes from a doubt of the love of the Lord being enough. Like - I know I have been called to be a prophet, and that is a lonely path. But there is glory at the end, at the end He at the end He will say 'well done good and faithful servant.' if I am a good and faithful servant. (Matthew 25:21 + 23)

So I should knuckle down and accept the suffering as a good servant of Jesus Christ. Accept the loneliness as going with the territory and just get on with it. As it says in Matthew 10:37-39 about having to loose father, mother, son, daughter for the sake of the gospel; or 19:10-12 where it talks of becoming eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom.

That is easier said than done sometimes though, and I think that we have accepted the biggest con of all time if we believe that this is the way it is! Yes You and I have been conned by the enemy into thinking that! We see so clearly the narrow gate and the hard path, (Matthew 7:13-14), that we miss the reason we are taking this route!

The Lord wants us to be His Bride, or at least part of it. That is the most intimate relationship of all, it is emotional, it is spiritual, and it is physical. The Lord has designed our very beings for intimacy. He wants deep intimacy with us... He has designed our spirits for intimacy.

We as prophets are called to walk a path alone, without much human support, this is absolutely true. To be able to be used by Him we need our flesh ways stripped away - absolutely true. The thing that is also true is the reason that he does this is to bring us to a place of holiness, so that He can have an unprecedented intimacy with us

The enemy lies and tells us that when we get through this it will be cold and lonely out there this is poppycock, piffle, bilge and balderdash! We are going through this for one purpose only: So that we can have an intimacy with Him unheard of since Moses. This is what our hearts truly long for and we often daren't even admit it to ourselves, for fear of having it taken away.

To be the Bride of Christ we will also love one another as He has loved us. So there will be human relationships between the refined ones as well.

When Paul says about young people choosing not to be married, where he says I wish everyone could be as I am, it always seems hard and cold, but was he really saying - I know an unparalleled intimacy with Christ because of being stripped of fleshly things. Was that what he wanted everyone else to be able to share?

These are only embryo thoughts, not really thought it through, but I know inside me there is a fear of the loneliness of former times. The refining we face can be a very isolating thing. There is a real fear that I will be left not only with nothing, but in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

That is where we are at the moment this is the refining, we are being taken into the wilderness. We are seeing the dry and weary land, and are thirsting for Jesus, but look at where He is taking us: I have seen you in your sanctuary... to behold His power and glory, (the glory cloud) Because your love is better than life my lips will glorify You. My soul WILL be satisfied

Will be satisfied - not might be, perhaps, or partially, or the emotions but not the physical, or spirit only, or anything like that! His promise is total, complete, nothing missing. I know my soul isn't satisfied yet; but Jesus thank You, thank You that we do not need to fear, that You have promised us that in that dry and weary land - You will give us what our hearts are longing for!

After that it still talks about persecution - so that continues; but we are in the presence of His glory cloud – we know that sanctuary presence. That next part about lying awake at night, meditating on Him – Do you find sometimes you can't sleep because you are just so excited by Him - It is where it is at isn't it?

Jesus - we have to face some really dreadful emotional yukk in this refining, but we so desire that place in Your sanctuary. We so desire to be in Your holy of holies, we simply do not want anything to cause us to miss out, no human striving, not holding onto any bitterness, not trying to justify ourselves. Help us to let go, help us to not strive for acceptance, but be filled with You, and who we are in You.

Give us the strength and grace to walk out the pain, not trying to escape and numb it,(ouch that is a hard one for me!), to walk more and more into YOUR healing, to trust you to take the pain away in your way in Your timing Lord.

YOUR will be done. Jesus we need you - we need to know You in that depth - our hearts will be satisfied with nothing less. Fill this empty space inside of me, this ache; fill it Lord, with more of YOU!

Jesus - I am satisfied if you take everyone away - but I need someone to hug me. Lord I need to know you on a physical level, to feel You. Lord we need to know that depth in you. We refuse the lies of the enemy. Lord please forgive us for believing that You only had a hard path for us to walk. When in truth we have been running from Your love.

Lord you have told us so many times how great your love is and I've tasted a little of your love and it is like honey on my lips. Yet we still believe the lies that our hurts have told us. Jesus fill us with YOUR truth. Forgive us JESUS, wash us clean with your blood and write your truths deep on our hearts like never before - We need more of that honey!

Thank you for shedding your blood for us, so we could TRULY LIVE! Lord please come and totally cleanse once again - we need You Jesus, we need to come away changed because of Your forgiveness. We truly desire to walk knowing that truth. - That all this heartache is for one purpose only - to truly be able to know the depth of Your love.

Following that prayer I remembered Ephesians 3:16-19 - the prayer of Paul for those guys in Ephesus. It is a totally inspired prayer; it says something of what God's heart is:

Out of His infinite glory, may He give you the power through His Spirit for your hidden self to grow strong, so that Christ may live in your hearts through faith, and then, planted in LOVE and built on LOVE, you will with all the saints have the strength to grasp the breadth the length, the height and the depth; until knowing the LOVE of Christ, which is beyond all knowledge, you are filled with the utter fullness of God.

This is God's purpose for us, individually, and together with all the saints. There is no room in this whatever for any fear of abandonment, fear of walking comfortless in a weary land because of our calling! Hallelujah – the Jesus part of the Glory Cloud is a part of total intimacy with Him – complete with nothing missing .

This thought is certainly not all mine – The Lord uses each of us to sharpen each other and lead us deeper into Him. Not only that but I feel there is a lot more to come as He speaks through this, and uses it in some small way to stir up your heart too! Oh and one more verse – doesn't really seem to fit, but I felt Him say it so I will add it. Acts 1:4 ..He told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised…

There is still a time of waiting for this promise to be fulfilled, the purifying is not over yet – I guess as we feel the flames licking around us, that is hardly an inspired revelation! But He is going to do this. We will know all 3 aspects of the Glory Cloud – we will have that spirit understanding of what it is like to be totally humbled before the Lord – and totally in love with Him at the same time!

In The Out Door

Sandy Warner

Jun 14, 2004
Dearest, this is the year of open doors. Do understand the doors swing both ways. As much as I want you to walk through the doors that I grant you, the enemy also wants to lure you through his doors. Demonic doors automatically swing open when you get in a hurry and then ahead of Me. I realize this has placed My fear within you and I have heard your prayer over these matters. All you need to know at this time is to earnestly follow your conscience, that Spirit within you that grants you My abiding peace as you walk through your daily choices. Follow the sign of My peace and obey My Word. I will alert you if you are about to walk through the wrong door and in the wrong direction. If you feel pressed, see it as a red light, and learn to wait upon Me for when to move and how.

Neh 9:20-21 NLT
You sent your good Spirit to instruct them, and you did not stop giving them bread from heaven or water for their thirst.

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Doing The Dailys

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Jun 18, 2004
As you go forth in ministry, it is important that you learn to keep your mouth clean. Brushing your spiritual teeth is allowing Me to clean your speech and your tongue with the washing of My Word. Daily maintenance of repentance and confession before Me will develop a lifetime habit and protection. The curses of witchcraft are hurled through the air and will land upon those who do not maintain their mouths. The tongue can give life or destruction and it is time My own grew up into the adulthood of daily washing.

Isa 54:14 AMP
You shall establish yourself in righteousness (rightness, in conformity with God's will and order): you shall be far from even the thought of oppression or destruction, for you shall not fear, and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

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Old Tests Are For Healing
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Jun 16, 2004

When you suddenly find yourself caught in an old test, one that you have taken before, rejoice. This is your chance to get things right from places where you have stumbled in your past. Dear ones, this circle of pain is not allowed to make you fall, but to bring healing deep within your soul.

Sometimes there are tiny threads of past disappointments that are like little ingrown hairs. Life grows around them as you press on in life and they are ignored and unnoticed. When it is time to repair an old wound, I allow this little pain to work its way toward the surface of your heart. Before you know it, there is a red area, a pocket of infection that has become openly transparent. Give these old places to Me and I will lance these pimples with My sword. I will draw out the infection with My love and grant you the warm balm of My healing Word. Always remember that when you ask Me for forgiveness, I do not keep a record of your sins, you are completely forgiven, My beloved child.

Ps 130:3, 4 NLT
LORD, if you kept a record of our sins, who, O Lord, could ever survive? But you offer forgiveness, that we might learn to fear you.

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Invincibility

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Hab 3:19 AMP The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!

2 Cor 3:18 NKJV But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

“You are complete and whole My beloveds, only in ME. I am the Source of all you need. It is in My Righteousness you must stand and tell the enemy to GO!
If you try to stand on your own righteousness, how can you stand? For you are all falling short of the glory of God. You are being transformed into My image day to day, grace to grace, glory to glory! The more you are sanctified, the more you reflect My glory! I said to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Do you tremble at My name? Is it ME you fear? Is it ME you are depending on? Or is it YOU, you are depending on? If you depend on you, why do you need ME? If you can live in control of your own life, then why did you need a Saviour?

If you depend on your own righteousness, then you will not be standing in the place of GRACE, and instead you will be standing in your OWN righteousness
and your OWN efforts! THAT is NOT a good place to be My Beloveds. FOR the Galatians were in that place when Paul wrote his letter, and how did he say it? ‘Who has bewitched you, oh foolish Galatians? ‘ For if you begin to stand on your own efforts instead of the CROSS for salvation then you are not standing IN ME. YOU are standing instead outside of My grace where the enemy can abuse and pummel you! BUT, if you are standing in ME, dependent not on your own efforts, but MY SACRIFICE at the cross, then you are SAFE, hidden in the shadow of MY wings!

Have you shed your blood for the world? Have you been nailed to the cross?
For when you try to work out your own salvation without ME, by your own efforts and striving, then it is like you are trying to nail your own hands and feet to the cross instead of accepting what I did for you. When you walk in guilt and shame, and self punishment and self blame, and self condemnation, giving in to the lies of the enemy, then you are OUTSIDE the camp! You are outside of My GRACE and therefore VULNERABLE to the enemy’s torments!
YOU MUST STAND within the shadow of MY WINGS, sheltered by MY BLOOD, by MY SACRIFICE and DEATH. There, in the covering of blood is the atonement for all your sins, and nothing can touch you, just as in Goshen, When they applied the blood, none of them was touched by the most evil enemy of DEATH!!! Now if death could not touch them covered in the blood, then why do you think you can be vulnerable to anything except my love when you are under it? It is only when you step out from under it, and into your own works and efforts and striving, that then, you are vulnerable! The more you are healed and delivered, the more covering you have so long as you don’t give in to the tempter, and step into self condemnation, guilt, shame, unforgiveness, anger, rejection, self rejection, rebellion, etc…

So the longer you walk in the Spirit, and the more you spend time with ME, the more healing and deliverance you get. The more the strongholds are broken in My presence, and the more wisdom and guidance you are able to receive. The more the WORD gets into your being, you are able to fight with it. But you MUST BELIEVE IT! When you don't or are not sure, the enemy knows and will do his best to defeat you. The WORD is your immune system defense network! As you grow in the TRUTH that you know, then the stronger you get and the more able you are to FIGHT with ASSURANCE of My promises, and see the victory. And the more healed and delivered/sanctified you become, the stronger and formidable a foe you are to the enemy's forces!

All will have times of dryness and testing in your walk where it seems that things are no longer the way they were. Each new level of glory has it's transition period. At each new level, there are new enemies to conquer. The testing will be more severe, so that as you are healed and come through you receive more GRACE and GLORY!

Now a word about patience! For as you grow in love, so you grow in patience.
Without patience there is a lack of love, so each trial and test brings more endurance and more exercising of patience so that patience is WORKED into you! AS you EXERCISE it…just like a muscle…it gets STRONGER! So let patience have it's perfect work! Keep going, do not look back at all your failure, but instead THANK ME even for the failures. For with each failure, there is more death to self, and more growth, and more learning of the things that you have needed to learn! Joy comes in rejoicing EVEN IN THE FAILURES, EVEN IN THE TEMPTATIONS, EVEN IN THE SUFFERINGS, and AFFLICTION. And as you learn to rejoice in these trials and tests, then you will OVERCOME. Overcoming comes by rejoicing in ALL things. Accepting that all things work for the good to those who are called according to My purposes. Will I not work all things for your good if you are called?

Learn to FORGIVE YOURSELF, for I see many of My beloveds, being too harsh on themselves, while others turn to their own ways and selfishness. Do not give in to unforgiveness towards yourself which leads to self-punishment and self-judging. As it opens the door to torment. The enemy then comes in like a flood with self condemnation, and anger, because you can never feel JOYFUL for yourself.

YOU ARE MADE IN OUR IMAGE. IN OUR IMAGE WE MADE YOU! SO STOP LOOKING AT YOURSELF WITH DISDAIN AND DISAPPROVAL AND ALIGNING YOURSELF WITH THE ACCUSER AGAINST YOURSELF! He is telling you you're a failure, and you're agreeing. YOU need to BREAK that agreement when he tempts you, and do not allow it. Tell him you are accepted in the Beloved! You are MINE, and I am yours! Tell him you are My favorite one! Tell him I LOVE YOU! For that is the truth. I WILL NEVER STOP LOVING YOU! DO you hear me My beloveds? I will never, never, never leave you nor forsake you, but I will ALWAYS love you!

I am a good FATHER Who gives good gifts to His children, and this night, I am launching a full on attack on the enemy on your behalf. I KNOW the tests, and I know how he has been sneaking around and trying to torment.
But his time is short which is why he is so ravenous. KICK HIM OUT!
SPEAK MY WORD AND MEAN IT! SHUT the door on all his lies. Watch what you say, and be quick to listen and slow to speak! REMEMBER MY LOVE ALWAYS! Make a remembrance of the many times I have come through for you and think on those times. It will strengthen you in the days ahead! Keep your eyes upward, and remember WHOSE you are!

Phil 2:12-14 NKJV   Light Bearers
Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. 14 Do all things without complaining and disputing,

SALVATION
NT:4991 soteria (so-tay-ree'-ah); feminine of a derivative of NT:4990 as (properly, abstract) noun; rescue or safety (physically or morally): KJV - deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.
NT:4990 soter (so-tare'); from NT:4982; a deliverer, i.e. God or
Christ: KJV - saviour.
NT:4982 sozo (sode'-zo); from a primary sos (contraction for obsolete saoz, "safe"); to save, i.e. deliver or protect (literally or figuratively): KJV - heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

Roustabout
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Main Entry: roust·about Function: *noun*
1 a : DECKHAND
  b : LONGSHOREMAN
2 : an unskilled or semiskilled laborer especially in an oil field or refinery
3 : a circus worker who erects and dismantles tents, cares for the grounds, and handles animals and equipment

The following details a Roustabout job description:
The primary tasks of a Roustabout is drilling aboard the oil rig. Additional tasks include unloading supplies from the support vessels and producing wells service units.

I have many job openings for roustabouts. So I am calling on you those who are interested in drilling for OIL. Do you have the muscles for the job? Do you have and interest in piercing through darkness? Do you like the idea of plucking people out of the darkness and into My LIGHT? Do you like unloading My supply of love and tenderness, kindness and goodness to others? Are you willing to SERVICE all who come to Me for freedom? Then this is the job for you! I have many gifts to unload in this hour, and much to teach to those who are going to come by the power of My Spirit!

If you are willing, then I am willing to pour into you all it takes for this job! And I will also prepare, equip, and service your needs that you can do it! I will provide all that is needed. The only thing is you have to be dead! You have to be dead to your ways and means, to your ideas and opinions, and to your will, and to be willing to obey all orders from your Chief Commander! If you are willing to do this, then I will impart all that is needed.

I am building in you spiritual muscle for exercising authority over all that hinders the lives of others. You will trample on serpents and scorpions and you will scale heights not seen before in your dimension. There is much to do, so I have room for ALL who are willing. Another requirement is that you do not squabble with other roustabouts, but that you honor one another, and love one another as I have loved you! You must put aside all judgments and criticism and allow ME to be COMMANDER in Chief! When you come up against opposition, you must all be in agreement. That will happen because when I come to equip you, I will break all chains that keep you from loving each other. Love is the greatest, and it is when you know the fullness of My love, that you can be filled with the fullness of My power!

All other roustabouts will have the same done to them, so that you will know each other by your love for one another! And NOTHING will be withheld from you to build the KINGDOM OF GOD! You will move in the Spirit without opposition to each other, because of what I DO in you! I will remove all the rough edges off my diamonds. Your perfection is not dependent on your efforts, but on MINE. I WILL COME and release My fire if you will just ask. I will perfect all that concerns ME!!! And I will perfect all that concerns YOU! I am shining you up and then there will be a great wave that fills My house. Those that shine like diamonds will stand out. PURITY will once again be established in My church, and TRUTH will replace all apostasy, and compromise. Even cults will turn and be changed as I touch ALL who call on My name! Many will be shocked into submission. I am lengthening the sword and sharpening it, that I have put in your hands. You will need two hands to hold it, and you will ONLY use it as I LEAD! I WILL DIVIDE THE FALSE FROM THE TRUE, AND THERE WILL BE GREAT WEEPING ON THAT DAY.

SO KEEP YOUR EYES ON ME, AND KEEP YOUR HEART BENT IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP AND THE WORD. DO NOT GIVE IN TO DISMAY OF ALL THAT IS GOING ON AROUND YOU. KEEP YOUR EYES ON ME MY BELOVEDS. KNOW I AM COMING SOON.

{diamonds are used in drilling}
Mud-rotary drilling-this method is used for drilling through soft rocks, sand and clay layers especially in the search for coal, oil or gas. A special mix of clay and water is forced down the drill hole turning a rotary bit, with rock chips returning in the "mud" slurry. This method is used for holes up to 3km deep and can be done from ships or offshore platforms especially in the search for oil and/or gas. A person who collects the chips and identifies the rock type and other information is known as a "mud-logger".

Diamond core drilling-this method involves a pipe encrusted in industrial diamonds being used to drill through rock layers, with a "core" of rock being left in the centre of the pipe. This core is recovered and gives information not only about the rock types, but also about the relationships between the rock layers in detail.

Intercession Over October 31

Sandy Warner

Oct 30, 2004

We unite together and pray as one,
As we stand on behalf of Your kingdom.
Forgive us our sins when we are led astray.
Our flesh is corrupt, it keeps us from Your ways.

As the enemies gather to curse our land,
We gather in faith in Your power to stand.
It's not in ourselves to hold up a shield,
Or in our own might with our swords to wield.

The blood of Jesus is our great power to fight.
It covers our backs that no curses will alight.
We humble ourselves, thanking You for Jesus' blood.
His blood lifts us up, above all demonic flood.

By Your Spirit we connect in Your true love.
Your banner is spread out in heaven above,
Reigning Supremely over demonic hordes.
We gather together and call You Lord.

We pray for our loved ones both near and far
To cover their backsides from the bizarre.
We ask You replace that power to curse
With blessings upon us, to reimburse.

We lay in ruins among our decay,
In the stolen years of pain and delay.
Instead rebuild us through our prayers and love.
Please send us Your Spirit, Your sweet, sweet Dove.

Jesus' blood puts all devils under foot.
As we command, "Back off, we want our loot."
We rest in Jesus as we rise in faith.
We burst forth in freedom above the scathe.

Let this year be mighty in the power of Your blood
As You reveal Aaron's rod, the one that has bud.
Drenched in Your Presence before Your great ark
Now releasing Your power among the dark.

Go forth oh rod to protect and defend.
Demarcate the line among every man.
Cover the righteous with mercy and declare
The Justice of God among men everywhere.

It is time to level the playing field,
To balance the scales from what was yield
From the crops of men not given reward.
Now bow the knee that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Ps 110:1-4 NKJV
The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Your people shall be volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek."

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To Stand Together
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Oct 31, 2004

To Stand Together
Who is your son?
United into one.
One in mind, purpose and heart.
Together and united you fought.
Your hearts are pure
from jezebel's lure.
He will stand
as he becomes a man.
Learning as you go
with many lessons in tow.
Righting the wrongs
and joined in one song.
Planted in prayer,
he's always there.
Right by your side
and won't be denied.
It's a tough one I know.
But onward you will go.

Mal 4:6 NKJV
And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."

Barometric Signs
Sandy Warner

Oct 27, 2004
There are many kinds of signs in heaven and earth. I use everything to point the way to My Word. In the days to come I have appointed many signs and wonders. My most precious of signs will be planted within the callings of My children. Those who have child like faith shall especially be glorious barometers of My Word. Their humble hearts, their hungry hearts, their joyful anticipation of My good gifts, all these shall shine as signs in unique ways. The world may call them fools for the trying, but they will only know the glory in the living. Their very lives will reflect My Word, in their actions, their Words, and in their hearts. Within the very story of their lives, I will have woven the golden thread of My glory as they simply look to Me and walk it out naturally.

There will be times when My anointing will so heavily rest upon their signs that they will become like giant steam engines, longing for the relief valve to express what I AM building within them. Come forth oh chosen generation, come forth, and become the signs you are destined to be in Me.

Isa 8:18 KJV
Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

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The Signs And The Wonders
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Listen to the story of My signs and wonders. It was a sign when John leaped within the womb as Mary walked into the room. It was a wonder that John's spirit recognized Jesus. It was a sign when Jesus was lifted up on the cross, it was a wonder when His act became salvation to all mankind. It was a sign when Hosea married Gomar, it was a wonder when he experienced My heart of love for her. It was a sign when the mantle struck the waters, it was a wonder when they parted. It was a sign when Moses carried the rod, it was a wonder when he used it. It was a sign when Paul was the best of the best in his natural strength only to consider himself the weakest and the worst in the end. It was a wonder when My glory was made perfect in miraculous strength - through Paul's stripping. It was a sign that Joseph was given the dream of his family bowing low before him. It was a wonder that it was accomplished through his prison experience. It was a sign when the Israelites wandered for 40 years in the wilderness. It was a wonder that their shoes were preserved.

And even today My signs and wonders continue. So many lives tell a story, portraying My message to the world. To be a sign is to literally live out My message through your daily life. To be a wonder is when I multiply it for the sake of multitudes. It is a glorious joy to be a sign and a wonder and by far one of the most joyous ways to hear Me speak.

My Word will be in you, upon you, around you, through you, and you will live it, know it and recognize it in the most intimate of ways. People climb the highest mountains to be able to receive what you will experience every day, by simply being called to be a sign and a wonder.

Ps 71:5-8 NKJV

For You are my hope, O Lord GOD; You are my trust from my youth. By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be continually of You. I have become as a wonder to many, but You are my strong refuge. Let my mouth be filled with Your praise and with Your glory all the day.

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Surgery From Your Past Is Necessary

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Precious one, yes it is Me. Sometimes I bring your past before you for a specific purpose. You may think you are repeating old cycles of old pain. It may concern you that you will fall into the ditch and never rise again. Yes, you have circled this journey before, as even your parents did before you. Yet, listen to My voice. THIS time it is different. I have brought you to this door for a specific purpose. It is time to cut off the old shame, the old pain, the old mind-sets, the old habits, the old misunderstandings, the old lies and be RELEASED. You know this is behind you and I have already planted seeds in you that are a different flavor. Do not allow the enemy to steal your new hopes and transformations for old lies. Allow Me to take you through this process of inner healing and wash the layers of your past in the blood of My Son, the One Who took the stripes on His back so that you would be healed.

Isa 53:5 KJV
But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

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In Psalm 84
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Finding Ourselves in Psalm 84 - We Are His Tabernacle

The Lord has been speaking to me from Psalm 84.
As I was singing the worship song "Better is One Day",
the Lord began to sing it back to me in a beautiful and
touching way.

How Lovely is Your dwelling Place, O' Lord Almighty.

"You are My lovely dwelling place"

One thing I ask and I would seek, to see Your beauty.

"You are My beauty".

To find You in the place Your Glory dwells.

"My Glory dwells in You".

Better is one day in Your courts, Better is one day in Your house,
than thousands elsewhere.

"You are My Tabernacle, You are My house, I dwell in you".

Read Psalm 84, and as you do, allow the Lord to sing over you. We long to dwell with Him in His Presence, His beauty, His Glory. He longs to dwell with us, within us, in His Tabernacle on this Earth. We are the Home of His Presence, His Beauty and His Glory.

As I was meditating on this, I saw a gathering of believers in worship. I saw a template of the Tabernacle in heaven being placed over them. The closer they came to lining up with this template, the more light and Glory and Power flowed into the gathering. Until at last they lined up perfectly and there was an incredible powerful surge of Heaven into the Gathering. At this point there was no barrier at all between Heaven and Earth and the two locations became one.

I began to sing a worship song to the Lord with a new melody for "We are climbing Jacob's ladder". The reality of a open Heaven. Now, open not only to angels, but to sons and daughter's of the Lord

Most High.

A chorus came to me.

Let Your wind Blow, Let Your wind Blow,
Let Your wind Blow, Let Your wind Blow,

I Am Your Tabernacle, I Am Your Tabernacle,
I Am Your Tabernacle, I Am Your Tabernacle,

My heart is Your Throne, My heart is Your Throne,
My heart is Your Throne, My heart is Your Throne,

Then back to the verse

I am a house for, Your Glory, I am a house for, Your Glory,
I am a house for, Your Glory, I am a house for, Your Glory,
I am, Your Beauty, I am, Your Beauty,
I am, Your Beauty, I am, Your Beauty,
Open Heaven! Open Heaven! Open Heaven! Open Heaven!

The Lord is bringing us into a new realty. As we walk in this new realty, we will find ourselves in a new place. We will no longer be just Earth Dwellers. We will be citizens of Heaven. Ambassadors of the Kingdom of God on this Earth.

Beloved ones. Meditate on these things until they become reality in your life. This is the key that brings an "Open Heaven".

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I Saw A Mountain As A Tower

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"I saw a mountain as a tower - a great tall communication tower/mountain sending out waves of worship across vast areas. The tip of the mountain was as a crystal substance that radiated the Spirit across the land. The crystal clear sound of pure love of God without mixture will touch the world. The Lord is saying, It is the love of my Father through a pure and holy channel kissing the earth with consuming passion. The response of the consumed ones is a melted heart and worship that touches heaven - the very heart of the Father. The fire of jealous wrath will be poured out as coals of fire from heaven upon any who dare touch the apple of His eye, those consumed lovers who worship Him in spirit and truth at all times and forever.

The harvest will be drawn by His love not corralled. When HE IS TRULY LIFTED UP all men will be drawn to Him. This is NOT a short term project. All of the upward roads you have traveled over long distances and various terrains are now turned upward - ascending the mountain of humility and brokenness of life into the heights of purity and holiness of His glorious life. I hope to hear from you more of what God is doing at the mountain but sense it is a mountain of passion - great intensity of consuming love. Heaven Is Opening Now! Keep low to the ground."

I Saw Angels Turning Cartwheels

Bill Yount

I Saw Angels Turning Cartwheels Over the Nation's Capitol, Shouting...'WE ARE ON A HOLY ROLL!'"

A vote for righteousness on November 2nd seemed to shake down an avalanche of angels over Washington D.C. as the White House began to be decorated with yellow-gold ribbons. I heard the Father proclaiming, "Salvation is coming to My House... The White House will become a Light House with a burning fire, branding nations for eternity during the next four years!" I believe we will see a whole nation born again in one day in the next four years somewhere in the earth!

I sensed the Father decreeing, "I will restore the years that the cankerworm and palmerworm have eaten from this nation, and I will redeem time and will cause these four years to stand still on My spiritual timetable to accomplish what no other four years could ever do. These next four years will be known as the longest four years in America's history because of what I will accomplish! I will cause one day to seem like a month in government time. Remember one day with Me is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day (2 Peter 3:8)!

"Because My people have begun to awaken and turn to Me in prayer and have begun to turn from their wicked ways (complacency being the most wicked way in her), I will begin to heal the land with signs and wonders and miracles. Healings in My Body will begin to be contagious, spreading throughout the land with medical breakthroughs with whole cities coming under the power of My influence!

"If My people keep humbling themselves and keep praying and keep turning from their wicked ways and keep pressing their foot on the neck of the enemy, My Kingdom will come to earth as it is in heaven! I promise you, you will see heaven on earth!

"Keep turning to Me...We are on a holy roll."

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I Heard The Father Say.... "I Am Beginning To Prophesy Through Commercials, Candy And Clothing, Especially Over The Holidays!"
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For those who think this word maybe 'way out there'.... remember God is way out there! He can do anything... just like He's God!

I sense the Lord is not only beginning to clean up the media and secular businesses but He will actually begin to prophesy through them.

Have you seen the commercial on television that has the cargo plane passing over and dumping money on the city, a little girl's birthday party and etc.

I sense the Lord saying, "It is time to dispatch those who work in my cargo section to fill the plane to full capacity to begin dumping my blessings upon the earth, cities and even little children's birthday parties! The rain of My Spirit is beginning to fall upon the just and unjust... all flesh!"

Another commercial that has been popular for some time is the one about the cell phone.... "Can you hear me now?" (God) Watch for television commercials to have bold prophetic statements to the Body of Christ and the world also! Though seemingly unnoticed by many, these words and images will pierce through darkness and cause God's word and light to rise, interrupting sinful programs and movies as these commercials are brought forth bringing conviction.

I sense the Father saying, "I will begin to meddle in the candy industry." I sense the Lord is going to begin to name some new candy bars. When these are named they will release a prophetic anointing every time the name of the candy is mentioned. These names will have power to call forth life and salvation.

I am sure this prophetic candy is bound to have a heavenly taste to it that will be out of this world! People will end up tasting and seeing that the Lord is good! I saw angels anointing candy bar wrappers like God anointing prayer cloths of apostle Paul. Names on popular candy wrappers will speak prophetically to whomever reads or speaks their names. Candy wrappers will become like anointed prayer cloths throughout the land.

Already God has named a few candy bars in the past unknowingly speaking to the world. One I sense is called the 'Milky Way' candy bar.... "The heavens declare the Glory of God!" Another is 'Symphony' by Hershey.... "Calling forth harmony and unity into the Body of Christ through God's divine order.

Concerning clothing, I sense the Lord is redeeming now the name of 'Levi's'.... a trademark name for denim jeans and trousers. I sense a prophetic anointing is being imparted to this clothing line. The name of these jeans will begin to call forth the 'spiritual' Levites this hour who are chosen to assist the Temple priests... the building of God's House. This line of clothing will be tailor made to fit these ones God will call into His Kingdom!

Another popular name I sense being anointed prophetically in the clothing line of jeans is 'Wrangler'. A 'Wrangler' is one who wrangles. 'Wrangle' means to dispute noisily or angrily; to quarrel.' I sense the Lord anointing 'wrangler' clothing to tame the tongues and lasso a new breed of young men and women who will have the "tongue of the learned to know how to speak a word to those who are weary."

Look for new names written down in Glory that will become trademarks put on commercials, candy and clothing beginning over the Holidays. Angels will be busy.

"Earth, Earth... hear the word of the Lord!"

I'm Buying
Bill Yount

"I Heard The Father Shouting Hilariously, "I'm Buying... It's On Me!"

For some 'only God knows' reason, all of Heaven seemed to be intoxicated as though staggering under the influence of an overwhelming joy that was shaking every mansion in glory! I hate to compare heaven with a drunk but have you ever seen someone so full of wine and while he is under the 'influence' he shouts aloud to everyone in the house. "I'm buying... It's on me!" Someone may ask him at that moment, "Why?" And he answers. "Just because I want to!" He normally wouldn't do this under normal conditions but the condition of being beside himself for that moment caused him to become an hilarious giver who could not be reckoned with.

It was as though something was causing the Father's heart to skip under the influence of 'joy unspeakable and full of glory, as I heard Him shout to the earth. "I'm buying... It's on Me!" I sensed He was sovereignly choosing to release and transfer heavenly finances and riches onto the earth to answer long awaited cries for provision to do His will in the earth! The Father kept repeating the phrase hilariously. "I'm buying... It's on Me! I'm buying bicycles, airplanes, airwaves, and nations. I'm buying dreams to come true for My people! I'm buying anything that my people can't afford in order that they may fullfill their calling and destiny! One scripture seemed to become rehma piercing poverty, doubt and unbelief.... "He has given commandment to bless and He has blessed and I cannot reverse it!"

I heard the Father proclaiming over the earth to His people... "Don't look to the heathen and wait for their riches and wealth to be transferred to you! That makes me jealous! Look to me! I will use the heathen to bless you but only as you look to me. First you must taste and receive of My riches in Glory that I have for you. No wealth on earth can compare to mine. Another scripture seemed to be activated this hour in the heavens and the earth... "But my God shall supply 'all' your need according to His riches in Glory by Christ Jesus!" I then saw what appeared to be a 'bank teller' angel picking up the key to Heaven's bank. I then heard the Father say to the angel. "Open it up and empty it out upon the earth! This is the hour for financial miracles upon the earth!" As this bank began to empty itself upon the earth, I saw it filling up again as it was emptying out. I couldn't believe it at first. What was filling Heaven's bank up again so it could continue to be emptied upon the saints and even sinners was simply the words 'thank you!' When a blessing from heaven came to earth no matter how big or small it appeared to be, the words 'thank you!' would push provision out of heaven's bank onto the earth and it would flow back toward the person who was being thankful for what they had received.

I sensed that those two words, 'thank you!" was what may have caused heaven to reel and stagger like a drunken man as the Father came under the influence of a joy that only comes from the earth that intoxicates all of heaven! I sensed the Father asking one of the angels... "Was that a 'thank you' from earth that I just heard?" The angel responded. "That 'thank you' came up by faith not by their feeling or sight. But that one is causing your heart to skip a beat again and your heart monitor is going crazy!"

I want to make clear that this spirit of giving being released in the area of financial blessings onto the earth is being sovereignly activated by the Father simply, "Just because I want to!" But what seemed to continue the ongoing blessings once they were released this hour was being thankful. Giving thanks to God our Father when your brother or sister gets blessed before you do. Giving thanks to the Father of all mercies when God chooses to bless your enemy first instead of you! Be thankful. What I saw coming is so awesome, it is enough for all of us to receive.

Again I hear the Father full of joy, joy, joy down in His heart shouting, "I'm buying... It's on Me! Just because I want to!"

"I'm buying the farm!"

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Israel And The Church

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THE MYSTERY of the OLIVE TREE

In Romans 11 Paul talks about a *mystery*. There are several other places in the Bible that also speak of mysteries and I think that if the Bible calls something a mystery, we need to make a point to understand what the mystery is. So I want to talk about the mystery in Romans 11. Lets go there & take a look.

Romans 11:25 *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this MYSTERY, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. (NKJ*)

Lets go back to the beginning of the chapter ....

Romans 11:1 *I say then, Has God cast away his people? God forbid.*

The answer to the question is GOD FORBID - some translations say CERTAINLY NOT. To my understanding either rendition is a very strong Biblical statement that the wide spread doctrine of REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY (that the Church has replaced Israel) is not scriptural. - to say the very least ! Lets read on ....

Romans 11:11 *I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? CERTAINLY NOT ! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.*

I understand this to mean that the Jewish people as a race have fallen temporarily from God's grace and the Gospel of Salvation has come to the Gentiles in order for them to provoke the Jews to jealousy. Right here we see that God’s plan was always for the Gentiles to bring the Jewish people to a knowledge of their Messiah.

Romans 11:17 *And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree,*

Lets take a closer look at this. In scripture Israel is often referred to as the OLIVE TREE. So lets picture an olive tree - it has roots, a trunk and branches. The roots are the Patriarchs, and the 12 tribes and the natural branches are the people who by birth are the seed of Abraham.

Romans 11:24 *For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be graft- ed into their own olive tree?*

So we see that the majority of the natural branches, the Jewish people, have fallen from the tree. What happens when a branch falls from a tree - it dies. And now Gentiles, being the wild branches have been grafted into the tree. But the end of the verse tells us that the Jewish branches WILL be grafted back in.

There are two main points I want to bring out here:

1/ The Gentile Church has NOT replaced Israel, but has become part of Israel

Eph 2:11 *Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh - who are called the uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands--*

Eph 2:12 that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel & strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Eph 2:13 *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

Eph 2:19 Now, therefore, you are NO LONGER STRANGERS and FOREIGNERS, but FELLOW CITIZENS with the saints and members of the household of God,

Brothers and sisters - did you really realise that God counts you as FELLOW CITIZENS of the COMMONWEALTH of ISRAEL. This needs to be rooted deep into your heart.

But DON'T FORGET Paul's warning ....

Romans 11:18 …. do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.

Lets make another picture - we have the trunk of the Olive Tree - ISRAEL. We have most of the natural branches broken off & laying spiritually dead on the ground. We have the Church which has been predominantly made up of the grafted in branches for nearly 1900 years now and who have been either looking upwards waiting to see the Lord coming back or looking sideways at each other, but almost never looking back down the tree upon which they sit. If they would look down they would see the arch-enemy of Israel & the Church standing at the base of the trunk, with an axe, trying to chop the tree down. If the tree falls the natural branches and the grafted in branches die. We have the luxury of knowing the end of the story, that the OLIVE TREE survives, but it is up to us to pray towards that end. Only the natural Jewish branches who believe in Yeshua, and the grafted in Gentile branches are in a covenantal position with God to be able to do that.!!!.

The natural branches will be grafted back in - so what will that mean for the Church

Romans 11:12 *Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!*

Romans 11:15 *For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but .... LIFE FROM THE DEAD ?*

I used to think that this meant life from the dead for the Jewish people, but I now believe that this means LIFE FROM THE DEAD for the Jews & the Church. Have you truly seen the power & miracles that we read about in the book of Acts happening around you? I believe that only when the missing branches are grafted back in, will the full power of the book of Acts seen again.

Is it any wonder that Satan tried to keep this from the Church and is it any wonder that the LORD told us in Romans 11:25 *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

I am sure we all know the story of the Prodigal Son. It is a perfect picture of what we are talking about today. The younger brother, the Church has been living in the house of the Father while the elder brother, the Jewish people have been out there squandering their wonderful inheritance. But the Father wants his son ISRAEL to come home to Him - He is waiting to see Israel running up the path towards His house. Don't you think it would please the Father to see His other son searching the highways & byways of this world looking for his brother, to gently pick him up & bring him home. What a day that will be - it will be LIFE FROM THE DEAD.

When The Lord first placed the vision for Out of Zion in my heart, I thought it was primarily to personally evangelise the Jewish people, but as I shared the vision with about 30 non-Jewish students at a bible school in Russia, the Lord showed me that here were 30 more potential evangelists to the Jewish people of the CIS. My ministry would be far more effective if I could impart the vision for Jewish evangelism to the Church. As we read before in Romans 11, Salvation has come to the Gentiles to provoke the Jews to jealousy (Romans 11:11). The Lord has destined the Gentiles to bring the Jews to Salvation in Yeshua. This can be seen in the following scripture

Isaiah 49: 22 *"Thus says the Lord God - Behold I will lift my hand in an oath to the nations; and set up my standard for the peoples, They shall bring your sons in their arms and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders "*

This is now being fulfilled in the natural by ministries like Exobus and Ebinezer, who are physically bringing home the sons and daughters of Israel, but they also need to be brought home spiritually.

WHAT PART CAN YOU PLAY ?

In closing, let us take a look at what you can practically do to fulfill God’s call to the Church to provoke the Jews to jealousy.

I am in no way suggesting that you go down to the local synagogue with a bible and soapbox. The Jewish people have been verbally and physically abused enough for 2000 years in the name of Jesus. But pray for divine appointments & make the most of them. Learn how to be effective in witnessing to Jewish people. Please feel free to request a copy of Helpful Tips for Jewish Evangelism.

2) If you live by, or work with Jewish people, pray for them, be a friend to them, take every opportunity to share your experiences about the God of Israel with them. Gently and lovingly bring them home to the Father’s house. Tell them He loves them and is waiting for them to come home to Him. But they also need to hear that the only way to do this is through repentance & inviting Yeshua to be their Lord & Savior. Share Old Testament scriptures that talk about God’s love for the Jewish people and the verses that clearly point to Yeshua as Messiah.

3) Pray and intercede for Israel - remember you are fellow citizens .

4) If you are limited in what you can do personally, perhaps the Lord would have you support prayerfully and materially a Jewish orientated ministry like Out of Zion. (Romans 15:27) It pleased them indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles have been partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister to them in material things.

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It Shall Come to Pass

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O, My people, open your eyes to see and your ears to hear what the Spirit is saying unto you today. Age old prophecies of events to take place in the last days of time are fast being fulfilled. O, My precious ones, so few of you have knowledge of what has been prophesied to take place in the latter days. You may be reading accounts of end time events but you pass them by, thinking they will not take place in your lifetime.

O, My people, I need to warn you that these times of chaos throughout the world shall only accelerate and I desire that you be ready to meet them headlong.

What does My Word say about the last days?....

And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I shall pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. (Acts 2: 17,18)

O, My people, even now is this Scripture being fulfilled and My Spirit is being poured out on ALL flesh...the saved and unsaved alike. I am giving the youth of the world powerful prophetic messages and countless young men are seeing visions and old men are dreaming dreams. Again, I would say to you, mothers and fathers, pray for your young people for I have chosen them to pick up the mantles of the elderly and run with them throughout the world, teaching and preaching and winning the world for Me. Many of these young people shall be endued with powerful healing ministries and miracles of healing shall follow them.

My beloved people, hear the voice of the Lord, know that I am speaking to each of you today, calling you to My side to receive all that I have for you, to prepare you for the days ahead.

When you are in distress and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the Lord your God and obey His voice (for the Lord your God is a merciful God) He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them. (Deut. 4:30,31)

My Word is truth and if you are obedient in following My Word in the latter days I shall never leave you nor forsake you. I shall be with you through all the tribulation that shall come upon you. I have not promised that you will not encounter difficult times but I do promise to be with you and bring you safely through all tribulation. I shall pour out upon you, My power and anointing and you shall accomplish great things for Me even in the midst of perilous times.

He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him....the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day. (John 12:48)

My precious ones, be careful to study My Word diligently and to put it into practice in your lives so that you not face My judgment when I come.

I Saw Jesus' Eyes
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We were out in the Port Au Prince slums in a place called City Dump. It was a place of total and abject poverty and squalor with no electricity, no sewage disposal, and no water except the runoff effluent from a local factory. Pastor Cassy was giving out 4-oz cans of milk to the children.

One place, as the children were lining up from the shortest to the tallest, Jesus looked RIGHT AT ME through the eyes of the littlest boy present. The child was approximately 2 – 2 ½ years old. He was dirty and had just run through a puddle of green slimy water to get to us. He had a top, but no pants or diaper and no shoes.

The encounter only took a few seconds, but I was in total shock. I felt like falling down before those eyes right there in the mud and squalor.

No one can outstare Jesus.

No one will HAVE A THING TO SAY IN THEIR DEFENSE, if they get looked at like that.

Your soul is stripped bare. You know there is no excuse you can make and nowhere to hide.

The eyes were:

Stern
Compelling
Fiery
Piercing
Questioning
All authority and All power.

The Fear of the Lord struck me very powerfully. It's impossible to explain in human words. I was very shaken up. This, I felt, was the message of the eyes:

"Judy, no one wants to do this work. Will you abandon me, too? …If you want to abandon me, it won't be the first time. Virtually everyone abandoned me at the cross."

I found out the next day that this was a place where typhoid, malaria and dysentery are all found. Government officials won't go there. Pastor Cassy has not been able to get doctors and nurses to go there. Most other missionaries won't even go there. The one exception has been Roman Catholic Nuns of the Sisters of Charity, Mother Teresa's order.

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I Saw The Bride

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I was just walking in the evening air with my children. While I was practicing a song I am learning in Hebrew, I saw a vision of the Heavenlies

I saw the Bride being carried in a palanquin. Mighty warrior angels on all corners, making certain nothing in heaven or on earth could stop the Bride from reaching her Beloved. Around the palanquin was a vast army of cherubim and warrior angels. They said in a loud, wonderful chorus: "here is the Bride of the Son of Man! Make a sure path all you princes and principalities, for the Bride is coming to the bedchamber!"

The palanquin was adorned with gems, all the colors of the 12 gems of the ephod. Each gem seemed to sing a different song, relay a different thanksgiving hymn. The poles were golden, and strong, making certain nothing touched the Bride or her litter. The veil protecting the bride was white gauzy linen, woven with gold, so that none could look on her before she met her Bridegroom.

I watched this palanquin with its mighty host pass through vineyards, and young girls cried out: "Here is the Bride of the Son of the Most High God! We will press new wine for their honour!" They tossed grape leaves in the air and celebrated the passing of the Bride through the vineyards.

When the palanquin reached the chambers, the Bridegroom stepped out, and parted the veils. His light was so powerful and pure, the Bride was completely hidden from view. He walked her to the chamber and all the host of Heaven began to sing: "At last the Bride is home with her Beloved! At last the Heavens rejoice!"

I saw the Lord smile and say "It is pleasing to have the Bride in my house with my Son. What I have put together, let no man take apart"

When I asked the Holy Spirit about these mysteries, He said: "The time of intimacy is here. I am moving the people of God into a level of intimacy that can only be from on High. There will be tears and joy, breaking and healing, and they will know the heart of the Most High God! They will know His heart is for them, and they will be undone. I am pouring out the peace, and the love of the Father, I am breaking hearts for the Lost as my people come into new intimacy with Him."

"This season, I am making it clear, what is religion and what is relationship, and the Bride will sing out loudly, "My beloved has a relationship with me!" A new freedom in worship will come, a new communion, when my bride enters into a deeper intimacy with me, with the Lord Most High."

I saw the Bride come out of the chambers, beautiful and round with love. Pregnant and ready to give birth. The Spirit said to me, "Bring forth a new intimacy, Daughter of Zion! Call forth the nations into the embrace of the Father! Birth healing through your groanings, and joy through your praise. Daughter of Zion, dance on the back of the enemy, take back hearts and land and show them to the palanquin waiting just for them."

Oh Lord, God of all Creation! Praise your Holy Name! We long to be in the deepest of intimacy with you. Lord we want to be pregnant with the fruit of Heaven! Break us Lord, Holy Spirit, woo us into that place of total surrender, total trust, total intimacy. Oh Precious Bride, we thank you for choosing us, for Your love which casts out all fear. Make us worthy Oh Lord, to be called your Bride in this hour!

Amen

Preparing for the bridegroom's coming

Heidi Owens

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I woke up this morning leaping out of my bed with great expectation that has been in me for some days now. I asked the Lord about this vision I had last night, and all about the bride chambers. This is what the Lord spoke to me:

"I am taking my people through a time of purification. Get ready for a setting aside time. This time of preparation comes before the palanquin is sent to carry the Bride. There must be a cleansing, stripping, wearing off of the old self, so that only the virginal purity remains."

"Just like Hadassah preparing, I am taking the Bride through a season of preparation. Preparation for the night you will spend with the King. There was a selection process, and now the consecration. Cleansing and scrubbing, "dietary" cleansing, and deep perfuming. There are new robes and fine adornments for you that I cannot place upon a filthy body. Sometimes the cleansing may burn and be uncomfortable. Sometimes the "food" will make you vomit out all that is impure in your belly. Sometimes the humility of your nakedness as I strip away the rags will leave you feeling vulnerable. Sweet perfume will be so fragrant you will forget every foul stench you've ever known. Even the overwhelming beauty of your new robes will bring you to tears

There is coming the hour, when I am making my Bride a warrior Bride. A Queen must be prepared to battle alongside her King. And the Bride will be so strong and ready, she will be able to go into battle in her pregnant state. This is why there is so much preparation."

I saw the Lord holding the Bride in His arms as He stripped her bare of all the rags she clung to. She leaned into Him and cried until His robes were soaked from breast to floor. He covered her nakedness, with a tremendous light, and her vulnerability was His alone. In a breath He anointed her to her very spirit, and the fragrance filled the room. Even the hosts of Heaven began to rejoice and at it filling the air. With a piece of His robes He dressed her. The linen was the purest white I've ever seen. It covered her bareness, which was now bathed in splendour."

When He laid her to rest on a bed of pillows and silk, He said to me, "Daughter come and see, here is all I have for this child." I came with Him to a room full of coffers, armour golden and strong... There were war banners and Jewels, and He called this room "ta rooah muzhav", saying it was her place only.

When she woke up, He showed me a room with a table and three chairs. He said, now we eat with the Bride, she needs good fruit." We sat a while, and while she ate he fed her from His plate, the choicest pieces. She ate like a child hungry after a famine, and He patiently fed her until she was full for a moment.

He looked across the table to me and said, "Daughter of Zion, bring the rest to me, so I can make them ready for my Son." With this He kissed my head and warm sweet oil poured out on me. My hair became sticky and dripped as I went out from there.

"This is the season" says the Spirit of the Lord, for "the mature to bring in the immature, for the loved to bring in the unloved. Those who bring the bride to the King must be consecrated themselves. Bring yourself into a time of preparation and sacrifice before the Lord!"

Oil and thorns
Heidi Owens

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More stages of this vision came to me as I went throughout my day. I went to the market and saw so much of it my mind became blurry.

I looked out as I went from the House of the Lord. All around I saw a countless number of people dressed in rags. I could hear each of them saying, "Here I am, unworthy and alone. There is no hope for me."

I was actually quite surprised to see people who I knew in the natural, crying out like this. My heart was filled with grief. Deep aching sorrow gripped me, and I began to call out: "There is One! There is Hope!" but no sound came from my mouth, only a breath. I became frustrated, wondering why none of them could hear me, and I tried to shout. They walked past me as though I was not there.

"Action," said the Spirit of God. "Action will accomplish the purposes of God."

My head dripped oil, and left a puddle where I stood. It began to spread. People began to walk in it, slipping and falling. I tried to help them to their feet, but the longer I stood, the more the oil spread, and the more people fell. Their ragged clothes soaked with oil. As they fell they began to weep, salty tears mingling with sweet oil, and many, many people began to fall in this oil.

"Stand, make a mark and go on," the Spirit said, so I began to walk. Everywhere I walked, the oil left pools, and people dressed in rags fell.

As I came to the edge of the marketplace, a group of men stood in the gateway. "How are you leaving this mess behind you?" they asked crossly. "We need to keep the undesirable in rags, the fine clothes are for the likes of us!"

"The Lord rebuke you!" I shouted. "How dare you withhold the love of the Most High from ones such as these? You speak false teaching and your love is poison in a bottle, what palanquin could carry you but the palanquin lined with thorns!?" I raised my hand and light was cast upon these ones, showing the rags they wore. Their garments looked fine but in effect they were made of flimsy garbage.

Picking up stones they came after me, seeking to stone me, but the Bridegroom said "Here is no adulteress, she is my Bride. If you seek to stone someone, stone yourselves, for you are as adulterous as any I have ever seen." Hearing this, they looked into His face in astonishment and died.

"Daughter of Zion, walk out with me." he said. "Let me show you where to spread your oil. See what has happened because you waited on me?" He indicated that I turn and look behind me. Among the people who had fallen in this oil, I saw the Lord, taking them to the place where they would prepare to meet the Bridegroom. "Here I thought the banquet table would have many vacant seats, and now I am rejoicing to see differently. Let us not walk, but rest in this palanquin together, and I will show you what I have next for you to do?"

I looked where the men had fallen dead and saw thorns grow up from that place. "Kind and gentle Master, please, mark that place well, so others won't walk there and have their poisonous thorns prick them an infect them."

"For you, Daughter of Zion, I will, but where I am taking you next there are many such men. You will know them by their fruits and they will despise you for yours. I will be with you, and they will not harm you."

He called the place something that sounded like "moor havar" and a fiery angel stood before it. With Him by me, I rested.

Then I was able to focus on the natural again.

AMEN!

I Raised The Jeweled Broadsword
Heidi Owens

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When the Lord brought me to the place where He had this task for me, He set me down on the ground. "Daughter of Zion, here is the land where milk and honey must flow. This land is captive by the thieves who steal, and gluttons who devour. They will try to distract you, because they hate you, and the fruit you bear. They will try to keep the brides from coming forth. Be strong, no one will be able to stop you in this task."

The heavenly guardians stood with the palanquin at the edge of the land. I looked deep into the land before me, and it seemed to be fine to my natural eyes. From the horizon a man approached me. He seemed determined. "Do you come in peace?" he asked. "Or do you come to set the captives free? If you have, then you will surely die."

"If you have in your possession the Bride of my Master's Son, then I can not come in peace." I said curtly. He began to hiss and seethe. His eyes became red as blood. He looked as though he would tear at my throat, and I said loudly:" The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, because the LORD has appointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to announce that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the LORD's favour has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies. To all who mourn in Israel, he will give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, praise instead of despair. For the LORD has planted them like strong and graceful oaks for his own glory"

Hearing this the man held his ears and cried out," Daughter of Zion has come to steal our bounty!" alerting the others of my arrival. All at once I was surrounded by many men, all looking alike. Their countenance was like a dark cloud closing around me. "No Daughter of the King has ever come this far! You will surely die now!"

By my side was a broad sword covered with jewels like the ephod. They seemed to shine more brightly than ever now, and they covered every inch of the gold sword. I raised the sword, and touched the heavenlies. The light from the throne room poured out through the clouds, and cut down the men. Sword in hand, I stepped over them and walked on into the land.

Each house was like a tomb. I could see that no vineyard bore fruit, and no field of grain would come to harvest. I became concerned, and asked the Lord, "How are these eating?"

"These ones have never eaten" He said, "The oppressors have taken the harvest all their lives."

When I came to a bridge, there were children hiding underneath it. I climbed down under it, and they seemed to be unable to speak. "Why hide? Here is the hand of one who is sent to free you."

"The masters said the Daughter of Zion had come, we heard them shout it. These many years we were afraid of her, for they told us she was a destroyer of yokes. Our yokes are all we have."

"Know this," I said, "I am a destroyer, a berserker. I am sent to free you, and give you the yoke of my Master, which is light as air. This land will flow milk and honey now, the devourers have been cast out. The thieves have been struck down. Everything you sow you will reap from here on."

As I spoke many came from hiding places. They explained to me that this bridge was forbidden, because it was a route to the King's house, and He wasn't interested in filth like them. I groaned in my spirit when I heard this, and said. "All who would come to the house of my Master, my Father, follow this path. Here is a standard sent up for you." And I held the broadsword up into the light, twelve gems casting a glorious light before me, all around us.

Walking across the bridge, I looked back, and saw a multitude coming with me. The angels and the palanquin following behind them. I could not take my arms down and the broadsword seemed light as a feather.

I looked up and the Spirit of the Lord said "Well done good and kind Warrior Bride. Let the masses follow you to the house of the Lord. Daughters of Zion arise and take up your swords, bring the people into the gates of the house of the Lord Most High." Warm oil poured out from above, and dripped down the broadsword and down my arms to the legs which carried me ad to the ground, leaving a trail behind me. "Don't worry about losing a single one of these; they follow the fragrance of the Bride who shows them the way." explained the Spirit of God.

When we reached the gates, they opened wide. The Lord was there and scooped up all these children of His just like this girl I had seen before. The palanquin came beside me and the Lord said, "Rest now, the battle has just begun."

Confronting the dragon
Heidi Owens

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While this celebration continued, I looked out of the gates and beyond the lands of my Master. "Have I rested enough? I feel I must get strait to my task? Know, Lord my time with you is sweet and good, but I feel deep groaning in my belly, deep pain which I know is not mine."

"We will go out together, and see what's going on far away." He smiled at me.

In the palanquin, He sat with me, while we were taken to the lands I saw. We spoke about His children and His plans for them. Listening with attentive ears, I soaked in every word He said. He spoke of some I knew in the natural, and showed me their deepest hearts. He showed me some I only know through the spirit, and told me how this intercession was touching them. All the wile, I could feel my heart beat pounding deep within me.

We came to a beach. The guardians helped me put my armour on there. My Lord said to me," I have faith that you will find the dragon, kill it, and meet us again. Go across the water, and when you reach the far shore, the dragon will have smelled the fragrance of you, and be waiting. It doesn't hide, and pride is its weakness. You will have help there, and these will meet you on the other side of the mountain." Saying this, He took me in His hand and placed me upon the far shore.

The shore littered with corpses, was a stench in itself. Now I understood why the dragon would know me by my fragrance. Just as my Master had said, it came out from behind a crop of rocks, taunting me. "Daughter of Zion! Ha! Is this the best the King has to challenge me!? You lowly little child, I will enjoy devouring you, and killing you slowly. You are a fool for coming here; your Master has sent you here to die." The beast paused a moment and considered me. I stood saying nothing, only staring back angrily. "Perhaps, Daughter of Zion, we can make an arrangement. There is no queen in my realm; none of them pleased me so I ate them. You however seem different, stronger, and more powerful. Take this crown, wear it and declare me lord, and I will spare your life today."

It walked around me, considering, sniffing, calculating, waiting for my reply.

"Father of Jezebel, hear me. Nothing you have could be of any value to me, except the land here you have stolen form the captives, littered with bodies and poison. My Lord has sent me to destroy you, and I will do it gladly."

"Your Lord is a coward, who cannot fight His own battles. He sends a child, an innocent, to take on ME!"

Hearing this, I became wild with anger. Taking my broadsword I slashed one of its wings off. It became enraged and tried to slash me with its tail, when all at once a warrior angel stood on it. I swung again and cut off its tongue. Raising my sword over my head and aiming back, like a javelin thrower, I sent it strait to the belly of the beast. It screamed a horrible shrieking scream, and fell dead. The warrior angel stepped down and stood beside me.

"Don't touch that," it said to me when I reached to take my jeweled sword out of the belly of this thing. "Don't defile yourself with this filth."

"But my Lover gave me this sword, I must have it back."

Reaching, the warrior angel pulled out the sword, and a great groaning came.
The belly of the beast split in two and many, many captives, children of my Master began to fall out. "We take these to the House of the Lord," said the angel. "Look here, the beach is clean again, and the passage through the hills is visible."

I washed each person in the water by the shore, and we set out, the Lord and the palanquin only a short distance off. When I looked back, all that was left of the dragon was a pile of stone. We called this place something that sounded like "mak lanoo hoveh" and met my Master.

I Smile Upon You With My Favor

Sandy Warner

Oct 13, 2004
My child how often I have seen you look down because of your self image. It hurts Me so much to see your downcast eyes, when I love you so much! Your image shall change as you look upon My face, for you shall become like Me. Dear one, when you look into My eyes, you will only see the eyes of great love. I have placed My favor upon your life. Allow the generosity of this gift of favor to soak through to your heart. Finally, may it shine back through your eyes and may they never be downcast again, dear one.

I will bless you as you learn the language of My love. Each and every day will become an adventure as you see it through My heart for you. I want your eyes, your ears, all of you grafted into My stream of living Words, that I may reach the deepest most inner recesses of your soul. How I want to reach you!

Sometimes you have felt like you did not fit in to anyone's mold, but that is all right because I made you exactly to fit My own. You know, you are a lot like Elijah. He was somewhat of a loner and he isolated himself in his thoughts. But once I lit his flame, there burned such a holy passion for My Word, he would stop at nothing when I sent him. Few saw Elijah as a tender man. But that too I placed within him. I want to keep you tender. Guard your tender heart and keep it soft and pliable and ever yearning to hear My love language. Your heart is most precious and I do not ever want it to grow numb with hopelessness again.

You have earnestly asked Me for wisdom and I have liberally planted My wisdom within your life. I quicken your nuggets of truth like rich gold pieces, planted at the right time and the right place. Listen to My voice quicken your very words back to you, and let Me bless you with your own gifting. You are My master builder, and much will be accomplished through the wisdom that you have so carefully nurtured all these years.

Thank you for your intercessions, My love. You continue to rise above the ashes of your life as My burnt offering, liberally sprinkled along life's road. I see you standing tall among the crowds below. You stand out to Me. You are My hidden treasure, My gift and My sign. I will teach you the language of the prophets and you shall be My sign, My living Word and My message to the world.

Let Me fan your flame. I will continue to blow My winds upon you to make your torch grow hotter and hotter. It is My joy to bring you back to life and this time I intend to make you a wild one for Me. There will come a day when others would sell all they had for just one touch of what I will give you. Yes, for all the wounds you have suffered, I have now placed a torch within your hand. You know little of it now, but eventually you will even fan yourself with this torch of My Presence as often as you need it. I can hardly wait to see the look on your face when you discover this for yourself. Dear, dear beloved. Look up to Me, let your eyes settle into My eyes and let the joy of My liberal favor upon your life shine through your own.

Num 6:24-26 KJV
The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

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Calling Forth The Hidden Seeds

Sandy Warner

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There are times in My Spirit when all things come to fruition and it becomes time for you to prophesy and declare that the hidden things become manifest. I plant My seeds of promise and destiny within your womb and they grow in faith until the time for manifestation.

It is time for you to call forth what I have planted within you to become manifest. Prophesy, declare, write, pray, preach, sing, intercede, bring it forth. Release the hidden seeds from long ago onto earth and let My Spirit have full power in their fruition. Come forth, oh Words of God. Come forth and bear fruit on earth as it is in heaven. All things are coming ripe for the harvest. Rejoice oh bride. All of heaven rejoices with you.

Hag 2:19 NLT
I am giving you a promise now while the seed is still in the barn, before you have harvested your grain and before the grapevine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have produced their crops. From this day onward I will bless you."

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Grow Up And Eat The Meat
Sandy Warner

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My people, I AM going to speak strong meat to you. You are still drinking milk and you need to increase your strength through protein. It is not My speaking that causes a problem, it is your inability to receive My Words of strong passion, both in love and war. Know you not the Voice of your Creator? Am I not the God of holy passion, the One Whose love is pure and intense? Feel My heart as I mount up with strong meat. Feel it build as I dismount the layers in your own hearts that would yet resist My voice to go deeper into the things of your God. I have called you forth for strength this day, now eat My Words and swallow them. I shall continue to feed you My meat until these strongholds fall in your mind-sets.

Heb 5:12-14 NKJV
For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

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Learn To Abide
Sandy Warner

Oct 24, 2004

LEARN TO ABIDE
Come forth My beloved Bride.
I AM by your side.
I AM both in you and with you...
Now learn to abide.

Did you know it's a season?
Yes I AM your reason.
I AM your taste and see...
Now receive that I AM pleasin'.

I AM good Words and good fruit
I AM ankle deep to boot.
I AM here to help ...
Now let Me gather your loot.

> *1 John 2:27-28 KJV But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.*

The Great Hour Glass of Time
Sandy Warner

It is I Who holds the times and seasons in the palm of My hand. In a time of great delay, the sands of time were held back, then released once again to flow, one grain at a time. My people have suffered a great delay in answered prayers and promises. Yet, with each grain of passing, I distributed My Word like falling manna upon the earth. The gathering and keeping of My Word has been like a giant dam, storing up a large volume of promises and power, coupled with prayer and faith. And now, the last grain of sand has passed through to the other side. All heaven holds their breath as I, the Lord of Heaven, declare what is to come.

My hand is even now upon the hour glass of time; I AM the Just One, I will overturn. Where injustice was on top, now justice will reign. Where enslavement towered, liberty will ensue. What was once the tail, now will be the head. Watch now as I begin a new work and turn the tables and the tide.

Yes, the world is shaking, trembling and even perishing, but that is part of this powerful turn over. As I topple those powers who were unjustly on top, I will take them to the bottom of the pile. Make sure that your treasures are not My enemies, for My enemies are destined to be under foot.

Watch the new flow begin. Watch the enormous collected wealth of generations of promises begin to flow with fulfillment and purpose. Watch with anticipation as the harvest of all things falls into place!

Even as the birth canal stretches and opens to allow the baby to pass through, so has My hour glass enlarged its passage. Therefore, as I overturn this great hour glass of time, one grain of sand will still fall one at a time, but the flow will hasten. Eventually as the weight of the collected grains begins to dawn upon the hearts of My people, active faith will reunite with yesterday’s hope. One person at a time will leave the mind sets of yesterday and suddenly realize the tables HAVE turned. My people will come alive and KNOW I AM the Just One. I have heard their prayers; I have grieved with them and the shouts and groans of their most silent tears have kindled My heart like no other. They shall know Me, even as I know them. They shall know the Just One, Who is their Abba Daddy.

Deut 28:12-14 NKJV
The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season,

and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them.

1 Cor 15:24-28 NLT
After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having put down all enemies of every kind. For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. For the Scriptures say, "God has given him authority over all things." (Of course, when it says "authority over all things," it does not include God himself, who gave Christ his authority.) Then, when he has conquered all things, the Son will present himself to God, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere.

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These Are My Servants Across The World
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Oct 17, 2004

Wild in enthusiasm, brave in your touch.
Wild in your passion, I need you so much.
I am growing you up - to be holy bold,
So that you will do - what you are told.
It's a fact and it's a must.
It's all of you for heaven or bust.
Heaven's great treasures,
in you to full measure.

These are the ones who are sold out for Me.
With their hearts in their hands for all to see.
Come free My people and delight their way.
Using nuggets of humor and they will stay.
I am watching you all from heaven above.
You delight My heart and My heavenly Dove.

It's all in the keeping, of My power to do so.
Wave your right hand and say that you know.
That you will trust Me in every way.
As I move you forward from this very day.
Now take a rest,
in what I do best.
Don't simmer and stew,
just say a big whew.

Be kind and not gruff.
Be bold and not tough.
I will weave it all in to teach you My stuff.
Bring Me your troubles
and bring Me your cares
Untangle the fetters and untangle the snares.

Communicate what's on your heart to say

This will keep you from being led astray.
Wisdom is sure and will build her house.
From the meek one who wanted to remain a mouse.
From a mouse to a lion from a child to a man.
It's My glorious work multiplied all over the land.
He's My man and you are the plan.
To move into position at My right hand.

Holy Spirit breathe upon our letters.
Tenderize our hearts and remove the fetters.
We welcome You into our midst
Please abide with us and be our guest.
We lean upon You to provide our meal
Our hearts are humble, before You we kneel.

2 Cor 3:2-3 NKJV
You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

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To Purge Abandonment
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Oct 11, 2004
Yes, dear ones, I love you so much that I am willing to take you to far away places, or even have far away places come to you, just to set you free from your past wounds. At times you have felt like you are stripped naked, but I want to assure you, when in the pure Presence of My love, you are always clothed and safe. I would never abandon you to shame and I AM always with you in ways that you have yet to discover for yourself.

I know that issues of abandonment in your lives and in the lives of your loved ones have brought you through a trail of tears. This has become your private cross that you have born in silence. Beloved ones, the pain from these issues was not your fault. Circumstances may point to your failures, but I know the truth. Do not accuse yourselves. It hurts Me when you do this.

You have lived behind the closed doors of isolation long enough. Your joy will be returned to you in full - and you will never be alone again. You will be gathered with 3 generations of My kindred heart family.

John 14:18 NLT
No, I will not abandon you as orphans--I will come to you.

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Unclean Soul Ties
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Oct 15, 2004
Keep a watch care posted on the door of your soul. When you join with others who are like minded, always remember to keep your soul pure before Me. I make all things new and bring My people into My image. It is a process and until complete, wounds and soul giants taint lives with mixture.

It is for you to discern and purpose not to allow the union of your soul with their places of mixture. In these days of joining, both men and spirits are finding their common denominators for greater synergy. This is My work and a sign of the end of the age when I separate the wheat from the tares. Be sure that in your joinings, you flee compromise and stand for a life without mixture. In so doing, I shall greatly multiply your authority, boundaries and metrons. As I have spoken through My prophets, - to a people without mixture I shall pour My Spirit without measure.

Prov 16:17 NKJV
The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He who keeps his way preserves his soul.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (Philippians 4:8 KJV)

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Intense Spiritual Warfare

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Word of The Lord

July 27, 2004

There is intense spiritual warfare going on at this very second. My Holy Angels are in mortal combat with the enemy over the souls of the saints. This warfare has been raging for some time now and the enemy is prevailing. My saints must keep themselves armed with their weapons of warfare. They must not let down their guard for one moment. I have made a way of escape and all must take this avenue of escape at this given time. Keep your eyes totally fastened upon Me and allow Me to conquer the enemy of your soul for you. Many are beginning to fall at this given time, but soon and very soon My church will rise up victorious on all sides. Ride the wave of victory that I have placed you on Church and do not allow the enemy to dethrone you.

This is your hour of complete victory on all sides. This is your hour that you must rise up victorious in every situation. Do not take your eyes off of the prize of the high calling that I have upon your lives. Keep focused! Keep focused! For the enemy would love to devour you at this given time. He is throwing many darts at My Chosen Ones, but remember what I have spoken in Isaiah 54, No Weapon formed against you shall ever prosper. Come on church rise up above these fiery darts and ride the victory wave.

Take heed to the voices of My prophets and do not allow the enemy to close your ears to My Words of direction at this given time. My prophets are listening intently for My directions, and they are taking them to the church. Church, rise up and listen to what saith the Lord at this given time.

I have already come and plowed up the fallow ground. Allow the seeds to take root and then go forth under My Victory flag and destroy the enemies&#8217; camp on all sides. Great salvations await My church. Great rewards await My True Body of Believers. Manifestation after manifestation will occur as My Church walks forward triumphantly.

July 30, 2004

Dear Children:

I write this letter to you, to let you know how very much I love you. You are forever etched upon My heart and I am forever watching over you. At this given time some of you are swaying under the heavy hand of the enemy. But I say unto you, hold on! Hold on, for I am coming for My church. I am coming to restore all that the canker and the palmer worm has stolen.

KJV Joel 2:25. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, My great army which I sent among you.

This is a time of much confusion in the Body, but I am coming to clear up the confusion and to bring order back into My House once again. The enemy has had his time, and now, I am coming after My Bride and I shall wash you white as snow and you shall no longer be swayed by the evil one.

I Corinthians 14:33. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Restoration is coming into My House and great shall be the salvation of My people. Those who are called by My name shall do mighty exploits at this given time. Stand up. Dress yourself in your battle gear and go forth and slay the giants in the land. Did I not promise complete restoration? Then the church shall see complete restoration. I am restoring the land. I am bringing back My Holy anointing into the houses that have laid wasted and desolate.

Acts 3:21. Whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

All shall see the Glory of the Lord, for the days of Joel are coming upon My churches throughout this entire continent. No one will be left out. All who call themselves My Children and walk in My statutes shall know of My Holy anointing upon their lives.

The reapers have been sent out to My churches and they are doing the final works before My Holy spirit overtakes the churches. America shall know My Glory once again. She will stand in a state of repentance and she shall cry out to a Holy God and I shall hear from My Holy mountain and I shall sustain My True People. The floods shall not overtake them, for they shall be protected by My strong right arm. For I am truly Jehovah Jireh to My chosen people, who are called by My name.

Matthew 13:30. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, &#8220;First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.&#8221;

Matthew 13:39. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels.

James 5:4. Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

Rejoice church! Look up, for your redemption doth draweth nigh.

I See You My Daughters

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I see you, My daughters, I see the deep heartcries of My own. You have been in a desperate situation and time and have tasted the mire and the desperation that many of My Beloved have been living in for much of their lives even unto this moment in time. I see My daughters who have cried out night and day for true love from their earthly fathers as they continue to seek their acceptance and love. I see as fathers continue to suppress their daughters even under the pretext of doctrinal issues and traditions of religion. I see the loyalty of your fathers to Me but I also see the areas of jealousy, competition and the pride of man that they exhibit towards you. To you, My daughters, know that you have a Heavenly Father who cares about you more than you can ever think or imagine and that it is My desire that your earthly father will see you as I do... You have been in painful situations because of your earthly fathers and they have not been easy upon you and it has taken great faith on your part to remain afloat. My daughters do not think that the I AM does not see or feel your pain. Know that My hand is not short and know that I AM able to deliver you and promote you into the destiny I have for you.

I see you, My daughters, I see as husbands continue to try to manipulate and control you again under the pretext of doctrine, tradition and even pride in who they are. What My beloved ones fail to understand is that when I brought forth man, you were already in him. Woman was not brought forth at another time but you were inside man when he was created ready for Me "to bring out" - to stand beside him 'as one'. I see "your" pain, My daughters.... I see the pain as you follow Me with all of your heart and I see the pain as husbands continue to tear down even though, in their own eyes, they never see this as happening. Men who profess to follow Me and all My ways but ever so subtly are tearing down their wives. My daughters, again do not think that the I AM does not see or feel your pain or of what is happening. I did not create man to control their wives in order to elevate themselves whether it be in the spiritual arena or in the natural. You have stood and you have prayed for your husbands to see, to truly see what they are doing and to have the Godly marriage that was sought for you from the very beginning. You have stood but you have also watched as the situation does not change. Yes, I see you, My daughters and KNOW that I will bring you forth and into your destiny.

I see you, My daughters, I see as the church who operates in My Name, continues to belittle you in lieu of their traditions and doctrines. Teachings that bring down My creation, My daughters to a level you are not to be. My own are not to operate separately but together in one accord. I see, My Beloved, as the church and religion tries to separate you from your destiny but again, KNOW that I will bring you forth and into your destiny.

I see you, My daughters. I see your desperate situation, I see, hear and feel your desperate cries as you seek only to come forth in what I have for you - seeking with all of your heart your Heavenly Father and Husband who loves you with such an unconditional love and devotion that is sometimes hard to comprehend living under your natural conditions. You have felt the desire to give up. You feel as though you are going under. You are partaking and tasting what so many of My daughters are living under, even now. Through it all, I have equipped you to minister to those who are the downcast.

I am not a God Who is slack toward My promises to you. Know that I will do what I have said I would do in your life. Out of desperation comes My Glory. Out of defeat comes My victory. Because of your obedience and persistence with Me amongst your most difficult situation, comes My Glory and My power. Out of your persistence you have run the race and will now win the prize of My high calling on your life. You have been prepared through the winds of adversity and you will be crowned with My glory to be a light and beacon in this world of darkness. Up until now the light has been hidden or partially obscured but no more. No more will I allow My daughters to be suppressed. It is time the basket is removed completely from over the light. I have empowered you to do the ministry I have called you to and I have equipped you to do it... You have tasted your calling already but it is nothing compared to what you will see happen before your very eyes. The enemy has tried to stop what I AM doing in your midst but he has failed. There is an open door before you that will be a 'final' break of the old ways. Any, in their heart and by their actions who continue to suppress you will be brought low but it is My desire that fathers, husbands and the church see that I am establishing My daughters in the forefront of what I AM doing. Either they will be beside you or they will lag behind and stand alone.

My daughters, I see every moment of your sufferings, remember My Word: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." As Naaman you have not given up after one dip in the pool, nor after two dips. I have called you, it IS coming, nothing can stop it! Don't be discouraged after a few dips but wait for number seven. I see you, My daughters and now - stand and watch as you see the I AM perform the miraculous in your life. Your eyes will see things that you have never seen before. Up till now My ravens have been sustaining you, but now the I AM steps into the situation.

My daughters, I have had you on stepping stones and I have walked you 'across the water" from your side of religion, and to the faith walk to MY side. I AM a consuming fire... let Me consume you and you to consume Me. Let all that is mine be yours. My daughters, grasp and lay hold of each word I have given you. Speak it as though it's already happened and give Me the praise. Focus on Me, focus on My Word. I send many to encourage you and some are sent by the devices of the enemy to pull you down, but remember I AM always the final authority! I see you, My daughters and I say the time for striving to belong in your rightful place is over. The I AM Who has called you WILL perform it. Remain steadfast in your faith in Me, do not waiver, do not become discouraged, the He that has called you is faithful!

In Total Awe

Barbara Lynch

September 29, 2004
Father, what is it that you are trying to reveal to me, at this given time?

Daughter, a great explosion is about to occur in My Body. It will be to such a degree, that all will stand back in total awe at what the Lord has done. This is a time of great persecution throughout the land, and great tribulation upon the earth. Look at the signs around about you! Look at the weather conditions! No one has seen this in such intensity before and they will never see it again, for I am about to conclude My works upon this earth.

The thunderings and lightings are proceeding forth, even as we speak.

I was at home when this part of the prophecy came forth. I was interrupted by a phone call, but I knew there was more to come and this is what God spoke that evening in our service right after praise and worship

September 29, 2004 7:00 pm

Church you are like the five foolish virgins who thought they had forever to get their lamps prepared. I tell you My children, and I tell you now, if you would only see what is going on in the heavenly realm; if you would only see how My angels are scurrying about getting things prepared; you would run and get your lamps full of oil.

But I tell you that you play around, and you play around, and you play around as if you had forever to do this thing. I have called you unto Me and called you unto Me and called you unto Me. And I tell you this night you have still not prepared your hearts for the coming of My son. You have still not prepared your hearts for this great harvest that I am going to be pouring out upon My people.

I tell you My people you are not ready to minister salvation to the lost and the dying world because you are still playing with the things of this world. You are still holding onto the things of the flesh. Let go I say! Let go My children! If you do not let go the enemy is truly going to consume you. You wonder what is going on around about you. The enemy is trying and he has come and he is consuming everything in his path. And I tell you that there is things' going on in the spirit realm that you cannot comprehend at this time. There are things going on in the heavenly realm that I cannot explain to you, because you are not prepared for what I am about to do.

I tell you I am coming! I am coming! I am coming saith the lord and I am going to do a great and mighty works in this earth, are you going to get yourself prepared? Are you going to get yourself prepared for this great and mighty works that I am going to do. I have been looking to and fro. I have been looking to and fro and I cannot find the people that would do this great and mighty works for Me. Come this night I say, come this night and shed your filthy garments. Let Me wash you white as snow and let Me do the great and the perfect work within you that needs to be done for the great coming of My son saith the Lord. I am going to hold you accountable. I am going to hold you accountable for the souls that do not get saved. Why are you like the foolish virgins? Why will you not comprehend the times? Look around about you, what do you see, trouble on every side. I tell you My people wars and rumors of war. I tell you My people the signs are all around about but you still are not comprehending what I am about to do saith the lord.

I hear the lord say it is time we quit dancing with the devil and it is time we place our hands to the plow and we keep them there. And it is time we go forward and do the great and mighty works he has called us forth to do.

Matthew 25: 1-13

1. "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.
2. "Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
3. "Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,
4. "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
5. "But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.
6. "And at midnight a cry was heard: `Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'
7. "Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.
8. "And the foolish said to the wise, `Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'
9. "But the wise answered, saying, `No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'
10. "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.
11. "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, `Lord, Lord, open to us!'
12. "But he answered and said, `Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
13. "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

I Corinthians 3:1-3:
1. And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ.
2. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;
3. for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

Matthew 16:1-3

1. Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven.
2. He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, `It will be fair weather, for the sky is red';
3. "and in the morning, `It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern the signs of the times.

Luke 9:62
62. But Jesus said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

There is something powerful going on in the spirit realm. I can't explain it and I won't even try. I am just telling you saints (I know I know) that we are about ready to encounter God in a way that we are really not prepared to encounter him.

Saints, we must get it together.
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In Times of Pain

Luz Cintrón

I know through all
my Savior lives
and reigns up high
and reigns within
in darkness as within the light
His love is hope
His presence might.

I know the tears
that roll down here
cross through the pain
cuts through the fear
I know He lives and reigns up high
His love is sure
His presence mine.

O Lamb Of God
I love You still
and Your embrace is all I need
Don't ever open up Your arms
they are my shelter Lamb of Life.

Although I'm blind
and blame speaks near
although the silence
speaks of fear
My heart is resting on His side
from where the blood and water rise.

Rise me with You
O Lamb of Love
envelop in currents that flow
unhindered by my guilty shame
the debt is paid
Your love remains.

Oh Lamb of God
Sweet Lamb of Fire
My Precious Love
my Sweet Delight
Desire of my soul and heart
You have my best always in mind.

I trusted You
I trust you still
I know Your thoughts
are life for me
in water and in blood I'm dressed
forever cleansed
forever safe.

Your servant in His love;
Luz C. Cintrón

Incensing the Serpent

Conrad Lampan

It is alarming to see how all things magical, even with a "witchy" side if you let me, are creeping into the church. My wife and I continually receive emails and tapes from many different sources invariably focusing on things like wells of water that carry power, or places that are "charged" with power, and anointing oils that carry more power because they are made with spices brought from Jerusalem, and some are even more powerful because they were made on site in a cave under the place where some saint preached under the wall of some ancient city in Israel (forgive my irony). By the way, the oil to which James refers that was used to anoint the sick was plain, flat, regular, common olive oil.

My question in all this is: where in the world is the power of Jesus? If I expect anything miraculous to happen the source of it is the Holy Spirit, the Power of the Blood, and the name of Jesus. It is true that Jesus used different stuff when He healed people: He used mud, He used spit, He commanded a washing, and other things; however He never said anything in the line of "this is holy mud". To put the focus in the elements used as say point of contact leads us into very murky and dangerous waters.

We find a very interesting passage about this in the story of the "healing serpent" in Israel. In 2 Kings 18:4 (KJV) we read

"He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan."

Imagine, this was Hezekiah the king, hundreds of years after the bronze serpent was lifted by Moses the people were still burning incense to it! They were worshipping the means God used to bring healing when as a result of their sin they were attacked by real snakes. They have turned what God used, a means to an end into a magical object that required worship! That was witchcraft, rebellion!

The bad news is that similar things are happening in the church today, not only that some people are focusing in the elements or even in the anointed individuals God uses instead of focusing on the Person who is the source of power; but even worse some people are incorporating into the church activities and rituals that are taken from pagan rituals. My God, how can a Christian draw "inspiration" or power from pagan, evil, demonic sources? We need to realize that anything and I mean anything no matter how it looks, no matter how shiny or golden it appears to be, anything that comes from the world into the church is demonic in origin and aim to take us away from Jesus. The world in any form has no business in the church.

It is particularly dangerous when in our efforts and desire for revival we start digging into the past to find the source of power, instead of realizing the our source of power is here and now in the Person of the Holy Spirit, available to every one who would pay the price of surrendering to His will.

We can surely learn from past revivals, we can learn from the achievements and from the errors, but we enter into quicksand when we try to dig up "powers from past to present". When we do it we can be in dire danger of bringing stuff from the past that does not belong in here, opening doors to a revival of "all things evil". There are some in the church that seem to think that all things past are good (this is a basic of the New Age movement) and spend their time digging up spiritual things from the past, interconnecting them, and analyzing them to the extent of making a science out of the whole process. Knowledge that does not come from the Lord is not good.

For God's sake friends, let us not incorporate witchcraft in the church. Magic belong somewhere else not in Christian meetings. I know that some will be offended by this article, those who cherish their "stuff" might be even angry because of this note. However, let me tell you something that the Lord is clearly saying: it is time for the church to be cleansed from anything and everything that has been added which is not from God. It is time for repentance. If we have done things our way, we need to repent at once.

Evan Roberts who was used of God to spark a revival in Wales in 1904 said the clue was "Confess any known sin, and get rid of anything doubtful" in your life. We want revival, so let us go to the same fountain the revivalists of the past had. What did the Apostles, Luther, Roberts, Finney, Campbell, and countless others that were used of God in revival? Prayer, The Scriptures, Intimacy with God, Centered in Jesus, and a message of repentance.

There is power in the Blood of Jesus, there is power in the Name of Jesus, there is power in the Holy Spirit; we certainly need no other source much less one that taps into the wells of evil.

Be Blessed

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Is The Seed Still In The Barn

Glywn McInnes

Haggai2:10.
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Cruising through the book of Haggai this morning, came across the similar date mentioned in relation to the condition of a nation which could be paralleled to several nations of the Western style, in these days !
Am aware that the Hebrew calendars give different alignments to the calendars used by other cultures, but the similarity of dates,- and timing of my reading of this passage could point to the possible fitness of His 'word' in today's times, and conditions.

"IS THE SEED STILL IN THE BARN ?"

" As yet, the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit; --- but from this day, My people, I am blessing you with the abilities to speak forth My Word as 'seed' to the hearts and minds of those who have caused the work of their hands to become unclean,- and even that which they offer to Me here, as their own sacrifice of praise, their 'tithes' and offerings, along with the manifold fruit of their supposed 'God-given' works;- yes, even these are unclean and bespoiled !
They have made it appear that good is evil; and evil is good,- and so they pontificate, and make pompous speeches along the lines of their own understandings of My Word !

My Word does not have writing 'between the lines', My people !

My Word does not leave room for compromise with the world's way of thinking and doing !

My Word is in fact the 'Seed' that should be sown amongst those who are desperately searching for the answers that it gives,- those who need My guidelines to show them the Way, the Truth, and the Life !

But there are those who, by their own private interpretation, scatter seeds that are not from My Spirit !
They draw many to themselves by offering an 'unclean - love' scenario, - because the people would have it so,- and these scenarios are based on the wisdom that does not come down from Heaven through My Spirit , but is earthy, sensual and demonic in the extreme !

While all this continues, My Word,- the true 'seed', languishes in the barns of those who are in dread of facing up to the world's debaters;- in dread of being called 'outspoken' by those who claim deeper insights to the 'real-world', -those who are not committed to My ways, but have twisted words to gain an effect !

So then, My people; I will shake heaven and earth; I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will overthrow the 'carts of evil' that the mistaken ones drag about, as they boast of their sin and say in their error,' We are in the Temple, we are in the Temple;- we can not be judged by you who do not understand us !'
For in truth, My people, I have already judged them, and even now I await their repentance, and I cry out to them through you and the 'seed' that you take from the barn. My ears are open to your words of intercession, but I may not hear if you continue to keep the seed in the barn !

Open the doors, and let King of Truth come into the field to sow the good seed !

Open the doors of the barns; so that the harvest can be bountiful !

Open the doors for the seed to emerge !

The Treasury of Hail
Glywn McInnes

"Zero" Conditions In Wellington, (New Zealand)

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NewstalkZB

The Wellington region is reeling under yet another bitter southerly storm

High winds and rough seas have forced the cancellation of sailings by the fast ferry Lynx.
The Rimutaka Hill road has been closed off and on by snow - at the moment it is passable with caution - ***and the capital has been pounded by giant hail stones.***

One the size of a golf ball broke a motorcyclist's helmet visor.

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Have you entered the treasury of snow, or seen the treasury of hail,
Which I have reserved for the time of trouble,- for the day of battle and war?" *Job 38 :22&23*

" See the battle, My people !

See the site of the battle; - the 'high places' of power in your land !
Though you have protested and made your point regarding the incoming 'floods' of the enemy,- the battle is far from over !

Now, you will see the enemy's stand that is set against you !

Now, you will observe the 'cloud' of false witnesses that have been raised up to pull you down;- the enemy has asked to sift you as wheat;- to test your sincerity;- to fathom the depths of your commitment to Me !

Take on, - and brighten your weapons that I have given you !
Stand fast, under the pressure that is about to come upon you and yours !
The enemy's aim is to take no prisoners; he comes to kill, - scatter;- and destroy at all costs !
Be vigilant, be alert, stand your ground !
But, My people, do not despair, for I am with you !
Behold the hail and the snow;- signs that you are not alone in this battle !

Yes, your God will fight alongside you !
Yes, My arm is mighty to save !
Yes, you will overcome and pass the test !

But I need to hear your voice, My people ! I need to hear the voices of your men-of-war as they rise up and call to me !
Call to Me, and I will know that you are prepared to stand against the foe, with your God at your side !

The Lord of Hosts is My Name !
Is anything too difficult for Me ? "

It's Time
Sylvia Deall

2004 - It's Time!

I keep hearing "it's time!"

Time for the warriors to arise for the skirmishes of the past that have been as training are now becoming the prelude to the final battle. The enemy plays for keeps and he is not fooling around. The army of God must arise. Must take their stand. This is not a time for training. That has already taken place. The seasoned warriors are to lead the troops to war. The captain of the Lord of Hosts is at the ready. The trumpet soon will sound.

It's time. Time to fill the lamps with oil. Time to purify the heart. Time to be done with all lesser things. Time to be radically His. Time to be radically obedient. Time to be radically sensitive to His voice. Time to be done with milk and to feed on the meat. Time to put aside childhood and to walk in maturity. Time to look the enemy in the face and take aim. Time to no longer be the target but to target the enemy of our souls. redeem the time.

Make good use of that which is left. Apply the lessons of the past. Walk in His holiness. Walk in His victory. Walk in His strength. Walk in His grace. Walk in His glory. Walk in His power.

Stand ready. Stand prepared. He has prepared you. He has trained your hands for battle. He is calling His army together, setting you in place. Stand shoulder to shoulder with those He has placed you alongside. Stand as one! Rejoice in where He places you. Stand ready...stand firm. Stand in absolute submission to the Lord of lords.

Stand... your waist girded with truth, your heart covered by His righteousness, your feet planted on His gospel of peace, your faith though small as a grain of mustard seed strong to move mountains as your shield, your head covered by salvation, the word of God in your heart and on your lips.

Stand with His high praise sounding forth. Stand ready to march forth to war. To take the land. to see His glory poured out upon the earth.

It's time!

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It Takes More Than Talent
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It takes people with godly character and habits to effectively advance the Kingdom of God. While there are many talented and anointed leaders, those who have a foundation of godly character (moral excellence) will lead more than by their words; they model by their lifestyle in ways that are truly transformational. It is who we are -- more than what we know -- that inspires genuine change in another person's life.

Each of us must decide to take the necessary steps to strengthen our own moral legacy. We must practice what we preach. We must realize that moral excellence can only be built through Bible study, quiet times with God, and a history of making "right choices" -- or what I like to call "hidden victories." Such hidden victories occur when you do the "right" thing -- pay your taxes, tithe, show kindness to your wife and children, bless someone who has hurt you -- even when no one sees you except God. A history of "hidden victories" will insure long-term success in the Kingdom.

4 Components of Godly Character

As I have studied Scripture and meditated on God's view of character, I have concluded that four components provide evidence of godly character: love, integrity, maturity, and an abundance mentality.

1. Love is essential to every ministry. The Apostle Paul wrote: "If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all His mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, 'Jump,' and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:2, The Message). Throughout God's Kingdom, there have been generations of "gifted nothings" -- people who have done miraculous work but who never truly understood the need for intimacy with God.

2. Integrity is the act of being honest at all times. We must forge a foundation of trust with those whom we are mentoring, equipping, and leading. If we have integrity, our words will be remembered, because others will have seen that our actions match our words. Jesus had the highest level of integrity possible; His disciples knew that Jesus practiced what He preached.

3. Maturity involves sound reasoning and decision-making. When a person has walked through the trials and fires of life, spiritual maturity is developed. God says in Isaiah 48:10, "Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction." This furnace is at full flame when we

are off the platform, living our lives away from the public eye. It takes the private testing of God to see a person's character solidify and mature.

4. Abundance mentality sees God as having so much talent and anointing to give that no individual could have it all. The mind-set of abundance is about demonstrating humility -- it's not about us, but about God and His Kingdom. Anything less will breed jealousy. We must have a heart that blesses the gifts others have, knowing that all gifts are given by God to help others and to advance God's Kingdom.

"Only Through Him Can We Help Others Reach Their God-Given Destiny"

God wants us to live today in such a way that will inspire others tomorrow. He has a vantage point of what will be, not just what is, or has been.

Many of us have been content to grasp at slivers of spiritual insights, but the Holy Spirit wants to give us fuller concepts of God and His ways.

We must develop an ever-growing godly character and walk in greater integrity and maturity so that we can understand God's plans and visions for others. The Lord, by helping us practice our private victories, can make our lives a lasting and public contribution to His eternal Kingdom. Only through Him can we help others reach their God-given destiny.

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It's Time To Take It Up A Notch!

Elizabeth Lyke

Feb 24, 2004

Lighthouse Prophecy Discussion
Dear List Members,

While I recovered ever so quickly from my surgery, I contracted the flu after returning home and stayed grounded for another week, but to the glory of God. As I lay quietly for almost two weeks, I heard the gentle voice of the Spirit say much of what is written in this correspondence from Elizabeth. It is well worth reading...Clay.

Content: Dear Clay,

I have been edified and strengthened by your writings on subjects I am deeply concerned about. I have to tell you, though, your time framing is not right as to when God began leading saints out of the organized churches. Ten years is far too recent. I left organized Christianity 27 years ago, along with others who caught a vision for the restoration of the Body of Christ.

Ever hear of Charles P. Schmitt (wife, Dotty)? My foundation was built on the likes of him and others in the 70s who saw it all then. We didn't get seduced by the WOF & Prosperity heresy or the shepherding movement because the vision of restoration opens one's eyes to such a degree as to not be fooled by such deceitfulness. It is good to see others like you who have this vision and are having an impact on those just now having their eyes opened to the harlotry of organized Christianity. It is this very harlot that will be our greatest enemy in the years ahead, not so much overtly like some are expecting, but in terms of discrediting us to those saints who feel a tug toward us, but will ask for the advise of their "pastor", and thus there will grow a movement of the enemy within organizations that will consist of sermons and books and conferences of "warning" against those who have come out.

They will say we comprise a new cult. And the worst will be that some who do come out will indeed become cult like in their ways, making us look even more dangerous. Tender souls will not know which way to turn. The lines will be too obscured. It is imperative we warn our brothers and sisters now, that all who will, will come out. It is the time of the angel putting in the sickle and separating sheep from goats. This generation of the millennium is THE generation that will usher in the second coming of Jesus, that true shepherd, to whom be glory forever. We older saints, who are already equipped, have been groomed for their sake. We are to teach and build this generation of "strong young men" and women, to pass the torch as Rick Joyner would say. May the Lord Jesus bless all your efforts in gaining souls for this glorious cause.

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Responses Take It Up A Notch
Various
Feb 25, 2004
Dear List Members,

Elizabeth's posting has garnered various responses, some of which sadly, I have been asked not to publish. The ones who have allowed me to publish their remarks offer insight into the seemingly endless questions relating to "the system" - stay or leave, laity clergy divide, submissiveness to church authority, one fold versus five fold, Word of Faith versus Surrender teaching, In church/out of church, organized church versus cell groups, etc., etc.,

It seems everybody has an opinion and seemingly valid points, yet I offer little of hard fast substance to the myriad of questions that surround this worldwide phenomenon, except this one: ANYONE WHO THINKS THEY CAN SUBMIT TO "THE SYSTEM" AND NOT BECOME A STRONG CANDIDATE FOR DECEPTION IS ALREADY DECEIVED. "Even the very elect (of God) will be deceived, were it possible." The warnings are being shouted from the housetops, and as is obvious from some of these postings, these warnings didn't just start recently!

The World's System is corrupt, and the World's System operates most of the world's organizations, governments, businesses, and the lives of people, and yes, to those who think it isn't so; the world's system has found a home in many, IF NOT MOST churches. While I agree that this same system can find its way into home groups just as with the institutional church, it is my simple observation that "the system" has seen considerably more influence in the church than in situations (home groups, cell groups) that allow the full five fold ministry to operate. No, we are not to turn our backs on those caught inside this system, to the contrary: As Carole so eloquently points out in her response here, we are to be a bridge of truth that guides people to Jesus, whereever He may be.

Again, please remember, it is not the people we stand against here - it is the corrupt system that imprisons them, keeping them from their destiny and purpose in God.

The continuing debate and discussion surrounding this topic is beginning to birth settling truth. Let us all embrace the truth when we see it, and let us all, with all humility, seek deeper understanding as to Father's love and direction...Clay.

Clay,

I find myself weeping after reading this post. I realize a work that God has been doing in my heart for years ... and I didn't even realize it. Even when I was a young child (probably early teens) and properly indoctrinated into the "correct" Southern Baptist ways, I questioned the need for denominations. Much to my religious parents dismay, I questioned making people a disciple of a particular "church" rather than allowing them to be a disciple of Jesus and follow His leading. I understand now that Father didn't want me to follow after a denomination, but after Him. I really thought I was stepping into something "of the Spirit" when I left the traditional denominations and joined the charasmatic church; however, I soon realized they were more steeped in religion that traditional churches.

I've had a couple of very significant dreams concerning the "church." Again, the Lord was speaking the same thing to me ... just through a different means. He is showing each of us a facet of His heart ... and the needs among His people ... and is giving us different strategies for ministering to those needs. Religious strongholds make people believe they must be submissive, must remain loyal or have a responsibility to the church. Some, sadly to say, believe there's no alternative and that they are powerless to do anything. God allows dk and I to share the truth with people in traditional churches. I feel that it is imperative that we tend the bridges with the relationships he has blessed us with. When we have a bridge solidly constructed of truth and trust, they will cross that bridge and seek counsel from us ... and not a system. Then we can point them to Him! Blessings, Carole

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Dear Clay,
Praise the Lord for your swift recovery. I just wanted to add to what Elizabeth said, that I have some on my mailing list who were called out ever further back than 27 years. This is not a new thing, just more of His 'acceleration' in all that He is doing.

Blessings,

Olivia Long

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Is it possible that those in the Shepherding movement, prosperity movement, and others, were all searching for Christ?

Is it possible that some of those who have pursued anything less than the Truth awakened to their error?

Is it possible that some are called to remain in the church, while others are called to leave the church?

Is it possible that the angels will do the sifting on their time, not our time?

If so, then there is hope for the church! If not, we are breeding modern day Pharisees from any camp.

David C. MacDonald, D.O.
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the problem with this is that home churches and cell groups can be just as corrupt as an organized group of people who meet in a building that happens to be bigger than a living room. just because someone meets in a large facility does not a corrupt group make. i find alot of people do not like larger group meetings and like home churches because it allows for less or no accountability in the body. but from what i can see in scripture, we are supposed to all be accountable to each other, and sometimes people split off from a church not because they want to find the truth, but because they are running from it, and are rebelling against it.

of course, this may not be the case with all home groups. regardless of where i meet, it doesn't make me corrupt- what makes me corrupt is walking in error before God, whether i am in a home cell group or in a church house building. from what i see in the word, you can never get away from a certain amount of organization, not even in a cell group. if an older person is teaching or mentoring me, they are in a sense, over me, and i don't think they would want someone to come in and take over the group as a new christian. that's still a structure, and it's still an organized church, just a lot smaller in size, and not within the walls of a large facility. they are still teaching doctrines, which may or may not be truth at all, and to say that home churches are the answer is just ignorant. i have seen and heard as much corruption and deception and lies being taught in "unorganized" churches as i have in "structured chuches".

JL

Dear Clay,
Take it up a notch couldnt be more true. Im seeing it first hand and it is shocking..(just when I thought I couldnt be more shocked by WOF) people are openly being "marked" for having a difference of opinion and told to stay away from any who come against the teaching of the pastor.

The authority teaching is ringing a "Hitler" sound in my ear. I recently heard of a church who's pastor said that unless you are hooked into a church, the blood of Jesus avails you nothing. The person who told me is a pretty straight shooter but its so crazy one has a hard time believing these things are being spoken! I believe God is angry. I know I am. Very very dangerous and hurtful to those who buy into it. What else can we pray but the very words of our crucified Lord... "not my will, but yours be done"

David P.

Feb 27, 2004
Dear List Members,

These discussions are fruitful and reveal the various levels of understanding and individual growth that we all are walking in. Several comments from the postings here infer that all this talk about "the system" is unimportant, and that we should talk about solutions rather than the problem. We have been very direct with what has been written on this discussion list repeatedly, and on our www.lighthouseprophecy.com website. The greatest single problem confronting the Church today is "the system" that it is submitted to. The solution has always been offered in simple terms, "Come out of her!"

I live in the world, but I am not of it! I can be around the "world's system" but not of it! I once profited wildly from the World's System. It served me well and I served it, but later I was saved and filled with God's Spirit. Something changed. What worked before would no longer work! I was powerless UNTIL I changed systems. The same will prove so for the Church.

Yet, even with the Holy Ghost in me, it has taken years to even be able to discern the World's System when I see it. From now being able to discern it, I now know enough to get away from participating in its ways. God has mercifully allowed me to see first hand the effects of the world's system - Every time I touch it I am turned upside down (Notice I write this in the present tense - I have still much to learn).

Years and years of painful experiences began to cause me to drift toward "the Kingdom's Way" of doing things. The battle that raged in me constantly was the World's System and its ways (my life long indoctrination), versus the Kingdom of God and the ways of the Kingdom (a new way of doing things).

Though much of what I have learned is in business, the Spirit is the same - church house out house, my house your house; it operates where it is welcomed. I now am more successful at walking in the Kingdom and following Kingdom ways. Perhaps we should, in the near future, open discussions that would contrast The World's System and The Kingdom's Way.

Those who naively think the "World's System" is not in what we call "church," will one day have a wakeup call! To those who think that they can stay in this perverted system and fulfill God's plan, again I predict a future wake up call.

Again, I think you will enjoy the comments...Clay

Dear Clay & friends
I love your (Clay's) teachings as I find them honest and direct. It is time for us to not beat around the bush anymore, but drive out what religion (that same spirit that persecuted & crucified Christ in the name of God)!

God is revealing to me presently more about the deceitfulness of some of the so called teachings we have received and examples we have followed. The deception is huge. We have "organisationalised" our love for God and it now is very cold in many churches....... I love God's church (the people) and I do not wish to slander any ministry or movement. I'm in the charismatic movement myself! But let me tell you that so-called principles are taught to death and our relationship with Christ, Him crucified and our death to let Him live through us are hardly or never mentioned.

It is time for everyone that calls themselves a Christian to return to their first love: Jesus Christ! Not loyalty to a ministry (fellowshipping there is OK) or a man or woman, but faithfulness to Him and the work of the cross in us! God looks on the heart! Then why on earth are we taught about systems and rules only? Our heart condition is vital. Prosperity and benefits is the teaching of our day. God doesn't want to benefit you. He wants to kill you for your benefit!!! And when you have died, He can trust you with the benefits; not before! And when you arrive here, the benefits no longer matter!

We need to snap out of our church membership pride and snap into Him where we can truly say: I love

Him with all my heart, soul and strength. I love my neighbor like myself, and I have died so that I can live for Him. Relationship with Him is everything and should be the foundation of all other relationships and expectations. We need to snap out of our right to rewards and let Him be our reward!! Be a dead man walking. Not a flesh wanting to manipulate God through His principles to do your will. It won't work. This works: Not my will, but Yours. And then you die on that cross! Gal 2:20 Don't only call on the pastor on a Sunday morning. Here is God's phone number: Jer 33:3 and He answers every time! He is calling us to seek Him with all our hearts. Jer 29:11- Go there and be blessed! The road is narrow and those that go on it few.

Lastly, God wants a personal relationship and dwell in the individual called His church. What is it with this idol called an organisation we so worship?! God help us!

O and, Daniel's friends were thrown in the fire refusing to bow to the idol, but they were delivered and promoted. So expect persecution to bow. Expect persecution for refusing. Know that God delivers those faithful to Him alone. Those are His Kings and Priests that rule with servant hearts.

Get your eyes of man! It brings a curse. Life for and unto Jesus and live! No idols please! God bless you!

Gerdi Marais

Sadly I think you are all getting too wound up in these issues. If each believer simply kept their eyes firmly on Jesus and focussed on Him These problems would all disappear. We should be teaching the church (whoever they maybe) to die to oneself and submit themselves to the spirit of the living God. To have Patience with all men and to grow the gifts of the spirit in their walk with the Lord and develop the fruit of the spirit as their character in Christ.

Rob

Clay,
I was a little discouraged to see my brothers and sisters focus so much on the system, I believe that we spend too much time focusing on the problem instead of the remedy. I think it is important to understand our role in being called out of the conventional church; I believe God has called us to be the restorers of the breach. I don’t think it is a secret that the conventional church has gotten out of the will of God. But God has called a faithful few to restore the church back to him, if we continue to focus on what they are not doing or who has been called out for the longest we are no better than they are and God will have to raise another nation to save us.

God is just looking for some people that will render service to him. We are nothing more than vessels; I like to think of it as two cups sitting on a table, one cup can’t talk to the other cup and say I don’t like the way you serve, they just sit on the table waiting patiently to be used by the master.

Clay,
To be honest I don't consider myself qualified enough to speak on this subject. However, as I was reading the Holy Spirit kept saying "you all must follow me for I am the Spirit of Truth". What has the Spirit of Truth spoken to you? These are critical times for the "Body of Christ" because everybody is looking for validation. Everybody wants to know if what they believe or percieve is right. We are sometimes more concerned about being in the right "system" than following the leading of the Holy Spirit. I think sometimes we don't believe that the Holy Spirit is here to lead and guide us into all TRUTH.

I am going to be honest and expose my situation.

I desire to come out, but my motive and heart reasoning is not quiet Christ centered at this moment. I have allowed self to become aggravated with people (how prideful of me). However, the Holy Spirit wants to place love where my aggravation is. God is teaching me how to ground myself in love for His people. I dont know if you have ever seen someone who has come out of the "system" and had no love for the people of God and all they had was negative things to say, (well that was me).

So now I am allowing God to bridge His heart with my heart that I may bridge my heart with His people. Then and only then will I know how to pray according to the Fathers will for His Chruch. He is teaching me how to discern the strongholds not the people within the system. Until then I am getting understanding of truth from ministries like the one God has birth through you and others. But most of all I have a divine connection with my Father and I just choose to believe that when I am in error or need strength or need the truth reveal to me, he will be right there.

May God bless us all as we desire to draw closer to Him and become as His Son was in the earth.

We must take up our cross (which crucifies not just the flesh but our motives) and follow the Holy Spirit, more than we follow man and even our own thoughts.

TGM, Pray much for me

Dear Clay,
Glad to hear that you are in full recovery mode!

The majority of those still remaining in the system are fully aware that vast numbers of believers are increasingly departing from our many religious systems. The numbers of 'out-of-church' believers are growing at an amazing rate of acceleration. This must be a real encouragement to those who have been outside for years.

The leaders in the system are increasingly acknowledging that this 'coming out' is a move of the Holy Spirit. But...because many have not yet gained the revelation that the religious ways we have built upon for centuries is false, they are expecting these 'called-out ones' to eventually return to the system. It won't be happening. Oh yes, there are always some who will return to their own vomit, but the majority who have responded to the Lord's call to 'come out' will never again be deceived by equating intimacy with Him with sitting in a building once or twice a week. The very thought of returning to such lifeless, empty religious practices horrifies them.

Many who are teaching that these 'called-out' ones will eventually return to the system, are using the exodus from Egypt, and the entering of the promised land for Scriptural proof. They are using these biblical accounts inaccurately, and this kind of teaching has become a stumbling block to many who have been led into the valley of decision by the Spirit of God.

These ones teach that eventually all called-out ones will be faced with leaving their wilderness place and entering the promised land. This is true. The Spirit does have a destiny laid out for all those who will trust Him to lead and guide them every step of the way. But, according to Scripture, His promised land was not the place of bondage that He brought them out of, but a place they had never been before. Teachers err when they attempt to equate 'entering the promised land' with a 'returning to the system'.

The Hebrews were delivered from their place of bondage, Egypt. They never returned to Egypt, to the place He brought them out of. In fact, whenever the Hebrews longed for the comforts of Egypt, and talked about going back, the Lord God got very angry with them.

It is true that only a few entered the promised land, and that the majority died in the wilderness. But, NONE of them ever returned to the Egypt He brought them out of. Neither will the vast majority of 'called-out' ones return to the places of bondage He has called us out of today. If you were to ask these called-out ones whether or not they would rather die in the wilderness or return to Egypt (their place of bondage), they would choose death in the wilderness any day! These ones will no longer partake of what the Lord has revealed to be an abomination to Him. To do so, would be complete and utter disobedience to the indwelling Spirit of God.

There is no longer any loyalty towards Egypt left in the hearts of those He has delivered from its bondage. Their only desire is to follow their Commander wherever He wants to lead them. They will embrace everyone who crosses His bridge of deliverance and joins them on their journey to His true promised land, but they will never dishonor His Word or His Spirit by longing for, or returning to, the lies and the bondage that He has set them free from.

Blessings to all,
Lorraine Costain

Re: Taking it up a Notch
One list member said...

"Is it possible that some are called to remain in the church, while others are called to leave the church? "

I'm not sure it is possible to "leave" the church? You are either a part of it or not. The church is simply built on revelation knowedge of truth (Christ). (As Jesus pointed out to Peter when the Father gave him a revelation knowledge that Jesus was the Christ the Son of the living God.)

So with that said, I believe the issue at hand is simply one of revelation knowledge of truth. Can a person who has received a great revelation knowledge of truth (Christ) have true fellowship with those who have a lesser revelation. As Paul proclaimed...what fellowship has light with darkness.

I've tried it, and unless the lesser truth is willing to humble themselves and embrace the greater truth they will reject it and cast you out as rebellious and divisive. Pride will always demand submission to the level of truth that it has. This is why Catholicism rejects Protestantism, and why Protestantism will reject much of what is coming forth as truth in this hour. There are also underlying subconscious issues of power and control veiled behind the pretense of protecting the flock.

It is the same with our relationship with Christ. To the degree that we walk in truth, is to the same degree that we have true fellowship with Him. The less truth we have, the less true fellowship (union) we can experience with Him. This is why God seeks those who will worship Him in spirit and truth. To the degree that we walk in the truth is to the same degree that we can truly worship Him.

Now, the greater truth always requires an understanding of the lesser truth. In other words, while I can't always come into agreement with those walking in lesser truth, I can certainly love them as Christ does and understand the truth that our Father alone possesses the power of illuminating our understanding or leaving us in places of spiritual darkness.

The ironic thing is, the Lord uses those walking in lesser truth to birth forth a people who will walk in greater truth. When you see it for what it is, it actually gives you a heart of gratitude for those whom the Lord is choosing to leave in a place of darkened understanding to serve as a stepping stone for bringing others forward into a greater revelation knowledge of the truth. With this understanding, the Father then gives us authority to effectively intercede for those still in darkness, which is the very heart of Christ.

Anyhow, this is my current level of understanding. And as always, that is subject to change based on a further revelation of the truth.

Mike

After reading the responses I'm reminded of a saying "You can't drive a ten-ton truck of truth over a 1/2 inch bridge of love". I think many of us have been waiting with our "trucks of truth" but haven't developed that bridge of love that can carry the weight.

May God give us wisdom and grace to deliver His truth.

Brenda King

Dear Clay,
I would like to add to what Elizabeth and Olivia have said about the time frame for those who left the denominational system with the revelation of the Oneness of the Body of Christ, Revealing of the Sons of God, and Restoration. For us, it was 58 years ago. I believe there has been, in every generation, a "coming out" of the established systems. At the time, we felt pretty much alone and ostracized by the religious community. So we are happy, as we approach the end of the age, to see many others now receiving the vision.

It is so human to, over time, develop certain customs and become somewhat self-centered. But by the Grace of God, He has enabled us to continue to walk in Love concerning all true members of the Body of Christ, regardless of who or where they are, and to continue to remain open to whatever Truth He chooses to guide us into. We have confidence that Christ is building His Church, perfecting the work He has begun in each member, purging and purifying His Sons, and preparing for His Kingdom in the earth.

Three statements of the Apostle Paul have stood out for me (considering all that circumcision and uncircumcision symbolizes in our day):-

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision, but a NEW CREATION." (Gal. 6:15) "For in Christ neither circumcision avails anything, nor uncircumcision, but FAITH WORKING THRU LOVE." (Gal. 5:6) "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but THE KEEPING OF THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD," (1 Cor. 7:19) which are, in a word, LOVE FOR GOD, and LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER.

"A new commandment I give unto you, That you love one another; AS I have loved you, that YOU ALSO love one another. By THIS shall all know that you are my disciples, if you have LOVE ONE TO ANOTHER." (John 13:34,35)

We are also becoming more and more aware that that LOVE of which He speaks is AGAPE - Unconditional and Sacrificial!

E. Moores
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dear brothers and sisters

the world system is corrupt, to know that is to understand that satan is the god of this world; he works through most if not all church buildings

for we are the true church, a church without wood and steel but of flesh and bones and spirit and what is sifting of angels mean?

angels don't sift anything but are the messengers of god they do his bidding and also remember that the church is us not a building. a local church is a building to go to and be with other Christians but remember that you can be anywhere at any time to worship and have fellowship with god.

churches today almost claim that in there building is where you find god and worship god and be close to god. we need to warn those who think they can be in a false church or listen to a false teacher, and be in gods will. false churches are everywhere and so are false teachers, satans messengers come as a messenger of light. they use half truths just as there father the devil does.

I've been asked many times that can you be a catholic or a Muslim or a Buddhist or etc.. and be a Christian? my answer is no !!!

you can not serve 2 masters, you cant serve Rome and Christ; yes Catholics and others can turn from there false church and return to Christ but until they "get out from among them" they will be serving satan not Christ!

we must love the people, but hate the sin

we are in the last days and the groom will be returning for his bride very soon.

stand firm in him and he will stand firm in you!!

in Christ
jeff o

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in response to the article "Take It Up A Notch", some people wrote that in home or cell groups there must still be a chain of command or authority. I disagree with that because Jesus says "If two or more are gathered in His name He shall be in the mist" So if it is Just my husband, me and the Holy Spirit then Jesus is the authority and the Holy Spirit teaches all things........... yours in Christ...........Donna s.

Wow. I don't know what to say except Thank God.

I've been 'out of church' for about 5 years now. You'd think I committed the worst kind of sin to hear others tell it. And tell it they do. I left my husband b/c he was in a cult. I considered it dangerous. Then we divorced. That really made church folks unhappy. Where is the body of Christ? I'm beginning to find it. For real. Thanks for letting it fly in the face of what I'm sure must be a lot of opposition. Tina

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Dear Clay,
Praise Yahshua for your quick recovery, and for your 'enforced' time down, which encouraged you to seek Him deeply! (Sometimes we need that extra time down.)

Although I am very new at the discussion you are having here...people being led out from the 'harlot church', I would like to add 'my two cents ' worth by telling a little of my story. If it is applicable in any way, you may share it.

I have only been a Christian for 5 years, after being raised from birth in the cult of Christian Science. My family is related to Brigham Young as well, so first we started 'the fall' in Mormonism, then jumped to C.S. This cultic involvement has been going on since the 1850's in my family. That said, I was the only one in my nuclear family to leave CS and receive Jesus as Lord.

As an individual just 'coming out' from heavy lifelong cult training, I was totally thrilled about the Christian church! I couldn't wait to tell my testimony, and sing and dance with others about the Lord! After all, it was a miracle that I had been rescued and saved by Him! I was eager to learn and read the Word of God in a way I had never done, and to be taught. This is an important point: I was totally ready to be teachable.

I began my search for churches in a tiny Charismatic church: I quickly fell in love with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and was continually amazed by them in operation. To this day, to me, this is one of the great riches of Elohim...the correct operation of the gifts of Ruach ha Kodesh.

But my trouble with the 'church' began when I began to feel manipulated by a particular pastor (by this time I had bounced around to several churches, learning valuable lessons, and also seeing humanity at its best, and worst, in each different place). He and his wife were 'start-up' pastors of a church that has had a lot of turnover of pastors, and very little success.

When I came to this start-up church, I was still searching, and was a very young, but eager Christian. I had always been willing to give liberally of my time and effort at each church I had 'joined' or participated in, and was a 'people ' person. This new pastor had a 'certain, specific vision' for his church, and I quickly learned that either I 'fit in' to this vision, or not be on the pastors 'trusted' list.

Consequently, I worked my fingers to the bone, doing everything and anything that this man and his wife wanted, and feeling as though I was dying a slow death spiritually.

The Lord has clearly, without a shadow of a doubt, told me that my call in the Body is to be an intercessor/prayer warrior, and all during the time that I was teaching Sunday School, or serving the senior luncheon, or ushering, or tending to 'Youth Night' or leading the Children's Church in the Christmas song performance, I was crying out to be used in THAT capacity! I was clear with this pastor that this was what God told me my job was, and that I really desired to be doing that, rather than all these other things. But the response was guilt-inducing "Be obedient to God's move here", "All I hear from you is "I want to do this, or I want to do that", "Either you are for us, or against us." He would say these things 'kindly', but the message was loud and clear; stay working with your head down, and we'll reward you soon enough.

I felt continually as though I had to do just 'one more task' to prove myself, and THEN maybe I could do what my heart needed to: Just pray and intercede for this church...just to be still and really hear what directions the Holy Spirit was giving this particular body, also how to engage in correct spiritual warfare for this church: it had some heavy duty spiritual strongholds over it like a Jezebel spirit, doubt and unbelief, and a spiritual deadness, that truly needed to be confronted by a wise and sincere group of prayer warriors in order to be uprooted. I wanted to be one of those people!

But, task after task kept rolling in, and my insecurity and pride kept me saying 'yes'. (I realize that I should have said 'NO' earlier, but I felt that I was being tested to fully qualify for what my heart desired..) So I kept on working until I couldn't do it any longer. I went to the pastor and his wife and told them I was taking time off to pray and think about the direction that Jesus wanted me to go in. This is when literally everything blew in all directions. They were not pleased to hear this, and began the heavy duty guilt. When that didn't work (but I felt horrible about these tactics anyway), they basically shunned me. Wouldn't talk to me, or look at me, at church, or even in small group prayer meetings (that was really uncomfortable!) And this only because after a full year's worth of work, I needed some time off.

Well, things got so uncomfortable for me that I felt I couldn't bear to stay any longer. After a lot of soul searching and prayer, I went to the pastors and told them of my decision. They did send me out with a blessing, and through the help of the Lord alone, we did make some small degree of peace.

Although this happened over 2 years ago, I am still healing from this experience. I am still needing to forgive and ask for full blessing over this church. Yashua is helping me to do just this. Thank You Lord!

At first glance, this story might not seem to have much in common with what you all have been discussing, but I believe the points are the same: If I had been allowed to be 'used' as a vessel in the capacity that God desired, I believe much of the pain I felt could have been avoided. If the pastor hadn't felt so compelled to have his church run his particular way, he might have been more open to the full flow and use of the 5 fold ministry. Instead he became all-powerful, and created a 'bottleneck" where the 5 fold ministry and operation of the Gifts were squelched. The heavy controlling Jezebel spirit over this church DID NOT want the gifts to be in operation, or the 'power-equalizing' of the 5 fold to take place. I believe that, plus a spirit of pride in myself (unfortunately), was what I was up against.

Yahweh has powerfully used this painful experience in my life. I have become more humble in my spirit, and more quickly aware of the spirit of pride when it attempts to dominate me or others. Unfortunately, perhaps, I have become much less trusting of pastors! I was very trusting and naive before, and just assumed that the pastor was going to know and understand my heart, and not let me get hurt. Well, in this situation, he was the one who seemed like he was trying ' to break my spirit'. That is what this experience actually felt like: like my spirit was being destroyed within me. It was a horrible, frightening, drowning feeling!

I feel that the harlot churches need for posterity, popularity, programs, MONEY, and personal exaltation of pastors has truly 'killed' many a valuable spirit among us. Not that our Loving and Awesome Lord can't restore these walking dead; He CAN! But that souls are dying in the church today, BY THE HAND OF THE CHURCH...when God's command is the shelter, nurture and protect these sheep? To me this is criminal...and it is all because the church, in it's organization, has sold itself out to the world, and is not following the simplicity, beauty, and sheer power of Yahshua's commands.

Thank you, Clay, for your ministry. I am a beginner, but Yahshua is guiding and directing me into His presence in His way. I know I will 'grow' quickly, and be used for much good in His kingdom.

Your Sister In Christ,
Lauren

It Will Be A Place Of Rejoicing

Judy Curmi

10-29-2004

It will be a place of rejoicing. Where rocks and briars once grew, now new Life will spring forth, abundant Life, overflowing Life, flowing with my power and my authority.*

The voices that distracted you will cease, for you will surely shout them down. The torture of your soul will cease for you will be encompassed in a veritable ocean of my mighty Love.

No longer will the former things serve as a bondage for you, for I will break every bond and snap every yoke that has crushed you under its weight. Watch and see what I will do, for I am not a small, little picayune** god. I am full of might and power, mighty in battle and mighty in Love.

No longer will the enemy hold you down or keep from fruition the Plans that I have for you. Watch and see what I will do for you, sons and daughters of the Most High God, for my name is above every name and every knee, without exception, must bow to me.

My Plans are going forward. My Plans will be fulfilled. That which I have purposed will be delayed no longer, for I AM has spoken it forth. Do not be dismayed by what you see in the natural world, but know that my hand is at work. Every startling event, every “disaster” will be for a greater good, that which I have purposed and desired.

You are not to get caught up in the acrimony*** and the bedlam. You are not to let your heart fail you. Instead you are to rest in ME, fully assured that I will bring things to a most satisfactory conclusion in my perfect timing.

You will walk in my might and my power. You will walk in my mighty Love, as multitudes are set free from the bondage of sin and death.

I AM OPENING THE DOOR NOW. Walk through it into your destiny, fully assured that the Great I AM walks with you every step of the way. Watch and see what I will do. Watch and be astounded. Rejoice with an exceedingly great joy for your deliverance is at hand!
Love, Your Abba

**Isa. 35 The parched wilderness shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus. It shall rejoice like a mountain goat; the glory and honor of Lebanon shall be given to it. The excellency of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord and the excellency of our God, an admonition and comfort for the weak, for a Savior is coming to save them*

Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, Be strong; fear not; behold, your God the avenger is coming, even God the Savior is coming to save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as a hart and the tongue of the dumb shall be loosed; for the waters are bursting forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. And the desolate land shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water; in the habitation of dragons shall grown grass with reeds and rushes.

And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; and there shall be no road beside it; fools shall not err therein.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; they shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk therein; And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

***Picayune: Of little value or importance; paltry*

****Acrimony: Bitterness or ill-natured animosity, especially in speech or manner; rancorous*

I Will Be A Wall Of Protection To My People
Stephen Hanson

June, 5, 2004

> *ISA 35:6 Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.*
> *ISA 43:19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.*
> *ISA 43:20 The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen,*
> *ISA 32:2 Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land.*

"There will be streams in the desert; you will find streams there. Out of the dry land will come streams that will give you water. Out of the dry land will come forth my spirit. My spirit will feed and nourish my people. But I tell you, a time is coming when the desert will become a safe haven. For the world will be at war. Those that find rest will run to the desert. It will be a source of protection from the enemy. I will be their source, and I will be their protection, says the Lord. My people will be brought to safety in times of need. In all my holy mountain, I will look down upon my people. In the near future, you will understand the impact of this more. I will be a wall of protection to my people. "

Stephen Hanson

The Battle That Rises From The East
Stephen Hanson

(This message below concerns a coming siege for our land. Understand that while these passages below deal with a future war that is to break-out and culminate with the land of Israel, I believe these verses also can apply to our land as well. There are difficult days ahead for us, but God will be a place of refuge for those who put their trust in Him. Let us not be swayed by soothing and pleasing words that pretend to speak of other things that are come. Rather, let us judge these things and find ourselves prepared and ready.)

June 2, 2004

EZE 38:1 The word of the LORD came to me: [2] "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal; prophesy against him [3] and say: `This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal. [4] I will turn you around, put hooks in your jaws and bring you out with your whole army--your horses, your horsemen fully armed, and a great horde with large and small shields, all of them brandishing their swords. [5] Persia, Cush and Put will be with them, all with shields and helmets, [6] also Gomer with all its troops, and Beth Togarmah from the far north with all its troops--the many nations with you.

" `Get ready; be prepared, you and all the hordes gathered about you, and take command of them. [8] After many days you will be called to arms. In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. They had been brought out from the nations, and now all of them live in safety. [9] You and all your troops and the many nations with you will go up, advancing like a storm; you will be like a cloud covering the land.

[20] They were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed out of the press, rising as high as the horses' bridles for a distance of 1,600 stadia. Rev. 14. 20

"I tell you that a coming storm is coming. On the swift wings of the wind it will come. But I tell you that I have provide places of refuge for my people. A devastation is coming that will spread across the land. I tell you that your land will be trampled upon by foreigners. For the walls of protection will not prevent these things from coming. But as I have said, I will be a refuge for my people. These times will come to fruition suddenly. You who prophesy great things for America and this land, are wrong. You who prophesy great wealth that is to come, are wrong. Surely, I am a God of the future and I care for everyone of you, but my book must be laid open."

"Great hordes and armies are coming. They come from the east and they make plans for war. An ancient land they come from. I tell you that China will join forces with Russia. When your gaze is upon other things then it will suddenly come into action. I tell you that these things are spoken of in my word. They are clearly outlined in the book of Ezkiel. I always leave a resource for my people to prepare for."

(The Lord showed me horses with riders upon them. My gaze was upon the horses' heads because a liquid began to fill-up in the midst around these horses and riders. They were in the midst of a great battle of some kind. I began to realize that it was blood that was rising to the nostrils and heads of the horses, because the battle had become very fierce.)

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It Will Be Worth It!

Victoria Boyson

To those who overcome in the midst of adversity will He give increased authority (Rev. 2:26). You have indeed been tried by the fires of hell, yet you have remained steadfast.

As you thrust yourself into the bosom of your Father, you walk away having learned the secrets of His heart. You are no longer as easily beguiled or overwrought by the enemy, but you see now with the eyes of heaven. You are made sober in spirit, yet gentle as a dove.

God Never Said It Would Be Easy! Have you been attacked by the enemy? Have you been hit so hard that you've wanted to die? Has someone torn your heart out and trampled on it? Have you been betrayed, lied about or robbed? God never said this life would be easy, He only said that a life lived for Him would be worth the battle!

Every battle worth fighting is difficult. It was not easy for Jesus to die for the sins of the world. It was not easy for the early Christians to die for their faith, or for the pilgrims to come to America to find religious freedom. What they faced was not easy for them, but it was worth it! And we thank God for them.

The people knew that they were not fighting their battles for themselves alone, but for those their lives would affect. The forefathers of the United States had a dream of a great nation, and they fought and died for their dream.

God had a dream of making us a part of His family: Jesus died to bring that dream to life. It was extremely difficult, but we were worth it to Him.

Never Give Up!

It is always easier to give up; to leave your ministry, church or family, but it is often the easy road that leads to destruction. The seemingly shortest or easiest path is usually a mistake. Hold your ground, stay on course and you will have a great victory...if you do not give up.

At times, when I have gone to the Lord with my pains or complaints, He will speak this short simple phrase to me, "Did you think it would be easy?" The Lord has given us a great destiny to fulfill, but He never promised that it would be easy.

In fact, He told us it would be difficult. He said, "In this world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Sometimes in the midst of the trial we are facing we get discouraged and disheartened. It is easy to think we have had more than our share of attacks. But in those times we need to be reminded that God knows of our difficulties and He is not panicked.

He knew it wouldn't be easy for us, but He knew that if we did not give up, we would win. And the victory that we would enjoy would be well worth the fight.

There will always be someone who thinks they could do your job better than you. They feel as though they are more anointed than you and it seems there is no end to their criticisms. Of course the enemy tries his very best to convince you that they are right in their opinions, but they are NOT!

You must hold your ground! If you give up your position in the body of Christ the place you've held is then left unprotected and others will suffer.

God has you where you are for a reason, someone has to hold that position. You do not know how many lives that you are affecting just by being where you are. What you are doing is important. It is important for your own personal well-being as a child of God, and to others.

Your battle is not for you alone, but for the kingdom of heaven. Your fight of faith is for the Lover of your soul, and that others may know of Him and love Him too.

Elijah's Despair

After the prophet Elijah had the prophets of Baal killed with a sword (1Kings 18:40), King Ahab told his wife Jezebel what Elijah had done. "Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah saying, 'So may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time'" (1 Kings 19:2).

After hearing her threat, Elijah was afraid and ran for his life into the wilderness. He was filled with hopelessness and despair (1 Kings 19:10). After one of the greatest victories of his life, he felt like a failure. He felt overwhelmed by the evil of his day and hopeless to overcome it.

The enemy can at times come in like a flood and tear apart our faith, leaving us discouraged and feeling hopeless to fight it. We may lose sight of our vision because of the pain we feel, just as Elijah lost sight of all that God had done through him (1 Kings 19:4). He lost his focus and was not able to see the true picture of what God was doing through him and he felt like a failure.

Elijah lived his life in obedience to God, doing great things for Him. Yet he wanted to die because of the despair he felt. Maybe Elijah did not do all that he wanted to do for God, but he did do what God wanted him to do. He needed to be reminded of the truth of his situation to shake off the hopelessness he felt. And so do we.

I have felt much like Elijah. I have experienced the sting of the enemy and felt the hopelessness he can bring. But somehow, with God by my side, I made it through that time. Step by carefully placed step I walked together with God out of Satan's death trap. I found myself being carried by God through my fiery trial, and what I thought would be the end of me was really only the beginning of more of Him.

When you feel like you will go crazy, but don't; when you know that Satan wanted you dead, but you're not; when you want to give up, but continue on...that is when you begin to know God as He truly is. You know He is holding you, and carrying you through.

When I read in 1 Kings 19:4-7 of how the angel of the Lord brought Elijah bread and water from heaven while he rested under the juniper tree, I see the power of our loving Father to restore us. After the touch of the Lord, Elijah was sustained for the next forty days as he journeyed to the mountain of the Lord (v.10), where he met with God.

Elijah continued to remind God of his trouble, but God responded by telling him to return to his position of authority (1 Kings 19:15). We see in God's instructions to Elijah to anoint Hazael as king over Aram, Jehu as king over Israel and Elisha as his successor not only His plan of victory over evil (1 King 19:17), but an increase in authority given to Elijah to carry out His plan. God did not pity Elijah, but restored him and sent him back to fulfill the plans that He had for him.

We Will Be Victorious

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To those who overcome in the midst of adversity will He give increased authority (Rev. 2:26). You have indeed been tried by the fires of hell, yet you have remained steadfast.

As you thrust yourself into the bosom of your Father, you walk away having learned the secrets of His heart. You are no longer as easily beguiled or overwrought by the enemy, but you see now with the eyes of heaven. You are made sober in spirit, yet gentle as a dove.

God Never Said It Would Be Easy! Have you been attacked by the enemy? Have you been hit so hard that you've wanted to die? Has someone torn your heart out and trampled on it? Have you been betrayed, lied about or robbed? God never said this life would be easy, He only said that a life lived for Him would be worth the battle!

Every battle worth fighting is difficult. It was not easy for Jesus to die for the sins of the world. It was not easy for the early Christians to die for their faith, or for the pilgrims to come to America to find religious freedom. What they faced was not easy for them, but it was worth it! And we thank God for them.

The people knew that they were not fighting their battles for themselves alone, but for those their lives would affect. The forefathers of the United States had a dream of a great nation, and they fought and died for their dream.

God had a dream of making us a part of His family: Jesus died to bring that dream to life. It was extremely difficult, but we were worth it to Him.

Never Give Up!

It is always easier to give up; to leave your ministry, church or family, but it is often the easy road that leads to destruction. The seemingly shortest or easiest path is usually a mistake. Hold your ground, stay on course and you will have a great victory...if you do not give up.

At times, when I have gone to the Lord with my pains or complaints, He will speak this short simple phrase to me, "Did you think it would be easy?" The Lord has given us a great destiny to fulfill, but He never promised that it would be easy.

In fact, He told us it would be difficult. He said, "In this world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Sometimes in the midst of the trial we are facing we get discouraged and disheartened. It is easy to think we have had more than our share of attacks. But in those times we need to be reminded that God knows of our difficulties and He is not panicked.

He knew it wouldn't be easy for us, but He knew that if we did not give up, we would win. And the victory that we would enjoy would be well worth the fight.

There will always be someone who thinks they could do your job better than you. They feel as though they are more anointed than you and it seems there is no end to their criticisms. Of course the enemy tries his very best to convince you that they are right in their opinions, but they are NOT!

You must hold your ground! If you give up your position in the body of Christ the place you've held is then left unprotected and others will suffer.

God has you where you are for a reason, someone has to hold that position. You do not know how many lives that you are affecting just by being where you are. What you are doing is important. It is important for your own personal well-being as a child of God, and to others.

Your battle is not for you alone, but for the kingdom of heaven. Your fight of faith is for the Lover of your soul, and that others may know of Him and love Him too.

Elijah's Despair

After the prophet Elijah had the prophets of Baal killed with a sword (1Kings 18:40), King Ahab told his wife Jezebel what Elijah had done. "Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah saying, 'So may the gods do to me and even more, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time'" (1 Kings 19:2).

After hearing her threat, Elijah was afraid and ran for his life into the wilderness. He was filled with hopelessness and despair (1 Kings 19:10). After one of the greatest victories of his life, he felt like a failure. He felt overwhelmed by the evil of his day and hopeless to overcome it.

The enemy can at times come in like a flood and tear apart our faith, leaving us discouraged and feeling hopeless to fight it. We may lose sight of our vision because of the pain we feel, just as Elijah lost sight of all that God had done through him (1 Kings 19:4). He lost his focus and was not able to see the true picture of what God was doing through him and he felt like a failure.

Elijah lived his life in obedience to God, doing great things for Him. Yet he wanted to die because of the despair he felt. Maybe Elijah did not do all that he wanted to do for God, but he did do what God wanted him to do. He needed to be reminded of the truth of his situation to shake off the hopelessness he felt. And so do we.

I have felt much like Elijah. I have experienced the sting of the enemy and felt the hopelessness he can bring. But somehow, with God by my side, I made it through that time. Step by carefully placed step I walked together with God out of Satan's death trap. I found myself being carried by God through my fiery trial, and what I thought would be the end of me was really only the beginning of more of Him.

When you feel like you will go crazy, but don't; when you know that Satan wanted you dead, but you're not; when you want to give up, but continue on...that is when you begin to know God as He truly is. You know He is holding you, and carrying you through.

When I read in 1 Kings 19:4-7 of how the angel of the Lord brought Elijah bread and water from heaven while he rested under the juniper tree, I see the power of our loving Father to restore us. After the touch of the Lord, Elijah was sustained for the next forty days as he journeyed to the mountain of the Lord (v.10), where he met with God.

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I Will Divide Iraq
David Dreiling

November 20, 2004 - Last week, the Lord gave me a word that I felt was appropriate for you to review. I was at the Aglow International Conference.

I awoke on Friday morning, November 12, the day after Arafat's death. As I began my morning prayers, the Lord interrupted me with this statement, "I will divide Iraq."

As you can imagine, I was struck with such a statement. I began praying and asking God what He meant by that. I felt like the Lord led me to the obvious passage in Daniel 5:

Daniel 5:25-28
25 "And this is the inscription that was written: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. 26 This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it; 27 TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; 28 PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." **(NKJV)**

As I prayed about it, I felt that God was simply saying Baghdad's rule over that area of the world is coming to an end.
"BAGHDAD HAS CONFOUNDED THE NATIONS...BUT I HAVE JUDGED THE PRINCE OF IRAQ"

What He said was...

"Baghdad has confounded the nations. Baghdad has confounded the leaders of the world. Baghdad has confounded America, and even confounded my people. Baghdad has confounded the President, but I have judged the Prince of Iraq, and I, the Lord, will divide his country and give it to those more worthy. The Kurds will get a state. They will quickly normalize relations with Israel. This will mark of the first small visible fulfillment of Isaiah 19. The more moderate Arab states will follow in this in a variety of ways, and Israel shall have a short season of increased legitimacy."

I asked the Lord, "What about verse 28, where it talks about dividing between the Medes and Persians? Does that apply now?"

God responded and said that the Kurds are the current day Medes, and that both the Persians and the Southern Iraqis are Shiites. So, in that sense, the kingdom is to be divided between the Medes and the Persians. The Lord went on to say that the death of Arafat is a new beginning. We will see the raising up of more moderate Palestinian voices and the wall will be finished. Just as Arafat died on 11/11, so as Isaiah 11:11 states that the Lord will raise His hand the second time for Israel.

This is a window of opportunity for peace, and God will not allow the ungodly railings of the few in Baghdad to thwart His plans and purposes.

Blessings to all,

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I Will Double You

Francis Frangipane

Much of the work God does guiding us to our destiny unfolds in our lives unnoticed until the time of its manifestation. Seemingly insignificant aspects of our lives suddenly bloom into profound realities, filling our consciousness with the fragrance of the Lord's presence. The natural is transformed by the supernatural, leaving us forever changed.

These "God-moments" reveal that the Lord has been intimately aware of us and, long before we recognized Him, He had been working in our lives. I've told the story before, but it's worth repeating. It was in the spring of 1971 when I had a most significant encounter with the Lord. It was at this time that He first spoke to me of my future. It began with a life-changing dream. In the midst of great darkness, the Lord revealed there would be a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The next morning, as I contemplated the vision, for the first time in my young Christian life I read Isaiah 60:1-3 and then Matthew 14. Both these texts confirmed in dramatic detail the truth of my night vision. The Isaiah text spoke of nations coming to Christ while Matthew's story chronicled Jesus feeding the multitudes with the bread and fish.

The God-moment peaked as I read that Jesus had blessed and broke the bread. Suddenly, it occurred to me that my last name, *Frangipane*, actually meant "to break bread." Throughout my life this long last name had been a nuisance. Yet now, coupled with the dream and the promise from Isaiah, the story of Christ taking "broken bread" to feed multitudes became a personal encouragement to me.

Later that morning, I related the vision and the Lord's promise from Isaiah 60 to my wife, Denise. I then told her about the feeding of the five thousand, mentioning that God would use us like Jesus used the loaves and fish to feed the multitudes. I also explained that *Frangipane*, in fact, meant "to break bread." Since she now had my last name, God had included her in my calling. In childlike wonder, she replied that this destiny would not only be about me. She then informed me of the meaning of her maiden name, *Piscitelli*. It meant "little fishes."

Those Whom He Foreknew

The fact that the Lord would quietly orchestrate our lives, and then confirm His promise in the very meaning of our names still fills our souls with awe. I imagine that a similar sense of awe struck King Josiah when, as a young man, he discovered his name in the scriptures. Indeed, his kingship had been foretold 350 years previously by a prophet in Israel; the man of God even described the actual tasks Josiah would fulfill (1 Kings 13:2). The revelation of having been foreknown by God caused Josiah to become, perhaps, the most zealous of all of Israel's kings.

This same awe must have struck King Cyrus of Persia when he discovered that the God of Israel had foretold of his leadership, by name, 150 years prior to his birth (Isaiah 44:28). The knowledge that we have been predestined by God to accomplish great things for Him, that He actually calls His sheep by name, adds great zeal to our souls.

Certainly, David must have felt this sense of awe when he wrote,

"O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways . . . Behold, O LORD, You know it all. You have enclosed me behind and before, and laid Your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is too high, I cannot attain to it" (Psalm 139:1-6).

Whether or not your name has a significant meaning in it, however, is not the issue. *You* are significant. God chose you in Christ before the foundation of the world; He has written your name in heaven (Eph 1:3; Rev 21:27). Even at this very moment the Holy Spirit continues to work in you His predetermined plan. At the proper time, the miracle of God's activity will emerge in your life like precision clockwork.

Recent Elections

As we approached elections in the USA, it struck me as inconceivable that the destiny of President Bush would not also have been foreordained by the Almighty. I noticed that he is often identified by his middled initial, "W." Yet, even as I listened to the President's supporters chant, "four more years," it occurred to me that the President's middle initial, "W," when spoken phonetically, actually says *Double You*, as in *"I will double your time in office four more years."*

Of course, the Lord didn't need a prophetic play on words to escort this President into office. Yet, with the re-election of President Bush, I've realized something else: he was given four more years on the strength of evangelical Christians. In fact, "moral values" was the leading reason people voted for President Bush! *In the midst of a shaky economy and a difficult war in Iraq, the desire for righteousness determined the outcome of this nation!*

Many politicians on both sides of the aisle have ignored the traditional values of faith and family. Sen. Dodd, D-Conn., admitted, "We have lost the ability to connect with people's value systems and we're going to have to work to get that back." Rep. Pomeroy, D-N.D., said "I think that the Democratic party nationally is perceived as being out of step with mainstream values. I want our party to do a better job of speaking to matters of faith and family."

I think it is vital that evangelical Christians divorce ourselves from gloating or any expression of self-righteousness. It is imperative that, while others are searching for answers, we truly represent Christ's heart. Let us speak with humility of our values and then, with wisdom, lead others to Jesus, our source of all virtue.

Beloved, both Republicans and Democrats, as well as the news and entertainment media, are all realizing that something powerful is awakening in America. They had a first glimpse when *The Passion of the Christ* came out; they were staggered by the effect of praying, voting Christians during this last election. Now, it is time to pray this advance forward.

As I've often said since January, 2004, we are in a year of release. The constrictions we been experiencing are not death throes, but birth pangs; they are not part of what restricts us, but releases us. Indeed, there is a destiny unfolding, not just for George W. Bush, but for the body of Christ in America. I believe that the Lord is in the process of answering our prayers and increasing our effectiveness. Concerning His anointing on our lives, He says, "I will double you

I Will Mix The Old and The New

Patsy Shelton

There are many things on the horizon that have yet to be seen, and have yet to be spoken forth into this natural realm. But the noise of My thunder is about to resound throughout the earth. I have stood still for a short season, and laid the groundwork of this New Day, but now My instruction for the building of the “new thing,” in the earth is about to be spoken forth.

How I have waited and longed for this generation, even a people that would be real and not phony. A people that would be filled with My Spirit, but not be high and mighty. A people that are not so spiritual that they are of no earthly good. Ordinary people that will walk on the high places of the earth but that will walk humbly before their God.

And these have an ear to hear what My Spirit is saying today, not to the apostate church, but to a church that will begin to flow in unity and unison. Even though they may not be gathered all together in one place, they are all flowing in the same stream of My Spirit, and that stream is flowing from My throne and from under the door of a heavenly sanctuary.

As I am tearing down the religious system, I have been at the same time raising up the glorious church without spot and wrinkle. Ah, she is still in the infancy stage, but she is coming forth in all her beauty, as a Bride adorned for her Bridegroom.

And there are many of no significance, according to man, that are gathering together, and I am in their presence. My Spirit has the freedom to manifest My presence in whatever manner He chooses. They have made room for Him, yielding to Him, and He is free to do in their midst whatever He chooses to do. They have no agendas, and no plans but have a yearning and a longing to see the power of their God manifested in the earth.

In previous seasons I have raised us the Tabernacle of David, a place of praise and worship but in this New Day, I will raise up the house of Jacob, where I will once again teach My Ways, and My people will walk in My paths. Out of Zion the law shall go forth and the word of the Lord from the New Jerusalem. And I will reign over the House of Jacob forever, and to My Kingdom there will be no end.

The house of Jacob shall be a fire; but the house of Esau shall be stubble. And their children shall be the work of My hands, in their midst. They will hallow My name and hallow the Holy One of Jacob, and fear the God of Israel. Those that erred in spirit will come to understanding, and those that complained will learn doctrine.

And I will renew the covenant’s of old that I swore by their fathers, and I will do for this generation that which I have never done before. For this generation will see the fulfillment of the covenants that I made in days gone by. This people, are My people, and I am their God. They walk humbly before Me, but My anointing and power will flow through them.

I will even complete that which I started long ago, and that which I have longed to bring to My people even their inheritance. This is the generation, and this is the people that will possess the land and the promises. Even the promises made to the House of Jacob.

I will mix the old, and the new. The covenants of the old will be fulfilled and the Spirit life of the new will bring a new completeness and wholeness to this generation that no other generation has ever known.
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I Will Restore

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I Will Restore The Years The Locusts Have Eaten
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Increase is coming your way. I will expand your borders, extend your tent pegs, and move you out of the comfort zone. I will spark within you an interest in those things assigned to you. I will stir up within you great desire, so gain momentum, gain confidence, and move forward in the revelation. Gain ground. Take back from the enemy what has been stolen.

I will restore the years the locusts have eaten. Do not listen to the accuser. Do not open an ear to those who would try to negate what I have shown you. I have spoken, and it shall come to pass! Holy is My name, and I am leading your youth into holy living. They shall give an account of the wonderful things that I have done in their lives and give all glory to Me. Watch to see how I cut down the tree of self-will, how I take an axe to the root. Watch how I dismantle hierarchies of power that seek to dethrone Me and bring exaltation to men. Have I not said that I will deal with the evil doer? I will cut down the pedestal from which man is able to perform his will, and I shall strip naked those who function by the power of the flesh to interfere with what I have proclaimed forth. Do not be surprised when you see these standing naked amongst men. I shall put to nothing the attempts of evil men to control and manipulate.

This is the day of release into newness. I am releasing those who have been bound, breaking ropes that bind, and setting the captives free. I have arisen and am warring on behalf of those who have been beaten down and removed from the inner court, considered an outcast. I will, indeed, bring restoration into the lives of those who were forsaken and considered unworthy. As a matter of fact, says the Lord, I am campaigning against those who have caused these to stumble, and will make a display of My splendor as these are raised to life in this day. I shall breathe My breath of life into them and they shall come alive. And I shall fan into flame a desire within them to run in the direction of My choosing.

Eye has not seen and ear has not heard of the wonderful things I have in store for those who love Me. This is the day when your youth shall run with the flame burning deep within them and nothing is able to dampen the fire. Watch to see how I harness the resources needed for that which lies ahead. Watch how I supernaturally transfer funds from one account to the next. Watch how I visit your household with abundant blessing.

I am putting funds into your hands for this work of the ministry, to bless and release finances to those in need, to channel the blessing, to be a conduit of resources. Do not marvel. I have spoken these things to your Spirit in the past, and am only confirming what I have already promised. Cash will come flowing in. Resources will be released. I am at work to unlock resources that have been tied up.

House the wanderer, make provision for the needs of others. Provide abundantly for those of your own household and you shall see the blessing multiplied outwardly.

I Am Releasing Favor To You
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I am breaking apart the hierarchy that has been at work. I am disassembling strongholds. Make room for My miracles. This is a day of great grandeur for those who have put their trust in Me, and a day of joy and gladness for those who know the Lord their God.

Rest in Me. Rest in My loving arms. I am moving out on your behalf, addressing issues that have come about. Trust in Me and do not let the enemy side-track you. Do not listen to the lies. I have given you My grace to see you through. I have invested time into your circumstances. I have built a hedge of protection round about you and given you My power to ward off the darts of the enemy. I have given you strength beyond comprehension and I will lead you out and on into the depths of My Spirit. Though many say they are in control, I am the One who sees all and who changes and arranges things, so pick up speed and run the race undaunted.

I have provided you with all that you stand in need of. I have given you insight into those things that are at war with My Spirit, and I am coming to bring the haughty to their knees. I will pull out from under them the rug, the platform from which they perform and I will address issues of the heart. Jesus saves and He will bring salvation to your household. He will bring you into the free flow of the Spirit of the living God. Just acknowledge Me and do not bow down to the pressures of the ungodly.

I will dethrone kings and raise up the lowly. I will break apart the web of lies that has held captives and release them into liberty in My spirit, says the Lord. I will make a covenant with My Beloved. I will introduce to them the beatitudes, understanding of what it means to walk humbly with the Lord their God.

This is a day to rejoice. I will bless you beyond all you could think or ask. I will lead you into the promises, one by one, and you will rejoice when you see what I have done. I have spoken to you about division, about separating the wheat from the chaff, about decisions regarding moves. Be ready to “let go” of those things and people who are a hindrance to your movement on into the fullness of the calling upon your life and I will take you on and into the full inheritance. I will bring you into the full scope of the ministry of Christ. I will preach the gospel via your mouth. I will fill it with words of truth, words of wisdom from the Heavenly Father.

I have fully-equipped you to press into the call. I will mobilize you, set your feet to music, and thrust you on and into the mandate. I will propel you forward and into the depths of what I am doing. So get ready, for I am releasing favor to you. Go with the flow. Make the break from contentment and let My Spirit stir you up and propel you on.

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I Will Cause You To Flourish
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Prosper and be in good health. Come into the full revelation of Christ. Come into the abundant blessing that is yours in Christ. Come into the River of Life flowing from the throne room of God. Come into understanding. Come into prosperity!

I will cause My goodness to abound toward you. I will cause My power to reside within you. Do not think you are without hope, without direction. I have established you upon the Rock of Christ and you shall go on in the call to be a light to those in darkness.

I will cause you to flourish in the ministry of Christ. Everywhere your feet tread, you will take the land. Everywhere you go, you will be given opportunity to be a witness of My love, of My word. Do not think others do not see the light that radiates forth. They see it and will be drawn by it.

Harness the resources being released to you. Hook them up for productivity. I will cause you to move forward in those things that I have spoken about. Increase your borders. Move out in all directions. Perfect is My timing. Perfect are My ways. Perfect is the word of the Lord. It shall bear fruit for the kingdom!

I Will Set The Captives Free

Yolanda Ballard

I AM calling forth My bride to be strong. I AM admonishing you to receive those who are weak. Receive all with the power of My love. Don't overcompensate for the many weaknesses that you might be seeing in your character at this point by putting on a mask and covering over your need to be set free.

For there are many in My body who are struggling so. They have not dealt with the roots that sin has built up from their past life. For many are struggling with pornography. Don't be hush-hush up about this subject. My people need to be set free and the enemy is taking advantage because he knows he can. He knows if he can stay hidden, he will have the power to keep My people in bondage.

Come forth, My holy ones, and express your need to be set free. Don't hide behind the shame and the condemnation that so many are feeling for this is what is causing you to come under even severer attack from the enemy.

Sin is sin and there is not different levels like with the mortal sin teaching some have experienced. For what did I say adultery is but to lust after a woman in your heart. And what is murder but to be angry with your brother. I look at the heart not what you do on the outside.

What I tell you today is to come forth and be open to those I will lead you to for My church is not a group of healthy people already set free when they come in but is a hospital where I can perform heart surgery through the power of My Holy Spirit. Let Me slay you so that you may lay under My power that I may bring to the surface those issues that need to be uprooted. Let Me purge you that you may be clean through and through by the fire of My love. For no unclean being can dwell where My fire is. I will burn them out if you allow Me to.

Be open with Me. Do not be ashamed for I love you. I see you pure and already set free. I see you through the power of My blood. For I died for you that the enemy would not have a hold on you. But you must choose life, and you must choose blessings. You must choose to live the crucified life that I may fill you with My life. I love you, My children. I see you clean and holy and separated from the evil one and his ways. I see you as mighty overcomers, My vessels of righteousness, the set-apart ones.

So rise up in My glory this day. Bow before My feet and worship Me for the victory. Reach out and touch the hem of My garment. Do not let any spirit of religiosity bind you from receiving life or giving life. Don't be offended by this message for it is a much needed one. It is time to grow up and be the Bride I called you to be. Love one another. See others who are struggling the way I see them. See them through the eyes of faith. Do not mark them as hopeless, for that is a curse in itself. Come and bless the brethren. Treat them as you would have them treat you. Yes, do unto others as you would have them do unto you. That is the Golden Rule that continues to stand this day throughout eternity.

I called you to love and only then will you conquer the foe. Be aware of the tools the enemy uses for he is subtle. For it is the little foxes that spoil the vine. I AM the vine: you are the branches. There is no life outside of Me. You cannot make it on your own for only I can do the impossible. I admonish you this day to receive those who are struggling. See them through the eyes of faith for all are vulnerable to the same sins. No one is better than the next.

Humble yourselves before Me and I will lift you up as one. When one is struggling, you all are struggling. Do your part by being strong in Me and praise Me for I began the work, and I AM faithful to complete it.

Receive this message and be aware for there will be those who will come forth, and the evil one will try to cut them off, but do not allow it. Be strong! Let My love overcome the wicked one and My light overcome the darkness. Allow My Spirit to flow to set the captives free this day.

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I Will Walk Among You

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I call to you today to say that I will walk among you in this season. There are many who need My healing touch, but also need My compassion. Broken hearts need to be mended and fears removed in order to move in the realm of expectation for the glory that is now to come.

I come today as your Healer, for My Spirit has been sent among you to strengthen you and release the gifts of healing, but I will also visit you with great compassion in the days ahead. There will be times even as you go about your daily duties that suddenly you shall feel My overwhelming love and compassion that will renew, strengthen, and prepare you for the journey that is before you.

There are many that I have called into positions of ministry who have not yet arrived, and even have come to a place of unbelief of that which I have spoken in times past. But, as My compassion surrounds you and as My love lifts you, you will know surely the words that were spoken by Me and the words which were not of Me. You will embrace the true word, and you shall see it come to pass even in this season, says the Lord.

I have great love and compassion for those who have been wounded, but I cannot leave you there. You are needed in the kingdom for the Father's purposes. I come as the Lord of Restoration to strengthen you and prepare you. What lies ahead is an exciting time, a glorious time, but at times it will be difficult. Yet it will also be easy, for I shall carry you Myself. If you abide in My love and My compassion and My glory, you will look back on this time in years to come and say, "There, in that season, the Lord did begin to visit His people."

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In Your Fullness Of Times

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On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ***"Peace be with you!"*** *After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.* ***Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*** *John 20:19-22*

*"****When the day of Pentecost came****, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.* ***All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit*** *and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them." Acts 2:1-4*

Beloved, My plan for you is clear. I have watched as many of you have been groping as a blind man but know that there is no groping in the plans of the I AM. The enemy has taunted you in order to give you a slave mentality, saying there is no escape for you. He has sought to hold you in a vice grip of bondage in the physical, the mental and the emotional ... he has achieved a degree of success because you have thought and acted as slaves when Jesus made it possible for you to be free - but he is not above the Name of My Son and he is a defeated foe. I have laid My plan but you must be willing to lay down your plans for Mine. Many of you currently feel that you don't fit anywhere. The enemy seeks to distract you and to steal the calling on your life but I have overcome him, says the Lord. But you must do your part, you must stand firm. The enemy would try to delay the calling but My timing is always right! In the fullness of time I brought forth My Son and in the fullness of time I bring forth My Faithful Ones and you are now entering your fullness of times. Beloved, it is time to take the I AM very seriously, nothing is just happenstance. You are in the timeframe in which your Kinsman Redeemer will prove Himself mightily on your behalf.

There is coming a release in the spiritual realm. I say again, a release. As in the natural, the water breaks in birthing so a release in the spiritual. My Beloved, call forth your ministries, call forth your finances, call forth your healings, call forth everything that is needed for the calling on your life. There is a release, call them forth. The enemy has tried to abort the ministry upon your lives and he is trying to destroy this birthing that I have for you. He says there is no baby, there is no ministry, there are no finances, there is no healing - there is no plan that all has been a false pregnancy in your mind and imagination. But I say unto you, what I have spoken to you is TRUTH and satan is a liar and a deceiver. I, the Lord Your God speaks to you and says the baby has been born and I AM coming to place the mother and baby fully into the place I have prepared for you. My plans for you shall not die, the ministry shall not die, it is Mine, therefore it CANNOT die. It is time for the fullness of My most holy will and purpose for your life to come forth in ways that will thrill you and empower you to handle 'everything' that I shall place in your hands. You are entering My fullness of time for your lives and you will see My presence come over you as you have never encountered before.

It is your fullness of times, ask and it shall be given to you. Seek and you shall find. Knock and the door shall be opened. Ask for specific needs to be met... Yes, I know your needs but My word says that anyone who asks will receive. My Child, faith is the key that opens the door and faith comes by hearing the Word and I have given you the word this day. Speak My Word and watch your faith grow and every need met.

The extraordinary is about to happen! I AM about to pay some glorious visitations upon My faithful ones. As in Pentecost of old, it is not the first time that My Beloved has acted together as I breathed my breath upon you. But now you shall see the Holy Spirit In FORCE to join those of Mine together. Many of you have felt as though you were dead but now you will see Me breathe LIFE into you during your fullness of times. I will clean up any areas that are in disrepair and this will be a quick work. I say again THIS WILL BE A *QUICK WORK* and I will restore ALL that has been lost and more! I AM about to demonstrate in your life just what I can do and you will see that Your Lord and Savior really does care about you. Behold, it is the fullness of time in your life. Expect from this day forward new energy and a fresh commitment as I give a fresh Baptism of Fire, a Fire that will bring fresh air into your life , to empower and to warm. ***My deliverance is upon you and you will carry My deliverance forward for others.*** Behold, a sound is about to come forth, the sound of a mighty rushing wind and My faithful ones will hear as you stand IN YOUR FULLNESS OF TIMES.

Joseph Anointing

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2004, Joseph Anointing Released
The Joseph Anointing - Part 1

Recently while ministering in a Signs and Wonders Conference in New Mexico with Todd Bentley and Keith Miller the Lord gave me a prophetic word for 2004. He said that 2004 would be a year of great release. The anointing that was released on Joseph in the book of Genesis would be released on the church this year. In Genesis 30:22-24 we see Josephs name first mentioned. Here God remembers Rachel in her barrenness and opens her womb. She conceives and bears a son, Joseph and declares God has taken away my reproach. The literal interpretation of Joseph is He Will Add. The shame of the past is being removed. God is removing the shame and reproach off His church and is replacing it with great fruitfulness. 2004 will be a year of great increase, release and favor on the church. Josephs very name speaks of this increase.

Whenever God is about to show up on the scene in a significant way He raises up prophetic voices to help prepare the way of His coming. These voices are called forerunners. They catch the heart of God and run with it. God uses men and women who will co-labor with Him to see the Kingdom of God established in the earth in the hearts of people. He's looking for those who will align their hearts and minds with His. These forerunners are being released to do great exploits and accomplish great things for the Kingdom.

SPIRITUAL PROMOTION AND INCREASE TO SERVE GOD AND OTHERS

Joseph was a forerunner. He was sent ahead of his family into Egypt to help prepare provisions for them in a time of great famine. He was placed by God into a position of great influence and authority, the second in command over all the land of Egypt (Gen. 41:41-44). But that power was not given to him so he could serve his own means. It was so he could fulfill the will and purposes of God and serve His people. In the world many times people obtain power and authority to serve themselves and increase their own fame and wealth. In the Kingdom God grants His power and authority to us so that we will serve not only His purposes but other people. The greatest in the Kingdom is the servant of all (Mt. 20:26). God promotes servant hood.

God is releasing a Joseph anointing on His people for spiritual promotion and increase. Corporately the Body of Christ will experience a great release with a divine commissioning into their God-given purpose, call and destiny. We are in a season where God is releasing the Josephs, those who will walk with God in great spiritual authority, power and influence. They are being sent ahead as forerunners to help prepare the way.

THE FULFILLMENT OF DREAMS AND VISIONS

With the Joseph anointing there is also a fulfillment of dreams and visions. There are many who have received dreams and visions from the Lord, even in their youth. With spiritual promotion there comes a fulfillment of the dreams and visions God has given. At the age of 17 Joseph received a dream of greatness (Gen 37). He prophetically saw a time of increase and promotion coming in his life. But we know the story of how he was first hated by his brothers, thrown into a pit, sold as a slave, falsely accused and them thrown in to a dungeon. It wasn't until he was 30 years old that the vision came to pass. That was 13 years of hard testing waiting for the promise to be fulfilled (Psa. 105:17-19). I believe 30 is a significant year. It was at the age of 30 that the priests in the Old Testament began their priestly duties. It was also at the age of 30 that Jesus began His earthly ministry.

There are Josephs who have been prepared in the secret place of testing for the last 10 or so years and are now being released and commissioned by the hand of God into their God-given calls and destinies. It was exactly 13 years ago that I received a prophetic word from the Lord about the call and plan of God for my life. He told me that He was raising up a new breed of leaders. There would be no model for us to carbon copy or follow. We would need to be so sensitive and in tune with His voice in order to know the way to go and to walk in the new thing that He would do. But he also told me that the top of His priority list for me was the refinement of my character that my roots would go down so deep in Him that when success came I would be firmly rooted in Him. This year I turned 30 and with that I was released fulltime into the ministry He had called me to walk in, a healing revival ministry of signs, wonders and miracles. I had been active in ministry for many years serving as an associate pastor, walking through seasons of great testing and refinement. But when Gods timing came I was released to travel the nations in mass miracle crusades and in a ministry of healing revival. It was the moment of release. But I believe even the events in my own life are a picture of what God is doing in the corporate Body of Christ. There are many Josephs who have had to walk through many tests and have passed with flying colors bringing them into a season of divine promotion and increase in the purposes of God.

The Joseph Anointing Part 2

GODS SOVEREIGN PLAN OVERRULES THE ACTIONS OF MAN

Gen. 45:4-8 and Gen 50:20

It wasn't God who threw Joseph into the pit and sold him into slavery. It was the jealousy of man. But God used what man did to position Joseph for a divine promotion! The action of Joseph's brothers sent Joseph on a journey that would go from bad to worse. But no matter what negative circumstances surrounded Joseph, Gods hand of favor and blessing was on him. Even in the midst of the most difficult circumstances Gods favor caused him to rise to the top. Gods purposes for Joseph superseded the purposes of man. God used the negative circumstances to place Joseph in a position where he could be promoted into his true calling.

I've seen this happen even in my own journey of following the call of God on my life. God would take the negative actions of man to position me into a place where increase and promotion could come. Many times our limited human perspectives are so small we cant see or understand how God can bring to pass His purposes or turn a negative situation around for good. But Gods ways are truly bigger than our ways and it is often in hindsight that we see how the hand of God has moved in such a marvelous way. Remember it doesn't matter what man does to you. Mans actions do not determine your future or destiny in God. Rather its your response to those actions that determine how far you will go. God is looking for the right response which is always unconditional love and forgiveness.

YOUR ATTITUDE DETERMINES YOUR ALTITUDE

Joseph kept his heart pure and undefiled from bitterness and resentment. He chose to walk in love and forgiveness. When you choose to love and bless no matter what happens to you, God will always bless and bring increase into your life. If we keep our hearts pure nothing can hold the favor and blessing of God back. Those that have kept a pure heart through their seasons of testing will now experience great reward, blessing and favor. They will see the hand of God bring divine commendation on them. Not only will they receive favor with God but favor with man as God increases and promotes by His sovereign choosing.

Some of you have been going through some difficult circumstances over the past 10 years. You might have even grown weary in well doing. You haven't been able to see the higher plan of God. But in the midst of it all you must understand that God has allowed those things simply to get you in the right place for the right time so that you could inherit the fullness of His promise for your life. But remember, that inheritance is not for you alone, its given so that you can serve others and see His will established in the earth. Jesus came to fulfill the will of His Father (Jn. 5:30). The same is true for us.

JOSEPH WAS SEPARATE FROM HIS BRETHREN

Gen 49:26

There is a mark of separation coming on Gods servants. Joseph was separated, not even by his own choice. From birth there was a divine favor bestowed upon him that seemed to separate him from the crowd. Sometimes this favor caused others to be jealous and envious even hurtful in their attitudes and actions toward him. But the mark of separation was there. And so it is true for you and for me. God has separated us from the world and has placed His hand of favor upon us. We are separate unto God. To be a forerunner, to be a voice for God, you must be set apart. You must be separated from the voices of this world to hear the voice of God. This separation includes a lifestyle of holiness, purity and innocence. Be excellent at what is good and innocent of evil (Rom. 16:19). There is a mark of innocence that will be upon Gods people. We will be pure in thought, word and deed. This purity of heart will release great blessing and protection from evil in the days ahead. It will also release great provision with supernatural wisdom as it did for Joseph when a famine hit the land. No matter how dry or desolate it is around us we will rest in the abundant provision of the Lord both spiritually and physically.

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHARACTER

Character is important. Its the wine skin that holds the wine. Without character we will not be able to carry the degree of power and authority the Lord wants to bestow upon us. Cracks in the wineskin, un dealt with areas of personal character and integrity can cause the wineskin to burst losing the wine that it held. Throughout history this has proven to be true as great men and women of God have fallen prematurely because of some un surrendered area in their heart. God is raising the standard of personal integrity in the church to avoid unnecessary casualties of war. And God requires the glory. Paul Cain once shared about a conversation he had with Kathryn Kulman. She said Paul, its easy to give God the glory when you know you are getting some for yourself. God wants all the glory. That's why we must always remember that we must have the same degree of humility as we have power and authority if not more. This is our safeguard against compromise and premature failure.

The Joseph Anointing - Part 3

JOSEPH WAS THE YOUNGEST

Joseph was the youngest of his brothers at the time God gave him the dream of greatness. God often chooses what looks like the least in the eyes of the world. He did the same with David and Gideon along with many others. God looks at the heart, not at outward qualifications. Its your heart for God that qualifies you for promotion.

There are many in the church about to undergo a shift even in the circumstances they've been in because the time of promotion has come. This promotion may even be a surprise to some people because they've been judging by the external and not by the heart. Sometimes we miss the heart because we are so preoccupied with external packages. We must see ourselves and others with Gods perspective not ours.

GET READY FOR A SUDDENLY

Joseph's promotion came as a suddenly of God. In a single day he went from the dungeon to being second in command over the entire nation of Egypt. There was sudden promotion and increase. When you least expect it the hand of God will move and you will be suddenly thrust forward into the fulfillment of Gods dream and vision for your life. This happened to me this year. God required me to step out in faith to pursue the healing revival call on my life. I had to resign my position as Associate Pastor of the church I had been a part of for 17 years of my life. It was a painful transition. I had to leave my salary, my position, my comfort zone and everything I knew. But with that step of faith God suddenly moved and opened doors I never dreamed of, including traveling for a year on the road with Todd Bentley and Fresh Fire Ministries. Now, a year and a half later I'm traveling all over the world seeing the hand of God move powerfully in signs, wonders and miracles. Sometimes you have to let go of the good in order to possess the best God has for you. But when the timing of God comes theres a sudden shift and change that launches you into your future and destiny. Many will be launched this year.

THE BLESSING OF JOSEPH

Gen 49:22-26

The blessing Jacob pronounced over Joseph was the longest and the greatest out of all the blessings he pronounced over his sons. This blessing is coming on the church this year. Claim it for your own personal life, your family, church and ministry. Joseph's blessing includes:

1.Great fruitfulness. This speaks not only of the fruit of the Spirit in the area of personal character but also lasting fruit in our service to God. (Gen 49:22) 2.Being filled, saturated and refreshed with the living waters of Gods Spirit. (Gen 49:22) This also speaks of the Psalm 1 anointing. Read Psalm 1. 3.Enlargement and increase despite apparent boundaries and restrictions. Nothing will be able to hold back the increase God gives. (Gen 49:22) 4.Increase of strength with perseverance. Those that have wanted to quit and give up will be strengthened by Gods power to persevere until the blessing comes. (Gen.49:23-24) 5.Both heavenly and earthly blessings including a blessed family, wife and children. Gods blessing will rest on entire households. (Gen.49:25-26)

As we go into 2004 let me encourage you to pray the blessing of Joseph over yourself, your household, your church and ministry. With it will come great release, favor, increase and divine promotion by the hand of God.

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Judges As At The First

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It's Time To 'Legislate' From The 'Bench'

> *"And I will restore thy JUDGES as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness." (Isaiah 1:26-27)*

In the United States we are witnessing an extremely unfortunate phenomenon in our legislative and legal system. What began in 1962, as the Supreme Court ruled to prohibit prayer from public schools in Engle v. Vitale, continues today as certain judges 'legislate from the bench' by imposing their own views on the citizens regardless of the law. The familiar scenario often unfolds as certain laws are enacted through the proper legislative system by lawmakers and voters, and are later declared unconstitutional and overruled by a judge. My intent here is not to discuss this particular phenomenon, but rather to draw spiritual truth from it.

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" (Romans 5:12) As the 'legislative authority' in the earth, Adam enacted the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2) and subjected all creation to decay and death. "For the creation (nature) was subjected to frailty (to futility, condemned to frustration), not because of some intentional fault on its part, but by the will of Him Who so subjected it..." (Romans 8:20 Amplified Bible) We can see the effects of sin all around us as we look at society, nature, the Church, even our own lives. In an effort to reverse the effects of sin, many have worked within the 'law' through spiritual mapping, identificational repentance, reconciliation, restitution, etc. These are all undoubtedly activities with noble intentions. I don't mean to be pessimistic but through all our efforts, however, I don't know that we've necessarily seen the results we desire.

May I suggest that it is time for something different? May I suggest that it is time to 'legislate from the bench'? Allow me to explain.
As negative and damaging as it may be in the natural sense, we have a shining example of what the Father desires to implement in the spiritual realm. God has given us the promise, as we just read above in the book of Isaiah, that He would restore JUDGES in order to execute righteousness. Just as the rulings of Court Judges override the laws of the land, even so the decrees of spiritual Judges override law. Perhaps we need to re-read 1 Corinthians 6:2, as it boldly declares, "Do ye not know that the saints shall JUDGE the world?" Many in the body of Christ are waiting for some future fulfillment of this. Keep in mind however, that both Jesus and John brought the message, saying "Repent (think differently): for the Kingdom (judicial rule) of heaven is AT HAND (available to be apprehended now)." (Matthew 4:17 my input in parenthesis) I believe that the time to 'judge' the world is now. I believe that the time to rule and reign is now.

"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall REIGN on the earth... Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the FIRST resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall REIGN with Him a thousand years." (Revelation 5:10; 20:6) It is clear that our reign is on the earth, not someday in the sweet by and by. It is clear that we are a royal priesthood NOW; "But ye ARE a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation..." (1 Peter 2:9) I believe that the 'first resurrection' is what Paul spoke of as he says, "If by any means I might ATTAIN unto the resurrection of the dead." (Philippians 3:11) Then the very next verse he says, "Not as though I had ALREADY attained..." Paul was obviously still alive at the time he wrote this letter to the Phillipians, so why does he bother to tell them that he hasn't yet attained, if this resurrection is something you have to physically die to get?

We will find the secret in the previous verse; "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;" (Philippians 3:10) You see, in these verses we have words translated twice as 'resurrection' that are actually two different words in Greek. Their meanings are similar but different enough to warrant an explanation. The word in verse 10 is anastasis in Greek and it means a resurrection from death. The word translated as power in that verse is dunamis in Greek, from which we get the word dynamo- a dynamo is a device capable of reproducing electricity. Paul is saying he wants to know Christ and the dunamis (the power capable of reproducing itself) of HIS resurrection from the dead. In other words, he wants to experience Christ reproducing HIS resurrection in Paul, thus resurrecting Paul to the resurrected Life of Christ. From Paul's words, it would seem that this only happens through the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto HIS death. The word translated as conformable, summorphos in Greek, means jointly formed. It is from two Greek words meaning union and adjustment of shape or nature. In other words, conformable means that we are in UNION with Him, jointly formed in His death. He became US in crucifixion ("He hath made Him to BE sin for us..." 2 Corinthians 5:21), and WE are crucified IN Him; it was a 'joint venture'.

This word translated as resurrection in verse 11 is exanastasis in Greek. This word is similar, but different than the word translated as resurrection in the previous verse. You will notice that the prefix ex has been added to the original word in verse 10. In Greek, ex is a primary preposition denoting ORIGIN or the point from which motion or action proceeds. In other words, this resurrection spoken of in verse 11 proceeds from the point or origin of being made CONFORMABLE (jointly formed) to HIS death. Not ALL will attain this resurrection, because not all will be made conformable to His death. Now do you see why Paul desired to attain to this resurrection? Also, the resurrection is not just an event that happened to Jesus and will one day happen to us. The Resurrection is a Person, the Person of Christ; "Jesus said to her I AM the Resurrection and the Life..." (John 11:25) Christ IN US and living His Life through us is the hope to which we were called! I love the way the Amplified Bible reads in Philippians 3:11; "That if possible I may attain to the spiritual and moral resurrection that lifts me out from among the dead even while in the body..."

"Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the FIRST resurrection... they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall REIGN with Him a thousand years." (Revelation 20:6) It is clear that the time to rule and reign is NOW! Resurrection literally means a RAISING up, a rising. The question is, where are we raised up to? "And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together [giving us joint seating with Him] in the heavenly sphere [by virtue of our being] in Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:6 Amplified Bible) That sounds to me like we are seated in Christ right now. And where is Christ seated? "...at His own right hand in the heavenly places, Far ABOVE all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:" (Ephesians 1:20-21) That is the 'seat' of authority. In judicial terms, that is the 'bench'. Folks, it is time we understood who really sits on the 'bench'. "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit WITH ME in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." (Revelation 3:21) It is the overcomer who sits on the 'bench'. This seat of authority, this 'bench' is far ABOVE all other principalities, powers, and dominion. The ruling that issues from this 'bench' supercedes all other law.

"I kept looking until thrones were placed [for the assessors with the Judge], and the Ancient of Days [God, the eternal Father] took His seat... the Judge was seated [the court was in session] and the books were opened." (Daniel 7:9-10 Amplified Bible) May I declare to you that the court is in session now and the books are being opened? It is time to set a precedent! It is time to judge the mount of Esau. "And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the Kingdom shall be the Lord's." (Obadiah 1:21)

So, in Biblical symbolism what does it mean to judge the mount of Esau? "And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau... And Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom. And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?" (Genesis 25:25, 30-32) Esau was red, his name means rough. When he sold the birthright, his name was called Edom. Edom means red, it is from the word adom, meaning red, ruddy. Adom is from the word adam. I believe that the mount of Esau represents the Edomite mentality, the Adamic carnal thinking of man that has sold the birthright. After all, isn't selling the birthright what Adam did? Edom sold the birthright to satisfy his carnality. Adam sold the birthright to satisfy his carnality. And what is the 'birthright'? In Biblical times it was the special privileges and advantages belonging to the first-born son. The birthright entitled the first-born son to become the PRIEST of the family, it allotted to him also a DOUBLE PORTION of the paternal inheritance, and he inherited the JUDICIAL AUTHORITY of his father.

Many in the Church today have, through the fear produced by inaccurate dispensational teaching, sold our 'birthright' to the enemy of our souls. We have taken the lowly serpent of the book of Genesis and turned him into the great dragon of the book of Revelation by allowing him to feed on the 'dust' of our carnal dualistic mentality. In our minds, we have created an almost equally matched struggle of good and evil that could be summed up as 'satan vs. Jesus'. We have been told that it is inevitable that things will get worse, and a man who embodies evil will eventually rule the world under a one-world government. We have been told that people will have to receive a bar-code or electronic chip implant to do business. Personally, I think we've been watching too many science fiction movies. We seem to have an insatiable thirst for drama and spectacle, and fear-based doctrines feed upon that thirst. Perhaps it is time to shift our thinking so that we may declare with Peter, "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables... We have also a more SURE WORD of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a LIGHT that SHINETH in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the DAY STAR arise in YOUR hearts:" (2 Peter 1:16, 19) It is time to put away such cunningly devised fables and judge the mount of Edom, the Adamic carnal thinking of man that has sold the birthright! Yes, we have a sure Word of prophecy. We are lights that shine in the darkness as the Day Star arises within us.

We must reclaim the birthright and be the PRIESTS we were intended to be, releasing His glory, His presence, His character and nature wherever we go.

We must reclaim the birthright and walk in the DOUBLE PORTION inheritance; "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12)

We must reclaim the birthright in exercising the JUDICIAL AUTHORITY of our Father. It is time to 'legislate from the bench' as "the kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ." (Revelation 11:15)

The Scripture is quite clear that we have the judicial authority of our Father; "I will give YOU the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever YOU bind (declare to be improper and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in heaven; and whatever YOU loose (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:19 Amplified Bible) Yes, WE have the 'keys' that bring the Kingdom of heaven to bear upon the earth. WE are the ones who legally bind and loose in the earth. "Nevertheless the LORD raised up JUDGES, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them." (Judges 2:16) We are the deliverers the world is waiting for.

Perhaps we can learn something from some of the rogue judges in the American judicial system. It is time we issue decrees that supercede law! "You shall also decide and decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light [of God's favor] shall shine upon your ways." (Job 22:28 Amplified Bible) I believe that many of our prayer efforts in intercession and travail will be shifting to decreeing God's purpose into reality, commanding this earth realm to bow in submission to the will of the Father; "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:10) I believe that the Father is restoring the spiritual Tabernacle of David to establish His seat of authority, to establish His Throne in the earth. "And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, JUDGING, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness." (Isaiah 16:5) Remember who it is that sits in the Throne?... "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit WITH ME in My throne..." (Revelation 3:21) It is time to JUDGE, it is time to be hasting righteousness. This is the day when the Father is restoring JUDGES as at the first.

Recently the Lord spoke to me quite clearly concerning the subject at hand. Therefore I offer the following for your edification and discernment:

Prophetic Word:
"I'm raising up a people who speak with My authority. A people who have listened for My voice, and know My heart. I am raising up deliverers from Zion who declare My purpose into reality. This is indeed a day of declaration, a time when you shall declare a thing and see it established. The day of hesitation and doubt are gone. Understand exactly Who it is that is within you! This is the day to judge the mount of Edom, to overthrow carnal reasoning and unbelief, for the Kingdom is the Lord's. This is the day wherein I shall have you to declare that heaven invade earth all around you."

"I am establishing 'judges' in the earth who shall speak forth My decree and hasten righteousness, for I am reclaiming and restoring that which is Mine. This IS a day of restoration. This IS a day of reformation. This IS a day of resolution."

"Stand up and be of great courage, for this is a day of unprecedented favor. Know that I have gone before you and prepared the way, so when you speak forth My declaration in the earth it SHALL come to manifestation. I am asking, Who will speak forth for Me?... Who shall declare My generation, My purpose and plan in the earth? Will YOU be that one?"

The question is, my friend, Will WE be the ones that the Father is restoring as JUDGES in the earth?

Just As I Promised

Shirley Lise

Just as I promised, I am moving you on and into the fullness of My Spirit. I will take you into deeper and deeper waters. I will submerse you in the power of My presence. I will move you on to inherit riches untold. I will move you on and into believing every promise. Doors are opening. Refreshing is coming. Great grace is upon you. Grace to move you on.

Unbelief is your greatest enemy. Unbelief is the giant that looms up in front of you to throw you off track. Unbelief is the giant that defies the armies of God. When My people walk by faith, they are able to overcome the taunting of this enemy. They are able to rise above what they see and believe for those things that are accessed by faith.

Faith moves mountains and casts them into the sea. Faith is the substance that brings into being those things promised, for the promises are to those who believe and have learned how to access them by faith. So rise up in faith and do not bow down to the taunting of the enemy. Rise up and take hold of the promises by faith. Call them into being, for there is power in the tongue, power given to those who believe.

Only believe and you will see the promises fulfilled, one after another. Take My word for it!

Rise Up In Faith

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Jakarta
Renee Smith

May 18, 2004
"The Holy Sprit whispered to me, "I AM" going to move in Jakarta"

I know this was the Holy one that spoke this to me today, as I know Nothing about Jakarta ....blessings Renee

Jakarta is My beloved One

Jakarta.. My beloved one. I want you to come away with me this day.. The hearts in My city that have been hanging in the balance between two opinions must decide Now whether I AM is their God or another.

I want to Move over Jakarta, and I will!

I want to MOVE in a Huge way in Jakarta. I WILL move in a Big way in Jakarta, and I am waiting on those in the balance to turn to me and desire My Presence in this city. They will come, I am The desirous One.

Your cries have been heard

To My handmaidens and my servants in My city ,Jakarta. You have wailed before me to come. you have done My bidding in the gates,. I have heard your cry. I will answer. The persecution has arisen because of Me, but I will send Revival for your trouble. Fear not.. I am able to keep that which you have committed to me against That Day. Look up.. your redemption does draw Nigh..

City Governments to Declare I Am

I am going to move on city governments and they will openly declare I AM Lord over Jakarta. I am sending rain in this season over my fair city.. and I want to Reign over My fair city. There will be a sign in the natural and in the spirit. My floods will pour on you. I will arise with Healing in My wings over Jakarta.

Governmental Shaking

There will be a governmental shaking over Jakarta.. I will shake the nations and the desire of the nations will come. I have spoken it of old and speak of it again. Authorities will change.. rulers that have had My people in chains will Let My people Go.. Get ready, my beloved city. I AM is coming!

Jesus As Lord And Shepherd King Of The Harvest

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HOW IS THE CHURCH TO BE PREPARED TO MOVE INTO NEW LEVELS OF DIVINE COMPASSION?

Having opened our hearts to flow in Christ's compassion, it is important to realize that we need to be willing to allow the Holy Spirit to prepare us to carry the weight of such a pure and perfect anointing from Father. There are certain components of Christ's nature that must be sown into the hearts of believers in order to help ready us to carry the anointing of compassion. One such aspect of Christ's nature is that of purity in motivation.

THE MULTITUDES

When Jesus looked on the multitudes he was moved by compassion. He didn't see the multitudes as symbols of power or success or as a means to personal fulfillment or ministry expansion. He did not look upon the multitudes in pride with a view to increase the size and scope of his ministry. Neither did he view the multitudes with any kind of self-interest. It is sad, but true, to say that we do not always respond with such pure motivation. Sometimes in our zeal to fulfill passion, we sometimes miss compassion. May God forgive us and teach us how to look upon the multitudes with His heart.

JESUS AS LORD AND SHEPHERD KING OF THE HARVEST

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds he had compassion on them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" **Matthew 9:35-38**

The crowds were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd, but when Jesus looked at the multitudes He responded as a shepherd king with a servant heart, caring for them and showing compassion. He had their best interests at heart, and He let His Kingdom passion find its fulfillment in compassion through the healing and comfort of the sick and afflicted.

It is of significance that the Lord spoke of harvest in the same breath as compassion. Compassion is a key to unlock the end time harvest.

BECOME LIKE A CHILD

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?' He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said, 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.'" **Matthew 18:1-4**

The parable of the little child is a wonderful illustration of pure as opposed to impure motivation. The disciples were arguing amongst themselves about who was the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. By way of response, Jesus called a little child to stand in their midst and said to them that in order to enter the Kingdom of heaven they (and we) must become like little children.

I wonder what it was about the little boy that the Lord saw as being the epitome of humility? I love the fact that this child (of God) had no agenda, save obedience to Christ. His Master called his name and he came and stood at the feet of Jesus immediately, with no argument or demand for recognition. Sadly, the disciples were not so selfless in their desire for recognition and reputation. However, before we are too hard on them, let's pause a moment and allow Holy Spirit to reveal to us if we have been guilty of a similar response and let's prayerfully repent for any flesh-like desires for recognition by man.

May we become like the small boy, who had no thoughts of self - instead he was totally Christ-centered. Deep in his heart, the wee boy knew the greatest truth of all - that Christ and Christ alone is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. He had no desire to elevate himself, he simply wanted to serve Jesus. He was humble and did exactly what Jesus asked of him, when he was asked. He did not argue back or question Jesus. He was simply obedient and stood with his Master awaiting instruction. He didn't have an agenda! May we emulate this child's faith and surrender to Christ.

LEARN TO SERVE

"Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. 'What is it you want?' he asked. She said, 'Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom.' 'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?' 'We can,' they answered. Jesus said to them, 'You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father.'

***"When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that the rulers of the gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave - just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'"* Matthew 20:20-28**

Compassion and the anointing for miracles contained therein, is a mighty and weighty anointing from the Lord, and our hearts must be sifted from pride to permit us to walk in it with purity. In Matthew 20, Jesus teaches his disciples concepts of Kingdom authority; relationship with God, servanthood, and authority go hand in hand. Jesus taught his disciples that they were not to lord it over people, but rather they were to serve them. A position of Kingdom authority is given from Heaven to bring glory to God.

Jesus always led his disciples by example, and His next demonstration of love serves to undergird His wonderful teaching. The very next miracle recorded by Matthew is a demonstration of the Lord's compassion.

LEARN TO SEE WITH 20-20 KINGDOM VISION

"As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, a large crowd followed him. Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!'

"The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, 'Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!'

"Jesus stopped and called them, 'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked. 'Lord,' they answered, 'we want our sight.' Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately, they received their sight and followed him." **Matthew 20:29-34**

Jesus' next act of compassion is to heal two blind men and give them back their physical sight. This must surely have been a powerful living parable for the disciples, to see people and situations through the eyes of Christ. The disciples needed to have their spiritual eyes awakened to the Lord's compassion. Compassion always carries the beautiful hand of Christ, His healing touch releasing faith for miracles, for blind eyes to be opened, for deaf ears to hear, for the lame to walk, for the dead to be raised, the Gospel to be preached, the demonized to be delivered, the lost to be saved, the weary and afflicted to be comforted, the wounded to be healed, those who are bereaved to be comforted, the hungry to be fed...God's compassion knows no bounds. He wants us to see people and seemingly impossible situations with 20-20 Kingdom vision and to reach out in His compassion that He might release the anointing for miracles.

Purity of heart releases compassion. Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God. These blind men saw Jesus, not with physical eyes, but with eyes of faith. Not only did they receive their miracle, but they also became disciples. Compassion will harvest new disciples for Christ!

Our calling in this day is to be a people of faith who will not silence the voice of the afflicted that calls for deliverance, who will not rebuke those who cry out to Jesus for assistance, but rather we would reach out in Jesus' love and allow Him to heal and save the multitudes. Our God is the God of the impossible!

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Jewish History
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Some Scriptures & Jewish History ~ 1249, 1294, 1429, 1492, 1924, 1942
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Luke 12:49 I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!
John 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

1249 ALFONSE OF POITIERS (France)
The brother of Louis IX, he ordered the expulsion of the Jews from Poitou, France. Though his decree remained mostly on paper, it does mark the first local expulsion of Jews. Both brothers did their best to force money from their Jewish subjects.

1240 - 1292 ABRAHAM ABULAFIA (Spain)
One of the first kabbalists. He was opposed by Solomon Aderet who felt that he was almost posing as a messianic pretender. Abulafia analyzed the Hebrew alphabet and the letters in God's name, calling it "chochmat ha zeruf" (science of letter analyzation). As a young man he traveled, searching for the legendary Sambation River.

1249 - 1315 RABBI MENAHEM BEN SOLOMON MEIRI (France)
A noted Provencial Talmudist. His most famous work was entitled Bais Habehria, a commentary on three of the sections of the Talmud; Moed, Nashim and Nezikin as well as a few other tractates. An original thinker, he used the Jerusalem Talmud to clarify parts of the Babylonian Talmud, as well as using all available commentaries. He also wrote a commentary on Proverbs and Psalms, and a work on the laws of writing a Sefer Torah called Kiryat Sefer.

1240 - 1305 MOSES BEN SHEM TOV LEON (Lyon, France)
Publisher and possibly the author of the Zohar, which he attributed to the second century Tanna, Shimon bar Yochai. Written in Aramaic, it flowed with complex symbolism and mythology. It became the major component of the Kabbalah (Jewish mysticism), expounding four steps of biblical interpretation: literal, aggadic, philosophical and "Raza de Mehmanuta" - secret mystery of faith.

1240 YEAR 5000 IN CREATION
Believed to be the age of the Messiah. For this reason, many Jews did not prepare a proper defense against the Crusaders and were helpless against their onslaught.
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Numbers 14:29 your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness; and all who were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against me,

Deut.14:29 And the Levite, (because he hath no part nor inheritance with thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which [are] within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.

John 14:29And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

Mat 14:29And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

Isaiah 14:29 Do not rejoice, O Philistia, all of you, Because the rod that struck you is broken; For from the serpent's root a viper will come out, And its fruit will be a flying serpent.

Luke 14:29,30 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish [it], all that behold [it] begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

Proverbs 14:29 He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.

1424 COLOGNE (Germany)
Jews were banned from the city. This ban remained in effect until Cologne was annexed by revolutionary France in 1794.

1424 KAIFENG (China)
Jewish physician Y'en Ch'eng was given the surname "Chao" as an honor by the Emperor. This family, which probably originated in India and Babylon, became one of the leading Chinese Jewish families.

1427 POPE MARTIN V (Italy)
Ordered the Italian fleets to cease transporting Jews to Eretz Israel. The basis for the order was the claim that the Jews were responsible for building a Mosque on Mount Zion in the hope of eventually turning it into a synagogue. This made immigration to Eretz Israel far more difficult.
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1492 (9 Av 5252) SPAIN
The expulsion of the Jews from Spain.

1492 January 2, GRENADA (Spain)
The last Moorish stronghold was overrun, adding even more Jews to Catholic Spain. Under the terms of surrender, the Jewish inhabitants were promised protection by the King and Queen. Within a few months the razing of the Jewish quarter was ordered by Ferdinand.

1492 March 31, EDICT OF EXPULSION (Spain)
Since professing Jews were not under the jurisdiction of the Inquisition, the Church leveled a ritual murder accusation against them in Granada and was thus able to call for the expulsion of both Jews and Marranos from Spain. The Marranos themselves were accused of complicity in the case, and both were ordered to leave within four months. Torquemada, the director of the Inquisition (and incidentally of Jewish descent), defended this against Don Isaac Abarbanel. It is estimated that approximately 200,000 Jews were living in Spain. Approximately half of them found temporary sanctuary in Portugal. Another 50,000 fled to friendlier shores and the rest remained as "Christians".

1492 August 3, COLUMBUS (Spain-America)
Set sail for the New World. His journal recorded the sighting of some vessels carrying Jews away from Spain. The loan for his voyage was advanced by Luis de Santangel, chancellor of the Royal household, and Gabriel Sanchez, high treasurer of Aragon. Both were born into Marrano families.

1492 October 12, LOUIS DE TORRES (Spain-America)
He converted to Christianity right before sailing and served as an interpreter for Christopher Columbus. He became the first white man to set foot in the Western Hemisphere. Landing with Columbus, he discovered and introduced tobacco into Europe. In the New World Torres saw a bird he thought to be a peacock and called it a "tuki" (Hebrew for peacock - I Kings X22). Today that bird is known as a turkey.

1492 October 24, MECKLENBURG (Germany)
Jews were again accused of stabbing a consecrated wafer. Twenty-seven Jews were burned, including two women, and all the Jews were expelled from the duchy. The spot where they were killed is still called the Judenberg.

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1 Samuel 19:24 He also stripped off his clothes, and he also prophesied before Samuel, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

John 19:24 Then they said to one another, “Let’s not tear it, but cast lots for it to decide whose it will be,” that the Scripture might be fulfilled, which says, “They parted my garments among them. For my cloak they cast lots.” Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Genesis 19:24 Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

Acts 19:24, 25 For a certain [man] named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

1924 - 1930 FOURTH ALIYA (Eretz Israel)
Was comprised mainly of older Jews who feared conditions in Europe and were barred from the United States by its closed door policy (the Johnson Act). Nearly half of the 62,000 immigrants were from Poland. Due to an economic slump, 11,000 of the immigrants subsequently left the country.

1924 HAROLD MAURICE ABRAHAMS (1899-1978), (Britain)
Won the gold medal for 100 meters in the Paris Olympics and a silver medal in the relay. Although his active career was cut short by a leg injury, he continued to be active in sports. The story of Abrahams and Eric Liddell, both members of the British team, later became the basis of the 1981 film "Chariots of Fire."

1924 HILLEL FOUNDATION (USA)
Was started by Benjamin Frankel. The first Hillel House was opened at the University of Illinois. It provided religious and social functions, as well as counseling for the (often assimilated) Jewish students on campuses.

1924 JOHNSON ACT (USA)
Immigration quotas were reduced to two percent of the number of foreign born persons of each nationality that was present in 1890. As a result, immigration was reduced to a trickle. Between 1933-41 the same amount of German Jews (157,000) entered the USA as entered in 1906.

1924 JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE
The Joint agreed to donate funds to help the Russian government resettle Jews in the Ukraine. Fewer than fifteen thousand were actually resettled.

1924 MADISON GRANT (USA)
Published his final edition of The Passing of the Great Race. Predicting that equality would eventually doom the nation, he promoted racist ideology and his hatred for "inferior people".

1924 - 1965 ELI COHEN (Egypt-Eretz Israel)
Israel intelligence officer, Cohen succeeded in infiltrating the highest echelons of the Syrian military and civilian government before he was caught and hung in 1965. The Syrian government is still refusing to allow his widow to rebury him in Israel.

1924 LAUREN BACALL (Betty Joan Perske) (USA)
"The Look" as Warner Brothers billed her, made her film debut starring opposite her husband-to-be, Humphrey Bogart in "To Have and Have Not" (1944). Over the next half century she performed in over 35 films. When her movie career cooled somewhat, she turned to Broadway, winning awards for her roles in Applause (1970) and Woman of the Year (1981). Although Bacall was never known by moviegoers as a "Jewish actress", according to her autobiography, she always felt proud of her Jewish heritage, which was rooted primarily in her love for her first-generation Jewish immigrant family.

1924 August 8, MEXICO
President Plutarco Elias Calles declared that his country would accept Jewish immigration. By 1937, Mexico reversed itself and many countries, including Poland and Romania, were allowed only 100 immigrant visas per year.

1924 September 22, RUSSIA
Chjekists (secret police) rounded up all known Zionists. Over thirty thousand were arrested and the Zionist organization was forced to move underground.

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Luke 19:42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things [which belong] unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

Joshua19:40 And the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families.
19:41 And the coast of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Irshemesh,
19:42 And Shaalabbin, and Ajalon, and Jethlah,
19:43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ekron,
9:44 And Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath,
19:45 And Jehud, and Beneberak, and Gathrimmon,
19:46 And Mejarkon, and Rakkon, with the border before Japho.
9:47 And the coast of the children of Dan went out too little for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.
19:48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.
19:49 When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them:
19:50 According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnathserah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

John 19:42 There therefore, on account of the preparation of the Jews, because the tomb was near, they laid Jesus.

1942 January, HUNGARIAN TROOPS (Yugoslavia)
Massacred several thousands Jews in the Bacska region of Yugoslavia under their control. Although this was not official policy, the perpetrators were able to flee to Germany.

1942 January 1, UNITED NATIONS (Washington, DC, USA)
Was founded as an assembly of the nations fighting Germany, Italy and Japan - the Axis powers. Twenty-six nations were among the original signatories. In the fall of that year, the Revisionist (New Zionist) Organization of America called on the United Nations to apply the “Four Freedoms” as delineated by President Roosevelt a year earlier to the Jewish people as well and to allow them to be represented. Roosevelt’s four freedoms included speech and expression, religion, want (economic),and fear (arms reduction etc).

1942 January 16, SENITSA VERSHOVSKY (Ukraine)
The mayor of the city of Kremenchug was shot for protecting Jews. Kremenchug had over 30,000 Jews before the war, who made up over 40% of the population.

1942 January 20, WANNSEE CONFERENCE (Berlin)
This conference was meant to coordinate the activities of the ministries involved with the Nazi Party and SS agencies in carrying out the ”Final Solution”. The conference was convened by Heydrich and assisted by Eichmann. Heads of the Gestapo and other government offices worked on the bureaucratic details of the methods and logistics needed in carrying out the “Final Solution”. Included in the discussions were plans for the mass sterilization of Jews who had mixed marriages, as well as the most efficient methods of mass killings. Their target was the Jewish population in 34 countries which they put at 11 million.

1942 January 23, UNITED PARTISANS ORGANIZATION (UPO) (Vilna, Lithuania)
Also known as the FPO (Fareynikte Partisaner Organisatsye) was founded in Vilna. It was the first organization which united the left-wing Zionists, the revisionists, the Bund and the communists. Its leaders included Isaac Wittenberg (communist), Abba Kovner (HaShomer HaTzair) and Joseph Glazman (revisionist). They were later joined by Abraham Chovnik (Bund). Its goals included armed revolt, sabotage, and contact with partisans in the forests. Like other groups, the main debate was

whether to fight in the ghetto or join the partisans. Wittenberg convinced the others to accept the former. An underground press was founded which played a vital role in forging identification cards as well as bringing information to the populace.

1942 January 31, ESTONIA
Franz Stahlecker, commander of Einsatzgruppe A , in a report to Himmler, affirmed that there were no more Jews in Estonia and only a few thousand left in Latvia. By the end of the war, 90% of all Jews in the Baltic countries had been eliminated. Stahlecker was killed by Estonian partisans two months later.

1942 February, EDON REDLICH - “GONDA” (Theresienstadt, Czechoslovakia)
A member of Maccabi HaTzair, helped in opening the first children’s home in Theresienstadt.Redlich organized psychologists, teachers, and medical personnel to supervise about 2,300 children. He was sent to Auschwitz in September 1944 and did not return.

1942 February 1, OSWALD POHL (Germany)
A former naval paymaster, was placed in charge of the WVHA (The Economic and Administrative Head Office of the SS). He ruled the concentration camps from this office with the aim of achieving Himmler’s goal: to use the camps to provide funding for the SS. Pohl was in charge of the conditions in the camps and arranged for everything from use of the clothing to the depositing of gold fillings into the SS accounts. He was hanged June 8, 1951.

1942 February 1, VIDKUN QUISLING (Norway)
The head of the pro-Nazi National Union Party (Nasjonal Smaling) was appointed prime minister by Josef Terboven, the Nazi commissioner. Quisling initiated anti-Jewish measures including confiscation of property and the establishing of labor camps. Half of Norway’s 1,600 Jews were deported to Auschwitz on October 25, 1942.

1942 February 12, ABRAHAM "YAIR" STERN (Tel Aviv, Eretz Israel)
The leader of what later became known as Lehi (the Stern Group) was shot by the British in his apartment in Tel Aviv.

1942 February 16, COMMITTEE FOR A JEWISH ARMY (New York, USA)
Led by Hillel Kook (alias Peter Bergson) took out an ad in the New York Times: “For Sale to Humanity, 70,000 Jews, Guaranteed Human Beings at $50 a Piece.” Written by Ben Hecht, a famous Jewish playwright, it brought to the forefront the plight of Jews in Romania and demanded that the United Nations play a role in the rescue of European Jewry. The following week, Senator Edwin Johnson of Colorado echoed the demand.

1942 February 24, SINKING OF THE STRÜMA (Turkey)
One of the "illegal" immigrant ships on which 768 of the 769 passengers perished. The Stürma was a former coal barge-turned-rescue ship, and although not seaworthy, loaded 769 passengers at Constanza, Romania on December 12, 1941. The ship reached Istanbul, Turkey, but the passengers were not permitted to land until the British would issue assurances that they would be allowed to proceed to Palestine. The British refused to allow them to land under the White Paper agreement of 1939. After two months of pressure, the British relented and agreed to allow children to leave the ship. Although they promised to notify the Turks, they delayed for 10 days. Giving up, the Turks had the boat towed out to the Black Sea where it was sunk, presumably by a Soviet submarine.

1942 March, - 1945 January 17, AUSCHWITZ (Poland)
The largest concentration and death camp began to take in Jews. Auschwitz was divided into three camps. Auschwitz I held both Jews and non-Jews. Auschwitz II, better know as Birkenau, was the main extermination camp. Auschwitz III was used for Jewish slave labor. Over 1,000,000 Jews were exterminated in Auschwitz.

1942 March 1, BARANOVICHI (Russia)
The Germans demanded that the head of the Judenrat, Joshua Izikzon, hand over 3,000 old people. Izikzon refused, stating that they were all ”dear to me.” Three days later, with the help of Latvians and Poles, the first massacre took place. Izikson and his wife (both naked), were forced to watch and then were shot. The Belorussians, who dug the pits, were also killed to get rid of witnesses.

1942 March 2, - 1943 April, BELZEC (Poland)
The second death camp (and former labor camp) became operational. Over 600,000 Jews, mostly Polish, were murdered in the camp before it was closed by the Germans. Odilo Globocnik was its first commandant. Globocnik was appointed by Himmler to be in charge of the European sector of the "Final Solution" and was involved in organizing Belzec, Sobibor, Majdanek, and Treblinka. He took poison in May 1945. Christian Wirth, another commandant, was killed by Tito's partisans. When the camp was abandoned, local villages were attracted to the site and dug for valuables. In order to obliterate the site, the Germans plowed it over and turned it into a farm run by one of the Ukrainian guards.

1942 March 2, MINSK ROUNDUP (Belorussia)
The Nazis demanded that the Judenrat, hand over 5000 people for deportation. When the Judenrat refused to comply, they dug a pit in a ravine in the center of the ghetto and buried alive anyone they found including the entire Shpalerna Street orphanage run by Dr. Chernis.

1942 March 6, SLOVAKIAN RABBIS
Reported to the Slovakian government that "the deportations mean physical extermination."

1942 March 10, LAZLO BARDOSSY (Hungary)
The pro-German prime minister, was ousted and Miklos (Nicholas) Kallay was appointed in his place. Although Kallay did stop deportations and executions, he kept all the anti-Jewish measures in place.

1942 March 14, S. BERTRAND JACOBSON (USA)
The chief representative in Eastern Europe for the Joint, held a press conference. He estimated that the Nazis had already killed 250,000 Jews in the Ukraine and that the Jews of Slovakia would probably begin to be deported very soon. Their deportations actually began within a few weeks.

1942 March 14, VATICAN (Italy)
Sent a letter to a Slovak official protesting the deportation of Slovakian Jews. The reply by Foreign Minister Vojtech Tuka assured the Vatican that the Jews were being settled in labor camps and that their conditions were “humane.” Eichmann and his lieutenant, Dieter Wisliceny, organized “letters” from those deported, to be sent upon their arrival to Auschwitz. They also organized an “inspection” by Fritz Fiala, a pro-Nazi Slovak editor whose report and pictures (censored directly by Himmler) were published in the Slovak and Romanian press.

1942 March 16, PALESTINE POST (Eretz Israel)
Printed a small article at the bottom of the page entitled “Warsaw Jews Threatened, Quarter million Jews massacred.” Most papers in Eretz Israel refused to print the reports, considering them exaggerated. They also did not wish to “alarm the world.”

1942 March 23, ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY (England)
In a speech to the House of Lords, called upon the British government to “end its procrastination” and establish a temporary refuge for the Jews. The motion was voted upon and approved – although nothing was done about it.

1942 March 26, AUSCHWITZ, POLAND
The first Jewish transport arrived under the command of Rudolf Hoess, containing 1000 Jews from Slovakia and 1000 women from Ravensbruk. According to a conservative estimate, from March 1942 until the liberation on January 27, 1945 over 750,000 Jews were gassed within its gates. Hoess himself estimated it at 1,135,000.

1942 March 28, FIRST DEPORTATIONS TO AUSCHWITZ (France)
From France. Many of the 1100 prominent foreign Jews had been arrested the previous December. Some had been held in the Drancy camp, others in the camp at Compiegne.

1942 March 28, FRANCE
First deportations to Auschwitz from France. One thousand prominent Jews who had been arrested the previous December were sent to Auschwitz.

1942 April 6, JEWISH ANTI-FACIST COMMITTEE (Russia)
Was founded, with its goal being to drum up Jewish support for the Soviet war effort. Although it was headed by the famous actor Solomon Mikholes, it was actually the initiative of the Soviet government. Other important members were Ilya Ehrenburg (the Russian author), Solomon Lozovsky, a member of the Communist Central Committee, and David Bergelson (a well known Yiddish writer). Mikohels was killed by the secret police in January 1948. Bergelson and Lozovsky were liquidated by Stalin in 1952. Only Ehrenburg survived, often clashing with Soviet authorities.

1942 April 10, PARTISAN UNIT (Minsk, Belorussia)
Was set up by Israel Lapidus who fled the ghetto with 20 men. His unit, known as the Kutuzov detachment, became very active in the area, bombing German supplies even in Minsk itself. Two weeks later, another group under Nahum Feldman also fled the ghetto establishing the Budyonny detachment, of whom many of its guides were 10 –13 years old. All of the units set up became mixed with non-Jews, although many Jews remained in command. The main force behind these efforts was Hersh Smolar (Smoliar), a Communist activist from Bialystok who managed to survive the war and later immigrated to Israel. All of them received direct help from local Belorussians. It is estimated that out of the approximately 10,000 Jews who succeeded in fleeing the ghetto, more than half survived.

1942 April 13, SERGEANT ANTON SCHMID (Lithuania)
Serving in the Wermacht was executed by the Nazis. Schmid was accused of disobeying orders after saving over 250 Jews near Vilna. In 1964 he was awarded the title "Righteous Among the Nations" by the Israeli government. In May 2000, the German government renamed a military base, Feldwebel Anton Schmid Kaserne, in his honor.

1942 April 20, ZDZIECIOL GHETTO (Dyatlovo, Belorussia)
Alter Dworetsky and all the members of the Judenrat were forced to flee after their activities on behalf of the partisans became known to the Germans. Dworetsky tried to organize an attack on the Germans in the city but the Russian partisans refused to join them and later killed him. Dworetsky's efforts paid off when 800 people succeeded in escaping the ghetto and joined the Orlinski detachment of Russia partisans as a Jewish unit under Hersch Kaplinski. Dytatlovo was the birthplace of Israel Meir HaCohen (the Chafetz Chayim) as well as Jacob Wolf Kranz of Dubno (the Dubno Maggid). By August there were no Jews left.

1942 May, - 1943 October, SOBIBOR (Lublin, Poland)
Was a death camp in which approximately 250,000 were murdered. Richard Thomalla and afterwards, Franz Stangl, were the commandants of the camp, which was closed after a revolt. Thomalla "Architect" of Belzec, Sobibor and Treblinka was killed by the Russian secret service in 1945. Stangel managed to evade arrest and fled to Brazil with the knowledge of the Austrian government He was finally arrested and sentenced to life in prison in 1970 but died of a heart attack the following year.

1942 May 8, TUVIA BIELSKI (Novogrudok region - Poland)
Together with his brothers, Zusye and Eshahol, encouraged entire families to escape from ghettos and join his fighters in Belorussia. He began with 100 men, and they were known as the Zhukov Detachment. By December 1943, his "Family" had 1,230 men, women, and children - only 30% of whom could fight.

1942 May 11, THE BILTMORE PROGRAM (New York, USA)
Was adopted in an emergency meeting (at the Biltmore Hotel in New York) of the Conference of American Zionists. The program, proposed by Ben Gurion and Abba Hillel Silver, totally rejected the British White Paper and called for the establishment of a Jewish state. There was opposition to the proposal by the "non- Zionists" and those who believed in a bi-national state (HaShomer HaTzair).

1942 May 15, SLOVAKIA
Passed legislation exempting any Jew who converted prior to March 14, 1939 (the date of the establishment of the Slovakian state) from being deported. During the previous year, thousands of Jews had tried to convert, hoping that despite the Nuremberg Laws, their conversion would save them.

1942 May 21, KORETZ (Ukraine)

Germans and Ukrainians killed 2,200 people, including the wife and 13 year old daughter of Moshe Gildenman who was soon to become famous as the partisan “Uncle (Dyadya) Misha”. Gildenman succeeded in escaping with his son, Simcha, and a few others with one pistol and five rounds of ammunition. His groups slowly grew in strength and were eventually absorbed into Saburov’s brigade group. They were always known as Uncle Misha’s Jewish groups. During the war, Gildenman received the Order of the Red Star and finished the war with his son in Berlin. After the war, his son returned to Koretz and upon meeting the Ukrainian who killed his mother and sister - shot him.

1942 May 25, JOSEPH FELDMAN (Germany)
Held the rank of colonel in the Red Army. He was asked to go to Germany and set up an underground among Russian POWs. In April 1943, the Brotherhood of Prisoners of War (BZV) planned an audacious attack in Munich itself. Unfortunately, the Gestapo arrested German anti-Nazis who knew of their existence. Feldman was eventually caught and died on March 10, 1944, refusing to give over any information even after being tortured repeatedly.

1942 May 27, YELLOW BADGE (Belgium)
The Belgium administration refused to disseminate the order for Jews to wear the yellow badge, and the Germans were forced to do it themselves.

1942 June 6, MORDECAI GEBIRTIG (1877–1942) (Cracow, Poland)
The famous Yiddish and songwriter was shot and his wife and daughters were sent to a death camp. Gebertig’s Undzer Shtetl Brent ("Our Town is Burning") was written in 1938 after a pogrom and won instant fame. Other famous compositions were Sug nit Keinmol (Never Say Never) and Mayn Cholem (My Dream).

1942 June 6, YELLOW BADGE (France)
Jews were ordered to wear a yellow badge in the occupied section of France. Many Jews marched down the streets of Paris wearing their war medals together with the star and were applauded by the crowds. Xavier Vallat, Commissariat of Jewish Affairs, told the Germans that he would not enforce the regulation and was replaced by Darquier de Pellepoix . A month later, Jews were banned from public places and only allowed one hour a day for shopping.

1942 June 22, GENERAL ERWIN ROMMEL (Egyptian border)
With Rommel’s approach from the south, a general draft was instituted in Eretz Israel. Twenty thousand Jews joined the army.

1942 June 23, - 1943 October 14, TREBLINKA II (Poland)
Death camp went into operation with the first transport of Warsaw’s Jews. (Treblinka II was different from Treblinka I which was a labor camp and also housed political prisoners). Over 750,000 Jews were murdered there. The camp was closed and dismantled after a revolt.The camp was organized by Odilo Globocnik. Those that ran it included Joseph (Sepp) Hirtreiter and Kurt Franz, who were sentenced to life imprisonment, and Franz Stangl, who was caught in Brazil and sentenced in 1971 to life imprisonment but died the same year.

1942 June 25, ARTUR SAMUEL ZYGELEBOYM (London, England)
And his compatriot, Dr. Ignacy Schwartzbart, arrived in London and released the most comprehensive account of confirmed massacres to date. Known as the Bund Report, it gave detailed information according to date and location. The report estimated that 700,000 Jews had already been murdered and concluded that the Germans planned to “annihilate” all the Jews in Europe. The Boston Globe published the information the next day, making it the first American newspaper to carry the report.

1942 June 31, BELGIUM
Four Jewish partisans dressed as Gestapo officers entered the Judenrat known as the Association de juifs de Belgique (AJB) and destroyed the records and lists of Jews, thus hampering the German effort at deportation.

1942 July, DEPORTATIONS BEGAN IN THE NETHERLANDS
Jews were first sent to two transit camps, Westerbork and Vught and from there to Auschwitz and Sobibor. Approximately 13,000 Jews were successfully hidden by both Jews and non-Jews. Out of 140,000 Jews before the war, only 35,000 survived.

1942 July, VICHY FRANCE
Pierre Laval, the new premier of Vichy France (April 1942), agreed to a German request to expel 100,000 Jews from France. Laval conditioned it on limiting it to "foreign born Jews" further stating that neither was he concerned with their children. Within a month, 50,000 foreign born Jews were handed over to the Germans for deportation. Laval was executed for treason October 15, 1945 in France.

1942 July 1, OBERTYN (Ukraine)
As the Russians withdrew in advance of the German offensive, the local party secretary urged the Jews to join them. The Jews decided to remain, believing the promises of the Ukrainian nationalists that Hitler only wanted them to work. The next day, Ukrainian mobs rounded up all the Jews from the neighboring towns, tied theirs hands with barbed wire and threw them off the ferry into the Dniester river. There were two survivors.

1942 July 2, PIERRE LAVAL (Vichy, France)
The premier of Vichy France reinstated in April 1942, agreed to a German request to expel 100,000 Jews from France. Laval conditioned it by limiting it to “foreign-born Jews,” further stating that he was also not concerned about their children. Within a month, 50,000 foreign-born Jews were handed over to the Germans for deportation. Laval was executed for treason on October 15, 1945 in France.

1942 July 10, DR. JOSEF MENGELE (Auschwitz, Poland)
Began medical experiments in Auschwitz. His experiments on twins were among the most horrific. Many were as young as 5 years old and they were usually murdered after the experiments. Of the approximately 3,000 twins experimented on, very few survived. Mengele succeeded in evading capture and was rumored to have died in 1979 in South America.

1942 July 16 - 17, LARGEST AKTION OF FRENCH JEWS (Paris, France)
12,884 people, among them 4,051 children, were arrested and imprisoned in the Paris Velodrome d’Hiver cycling stadium. The action had been postponed so as not to conflict with Bastille Day. People were kept there for five days without almost any food and water. In general, the French police would only participate in roundups of foreign Jews, while the Gestapo itself would act against French Jews.

1942 July 19, BARANOVICHI (Russia)
Plans were made for the outbreak of a revolt. When the Judenrat heard of it, they threatened the fighters with exposure, warning them that such an action would bring disaster down on the whole town. The revolt was postponed and in the end, never took place. In any town that the population and the Judenrat were not behind a revolt, the chances that it would take place at all, let alone succeed, were almost nil. In most cases, the Judenrat counseled against revolt or even mass escape, afraid of the repercussions for the rest of the population. Others supported resistance, in spite of the possible consequences. Still others e.g. Bialystok and Vilna were ambiguous.

1942 July 19, - October 6, OPERATION (AKTION) REINHARD (Poland)
Was ordered by Himmler and carried out by Odilo Globocnik. It included mass deportations of Jews within what was known as the General Government in Poland, from small towns to 7 major ghettos. All this was to make it easier for their eventual deportation in the "Final Solution."

1942 July 20, RABBI ALEXANDER ZUSHA FRIEDMAN (Frydman) (Warsaw, Poland)
A leader in Agudat Israel, called on the people not to oppose the Germans with force. “God will not permit his people to be destroyed. We must wait and a miracle will certainly occur.” Agudat Israel, like many groups in the Judenrat, were afraid that any “violent” opposition would mean the liquidation of the ghetto.

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1942 July 22, ANTI FACIST BLOC (Warsaw, Poland)
Was formed and composed of HaShomer HaTzair, Dror, and Poale Zion movements. The

organization had no weapons and was able to do almost nothing when the mass deportations known as the “great liquidation” began the next day. One of its commanders, Yitzchak (“Antek”) Zuckerman, together with his wife Zivia Lubetkin, played important roles in the revolt and later in the forests. Both survived the war and were among the founders of Lochmaei Hagettaot.

1942 July 22, ARMED RESISTANCE IN NESVIZ (Belorussia)
A small town in former Russian territory with less then 6,000 Jews prior to the war. Four thousand had been killed on October 30, 1941 after which the head of the Judenrat, Magalif, began to work with the underground. When the final Aktion came, all those left attacked the Germans with knives, hatchets, sticks, and home made incendiary devices. They then set the ghetto in fire. Only 25 Jews succeeded in reaching the forest and joining the partisan units. Over 40 Germans were either killed or wounded. Many similar incidents occurred in small ghettos in this region, such as Kletsk (on the same day), where 400 people broke out of the ghetto.

1942 July 22, THE GREAT LIQUIDATION (Warsaw, Poland)
Began. Each day, between 5-6,000 Jews were brought to the Umschlagplatz (literally 'transshipment square')on Stawki street and sent to Treblinka in cattle cars. This continued until September 12, 1942.

1942 July 24, - ADAM CZERNIAKOW (1880–1942) (Warsaw, Poland)
The leader of the Jewish council of Warsaw, the Judenrat, committed suicide. Czerniakow had held the position for 3 years and kept a diary of over 1,000 pages that chronicled the formation of the ghetto up to the beginning of the forced transports. The Germans had ordered him to provide them with a list of names for deportation. His response was a list of his own name written hundreds of times. The day before his suicide, the Nazi officer in charge of the deportation procedure, Sturmbannfuehrer (major) Hoefle, threatened to shoot his wife if he didn’t cooperate. In his suicide note he writes "I am powerless, my heart trembles in sorrow and compassion. I can no longer bear all this."

1942 July 24, DERECHIN (Poland)
After witnessing the murder of his sister and parents a few months earlier, Dr. Yehezkel Atlas joined with Boris Bulat and Pavel Bulak to form a partisan unit which included the surviving families from Derechin and the surrounding area. His second in command was a man of unbelievable strength named Eliyahu Kowienski. Atlas told those joining him ”Every additional day in your life is not yours but belongs to your murdered families. You must avenge them.”

1942 July 25, GENERAL POLITICAL MEETING (Warsaw, Poland)
Was held with representatives from the Joint, General Zionists, left-wing Zionists, Bund, Agudat Israel, communists and Jewish socialists, as well as the historians Emanuel Ringeblum, Dr. Shipper and others. Everyone except Rabbi Alexander Zusha Friedman and Dr. Isaac Shipper agreed that although there would be little help from the outside world and it would be like “a fly fighting an elephant”– resistance was the only answer. Dr. Shipper’s position was that any defense would bring about the total destruction of the ghetto and Rabbi Friedman called on them to believe that God would help them through the Allies and the Russian army.

1942 July 28, JEWISH FIGHTING ORGANIZATION (ZOB) (Warsaw, Poland)
(Zydowska Organizacja Bojowa) was formed at a meeting of HaShomer HaTzair, Dror, and Poalae Zion, Akiva, at HeHalutz headquarters. It was based on the Anti-Fascist Block which was supported by the Bund and led to their joining. Although the Revisionists (ZZW) did not join, they were in contact to coordinate efforts.

1942 August 5, THE GHETTO SPEAKS (USA)
A publication of the Jewish Labor Bund in the United States disclosed information on the murder of 700,000 Jews at Chelmno. Neither the American press – nor for that matter the Jewish press – were prepared to believe the reports.

1942 August 8, DR. GERHART REIGNER (Switzerland - USA)
Representative of the World Jewish Congress in Switzerland, brought the first irrefutable evidence of the German plans for their "Final Solution" to the American Consulate in Geneva. He asked that the Vice Counsel Howard Elting send it to the State Department and to Rabbi Stephan Wise. Elting sent it on to the American Legation in Bern along with a note that confirming that Reigner was “serious and

balanced". They in turn sent a telegram to the State Department on September 11 with a note advising that it was probably "a war rumor." Although it was decided to send a copy to Wise ,Elbridge Dubrow, a State Department official , recommended that Bern decline to send any more such messages which could reach a third party. The State Department, especially Gordon Hull and Sumner Wells, refused to send it on to Roosevelt and told Wise, after he approached them, not to publicize it until it could be "confirmed". U.S. officials withheld the news for three months.

1942 August 9, MIR REVOLT (Belorussia)
Only 850 Jews were left in the town after the Nazis killed 1500 on November 9, 1941. They were transferred to the old Mirski fortress where many began to plan a revolt. Informed of an impending Aktion, two hundred young people decided to escape and join the partisans rather than try to fight the Germans in the town. Over 15,000 Jews fought under the Russians partisans alone. A few days later, on August 13, all those who were left were murdered four days later.

1942 August 10, DERECHIN (Poland)
Yechezkel Atlas helped organize 300 partisans to retake the town. 17 Germans and 2 Lithuanians were killed. Another 44 were captured and executed over the Jewish mass grave.

1942 August 11, MOSCOW RADIO BROADCAST (Russia)
Described how Jews were forced to dig their own graves in the Nazi-occupied Minsk region.

1942 August 13, SWITZERLAND
For the first time, Swiss police hand over to the Germans Jewish refugees who had entered Switzerland "illegally."

1942 August 20, FIRST HAND REPORT OF THE "FINAL SOLUTION" (Berlin)
Kurt Gerstein, a member of the SS, reported in detail the existence of extermination camps to Swedish Consul Baron Gören von Otter. Baron von Otter conveyed it to the head of the Swedish legation in Berlin, which refused to pass it on to the allies until August 1945. Gerstein tried again to speak to Papal Nuncio Cesare Orsenigo, who threw him out. Gerstein had joined the Nazi movement early on but left it in 1935 disillusioned. He joined the SS after his sister-in-law had been killed by their Euthanasia program with the intent to "see its workings.. and proclaim them to the world." Gerstein surrendered to the Americans and presented them with accurate information regarding Zyklon B gas and his biography. He was being held in a French prison with other SS prisoners when he allegedly hanged himself.

1942 August 22, METROPOLITAN ANDREY SHEPTYTSKY (Ukraine)
Wrote Pope Pius XII describing the atrocities of the Nazis. Although Sheptytsky initially welcomed the Germans, he had done so because of his belief in Ukrainian independence. Once he witnessed the scope of the persecutions, he wrote to Himmler himself. The Pope's reply urged him to show patience.

1942 August 24, FRANCE
Handed over to the Germans around 15,000 foreign-born Jews. By the end of the month, 25,000 Jews were deported, although not from the "free" zone.

1942 August 25, RESISTANCE IN THE SARNY GHETTO (Ukraine)
Was organized after being informed that deportations would soon begin. On the day of the revolt, the Judenrat ordered the organizers to cease all activities, claiming that resistance would be harmful since they would only be deported for work camps. Most of the inhabitants allowed themselves to be convinced, and the revolt was postponed. Between August 27-29, most of the 14,000 Jews were murdered. Only a few succeeded in escaping to the forest.

1942 August 26, MARIE-ROSE GINESTE (Montauban, France)
Traveled well over 100 km by bicycle to hand deliver to other churches, copies of an appeal from Monsignor Pierre-Marie Theas (bishop of Montauban), condemning the deportation of Jews and urging defiance of German orders. Four days later, he proclaimed from his church "all men Aryan or non Aryan are brothers being created by the same God.

1942 September, CONGRESSMAN EMANUEL CELLER (D N.Y) (USA)

Introduced a bill into the House of Representatives which would have permitted Jewish refugees in France, who were facing deportation to Eastern Europe, to enter the United States. Congressman Samuel Dickstein (also from New York) of the House Committee on Immigration postponed any discussion until after the elections and then helped kill the bill in the committee.

1942 September 2 - 3, LACHVA / LACHWA (Belorussia)
German troops, together with Belorussian police, surrounded the ghetto which still had 2,000 people. Dov Lopatin head of the Judenrat refused the German request to line up for deportation. Although many of the town's elders were against taking any initiative, Lopatin and the youth leaders decided to resist even without weapons. As the Germans entered, most of the town attacked them, equipped with axes, sticks, and Molotov cocktails. Between 600 to 700 Jews were killed fighting, and a further 600 succeeded in reaching the forests after killing or wounding about 100 Nazis. The rest were shot by the Germans. Many of those who reached the forests were killed by local police units. Approximately 90 people survived the war.

1942 September 3, JACOB ROSENHEIM (USA)
President of Agudat Israel received a telegram from Israel Sternbuch, his representative in Switzerland, confirming the mass murder of 100,000 Polish Jews. Rosenheim sent the letter to President Roosevelt, James G. McDonald, the president's advisor on political refugees, and Stepen Wise. McDonald also forwarded it to Eleanor Roosevelt. There was no reply from either Roosevelt.

1942 September 3, JOSEF KAPLAN (Poland)
One of the founders of the ZOB (Jewish Fighting Organization) was arrested for forging documents. Kaplan was a leader in the HaShomer HaTzair movement in Warsaw. He was requested by his movement not to emigrate and instead return to Warsaw. He was killed on September 11, 1942.

1942 September 3, REVOLT IN LACHVA (Belorussia)
Certain with the knowledge that they will soon all be executed, Dov Lopatin, head of the Judenrat, in this small town of 2,000 Jews, organized a revolt. As the Germans entered, they were attacked with axes and sticks. 600 or so were killed and the rest fled to the forests. Many of them joined partisan groups.

1942 September 12, MORDECHAI TENENBAUM - TAMAROFF (Poland)
A member of the Dror youth movement and the Jewish Fighting Organization was asked to organize the underground in the Bialystok ghetto. He also was active in organizing the Warsaw ghetto uprising and served as a contact with Anton Schmid, the Austrian soldier who helped Jews. Tenenbaum probably committed suicide after the failed uprising.

1942 September 12, WARSAW (Poland)
Only 60,000 Jews remained in the the ghetto.

1942 September 23, TUCHIN/TUCZYN UPRISING(Ukraine)
Up till then, around 3000 Jews survived by working in the local tannery and cotton mill. After the Germans and Ukrainians surrounded the town, the heads of the community decided to resist and almost the entire town decided not to submit. Among the principal organizers of the resistance were the chairman of the Judenrat Gecel Schwarzman, and his deputy, Meir Himmelfarb. While some were burning down the ghetto, others rushed and flattened the barbed wire fence. Almost 2,000 people succeeded in getting to the forests. Unfortunately, there were no partisans operating in that area and local Ukrainians gave many of them away. Starving and with little hope, 500 of them believed a Nazi promise and returned to the ghetto where they were shot.

1942 October, COUNCIL FOR HELPING JEWS (Poland)
Was formed by two Polish women Zofia Kossak-Szczucka and Wanda Krahelska-Filipowiczowa. For their efforts ,Kossak-Szczucka was sent to Auschwitz (where she was ransomed) and Krahelska was denounced by the "Polish National Armed Forces" and died in the hands of the Gestapo. This was one of the few Polish organizations which tried to help the Jews. Unfortunately, by the end of 1942, most of Poland's Jews had already been killed.

1942 October, HUNGARY
Germany pressured the government of Miklos Kallay to adopt German actions against Hungarian

Jews. Kallay, though not against anti-Jewish legislation, balked at the idea of deportation.

1942 October 1, - 1943 August 2, TREBLINKA (Poland)
Twenty-five railway cars full of human hair were delivered to factories for the use in making industrial felt as well as slippers for U-boat crews.

1942 October 8, ATLAS' PARTISIANS (Poland)
Participated in an attack on a German stronghold in Huta Jaworska. 127 Germans and their supporters were killed.

1942 October 12, PHILIPPE ETTER (Switzerland)
The former president of Switzerland persuaded the Red Cross not to adopt any resolution which related to "certain nationalities" … (who suffered) attacks on their lives for acts they did not commit. On the other hand, Carl Burckhardt, another Red Cross official, helped pass information on the plight of the Jews to the American Legation in Switzerland that same month,.

1942 October 15, BEREZA KARTUSKA (Belorussia)
The Germans began to liquidate the A camp (non-productive workers). In response, the Jews set fire to the camp. The local Judenrat was then ordered by the Nazis to hand over Jews for deportation. At their last meeting, many of the members chose to commit suicide rather then help the Germans. While many Jews were killed in the camp itself, over 18,000 were shot outside the town.

1942 October 23, BATTLE OF EL ALAMEIN (Egypt)
The British 8th Army, led by General Montgomery, began its push against Rommel's Afrika Korps. Its successes removed the threat of a German attack on Eretz Israel.

1942 October 30, LUBLIN (Poland)
One hundred Russian-Jewish POW's escaped from the Lipowa Street labor camp. They purchased around 100 police uniforms and marched right through Lublin until they reached the forests. The Germans decided to liquidate the camp after this and a few other escapes.

1942 November, MARCINKONIS Marcinkance/Marcinkonys (Lithuania)
After a demand that the Jews report for "transfer," Aaron Kobrovsky, head of the Judenrat, realized that there was little hope, and publicly called on all the Jews to fight or flee. Some attacked the Nazis while others broke down the fence and fled. Those who reached the forest, including some of the fourteen Kobrovsky siblings (nephews of Aaron). Moyshe, Leyb and Jacob, and Yitzkhok, set up a small unit and managed to purchase some weapons. They later joined the famous "Davidov Company" of partisans and were known for their daring and courage. Most of them survived the war and live in Israel today.

1942 November, MORDECAI TENENBAUM-TAMAROFF (Poland)
Was sent to Bialystok by the Jewish Fighting Organization in Warsaw to help organize and unite the movement which was fractured by political and ideological splits – especially between the communists. Tenenbaum, a leader in the HaShomer HaTzair movement, succeeded in uniting most of the movements and convinced them that they should defend the ghetto rather than join the partisans. There had been major differences (as in most ghettos) between the groups as to whether it was better to fight within the ghetto or to join the partisans, Tennenbaum favored the former, only leaving for the forests when there was no choice.

1942 November, PRESIDENT RAMON CASTILLO (Argentina)
Agreed under pressure to accept 1,000 French Jewish children. The government (ostensibly neutral) refused to put the plan into operation.

1942 November 3, LUBLIN (Poland)
After the closure of the Lipowa camp, the 1,500 Jewish-Russian POW's were ordered to march to Majdanek. The prisoners used their few arms to storm the armory in Lublin, which they captured at a cost of 400 prisoners. Using the arms they tried to reach the forests. In all, 800 escaped. Unfortunately the Polish underground refused to help them and many were killed or turned over to the Germans by the London based Polish government in exile Home Army.

1942 November 8, NORTH AFRICA

Allies landed. Four hundred rebels, more than half of them Jewish, took over key parts of Algiers which were defended by 11,000 soldiers – mostly without bloodshed. Many of the rebels' leaders were from the Aboulker family. The Americans found it hard to believe that the group had actual taken the town and decided to negotiate with the Vichy leaders, Admiral Darlan and General Juin, for their tactical surrender, leaving the Vichy government in place.

1942 November 11, GERMANS OCCUPIED ALL OF FRANCE

In response to the allied invasion of North Africa, Germany and Italy occupied all of France. Nazis began to round up Jews in Marseilles. Many Jews in the Vichy areas fled to southern France (which was still occupied by Italy). Ninety thousand French Jews, mostly foreign-born, were deported. Father Pierre-Marie Benoit began to organize the transfer of Jews to the Italian occupation zone. He printed thousands of counterfeit baptismal certificates. For his actions Father Pierre-Marie Benoit was recognized in 1966 as “Righteous Among the Nations” by the State of Israel.

1942 November 11, GERMANS OCCUPY ALL OF FRANCE

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1942 November 25, JAN KARSKI (Poland - England -USA)

A courier of the Polish underground and an eyewitness to the Holocaust reached England. Karski, who had met with Jewish leaders in Warsaw and had traveled to Belzec, gave details to British officials and directly to President Roosevelt in Washington the following year. Roosevelt decided not to react immediately and didn’t mention the Holocaust in any of his press conferences until March 1944.

1942 November 25, TEMPORARY COMMITTEE (USA)

Later known as the Joint Emergency Committee on European Jewish Affairs, was established by Stephen Wise. It was made up of the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Jewish Labor Committee, Bnai Brith, World Jewish Congress, Synagogue Council of America and Agudat Israel of America. Though often at odds with each other, they managed to contact important non-Jews, asking for their help, and to pressure the press to cover the genocide. They also sponsored a national day of mourning and managed to get the only meeting about the Holocaust between Roosevelt and Jewish leaders during the war.

1942 November 29, LA SIXIEME (The Sixth) (France)

The term referred to the Sixth Division of the French Jewish Scouts (EIF), an underground organization formed and headed by Henry Wahl, Ninon Hait, Denise Levy, and Marc Haguenau. Until the liberation, they would produce thousands of false papers, recruit volunteers for the Marquis, and organize escape routes to Spain. Its core consisted of only 88 young people, 26 of whom were eventually arrested by the Gestapo.

1942 December, CHAIM MORDECHAI RUMKOWSKI (Lodz, Poland)

Despite evidence to the contrary, continued in his belief that it is the work of the ghetto that protects the Jews. In a speech, he declared: “our children and grandchildren will proudly remember the names of those who contributed… labor opportunities which grated justification to live”.

1942 December 2, DAY OF MOURNING AND PRAYER (USA)

Was observed in many countries in addition to the USA. Although a special broadcast was carried nationally by NBC, it did not receive prominent coverage by other radio stations or the press.

1942 December 5, DR.YEHEZKEL ATLAS (Poland)

The founder and commander of a Jewish partisan unit fell in battle with the Germans. He and his second in command, Eliyahu Kowienski (who survived the war and now lives in Israel) received the highest Soviet Decoration – Hero of the Soviet Union.

1942 December 8, PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT (USA)

After submitting to friendly pressure by Stephen Wise, who stated that refusal to meet with them may be “gravely misunderstood,” met with Jewish leaders of the Temporary Committee for half an hour.

Roosevelt spoke 80% of the time and mostly about issues unrelated to the plight of the Jews, although he did agree to issue a war crimes warning. This was his only meeting with Jewish leaders concerning the Holocaust. His only other meeting to discuss the issue was with 7 Jewish congressmen on April 1 1943.

1942 December 17, A CONDEMNATION OF GERMAN ATROCITIES
Was finally issued by the United States, Great Britain, the Soviet Union, and the governments in exile.

1942 December 17, FRANCE - SPAIN
The first organized group of young French Jews left to try crossing to Spain. Upon arrival, they were arrested and spent the next 2 ½ months in the prison of Pampeluna. Only later the next year, under pressure from both England and the United States, did the Spanish government allow refugees to move into boarding houses provided that the funds would come from abroad. Until that time, many of the refugees were kept in camps under appalling conditions. The Spanish government, although rarely turning away people at the border, did its best to discourage refugees crossing over from France.

1942 December 17, UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION
By the 3 major allies and 8 occupied countries, condemned the German governments “intention to exterminate the Jewish people in Europe” and committed itself to establishing a war crimes commission after the war. One possible result was that Himmler began his attempt to bargain for Jewish lives after this, partially in order to be seen in a more “favorable light.”

1942 December 19, THE UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION OFFICE (New York, USA)
Published a report confirming that the Nazis had made Poland “One vast center for murdering Jews.”

1942 December 20, ALPES MARITIMES (Italian occupied Vichy France)
The local French Prefect ordered all foreign-born Jews to leave and relocate in German-occupied areas. Encouraged by Angelo Donati (an influential half Jew), the Italian government, especially its generals, countered the order despite the efforts by Ribbentrop and even Himmler. Thus, the Italian zone became a haven of sorts for Jewish refugees up till September 1943 when the Italian zone was overrun by the Germans.

1942 December 21, VARIAN FRY (USA)
After his return to the U.S., he tried to warn of the impending disaster for the European Jews in an article in The New Republic entitled “The Massacre of the Jews.”

1942 December 22, AHARON LIEBESKIND (Cracow, Poland)
The joint forces of HeHalutz HaLohem and P.P.R (Polish Workers Party) Jewish Units attacked German targets in the capital of the General Government. Liebeskind was Secretary of the religious Zionist Akiva movement and commander of the HeHalutz HaLochem (fighting organization of the Pioneer Jews). In the coordinated attacks, dozens of Germans were either killed or wounded. Liebeskind himself was killed in hand-to-hand combat when the Germans attacked his bunker on December 24, 1942. Before he died he succeeded in killing 2 German officers. He is credited with the line: “The Jewish fighters are fighting for 3 lines [telling about us] in history [books].”

Jacob’s Face

Ephraim Frank

[Israel]

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

First off, a quick personal note; Some of you remember that a little over two years ago I had a heart attack, which left some damage to part of my heart. Yesterday I had an ultrasound check up (called "echo") and no traces of damage were to be seen. I want to express my gratitude and thanks to my Good Shepherd for His gentle healing touch. HalleluYah!

Isn't it interesting how one can read the scriptures hundreds of times and yet not see the multitudes of revelation that can confirm truths, or conversely, be blind to a truth (like the Two Houses of Israel) which later becomes obvious but for years has been concealed although we read the very same texts over and over again? Until the Spirit brings truth into the light of our understanding we remain blind. Yesterday, before going off to the clinic, I was attempting to read Psalm 24 in Hebrew and lo and behold one of those little gems popped out of the Word that sent a shot of joy through the "temple".

"Who shall ascend into the hill of YHVH or who shall stand in His holy place? He that has clean hands, and a pure heart; who has not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from YHVH, and righteousness from the Elohim of his salvation. This is the generation of them that seek Him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah" (Psa. 24:3-6 KJV).

As the last verse in this passage came into light it occurred to me that the generation spoken of, that would seek the righteousness of YHVH, would also seek the face of Jacob. Most translations render it as though Jacob is to seek the face of YHVH, but in Hebrew (as well as the King James translation) it speaks of the righteous who may ascend YHVH's hill being also the seekers of the face of Jacob.

Why would we need to seek the face of Jacob? Perhaps the succeeding verse gives us an indication as to the reason.

"Lift up your heads, O you gates; and be you lift up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in" (Psa 24:7).

In Revelation 21:12 the bride, the New Jerusalem, is described as having twelve gates which are the twelve tribes of Israel. Could it be that there will come a generation of the seed of Jacob (the twelve tribes) that will lift up their heads and seek YHVH and His righteousness and in so doing will discover - in the light of His glory- who they themselves are? They will see the face of Jacob their father and remember from which rock they were hewn.

"Listen to Me, you who follow after righteousness, you who seek YHVH: Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the hole of the pit from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father, and to Sarah who bore you; for I called him alone, and blessed him and increased him" (Isa. 51:1-2).

Many people that I have talked to and that have had the revelation understanding into this latter day move of the Spirit testify to the fact that even before they became believers in the Messiah of Israel, they were already seeking a philosophy that would teach them some semblance of righteous living. They were not satisfied with their lives; they hungered to know truth. They were searching for something but did not know what. So their investigations took them into eastern religions or even to the western ones. But still not being satisfied continued to search. Then one day the Spirit of the living Elohim, the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob revealed to their hungry soul who they were, they discovered their Hebraic root, the rock from which they were hewn. Their head lifted up and with tears rejoiced at seeing the face of Jacob as they looked into the mirror of Torah. They had a glimpse of the glory that would fill them for eternity. They knew the faithfulness of a covenant keeping God.

Each one of the seed (sperm) in this generation of Jacob is stamped with the genetic code of a forefather; each tribe has been anointed with a specific word from YHVH and thus belongs to one of the gates of this great city. The word of YHVH says that there will be no glory in the house until these gates lift up their heads to worship in spirit and in truth. Until those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who do not seek the world's vanity or iniquity, ascend to the mountain of YHVH, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob. The scripture tells us that this bride "made herself ready" (ref. Rev 19:7). Paul the apostle writes that we must "cleans ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit (ref. 2 Cor. 7:1). We, the redeemed of YHVH that have returned to Zion the Mount of Yah, can lift up our heads and look into the glory of our Father in the face of Messiah Yeshua and see His love and faithfulness to our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and to us, their progeny.

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For YHVH is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations" (Psa 100:4-5).

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Judgment Is About To Fall

Stephen Hanson

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"The tumult will resound to the ends of the earth, for the Lord will bring charges against the nations; he will bring judgment on all mankind and put the wicked to the sword, " declares the Lord. Jer. 25: 31

"I tell you that I am the Lord of everything and because I am the Lord of the universe, that judgment is about to fall. Judgment is coming; it has come to the household of God first, but now it is extending to nations, kingdoms, and to those who are living in sin. My hammer will fall and it will tear to pieces those things that are not of Me."

"I tell you that judgment is coming to the nation of America. There are cities that will be attacked. Behold...an outside force comes, and it extends its arm upon your land. Where will you run to when the onslaught comes? I have said that the hedge of protection was being removed. No longer is safety to be found apart from Me. But there is a tower, there is a rock and a fortress you can run to."

"I tell you that the time is coming when entire cities will be laid waste by bombs and nuclear holocaust. People will run in desperation to find places of safety. I have had some prepare places of safety for that time to come--for I will always prepare a way out for my servants."

"I have said again and again, that these things are coming. Who are those who would heed these things and prepare for them?

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Jezebel Is Alive And Well

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When we read a passage of scripture whose message is confrontational, we most often like to apply it to someone else's life. However, everything that the Lord speaks to us through His Word is for us first. We must allow Him to search our hearts through His Word. One passage of scripture that most of us would like to pass off as pertaining to others is 1 Kings 16:29-22:40. It is in this passage that we read of the activity of Jezebel. As we read this passage, we need to allow Father to shine His light upon our hearts to reveal any hidden areas from which Jezebel may operate.

Many have heard teachings on Jezebel and the Jezebel Spirit. Although the historical figure whose name was Jezebel is long gone, the spiritual activity of Jezebel is alive and well. There is no demonic entity or evil spirit whose name is Jezebel. However, there are many "spiritual entities and strongholds" who influence and perpetuate the operation of her activities through people. Jezebel is no respecter of persons. She will operate through any willing vessel — whether male or female.

"And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him" (1 Kings 16:31).

Jezebel was the daughter of Ethbaal, whose name means Baal is alive. Consequently, Ethbaal was a priest of false gods. Jezebel was influenced by this evil man. We must carefully chose our "spiritual parents" — those whose instruction we come under as well as those who we allow to sew into our lives spiritually.

Jezebel became the wife of the most evil king in Israel's history. She was yoked with an evil man ... and became one with him. We must be aware of those we are yoked with. The associations that we have with others have the potential to influence us. Although we are to love and minister to those who are evil, we are not to be yoked with them. We are admonished in the scriptures not to be unequally yoked. We also read that light (those living a godly life) has nothing to do with darkness (those living a life without the influence of Christ). (See 2 Corinthians 6:14.)

As the king and his wife, Ahab and Jezebel were governmental leaders. They were in positions of authority. Some believe that Jezebel cannot work through church/ministry leaders; however this Biblical illustration clearly contradicts this viewpoint. After all, Ahab was king of "Israel." Jezebel continues today to work through positions of authority. She will work from her assigned position of authority or alongside of one who is in authority.

"For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water" (1 Kings 18:4). "Was it not reported to my lord what I did when Jezebel killed the prophets of the Lord, how I hid one hundred men of the Lord's prophets, fifty to a cave, and fed them with bread and water?" (1 Kings 18:13)

Jezebel had the prophets of the Lord massacred. She sought to stop all Godly prophetic activity. Jezebel's objective remains the same today. She desires to kill the true prophetic voice. In doing so, she will silence the voice of truth.

Jezebel thrives on our weaknesses, insecurities and ignorance. Many through whom Jezebel operates may not understand prophetic ministry, may desire a perceived "higher" office that they have been called/gifted for, or simply don't know God's purpose for their life. Some may actually be prophetically gifted individuals. However, they are insecure in who God has created them to be. Because they do not recognize the call of God upon their life or are not walking out the destiny of God for their life, they become critical of the ministry and spiritual promotions of others. Because they do not fully trust God to intervene on their behalf, they manipulate people and situation in order to help themselves ... often to a ministry that they believe they deserve. Because they are not fully submitted to God, they cannot be fully submitted to one another and therefore cannot be corrected or confronted.

"Now therefore, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table" (1 Kings 18:19).

Jezebel fed the false prophets at her table. She kept company with them because, unlike the prophets of the Lord, they could be manipulated. They not only told her the things that she desired to hear, they spoke her words. Perhaps Jezebel's greatest identifying characteristic is manipulation (although it may be very subtle). She seeks to keep company with those who can be manipulated.

"And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them escape!" So they seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Brook Kishon and executed them there" (1 Kings 18:40).

Elijah executed the prophets of Baal. The law demanded that false prophets be executed (see Deuteronomy 13:1-5, 13-18; 17:2-7). Essentially, Elijah confronted Jezebel's evil.

Jezebel's activity must be recognized and confronted. Father desires that we look within our own hearts first and then to others. We are to remove the log from our own eye and then from our neighbor's. (See Matthew 7:3-5.) When we have recognized and dealt with those things in our lives that could potentially enable Jezebel to operate, then we can look to see if she is influencing (manipulating) us through another.

"And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there" (1 Kings19:1-3).

Some might read this passage and conclude that Jezebel was sold out to Baal because she sought to defend him. However, I don't believe Jezebel "loved" her god. In fact, she merely found him useful for fulfilling her plans. She was so intent on fulfilling her plans that she got rid of anything standing in her way. She went as far as to murder. (How do we murder with our tongue?) She was determined to remove any obstacle that hindered her fulfilling her agenda. This is shy she had the prophets murdered. When her plans were threatened (Baal's prophets killed), she was angry and sought revenge. Jezebel retaliated through threats and intimidation. Even Elijah, the servant of the Lord, was intimidated by Jezebel's threats.

Jezebel will attempt to get rid of anything that stands in the way of her plans being fulfilled and will also seek out those who can help her. If her plans are threatened, she will seek to manipulate through threats, intimidation, and emotional responses such as anger or the silent treatment. Even those walking with the Lord are not immune from her tactics.

"Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite" (1 Kings 21:7).

Jezebel encouraged Ahab to exercise his authority and control. In essence, she was telling him that this was his right.

Jezebel loves to exercise authority and control. One of the main ways that Jezebel operates today is through subtle, manipulative spoken words. Her voice may often be heard through statements, public prayers, and false prophetic words.

STATEMENTS

"She needs deliverance."

"They have some definite issues and need some divine intervention."

"So-and-so" is in rebellion."

"Did you feel/see that?"

These statements may very well be true. However, if the Lord does reveal something of this nature to you concerning another person, His desire is that you pray for them ... not that you slander them. One major problem with these types of statements is that they change the way someone views another person. In other words, they "manipulate" someone's thoughts and feelings. One of the hallmarks of Jezebel's strategy is manipulation.

Some like to let others know of their spiritual sensitivity and giftedness by making statements such as, "Did you feel/see that?" They sometimes emphasize this with a couple of groans or mild shakes. Others want to appear spiritual and agree, "Yes, I did" — not really knowing what it is they were supposed to see/hear/feel. Jezebel deceptively gains the respect, trust and admiration or others. She gathers faithful followers who dare not speak against her.

PUBLIC PRAYERS (intercessory prayer groups)

"Give Pastor Pete wisdom so he can begin making the right decisions."

"Help the pastor's wife to be the help-mate that he needs."

"Lord, help so-and-so deal with the rebellion in their life. Keep them from falling into sin and missing the destiny that you have for their life."

These would be good private prayers. The problem arises when these are prayed publicly. When these prayers are prayed before other people, they plant a seed of doubt concerning the individuals being prayed for into the hearts of those hearing the prayers. After hearing someone pray the prayer for Pastor Pete, wouldn't you wonder if he had any wisdom and if he were able to make right decisions? After hearing the prayer for the pastor's wife, wouldn't you wonder if indeed she was a suitable helpmate? Some prayers on behalf of others need to be prayed in private. If the Lord indeed leads you to pray for someone, He will give you the strategy to do so — including specifically what to pray and when to pray it. It's when we have our own agenda in prayer that we open the door for

Jezebel to enter.

PROPHETIC WORDS

"The Lord says that you are to stay here/go there and do this/that."

"The Lord has called you to an evangelistic ministry on the continent of Africa."

These prophecies may very well be from the Lord; however, we need to weigh them carefully — both before speaking them and receiving them. Some people may find it easier to make decisions if everything were spelled out to them. While God does speak through His servants, He also desires that we learn to hear His voice rather than relying on someone else's voice. Also, most prophecies such as these will be affirmations of what the Lord has already placed in our heart ... not surprises. What would distinguish these prophetic words to be from Jezebel as opposed from God would be the motives/intentions of the speaker. Some people try to manipulate and control through prophetic words. We must only speak what we hear from our Father ... and we must only receive what we know to be from Him. He is Truth and He will reveal truth to us.

"And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth" (1 Kings 21:8).

Jezebel used the king's name and seal without the authority to do so. It was not authentic. It looked authentic because it bore the king's name and seal, but it was actually a forgery executed in her own authority.

Jezebel masquerades as one having the authority of the King. How many times have we acted in presumption? Have we even insisted that the Lord led us to do something when in fact He didn't? Do we use the gifts and talents given by the Lord to further our own agenda rather than His? Have we retaliated against those or laid a snare for those that didn't go along with our agenda?

Jezebel used the king's name and seal without his authority to do so in order to fulfill her plans. Similarly, we use God's name (after all, we're "Christians") ... and even His Holy Spirit (with whom we are sealed) ... when we say and do things not led by Him in order to fulfill our plans. When we occupy positions which He has not ordained and consequently for which He has not called or gifted us, we will at some point resort to manipulation in order to hang onto our spot, protect our ministry and make ourselves look good.

"And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead" (1 Kings 21:15).

Jezebel will encourage us to take what we want ... and will even offer to help us succeed at doing it. Beware of those who always say what you want to hear. Remember, there is wisdom in a multitude of counselors. However, not all of the counselors will agree with everything that you desire to say and do.

CONCLUSION: Expose Your Heart ... And Deal With It

As we move into a time of greater prophetic activity, Jezebel will once again rear her ugly head. If you have insecurity in your life, deal with it and know who you are in Christ. If you have jealousy in your life, get rid of it and know that God's purposes for you are greater than what you perceive to be something wonderful in someone else's life. If you have unforgiveness in your life, let go of it and trust God to heal your heart and also to deal with someone else's. If you have rebellion in your life, learn to submit to God and to others. Examine every word that comes out of your mouth, every thought that you have, and every action that you take ... especially concerning another person or ministry. These issues, when not dealt with and left unhealed, are open wounds over which Jezebel can spread her insidious germs that cause infection to spread as a deadly disease to other parts of the body. Allow Father to shine His light upon the dark places in your heart so that there may be no hidden area in which Jezebel may hide and operate.

Our God loves restoration. He longs for us to be restored to Him. That's why He never condemn us, but always forgives us. He longs for our relationships with others to be restored. And He longs for others to be restored unto Himself. We can be those ministers of reconciliation. If we recognize Jezebel operating through another, we are not to label or ostracize; we are to pray for reconciliation ... and respond as Father leads.

PRAYER

Father, I come to you through your Precious Son and ask you to shine Your light upon my heart. I desire to walk holy and blameless before You ... and want to have no part with Jezebel's ways. I ask You to expose me to myself. Reveal to me any ways in which I manipulate others or situations through my words, actions or emotions. Reveal to me any ways in which I seek to control people or situations. Reveal to me any areas in which I walk in authority that You've not ordained ... including ministry activities. Reveal to me any ways in which I hinder Your activity or voice through another person. Give me the grace to repent and submit this to You. I repent of _______________(Be specific!). I choose to submit my weak areas (Be specific and name them.) to You. In my weakness, may You demonstrate Your strength. Thank You for Your forgiveness and healing. May You be glorified in all things. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Jesus Is Returning

Steven Brooks

Lately I have been meditating often upon the truth that Jesus is returning soon. We are commanded in Scripture to look for and eagerly anticipate His return. Of course, when the Lord returns His feet will not even touch the earth. We will go up to meet Him in the clouds of the air and will forever be with the Lord. Seven years after the rapture we will come back with Him as He establishes his rule and reign upon the earth for one thousand years. The Lord is coming soon and it is of utmost importance that we are prepared and expecting His coming.

Since we are living in the last days it is wise for us to guard our hearts and minds from the pollution of sin that influences the world we live in. Never before have we been subjected to so many forms of corruption expressed through images, language, and behavior. We are free to live an abundant life in Christ yet in our freedom we must be careful to filter out that which can defile.

For instance, I may watch some sports on television from time to time, but if I do I can guarantee you that as soon as a commercial comes on I immediately hit the “mute” button. I have no interest or desire to see commercials advertising beer or see shows advertised that promote immorality. You can be sure that if I watch a basketball game on television that you won’t catch me watching the halftime show when the dance team comes out on the floor to perform. It’s ridiculous for Christians to complain about what happened in last years Super Bowl when the halftime singer’s clothes were torn off revealing nudity to all who were viewing. Some were upset that they had to see such a disgraceful sight. My question to those who watched, however, is what were you doing looking at the dirty dancing in the first place?

The Lord is returning soon and we need to be spiritually awake. In the immoral day we live in we still don’t hear too much preaching on living a holy lifestyle, yet we are commanded by God, “You are to be holy, because I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16). We should enjoy the life and freedom we have in Christ, while at the same time staying alert spiritually and keeping our selves pure and unspotted from the filth that is prevalent in the earth today. Several days ago I experienced a very vivid dream in which God alerted me to the necessity of staying pure before Him.

In this dream, I was invited to a beautiful restaurant that served fine food at a high price. The service was known to be impeccable and the food was said to be the best available anywhere. As I approached the restaurant I noticed the beautiful Italian brick exterior and saw all the waiters dressed in beautiful clothes. As I was escorted to my seat, a very dignified waiter tried to make me feel welcome by saying a very derogatory comment about a well-known television minister! He did not know that to me this was an insult. I immediately responded by saying that I greatly admire the television minister and that I even support his ministry. Stunned, the waiter quickly extended his hand to shake mine and offered an apology, not wanting to offend me and have me leave the restaurant. I accepted his apology and was soon seated at my table.

While sitting at my table I began to notice what others around me were eating. When I saw the food on their plates I was immediately repulsed by the sight. It was the most despicable form of food I’ve ever seen. The people were eating what appeared to be demonic insects that were hideous beyond words to describe. The Lord then spoke to me and said, “This food comes from hell’s kitchen. It’s what the devil serves up to his people to eat all the time. Unfortunately, many of My people are eating the same filth.”

Immediately I began to look for the nearest exit in the restaurant when I heard the Lord speak to me again. He said, “Come, and I will show you where this food comes from.” I was taken to the back of the restaurant where the restaurant manager had assembled a small team of about ten workers to go with him to get the fresh catch of the day. Each worker put on what appeared to be a yellow toxic waste suit, the kind that allows you to work around dangerous radioactive waste. They zipped up their suits that covered them from head to toe and headed out into what appeared to be a large jungle that was wildly overgrown. Every tree and plant in this demonic jungle was loaded with millions of spider webs and the entire place was crawling with all forms of unclean creatures. In the dream I was allowed to stand off at a distance and view this twisted site.

It was difficult for me to watch because being so near the jungle was extremely dangerous. Everything was extremely toxic, I had to keep shifting my feet because the vines on the ground were acidic and would burn you if you touched them. I saw insects that were so dangerous that if you touched them they could instantly kill you. A horrific spirit of fear saturated the entire dismal atmosphere of this jungle. I watched as the restaurant workers used special tools that were about ten feet long that allowed them to reach up in tree limbs and grab vile looking bugs, spiders, insects, ants, and other things to weird to describe. They would then bag these creatures in order to take them back to the restaurant and then serve them to the people.

When I woke up from this dream, I knew the Lord was deeply grieved over many of His own people who regularly feast on the devil’s food. In my heart I saw a Christian man sitting in the comfort of his living room watching a “murder mystery” on television. The show featured blood being shed, fear being propagated, and a desensitizing of all goodness. This show was a great insult to the Holy Spirit, yet the man disregarded the Spirit’s leading to not watch the program. Such people need to awake from their spiritual stupor and desperately feed on the pure Word of God.

Jesus is coming sooner than we think. Let us put aside the works of darkness and live in the light of God’s Word. Let us be ready for His return that we may not be ashamed nor draw back at His coming.

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Judgments in the Earth Today

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Today (Oct 9, 2004) John Howard was re-elected for his fourth term. His election is of vital importance to Christians, regardless of what we think of his politics, his leanings or his faith. His beliefs and practices affect his leadership in subtle ways. For example, on Compass last week he said, "Church and State must remain apart. As for faith, that is a personal matter." His sentiment ran down this path - at home I am guided by my convictions, in the church I am guided by my faith, at work I am guided by politics. This was well illustrated in Tasmania, a state in which Labour (the worker's party) sided with the trees, and Liberal (a white collar party) sided with the loggers. At work John was guided by politics, he pulled out all stops to get re-elected.

In all these things, God is watching. Despite what some say, God does involve Himself in the affairs of men. He cares about who our national leader is, (in fact He appoints leaders). He cares about the methods men use to get into power. God sees our public, and private life.

A good friend of mine sent John Howard a prophecy the week before his first election (in 1994). It read (in part), "You shall be elected and in your time and under your reign there shall be revival". At the time, John had only an outside chance. I believe the word given was true - but we have yet to see any kind of spiritual revival under John's leadership. We have most certainly seen revival in the economy. It may be that in the days ahead we'll see a spiritual dimension to this word.

On the contrary.

In the same time period as John was endorsed as leader (the first time), I was receiving words about our nation that were not quite so complimentary.

On the 15th of May 1995, I had a visitation from the Lord, in which He said, "I am about to send plagues on the earth, behold the seal is broken and disease breaks out. It will come with devastation, more suddenly than the dawn. Australia will be invaded, first micro-biotically, then with subterfuge and if she does not repent, then with agents of war." Three steps - plagues, then subterfuge, then war.

Very shortly after that, we saw Nile River Fever brought in by a visiting Ethiopian, Ross River Fever was discovered, Japanese Encephalitis made a come back and two deaths from Cerebral Meningitis shocked the nation. Subterfuge may mean espionage, or illicit people smuggling, our Pacific Solution or a host of other things. But in hind sight "agents of war" can mean nothing other than terrorism.

Then in November of 1998 God said, "There are about to be released, plagues on the earth - mutations of existing and prevalent viruses, revival of those defeated and new strains. Watch for a fourth generation of AIDS/ HIV and for communicable cancer. The only place of healing will be found in the church." HIV IV (4) was medically differentiated in March 1999 as a strain particular to heterosexuals and children. Since then CJD, Chicken Flu and SARS have wracked the earth. One prominent report in the USA reported that, "the TB genus now cannot be stopped or staggered by our drugs".

Then at 3am on the 10th of October, 2004 I heard the Lord say, "My judgments are good". Evidently the Lord has desired revival and judgment, renewal and reformation. Let us ponder how a 'bad' thing can be thought of as good, or how a negative results in positive outcomes.

Revival, judgment. or both?

Revival and judgment are both part of God's heart for the nation. How do we interpret judgments? It may seem counter intuitive, but judgment is good news, because it bespeaks the conditions for revival.

There are many Hebrew words used for 'judgment', but in all the following verses the word mishpat is used. It means decision, destruction, justice or sentence. It comes from shaphat - to judge and govern, to execute judgment. The word used most commonly in relation to a king or governor. The Lord is most High King, and His shaphat, His rule or government results in mishpat - or judgment being released. Revival is the visitation, the habitation of God. God is a King: justice and righteousness are the foundations of His throne. Judgment therefore must come.

1. Judgment brings joy and gladness, especially for the oppressed

King David wrote: "Be glad. because of your judgments" (Psalm 48:11). He was a man who knew the cleansing of hyssop. After committing adultery and murder, David was offered the olive branch of repentance. Judgment brought him back into relationship with a holy God. That judgment was also good news for the family of Uriah, who saw justice meted upon the guilty party. David thus spoke of Israel remembering their deliverance from the oppression of Egypt: "The Lord performs righteous deeds and judgments are for all who are oppressed" (Psalm 103:6).

2. Judgments brings God close, and causes us to seek Him

When times are tough, and things seem hard we are more inclined to humble ourselves, soften our heart and seek His face. "My soul longs for you, indeed my spirit within me seeks you diligently; for when the inhabitants of the earth experience your judgments the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness" (Isa. 26:9). David, in the midst of a Psalm of thanksgiving says, "Seek the Lord and His strength, seek His face continually. Remember His wonderful deeds that He has done, His marvels and the judgments of His mouth. He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth" (1 Chr. 16:12, 14). Remember God's deeds, His marvels and His judgments - let this be a source strength to you in times of trouble.

3. Judgment brings light, affliction brings restoration

"I know, O Lord that your judgments are righteous and that in all faithfulness you have afflicted us" (Psalm 119:75). Yes, Hosea agrees, God afflicts us and He disciplines those He loves. Hosea chapter six begins by explaining that it is God who tears, and He who heals us. He strikes us down, and then binds our wounds. Hosea invites us to seek God, and find the knowledge of God in the midst of our affliction.

"I have hewn them in pieces by the prophets, I have slain them by the words of My mouth; and the judgments on you are like the light that goes forth" (Hos. 6:5). The true word of God comes at right angles to us, when we have gone astray. It seems contra-wise to our direction, it tears at us, knocks us asunder, we feel hewn by it. But the prophets, because they know the signs of the times, and understand what we should do, shed light on our troubles, and make sense of them. They shed light, especially when we have fallen asleep, and the cares of the world have distracted us from the Kingdom of God.

Consider it this way. A decade ago an experiment was built in the deserts of the USA. A bubble was constructed, and an ecosystem was grown in a giant terrarium. One of the things they found, after ten years of growth, was that the trees grew sideways, bending over. There was no strength to their timber. This was because there was no wind. Judgments are like strong wind, which tears at our limbs, but is all the while making us stronger, straighter, and more upright. The days ahead

Cindy Jacobs, during a visit to Garden City, Brisbane a few years ago prophesied that Australia would produce "the (good) kind of government that would make the leaders of the world take notice". It would be a heavenly kind of government, full of peace, righteousness and truth. Put that with Paul's prophecy about revival and you'd think everything is going to be sweet. But sweetness comes through suffering.

"The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; the judgments of the Lord are true; they are righteous altogether. They are more desirable than gold. sweeter also than honey" (Psalm 19:9). We are to desire judgment more than gold, and as it comes upon us, we are to receive it as sweeter than honey. Judgment is truth, brought to bear on an untrue world. It is cleansing, brought to bear on an unclean world. It prepares us for revival!

There is no better example to us today, than in Fiji. A nation once wracked by coups, military unrest and struggle. The nation is now at peace, with a unified parliament and Christian influence at every level. The government confronted the church after George Spate took the nation over by force, and laid the unrest at the churches feet. After soul searching and repentance, the church admitted division at home leads to division in the church, and a divided church results in a divided nation. Now Fiji experiences the visitation of God, but not before she was cleansed by judgments.

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Joshua's Journey
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Joshua's Journey: Rahab & the Two Spies
Plus Radical Visitation for Divine Strategies"

Matthew 1:5-6 "Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab...and Jesse begot David, the King."

Hebrews 11:30-31 "By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days. By faith the prostitute, Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient."

Joshua sent two spies into Jericho. As they were hunted, they were desperately seeking refuge. Where did they find a safe haven -- in a religious temple? No. Hiding for their very lives, their refuge was found in a very unlikely place! The door that they entered was open for many -- a prostitute's house of trade. Rahab, a Canaanite, was an enemy to the Law of Moses as well as a woman of ill repute. It is so important to realize how significant this is! In Jericho, their sanctuary and safety was found in the den of the enemy -- a pagan prostitute's house!

As God starts to take you into the Jerichos of your life, He asks if you are willing to knock on unlikely and unreligious doors? Hearing God's voice was not an option for the spies, but a survival mechanism, as they would be executed if they were caught. If they had not learned the Lord's voice in the wilderness, they would not have been prepared for the invasion of Jericho that awaited them. Are you willing to press in to hear the Lord's voice and move in radical and unreligious strategies? God does not want you to rely on human reasoning or on religious law, but to lean into Him for fresh blueprint plans. This can save your life in a critical moment, even as the spies were spared.

The Body of Christ Will Be Birthed from the Most Unlikely of Places

Rahab, in the Word of God, was called "Righteous Rahab" because she hid the spies even at the expense of her own family's life. In return, all she asked for was that her family be spared. She was like an early "Corrie Ten Boom" who hid the Jews in WWII. What is so remarkable about this woman of trade is that after the invasion of Jericho, she married a captain in Joshua's army. Joshua's battle did much more than just tear down the walls of Jericho -- he came to rescue a bride. For out of her seed came King David, and later Jesus. What if they had never knocked on her door?

Rahab is a prophetic picture of the end-time Church. The Bride of Christ will be birthed from the most unlikely of places. God's love will transform a whore into a heroine and a harlot into a pure and spotless Bride. The Lord wants to take off our blinders. Are you willing to find the Rahabs? What is the 21st century translation of a modern-day Rahab? She wears designer clothes, frequents the mall, and is desperately looking for love in all the wrong places. The Lord wants to take off our religious blinders and partner with Him to find His Bride.

(Prayer: Oh Lord, I must know and feel Your heart for Your people. I don't want to religiously write off the Rahabs - I want to rescue them. Help me to look past the sin and love the sinner. Help me to go to the unlikely, overlooked, unlovely places to bring salvation and healing to Your wounded Bride.)

Radical Visitation for Divine Strategies

Hebrews 11:30 "By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days."

Another strategy Joshua received was a radical visitation from the Captain of the Host. He said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and fighting men." Then He gave Joshua divine strategies on how to take down Jericho. Joshua's first response to this unusual battle plan must have been, "Huh? Did you say, trumpets? Don't you mean spears, knives, arrows, shields and battering rams?"

Picture this -- their fearless leader has returned with a heavenly battle strategy that will bring sure victory and take them into the Promised Land. The anticipation reaches a fevered pitch and Joshua says, "Good news men: The Captain of the Hosts appeared to me." The men whoop and yell, jabbing the air with their swords and waving their shields. "The bad news is, He gave me the battle plan." Kicking the sand with his toe, Joshua mumbles to the confused soldiers, "Uh, marching, priests, trumpets, ark, shouting, walls fall down."

Our God is Incredible and Creative

We've pretty much become immune to the story of Jericho because it's so well-known, but let's stop and really see it again with fresh eyes. What an incredible story! What a unique strategy! No commander on earth would plan for battle like that. What great faith he had to go to war when your front line of protection is a group of trumpet-playing priests. But you know the happy ending, "...the walls came a tumblin' down."

In times of great weakness, when Joshua could only depend on the Lord, the strategies he received were truly unusual and creative. The Lord required prophetic acts that would seem utterly ridiculous to the natural mind. Marching seven times around the city while blowing a horn and believing that the walls would fall? Preposterous! Hiding in a brothel? Scandalous!

Our God is incredible and creative, moving with supernatural miracle power in the midst of our obedience and trusting in Him -- even in the midst of what seems simple or ridiculous -- but the Lord knew the exact timing and strategy to take down that fortified city.

(Prayer: Lord, we want the walls to tumble down around our city! Help us to do radical exploits in God for You -- using trumpets as weapons and worship as warfare! Help us to take new territory in the spirit for You!)

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Joint Resolution Of Apology To Native Peoples

Introduced In The United States Senate, May 6, 2004

In his opening remarks on the Senate floor, Senator Brownback stated, "This is a resolution of apology and a resolution of reconciliation. It is a first step toward healing the wounds that have divided us for so long - a potential foundation for a new era of positive relations between Tribal Governments and the Federal Government….Before reconciliation, there must be recognition and repentance. Before there is a durable relationship, there must be understanding. This resolution will not authorize or serve as a settlement of any claim against the United States, nor will it resolve the many challenges still facing the Native Peoples. But it does recognize the negative impact of numerous deleterious Federal acts and policies on Native Americans and their cultures."
Senator Brownback and the initiators of this Resolution are asking for concerted prayer and action that many Senators will quickly sign on as co-sponsors, that it will be passed by both chambers and acted on by President George W. Bush (see Section 1 – (6) of the Resolution) before the September 21, 2004 formal opening of the new National Museum of the American Indian which is nearing completion on the Mall in Washington, DC.

Please pray for Senators Brownback, Inouye, and Campbell their families and staff. Pray for a Representative to sponsor this Resolution of Apology in the House. Please pray for great favor with the members of Congress, the President and the press. Many people believe that this apology for the injustices against Native Americans is essential in the healing of this nation and the land.

You can track the progress of this Joint Resolution by visiting the Library of Congress website http://thomas.loc.gov and typing in the Bill Number, S.J. Res. 37.

REMARKS ON SENATE FLOOR AND TEXT OF RESOLUTION S.J. RES. 37
From the Congressional Record, May 6, 2004

MR. BROWNBACK: Mr. President, I rise today to introduce before this body a joint resolution that seeks to address an issue that has long lain unresolved. That issue is our Nation's relationship with the Native peoples of this land.

Long before 1776 and the establishment of the United States of America, this land was inhabited by numerous nations. Like our Nation, many of these peoples held a strong belief in the Creator and maintained a powerful spiritual connection to this land. Since the formation of the American Republic, there have most certainly been numerous conflicts between our Government and many of these Tribes--conflicts in which warriors on all sides fought courageously and in which all sides suffered. However, even from the earliest days of the Republic, there existed a sentiment that honorable dealings and peaceful coexistence were preferable to bloodshed. Indeed, our predecessors in Congress in 1787 stated in the Northwest Ordinance, ``The utmost good faith shall always be observed toward the Indians."

Many treaties were made between this Republic and the American Indian Tribes. Treaties, as my colleagues in this Chamber know, are far more than words in a page. Treaties are our word, our bond. Treaties with other governments are not to be treated lightly. Unfortunately, too often the United States of America did not uphold its responsibilities as stated in its covenants with the Native American

Tribes. Too often, our Government broke its oaths to the Native peoples.

I want my fellow Senators to know that this resolution does not dismiss the valiance of our American soldiers who bravely fought for their families in wars between the United States and different Indian Tribes. Nor does this resolution cast all the blame for the various battles on one side or another. What this resolution does do is recognize and honor the importance of Native Americans to this land and to our Nation--in the past and today--and offers an official apology to the Native peoples for the poor and painful choices our Government sometimes made to disregard its solemn word.

This is a resolution of apology and a resolution of reconciliation. It is a first step toward healing the wounds that have divided us for so long--a potential foundation for a new era of positive relations between Tribal governments and the Federal Government. It is time--it is past time--for us to heal our land of division, all divisions, and bring us together as one people.

Before reconciliation, there must be recognition and repentance. Before there is a durable relationship, there must be understanding. This resolution will not authorize or serve as a settlement of any claim against the United States, nor will it resolve the many challenges still facing the Native peoples. But it does recognize the negative impact of numerous deleterious Federal acts and policies on Native Americans and their cultures.

Moreover, it begins the effort of reconciliation by recognizing the past wrongs and repenting for them.

Martin Luther King, a true reconciler, once said, ``The end is reconciliation, the end is redemption, the end is the creation of the beloved community." This resolution is not the end. But, perhaps it signals the beginning of the end of division and the faint first light and first fruits of the creation of beloved community.

I have worked with the chairman and ranking member of the Indian Affairs Committee, Senator Campbell and Senator Inouye, in the crafting of this resolution, I also reached out to the Native Tribes as this bill was being formed, and I continue to receive helpful and supportive feedback. I ask that my colleagues in this Chamber, and those in the House of Representatives, join together in support of this important resolution.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the joint resolution be printed in the Record.

108th CONGRESS
2d Session
S. J. RES. 37

To acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
May 6, 2004

Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. INOUYE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

JOINT RESOLUTION

To acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

Whereas the ancestors of today's Native Peoples inhabited the land of the present-day United States since time immemorial and for thousands of years before the arrival of peoples of European descent;

Whereas the Native Peoples have for millennia honored, protected, and stewarded this land we cherish;

Whereas the Native Peoples are spiritual peoples with a deep and abiding belief in the Creator, and for millennia their peoples have maintained a powerful spiritual connection to this land, as is evidenced by their customs and legends;

Whereas the arrival of Europeans in North America opened a new chapter in the histories of the Native Peoples;

Whereas, while establishment of permanent European settlements in North America did stir conflict with nearby Indian tribes, peaceful and mutually beneficial interactions also took place;

Whereas the foundational English settlements in Jamestown, Virginia, and Plymouth, Massachusetts, owed their survival in large measure to the compassion and aid of the Native Peoples in their vicinities;

Whereas in the infancy of the United States, the founders of the Republic expressed their desire for a just relationship with the Indian tribes, as evidenced by the Northwest Ordinance enacted by Congress in 1787, which begins with the phrase, `The utmost good faith shall always be observed toward the Indians';

Whereas Indian tribes provided great assistance to the fledgling Republic as it strengthened and grew, including invaluable help to Meriwether Lewis and William Clark on their epic journey from St. Louis, Missouri, to the Pacific Coast;

Whereas Native Peoples and non-Native settlers engaged in numerous armed conflicts;

Whereas the United States Government violated many of the treaties ratified by Congress and other diplomatic agreements with Indian tribes;

Whereas this Nation should address the broken treaties and many of the more ill-conceived Federal policies that followed, such as extermination, termination, forced removal and relocation, the outlawing of traditional religions, and the destruction of sacred places;

Whereas the United States forced Indian tribes and their citizens to move away from their traditional homelands and onto federally established and controlled reservations, in accordance with such Acts as the Indian Removal Act of 1830;

Whereas many Native Peoples suffered and perished--

(1) during the execution of the official United States Government policy of forced removal, including

the infamous Trail of Tears and Long Walk;

(2) during bloody armed confrontations and massacres, such as the Sand Creek Massacre in 1864 and the Wounded Knee Massacre in 1890; and

(3) on numerous Indian reservations;

Whereas the United States Government condemned the traditions, beliefs, and customs of the Native Peoples and endeavored to assimilate them by such policies as the redistribution of land under the General Allotment Act of 1887 and the forcible removal of Native children from their families to faraway boarding schools where their Native practices and languages were degraded and forbidden;

Whereas officials of the United States Government and private United States citizens harmed Native Peoples by the unlawful acquisition of recognized tribal land, the theft of resources from such territories, and the mismanagement of tribal trust funds;

Whereas the policies of the United States Government toward Indian tribes and the breaking of covenants with Indian tribes have contributed to the severe social ills and economic troubles in many Native communities today;

Whereas, despite continuing maltreatment of Native Peoples by the United States, the Native Peoples have remained committed to the protection of this great land, as evidenced by the fact that, on a per capita basis, more Native people have served in the United States Armed Forces and placed themselves in harm's way in defense of the United States in every major military conflict than any other ethnic group;

Whereas Indian tribes have actively influenced the public life of the United States by continued cooperation with Congress and the Department of the Interior, through the involvement of Native individuals in official United States Government positions, and by leadership of their own sovereign Indian tribes;

Whereas Indian tribes are resilient and determined to preserve, develop, and transmit to future generations their unique cultural identities;

Whereas the National Museum of the American Indian was established within the Smithsonian Institution as a living memorial to the Native Peoples and their traditions; and

Whereas Native Peoples are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, and that among those are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND APOLOGY.

The United States, acting through Congress--

(1) recognizes the special legal and political relationship the Indian tribes have with the United States and the solemn covenant with the land we share;

(2) commends and honors the Native Peoples for the thousands of years that they have stewarded and protected this land;

(3) acknowledges years of official depredations, ill-conceived policies, and the breaking of covenants by the United States Government regarding Indian tribes;

(4) apologizes on behalf of the people of the United States to all Native Peoples for the many instances of violence, maltreatment, and neglect inflicted on Native Peoples by citizens of the United States;

(5) expresses its regret for the ramifications of former offenses and its commitment to build on the positive relationships of the past and present to move toward a brighter future where all the people of this land live reconciled as brothers and sisters, and harmoniously steward and protect this land together;

(6) urges the President to acknowledge the offenses of the United States against Indian tribes in the history of the United States in order to bring healing to this land by providing a proper foundation for reconciliation between the United States and Indian tribes; and

(7) commends the State governments that have begun reconciliation efforts with recognized Indian tribes located in their boundaries and encourages all State governments similarly to work toward reconciling relationships with Indian tribes within their boundaries.

SEC. 2. DISCLAIMER.

Nothing in this Joint Resolution authorizes any claim against the United States or serves as a settlement of any claim against the United States.

END

Judgment Of My House Has Come

Dee Hoetmer

Eze 18:29 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of the LORD is not equal. O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal? Eze 18:30 THEREFORE I WILL JUDGE YOU, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL, EVERY ONE ACCORDING TO HIS WAYS, SAITH THE LORD GOD. REPENT, AND TURN YOURSELVES FROM ALL TRANSGRESSIONS; SO INIQUITY SHALL NOT BE YOUR RUIN Eze 18:31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; AND MAKE YOU A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? Eze 18:32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn *yourselves*, and live ye.

The time of My judgment in My house has come. You say wherefore do You judge us Lord; I judge you for your wicked and perverse ways, your lack of love for your brother and your harsh criticisms.

Know ye not that I must purge My children first before I reveal Myself to the world and how can I reveal Myself through an adulterous generation. You ask in what are we adulterous? You are adulterous in that your hearts are far away from Me. You seek your own glory and not Mine. You seek to build your own kingdoms and not Mine. You seek to be seen as righteous and yet you have NO RIGHTEOUSNESS SAVE THAT WHICH I HAVE IMPARTED TO YOU THROUGH MY SON.

Romans 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one THE FREE GIFT CAME UPON ALL MEN all men unto justification of life.
1Corinthians 4:7 For who maketh thee to differ from another? and WHAT HAST THOU THAT THOU DIDST NOT RECEIVE? NOW IF THOU DIDST RECEIVE IT, WHY DOEST THOU GLORY, AS IF THOU HADST NOT RECEIVED IT?

Oh wicked and perverse generation, you are no different from the Pharisees; whited sepulchers full of dead men’s bones, and you perceive it not! And yet you ask why are You judging us. Will I continue to let My Holy name be profaned in the world? They look at you, My representatives and they seek Me not. They see no love in you, no caring for the lost and hurting, just those in My church who are huddled together in little private groups, keeping the lost and needy at bay.

Matthew 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchers, which INDEED APPEAR BEAUTIFUL OUTWARD, BUT ARE WITHIN FULL OF DEAD MEN’S BONES, AND OF ALL UNCLEANNESS.

My Son walked the streets and sought out those that needed a physician and yet you do all to keep those needing My healing hand out of your churches. I rebuke you saith the Lord Most High. I will break in pieces My stubborn children that repent not, so that their souls may be saved, even this is because I care for them and their eternity.

Also you serve baalim of pride and self-exaltation. You line your own pockets and give a pittance for the poor. Have I not said that the poor would always be with you and it is for this reason, so that I may test the contents of your hearts. My church is not a privy little company, a select group, a little clique huddled together while the world suffers, lost and dying in pain, in hurt and in confusion about the things transpiring about them.

Look at My Son’s ministry while He walked the earth, did He not walk in meekness and in holiness before Me, did He not suffer much in obedience, was He not out where He was most needed. He was not sitting in a comfortable chair in the Synagogue lording it over others, but out ministering My love and healing to the lost and hurting, to those in error, to those in a dark place, trapped in their sins.

Look at what is called the church today, is it anything like My Son’s ministry? ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS DISPLAYED BY MY CHURCH ANYTHING LIKE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF MY SON? Yet you ask why are we being purged, why are You harsh Lord, why are we going through the things we are going through? It is because I love you and love My creation, that is why you are being purged.

Lay down your idols, your thoughts of grandeur, yea even lay down your ministries at My feet and I will resurrect them, purified and according to My divine will and purposes, and not for your agendas or vain self glorification.

This time refining and purging will reveal the dross in your hearts, repent quickly and let Me remove it, for little time remaineth and much is yet to be done. Thus saith the Lord.
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Judah's Plea

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Shalom Fellow Israelite,

Yesterday I had the opportunity to be a part of an audience for a television taping of a panel discussion on anti-Semitism and the Middle East conflict. The panel members, articulate and fluent, expressed their opinions and responses to very pointed questions that were posed before them. The event was sponsored by the ICEJ (International Christian Embassy Jerusalem), and carried out by "The Media Line". For more information on this program go to www.themedialine.org .

The panelists were two journalists, a Member of the Knesset (Parliament of Israel) and the Director of the Christian Embassy. The questions and the answers were incisive, interesting and informative, but more than anything else, what stood out to me and what I felt the Spirit wanted me to hear was a very short comment by MK Rabbi Michael Melchior. Rabbi Melchior's comment did not issue from his intellect, but from the depth of his heart. It was a plea to the Christians, Muslims and everyone else in the nations: "We want to be Jewish; We want to be recognized and accepted as a Jewish nation". In these words (which are not quoted verbatim) he echoed the sentiment of most Israelis.

There are many so-called Christian nations, there are fifty or so Muslim nations, so why can there not be one Zionist, Jewish nation? According to scripture the first of the nations that YHVH gathers is the stick/nation of Judah (see Ezekiel 37:16). Has He brought the Jews back to the land, established them as His witness and has preserve them through all the turmoil, wars and terror attacks for nought?

When the Almighty declared through the prophet Hosea that He would not have mercy on the second house, the House of Ephraim, He pronounced in the same breath: *"Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah, and I will save them… and will not save them by bow, nor by sword or battle, by horses or horsemen"* (Hos. 1:7). Judah is a nation today simply by the faithfulness of YHVH their Elohim. We know that Satan does not want this Jewish stick to exist in any form, let alone as a nation. Ephraimites, you are the second witness/stick or nation that YHVH is gathering at this point in time. I know your heart's desire is to return to the Land, but please consider something, your witness is different than your brother Judah's. You, at this time are out before the eyes of the nations in which you reside. Your testimony is the new creation life that has resurrected you out of the graves of forgetfulness, much like Joseph who was taken out of his prison and was lifted up in the land of Egypt - to be second only to Pharaoh, ultimately to be his brothers' "savior".

Yesterday it became obvious to me that we must be our brothers' keepers and help them maintain their Jewishness as a nation. The Israelis feel that the very reason for the existence of the State is being undermined, and are now resorting to maintaining that status at all costs in the only way they know how, and that is to compromise land for "identity". It is not so much a "land for peace" issue any more. Suddenly everyone seems to have awakened to the fact that the Muslim propagation is such that it endangers the existence of the Jewish State, not militarily, but demographically. Thus, the attempts at negotiations, which are supposed to resolve the complexity of our situation here, are actually not about peace but about "identity". Therefore the supposition that the Judeans would be more receptive to having Ephraimites come and live here, has to be put on 'hold' because if that were the case what would happen to the uniqueness of Judah's testimony? It would be swallowed up by the “second stick”. As things are, it is already a struggle to maintain a majority in the midst of a fast growing Muslim population. It is therefore understandable that the welcome mat to Ephraim may not be rolled out that quickly. There is also the concern that Christians are ‘becoming’ Ephraimites so as to convert more Jews to Christianity.

In light of all of this we are in great need of wisdom from above to discern the times, and to know where the Elohim of all Israel is in His prophetic scheme. If you come over here to live, before a door is open, you may find yourself having to deal with rejection and that can lead to bitterness and other unloving spirits. Ephraimites, you have His life and Kingdom within you, learn to rule your own being, your family and in your communities, so that when the time comes to return you will be prepared. YHVH will also prepare Judah for our future union. Please, do not get me wrong, if YHVH is admonishing you to come over do not disobey or be discouraged; but be aware of present conditions in the Land. The Ephraimites who live here have seen many come and go. It is sad to bid farewell, and we do wish that all those who want to stay could do so, but the laws, at least at this point, are not in our favor. So until such a time when they change, we have an opportunity and an obligation to love our brothers and to support their cause to exist as a Jewish nation. There are those in Judah who know a little about the Ten Lost Tribes, but need a “sign” (such as Brit Am and those of us affiliated with them) to become more confident that this is for real, so much so that they feel that they have an obligation to help us as well.

The Ephraimites also have a big job out in the nations, as the Messiah is still searching for His treasure, a great part of which is still hidden in the Earth: “*Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a pleasant child? For though I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still; therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says YHVH”* (Jer. 31:20). Those little lost and loved orphans out there need to know that *“in the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There it shall be said to them, 'You are sons of the living Elohim”* (Hos. 1:10). They need to hear again: *“I am a Father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn”* (Jer. 31:9). They need the love of their heavenly Father to heal their wounds from rejection and alienation.

At the same time it is necessary for us to have an recognized representative presence here in the Land. However, what we need out in the nations is unity of vision, and a sanctified Ephraimite priesthood, one nation, one in Messiah. We will appreciate your prayers as we reach out to the government of Judah and help Brit Am expose this scriptural reality of the restoration of lost tribes of Israel.

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

John The Beloved of Hollywood

Bill Yount

I sense the Lord saying. "I am first beginning to visit the movie industry with My crucifixion. But soon you will begin to see My Resurrection Power come through movie screens world wide. There are other films that I am dropping into the hearts of film producers and actors. Mel Gibson is My Apostle, "John the Beloved" of Hollywood but there are other disciples already hearing My call to follow Me in the film industry! I am beginning to lay a new foundation built upon the Apostles and Prophets to build Me a House in theatres beginning in Hollywood! On Holy ground I will build a House of Refuge for My gifted chosen people there! I sense Jesus calling forth His Hollywood disciples and commanding them.... "Build Me a House in a Theatre!"

In the Spirit I saw the wonder working power in just one drop of Jesus' blood in "The Passion of the Christ" penetrating right through theatre screens staining seats, sinners and saints and many were seeing it as though it was in "3-D" technicolor!" Major deliverances were taking place as conviction ran into the aisles and between rows of seats, as the blood of Jesus seemingly ran down off of the screens and into the audiences. Repentance began exploding inside of hearts! In the Spirit I saw the blood of Christ simultaneously take out three demonic strongholds in many lives that were present in theatres watching the crucifixion. The first stronghold was discouragement. The second stronghold was depression. The third was deception.

As the theatres were exited at the end, I saw angels putting the blood of Jesus on the door posts of theatres and marking them for the Kingdom of God proclaiming, "we'll be back!" In fact some angels were assigned to stay behind and set up camp right inside those theatres! I sensed the atmosphere in these theatres was forever changing for the "spiritual" blood stains on seats and floors could not be washed away by man - oh those precious blood stains!

"The Holy Spirit is going to begin falling upon secular movies magnifying truth and righteousness to overcome the evil in them with good. Even the lost attending the most degrading movies will come away with such emptiness because of My convicting presence that will begin to reside inside of theatres around the world! Many theatres will be redeemed into My Kingdom to display My Glory in the arts."

Just when we thought for sure that God would never allow us to put Him in a box, He puts Himself in one to be found by many! When you put God in a box in Hollywood, you end up with a "box office" hit!

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Bull Dozers

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I Saw Angels On Huge "Bull Dozers" Surrounding Many Churches!

In the Spirit I heard a Jewish Carpenter order angels who were sitting on huge bull dozers surrounding many churches... "Start your engines!" It looked as though these angels had entered into a "no trespassing" zone that was clearly marked by large neon signs flashing ... "Men at work!"

At the starting of these powerful engines these beautiful churches began to shake at their very foundation! I heard the master builder say. "If the foundation of these churches move even a hair, they will not withstand the greater shaking to come. Their foundation must be tested!" As the angels revved their engine throttles, many foundations began to crack. I saw the workers inside of these churches scurrying outside thinking a strong earthquake had hit. Seeing their foundation weakening they began crying out. "Lord, if the foundation of this house is destroyed, what can the righteous do?" I heard the Jewish Carpenter answer them. "Call for the Apostles and Prophets to build the new foundation for this House. Allow the Apostles to break new ground for it and believe My Prophets. So shall you prosper or your labor will be all in vain!"

Underground Ministry

As the Apostles and Prophets were beginning to be used to build a new foundation, I noticed that their ministry and labor was truly underground and most of the time they were seemingly unnoticed or recognized as they should be as far as the rest of the church was concerned. But I heard the Lord say. "Just as the foundation of any house is underground and usually not seen or noticed, much of the ministry of My Apostles and Prophets in My House will be hidden for the most part by the eyes of man, but I see them and their labor is not in vain! That's the way the foundation of a house is built!

(A word of encouragement to Apostles and Prophets.)

"Don't be discouraged when you experience what seems to be dirt being thrown down upon you from around the House above. At times it may seem like you are being covered up with it, but know that this is a normal part of the process of the foundation being laid underneath any house! That's only a sign that the foundation is really going in well. The foundation of any house is ultimately hidden being covered by dirt. Only the House above is seen when the work is all finished.

If fact, I just heard the master builder dispatch a work order to the angels on those bull dozers. "Get ready to make sure the foundation of My House when finished is completely covered up.... everything except for that chief corner stone!"

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John The Baptist Type Remnant

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I received this word from the Lord on January 9, 1998. I thought it may be a blessing to some right now in light of this new finding. It blesses me to read it again, and I thought it may others as well.

John The Baptist Type Remnant
Scriptures: Luke 1:46-55; 67-80

A "John The Baptist" (spirit of Elijah) type remnant is going to be birthed that are going to go forth with the anointing to prepare the way for the coming of our Lord. To give to His people the knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of sins, because of the tender mercies of our God. To Shine upon those who sit in darkness and the Shadow of Death and guide our feet into the way of peace. They will live in a wilderness type dwelling until the Lord is ready to use them.

The wilderness will be a place of refuge in order for them to grow into His likeness and character. He will bring comfort to them in this place and they will be filled with the knowledge of Jesus Christ. This remnant of God's people (Those who love the Lord in Spirit and Truth, free from legalism and walking in righteousness. Those who are truly intimate with the Savior), are about to come forth very soon and show forth the glory of the Lord. They are to get into His presence and seek Him and His ways, not mans idea of who He is, but allow Him to reveal to each one and show Himself anew.

The Lord is going to send forth an east wind to scatter and wash away all the wickedness in the church and a north wind to destroy all that is not of Him. The proud rulers (those proud in thoughts and heart) are about to be brought down and the humble are going to be exalted. He is going to fill those that hunger for Him and send the rich away empty handed, take the spoil from the enemy and give it to His true children. He will reward the faithful in heart and those who have patiently waited on Him.

Prophetic Word

Stand up and shake off the dust. Release yourselves from the chains that keep you bound to tradition, rituals, rules and regulations. Go forth and proclaim with holy boldness My truths and reveal My ways and love to those that are looking for a man or woman of God who will keep the testimonies of Jesus, obey His commands and walk in truth, justice and righteousness.

Do not fear the reproach of man. Do not fear to stand against those who oppose the Name that should be lifted up and not the name of man. I alone will be glorified and I alone sit on a throne. Come down from your lofty place, you who are proud and haughty. You, who proclaim that you rule and not I, says the Lord. For no flesh will glory in My presence! I alone will be glorified and you, oh proud one, will be dethroned. I am a mighty God and will not share My glory with another.

I am raising up a new generation that will walk humbly before Me and will proclaim My name throughout the land. I am about to do a new thing and expose the darkness and secret sins that have been hidden much too long. I have heard the cries of My children and I am going to deliver them from the tyrant. I am going to go forth and proclaim that I am King and Ruler of My people and will not allow man to take what belongs to Me alone, says the Lord.

Stand up My children and be strong in My strength and might. You, who have cried out to Me and have wept before Me and have awaited this day are about to be healed, delivered and rescued from the power of the enemy. You are going to behold your King and I would say to you, Stand Up and proclaim My name, for this is a new and glorious day, says your God who loves you and has heard your cries. Give praises to My name and rejoice, oh My chosen ones. This I will do to proclaim to all, the depths of My love for you.

Arise, Arise, for your day of victory has come. Rejoice, be glad, and shout praises to your Savior and King, for My bride will be adorned with My holy garments. Wash yourselves and prepare for this day, for it comes upon you quickly, and this will be a glorious day to remember. I alone will be glorified and I come quickly, says the Lord. So, prepare yourselves and rejoice as I exalt you and show you My love and faithfulness.

Rejoice, Rejoice, for you are about to behold My glory as you come into My presence. I have truly awaited this day.

All For His Glory,
Karen Francis

Judging Trees By Their Fruit
Cindy Allen

Matt 7:15-20
15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.
16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?
17 Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.
18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.
19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.
20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. NIV

There is a fruitfulness that the Body of Christ is being called up to. IN this fruitfulness in Christ, there is discernment and understanding of the armour and carnal weapons that were born of the enemy. This carnal warfare cannot take place or be found in the assembly of those saints who are being called together to glorify God through their worship of Him.

Christ is not revealed among those who accuse their brethren or mock the ways of God. Do not fall into the enemy's snare to be tempted to justify yourself. In this place, to justify yourself would mean to testify against another and your testimony must bear witness of Christ alone.
As you continue on as disciples and followers of Christ, the Gospel of Jesus will illuminate a path for others to follow as well. The glory of God will shine forth from the unity of the saints being gathered to expose the traps laid by the enemy in darkness.

Galatians 5:
22 But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
23: gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law.
24: Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to His cross and crucified them there.
25: If we are living now by the Holy Spirit, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.
26: Let us not become conceited, or irritate one another, or be jealous of one another.

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The Flooding and the Baptism
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The Flooding of the Banks of Jordan and the Baptism of John
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When we are being ordained through the Holy Spirit, there are certain "points" within structures of faith where we will be led to stand and endure a process of refining. In these "points" I speak of, the Corner Stone will be revealed to us and we will become established in Him. This process removes

the possibilities of us becoming stumbling stones to others. The process of ordination will be shared more as I'm prompted by the Holy Spirit. Ordination is not something we learn about. It is a progressive process of personally experiencing the Son of God and the Word, Jesus Christ in our own Life.

The third chapter of Matthew leads us in powerful victory on our way to a fresh, new baptism in the Holy Ghost and in Fire. In verse 16, heaven opened as Jesus came up out of the water.

Matt 3:16-17
16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." NIV

The purpose of the baptism that Jesus was demonstrating here was to "fulfill all righteousness". Matt 3:15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

The places that the banks of the Jordan flood will reflect past circumstances of our lives where we have measured our own faults and failures. This season of the Jordan is to purge us from all blame so that we may rise up blameless to receive of our inheritance in the Kingdom of God. The cross must be our alignment in these times so we do not rise up justifying ourselves. We must know and experience the Lord's righteousness in these times in order for heaven to open to us. When heaven opens here, it is the love and acceptance of God that draws us deeper into understanding of Christ's resurrection. Seeing the heavens open, we not only walk on the resurrection side of the cross, but we must view others in the singleness of heart that the mind of Christ brings us into.

From this point, we will no longer be baptized at the Jordan, but will receive revelation of Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Koinonea fellowship is a greater baptism in the Holy Spirit where Christ Jesus is revealed to a body of believers who are connected through the bonds of peace and abiding in unity through the Holy Spirit.

Blessings to all,
Cindy

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Jubilee Baskets

Bill Burns

I had a progressive vision, hearing and then seeing ... hearing and seeing. I heard the Lord say, "Come and get your Jubilee baskets." He said that again and again. Then, when I was reading the Word, I began to see the vision of a table. The Lord was standing behind the table filled with baskets of different shapes, colors and sizes. I began to look in the baskets and I found that the baskets were full of seeds. Then there was a label that said, "Spring-time Seeds." And, the Lord said, "I want you to purchase your basket and sow these seeds for the spring harvest of the Jubilee." Some of the seeds will grow very quickly, like radish seeds, and some will take longer, like corn seeds. Then, I asked the Lord about the price of these baskets. He said, "You who have no money come and purchase, for the price is your faith. If you will have faith to believe, you may receive these seeds now and begin to sow them for the upcoming harvest." Some of the seeds were labeled healing, and some were labeled provision, joy, revelation knowledge, understanding of the times and the seasons, peace. Anything you need will be found in those baskets.

Children, break up your fallow ground, says the Lord, for the winter months are here. In this season, you must go forth with faith and break up the hardness of your hearts, those places of unbelief. Allow Me to touch you and fill you with faith, a faith that will see beyond the natural circumstances, a faith that transports you into the Valley of Vision. Can you dare to dream that you can walk there? Come and see; come and listen; come and hear; come and sing; come and dance. Surely, I am among you, and My desire is to bring you forth into that which I have designed, and I desire to bring you into the fullness of My kingdom, into a place where you can see, hear and know Me. My sheep will hear My voice and no other voice will they follow. You will hear and you will see the way that is prepared before you. Come, and see and listen and hear the sound of My voice, for you will be led into that which I have prepared for you. Come and receive, says the Lord.

All rise, says the Lord. Present your case before the court. Bring your requests before the throne, for this is indeed the day of My power. It is the day of the revealing of My purposes, My times and seasons, and I have come to set My people free that they may follow Me without hindrance and in liberty. Come and be free. Have I not instructed you to sow the seeds of the Jubilee? Have I not told you that those seeds will indeed bring forth a harvest? The fruit of that harvest will be the greatest of all, says the Lord. These are the days of glory when I reveal My power to My Church when the kingdom is restored and heaven touches earth and Zion is lifted up.

Small Straws In A Soft Wind

By Marsha Burns

December 20, 2004: Freely you have received; freely give, says the Lord. Just as freely and readily as you have received all that I have prepared and given to you, you must also give with great joy and generosity. Beloved, I want you to develop the same attitude in giving as you do in receiving. Remember that everything that you have, I own; it is all Mine. Become a vessel through which My resources can flow into and out of freely and without hindrance. Let the blessings flow!

Judicial Intercession

James Goll

An Assignment Through a Dream – Judicial Intercession

I received a dream around nine months ago where the Holy Spirit spoke to me concerning my next “Intercessory Assignment”. He said, “In the past you have helped to redig the wells of the Watch of the Lord, Prophetic Intercession, Contemplative Prayer and Crisis Intervention. I am now giving you your next intercessory assignment. It is Judicial Intercession.” I awoke from the dream knowing I had heard the Lord. I chewed on this concept for months – I pondered, meditated, prayed over it, studied and reviewed scripture. Then recently I have had the green light from the Holy Spirit to begin to release this message on Judicial Intercession.

(Please note: I am not saying I alone brought forth any of these intercessory truths. If something is authentically of the Lord, there are always multiple voices who bring forth a message along with a company of people from different places, backgrounds and experiences who partner in pioneering and polishing the truth into a more mature application. This once again is the case. The theme of “Justice” is being taught by many voices in this hour such as Lou Engle, John Paul Jackson, Cindy Jacobs and others. Some are encouraging intercession for our Judicial System in our Government. I give a shout of Amen to that! But I am presenting this is a broader manner with applications that are personal as well as corporate.)

God Presented as a Judge - Scriptures on Justice

We must have a revelation that God is the Judge and that we have a rightful position to present our case through our Advocate /Lawyer - Jesus Christ the Righteous! Consider the following verses depicting our Father God as the Judge:

1. Hebrews 12:22-24

a. First we find a description of God's dwelling place.
b. Second those who dwell there with God.
c. Third the presentation of God Himself.

i. God as Judge of all
ii. Jesus as the Mediator
iii. Blood that "speaks" better than the blood of Abel

2. Genesis 18:25 - Abraham's plea to the Lord:

“Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

3. Judges 11:27 - The Lord be the Judge this day.

4. Isaiah 33:22 - For the Lord is our Judge.

5. Luke 18: 1-8 (especially vs. 6-7) – Prevailing upon the unrighteous Judge And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said! Now shall not God
bring about justice for His elect, who cry out to Him day and night and will He
delay long over them? I tell you that He will bring about justice them speedily."

As believers in Christ in Jesus, we have the privilege and authority to present our case for a judicial hearing in the court room of heaven carrying with us the injustices, pains and wrongs suffered whether our own, others, churches, cities or nations before the righteous Judge. Isaiah 41:21, 22 plainly tells us, “Present your case,” the Lord says. “Bring forward your strong arguments,” The King of Jacob says. Let them bring froth and declare to us what is going to take place; As for the former events, declare what they were, that we may consider them, and know their outcome; or announce what is coming.” Isaiah 43:26 adds to this, “Put Me in remembrance; let us argue our case together, state your case, that you may be proved right.”

This is none other than an invitation into Judicial Intercession where we bring our well-outlined case of injustices before the throne room of heaven for holy invention. We seek an injunction on the lawless thieves of darkness and compensation for the wrongs suffered to be determined and released. According to Isaiah, God wants us to win!

Time to Identify and Capture a Thief

At the beginning of 2004 the Holy Spirit revealed to me that the body of Christ would learn to “identify and capture a thief.” (See my message on Open Doors in 2004.)Paul the apostle stated that we were not to be ignorant of the devil’s schemes. Therefore, discernment will increase as we learn the patterns of the generational enemies that have plagued our lives, families, cities, churches and ministries. The schemes of the enemy will be revealed!

But before we can capture these demonic thieves, we must find them. Before we can locate these enemies of our soul, we must identify them. You must discern your specific enemy knowing our battle is not against people but we wrestle against the powers of darkness (Ephesians 6:11-13). These powers will have a name such as the generational spirit of infirmity, poverty, rejection, abandonment, death etc. Often we will need to do a hunt and search approach down the enemies’ trail using research as a tool in one hand and spiritual gifts of perception in the other.

After identifying and capturing the thief, then we can bring these criminal demonic forces into courtroom hearing to be judged. Many times we do not come out on the winning side because we have not presented our case or been convinced that God is a just God! God loves justice.

God Loves Justice – His Throne is Established in Justice

Isaiah 28:5, 6 – In that day the Lord of hosts will become a beautiful crown and a glorious diadem to the remnant of His people; a spirit of justice for him who sits in judgment, a strength to those who repel the onslaught at the gate.

Proverbs 8:15,16 – By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles and all who judge rightly.

Proverbs 21:16 – The execution of justice is joy for the righteous, but it is terror to the workers of iniquity.

Proverbs 29:26 – Many seek the ruler’s favor, but justice for man comes from the Lord.

Isaiah 16:5 – A throne will even be established in lovingkindness, and a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of David; moreover, he will seek justice and be prompt in righteousness.

What Happens When a Thief is Caught

Through the completed work of the cross of Christ Jesus, we have access to the throne of God to receive help and mercy in times of need (Hebrews 4:16). Through the blood of Jesus we can now approach the throne of justice and mercy to receive two main things. First of all, we present our case of the injustices received and we ask the judge to release the penalty due the offender. The case is heard and the thief is then brought before the judge for sentencing. Secondly, we then file for the appropriate amount of compensation that is due to the same degree of the offense. If we would truly do this with a pure heart and clean hands (Psalms 24:3-6), then the recompense of restored relationships, healing of damaged emotions, stolen health, finances, hope, purpose, prophetic destiny and calling and so much more would be enormous! Let’s proceed now with faith and humility to claim our rightful inheritance.

John 10:10 – The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly.

Proverbs 6:30, 31 – Men do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy himself when he is hungry; But when he is found, he must repay sevenfold; He must give all the substance of his house.

1) We must realize that we qualify for the benefits.
2) We must file our brief in full.
3) We must call forth the indictment against the enemy
(the laws of binding).
4) We must persist until the repayment is fully made
(the laws of loosing).

When the thief is caught – not only must this “force” go to jail – but it has to restore at least up to seven times what was taken away! It is time for the Body of Christ to arise and enforce the victory of Calvary and walk in our divine inheritance. Let Judicial Intercession be fully restored for such a time as this!

Father, in the great Name of Jesus, we ask that you teach us how to identify and capture the thieves that have been hindering our lives and destiny. Holy Spirit lead us in this art of capturing these demonic hosts and presenting them before our Judge and Father to be punished. We choose life this day for our household and ourselves. We call forth the righteous vindication of God to be released against these demonic hosts and that repayment be made in Jesus name. We call forth recompense for all the injustices we have suffered. We declare the best is yet to come and we shall prosper even as our soul prospers. For the Glory of God! Amen!

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Judgment Unto Righteousness
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Revelation 14:6-7

When love rises up
In strength to guide devotion
When the world is seen
Through God’s impassioned eyes
Then is the message of the blood
Moving in might upon emotions
So that glory can conceive
Truth to lead men through the night.

Judgment is known
By a man who is betrothed
To the Spirit of God’s holiness
Revealed through resurrection Light.

The fear of the Lord
Is the beginning of wisdom
This understanding
Will keep men walking upright
With reverence hearts can soar
Within the boundaries of God’s kingdom
Where precious truth worth finding
Will restore the fount of resurrection life.

In mercy God leads
The multitude who worship
Him as creator
Of heaven, earth, and the sea.
His righteousness does increase
As faith turns toward judgment
Within men who are born
In the Spirit of charity and peace.

> *“And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.” Revelation 14:6-7*
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> *“If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name.” John 12:26-28*
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> *“Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be*

> *lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:31-32*

Jesus Christ, adorned in power and majesty from on high, once walked the streets of Galilee as a man. God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world; not to condemn the world, "but that the world through Him might be saved." The world, created by the Lord, had moved into a time and position where all men would be able to set their bearings according to a celestial sphere of great power and beauty, who is the Son of righteousness, Jesus Christ. Yet men, whose lives are a gift from God, in that it is God's breath, His spirit, which gives life to all living creatures, had been misdirected by the great darkness that covered the earth, and did not understand the value of setting a course according to the Light of the world, the Son of righteousness, Jesus Christ.

It was proclaimed of old that, "all the foundations of the earth are out of course," as men cried out, "Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations." Yet, as the hand of God established order and justice upon the earth, according to the righteousness of His Son, Jesus Christ, there would be no man who could fully comprehend what God had prepared for those who loved His holy name. When the divine government was being established according to the purposes found in Jesus Christ, there was no man able to understand the way in which God was answering the prayers of those who had called upon His holy name.

Though men had cried out for God to judge the world according to His righteousness, when the hour of God's visitation upon the earth had arrived, in which to establish His kingdom where righteousness reigned, no man stood ready to raise a hand of understanding and thankfulness. There was no man who could understand how God would establish through Jesus Christ, a divine governmental authority, which would reign over the hearts of men who walked the earth. A government where God's throne of righteousness, established in the heavens, was able to rule over a man's heart, so that a man's desire was toward the Lord. A governmental authority where God releases His gavel of judgment soundly upon a man's heart and mind, so that man is awakened to recognize evil when he moves toward the realm of darkness where the truth of God's love and goodness does not exist.

> *"Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 5:17-21*

Because of man's disobedience in the Garden of Eden, God's judgment unto condemnation would be pronounced upon Adam and Eve. The penalty for man's disobedience was death. Though they breathed and walked the earth because the spirit, God's breath gave them life, they had been judged unto condemnation, and would forever bear the penalty of death. Though alive, because the spirit gave them life, they would bear the consequence of disobedience; they and their offspring, which was produced from their seed. Their seed had become corrupted, because judgment unto condemnation had been pronounced upon them, and so from their seed future generations of men would be born from corruptible seed. Adam and Eve were to bear the penalty of death, and through their seed would pass the judgment of condemnation, death onto future generations.

But God would not leave man without hope. Where once judgment was unto condemnation; a day would arise when God's judgment would be "unto justification." Though the sin of rebellion brought upon mankind the penalty of death, God proclaimed, through men chosen of Him, that a day would arise when corruption would put on incorruption. When men would be born, "not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.” (1 Peter 1:23)

All mankind was given life through corruptible seed. All men are born tasting of death. And because death does not live in the realm and region of Light, but finds it source of “truth” in darkness, the natural man, who is raised up in darkness, is led to believe that in this realm of existence (darkness) there is purpose, hope and wisdom. Yet in the darkness Satan reigns, and his influence within the darkness produces a continuous source of lies, which are used to establish paths that lead away from God.

There is no greater darkness than when man listens as Satan speaks words, which persuade him that he has no need to turn and obey the voice of God. Man has received life because of God, because God’s spirit gives life to all living creatures; but because he is born of corruptible seed, which bears the mark of death, and has been raised up in darkness, he will continue to deny the Lord, his Maker. Until Light pierces through the darkness that envelops a man’s life, he will continue to look to the darkness, where Satan dwells, for purpose.

Because of man’s transgression in the Garden, judgment unto condemnation, death, was passed unto all men. But because of One man, the Light of the world, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, judgment unto righteousness, eternal life, was passed unto all mankind. Through Jesus Christ, judgment unto righteousness was pronounced upon those who, through faith, called upon His name. Because of what Jesus Christ accomplished through obedience to the Father, a man who now hears the Word of God unto faith will receive the gift of eternal life, the glory of God, the Holy Spirit.

It is through the Holy Spirit, who is drawn from the wells that spring eternal, that the Father and the Son establish righteousness upon the throne of a man’s heart. It is as the Father and Son make their home upon a man’s heart, through the Holy Spirit, that truth is established upon a man’s thoughts and emotions. So that the works of the devil, the lies and accusations against the goodness of God that were raised up in darkness, are destroyed; the Father and Son, through the Holy Spirit, reveal truth to the heart and mind of a man.

> *“He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for His seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.” 1 John 3:8-9*

Men who are born again of the seed of incorruption, the Word of God, who is Jesus Christ, have received the gift of eternal life found in the Holy Spirit. Faith in Jesus Christ releases the healing waters, the Holy Spirit, into a man’s life, so that what God has planted upon man’s heart will flourish and bear much fruit unto God. Men born again of incorruptible seed will be raised up in the Light of revelation knowledge, which speaks of God’s great love toward them.

As a man stands under the Son of Light and revelation knowledge, he will be able to comprehend in greater measure God’s great love toward him. As he stands in the Light, as Jesus is the Light, thoughts once aligned with darkness will begin to whither and fade. To stand under the Light of the Son, having had the seed of righteousness planted upon the heart, and watered by the Holy Spirit, is to grow up into maturity, producing the good fruit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, and faith.

When the hour of God’s judgment unto righteousness had arrived, those of faith toward God, who once walked in the valley of death, yet held onto hope in the promises of God while alive, would be rewarded for their obedience. As Jesus Christ pronounced judgment unto righteousness, eternal life over men, those who had died with their faith placed in God would receive the promised inheritance.

Their faith in God would be what brought forth judgment unto righteousness, eternal life, so that they dwelt forever with the Lord on high.

Men of faith in the promises of God, whose bones laid in graves made by the hands of men, who were worthy of being judged unto righteousness, received the reward of eternal life, the Holy Spirit, who gives life to all men. Men, who had waited in faith for the promises of God to unfold, would be released from their graves, according to the purposes of eternal life found in the Holy Spirit. Having been judged worthy according to faith, they would ascend on high, with Jesus Christ, to their place prepared of God.

For those alive, according to the spirit that gives life to all God's creatures, when the hour of judgment unto righteousness was proclaimed over the earth and heaven, the opportunity to turn from the darkness to the eternal Light of resurrection power was made available. As men heard and received the everlasting gospel, preached through men chosen of God, they too could receive an inheritance that does not fade away with use and time. Through faith, men are judged unto righteousness, so that they receive the Holy Spirit of promised inheritance. Through faith in Jesus Christ, men are awakened from the darkness that lulls men into a troubled sleep, so that they are eternally joined, through the Holy Spirit, to the Father's heart that speaks to them of His eternal love.

Those awakened through faith, so that the Father and the Son make their home upon a man's heart through the Spirit, will in thankfulness, desire to worship God, "that made heaven, and earth, and the sea." As God speaks to the heart and mind of man, through the Holy Spirit who has made His home within a man's life, the lies that were received while walking according to the darkness will be exposed. A man's thoughts will be renewed, restored according to the good purposes of God. Eternal purpose, worth, joy and peace, which could not be obtained in the might of man's wisdom, can be obtained through the Spirit of truth and holiness.

As the thoughts of man, born again of incorruptible seed, stand under the Light of resurrection power, which walks with the Spirit of holiness and truth, a transformation within the man's life will begin to take place. Because the Son has declared a man judged unto righteousness because of his faith, the good seed, the uncorruptible seed that he has partaken of, will continue to raise up eternal truths within his life, so that he brings glory to the Father's name. And as the Holy Spirit continues to nourish the incorruptible seed of righteousness with divine truth from above, an abundant harvest of good fruit will arise within a man's life, so that the man will more sincerely give all praise and honor to God.

Though a man looked to the darkness for truth, when judged unto righteousness, so that he is filled with the Holy Spirit, spirits that once spoke to the fleshly, carnal nature of a man, so that he lived contrary to the good purposes of God, will be put outside the gates of salvation. Within the realm of God's glory there is no place for spirits that speak lies against the holiness and goodness of God. The Holy Spirit will speak with the power and authority of the Father over lying spirits, so that thoughts, which were raised up in darkness, hindering a man from believing in the goodness of God, are put to death.

The spirit of man knows very well the thoughts and opinions that exist within the realm of darkness. And because of thoughts formed in the darkness, natural man cannot understand spiritual truths, such as the love and mercy found in walking with God. But when the Spirit of God moves upon a man's life, shedding God's love abroad within a man's heart, then will a man appreciate his relationship with God and begin to live according to the mind and will of God. As God's Holy Spirit moves upon a man's life, a man will be transformed into that which he has partaken of. Not by might, not by power, but by the Spirit of God's transforming Light is man changed from glory to glory.

> *"Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be*

> *lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." John 12:31-32*

The hour of judgment unto righteousness came upon the earth as Jesus Christ arose from the grave, purging the heavens with His blood so that the glory, the Holy Spirit, was poured out upon all men. Today, those who hear the Father's voice, who turn toward God with faith in Jesus Christ, will be judged unto righteousness so that they receive the Holy Spirit of resurrection power. Today, if a man is filled with God's Spirit, Jesus Christ will rise up in power within this man's life, and fight against the prince of this world who speaks lies against the goodness of God. It is according to the power of the Spirit of God, that the accuser of the brethren, who moves upon a man's thoughts with the spirit of accusation, will be put to death.

Through the Holy Spirit, received as judgment unto righteousness, is a man made righteous in the eyes of God. It is through faith in the Son that all men are drawn into relationship with the Father, so that death, which was raised up in darkness, is swallowed up by eternal life, the Holy Spirit. Because of Jesus Christ's obedience to the Father, a way has been prepared where all men, who hear the Father call, are welcomed to enter through the gates of salvation. Those, who have entered the gates of salvation to stand within the kingdom of resurrection Light, understand the joy of praising the Lord in Spirit and in truth.

> *"But now I go my way to him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, whither goest thou? But because I have said these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." John 16:5-11*

Jesus Washing Feet

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Mary, Nard, and Jesus Washing Feet:
The Ministry of Bearing One Another's Burdens
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I was watching the gospel of John movie again and two incidents stood out to me to share.

John 12:2-8 NIV
3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair.

Spikenard Mike Bickle says is a symbol of the fragrance of the Bride's love and appreciation for the Bridegroom. Below is an excerpt from herbal page that shows the natural properties. The natural often reflects the spiritual, so that is why it is shared.

Spikenard Oil properties
Spikenard oil is extracted from Nardostachys jatamansi from the Valerianaceae family and is also known as "false" Indian valerian root. Spikenard oil has a warm, misty, heavy aroma, is pale yellow in color and medium in viscosity.

Origin of Spikenard oil
Spikenard is a tender aromatic herb with a pungent rhizome root and native to the mountainous regions of northern India as well as China and Japan.
It is one of the early aromatics used by the ancient Egyptians and is mentioned in the Bible, in Song of Solomon, and in the Book of John where Mary used it to anoint the feet of Jesus. It was used by wealthy Roman women in perfumes and beauty preparations.

Extraction
Spikenard oil is extracted from the crushed and dried rhizome of the herb by steam distillation and yields 1-3% Therapeutic properties

The therapeutic properties of Spikenard oil are: anti-inflammatory, anti-pyretic, antiseptic, calmative, sedative, laxative and tonic. In other words, the medicinal properties all have to do with healing infection and inflammation, and promoting relaxation.
Chemical composition The main chemical components are: Bornyl acetate, Valeranone, Jonon, tetramenthyloxatricylodecanol, Menthylthymyl-ether and Cineol-1,8. Precautions Spikenard oil has no known contra-indications, but care should be taken as with all oils.

Uses
Spikenard oil can be effective for tension, stress, migraine, nervous indigestion and insomnia. It seems to have rejuvenating qualities especially for the mature skin, and can help with allergies, skin inflammations and rashes. Vapor therapy or used in the bath In vapor therapy or diluted in the bath Spikenard oil can help with: tension, stress and insomnia. Blended massage oil As blended massage oil, Spikenard oil can assist with: tension, stress, migraine and insomnia. Spikenard oil blends well with: Although most essential oils blend well with one another, Spikenard oil blends particularly well with: Lavender, Lemon, Clary sage, Neroli, Patchouli and Vetiver.

What the Lord showed me as I watched Mary in the movie applying the spikenard to his feet, and then drying His feet with her hair, is similar to something the Lord showed me years ago in the story of Ruth at the feet of Boaz. [Boaz is symbolic of Jesus as Kinsman Redeemer in the story of Ruth.]
Here Mary anoints his feet for burial. It is an act of worship that says You alone are LORD, in many ancient cultures. And in the worship, she takes on the smell of the nard no doubt onto her hair as her hair wipes the feet of Jesus. Her hair would have smelled of the spikenard after she wiped his feet with it. It is like saying You alone are Lord. You alone are lovely and fragrant to me.

So the Bride symbolically represented by Mary here…by worshipping, takes on the quality of the smell of the perfumed feet of Jesus. She is called to walk like Him, be like Him. Feet are symbolic of our WALK. And the hair is woman's covering so to speak and she is taking Jesus as her covering, taking on his aroma as it were. Atonement means "covering". So as she worships Jesus, she is preparing Him at that point in time for the death He was about to endure for the sins of the whole world. And as she worships HIM, the aroma of His perfumed body of sacrifice soaks into her hair, into her. The hair is also a symbol of man's glory. So His glory is transferred to her in a sense as she worships Him. And this we KNOW is what happens when we worship Him. His presence comes and He pours into us His attributes, His glory.

The other thing is that that spikenard was probably the most valuable thing she owned. She didn't begrudgingly give, but she offers the whole of it to Him. And it represents our earthly possessions in this sense. Everything precious to us, that we have, everything we are, we give to Him. Without Him, we wouldn't have it in the first place. This then again relates to Isaiah 58 and how if we are true worshippers, our home, our life, our possessions are not our own, but are for His Kingdom, for His purposes. And she is pouring it out because of her love.

She is an extravagant worshipper. Nothing is held back. This is the beauty of the Bride of Christ. She loves extravagantly, not selfishly or for her own purposes, or to look good. She is so excited to do this. I wonder if Mary realized until she did it what it was about. She just spontaneously worships Him, out of her love and affection. Lazarus had been just raised from the dead. It no doubt had an effect of instilling more faith and realization of the LOVE of Christ for all of them.

And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

And as we worship Jesus, our house, our body is filled with the fragrance of HIM. We take on His attributes as He pours out into us His glory as we worship. And as we worship Him, the glory fills our actual HOUSE, or place of worship as well. The presence of God comes in the worship of Him. He abides in the praises of His people.

4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

Judas at this point reveals his heart, by what he says. There are many today who also do not care about the poor or needy, and whose orientation to governing the finances is more for their own selfish purposes with no regard for the truth of what the tithe is for.

7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. " [It was intended] that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. Jesus affirms the importance of what Mary is doing. And He rebukes Judas for his criticism of her. Even knowing the heart of Judas, Jesus is still so loving even in His rebuke to him. He knew all things and knew the end of Judas as well…knew what he would do and how his life would end. He took no pleasure in that nor tried to extract vengeance.

The next thing He showed me was when Jesus washed the feet of the disciples, how He took off his outer garments, only left on his undergarment and put a towel around his waist.

John 13:3-8 NKJV
3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself.
5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

As he washed the feet of the disciples and wiped them with the towel which was girded around his waist. The dirt from their feet would have transferred to the towel around His waist. This was a sign to of taking on the sins of the world, onto his own person, that they would become free.

6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"

7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."
8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

Jesus at this point says, paraphrasing, unless you ALLOW ME to take all this sin onto ME, as I go to the cross, you have no part with ME! In other words, it is only by GRACE, by ME taking on your sins, me wearing them as I go to the cross that you can be saved [have part with Me] . Unless you accept this sacrifice, allowing ME to be your servant. You cannot call yourself MINE!

Thus in Galatians where Paul says, “ Oh foolish Galatians, Who has bewitched you? “ and starts talking how they have gone back to relying on their own strength to be good, versus accepting the GRACE of GOD towards them, that it is like witchcraft. It is like Peter saying…NO NO LORD, I can’t allow YOU to do that! It is refusing HIS sacrifice. Jesus took on the sins of the world. Then he told His disciples to also wash one another’s feet. And we see this pattern then of washing each other’s feet symbolic of covering the sins of others, interceding for the sins of others. Identifying like Jesus did with our sins, and interceding that the penalty for their sins would be removed. It is called bearing one another’s burdens!

Gal 6:2 NKJV Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

And Jesus said about the Pharisees, that they failed in this…

Matt 23:4-5 NKJV For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.

Instead of the Pharisees bearing burdens, they put burdens on the others. And would not do anything to help remove their burdens.

This is the admonition of the LORD in this hour as well. That the church instead of taking away burdens, has instead loaded people down with burdens, blaming them for being sick for example, saying it’s because they don’t have enough faith, and at the same time doing NOTHING to help in some places.
Instead of helping the poor, some are placing burdens to tithe on widows and single moms and the sickly, wanting their money to build edifices, and homes for themselves, and cars, while the widow, the fatherless and sickly go without what they need. All they have is the promise that “ if you give” you will be healed.

This kind of behavior is what launched the Protestant reformation. Yet our eyes seem to still be blind to our own condition. FOR THIS is what we must repent for if we want to be effective in stopping judgments.

We must identify with the sins in the church, and in the land…wiping the feet of the lost taking on their sins, their burden, praying for them, helping love them like Jesus would, so that their bondages may be broken.

Prating Fools
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Prov 10:8 NKJV The wise in heart will receive commands, But a prating fool will fall.

Times and seasons change whether in the Kingdom of God or in the kingdoms of men. Those hearts who are truly given to Me will listen when I call, and listen to My commands. But the hearts of those who refuse My will indeed will fall. There will be a great number in the days ahead who fall away due to persecution and hard times. So do not take to heart all your heart will see My children. Remember the story of Gideon and how many did not get chosen because they were afraid of the numbers against them more than of ME. They saw Me as too small. That same problem exists in the church today in that many see ME as very small indeed, if even existent. There are many who give lip service to serving Me, but when their hearts are tested in days to come, their true allegiance will be uncovered.

So do not be surprised when you see them turn away from the Truth when the time comes to stand for what is truly RIGHTEOUS. Lawlessness will increase in the coming year. More and more tumults in the nations, and more and more famine, disease, earthquakes and groanings. But I will also arise in the hearts of those who love ME, MORE AND MORE! You will not be disappointed. Do not look at circumstances. Weigh in your hearts the things you can hold in your hands, and do not set your heart on them. For though there will be increase for those who've been faithful, it will not last forever, and only that which DOES LAST forever is what you need to hold in your hearts.

The luster and beauty of yesterday does not even compare with the beauty of the heavens and the eternal rewards for those who endure till the end.

James 5:7-11 NKJV Be Patient and Persevering
Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! 10 My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. 11 Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord — that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

Remember My beloveds how much I love you and care for your every need and desire. Remember that I am with you till the end, and do not turn away from the hope that lies within you. KNOW that I am with you in every second of the day and night. TRUST ME to lead and guide you like I did the Israelites in the desert! Remember the pillar of fire by night and the cloud by day. For I will again lead you as I did them. And I will strengthen in you, the Spirit of the Lord, the Spirit of the Fear of the Lord, the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, Counsel & Might, and the Spirit of Knowledge.
Let the weak say I am strong, in the strength of the Lord! For indeed I will strengthen you and lead you in the way you should go.

Ex 14:24 NKJV Now it came to pass, in the morning watch, that the LORD looked down upon the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled the army of the Egyptians.

Ex 13:21-22 NKJV And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so as to go by day and night. 22 He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.

Num 14:14 AMP And they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that You, Lord, are in the midst of this people [of Israel], that You, Lord, are seen face to face, and that Your cloud stands over them, and that You go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.

Isa 4:2-6 NKJV The Renewal of Zion
In that day the Branch of the LORD shall be beautiful and glorious; And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing for those of Israel who have escaped. 3 And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy — everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. 4 When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning, 5 then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. 6 And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain.

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John 3:34-36 NKJV For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. 35 The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. 36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."

2 Cor 3:18 AMP And all of us, as with unveiled face, [because we] continued to behold [in the Word of God] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; [for this comes] from the Lord [Who is] the Spirit.

How much do you want of My Spirit? How much do you want My presence?
Why do you want more of My power? Why do you seek Me?
I was transfigured before enduring the cross.
Are you now willing to take up your crosses?
Are you willing to go to the next level of glory?
He who suffers with Me, shall share in My glory.
I tell you now, because you have asked, indeed you will suffer loss, but in that loss will come GAIN. For I will indeed redeem you from the fires of affliction, persecution and suffering to be lights in a world filled with darkness. You will be replenished with all you NEED to do the work of the kingdom. The spoils of the wicked will be given to those who are trustworthy. I will see to it that you who fear My name will have many great escapes from the fangs of the beast.

But I tell you now to prepare your hearts for UNION with Me.
Prepare for the hurricane of My love to bring you into the eye
of My peace. In ME is LIFE, and life more abundant. So many are looking for greater deeds, greater missions, greater fame and name, greater ministry. Ministry has become an idol to many. You don't realize that to whom much is given, much is required. Great ministry is DOING THE WILL OF THE FATHER. It is NOT about having your name in lights. Having your name in lights will cost you in the days ahead. Many will be glad for your years of hiddenness.
For the nameless and faceless will be able to do great exploits because they are unknown and because they have died to having the glory for themselves. I am purging all selfish ambition. Many love to have their names seen but don't realize the risk. It's not inherently bad to have your name in lights.

It's just that when you look to that, to receive approval from man, then you are barking up the wrong tree, and are into idolatry to self. And like a dog, those who are in selfish ambition, will be beaten down…not by ME, but by those who hate Me, will the judgment come! I was known because of My miracles and teaching. Many will be known because of being like me, but they will not have lifted themselves up. They will lift ME up! And for that, they will share in My glory and share my love with the world. And they will dwell in the secret place and be hidden by me, till their commission is fulfilled. Do not seek to be known.

Seek to make Me known, and you will be known where it counts!

Be faithful in caring for the children I have given you, and I will extend your tent pegs. If you are faithful in little, I will give you more. DISCIPLE My lambs! Disciple My sheep! Take up your cross and walk forward to the greatest hour the earth has ever seen. The hosts of heaven will rejoice in all I do. They have been waiting to see this hour. REJOICE for Your LORD draws nigh! Ask and you shall receive, knock and the door will be opened.
Ask for more faith. Ask for more love. Ask for more patience and ask Me for souls and I will give them! Ask for miracles, and be filled with FAITH!

Rom 8:17 AMP And if we are [His] children, then we are [His] heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ [sharing His inheritance with Him]; only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

1 Cor 3:15 NKJV If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

2 Cor 3:7-8 NKJV Glory of the New Covenant
But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?

Isa 45:8 NKJV "Rain down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it.

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Isa 30:28-30 NKJV
28 His breath is like an overflowing stream, Which reaches up to the neck, To sift the nations with the sieve of futility; And there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, Causing them to err. 29 You shall have a song As in the night when a holy festival is kept, and gladness of heart as when one goes with a flute, to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the Mighty One of Israel. 30 The LORD will cause His glorious voice to be heard, and show the descent of His arm, with the indignation of His anger And the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, tempest, and hailstones.

Ezek 3:16-19 NKJV Ezekiel Is a Watchman
Now it came to pass at the end of seven days that the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 17 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me: 18 When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand. 19 Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul.

"My beautiful bride, I am with you in the storms and I am with you in the waves, and I am with you in the earthquakes, and the floods. The floods have lifted up, but the voice of the Lord is mightier than the floods of many waters! The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth.
There are events unfolding that will cause you great pain in your heart, but I am coming to prepare you if you will just rest in ME and receive all that I have for you. For the church is yet to be triumphant over the many things that have afflicted her and stolen from her in this hour. I WILL change the face of the church through judgment and burning.

Surely My hand is not too short to save? Surely you have heard every testimony of My power and deliverance in the Word, and you should know that I would not leave you alone in this hour. I am shaking, and I will continue to shake the systems and idols of all mankind! Nothing will be passed by. Only what is of ME shall stand and go forth to build MY KINGDOM!
For I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man that I should change My mind! I have plans for you, plans for good and not for evil to give you a future and a hope. I am perfecting all that concerns you and all that concerns ME! Yes I said ALL that would keep you from the fullness of what I want to pour out in you will be annihilated!

I am doing surgery on many of you through circumstances and happenings, through the worship and through the prayer, and the rest. Only cling to ME, for many need the love I am giving to you. The world is starved for more love and kindness. Many have only known oppression and more oppression. LEAN ON ME when you are afraid, and being attacked by doubts and fears."

[Then I remembered a photo I looked at about Frances, the hurricane. I had seen this picture of a church whose steeple had been lobbed off by the winds and the point of it was sticking into the roof. I thought last night how it looked to be prophetic]

“The steeple is to make everyone see where the church is, is it not. On the horizon of many towns, you can see the steeples of the churches or other buildings. In the days ahead, there will be such persecution, you will wish there was no sign of where you meet to worship ME! You will have to meet in small groups in homes and change the locations weekly sometimes so no one can find out what is going on. For many will arise with hatred in their hearts for the judgments I am rendering, and they will blame others and will be discontented to the degree of hatred and violence. Witchcraft abounds that says, “I should be able to do what I WANT! ” Men are becoming more and more selfish and self centered. Many will fight against the goads and begin to blame you who worship ME and who also love Israel.

Because I will protect you and bless you, they will hate you. They will NOT have what they need if they have rejected ME. So I will also ask you to depend on ME for who to help and who not to help. Use wisdom and seek MY face as I lead you in what to do or not do! Angelic hosts are increasing in the earth as the times draw closer to My coming. Expect encounters and expect instructions and guidance in all the turmoil.

Time is not standing still and many who desire to live through these times, will be given special assignments and provision, and all they need for the work at HAND! I am loosing My angels to the four corners of the earth, and they will direct many into paths to Goshens and through ways of escape. Yet there will also be many bloody battles and much loss of life. LEARN TO RELY ON ME, and not your own presumption. Say, I am your DEFENSE, you will not be moved! I AM your Wisdom, I AM your Might! Know that I am with you and will be with you even more as the days draw near. I am coming to transform and transfigure, and you will never be the same again. Every chain will be broken. Lean NOT on your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge ME. For I am your GREAT REWARD! WORSHIP ME and I will show you great and mighty things. I love you and I will love you forever and ever. Nothing can separate you from My love! ”

Dan 12:4 AMP
4 But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the Book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased and become great. [Amos 8:12.]

Isa 3:12-15 NKJV
12 As for My people, children are their oppressors, And women rule over them. O My people! Those who lead you cause you to err, And destroy the way of your paths."
13 [Oppression and Luxury Condemned]
The LORD stands up to plead, And stands to judge the people.
14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the elders of His people
And His princes "For you have eaten up the vineyard;
The plunder of the poor is in your houses.
15 What do you mean by crushing My people and grinding the faces of the poor?" Says the Lord GOD of hosts.

Isa 9:16-19 NKJV
16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err, and those who are led by them are destroyed. 17 Therefore the Lord will have no joy in their young men, Nor have mercy on their fatherless and widows; For everyone is a hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly.
For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.
18 For wickedness burns as the fire; It shall devour the briers and thorns, And kindle in the thickets of the forest; They shall mount up like rising smoke. 19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts The land is burned up, and the people shall be as fuel for the fire;

Isa 19:14 NKJV
14 The LORD has mingled a perverse spirit in her midst;
And they have caused Egypt to err in all her work,
As a drunken man staggers in his vomit.

Isa 28:7-12 NKJV
7 But they also have erred through wine, and through intoxicating drink are out of the way; The priest and the prophet have erred through intoxicating drink, They are swallowed up by wine, They are out of the way through intoxicating drink; They err in vision, they stumble in judgment. 8 For all tables are full of vomit and filth; No place is clean. 9 "Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little." 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, 12 To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest," And, "This is the refreshing"; Yet they would not hear.

Jer 23:13-14 NKJV
13 "And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria: They prophesied by Baal
And caused My people Israel to err. 14 Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: They commit adultery and walk in lies; They also strengthen the hands of evildoers, So that no one turns back from his wickedness. All of them are like Sodom to Me, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah.

Jer 23:31-32 NKJV
32 Behold, I am against those who prophesy false dreams," says the LORD, "and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all," says the LORD.

Known By God's Love

Yolanda Ballard

Are you experiencing in your heart the onward pull to go deeper with Me? Then don't allow it to pass you by. Be sensitive to the leading of My Spirit and respond immediately. No matter what you are doing respond to My calling you close. Deep calls unto deep at the sound of My waterspouts.

Examine the stirring within your heart. Is it that which comes from being in My intimate presence, or is it a drive within to accomplish something that you feel that needs to be done concerning My kingdom purposes? I want you to make sure that you are not just being driven by the spirit of busyness and religiosity, because anything I would set you out to do would not rob Me of your precious time before Me. You need to draw close to Me and examine those stirrings within your heart and make sure they are of Me.

I want you to be able to hear My voice clearly so I can direct you on the paths you are to take. I want to give you the discernment that you need to know what spirit you are being guided by, because that which is of the counterfeit has been directing the paths of many of My children these days. They are being tossed about by every wind and doctrine and not by the simplicity of My pure word directing them.

This is the time and the hour where I will be separating the men from the boys. Yes, I will choose this hour those who will dip their hand into the stream to drink and leave those that bow down before every tree and idol. For when you leave all your cares into My hands is one thing, but to go about unaware of what is around you while you partake of every need that you have is where many fall short.

You need to watch and pray while it is still day for there will come a day when those who are unprepared will be taken away by the streams of deception being poured out. Yes, I AM doing a separating work and those who have responded to My call to go deeper will be able to hear clearly and respond to My call.

I love you, My children, and I want you to be ready for I AM drawing together My remnant who will be of one mind and will be in one accord with My plans and purposes. I will draw them together even around the world and place in their hearts the draw to go deeper into My presence. They will know My word, because I have filled them with My grace and truth. They will worship Me with the song of the Lord, and they will dance upon injustice and will release My deep and powerful heart cry for the lost, and you will see the multitudes rushing into My presence, and salvation and grace will be theirs.

Yes, this is the final hour. Don't let it pass you by. Be sensitive to My drawing you close. Love Me with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself. And most of all, love the brethren, for then and only then will the world know you by My love.

Testimony of Love

Yolanda Ballard

Aug 18, 2004
I have had the privilege to set up a website for a dear Messianic Jewish woman who lost everything to gain the King of Glory in her life. She shares her mighty testimony also different writings about her life experiences and I am sure it will touch your heart. If you feel led, come visit her new site and give her a warm welcome by signing her guestbook. Please pray for her that the Lord will stir the gift of writing within her to bring forth a message of encouragement to all.
Love in Christ,
Yolanda

Kim Clement Expounds

Kim Clement Expounds on the Controversial 35-day Prophecy: "Osama b*n Laden WILL be Uncovered" by Kim Clement

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There has been an overwhelming interest in the prophecy regarding Osama b*n Laden and the thirty-five day period. I would like to bring clarity to any questions one may have in this regard.

Prophecy itself is not complete because of the element of the Human and Divine interaction. This means our dependency is always on God, who in His wisdom will only speak what He deems necessary for that moment. The Bible says in **1 Corinthians 13:9** that we prophesy in part.

In **1 Peter 1:10-11**, we see the prophets of old searching to find "what" or "what manner of time" the Spirit of Christ, who was in them, was indicating regarding the Glory that was to come.

1 Peter 1:11 - "What" in the Greek: In reference to the word "what," or "what manner of time". "What" expresses the time absolutely or what was to be the era of the revelation of Jesus Christ; what manner of time; what events and features should characterize the time of this event. The "or" implies that some of the prophets, if they could not as individuals discover the exact time, searched into its characteristic features and events. The Greek for "time" is the season, the epoch, the fit time in God's purposes.

Purposefully Hidden Prophecy

This scripture reveals that certain parts of prophecy are purposefully hidden. God will only unveil things according to His timing and purpose. A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. Sometimes specifics that are missing in prophecy are being kept for a perfect moment of unveiling. God unfolds His picture of future events through a progression of "pieces of the puzzle."

God always requires faith and therefore He will always present His word in such a way as to produce faith. God never looks at your present request, but rather He speaks with your future in the present. This means He will always challenge your faith in order to prepare you for your next course of events.

In order to gain understanding regarding prophecy, we need to realize the limitations of the interpretive process. There are times when God specifically gives a time and day of exact fulfillment. Other times, however, He speaks as though it has happened; yet, in reality it is years away from fulfillment. Samuel, the great prophet, declared to Saul that now his kingdom would not continue. The reality of this declaration was the fact that it was only years later that this literally happened. In God's eyes, Saul had already lost his authority as king.

Misinterpreted Spiritual Knowledge

A good example of this is in Acts 21, where Paul finds himself with some disciples from Tyre who tell Paul through the Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem. These disciples interpreted the spiritual knowledge they were receiving, to mean that Paul should not go to Jerusalem.

Later on in the same chapter, a prophet named Agabus, came down from Judea, and declared to Paul through a prophetic enactment that he would be bound by hand and foot by the Jews at Jerusalem, and they would deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles. Again, some different disciples from Caesarea try to convince Paul not to go to Jerusalem, based on what they had seen and heard when Agabus the prophet delivered the word of the Lord. Agabus did not say to Paul that he should not go to Jerusalem. In Acts 21:13, Paul makes a final statement by saying,

"What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus". So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."

The 35-day Period Explained:

Our personal desires can sometimes cause the Word of the Lord to be interpreted incorrectly. I would therefore like to offer a few explanations regarding the thirty-five day period:

The prophecy referred to the declaration that was given by Osama b*n Laden about a thirty-five day period. This was a designated time period in which he had purposed for a catastrophic event to take place in the United States of America.

The word of the Lord that came forth referred to these thirty-five days in which God would reverse the planned events and begin to do something special for God's people and the United States of America. This period of time was linked to Easter and did not specify a particular day that the 35 days would commence.

Take note of the word. This utterance was first prophesied in Utica, New York on January 10 and then it continued in Miami, Florida on January 12.

UTICA, NEW YORK – JANUARY 10, 2004.

The Spirit says:

"al Qaeda shall be exposed shortly. There has been a threat that has come from them and there has been a threat spoken out by Osama b*n Laden that within 35 days the USA shall experience a catastrophic event. But even as I brought out the other rogue from the hole in the ground, in the same period that bin Laden predicted catastrophe against this nation, I shall bring him forth, I shall raise him out of his own hiding place, and I will bring him to a place of accountability."

NOTE: This speaks of three things that will happen verifying that in the 35-day period, the following would take place:

1. I shall bring him forth.
2. I shall raise him out of his own hiding place.
3. I will bring him to a place of accountability.

The prophecy continues:

"As a result, this Easter you shall say, 'Surely this is a time of resurrection for the USA.'

The Curse Reversed!

Therefore, the curse that he has placed upon this nation has been reversed and what Osama b*n Laden has predicted (35 days), I shall surely bring upon his head.

You will celebrate an Easter as never before for the resurrection shall come upon you, My people, as well."

Please note that God refers to Easter as the time of victory. Also, God had given me a clear word in the late 90's about the month of March and then again on November 27, 2003, I was instructed to prophesy about 3-11, March 11, 2004 in which the Spirit spoke of the beginning of a 10-year period of release and breakthr*ugh in the Kingdom of God, which would bring about various things. (You may see this on my website: http://kimclement.com/)

ON JANUARY 12, TWO DAYS AFTER I PROPHESIED REGARDING OSAMA B*N LADEN, I CONTINUED THE UTTERANCE ON NATIONAL TELEVISION IN MIAMI.

Take note of the word:

Osama b*n Laden said that in 35 days America would be abolished (he was prophesying, predicting), wiped out because he has a plan for 35 days. The word of the Lord came to me and said, "You prophesy that the very thing that he said and predicted for this nation is reversed, and I'm going to bring him out in 35 days. There is a resurrection day coming over this Easter. This Easter will be one of the greatest Easters this nation has ever celebrated. Why? Because there will be a resurrection of the dead, spiritually speaking, of revelation that has died, of prophetic words that have died and been buried in the ground. This Easter, not only will I bring your greatest enemy out, but I will also bring about a severe judgment against the powers and principalities that have come against My servants and against My people. There shall be a judgment."

Not once did I say that the 35-day period would begin from January 10 or 12. It clearly says that as bin Laden put a time limit on his attack on the USA, God has placed that same time period upon him. However, there is a deadline and from what I can gather from the utterance, Easter is the time to celebrate this victory.

We do know from this word that the specific time period would be linked to March 11 and Easter. We also know that God has indicated that Osama b*n Laden will be uncovered.

In baited expectation, we look forward to the season ahead of us, anticipating the wonderful things that God has promised for both our personal lives, the nations of the earth, and specifically the United States of America.

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Know That Change Is Near

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"Disturbances cause actions that demand freedom. So Rejoice! When you encounter resistance. Be Aware of your Choice! When confronted with open conflict. 'KNOW THAT CHANGE IS NEAR'. Transition comes to all so you must Trust Me and not fear.

Appreciate rebellions that are for The Good of the Whole. They weed out Emotions that have Poisoned Body and Soul. Stop blindly fighting when You Feel Personally Opposed. Relax, allow your Soul To become quiet and reposed.

Stand back and watch as Loyalty and Passion each play out. A Sense of Deep Connection comes To cause a Turn-a-bout. To Clarify MY Vision; Always Deeper Than YOU Thought. Enlargement and Provision Comes to Those Who Can't Be Bought.

Lift up your eyes unto the skies. Your Help is at the door. Flying in on Angels Wings; Hope, Faith and Joy Galore!"

1 CORINTHIANS 5 & 9
So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God. What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that,] God has prepared - made and keeps ready - for those who love Him [that is, for those who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed].

Great Change is taking place as Visions are rearranged and put into God's Order. He has raised the standard or bar as He purged and poured Himself into His Vessels. We thank You Lord for Your Breaking and Making and anticipate Your Treasures being made manifest to and through us , this and every day.

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Restore My Families Heart Break
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"Many of My children have been imprisoned since their youth. Trapped in cages of deceit that shun the entrance of truth. Shrinking back in horror from any light that penetrates their dark domain of illusion, but My Love Liberates.

In the twinkling of an eye I am reversing this curse: To Restore My Families Heart Break. Their failure reverse. I will overtake their dreams. Separate the truth from lies. The things you thought impossible will now materialize

For in My time of Suddenlies all things shall be made clear. My Faithful Ones who keep My Word to live by faith, not fear: will find that I have broken through the cage that held you fast. Now walk free of all rejection and sorrow of your past.

Repent of accusations you have made that were not true. Cry out for understanding that you see things from My view. Change the words that you are speaking. Let it Be Love I Hear. Resounding from each Home on earth in Peace and Joy this year."

PROVERBS 14:3 In a fools own mouth is a rod to SHAME his pride, but the wise men's lips shall preserve them.

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Knowing The Times And Seasons
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Issachar's children served king David. They had great effect in the battle of Deborah and Barak (Judges 5:15) and in fact their home territory was the scene of several key battles in ancient times including those of Gideon (Judges 7) and Saul (1 Sam. 28). In the time of David, Issachar held the fewest chief's of all: only some 200- (1 Chr. 12: 32) yet were as valuable to David as an entire tribe. All their brethren were at their command because they were men who had understanding of the times, who knew what Israel should do. (1 Chr. 12:32).

Knowledge of the Times

The children of Issachar had understanding of the times, knowing what Israel ought to do. The Psalmist cried out "We do not see our signs: there is no longer any prophet, nor is there any among us who knows how long" (Psalm 74:9). Jesus reiterated this lament saying "You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, yet you can not interpret the signs of the times!" (Matt 24:1).

One of the short falling's of the current prophetic movement, is that for all our zeal, we do not understand the signs of the times we live in. Especially the judgments of the Lord. In a church where sweetness, goodness and positive thinking is promoted, holiness, righteousness and justice wane.

Jeremiah lamented "The stork in the heavens knows her appointed times, and the Turtle- dove, swallow and crane observe their times of coming, yet my people do not know the judgments of the Lord" (Jer. 8:7).

The current prophetic movement is full of conflicting advice about the signs. Consider these examples:

- Y2K and the predictions of destruction which filled the church - 9/11 and the response of the church that this was not judgment - Iraq and Afghanistan, the prophetic movement supporting war - The nation of Israel as it is today, does it represent a fulfillment of prophecy

What's the "time"?

Jesus, after a dissertation on what we would see in the end times, proceeded to say, "Consider the parable of the fig tree". The point he makes is that when it puts forth it's tender shoots, you know summer is near, so to when you see "these things" you know He is near (Matt. 24:32).

How powerful it is, to be able to read the front page news, and come to work - being able to explain these things to the lost companions you have. To be able to understand the times we live in and bring them hope of the future.

Now we know that now man can know the hour of the return of Christ, but we are told to look for the sign of his coming, and told to seek to understand the season of the end. At this point let's clarify "time". There are seven words for time used in common Greek: Chronos: a space of time, moment to moment, clock time (Acts 20:18). Mechri: terminus, end, a completion moment, a turning point (Matt. 13:30).

Ede: by this time, when the fullness has come (John 11:39). Popote: ever yet, at any time, not ever (1 John 4:12). Aion: an age, an era, a period of infinite duration, eternity (John 17:3). Hora: instant in season, high time, about time, time has come (Matt. 25:13).

Kairos: season, due time, spring time (1 Thess. 5:1, Luke 19:44). We cannot now the hora of Christ's return, but we must know the kairos it will tae place in. The ones who will lead the army of God in the battles ahead will be like the offspring of Issachar- ones who know the seasons of the Lord, who know what the church should do.

Court Prophets

As God restores the ministry of the prophet to the body of Christ, He is also re-establishing the position of the court prophet. Nathan to David, Samuel to Solomon, Micaiah to Ahab. The men stood in a place of influence to the very ruler of their nation in their day.

We learn from Esther 1:13 that when it came to timing, it was the kings procedure to consult those who were versed in law and custom. Today they are called secretariats or diplomats. It was not for nothing that these men were called sages, for their knowledge of the timing of vital decisions was paramount. As in their days, so ours.

Just as a general Manager in a firm needs weekly review meetings, as well as the big 'month end' and 'end of year' reports, so the rulers of the church need consistent counsel. The Lord is restoring prophetic counsel to the leaders. The will stand among the elders and deacons, no longer sitting on the sidelines to be trotted out for the odd conference or two. No longer will the prophetic sit in isolation, 'handing in' their words to elders. The church needs those who are raised in the line of Issachar, to bring wise counsel to the church on what it should do. I t is the unwise leader who rejects this kind of counsel. God is restoring a position of weekly counsel, guidance in prayer meetings, and prophetic persons to be on staff of churches.

New Day Leaders

One of the great strengths of Issachar's offspring was that they did set their hearts on being servant leaders, they were swept there by virtue of their wisdom. Scripture indicates that they were to be slaves, bearing the burdens of others. They were not to strive to be leaders but knew how to follow and serve. They were known as princes (Judges 5: 15) yet they carried the burdens of the others: the nature of Jacob's prophetic blessing of Issachar and his offspring (Genesis 49: 14-15) indicates that his tribe would lend itself out to bear the burdens of the others. It also intimates that by the burden bearing for others, they would be 'enslaved'. Christ teaches us that to lead in the church today, you must be servant of all, and any who would set their hearts on the high place, must first sit at the lowest place on the table. Paul reminds us that God will exalt only the humble and He will destroy the proud. To be an apostle or a prophet means to be at the bottom of the ladder, not the top. Ones who serve all not Lord it over others. Do not deceive yourself, if you set you heart on selfish gain, you will not be trusted with the ministry of a prophet!

Wise Counsel

In the land that Issachar inherited was the town of Abel- which king Joab had besieged and was about to destroy. A wise lady in this city came forward to declare this wonderful account of this city- "then she said 'They used to say in the old days- Let them inquire at Abel; and so they would settle a matter. I am one of those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel; you seek to destroy a city that is a mother in Israel; why will you swallow up the heritage of the Lord?' " (2 Sam 20:14- 22 esp 18).

The city had a spirit of reconciliation, wisdom and maturity that had become a mother to Israel. People would resolve their differences, and unity would grow because of their ministry. They would inquire of the wise children of Issachar about the matter. This is this kind of ministry the Lord is raising. Not striving to lead, but wisely counseling.

Moses blessed Issachar saying "Rejoice Zebulun, in your going out, and Issachar, in your tents. They call peoples to the mountain; there they offer right sacrifices" (Deut. 33:18-19). The blessing of Issachar was also to bring the children back to offer right sacrifice to the Lord. This is one of the great blessings of the prophetic movement to the church. As the Apostle Paul would latter declare "Those who prophecy do so for other people, for their upbuilding, encouragement and consolation...those who prophesy build up the church" (1 Cor. 14: 3 & 4).

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Prophecy In Business
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There is no good reason why your gifts cannot function in the marketplace. If you can pray down a line after the Sunday night service, then that same gift can function in the shopping mall, when someone stops you to ask for directions.

If you have prophetic insight into dreams, and can sit in a seminar and interpret someone else's dreams, then you can do the same for the lady having coffee with you at morning tea break.

If you have the gift of insight, and inspiration so as to give directive words to the church leadership on where they are headed, then you are likewise able to bring God given wisdom to the board room planning sessions.

If you have the gift of word of knowledge, and by the Spirit know what people were doing yesterday, then that same gift can enable you to audit the accounts of a business, and find errors or misappropriations by the Spirit.

Package it another way

Strip away all the religious trappings, the uniform dress code of your denomination, the business cards announcing your title and office and what do you have. When you strip away the Christian jargon and the Biblical language and get prophecy right down to the ground where an ordinary person can understand it. What do you have?

Our past affects our present.

Our present affects our future.

So we can use the prophetic gift in business to help:

Overcome the past,
Build in the present,
and Succeed in the future.

There are inherent blessings for business people, if they will not only follow the guidelines of Scripture (integrity, honesty, righteousness) and do business by the book, but there is an inherent blessing in involving prophets in their work.

"Believe in the Lord and you shall be established, believe his prophets and you shall prosper" (2 Chr. 20:20).

"The elders of the Jews built and prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and of Zechariah, they built and they finished" (Ezra 6:14).

Old Testament examples

Through out the Old Testament we find prophets operating in the sphere of business, marketplace and politics. Take a few examples:

* Daniel served Nebuchadnezzar, interpreting his dreams and in the administration of the kingdom.

* Joseph served Pharaoh, interpreting his dreams and administrating the kingdom in its hardest trials.

* Isaiah was friends with King Uzziah, and also prophetically determined the line of succession from Hezekiah to Eliakim.

* Elisha counseled the king of Israel on battle strategy, helping him avoid traps and ambushes of the enemy.

* Agabus helped the church and businesses in Jerusalem prepare for a drought which affected the entire region.

A prophet provides:

* Hindsight: Reviewing where you've been
* Insight: Analysing where you're at
* Foresight: Predicting where you're going

I was trained by a consulting and coaching firm, who based their enterprise on taking people to their personal best. They were a motivational group, who believed the best of individuals and brought out the best in companies. I used this technique with many clients. Coming into their company as a consultant, a facilitator whose only job was to assist them to do better, I could quickly employ prophetic insight. Hindsight to review where they had been, gained through discussion with staff and management. Insight into what they were doing now, gained with a 360 degree review of their business practices. Foresight, gained by looking at their budgeting, forecasting, business planning and personal prayer.

I know prophetic people who work in the auditing and accounting departments of their company. They review statistical data, plough through accounting information and provide the managers great review (hindsight) of where they have been.

I know prophetic people who consult the board of companies. Whilst they never get up and say , "Thus saith the Lord," they certainly provide wisdom (insight) that no one else has thought of. Especially as it comes to looking at the way people are behaving, and the communication/ interactions which take place. One man I know worked for a very large firm, and they called him "The Trouble Shooter". If there was a flaw in the system, he could find it.

I know prophetic people who sit in the planning meetings of economic forecasting groups, and who advise kings of nations. They bring valuable prophetic information about weather, political situations, war, terrorism and economic situations looming.

I have worked on the board of management for community organizations and community development groups. In both these situations I am considered a businessman, or a concerned local citizen. But I employ the prophetic gift gainfully to assist them to move ahead.

What about you? You might not b a prophet, but certainly the prophetic gift works in your life. So can you work in these three areas, assisting people.

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Listen to My Heart Beat

Marie-France McDowell-Smith

To My Flames of Fire, My Set-Apart Remnant: Listen to My Heart Beat

June 26, 2004

A HEART Transplant is required. I want to give you My Heart!!! Pray that this new heart is not rejected by My Body, for if it is not compatible, if the Body rejects MY Heart, the body will die. Of little consequence is your vast knowlege, your outer appearance. I require the laying down of your pride, your territorial ambitions, your energies applied to containing, maintaining and enlarging your feudal serfdoms called ministries.

The great I AM requires you to let down your gates, to actively come into submission to ME and cooperate in love one to another. If you resist, if you are stubborn and hold to that of flesh, and do not allow Yeshua to command and lead in this time through MY Ruach, you will NOT grasp hold of My ultimate life's plan for you. Many of My Own may fall away from their planned destinies; your scepters removed and smashed upon the Rock.

Resist My Plan and you shall cause the the untimely death of your destinies, specifically designed for each of you from before the foundation of the earth. The enemies plan is to kill, steal, and destroy. Do not resist My Ruach's work in YOU; should you submit to being weary in well doing, worn, and frazzled without allowing My Ruach's cleansing and refilling, you shall receive a premature and lifeless birth; death the result of your disobedience and disdain for My Plans. Come away with Me, cleave to ME, allow My transplanted heart to beat within you.

For, IF you continue fiercely relying upon your own plans and way and thoughts--which are NOT MINE -- an eternity of tears will flow from your deadly deception! My Plans are for your good. My Plans are for the salvation of many, from every tribe and tongue and nation!!!

Mesh one to another NOW or you will not have the ability to effectively participate in THE GREAT WAR; your rewards diminished. Tarnished crowns will not be accepted by ME. Come to ME, come and we shall WIN the war for the souls of men. Many are about to be birthed by My Ruach into My Kingdom. These 'NEW ONES' will require older brothers and sisters to guide and teach them My will and My ways by Ruach flowing from them. Reach out and lend them a hand...MY Mighty Right Hand!

My Plans are for your good. My Plans are for the salvation of many, from every tribe and tongue and nation!!!

I AM is about to shine through those who are TRULY MINE, powered by Ruach. I AM going to ask many to do things NEVER before asked of them. These are not hard things, just outside of 'deadwood' boxes of thinking, all in line with MY WORD, the GREATER THINGS!

I AM breaking self-made parameters of thought and behavior in My Own. Be NOT SURPRISED! I AM about to ask My Own to do completely opposite of what has been their habit. I AM breaking all habits and self-imposed limitations in the Body of Messiah! Prepare for DELIVERANCE, prepare for MY HEART to SHINE forth from YOU, prepare for alliances of MY CHOOSING for this great adventure!

My Plans will succeed, with you or without you! TODAY it is your choice...lay down self-made, man-made plans, see what I shall do through MY OWN---then wait and watch as I, the GREAT I AM, EL GIBOR, ask of you sacrifices of the flesh, and THEN I shall lift you to places of honour unsurpassed, the responsibility and right to rule and reign yours, from My Golden City. I AM asks you to choose, choose ME today.

Open to My Love for YOU! DO YOU HEAR MY VOICE? DO YOU HEAR MY HEART BEAT?
I AM THE TRUTH, the WAY and the LIFE! FOLLOW ME!

A Great Wound
Marie-France McDowell-Smith

"A Great Wound; And My Fire-Works Are About To Light Up The Whole World!"

Adonai in the early morning of June 25, 2004:

"My gentle ones, A GREAT WOUND is coming to My body, be prepared to rush aid to your brothers and sisters" .... (sensed in the natural as well as spiritual)

SAW: 'white cells rushing to aid the red blood cells, attacking en masse, the infection was overwhelmed, carried away with the body sloughing off the clumps of whites that surrounded and took away the infection; the invader cells, who came to overcome the Body.... the white's did their duty, performed their function/purpose and courageously died saving the Body'.

SAW: that The Body was healed, the Body lived, now stronger and healthier than before, stronger because ALL infection (SIN) was completely eradicated from the Body, which now was Beauty emanating LIGHT and SHALOM'

UNDERSTOOD: THERE WAS A GREAT WAR! VICTORY ASSURED AND AT GREAT PRICE! Think upon the cost. IT COST ALL, EVERYTHING! THE PRICE IS GREAT AND THE REWARD GREATER STILL !!! Keep your eyes upon Yeshua, our Commander-in-Chief!!! HIS PROMISED REWARDS IN HIS HAND...EXPLOITS, EXPLOITS, EXPLOITS!!! Exploding in the air, exploits of the saints. Like firecrackers at first! More noise than maneuver and then the BIG SHOW ... HIS FIRE-WORKS more Dazzling!!! -- Lighting up the darkness, sending fear of darkness scurrying into the outer reaches!!!

HEARD: .. at the cost of many -- who were unafraid to die for their brothers ... 'what greater love' 'what greater love' "what greater love' --

UNDERSTOOD: much of this dying is certainly spiritual, dying from worldly desires of no eternal value, and some may be in the natural, and becoming ALIVE to the ETERNAL OBJECTIVES, GOALS and Exploits of LOVE one for another for HIS name's sake and HIS GLORY!

HEARD: "team up, 'two are greater than one' ... get positioned for greater strength and discernment, team up, line up, formations -- no lone wolves in My Army .... for My Glory !

HEARD: Music of these songs being sung by thousands...."What a mighty God we serve, angels bow before HIM, heaven and earth adore HIM, what a mighty God we serve. Great and mighty is HE! clothed in glory and arrayed in splendor, Great and Mighty is HE!" HE IS EL GIBOR!

YOU SHALL BE as 'skipping stones' across a pond, doing incredible feats, amazing feats, that will mesmerize even the hardest of hearts and draw them into MY LOVE! It is all in the angle, trajectory, power and skill of the hand from which the stone is cast ... allow yourselves to be swiftly released upon many waters by the Master's hand ... and 'as MY living stones' trust me more, obey my every command and direction, and ALL shall see what MORE I shall do with you, as I cast you to every tribe and tongue and nation! The true FIRE-WORKS are about to light up the whole world!!! My stones who become My FIRE-WORKS of GLORY! Even the very STONES will cry out and praise ME!

UNDERSTOOD/HEARD: IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO PREACH forgiveness of SINS and the power of SALVATION through the completed work on Mt. Moriah by Yeshua, haMashiach!!! Tell them, IT IS FINISHED, MY BLOOD PAID IT ALL!

HE ENCOURAGED: Don't STOP, DO NOT BECOME WEARY OF WELL DOING! DO NOT become self centered and implode!!! Do not give up now, the race is not yet over!

DO NOT BELIEVE THE LIES THAT IT IS TOO LATE! Too late for what? It is not too late for you, turn back to Your Abba...for your ideas of life and purpose upon this earth--for My thoughts are not as your thoughts and My ways are not as yours...Gentle Ones, listen to MY HEARTBEAT.... WHAT is the objective of My Love for people? To heal, deliver from the bondage of SIN, to set them FREE, to forgive their SIN, to redeem, sanctify, justify and GIVE LIFE ABUNDANT, to restore and reconcile relationship with ME, haShem (God), to flood people with TRUE LOVE, to give ETERNAL LIFE, My Ways have NOT changed. MY Plan has not changed, and MY PROMISES ARE FAITHFUL AND TRUE ..... IT IS NOT TOO LATE, MOVE FORWARD...do not believe 'TOO LATE!!!' That is a trick of the enemy, don't fall for his lies! He is the father of lies. I AM LOVE, I AM YOUR ABBA, the Lover of Your Soul, My eyes upon you for good, all things for your good. Allow My Ruach, My power to do exploits thrugh YOU! Be moldable, bendable and flexible in My hands for My Kavod [Glory]!

MY GREATEST HARVEST IS JUST AROUND THE BEND!!! Look up! I COME! King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Glory, Halleluyah! The King of Glory ... ENDURE UNTIL THE END! for what your mind perceives as the END is in fact just the BEGINNING! Listen to My Heart Beat, My Ruach and do not march to the death cadence of this world, but follow the Lamb wherever HE GOES.

Love,
Abba

Halleluyah!

Living To Pray

Chimezie Onyebilanma

Heb 5: 7. During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Jesus' is our perfect example of a spiritual leader. The chief work of a leader is not preaching but praying.

Here in summarising the days of Jesus' life on earth we are told that: *"he offered up prayers"*. I can't help asking myself if prayer is the most evident thing in my life's history or does it occupy only an insignificant part? The main work of a leader (nay, of every believer) is to offer up prayers – fervent prayers. Someone said "life is frigile, handle with prayers".

And God has given us enough incentives to make us pray. He says: ***'Call to me and I will answer you** and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'* (Jeremiah 33: 3). God has promised to answer prayers.

Perhaps we are yet to know how much we leave untapped of those things God has freely given us - just because we do not pray. God wants to do things for us but we *"have not because we ask not"*. Inadequate praying is the reason for our bankruptcy. We must learn to call on God in everything and for everything. Shouldn't this verse motivate us? ThatGod wants to do "great and unsearchable things" for us.

Jesus' prayer was desperate not casual *" he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears"*. To him this was the only answer. If God does not send help, what help can man give? Do we pray like this? Don't we rely too much on the arm of flesh? We need to come to the point where we are desperately dependant on God (and God alone) through prayer then our prayers will have POWER.

O Lord teach us to pray.

Open Wide Your Mouth

Chimezie Onyebilanma

"I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. "Open wide your mouth and I will fill it". Psalm 81:10

I have wondered why Peter asked Jesus to invite him to walk to him on the water. And why the Lord obliged him. Why would Peter who was just only gathering himself from the storm that hit their boat, dare to now step into the stormy water? I think the answer is that after he saw where Jesus was, he wanted to be there too. He throw away fear and dared to break through the walls of limitation.

And of course Jesus obliged him because the Lord loves it when we dare to stretch out of our comfort zone to lay hold of all he has shown us he has for us. He said "Open wide your mouth and I will fill it".

Too many of us are content to go on living less than God's will for our lives. It was not only Peter that caught a glimpse of Jesus walking on the water and heard him say "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid". All the others in the boat received that same revelation. But Peter was the only one that dared to ask to come to where Jesus is.

Is it impossible to come to where Jesus is today? Is our modern-day watered-down version of Christianity truly all that the Lord has to offer? Why is it that we have so much biblical insights today but very little manifestation of these truths in our daily lives? Why are we so content to live as weaklings even though we declare that the Kingdom of God has come?

The Bible says, "You do not have because you do not ask". Leonard Ravenhill once wrote that the reason we do not have revival is because we are content to live without it. Yet God loves it when we dare to ask of him. When we dare to be bold in prayers. We cannot ask God for too much, if we ask for what he has shown us. God longs for his kingdom to come in every area of our lives. But we must ask for it and dare to step out to lay hold on it, even it means stepping out on water.

I believe we are in the days when we cannot continue to play church. God is planting a hunger in many hearts for more of Jesus. More of his purity, more of his beauty, more of his love and compassion, and more of his power. If you listen, you will hear the Spirit saying “Open wide your mouth and I will fill it”. Complacency, fear, and apathy seeks to limit us. But God is looking for men and women that would be willing to spend time with him to catch a revelation of him and who will go on to boldly step out in preserving prayers to see the manifestation of that revelation of Jesus in their lives.

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PLEASE are you born again? It is not enough to believe in the existence of God, to go to church, or be interested in spiritual things. Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus died to deliver you from sin so that you can come to God. (John 3:16) If you ask him to forgive you and give you a new heart he will. (Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-11).Try it. I'd love to hear from you @ caprotogo@laposte.tg

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May all the nations praise HIM!

Learn To Walk In My Peace
Sandy Warner

Jul 9, 2004
For a long season, you have felt like you were in a cold isolated place, enduring hardship like a good soldier. There are many wearing these shoes. If you would consider laying down the clamoring voices of men's opinions, I would like to overwrite their perspectives and give those who would heed My call, a long refreshing drink, filled with joy, good gifts, rest and peace. This sounds much better than a soldiers life, yet surprisingly, most will heed the voice of war. Merely by their beliefs, they open the door to such and thus their focus turns with them.

If you would hear My call, My highest wish for you at this time is to restore you and replenish you with deep rest. I want you learning how to walk in the gospel of peace. When you know intimacy with your Sovereign God, you shall walk in peace and never fear intimidation and terror again. After you have learned to walk in these new shoes, I shall take you where I will, well armored and protected and you shall never feel the cold. There are many ways to war and men's opinions are not My ways. One of My greatest weapons of war is peace.

Eph 6:15 NKJV
… and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

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Close One Door And Open The Other
Sandy Warner

Jul 5, 2004
Over and over again you have had doors of opportunity knock and at each door I have observed you faithfully seek My will. At times, this has been hard on you to close the door to ambition and self appointed zeal. Yet in each instance, you have yielded and followed Me. You have poured yourself out, dear one, and deep inside there is a yearning to walk away from the stress of it all and just rest. And yet you have not wanted to give an inch to the devil who wants you to quit, nor have you wanted to displease Me. How you comfort My heart to see your earnest desires for My will alone! I have come to help you through this time of crossroad.

The road that leads to busy street, walk away from it. This leads to distraction, pressure, stress, opposition and a slow burning erosion of your resources. I don't want you depleted, you have already spent yourself. It is time to rebuild, refresh, restore, renew and pour back into you. Body, soul, spirit. I have new plans for you and I want you rested so that you will be prepared for My plans yet to unfold. Take the right turn, the one to My will, of rest and peace. I will go before you through the gate. It is My gate of love, you shall know My love deeper then you have ever known before… in answer to your heart's desire.

In your resting place, the place I have prepared for you… the one I promised to you years ago… it is there that you shall build. I am sending you My master craftsman to help you build. The voices of men and the voices of the world will clamor for your attention, but I want you tucked away in My refuge. What I have deposited in your life will be much better spent as you rebuild from this promised place, prepared especially for you.

Isaiah 32:18 KJV
And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

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Weaving My Word
Sandy Warner

Jul 7, 2004
I have called many to connect in team ministries. These team gifts shall weave in and out and bring forth My Word-pictures as signs to light the way. A little here and a little there, I shall delight all who participate in teamships, with confirmations and increased gifts as I shed additional light and understanding upon what I AM speaking.

Look up! You never know when I will delight you by painting My Word in the sky. When you find a picture in the sky, ask Me to build upon it and bring you understanding. I will weave My Words to you through all of creation, if you would listen.

Ex 26:1 NLT
Make the Tabernacle from ten sheets of fine linen. These sheets are to be decorated with blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, with figures of cherubim skillfully embroidered into them.

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Love For The Brethren

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"He that Loveth not, Knoweth not God." There are those amongst you who speak of loving others but your ego depicts quite a different story. You "claim" to know My Word but you harbor offence against others if they don't adhere to every doctrine that you utter. You "claim" to know Me but your forsake My Word for if you do not love your brethren whom you do see, how can you say your love ME, whom you do not see?

Love amongst the brethren is one of the most crucial tests for My Beloved but unfortunately many are not passing the test. I ask you, is your heart filled with ME as you profess, or do your actions speak otherwise? I have given you My truth and it is My desire for you to live it!!! And My truth is that there is to be love, My love, amongst the brethren. Hear Me, I will only tolerate My children operating in My Divine Love, not out of your own egos and having your own way. If you live in the Spirit then you must walk in the Spirit, not desirous of vain glory nor provoking or envying one another.

Many proclaim to be amongst My Chosen Ones but there is a tendency for many of you to fight your doctrinal differences to the finish and in doing so you believe that you are doing Me a favor. You want everyone to agree with you over every issue. Beloved it is NOT your place to force anything upon anyone. Some of you are like diamonds cutting glass. You will cut and scratch any of the brethren because of your hardness. I will have My precious jewels, My diamonds but there "must" be character and integrity even in your differences. I say it again "I WILL have character and integrity" amongst My Chosen Ones. Nothing less will suffice!!!

My heart is sorely grieved over what is happening. It is like a cancer eating away amongst My own and believe Me I WILL cut out that cancer. I WILL NOT not allow offense. I WILL NOT not tolerate smear campaigns against the brethren. I WILL NOT tolerate hypocrisy of any kind amongst My own. I WILL NOT allow individual egos to hurt others of the brethren. I WILL NOT tolerate betrayals amongst My children. No matter your differences, I ask you, do you agree in the supreme love that you have for Me? Beloved, you are all washed by the same blood, given the same grace and you all believe where your final destiny lies... Therefore ... you are to love each other with a pure heart ... A love for the brethren which is kind and compassionate. I ask you to be ever watchful against tempers and doctrinal differences which "weaken" your brotherly love. Love, humility and brokenness, if these are not included in your doctrine then your doctrine is not sound. Some of you believe you possess good sound doctrines, BUT, if you don't have true love for your brethren everything you have built will collapse.

The effects of a narrow, suspicious or a selfish spirit are much too evident amongst professors of Me and My gospel. I AM the I AM and hear Me, I WILL NOT BE MOCKED!!! Many who profess to "KNOW ME" - "TRULY KNOW ME" are DECEIVING themselves with a form of godliness. You may abound in knowledge and gifts and possess much of My truth in which to enlighten others but it will come to not unless your desire is to be a TRUE FOLLOWER OF MINE. If so, you will seek one standard, the love of the brethren .... without this, all else will be to no avail.

Love for the brethren... You know you have passed from death unto life if you truly possess it. Do you truly possess it or are you full of yourselves wanting to have your own way? *Love for the brethren, for My sake!! "By this shall men know that you are My disciples if you love one another*." I cannot make it any clearer than this and to take it a step further the consequences are equally clear that though you speak with the tongues of angels, have the knowledge of all mysteries, walk in miracles having zeal for the truth ... yet... if you do not have love for the brethren you are as sounding brass or tinkling cymbals. You may make a great noise in the quest for truth BUT IN MY SIGHT - your faith is dead !!!!

The I AM has given you truth and that truth is that the brethren are to dwell together in peace and harmony. You are NOT to bear grudges in your own heart against any of your fellow brethren!! You are NOT to retaliate with words spoken against them to others !!! You ARE to love them as you love yourselves and to provide for their needs whenever it is in your power to do so for how can you have My love in you when you refuse to help your needy brother?

If you truly love ME, then you will love the brethren, it's as simple as that. I am about to usher in My Glory but do not be deceived My beloved, I WILL have love amongst the brethren. I say again, I WILL ABIDE NOT the contentions, discord and schisms in your hearts! I WILL ABIDE NOT your pride, jealousy or control over others! I WILL ABIDE NOT the unrighteous judgment that works from your own flesh! You must learn to resolve differences without harboring bitterness, resentment or anger. For those who have spoken out against their brethren, I SHALL EXECUTE JUSTICE!!!!

Your mouth speaks forth blessings and cursings. For those who have spoken against any of your brethren to others, REPENT NOW for by your words you shall see My justice and I WILL EXECUTE JUSTICE!!!! I am a Holy God, a God of Righteousness and Justice. I employ you now to seek righteousness in every area of your walk. Ask forgiveness and repent now for words spoken against any of your brethren and seek restitution where it is possible. If My words are not heeded, you WILL see My Divine Justice!

To those of you who have been maligned by your brethren, let it go, do not try to fix it! I Am your defender, therefore do not try to fix that which is MY responsibility. I alone shall lift you up, I and I alone.... No one, I say it again, No one can stop the destiny that I have for those who truly follow Me in every way

Love A Better Way
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The keyword for all of us is Repent. This is found throughout the entire word of the God. He is issuing and has always issued the plea, "Return to Me. Repent.

Repent is the first and the last word of the Gospel sent to us by God in the Person of Yeshua. He delivered the word Himself. He lived with us IN THE FLESH for 33 years. I heard a pastor early this morning on television issuing the plea. Repent. To be a disciple of Yeshua(Jesus) we must begin the message with the same words. Repent. Return to the Father. Get up out of the pig-sty and return to your Father. The pastor reminded us that the last words spoken to five of the seven churches in Revelation is Repent. Return to your first Love. Return . Stop what you are doing. Turn around.

This is not a popular word in the world today, it has never been and it never will be. Many "believers" will Not pick up on and spread this word that is essential word. Not many web sites are forwarding this word to their subscribers. That's OK. Yeshua said that it would be this way in this last hour. I can not and will not move away from this first and last word. This is who He is. The First and the Last. The Beginning and the End. If you have been given ears, please listen and then take action. This is what the book of Acts is all about. ACTION.

We must WAKE UP!!

See to YOUR OWN LAMPS!

I am speaking TO BELIEVERS!!!!!!

The best word in the entire Word of God is Repent. In that word is God. In that Word is Love. For God is Love. The entire book is all bout love. To repent is to love. Yeshua is knocking at the door of your heart in love. Let Him in. He will come in, sit down and eat WITH YOU.

If you do not, you will perish.

Please do not let any person fool you with a nice word or doctrine in which Yeshua is not totally the center of it. False prophets, False teachers, False Apostles, False evangelists and false pastors are every where. All you have to do is be in their presence for a moment. What they speak will tell you who they work for. Those that are walking very, very close and those having a deep and intimate relationship with the Father, will know instinctively, who they are. The Holy Spirit dwells within us. He knows. The Father is sending His true ones to call His children out from among them. If the church is corrupt, He is calling the pastors out if they have a heart for Yeshua. NOW IS THE TIME.

Not one of us has reached perfection. Repenting is a daily thing. Not the same thing over and over. Whatever we KNOW that we have done that may be displeasing to the Father, we must repent of it. This would includes stretching our hands out to help someone, or give an encouraging word in a time of need to someone. Maybe you got into an argument and it got out of hand. You spoke words that in your heart you Know is wrong. Repent of it, go back an make amends. You cannot go to the altar with your sacrifices of praise unless you do. Repent and forgive each other.

Have you been looking at some unclean pictures or porn movies in secret and you think no one knows about it? Your Father Knows. We must not squander our inheritance.

We have been writing, praying interceding, having visions/dreams and sharing words about Yeshua and His goodness, His crucifixion, the cross, and His resurrection, for years. The end must come. This last call is going out across the world and it appears that only a few are carrying it out. I have been searching trying to find those that are speaking or writing these words. Very few. People want the nice words that will please their itching ears and not disrupt their lives.

LOOK AROUND YOU!

DON'T YOU SEE?!

CAN'T YOU SEE?!

HAVE WE BECOME BLINDED BY THE WORLD?!

Get the oil for your lamps while it is still yet available. Fill up your lamps. Today. Yeshua is Coming.

Get out from under incorrect teaching. IF the Gospel of Yeshua is Not the focus, leave. Immediately! If it is not Yeshua based, it is the spirit of Anti-Yeshua, Anti-Jesus. Anti-Christ.

No, you will not be well liked. Yes, you will be called names. Yes, you will be shut out of many social activities. Yes, you will not be living in your world gotten comfort zone. Yes, you will be talked about and accused of lies. Excellent! Count it all as JOY! Yeshua said this would be. This IS the identifying Mark to the world that will show you belong to Jesus. That you are a Follower of the King of all King and the Lord of all Lords. That you are a legitimate Child of God. That you are not of this world. That you live in the Kingdom of God. That you have Eternal life. That you know God personally and that you walk with Him daily. You are in constant communications with the Father. You live with Him. You know that you have no reason to fear because you a are DEEPLY AND TOTALLY in Love with the Father and Creator of all. You Know that He was in love with you first, Before there even was a world He knew you. You KNOW without a shadow of doubt the His love is Perfect, so all fear is and has been cast out forever. IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO ON EARTH OR IN THE HEAVENS CAN BE AGAINST US. ABSOLUTELY NO ONE! You know that He sent His ONLY Son to take our place and gave us, showed us, led us and became the WAY for our return to the Father of all.

This is a dying world. The world cannot save anyone. Only Yeshua.

ONLY YESHUA.

NOW IS THE TIME!! Please, Please listen.

I meant to continue in 1 Corinthians 13 this morning. But the Holy Spirit led this in a different direction. We must quit our childish ways and grow up. Standing in His Presence listening, watching and waiting for His return;

Andrea

Life and Change

Rick Joyner

March 29, 2004

Last week we discussed how change is a healthy process that every living thing experiences. The challenges that change brings to our lives can help us to be a wineskin that can hold new wine without bursting. The great, Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn once said, "Even biology teaches us that perpetual well-being is not good for any creature." Biology also teaches that when there is an excessive resistance to change, it is a sign that the death process has begun.

The same is true intellectually and spiritually. All healthy, growing things will change and expand. When we begin to resist change, we are actually resisting our own growth and endangering our own future. Many of the needed changes and the mentality that cannot only embrace change, but thrive on it, often come from the problems and challenges in our lives. This is why the apostle Paul wrote in Acts 14:22, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God." Tribulations really are doorways into the kingdom. That is why "the great tribulation" is going to be the very doorway to the kingdom of God coming to the earth. This is not something we should fear, but rather embrace as the unprecedented spiritual opportunity that it is. As we have noted before, this is articulated well in Daniel 11:31-32:

"And forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation. "And by smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action."

Here we see that the very time the "abomination of desolation" is being set up, those "who know their God" will not lie down, but will "display strength and take action." All of the evil and problems, which are arising in the world, are being used by the Lord to prepare His people for the times ahead. They are not being prepared to make us run and hide, but to "display strength and take action." Such has always been the nature of true prophets and true saints.

As we proceed toward the end of this age, just about the only thing that we will be able to count on is change. The very foundations of the world systems will be shaking-even those that until now have been the most stable, as we read in Hebrews 12:26-27:

And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, " Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven. " And this expression, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, in order that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Because of this, is it imperative that we not only learn to adapt to changes, but that we even come to appreciate them as great opportunities to grow. Every change we go through helps to remove the things that are not of God, and helps us to find the things that are, as stated in Hebrews 12:28-29:

Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for our God is a consuming fire.

Change and shaking is inevitable in the world, but we have a kingdom that cannot be shaken. If we have built our lives on the kingdom, then regardless of what happens in the world, we will not be shaken by it. In the world we must expect change, and learn to take advantage of it. We can do this because we have a moral and spiritual foundation that is rock solid. If we have built our lives on the kingdom of God, neither our peace nor our prosperity should depend on what is happening in the world.

It is from this foundation that the gospel of the kingdom will be preached. When the gospel of the kingdom is preached, it will go into the entire world because the whole world is in such darkness and confusion that they will be desperate for it.

So, to practically be prepared for what is coming upon the world we need to start seeing the changes that are thrown at us, the upsetting of our "vessels" as we read in Jeremiah 48:11-12 a few weeks ago, as the hand of the Lord. How different would we be if everything that now upsets us began to be viewed as the Lord Himself training us? We would start to count every trial as joy, just as we are exhorted in James 1:2-4,12.

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

Just as muscles will not grow without the exercise that pushes them beyond their present limits, and will even atrophy if they are not exercised at all, our faith is the same way. Every trial that we are going through, God is allowing for a purpose-our maturity and growth. If we are going to be prepared for our purposes, we cannot continue to waste these trials, but seize each one and determine to grow from it.

Faith does not get angry or impatient when challenged. True faith counts the opportunity as joy.

The Door To Resurrection Life
Rick Joyner

April 12, 2004

Using the Lord's discourse in Matthew 24 concerning the signs of the end of the age, we have examined a few of the conditions that we may expect to unfold. Again, we are not just studying the signs to know them, we want to also be prepared for them. If we understand them, we will understand all that the Lord is allowing in our lives.

To date, we have been viewing the increasing racism and instability, which is indicated from the Scriptures to increase. To help prepare for these, we can expect the Lord to allow us to be confronted with tests in these same areas, with increasing diversity and with continued and dramatic changes. Our spiritual antennas should be sensitive to situations in which the Lord is allowing us to be placed, which will require us to better know those who are different from us. We should seize these opportunities to grow and be the flexible wineskins which can hold new wine. We should also be sensitive to the situations that bring about changes in our lives and determine to likewise take advantage of these opportunities to grow.

Preparing for Significant Times, Significant Purposes

We must also keep in mind that the Lord could have taken His authority and set up His kingdom immediately after His resurrection. The reason He did not do this was to call forth a people who would rule and reign with Him, becoming joint heirs and members of the household of God. This whole church age has been "training for reigning." For this reason we should not expect our trials to be easy. The principle of Scripture is the less difficult the preparation, the less significant the purpose. Because we are coming to the most significant times since the Lord Himself walked the earth, and He has us here for a reason, we should expect our training to be hard.

The more difficult the training, the better the preparation. We must understand that we are not here to have easy, comfortable lives. We are here to be prepared and to help prepare the earth for the coming kingdom. Of course the Lord gives us times of rest, and a day in the most difficult circumstances with the Lord is better than any day without Him. Even so, we must have in our basic constitution that we, like good soldiers, are always prepared to endure hardship and trials and make the very most out of them. We are going to go through them anyway, so why not make the most of them?

The Door to Resurrection Life

Of course, I am saying all of this to prepare for our next subject, which is from the next verse of the Lord's discourse concerning the end of the age, Matthew 24:9:

"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations on account of My name."

In America if you were "a good Christian" fifty years ago, it brought respect, trust, and honor. Now it makes one a target for scorn and persecution. To even have a Bible laying on your desk, or to display the Ten Commandments, can result in a lawsuit. Those given to immorality and homosexuality now have more esteem and respect than Christians. Immorality and homosexuality is studied and promoted in schools, while even the mention of God in a book may now cause it to be banned. Students can freely curse, using even the most base and offensive words, but even mentioning God can have them suspended or expelled. America has quickly and profoundly turned from its Judeo-Christian roots, as well as its basis for morality and integrity, to flaunt and embrace almost any form of immorality and beliefs that deny God and man's responsibility to Him.

I am not trying to justify terrorism in any form, but one of the main reasons why America and the West are so hated by Muslims is the moral filth and perversion that we are now exporting all over the world through our movies and lifestyles. They do not want such on their soil, and in many ways this is understandable.

The foundations have been laid for a great spiritual awakening in America and Europe. Even so, we can expect the persecution of Christians to not only continue, but increase. The Lord is allowing it for our good! Consider these Scriptures:

Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection (Romans 6:4-5).

The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him. (Romans 8:17).

For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him; If we endure, we shall also reign with Him... (II Timothy 2:11-12).

That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).

For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake (Philippians 1:29).

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater; therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure. This is a plain indication of God's righteous judgment so that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which *indeed you are suffering (II Thessalonians 1:3-5).*

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our mortal flesh (II Corinthians 4:8-11).

"Whoever Wishes to Save His Life, Shall Lose It; Whoever Loses His Life, Shall Find It"

These are just a few of the Scriptures, which make it clear that if we are to partake of His life, we must also partake of his death. In the first century some of the people thought that if they would circumcise their flesh they would be right with God. But as the apostles taught, this was merely a ritual meant to symbolize that He requires the circumcision of our hearts. Some today point to the day of their immersion as the day they died with Jesus and were resurrected. Water baptism is important, but it too is but a ritual intended to symbolize the commitment to lay down our lives for Him.

Every ritual of our faith is just that - a ritual that is meant to symbolize a commitment of which the spiritual reality speaks. Water baptism was a ritual meant to symbolize a true commitment to lay down our lives for Him in order that we may also be raised with him. In Christ we must die in order to live. The Lord Jesus Himself testified:

If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it. Matthew 16:24-25

True Christianity is a life of daily sacrifice. True Christians die daily to their own desires in order to give themselves to the Lord's purposes. True Christians are also ready to lay down their lives for the sake of the gospel whenever that may be required. Any other teaching is a false gospel and an enemy of the cross. Death separates the things that are natural from the things that are spiritual. To have a resurrection there must first be a death. If we want to walk in the resurrection life of Jesus, we must be willing to lay down our lives for Him, and we must seize every opportunity to do it.

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Listen and Implement
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"The day is coming when none will endure sound doctrine and that day is nearly upon you," says the Lord. "It is not enough to experience My Presence, My Power, and to have adventures in My Spirit. It is not enough to be close to My Heart and hear that which I am saying to My Body, the Church of the First-Born. Neither is it enough to be satisfied with hours in My Word and the hidden mysteries I am revealing in these last days.
I, the Great I AM, say to you. These things are not enough.

What pleases Me and guarantees My anointing upon your lives is that you both hear and do what I am saying. What assures you that I will answer your prayer and do as you have commanded is that when I speak, you begin then, to seek to obey and implement that which I have spoken.

It is not enough to hear and read messages from My vessels that hear and repeat what I am saying. There is a great herd of wandering Christians now doing that very thing. They are doomed to wander. They are fruitless, unless of course, like they, you are tricked into thinking fruit within their own souls alone is fruit in deeds. These are those who ears tickle with every nuance of spiritual messages. These are those who huddle together according to their own desires, laughing and doing their own thing, all the while telling others they are listening to "Daddy".

I do not want to marry a child. I will never cease to love My children, but I have no desire to marry a child. I am longing for intimacy that only a fully mature Bride can bring me. I will not want to play for eternity, I will continue as I always have - creating for eternity. I can not have creation relationship with children. My white hot love is reserved for the ones who can return My ardor.
It is imperative that My Body matures. It is imperative that you no longer seek that which pleases your flesh, and begin to transform your souls. Your soul is what I died to redeem. It is your soulish man that must learn of Me and My ways through intense study and application of My Word. It is your soulish man that must seek sound doctrine, not only to see it but be well equipped enough to teach it. This is what a parent does. A child enjoys and plays. A parent teaches and reproduces.

Set aside time to listen. How many times do I need to speak this to My church? It appears that most pride themselves on hearing Me and think nothing of doing little to implement My words in their lives. How will you know who to encourage and emulate? Watch their fruitful lives. Watch to see if they are so one with Me that we have created others in our likenesses. Watch to see if they listen and implement My Word. Watch. Listen and do so yourselves ~ and then you will mature and be One with Me on that Great Day."

2 Timothy 4:1-8 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

Bless You!
The Baxters
Houston

Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected.

Leaders And Prophets
Miranda Easmon

July 2004

Micah 3
[8]But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD,
And of justice and might,
To declare to Jacob his transgression
And to Israel his sin.
[9]Now hear this,
You heads of the house of Jacob
And rulers of the house of Israel,
Who abhor justice
And pervert all equity,
[10]Who build up Zion with bloodshed
And Jerusalem with iniquity:
[11]Her heads judge for a bribe,
Her priests teach for pay,
And her prophets divine for money.
Yet they lean on the LORD, and say,
"Is not the LORD among us?
No harm can come upon us."
[12]Therefore because of you
Zion shall be plowed like a field,
Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins,
And the mountain of the temple[2]
Like the bare hills of the forest.

Are Prophetess' or Prophets supposed to preach based on assignments or based on invitations (paid contracts ----- to be precise)?

The Prophets in the Bible I believe went where the Lord sent them and only spoke what He asked them to speak. Anytime they went to a place, it was because they were on an assignment from God. Is this accurate?

So having said that, when God sends a Prophet or Prophetess of the 21st Century to preach or deliver a word anywhere, expense coverage should not really be the determining factor should it? First and foremost, they are supposed to be led only by the Spirit and NOT by agendas and programs of other Ministries.

Is this an accurate statement, men and women of God, Prophets and Prophetess?

So will it be right to state that if and when they get an invitation, instead of negotiating dollars, they need to seek the Lords face on whether or not He even wants them there? If He really wants them there, the request should really be a confirmation (I believe) of what the Lord has already told them, is this accurate?

Deep down in my spirit, I know the truth through the Spirit of the Lord inside a person will always make a way for the person and will cause people to sow and give into their lives. They will lack nothing because God will always make a way for them, this is for those saying it "takes money to preach the gospel."

When the Lord calls, chooses and sends a man or woman of God to do His work as long as they are obedient to His Spirit, God is obligated to take care of them and I know without a shadow of a doubt that He will take care of them in every sense. He says it in His word, moreover, His yoke is easy and His burden is light. After all it is His ministry, He gave them the assignment so it is a part of His plan (a small piece of the puzzle for the bigger picture), and it can only be accomplished by His Spirit. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind about that. It is not by might nor by power but by My Spirit says the Lord of Hosts. (The only hindering factor will be our flesh - the impurity of our heart, hidden agendas, greed and human intervention - lack of trust in God) and trust at times requires a huge amount of faith.

Moving on, since it is the Prophets or Prophetess' responsibility to get the Church back on track - point them back to God, the Lord is looking to them in this hour to raise the standards by getting the rest of the body to where He desires them to be. This means, some of these old religion and traditions have simply got to go. The fact that something has been done that way for decades does not mean it is right or pleasing to the Lord. In order for us to get to the level where the Lord wants us to be; for us to walk in the third realm with the authority and power from on high that He desires to bestow on the sons of God “that are being revealed in this season onwards”, for us to do greater works than the begotten Son as stated by Jesus Christ himself, it will take obedience, total trust and dependence on God, another level of faith that most have never walked in. Yes, total obedience, trust and dependence on the Spirit of the Lord and I know it is not an easy thing to do since I am currently struggling with that myself as I write so I am ministering to myself if no one else, but I know He will not release His fullness in an individual until they have learnt to obey His voice, totally trust and depend on Him with full knowledge that He is the Lord God and He will perform and bring to pass that which He declared before the foundation of the earth in our lives. We expect Him to bestow His power and His authority on us but we have not fully come to a place of total rest in him (obedience, dependence and trust in the Lord). This is where real faith comes into play, a knowing in our Spirit without a shadow of doubt that we are in the perfect will of God and He is directing our steps, so we can step out of the boat onto the water because the Lord asked us to step out even though we do not know whether or not the water will uphold us.

We need to raise our level of faith in this season believing that the water will uphold us, because God said, walk on the water. Yes, because God said, walk on the water.

We know there has been a shift in the Spirit realm. We know He is doing away with the old and bringing in the new yet we are still trying to hold onto some of the old that became the stumbling block of the former generals, but I hear the Spirit of the Lord say, raise the level of your faith in me and know that I am the Lord God almighty, I decide what will be and what will not be and I have the power to bring it to pass.

As long as the Lord is directing and guiding our steps to do the assignment that He has bestowed on us, though we may not clearly see the way we should know by now that, we will make it to our destination. God does not need us to intervene in the situation on His behalf for it is the Spirit of the living God inside a person that makes a way for the person. Our focus is to ensure we do NOT defile the assignment He has entrusted us with, by human intervention. None of us will ever walk in His authority and speak things into existence (to the extent He desires for us) until we (His Body) are totally submitted to Him in every area of our lives and that includes the area that pertains to money. Money has been the root of the mess in the church system and this is the area that can take even the righteous off track but this puppy, the greed demon has to die and I decree and declare by the Spirit of the Lord that it will be put to death in my life time, in our life time by the Spirit of the Lord and by His authority though His vessel(s) for the sake of His Kingdom.

Jeremiah 7:22
For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices:

Jeremiah 7:23
But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my

people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

The Lord stopped my watch on Saturday morning June 26th at 7:30am to get my attention and He did get my attention. The battery was not dead, the watch was merely stopped and I know I was not the one who stopped it.
Jeremiah 7 Ezekiel 7 and Hosea 7 is what the Lord is saying to the body of Christ now. The Lord is calling the body of Christ to repentance now. This is the **final call** to the body of Christ is what the Spirit of the Lord is saying. We need to get it right, we need to get right with the Lord now, or He will cut us off. The Spirit of the Lord is moving swiftly and moving violently. This may not sound like God to those that only know about the love of God because we love to dwell on the scripture that say, love covers a multitude of sin; but may we continue in sin that grace may abound? May God forbid!

We are half way through the year. In November 2003 in a dream praying with two other women, (three including myself), the Lord gave each of us the same revelation while praying. God said the year 2004 will be the year of the revealing of the sons of God- it is the year that they will start to come forth. This is what God said. The Lord also gave us Psalm 37 in the dream. The revealing of the sons of God is the revealing of His glorious church, the Real Body of Christ. I declare and decree by the Spirit of the Lord that we are in that season. This is the season in which the Lord is being glorified through those that He has raised by His Spirit.

In order for the sons of God to be fully revealed or manifested on this earth, the old will have to be done away with. Before a planting and a building can occur, there must first be a rooting out, a pulling down and a destruction of the old, and the sons of God (by His Spirit) are the ones that God will use in this hour to expose those things that are not of Him. They will expose everything that is unlike God and those that are not His but use His name. The sons of God are here, the trumpet has blown and the sound has gone forth across the four corners of the earth, the light is getting brighter and it is exposing everything that is an abomination to the Lord. His glory will be on those that are His and it will be visible for all to see and those things that are not of Him shall be exposed and destroyed says the Spirit of the living God.

This is what God is saying to the body of Christ in this hour. It is not the kind of message that people want to hear but this is what God is saying; this is what time it is and if this is what it will take for the so called church to get back on track with God then so be it!

Jeremiah 7, Ezekiel 7 and Hosea 7 is the “now” message to the body of Christ, worldwide!

I do ask Him daily to search me, to search my heart and reveal to me anything inside of me that may not be like Him because I also know that I have not yet arrived and probably never will since we go from glory to glory. There are too many ministries and pulpits around, without the Spirit, the Power or the Authority of the Lord to go with the position or title. I am not interested in any of that mess, I want to glorify Him on this earth. Wherever I go I want people to be drawn to Him by His Spirit that dwells within me so that He can be glorified. That has been my hearts desire for years. After all isn’t that the purpose of the whole existence of the Church (the called out)? Is that not the purpose of the real body of Christ? To be ruled by the head, to glorify the Begotten Son, ultimately the father on this earth? Is it not to lift Him up (to die to our adamic nature and have the Christ (Divine) nature arise so that all men can be drawn to Him by His Spirit that lives within us manifesting through us?

Matthew 6 ver. 10: Thy Kingdom (rule) come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Romans 8 ver. 19: For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Miranda Easmon
July 2004

Straight To The Root Of The Problem
Miranda Easmon

2/12/04
3:00am-5:00am

An abomination has been committed and the Lord's Holy institution has been profaned. They have offered defiled food at His altar and have offered the blind, lame and sick as a sacrifice. They have fed their flesh by enticing the children of God for money in the name of the Lord. For these reasons, God by His Spirit will hold back the tithes and the offerings. No longer will you be able to satisfy your flesh by feeding off the people of God while you leave them hungry. You have not fed His sheep. As you did onto them, so will it be done onto you says the Spirit of the Lord. You will no longer feed off His flock, for the Lord has raised His very own, they are here and they are coming forth and they will feed His sheep. These come not in their own strength but they come in the power and in the Spirit of the Lord, they come to cry loud and spare not, they have come to blow the trumpet in Zion. They have come to root out, pull down, destroy, throw down, plant and build.

Oh yes, they are here and they are coming forth. They have a heart after God with His purpose as their purpose and His goal as their vision. They are not looking for a pulpit to be seen and they are not looking for money, they are here to see God's purpose fulfilled on this earth. These will not charge for the gospel and will not follow the traditions of men. No, they will not exploit wage earners, they will preach the unadulterated word, and God by His Spirit will move on the hearts of His children to give to them for the sake of the advancement of His kingdom and many will see the difference between operating in the realm of the Spirit versus operating in man's own power. You will see the real operation of faith – the faith you preach and use in manipulating the people of God but you do not practice in your own lives or from the pulpits.

God said, you have robbed Him and even this whole nation. It was never His intention to build a temple made with hands and that was what you did. He desires to dwell in the temple that He created in His image but man built man's own temple made with wood and bricks and called it His temple. You have robbed God because you did not preach truth – the Word of the Lord to transform the sheep into the nature/character of Christ. Oh yes, His temple (the flock, the children of God) were supposed to be transformed into the image of His Son by the word of God, but the word of God was not preached, it was the word of flesh that came forth from the pulpit and that is why His glory has not yet filled this earth so that the rest of mankind can be drawn to Him. In place of meat in the storehouse for His sheep to be fed, you offered polluted offerings and perverted His word. Receiving money was given priority over preaching truth, and for this, you are the ones cursed with a curse, and that is why the Lord by His Spirit is shutting the windows of Heaven on you. He is holding back the tithes and offerings from you. In this hour, it will only be released to those that He has called, chosen and sent by His Spirit.

In this season onwards, no longer will the word of the Lord be polluted. The light has been turned on. Those that are not His will be exposed, those that are His will do mighty exploits and many will be able to discern between the righteous and the unrighteous, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him, one who is preaching for money and one who is not. Oh Yes, between one with His Spirit and one who is faking it because it will no longer be by might nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts.

2/21/04-2/22/04
Instruction from the Lord:

Stand in the pulpit and speak into the atmosphere that this pulpit represents the Church, the church system, any prayer group and any place where the name of the Lord is used worldwide.

Extend right hand with palm flat towards heaven and shut the windows of Heaven and on earth (it has already been done, stand in agreement with the Lord to expedite things) to prevent the tithes/offerings/moneys' from flowing to those that pervert the word of the Lord, defile His temple and His sanctuary, have other agenda's other than God's purpose. Speak it into the atmosphere. Declare, decree and prophesy it into the atmosphere. Speak death to any ministry or church system using the name of the Lord that was not built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. Speak death to those ministries with their own agendas and without a pure heart towards the Lord. Speak death to those ministries hindering the Spirit of the Lord from flowing freely, to those religions and traditions of men and to those that will not repent and turn their face to the Lord in this hour.

Extend both hands to heaven (fingers pointing to heaven, palms slightly slanted) - prophesy, decree and declare for God to open the windows of Heaven (it has already been done, stand in agreement with Him) to release everything needed to accomplish His purpose on earth through those that He has raised by His Spirit – those called, chosen and sent – those He has found faithful. Declare, decree and prophesy it into the atmosphere.

To these (those raised by the Spirit of the Lord), the Lord will say, you have entered another realm in Me, The Third Dimension (The Most Holy Place). In this realm there is no intervention by man. It is all Spirit and you will have to depend totally on Me says the Spirit of the Lord. You can not take anything from the old into the new without My instructions, for the new wine can not be put in the old wine skin. What the Lord is saying to the REAL BODY OF CHRIST is this, He is breaking the traditions and religion of men, He started doing it towards the end of 2002. It will intensify in this season for He is bringing it to completion. He is getting to the root of the problem. No longer can one ask for tithes, offering for preaching His word because it has been abused by the previous generation so He is doing a new thing. Hear the word of the Lord - people of God, when you hear that still voice asking you to collect money after you have imparted into others that which you received without a price tag from Him or when TBN asks you to come and collect money for them, or when those who the Lord has lifted His mantle off them ask you to collect money after you have preached at their conferences, you had better be sure it is His voice and not your flesh or the flesh of man because you will be accountable to God and not to man. If God did not tell you do it, then please do NOT do it. In the Holies of Holy – the third dimension, it is all Spirit, He can not and will not be defiled by man. We asked for His glory, this is also the price of His glory.

My glory is divine completion in Me, says the Spirit of the Lord. It is the fullness of God in man, it is total dependence on Him – you can not and **will not** use His name for anything other than to bring glory to His name says the Spirit of the Lord. You are empty vessels solely for the Masters' use. It is all about Him in this realm. As you glorify the Father, He will glorify you for you were the sons of God waiting to be revealed and now you have been revealed. Yes, you are the manifested sons of God with Christ as your head. If they see you, they have seen the Begotten Son. If they see the Begotten Son, they have seen the Father. If they see the manifested sons of God, they have seen the Father and whoever says that Christ has not come in the form of flesh (a many member body) denies the Son and knows neither the Father nor the Son. He who has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying.

Disobedience through perversion of His word and enticing for money in this realm will cost you your life, literally your life. Those game were for the outer court and the inner court but not in the Holies of Holy. We have NEVER been here before and few can make it into this realm in Him. Once in this realm, you can not turn your back on the Lord. It will cost you your life. To those with an ear to hear, we have been ushered into another realm in the Spirit. Again, remember, in this realm is TOTAL DEPENDENCE on God. He will provide what is needed to accomplish what He called and chose us to do.
It is not by might nor by power but by My Spirit says the Lord of Hosts.
We can not and must not do anything by our strength pertaining to anything that relates to the Lord in

this realm, and this, the mouth of the Lord has spoken. And so be it.

On 2/23/04 Scriptures given by the Lord
2:46am Joel 2 and Amos 3
3:46am Jeremiah 5

Note the instructions have been carried out! The sound has gone forth to the four corners of the earth, it was carried out in its entirety on 7/3/2004. *

Miranda Easmon
February, 2004

The Sons Of God Versus Anti-Christ
Miranda Easmon

February 29th 2004

Extracts from Nov. 2000 journal with a word for this season:

Manifested sons of God are spirit and flesh i.e. human beings - walking on this earth today, but they are dominated by the Christ nature rather than their Adamic nature (carnality). They are led ONLY by the Spirit of the Lord. They bring glory to the name of the Lord. They are those whose presence will change the atmosphere around them because their flesh is dormant and His Spirit dominates their lives. Their life is not their own, they have come to that realization and they have accepted it. They have His purpose as their purpose and His vision as their goal. They will be glorified as they glorify the Son, ultimately the Father. They are those that have been called and chosen by the Lord to get the rest of the body in sync with Him "The Head" (which means this can ONLY be accomplished by His Spirit). The rest of mankind will be drawn to the Father through the manifested sons of God. The sons of God are those that have been through the fire and have been purged and purified by Him. It is perpetual; and their face is continually before the Lord - to search their hearts to see if there is anything in them unlike Him as He takes them from glory to glory in Him. God's ultimate plan or purpose is for all mankind to be revealed as sons of God. Jesus is the only begotten Son. But we are all children of God (sons) that are yet to be revealed and I will boldly declare and decree, that many are being revealed in this hour worldwide because God said, this is the year (2004) of the revealing of the sons of God – and if the truth be known, that is the goal of the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. The manifested sons of God (collectively) are the real Church - the called out, an assembly of Him, the real body of Christ. Anything else is a counterfeit, it is not the real body of Christ. The spirit of the anti-Christ is right in operation in the church system, from the pulpit, and some have produced after their kind within the congregation. It has spread like cancer. It looks like it is of Christ, but it is not, it is a counterfeit, yes, it is a counterfeit! It has a form of godliness but denies the power there of. It stands in place of Christ. Anytime one operates in the flesh (the Adamic nature) instead of the Spirit, it is the spirit of the anti-Christ in operation and it was in operation in the days of the Apostle John and it is still in operation. 1 John 2: 19 "They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but they went out that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us..."

The anti-Christ is a spirit; the carnal church system without the power of God (flesh preaching instead of Spirit) - consistently hindering the flow of His Spirit thus preventing His glory from filling this earth, preaching the desires of their hearts, propheliers, greedy evangelists, false teachers and demons dressed in Priestly garments with a bible in their hands, right in the pulpit, trying to divide the word of the Lord! Lord help us!

The counterfeit look very much like the real thing but they are not and they stand in place of the real thing. For something to be a counterfeit, it means it must look like the real thing. The anti-Christ looks like they are of God though they are not; those money-worshippers, money changers who love their ministries, their gifts, silver and gold more than the Lord and His sheep; worshipers of Baal, not the Lord, and they have refused to receive correction and seek His face, so God said their time is up. Their time is indeed up!

Most of these conferences that “men and women of God” have are not about God. Most of these conferences are about raising more funds to satisfy their earthly desires, that is why lives are not being transformed and that is why God is stopping the funds from being released to many in this hour because in this hour, **it is all about Him** and no longer about us! The schemes that worked in the past will no longer work. The things we got away with, we will no longer get away with!

Do not play with God in this season and do not turn the “revealing of the sons of God” into another doctrine because it can not be preached. It is not a doctrine.

It is what you are or you are not. It the potential within you, the manifestation of the Christ nature within you that either will, or will not be revealed through you on this earth depending on your willingness to submit and surrender all to Spirit of the Living.

Miranda Easmon
Extracts from November, 2000 journal but relevant for this season
February, 2004

Lonely But Never Alone
Chip Brogden

Dear Friends,

I have said many times before that if everyone who tells me they are "alone in the wilderness" were gathered together in one place, you would have a hard time fitting them all into the building. I wish you could see how many emails I get from people who think they are the only ones left!

I was listening to a nationally syndicated Christian radio program the other day as the panel was lamenting the fact that so many people are not going to church anymore. They seemed to believe this would lead to the collapse of Western civilization. Their solution? Try to make "church" more appealing, make it more relevant to their needs, and help them feel more "involved". No mention was made of the hundreds of thousands of people who are loving and serving God "outside the camp", pursuing a relationship with Jesus and with one another apart from Organized Religion. Either mainstream Churchianity doesn't realize there is such a phenomenon or they see it and are unwilling to admit that it exists.

I hope the following will be an encouragement to those of you who have been written off as unchurched, unsaved, unChristian, and unspiritual because you don't participate on Sunday and Wednesday.

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Lonely, But Never Alone
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There are many in the Body of Christ who are in transition between "going" to church and "being" the Church. The Lord is speaking to many at once and calling them aside from the traditional church building meeting to gather together in homes. The more in tune with the Lord we become, the more dissatisfied and uncomfortable we become with what is being said and done in His Name. Yet, there is an uncomfortable pause between where we used to be and where we are called to be. It is a lonely time in which we will be misunderstood by many that have not seen what we have seen.

What God is impressing upon many of us who are in-between the church as a building and the church as a lifestyle is how to walk ALONE. We must not forsake the assembling of ourselves together when we are able to do so; yet God would have us learn to fellowship with Christ, even it means to take the lonely path.

Many times the desire to find other "like-minded believers" is not a spiritual desire. It is rather our emotion, our soul, which longs to be with people who understand us. We must love not our life (Greek: soul life) and be willing to go for a time without the comfort and fellowship of brothers and sisters if God has called us unto Himself. If we simply MUST be in the accompaniment of other brothers and sisters in order to have any sense of Christ then we are not abiding in Him as we ought.

In many parts of the world brothers and sisters in Christ are not able to meet together because of persecution. They would certainly desire to do so if they could, but if they cannot, how will they maintain fellowship and connectivity to the Body if they are unable to gather? Why, they must know Christ as Fellowship. Abiding in Him, connected to the Head, they maintain oneness with the rest of the Body.

Someone will say, "We are not persecuted. We have the freedom to gather together. Should we not take advantage of our liberty as Christians and fellowship at every opportunity?" The answer is yes, we should thank God for our freedom and make the most of it. But my question to you is, what will your spiritual state be like when that liberty is no longer permitted? Have you resources within yourself to stay in your place of abiding in Christ, or is your usefulness to God limited by your ability to fellowship with others? Can you maintain connectivity to the Body when isolated, or will you grow faint and fall away?

Some are able to maintain a sweet spirit so long as they are in fellowship with other believers. But when God allows that fellowship to be interrupted, observe how quickly that sweet spirit turns sour. They will even acknowledge their poor state and say things like, "My temper has become awful. It is because I have been out of church. I must go back this Sunday." Then they will go back to church, feel uplifted, and the sweet spirit returns. Sadly, this is the experience of a majority of people who have not learned to take Christ as their Life. Is this walking in the Spirit? It is not.

It is true that "whenever two or three are gathered in My Name, there I am." Praise God for such truth. It is equally true that, "I am with YOU always (singular)." We do not want to be lone ranger Christians who do not seek fellowship with other members of Christ's Body. At the same time, we cannot allow the absence of such fellowship to make us despondent or depressed, should we be deprived of it. If it causes us to fall away, then perhaps this is the reason God allows us to go through periods of solitude, that we may be reduced to CHRIST as our Fellowship.

When we find ourselves in such a place, let us not be too quick to seek out others until we have reaped the benefits of being alone with God. Let us remember that Christ's Body is a spiritual Body. Being in the physical presence of other members does not make us more of a member, and being removed from the physical presence of other members does not make us any less a member. Of course the exact opposite is true for those meeting together as an institution; without their physical presence and support they lose place as a member. But not Christ's Body, the Church. We are not more or less of a member by reason of our physical contact or lack of physical contact with one another.

And again, we may thirst for fellowship not so much to edify the Body as to be edified ourselves - a mindset carried over from when we used to go to church to "be fed" once or twice a week. If this is the case, it is no wonder that God would have us look to Him alone as our Edification and learn to draw upon Him before placing us in close proximity with others. One weakness of the institutional church is that the majority of members are coming to receive, to be edified, to be encouraged, to be fed. It is all "take", and very little "give". Hence, there is little Life.

When we learn to draw upon Christ as our Source we will have abundance to give away. Fellowship with others cannot replace our daily abiding in Him. If we gather together in the Name of the Lord, yet outside of Christ, we will have much religious carrying's on but little Life to impart to one another. God would have us look to His Son as our Life, and as we do we find our need is met. Then, when we gather together, we are givers and not takers, and with all giving out of Christ, we have the blessing we sought.

Let us press into Christ with all our heart, and not be discouraged if we find ourselves temporarily without the fellowship and comfort of our brothers and sisters. Though we are lonely, we are never alone.

Thousands of people are finding out that there is a difference between Jesus and "church". In search of reality, many of them are coming out of Organized Religion. But where are they going?

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Jesus Is Building His Church
Chip Brogden

"...upon this Rock, I will build My Church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18b)."

What is the "move" of God? What is God doing today? What is God saying to the Church? Here's what is happening: Jesus is building His Church. There is no "new" thing to be seen, said, or done: Jesus the Rock is building His Church upon the foundation of Himself. He is faithfully gathering the living stones together and is assembling them into a beautiful structure of gold, silver, and precious stones (I Peter 2:4-9; I Corinthians 3:9-17).

There is nothing wrong with the Church! That is, there is nothing wrong with the Church that Jesus is building, though there is much to be desired among those who are following their own building programs and blueprints, and calling it "church". Jesus is assembling the saints together into a spiritual house. The problem is that some things we have come to believe to be "church" are not necessarily the Church. Although there is nothing wrong with the Church, everything that is called "Church" is not the "Church". So what is the Church?

Let us look at this statement: "I will build My Church." The first thing that strikes us about this thing called "Church" is simply that it is that which Jesus is building upon the foundation of Himself. More specifically, the word "church" is "ecclesia", the called-out assembly. It consists of those to whom God has chosen to reveal His Son. This revelation of who we are in Christ and who Christ is in us is the key. Without this firm foundation we cannot know, understand or experience being part of the Church. Quite frankly, our religious head knowledge or credal affirmation is of virtually no significance. Even the repeating of the so-called "Sinner's Prayer" means nothing apart from the revelation of Jesus Christ. May God give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ (Ephesians 1:17-23). Then, our prayer and confession will be based on Spirit and Truth revelation, not flesh and blood, second or third generation "knowing" (Matthew 16:17).

The Church is not built upon the individual Peter, but upon those who have been given revelation. Jesus builds His Church through revelation to individuals, the "whosoevers". What revelation? The revelation of Himself. This revelation is sufficient to secure us as members of the Church that Jesus is building. When we understand that revelation is the only thing which matters we will cease trying to grow the Church or gain members through better preaching, musical entertainment, handsome facilities, demographic studies, and savvy marketing techniques. Instead, we will simply come to rely upon revelation and trust the Father to reveal the Son through the Spirit Who brings illumination to our heart. We are the Temple of God, a habitation for Himself, and this Church grows as a living thing (Ephesians 2:20-22).

Jesus is not building a denomination or founding a movement. The Church is not a denomination, but neither is it a non-denomination. It is not a steeple-house or institutional church, but neither is it a house church. Stated simply, the Church is a spiritual house of living stones, invisible to the naked eye, but clearly seen and known in Spirit. It is not an organization, but an organism. Who are its members? Those who have the revelation of Jesus Christ. Where are these members to be found? They are scattered in all directions, both inside and outside of Organized Religion.

Keith Green once said, "Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger." How true this statement has proved to be through the years. But we hasten to say that going to a house church won't make you a Christian either. We thank God for the saints which are meeting in homes and rediscovering what it means to gather together in simplicity apart from the steeple-house, paid clergy, and denominationalism. Yet, Jesus did not say, "I will build My HOUSE church." Since the Church is comprised of individuals who have the revelation of Jesus Christ, how or where they meet together is of little consequence. In Jerusalem, or in this mountain? Neither, says the Lord (John 4:20-24). Where we gather doesn't matter to the Lord, but WHY we gather is of extreme importance to Him. If it is due to the revelation of Jesus Christ, we will worship in Spirit and Truth because the revelation of Jesus Christ draws us together. Why? Because our testimony is other-worldly, peculiar, spiritual. We are the called-out assembly, the ecclesia of Jesus. We are His particular treasure.

What we have, both within Organized Religion and within the house church "movement", is a mixture of people. Some of them have the revelation of Jesus Christ, and some do not. We affirm that this revelation is enough to establish the Church, regardless of the outward appearances. Where this revelation exists, THERE is the foundation of the Church that Jesus is building. Since it is an inward revelation, a spiritual seeing and entering into, we cannot classify everyone as being the Church merely because they are within a system of Organized Religion, or even if they have come out of a system. Nor can we include or disqualify them because of where or how they meet. The meeting together is only a small part of the total picture. The question is not whether we are in or out of a human system, or how we meet, or what doctrine we lay emphasis on. The question is, have we seen the Lord? Do we have the revelation of Jesus Christ? We may be correct in outward appearance but have no inward revelation. Hence, not all who say, "Lord! Lord!" will enter the Kingdom of God (Matthew 7:21-23). Similarly, we may be politically or spiritually incorrect and offensive outwardly speaking, that is, according to what man values and esteems as good, acceptable, moral, and religious; yet the revelation of Christ is sufficient to bring us into the Kingdom with or without the support and approval of men, even the most spiritual and holy men.

"I will build My Church." We maintain that the Church exists where individuals have the revelation of Jesus Christ: for when this revelation takes hold of a person, Jesus Christ will have the preeminence in all things (Colossians 1:12-19). It is not enough to tell people, "Jesus is the Head of the Church." We cannot make Him the Head while gathered together and then expect Him to remain in the background while we live out our lives individually. Either He is Lord OF all, or He isn't Lord AT all. When we see Him seated in heavenly places we will gladly and joyfully allow Him to be the Head over all things, not only in the Church, but in our marriage, family, and work. We will at once see that the Church does not belong to us. We will discern that hitherto we have viewed "church" as something that we must attend, build, or grow. With the knowledge that the Church does not belong to us we will relinquish our claims to it and begin to co-labor together with the Lord (I Corinthians 3:9). Then, it is a natural thing to give up our titles and positions and merely concentrate on building one another up in love. To give up title and position within a group that has no revelation of Christ is to invite chaos. This is why man feels the need to have some organization and established leadership among the saints, running the steeple-house much like a business with mission statements and top-heavy organizational charts, paving a one-way street of submission to some earthly head - because there is no vision of Christ. It is not more organization or leadership training that we need. We only need more revelation, and no man can give us revelation. It is the gift of God. Once obtained, we will with much rejoicing and relief fall into place below One Head and allow Christ to have the preeminence. "The Lord is my Pastor: I shall not lack (Psalms 23:1)."

Since it is the Lord's Church, and no man's, and since we are the sheep of His pasture, not man's, we will stop referring to "Pastor Smith's church" and "Brother John's congregation". The pastor is not the head of the Church. But then, neither is the teacher, evangelist, prophet, or apostle. Apostles do not build the Church: Jesus builds the Church, for it is His Church. All anyone can do is co-labor with Him. Anything done apart from Him will fall apart, for there is no other foundation but what has been laid, and that foundation is Christ (I Corinthians 3:11). If the foundation is faulty, it matters not one whit how beautiful the structure is. The apostles and prophets lay the foundation of the Church, which is the revelation of Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:20), but it is still based upon a revelation that no man can give! The Spirit of Jesus must make Himself known in you (Galatians 1:11-18). Then others will build upon that foundation, which is your personal revelation of Christ in you and you in Christ. But no one at any time may lay claim to the Church, or any particular fellowship, as his or her own. The Church does not belong to a denominational office, church board, circle of elders, founding apostle, or individual pastor. At least, not the Church that Jesus is building.

How do we know if a particular work is the true building of God, part of the genuine Church? All we have to do is see who has the preeminence there. If an apostle or pastor is considered the spiritual head then Christ does not have the preeminence (3 John 9). If the elected deacons are in charge then Christ does not have the preeminence. We may give Him lip service and acknowledge with our mouth that it is His Church, but apart from revelation these are empty words. When the moment of truth comes man will always seize control, demonstrating that Christ does not have the preeminence there, and indeed, probably never had it to begin with.

How then do we know who has the preeminence? We need only look to see who gets the credit for the work. Men talk about "this great denomination" and glory in the works of their hands. Of course, with their lips they draw near to God, but their heart is far from Him. They are only trying to build a name to themselves and reach the heavens. The end result is confusion and vain babbling (Genesis

11:1-9). They are not co-laboring with Christ in the building of His Church, they are asking Christ to co-labor with THEM in the building of THEIR church. "We have done many mighty works in Your Name! Behold what manner of stones and buildings these are (Mark 13:1)!" And surely, great things have been accomplished, insofar as organization, wealth, property, and numbers are concerned. "But Jesus said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God (Luke 16:15)." If Jesus is building His Church as His own possession, then we cannot take the credit for it. We can only marvel at what He does and bow our heads in humble gratitude for allowing us to be a part of it.

What shall we do about Organized Religion? What shall we do about those who claim the Church as their own, who intend to build a name to themselves? What shall we do about the false religious system? We will do nothing at all; for, those structures not built upon the Foundation of Jesus Christ will fall of their own accord (I Corinthians 3:12-17; Matthew 7:24-27). How could it be otherwise? The only safe place to be is within the Church that Jesus is building. Besides, if we attempt to bring down the huge idol of Organized Religion we may well crush ourselves and others in the attempt.

What is the Spirit of Antichrist? It is that religious thing that makes war against Jesus and the Church that He is building. The Spirit of Antichrist is already gone out in to the world (I John 2:18) and has sown tares among the wheat. Indeed, in the last days the Spirit of Antichrist will dominate and rule the world system, attempting to blot out the true Church. Outwardly speaking it appears to be succeeding. Nevertheless, the Church that Jesus is building cannot be overcome by the gates of hell. Since it is built upon the revelation of Jesus Christ, nothing cannot stop it. Why? A man will not die for a tradition or a doctrine. But he will gladly lay down his life for the revelation of Jesus Christ. He cannot be disobedient to the heavenly vision (Acts 20:24; 26:19). He has found his Life (Christ) by giving up his life.

Yes, this world system, including man's religious systems, is passing away: make no mistake (I John 2:15-17). The nations will be judged and will pass through the fire (Psalms 2). The earth will decay and finally dissolve altogether, consumed in the fire; the heaven's will melt with a fervent heat (II Peter 3:7-14). The outward things are fading, perishing, evolving downward in a state of entropy. Look around you, saint of God. See the steeple-house? It will not remain for long. See the cathedral? It too shall pass. See the oceans? One day they will be no more. Look at the mountains - they will all be removed. See the cities? They will be destroyed. Heaven and earth will pass away.

What is my point? Simply this: the Church that Jesus is building will be the only thing which remains. The visible will make way for the invisible, the temporal will give way to the eternal, mortal will put on immortality (I Corinthians 15). A new heavens and a new earth will be made and the New Jerusalem, the Bride of Christ, the Church, will be completed (Revelation 21). We are that Building of God, built upon the revelatory foundation of Jesus brought by the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20). We are the Temple of God, therefore we need no earthly temple, we seek no earthly kingdom, and we expect no earthly reward (I Corinthians 3:16,17). We look for a City whose Builder and Maker is God, and we are that City (Hebrews 11:10). Jesus is building His church!

The Gift Of Christ
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"As the fullness of God - all that He is and all that He has - dwells in Christ, so the fullness of Christ - all that He is and all that He has - dwells in you" (Colossians 2:9,10a).

We have mentioned the need to recognize and appreciate the value, worth, and preciousness of the Lord Jesus. We would like to expand upon that and discuss The Gift of Christ. I pray that the Lord will grant us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the full-knowledge of His Son as we ponder this.

I am afraid that we do not truly appreciate the fact that God has never given us "things", but has summed up everything into Christ, having poured Himself into His Son. Having the Son, possessing the Son, being one with the Son, we have and possess everything God is. It never has been a question of seeking ten, one hundred, or one thousand different things from God. If we do not know from our experience, we should at least know from the Scriptures, that Christ is the Gift of God. Then our experience will come into line with God's Thought. If you are used to seeking spiritual "things" (love, joy, peace, anointing, power, blessing, etc.) then this message is particularly for you, but we all stand to benefit from being reminded constantly that Christ is God's One Gift.

It is the fullness of Christ that we are after, the revelation of Christ as He in fact is. For too many Christians the Lord Jesus is "merely" their Savior. Thank God He is our Savior, but there is a depth and a richness bound up into the personage of Christ that goes far, far beyond "mere" salvation. Salvation is the narrow gate - coming into the fullness of Christ is the narrow path. The gate is only the entrance to something larger.

The principle we have in mind here is All Things In Christ. If we see this then we will be delivered from "things", from lack, from dissatisfaction, from inferiority, from defeat. The Lord has much to gain by us entering into His fullness now, as opposed to waiting for some future appointment with Him in heaven. It is here on the earth that we need to pray for His Kingdom and His Will to be accomplished. May the Lord illuminate our hearts as we explore these depths.

CHRIST IS THE BLESSING OF GOD

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).

All we have and all that we are as Christians is based upon our union with Christ. Apart from Him, we have nothing, and we are nothing. But in Him we are blessed with every spiritual blessing. Think upon the ramifications of that. If this is true then we have very little to ask God for, and very much to praise God about.

For most of my life as a Christian I sought God for things. When depressed, I would seek joy. When worried, I would seek peace. When weak, I would seek strength. When angry, I would seek self-control. When defeated, I would seek victory. Most Christians are taught to approach God and seek these things when they are conscious of some lack. For a time it seems they are given what they ask for, but soon they are back asking for more of the same thing. Today we ask for patience, and tomorrow we ask again, and the day after that we have to ask yet again. So it is with peace, joy, victory, and everything else.

Eventually we must learn that we have everything in Christ already. That thing called "patience" that we are so diligently seeking is not a thing at all, it is Christ. "Victory" is no longer a "thing", it is a Man. And so it is with everything else we need. It is certainly possible to seek spiritual blessings from God apart from Christ, or in addition to Christ. What a difference it makes to realize that He HAS (past tense) blessed us already - not with three or five or twenty blessings - but with every spiritual blessing. However many there may be, we have them all. Where and how has He done this? Thank God, it was done the moment we received Christ and entered into Him as our All in All. God would have us seek Him first, and not His things. To Him there is no "thing", for they are all summed up into Christ.

Again, it is the preciousness and extreme worth and value of the Lord Jesus that we have in mind here. May we see before God that God's Gift is Christ - not a lot of spiritual blessings that we must diligently seek after, one by one, until we accumulate them like a collection of virtues or special graces. That is not to say there are not many spiritual blessings we can obtain from God, only that they are all found in Christ. Having the Son we have all that pertains to the Son.

"If God did not spare His own Son, but freely delivered Him over to death on our behalf, how will He not also, with Him, freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)

Jesus says the Kingdom of God is like a man who found treasure buried in a field. With great joy he went out, sold all his possessions, and purchased that field. The point of the parable is this: the one who owns the field possesses all that lies buried within the field. It is not a matter of getting the individual pieces of treasure, but of gaining the field. Once we have the field, we have the treasure.

The Scriptures tell us that hidden in Christ are "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Colossians 2:3), "every spiritual blessing" (Ephesians 1:3), and "all the fullness of God" (Colossians 1:19). Since this is the truth, we maintain before God that His Gift to us is Christ, and to the extent that we appreciate the value and preciousness of the Lord Jesus, to that same extent will we be satisfied spiritually. We will find fullness in the Son, and will not find it necessary to be continually pumped up or propped up as we go about our daily walk as Christians. Imagine the foolishness of asking God for a "few coins" to get you through until Sunday while wealth is buried just below your feet. Or, imagine the vanity of thinking we have to go "here" or "there" to get something from God (such as a "blessing", a "word", an "anointing", etc) when we already have everything He has. I will go so far as to say that when we know the preciousness and costliness of the Lord Jesus we w! ill not ask God for anything else. The one who must ask God for "things" has not yet fully appreciated the treasure he has in Christ already.

Perhaps an illustration would be helpful at this point. When God wished to test Abraham, He did not ask him to sacrifice a sheep, a ram, or a cow. He did not ask for Abraham's gold or silver or tents or possessions. He went right to the heart of the matter and asked for Isaac, the son of promise. How gladly Abraham would have given anything and everything but his own beloved son. But in the willingness to give up his son, he was, in essence, laying everything down on the altar. When God owns what the man loves most, He owns everything the man has.

In the same way, the Father, wishing to demonstrate His great love for us, has not given us parts and pieces of things, but has sacrificed His only Son. By giving us His Son, He has, in essence and in fact, freely given us everything. When man possesses what God loves most, he owns everything God has. This is why I say we have little else to ASK God for, but much to PRAISE Him about: for IN CHRIST, God has freely given us all things.

GOD GIVES US NOTHING OUTSIDE OF CHRIST

"For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Son. Whoever believes in Him will not perish, but will have eternal life" (John 3:16).

To the casual observer this verse appears to be giving us a thing called "eternal life". But that is not what this verse says at all. God has not given us salvation; He has given us His Son as Salvation. This Scripture tells us that God loved the world, and this love prompted Him to remedy the situation by giving us His Only Son. What is the gift? It does not say, "For God so loved the world that He gave eternal life." If I may say it bluntly, it was not eternal life that we needed to begin with; we needed His Only Son. What good is eternal life without the Son? See before God that there is only One Son, One Gift. Now all who believe IN CHRIST have eternal life. At the moment of New Birth we did not receive salvation, we received the Son. Hence, we are saved. Salvation is not giving me eternal life, but giving me Christ as my Life. Hallelujah! Do you see this?

There is a difference between salvation and a Savior; between deliverance and a Deliverer; between healing and a Healer; between redemption and a Redeemer. The first is a "thing", the second is a Person. This may sound self-evident and elementary, but before God the difference is vast, and in actual experience the difference is incalculable. If we are not clear on the matter of His Son we will find the Christian life very difficult, if not impossible, to live. I have the "thing" because I have Him; having Him, I do not need to search for the "thing" anymore. What do you have? An experience? A word? A doctrine? A belief? Or a Man? This is the difference between a living Christianity and a dead religion.

We have to come to know the height, length, breadth, and width of HIM, and may I say that we will never come to the end of Him. But we do not search for anything as if we do not have it, nor do we hope to gain some new thing, for what we call "new" is simply that which has been seen for the first time. Thus, revelation is critical, for it unveils what we already have. Having the Son, we have all.

"It is of God that you are in Christ Jesus, Whom God has made to us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption" (I Corinthians 1:30).

This is a very rich verse. We have already seen how the Lord Jesus is given to be our Life. Upon that basis we can lay claim to everything else. Here we see that to those of us who are in Christ, He is made to be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. It does not say that He gives these things to us, but that He is these things in us.

Again, this is the difference between a living Christianity and a dead religion. Most of us are still trying to attain something and have not yet realized that we have already obtained it. We wear ourselves out in order to be Christ-like. We are hoping that through much effort we will one day reach some standard to which we can finally say we are living like Jesus. But this is not God's way. It is not a changed life that God seeks from you, but an exchanged life - that is, your life is to be given up in exchange for His life. "It is no longer I that live, but Christ that lives in me" (Galatians 2:20ff). That is the exchanged Life: my life for His Life.

We should have learned by now that we cannot change ourselves. Jesus says we cannot increase our stature by a single inch through worry and self-effort (Matthew 6:27). If we cannot make ourselves grow physically, how can we ever hope to make ourselves grow spiritually? Have you ever seen a brother or a sister try to act sanctified? They wear themselves and everyone else out. It is a burden to be around such a person. That is not Christianity. Christianity is this: not that I am trying to be wise, but that I receive the Lord Jesus as my Wisdom; not that I am trying to be righteous, but that I receive the Lord Jesus as my Righteousness; not that I am trying to be sanctified, but that I receive the Lord Jesus as my Sanctification; not that I am trying to be redeemed, but that I accept the Lord Jesus as my Redemption. Henceforth I cease trying to be anything, and I allow Him to be Who He is through me.

We must be clear: these things are not the "reward" for years of faithful service, or the fruit of walking with Jesus after a long period of time. If I have Him now, then I have all that pertains to Him now. My Wisdom, my Righteousness, my Sanctification, and my Redemption has a personality, for He is all those things in me. It is not a question of my behavior, or my conduct, or my feelings one way or the other - those things will come into line soon enough - but it is all based upon this accomplished fact. Christ is God's Gift. I repeat, we have much to praise God about!

CHRIST IS INFINITE SUPPLY

"The Father gives you the True Bread from Heaven... I am the Bread of Life" (John 6:32b, 35a).

The people were asking for Jesus to give them bread, but failed to recognize that He Himself is the Bread of Life. They worked and toiled for something which would perish, but were not willing to receive the True Bread that would not perish. Again, the significance of the Lord Jesus is not that He can give us bread, but that He is the Bread.

Why are we following the Lord? Is it for what He can do for us? Is it so we can enjoy His blessing? Is it because He supplies our needs? Do we want the gifts or the Gift? If our motivation is for blessings then we will soon be disappointed. Indeed, from this time forward, many of His disciples turned back and stopped following Him. How many of us will continue to follow when the Lord fails to respond to us in the way we have grown accustomed? The Lord may provide you with bread for a season, but there is a difference between looking to the Lord for bread and looking to the Lord as bread. May God show us the difference. The Gift of God is not what Christ can do for you, but Who He Himself is.

The ones who seek bread from the Lord will be temporarily filled, but all who seek the Lord as Bread will be constantly satisfied. What is more, they will have resources from which to feed others. It is a shame that many Christians only seek to be filled, and still they are never satisfied. They are content with a meager pittance, for a few crumbs from the table. They are constantly obsessed with being filled. To such ones we can only say that it is time to seek the Lord, not for what He can give you, but for Himself.

"Things", even spiritual things, cannot satisfy. Only Jesus can satisfy, and since all fullness dwells in Him, we need nothing else. Eventually we will learn that Christ is the Gift, and when we do, we will be enlarged. We will be able to minister Life to the Body. What are we giving people: bread, or Christ? If we are ministering bread then they will become dependant upon us to feed them all the time. If we point them to Christ, they will find in Him an infinite supply.

"If you knew the gift of God, and Who I am, you would have asked Me for a drink, and I would have given you Living Water... Jesus stood and shouted 'If anyone is thirsty, come to Me and have your thirst quenched! Anyone who believes in Me, as the Scriptures have said, will have rivers of Living

Water flowing from within' (John 4:10; 7:37b, 38)."

As some pursue "rivers" and "watering holes" how refreshing it is to know that Christ is the Living Water. How can we know the difference between Christ and what is proclaimed as the manifest power or presence of God? It is quite simple: the one who drinks from a "meeting" must continually drink to stay full, but the one who knows Christ as Living Water has their thirst quenched altogether.

We are empty because we do not know the Gift of God. "If you knew the Gift of God, if you knew Who I am, you would have asked Me, and I would have given you." Those who hunger and thirst after Righteousness (Christ) are filled continually. Those who hunger and thirst after anything else must be constantly looking for their next fill-up. We repeat a thousand times, the question of abundance or lack in spiritual Life relates to how we see the Son. If we clearly see the Son then we see all that God has, and all that God is. In Him is fullness. To leave where we are and seek out some man or woman or ministry at the ends of the earth in order to be filled or blessed is a serious tragedy. How much time I have wasted in that pursuit, before knowing Christ as All in All! Broken cisterns cannot hold water for long.

We must know the Gift of God. The one who knows will not only be satisfied, but will have abundance of Life springing up from within. If we are mainly interested in being filled for ourselves then we will have little to offer anyone else. Yet when we know the Gift of God the Life will overflow. "You anoint my head with oil, and my cup overflows (Psalms 23:5b)." Are you an overflowing Christian, with all of God you can hold, and much leftover? Sadly, this does not describe many of us. To drink is a beginning, but God's goal is an overflow. How we need clear revelation into the Son! How we need to see just how precious and worthy He is!

Here is the glory of our union with Christ: when we come to Him to drink, we become what we are drinking. Jesus clearly says the streams of Living Water overflow from within the innermost being of the person who knows the Gift of God and has come to Him to be filled. To begin with it flows from Him to me, but eventually it flows from me outward. What can anyone possibly give me that, in Christ, I do not already possess? So the question is not are you "in the River", but is the River in you? In all things God directs us continually to His Son as All in All. May He give us grace to see Him.

ABIDE IN HIM

"Of His fullness have we all received, blessing upon blessing" (John 1:16).

Just how full is "full"? How many people does "all" include? We have to believe that full means complete, and all includes each one of us. "Of His fullness we have all received." No one, no matter how "anointed" they may appear, has more fullness than anyone else. And if we have received it already then there is nothing for us to do to get it. If I have already entered into a room and sat down in a chair then there is no need for me to try to get into the room anymore. I am there already. We entered into Christ when He entered into us: we do not have to enter into Him over and over again, we are merely abiding in Him.

I am frequently asked how do we partake of this fullness? How do we walk in it? What practical application exists for living according to this Truth? We see what God says, but we also see our situation. We see Jesus, but we also see ourselves. God says we are complete in Him, but we say we are incomplete. God says we are blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ, but we say we still need this or that. What is the problem here? Is it not a glaring discrepancy between what God says and what we say? Whose word is more reliable?

The solution is not to look at one's self at all, but to look away to Christ. Then we will not have to worry about the practical side, it will develop of its own accord. Let us get a foundation first: then the Life will find a way to manifest. I am convinced that we have plenty of faith, we just have faith in the wrong things. Many Christians have more faith in the Law of Sin and Death than they do in the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ. We are more conscious of what (we think) the devil is doing and how weak we are than we are cognizant of God's Son. But when we look away to Christ, He is increased. As He is increased, we are decreased. We must become lesser, He must become greater. When Christ looms larger in our vision than anything else, we will experience the fullness which is already ours in Him. Remember, the one who possesses the field possesses everything buried in the field. Meditate on that, breath it, live it.

We must ask God for revelation into His Son. Lord Jesus, reveal Yourself to us as All in All. Illuminate our hearts to see you. Bring us into the full-knowledge of Yourself. No matter our feelings or experiences to the contrary, we acknowledge that we are complete in You. You do all things well! Teach us to look away from all that pertains to man and to see You as You really are. Thank you Father for the Gift of Christ! Amen.

..But you ask, "CAN IT REALLY BE THAT SIMPLE?"

Jesus said His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Have you made the Christian life too difficult? So often, man takes something easy and light and turns it into something difficult and heavy. Jesus is calling us to forsake the complicated way and to follow Him in sincerity and simplicity.

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Led By The Spirit

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Its quite simple, do like I do, no battle plan, no money, just Jesus. I get up and spend that quiet time in him, and I spend time in the bible, then I pray, Lord take my hands Lord, my mind, my heart, take my mouth and lord please give me words of knowledge and wisdom and what ever gift you have for me. Put people in front of me and let me lead them to you Lord.
Lord give me dreams and visions and directions and I surrender my desires to your desires.
Use me lord and I promise to give you all the glory all the honor and praise.

Start your day with the mind of Christ and his kingdom and just be ready for service. I ask the lord to give me a sign if he wants to use me on someone.
Jesus walked on this earth and he only did what the father showed him he only did the will of the father, now that's simple.

I had a vision years ago, I was in a church and a pastor was telling people how to fly a kite and the church was full. In this vision I went to the pastor and took the blue print and went outside and started to fly the kite. I looked into the window of the church and all the people were looking at me puzzled, my interpretation is don't talk the talk walk the walk, be a doer and not a hearer.

We don't need to huddle around and try to figure things out, just be useable and spirit led. Most Christians are worried about loosing their jobs talking of Jesus or are worried about people coming against them. If you worry about what people think about you, God can't use you. Some people like using their God given gifts on those that are already saved. The gift of the Holy Ghost is the power of God to go to the darkness and be a light in that darkness [Isa. 60, verse 2.] there is a war going on out there and we are to be solders for the Lord, not hiding under some church roof having a play or dinner with the pastor and playing church.

In Florida we have *bike week* every year, I have a motorcycle and it has Jesus all over it and my saddle bags have bible in it. Last year the Lord in a vision told me there was going to be two storms and I was not to run from the storms but to ride into the storm and then go for cover and I would have two people to talk to. Well I went to bike week and there was two storms and I got to prophecy to 2 people just like the vision. I only do what the father shows me and I only do what the spirit tells me. For 20 years it has been that way, sometimes I'll be riding on my motorcycle praying in the holy ghost and then the Lord tells me to stop at a diner. So I pull over and go in, and then the Spirit would tell me who to talk to. It's pretty easy.
Another time the Lord told he would heal a lady who needs a new heart and new lungs and in seven days he would do this. On the seventh day the Lord told me what church to go to, and it was during a prayer meeting. A lady stood up and told everyone there she was looking for a donor for a heart and lungs. The women had tubes in her noise and a tank behind her. I felt the anointing come on me and I asked the Lord when and he said not yet. After everybody prayed for her and the service was over the

Lord told me to move, I went to her and she felt the presence. I laid hands on her and she fell, and then the lord told me to leave. The next week the Lord told me to go back, the lady had her medical records with her and she was healed, and she came over to me and thanked me. I told her to give God the glory. The pastor came over to me and he said I wasn't to pray over any more of his people. He said I wasn't a member, so I left,

I get rejected all the time, one time I was run out of a gas station for witnessing Jesus, remember Paul was stoned and run out of towns. If you thing its a big game and you want to play church Jesus cant use you.
Some one told me to write a book on all the things the Lord has done thru me and I tell them no, I tell them Jesus knows what I'm doing.

I read a book once and I man of God said [from England] I don't understand the Americans, they like to puff people up. When Jesus did signs and wonders and when attention was drawn to himself he left the crowds and God got the glory. We are to do the same today. I see a lot of super stars out their drawing big crowds and that is false. You see their names and buy my book buy my tape look at me, what a shame. People throw their money at them thinking they are pleasing God. Discernment is needed.
We are to be like Jesus. He set the pace for us to follow. Be like him a nobody and give all the glory to God, and not to yourselves. Somebody in this group needed to hear this. We all need to get off our high horses and get humble and be serviceable. No matter how many come against you or if you loose customers. I have lost many, but God always sends me more. He is in control.
I gave god my mind, heart, soul body, my business. I gave it all to him. And he has always taken care of me. I never had to pull for money or ask for help or support. I'm called a spark plug. I hope I just put a spark in you to get going and be spirit led and go all the way. I make mistakes sometimes but God always makes it right, if you're afraid to make a mistake God can't use you.

Being spirit led is death to self. And to the inner life, our spirit and soul and body has to be only doing the desire of God, not pleasing self, only the father. You must be completely dead to self; no self motivation, no self will, no trying to please self. Just looking at Jesus; eyes and only doing what he shows us. No matter what circumstances we are in, do nothing till he shows us what to do. That means no opinions, not trying to figure out anything or use reason, just let God be God and trust him.

Led By The Spirit
Mike Forest

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14.)

When Jesus walked the earth, He gathered those around Him that He would teach the truths of the kingdom of God. They were with Him, watching Him, learning from Him, and then putting into practice the things that they learned.

Jesus told them that it was necessary that He would go away, so that the Spirit of truth would come. He told them that the Spirit of truth would lead and guide them into all of the truth. Jesus was to be with His disciples in the Person of the Holy Spirit, and not only was He to be with them but He would be in them. The disciples of Jesus would become the very habitation for the Spirit of God.

Brothers and sisters, we have been given a precious gift. The Holy Spirit has been poured out upon the Church, and He has come to live in us, to walk in us, and to reveal Jesus to us.

The Spirit of truth has come to lead us and guide us into all of the truth, and to reveal Jesus to us, who is the truth.

When we make Jesus the sovereign Lord of our lives, we are allowing the Spirit of God to have His way in us and through us. Most of our problems result from us living two separate lives. We invite Jesus to come into our lives, and then go on about our business, seeking His blessing in those things that we choose to do. We live one life in the church before the people of God, and another life before the world, in what is known as the secular life. There are many Christians today that have accepted Jesus Christ as their savior, but have never made Him the sovereign Lord of their lives.

If Jesus is truly the Lord of our lives, then our lives will be lived under the government of the Holy Spirit. "Where the Spirit is Lord, there is liberty." (2 Cor. 3:17). True freedom is not us doing our own thing, but it is a surrendering of our all to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is seeking the Lord's will in every area of our lives. It is doing the will of God in His time and in His way.

The Spirit of the Lord will not only lead us into the perfect will of God for our lives, but He is the power within us to fulfill the will of God. The baptism of the Holy Ghost is a baptism of power. He has come to reproduce Christ in every saint, as well as to give every child of God a ministry that will build up the Body of Christ.

We have all been baptized by One Spirit and the problem of divisions and disunity within the Body of Christ would be solved if we were all listening to and being led by that One Spirit.

There are many within the Church that are going from one meeting to another and seeking a word for their lives. Indeed, the prophetic gifts are being restored to the Church, and many times, God will use others to speak a prophetic word into our lives. But the prophetic Word was never intended to be a substitute for the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit that is in every believer. The Spirit of God within us will bear witness to any personal word of prophesy. Every true word of prophesy will be in line with the scriptures, and will be affirmed by the witness of the Holy Spirit within the believer.

The Lord's sheep know the voice of the Shepherd. They will know the still small voice of the Holy Spirit. The Lord's sheep will not give heed to the voice of a stranger, but will follow the Lord wherever He leads them. The Lord's sheep are those that are led by the Spirit of God.

The Ministry of Reconciliation
Mike Forest

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away: behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. That is that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled unto God. For He has made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him." (2Corinthians 5:17-21).

Every one in the Body of Christ has their own unique ministry, gifts, and calling that have been given to them for the building up of the Body of Christ. However, there is one ministry within the church that has been given to every believer, and that ministry is the "ministry of reconciliation."

God has empowered His Church with the Holy Spirit to be a witness for Jesus Christ. We are the representatives of God in this earth. The Church has been called to be light and salt to the nations of the world.

As ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ, we represent His interests, and our goal is to bring the kingdom of God in the sphere of influence that God has entrusted us to.

It has always been the eternal purpose of God to have a family of sons (and daughters) that are being transformed into the image and likeness of His only Begotten Son. This family of God has been anointed and commissioned to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations of the world, making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that this great work is being done, and this will bring about God's purpose and plan into the earth, and will usher in the return of Jesus Christ to rule and reign with His saints.

The ministry of reconciliation is good news to the lost and dying, because the good news is that Jesus Christ has shed His precious blood for the remission of the sins of all men, so that man no longer has to be separated from God, but the great gulf that sin created between man and God, has been bridged. Men are now free to accept this free gift of salvation, receiving eternal life and becoming a child of God.

The word reconcile means to "make friends again." Man was created to be the friend of God, to walk and talk with God, and to have intimate fellowship with the creator of the universe. When man sinned, he fell short of the glory of God, but now through the Lord Jesus Christ, the glory has been restored, and now Christ in you is the hope of glory.

All that man lost through the fall has been regained through the Lord Jesus Christ, and the believer is now an heir of God and a joint heir of Jesus Christ, and has been blessed with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. The Lord Jesus Christ has paid the price for this glorious inheritance of the children of God, and our part is faith and obedience, and the repentance and forsaking of all sin.

Through movies like "The Passion," men are being awakened to the love of God for sinful man. God so loved us that He was willing to allow His Son to go through the suffering of the cross, so that God could have what His heart has always desired, and so that God and man could once again have that close intimate fellowship. God does not only want to walk with us, but He is living in us, and man has been made the very dwelling place of God.

In His Love, Mike

Laodicean Church Syndrome

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Rev 3:14-22—*"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. 15 I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! 16 So, because you are lukewarm-neither hot nor cold-I am about to spit you out of my mouth. 17 You say, `I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. 18 I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. 19 Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. 20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. 21 To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

Some school of thought believe that the letters to the seven churches of Revelation chapters 2 and 3 describe the historical development of the Church from the time of writing of the book of Revelation to the end of the church age. And a study of the history of the Church validates this belief. By this belief we of today are in the Laodicean church age. We will wind up the church age. The letter to the seventh church (Rev 3:14-22) is for us.

Not much good is said about us. We are neither hot nor cold. And you hear this complaint in the society today. Unbelievers openly accuse born again Christians of not living up to what they preach. We neither clearly forsake Jesus nor are we really with Him. We have half-hearted commitment to Jesus. The muslims challenge us a lot by their extent of devotion and commitment to the cause of Allah. Today in the world, muslims have become popular for their readiness to carry out suicide bombing in the pursuit of Allah’s interest. For we Christians, self-interest and self-pursuits overshadow the interests of Jesus.

Lukewarm attitude of modern day Christians is a big problem. The Lord says that He wishes that every human being were either a zealous Christian or not a Christian at all. For that would make people to know the benefits of true Christian life. This would attract people of good will to Christ. Because of the way Christianity has been muddied, it is becoming more difficult to win converts to true Christianity. The Lord warns today’s Christians that because of being lukewarm He is about to spew them out of His mouth—ejecting them from His body. How is He going to do this?

Matt 24:9-13—*"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. 10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.”*

The pretribulation rapture theory was invented to suit the Christians of today. Because we do not want to suffer anything for Jesus we would like to be translated out of the world before the Great Tribulation begins. But the Lord says to the Laodicean church age that He will use a means to eject lukewarm Christians out of His body, and the means is tribulation. Because of the severity of tribulation many lukewarm Christians will deny the faith; their love will grow cold. And this is what the Lord had wanted all along, that they be either clearly hot or clearly cold. The question then is this: Can the love of really committed Christians also grow cold? The answer is no. The Lord Himself will be their encouragement. See their end:

Rev 6:9-11—*When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained. 10 They called out in a loud voice, "How long, Sovereign Lord, holy and true, until you judge the inhabitants of the earth and avenge our blood?" 11 Then each of them was given a white robe, and they were told to wait a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and brothers who were to be killed as they had been was completed.*

Can you see in verse 9 that they “maintained” the testimony? To maintain the testimony in the presence of extreme wind of adversity requires supernatural strength that only the Lord can supply. Many think that having known about the coming of the Antichrist that they will never submit to him, no matter what. That is easier said than done. We must not forget that the persecution by Antichrist’s forces will go with demonic influence. I have had dreams in the past in which I saw something that was obviously seriously demonic and immediately felt a paralyzing fear. That is demon-induced fear. Any person who does not have the protection of Christ cannot withstand such a fear. So, any person hoping to face the Antichrist with his natural strength should go into something far above military training.

1 Sam 2:9 (KJV)—*He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail.*

Back to the Lord’s word to the Laodicean church age, in Rev 3:17 He accuses us of claiming that we are rich. Is He referring to physical or worldly wealth? No! He is referring to spiritual wealth. We claim to know the truth; we know everything about end time, including the certainty of pretribulation rapture; we have received Christ into our hearts; we have invented short way to receive Christ into the heart; we are ready and qualified to be taken up in rapture; we do not need a thing; etc.

The Lord says that we have not realized how really wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked we are. All these claims we make are not true. If they were, unbelievers would have rushed into the churches. Other religions would have become extinct. He therefore counsels us to buy from Him gold refined in the fire, so we can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so we can cover our shameful nakedness; and salve to put on our eyes, so we can see. Gold refined in the fire refers to the hidden treasure (Matt 13:44-46). The hidden treasure is the indwelling Christ (2 Cor 4:7). White clothes represent the righteousness of God (holiness, perfection). Eye salve is related to revelation of God’s good and perfect will. There is a price to pay before anyone can get these. Matt 13:44-46 says that we must sell everything in order to get it. We must focus all our attention on getting them. We should not spend any day without fasting for even a few hours. We should feed hungrily on the word of God. We should continue to reach out to God in prayer, asking for these things.

Concerning the upcoming great tribulation, please do not get the impression that every Christian will be killed. Notice in Rev 6:11, for Christians that will be killed in the tribulation, that they were given white robes after they had been killed. This means that they could not buy white robes from the Lord

Jesus while they were still alive on the earth. There are some Christians that will buy from the Lord gold refined in the fire, white robes and eye salve here on earth:

Rev 7:2-4—*Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: 3 "Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." 4 Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.*

Rev 14:4-5—*These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. 5No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.*

The 144,000 are those who are able to receive indwelling Christ here on earth. They attain to the perfection of the Lord Jesus. They fully know the will of God (1 Cor 13:10,12). Because of this, forces of the Antichrist cannot touch them.

John 14:30 (KJV)—*Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.*

John 10:17-18—*The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life-only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."*

The Lord is calling all Christians to repent now. The great tribulation is just around the corner. The signs are already showing around the world. Now is the time to get the power that will enable us to overcome the Antichrist. Let us pay the price that is necessary in order to get the indwelling Christ, the perfection of Christ and full knowledge of the will of God.

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Labor Day Weekend

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Some weeks ago, The Lord spoke to me and told me that he would have me send out a "word" called Labor Day Weekend. So once again I found myself in the position of knowing the title, but not the content. So at the beginning of this week The Lord told me what the word would be about. In short, He wants to make sure that we understand the time and the season in which we live. He told me that I would send the word out this week. During the week he told me to send it out on "the anniversary." He meant today, August 27th, which is my daughters 5th birthday, and the anniversary of the day that my wife spent about 18-20 hours in labor before finally giving birth.

Labor Day is a Federal holiday observed in the United States on the first Monday of September. It was created to honor the American worker with a day of rest. Nowadays, it is observed on Monday creating an extended weekend, 3 days long.

Here is a quote and a link to an article about Labor Day: "Labor Day differs in every essential way from the other holidays of the year in any country," said Samuel Gompers, founder and longtime president of the American Federation of Labor. "All other holidays are in a more or less degree connected with conflicts and battles of man's prowess over man, of strife and discord for greed and power, of glories achieved by one nation over another. Labor Day...is devoted to no man, living or dead, to no sect, race, or nation." (http://www.dol.gov/opa/aboutdol/laborday.htm)

God told me that he wants us to take some time this Labor Day Weekend to remember these words:

Matthew 24:3-8 (ESV) As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?" [4] And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. [5] For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. [6] And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. [7] For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. [8] All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

For the past 2,000 years there have been wars and rumors of wars, as well as famine and earthquakes in various places, so why should we remember these words now? This millennium is the 3rd day of Jesus and the 7th Day of the Father. Jesus returns some time at the beginning of this millennium to celebrate the Great Supper of God. This great supper of God is the same as the Great Feast of the Lamb that God told me was represented by the number 17. In order to set up the following quote, picture The Rider on his white horse coming down from heaven with His army behind him.

Rev. 19:17-19 (ESV) Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and with a loud voice he called to all the birds that fly directly overhead, "Come, gather for the great supper of God, [18] to eat the flesh of kings, the flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty men, the flesh of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all men, both free and slave, both small and great." [19] And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth with their armies gathered to make war against him who was sitting on the horse and against his army.

What a joyous celebration it will be when Jesus returns to the earth to establish the 1,000 year rest before the final battle. This is going to happen fairly soon. I don't know the day and the hour, but I know the general time period and the season. It is going to occur some time at the beginning of the 7th millennium since creation was finished, and the 3rd millennium since the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Jesus' return is imminent. This millennium is Labor Day. It is the day of rest patterned after the 7th day of creation and characterized by the 1,000 year reign, and it is the day of the final labor pains that will precede the birth of this age.

So in these last moments that will precede the return of Christ (see Matthew 24, and Rev. 19 for 2 examples), Babylon will fall (Matthew 24:7-8; Rev 19:1-3), great persecution will arise (Matthew 24:9), the Gospel will be proclaimed throughout the whole world (Matthew 24:14), and then the end of the age in will come (v.14) characterized by great tribulation as mentioned in Matthew 24:21 and the Return of Christ in Matthew 24:30. Basically, as my wife can attest to, as labor progresses, the contractions become more painful and closer together. Her labor ended in my daughter's birth. Though she suffered, her heart also rejoiced with hope and expectation. And when all is said and done, the blessing of my daughter far exceeds the cost of her suffering. This is the time for patient endurance in suffering for we know that our reward and future eternal glory will far exceed our present suffering. This is the time to be joyful in the expectation of Christ's return. This is the time to be faithful to the end.

Rev. 22:20-21 (KJV) He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. [21] The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Last Generation Of Church Age Saints

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"…They shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory, And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of the heaven. Now learn a parable of the fig tree: When her branch is yet tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near: So you in like manner, when you shall see these things come to pass, know that it is near, even at the doors. Verily I say unto you, THAT THIS GENERATION SHALL NOT PASS, till all these things be done." (Mark 13:26-30)

I am aware that I am writing to more people that ever before. Thanks to the widespread interest in and response to "Countdown to October," I know that this "Benefit" will reach all across America, and many places around the world. In light of this, over the past couple of days I've carefully thought about what I would like to say if given a chance to speak to a larger audience. Questions within are entertained. Shall I send out a fluff piece that will get those that I am reaching excited? Or, Will I say what's really on my heart and, I believe, on the Lord's? That is, the unpopular message. I have chosen the latter. I do fear God more than I do you.

Know this fact: The Lord Jesus will return to retrieve His people at the Last Trumpet (I Corinthians 15:51-52). Consider that a multitude of horrible events is scheduled to take place on the earth before that occurs. I believe that we are that generation that will encounter those calamities. To me, preparation is the key word for our day. What you and I do today in preparation (watching and praying) for the future will determine how our tomorrows will play out. Because I care for you (God's children), I will risk your anger at me that you may be warned. I will not encourage you further in your favorite little escapism doctrines. I will, though, figuratively get in your face and shout: "Half of the virgins will be unprepared! Where do you stand?"

I have written a book that will soon be released. It's called "Not Until the Last Trumpet Sounds." The following is a chapter from that book. To some, it will challenge some of their popular beliefs. At least, I hope so. If any of you would like to read other chapters, send me an email and I'll kick a chapter or more out to you as desired. Getting the message out right now is more important than anything else. The world today is rapidly changing before our eyes. The days of sorrow that you will subsequently read about are soon to be upon us. Are you ready for your destiny?

Chapter 4

There is a generation of Believers set apart for the Last Days that will be unlike any before it. They are the Last Generation of the Church Age. They are the aforementioned Transition Saints. This chosen age group alive during the time period leading up to and including the Resurrection of the Dead and the Rapture of the Living has a unique destiny. At the very end, they will see, even experience, great power and magnificent glory others have only dreamed of viewing and encountering. They will watch with wonder the incredible approaching spectacle of a mighty Jesus nearing the earth in the clouds and, then, suddenly undergo a mass changing and transportation relocation at the hands of God's holy angels. Before that, though, most of them, if not all will, in varying ways, endure the utmost in hardships and trials. These are the ones fated to walk in the shoes of Job.

A generation foreordained to be given into the enemy's hand

"And he (the coming beast) shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of times (3 and ½ years)." (Daniel 7:25)

Over the years, this particular verse, more so than any other, has provoked me to study eschatology with much intensity. Now, that's mainly because it doesn't match at all when compared with much of today's teachings. Be honest: Who is preaching from the pulpit or airwaves in this hour about the impending reality of God's people entering into a 3 and ½ year window of time where they are given into the devil's hand?

But there is solid precedence for God allowing such a thing to happen to His people. This is where the story of Job comes in:

"And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold, he is in your hand; but save his life. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord. And smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." (Job 2:6-7)

After reading the above verse, compare it with the message written in Daniel's book:

"…he…shall wear out the saints of the most High…THEY SHALL BE GIVEN INTO HIS HAND until a time and times and the dividing of times." (Daniel 7:25)

Are you a Saint? Well, the Bible teaches that the End-Time Saints will be given into the hand of the beast (empowered by the devil) for 3 and ½ years. Who has the power to give these last generation of Church age Saints into the devil's hand? Only God can. He did that concerning the Old Testament Job (His perfect servant) and, likewise, the scenario will be repeated for them in the New Testament (His spotless body). Not only does the Old Covenant book of Daniel educate us in this reality, but also the New Covenant book of Revelation confirms this truth:

"And there was given unto him (the coming beast) a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power WAS GIVEN UNTO HIM to continue forty and two months (3 and ½ years). And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. AND IT WAS GIVEN UNTO HIM to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and POWER WAS GIVEN HIM over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations." (Revelation 13:5-7)

With the former in mind, a question that needs to be asked is "Why would the Lord permit His people to endure the devastating turmoil to come in the same way that Job suffered in his day?" And may I add, not only permit it, but also ordain it? I believe I can tell you why: It's all about the faith and patience of God's children, the merciful end of the Lord, and His people patiently receiving the expected double through it all.

The Faith and Patience of the End-Time Saints

Undoubtedly, the troubling 3 & ½ years revealed in Daniel 7:21, 25 and Revelation 13:7 projects a very trying time for all of mankind. Nevertheless, in this fierce fight of faith slated to come, in a situation where the enemy has been granted restored power and overcoming ability, there will be an uncompromising demand for God's people to not throw in the towel and quit.

"He that leads into captivity shall go into captivity: he that kills with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints." (Revelation 13:10)

"And the smoke of their torment ascends up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receives the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep his commandments, and the faith of Jesus." (Revelation 14:12)

Giving up in the Last Days is not an option. Humanity is on the road to having a life or death choice to make: If you are living in the days of considerable tribulation, you will keep holding fast to Jesus and His directives, or you will follow Satan. Jesus gave notice of this truth when He said, "He that endures unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matthew 24:13). To give up and not endure is to go the way of the Anti-Christ system; to become complicit with their plans of captivity and murder, to worship the beast and his image, and to take the forbidden mark of the beast. Understand that Job was stricken with tremendous loss and affliction and, yet, he did not succumb to the temptation to "Curse God and die." Therefore, he endured to the end and was saved. So shall it be with the persisting last generation of Saints. They will stand, withstand and overcome the onslaught of the enemy through faith and patience. Specifically, faith and patience in the blood, the word of their testimony and by having a mindset of being so in covenant with the Lord and His kingdom that they will love not their (earthly) lives unto the death (Revelation 12:11). Understand that the Bible-unbelieving human beings alive at the time (those that will worship the beast and take his number) will love their life on this earth too much to possess a dead-to-self commitment.

Following the faith and patience of Job

Job was a man of faith. Likened unto Abraham, he called those things that are not as though they were (Romans 4:17). On this salient point, consider the ensuing faith-filled confession of where he believes he will be at the end of the Last Days:

"For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me." (Job 19:25-27)

Not accidentally, the servant Job, through faith, had a vision of, maybe before anyone else in mankind's history, the Resurrection of the Dead. In his own words, he places himself in the very time period (the end of the Church age) this book covers. Nonetheless, the life of Job reveals the ultimate testimony of patience, for he is the epitome of what that should be. Read of the call to follow his patient example in scripture:

"Be PATIENT therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and has LONG PATIENCE for it, until He receive the early and latter rain. BE YOU ALSO PATIENT; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draws near. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest you be condemned: behold, the Judge stands before the door. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of PATIENCE. Behold, we count them happy which endure. You have heard of the PATIENCE of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." (James 5:7-11)

Take special note of how many End-Time relevant subjects are mentioned in these 5 verses. See that it makes allusion to the outpouring of the former and the latter rain, the coming of the Lord and the nearness of His appearing, the suffering and tribulation of the Saints, and, finally, the enduring patience of Job and the promise of the end of God.

Quite interestingly, the Lord's coming and the exhortation for Church Age Believers to be patient like Job are linked together in the same message. Correspondingly, it's my belief that the Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle James to purposely write it this way. For I submit that the whole body of Christ is about to enter into a time where the story of Job will find its greatest fulfillment. Why is that? It's because…

As Abraham (faith) was relevant for the 1st Coming – Job (patience) is pertinent for the 2nd Coming

Most are aware of the teaching that God put a man (Abraham) in a situation of faith where he had to choose to obey and trust the Lord, while being asked to offer up his promised son (Isaac) as a sacrifice. Make no mistake – this was a radical request. Yet, because Abraham believed God with a childlike faith and went forward in his action to the last second, having to be stopped (proving that he would have indeed sacrificed his own son), God gained the legal right to do the same thing for all of mankind. And this He did when He sent His only begotten Son to die as a sacrifice at the cross of Calvary. Therefore, we could correctly say that the faith of Abraham paved the way for the Father of heaven to send us His Son Jesus during the 1st Coming.

Subsequently, let's take a closer look at this train of thought. Consider that Abraham laid down the promise of his son unto sacrifice and proved that he didn't love his own life on this earth (his reputation and all else pertaining to his personal life, if the sacrifice was completed, would have been destroyed) or his son's life, even unto the death. In the same manner, the Father in heaven laid down the promise of His own Son unto sacrifice and proved that He didn't love His life on earth unto the death. Now, don't miss the following striking point: This pattern is almost ready to be invoked again for the 3rd time! Walking even as He walked, the Last Generation Church, the offspring of the Lord Jesus Christ, will be offered up as a sacrifice as ones having to verify that they love not their lives on the earth, even unto the death. A novel thought, huh? Not really. Know first that Abraham's promised son Issac was counted as a harmless ram for the sacrifice. Next, the Father's promised Son Jesus laid down His life as an innocent Lamb in the crucifixion. Finally, in this mandated progression, the Lord's sons of promise have a destiny to be counted as "sheep for the slaughter." Mindfully read the scripture in Romans that was predetermined to find its maximum fulfillment in the last hour of the Church age:

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall (the) tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For Your sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." (Romans 8:35-37)

Be quick to realize that I am not insinuating, in any way, that another sacrifice is needed because the Lord's great expiation to secure salvation for mankind was not sufficient. No, the ensuing sacrifice of sons will bring an entirely different result. But know that the Bible principle of life coming from death is perpetual and that, with each occurrence, it bears greater fruit (John 12:24). Therefore, we can perceive that the prophesied martyrdom of the Saints will produce an enormous outcome. And what might be spurred on because of those results: How about the outpouring of the former and latter rain and the subsequent return of our Lord?

Keeping the word of his patience

I firmly believe the patience of Job will, in a similar successive manner to Abraham's faith effecting the 1st Coming, pave the way for the promise of His return – the 2nd Coming of Christ. I submit that our God is a God of consistent patterns. If the Lord did something to prepare the way the 1st time, He will do something to open up the way the 2nd time. Remember that His return is a promise and how do we receive His promises? It's through faith and patience. And how do we endure to the end in the troubled days ahead, leading to the promise of His return? It will be by keeping, like the praiseworthy church at Philadelphia, the WORD OF HIS PATIENCE:

"Because you have kept the word of my patience, I also will keep you from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." (Revelation 3:10)

The end of the Lord - the promise of the double

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." (Jeremiah 29:11)

"You have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy." (James 5:11)

There is an expected, Bible-predicted, outpouring of the Spirit that Christians of all eras have continually longed for. It's a double-anointing Holy Ghost outpouring of unprecedented strength - the combination outpouring of the former and latter rain. In essence, I believe that it's none other than the Seven Spirits of God sent into all the earth (Revelation 5:6). From time to time, a movement of God happens, many lives are touched, and people excitingly exclaim that maybe this outpouring event has finally arrived. But, to rightly divide scripture, it hasn't yet and, in fact, it never will until the conditions required by God to bring it to pass are resolutely set in place.

Well, what are those necessary conditions? The book of Joel plainly spells them out:

"Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness…Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly: Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth out of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? Then will the Lord be jealous for the land, and pity his people." (Joel 2:12-13,15-18)

An unparalleled widespread corporate action, demanding the participation of the oldest to the youngest, of ministers praying specific prayers, of heart-rending repentance, prayer, fasting, and seeking God is the prerequisite. Anything less than this will not get the job done. There are no shortcuts. Reading the rest of Joel, Chapter 2, you will find that all hell has broken loose upon the world during this horribly dim time. For instance, a fierce evil army, unlike any before it, covers the land (Joel 2:1-11). Though the Bible calls them God's army, they are, in reality, the locust-type hordes of hell released at the 5th Trumpet (Joel 2:11,25 & Revelation 9:1-11). You can be sure that this terrible day of darkness is certainly a time of tribulation. Unquestionably, it's a description of "The Tribulation."

This is where the analogy of Job becomes transparently relevant to Believers. Follow the comparisons. Know that Job suffered as the End-Time ones will suffer. A fasting and mourning Job repented and prayed for his friends and God relieved him of his predicament. When the fasting and mourning Church also repents and prays (as described in Joel 2:12-18), God will rescue them from their troubles. Turned from his captivity, Job received the expected end. The wonderful end that Job procured was the double. Turned from their captivity, the Last Generation of Saints will receive their expected end-of-the-Lord double also. What they get is the restored blessing of the Lord (Joel 2:19) and the double of God's Spirit:

"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he has given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month." (Joel 2:23)

The great fruit of the coming martyrdom

Remember: There is "No greater love than a man laying his life down for his friends."

Like Job, some will survive their ordeal and come out on the other side to experience the double. Many others, though, won't. With that said, allow me to reiterate an earlier point. There are three events in history that God used and will use to introduce a new system of life on earth through His chosen ones experiencing death. Again, these three are:

1 – The offering up of Issac as a ram. The result was: The nation of Israel was birthed. Jews were designated as God's chosen people. The former rain would be given moderately.

2 – The offering up of Jesus as a Lamb. The result was: Salvation was won for all of mankind. The Gentiles were grafted in as God's people. The latter rain was given on the Day of Pentecost.

3 – The offering up of God's sons as sheep. The result will be: The former and latter rain together will be given and the glory of the Lord will at last cover the earth. The Lord Jesus will then return. The Resurrection and Rapture will take place and the designated Millennial Sheep Nations set aside by Jesus will populate the earth.

Details of this third life-sacrificing event, the mass offering up of God's sons, can be found in the book of Revelation. It's the entire message of the 5th Seal:

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, How long, O

Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that they should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled." (Revelation 6:9-11)

Consequently, you now know the "why" behind martyrdom. Therefore, don't ever forget the great things that occur because of God's people not loving their lives unto the death. For example, you can be sure that there probably would've never been an Apostle Paul without the prior death of the martyr Stephen. For you see, in the spiritual equation of God's kingdom, life really does come from death.

In wrapping this chapter up, I would like to present one final question in reference to our subject. Namely, "What will your lot in life be when the days to come are unveiled?" Unless you have a set destiny to be martyred, do you know for certain that you'll be able to escape, stand and remain when that hour of decision appears?

Grace to you and peace multiplied with love and mercy from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Life, Health And Blessing

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Psalm 133 says: *"Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity....as the dew of Harmon and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life forevermore.*

UNITY: Unity is NOT a "thing" to achieve. You cannot "practice" unity. Unity is a spirit! We either come into the SPIRIT of unity in the Anointing of Christ who dwells in us, or we are unequally yoked. NO PROGRAM CAN FORCE UNITY. It is done without the "sound of a hammer" ...it is a unity that becomes part of those who walk in agreement in the spirit of God. If you truly love the LORD with all your heart, you are equally yoked automatically in the spirit with those who Love the LORD with all their hearts. There is no confusion or division in the spirit of unity. You either dwell in unity of the Spirit or you don't.

LIFE: in the Hebrew it is CHAY. In Greek it is ZOE

Hear the richness of CHAY, and you will know why the Jews greet each other with *L'chayim:*

CHAY: alive, remain alive, sustain life, live prosperously, be quickened (the same spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells in you, and He will quicken your mortal body....) revive from sickness, discouragement and even death!

The Hebrews viewed man holistically: Body, Mind and Spirit...a unified whole. CHAY is associated with HEALTH, PROSPERITY AND VITALITY. It is the OPPOSITE OF DEATH.

Jesus says I come that you may have **LIFE AND THAT MORE ABUNDANTLY!!**

Can any of us say we have entered into this **LIFE?**

It is NOT found by much study. It is NOT found by much debate. It is NOT found by "doing things that look righteous". It is NOT found by saying nice religious words. It is not found by talking ABOUT Jesus or the "Bible People." It is not found in the historical past among the ICONS of religion and tombstones of dead Saints. It is NOT found by how long you pray, what songs you listen to, what books you have read, or what "prophets" you have sat under. It is NOT found in some nebulous future in the sweet bye and bye. Jesus says I COME! I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE!

LIFE is found when Christ comes suddenly to YOUR temple and reveals Himself fully to you. There is a river of LIFE flowing out of me to YOU. This river of LIFE seeks the river of LIFE in you. When these rivers CONVERGE we have unity. We don't seek other's opinions we seek LIFE in them. Life joins to LIFE. It is EQUALLY YOKED. it is a place of NO DISPAIR. NO DIVISION. NO DEBATE. NO DARKNESS. and NO MAN CAN PUT IT ASUNDER. It is a "marriage" that is SO MARRIED IT IS SINGLE. WE ARE ONE if we are believing and not doubting. WE ARE ONE if we walk in agreement with the Lord Himself, and not by what some man has indoctrinated us in or by our own private interpretation. Those who LIVE hold the TRUTH in RIGHTEOUSNESS. They truly have the Son. Seek Him, and He will bring you into LIFE.

ENTER THOU IN TO LIFE.

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Fear And Confusion Vs Life Abundant

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Ex. 15:*26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.*

PS 103:1-3 ***1*** *Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;*

In getting together several things the Lord has had me to look at, I can safely say that the **basic root of 90% of all diseases is fear, stress and anxiety.**

It is a known medical and biological fact that fear, stress and anxiety over long periods of time shut down the immune system and wreak havoc in our bloodstream, and disease comes in to ravage our lives. Jesus tells us that Satan comes in as a thief to “steal, kill and destroy,” and it would be obvious that fear, stress and anxiety throw the door open to Satan’s pillaging.

Romans 8:15 *For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.*

John 8:32 *And ye shall* ***know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.***

When we desire to KNOW Him rather than simply know ABOUT Him, we come out of confusion. When we come to KNOW Him, He brings us to His REST. The search has ended. We finally give up our lives and take on His life and receive a blood transfusion that HEALS ALL OUR DISEASES and gives us EVERLASTING LIFE. This word “life” is *chay* in Hebrew and *zoe* in GREEK. It is vastly different from simply existing and breathing (bios) It is health, success and vibrant energy coming from the Father of Life, which is in Christ Jesus.

When believers get the fact that they are IN THE BELOVED , that He is the author and finisher of their faith, and that He will perfect that which He has begun in them, they will begin to see divine HEALTH and everlasting LIFE actualize in their physical bodies.

2 Tim 1:7 *For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*

1 Cor 14:33 *For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.*

We hear FEAR and CONFUSION all around us. There is hardly one television broadcast or one advertisement that does not promote fear or confusion. Something is ALWAYS going to kill us. Something is ALWAYS going to make us sick. Even the CURE for these fearsome diseases and emotional maladies is going to make us sick or maybe even kill us. Sitcoms are full of moral confusion. Newscasts are full of high anxiety and value confusion. Is what we read and hear all around us the voice of God? Granted, the spirit of fear and the origin of confusion do NOT come from God. He gives us power, love and a sound mind. He is the author of PEACE. So when we KNOW HIM and the POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION and the FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS, we know the truth. We know His LOVE and that LOVE is shed abroad in our hearts, bringing about a dramatic CONVERSION to our whole being.

John 14:17. Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, *neither knoweth him:* ***but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.***

1 John 4:18 ***There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment****. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.*

Perfect love casts out fear. God's whole plan is to shed abroad HIS perfect love into our hearts of believers. We decrease and He increases in us, and His perfect love is shed abroad in our hearts

So the key to divine health and a prosperous soul is to KNOW HIM. Knowing Him, giving Him absolute control over your life, drives out all fear and confusion. Therefore your body is protected against disease and enters into LIFE.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: ***I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly***

Amen.
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Stand Still And See
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Our Jesus is working mightily stand still and see his plan is working.

LORD, you have big arms
Gather your chicks
We are your wings
We stretch ourselves over them

If we could see what he sees we would, I think, be shouting.
We hold on until we see the victory
We could wonder what the Lord is counting as though it were already done.
The battle is the Lord's; it's His problem and He will do it.
Those chicks will be gathered under our wings
We stand; we watch; He does it.
Stand still and see the salvation of God

AMEN.

Living Bones

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,
In this day and age we are especially privileged, having had the unique opportunity of watching and witnessing the ending of a century and a millennium. In this era of communication the entire story of humanity can be placed on a microchip, and be sent out in a matter of seconds all over the world. What are your thoughts, as we head into the future? Are they full of hope and expectations of great and wonderful things? Do you have our Elohim's prophetic perspective on the future? Has your excitement risen with the thought of the Messiah's imminent return?

In the beginning of next week's Parashat Va'Yechi (Genesis 47:28-50), we see Jacob calling his son Joseph, who was to be the recipient of the birthright, to his side. He asks him to put his hand under his thigh and to take an oath that he would carry his body out of Egypt and bury it with his fathers, in the land of Israel. Jacob knew prophetically that someday his seed would come out of Egypt and return to the land of promise. This act, of putting the hand under the thigh, we already witnessed in a previous Parasha, where Abraham asked his senior servant to go and carry out his request of getting a wife for his son Isaac (Genesis 24:2). It was an act was symbolic of a commitment to carry out a very important directive - to the best of one's ability - as the thigh represents the strength of man and the hand is that which accomplishes the work. When sealed by an oath, which denotes faithfulness, the thigh and hand unite in one purpose. .
Just before Jacob dies, he imparts the blessing of the family birthright to Joseph and to his sons. He gives them his name and national identity - "Israel"- along with the covenant promises of fruitfulness (Ephraim); "the fullness of the nations/gentiles". Years later, when Joseph is about to "lay down with his fathers," he calls his brothers together and foretells the future of the nation. Interestingly, after all that Joseph had endured and experienced in his life, it was this final prophetic proclamation which gained him recognition in the renowned "hall of fame of faith." "By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the departing of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones" (Hebrew 11:22). May our faith also meet the challenge of the prophetic word in like manner!

Both Jacob and Joseph were embalmed, Egyptian style, and as we know this process leaves the corpse recognizable, albeit in a very dry state. Thus, Jeremiah's horrific prophetic description of Israel-Zion, because of sin and YHVH's righteous judgments, comes to mind: "Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: their skin cleaves to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick" (Lamentations 4:8). Perhaps it is in light of this scripture that we should re-examine the two "sticks" in the valley of the dry bones (Ezekiel 37).

"Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had made the children of Israel solemnly swear, saying, 'YHVH will surely visit you; and you shall carry up my bones with you'" (Exodus 13:19). What a prophetic picture of the Messiah of Israel taking the dead dry bones of the whole house of Israel with him to the cross, and then carrying them to the grave! But now, through the same power that raised Him from the dead, He is raising them up into newness of life -"Vayechi"! Yes, and as all good stories end: "and he lived" (happily ever after)... but not in Egypt. As we follow on in the scriptures, the story continues with Joshua bringing these bones out of the wilderness and into the land of promise. "And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, they buried in Shechem, in a parcel of ground which Jacob bought from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph" (Joshua 24:32). Here is another beautiful prophetic picture of our Messiah's ultimate objective, to restore and bring back to the land the whole house of Israel.

The New Covenant establishes the conditions upon which the fulfillment of all the Torah and the Prophets depend, the sovereignty of the "I will" of YHVH Almighty: "I will open your graves, I will cause you to come out, I will cause breath to enter you that you may live, I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, and cover you with skin, I will pour clean water on you, I will put my Spirit with in you, I will write the Torah on your hearts, I will bring you back to the land where you will live securely, with one Shepherd and one King over you". Why is YHVH doing all this? "I do not do this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the heathen, whither you went. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which you have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am YHVH saith the YHVH Elohim, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land” (Ezekiel 36:22-24). This was not only a testimony to the heathens, but also that "you might know that I am YHVH your Elohim" (Ezekiel 37:6).

“So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived - "Vayechi" - and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army” (Ezekiel 7:10).

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Looking Into 2004

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These are a few of the things I sense the Lord would have us watch for in 2004.

In September of 2003 God let me know that many things would shift and begin to change radically in November of 2003 and carry over into 2004. This was certainly confirmed by the signs in the heavens we witnessed in November, as well as through many prophetic words. In mid November I began to receive an abundance of personal revelation and confirmation of many of the things mentioned here.

Magnified Grace

And extraordinary measure of grace is being released to all that will lay hold of it by faith. Failures during our testing period in the wilderness over the past couple of years are being covered. Many have been told that they have been disqualified . This is a lie and God is delivering many from bondage and oppression designed to keep us from entering into the dawn of our destinies. Our emergence into newness of purpose and empowerment, and restoration of vision is being given freely. Though this grace is granted, we may still be tested in areas of failure, but this should not prevent us from moving forward.

Release of resource, wisdom, power, promotion, commissioning

I see many being released into their vision and ministry this year. The provision, wisdom, anointing, and power to fulfill our assigned tasks is given freely, but we will need to contend for it as the enemy has laid siege to much of it.

Finding the zone

The Lord showed me an illuminated circle before me and said that I should step into it immediately. I had the realization that this was a promotion for me personally and hesitated, feeling unworthy and unprepared for this advancement. He sternly commanded me to step into the spot immediately once again. He told me that He was already aware that I was not worthy and completely unable to fulfill the functions of this new position. He alone is worthy and able and will, Himself, empower me through a sovereign grant of extraordinary grace. My part is only to recognize this and obey. I then realized the false humility I had just displayed before Him.

He emphasized the importance to be instantly obedient when told to advance or retreat in the coming season. We are to remain in the place and position He calls us to until ordered otherwise. I call this “finding the zone”. He then said to tell others of these things. We must not argue with Him in any matter when told to advance, retreat, or stand aside as we are entering a time of intensified warfare. This will be especially critical for those who are now being commissioned as officers in His army. The lives and destinies of others may be affected should we not obey orders here. So, two of the personal dangers we now face are presumption and neglect. Let us strive to “find the zone”!

Restoration, not Reformation

More people will begin to embrace and endeavor to recapture “primitive Christianity” as they are awakened with the revelation that ordination, commissioning, and anointing come from God alone. Some have been held back by a false belief that man (ordained leadership) must send you before God will bless your work. Many will leave the organized church and begin to meet in homes and small groups in order to be free from intimidation and control in obedience to God. Those who do must leave their fellowships in peace and guard against a rebellious heart. This is not an “anti-church” move, it is just a shift to another expression and form of the Body universal for those who God may “call out”.

Restoration of things stolen by the enemy will also be made available to those who will contend in prayer and stand in faith. This would include finances, lost vision, and lost health. Restoration is a key word this year.

Open heavens

God has already opened the Heavens in many areas of North America to a greater degree and will continue to do so across the continent this year. Access to the secrets of the Kingdom and hidden knowledge of God will be granted to His trusted friends. As we seek Him and submit to the refining work of His Spirit we will be granted access to treasures never before revealed to mortals.

Open doors to advance the Kingdom

I see doors of opportunity opening for individuals in business and ministry. I also believe that doors will open to advance the Kingdom in Muslim nations, but this window of opportunity may be brief.

Harvest

Luke 10:2

And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ESV

Workers are being recruited for the harvest. Those who are now coming into the Kingdom are not the first fruits of the “Great End Time Harvest”, but are the first fruits of the workers that will bring in the harvest. These will need to be thoroughly discipled, not in doctrine but in the power and presence of Jesus. He will put many on a fast track and mature their character at an accelerated rate. We must be on guard against pride, envy, jealousy, or anything else within ourselves that would put a stumbling block in their way.

Home Coming

Prodigals, or the backslidden, will return home. Many in the church have written them off, but God has not. We must not abandon our lost brethren for the sake of catching new fish. Some of us are being prompted by God to pray for and go after the prodigals. These too, will be used mightily by God in the Harvest as they are restored, matured, and empowered for service.

Opening the door in 2004

This year promises to be one of open doors. Some will be opened by the Lord in His sovereignty, while others will only open as we contend with the forces that have kept them shut. However, the door many of us have been asking the Lord to open for us or that we have been commanding to open through declarations and spiritual warfare, will remain shut unless we recognize its location. We ourselves are the doors God most desires to see opened.

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. ESV

In 2003 the Lord began a deeper work in those who would submit to the purging, breaking, and shaping process. He is continuing this work as we continue to submit and trust in obedience. Many are now ready to receive a greater measure of His grace and favor as they embrace healing, holiness, and humility. Many are being commissioned and released into the dawn of their destiny. We must be cautious though, to not presume that we have completed the refining process and have arrived at “perfection”, just because the Lord has seen fit to promote us.

Failure to see the refining, promotion, commissioning, and release of greater gifting, anointing and power as an act of His grace, apart from anything that we have done, will likely send us back into the wilderness for an extended season. If He has worked true humility in us then let it be proven. True humility carries with it the realization of our complete dependence on Him and that there is no good thing in us apart from what is produced by Holy Spirit, while confident in our identity as His children and friends. A false humility may lead to fear and intimidation and keep us from stepping into our destiny, while pride masquerading as boldness will lead to presumption. Here again, we must “find the zone”.

Romans 12:3

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ESV

We must open ourselves up and extend ourselves in love and compassion to our brethren first, and to

the world. We will be a door opened to release the power and presence of God, or shut and come under discipline. As we open ourselves up in trust to the Lord and to each other in greater measure, we will find the way of release into greater power, anointing and signs and wonders.
Specific Geographic Areas
United States
Several events, both inside and outside of the church, will begin to set the stage for the persecution of Christians. We must keep our hearts free from bitter judgment as God begins to set things right in His house.
Hawaii God is establishing spiritual “beach heads”, especially on Big Island. Men and women will rise up to begin to train others in spiritual warfare and evangelism. God is extending an extra measure of His tender mercy and grace to the Hawaiian people for spiritual deliverance, restoration and release into the destiny that has been stolen from them over the past many centuries. The stage is being set for revival on Oahu as well. Intercessors will need to come together in unity quickly in order to maintain territory taken and advance. Some prayer warriors will be called to move to the islands this year.
Fiji, and the South Pacific Islands
Demonstrations of God’s power and love will erupt and increase here. Intense intercession is needed to birth and sustain revival.
Canada
Prayer is needed for Montreal and all of Quebec in order to bring the unity needed to release renewal in the Maritimes. Quebec is a stronghold of the enemy and is strategic in seeing God’s Spirit move from coast to coast.
Have a blessed and prosperous year!
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Dig In
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The Lord has been speaking to me today to “dig in”. I see that this exhortation applies in several ways.

Supper Time
Isa 55:1
"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk

Jesus has been extending an invitation to all those who will, to come and dine with Him at His banqueting table for quite some time. Once again, I hear Him ringing the dinner bell. We must be cleansed and properly attired before attending this magnificent feast. Some have come and taken pleasure and nourishment from what has been served, but this has only been the appetizer. I can now smell the fragrance of the next course of our meal being brought out. The Lord is saying “Dig in, and enjoy”. He is opening up greater realms of revelation - the deep secrets and hidden knowledge of God. We will need this nourishment and the continual refreshing of His presence in order to “dig in” in other respects.

Trench Warfare
Eph 6:13
Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

“Dig in!”, comes the shout of our commander, as we face the current onslaught of the enemy. We must hold the territory taken in battle already – “Hold the line!” – and prepare to advance when commanded. The only way we can do this is if we are also dining at His table. We must not forsake one for the other. These things seem contrary to each other at times, but God loves paradox – it’s His way.

Laying a Firm Foundation

1 Cor 3:10-15

10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

In October of 2003 I was shown a vision of a plumb being dropped over a desolate place. I heard the Lord say “I am dropping a plumb line in my church. My temple will no longer be measured by the standards of man. I am sending my apostles and prophets into many local churches once again, to plead with the elders and people to allow Me to effect change.”

God has been challenging us to “dig in” and excavate the faulty foundations we have been building upon that are contrary to eternal truth – both in our personal lives and as corporate fellowships.. He is furthermore telling us to “dig deep” as the foundation we are to lay must support a structure never before seen. One not built by human hands as He places us as living stones into the true church, His body, which He is now preparing to build. We must be open to have our doctrines, theology, and practices put to the test and immediately discard that which does not measure up to His plumb line.

Some of us may be called to the battle first, while others are called to focus their efforts on building.

Neh 4:15-23

When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. 16 From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, 17 who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. 18 And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. 19 And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, "The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. 20 In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us." 21 So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn until the stars came out. 22 I also said to the people at that time, "Let every man and his servant pass the night within Jerusalem, that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day." 23 So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes; each kept his weapon at his right hand.

Again, we are not to forsake the banquet or take our eye off the battle. I also see this building process representing the birth of new strategies and ministries. God wants us to ADVANCE His Kingdom. Though we are to “dig in” to hold ground gained we are also to remain on the offense and advance the front lines. This is done under direct order and not in foolish presumption in a direct charge toward the enemy. Others will work behind the front lines to build as God directs.

Go Deep
Rom 11:33
Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

I saw myself with the Lord and suddenly He was holding a football. He smiled at me and said “Hey Kevin, Go deep!” I took off running preparing to catch the ball He was about to pass. He said “That’s it. Run!”. He’s about to pass the ball to many of us - the authority, anointing, power, wisdom, resources, opportunities – but we have to be running to make the play. So let us run with endurance, not sit on the playing field watching others score points for the Kingdom.

All of this should produce in us a deeper intimate knowledge (*epignosko)* of God. All this digging and feasting and building and running and restructuring is in preparation for the deep mysteries of the Kingdom to be revealed to us. In these things, locked away in Him, we will find all we need to fulfill our individual and collective destinies. The great desires of God’s heart that He has been patiently waiting for are about to be fulfilled in us!

DIG IN! GO DEEP! RUN!
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Love Is More Important

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To the people of Yeshua (Am Yeshua)

I would like to share a couple of observations with you today, but first some Words spoken by Yeshua through Rabbi Paul to the Colossians. I pray that the Spirit will give us all wisdom and let us understand what it means to KNOW GOD. I pray that light will flood our hearts and that we will understand the HOPE that is given to us when God chose us. Then we will know the blessings that belongs to us along with all of the people of Yeshua.

"You have accepted Yeshua as your Lord. NOW KEEP ON FOLLOWING HIM.
PLANT YOUR ROOTS IN YESHUA AND LET HIM BE THE FOUNDATION OF YOUR LIFE.

Don't let anyone fool you with senseless arguments. These arguments may sound wise (and right), but they are only human teachings. They come from the POWERS of this world, AND NOT FROM YESHUA. GOD LIVES FULLY IN YESHUA HAMASHIACH. AND you are fully grown BECAUSE you belong to Yeshua, who is OVER EVERY POWER AND AUTHORITY.

God has rescued us FROM the dark powers of Satan and has brought us INTO the KINGDOM OF HIS DEAR SON WHO FORGIVES US OUR SINS AND SETS US FREE.

God has wiped out the charges that were against us for disobeying the LAW of Moses.
HE TOOK THEM AWAY AND NAILED THEM TO THE CROSS! HE TOOK THEM AWAY AND NAILED THEM TO THE CROSS!

HE, YESHUA, TOOK THEM AWAY AND NAILED THEM TO THE CROSS!! (Please get this through your head and seal it in your heart once and for all time)

It was there that Yeshua DEFEATED ALL POWERS AND ALL FORCES ONCE AND FOR ALL. He Yeshua, LET THE WHOLE WORLD SEE THEM BEING LED AWAY AS PRISONERS WHEN HE CELEBRATED HIS VICTORY!

CAN'T YOU SEE THIS?! FOR THE WHOLE WORLD TO SEE!

Hear this.....
YOU, WE, DIED WITH YESHUA! NOW, TODAY, This moment, the forces of the UNIVERSE do not have ANY POWER OVER YOU, US!

Hear something else......
YOU , WE HAVE BEEN RAISED TO LIFE WITH YESHUA! Now we will set our hearts on what is in heaven where YESHUA RULES AT THE RIGHT HAND OF OUR FATHER. We will focus our minds upon what is there and not about what is here on this earth.

Think about it. Our sins were nailed (past tense) with Yeshua on that cross. He took our place on that cross. And then We died and then, the same power that raised Yeshua up, raised us up to Life. Same Power! Hallelu-Yah! So this means that we are now a New person HIDDEN IN YESHUA, sitting BESIDE GOD! When He appears we will appear WITH HIM IN ALL HIS GLORY! Isn't this wonderful?!

Please get this inside of you once and for all. WE ARE HIDDEN INSIDE OF YESHUA AND WE ARE SITTING BESIDE GOD WITH HIM!! SITTING BESIDE OUR FATHER! WE ARE HIDDEN. WE WILL APPEAR WHEN HE APPEARS!(Pre-rap, post-rapt-I DO NOT CARE A HILL OF BEANS ABOUT THEM! It does not matter. Where He is, we are)

The word says that each one of us are now a new person in Yeshua. We are becoming more an more like our Creator, so THAT WE WILL UNDERSTAND HIM BETTER. It DOES NOT MATTER if we are Jewish or non_Jewish. YESHUA IS ALL THAT MATTERS, AND HE LIVES IN ALL OF US!

We know that God loves us and has chosen us to be His Own Special people. So we must be gentle, kind, humble and PATIENT with each other. We must PUT UP WITH EACH OTHER, FORGIVING ALL WHO DOES US WRONG, just as Yeshua has forgiven us.

*****LOVE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANYTHING ELSE. IT IS WHAT TIES US AND EVERYTHING COMPLETELY TOGETHER.*****

Each one of us IS PART of YESHUA'S BODY, and we were chosen to live together in PEACE. So this peace that come from Yeshua must control out thoughts and actions. And we must always be thankful. The message that Yeshua gave us must completely fill our lives WHILE we use wisdom to teach others. We will sing songs of praises to our Father, together with thankful hearts.

*******ALL THAT WE SAY AND DO WILL BE DONE IN THE NAME AND AUTHORITY OF OUR LORD YESHUA, AS WE GIVE THANKS TO ADONAI, OUR FATHER BECAUSE OF YESHUA.****

We will never stop praying and when we pray we will stay alert and be thankful.

We pray that the Message of Yeshua will spread quickly.

Observation
Too many of us (Believers) are giving Satan authority and power that does not belong to him. All power and all authority has been given to Yeshua ONLY!

Satan IS NOT GOD! Satan is an angel (created being) that was fired from his job. He fell. Satan cannot read the Mind nor the heart. He can only go on what is SAID OUT OF THE MOUTH. If you say "The devil did this and the devil did that," when it was your own flesh that opened the door, then you are honoring Him for what you flesh is doing.

The flesh must come into line with what the Spirit tells it. The flesh does not rule. Remember what Yeshua said to the religious leader about the women that was bent over all those years. She was a daughter of Abraham and nobody spoke healing into her flesh. We are suppose to GO and Do what He says. We are not only by faith, sons and daughters of Abraham. We are first, sons and daughters of the Most High God, El Elyon. By faith we are healed. Yeshua has given us His Spirit as a guarantee and He does not lie. He cannot lie. He says we are healed, then we are. Satan is filling the heads of so many people with lies concerning healing. Yeshua prophesy healing. He spoke healing in the body. Prophecy is the Testimony of Yeshua. Yeshua healed. Yeshua set free those in bondage. Yeshua called the dead back to life. Yeshua Loved. He said, Now, you go and do what you have seen me do. You know this. You know that I will bring this to pass as you speak it. He says that HaSatan works are destroyed. I have the victory and so do you. He says, as you love one another, healing will take place. As you forgive, healing will take place.

All sicknesses and every disease were nailed on the cross. We are in Him . Literally, we are in Him.

Satan sound like a roaring lion. Yeshua has pulled All of his teeth. Please do not let his roar frighten you. We are submitted to the Father. We are in Yeshua. Watch what you speak. We will speak love. We will speak healing.

******Yeshua's Name is the Name that is above everything that has a name***** Cancer! BE GONE IN THE NAME OF YESHUA! ________! BE GONE IN THE NAME OF YESHUA! We receive this divine healing into the body right now by and in the authority of our Lord, our High Priest and King, Yeshua. Yeshua, Son of the Living God. Thank you Yeshua, for making this so.

Now walk out in faith. You are whole. Yeshua says so. His words, not mine.

Every thing that has a name must bow to the name Of Yeshua, our Messiah. For He is Lord! He is our ALL IN ALL! Stop calling Satan's name so much! Yeshua is the only Name that is to be lifted. Then He will draw all men to Him. Satan can draw no good thing. There is nothing good in him. Only God, our Father, is Good. Yeshua is the Lord of all Lords and the King of all Kings! God has put ALL THINGS under the power of Yeshua for our Good and he is the Only Head. He fills us completely. He, Yeshua is the only Ruler in this world and the world to come. Praise His Holy Name!

We love you so much Yeshua. Come!
HALLELU-YAH!!!!!

Listen

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*"Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is My Son, whom I love. **LISTEN** to Him!" **SUDDENLY**, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus."* *Mark 9:7-8*

My Faithful Ones, I have marked your heart, I have lead your in a path unfamiliar to you ... a path reserved for those who have cried out to ME and said "Here am I, use me" - a path reserved for those who have said yes to My call. This path has not been an easy one, but one of preparation and training. A path that has fine-tuned the fruits of the spirit in you and has been making you ready. Even now some are beginning to despise this path but I say unto you "do not" despise this path but praise Me for it as you have received a wealth that could not have been received in any other way! Yes, you have been pressed on all sides but through it all I have prepared you for what is to come. My Glorious Beloved, you are truly blessed above measure!!!

My Faithful Ones, hear the word of the Lord. I am taking you out of your places of obscurity and will 'place you to proclaim' the riches of the truths of the Kingdom of God. You have been faithful with the little and now it is time for you to be given more.

I have nurtured and wooed you, I have set aside that which only you can fulfill. I have protected you and covered you with My feathers. You are My Chosen and no-one can fulfill your calling as it is your calling. You are all different but you shall all work together, for I AM a God of order. I have been your instructor and I will continue to be your instructor and will lead you and guide you in these last days. Take advantage of the days set before you for each day has been set by Me as they have been set in the past.

Haven't I said Seek you first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness? You have sought Me and My righteousness is upon you that you may go forth in My Name. There is no time to put off or to tarry on those things I have instructed you. The "suddenly's" are happening. The time has come and the now is for those I have called to come forth. Seek me continuously and the way will be made manifest to you. This is the time to diligently seek My face and instructions will come forth from My lips. Have I not said it, have I not proclaimed it to you? I have sent forth a proclamation on your behalf and it has been sealed with My signet ring, therefore it MUST be done. I have called forth My messengers and decreed all that I have proclaimed and all that I have declared on your behalf and it shall come to pass and be accomplished. Delays have come to an end in My timetable and My Word will be made manifest in ALL ways. Many will be troubled on all sides in the days to come but My Glorious Beloved will stand and My Glory will fill the earth even in the midst of judgment.

The day you have waited for is dawning, it is drawing near. You have waited and waited -now see Me accomplish what seems un-accomplishable. It is from My hand, the giver of all good things! Eye has not seen .... Ear has not heard .... the wonders which I have for you. Wonders that I, your Father and your God has hand picked for each of you. I have been bringing revelation to you as such as not been heard before. I have chosen you and I have prepared you...do not let one morsel slip by or through your fingers. You are chosen and favored by ME....if you could only perceive or realize the Love that I have for you....if you did, then you would know without a doubt that I WILL do and accomplish all I have promised you. Do not give up, continue to be in a state of readiness for you shall ride! I cannot promise the road will be free of thorns or thistles and rocks but I can promise you the ride of your life!

The call is going forth, the shofar is being blown to call My chosen ones together. You are being called to formation, as of an army. Called to assemble, called to listen diligently to your commander in chief. My white horse company standing at attention and at the ready. The stage has been set for the greatest show ever seen to begin. Great and Mighty is the Lord your God and I AM doing great and mighty acts and I AM about to display even greater than any of you could ask or think. Watch as the book of ACTS is played out in these last days. I call you faithful, I call you My very own chosen. **Now .... Listen, My Chosen Ones, Listen! Listen very closely.... Listen for surely it comes and suddenly!!!!** LISTEN!!!!

Loving, In The Process

Robert Ricciardelli

The questions have been asked, when do we get there? When do we really arrive? The answer is simple, we don't, and we might as well enjoy the journey and help others as well in the procession of life.

John 5:17 Amplified
But Jesus answered them, My Father has worked [even] until now, [He has never ceased working; He is still working] and I, too, must be at [divine] work.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are always at work, always have been at work, and always will be at work towards the eternal purposes of almighty God. We are a work in process, and hopefully in progress, thanks be to God! I am so thankful I am where I am today, I am so thankful that I know Him more today! I am also thankful that I am not complete, and that I have so much more to go towards the process of Robert Ricciardelli living in the image of Jesus Christ. That process will never end! When we get this revelation, we can never truly ever say we have arrived and that we have become accomplished in the ways of God!

1 Corinthians 10:12 Message
Don't be so naive and self-confident. You're not exempt. You could fall flat on your face as easily as anyone else. Forget about self-confidence; it's useless. Cultivate God-confidence.

Brethren, we must catch this, for it may be the very revelation we need, to break through the dividing tactics the enemy has used against the family of God. I have used this before and I will use it again here, "I know what I know, I know what I don't know, **BUT I DO NOT KNOW WHAT I DO NOT KNOW, UNTIL THE FATHER REVEALS IT.** We must always take the road of humility and love in regards to what we know and in regards to where others are in their processing of God's Truth.

1 Corinthians 13:10-12 NKJV
[10]But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away. [11]When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things. [12]For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.

We leave our churches and friends behind when we are misunderstood, we get offended so easily when someone does not agree with us or have our revelation of the way things are. Aren't we mere children needing to grow up in Him? We are not there yet my friends, and if we are not there yet, then how can we stand in judgment of another child of the living God's process? We cannot, we should not, and we must not! They may be where we were last month, they may be where we were 10 years ago, and it does not matter, for we are all in process! And this is the wonderful humor of God, we may think they are where we were 10 years ago and they may be way ahead of us in many areas. I pray right now for you to get this revelation.

You might say, "But brother, you do not understand, they do not speak in tongues, they are not free like I am to jump up and down for Jesus and run around the aisles." I would say to you, "can you see the heart of any man?" Can you see the depth and width God may be bringing that person through? They may not speak in tongues but may run circles around some with their integrity and purpose in the Christ of their lives. Only God is called to judge, we are called to pray, encourage, befriend, and love one another unconditionally.

If we get this, we can look beyond knowledge, beyond, doctrine, beyond denominations and truly see God's children for who they are, GOD'S CHILDREN!

You love them where they are,
You love them near or far,

You take them under Your wing,
And guides them through everything.

You see in them what they will be,
Give us eyes to see what You see.

Father help us to judge them less,
And help us to love them in the process!   R.R.

Folks, we must understand the words of the foundation of everything we are and everything we will become……..Our Lord and our Christ, and it is printed in red in most of our bibles, for added emphasis…….

The Greatest Commandment

Matthew 22:34-40   NKJV

[34] But when the Pharisees heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. [35]Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, [36]"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"
[37]Jesus said to him, ""You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." [38]This is the first and great commandment. [39]And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." **[40]On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."**

This is Jesus speaking, and the blueprint, the message, the very communication from God, all of it is there for us to really get hold of these two commandments. Can we do it? Can we choose to live life with a heart of un-offense? Can we choose to love when we do not understand the why, what and how of another of God's children. I know we can, because I believe in the Holy Spirit that is within you. I believe that as we humble ourselves and die to our will and our ways, He will then be able to guide us into His will and His ways. His path will take us the way of love, the way of un-offense, the way of unity, and ultimately the way of showing this world a church without spot or wrinkle, because the Christ in all of us is who they see. **Love them in the process** in Jesus name!

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Let My People Go
Carla Rickard

I call to the leaders of the church, I call to the leaders of the nations, LET MY PEOPLE GO. I desire they be made free to worship me.

My Israel, I am sending forth leaders that will call for your freedom to worship Me in Spirit and in Truth. Those leaders and institutions that will not allow you to come to Me, will experience the plagues sent upon Egypt and spoken of in Revelation. I AM merciful and patient, longsuffering and full of kindness. Yet I have spoken, and it shall be accomplished.

Just as the Hebrew was brought out of the land of Egypt and made a nation by My Hand, so shall I bring my Remnant together in the Spirit and make them Israel once again by My Hand!

I have heard the cry of my people for many years, " Oh Lord my God, I desire to worship you freely" and they have been limited and forbidden by the yoke of bondage that has been laid upon them. I have prepared you for your exodus out of the hands of your enslaver. I, the Lord, have said it. Set My Captives FREE or suffer the plagues listed in My Book.

Exodus 9
[13] And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me.
[14] For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth.
[15] For now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.

Revelation 18
[3] For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.
[4] And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.
[5] For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

Revelation 21
[8] But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.
[9] And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.
[10] And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city,

the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

Leviticus 26
[20] And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.
[21] And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.
[22] I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.

Received by Carla Rickard

Canada
Carla Rickard

You have wandered far from the destiny which I have placed within you. You lean one way, then lean another. There is confusion in your midst. I have kept My Hand upon you because of the Promise I have given your fathers.

But I have kept for Myself a remnant in the midst of this wicked generation. Those who I call by My Name. For their sake I will not remove My Hand from you completely, but will use My Rod of discipline to bring you into repentance.

The heart of your Nation is being exposed. There is division in the Land. I said I would strike with my Word in three areas and it was done. I said that you would be a land divided, and it is now accomplished. This division will show forth in the days to come as exposed plans of the enemy to destroy that which I have put together!

But I speak now to my Remnant. For your sake I will not destroy the works of the enemy but I will use it to bring the nations to you for an inheritance. There is a famine in this land! And that which is, is NOT what I have ordained! There are many false prophets rising up in this hour. There are many who would mislead you and lead you to be complacent. Yet, Canada will continue to prosper because of the righteous I have found within her borders. My ways are not your ways. My thoughts are not your thoughts.

I have more to say in due season through

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Vision In A Dream
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Last night before going to bed, I was full of the excitement of the Lord. We were having the tailwinds of a strong tropical storm off the Atlantic Coast here in Canada.

I went to sleep and woke up and hour later, as the Lord was speaking to me. My husband woke up shortly afterward and went to the window, turning off our air vent system. I asked him what he was doing, and he said he thought he heard thunder. There was no thunder. As I was falling asleep again I heard the same noise, THUNDER! but it was not the kind of thunder I am used to hearing. I had the fear of the Lord shake my bones and I fell asleep again. Or at least what seemed as sleep

The Vision in the Dream

The Lord showed me two bowls. One fit neatly inside the other. He then spoke to me

" There is prophecy inside the prophecy"

I looked again, and I seen the bowls were attached to one another, but it was possible to remove them and make them separate, although I wasn't sure how. Then the Lord spoke to me again

" There is a vessel inside the vessel"

I knew he was referring to the earthen vessel.

There is nothing to add or take away to this, for the Lord said it best.

God Bless

Carla Rickard

Lean Not To Your Own Understanding

Terry Suggs

Are we doing the work of the Lord? We have eternal life, but we are preaching a temporal message. And we act as if we don’t have eternal life. We have an international audience on television, but we are preaching to our local community or neighborhood. When the world looks at us from the outside, what are they seeing? Do they see hope or futility? Do they see a distinction about us or are we the same as every other organization. We are not showing them anything that is different. The Jesus that the church has portrayed is not the One that God wants us to show. The world has only seen traditions, rituals, ceremonies, and methods. We are not living epistles of the Christ. That is why we have to be led by the Holy Spirit, and be a student of the word.

We have the power of the Holy Ghost, but we preach like we are not connected to Him, Who is unlimited in power.

We have apostles (special messengers sent by God with the message and same power of the sender), but they are like our local Sunday school teachers.

We have evangelists, but there is no demonstration of power to assist the unbeliever to believe in our living Savior. (like evangelist Phillip in Acts).

The teenagers are completely looked over in our homes and churches.

The singing part of our church services is just a part of the “program”.

It is not directed towards worshipping God.

We have clics or an isolated social group instead of Bible study and prayer groups. We perpetrate gossip instead of praying for each other.

We are not seeking God in our private lives. We go on retreats but afterwards there is still no advancement in the kingdom.

We are growing and learning to be what God made us to be, determined and destined and caused us to be. We are growing at our individual pace. We are at our own level of knowing God and the things concerning who we are and what we are to do. Six billion people are living on this earth. It is believed that two billion of the people on earth are Christians.

The body of Christ is that two billion people. If this is true, then God almighty is working inside these people to bring in the harvest of the other four billion.

He lives inside of us. He is working on us and in us. His life is our life. Our spirits are one. We are still individuals, but we are one in Him. We have one purpose, one agenda, one heart, one Holy Spirit, one love and one cause.

When we mention the name of Jesus knowing the power of His name, knowing just what it means, every demon in the earth today will tremble with fear.

God said that when His word goes out of His mouth that it has to accomplish what it was sent to do. Because of this, we are becoming what the spoken word of God says about us.

God says I will walk in them and talk in them and the Father and the Son will dwell in us. Lean not to your own understanding. Let us be what God says we are.

He says that He would write His laws in our hearts and in our minds.

When we receive the Holy Spirit, we have no need that anyone should teach us, because the Holy Spirit is the teacher. It has to be true that we are becoming the word of God.

The word says that if any man be in Christ he is a new Creature.

The New Creature

Becoming the Word of God

Look into God’s mirror (His Word) and see who we really are and what we really are. Look at Jesus’ life.

Lean not to your own understanding. God by what God says about you.

You are a new creation. The new creation came from God. Jesus was the first born of many brethren of this kind. We are born-again by the Holy Spirit entering our spirit after we receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior and Lord. We are also sealed by the Holy Spirit.

The new creation is superior to the devil in every way. The devil wants to deceive and blind us to this truth. Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.

There is no separation between God and us. We are seated in heavenly places in Christ. That is why we can lay hands on the sick and they recover. That is why we can cast out devils in the name (authority and character) of Jesus.

That is why we can speak to a mountain and it can be moved.

We are eternally new creatures with the ability of the Holy Spirit operating in us.

In Jesus life on earth He showed us what a new creature looks like. He said, these works and even greater works shall you do because I Am going to the Father.

Jesus raised the dead, healed every kind of sickness and disease. He cast out spirits of infirmity and demons that had possessed individuals.

Jesus talked to weather and changed it, and walked on water, having authority over the natural elements. He spoke to fish and animals and they obeyed.

I believe that God created Adam with everything that Jesus demonstrated. The first Adam lived in flesh, the second Adam (Jesus) lived in flesh.

Jesus multiplied food when there was not enough physically to feed thousands. Accept His Word as truth and act on it.

Jesus said that He that has seen Me, has seen the Father. He said I Am the vine and you are the branches. In these words, He tells us that we are connected to the Godhead. There is no separation between us. The world needs to see us as God made us to be. The world may be laughing at us while we are following manmade traditions, ceremonies, and having Sunday programs, but when God gets into church (body of Christ), then the world and the devil will stop laughing.

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As He IS, So are we in this World

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Are you preparing yourself? We are in for a great surge of the Spirit. We are going into the fullness, the wholeness, the abundance, the completeness, the days of son-ship in the

power of the Holy Ghost, the days that the whole creation has been groaning for, the time of the full magnitude of what God has prepared for this time in human history, the days of the glory of God. The harvest is ripe!

Decree that the churches and other gathering places are going to be a place for the glory of God to dwell. When you go to a stadium or a large building that may be used for a sporting event, decree that it will be a place for the glory of God to dwell in. Thousands are being brought into the kingdom of God each day. They need a place to gather together to worship and praise God and a place to be taught in the scriptures.

Ephes. 2:4-10

But God—so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us.

Even when we were dead (slain) by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him. For it is by grace His favor and mercy which you did not deserve that you are saved delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation.

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together giving us joint seating with Him in the heavenly sphere by virtue of our being in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the anointed One.)

He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in (His) kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

A GENERAL IN THE ARMY HAS AUTHORITY AND WHEN HE SPEAKS TO SOMEONE TO DO SOMETHING , THEY MUST DO WHAT HE SAYS.

He has authority.

We are heirs of God in Christ Jesus. We share in an unlimited amount of power or authority on earth.

For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment) and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through Your faith.

And this salvation is not of yourselves (of your own doing, it came not through your own striving), but it is the gift of God.

Not because of works (not the fulfillment of the Law's demands), lest any man should boast, (It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.)

For we are God's (own) handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, born anew that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us (taking paths which He prepared ahead of time), that we should walk in them (living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live).

Isaiah 50:4-5,7

The Servant of God says The Lord God has given Me the tongue of a disciple and of one who is taught, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He wakens Me morning by morning, he wakens My ear to hear as a disciple (as one who is taught).

The Lord has opened My ear, and I have not been rebellious or turned backward.

For the Lord God helps Me; there fore have I not been ashamed or confounded. Therefore have I set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

I John 4:17

In this union and communion with Him, love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment with assurance and boldness to face Him, because ***as He is so are we in this world***.

We (the body of Christ) are an extension of the fullness of the Godhead in Christ Jesus. In Him we live, move and have our being. **The time to set a new precedence in Christ is here. No longer should we just "have church" but, we are to be the Church.**

And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church (a headship exercised throughout the church), *Which is His body, the fullness of Him*, Who fills all (the body) in all (*for in that body lives the full measure of Him* Whom makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself.

II Cor. 6:16

What agreement (can there be between) a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them and will walk in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

II Cor. 6:18

And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My Sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty!

Ephes. 1:17-23

For I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation (of insight into mysteries and secrets) in the deep and intimate knowledge of Him.

By having your eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious in heritance in the saints (His set-apart ones).

And so that you can know and understand what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength.

Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His (own) right hand in the heavenly places,

Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named (above every title that can be conferred not only in this age and the world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.

John 14:12-14

I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I Myself will grant whatever you ask **in My name as presenting all that I Am, so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son**.

Yes I will grant (I Myself will do for you) whatever you shall ask in My Name (as presenting all that I Am).

Luke 10:19

Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpion, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy possesses: and nothing shall in any way harm you.

John 14:23

Jesus answered, If a person really loves Me, he will keep My word (obey My teaching); and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home (abode, special dwelling place) with him.

I Cor. 2:4-5

And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the Holy Spirit and power (a proof by the Spirit and Power of God operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them. So that your faith may not rest in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

II Cor. 5:17-21

Therefore if any person is (engrafted) in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature all together); the old (previous moral and spiritual condition) has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

We as new creations have no past. We were created complete and full.

But all things are from God, Who through Jesus Christ reconciled us to Himself (received us into favor, brought us into harmony with Himself) gave to us the ministry of reconciliation (that by word and deed we might aim to bring others into harmony with Him).

It was God (personally present) in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against (men) their trespasses (but canceling them), and committing to us the message of reconciliation (of restoration to favor).

So we are Christ’s ambassadors, God making His appeal as it were through us. We as Christ’s personal representatives beg you for His sake to lay hold of the divine favor now offered you and be reconciled to God.

For our sake He made Christ (virtually) to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become (endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of) the righteousness of God (what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness.

Colossians 1:19

For it has pleased the Father that all the divine fullness the sum total of the divine perfection, powers, and attributes, should dwell in Him permanently.

And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church (a headship exercised throughout the church),

Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all (the body) in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him Whom makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself.

22- Yet now has Christ, the Messiah, reconciled you to God in the body of His flesh through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His, the father’s presence.

Hebrews 10:10-12

And in accordance with this will (of God), we have been made Holy (consecrated and

sanctified) through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ (the Anointed One).

Furthermore, every (human) priest stands (at his altar of service) ministering daily, offering the same sacrifices over and over again, which never are able to strip (from every side of us) the sins (that envelop us) an take them away-

Whereas this One (Christ), after He had offered a single sacrifice for our sins (that shall avail) for all time, sat down at the right hand of God. 14) ***For by a single offering he has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy.***

I Cor. 2:6-8

Yet when we are among the full-grown (spiritually mature Christians who are ripe in understanding), we do impart a (higher) wisdom (the knowledge of the divine plan previously hidden); but it is indeed not a wisdom of this present age or of this world nor of the leaders and rulers of this age, who are being brought to nothing and are doomed to pass away.

But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden (from the human understanding) and now revealed to us by God-(that wisdom) which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification (to lift us into the glory of His presence).

None of the rulers of this age or world perceived and recognized and understood this, for if they had, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory.

Colossians 1:19

For it pleased (the Father) that all divine fullness (the sum total of the divine perfection, powers and attributes) should dwell in Him permanently.

Philippians 4:13

I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me (I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency.

Psalm 82:6

I said, you are gods (since you judge on My behalf, as My representatives); indeed, all of you are children of the Most High.

John 10:34-38

Jesus answered, Is it not written in your Law, I said, You are gods? So men are called gods (by the law), men to whom God’s message came- and ***the scripture cannot be set aside or cancelled or broken or annulled.***

Luke 10:1, 8-9, 17-23

Now after this the Lord chose and sent seventy others and sent them out ahead of Him, two by two, into every town and place where He Himself was about to come (visit).

Whenever you go into a town and they receive and accept and receive and welcome you, eat what is set before you.

The seventy returned with joy, saying Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your Name (authority, character), As representatives of Jesus by use of the power of attorney or His Name.

And He said to them, I saw Satan falling like lightning (a flash) falling from heaven. Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy (possesses); and nothing shall in any way harm you.

Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are enrolled in heaven.

In that same hour He rejoiced and gloried in the Holy Spirit and said, I thank You, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that You have concealed these things (relating to salvation) from the wise and understanding and learned, and revealed them to babes (the childish, unskilled, and untaught).

Yes Father, for such was Your gracious will and choice and good pleasure.

All things have been given over into my power by My Father; and no one knows Who the Son is except the Father, or Who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son may choose to reveal and make Him known.

Then turning to His disciples, He said privately, Blessed (happy, to be envied) are those whose eyes see what you see!

Acts 4:8-10

Then Peter (because he was) filled with (and controlled by) the Holy Spirit, said to them, Rulers of the people and members of the council (the Sanhedrin).

If we are being put on trial here today and examined concerning a good deed done to benefit a feeble (helpless) cripple, by what means this man has been restored to health.

Let it be known and understood by all of you, and the whole house of Israel, ***that in the Name and through the power and authority of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom you crucified, but Whom God raised from the dead, in Him and by means of Him this man is standing here before you well and sound in body.***

Acts 4:32-35

Now the company of believers was of one heart and soul, and not one of them claimed that anything, which he possessed was exclusively his own, but everything they had was in common and for the use of all.

And with great strength and ability and power the apostles delivered their testimony to resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace (loving kindness and favor and goodwill) rested richly upon them all.

Nor was there any destitute or needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses proceeded to sell them, and one by one they brought (gave back) the amount received from the sales,

And laid it at the feet of the apostles (special messengers) Then distribution was made according as anyone had need.

Acts 9:31-42

Now as Peter went here and there among them all, he went down also to the saints who lived at Lydda.

There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedfast for eight years as was paralyzed.

And Peter said to him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ (the Messiah) now makes you whole. Get up and make your bed! And immediately Aeneas stood up.

Then all the inhabitants of Lydda and the plain of Sharon saw what had happened to him and they turned to the Lord.

Now there was at Joppa a disciple a woman named (in Aramaic) Tabitha, which (in Greek) means Dorcas. She was abounding in good deeds and acts of charity.

And about that time she fell sick and died, and when they had cleansed her, they laid (her in an upper room.

Since Lydda was near Joppa (however), the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men to him begging him, Do come to us without delay.

So Peter (immediately) rose and accompanied them. And when he had arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows stood around him, crying and displaying undershirts (tunics) and other garments such as Dorcas was accustomed to make while she was with them.

But Peter put them all out of the room and knelt down and prayed; then turning to the body he said Tabitha, get up! And she opened her eyes; And when she saw Peter, she raised herself and sat upright.

And he gave her his hand and lifted her up. Then calling in God’s people and the widows, he presented her to them alive.

And this became known throughout all Joppa, and many came to believe on the Lord (to adhere to and trust in and rely on Him as the Christ and as their Savior.

Acts 2:42-47

And they steadfastly persevered, devoting themselves constantly to the instruction and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread including the Lord’s Supper and prayers.

And a sense of awe reverential fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were performed through the apostles (the special messengers).

And all who believed adhered to and trusted in and relied on Jesus Christ were united and together they had everything in common.

And they sold their possessions (both their landed property and their movable goods and distributed the price among all, according as any had need.

And day after day they regularly assembled in the temple with their united purpose, and in their homes they broke bread including the Lord’s Supper. They partook of their food with gladness and simplicity and generous hearts.

Constantly praising God and being in favor and goodwill with all the people, and the Lord kept adding to their number daily those who were being saved from spiritual death.

Acts 5:18-20

They seized and arrested the apostles (special messengers) and put them in the public jail.

But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and, leading them out, said,

Go, take your stand in the temple courts and declare to the people the whole doctrine concerning this Life (the eternal life which Christ revealed).

Acts 8:3-8

But Saul shamefully treated and laid waste the church continuously (with cruelty and violence: entering house after house, he dragged out men and women and committed them to prison.

Now those who were scattered abroad went about (through the land from place to place) preaching the glad tidings, the Word (the doctrine concerning the attainment through Christ of salvation in the kingdom of God.

Philip (the deacon, not the apostle) went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ (the Messiah) to them (the people).

And great crowds of people with one accord listened to and heeded what was said by Philip, as they heard him and watched the miracles and wonders which he kept performing (from time to time).

For foul spirits came out of many who were possessed by them, screaming and shouting with a loud voice, and many who were suffering from palsy or were crippled were restored to health.

And there was great rejoicing in that city.

Acts 6:7-8

And the message of God kept on spreading, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem; and besides a large number of priests were obedient to the faith in Jesus as the Messiah, through Whom is obtained eternal salvation in the kingdom of God.

Now Stephen, full of grace (divine blessing and favor) and power (strength and ability) worked great wonders and signs (miracles) among the people.

Acts 8:34-40

And the eunuch said to Philip, I beg of you, tell me about whom does the prophet say this about himself or about someone else?

Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this portion of scripture he announced to him the glad tidings (Gospel) of Jesus and about Him.

And as they continued along on the way, they came to some water, and the eunuch exclaimed, See, (here is) water! What is to hinder my being baptized?

And Philip said, If you believe with all your heart (if you have a conviction, full of joyful trust, that Jesus is the Messiah and accept Him as the Author of your Salvation in the kingdom of God, giving Him your obedience, then you may. And he replied, I do believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

And he ordered that the chariot be stopped; and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly caught away Philip and the eunuch saw him no more, and he went on his way rejoicing.

But Philip was found at Azotus, and passing on he preached the good news (Gospel) to all the towns until he reached Casarea.

Acts 10:37-45

The same message which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee after the baptism preached by John-

How God anointed and consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with strength and ability and power; how He went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were harassed and oppressed by the power of the devil, for God was with Him.

And we are eye and ear witnesses of everything that He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. And yet they put Him out of the way (murdered Him) by hanging Him on a tree;

But God raised Him to life on the third day and caused Him to be manifest (to be plainly seen),

Not by all the people but to us who were chosen (designated) beforehand by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

And He charged us to preach to the people and to bear solemn testimony that He is the God appointd and God ordained Judge of the living and the dead.

To Him all the prophets testify (bear witness) that everyone who believes in Him (who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him, giving himself up to Him, receives forgiveness of sins through His Name.

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all who were listening to the message.

And the believers from among the circumcised (Jews) who came with Peter were surprised and amazed, because the free gift of the Holy Spirit had been bestowed and poured out largely even on the Gentiles.

Acts 3: 1-6

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the three o'clock hour in the afternoon, When a certain man crippled from his birth was being carried along, who was laid each day at that gate of the temple called Beautiful, so that he might beg for charitable gifts from those who entered the temple.

So when he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them to give him a gift.

And Peter directed his gaze intently at him, and so did John, and said, Look at us!

And the man paid attention to them, expecting that he was going to get something from them.

But Peter said, silver and gold (money) I do not have; but what I do have, that I give to you: **in the use of the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk! And His Name (authority imputed to us), through and by faith in His Name** (***authority and character***), has made this man whom you see and recognize well and strong. Yes the faith that is through and by Him, (Jesus) has given the man this perfect soundness of body before all of you.

The power of attorney was given to the believers to act as if they were Jesus. They acted out what He would do in His place.

By using just His authority or name.

Rom. 8:26-39

So too the Holy Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance.

And He Who searches the hearts of men knows what is in the mind of the Holy Spirit (what His intent is), because the Spirit intercedes and pleads (before God) in behalf of the saints according to and in harmony with God's will.

We are assured and know that God being a partner in their labor all things work together and are fitting into a plan, for good to and for those who love God and are called according to His design and purpose.

For those whom He foreknew (of whom He was aware and loved beforehand, He also destined from the beginning (foreordaining them) to be molded into the image of His Son (and share inwardly His likeness) that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.

And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called , He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself. And those whom He justified, He also glorified (raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being).

What then shall we say to all this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?

He Who did not withhold or spare (even) His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all other things?

Colossians 2:13-15

And you who were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (your sensuality, your sinful carnal nature), God brought to life together with (Christ), having (freely) forgiven us all our transgressions.

Having cancelled and blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of the note or bond with its legal decrees and demands which was in force and stood against us (hostile to us). This note with its regulations, decrees, and demands, He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to His cross.

God disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it (the cross).

None of the rulers of this age or world perceived and recognized and understood this, for if they had, they would never have crucified the Lord of Glory.

But of the contrary, as the scripture says, what eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, (all that) God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him (who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed).

Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the Holy Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God (the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man’s scrutiny).

I Cor. 3:21-22

So let no one exult proudly men (boasting of having this or that man as a leader),

For all things are yours.

Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas (Peter), or the universe or life or death, or the immediate and threatening present or the (subsequent and Uncertain) future-all are yours.

And you are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s.

Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect (when it is God Who justifies (that is, Who puts us in right relation to Himself?) Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, Who acquits us?)

Who is there to condemn (us)? Will Christ Jesus (the messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually, pleading as He intercedes for us?

Who shall ever separate us from Christ's love? Shall suffering and affliction and tribulation? Or calamity and distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword?

Even as it is written, For Thy sake we are put to death all the day long; we are regarded and counted as sheep for the slaughter.

Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him who loved us.

For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers,

Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally and for all time and eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petition to God and intercede with Him and intervene for them.

Hebrews 10:15-18

And also the Holy Spirit adds His testimony to us (in confirmation of this). For having said.

This is the agreement (testament, covenant) that I will set up and conclude with them after those days, says the Lord; I will imprint My laws upon their hearts, and I will inscribe them on their minds (on their inmost thoughts and understanding).

He then goes on to say, and their sins and their lawbreaking I will remember no more.

Now where there is absolute remission (forgiveness and cancellation of the penalty) of these (sins and lawbreaking), there is no longer any offering made to atone for sin.

Isaiah 52:6-7

Therefore My people shall know what My name is and what it means; there fore they shall know in that day that I am He who speaks; behold, I AM!

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings; who publishes peace, who brings good tidings of good, who publishes salvation, who says to zion, Your God reigns!

Isaiah 54: 2-4, 13-14

Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; spare not; lengthen your cords and strength your stakes.

For you will spread abroad to the right hand and to the left; and your offspring will possess the nations and make the desolate cities to be habitated.

Isaiah 41:10-13

Fear not there is nothing to fear, for I Am with you; you do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I Am your God, I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes, I will hold you up and retain you with My victorious right hand of rightness and justice, Behold, all they who are enraged and inflamed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; they who strive against you shall be as nothing, as nothing at all.

You seek those who contend with you but shall not find them; they who war against you shall be as nothing, as nothing at all. For I the Lord your God hold your right hand; I Am the Lord, Who says to you, fear not; I will help you!

Acts 5:11-16

And the whole church and all others who heard of these things were appalled (great awe and strange terror and dread seized them.

Now by the hands of the apostles (special messengers) numerous and startling signs and wonders were being performed among the people. And by common consent they all met together (at the temple) in the covered porch (walk) called Solomon’s.

And none of those who were not of their number dared to join and associate with them, but the people held them in high regard and praised and made much of them.

More and more there were being added to the Lord those who believed (those who acknowledged Jesus as their Savior and devoted themselves to Him joined and gathered with them, crowds both of men and of women.

So that they even kept carrying out the sick into the streets and placing them on couches and sleeping pads, in the hope that as Peter passed by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

And the people gathered also from the towns and hamlets around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those troubled with foul spirits, and they were all cured.

I John 4:4

Little children, you are of God (you belong to Him) and have (already) defeated and overcome them (the agents of the antichrist), because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world.

I John 5:4

For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith.

But it is from Him that you have your life in Christ Jesus, Whom God made our Wisdom from God, (revealed to us a knowledge of the divine plan of salvation previously hidden, manifesting itself as) our Righteousness (thus making us upright and putting us in right standing with God), and our Consecration (making us pure and holy), and our Redemption (providing our ransom from eternal penalty for sin).

Luke 11:9-13

What father among you, if his son asks for a loaf of bread, will give him a stone; or if he asks for a fish, will in stead of a fish give him a serpent?

Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good gifts (gifts that are to their advantage) to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask and continue to ask Him!

And the Lord answered Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, they may forget, yet I will not forget, yet I will not forget you.

Behold, I have indelibly imprinted (tattooed a picture of you on the palm of each of My hands; (O Zion) your walls are continually before Me.

I Cor. 2:7-10

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Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the Holy Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God (the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny).

Rom. 5:17

For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive (God's) overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness (putting them into right standing with Himself) reign as kings in life through the one man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Rom. 3:24

All are justified and made upright and in right standing with God, freely and gratuitously by His grace (His unmerited Favor and Mercy), through the redemption which is provided in Christ Jesus.

Rom. 8:9-10

But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if the Holy Spirit of God really dwells within you (directs and controls you). But if anyone does not possess the Holy Spirit of Christ, he is none of His (he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child of God).

But if Christ lives in you, (then although) your (natural) body is dead by reason of sin and guilt, the spirit is alive because of the righteousness (that He imputes to you).

Zechariah 4:6

Then he said to me, This (addition of the bowl to the candle-stick, causing it to yield a ceaseless supply of oil (anointing) from the olive trees) is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit (of Whom the oil is a symbol), says the Lord of hosts

Hebrews 9:26-28

For then would He often have had to suffer (over and over again) since the foundation of the world. But as it now is, ***He has once for all at the consummation and close of the ages appeared to put away and abolish sin by His sacrifice (of Himself).***

And just as it is appointed for all men once to die, and after that the (certain) judgment, even so it is that Christ, having been offered to take upon himself and bear as a burden the sins of many once and once for all, will appear a second time, not to carry any burden of sin nor to deal with sin, but to bring to full salvation those who are eagerly, constantly, and patiently) waiting for and expecting Him.

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Well then, as one man's trespass (one man's false step and falling away led) to condemnation for all men, so one Man's act of righteousness (leads) to acquittal and right standing with God and life for all men.

For just as by one man's disobedience (failing to hear, heedlessness, and carelessness) the many were constituted sinners, so by one Man's obedience the many will be constituted righteous, (made acceptable to God, brought into right standing with Him).

Hebrews 10:5-7

Hence when He (Christ) entered into the world, He said, Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but instead You have not desired, but instead You have made ready a body for Me (to offer);

In burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no delight.

Then I said, Behold, here I am, coming to do Your will, O God- (to fulfill) what is written of Me in the volume of the Book.

Rom.8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For the Spirit, which you have now received is not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption (the Spirit producing sonship) (in the bliss of) which we cry, Abba Father!

The Spirit Himself (thus) testifies together with our own spirit, assuring us that we are children of God.

And if we are His children, then we are His heirs also: heirs of God an fellow heirs with Christ (sharing His inheritance with Him); only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must necessarily believe that God exists and that he is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him (out).

Mark 11:22-24

And Jesus, replying, said to them, have faith in God (constantly).

Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, be lifted up and thrown into the sea! And does not doubt at all in his heart but believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him.

For this reason I am telling you whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that it is granted to you, and you will get it.

Mark 9:23

And Jesus said, (You say to Me), If you can do anything? (Why), all things can be (are possible) to him who believes!

Mark 10:27

Jesus glanced around at them and said, with men (it is) impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.

Rom. 8:31-39

What then shall we say to (all) this? If God is for us, who can be against us? Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?

He who did not withhold or spare (even) His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all other things?

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Isaiah 49:8-10,12,15-16

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, Israel’s Holy One, to him whom man rejects and despises, to him whom the nations abhor, to the servant of rulers; Kings shall see you and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, Who is Faithful, the Holy One of Israel; who has chosen you.

Thus says the Lord, In and acceptable and favorable time, I have heard and answered you; and in a day of salvation I have helped you; and I will preserve you and give you for a covenant to the people, to raise up and establish the land (from its present state of ruin) to apportion and cause them to inherit the desolate moral wastes of heathenism their heritages.

Saying to those who are bound, come forth, and to those who are in spiritual darkness, show yourselves (come into the light of the Son of righteousness), They shall feed in all the ways (in which they go), and their pastures shall be (not in deserts, but on all the bare (grass covered) hills.

They will not hunger or thirst, neither will mirage (mislead) or scorching wind or sun smite them; for He Who has mercy on them will lead them, and by springs of water will He guide them.

Behold, these shall come from afar-and, behold, these from the north and from the west and these from the land of Sinim (China).

And the Lord answered Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yes, they may forget, yet I will not forget, yet I will not forget you.

Behold, I have indelibly imprinted (tattooed a picture of you on the palm of each of My hands; (O Zion) your walls are continually before Me.

II Chronicles 15:7

Be strong, therefore, and let not your hands be weak and slack, for your work shall be rewarded.

Isaiah 42:8-9, 16

I Am the Lord: that is My name! And My glory I will not give to another, nor My praise to graven images.

Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.

And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known, I will make darkness into light before them and make undeven places into a plain. These things I have determined to do (for them); and I will not leave them forsaken.

II Cor. 8:9

For you are coming progressively to be acquainted with and to recognition more strongly and clearly the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ—His kindness, His gracious generosity, His undeserved favor and spiritual blessing; (in) that though He was (so very) rich, yet for your sakes He became (so very) poor, in order that by His poverty you might become enriched—abundantly supplied.

Remember the word of God says that God cannot lie. The scriptures cannot be broken. The Word of God is forever settled in heaven. God does not change. He is the same yesterday today and forever. He has given us all things. He has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness. Peace, rest, power, wisdom, healing, righteousness, holiness, citizenship in heaven, comfort, guidance, prosperity, favor, kindness, wholeness, His very life, completeness, joy, hope, help, companionship, life more abundantly, and Jesus.

Isaiah 65:1-3

I was ready to be inquired of by those who asked not; I was ready to be found by those who sought Me not. I said, Here I am to a nation that has not called on My name.

I have spread out My hands all the day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts.

We have eternal life in Christ, but we are preaching a temporal message.

We have an international audience on television and short wave radio, but we are preaching about nothing with salvation in it, and preaching and teaching a local audience message.

That is why it is important to be led by the Holy Spirit in this time period and to be knowledgeable of the Word of God.

We have the power of the Holy Ghost in our lives, the very life of God, but we preach like we are not connected to Him, the unlimited power source, the wisdom source, the glory and anointing of God.

We have Apostles, but the Apostles are like our local Sunday school teachers.

We have Evangelists, but there is no demonstration of the power of God to show non believers that God is alive and to believe on a living Savior.

The teenagers are looked over in our churches.

The singing is just a part of a program, not the real, deliberate and whole-hearted worship of God.

We have clics instead of Bible study and prayer groups. We gossip about our brothers and sisters in Christ instead of praying for each other.

We are not seeking God when we are away from the church. We forget the message that was preached from the pulpit.

The new day and the new season is here.

God is bringing His people out of the customs and traditions and ceremonies of religion and manmade denominationalism.

We are moving with the Spirit of God. Others are just standing by criticizing and ridiculing and judging the ones that are moving in the Holy Ghost in this time.

There is a strong attack on those who operate in the gifts of the Holy Ghost, especially those in the healing ministry. Pray for us.

Satan hates it when we move him out of a place that he has occupied.

The time is now to move into the supernatural.

We are compelled by the love of God to go after the lost, before it is too late for those that are not saved.

Some cities in the other parts of the world have become battle zones. People are dying for their desire to be free.

Time is of the essence now. Use it wisely.

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Looking For More Of God

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There will be a hunger and thirst in many hearts for God. You will see miraculous manifestations of God revealing Himself to the Arabic and Islamic people. The scales will be removed from their eyes and their ears will be opened and they shall see and hear the LIVING WORD OF TRUTH – JESUS. An explosion of new converts will spread like an uncontrollable forest fire among these nations.

Several prophetic judgments will be fulfilled in 2004 against rulers in high places. The false masks of hypocrisy will come off and what was hidden will be revealed. They will lose their high positions.

Canada – “I have blown upon your fields of wheat and you shall see a harvest of spiritual and natural abundance that will stretch from ocean to ocean. Your eyes shall be opened and you shall see My heavenly hosts prepared to avenge all that oppose My blessing upon you.”

Australia – “I have gathered your pockets of praise and joined them into one voice. Your voice, Australia, shall be heard around the world. No longer will you hunger for others to come to Australia and feed you. Your voice will start feeding the multitudes. I shall increase your technical abilities and your voice shall be heard all over the earth. Many of your business leaders and their wives and multiple members of their families will hear My Call and join together and forsake all their earthly possession. And they shall leave their earthly wealth and fame and become ‘fishers of men’s souls’ – You shall see their voices become great in the earth.”

England – “As the clock bells chime, I am raising up a multitude of witnesses over the highways and byways. There is a fresh breeze coming and a new growth of faith to your land. I have heard the prayers of your intercessors and My Grace is falling like rain upon your land. You shall have great abundance in natural and spiritual blessings. My Goodness shall draw the unrighteous out of their darkness.”

Tony Blair – “Because you have stood for righteousness and justice, I shall touch your lips with My Scepter and your authority and favor shall increase. All that you bless shall be blessed and all that you expose as being unjust will be judged. Your family is in My hands and is forever in a place of safety.

United States of America – “How beautiful are your feet. You have given great peace to the nations and you carry My Love to all that will receive it.
I can hear the cries of your intercessors, crying for the offenders. Pray America, pray for the unrighteous and I shall open their mouths and I shall rain down from heaven a Holy Manna that I have ‘salted’ and they will thirst for Me and they shall search for Me and I will not hide Myself from them. I shall show My Glory and they shall choose My Light, My Truth and My Way.

I have started a ball rolling from My Holy Hill and it will roll from the shores of the Atlantic to the shores of the Pacific. This ball will carve out a path of safety and blessing for you. Fear not America, I have made a safe path for you to walk. Your feet are protected and covered with My Holiness.

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Lean On Me

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The Current Testing-Lean On Me

My child do not fear, for yes I know the testing and the trials of your character that I am taking you through. As pressure has been exerted in your areas of weakness, you have fallen under the weight of sin and have despaired, thinking that you cannot overcome. My child let it be known to you that I was tested and tried with all of your situations. Beloved I know what you face and felt what you feel. Yes I leaned on the strength of the Father. My sight was never on the natural, for even My natural body was weak, but I received the empowerment of the Holy Spirit as I was baptized in the Jordan.

I was victorious and so were you. You died when I died and you rose when I rose. Therefore since you are hidden in Me, YOU ARE A NEW CREATION.THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW HAS COME. The enemy at this time has brought to memory the frivolousness of the flesh of times past and the benefits of living in worldliness. But My beloved you made a choice. You had a choice to follow either the way of darkness or the narrow road, the One road that leads to the Father. You chose life, for I was and I still am the Way, the Truth and the Life. In Me is life eternal. You knew in your heart that all that was of the world only led to destruction and an utter end, yet to saw “life” in Me, and faced with that choice, you chose Me.

My beloved I tell you do not allow the enemy to dissuade you from your goal. Do not seek again the former life but look ahead to all that is in Me, the Author and the Finisher of your faith. The testings you are experiencing are testing the foundation of your faith, where you truly stand. Yet if you trust in Me alone, you have nothing to fear. I will lead you out of the way of temptation and bring you into the fruitfulness of My Kingdom. You have to be willing to resist that which you once held dear that now is only a hindrance to your moving forward in My plans. Resist the devil and he will flee. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for My way is easy and straightforward and leads to life.

Even as you go through this wilderness season, fear not, for I am moulding My character in you, says the Lord, that you would emerge effective tools for My work. Run the race ahead of you with endurance. Those who have gone before you only cheer you on. Let their life and walk be a testimony and a witness that yes, those who trust in the Lord shall be led to paths everlasting and to victory. Be encouraged My child. For I have said that I will never leave you nor forsake you. Keep this promise with you as you walk through this life.

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Leadership Out Of Control

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A WORD IN SEASON!

It has been brought to my attention in the last week how God is changing the platform and the lives of many in leadership roles.

I believe one of the key factors in leaders gone awry is the inability to pull back and stay in a protected circle of discrete associates, especially those with like gifting, who understand the area of election by the Lord. Are the leaders who govern leaders who are in right alignment with your election by God? Do they support and affirm God's leading and direction? Do They assist you in the time of stretching by covering you in prayer? Are they "yes" people or do they make you accountable?

We are walking in new and unusual territory...BUSINESS, MARKETPLACE, FINANCES, GOVERNMENT AND THE ARTS! All of these areas are going to be governed by those who have been trained by the Holy Spirit in the last 10 to 15 year window!

We need to identify who our inner-circle is, and be in contact with these people that God aligns with us for emotional strength, support and the common good of the whole. We are "family" and we need each other. None of us is to stand alone. God brings forth the right people, loyal, dedicated people with spiritual substance to add strength. Don't let presumptuous people pull on you to join their "stream" because of your assignment to finances.

There is a sound and a calling to financial leaders. There is a specific "stream" that you will flow in unencumbered, although you may assist other steams. The surrounding of the financial anointing must be people who are elected to, and have been trained by governmental leaders in this stream. This election is a very specific election and you must know the sound in the spirit and discern those who want to pull on you to "join" in and to add to their assignments. You must walk in impeccable discernment and discerning of spirits and hear God.

If you are assigned to marketplace, business and finances those called to missions, deliverance, church planting, world evangelist teams, etc. are the addendum of finances not the sphere of influence that you submit your gifting and assignment to. Your assignment is governed in the area of leaders in the marketplace, business and finances. Often times people will try to get you involved with them because of the assignment to disperse wealth. This is where the discernment must come from.

1 Thessalonians 5:12
"Now also we beseech you, brethren, get to know those who labor among you (recognize them for what they are, acknowledge and appreciate and respect them all)-your leaders who are over you in the Lord and those who warn and kindly reprove and exhort you."

As God aligns HIS choices and we respond, there is a lifting up because we know that there is discretion in true mature leadership. We need people, who as "servant" leaders, who will be there to serve at all times, and especially in times of crises.

Unfortunately, there are those who are still in need of training because they cannot serve people at high levels, or those who are known leaders with pure motives. There is only one celebrity and that is THE LORD JESUS CHRIST!

The more I am in association with mature believers it is evident that we need to pray for those who have been "known", and have served, but have veered off-track in areas of personal integrity and holiness. Some need restoration in order to proceed into the current moves of God. This may require for some to take a season to be restored and rededicated and consecrated to the new order. This may require a new breaking off of old patterns, and restoration for current disorder in the lives of some. There have been years of shaking to remove the old wine skin, which in some circles is costly, but we are entering into new seasons in the spirit of Elijah!

As the seasons have changed, and the Apostolic-Prophetic move of God is underway, we must pray for those God is trying to dislodge from the last season of the "church age" and bring them forward into the "Kingdom age". If we stay in the last season, and build on old foundations we become "religious". We must bring forth a fresh work, a fresh word, a fresh release. This comes from much time with God to receive the anointing and revelations to give out to those we are called to serve!

We take an example from David Wilkerson who has been a "Watchman on the Wall", a man of prayer and victory for years. He speaks of God's judgment and His pity.

He sums it up in Ezekiel 36: 21-38; "I will have pity for My holy name which has been profaned among the heathen...not for your sakes, but for My own name's sake, the heathen shall know I am God. I will sprinkle clean water upon you and you shall be clean of all filthiness. I will give you a NEW HEART and a NEW SPIRIT. I will cause you to walk in My ways. I will save you for all your uncleanness. Not for your sakes do I this, but for My own name's sake.

Also Ezekiel 20:22, 44.." but I wrought (save) for My names sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen.

God is going to save by the supernatural turning of a remnant back to HIM. Apostolic authority will turn those leaving the old wine skin, and the heathen to HIM!

He continues to say that HE IS GOING TO PURGE THE NATIONS AND THE CHURCH WITH AWESOME REDEMPTIVE JUDGMENTS. GOD IS GOING TO GLORIFY HIS NAME WITH A GREAT INTERVENTION OF MERCY.

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR REVIVAL IN SOME CIRCLES.... THERE IS NO ABILITY TO BRING FORTH REVIVAL AT THIS SEASON......THERE IS HOLY ORDER FOR THE FRESH THING TO COME TO US..... FIRST THERE MUST BE BROKENNESS AND REPENTANCE...THEN REFORMATION OF THE MIND......REFORMING OUR OLD MIND SETS AND RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS OF DOING IT THE OLD WAY....(NEW ORDER, NEW WINE SKIN)...SOMETHING GREATER THAN REVIVAL IS COMING A NEW THING!.... RESTORING THE GLORY OF HIS NAME, THE GLORY THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS ALONE!

Notice, though we want to see people saved, the "old model" of the "evangelist" is no longer current with the moves of God today. It is no longer a "one man" show. We need to see MORE than receiving the gift of salvation, we need to see these people MATURED and on fire for God! We need to assist those who are hungry to serve in the sphere of influence that will be charged and changed by them. We do people a disservice by not getting them engrafted and forming discipleship training immediately! What God is doing is a CORPORATE ANOINTING the blending of many for the common good of the whole!

There is a time coming, and now, is that the true worshippers, who minister to the Lord in spirit and in truth, will bring forth immediate results; salvations and consecration of lives that will boggle the natural mind! This is fueled by worshipping the Master and being students of the Word! When we bring forth ministry to the Lord, especially in the corporate sessions, we set the stage for the extraordinary moving of God.

To receive governmental order, we need apostolic order so that we may train those who are in our sphere of influence to come alongside of us as we train sons and daughters. There needs to be equipping through discipleship of God's current order in this current season.

Josh McDowell-quote:

"A new breed of ministries will eclipse the old wine skins of previous thinking. They will leap over the boundaries set by their predecessors and pioneer a COMPLETELY DIFFERENT MINISTRY MODEL! They will not succumb to the pressure of modern pulpits that demand their submission. They will break the yokes of contemporary doctrine to set a new trend of liberty. They will not submit to the spirit of Laban that causes them to strive for a false bride. The leadership of Laban shall be removed and the heart of David shall prevail. The seven years of slavery IS OVER says the Lord, the seven years of slavery IS OVER! This is the beginning of the end says the Lord, The days of persecution and pressing has begun. I will sift the threshing floor and find a people AFTER MY OWN HEART! I will find a people that will not sell out their inheritance for temporary glory. They will be hated and driven out, but in this they will learn to love. They will learn to lay down their lives for the Bride."

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Look Forward

Angel Dahilig

Look forward.
Press ahead.
Don't look back.

Have the courage to go forward and
follow the vision set before you.

Do not stop and linger over the past, whether good or bad.
For this will derail you and cloud your vision to succeed,
eventually putting out the fire that fuels your passion.

However, there will be times when you will stop and rest,
to gather up your strength, and to regain your focus,
again setting your vision on the goal before you.

So, look forward.
Press ahead.
Don't look back.

You will make it.

Angel Dahilig
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2 Timothy 4:7-8
7. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith:
8. henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.

Also: Luke 9:62; Gen 19:17,22,26; 1 Cor. 9:24; Hebrews 12:1.

Lost in Translation
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I keep hearing this phrase over and over within me this past week.

Lost in Translation

While renting a movie the other night, and while walking past the shelves of titles, God whispered this phrase to me before I even saw the title of the current movie named, "Lost in Translation". I have not seen this movie and may never see this movie but, God has something to say about this current title. It is an appropriate revelation for the Body of Christ today, right now.

Lost in Translation

In traveling this past year quite extensively, Marvin and I realize that there is a well-defined frustration when one tries to convey and express oneself in another country. Using the best interpreters, there is often something lost in translation. How does one convey spiritual thoughts and heavenly realities accurately so that the fullness of the words in the message come forth and shine with the reality Jesus Christ?

Heavenly realities are conveyed and revealed to each of us by the Holy Spirit - the precious Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:9-16
9 However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"--
10 but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.
11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.
12 We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.
13 This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.
14 The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.
15 The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:
16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of

Christ.

There is a language of the Spirit that unites people from every tribe, nation and tongue to convey heavenly realities and the mind of Christ. Jesus, being one with the Father, reveals the very heart of Father God. Words that are expressed with heavenly anointing carry the freedom and liberty to set the captives free.

John 6:63
63 The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. (NIV)

When we speak forth thoughts, ideas, words that are not initiated by the Spirit of God, these come forth obscured by our own prejudices, traditions, denominational bondages, and a strong religious spirit. So how do we not only rightly interpret spiritual and heavenly realities as well as to rightly convey these to each other and to a lost world?

In the book of Revelation, John must have been overcome by what he saw as his spiritual senses were accosted with the beauty and reality of the Throne of God. He conveyed these thoughts to us as led by the Spirit and as we read the book of Revelation we look at this book, read this book, interpret this book with spiritual eyes, ears, etc. etc.

What am I saying in all of this?

"Keep It Simple!"

To speak forth what is life we must speak the words of the Spirit. Sometimes heavenly thoughts are even beyond our ability to understand except as revealed by the Spirit of God, we must believe this:

1 Corinthians 2:2-5
2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
3 I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling.
4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,
5 so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

The centrality of Jesus Christ, the preeminence of Christ, must sound forth in all we say and in all we do. He and He alone as our ascended Lord and Master, is the very foundation upon which we live, move, and have our very being.

When we speak forth in our wisdom or our own presumption, there will always be something lost in translation.

Holy Spirit within us has a heavenly mandate of declaration and revelation.

John 16:12-15
12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.
13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.
14 He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.
15 All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Holy Spirit reveals the person of Truth, Jesus Christ, revealing Him within us by expanding us and enlarging us to BEAR the weight of His glory. The overflow of this in our beings, results in a coming forth of the anointing to communicate by the Spirit, the reality of our Lord. This word bear means to sustain, to carry and to support. We are being expanded to convey spiritual realities by carrying the reality by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ within us. As we flow with the Holy Spirit, there is nothing lost in translation as we speak forth the language of the Spirit in revealing Christ in us the hope of glory.

The centrality of Jesus Christ...........

in our lives
in all we do
in all we say
in who we are...............

Let Christ rise up in you, ascend in you so that the mind of Christ can be revealed to you by Holy Spirit. We live, move and have our being in Him - allow Holy Spirit to totally possess you so that the reality of Jesus Christ flows through you in the unsurpassed excellence of His glory!

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Lion Of Zion XII

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“MANY OF YOUR HANDS ARE DIPPED IN BLOOD”

Sept. 14, 2004
By Rosie Lovejoy

I was worshiping in Church. The sweet, sweet presence of the LORD was all around me. There was nothing to prepare me for the message that I received…

I saw a Star of David, blue and beautiful, rising before my line of vision. It was followed by the face of the satanic Baphomet goat head. *I knew that I was once again being shown the witchcraft that is coming against Israel, and how important it is for us to pray “YAHWEH’S will be done in Israel, and HIS will alone.”*

Then I saw my favorite lion. HE was thinner and more muscular looking than usual. His mane was shaggy, with a few twigs and burrs. HE looked like HE had been on a long journey. HIS eyes were piercing, as HE looked at me.

We were singing “I want to sing a song of love…”

HE spoke,
“DO YOU REALLY? DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SING A SONG OF LOVE?”

I knew HE was speaking to me about the congregation, and the “Church” in general.

I HAVE TOLD YOU MANY TIMES THAT I AM SEPARATING THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS. I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT,
“IT HAS BEGUN…”

MY CHURCH DOES NOT LISTEN; MY BRIDE DOES NOT LISTEN.

I AM NOW SEPARATING THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF.
SOON I WILL PUT THE CHAFF IN THE FIRE AND BURN IT.

I gasped, thinking about the implications of that statement. HE was talking about HIS own here…

DO NOT THINK I AM A PANDA BEAR OR A CUTE GOD.

I REQUIRE RIGHTEOUSNESS.

‘HOLY’ MEANS ‘SET APART’ —
SET APART FOR MY WORKS ALONE—
FOR ME ALONE.

HE continued to look at me piercingly, gazing into the depths of my soul, into all the secret places I so want to hide.

MANY OF YOUR HANDS ARE DIPPED IN BLOOD,
FOR YOU HAVE USED YOUR MOUTHS TO CRUCIFY YOUR BROTHERS AND YOUR SISTERS.

I HAVE GIVEN YOU PARABLES.
I HAVE SHOWN YOU JUST WHO YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS ARE.

HAVE I BEEN UNCLEAR?

ENOUGH!!!

I AM COMING FOR A BRIDE DRESSED IN WHITE,
A BRIDE WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE,
A BRIDE WHO IS HOLY,
SET APART,
RIGHTEOUS…

I AM NOW SEPARATING THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS.

IT HAS BEGUN.

JUDGMENT BEGINS IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.

HIS look was so stern, his eyes so fiery, that I did something quite unexpected. I ran and leapt onto HIS back, and buried my face in HIS shaggy mane. I was sobbing into HIS mane, hanging onto HIS neck, repenting of every unloving thing that has come out of my mouth that I could think of. I just clung for dear life, sobbing and repenting, sobbing and repenting.

He spoke again as I clung to HIM.

TELL MY CHILDREN TO READ THE
WHOLE BOOK.

I REVEAL WHAT I DO TO A REBELLIOUS AND WILLFUL NATION.
I REVEAL WHAT I DO TO A PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT HOLY AND SET APART,
WHO HAVE NOT CONSECRATED THEIR LIVES AND THEIR MOUTHS TO ME.

I LOVE MY CHILDREN WITH AN EVERLASTING LOVE.

I DO NOT SEPARATE MYSELF FROM THEM.

THEY SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM ME.

THIS IS WHAT SEPARATES THEM FROM ME.

He then told me to go home and look up verses in the Bible that describe the ways we separate ourselves from HIM. I have provided a list at the end of this vision.

AGAIN I SAY, 'READ MY BOOK.'

All the while I was clinging to the mane of the LION, weeping and repenting, slobbering into HIS mane.

Then I saw a familiar jeweled sword, and it slashed from the top to the bottom of my vision.

The LION turned HIS back on the slashing sword, and walked with me clinging to HIS neck, up a mountainous path.

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SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE TONGUE

Psalms 15:3
YAHWEH, who will abide in Your tabernacle?
Who will dwell in Your Holy Hill (Zion)?
He who walks uprightly,
And works righteousness,
And speaks the truth in his heart,
And does not backbite with his tongue…"

Matthew 12:36-37
"But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned."

James 1:26-27
If any among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: ***to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.***

James 3:2b-12
If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a word of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. Does a little spring send forth fresh water and bitter from the same opening? Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus no spring yields both
salt water and fresh.

Proverbs 21:23
Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from trouble.

SCRIPTURES ABOUT SOME OF THE THINGS BESIDES THE TONGUE THAT SEPERATE US FROM THE FATHER

Rev. 22:15
But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

Galatians 5:19-23
Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are:
Adultery,
Fornication,
Uncleanness,
Lewdness,
Idolatry,
Sorcery,

Hatred,
Contentions,
Jealousies,
Outbursts of wrath,
Selfish ambitions,
Dissensions,
Heresies,
Envy,
Murderers,
Drunkenness,
Revelries,
And the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things ***will not inherit the Kingdom of God.***

But the fruit of the Spirit is:
Love,
Joy,
Peace,
Longsuffering,
Kindness,
Goodness
Faithfulness,
Gentleness,
Self-control.
Against such there is no law.

THE WORDS OF THE MASTER

Matthew 5:44
But I say to you:
“Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in Heaven.”

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Lion Of Zion XIII

Rosie Lovejoy

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“WORSHIP IS A MYSTERY”

Every other Friday evening I meet with a group of women at a local church. We spend the evening in joyous worship. We began the evening by praying for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem. As we were praying the vision began. It wove in and out of the worship all evening.

I saw a beautiful deep blue Star of David. It floated into my field of vision. As we prayed, it became encircled with a sparkling gold, braided hoop. The hoop sparkled and flashed in the light. Then the Star of David began to spin clockwise within the glistening gold hoop.

Then I saw multicolored worship hoops moving through the air by some unseen hands. They were red and green, purple and gold, blue and silver, and many other colors. The hoops were dancing through the air, reflecting light. What a wonderful site to see!

As the hoops disappeared, I saw two swords fencing with each other. They were silver and sharp—thrusting and defending, thrusting and defending. Soon I saw the hands that were holding the handles of the swords. Both were gloved. They were sparing. The fencing appeared competitive and vigorous. I watched the swords sparring for a couple of minutes.

Then the picture became larger and I saw that one fencer was dressed in white, the other in black. Both fencers wore face guards so that I was unable to see their faces or tell their sex. The black fencer began to thrust and spar in earnest and it was no longer a fun game, but a deadly one. The black fencer began to jab and thrust viciously. The white fencer just laughed, like the old TV programs of Zorro. Zorro usually laughed in joy as he fought off his opponents. The white dressed fencer did the same.

Then I saw more and more black dressed fighters sneak in from other rooms and join in the attack of the white fencer. He continued to laugh with derision at his opponents.

Then I saw worshipers with flags and hoops, dancing as the two sides fought. Their dance was unconstrained and abandoned. *(The verses from II Samuel concerning David’s undignified worship before YAHWEH came to my mind as I watched the worshipers.)*

The fencers dressed in black kept trying to get around behind the single fencer dressed in white but were prevented by some unseen force from doing so.
Then I saw why they were unable to make any headway. Heavenly hosts were lined up behind the fencer, protecting his rear from attack. He/she was having so much fun sparring with the enemy! The black dressed fencer became frantic, calling in more and more fencers to join him.

Then I saw the **Lion**. He was watching the fencers, then watching the dancers. His head was turning back and forth, back and forth, watching one then the other.

As I looked carefully, I realized I was one of the dancers, with a green and gold hoop in one hand. The **Lion** approached me and I playfully placed the hoop with the green and gold streamers on his head. He chuckled, and I was relieved, as I suddenly felt very foolish

The room I was in became very still, as the presence of YAHWEH was so strong.

Then I saw dancers again, worshiping with all their hearts, dancing and twirling with hoops and flags and tambourines. We were dancing for joy in the spirit! It felt so good to worship in this way!

Then I saw a brand new, blue metallic mountain bike pulling a small, three wheeled, yellow trailer. The rider's back was to me, so I was unable to see his/ her face. (The trailer it was pulling is similar to the trailers that many parents use to pull their small children when they are out bicycling.)

This trailer was not filled with children, but with worship hoops, flags, tambourines, etc. I only saw the back of the rider as she peddled with all her might swiftly up a mountain path. The rider was wearing a helmet, so I really could not see any recognizable features. The flags were whipping in the wind, the hoop tassels were flying, the tambourines were jingling. It was a very colorful site! The rider was peddling very fast, and was in excellent physical condition. The trail was steep and rocky, and I was exhausted just looking at the steepness of the terrain the bicyclist was effortlessly climbing.

The bike was followed by worshipers, dancing and twirling, leaping for joy as they, too, climbed the rocky mountain path.

Then the **Lion** followed the worshipers with me on his back.

As we neared the top of the path, I saw a dazzling golden light. I dismounted, and the **Lion** bowed before the light. I, too, fell on my face. I had a gold and red hoop in each hand. The gold streamers on the worship hoop fell foreword towards the light, as if an unseen power gently pulled them forward, away from me.   As I prostrated before the golden light, I was covered gently with a white Israeli prayer shawl.

Then I saw the worshipers dancing before the light, and these words thundered:

IT IS A MYSTERY.

WORSHIP IS A MYSTERY.

WORSHIP IS A KEY THAT UNLOCKS MYSTERIES.

IT UNLOCKS DOORS INTO MY PRESENCE.

IT UNLEASHES ANGELIC HOSTS.

IT IS A MYSTERY.

And I saw an old, hammered iron cross slowly become an old-fashioned iron key.   The ancient key began to turn clockwise, and I saw dazzling, golden light too bright to look into.

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Lion Of Zion XIV

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“Worship Is A Mystery”
Part 2
October 1, 2004

This vision occurred during an evening of intense worship.

I saw a stairway going up into the Heavens. It was very narrow and very steep. There were no handrails on the stairs--nothing that one could hold onto for safety or balance.

The stairs were covered with multi-colored worship hoops. The pretty streamers were draped down from one stair to the other, covering the stair with slick streamers. The appearance was very beautiful. As I gazed at the stairway, I instinctively knew that I wanted to climb it, I needed to climb it. Yet it appeared very dangerous as the streamers were slippery, and there were no handrails.

A courage rose up within me and I began the climb, crunching the streamers below my feet. To my surprise, it was not slippery, but it still was very, very steep. I kept my eyes looking upward, and never once looked down. Up I went with the sounds of crunching beneath my feet. I climbed hundreds and hundreds of feet in this manner.

Suddenly the hoops ended and the stairs became white. They were still very steep. Gorgeous deep purple flags with gold ribbons and tassels appeared standing on either side of the narrow stairs. They were not moving, as the air was very, very still. I kept climbing higher and higher, yearning to reach the final destination.

And finally I found myself in a place of dazzling light. The floor was a shimmering, polished sapphire blue, with light bouncing off of it, like it was a mirror. There were red and green jewels reflecting light, and other jewels as well. Everywhere there was light!

And there was music! Beautiful worship music filled the air, and seemed to *become* the light as it moved about the dancers. For there were dancers, many, many dancers, worshiping and twirling, joyously with uninhibited abandon on the sapphire colored dance floor.

I joined the dancers, and began to worship with them. I danced and danced, ecstatic to be in this wonderful place, worshiping my Creator and my God.

As I danced I heard the familiar voice I so love to hear,

“THE ONLY SAFE PLACE IN THE DAYS TO COME IS HIGH, WITH ME.”

I turned my head and there was my favorite LION. I ran over to HIM and threw my arms around HIS neck, and snuggled my face into HIS mane.

The music continued, the worshiping continued all about me. I stood peacefully with my LION. One arm was draped over HIS shaggy mane, as we watched the colorful dancers and the light as it bounced off their costumes and the jewels that were everywhere. It was sooooo beautiful!!!!!

The LION of ZION turned to me and looked me in the eye. HE stated,

“I HAVE COME TO ESTABLISH MY KINGDOM.”

I watched the dancers and thought about how beautiful and lovely HIS kingdom is.

And then I saw something I _*NEVER*_ expected to see among the worshipers and the light. I saw the goat's head of Baphomet trying to materialize. It kept hazily appearing and disappearing, as if it could not *be* in such a place as this, yet arrogantly and boldly wanted to bring its *stench* into our presence. I was horrified!

Then the LION gently spoke into my Spirit things about witchcraft in our land, witchcraft in very high places of power, blatant and bold, there for any and all to see who have eyes and a willingness to see ….

Then He stated emphatically for all who would listen,

"THE BATTLE HAS BEGUN!
COME HIGHER INTO MY PRESENCE!
THERE IS SAFETY IN MY PRESENCE!
THERE IS PEACE IN MY PRESENSE!
COME!"

Then He walked to the edge of the dance floor, where there was only endless space and light. I followed HIM and gazed into an endless, whirling, lighted fog.

"I WILL SHOW YOU THINGS TO COME." He stated.

I saw scenes of great flooding, with people struggling with rising water as debris sped past them. The water was muddy and thick with tree limbs and other objects. They were struggling for their lives.

I saw bloody scenes of war, with wounded, writhing soldiers and civilians. Their screams of pain filled the air. It nearly broke my heart to see such needless suffering.

And then I saw volcanoes, spewing fire and lava, smoke and ash.

And then the most frightening site of all…..

I saw an army of women, marching in step. They were wearing camouflage uniforms with heavy, brown dusty leather boots. They had large military weapons. Their faces were fierce and stern. They terrified me! They meant business! The appearance of their uniforms clearly showed that they had been in battle. There was nothing about them that suggested anything but determination.

"Who are these women?" I thought.

As I watched the women move out, orderly and in step, obeying orders I was unable to hear myself, large purple flags appeared in one of their hands. The other was grasping a large military rifle I am unfamiliar with.

Again I asked myself, "*Who are these women?"*

The LION spoke,

"THIS IS MY BRIDE, FOR SHE IS PREPARED AND ARMED WITH PRAISE AND SHOUTS OF JOY.
SHE IS FEARLESS AS SHE ADVANCES MY KINGDOM AND MY LIGHT.

SHE BATTLES WITH
***KINDNESS*,**
***HUMILITY*,**
***SERVANTHOOD*,**
AND LOVE.

AND SHE SHALL TRIUMPH.
HAVE NO FEAR MY CHILD, FOR I AM COMING.
EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU WAS BORN FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS."

The LION OF ZION turned HIS head and gently asked me,

"WHERE ARE YOU MY CHILD?"

"High and lifted up with you LORD." I replied.

"SO SHALL IT BE FOR MY WORSHIPERS," He stated.

"DID I NOT SAY THAT WORSHIP IS A MYSTERY?"

And then we came back and my LION became my Beloved, and I became a Bride and we danced on a sea of glass.

"I WILL PROTECT YOU.
I WILL KEEP MY BELOVED SAFE.

SHE WHO DWELLS IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL ABIDE UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY…."

Then I saw a long, green mountain range, with high mountains of rock and glaciers. I believe they were the Coastal Ranges from California through Alaska, but I cannot be sure. Many of the mountaintops became fiery red, one by one, as if they had been lit by some unseen hand. (I was reminded of someone lighting Birthday candles on a Birthday cake, one at a time.) I knew that these mountains had become active volcanoes.
I heard the words,

"I WILL LIGHT MY STRING OF FIRE AS I CALL MY PEOPLE HOME.
I WILL HAVE THEM KNOW WHAT IS TO COME."

The feeling that I received from HIS last statement was that this statement "as I call my people home" was ***not the Rapture.*** *He is calling us to* ***be in HIS presence*** *while here on earth, as we go about the work of HIS kingdom. HE continues to remind me that HE outlined what is important in HIS kingdom in Scripture: the widows, the orphans, and the foreigners among us.*

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Lion Of Zion XV

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THE ALTAR
October 10, 2004
By Rosie Lovejoy

This vision happened during a very anointed time of praise and worship at the local church I attend.

I saw a cross standing by itself, tall and strong. It was in a deserted place with large boulders and a scattering of high desert plants. The still air was permeated with a soft pulsating love. It enveloped the landscape, seeking out the dry and lonely crevices and gullies. Love literally wrapped everything in its tender arms.

Then I saw the head of the **LION OF ZION**, sitting before the cross. His love lit up His beautiful amber eyes, and a gentle, sweet love looked out at me through His gentle eyes. A crown of gold appeared on His head, sparkling with large, multi-colored, exquisite jewels.

I saw a gravel road wind its way to the cross, and instinctively I knew I was to walk the road towards my King and His cross. As I approached the road He spoke:

“MOST OF MY CHILDREN DON’T UNDERSTAND THAT THE JOURNEY BEGINS WITH THE CROSS—THERE IS NO OTHER WAY. EACH OF THEM MUST DIE TO SELF SO THAT I CAN LIVE THROUGH THEM.

THIS IS NOT OPTIONAL.
I AM NOT A FEEL GOOD GOD.
I AM A RIGHTEOUS AND LOVING GOD.
I AM HOLY.

Then a stone altar appeared under the cross, made of boulders and rocks piled on top of each other. He asked me to climb onto the altar and **let my flesh die**, to willingly sacrifice my life and my desires so that He might live through me.

I climbed onto the altar and prayed that my flesh would die upon this altar, that my will would be obedient to His will, that my tongue would somehow die and be silenced of all things that were not of and from Him.

As I was praying and repenting the LION walked over and looked at me lying on the altar. His face was level with my face, His eyes pierced into the depths of my soul.

"COME!" He commanded.

I found my Spirit rising from my flesh body. My flesh still lay on the altar, my Spirit Being was dressed in a gorgeous purple gown. On my head was a gold princess hat (or conical hat) with a white veil, like those worn by ladies in medieval times. I approached the LION and climbed onto His back. I looked back and saw my flesh lying lifelessly on the altar at the foot of the cross.

Again He spoke, **"THE JOURNEY BEGINS AT THE CROSS, IT DOES NOT END THERE."**

He turned and began striding down the gravel path. Again He spoke:

"WHEN YOU HAVE DIED TO SELF, THEN I CAN SEND YOU BACK TO A SICK AND DYING WORLD. YOU CAN BE MY HANDS AND MY FEET—MY EXTENSIONS OF MERCY.

OH MY CHILDREN, COME TO THE CROSS AND DIE, SO THAT YOU MAY EXTEND MY KINDNESS AND COMPASSION TO THE LOST AND LONELY.

YOU HAVE BEEN SOOOO DISTRACTED OF LATE. COME! COME!
I HAVE GREAT NEED OF SURRENDERED SERVANTS WHO WILL BE KNOWN FOR THEIR LOVE AND KINDNESS AND MERCY.

I NEED GENTLE ONES WHOSE TONGUES HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED AND REFINED IN THE FIRE—WHOSE WORDS ARE WORDS OF LIFE TO THOSE WHO ARE DYING AND LOST."

As I road down the path on His back, we came to a place that overlooked a city. Smoke was rising from multiple places within the city.

He spoke again, **"I AM NOT TAKING YOU OUT OF THIS WORLD.**
I NEED YOU IN THE WORLD TO CARRY MY GLORY, TO CARRY MY MERCY, AND TO CARRY MY GRACE."

He continued carrying me towards the smoke and confusion as the vision faded away.

Look Past The Storm
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Like a cool breeze I AM refreshing you. As you seek My face and not My hand, I will provide for you. Take My word deep into your heart and stand faithful for I AM calling you to be My end-time ambassadors of Truth to the nations. I AM calling you to remain faithful no matter what circumstances that you face.

These are the end-times, and you need to be able to stand, to remain firm without wavering, rejoicing that all things work together for your good. How do you know that you are faithful to My word unless you are tested?

I want you to examine your heart and your circumstances at this moment, and see what you desire most. Does your spirit cry out for more of My intimate presence or are you allowing your flesh to rule and reign because of temporary suffering? You have the choice to seek out that which will comfort the flesh or you can take your time to seek My face dwelling close to Me in My secret place.

Rejoice, My people, for I AM preparing you causing you to look to Me moment to moment for your comfort and strength. And as you seek My face, I will give you the wisdom to step out by My guidance to gather together all your needs.

So no matter what circumstances that you face, you can choose to give the devil a black eye by rejoicing in your heart that he cannot take My presence from you. Rejoice that no matter what the enemy tries to take away from you that you are going to turn around and rejoice and worship Me knowing that I AM faithful and that My word is true for I AM in control. Look to Me and see what I will do for suddenly I can turn it all around and multiply My blessings to you.

I promised the abundant life full of prosperity and health but you must dwell in Me with a pure heart. Bless others. Yes, lift your brother even over yourself. Commit all things into My hands. Let go and allow My ministry flow through you to prosper, for only those things you commit to Me will dwell in safety. I will only prosper the fruit of My hands, and all else I will destroy.

I send a warning out to the pastors to be truthful and do not scatter the flock for you will reap what you sow. In this time of testing I AM examining the fruit of the heart of man. Do not yoke yourself with the deeds of unrighteousness. Keep your heart and mind pure, and I will bless you, for I AM your everlasting Father and the true Shepherd of the flock.

I will gather the remnant under My wing and give them a time under My refreshing grace for the battle has been long and hard but you do have My victory. Use this time to be refreshed, for what the enemy means for harm I will turn for good.

Look Past The Natural
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Things aren't what they appear to be. Do not look at the circumstances surrounding your situation but look to Me the author and finisher of your faith. Do not judge your situation as if you are losing the battle or not by how you are handling it. Do not judge it by saying you do not have the victory over it because you do not feel that you are overcoming through it the way you would like.

Don't you know that all things work together for your good because you are Mine, and all of your steps are ordered by Me? I am your loving Father, and I am concerned about your attitude that you have as you walk out your trials. Cast all your care upon Me for I care for you. Be anxious for nothing but in all things ask of Me and I will reply graciously. But remember that it is all in My timing will you see the answers to your prayers manifest for I am working in you endurance.

Let go and let Me have total control of what you face each day for I am stretching you and preparing you for mighty things to take place through you. Yes, I am preparing you so that I can do a mighty work through you for yes, these are the latter days, and I promised you that I would pour out the rain. An outpouring of signs and wonders and miracles I will do through you. So do not fret that you feel you are not overcoming the way you would like to be. Remember that I am in control of all things and let Me be the judge of your actions.

I lead you and guide you into all truth, and I deliver you always from the snare of the fowler. I cover you with a blanket of My glory. I engulf you in My grace, and I bless you with all good things because you are Mine. Look up for your redemption is drawing nigh. Yes, I am drawing you closer to Me and preparing you for My return for you are My bride and I embrace you with My love. Yes, I love you so and long for the time when we will be together in glory. It is sooner than you think.

Prepare your heart by examining your attitude towards others and toward what I allow you to go through. Refrain form murmuring and complaining. Count your blessings. Do not allow the enemy to rob you by focusing on the negative circumstances. Yes, count your blessings one by one and be grateful for I am your loving Father and I supply all your needs. Yes, even those things that might not be comfortable or pleasant at present. Look to Me and not to your own strength to endure for I am stretching you and preparing you. You are about to run your final stretch of the race and yes, it will be hard and the times will be treacherous, but keep My word in your heart and keep Me before you always.

Reach out to Me and I will keep you safe for I cover you with a multitude of angelic hosts that surround you always. Yes, they are assigned to lead you and guide you through the storm and protect you. Yes, I keep My promises for I am faithful. These are the latter days and you are My people, therefore, you are victorious. You are mighty warriors. You will overcome because I say that you will. Keep My word in your heart. Do not look at the circumstances because things are not what they appear to be. Now just trust Me, says your God.

Library Room of Heaven

Shawn Bolz

I was caught up into a trance in which I saw a vast library in heaven. The main room was divided into three sections: past, present, and future. It was a very busy place with angels and saints who had already entered into eternity. It was not like an earthly library where we try and stimulate a quiet somber attitude. It was a place of action! People were reading, writing, and discussing the material. I looked around trying to take in as much of the room as I could see.

The Book of Life

There was one book that was constantly referenced in the middle of the room. It was living and felt like it had its own consciousness because the power of what it contained was so intense. I would describe it as a computer that had the knowledge of the process of God's love in our temporal time frame. It was the Book of Life and there were angels and spiritual beings all around it. The pages rolled out like a scroll in many directions. I don't know how to explain how this worked but it was amazing. Scrolls of light beamed the information from the living pages into their hearts and imprinted on their spirits.

The Lambs Book of Life didn't just have names in it. It was the actual revelation of the testimony of Jesus and His reward. It categorized how He showed His love to everyone and who responded. Not only showing the bride's one time response but every response that each person individually had made towards His divine pursuit over their lifetime. It was the most amazing book ever written because it was being 'penned' by the glorious Holy Spirit at all times.

The Section of Library of the Past

When I could bring myself to look past this process I began to survey the various sections of the library. I first noticed the section on the past. I saw angels extracting books and bringing them to Earth and delivering them to people so that we would have wisdom and impartation from the past - what God has already done on the Earth.

I realized that these books were not like books on earth. They were actually prophetic revelation that when imparted onto the earth would act as an expansion to someone's very being. There were people who were given a book and it would inspire them to teach or write about great revivals of the past or spiritual happenings so the revelation of God that had already been revealed in other generations would be built upon- great truths of the past rediscovered. There were books written about men and women of God throughout history and various moves of God on earth.

As I watched this unfold, I saw numerous old historical documents beginning to surface on Earth that had been hidden away. Nevertheless it was now the prophetic time for them to be revealed. I knew this was an "end of the age" experience that proved we are living in the day of the Lord. The importance of what was being re-revealed, but with new and expanded comprehension, spoke of the Kingdom of God coming upon us. I could feel the magnitude of some of these testimonies that caused a deep yearning in me for Jesus to return.

Revelation of the Ages

There were also teaching books that angels were giving different people and they would rediscover teachings that had been all but lost or had never been fully developed! Very soon we are going to see an emergence of teachings that builds a much better context for us to understand Christian history and the different church ages as seen through the eyes of heaven. Revelation will come to many who will be able to interpret historical events and bring great light on societies of the past.

The Library Section of the Present

Then, I was brought to another section of books. I looked upon the section of the "present." In the "present" section there were spiritual beings sitting at tables watching the movement and impact of Heaven upon the earth and writing history with the Holy Spirit's interpretation as it transpired. Many times the books they were writing were also given to people on Earth. When individuals received these books they would be filled with understanding and wisdom about the state of the church and the condition of the world. It was giving them a global perspective of how Jesus was being revealed on the Earth and they would fellowship with His burning passion to inherit His reward. Again some people were furnished these understandings to be a trumpet to herald them through their teachings and the writing of books.

The Library Section of the Future

The last area I was brought to was the "future" section. There were divine guards set up and I wasn't allowed past them. I had to look from afar because I was not in heaven at this time to receive revelation from these books (to my disappointment). Most of the books had seals or locks on them. There were dates on the locks, and I knew that some of these books could not be opened for some time! But others were to be opened well in advance of the events taking place.

As I looked around there was a table skirting the boundaries of where I was not allowed to pass. At the table was a man reading a book from the future section and I walked up behind him and peered over his shoulder. However, he closed the book very fast and a seal appeared on the book as he got back up and placed it upon the shelf. He didn't say anything out loud but I felt a rebuke from him. The fear of the Lord touched me and I began to shake because I had acted with presumption. I almost came out of the trance but there was great mercy that flooded me for my immaturity. These were Holy books that represented the Kingdom touching the Earth and I saw two guarding angels over them. (Later a close friend of mine named Jill Austin called these "The Guardians of the Glory.")

The Future is Written In Heaven

Then as the mercy and love of God was warming me, a spiritual being came to me and motioned me to come into the section on the future. The guarding angels almost scared me too much to pass them, but this spiritual being had so much kindness I knew I would be safe. He brought me to the first of the many shelves of books that were closest to the middle of the Library. He stood next to me and pointed at different volumes

I looked up at the shelves and there were names on some of the books. I recognized many of the names he pointed out so I new they would be written in the near future. Some were the names of authors that I recognized, but others were the names of the books. We need to understand that although these were books in heaven they were not necessarily written books on earth yet. The names of the books were all either historical events, or God's moves on His church, while others were named after people and places. Few people were allowed to get near this section. If they did get near them, only a small number of books could be written because the seal was part of the heart of God that was too holy to touch.

A little bit of understanding hit me (I will not go into detail about this here, but will just say an example of what I saw was a book that said "The Testimony of George Bush" and it was a prophetic testimony of our own US President and works he would accomplish for God that will be written and published as an encouragement especially to the evangelical church). There were many such titles, and they had timing on them that when activated would be broadcast worldwide.

In This Library Room was Charles Finney!

After looking at many books, the spiritual being that was with me motioned me toward the center of the room again. He led me to stand next to some men who were already in eternity. One of the men was talking to two other men. I heard the Holy Spirit say "That is Charles Finney" and I grew excited inside! I haven't read much about Charles Finney, but there was the glory of our abiding God pulsating from him. His eyes were filled with the revelation of Jesus and the plans of God!

He was talking about revival and telling the two other men "What God did in my day was awesome, and many of us were privileged to experience great outpourings that are now looked upon as revival. But there is a release of glory from heaven coming that will bring such a complete revival to America that it will far exceed any revival ever known in any country."

America is Close to Revival

"The church in America is full of doomsday prophets proclaiming an end to America, but they don't understand that the country is only a few hundred years old and still in its infancy. It has many destinies to play out, and God is going to reactivate the covenants of the forefathers in the land, and America will start to grow and mature. God has both hidden and obvious purposes for America that will unfold over a long period of time and this coming revival is going to activate the plans of the Creator that were promises at the forefront of the nation's history." He spoke of a coming year and said: "This is a gateway year that will help build the gate from heaven to Earth. The Holy Spirit will whisper strategic things into the land through churches, music, media, events, and then soon these things will be shouted from roof tops!"

At this point I saw a calendar that had various years on it. There were 8 future years (not in succession) circled and names of cities next to different years. The first year only had a few major cities, but each year that was circled had more and more cities until there were too many to list. I could see a cloud off in the distance of this vast library, and I realized that it was a cloud of angels with glory swirling around it. It was the angelic host that would release these things on Earth. There was constant movement in the cloud. The scene was truly beyond description.

Charles' Message to Me

Then Charles Finney turned to me, (I didn't even know he knew I was listening), and he shouted at me face to face "One Nation Under God!" "One Nation Under God!" "ONE NATION UNDER GOD!" he said this ten times. Some kind of deep impartation came with his words and rested in the bowels of my spirit. I had a knowing that Jesus has an incredible plan to build the church in America and bring revival to the lost. He is going to bring a picture of His body all over the world through America! I knew that intercession was going to go forth on the Earth with new strategies for America.

I Saw a Vision of Holiness Hitting the Air Waves

I then saw the spirit of Holiness released from Isaiah 11. I saw it touching media and broadcasting services. I saw God ordained messages broadcast through the media waves into the earth. God is about to claim His ownership in radio stations, TV, and movie theaters. I saw that He wants a satellite that man has made by His inspiration. I saw a special anointing come on these tools to bring the message of holiness and the cross unto salvation.

After I saw the Holy Spirit change the atmosphere of the air waves with waves of His anointing hitting the media. I saw it cause power bursts that would literally destroy in the natural some of the secular equipment used by organizations of the world. There will be some days of disturbance that will hit multiple media centers and these will be signs that the Forerunner Spirit is going to come upon these very industries.

Commissioned Back to Earth

At the end of this vision I was looking at the Book of Life again. The spiritual being that had been with me in the Library Section of the Future came over to me once more. He had books in his hands and he started to push them towards me. I thought he was handing them to me so I stuck out my hands- instead he pushed them into me. As I took them in I was sent back to earth.

I was sitting in my chair and God spoke to my spirit saying "I am releasing books from every section to expand people! The Library room of heaven will be known on earth! It will bring a manifestation of my government being established. Many leaders will be visited and the difference in what comes forth in their communications will be evident."

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Lighting the Path of Discipleship

Cindy Allen

Isa 19:11
11 The officials of Zoan are nothing but fools; the wise counselors of Pharaoh give senseless advice. How can you say to Pharaoh, "I am one of the wise men, a disciple of the ancient kings"? NIV

The King James Version translates the use of the word "disciple" to "son".

Isa 19:11 11 Surely the princes of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellers of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings? KJV

It is needful to read the entire 19th chapter of Isaiah because God is strongly addressing the ways of Egypt here. At the end of the chapter, Isaiah speaks that God will strike Egypt with a plague and then He will heal them. He goes on to say that there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria and finally, God calls Egypt His people and blesses them.

Isa 19:23-25 24 In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. 25 The LORD Almighty will bless them, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance." NIV

Earlier in the chapter, God speaks that He will turn those who will not yield to Him over to cruel Lords. This is a very distinct and very great contrast to those who lead as sons and disciples of Jesus Christ. In Matt 10:42, disciple is defined in the Greek as a pupil; a learner; to understand.

Matt 10:42 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward." NIV

The Rewards Of Discipleship

What is this reward that Jesus is speaking of here? Doesn't He reveal discipleship to us through our own personal relationship with Him? We reap the rewards of a consistent flow of revelation of Christ where we continue as humble disciples (pupils and learners) in the Lord's presence ourselves.

As we nurture, nourish, and admonish those who God sends us to lead, so will we be led by the gentle Shepherd Himself. He is our Highway and in Him, He will continually reveal His ways to us that we may walk in understanding of the one we serve. It matters not that one has no understanding, no abilities, or that we are not polished. All of these things are given as we seek the Kingdom of God above all else and all of these things flow freely to us in the presence of the Lord that He may be glorified in the earth.

It is through the grace we extend to those we lead that allows us to minister in this same grace ourselves. In doing so, we make allowances to those we lead where grace is needed. Knowing that because we ourselves are face to face with the Lord Jesus, so will those we lead be face to face with Him. It is the presence and glory of God that conforms man without a word being uttered from our lips.

Why then are we called to make disciples of the nations? Why doesn't God just "do it" Himself in all of His power and glory? When the Holy Spirit moves to bring one in fellowship with another/others, the anointing immediately flows to cause one to relate to another/others through what THEY (those we are leading) are familiar with. This kind of familiarity is a good thing because it offers fertile (common) ground, in one's own "land" of understanding in which to apply the seed of the Word that is being offered through revelation. The Kingdom of God is revealed in this way, much like the parables reveal to us that we become partakers of God's Word through applying it to our lives. The harvest, or fruit, is the manifestation of Christ in our lives. He is the one we feed upon and in doing so we invite others to eat the food we partake of.

Through discipleship, we become partakers in that we are called to lead as we ourselves are being led. Discipleship immediately pulls us prophetically into the Father/Son order where the anointing flows to restore all things. The flow of anointing through discipleship causes us to experience the Word of God as Christ becomes manifest in our lives. All things in our personal life are restored as Christ Himself reconciles all things unto Himself. This means that through this order, the anointing of the Holy Spirit will move to bring the order that Jesus Christ and His rulership can be revealed through. The rulership of Christ being established in us and in our lives immediately releases us to reign with Him. Remembering that as Christ rules and reigns through being seated at the right hand of the Father, so are we seated with Christ in this same order. Disciples extend this Chain of Reign through linking with the nations (peoples) sent to them. All who are bound in the bonds of peace dwell in the love, liberty and peace of the Lord.

Matt 18:20 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

2 Cor 3:18 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Grace, peace and liberty,

Cindy Allen

Sharing From The Heart
Cindy Allen

Ps 18:2- The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. 3 I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies. NIV

In all I have experienced in God, I believe that salvation is the greatest miracle of God to ever be revealed. Miracles are a wonder by themselves, but we become partakers in God's salvation. Salvation is not a one time experience, but an ongoing and ever increasing experience. It is a place where we stand at the helm of the ship shoulder to shoulder with God. We are to be gates of heaven who bring the Kingdom of God to earth. As long as there is ground to take, there will be obstacles to overcome.

The Hebrew definition for salvation used in this passage means:

OT:3468 yesha` (yeh'-shah); or yesha` (yay'-shah); from OT:3467; liberty, deliverance, prosperity:

KJV - safety, salvation, saving.

The obstacles we overcome cause us to abide in the liberty of the Lord and our prosperity comes in our safety in Him. Where we prosper in the Lord, we are increased in knowledge and understanding as we sow to spirit.

All that God leads us to overcome is for the purpose that we may dwell in dominion with Him in His creation. Until I began experiencing God in this way, I viewed creation as something that God had designed on His own. This is true for the natural creation we see, but there is the spiritual creation that parallels this. The spiritual creation I'm referring to is the Garden that we take part in through sowing the seed of God's Word that is given us. The fellowship that God so intensely desires with us is in this Garden. This is why He so jealously moves on our behalf to deliver us from anything that would cause us to associate to Him wrongly. Salvation redefines everything the world has taught us and empties us of all knowledge so that we only build on what is revealed to us.

Knowing this, it is no wonder why we experience greater intimacy with God during the storms of life. The winds of the Holy Spirit always blow us deeper into God's presence.

Lately I've began having dreams and visions of what appears to be an outside banquet. In one of my visions, I saw rows of tables being prepared outdoors and a few people were beginning to show up. Within the same vision, I saw pestilence and darkness beneath what was taking place above the ground. This spoke strongly to me to focus on the things that are of God and His purposes.

In the next vision, I could vaguely see the food that was being served. Of course, those who know me will understand this; it was colorful food. For those who don't know, the Holy Spirit has always defined His seasons to me through colors. More people were coming here in this vision.

The message I strongly felt from these two visions had much to do with directing our appetite to the things of the spirit. We discern the Body so that we may partake with and of the Body of Christ.

When what is before us could potentially be a stone of stumbling to us, it is oftentimes our own association to what we're seeing that would cause us to stumble.

Rom 9:33 "See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." NIV

Where we don't have discernment, God is faithful to reveal all truths to us as we patiently wait on Him. Even where we learn that what we're standing in is not in agreement with the Truth that is being revealed to us, we find that God is faithfully revealing these things to us so we may turn our heart to Him. This is where He stands shoulder to shoulder with us at the helm of our ship and directs us to safely navigate through these waters.

In restoring us to His original purposes, God is not looking to bop us in the head in His judgments. If this was so, we would all be knot heads. God is seeking to turn us upright in all things so that we may prosper in our fellowship and relationship with Him. God's desire is towards building our faith through bringing us into dominion over all the earth.

Dan 7:13-14 13 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. NIV

Blessings to all,

Cindy

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Righteousness And Honor From God
Cindy Allen

Rom 1:17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." NIV

Where God imputes His righteousness to us, His purposes immediately begin unfolding before us in a such a way to cause us to not only see, but to desire to follow the revealed path of Christ that laid out before us. God's righteousness causes us to identify His balances of justice so that we may walk accordingly. In rightly dividing, we are not only numbered with the saints of God, but we rightly apply the understanding we have of God's Word.

Just as Christ is revealed in every spirit that is of God, so is the righteousness of God revealed as a person through Jesus Christ. Of course Christ is revealed to us through our own personal relationship with Him, but we continue to experience how God is always revealing Himself to us in who He created us to be. God reveals Himself not only by opening our minds to who we are in Him (vision), but teaching us to apply the understanding given to us (equipping) that will allow us to experience Him (become) through intimately knowing His Word.

When Christ is formed in us, we abide within His patterns and sow according to this order. Seed is immediately brought into fruition so that we may witness and experience God honoring His Word (that has become) with greater provision. We no longer plant in dishonor and water with tears because the seed is Christ Himself. God's provision is the honor He gives that causes the life we are sowing to be multiplied back to us. We also benefit in the experience of seeing this same Life reproduced in others because it brings us into fruitful relationships enlightened in and joined by the Holy Spirit. There is a building up that takes place in our spirit that is experienced through the grace that flows in this fruitfulness. This grace flows through relationship and is not received by impartation through words or teaching. It is a God experience that becomes manifest between two or more people.

A tool that the Holy Spirit faithfully provides to cause these blessings to be continually activated in my own life comes through the knowledge of esteeming others above myself. When we nurture, protect and honor those that God has given us to teach and care for, we do so in secret and our acts are hidden from others. As with every precept learned of God, this order must be present in our own home because this Life is multiplied from the presence of Christ in relationships. In all that I continue to learn through the Holy Spirit as my teacher, God multiplies by people. The love and honor we sow into our family and children multiplies to other relationships to cause a greater harvest of Christ Himself to be imparted back to us. We are fed as it is given to us to feed others. We are blessed because we sow blessings into the lives of others. God honors the motives of our heart above our abilities and causes us to prosper in the things of the spirit that are not learned through the teaching of man.

We express the way we value others in the way we esteem or honor them. We do not honor others with the motive of receiving a prize from God, but with the motive that God's nature will be revealed to others to allow them to rise to maturity in the liberty of Christ.

Matt 6:1 "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. NIV

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Leaving The System

Joseph Herrin

This is from a discussion on Lighthouse Prophecy, the intro is by Clay Sikes

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Dear List Members,

In light of our present discussions, I thought this submission to be extremely relevant.

Roger Franklin, one of our subscribers, has forwarded the following article which, I think, explains in the most accurate detail I have yet seen, WHAT BABYLON IS. The article is written by Joseph Herrin, and is taken from excerpts of a book he has posted at his website (shown below).

I have broken this timely article into two parts, as it is too long to be sent as one posting from InJesus. To those who know that "the system" is the 'Babylon' mentioned here, all the scriptural evidence you will ever need will be presented to guide you OUT OF THIS CORRUPT SYSTEM. Some will be surprised to find out where Babylon really exists.

Read and relish the revelation of this anointed word...Clay.

Dear Roger,

Thank you for writing and sharing your very encouraging words. I am blessed to know that the book "Babylon Burning" bears witness with you. In your e-mail you brought up a very excellent point.

You wrote:

Now a point I wanted to make, I've seen NUMEROUS exposes on Babylon, all of merit. What I have come to understand, came when I understood Rev.18:4, "how will people come out of her if they don't know what all Babylon consists of?

This is a point that has also been upon my heart from time to time. In Revelation 18:4 it says "Come out of [Babylon] My people", so it is evident that God's people have been in Babylon. I myself have been in Babylon. I was altogether born in Babylon, yet God has called me out. Interestingly, the name Zerubabbel means "born in Babylon", or "descended of Babylon". Zerubabbel was born in Babylon, yet at an appointed time God called him forth and led him to lead the work of rebuilding the temple of God that had been destroyed.

God will also call forth a people at this time from Babylon to rebuild the temple of living stones that has been in disrepair for so long.

Reading the story of Zerubabbel reveals much about the current state of the church. Zerubabbel led a remnant forth from Babylon even as the apostles led a group of people out of the Babylonian religious order of their day. They laid the foundation of the temple of living stones, but the work was interrupted even as it was in Zerubabbel's day. Zerubabbel and the people with him laid the foundation and then were discourage by opposition from completing the work. For sixteen years the work did not progress any further, and for nearly 2,000 years the church has gone no further than having the foundation laid which the apostles and prophets led the people in. Yet at this time God will stir up a remnant to complete the work that was begun.

Haggai 1:14
So Yahweh stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God...God stirred up the spirit of those "born in Babylon", and the spirit of a remnant of the people. This is what will also be done in this hour

as God is calling a people out of Babylon. They are being called out to perform a work, even the completing of the building of that temple of living stones whose foundations were laid 2,000 years ago. This is a glorious enterprise, and the Lord will surely be with this remnant to give them great success in this labor.

Regarding the identity of Babylon, I wrote of this in the book "The Road From Babylon To Zion". I will include an excerpt here:

Babylon

It is necessary at the beginning of this book to identify what Babylon is and what she is not. There is much confusion over the identification of Babylon, yet her identification is a very important matter. If Yahweh God is calling His people out of Babylon in this hour, (and He is), then His people must understand what they are being called out from. Some have supposed that Babylon represents a country or nation of the earth that fits some characteristic attributed to her in scripture. For example, Babylon is spoken of as a land of trade where "the merchants of the earth have become rich by the wealth of her sensuality" (Revelation 18:3). She is further described in this way: Revelation 18:11-13

"And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their cargoes any more -- cargoes of gold and silver and precious stones and pearls and fine linen and purple and silk and scarlet, and every kind of citron wood and every article of ivory and every article made from very costly wood and bronze and iron and marble, and cinnamon and spice and incense and perfume and frankincense and wine and olive oil and fine flour and wheat and cattle and sheep, and cargoes of horses and chariots and slaves and human lives... saying, "Woe, woe, the great city, she who was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls; for in one hour such great wealth has been laid waste!' And every shipmaster and every passenger and sailor, and as many as make their living by the sea, stood at a distance, and were crying out as they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, "What city is like the great city?'"

Some have supposed that America must represent Babylon since it is the greatest consumer nation in the world. Yet others have argued that Babylon is New York City due to the scripture's repeated use of the word "city". If this were true, then coming out of Babylon would mean that the people of God who reside in either America or New York City must depart from these places. If Babylon were merely describing a physical location then simply changing one's place of residency would fulfill the command to "come out of her, My people" (Revelation 18:4).

It is true that there is much in America and New York City that are typical of Babylon, and undoubtedly there is a judgment and plagues reserved for all such places who have been given great light and have chosen instead to walk in darkness. But Babylon is not referring specifically to America, nor to her "queen city".

Some have supposed that Babylon refers to the actual Babylon of the Old Testament. The ancient city lies in the country of Iraq, and although it has been an uninhabited ruin for centuries, some have advanced the notion that Saddam Hussein is having Babylon rebuilt and that it will be populated once again. The ancient city is the site of much excavation and archaeological work today. But it will not be inhabited, nor will it rise to a glorious position such as she once knew in the world. The climate has changed. Bodies of water have dried up. What was once a fertile region is now a barren wasteland due to the judgment of Yahweh. Furthermore, we have Yahweh's word that the ancient city of Babylon will never be inhabited again.

Jeremiah 51:36, 37, 41-43, 61-64

Therefore thus says Yahweh, "Behold, I am going to plead your case And exact full vengeance for you; And I will dry up her sea and make her fountain dry. Babylon will become a heap of ruins, a haunt of jackals, an object of horror and hissing, without inhabitants... How Sheshak has been captured, and the praise of the whole earth been seized! How Babylon has become an object of horror among the nations! The sea has come up over Babylon; She has been engulfed with its tumultuous waves. Her cities have become an object of horror, a parched land and a desert, a land in which no man lives and through which no son of man passes... Then Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "As soon as you come to

Babylon, then see that you read all these words aloud, and say, "You, O Yahweh, have promised concerning this place to cut it off, so that there will be nothing dwelling in it, whether man or beast, but it will be a perpetual desolation.' And as soon as you finish reading this scroll, you will tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of the Euphrates, and say, "Just so shall Babylon sink down and not rise again because of the calamity that I am going to bring upon her; and they will become exhausted.'" Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

People imagine many vain things, but these scriptures should be sufficient to let all know that the ancient city of Babylon will not rise again as some mystical phoenix from the desert to once more ascend to glory. Yahweh's judgment on ancient Babylon is final. Her ruins stand now as a somber warning against spiritual Babylon and her impending judgments and plagues. She too will be broken beyond remedy, never to rise again. We must conclude that the Babylon of Revelation is not speaking of the ancient city being rebuilt.

Others have supposed that Babylon represents Rome and the Roman Catholic Church, and there is much to support this argument. The following scripture reveals more about the character of Mystery Babylon.

Revelation 17:5, 6, 9

And on her forehead a name was written, a mystery, "BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Yahshua. Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits..."

Untold numbers of saints have been martyred at the hands of Rome and the Catholic Church. Through Rome's influence many heresies and pagan practices have been mixed in with the worship of God until Christendom has become a corrupt mixture. Rome also sits on seven hills.

Many books and a myriad of sermons have gone forth proclaiming the Roman Catholic Church to be Babylon. Without a doubt there is a connection between Babylon and Rome, yet the Babylon of Revelation is more than the Roman Catholic Church. It is noted in the preceding scripture that Babylon is "the mother of harlots". Babylon has many daughters, and each one of these daughters is also Babylon. Some have argued quite convincingly that these daughters are the various denominations that populate Christendom today. Even within the denominations that have protested against the Roman Catholic Church (the Protestants), there is much of Rome left in them.

Entire books have been written to expose the false pagan practices that have become part and parcel of Christian practice today, both inside and outside of Rome. It is not just the Catholics that celebrate the Christ Mass on the historic date of the pagan festivals of Sol Invictus and Saturnalia. It is not just the Catholics that have kept the name and the date of the Spring fertility festival held in honor of the goddess Ishtar (Eostre, Astarte, Ashtoreth) which we know as Easter. It is not just the Catholics that have brought such devastation to the body of Christ by instituting the false divisions of clergy and laity. All of these things, and many more, are as typical of the harlot's daughters as they are true of the Great Harlot.

If we try to identify Babylon by her false practices, however, we will fail. These things are merely symptoms, and the outward trappings of Babylon. We must discover the root and the heart of Babylon to know how to truly come out of her. The saint could identify every false practice and every pagan influence of Babylon, and separate himself from all such things, and still not have come out of her.

We are getting much closer to the center of things in looking at Mystery Babylon's association to the Roman Catholic Church and Protestant denominationalism. If these entities represent Babylon, the Great Harlot, and her daughters, then the call to come out of Babylon is a call to flee from Catholicism and all denominationalism. Yet there are those who have come out of these and they are not yet free of Babylon, for Babylon at its heart represents a spiritual principle.

Let us examine one more example of that which people are identifying as Babylon in this day. This last example is also related to Rome and her heresies. Many are identifying Babylon today by outward measures, by forms of worship, forms of assembly, practices and traditions. Many are looking back to the manner and practice of the apostles and how things have deviated since those first meetings of the early saints. Certainly there is value in discerning these matters, but returning to a "New Testament form" does not insure one's departure from Babylon, nor does holding to what is considered a deviation from the original pattern mean that one is still in Babylon.

By way of illustrating what I am speaking about, some say that home churches are the model that was portrayed in the New Testament and that large gatherings and meetings in buildings dedicated to the gathering of the saints (church buildings) is a Babylonian device and it should be avoided. The truth, however, is that there are saints meeting in homes who are indistinguishable from those who meet in church buildings. The only difference is one of form. The true distinction between Babylon and Zion is one of the heart, and it cannot be measured or quantified or described and set forth by examining traditions, practices, or forms.

This is not to say that these things are unimportant, but leaving a fellowship of believers who meet in a church building to join others who meet in someone's home is not to be mistaken as journeying from Babylon to Zion. Neither is leaving a church that has pastors and deacons to go to a church that has a five-fold ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Nor is leaving a body that meets on Sunday to join a group that meets on the traditional Sabbath which began at sundown on Friday. Nor is leaving a group that uses the names and titles God, Lord and Jesus to join a group that uses the names and titles Elohim, Yahweh, and Yahshua.

All of these matters should be examined, and we should ask the Father to grant us wisdom and understanding in them all, but these things do not mark the boundaries of Babylon and Zion. The Pharisees sought to conform to the letter of the Law and they had an appearance of righteousness, but Yahshua testified of them that inwardly they were full of dead men's bones. Even so, we can faithfully reproduce New Testament forms to the best of our understanding and still be considered citizens of Babylon. We should consider our Savior's words:

Matthew 7:21-23

"Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, "I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'"

In this scripture we see a people who confess Yahshua as Lord and they are doing the very same activities that He did. Yahshua prophesied and so did they. Yahshua cast out demons and so did they. Yahshua performed miracles and so did they. Yet we have Yahshua's very pointed pronouncement, "Depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness."

It is not enough to conform to Christ in form, or even in action. We must have an internal conformity. Yahshua lived to do the will of the Father, and so must we. Yahshua never performed any of the activities mentioned of His own initiative. He only did what the Father commanded Him to do. Yahshua never walked in lawlessness, He was every moment surrendered to the governmental will of His Father in heaven.

There are many home churches today that are doing much of their own initiative. There are many fellowships that eschew pagan practices and that name the name of Yahweh and Yahshua, yet they are full of their own plans and ambitions. There are many local bodies of believers that have five-fold ministers and who seek to pattern themselves after New Testament forms, but they are still living out of the soul of man and making decisions apart from the Spirit of God.

Leaving Babylon requires much more than simply changing forms and practices that are outwardly observable. Undoubtedly, the people of Zion will stand out from the citizens of Babylon in numerous external ways, but the real difference is inward. To leave Babylon one must be circumcised in the heart. Babylon must be removed from one's desires and passions before one can journey out from Babylon.

Babylon and Zion have actually existed side by side throughout the entire history of the Scriptures. We see Babylon and Zion in the two brothers Cain and Abel. Both men brought an offering to Yahweh. Cain brought of the fruit of the earth, while Abel brought forth of the firstlings of his flock with their fat portions. We are told that God had regard for Abel's offering, but not for Cain's.

What was the difference between Cain's offering and Abel's that God would regard one and not the other? I have heard many vain things preached regarding this story, many saying that Cain did not bring the best of the fruit of the ground while Abel brought the best of the flock. But the scriptures do not say that Cain brought less than the best of what he had grown. I believe that he did indeed bring the very best of his produce from the ground. Why then did God despise Cain's offering?

The reason has to do with what the offerings represent. We can easily see that Abel's offering of the firstlings of his flock was in keeping with the offerings that Yahweh ordained should be brought before Him. The firstlings of the flock represent the Lamb who would be slain for the sins of the world, and we are told that "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin" (Hebrews 9:22). Abel's offering found acceptance with God because it looked forward in faith to that spotless Lamb that would one day cleanse the world from all guilt and condemnation. The scriptures reveal that it was because of this faith that Abel's offering was acceptable in God's sight.

Hebrews 11:4

By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous...Cain, however, made an offering based upon his own works that did not look to the future atonement of Yahshua. After Adam sinned, the ground was cursed and produce came forth by the sweat of man's brow. It was the fruit of his own sweat and labor that Cain presented to God as an offering and God was not impressed. Babylon always seeks to ascend to God through its own works and to thereby find acceptance and approval. Cain made an offering of the best that he had, and I am certain he was proud of the quality and quantity of the fruit. He thought, "Certainly God will have regard for my offering", but God did not.

By works of the flesh no man will be justified before God. Justification is only by faith in Yahshua and HIS FINISHED WORK. This is actually the key distinction between Babylon and Zion. Babylon initiates great works and then asks God to bless them. Babylon has the appearance of great industriousness and her progress seems evident to all. But Babylon's works are the works of man. Babylon may be doing the same kind of works that Yahshua performed, but she is doing them as she sees fit, not by command of God. Babylon is not Spirit directed, she is soul directed.

The soul of man devises many plans that seem noble and right and which find the approval of others. As we saw earlier, some of these activities include prophesying, casting out demons, and performing miracles. These activities also include feeding the hungry, proclaiming the gospel, building ministries with noble sounding purposes, and the list could go on and on.

The majority of the saints have been taught to judge things according to sight. If they observe a man casting out a demon they judge such a one to be righteous and holy and pleasing to God. If they see a person performing an authentic miracle they conclude that this person certainly bears the stamp of God's approval. If they see a person operating a charity to care for the poor, they will also assume that it must certainly be of God. Yet Yahshua said that "many" would come to Him in the day of judgment and proclaim that they did such things in His name, but He will deny even knowing them.

This is a large part of the trouble of coming out of Babylon: Babylon looks good on the outside. This is the same struggle that those who followed Messiah faced when He said, "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and the Pharisees, you can in no wise enter the Kingdom of Heaven." The Pharisees looked good. They prayed. They fasted. They tithed of all their substance. They meticulously kept the Law... Yet, they were relying on their own works to gain approval before a holy God.

Yahshua told the story of the Pharisee who stood proudly in the Temple and looked with disdain at the tax collector who was on his face before God. The Pharisee pompously prayed, "I thank you God that I am not like this sinner." Yet Yahshua said the sinner went home JUSTIFIED while the Pharisee found no regard before God. The sinner threw himself on the mercy of God, offering no works, making no bargains, pledging no promises, trusting wholly to the character of God to deliver him. He simply asked for mercy and he believed God would be merciful.

The paradox today is that it is often the most righteous looking people who are the chief citizens of Babylon for they are working hard to find approval before God. They are striving laboriously to appear righteous. Many a minister has spent his entire life working to find the approval of God and of men, and he has yoked the people who follow him to the same burden of works. They may accomplish many remarkable things, but before God it is all striving and dead works for they are not born out of faith in the completed work of Christ.

As the Galatians who began in faith and then tried to continue in works, such ones have become severed from Christ and He has become altogether worthless to them.

Looking at a church externally, how can you tell which ones are of Babylon and which are of Zion? They may both be performing the same activities, but one body is striving to be judged as righteous, while the other is resting in the knowledge that in Christ, Yahshua the Messiah, they are already righteous. One is seeking to overcome the flesh, the world and the Devil by imitating the works of Christ, the other realizes that Christ has already overcome all and they are in Christ and He is in them. One body is expending their very life to be approved before God, and the other proclaims that they have died and their life has been hidden with God in Christ Jesus, Yahshua the Messiah.

These are things that are not easily quantified and observable, but Babylon is living life from a point of striving to be approved before God and man while Zion is resting in the life of the Son. Zion is a people of faith.

Perhaps nowhere is this identity of Babylon seen more clearly than in the judgment that was brought upon Judah and Jerusalem when they were given over into the hands of ancient Babylon. The duration of Judah's and Jerusalem's captivity was prophesied to be seventy years. This time period was arrived at based on the number of years that they had failed to let the land know its sabbath rests.

Every seven years Israel was commanded to not till the land, nor plant, nor harvest. They were to let the land enjoy a sabbath, an annual rest. They should have taken a lesson from Cain. "Give it a rest Cain. God doesn't want your sweat and your labor. He wants your faith." Even so, the people of Israel were commanded to demonstrate the principle of rest and live by faith every seventh year. They were to trust God to provide everything they needed. But man has a problem with faith. Man wants to trust in his own works to carry him through.

Judah and Jerusalem had not given the land a rest in 490 years. This means the land had missed seventy of its sabbaths. As a judgment against their lack of faith Yahweh had the people carried away into captivity and for seventy years the land knew rest. For seventy years there was no one to till and to plant and to harvest.

II Chronicles 36:20-21

Those who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of Yahweh by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days of its desolation it kept sabbath until seventy years were complete.

This is the difference between Babylon and Zion. Babylon is a land of works where man must accomplish every task and fulfill every mandate. Babylon knows nothing of rest and faith. Oh yes, Babylon speaks very much about faith, but it is a faith that is rooted in man's ability. Babylon's faith is founded upon man's ability to envision some end and to see it through. Babylon is built with blueprints, and planning sessions, and organization, and fund drives, and pep rallies, and the sweat of untold men and women.

This is why when all is said and done and some project has come to completion, the people of Babylon feel justified to stand and proclaim:

Daniel 4:30

"Is this not Babylon the great, which I myself have built... by the might of my power...?"

Zion, however, is not seeking to build anything of her own will and initiative. Zion is a people of faith. Zion knows that salvation is of the Lord, as is sanctification, and as is glorification. Zion does not labor to build a city, for she seeks a city not built with hands whose builder and maker is not man, but God. Zion does not seek to work for the approval of Yahweh, she works because she is approved by Yahweh.

Zion is a city of rest. This does not mean that those who are of Zion are doing nothing, it means that they are doing nothing of their own initiative. They are doing those works that God prepared beforehand for them. They are not dreaming up their own works, nor are they stretching out their hands to labor in fields to which they have not been sent. Austin Sparks made this very enlightening comment:

Thus it was that we were turned in that dark hour to Romans chapter six, and, almost as though He spoke in audible language, the Lord said: 'When I died, you died. When I went to the Cross I not only took your sins, but I took you. When I took you, I not only took you as the sinner that you might regard yourself to be, but I took you as being all that you are by nature; your good (?) as your bad; your abilities as well as your disabilities; yes, every resource of yours. I took you as a "worker", a "preacher", an organizer! My Cross means that not even for Me can you be or do anything out from yourself, but if there is to be anything at all it must be out from Me, and that means a life of absolute dependence and faith.'

At this point, therefore, we awoke to the fundamental principle of our Lord's own life while here, and it became the law of everything for us from that time. That principle was: "nothing of (out from) Himself", but "all things of (out from) God".

The Son can do nothing of (out from) Himself, but what He seeth the Father doing: for what things soever He doeth, then the Son also doeth in like manner' (John 5:19).

"I can of Myself do nothing: as I hear I judge" (John 5:30). "My teaching is not Mine, but His that sent Me" (John 7:16). We saw that this explains so many strange and - naturally - perplexing things in His behavior: acting and refusing to act; going and refusing to go; speaking and refusing to speak. Later, we came to see that this is the whole meaning of life in the Spirit, and that it is an altogether different life from the natural ways of men, even of Christian men. At the time of this seeing, it was a matter of this law becoming basic, absolute, and ultimate, and it was something totally different from what had been in all our ideas and activities in Christian life and work.

Yes, those who are of Zion are to be emptied of self, both that which they consider bad as well as that which they consider good. Zion is to live out the words of Paul:

Galatians 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me."

Babylon seeks to perform godly works through human industry and effort. Babylon asks the question, "What Would Jesus Do?", and then it tries to perform that action in the power of sinful flesh. Zion, however, sees self as crucified with Christ and Christ now living in and through them. As one brother has stated, Zion says, "Watch What Jesus Does!"

We have seen that Judah and Jerusalem were given over to Babylonian captivity until the land could receive its seventy sabbaths that it had been denied. The issue of rest is the most critical distinction between these two cities. By faith in the work of Messiah Zion enters into rest. Due to unbelief Babylon endures ceaseless striving and fails to enter into the sabbath rest of God. Babylon's works are birthed in the mind, will, and emotions of man. Many of these works appear noble and some are even supernatural in nature. But due to the corrupted source from which they arise all such works are rejected by God. Many of the works of Babylon are in direct opposition to Zion and her citizens.

Yahshua said the day would come when people would kill His disciples and think they were doing God a favor. Such is the end result of the polluted well that Babylon drinks from. In the name of God and His Christ millions of saints have been martyred in the past 2,000 years. This is the work of Babylon. What a shock is in store for these who will stand before Yahshua and say, "Did we not kill the infidels and heretics in Your name?" He will reply, "When you did it to the least of these My brethren, you did it unto Me."

Perhaps now you can see more clearly why Zion and Babylon cannot be identified merely by external measurements. Tares and wheat look much alike until they bear fruit. I know some would like to have a rule of thumb to be able to tell Babylon apart from Zion. Such rules are hard to come by, but one indicator I will give. Zion is a people of faith, while Babylon walks by sight and reason.

Example after example could be given of personal encounters I have experienced with ministers and churches who would not walk by faith. When the test comes then hearts are exposed. Yahweh will press His people forward into realms of faith without exception. We are told that "without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6). The people of Zion will go forward in faith "not loving their lives unto the death" while Babylon will shrink back.

Yes, there are many other things which characterize Babylon: her sensuality, her pride, her idolatry, her love of the world and the things in it; her persecution of the saints; her pagan practices; her heresies; her false forms and traditions, but all of these are the result of her lack of faith in Yahshua and her failure to enter into rest. This is the land that the people of God are being directed to come out from.

Babylon is many places. Babylon is America and New York City. Babylon is the Roman Catholic Church and her many denominational daughters. Babylon is all of these and more. The call to come out will impact each child of God in different ways, but the Spirit will lead all who have ears to hear.

Like Abraham who left Ur of the Chaldees to go to a land of promise he had never seen, so too are many today being called out in this hour. Abraham had to leave family and friends behind, and so too must many of those today. When Yahweh calls, we dare not disobey. We must gladly entrust ourselves into His care. It is a good and a prosperous land set before us. Yahweh's delight is in the people of Zion. As Moses said to the people of Israel when they left another land of captivity:

Deuteronomy 6:23

He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land which He had sworn to our fathers.

The land before us is Yahweh Himself. He is our inheritance and our portion in the land. The heritage of Zion is beautiful and lovely beyond compare. May the way before you be made plain and may you know His presence as you journey along the way.

May you be blessed with peace and understanding in these days,

Joseph Herrin

Dear Saints,

I have been able to post the new book "Babylon Burning" to the Heart4God website. I have not yet posted the downloadable version. I will do so as soon as I am able. The online version is posted and can be viewed at the following link: http://heart4god.8k.com/id478.htm.

I feel that the message of this book is very urgent and I would like to encourage you to share this link with others, and encourage them to share the link as well. This request is given in light of the following Scripture passage:

Ezekiel 33:6
"But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned, and a sword comes and takes a person from them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require from the watchman's hand."

I do see a sword coming, and I am sounding the alarm. Would you be willing to do the same? If so, please share this link with others. If you have not already done so, I would encourage you to look at the photo essay at the beginning of the book. It can be viewed here: http://heart4god.8k.com/id495.htm.

An Introduction has also just been written which can be viewed at the following link: http://heart4god.8k.com/id480.htm. All the other chapters are taken from articles that have been previously sent out, but which are worth another look if it has been some time since you have read them.

May you be blessed with peace and understanding in these days,
Joseph Herrin

Listen To The Signs
Sandy Warner

Mar 15, 2004
You have just gone through a difficult time of many challenges. I use everything in your life and this time was not lost. I AM rejoicing that your choices are lining up more with My heart and Word than ever before. You have properly interpreted the signs, and are beginning to align yourself on My road, keeping your flesh subservient to Me. This is maturity as you learn obedience and walking in My Spirit. Great fruit and opportunities shall arise from these new habits, for I will be able to entrust you with more.

"He who is faithful in a very little [thing] is faithful also in much, and he who is dishonest and unjust in a very little [thing] is dishonest and unjust also in much." (Luke 16:10 AMP)

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Dissolve Slowly, Don't Chew
Sandy Warner

Mar 19, 2004
Occasionally I give you Words that are too hard to chew and too large to swallow. I already know how you will receive these. Therefore, I bring this overload in many colors and sizes, and give them a sweet taste. They circle your life like a giant jaw breaker machine. You put your request in for a Word, and it comes forth from heaven in a spiraling cascade, circling your life over and over again. Finally this weighty and colorful Word comes out of the slot and it is so large, all you can do is suck on it a bit at a time. This may be different than what you are used to, dear one, but your place is to ask, then allow Me to answer in the best possible way. I know what is a good and perfect gift and I know the exact amount of time it will take for you to digest what I have sent.

"These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ." (1 Corinthians 2:13-16 NKJV)

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Do Not Bow To Intimidation
Sandy Warner

Mar 16, 2004
[Close The Door to Fear and Keep Your Focus on the Lord]
EXPERIENCE: While I was trying to rest, a dog in the neighborhood was loose and barking

incessantly. I started binding the spirit of distraction and unrest in the dog. Because it was so disturbing, I discerned it was a spiritual plant.

HEARD: Grounded.
[The same exact instant I heard grounded, the dog stopped barking.]

Luke 10:18-19 NLT
"I saw Satan falling from heaven as a flash of lightning! And I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you.

QUICKENED MEMORY: We had several instances of being attacked by a spirit of intimidation this week. I won't go into the details, but these were attacks intending to produce fear. This reminded me of a past Word to Ponder about rebuking spiritual dogs of intimidation:

WORD TO PONDER: REBUKE THE DOGS
I speak a hedge of protection around My own. The dogs of intimidation are loud. Rebuke them or ignore them, but do not fear them. Think of the positive side; you must have caused alarm for them to bark. If you wonder about your direction, remember as you grow closer to Me and follow My path, you cause enemy distress. If you are sleeping, they will too.

Release worry from your brow. It does not belong in your life. Rise above the rumble and walk in My rest. Command those dogs into obedience with the rod of My Name. Be strong and of good courage. Stand in defense and walk in faith.

Ps 22:19-22 NKJV
But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dog. Save Me from the lion's mouth and from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me. I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You.

HEARD: Catalina.

INTERP: This was the Lord's funny pun. I laughed out loud when I heard Him say that. Catalina is the name of a salad dressing. The Lord knows that just about the only joke I can remember is this one: "What is the honeymooners favorite salad?" "Let us alone." (Lettuce alone) Catalina is a pun for "Dear Cat, lean on the Lord (and don't bow to intimidating dog barks!)" That was exactly how I had been feeling listening to the dog bark. I wanted to be left alone so I could be at rest and commune with Him. He has a wonderful sense of humor.

HEARD: Grace. To possess the spoils of war. Share your gifts. Don't stop. Keep going. Ascend.

HEARD: The devil. Enemy trying to break through. Hedge. What needs to happen. Stand. Giant. Name of it, Intimidation.

WARFARE: The hedge was lifted and I fought against a spirit of intimidation. When done, I woke Wayne and we prayed together. I went back to sleep in peace.

HEARD: Dog intimidate. Don't give even an inch. Be bold. It will get you where you want to go. Results. Flee. God has His eye on you.

DREAM: I saw a large group of people getting ready to minister. They were encircling those inside the circle that needed ministry. There was also a small single straight line of people outside the outer circle facing a field of opposition.

The confidence of the people getting ready to minister began to wane as they turned around and saw the opposition. I warned them several times, "Get your eyes off the enemy and back onto the Lord! Get your eyes off the enemy and back onto the Lord!"

I also told this to the people who were lined up with their backs to us. One turned around and argued that the Lord had positioned them there as intercessors. They were sitting in chairs facing the opposition and all they were doing was being decoys by bouncing things back and forth in warfare. I felt that if they were intercessors they would have had their eyes and focus on the Lord and not on the opposition.

CONCLUSION
{Words to Ponder are summaries of His quickened Words}

WORD TO PONDER: DO NOT BOW TO INTIMIDATION
As I send you forth into times of ministry, understand that conflicting forces aggressively challenge with obstacles, hindrances and curses to oppose your freedom. You may feel intimidation and oppression in the air. These things are in the air 24 hours a day. I promise you that when I send you forth to minister, if your eyes are on the opposition, your confidence will wane and you will feel My anointing ebb. The entire scheme of the enemy is to distract you away from Me, to get your eyes off of Me and onto conflict, and thereby dropping your shield of faith. As long as you keep your eyes on Me, your faith will be strong and joyful and My Presence will have free reign in your ministry times.

"For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News, so that you will be fully prepared. In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan." (Eph 6:15-17 NLT)

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Finding Your Peace
Sandy Warner

Mar 18, 2004
[Open The Door to Peace]
I had come to a crossroads in my ministry. Even before the actual cross road came, I had been praying about it for many months. I knew this was a time for doors to open. However when a door was actually presented to me, this door could be interpreted both ways. The enemy wants us to go through doors that will veer us off course, so we need to pray diligently to know which doors to close. When we are at a cross road, this is important for our destiny. I waited upon Him, but even with input, I still could not decide whether this opportunity was the door of the Lord. After a few days of thinking through the details, I had totally, 100%, lost my peace.

VISION: I was opening up these little wooden mail boxes. They were stacked one on top of the other, each with its own door. Inside each was a different pair of shoes for different people. The boxes had a label called PEACE.

HEARD: Until we can walk in peace. That's My point. Rest.

Eph 6:15 KJV
And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

This was the Lord's answer to me, that unless I could walk through a door of opportunity in His peace, I was not prepared and needed to rest and wait upon Him instead. He told me that the first door would come again later and He would multiply its influence for my waiting. As it turned out a second door opened that was similar to the first opportunity. I had wonderful peace in walking through and the Lord strongly confirmed my decision. However He told me not to compromise my anointing or focus in which He had called me. I was to stay within the boundaries He had already made known to me. When we walk into new places there is a tendency to get carried away in the flow. His peace will be our safeguard and barometer.

UPDATE CONFIRMATION: I listened to a tape from Rick Joyner and he mentioned that the scripture didn't say the God of warfare or whatever will crush satan under our feet, rather it says the God of peace does this. We need to recognize that walking in peace is actually a weapon.

Rom 16:19-20 NKJV
I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.

NOTE: I went to bed to rest in His Presence. I had an ache in my heart from empty nest. Our son had just moved away to go to college.

HEARD: Divine appointment. Peace.

DREAM: I was desiring to float in a little pool so that I could rest and relax. I noticed that my shoes were in the pool and they were floating just fine. Shoes represent my peace.

HEARD: It felt so good to rest with Papa. He misses me like I miss my son.

HEARD: Make it plain to her. Intimacy.

HEARD: Shoed with peace.
VISION: I saw 2 glue bottles.
HEARD: Bonded.

CONCLUSION
{Words to Ponder are summaries of His quickened Words}

WORD TO PONDER: WALK IN PEACE
I want to establish your walk with peace. Without My peace, it leaves the door open to enemy onslaught. Listen to this practical barometer gage I have placed in your heart. I have given you this gift so that you will know the way to go even when the way seems obscure and not clear. If you have lost your peace, pull back, close the door and return to rest in Me.

I so long for our times of intimate fellowship, where you pour out your heart to Me and then listen to Mine for you. As you learn to lay aside all unrest of heart and soul, it closes the door to unrest and opens the doors for our special times of communion. It is in this place of bonding that you become established in My peace.

Even as I glue the soles of your shoes, so I also bond your walk in Me with My peace. My peace gives you a firm foundation that not only takes the shock out of the bumps in life, but also makes you stable. So, trust Me to give you the peace you need to walk without fear. Trust Me that My Word over your life is a good gift and good news.

"For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News, so that you will be fully prepared." (Eph 6:15-16 NLT)

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!" (Isa 52:7-8 NLT)

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Preparing For The Next Phase
Sandy Warner

Mar 17, 2004
In this season many ministries are in the birthing stool position preparing for their next phase of expansion. I will grant an enlargement of financial provision as they trust Me through their graduation into the stretching forth their tent stakes. I AM coming with an abundance of rain.

"Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain." So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then he bowed down on the ground, and put his face between his knees, and said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." So he went up and looked, and said, "There is nothing." And seven times he said, "Go again." Then it came to pass the seventh time, that he said, "There is a cloud, as small as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, 'Prepare your chariot, and go down before the rain stops you.'" (1 Kings 18:41-44 NKJV)

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Lifting The Veil
Deborah Voetberg

Lifting The Veil ~ Setting Captives Free

Jun 25, 2004
Have you become frustrated in your attempts to bring truth to those you love only to have them turn uninterested or change the subject or to say once again " Don't preach to me." ? Do you walk away shaking your head wondering why they can't hear and just don't get it? What has happened is you have forgotten they are covered by a veil.

Here is a quote from The Living Bible, 1 Cor. 2:14-15, "But the man who isn't a Christian can't understand and can't accept these thoughts from God, which the Holy Spirit teaches us. They sound foolish to him because only those who have the Holy Spirit within them can understand what the Holy Spirit means. Others just can't take it in."

In 2 Cor 3:12-15, we read that Moses put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look at the glory that was passing away. But that veil is still on those who do not receive the truth of Christ, because the veil is only taken away through believing in Christ! Eyes and hearts are blind and we find many who would rather believe a doctrine of works than the truth of grace. When you find this in the hearts of those you are trying to reach you need to recognize the veil that keeps them blind and deaf.

Our approach need not be to hit people over the head with the bible and beat them into submission. It's not 'obey the word of God or die'! We are to tell them there is life for them in Christ, and He has given us the Holy Spirit to live that life in truth! It's not the old glory we preach that was passing away but the new glory that will never pass away! This we preach with great boldness!

It's all about getting the veil of deception lifted off of their hearts and minds! If anyone will turn from their sins and repent the veil is taken a way. Christians are to have no veil over their faces, but to mirror the image and glory of God to the world. As the Lord works more and more in our surrendered lives, we mirror more and more of Him to the world.

The word of God is only hidden from those who are lost. Satan keeps them blind, unable to see the truth and understand. The wisdom and doctrine of this world is the veil that Satan uses to keep men blind, unable to understand the truth hidden from them.

How The Church Lifts The Veil

We find an example of lifting the veil in 2 Cor 10:1-6.

Paul pleads with the Corinthians concerning the strife, contention, and division over leadership...his. He pleads with them gently... referring to the complaint that he is bold while away, but will be fearful and weak to their face...saying that he has no desire to come harshly and rough and does not want to carry out his present plans against those who think his words are only those of a mere man. Then he reveals his method to deal with their blindness.

He doesn't use human plans & methods to win his battles and knock down the strongholds of Satan in the minds and thoughts of people. The weapons he uses are Gods' mighty weapons able to pull down every proud argument against God and break every wall (stronghold) built that keeps men captive. With his weapons of warfare he is able to capture every rebel heart and bring back every thought to the obedience of Christ. He informs them that he intends to win this battle and will deal with all other disobedience when their thoughts and hearts have been brought back under the obedience of Christ.

There was no doubt in Paul's heart in the accomplishment and effectiveness of God's mighty weapons!

Here are some definitions of what we are discussing.......

Weapons: NT:3696 ~ hoplon (hop'-lon); (especially offensive for war): KJV - armour, instrument, weapon.

Mighty: NT:1415 ~ dunatos (doo-nat-os'); from NT:1410; powerful or capable NT:1410 dunamai (doo'-nam-ahee) KJV - be able, ability of power. Outward expression of power. Power in action.

Pulling Down: NT:2506 ~ kathairesis (kath-ah'-ee-res-is); from NT:2507; demolition; to demolish, extinction: KJV - destruction, pulling down. To tear down with violence.

Stronghold: NT:3794 ~ ochuroma (okh-oo'-ro-mah); meaning to fortify, through the idea of holding safely; a castle (opinion- argument): KJV - stronghold.

Imaginations: NT:3053 ~ logismos (log-is-mos'); from NT:3049; computation, reasoning, conceit, pride. KJV - imagination, thoughts. NT:3049 logizomai (log-id'-zom-ahee); to take an inventory, speculation KJV - conclude, despise, esteem, impute, lay, number, reason, reckon, suppose, think (on)

Casting down: NT:2507 ~ kathaireo (kath-ahee-reh'-o); from NT:2596 and NT:138 ; to lower (or with violence) demolish. KJV - cast (pull, put, take) down, destroy.

Pulling down ~ Knocking down...

Imaginations...speculation...calculated reasoning...deep reflection...consideration of the mind...opinions...judgments rendered...beliefs systems...thought patterns...ways of thinking...philosophies of life...high prideful thinking...self-exaltation ~ that have been formed over time in the unbeliever.

Identify every thought and stronghold that is blinding those you love.

Setting Captives Free

Ask the Lord to show you what keeps those you love blinded.
Speak against it, call it by name and tear it down!
God will release His power against it. It will be demolished!
Take captive every evil thought sent their way.
Take captive every evil scheme and evil plan.
Bind their thoughts to the mind of Christ.
Set them Free to Hear...Lift the Veil!

Great Grace!
Deborah

Lift Up Your Eyes Toward Heaven
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September 28, 2004

Today, during my Bible reading time, the Holy Spirit quickened these words to me from Isaiah 55:8,11 (New Living Translation), ***"My thoughts are completely different from yours, and my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine...It is the same with my word, I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it."***

As I was meditating on these words, I saw in my mind a multitude of God's people, and in their minds/hearts they were asking/thinking about these thoughts: *"Does what I do really matter?? Am I making any difference at all??"* Each one of these saints were enclosed in a bubble.

At this point, I felt a quickening in my heart and sensed the Lord speaking these impressions to me:

"Yes, what you do in obedience to me matters. Its effect goes beyond the sphere of what you can possibly think or even imagine. It is destroying strongholds and breaking down spiritual barriers, preparing the way for My Spirit to move in greater measure."

"Your Prayers and Love are Affecting Not Only Your Own..."

Pictures of people flashed through my mind. Parents loving and praying for their wayward children. Husbands and wives living with difficult spouses as they continued to love them/submit to them as God has led. Pastors and ministers crying out for their sheep and spiritual wards. Spiritual children crying out for their pastors. All types of people carrying difficult burdens, living under difficult circumstances, all crying out to God while doing the best they can in response to God's leading where they are now. All feeling tired, vulnerable, and wondering if their situations will ever change, if their prayers will ever be answered, if all their labor and effort is making any difference at all in the lives of those they are called to minister and labor in.

As I continued to watch scene after scene of people crying out to the Lord flashing in my mind, I sense a battle going inside my heart. A tug of war of different emotions and thoughts. Forcing myself to be still, these words like cool refreshing water to my thirsty soul flooded in. May these words bring the same healing to those who need to hear them today:

"Tell my people that all will be well with them. Lift up your eyes heavenward. For the battles you are fighting are greater than just your own. When you love your wayward children, you are not just loving your own, your love is breaking down barriers in the hearts of many other wayward children. Because you have chosen to love, the others, too, will be set free by the love you pour down on your own. When husband and wife continue to love and submit to each other. When shepherds and sheep choose to walk in my ways no matter how lonely and difficult these paths may be. When you choose to trust and believe me despite the sicknesses, difficulties, and trials you are facing in your midst, you are not doing it just for your own, either; you are helping me restore order to a chaotic society, establishing my value system in the world, planting my seeds in the hearts of men, and bringing healing to many broken families."

"A Great Purpose is Being Accomplished"

"Every day that you choose to obey and follow me, your labor avails much. The heavenly hosts are able to move forward, breaking down strongholds, taking back territories with each step that you take and each tear that you shed. You are doing much, my children. Lift up your eyes heavenward, for the victory is much greater that you can perceive or imagine.

"Not all of you will taste and see the victory you so long for in your lifetime. But take heart, your labor will not be vain. Your cries have been heard, your desires will be granted. And great will be the blessings that you will be leaving behind.

"Like my people from old, you have been called to walk and live like them. Their lives were signs and symbols for their times. It was not only for their own that they lived and walked. It was for a greater purpose. And just as their obedience resulted in great victory, so your faithfulness in what you are doing now is also achieving the same greatness. Again, I say lift up your eyes heavenward, for great things are happening and you are a big part of it.

"I am pouring out my refreshing spirit upon your souls. Breathe it in. Your soul will be restored, your spirit will once more be lifted up for the battle ahead. Come...come...come...my beloved."

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Lift Up Your Voices

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The Lord spoke unto me to tell His people to lift up their voices like a trumpet unto Him in prayer. He took me back to the blowing of the Shofar on Rosh Hashana. There are three distinct sounds: First of all, there is the Tekiah sound, which is a long straight blast. This signifies that we are to crown Him King and Lord of our own personal lives and also of the whole entire universe. Then, there should be a moaning for the forgiveness of sins and for the conditions/happenings in the world. God has to intervene for there to be some kind of a resolution. Natural man is no match for the strategies of the devil.

We have always heard that God uses different groups of people for the advancement of His kingdom: Some to go, some to finance it and some to keep it covered with prayer, right confession and intercession. He shows me now that the same principle applies to the current war. Some can't go, but we can certainly under girt our soldiers and others involved with our prayers. As I sought the Lord about a message this morning, He showed me a great big pie with much filling and toppings on it. It looked all good and wonderful. The Lord said that we are partaking of a lot of good that came as a result of our soldiers fighting in many wars. We, at home are reaping the benefits of their sacrifices. No matter what we think about the war, we are still living in freedom and enjoying the blessings of the USA. If left unchecked, those trying to destroy humanity's freedom would more than likely advance.

The second sound that the trumpet makes are three medium wailing blasts. These are the sobbing cries to connect in oneness with God and to be all that He would have us to be. Let us cry unto the Lord with our whole hearts-to be in His perfect will so that His plan can unfold and our prayers have the greatest of impact.

Thirdly, the Teruah sounds are nine quick, short blasts. This is a 'wake-up call.' It is truly time to wake up if there ever was a time. Awake you who are asleep and wail, cry out to the God of our salvation! Surely He is ABLE to work things out. I can hear Him crying out: "If My people.. if My people.."

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Light Versus Darkness

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Col 1:13—*For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.*

John 1:5—*The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*

What is the “darkness” in these two quoted verses of Scripture? The darkness is the lie of the devil. And what is the “light”? The light is the truth, or the Word, or the Christ, of God.

John 8:43-45—*Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. 44You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.*

Why is the language, or truth, or word, of Christ not clear to most people, even Christians? It is because the darkness, Satan’s lie, constantly overshadows the minds of people.

John 10:10—*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

How does the thief come to steal and kill and destroy? It is through lies. How can you stop the thief from gaining entry? It is by rebuffing his lies with the truth. This way, the light overcomes the darkness. Let us see some episodes of darkness versus light battle. We will see that the battle depends wholly on man. The reason is that he has been given dominion (Gen 1:26; Psa 8:6-8; Heb 2:8).

Gen 3:4-7—*"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*
6When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

In this episode we see the thief project his lie against Adam and his wife (the totality of humanity). Did mankind rebuff the lie of Satan? No! And so the thief gained entrance. He stole their glory; he killed them; he destroyed their future. It was a massive devastation. Can you see what just one lie of the devil has caused?

Matt 4:1-11—*Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. 2After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."*
4Jesus answered, "It is written: `Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"
5Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "`He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"
7Jesus answered him, "It is also written: `Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"
8Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world

and their splendor. 9"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."
10Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: `Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"
11Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

In this episode we see the thief confront the last Adam, Jesus Christ. He came against Him with his lies as usual. But Jesus kept on rebuffing the lies of the devil with the light, or truth, or word, of God. The thief had no other option than to leave this Adam alone. The result is that not only did this Adam not lose His glory to the thief, He even gained an increase, which God brought to Him through the angels.

James 1:2-5—*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, 3because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. 4Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

When the thief projects his lies against a man/woman, if s/he overcomes, s/he receives promotion. But if s/he fails, s/he loses a whole lot. We must take note of this point.

For more than five years, the enemy convinced me that I had been poisoned. I believed him and went into years of suffering under an incurable disease. I did not know to rebuff the enemy with the following verses of Scripture:

Mark 16:17-18—*And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."*

After years of suffering, I came to my senses, through the grace of God. And so I began to rebuff the enemy with God's truth and I was freed.

Ps 107:20—*He sent forth his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave.*

Matt 8:17—*"He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."*

Matt 14:35-36—*And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him 36and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.*

John 3:14-15—*Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.*

Num 21:4-9—*They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; 5they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!"*
6Then the LORD sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died. 7The people came to Moses and said, "We sinned when we spoke against the LORD and against you. Pray that the LORD will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.
8The LORD said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live." 9So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

The thief deceived the people of Israel into believing that God could not save them and that they would die in the desert. They began to confess the lie of the devil and what they believed and confessed began to happen to them. Then God gave Moses the solution to this terrible problem: Lift up Christ so that anyone bitten by the enemy who looks up to Christ (the word of God) will live.

When the enemy projects symptoms of sickness at you, rebuff him with the truth of God. Christ is with us and He has healed us.

1 John 5:4—*For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.*

1 John 5:18-19—*We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. 19We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.*

1 John 3:8-9—*He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.*

When the devil tempts you to sin, tell him that no one who is born of God will continue to sin.

Eph 6:10-17—*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

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A Presentation Of The Gospel Message
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John 3:16—*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

God’s greatest gift to mankind is His Son. His Son is Spirit (Christ), but He had to become flesh because mankind had so fallen that we existed only on the level of the flesh. Mankind was dead in relation to God and the function of God’s greatest gift is to resurrect mankind from this death.

Actually, God gave this precious gift to mankind in the beginning. But man lost the gift through disobedience.

Gen 2:7—*The LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his* *nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.*

You see, upon creation, God breathed into man His Christ, and man became alive in relation to God.

Gen 3:17-19—*To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, `You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.*
18It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.
19By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

It is clear from this last quote from Scripture that Adam's disobedience brought tremendous curse upon mankind and led to mankind falling down to the level of flesh (dust). Mankind thus became dead in relation to God.

God gave the Law to Israelites of old to supervise their lives until Christ is given back to mankind.

Gal 3:19—*What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come. The law was put into effect through angels by a mediator.*

Gal 4:1-2—*What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. 2He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.*

Unfortunately, the Jews now saw the guardian or trustee as their salvation. When God released His precious gift to mankind they could not understand that their ultimate salvation had come; that the time had come for them to be freed from guardian or trustee and be given full rights as sons. The gentiles who never had any guardian or trustee now stood at an advantage, because the only salvation they ever came to know happens to be the real thing.

In giving Christ back to the world, God gave Christ to mankind the way He gave Him in the beginning (Gen 2:7). In the beginning God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed Christ into the man He had formed. In the return of Christ to mankind, we read:

Heb 10:5—*Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me."*

So we see that, once again, God formed a new man, the last Adam (1 Cor 15:45), and breathed into him Christ. The new man was formed from the dust to which mankind returned by the fall, albeit in the womb of a virgin. Both Christ and the new man in whom He was breathed are gifts of God to mankind. In fact Christ and the new man could not be separated for as long as sin is not found in the man. Of course, we know that sin was never found in the last Adam as it was found in the first.

John 2:19—*Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."*

John 10:30—*I and the Father are one."*

The temple that Jesus referred to in John 2:19 is the new man in whom Christ dwelt. The new man and Christ (the Spirit of the Father) were one. The two-in-one was God's precious gift to mankind.

Col 1:21-22—*Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.*

The two parts of God’s precious gift were to serve two different purposes. The first Adam was like a seed planted by God, which developed into a giant tree with billions of branches (Matt 13:31-32). Even though the population of mankind is now in the billions, we still form the first Adam.

God is in the process of creating a new world. To this end, He formed a new man, but grafted Him as a branch of the first man. This was so because God had given the first Adam dominion over all the earth. If the new man were not grafted onto the old man, He would not have dominion. That was how Jesus came to be known as “Son of David” (Mark 10:47). By so doing God substituted the new man or last Adam for the first man, so that whatever that happened to the new man happened to the first man. And so when the new man died, all mankind died. This way, God brought to an end His dealings with the first Adam or the old covenant.

Heb 2:17—*For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.*

2 Cor 5:14—*For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.*

By His death, the last Adam atoned for the sins of the first Adam. Since God ended the old covenant by the death of all mankind, God now raised the new man back to life by reuniting Him with Christ and gave Him all authority in heaven and on earth. The new man now has greater sphere of authority than the first man. The first man had dominion over all the earth, while the new man has dominion over all of God’s creation.

God has planted a new tree of mankind. The seed that gave rise to this new tree was the last Adam, Jesus Christ. Right now the new tree stands side by side with the old tree, but this will happen for a limited period of time. Branches of the old tree are being cut off and are being grafted onto the new tree. At an appointed time, the old tree will be cut down so that God can have His new world. Happenings around the world clearly indicate that the time of the old tree is virtually up.

Matt 3:10—*The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.*

So, the physical part of God’s precious gift enabled the redemption of branches of the first tree of mankind. What about the spiritual part, which is the Christ of God?

Rom 5:9-10—*Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!*

The spiritual arm of God’s precious gift is the Spirit (or Christ), and He is life. The Spirit is to be received by each person and it is the reception of the Spirit that grafts one into the new man. The new man is alive in relation to God by reason of the presence of the Spirit (or breath) of life. Every member of the new mankind is united (or is one) with Christ, just like Jesus Christ. Every member has access to the same level of authority as Jesus, through the Spirit. It is by the Spirit that every member of the new mankind overcomes all the problems that militated against the old mankind (sin, disease, accident, lack of necessities of life, etc.).

Joining the new mankind

John 6:44-45—*"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. 45It is written in the Prophets: `They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who* *listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me."*

Whenever Jesus talked about the Father, He was referring to the Spirit of God (Christ) in Him. How does the Father draw a person?

John 6:63—*The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.*

Eph 1:13—*And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit*

The Spirit (Christ) dwelling inside a preacher manifests Himself as the word of truth, the gospel. God draws anyone who can believe the word of God. Anyone who believes the word of truth immediately becomes one with the Spirit, just like the first Adam believed Satan's lie and immediately became one with Satan. In John 6:44, Christ (the Spirit) said that He would raise the believer on the last day. Christ is the resurrection power; the last day refers to the day of first resurrection (Rev 20:5-6).

Abiding in the new mankind

John 15:1-2—*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. 2He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."*

This is the new mankind speaking. From His words, it is clear that membership in the new mankind is conditional, until the end of one's sojourn on earth. Whatever state in which a person finds him/herself at death determines whether or not the person will participate in the first resurrection.

The condition for remaining in the new mankind is bearing of fruit. We see this stated in several passages of Scripture (for example, Matt 3:10; 25:14-30). How does one bear fruit?

Matt 13:23—*But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.*

God's seed, Christ, is sown in a person's heart. How good is the soil where the seed is sown? That determines the extent of fruitfulness, from zero fold to a hundred fold. By default, every person's heart is as bad as a desert land. But a person can steadily improve the condition of his/her heart according to the stages described in the parable of the sower. This improvement is all a matter of faith.

How can a person improve his/her level of fruitfulness?

Rom 12:2—*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

In the beginning, Adam was created to bear fruit a hundred fold. Satan came with his lie; Adam accepted the lie and ended up having a desert heart. The pattern of this world is woven with Satan's lies. As long as we conform to this world's pattern, our hearts will remain desolate. We must replace this world's pattern with the pattern from heaven. That is what renewing of the mind is all about. The pattern from heaven is the word of truth. It is by accepting the word of truth that we join the new mankind and it is by continually accepting the word of truth that we become fruitful in the new mankind.

Rom 10:8-10—*But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: 9That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*

We accept the word of truth by believing it in our hearts. We bear fruit when we confess with our mouths what we believe in our hearts. Deep-seated conviction in the heart is the starting point; otherwise our confessions will become mechanical. What exactly do we believe? The Christ of God dwells in us as He dwelt in Jesus. By reason of His presence in us, we have overcome the evil powers that control this world. These evil powers can no longer dominate us with their sin, disease, lack of basic needs, etc. When these evil powers confront us, we confess the relevant word of truth.

We are entering a season of massive fruit bearing. Let us begin now to renew our minds by printing on our hearts the pattern from heaven.

Ezek 36:25-27—"*I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws."*

Eph 3:14-17—*For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.*

Laying Waste The High Places
Susan Cummings

I am causing you to go through the winepress, my daughter, as I am laying waste to all of the High Places in your life, as well as that of those around you.

For just as Gideon threshed grain in secret in the mill, and hid it from his enemies, and was secretly serving me, but in fear. So are you a sign of My People doing the same thing.

My People are still trying to work and labor in My Word without the clear revelation of the New Ways from which I desire them to go forth in this hour. They still labor under the old bondages, and fears, and in captivity, and do not understand that this is a new day.

They still see their lives as under duress and as not in freedom. But, they have complete victory through Me, if they would just look through My eyes, and see My Plan. But, I am laying waste to the high places that have ruled over My People! I am bringing down all of the mindsets and the lies that have kept them from freely walking forth in Me.

I am bringing New Truth to those who dare to believe Me, and to step out from their hiding places, and from the labor among the mills, and into My Light.

I will show you a better way! I will cause you to break forth, and to explode with My Light. For just as they broke the clay pots, so will you, and the enemy will flee seven ways before you!

It is time to believe in Me.
It is time to break free from the bondage that has kept you from advancing!
It is time to break forth and let My Truth be seen from you!

I am laying waste the High Places, and the True Foundation will then be seen in you and in My People, and finally raised up, for all to be built upon. Then there will be no more captivity.

For My Banner will clearly be seen waving in the winds, and it will be seen without opposition, for no man will hold back MY People anymore! I will be their Captain and lead them on, and they will follow Me, and will break free all those still held in captivity!

You will no longer thresh in secret in the cloak of hiddenness or even of darkness, but will burst forth in full daylight, with My Fire blazing forth out of you!
Then you will see all of the booty that has been held back for you, and that the enemy has stolen from you, and you will take it all back, and have more than enough to share with all!

For I show you ahead of time what I will do, and now you will see it accomplished!
-Susan Cummings
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I Have Placed You Upon The Wall
Susan Cummings

I have placed you upon the wall, and it is not the time to become distracted and apathetic. Much is coming in from shore, and you must remain at the post. There is no other warning given, as all have been warned, and you must be watchful and ready to move as I have spoken to you.

The Glittering Fog has done it’s work, and they don’t even know they are enshrouded, but you cannot free those who do not want to be. You must focus, and be faithful to remain at your post, for the real battle is yet to come. This is only the prelude to the real blows to come.

Many have chosen to stand down, and to watch from a distance, as they fear the backlash of standing against the masses. But Mine remain true to Me, and do not waver, nor compromise, regardless of the cost! There has never been an option of compromise amongst My Own. Either your heart is truly Mine, or it is not. Either you serve Me with all your strength, or you do not.

True allegiance is not measured by stature or by earthly prestige or even by your past accomplishments, it is measured by your submission to Me now. I see your hearts, and I know the struggles that you go through, and the decisions that are pressuring you to be made, and I know what your answer will be. I know you. Yet, even so, I chose you from the beginning to serve Me in this hour.

Take heed, and remain still before Me, and do not allow the clamor of the masses break your focus, or your allegiance to Me. Watch and see, for the great deception has already woven it’s web, and multitudes are in the valley, and are assembled. Now will come the battle, and many will fall.

For your voice, and the voices of Mine upon the wall, will bring the Warriors into their positions. The time to assemble is now. The time to be at attention is now. The time to prepare to move is now. There is no more delay. There is no more preparations to be made. You have your assignments, and you know your places, and you know My Voice. Get ready.

You must stay upon the wall! Remain with your arms ready!

Archers, do not let the arrows go out, but keep the flames lit. You must keep your eyes focused upon the Center of the battle, where the heart is, for you know your target.

Swordsmen, you must not put your sword in it’s sheath, but maintain your posture. The mockers are only a diversion to tire you. Remain IN Me, and in the place of rest.

Torch bearers, Do not become weary in the fight, but hold your stance, as the Truth will shine forth, as you have been directed, and as you have foreseen. The Vision is True and it will go forth as you have been shown. Maintain the fires and the battle will not fail.

Dread Warriors, prepare to move. You know your positions and your ranking. Get into your places, for the Trumpet is to sound. You know the path the Lord has given to each of you to run, and you must get ready, for the Gauntlet has begun.

My Eagles are flying now and drawing forth the hidden ones, and now they will be seen among the ranks. For the hour of reckoning has come, and the fate of men now rests in their own hands.

Men never wanted their Creator, their God, or their Savior, but they wanted an earthly king. They rejected me on Mt. Sinai, they rejected Me on the Cross, and they reject Me now. They never wanted to submit or to yield their hearts to Me, but only to serve in bondage to men. They have gotten what they have asked for. Their earthly king is coming………

-Susan Cummings
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7:10 pm

You March To The Beat Of A Different Drummer
Susan Cummings

Child, you struggle because you march to the beat of a different drummer. You are not like those around you. I create My people for different tasks, and different calls, and you are not made to become like those around you, but I have called you out to walk with Me. You cannot serve Me where you are. You must come out from among them.

You flourish under My Beat, because it is formed within you, from the day I created you. You are inseparable from Me, and you cannot identify with anything apart from Me, for I AM your God. Your DNA is Mine. Just as all of My Creation is. But, you have a destiny that is unique to you alone, and you cannot serve another, or allow someone else to serve yours.

Yours is yours alone. I made you to walk your path.

I have formed Myself within you. You are filled with My Holy Spirit. You are called by My Name. You bear My Mark. Then, why do you struggle to rest in Me? You must choose whom you will serve. There is no other destiny for you, except that which you were created for, and created to be. You must allow yourself to be yourself.

The drumbeat that beats within you cannot be replaced by another. You cannot sever yourself from My Heartbeat without cutting out your own heart, and denying Me entirely. You must choose.

You stand at the crossroads, and you cannot go any further until you choose. It is your choice, and your path, and I will not force you, nor make you love Me. Those who love Me, give themselves to Me.

Listen to your heart.

-Susan Cummings
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Loosing Your Self Life

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"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me. Whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses it for my sake will find it" (Matt. 16:24,25)

Livingstone, drum beats, a dark corner of the African veldt and the hallowed word. martyrdom. To the vivid imagination of the young men and women sitting in St Georges, in Canberra, that's what this passage conjured up. The verse was being used by a visiting missionary, speaking of the pain of life and the daily possibility of death working in the Amazon. John expressed a sentiment like that, "They did not love their lives, even when faced with death" (Rev. 12:11). The blood of the martyrs cries out indeed.

"But sir", I thought, "we only have one life, and we could only give it up once". Quite so. I think our missionary friend missed the point of the verse. Matthew, Mark (8:35) and John (12:25) chose the Greek word psyche (psychos). The gospel authors had three other Greek words they could have used. What the writers did not say was:

"Whoever loses his zoe" - existence, breath, being; "Whoever loses his bios" - life, livelihood, nature; "Whoever loses his seatou" - personality, character.

Sorry Livingstone, there's the door, now off with you!

A cloudy word indeed

It is a confusing word, I'll grant you that. Scholars better than I have translated it variously: mind, heart, soul and even spirit. When using it with prefixes (words which join it at the front) we find hints to the real meaning:

1. a-psychos (1 Cor. 14:7) translated lifeless. Meaning soulless, without conscience. Yes we can be without life - in the sense of being soulless - without conscience and that is not what God wants. That would make a murderer out of you.

2. di-psychos (Jas. 1:8) translated double minded. Meaning split soul, with two souls. We can be waivering, doubting, confused. Like having two souls (sounds like a case of MPD to me). That is not what God wants either.

3. oligo-psychos (1 Th. 5:14) translated faint hearted. Meaning weak willed, indecisive. We can be weak, terrified, faint hearted and distraught. Yet He said fear for nothing and do not worry about your life. So that's not it.

4. iso-psychos (Phil. 2:20) translated like minded. Meaning single minded, of a kindred spirit. We can be friendly, a kindred spirit, full of love and like minded - yes that's close, but He called for death, not life.

5. sum-psychos (Phil. 2:2) translated united in spirit. Meaning singular vision, of one heart. We can be united with others, like a husband and wife, serving one another - yes that is closer to the meaning.

Nearly there.

Jesus said lay down your life - your psychos. Oooh help me Jesus.

In traditional Greek writings, psychos was used to mean the seat of personality. I think the closest we have is self life. "Whoever loses his self life" - his soulishness, his selfish heart will gain life forever.

A Dead Man Walking

Paul told the Ephesians, "as slaves of Christ, do the will of God from the heart" (Eph. 6:6). A slave has lost the ability to argue, to negotiate. The slave does the masters will. Our heart - our soul - our psyche must come to this place, and that is a death.

"Whatever you do, do your work heartily as for the Lord rather than men" (Col. 3:23). Obey your instructors, submit to authorities, do your duty like a soldier. Yield your will, your self and learn from the Lord. Jesus gave up his 'self life' and put aside his equality with God. He took the form of a servant, he humbled himself. He became a dead man walking. He only did what he saw the father doing.

Like a Samurai

In "The Last Samurai" we see depicted this "losing your life" very well. It's a movie about the conversion of a soulless man from America to the ways and customs of the ancient Samurai. He learns respect, authority, obedience, self control. But more than that he learns meekness, humility and brokenness.

He is teaching a child about battle, and the child is scared of war. He is already an orphan and does not want to loose his surrogate father to battle also. In explaining fear and courage the main character says, "I'm always scared when I fight. But courage is not the absence of fear, it is a strong desire to live, in an absolute readiness to die". That is death to self - prepared to give yourself to the cause - yes even to physical and final death. But you've died already. That makes you courageous.

The horse trainers in the mountains of Greece had a word for horses like that. They found a wild stallion and started to train him. They call it "breaking them in". It is a process designed to break the will, but not the spirit. To bring the self life into absolute obedience to the rider. When a horse reached the final stage of training - ready for battle - a war horse, the trainer would say the horse was praus. We use the word humble or meek. It means absolute strength under absolute control: power in submission. That is Christ, and getting there. that is the cross.

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Mummies Are Dead

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You Don't Have to Act Like a Struggling, Stinky MUMMY! Mummies are Dead!"

The Stinky Mummy

Several times lately I have been in churches and areas where I suddenly saw what looked like an Egyptian mummy. It was wound around with filthy rags and it really was stinky (bad). I wondered what was going on as it was really nauseating, and I wondered why I kept seeing it around churches.

Another discovery (well not actually a "discovery," but you know, when you NOTICE something,) was that people were struggling, struggling, and struggling with problems that they had had for YEARS - 6 years, 10 years, 15 years, 20 years! It was amazing to me.

Then I saw something really clear - something I preach all the time. So much teaching and preaching is geared to try and change the old man (that's that stinky-rags man). People wrestle around trying to change the old man for years and years and never really get delivered, so they never feel "qualified" to receive their inheritance in God - the amazing wonderful realm of the Holy Spirit.

It's like being in one of those mud wrestling matches which you can never win, and you can NEVER get out of the mud because, as you struggle, you just sink further in. Oh my!

Trying to Be Crucified with Christ?? Hoping to Be Crucified with Christ??

Did you know that that was a religious spirit that makes you do that? Did you realize that when JESUS died on the Cross that He never died to try and change or improve the old man? If the old man could be improved JESUS NEVER WOULD HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED would He? In Romans, chapter 6, it says, "You were crucified with Christ." It does not say "trying to be," nor "hoping to be." When Jesus went to the cross, He took that old man with Him. He made provision for you to walk IN THE NEW MAN BY FAITH. He already gave you a new heart and put a right spirit within you; He put His desires in your heart, so that the will of God is delightful to you.

There is nothing you can do to change or improve that old man, so quit trying. Trying can be very trying, can't it?

The Spirit Does the Changing - Not You or I

In II Corinthians, chapter 3:17-18, it says:

"Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is LIBERTY (freedom)."

Freedom from what? Freedom from the penalty of sin, freedom from the power of sin, freedom from sin-consciousness, and freedom from self-consciousness. The Holy Spirit is the revelator; He comes and delivers us and brings us into a God-conscious realm. Not sin-conscious, not self-conscious. "As we behold the glory of the Lord," the Bible says, "we are changed from glory to glory, even as by the

SPIRIT OF THE LORD."

It is the SPIRIT WHO DOES THE CHANGING - NOT YOU OR I. For you are "His workmanship." And "He which began a good work in you will perform it." HE WILL, NOT WE WILL. In Jude it says that "He (Jesus) is going to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy." He is going to take your hand and present you to His Father and say, "Look, Dad, at what I have done." Not you or I, not your prayer partner, or even your husband or wife, and not even your pastor is going to get the glory for YOU. You are HIS WORKMANSHIP. You will be exactly the same as Him through no work of your own.

It's yielding, not trying and striving. "He that has entered into His rest has ceased from his own works" (Hebrews 4).

The Old Man Has Nothing to Say to You - HE IS DEAD!

It is so sad to me to see people who should be flying high in the Spirit realm still struggling and wrestling around in the old stinky stuff, which in reality has been crucified with Christ 2000 years ago. The devil is a thief and a robber. He is liar, and he lies to you; he keeps you in bondage through his lies - religious lies - because he doesn't want you to live in the truth of what JESUS has already done for you on that cross at Calvary.

Don't allow that old man to have any say - he stinks. It's the old man that Jesus has dealt with. You have a new heart; you are called to walk in the Spirit, in the heavenly realms of God. That is your inheritance - you are a citizen of heaven. You are only a visitor here. The old man has NOTHING TO SAY TO YOU; he is dead. He WAS crucified with Christ. Make a study of Romans 6 and ask the Holy Spirit for a revelation of who He is and Who you are in Him - a new creation, created in Christ, in holiness and righteousness.

I gave up trying to be holy years ago and decided to get into His holiness instead! It is SO WONDERFUL - SO AMAZING. It is "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING. JOY FROM HEAVEN TO EARTH COME DOWN," as it says in the old English hymn. Salvation is all of Him, from start to finish.

Changed from Glory to Glory "By the Spirit of the Lord"

I was once in Heaven, and I was in a room. I saw a lovely young woman. It was me, but not just me, the Betrothed...that means YOU. I saw three angels, and then Jesus walked into this room I was in. The angels began to sing to the young woman, and as they sang, they pointed to Jesus saying, "Isn't He beautiful, beautiful isn't He?"

She looked, and she was awestruck because He was so beautiful, so lovely, so righteous, so Holy and amazing. She also began to sing, "Isn't He beautiful, beautiful isn't He?"

Then do you know what happened? He turned around to her, this lovely young lady which was me and you, and He looked right into her eyes and He sang to her, "Yes, you are beautiful, beautiful, yes you are."

He loves you so much. Do you know that as that young women stayed around Him and stayed close to

Him, all His attributes fell on her and she became JUST LIKE HIM? She wasn't trying and striving and struggling. She was changed from glory to glory "by the Spirit of the Lord."

Salvation is not just going to heaven. That is the greatest thing, but eternity starts now. You have that eternal life now in you. You are sealed with the Spirit of Promise, like an engagement ring. He is our glorious savior, healer, deliverer, friend; He is closer than a brother.

You Are Part of the Royal Family

I hate the spirit of religion. The devil is a liar. "He was a liar from the beginning," Jesus said, "and there is no truth in him." Jesus delivered you from that old man; He gave you a new start, a new beginning, you were BORN AGAIN. You know that old mess that hangs on you and condemns you and tells you that you will never get free? Well, THAT'S NOT YOU. All that old stuff was crucified on the cross. YOU ARE a new creation. Walk in the new man by faith - it's not hard, but you have to believe what Jesus says. Stop listening to stuff that brings you into bondage instead of setting you free. Stop listening to the devil. Stop walking in the old man who is dead and stinks. Get him buried (Baptized). Remember what I saw...All your righteousness is as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6).
Did you know you are adopted into the Royal family of God? Taken out of darkness, into the kingdom of God's dear Son? That's right - the Royal family. You are a royal princess or prince. You can walk uprightly and boldly before Him, the Father's child, the Beloved's sweetheart. It's time to rise up, beloved, and come away.
I'll leave you with some words from John Wesley's hymn:
"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"
"Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise."

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Made Righteous
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You have been made righteous and you have been given the status of a son or daughter of God. But you are still thinking the same as you were before you came to My Son's life. His kingdom is your Kingdom. His righteousness is your righteousness. He is your peace, your power, your life and wisdom. (Galatians 4:9) (I John 3:2) (I John 4:17)

Change your way of thinking from an earthly man to a son or daughter of God. All things are possible to those that believe.

I see you through My Son's finished work which He completed when He died and was raised from the dead.

You are seated with Him in heavenly places and are translated into His kingdom. You are now citizens of His glorious kingdom. (Luke 12:32) (Philippians 3:20) (John 10:28)

Through His blood that was offered up once and for all, you have every right and privilege as a son or daughter of the Most High God. (I John 1:16) Your rights were activated when you accepted My Son into your heart and life.

Your sins are not even remembered. (Hebrews 8:12, 10:17) (Hebrews 9:28)

I gave the rainbow that is a symbol of My covenant. The rainbow that encircles the throne is a symbol of the everlasting covenant that I made

through My Son. (Revelation 4:3) (Genesis 9:13) (I Peter 3:3-8)

I paid the price, And I Am with you, And I Am coming again soon.

(John 17:20-24)

(Ephesians 1:17-23) (Ephesians 2:4-15)

His righteousness makes us one. His righteousness is a gift. The Word of God says: The just shall live by faith. Your faith manifests everything that has been given to you through the finished work of the cross. You now have access to the unlimited realm of God's Son, because you are an adopted son or daughter. God now sees you like he sees Jesus. He sees you as righteous in Christ. He sees you as justified and seated in Christ.

Jesus carried our sicknesses in His body. He took our punishment for our sins. He carried all of our burdens and afflictions and our poverty to the cross and eradicated it all. As His adopted children, we are like the family that adopted us. We have the same relationship with the Father, that Jesus has with the Father. We share a likeness in our spirit. As He is so are we in this world.

I believe that Peter was able to walk on the water because it was one on our benefits as adopted children. Faith will manifest whatever we are believing to receive, because of the complete work of the Lord.

We are the heirs of God and the joint heirs of Christ. There is no condemnation to those who are now in Christ. There is no inferiority in us. There is a boldness to those that are in Christ. Everything that we do must be done by faith. We are made partakers of the divine nature of God through the promises of God. Everything manifests through faith. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

Faith takes from the eternal unlimited realm of God's kingdom and manifests it in the natural.

Grace is God’s willingness to use His abilities to meet our needs. Our needs are not met by buying what is needed or by good works. God grace is free to us even if we don’t deserve it. It is the work of Grace, which is God's unmerited and unearned favor. The grace of God is void of human effort.

We are now in right standing through Christ.

Romans 5:1-2,15/ Romans 8:32 / Romans 9:22-24 / Luke 12:32 /

John 10:28, 11:22 / John 17:20-26 / Acts 2:27 / I Peter 1:3-4

I John 2:1-2, 2:9

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Another Wave is Coming!
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The movie the passion of the Christ is being released on video. The kind of impact that this will make is phenomenal. A great tool for evangelism has been given to us.

I see a wave of new Christians coming out of this release as well as a number of individuals seeking answers. Pastors, teachers, evangelists please be prepared.

Natural Disasters and Shakings
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Prepare now for the shaking that is about to take place. You must be prayed up and completely ready this time. It could possibly be much worse than I’m saying right now.

There is a great shaking coming soon. People of this world are already suffering in different places around the world. Now, it could get worse for them.

Please pray as if it is happening right now. Pray like you are in the middle of the worse disaster right now, because some of us don’t pray for God to intervene until something major happens. Prayer can change everything.

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Look Higher! Look Deeper! Look Farther!
Jesus In Us
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Because of the way we were taught the Word of God in the years gone by, we have a consciousness of inferiority and weakness and uncertainty. But Jesus spoke to us by His word and His life. He (Jesus) (the Son of God) lived as a man filled with the Holy Ghost, and born of God. As a man filled with the Holy Ghost Jesus came to restore the earth and the people of the earth. His acts of restoration were demonstrated in the times when He healed everyone that was sick. As a man filled with the Holy Ghost He opened blind eyes, He healed lepers, He raised the dead; as a man filled with the Holy Ghost, He walked on water and spoke to storms and made them cease. Jesus did everything by miracles or by just speaking. He spoke the Word only.

His words did the work. When He raised Lazarus, He spoke the word.

Before satan stole our position as the ones with authority over all the earth, Adam was doing the same thing. **Adam did everything by speaking.**

Jesus has restored us to our position.

Jesus always talked and operated on a higher level than man. His faith was perfect.

He spoke with authority and whatever He spoke came to pass.

He said to Peter to come to Him on the water, when He did this, He was saying: “you see what I’m trying to tell you. I want you to see that you are in authority and dominion over the earth. I’m here to show you that you can do what I am doing. I’m here to restore the position of man that Adam lost to satan. “When you are Mine and in Me, all things are possible; just believe.” As a man that knew Who He was and filled with the Holy Ghost, and full of power as well as anointed, and overshadowed with glory and honor, He healed the deaf and dumb, the crippled.

When Jesus lived as a man, He could only be in one place at a time.

Jesus said, “ I must go away to the Father, so that the comforter of Holy Ghost can come and live in you.”

In the last days I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. Now Jesus (all of God in His fullness) lives in the body of Christ. Jesus said; the just shall live by faith. Jesus said, if you have the faith as a grain of mustard seed, (speaking the word in faith is the same as sowing a seed in the ground), you can speak to a mountain and say be plucked up and removed and be cast into the sea and not doubt, you shall have, you shall have, what you say, what you say believing. The mountain will obey you.

Since now faith is the substance and the evidence, then today is the day for what you are expecting. You have it now, today.

Eternity is a place without time. It is the eternal now.

Whatever you are believing for is right now in the eternal now.

God’s word is His life. **His word is spontaneously creative**.

By His stripes you were healed. Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth and you shall be saved. Jesus and Peter were not limited by gravity when they walked on the water, because Jesus word was spontaneously active and Jesus had authority over gravity and water.

Jesus was not limited by weather conditions, by time, by space, or by man-made traditions. These boundaries were not boundaries to Him.

Jesus used two fish and five loaves to feed thousands and afterwards there were left- overs.

Jesus was not bound by anything in this physical world. He was not bound by natural laws.

Jesus was not bound by anything in this physical world. Jesus spoke with authority when He spoke to the tree saying: No man shall eat your fruit from this day on**. Jesus words carried so much power that what He said manifested spontaneously.** If Jesus had spoken in the middle of the night and said let it be daylight, the sun would have been shining in that instant.

Jesus is telling us that all the things He did, we will do and even greater works shall we do, because

He went to the Father.

Faith dispels fear, faith makes you whole, it produces righteousness, faith justifies, it heals the sick and faith grows. Faith knows no defeat.

Jesus is operating in perfected faith. He has absolute confidence in His own power or being.

Jesus did not come to make you sick or condemn you. He said have Faith in God. Faith manifests substance and evidence. The faith of God is what Jesus used. He said to the disciples and to the believers, have the faith of God. Believe like God believes and have what God would have.

Nothing by any means can harm you. No weapon formed against you shall prosper. The enemy will come one way and flee seven ways. The word will never return empty. It will obtain and manifest what it was directed to and sent to do. He sent His Word and healed them.

Take no thought for your life; what you will eat, drink or wear. It is not by power or by might, but by My Spirit says the Lord.

Jesus is 100% honest, faithful, 100% trustworthy and pure in every aspect of His Being. Jesus is perfect love. Jesus is telling us to do the works that He did.

We have been restored to the Father's household. We are the inheritors of all things. He held nothing back from us. If God spared not His own Son, how much more with Him shall He also freely give us all things.

Do you see what you were restored to? The kingdom of God has no boundaries. Jesus came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. Jesus came that our joy may be full.

In His Kingdom, that now is at hand, there is all faith, all healing, all grace, all love, all power, all wisdom, all spiritual blessing, all light, and all victory.

For the whole creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's own sons to be made known (waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship. That nature itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption (and gain and entrance) into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation (of irrational creatures) has been moaning together in the pain of labor until now.

When we pray or talk to God the Father we are talking to the Creator of the universe and everything that lives in it.

When His Word is spoken it is like a missile launched to a target. Nothing can prevent it from reaching its intended result or accomplishing its objective. God fills all things and upholds all things with the Word of His power.

Look farther! Look deeper! Look higher! God is unlimited. Time belongs to Him. History belongs to Him. The universe belongs to Him.

God is in us as born-again Christians. **We have the more than a conqueror living in us.** Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. He is our righteousness, our wisdom, our provider, our refuge, our peace, and our strength. He is all and in all. Everything that there is in existence came out of Him. He is sovereign. **Our inner man is now the Spirit of the Lord Jesus making His home in us. We are filled with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.**

In the book of Ezekial the 36th chapter, Jesus spoke of a new spirit that He is putting in us. Our old spirit has been replaced with the spirit of Christ.

It is Christ in you. If any man is in Christ, He is a new creation. We are being changed **from glory to glory.** We are delivered from being subjected to infirmity, from sickness, from diseases, from poverty, **from bondage**, from fear, from uncertainty, and the control of satan in our media, our political system, our judicial system, our business world, and the corporate world. The kingdom of God is at hand. The kingdom of God is in you now.

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

Every empire that dominated the world outside of God's control has failed and will fail.

They are designed to fail.

God's word declared and established that, of the increase of the kingdom of God, there shall be no end. The kingdom of God is fail proof. It will never fail.

The gates of hell cannot stop or hinder the body of Christ as we operate in Jesus authority.

With God there is no time, so whatever you are saying in faith and expecting already exists. Like healing, and miracles.

We carry the same power and same spirit that Jesus carried on earth. We operate in His authority in this present world. His disciples demonstrated this in their lives after Jesus left.

We live beyond natural means of support.

God had us in mind when He gave His Son Jesus. The enemy doesn't want you to know this. God so **loved** the world, that He gave His only begotten Son. Even the people that insulted Him, accused Him, beat Him, mocked and laughed at Him, God had them all in mind.

We are put in a position now where we are all facing the same principalities that Michael fought against in the book of Daniel.

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against demons of spiritual rulers of t he darkness of this world. There are principalities over cities and nations. In the book of Daniel Michael was one of the chief princes of God. He was one of many.

He was withstood or with it stood by another that was a prince over Persia.

For this reason we are to wear the whole armour of God. And we are to trust in the God of the armour. In Ephesians 6, w**e are individually wrestling against pricncipalities and wicked spirits or chief rulers of the darkness of this world. We are all individually opposed by chief demonic spirits.** We can move these principalities with the armour of God and with our faith. The flesh profits nothing. The only effective method is by following the spirit of God.

Let us not cheapen true Christianity by not living in the fullness of what is given to us freely by faith through the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Some are standing on the outskirts of the real life of God. They are content in just looking at the truth from a distance. Maybe in Jesus day, some of the people were watching Him from a distance and were really not getting the message that He preached.

Let us not forfeit God's best given to us.

Look Higher! Look Deeper! Look farther!

When we look into the scripture, we are looking into a spiritual mirror, we are seeing our inner man. The inner man is the very image and likeness of God.

Look to the hills from which comes our help.

Deep calls unto deep.

Set you affections on things above.

If you make your bed in hell, He is there. If you went to the uttermost or deepest part of the universe, He is there.

We are only at the edge of the glory. But it is beyond comprehension now. In this time in our human history, God is releasing a great increase of knowledge and glory.

Jesus said in John 16:33:

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have (perfect) peace and confidence, In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer (take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted)! For I have overcome the world. (I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you).

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The New Creature Becoming the Word of God
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Look into God's mirror (His Word) and see who we really are and what we really are. Look at Jesus' life.

When It says that God finished His work in the book of Genesis. The only work that It describes was God speaking things into existence. By the creative word He brought everything into existence. Adam did everything by speaking. Jesus did the works of God by speaking and acting in the Father's authority. We are doing the works of God by speaking to our circumstances and situations and diseases in the authority of Jesus.

Lean not to your own understanding. Go by what God says about you.

You are a new creation. The new creation came from God. Jesus was the first born of many brethren of this kind. We are born-again by the Holy Spirit entering our spirit after we receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior and Lord. We are also sealed by the Holy Spirit.

The new creation is superior to the devil in every way. The devil wants to deceive and blind us to this truth. Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.

There is no separation between God and us. We are seated in heavenly places in Christ. That is why we can lay hands on the sick and they recover. That is why we can cast out devils in the name (authority and character) of Jesus.

That is why we can speak to a mountain and it can be moved.

We are eternally new creatures with the ability of the Holy Spirit operating in us.

In Jesus life on earth He showed us what a new creature looks like. He said, these works and even greater works shall you do because I Am going to the Father.

Jesus raised the dead, healed every kind of sickness and disease. He cast out spirits of infirmity and demons that had possessed individuals.

Jesus talked to weather and changed it, and walked on water, having authority over the natural elements. He spoke to fish and animals and they obeyed.

I believe that God created Adam with everything that Jesus demonstrated. The first Adam lived in flesh, the second Adam (Jesus) lived in flesh.

Jesus multiplied food when there was not enough physically to feed thousands. Accept His Word as truth and act on it.

Jesus said that He that has seen Me, has seen the Father. He said I Am the vine and you are the branches. In these words, He tells us that we are connected to the Godhead. **There is no separation between us. The world needs to see us as God made us to be. The world may be laughing at us while we are following manmade traditions, ceremonies, and having Sunday programs, but when God gets into church (body of Christ), then the world and the devil will stop laughing.**

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Make A Hole In The Webs Of Evil

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Many of us are joining prayer meetings or prayer networks during the Halloween season. If you have not yet agreed with anyone to pray for our communities next October 31st let us encourage you to do so.

I do not know if you are aware of the fact that a lot of Satan's servants are actually fasting and praying these days to their lord in order to have as much power concentrated during the night hours of Halloween.

As you can see in the paragraphs below demonic forces called upon by druids, spiritualists, witches, and a whole legion of sorts knit “webs of power” over cities and nations. When Christians gather and pray we are actually obstructing their construction and creating “holes” that prevent the webs to effectively trap the city below. We need to pray always, but more so on and in the days and nights surrounding Halloween night.

Halloween night is the time when they cast spells for the whole year to come. They also work their enchantments and witchcraft stuff in that night extending blankets of power over entire regions for the following year, this being the reason why they need as much power. While doing this they also "knit a web" in the air that
covers cities and even nations. Halloween night is believed to be the night when the veil dividing the natural realm and the realm of spirits is thinner, and the highest concentration of demons is released over the earth, and satan’s followers seek to increase that concentration through their fasting and prayers and other preparations that include sacrifices.

In order to "knit" that web of demonic powers over places and people they have to be free to do so. If we think that Halloween is just a tradition that will not harm anybody and there is no need for special prayer time we are just giving Satan and his aides freedom to act.

We learnt about these activities and how they work those webs while I was at Bible College. Soon after we started our classes we began to experience some strange things, especially on certain nights like Tuesdays and Fridays which are the nights of various kinds of witchcraft and other related activities which although many people do not consider them harmful are demonic as well. It is well known for instance that for certain kind of communications with spiritual entities they find is easier to do it on a Tuesday. Halloween is the night when those powers are at their “highest tide”.

When a coven or other group, be them Free Masons, or Spiritualists, or any other demon related group seek to establish a presence in a city they carefully pick the physical place where they will hold their meetings. They don’t just pick any house or building but only those buildings that can “connect” over the air in a sort of lines of power from one building to another which intensifies on those special nights we are talking about. When several buildings or in cases (like the druids in parts of Europe) open air under certain trees or “cairns” (stone mounds) are aligned and the rituals performed, particularly on Halloween night then the result is a strong web of satan power covering that city or region with a blanket of darkness.

Whenever we pray and especially when we agree in prayer what we do is "open holes" in Satan's web; that is we are destroying his lines of power". Can we imagine what we can achieve if Christians from all over the world would come into agreement to pray specifically for our communities at the very same time satan's forces are trying to have those communities bound in their "webs"? In such a confrontation: guess who the victor is? The church has been given the power to pray and to bless. The Devil can do only what we let him do! It is not per chance the satan has focused his fiercest attacks on prayer, because he knows all too well the damage a hole can do to his lines of power.

I mentioned above the strange things that happened at Bible College. We would wake in the middle of the night feeling a cold dark presence in the room. Sometimes we were awake but could not move a muscle; on one occasion the dogs went wild pursuing things that we could not see. The then president of the College told us about all this. He said “This is normal happenstance here. It happens particularly on nights where demonic activity rises in level, and this place is under heavy attack not only because we are training servants of the Lord here but also because this place is located exactly in the middle of satan’s web” He then proceeded to explain the facts of how satan’s hordes aim to build those webs of darkness, and how our presence there was preventing them from achieving their goal.

I am sharing this not to scare anybody, but rather to encourage everybody to pray, plead the blood of Jesus over our families, schools, churches, cities and nations. Pray for the government. Pray for one another. In your prayers do worship because this is the mightiest weapon you can wield against evil. And remember, whatever happens, no matter how it looks, satan is not the victor, Jesus is!

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Major Surgery

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I still have some major surgery to do in many of my sons and daughters.
Many are still caught up in self-hatred and self-destruction through guilt and condemnation. They are misinformed about My grace, and need to be set free from the ravages of past hurts and pain. They still allow others to control them and submit to intimidation. They don't know how to get free, and they've searched and tried all manner of things to get free. They've gone forward at altars in My church, but have been many times told that they should be healed by now if they ask for prayer over and over. My church lacks many times the patience to deal with those that are so wounded and burdened in this way. They do not take the time to spend time with them, and to pour into them My love and to truly get to know them. So many are interested in their own lives, but not the lives of others. Preoccupation with self has run rampant in a selfish world.

I will accelerate things that I have desired to set in motion, because My people need freedom. They have inquired of Me and cried many tears and asked why Lord, do I still do this. Why am I still this way ? Why can't I seem to overcome in this area ? Religion kills, but grace gives LIFE. If the person who is at the head in the organized church is sick themselves and does not know My grace, but only knows legalism, then how can the rest of the body grow to wholeness ? How can the fear of man in a person drive out the fear of man in another ? The body is supposed to depend on each other and interact with each other in such a way that ALL benefit from the ministry of one anothers. The church has lack of balance because of lack of intimacy with ME, and lack of healing. BUT I AM ABLE TO RESTORE all that is lacking. I AM ARISING WITH HEALING IN MY WINGS AND I WILL HEAL AND DELIVER, AND RESTORE MY PEOPLE !

I need you to be dependent on ME for all the answers. I need you to listen to Me for how to touch others. I will do it in startling and simple ways in the days ahead. There will be no bragging, no arrogance, no pride, because it will be SUPERnatural…something that no one can boast about. I am going beyond your fasting, beyond your prayers and I will exercise My authority and My power and restore all who desire freedom, but don't know how to get free !

I will give you KEYS to unlock the doors of people's hearts and minds, that they can walk in freedom. I will give you anointing that will break the yoke of bondage and death in their lives as never before. I will also ask you to do things you are not used to. I have many ways to perform My will in the life of another to get them free. Depend on Me for the hows.

I want many of you to know who have struggled and desired to be free, that it is not your fault. I want you to know that many of you have been paying a price for glory that is coming. I want you to know that the time is NOW here, that I will perform divine reversals, so do not stay in your old mindsets, but ask for freedom from strongholds and mindsets that hold you back from total freedom ! Ask for SUPERnatural intervention ! I desire the BEST for you. I desire that you believe that ! Unbelief runs rampant in My church, and it is NOT the way of life ! How can you tell others about My power and life if you don't believe it yourself ? How can you see miracles if you don't EXPECT them ?

So many of you see the cross as so SMALL and see Me as incapable or unwilling. That is not true. I AM WILLING and ABLE. That very unbelief limits the fruit of what you long to see. I Who formed the hand, will I not know every movement ? I Who formed the eyes, will I not be aware of what you watch ? I Who formed the ear, will I not know what you allow your ears to take in ? I Who formed the mouth, will I not know what your mouth has spoken ? I Who formed the spirit of man, will I not know what is in your heart ? Will I now know what you are thinking or have thought ? Just admit your faults to Me daily. Let me wash you and burn off all that has harmed you. Come to Me and allow me to touch you and heal you.

I am trumpeting warnings to draw people to My heart, because I want you to know that I will not hold back much longer. Come to Me now when your heart is overwhelmed. Come to Me if you are troubled. I AM HERE. And My arm is not too short to touch you. I am a God close at hand and not afar off ! I AM in you. I am with you every moment of the day. I see your rising and your laying down to sleep. I know every movement. I know every thought, or lack of thought. Changes are coming My loves, and you need to have ME to be pre-eminent in your hearts. You need peace that passes all understanding, and love that enables you to love your enemies. Come and I will give it to you. Come to ME, worship in the beauty of holiness. Explore My heart and let ME show you My secrets, and give you the love that is in My heart for you ! I have so much more to impart. You haven't seen anything yet, compared to what I have to pour out yet ! Learn to think BIG ! Learn to EXPECT the unexpected !

John 1:50-51 NKJV Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

Isa 43:19 NKJV Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth;
Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

John 8:32 NKJV And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

John 8:34-36 NKJV Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Rom 8:2 AMP For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has freed me from the law of sin and of death.

Gal 5:1 AMP IN [this] freedom Christ has made us free [and completely liberated us]; stand fast then, and do not be hampered and held ensnared and submit again to a yoke of slavery [which you have once put off].

1 Peter 2:16 AMP [Live] as free people, [yet] without employing your freedom as a pretext for wickedness; but [live at all times] as servants of God.

1 Cor 9:19 AMP For although I am free in every way from anyone's control, I have made myself a bond servant to everyone, so that I might gain the more [for Christ].

Resurrection Power
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These really stood out to me tonight as a wonderful proclamation for NOW as He sent me to the book of Micah tonight…

8 **Rejoice not against me, O my enemy! When I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light to me**.
9 I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against Him, until He pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. **He will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold His righteous deliverance.** [Rom 10:1-4; 11:23-27.]
10 Then my enemy will see it, and shame will cover her who said to me, Where is the Lord your God? My eyes will see my desire upon her; now she will be trodden down as the mire of the streets.
11 **In the day** that your walls are to be built [a day for building], **in that day shall the boundary [of Israel] be far extended and the decree [against her] be far removed.** [Isa 33:17; Amos 9:11.]
12 In that day they will come to you from Assyria and from the cities of Matzor [Egypt] and from Egypt even to the river [Euphrates], from sea to sea and from mountain to mountain.
13 **Yet shall the earth be desolate because of those who dwell in it, for the fruit of their doings.**
14 Rule and feed Your people with Your rod and scepter, the flock of Your inheritance who dwell alone in a forest in the midst of Carmel [a garden land]; **they shall feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.**
15 As in the days of your coming forth from the land of Egypt, **I will show them marvelous things.**
16 **The nations shall see [God's deliverance] and be ashamed of all their might [which cannot be compared to His].** They shall lay their hands upon their mouths in consternation; their ears shall be deaf.
17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent; like crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their strongholds and close places. **They shall turn and come with fear and dread to the Lord our God and shall be afraid and stand in awe because of You [O Lord]. [Jer 33:9.]**
18 **Who is a God like You, Who forgives iniquity and passes over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He retains not His anger forever, because He delights in mercy and loving-kindness.**
19 He will again have compassion on us; He will subdue and tread underfoot our iniquities. **You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. [Ps 103:12.]**
20 You will show Your faithfulness and perform the sure promise to Jacob and loving-kindness and mercy to Abraham, as You have sworn to our fathers from the days of old. [Luke 1:54,55.]

Then He said, **“** RESURRECTION POWER” **.**
And proceeded to say, “ I am resurrecting MY LIFE in you My beloveds ! I am resurrecting Resurrection Life and all you come to this flood of My glory will be healed and delivered. All who are willing will have their heart’s desire answered ! I am resurrecting HOPE. I am resurrecting LOVE, and JOY and all manner of FRUIT for the sake of My love for you and for all who are made in MY IMAGE. I am coming to purify and perfume My bride !

I will kiss you, and kiss you, and kiss you ! Nothing will be impossible, for I AM that I AM ! I AM the ALMIGHTY GOD AND NOTHING IS TOO DIFFICULT FOR ME ! I will exercise MY REIGN on this earth, despite the plans of man. And be alert My beloveds for you will be hated by those who serve the creature, rather than the creation, though there will be a few years of plenty left, then will come great consternation on the earth, and great darkness. This is for HARVEST. I will have MANY FISH for you to clean and help.

I WILL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU NEED. All things will become new, and I will rule and reign in the midst of My people. Certainly all things I have told you and prepared you for will come about. Do not think I will leave you or brush you aside. The enemy is busy trying to make you think you are disqualified, but he is a liar and the father of all lies, and he has loosed many lies in this hour.

There is an assembly of the wicked who thinks they will have all the honor and glory in this hour. But I will overturn the tables and I will overturn their attempts to stop what I am birthing in you ! I WILL SUSTAIN YOU and the wealth of the wicked will come into your hands as you stretch forth your arms to welcome them into the kingdom, and demonstrate my unfailing LOVE to them ! My kingdom will NEVER FAIL. Nations will come to the brightness of your rising ! So come into the secret place with ME my beloveds. Come and let ME orchestrate all that is in MY heart to do in you. You needn’t fear rejection or being passed by. I know where to find you !”

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Isa 60:3 AMP And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. [Isa 2:2,3; Jer 3:17.]
Jer 3:17 AMP At that time they shall call Jerusalem The Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, in the renown and name of the Lord, to Jerusalem; nor shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their own evil hearts.

Isa 60:4-5 AMP Lift up your eyes round about you and see! They all gather themselves together, they come to you. Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried and nursed in the arms. 5 Then you shall see and be radiant, and your heart shall thrill and tremble with joy [at the glorious deliverance] and be enlarged; because the abundant wealth of the [Dead] Sea shall be turned to you, unto you shall the nations come with their treasures. [Ps 119:32.]

Mature Sons

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Church has been and continues to be in a process of change through restoration, revival, renewal and reformation. **Where is it all going?**

The centrality of human experience is shifting from focus on mankind to focus on "Godkind". God is moving His church (called out ones) from a life experience based on the centrality of man to a life experience based on the centrality of Christ in the world.

The central reality of heaven and all creation is God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

On Planet Earth, the Son (Jesus the Christ) is the undisputed dominant authority. Jesus, as a man under the leadership and empowered by the Holy Spirit in full obedience to the Father has unequivocally overcome every opposing power on earth through his sinless life, the cross, and resurrection.

God made man in the image of God and gave man dominion on earth. He further instructed mankind to "be fruitful and multiply" - to fill the earth with the image of God - to occupy the earth with the life and nature of God. Adam was the first of mankind originally made as a "Godkind" to fill the earth with God's ways and love. (Gen 1:26-28)

When God unconditionally gave dominion to man, He desired "many sons" to fill the earth with His love and His ways - to rule over and care for the kingdoms of earth as the kingdom of heaven. At the fall, oneness with God was lost as mankind was no longer flowing the life and ways of God but became corrupted with evil. God has never rescinded His instructions of dominion to man but rather provided "another Adam" - the "last Adam" to redeem mankind and fulfill God's desire for many sons filling the earth with the image of God. (1 Cor 15:45)

After the fall, man has continued to be fruitful and multiply but has filled the earth with the evil corruption of ungodly ways of "unlove" instead of the image of God. Man has filled the earth with another image. The image that says man is central and I will be like the most high - I am number one. (Isa 14:13-14)

God the Father will have His many sons. Christ is destined to bring many sons to glory. Sons who will be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth with the image of God.(Rom 8:14) (Gal 3:26)

Heb 2:10-11: For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in ***bringing many sons to glory,*** *to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.* ***For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one,*** *for which reason He is not ashamed to* ***call them brethren,***

Spiritual sons of God are not born mature but as babes in Christ. It is too obvious to discuss that one must be born before growing to maturity and that one must be mature to be fruitful and multiply.

The practical redemption of the earth - the practical release of the glory of God awaits Christ being formed by the Holy Spirit in many mature sons of God. The predominant measure of maturity is love. All the attributes of Christ flow from the love of the Father in His son - the many membered Body of Christ filling the earth with the image of God.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

Now is the time in history for men and women, young and old to become mature sons of God.

We are yet only beginning to grasp the meaning of Col. 1:27. The great mystery of Christ in you the hope of glory.

Pursue Love, It Never Fails.

Arise in His love,

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Maximum Blessing

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God's Maximum Blessing according to Heavenly Standards

God wants us to receive all that He has for us according to heavenly standards. There is over whelming evidence to prove this by looking at the life of Jesus and the word of God.
He was raised from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God the Father. We are seated at the right hand of the Father in Jesus. *By His finished work and His righteousness that He bestowed upon us, we have this right.*
We have been made righteous and made to sit in heavenly places. We have been given the maximum of God.
Heavens standards of blessing are exceedingly great, beyond measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over. *All things are yours.* ***All the promises of God are to you and running towards you.***
We know that God Himself was in Christ Jesus reconciling the world back to Himself. He wants you to have the promises and the blessings that much. He wants to have life and have it more abundantly. If God spared not His own Son, how much more with Him shall He also freely give us all things.
God wants us to have everything that is included in the finished work of Jesus.
Rom. 8:32
If God be for us, who can be against us? Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Ephesians 2:7
That in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His Grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
Every blessing and promise in Jesus is yes and amen. It is toward us, for us, designed for us, and created for us.
God's maximum according to heavenly standards is yours to receive by faith.
Ephesians1: 8 towards us. Verse 16 towards us
You are in the **will** *of God under the new covenant of Jesus blood*.

2Cor. 9:8
God's maximum according to heavenly standards is available every second of every day.
And God is able to make all grace abound towards you, that you always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.
We see things as *we* **are.**

Genesis 22:15-18 - Abraham's blessing
2 Chronicles 9:22-31 - Solomon's blessing
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The Spiritual House

Haggai 2:9
The latter glory of this house (with its successor, to which Jesus came) shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place will I give peace and prosperity says the Lord of hosts.
I Peter 2:5
Come and, like living stones, be yourselves, built (into) a spiritual house, for a holy (dedicated, consecrated) priesthood, to offer up (those) spiritual sacrifices (that are) acceptable and pleasing to God through Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 3:3-4
And that the mystery (secret) was made known to me and I was allowed to comprehend it by direct revelation, as I already briefly wrote to you. When you read this you can understand my in sight into the mystery of Christ.
Col. 2:
For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And you are **complete in Him**, which is the Head of all principality and power.
Col. 3:1-4
If you then are risen with Christ, seek those **things** which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. **Set your affections on things above not on things on earth.**
For as far as the world is concerned, you have died, your (new real) life is hidden With Christ in God. When Christ **who is our life** shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in the splendor of His glory.
Galatians 2:20
I have been crucified with Christ. (I share in His crucifixion). It is no longer I who live, **but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me**; and the life I now live in my body I live by the faith in adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
Ephesians 5:8
For you were once darkness, but **now are you light in the Lord**; walk as children of Light (lead thee lives of those native-born to the light).
Col. 1:11-13
You are strengthened with all might according to His glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness. Giving thanks unto the father, Who has qualified and made us fit to share the portion which is the **inheritance of the saints** (God's holy people) in the Light.
The Father has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and **has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His Love. In Whom we have our redemption through His blood**, which means the forgiveness of our sins.
John 14:20
At that time (when that day comes) you will know for yourselves, that I am in My father, and **you are in Me, and I am in you**.

I John 4:13
By this we come to realize, receive, recognize, and understand that we abide live and remain in Him and He in us; because **He has given or imparted to us of His Holy Spirit.**
v. 15 Anyone who confesses or acknowledges, owns that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides (lives, makes His home) in him and he abides (lives, makes his home) in God.
I John 5:11-12
And this is that testimony that evidence, God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
He who possesses the Son has that life; he who does not possess the Son of God does not have that life.
Col. 1:27
To whom God was pleased to make known how great for the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is **Christ within and among you**, the Hope of realizing the glory.
Luke 17:21
The kingdom of God is within you.
I Cor. 11:7
A man is the image and reflected glory of God.
II Cor. 3:18
And all of us as with unveiled face because we continued to behold in the Word of God as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor an from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord Who is the Spirit.
II Cor. 4:7
We possess this precious treasure (the divine Light of the gospel) **in frail human vessels** of earth , that grandeur and exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not from ourselves.
Col. 2:9-10

For in Him the whole fullness of Deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature.
And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead-Father, Son and Holy Spirit- reach full spiritual stature. And He is the Head of all rule and authority(of every angelic principality and power.

God has prepared His people to receive of the fullness of His life at this point in human history. This is not just a move of God we are experiencing. This is all God this time.
Pray like it is your last day on earth. Don't be distracted now. Let things rest that are we are doing to appease our fleshly desires.
Some are still not aware of the time we are in. They go to church just to have a social gathering. God wants us to be in tuned to the direction of the Holy Spirit. Some great sermons are preached, but there are not many souls won to the Lord.

There are masses of hurting and physically ill people seeking God for help in churches where there is no clue about what God wants to do to help them. God is looking for someone to show Himself strong in.
This is your golden opportunity to step up to the front in God. Just get into serious prayer times. Let God talk to you through His word.

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It's No Longer Us, But Christ In Us
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Colossians 2:10

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ, you too are filled with the Godhead-Father, Son and Holy Spirit- and reach full spiritual stature). And He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).

When we are born again our spirits were made completely new. Our bodies are the same, but the new man, born of God is completely changed.

You are full and complete as a Christian. Our bodies are not yet changed to the kind of body that Jesus has. But that day is coming very soon.

We have God in us.

Colossians 1:10

That you may walk (live and conduct yourselves) in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him and desiring to please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing and increasing in and by the knowledge of God (with fuller, deeper, and clearer insight, acquaintance, and recognition). We pray that you may be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, (to exercise) every kind of endurance and patience (perseverance and forbearance) and joy.

His fullness we have already received.

Col. 1:13

We are translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son. We are in a kingdom that is unlimited in power, spiritual resources, in love and in ability.

I John 4:17

In this union and communion with Him love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment with assurance and boldness to face Him, because as He is so are we in this world.

Our spirit is molecule for molecule and atom for atom with the spirit of Christ.

I John 1:20

But you have been anointed by (you hold a sacred appointment from, you have been given an unction from) the Holy One, and you all know (the Truth) or you know all things.

You have the ability and the mind of Christ.

Ephesians 4:30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God (do not offend or vex or sadden Him), by whom you were sealed (marked, branded as God's own, secure) for the day of redemption (of final deliverance through Christ from evil and the consequences of sin).

The spirit in us is sealed by God Himself.

Ephesians 1:13

In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long-promised Holy Spirit.

Mark 8:18-21

Having eyes, do you not see with them, having ears, do you not hear and perceive and understand the sense of what is said? And do you not remember? When I broke the five loaves for 5,000, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up? They said to Him, twelve. And when I broke the seven loaves for the 4,000, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up? And they said to Him, seven.

And He kept repeating, Do you not yet understand?

Ephesians 5:30-32

Because we are members (parts) of His body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

This mystery is very great, but I speak concerning (the relation of) Christ and the church. We are one spirit and no longer two separate spirits.

Our spirit is identical to Jesus.

I Cor. 6:16-17

Or do you not know and realize that when a man joins himself to a prostitute, he becomes on body with her? The two, it is written, shall become one flesh.

But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him.

One with Jesus means:

One in power.

One in ability.

One in authority.

One in love.

One in faith.

One in mind.

One in Spirit.

One in position.

Acts 28:8-9

And it happened that the father of Publius was sick in bed with recurring attacks of fever and dysentery; and Paul went to see him, and after praying and laying his hands on him, he healed him. After this had occurred, the other people on the island who had diseases also kept coming and were cured.

I Corinthians 2:1-2,4-5

As for myself, brethren, when I came to you, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony and evidence or mystery and secret of God (concerning what He has done through Christ for the salvation of men) in lofty words of eloquence or human philosophy and wisdom; for I resolved to know nothing (to be acquainted with nothing, to make a display of the knowledge of nothing, and to be conscious of nothing) among you except Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and Him crucified.

And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the (Holy) Spirit and Power (a proof by the Sprit and Power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them). So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God.

Romans 8:9

But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if the (Holy) Spirit of God (really) dwells within you (directs and controls you). But if anyone does not possess the (Holy) Spirit of Christ, he is none of His (he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child of God).

I Corinthians 3:16

Do you not discern and understand that you (the whole church at Corinth) are God’s temple (His sanctuary), and that God’s Spirit has a permanent dwelling in you (to be at home in you, collectively as a church and also individually)?

Galatians 4:6-7

And because you really are His sons, God has sent the Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying, Abba (Father)! Father!
Therefore, you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then (it follows that you

are) an heir by the aid of God, through Christ.

His Spirit has come and our spirit has passed into oneness with Jesus.

Galatians 5:25

If we live by the (Holy) Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. (If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.

Colossians 1:27

To whom God was pleased to make known how great for the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ within and among you the Hope of (realizing the) glory.

I Corinthians 2:12

Now we have not received the spirit (that belongs to) the world, but the (Holy) Spirit Who is from God, (given to us) that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts (of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly) bestowed on us by God.

I Corinthians 2:16

For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ(the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

We have the mind of Christ in us already.

Philemon 1:6

And I pray that the participation in and sharing of your faith may produce and promote full recognition and appreciation and understanding and precise knowledge of every good thing that is ours in identification with Christ Jesus and unto His glory.

I John 3:24

All who keep His commandments (who obey His orders and follow His plan, live and continue to live, to stay and) abide in Him, and He in them. (They let Christ be a home to them and they are the home of Christ). And by this we know and understand and have proof that He really lives and makes His home in us; by the Holy Spirit Whom He has given us.

Philippians 1:21

For me to live is Christ (His life in me), to die is gain (the gain of the glory of eternity).

Galatians 5:25

If we live by the Holy Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. (If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in god, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit).

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ (in Him I have shared His crucifixion); it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by the faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Ephesians 1:3

May blessing (praise, laudation, and eulogy) be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm!

II Peter 1:3-4

For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that are requisite and suited to life and godliness, through the full personal knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His own glory and excellence (virtue). By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape (by flight) from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

Ephesians 4:22-24

Strip yourselves of your former nature (put off and discard your old unrenewed self) which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion; and be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind (having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude) and put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God’s image, (Godlike) in true righteousness and holiness.

I John 5:4

For whatever is born of God is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that conquers the world, even our faith. Our faith says that because He (Jesus) overcame we have overcome the world.

Ephesians 2:4-6, 10

But God-so rich is He in His mercy! Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us, Even when we were dead (slain) by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; (He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ’s salvation).

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

For we are God’s own handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, (born anew) that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us (taking paths which He prepared ahead of time), that we should walk in them (living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live).

We are the temple of God.

Ephesians 3:16-21

May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the Holy Spirit Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality). May Christ through your faith actually dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love, that you may really come to know practically, through experience for yourselves the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience; that you may be filled through all your being unto all the fullness of God (may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself)!

Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the (action of) the (action of His) power that is at work within us, is able to carry out His purpose and) do superabundantly, far over and above all that we (dare) ask or think (infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams)- To Him be glory in the Church an in Christ Jesus throughout all generations forever and ever. So be it. Amen.

II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any person is (ingrafted) in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old (previous moral and spiritual condition) has passed away! Behold, the fresh and new is come!

Your old spirit has passed away. *You are now a new creature with the new spirit which is the Spirit of Christ.*

Colossians 1:28

Him we preach and proclaim, warning and admonishing everyone and instructing everyone in all wisdom (comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God), that we may present every person mature (full-grown, fully initiated, complete, and perfect) in Christ (the Anointed One).

God is our Father. He is very much interested in the well being of His children. He is interested in us and He has given us everything in Christ. He has made every provision. He has made provision for salvation, for healing, for prosperity, for power, for wisdom, for help and for protection. Our Father cares so much that He gave Jesus and allowed Him to take our punishment and our wages for the sins we committed. He paid the price in full.

Jesus is 100 percent pure in every way. There is no impurity in Him. He is 100 percent trustworthy. He is 100 percent honest. He is 100 percent committed to His Word and His promise to keep us. He is 100 percent love and He is 100 percent faithful. He is 100 percent truth. He has no deception in Him. There is no deceit in Him. He does not change. He will not or cannot change. He is 100 percent God. He is 100 percent dedicated to the body of Christ. He is 100 percent dependable.

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We Are All Wrestling Against Rulers
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Not Flesh and blood

Ephesians 6:10

In conclusion, be strong in the Lord (be empowered through your union with Him) draw your strength from Him (that strength which His boundless might provides.

Put on God's whole armor (the armor of a heavy armed soldier which God supplies) that you may be able successfully to stand up against all the strategies and the deceits of the devil.

To stand means to prevail or to resist.

For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood (contending only with physical opponents), but against (the master spirits who are the) principalities or chief rulers of the highest rank, against powers who are authorities that receive their orders from demon spirits, rulers of the darkness of this world (World rulers of this age) like King Herod of the Bible; against spiritual wickedness or fallen angels.

Therefore put on God’s complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day of danger, having done all (the crisis demands), to stand firmly in your place.

James 4:7-8

Stand against the roaring lion, resist steadfast in the faith. Submit to God and resist the devil.

Draw close to God and God will draw close to you.

Jesus said that He has given us authority over all the authority of the enemy (satan). You may eat or drink any deadly thing and it will not hurt you. Nothing by any means shall hurt you.

Psalm 91:13-16

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the serpent shall you trample underfoot.

Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high; because he knows and understands My name (has a personal knowledge of My mercy, love, and kindness-trusts and relies on Me. Knowing I will never forsake him, no, never.

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation.

Ephesians 6:14

Stand therefore (hold your ground) having tightened the belt of truth around your loins of your mind. Make sure truth has filled your mind.

Psalm 18

For you have girded me with strength.

Ephesians 6:14

Having put on the breastplate of integrity and or moral rectitude and right standing with God. And having shod your feet in preparation (to face the enemy with the firm footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news of the Gospel of peace, be ready to spread the gospel.

Lift up over all the (covering) shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench, all the flaming missiles of the wicked (one).

And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields which is the Word of God.

Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all (manner of) prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perserverance, interceding on behalf of all the saints (God’s consecrated people).

“I anoint the ones that were prostitutes, drug dealers, alcoholics. I anoint doctors, professors, government officials, bankers, lawyers and those that are in the prisons. I anoint the young men and the young women. I anoint every one that receives Me. These are the days of the manifestation of My sons and My daughters.”

“Draw near and receive everything that was included in the finished work of the cross. You are entitled to everything the finished work covers.

Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you.

I have you covered in My authority. You are covered in My authority to heal the sick, cast out devils, win the lost and to prosper.

Go in My authority. These signs that follow them that believe happen for you because of My authority. My authority covers it all. You are to walk in it to complete what has to be accomplished. I Am with you always.

Whosoever believes can receive My authority."

"This is what really works when everything else fails.

Be steadfast and be unmovable in the work of the Lord and in your faith.

Don't try to please men by doing things that won't help those in need.

There are many more open positions for more sons and more daughters."

"I have given you power to become *sons of God*. (like Jesus was on earth)

Colossians 1:15,19-20,22

(Now) He is the exact likeness of the unseen God (the visable representation of the invisible); He is the Firstborn of all creation.

For it pleased (the Father) that all the divine perfection, powers, and attributes) should dwell in Him permanently.

And God purposed that through (by the service , the intervention of) Him (the Son) all things should be completely reconciled back to Himself, whether on earth or in heaven, as through Him, (the Father), made peace by the blood of His cross.

Yet now has (Christ, the Messiah) reconciled (you to God), in the body of His flesh through death through death, in order to present you holy and faultless and irreproachable in His (the Father's presence.

Colossians 2:13-15

And you who were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (your sensuality, your sinful carnal nature, (God) brought to life together with Christ, having freely forgiven us all our transgressions.

Having cancelled and blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees an demands which was in force and stood against us hostile to us. This note with its regulations, decrees, and demands, He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to His cross.

God disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him (Christ) and in it (the Cross).

This is an analogy of what God did for us.

If you had a child and murderer killed your child, then you forgave the murderer then gave the possessions of your child to the murderer and afterwards you gave your child's position in your home to the murderer.

This is a short analogy of what God did, but it explains what God did for us.

Jesus had healing and delivering power or virtue constantly flowing out of Him. When he would go to the different towns around Israel, the sick would touch Him or He would just speak to them to be whole. He always brought out the point that they were made whole.

He wants us to see that these works and even greater works shall we do.

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May Day

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The Jordan is flooding and appears impossible to cross. Now is the time to arise; cry out to God to find the way through. On the third day, the officers instructed the people in the order of the march. Joshua ordered everyone to sanctify themselves. Then the priests, with the Ark on their shoulders, were to go before the people and put their feet in the Jordan.

As soon as they put their feet in the water, the river parted and all the people crossed over (Joshua 3). ***It is a time for unusual faith, a miraculous faith which will part un-crossable rivers.*** ***It is a time for BELIEVERS to stand, taking their place in intercession, and shut the mouths of the lions which are roaring at the river's edge, to keep us from crossing over.***

Near the end of March, I heard the Lord say, Mayday, Mayday, Mayday. We have entered a countdown of urgency to break through. Many intercessors and prophetic people have been alerted to this time as one of dire alert. We are in a time when key issues must be broken through on spiritually by May 11, both in our territories as well as the nation. May is a turning month. It is no mistake that Chuck Pierce, Dutch Sheets and Cindy Jacobs will be in Washington DC for a National Day of Prayer Conference taking place over a 3 day period, at the time of the National Day of Prayer. ***Our nation is hanging in the balance, vacillating between two opinions.***

A Crash is Imminent

Mayday comes from a French word m'aider which means "Help Me!" The word was always reserved for absolute impending peril because the distress call would come with great risk to the rescuers. The call for help is issued just before a disaster occurs, to summon help. When a sinking ship or troubled airliner calls mayday, it means a crash is imminent. ***I believe that God is issuing an urgent summons to prayer to intercept the grave plans of the enemy which will cause great distress.***

The war in Iraq (which parallels Babylon in Scripture) is a picture of the maze we are in. It is so tangled and messy that many are crying out for retreat. Babylon has a spiritual force that has been loosed to confuse the minds of the righteous, so that tactical strategy is ill advised and ill timed, to bring about defeat. ***It is at this time that we must see through the confusion (maze) and press into intense worship and intercession which will break us through to the Mind of Christ.*** Supernatural strategy, strength and breakthrough are within our reach.

We are in a time of vacillation where we are being tempted to back off and take the easy way out, to call a truce because ***the roar is so loud OUR DISCERNMENT IS MESSED UP.*** However, May is the time to begin to run with the horses. The horses begin to run in May with the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs. God is releasing war horses in the month of May to gallop through this nation starting with Washington DC. We have been in the tangled maze of the jungle haunted by lions nationally, territorially and in many cases personally.

Releasing the Man of War

Jer 12:5 Amplified says, "But the Lord rebukes Jeremiah's impatience, saying, 'If you have raced with men on foot and they have tired you out, then how can you compete with horses? And if you take to flight in a land of peace where you feel secure, then what will you do when you tread the tangled maze of jungle haunted by lions in the swelling and flooding of the Jordan?'"

Not only is God releasing war horses but **He is releasing The Man of War.**

The mightiest race horse in the history of horse racing is Man of War. **It is a picture of the LORD who is THE Man of War.** One of God's names is The Man of War. I heard the Lord say that The Man of War would march into Washington DC and be released across the nation from DC. There would come a fresh mantle on the President for righteous war and he would be re-clothed by THE Man of

War. It would then begin to charge across the nation. It is no mistake that Earl Pickard is leading a team after May 11 to travel the path of the historic Lewis and Clark expedition. It was in May that new frontiers were opened up through Lewis and Clark.

Emerging Full of Power

Ex 15:1-3: THEN MOSES and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord, saying, I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider or its chariot has He thrown into the sea. 2 The Lord is my Strength and my Song, and He has become my Salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. 3 The Lord is a Man of War; the Lord is His name. AMP

May is the time in the North when we see the shift in the seasons most dramatically. Luke 4:13 speaks about Satan's response to Jesus' successful overcoming of temptation in the wilderness. Jesus went into war with the enemy, full of the Spirit. He came out, full of power. Luke 4:13 says that Satan completed a cycle of temptation and stood apart from Jesus until the next favorable and opportune time. (Look in the Amplified Version.) The word favorable and opportune time in the Greek is kairos. ***Satan's target points are kairos seasons*** both in our personal lives as well as in the times of our territories and nation. Kairos times provide windows of opportunity that we must grab when they open. Satan comes in the kairos, opportune time when favor is about to be released, to thwart our overcoming. As a result, breakthrough into our inheritance for the season is thwarted and consequently delayed until a future time, sometimes for many years and even centuries. We must enter this war full of the Spirit so that we can emerge from the war, full of power. Miraculous signs, wonders and miracles are about to be released. But it is contingent on how we respond in this season, while the ***kairos*** window of opportunity is open.

The Need to Fast

In mid April, I met with our pastoral staff concerning setting a time for a 3 day fast. Every one sensed the need for the fast. As we weighed the timing before God, we came to the conclusion that the 3 days leading up to the National Day of Prayer were the critical days we were to target, May 3-5. We needed to break through before the Day of Prayer, so that it would be effective and result in a turning in the nation, a transformation of thought and insight because of a change of mind (Rom 12:1-2. May is critical. I challenge the nation to go on a 3 day fast leading up to the National Day of Prayer. ***We need to lay down our lives in prayer on behalf of our territories and the nation.***

Review Chuck Pierce's prayer charge sent out April 16, 2004, called "We are in the Last Days of the Prayer Focus, Contending With Your Enemy." We are entering the most intense period over this focus during the month of May. **May Day, May Day, May Day.** Review some of the historic victories that occurred in this month throughout history which have established a foundation to overcome:

1- Where we start is with the Word of God. In May of 1611, the King James Version of the Bible was first published in England and became the standard English language Bible. Declare that there will be renewed faith within us in the power of the Word of God. Jesus is the Word. Declare the Word over our situation (John 1:1; Isaiah 55:11; Jer 1:12; Isaiah 40:8). Declare this passage over yourself as we enter this strategic month: Isa 50:4-5, "The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned. 5 The Lord GOD has opened My ear." Declare that this is the month you will begin to have your ears opened to hear His Word as never before.

2- The first aerial use of torpedoes, called Dambusters, occurred in 1951. Our warfare is in the heavenlies. We are to loose dambusters in May (Psalms 149:6-9).

3- In 1881 the American Red Cross was established: an agency to aid those who, through disaster, were in distress. Jesus was sent to those in distress. We have been sent out by God to fulfill the ministry of Jesus (Luke 4:18-21).

4- The Empire State Building opened in 1931. The House of the Lord, His Church releasing the Kingdom of God, is to arise and tower over every other structure (Eph 1:15-23).

5- Jamestown VA was founded and settled in 1607. We are pioneering a new settlement of God which will release the Kingdom of God in this nation and manifest His wisdom (Eph 2:19-21; Eph 3:8-13).

6- Washington DC was founded in 1802. We are going to "Jerusalem" in May to take the city. He overcame the enemies of God and apostolically began to rule as king in Jerusalem. A new apostolic throne and rulership will be established (2 Sam 5:6-7; Ps 122:5; Isa 16:5; Dan 7:9-14 *9; *21). Read Revelation 4. The door is standing open in heaven; God is saying, "Come up here." When John entered through the door into heaven, the first thing he saw was the throne.

7- Alan Shepard was on the first manned space flight in 1961. The first transatlantic flight occurred in 1919 as Charles Lindbergh set out to accomplish this feat in May. We are entering the 3rd heaven to break through the second heaven by abiding in the third heaven with Christ, at God's right hand. We are taking the heavens (Eph 2:1-2, 4-7).

8- Astronaut Cooper orbited the earth 22 times. Declare that in May Isaiah 22:22 will be released across the nation.

9- The Transcontinental Railroad was completed in 1869. Lewis and Clark initiated their pioneering expedition in 1804 which laid the groundwork for taking the West. We are riding across this nation to reclaim it for God. Joshua received the mantle from Moses, advanced into Canaan and began to take the land. He subdued 31 kings (Joshua 12:24). Declare over the team Earl Pickard is leading across the path of the Lewis and Clark expedition, beginning May 13 and ending the 30th, that they will retake the path for God's purposes.

10- The first Olympic Games were held in the U.S. in St. Louis, MO, in 1904, one century ago. This is the month of one of the most famous car races in America, the Indianapolis 500. This is a season both to excel and cross the finish line as well as to break all relationships with Greek thinking which will hinder our finding the right path on which to run, Greece being the origination point of the Olympics. Run the race to win the prize in Phil 3 (Ps 19:1-6, *5; Eccl 9:11-15; 1 Cor 9:24-27; Heb 12:1-2).

11- The first life insurance policy in the United States was issued in Philadelphia in 1761. Declare that as we begin to run and break through, resurrection power will be released and a new faith to move into it will arise. We will receive new life as we move out in faith and cross the flooded plains (Rom 8:11).

12- Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the first message as America's first telegraph line was opened. Declare that we will decode visions and dreams from God that will lead us into great victory, cause us to traverse impossible passageways and avert disaster. Declare that the mysteries we need to comprehend this month will be comprehended by moving into a revelation knowledge that will make them understandable. (Eph 1:17-21)

13- The Brooklyn Bridge, linking Brooklyn and Manhattan, opened to traffic in 1883. Also the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco was opened in 1937 to the public.

14- ***Pentecost (Shavuot) also occurs in this month on Wednesday, May 26th.*** The Holy Spirit is our bridge to Christ and all that is to be ours through Christ. Bridges will be built this month that will link us to key individuals, cities, and/or connections that will cause us to come into victory and inheritance (Eph 1:11-14; Col 1:11-12; Heb 9:15; 1 Pet 1:3-5).

15- In Europe and the US, V-E Day occurred on May 8. The German Army surrendered to the Allies at Rheims, ending the war in Europe on May 7 (Ps 47:1-5; 2 Cor 2:15; Col 2:15; Rev 15:2-4). **We end the month with Memorial Day, honoring the many men and women who laid down their lives for our nation.** We want to declare that this month we will begin to turn the tide and see great victory begin to manifest. **Remember: there is power in the blood of martyrs.** The blood cries out from the ground (Gen 4:9-11). We have all been challenged to present our bodies as a living sacrifice (Rom 12:1). Let us sacrifice in intercession to break through and turn the tide (1 John 5:4-5).

16- Lastly, the Women's Army Corp (WAC's) came into law on May 15, 1942. Women were granted official military status. Proverbs 31:10 says, "Who can find a virtuous woman? Her worth is far above rubies." The word "virtuous" means strength, then an army and wealth. Other meanings are might, efficiency, ability, and force. **There is a new anointing on women for war.** Deborah was a mother in Israel. As we celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 9, let us celebrate and declare that women of strength, an army of women, women of wealth will begin to be loosed in a new way to take their places apostolically and come along side men, to win this battle and release the greatest harvest that has ever come. Men cannot bear seeds alone; they need to come into relationship with women for the bringing to birth of seeds. A great harvest is about to be released when women are released into the "Armed Forces of God" with a new apostolic mantle of authority and power.

On May 1, 2003, President George Bush proclaimed that day as loyalty day. I believe that as we begin this month, we need to proclaim loyalty to God, His Word, to hear His voice, to intercede, and to cover those with whom we are connected. Out of loyalty we need to cry out for our nation, our leaders, families, and children to find the right way to go so that we will break through and not lose any of our people, nor our possessions. We are in a time where we are warring also for the transference of wealth. There is the danger of losing it before we even get it because the enemy is targeting the plans of God. Yet God has awakened us to danger by crying out, "mayday, mayday, mayday," so that we can pray, strategize, overcome and break through to transformation in every area.

We say a new warring will be released in May which will ride through the nation, overturning the plans and plots of the enemy. RIDE ON MAN OF WAR! We will ride with you! And this warring will cause a new blossoming of the plans and purposes of God, along with a defeating of the enemy's strategies. RIDE ON INTO VICTORY! We hear the summons of the cry, "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY." WE WILL ANSWER IN PRAYER AND FASTING TO TURN OUR NATION.

Lastly, we are entering the 5th month and 5 means grace as well as redemption. ***Great grace and redemption will be released as we move forward in the purposes of God for this month.*** One intercessory leader had a dream about going to 5 gates by 5/11. I believe that there may be 5 gates in most cities as well as in each territory and the nation that we are to go to. There are 5 gates of Islam in the city of Detroit. There are 5 Baal altars in the Upper Peninsula. In the 5th month, we deal with the 5's, going out and crying grace, grace to the mountains. The word mountain in Zech 4:7 means something that looms up. It also means promotion. Grace also means favor. We will receive new favor at the place that looms up over us and will enter into our promotion individually, corporately and as a nation.

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My Beautiful Beloveds
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You will go forth bearing much fruit, your lips and fingertips dripping with oil and honey. I will send you forth for the healing of the nations. All tongues, all nations shall bow before you, saying surely the true God is within you.

Isa 45:14 Thus saith the LORD, The labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying*, SURLEY GOD IS IN THEE; AND THERE IS NONE ELSE, THERE IS NO GOD.

As you speak My Word, I will confirm it with signs and wonders. This is not to confirm you, but to confirm My Word, which you have spoken.

I will saturate you with the oil of My Spirit and with My Word. I will place a mighty sword in your right hand, with which you will cut down the opposing forces. I will make the path clear before you; all hindrances will be swept away. You are My beautiful Beloved, YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL IN MY EYES!

I adorn you with gossamer raiment that reflects the glory of My Son. I have a bride prepared, a bride of sweet heavenly fragrance. Draw in unto Me, let Me consume you with My love. As you do this, you will never be the same. My love consumes all dross. My love changes you forever. YOU ARE MY BEAUTIFUL BELOVED.

SONG OF SOLOMON
Sol 2:1 I *am* the rose of Sharon, *and* the lily of the valleys. Sol 2:2 As the lily among thorns, so *is* my love among the daughters. Sol 2:3 As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so *is* my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit *was* sweet to my taste. Sol 2:4 HE BROUGHT ME TO THE BANQUETING HOUSE, AND HIS BANNER OVER ME WAS LOVE.Sol 2:10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, RISE UP, MY LOVE, MY FAIR ONE, AND COME AWAY. Sol 2:11 FOR, LO, THE WINTER IS PAST, THE RAIN IS OVER AND GONE; Sol 2:12 THE FLOWERS APPEAR ON THE EARTH; THE TIME OF THE SINGING OF THE BIRDS IS COME, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; Sol 2:13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines *with* the tender grape give a *good* smell. ARISE, MY LOVE, MY FAIR ONE, AND COME AWAY

My Purposes For You Will Be Fulfilled
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I have called you and you have answered My Beloved. I see the pain in your heart as you are waiting for that which I gave into your heart, to unfold. I see anxiety trying to gain a foothold, but I also see that you are resisting it, and that pleases me My Beloved.

1Phi 4:6 Be anxious for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Phi 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus

Isa 26:3 Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed *on thee*: because he trusteth in thee.

For lo, now see what I do on your behalf. I send angels to provide for your every need. You have been faithful, your heart is totally Mine, indeed your heart has become like My heart. Will I not then bless you My Beloved. WILL I NOT THEN BLESS YOU.

HOLD ONTO ME, I will sustain you with My righteous right arm, until I have placed all that is necessary for you to fulfill your calling, into position. Stand strong, be the warrior I have called you to be; put satan and his lies beneath your feet.

You will go forth and do great exploits in My name. The dead will rise, the lame will walk, the deaf will hear and the blind will see. At a word the demons will flee. You will have to but lift up your hand and command them and they will flee. For this authority, this holiness in you, has been wrought in you by My hand, through fiery trails.

I am calling forth a people that will be praise unto My name. I am uniting your hearts and spirits, one by one. This may not seem a great work Beloved, but you do not see what I am bringing forth in the hearts of each of My Beloved. YOU WILL GO FORTH AS CHARIOTS OF FIRE, MY CHAMPIONS OF THE FAITH.

I am linking teams together even as we speak, to go forth to the nations. They will be of one heart and of one mind. They shall go forth in unity, supporting one another, loving one another, for it is only in that unity that My power, My glory can flow through them.

WAIT FOR IT BELOVED, wait for it, for it shall soon come to pass and your heart will be exceeding glad in Me.

Behold, I am preparing all things to send you forth in My glory, with My love to the nations.

Main Entry: ^{1}**ex·ploit**
: DEED, ACT; *especially* **: a notable** or heroic **act**
synonym see FEAT
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Main Entry: $^{1}$**feat**
**1 : ACT, DEED**
**2 a :** a deed notable especially for courage **b :** an act or product of skill, endurance, or ingenuity
**synonyms FEAT, EXPLOIT, ACHIEVEMENT mean a remarkable deed**. FEAT implies strength or dexterity or daring <an acrobatic *feat*>. EXPLOIT suggests an adventurous or heroic act <his *exploits* as a spy>. ACHIEVEMENT implies hard-won success in the face of difficulty or opposition <her *achievements* as a chemist>.

Main Entry: $^{1}$**cham·pi·on**
**1 : WARRIOR, FIGHTER**
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2 : a militant advocate or defender <a *champion* of civil rights>
3 : one that does battle for another's rights or honor **<God will raise me up a *champion* -- Sir Walter Scott>**
4 : a winner of first prize or first place in competition; *also* : one who shows marked superiority <a *champion* at selling>

Your Oppressors Will Be No More
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Those who have disdained your High Calling in Me, those with lofty hearts and haughty looks, who have looked down upon you and thought in their heart, how could I call such a one as this, WILL BE NO MORE.

The horse and its rider I have cast into the sea! They will no longer cause deep pain in your heart and no longer cause you to cry out to Me in the midnight hours.

Exo 15:1 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: THE HORSE AND HIS RIDER HATH HE THROWN INTO THE SEA. Exo 15:2 The LORD *is* my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he *is* my God, and I will prepare him an habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. Exo 15:3 The LORD *is* a man of war: the LORD *is* his name. Exo 15:4 PHARAOH'S CHARIOTS AND HIS HOST HATH HE CAST INTO THE SEAS: his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.

Their purpose in your life has been fulfilled. Their attitude has driven you closer to Me. They have broken your heart and I can only do a deep work in broken hearts.

Isa 54:16 “Behold, I have created the blacksmith Who blows coals in the fire, Who brings forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the spoiler to destroy.
Psalms 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

You will look for them, but they WILL BE NO MORE. Their plundering of your heart and soul, I WILL RESTORE.

I will bind up the wounds they have inflicted upon your heart, so that you are totally healed before I send you forth. You have been trodden underfoot for many years and it has now become part of your life, but now as I send you forth, they WILL BE NO MORE.

Ezekiel 32:2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou art as a whale in the seas: and thou camest forth with thy rivers, AND TROUBLEST THE WATERS WITH THY FEET, AND FOULDEST THEIR RIVERS.
Ezekiel 32:32 For I have caused my terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with them that are slain with the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

I will deal with them as I see fit. LEAVE THEIR JUDGMENT TO ME, for I AM A HOLY GOD and will do justice and righteousness.

Jer 30:16 Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that plunder thee shall become plunder, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey. Jer 30:17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I WILL HEAL THEE OF THY WOUNDS, saith the LORD; BECAUSE THEY CALLED THEE AN OUTCAST, *saying*, THIS IS ZION, WHOM NO MAN SEEKETH AFTER.

Call unto Me to remove all arrows and fiery barbs that have been left in your heart, and I will remove them and heal the wounds. Yea, even the scar tissue I will heal.

You hardly can believe it Beloved, that THE SEASON OF WOUNDING IS OVER, that their purpose has been fulfilled, for it has been such a long season, even as eternity for you.

Oh My Beloved, come into My arms, lay your head upon My shoulder and let Me comfort and restore you! Once healed from the affliction of your oppressors, I can send you forth, A PEOPLE THAT WILL BE A PRAISE UNTO MY NAME.

Merriam_Webster
Main Entry: ^{1}**dis·dain**
: a feeling of contempt for what is beneath one **:** **SCORN**

Main Entry: ^{1}**scorn**
1 : open dislike and disrespect or derision often mixed with indignation
2 : an expression of contempt or derision
3 : an object of extreme disdain, contempt, or derision **:** something contemptible

My Beloved Daughters
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My Beloved Daughters
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To My Beloved Daughters ... So many of you have been between a rock and a hard place. You have been enduring a time of darkness, fear, depression, oppression and even destruction. You have been in this position for so long that you fear you are going down... But the I AM says "you will not go down in this hard place", one that began two years, three years, four years ago - for some,even much longer.

You feel like a destitute woman but you are NOT a destitute woman but a woman of power and wisdom. Watch as I take your hard place, your desperate situation in which you are barely enduring and turn it around for My Glory! You will see that this place is wealth to be shared with others - and you will touch many more of My daughters who will turn their lives of desperation over to ME for they will hear of your freedom and emergence from your hard place by MY HAND!!!

You have been held in a vice too long.. Listen for My voice with My instructions and your obedience will bring you out of your hard place into your promised land. Many of you will shortly be contacted by someone who holds your destiny, listen for My instructions. Hear the voice of your Father speaking words of love and compassion to you. Seek My face early in the morning and forget not My promises for they are yes and amen.

The enemy, even now says you are going down, that you will never exit this hard place, it is impossible. But be prepared to see the great power of the I AM. Be prepared to see many be astounded as I remove ALL hindrances from your life that are holding you back taking you out of your hard place. I will astound and amaze even those who gave you lip service of your situation. Now they and all will see and it will be a sign to you and them when it comes into full manifestation.

Beloved, My Spirit dwells within you and will instruct you in what you are to do. You are favored amongst women, listen to My Spirit. You are not destitute in any area. You will not remain in this hindered place any longer. As Elijah asked for fire, I answered with Fire! I AM a God Who answers. I answer My servants and you are My servants. As Elijah received His answer, so shall My daughters receive their answers and their deliverance.

I LOVE YOU, MY DAUGHTERS with an everlasting love, an all consuming love. You will see and experience My deliverance from your hard place. Celebrate, My Daughters, Celebrate! Celebrate My love for you as you emerge and stand with My Son, THE ROCK.

Be prepared to see sights you never imagined you would see. Be prepared for Me to do signs and wonders through you. You have desired healing for so many and you shall see it not only for others but for yourself. You will see all that I have given you authority to do! Any doubts that continue to plague you, I WILL REMOVE! Believe In ME! Believe in your miracle working God!

Be of good cheer, My daughters as the day of your deliverance approaches. Deliverance from the hold the enemy has placed on your ministry, your emotions, your finances, your very life itself.

While still in your hard place today, let your faith arise! See the impossible made possible! Declare your freedom for I AM setting you free! Shout aloud to the Lord, your deliverer, for you are beng freed from the avenger's tricks and holds.

RISE UP, O DAUGHTERS OF MINE - let your faith soar - and witness the deliverance of your Lord! No longer between a rock and a hard place, but with THE ROCK!

My Bride Is Made Ready

Dee Hoetmer

22nd June 2004
Ho My Bride is made ready, glorious, beautiful, spotless and white. Ready to be revealed to the world as My Beloved. My many membered Bride, made from the flotsam and jetsam of those the world has thrown away, accounted as outcasts, odd balls. These are those that make up My Bride. Do I not say in My Word that I take the weak and foolish things of the world so that no flesh can glory? (1 Cor 1:26-29)

These are those that will reveal My glory, My righteous right arm to the nations. Signs and wonders will follow them as they speak My Word, as they speak the words I give them to speak.

Isa 52:10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Nations will fall, Nations will rise and in the midst of the chaos, I reveal My Bride! These are those in the forefront of My army; My generals. Demons will cower at the sight of them. Kings will tremble at their approaching.

These are those that have chosen the narrow way. These are those that have entered the narrow gate.

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Through much trail, persecution and rejection, they have been refined by Me, made ready by My hand to reveal My glory. My Beautiful Anointed Ones, you are as a royal diadem, as a crown of glory. You will not move to the left or to the right but will await My instruction; you will go only at My word. Have I not said to you in the fires of refining, in the fires of persecution and rejection, that you will be as a crown of glory, as a royal diadem in My hand?

Isa 62:3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

Are you not pleased now that you did not give up, that you did not turn around but allowed Me to complete the work in you? My royal diadem, My crown of glory, now I set about arranging for your revealing.

Just a little while and you will be given your decrees, your marching orders, and as one you will move forth, hand in hand as with one heart beat to achieve the mandate you have already perceived in your spirit. Yes you have already received a perception of what you have been called to do. Even if it costs you your life, go forth and do it, for I am your exceeding great reward!

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My Bride I Long For You

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You have My ear attuned to your cries My children. No I have not forgotten you, neither have I forsaken you! I see the questions in your heart: “When Lord, when?” “When will I see Your glory?” “When will I be moved out of my present situation” “When will I have sufficient finances to even eat properly?” “It has cost Lord and where are you?”

I am doing a deep refining in you My Beloveds, fine tuning you to the voice of My Holy Spirit, to His promptings.

I yearn to be one with My bride, I yearn to hold you and love you even as a lover does. My Beloved, I have been waiting for such a time as this much longer than you!

I am the Alpha and the Omega, I also see the beginning and the end. You are not strong enough yet to face what you will face. You have to be infused with MY divine love, other wise you will not love the unlovely.

My bride I long for you too! Just a little more fine tuning of your spiritual ears and of your hearts. A little more fine-tuning and it will be time.

I have a “little time”, a prophetic time table and time is hastening. Those lagging behind in obedience and submission, must hurry to draw close to Me, to My heart beat, for the doors will be closing soon and then I will send forth My mighty army.

To those in obedience, this is a time of rest and repose. I am restoring your weary bodies and minds from the battles gone before. Many are tattered and tired; I cannot have a tattered and tired army, but an army radiant in My love and glory! You will be a praise unto My name My beautiful Beloveds, do not think of this as wasted time, the GREAT I AM KNOWS what I AM doing.

REJOICE IN ME in the time of fine-tuning and physical and mental restoration. It is also in the quiet times, when you draw close to Me, that I impart deep things into your heart. I long for you too My bride, DO NOT FRET BUT REST!

Merriam_Websters
Main Entry: Repose
1 a : to lie at rest **b :** to lie dead <*reposing* in state> **c :** to remain still or concealed
2 : to take a rest
3 *archaic* **: RELY**
4 : to rest for support **: LIE**

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Two Camps

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You have cried from your hearts vindicate me O Lord, from the unjust oppressor. You see that the season has changed, you are in My rest, but it is now that I turn My face to your oppressors. They have cruelly judged you and criticized My holy ones while they were going through the fires of My refining. Vengeance is Mine saith the Lord and I will vindicate you.

Psa 54:1 Save me, O God, by Your name, and VINDICATE ME BY YOUR STRENGTH. 2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth. 3 For strangers are risen up against me, and OPPRESSORS HAVE SOUGHT AFTER MY LIFE: THEY HAVE NOT SET GOD BEFORE THEM. 4 Behold, God *is* my helper: the Lord *is* with those that uphold my life. 5 He shall repay my enemies for their evil: CUT THEM OFF IN YOUR TRUTH. 6 I will freely sacrifice to You: I will praise Your name, O LORD; for *it is* good. (NKJV)

Stay in My rest, My Beloveds, you are on hold, in a time of waiting, while I deal with My other children. The mouth of those that speak lies will be stopped. Their faces will be aflame with shame as I reveal who you really have become in Me. My Beautiful Beloveds, you submitted to the refining fires and now have a place of honor in Me.

Psalms 63:11 But the king shall rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped. (KJV)

There are those that are lagging behind in My Body and these are those that I have turned my attention to now. Stay in rest in Me, while I commence purging those lagging behind of all dross. My Bride is not complete without those that I have purchased with My Son’s blood. You will come into unity; you will march as one, My mighty army on the face of the earth, to raise a standard against the deluge of evil threatening to engulf the world.

Be patient, be kind and merciful as I now bring your brothers and sisters in beside you.
My Levites bearing the ark of the covenant, My Holy Presence upon their shoulders, are standing at the bank of the Jordan, while the remaining follow behind, but they are still My beloved children, part of the dread company who are to cross the Jordan into My promised land.

Jos 3:3 And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. 4 Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed *this* way heretofore. 5 And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.
6 And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people. 7 And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, *so* I will be with thee.
8 And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the edge of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan. (KJV)

Stand and wait My Beautiful Beloveds, while I do a work in the remaining company, those who are the vessels of My glory and redemption to a groaning creation.

AMEN

My Bride Is Not Ready

Barbara Lynch

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What I tell you today will resound around the world. I am coming after My bride and My bride is not ready. I have wooed and I have wooed but no avail. This time I am coming with My sword and I am going to cut off and I am going to separate the wheat from the chaff in My house. I am the Father of all wrath at this given time, for America will not repent of her wicked evil ways and it has become an abomination unto Me, the True and living God. It is OK, for now they will receive exactly what they have been crying out for. They will receive exactly what they have been crying out for. They will have their other God and then they will see the error of their ways, but it is now to late, for I will not relent this time. My arm is not so short that I could not have reached down and pulled America out of her pig sty, but she continues on unrelenting of her vile evil ways and I am disgusted with this whole mess that lies before Me.

The whole earth will sway under My heavy hand of Judgment and all shall know that I am God of all creation. It will now be time for the great harvest to be brought in. It is now time for My Mighty Miracles. Just stand back and be silent for you shall surely see the salvation of the Lord at this given time.

Father, what is it in the spirit realm?

It is only matter of time, little one, until the events that will change history start occurring. I am unleashing My Holy Angels and they are being sent on assignment to do My bidding at this given time in History. Be anxious for nothing, but in all things give Me Praise, Honor, and Glory. I will sustain My Holy Ones in this time of anxiety that is coming upon this earth. Not one of My little ones will be lost at this given time. Each and every one of My little ones has been assigned an angel of protection for this given time.

Even though the times of disaster will become more intense, My little ones will know complete safety. The signs of the times are at hand and the war has begun. Press on to the high calling that is upon your life and commit yourself unto Me for this end time plunge into destiny. Encourage all to come with you. Do not leave any stragglers. But encourage each and everyone that they too shall inherit My Kingdom prize.

What shall become of the ones that will not heed My voice is the question that is resounding throughout My Holy Community. I have spoken in the past and I speak once again, that they will be eternally lost. I have wooed them for the last time and those that chose life shall have life and those that have chosen other idols will have their other idols for all eternity. But I truly will take care of My own and they shall survive every attack of the war that is raging round about.

Do not get caught up in the politics of life, but keep your eyes upon Me and know that I am in complete control of all things. Life will change for he whole world and many conflicts will plague My people, but My people will be kept safe, so do not be discouraged and continue to encourage all of My Body

All must remember that I am in control and I am making the current events happen. It is all in My plans to bring My Son back for My people.

Thunder And Lightning

July 19, 2004 9:56 pm

Thunder and lightning shall proceed out of My holy Mountains in the few short days ahead. Many shall stand in amazement at what they see. For I am giving My people a sign and a wonder to behold and all will know that it is I, the Lord thy God that is doing this thing.

From My Holy Mountain I am commanding My Holy angels to go forth and do My bidding at this given time. There shall not be one stone left unturned at this given time, for I am about My business of restoration and I am restoring all that the canker and palmer worm has stolen from My Chosen generation. Take heed to yourself, little one. Do not allow the enemy to place a stumbling block before you at this given time.

Many sorrows are going to overtake My people in the few short days ahead and all will know that I am not a man that I should lie. Many souls will lie at My feet totally destroyed by the mighty earthquake that is coming upon the land at this given time.

Many more souls will run into the house of the Lord and will cry out for repentance. I shall receive them into My bosom and you shall see the floodgates of heaven open wide at this time given time and you shall see many restored into My kingdom.

Much slaughter shall take place in the earthly realm, for the battle has been raging in the heavenly realm and now it is going to manifest itself upon the earth.

The enemy will wreak much havoc across this land. I forewarned My people, but they closed their ears to My prophets and they did not heed My cries of warning that went throughout the land.

Musical Chairs at 57,000 Feet

Doug Addison

There is a change coming in leadership! A number of prophetic words have recently carried this message. Usually when something happens in the spiritual realm, it is reflected in the natural as well. We have seen a shakeup in the corporate world; CEOs and leaders have resigned and charges have been brought against them. This change in leadership is also beginning in government and will filter down to the smaller business community and to local churches.

My Dream

I had a dream that I was in a room with some leaders and a tornado was approaching. There was no time to react. Everything began to rotate clock-wise as if the tornado was in the room. I saw a chair float by as I too was picked up and poltergeisted. I was about to grab hold of the chair when the Lord said to me, "Many people have died because they held onto their chairs." Just then I heard the cry of a leader being swept away because he was hanging on to his chair. Then I heard a voice on the radio say, "There are musical chairs at 57,000 feet."

The meaning of the dream:

There is a change coming in leadership. In order for us to be more easily used by the Lord we must hold our current positions loosely.

The tornado was allowed by God (shown by the clock-wise spin as opposed to counter-clockwise). Chairs often represent our positions. Those who try to hold onto their positions, instead of flowing in what God has for them, will not be able to survive the change that is coming. 57,000: 5+7=12 which is the number of leadership and government. The fact that the number is in the thousands indicates a higher level, or degree of change.

There will be a shift in the entire body of Christ, from pastors to lay leaders, as these changes come about . New positions will open up that have been occupied by people who are not necessarily called to do what they have been doing. Some leaders who have lost their vision will gain fresh new insight from the Lord and begin to lead their churches to new levels.

How will we respond?

I have noticed a dramatic increase in the number of people who feel that they are supposed to be doing something else, but the something else is not yet clear. I have had numerous phone calls and e-mails from people seeking advice and direction from the Lord for their current situation.

When we sense that change is coming, it does not necessarily mean that we should leave our jobs, move, or change churches.

Many people are picking up this coming change in the spiritual realm . When we sense things like this we must be careful to use wisdom and seek the Lord on how it applies to our own situation. I often find that many revelatory gifted people tend to lack "spiritual depth-perception". We hear things in the Spirit but are not always able to discern whether it's for next week or ten years from now. Timing is crucial in our journey with the Lord.

Proverbs 16:9 In his heart a man plans his course, but the LORD determines his steps.

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More Comments The Prosperity Message
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This message is so God and so "God" timing. I have heard Clay give this Word before and I received it and God moved in my life and just when I really, really needed to hear it again, here it is. I waited until this morning to read these emails because, honestly, I just wasn't in the mood to read them until now.

The first time I heard this message, in my life anyway, Finances were not the only area that this message applied. I have shared this before about even giving God my dreams and desires and one of them was to live in the Mountains (I live in southeast GA on the coast, a far cry from the Mountains) and once I really became "content" with where I live and gave the dream to God and truly did turn it over to Him, it didn't matter to me where I lived, He provided, almost immediately, a cabin in the Mountains of NC (just outside of Asheville, my 2nd favorite place) and it was provided primarily through my Mother as a gift to her children and God blessed us with what we needed to contribute to pull it all together and to keep it together since then.

Now here I am in a different type situation. I am currently working. For a very long time I have desired to be at homemaker. I want to be at home with my children, to be able to take very good care of my husband, my children and my home. My husband won't let me quit, with his blessing anyway, due to "finances". So after anguishing over this for so long, I turned it over to the Lord and gave it to Him, really gave it to Him. He told me that mid May I would be receiving a financial blessing that would enable me to quit work and stay at home and take care of what God has given me without creating tension, ill feelings or problems at home with my husband. I feel there is a mission God has for me and that too will be done when I get home! Well after He told me that I started thinking about it all of the time, dwelling on it, was very preoccupied with that word. It really affected my attitude at work and at home but for the worse because it wasn't happening fast enough.

I needed to be reminded of this Prosperity message with this present situation.

Well the Lord reminded me of a Word He gave me a couple of months ago and I didn't feel I was to share it on this site until now. I feel He wants this Word shared.

The Book of Jonah packs such a powerful message. I am not talking about the one "don't run from God or you will swallowed by a big fish". The Lord through someone in our Sunday meeting, gave me Jonah 2:8: "Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs". The Lord just told this person to give me that scripture and that was it. It didn't pertain to the message or anything else that day. So I went home and kept asking God why did He give me that scripture. So I started reading the book of Jonah from the beginning. No where in the book of Jonah does it talk about idols except in that scripture.

BUT the Lord started revealing to me what Jonah meant by that scripture, the Revelation that Jonah received about his "situation". Jonah had created an idol out of his situation. He was in the sin of idolatry. Idol: a person or thing blindly adored, something "visible" but lacking substance; Idolatry: Blind or excessive Adoration or "Devotion"; Idolize: to regard with unquestioning or excessive admiration or devotion; Devote/Devotion: to give or apply one's time, attention or self entirely to a particular activity or cause, feeling or exhibiting strong attachment

The 1st Chapter He devoted his thinking to the task God had given him and disobeyed God by not doing what He said and tried to run from it. He "thought" his present situation was too big for him to handle so he ran. He got the What-to-do from God but he didn't take the time to seek God for his how-to. So God provided a storm for Jonah to go through. God showed Jonah that He IS GOD. The 2nd Chapter is Jonah's prayer while in the fish and in addition to vs 8, vs 9 says "But I will, with a song of Thanksgiving , will sacrifice (obey, turn over, give it up) to you" . The 3rd Chapter is Jonah's obedience and he does what God asked of him. The people repent and God has compassion and He forgives them and spares them.

But then Jonah in Chpt 4, too quickly forgets and cerate's another "idol" out of his situation and he gets ticked off that God had compassion on the people of Nineveh. All he had to do is do what God said and deliver the message, period. He has once again devoted his time and attention to something he has no control over and God tells him this "have you any right to be angry?" Jonah goes and sits and God sends a vine and creates a perfect shelter for him to keep him cool and ease his discomfort and Jonah was Happy, and then the next morning sent a worm to devour what He had made. Again Jonah was angry and God said again "do you have any right to be angry?" God said you have been concerned (devoted) about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.

The whole point God made with me was we have no control over other people, over situations, over what we have, where we are, etc. other than seeking Him, hearing Him, and obeying Him. Being content in our situation WITHOUT being overly devoted to it, "idolizing" it whether it's a comfortable situation (like receiving the cabin or being able to stay home and take care of your family) or an uncomfortable situation (like being broke, or sick, etc.) It's all God and He IS in control even when we do not feel it and we do not need to concern ourselves with HIS business, just seek, trust and obey.

I was going through a situation with my husband and was so consumed with his lack of being concerned with his health and wasn't taken measures to seek medical help and a few other situations that I don't need to get into but the point is, I was committing idolatry over these situations that I had not control over and was not leaving them to God. When we step into Idolatry where does the Word say God is? He isn't there in it with me that's for sure!

We need to pray over our situations and people as the Lord leads but don't feel like you "should" pray or do something just because it's the right thing to pray for or to do. Think of how much GRACE we forfeit by clinging to our situations and circumstances, once we let go of them and let God, He takes care of them. But only when we let them go.

The world will see a lot of what God will have us to do or NOT DO as cold, uncaring, etc. Like not tithing the way they think we should, or already in my case of wanting to be a homemaker as not helping my husband support our family, or giving someone a word that isn't so pleasant to give, or not praying for your spouse to be healed of a disease. With this last one let me give you a little insight. My husband had a situation that was ailing him and I was praying for God to heal him because what was wrong wasn't really that big of a deal, so I couldn't understand why God wouldn't heal him of such a small, but very uncomfortable problem, well about 2 months later after going through some test for the problem because it had gotten so unbearable, they found colon cancer. The colon cancer wasn't the problem or even associated with the problem but they found it because of the problem. He was told had it not been found that only three short months down the road it would have entered his blood stream and mastesized. The Lord told me "had I honored your prayer his cancer would have spread".

So there will be many times that we see people going through something very difficult and if God didn't tell you to pray for that person, you better not. We don't know or see what God knows and sees and therefore we HAVE to trust Him and Obey Him, and at that includes obey by not doing anything unless He calls for us to do it. But we need to seek Him in all things. I feel at least for me, that He evens wants me to seek Him for my "daily" eating habits, what clothes I buy and if I even need to buy them, what I allow the children to watch on a daily basis, what I should let them do on a daily basis, and it does change from day to day, and so on. I am not saying I have perfected this because I forget to include Him a lot times and I have a long way to go, (smile)! But I know it's what I should strive for!

After reading the 2 part message I have once again been reminded and see that I was making an idol out of the very WORD God gave me about being able to stay home. I have once again left it to Him and He will supply the blessing in His time and until then I am very content in my situation at work and know that His grace is sufficient to take care of my husband and children and home (as He has done for the past years) until the appointed time for me to be able to give it my all. Instead of them only getting a little bit of me (what's left after work, ball games, cooking, cleaning, etc.) they will hopefully get the best part of me that God has created to offer them.

I haven't physically received this blessing YET but I know it's already mine and is here in the Spirit.

I pray this message blesses those whom it is intended to bless as much or even more than the blessing I have received by the Prosperity Message (1&2) and by the Wilderness Experience by Andrew Strom.

In Him,

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As I study some Jewish commentaries on tithing, I find it was meant for one of two things; Feeding the poor or helping your own children till they can get back on their feet. NOT feeding shepherds who want 3 homes, stunt planes, 4 cars and $4,000 suits. Get real folks, I'm all for prosperity, that’s one of the wonderful things about living in America, we all have a chance to succeed, but NOT on the backs of the sheep! What a perverted gospel.

Its become "Church of the Holy Lottery" and the only big winners are the pastors. When the Holy Spirit occupies your heart, you simply become a giver, be it giving your time, effort, money, hugs, compassion, food, thoughtfulness etc. You simply are a giver. Its in your blood. If, as some are teaching, money is the end -all -of end -alls to God, why did God GIVE his Son for our sake?? Maybe Jesus should have simply sold tickets to heaven for $20 and spared Himself the horrible pain he endured for us. Bottom line, just obey Him. "My sheep hear My voice". Tithe if He says tithe, give muffins to your neighbor if He says to, pick up the dinner tab if He says to, treat yourself if He says to. Just be led by Him and not the doctrine of man.

DP A Gold Nugget Response To True Prosperity Message

Dear Clay,

I read your article on Bill Somers site, I thoroughly enjoyed it, it is packed with truth. I wanted to send a short article from my book that goes along with what you wrote. Your message needs to be heard, it would set a lot of people free.

God bless you for writing the truth,
Gary Carroll

...for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Another reflection of real love for God is in our giving. We should give to God only because we love Him. So many today connect giving to receiving. The Holy Spirit teaches us that any attempt to obligate God to give is never permitted. He teaches us that when we give in love to Him, He responds in love and gives to us. This is the only way God gives. He gives everything in love.

A catchy phrase we have all heard in church is you can't out give God. This approach of giving to God is unfortunate. Receiving is taught to be an acceptable incentive for giving. If this is the reason we give, we should be reconciled to waiting for an extended time to receive back from God. When we give to God in order to obtain from Him, we are actually attempting to manipulate God. The strings we attach to our giving are the same strings that tie His hands to give back to us. Our incentive for giving should never be receiving. Love is not found in this type of giving. Self is. We must discard the prominent teaching of giving to get from God. When we are concerned with what God wants, our giving and love will be focused on Him. He then responds to our love and lovingly gives back to us. God responds when our giving is in love.

Gary Carroll

My Deliverance is Upon You

Elvi Glass

Rejoice My children for I am with you. Do not despair for I am your God. I will shelter you, I will protect you by the power of My Name. Do not fear the enemy. The only authority the enemy has over you is the authority you allow him to have. Therefore, do not give him room or a place to rest, but resist him and he will flee from you. Remember he is a liar and has been a liar from the beginning. The only fear that is acceptable is the fear of Me.

I have heard your cry for deliverance of all hindrances that prevent you from coming closer to Me and I am sending help. My deliverance in those areas as well as other areas is about to manifest upon you for I desire you to be completely free from any hindrances. I am sending forth My angelic hosts, even now they are on the way to minister deliverance and healing so that you can be free to worship Me and fully receive from Me the good things of My kingdom. You are about to enter into a greater level of freedom and deeper intimacy with Me. It is there that you will find protection and refuge as well as My refreshing upon you.

I am watching over you My children and I am empowering you to walk in great authority. No longer will the enemy be allowed to trample on you but you will tread upon the lion and the cobra. You will trample the great lion and the serpent. In My Name you will crush his head and his cause will be no more. Stand against all the wiles of the enemy. Your standing will be a witness unto those around you that I am God and that I am with you.

Victory is at your doorstep. I am stirring up My wind of power and anointing. This wind will become a storm. Do not fear this storm because it is of Me. Do not run from it but embrace it for you will stand in My power and My strength and nothing will harm you.

Shout aloud with joy and thanksgiving. Dance before Me with song and praise. Shout aloud for My time to come is soon. I am coming on the clouds with power and great glory. I am coming soon. Stand strong in My power and resist the enemy so that he will flee from you.

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Mel Gibson - King Cyrus of Babylon

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Recently I had a phone conversation with Henry Parker of Haven Mission in Virginia. Henry shared with me that the Lord had shown him that Mel Gibson was as King Cyrus.

The LORD stirred up the spirit of Mel Gibson just as he once stirred up the heart of a Babylonian king. King Cyrus was stirred by the LORD to rebuild the house of God in Jerusalem. The temple in Jerusalem had previously been laid in ruins by the Babylonians. King Nebuchadnezzar had destroyed the house of God and taken all the treasure from the house of God to a Babylonian temple.

Ezra 1:1, 5:13 - 15: Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and also put it in writing,

"However, in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, King Cyrus issued a decree to build this house of God. Also, the gold and silver articles of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple that was in Jerusalem and carried into the temple of Babylon; those King Cyrus took from the temple of Babylon, and they were given to one named Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor. And he said to him, 'Take these articles; go, carry them to the temple site that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be rebuilt on its former site.'

The king of spiritual Babylon has robbed the people and taken many captive. The treasures of the temple have been carried away and the people caused to live in Babylonian ways. God is ready for His people to come out of Babylon (Babylonian ways). He is ready for a people who will rebuild the temple. God desires the treasures of gold and silver vessels to be returned to the Jerusalem temple (The New Jerusalem).

God has again stirred the heart of a man to begin the process of returning what has been taken to Babylon. Mel Gibson's powerful film is bringing the reality of the cross back to the house of God. The foundational treasure of the reality and significance of the cross has been tucked away in Babylonian temples and now is being presented back to the people.

The crucifixion is the ultimate message of Love. The love of God is the foundation of life and is fully demonstrated for all mankind to see in the demonstration of the self sacrifice of Jesus at the cross. The crucifixion of Christ Jesus is the one pivotal point of all history. It is the foundation of the power of the kingdom of God. Even the power of the resurrection rest in the willing sacrifice at the cross. The first step in returning the treasures to the church is the experience of absolute identification with the reality of the crucifixion.

God did not choose a pastor or a priest to return the treasure to the temple. He needed a man with position and power in Babylon. A man that He could stir up to decree the rebuilding of the house of God and return the treasures to the people of God. He chose Cyrus a ruler from Babylon of old and He chose Mel Gibson form the Babylon of today. King Cyrus put his proclamation in writing - Mel Gibson put his proclamation on the big screen.

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Melchizedec

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Shalom Fellow Israelite,
One of the most mysterious bible characters is the one who seems to have appeared 'out of the blue', conferring a blessing upon Abram. Some say that it was Yeshua, others Shem or Noah. *"Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said: 'Blessed be Abram of God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth'"* (Gen. 14:18). Who was this person and why did he bless Abram?

His name, translated "King of Righteousness", and his title, "Priest of God Most High", imply a two-fold position of king and priest. He was therefore designated as a (righteous) king-priest. The first time we run into such an office is in the first chapter of the bible, where Adam is given dominion over all living things (constituting a kingly position), while also "walking with" his Creator (which would imply a priestly role). At that time this position belonged to both male and female, as sin had not yet separated them from one another: *"Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them [male/female] have dominion"* (Gen 1:26). After the fall of man into the realm of sin, this coveted position was passed on as a birthright and was given to the firstborn just before the death of his father (that is if the firstborn qualified to receive it).

When YHVH gave dominion to Adam He actually established His kingdom, along with its order, here on earth. In Psalm 145 it says that YHVH's kingdom *"is an everlasting kingdom,"* and that His *"dominion endures throughout all generations"* (verse 13). But although YHVH maintained the order of His dominion throughout all generations, it could not be fully manifest because man was under the dominion of another kingdom with another law (the "law of sin and death"). However, as mentioned in the above scripture, YHVH's kingdom order was still in effect in the form of the law of redemption, being the only means out of man's fallen condition, and depended on a redeemer and on the laws that govern the loss of inheritance.

But the question still remains, who was the one who blessed Abram? Since Noah was still alive at the time, it most likely was the latter (while Shem and Eber were princes in line to take the position that Noah would impart when the time came). The Scriptures also indicate that Noah was a righteous man according to faith: *"By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith"* (Heb 11:7). What was Noah an heir of? His obedience to the divine directives qualified him to bear the title of the firstborn (king of righteousness), and because he walked with YHVH by faith, the priestly office belonged to him as well. Thus, being alive at the time of Abram he could have very well passed on this office to Abram as part of the covenant that YHVH was making with the latter, who was a prince and a firstborn in the genealogy of firstborn; a man of faith whom YHVH declared righteous through the obedience of faith.

At the time of Abram YHVH decided to make a covenantal change that would affect the firstborn position. Instead of a single father, from the generations of the first/born, holding the office of king-priest, YHVH chose a nation to fill that role in humanity. Thus in the twentieth generation of these princes (firstborn of the Melchizedek order) YHVH, by means of Noah, blessed Abram and established the promise of a nation that would come out of his loins through Sarah (Isaac) and give rise to the chosen nation (Jacob). This chosen nation would hold the birthrights of the Melchizedek office. Because this is an irrevocable anointing, Yeshua had to come to this seed as a kinsman redeemer and fulfill all obligations, according to law, as its King and High priest. He would in effect be King of the kings and High Priest of the priesthood. Yeshua could then be in a position to restore the kingdom of YHVH to the nation of Israel. This is what the disciples of Yeshua understood when they inquired of Him before his departure, *"When are you going to restore the Kingdom to Israel?"* They did not understand at that time that it would come into them by the Spirit. *"The Kingdom of YHVH is righteousness, peace and joy in the Spirit of Holiness".* The bread and the wine that Melchizedek shared with Abram demonstrate the connection between the Abrahamic Covenant and the New Covenant. The Abrahamic Covenant could not be fully realized until the coming of a kinsman redeemer who would take away the veil of flesh that hid the "faith", atone for sin and fulfill the requirements of the Mosaic Covenant, which condemned sin in the flesh.

Now that YHVH has reconciled His people through His Son, Yeshua, and the blood of His cross, we may enjoy the fullness of the promises that were laid up in heaven and have now come into us through the indwelling of the Spirit of Holiness, as stated in Scripture: *"….because of the hope which was laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of Elohim in truth;… that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of Elohim; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Col 1:5-6, 9-14). "For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross"* (Col 1:19-20).

This hope that was laid up in heaven is now in you through the Spirit of Holiness, *"… the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His chosen. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the nations: which is Messiah [the anointing of Yeshua] in you, the hope of glory"* (Col 1:26-27). *"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God"* (2 Corinthians 7:1).
However, the apostle attached the following condition to this message of the "covenant of faith": *"And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight - if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard"* (Col. 1:21-23).
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Melchizedek Priesthood
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Dear Reader As you read, remember that this is a transcribed sermon. So, don’t expect it to read as smoothly as a written work. I hope you enjoy it.

Shalom Nita

Turn to Psalm 110, please

“Father, I thank you for Your heart for us. I love how You instructed Paul to write about the glory and the grandeur to be released in these frail human vessels of earth. Because, Father, we all feel so frail so often in the light of our humanity but it was a grand thing You did. It was a noble thing You did to decide that those that they try to destroy, those frail human vessels of earth, would overcome our enemies. Today he may stand on the top of the mountain, pointing and mocking and jeering at the body of Christ but the day is coming that he will see his end, he will see his doom and it will be we, not him at the top of the mountain and we thank You for that Lord. It was an amazing thing You conceived, when You conceive the plan of salvation. This morning as I share the things that You put upon my heart, Lord. Help me to share with clarity so that even the youngest can understand what is being said. Help us to understand the importance of what You are trying to prepare us for, Lord so we will not tarry, where we are in our Christian walk. Not even those, Father, who have experienced a new dimension in You in the last couple of days, Lord that they will not tarry even here but they will use what You have given them in the last couple of days as divine fuel to go faster, harder, higher. We thank You for that Father! Help us to understand, open the eyes of our heart. Help us to understand in your precious name, Amen!

The Lord Jesus Christ made a rather remarkable statement when He was here walking on the face of the earth and He said to the people, He said: “If this is true, then the finger of God has come upon you.” Have you ever thought about that? What it will be like to have the finger of God come upon you? The Bible said it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God. For the finger of God to touch our humanity is an awful thing and I don’t mean awful in the bad sense but awful in the Divine sense. But the finger of God is getting ready to come to earth as represented in, The kingdom of God!

You might say: The kingdom of God is here. Let me give you a word picture. Have you ever seen a mustard seed? Have you ever seen a grain of a mustard seed? It so small, I don’t know if you can see them but if you have my vision, you cannot see them, not a grain. And that is about what we have of the kingdom of God in the earth today: something less than a mustard seed. When I say that the kingdom of God is getting ready to come, I am talking about something you cannot comprehend, you cannot begin to fathom and that is why it is so important for you to press in today so that you can understand as He quickly prepares His Church for the coming of the kingdom.

Psalms 110

Psalm 110 says: “The Lord God said to my Lord the Messiah, “Sit at my right hand until I make your adversaries your footstool.” The Lord will send forth from Zion the scepter of your strength. Rule then in the midst of your foes. Your people will offer themselves willingly in the days of thy power, in the beauties of holiness and in holy array out of the womb of the morning to you will spring forth your young men who are as the dew. The Lord has sworn and will not revoke or change. You are a priest forever after the matter of the order of Melchizedek. The Lord at your right hand will shatter kings in the day of His indignation. He will execute judgment in

overwhelmingly punishments upon the nations. He will fill the valleys with dead bodies. He will crush the chief heads over lands and many and far extended.
He will drink of the brook by the way. Therefore He will lift His head triumphantly.

We pick out bits and pieces of these passage and we can build some pretty wonderful sermons about it. But it is the picture of the day that is ahead of us. It was in the 90s, I can't remember exactly 98 or 99. I had a powerful experience. I have been three days in the presence of God just wrapped in His Spirit. I spent three days and three nights in the constant state of worship and communion with the Lord, when suddenly I was taken, to heaven and I found myself kneeling before the Lord in His throne room.

Now many things happen initially, which I won't go into because it doesn't necessarily add to what I want to say about Melchizedek. Although there were things that will pertain to what He was about to do, it doesn't necessarily add to your understanding to what I have to say. But after all these things have been accomplished and communicated to me, He rose up and He took me by the hand and He said: "Come, come, walk with me" and so He helped me rise up and we walk to this room. As we entered into this room, I noticed that there was nothing in it, not one piece of furniture, nothing? And so I am looking all around the room, scanning, wondering why He had brought me into this room. When suddenly, my eye caught to my left, the most beautiful garment. I looked at it and I look again and I look again. I remembered seeing that garment many years before. So although I knew that it was the garment of the Old Covenant High Priest. I also knew that's not all it was. I knew that what I was looking at was the garment of the Melchizedek Priesthood of the New Covenant.

But still I wonder why He brought me here just to look at this beautiful garment and I looked at Him and ask Him why He had brought me. Sometimes the Lord doesn't answer you in words. He just remains quiet and your heart is beating a hundred miles an hour wondering if He is going to talk or what He is going to say, when He does talk. I mean your mind starts going, well very rapidly. When you are in the spirit, some people think that you change your personality because you are in the spirit but that is not true. You are in the spirit who you are in the natural. And so I have a very inquisitive mind, overly inquisitive, and I always have. So if I ask you a question and I don't get an answer. My mind is going race a hundred miles an hour trying to think of the next five questions.

And that was what I was going through when He led me over to this garment. Then He began to adorn me in it. With each piece, He spoke to me once again explaining what that piece was, what it represented and He was so proud to be giving it. When He had me completely adorned in this Melchizedek garment, He stepped back and He looked at me. He looked with such …..it's almost hard to use the word pride when it comes to the Lord but it was like that. It was like something that He had been awaiting for many, many, many years and now here it is. The last two things He did was put upon my head the turban with the word "Holiness unto the Lord" Now this time I thought maybe He was completely done because He sort of stood back a little bit and I got very nervous and I said to Him "Lord, will you not give me the Urim and the Thummim? I thought, the garment just isn't complete without it. He smiled and He put His hand in a pocket and He pulled out two of the most amazing looking stones that I have ever seen. At the time that they were in His hands, they were like crystals or diamonds in color. But as He handed me each stone, the first turned a blood red as it touch my palm and the second turned a color very close to a royal blue in my palm and then He attached the Urim and the Thummim to the garment and He walk me over to another place and He said "I want to show you, now that you have this garment, what will happen when you pray."

And I looked and I saw a huge globe. It was the kind that was kind that was like transparent in between latitude and longitude lines with the continents on it. It was so large, it was probably as big as any man easily.

He said: "When you pray, this is what will happen. I saw lighting bolts shoot out from this garment and come upon the globe and fire would be released every time one of these lighting bolts hit the earth. Fire would be released and it would just go out like a river and He stood back in front of me and He said: "Nita, this garment is the most powerful thing in the earth, now listen to Me very carefully, this garment is the most powerful thing that has been reserved for the Church on planet earth." "This garment has the power to change destinies, to change nations, to lift up one and to bring down another. It is a very powerful instrument in God's hands. The Melchizedek Priesthood!"

I've talked on Melchizedek twice now in my entire ministry. Releasing revelations that God has given me about the Melchizedek priesthood. When I was in India in January, I had a meeting with a gentleman that spends an awful lot of time with the Lord and he's been visited often as a result. The Lord sent two messengers that told him the importance of getting the fullness of the revelation of Melchizedek out to the Church. They said to this man, "Tell Nita that she has only released 50% of the revelation of Melchizedek. 50% and if she does not release the rest of it, the Church will never come in to its fullness." This message is extremely important to the body of Christ. However, today I am obviously not going to have time to do that.

It's really something that should be covered in, I don't know? 12 – 14, in depth messages. But the Lord wanted me to share with you some points on Melchizedek. "Do you have paper and pen that you can write? It would be very important for you to do that."

Point One

Notice in verse 1 that it says: "The Lord God said to my Lord, the Messiah, sit at my right hand until I make your adversaries your footstool." Notice the position of the Melchizedek. The position is to sit at the Lord's right hand. This is the place of power but not just any kind of power. It is the place of supreme power. Sit at my right hand, in other words, sit upon your throne -- sit upon the throne that I prepared for you until I make your adversaries your footstool. So the Melchizedek Priesthood is a reigning Priesthood that reigns not from earth but from heaven.

If you look at any ministry and say: That ministry has got to have the greatest power that has been released in the body of Christ today. Or you see revelation or hear revelation and you're thinking in your heart "That has got to be the highest revelation that been released in the body of Christ today." All of these are not heavenly authority of which I speak. It is not heavenly power of which I speak. It is authority and power that God has bequest to His Church on the earth and so it is limited in its capacity. Have you ever wondered why? If the Lord says to us "That greater things that He did, we shall do also. And, that we have all power over all the works of the enemy. Why we don't see that? Have you ever wondered that? It is because we're operating in an authority and power bases inferior to the ultimate to be released to the Church.

Although He has given that to us, we are not yet operating in it. And the reason is because that kind of authority and power can only be given to a matured Church. Too many things come out of our mouths and out of our heart that will be very destructive with that kind of authority and power on our shoulders. So we have got to enter into maturity, made in the image of the personality and in the character of Christ to bear that kind of authority and power. So then that leads us to another point about Melchizedek.

Point Two!

Those who will move in this Melchizedek mantle, and are going to be given to the Church will be those who are walking in the maturity of the Christ nature. In fact we can say about Melchizedek that is a demonstration, of the fullness of the Christ. He said: "Greater things than I am doing, will you do" John said: If the world were filled with books, they could not contain all that He did. That just, sends your mind racing, doesn't it? If the world could not contain all of the books to describe all that He did and we going to do greater things: "what in the world are we going to do?" Doesn't it make your heart, just kind of jump with anticipation? Excitement? Curiosity?

Melchizedek is the manifestation of the fullness of the Christ. It is the Church reigning not from the position of earth but from the position of the throne. If you were to go through the book of Revelations in the discourse to the churches, you would see and understand just a little bit of what is coming to the Church of the last days. One of the discourses we were given spoke to those who overcome. They will be seated upon, what? That's right! Many people look at that as being something that is going to transpire in the next life…you know…hereafter in heaven. But that was not what he was talking about it at all. He was talking about those who overcome. You can walk in the authority and power and virtually be seated in your heavenly throne in this life. And that is what Melchizedek is all about. It is ruling and reigning. “Write ruling and reigning!” In the authority and power of heaven.

Remember the story when Jesus is out in the sea with His disciples and He calmed the storm. We read that and we go…….sigh! That must be some experience and then another time we see Him walking on the water and we think “Can you imagine having watched Jesus walk on the water.” This is the rule and the reign of heaven, not of earth. It’s much higher than what we are walking in today. That isn’t to say that a believer cannot stop a storm. I have certainly stopped my share of them. That isn’t to say that a believer cannot walk on water, there are those who have.

Let me give you another example. Remember when Jesus said: “You can say to this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast into the sea.” Then what did He say: “If you have the faith as a grain of a mustard seed.” What will happen? Have you seen anyone moving mountains lately? Well you see, heaven’s authority and power makes that a very real reality. I am not saying that God is going to send any saints over to Mount Everest to move it around to get His point across but He could do that with one operating in heaven’s authority and power. This is so much higher than the Church is walking in today. It is incomprehensible, I don’t know about you, Maybe it is just me, maybe I am slow but it feels incomprehensible to me to think about standing in front of a mountain and saying “Mountain move!” And watch it suddenly sprout legs and move. Yet this is a reality in the heaven authority and power.

I had an experience with the Lord. I will go into this experience because it is important to what we are teaching today. I had an experience with the Lord, and in the midst of that experience, He let me experience the place that the Lord Jesus walked in when He was here on this earth. Now my dear brothers and sisters, I know we don’t flow a lot in the gifts in these meetings because God is doing something more important than that right now. But I have seen phenomenal miracles take place in my ministry. I have seen blinded eyes healed. I have seen deaf ears healed. I have seen people with multiple sclerosis healed, I’ve seen polio victims with their legs all twisted and maimed from polio, completely healed. I seen awesome miracles, I seen mentally retarded people healed. But in all those times that I have ever seen the miraculous. -- I can remember one time; a mother brought her little ten-month-old baby to me and the child was in a two-thirds body cast. She said, “I want you to pray for my baby because he was born without heel bones and they are going to be doing surgeries on him until he is many, many years old trying to build heel bones in his little feet. It will be many years before he will ever be able to walk his first step, please pray for my baby” I thought well there is no way to get him up jumping around to see if he has received the healing. So I just prayed a very quick prayer and patted the baby on the head and moved her on. She took the baby back to the doctor and learned that God had healed him. He had heel bones. She said it was so real when they took the x-ray of the baby, the doctor said: “I am sorry but I ……this is impossible. It’s not possible that this child has heel bones, I’ve got to show you, I’ve got to show you the x-rays from the past x-rays that we have, to show you that we not been playing with your baby. He really did not have heel bones!”

He went into a panic and she said “Doctor! Its okay, Jesus healed my baby!” This story was so phenomenal that they were going to put it on Pat Robertson’s 700 Club. That baby today is a …..well he is all boy. And you know when you see these kind of miracles and experiences with the Lord, you just know. You have just like a knowing when you pray for this person that they are going to be healed. It is just the way it is! You don’t pray “hoping, hoping, hoping?” There is something inside of you that says “It is going to happen” We call that faith. “Can you say faith?” So I have moved in some of what I consider to be pretty profound faith experiences.

But I have never experienced faith like I experience the day that I had this visitation from the Lord of which I am about to tell you. The faith that He walked in was something that was so absolute, so much higher than anything you and I have ever known. He told us if you have the faith as a grain of a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain “Be thou remove and be thou cast into the sea” and it will obey you but do you notice He never said that? We never see in the Bible the disciples saying: “And Jesus said to that mountain move and it jump up and moved” You know why? He never spoke to a mountain and told that mountain to move although He could have and He knows it. He knew it, not because He was the son of God but because of the faith that operated through Him. Remember, He was all man and all God. His faith was so absolute and He knew if He ever said to a mountain be removed. It would do it. That’s why He never did it. The authority and power that is coming to the church in this end-time with this Melchizedek Mantle is going to equip us with that kind of faith. Mountain moving faith! I want you to promise me you not going to immediately go use it and start moving mountains around in Singapore. There are no mountains? Well, don't create them either! I can hear you now: "I think I really would like to witness to these people and show them there is a God. I think I am going speak a mountain into existence."

The Lord will send forth from Zion a scepter of your strength. Rule then in the midst of your foes. Would you like to walk in the place in God that the enemies are always under your feet? It so frustrating, isn't it? One day you seem to have every bit of authority and power you need to put that guy under your feet and the next day it feels like he has all the authority and power he need to put you under his feet. That frustrating, isn't it! Or you will pray and pray and pray trying to get his hand off of something, his hand shouldn't be on. I am sure that many times you have thought: "Does this stuff ever work?" Have you ever felt that way? You have!

But there is an authority and there is a power that is coming to the Church through Melchizedek wherein he will always be under the feet of the Church. Satan knows it and he knows what is coming. He dreads it because he knows what is going to happen to his kingdom when it comes. That's why he's fighting the Church so hard right now. He can see into the things of the spirit for he is a spirit. He doesn't know everything but he does have eyes and he does have an understanding that is much better than most of us of the Scripture. So he does know that there is a generation that is going to arise in these last days that is going to have governmental power and authority over all things concerning his kingdom. And, he desperately wants to stop the coming forth of these military entities. The means he using today is deception, trying to use distraction, unbelief, fear, problems and perplexities. Are any of you going through that kind of stuff? The soul's woes? Have you thought in these last few years "God, I wish I'd better understood what this kingdom thing is all about?" Have you felt that way in these last years? "I wish I better understood the power of the kingdom, the authority of the kingdom, the light of the kingdom so that I could get something done?"

If you are moving in the things of God at all, you have got to be asking these questions. You have to be pleading with God for greater understanding. If you are not, then you are being pathetically slow in your development. We need to have the answers to these questions filling our heart and our understanding to prepare us for what is coming. Now just to draw an earthly analogy, "How many of you if you were put in charge of a military platoon will look for a ten year old child to lead the platoon and make all the critical decisions for that platoon?" How many of you will do that? None of us would! And God is not going put an immature Christian in the place of the authority and power that must be reserved only for the mature.

The Lord will send forth from Zion the sceptre of your strength, rule then in the midst of your foes. There is a ruling that is coming to the body of Christ. He says, "I will send forth the sceptre and with it rule over your enemy." When the sceptre comes to the body of Christ, we won't have to pray for years and years and years to see our loved ones saved. We will begin to command the enemy to release our loved ones and their eyes will be opened and they will see. We will not have to pray and fast and pray and hope and quote scriptures trying to get our finances free. With this sceptre we will speak and it will be done. Jesus broke the bread and the fishes, "remember that!" and He multiplied that many times. That is the ruling authority. That is the sceptre that is coming to the Church. It will have creative power to create, that which is not.

So maybe you're in a situation when you need to feed a few thousand people and you may have nothing to feed them. But in this mantle the spoken word will produce in a material manifestation that which you will speak. This is coming to the Church. It is said that your people will offer themselves willingly in the day of Your power and the beauty of holiness and in holy array out of the womb of the morning to you will spring forth your young men who are as the dew. Your people will offer themselves willingly in the days of Your power. When this mantle is poured upon the Church, the heart of the Christian is going to rise up in an unprecedented faith and they will be willing.

I can't, I can't imagine how many Christians over the years have said to me, "I am not getting mixed up in spiritual warfare. I am not going against the enemy. Let some other idiots do that!" They are just not going to get in the war. But the day is coming when the Church is going to rise up not in fear. They're not going to enter into the battle out of fear. They're going to rise up with a willing heart and they're going to enter into the battle against the enemy and they will win. Your people will offer themselves willingly in the days of Your power and the beauty of holiness and in holy array.

This Church, this Melchizedek Church if you will is going to be a holy Church. It's going to be adorned with holy array. Paul talks to us in the book of Ephesians and he gave us an understanding of the armor of God and you hear it taught throughout the Church but it was never taught right, It's not accurately taught right to the Church what this armor really is. It's far more powerful than what the Church knows. In the church you hear teachings, one will say that there is a bride of Christ, there is a remnant and another will say the whole church is the bride and there is really no remnant. I am sure many Christians must hear all these different teachings and wonder who is right.

The truth is there is a bridal company that's going to come forth fully adorned in her bridal gown. But this bridal gown is going to be a gown that is the armor of God and it is going to be devastatingly dangerous to the enemy territory. Out of the womb of the morning dressed in holy array, this Melchizedek Priesthood will arise.

Everyday for two years -- while I am talking to you, please turn to Isaiah 11! Everyday for two years, I would get out my Bible and I would read the words:

Isaiah 11
"and shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse and a branch out of the root shall grow and bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and reverent and obedient fear of the Lord. And shall make him of a quick understanding and his delight shall be in the reverent and obedience fear of the Lord. And he shall not judge by the sight of his eyes neither decide the hearing of his ears but with righteousness and justice, shall he judge for the poor and decide fairness for the meek the poor and the downtrodden of the earth. He shall smite the earth and the oppressors with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips, he shall slay the wicked and righteousness shall be the girdle of his waist and faithfulness the girdle of his loins.

I would read that and I would say: "Lord, I know this is about my Messiah, I know this is about the office of the coming Messiah but there is something inside of me that wants this gift and I will call it the kingdom yoke, the kingdom government. I want it so bad that it feels like I will die if you don't tell me that I can have it. If I am praying amiss and I really shouldn't be praying this prayer please help me to know and understand and I will cease to pray because I don't want to offend You. But, if it is possible for us to have this, I want this!" I prayed like that every day for two years and I am telling you I meant it with all of my heart. I just thought that I was going to die if he did not tell me pretty soon that He was going to let me have this gift but I didn't tell a living soul because you see, I am licensed with the Assemblies of God and if I had told anyone in my denomination what I was praying, I would have had scorns. I would have had rebukes. I would have had reproofs. I didn't want anyone to squash my faith. So I thought if I am praying the wrong things, He is just going to have to tell me out of mercy so I could quit praying it. Otherwise I am going to keep praying until He says I can have it.

So one day I am sitting, two years I have been praying this, one day I am sitting and I am praying this to Him when He appears to me and He says to me "Nita, stand up, get up and come and stand next to me!" So I did and the minute I stood next to Him, this, I am sure you have heard or even seen pictures of yoke bars, like you would put on two heads of oxen. "You know what I am talking about, double yoke bar?" Just like this. "You know what I am talking about!" It suddenly appeared on His shoulders, grew and extended until it extended and sat on my shoulders and I become double yoked with Him. As I became double yoked with the Lord, as the yoke came and sat upon my shoulder, all of my humanity, I don't what else to call it, but all of my humanity begin to go down, down, down, down, down and out of my feet. All of my human passion, all of my human emotions, my human thinking, my human ……it was like all my humanity just went down the drain. It was like I had been the bottle and the water is draining out of the bottom and you feel it draining out. That's how I felt. And when it was done draining, I was empty. The minute I was empty, everything that was going on inside of Him begin to flood into me and go on inside of me. I experienced His meekness, His righteousness, and His fear of the Lord, His counsel, His understanding, the Seven Spirits of God. Everything that was going on inside of Him began to go on inside of me. Now listen to me very carefully, please! While this was occurring, I was totally transformed. Everything inside…

I was no longer aware of me. You know when you walk with the Lord where we walk with Him here on this plain. We think about Him, we feel an occasional touch from the Lord. Some feel a manifested presence of the Lord constantly in their life but when you think about Him or when you pray, where is your mind? It focused on He who is sitting upon the throne where? “In heaven!” So I have spent years and years and years with this passionate hunger for the Lord, wanting Him so badly everyday, every minute of everyday of my life. I just felt like sometimes I was going to burst in two, trying to stretch myself between earth and heaven enough to reach Him and touch Him. But that day, there was no more seeing Him as someone who was a part from me.

“My brothers and sisters, my dear precious brothers and sisters, it was like He had come and unzipped my back and climbed into my soul and was living out His life through me. Paul said “No longer I that liveth but Christ that liveth in me.” In the States, Christians quote that all the time and they turn around five minutes later and backstab, talk about their neighbors, get angry over stuff they should never get angry over, steal from their boss.” Is this the one who is I no longer liveth but Christ liveth in me?” But that day it that precise moment it was really no longer me living in this body. I mean I was there somewhere but not like what I have been five minutes before for it was Christ living in this body. I didn’t see Him as someone separated from me. In fact I didn’t even think about Christ at all.

From the moment He entered in my body He was thinking His thoughts through my mind and the Lord spoke to me. “Nita! When Paul wrote the words “ye have the mind of Christ!” “What you are now experiencing is what he was speaking about!” Christians, I don’t know about here in Singapore but in the States, you know that’s got to be a big thing. Everyone has the mind of Christ! I think: “Oh! If that is how His mind works we are in trouble!” But when you read that verse in context, He is differentiating between the baby in Christ and the mature in Christ and He is saying to the mature, “Now ye have the mind of Christ!” And let me tell you what it means to have the mind of Christ. You are not thinking your thoughts. He is thinking His thoughts in your head. You are not even thinking His thoughts. “You understand what I am saying?” You are not even thinking His thoughts. You’re not trying to remember or memorize Scriptures. You’re not trying to meditate, hoping that a one liner will go through your mind. You’re not thinking His thoughts. He is thinking His thoughts through your mind. He has taken up residence in your soul. The sinful nature is gone.

We all have a sinful nature. “How many of you know that?” I mean like it didn’t disappear just because we got saved. One person said: “The day that I sinned my first sin after I got saved, I thought I was eternally lost because I thought I would never think that way again, but I did!” Well! We all have our sinful nature and we will all have our sinful nature until the day it is crucified by the Lord Himself. He has to do it. We can’t do it. When He crucified this sinful nature, “Are you understanding everything I am saying, raise your hand if you are understanding?”

When He crucified the sinful nature, there is no longer the human passion, there no longer the human emotions, the human character. That fallen nature - it doesn’t exist. It’s been removed and He comes in to dwell and so you are living now in the Divine nature. “What is the Divine nature?” Love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness is the fruits of the Spirit, meekness, temperance, faith. There’s such a meekness that Christ walked in. It will “beggar” description in human vernacular. He absolutely did not think about Himself and the thoughts or desires that He might have.

It was His ever-present joy to walk in obedience to the Father regardless of what that might mean. Even it might mean the cross. The Bible said: “He looked forward to the cross with joy. His joy was in obeying the Father knowing He was fulfilling the perfect will of the Father at every given moment. That was His joy, that was His effervescent joy and that was the mind and the heart and the person who was now indwelling my body.

I use to tell people when I would preach on walking with God in the deep things of God. I use to tell them I have this hunger to be possessed by God. Satanists want to be possessed by the devil but I want to be possessed by God. I want Him to possess my mind, I want Him to possess my heart, I want Him to possess my soul -- I want to be possessed by God. And when I would say that even as I said it, I didn’t have a comprehension of what that would mean. I just knew the hunger that I had inside of me.

Well, that day God possessed me. His mind possessed my mind. His heart possessed my heart. Christ possessed my soul. No longer I that liveth but Christ that liveth in me. Do you know that until you come to the place that I am talking to you about right now, you are not walking in what you have been created to be. Anything less than what I am telling you right now is subnormal Christianity. We are like a foetus. May I be very honest with you? We are like a fetus trying to live outside of the womb. If we not walking in that place, there can be some very mature Christians in the eyes of the church. But if they are not walking in what Paul says in the book of Ephesians, the fullness of the stature of Christ, they are not mature in the eyes of God. We are walking as fetuses unformed and were wondering why we are struggling as Christians. And there is no way to give the baby its full form, little alone its manhood without making that Christian a person of prayer.

You have to be a person of prayer to grow spiritually. You have to be a person of the Word to grow spiritually. You may not even have a great understanding of the Word but as you read the Word and meditate upon the Word, the understanding will begin to develop you, your inner man.

My dear brothers and sisters, those who are turning away from the world, may not understand what they are reaching for but something is compelling them beyond nominal Christianity and compelling them with this ravishing desire to walk in what they feel might be the light of the Spirit and they keep reaching, reaching forth, they are praying, they are fasting, they are studying the Word, they’re trying their best to live in such a way as they know will be pleasing to the Lord. They are ever more being separated from the world into the kingdom of God. There is a point in time when you cross over a line and you realize although the kingdom of God was sent through Christ and through the cross -- that is the work of the cross and the resurrection. The Church is not fully walking in the kingdom of God. Let’s say…that the Church is not walking in the kingdom of heaven.

We are born again into the kingdom of God but we are not walking in the authority, power, and the light of the kingdom of heaven. God never purposed for this to be something that transpired on the other side of Glory. Why wait for something so profoundly good? Why not aspire to it today! Satan knows when the company of people enter into this understanding and the revelation of the kingdom of God is released in their inner man and it explodes within them that his kingdom is going to be brought down and severely -- severely devastated. So he does all that he can to make sure you stay blind to the reality that I am talking to you about today. He wants you blind. He wants you not caring. He wants you to walk out of here today and say: “Well that’s for someone else but never for me!” That’s the kind of attitude he wants you to have because he doesn’t want to lose.

God on the other hand knows what he is getting ready to do. The Lord knows when He went to the cross. “My dear brothers and sisters!” It wasn’t a doom and gloom thing to Him. The cross was victory to Christ because He knew the light that was going to explode in the earth through the cross and He knew that in the end of time, at the very end days that this light will be so explosive that it will shatter kingdoms and cause His Church to rise up as the entity that she was always created to be and that is the Melchizedek Priesthood whose army will come from the womb of the morning. Her men will be as the dew, arrayed, in holy array, full of power and glory.

A good Biblical example of what this Church is going to look like is Moses coming down from the mountain and there will be many times through out the lives of these Christians when they enter into this place. Many times their faces will shine just like Moses face shined. The light will be so explosive within them that their body will not be able to contain it. For what we saw on the Mount of Transfiguration with Christ is what is going to happen to the Church and she is going to go up to the Mount of transfiguration and she is going to be transfigured on the earth. With His church, He will smite the oppressor with the rod of His mouth. It is a powerful word of authority, a powerful word of creation that is coming forth in these last days Church.

My dear brothers and sisters, she will be a holy Church. There will be no more woes in her heart and in her soul. Only Christ! For me to live is Christ and that’s what it will be for the last days Church. That’s what it will be for this Melchizedek Order. There’s so much I could tell about Melchizedek, so very much. I can’t dare to even touch?

But God is calling for His Church to come into extreme, severe, separation -- that is a radical separation from the world. Because when heaven’s powers come to earth through Melchizedek, those in the world who are to be swallowed up because they refused to let go of the world from their soul are going to come on the downside of it and they will be crushed by it. That's why as Christian, it is important for us to get rid of the sin that is in our lives. We've got to get out from behind the computers and the television and everything else that we busy ourselves with.

My dear brothers and sisters, my heart is pleading with you right now. We have got to stop with all the things that dangle and all things that tingle that the enemy keeps throwing before us. And get into the Word, get into prayer, press into the kingdom. The Bible tells us that who takes the kingdom…? By violence and by force! Your not going to come into the kingdom that is coming by accident. You have got to force your way into it. It is time to come out from among them and be separated. You’ve got to quit living to please the world and the look like the world. You should look so different from the world that the world would say: “You know they are a mighty peculiar looking people! And, worse yet they act peculiar!” If you walking where you should be walking with Christ: my dear brothers and sisters, the sinners feel uncomfortable with you. If he feels comfortable, there is something wrong with your life.

Melting Love Pouring Down From Heaven

Gloria Shepherd

My precious beloved ones, my love is pouring down from heaven over you with a melting love that will bring you into the closeness of my bosom now. I am filling your cups to overflowing with this melting love until it overflows over and out and flows unto the earth out of you.

My love melts the mountains, and moves the hearts of people. Love defeats the enemy where he stands, and sets the world afire with a melting love. My love will pour out of you like a melting fiery love, that will flow out you now, like a river of love to touch the nations as you flow in my melting love.

Take my hand, my beloved, and walk with me now, in the cool of the garden of my love. Let me touch you with the refreshing waters of my fountains that flow there. Sit with me by the cool waters, under the shade of the tree in the coolness of the evening, as we talk and share all that is in our hearts today. I love to dwell with you there. It is my hearts desire, to share with you my heart, beloved each day, in the garden of my love.

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My First Covenant People
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The time of the non-Jew is over. My focus now is on My First Covenant People, to bring in the lost house of Israel and Judah, that which I spoke of in Ezekiel and Zechariah and many other books.

Their final book has now been opened, and their final history in this world shall now be written. The angelic scribes are beginning to write, the book of the acts of the end times of My First Covenant People on this as yet unchanged earth. (The pre-millennium days)

And on their hearts I Myself shall write the name of Yeshua, and they shall weep bitterly at all they have missed. Lifetimes of living in separation which the non-Jew has been released from. They have seen this closeness and joy in some, and have longed for the same freedom and closeness to Me.

Yet they shall have their hearts cry, for I have listened long and hard to their yearnings, yearnings without words, too deep to be expressed. I am fully aware of their desires, and I shall not disappoint them, My Beloved of Beloved ones. You say, how can I say that, are we not all equal? Yes, in a sense you are. Just like in a family all children are loved, although some have a closer relationship to the parents than others.

Have the non-Jews dressed as My People have? Have non-Jews been willing to dress totally against the current culture? Will I not honor them for this and countless other sacrifices? This IS devotion to Me. They cannot do this without loving Me.

The price they have paid is beyond your comprehension, unless you have walked in their shoes. I will NOT deny My First Born Ones the cries of their heart.

You will also see that I am uniting those who are truly My Own with My First Covenant People, those of Israel and Judah. There are those who have said I have replaced them, this is not true, how could I ignore My First Covenant? I cannot do this, by My Word I cannot deny them now their Appointed Time.

You shall be to them a silent witness and help, for I shall not let you interfere with My Work with them, for I Myself shall speak and reveal Myself to My Own, the Twelve Tribes. No one shall speak for Me, the Mighty One who can do all things and who holds all things in His Grasp shall Himself speak and reveal.

Your season was for proclaiming Me primarily to your fellow non-Jew, although some of My Purified Ones have been used to reveal My Heart and Plan to My First Covenant People, but this has been very few, for more have hindered this work than helped it. I am halting the hindering work, it shall no longer continue, for the season has changed.

And I will do what no person can do, turn My First Covenant People to Myself. I alone shall accomplish this for they know that I am able and will speak to them directly. Sometimes you tell your oldest child to explain or instruct a younger child, by most often the directions come directly from you, so it is with Me. You see in the natural what I have created in the spiritual realm, a reflection of the deeper, more extensive reality. The reality beyond the physical realm, a realm that is being manifest to a greater and greater extent each DAY.

FOR THE DAY HAS COME FOR MY FIRST COVENANT PEOPLE TO KNOW THEIR G-D, AND IT SHALL HAPPEN AT THIS TIME IN HISTORY!

To My Non-Jews
Jeanne Kruchowski

Jul 17, 2004

Lo, the day is upon you, My non-Jews to see what your eyes have longed to see, the manifestation of your God in your physical realm, for I shall never forget you My Beloved Ones.

You see, the transformation has been occurring, and the time of translation is almost here. Some will be suddenly taken in an instant out of this natural realm and be transported by Me into the next realm, it shall happen so quickly you shall not even know what happened. All at once what you see before you shall not be what you have seen before, you will be translated from one world to another, the great mystery of all time. For have I not said that not all will die? That some should experience this marvelous outgoing?

Yes, as it has happened before, so it SHALL happen again. But it will only happen to My Purified Ones, those who have put on the garments of righteousness through the blood of the Lamb. Those who have allowed the persecutions of this realm to purify their hearts and deeds. To them, just as to Noah, for you are all descendants of Noah, belongs The Deliverance. For I have not ordained My Purified Ones to suffer what is coming on the earth. By allowing Me to work in you, you have been spared much. Just as King Josiah was spared all the judgment that was coming because he sought Me, that he should walk uprightly before Me, therefore I spared him from seeing all the destruction that would come after, and he was allowed to rest in peace.

So I shall do with My Purified Ones, they have already been through the fires, they have no need of more.

The mistake has been to believe "all" believers in Yeshua/Jesus shall be taken at once. For there are those non-Jews who will be purified by what is to come, that they, many by losing their life, will be able to attain a closeness and proximity to Me in this life and the next that they would not have otherwise obtained.

Does this sound cruel to you? I am not cruel at all. I see the end from the beginning, the "tav" to the "aleph" (end to the beginning), that is why I allow hardship in this present age, the difficulties and persecution in this life CAN NEVER BE COMPARED TO THE GLORY AND BEAUTY OF WHAT IS TO COME. I will not deal "lightly" with My Own, for just as a father disciplines his child, so I am disciplining you. You think you don't need it, but I say I see your hearts, and many are filthy before Me. But I will clean out the hearts of those who love Me, I shall replace the dirtiness with purity and holiness, and you shall praise Me for what I shall do!

All who are left shall be purified by the Fire of My Spirit, this is of Me, shrink not, knowing that had you been more willing to accept My desired work in you, you would not be where you are, for ALL who cry out to Me SHALL BE CHANGED! Not necessarily in an instant, but through the workings of My Purifying Fire.

An Undivided Nation
Jeanne Kruchowski

This Is The Last Time You Will See An Undivided Nation

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Note: On Tuesday night of this last week, I had the unusual opportunity to see President Bush at a rally here in Duluth. I have to tell you I cried through the whole thing, not out of joy, but out of sorrow. I knew it was "no accident" I was there, as I do not go to political events, He told me He wanted to speak to me. The following is I believe what He said.

THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU WILL SEE AN UNDIVIDED NATION

This is the last time you will see your country undivided, for I Myself shall split it, for you are now a divided country, this may not happen immediately, but it will happen. You shall see that the vote tomorrow shall not be good, that the Amendment shall fail in the Senate, further evidence of the dividedness of your country now and the judgment that shall prevail.

(I then saw in that arena, the whole of the United States, my vantage point was from the Gulf of Mexico, as I looked up over the country, I saw it being split in two, going up to Canada. The whole picture was rather dark. I know others have seen or prophesied this before, but I knew that Wednesday, was the deciding factor or the evidence of the already existing reality.)

He said that many of His people are like sheep being led to the slaughter, willingly going through the security routines, doing more than they are asked to do, serving the government rather them Him, complying while their freedoms are disappearing, quickly, not realizing what their allegiance will cost them in the end.

For just like the man there who spoke out "shame on you" to the President and was taken quickly away by 4-5 men, so would I have been taken away had I spoken out truth. Where is our freedom of speech? It is gone.

Each one was given a voice by our Creator. Yes, we may not agree with that voice, but if we remove them, we are exercising control that will only get worse. Power and money breed control. There is much power to fight over.

Meanwhile, the humble elderly people and young families I saw there that night cannot see the depth of the darkness that surrounds them. It will close in on Jew and non-Jew alike, anyone who loves HaShem and Yeshua.

The game plan is still the same, to see who can control the most people and money.

Please prepare to be a people alone, unliked and unwanted. If we truly walk with Him, we will be hated.

But if we love Him above all else, we shall be spared. Spared from eternal aloneness or nothingness. Spared from many things in this life, at His discretion.

So worship Him now, He who has the power to judge every living being. The One who holds all power in His Hands so to speak. You cannot change later. There is NO MORE TIME.

Dear ones,
Through the love of the Only True One, He who lives and never dies, He who redeemed our lives from destruction, who has prepared a Dwelling Place beyond this world, where the grieving will end, and the love and hope will drown out everything else.
Through the Beautiful One, Adonai, Elohim,

Jeanne, your sister in Him.

Moving From Spiritual Babes To Mature Heirs
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I would like to both prophesy something to the Body of Christ and teach the Body of Christ into the fulfillment of the prophecy. I recently spent the day with Bob Jones (the prophet) and one of the clearest things he told me is that there is an awesome anointing being released at this time to write and impart to people through prophetic writing and teaching.

The Lord has been speaking very clearly to me lately about His desire for His people to GROW UP! The verse he gave me is **Galatians 4:1**,
"Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all." (NKJV)

God is saying that it is time for the seeds that have been planted from heaven to grow and mature and produce fruit. Who are these seeds of heaven? *The seeds are you and me!* At the time of your salvation experience, you were born again of the Spirit and the seed of heaven was conceived within you. I recently wrote an article on "Birthing Manifestations of the Realm of Heaven on Earth" where I spoke about Jesus being conceived within us at the moment of salvation and our calling to "bring forth" the Son of God just as Mary brought forth the Son into this world. Right after completing this word, the Lord gave me another encounter and released the word you are reading now. Let me tell you what happened.

I entered the realm of the spirit and found myself in a forest covered with a gray substance, like ash. It seemed as if the entire land was dead. When I looked at myself, all I saw was a nasty gray color. In the distance, I saw one single ball of brilliant light floating in the air. I walked towards the light. As I got closer, the light began to move away from me as if it was beckoning me to follow. The ball of light approached a wall and passed right through it. I examined the wall where the light passed through and discovered a door. However, this door was like no other door I've ever seen. This door was very narrow and only about waist high. I got down on my knees to open the door, and I passed through to the other side. The next thing I saw was a portal-like opening in the wall. I passed through it and entered back into the land of gray. I looked totally different than I had before. I was covered in the most brilliant, shimmering, golden light from head to toe. The light emanating from my being lit up the entire forest. I watched as people raised their heads to look upon the light and began to walk towards me. The encounter was over.

The Lord immediately began to reveal to me the prophetic symbolism and meaning of the vision. The dead land is this natural realm, and the gray ash is the spirit of this world trying to cover up and suffocate the life of the people. The ball of light was a seed from heaven coming as the voice of God and beckoning me to come into His realm. The short and narrow door was a prophetic picture of the posture that is required to enter the realm of the Kingdom and dwell in the Lord's presence. Entering the door on my knees was symbolic of entering the Lord's presence with humility and reverence. By spending time "on the other side," in the realm of the Kingdom, the seed of heaven grew until the deposit of heaven within me became the atmosphere I carried around me. I then "became" the portal, or door, between the two worlds and, walking back into this fallen world as a person full of light, attracted the unbelievers still living in darkness.

This vision was a message from the Lord's heart, inviting us, as believers, to experience everything that is offered to us. The Body of Christ is being called to grow up and begin to live in and function in our inheritance. What is our inheritance? To experience the Lord the way Adam and Eve experienced Him in the Garden of Eden. God wants His people to be restored to that place of intimate friendship once again. It is those who have an intimate friendship with God who will be used as instruments for God's glory!

How do we come to this place of divine exchange with the Lord? Well, first we must realize that we are already complete in Him.

Colossians 1:27 speaks of the mystery of Christ in us, the Hope of Glory:
"To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (NKJV)

Colossians 2:9-10 says:
"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power." (NKJV)

At the moment of our salvation, we received within our spirits the most complete and perfect impartation from heaven ever given to man: Jesus Himself. Everything God is ever going to do for us was already done and completed when he imparted Himself within us. How could we ever receive anything better or more complete than God Himself? All the power, anointing, revelation and glory of heaven now reside within you and me. Even more than that, we are now a direct link, or gateway, for heaven to touch earth. Because, not only is Christ seated within us, but He is also seated at the right hand of the Father in Heavenly places, and we are seated there with Him (Eph. 2). The portal from heaven to earth is God's people.

So, if we are complete in Him, then why are we not seeing the manifestations of heaven on earth in our everyday lives? Because the seed of heaven within us must grow and consume every soulish and fleshly area of our lives until we are totally yielded to the Holy Spirit in every way. The natural process for bringing life into the world is first for conception to take place, then the growth of the baby, and then birth. Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary, but growth still had to take place before birth.

When you are born again, no matter what age you are physically, you are a spiritual baby. You are most definitely a son of God and you are most definitely a co-heir, but still a baby.

Galatians 4:1
"Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all." (NKJV)

Let me put this in words that directly relate to our lives at this time. We, as believers, are sons of God and co-heirs with Christ. We are "masters of all," just as the scripture states above, but if we are still children then it is as if we are slaves.

In a kingdom, you can be the son of a King and everyone knows that everything in that kingdom belongs to you, but you don't begin to operate as a ruler in that kingdom until you come of age and mature to be a man. Once you grow up and mature, then you begin to operate in your inheritance and rule in the kingdom.

It is exactly the same in God's Kingdom. The reason we don't have more of His glory and power manifesting through our lives is because many of the Body of Christ are still babes in the spirit. Look at these scriptures with me:

Hebrews 5:12-14
"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 3:1-3
"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you are not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?" (NKJV)

If we want our inheritance, then we have to grow up. What is our inheritance? Our inheritance is to eat of the solid food of heaven; divine and secret mysteries, great power and anointing from the Holy Spirit, and the very glory of God as our own atmosphere!

The analogy given to us in scripture is that the kingdom of heaven is planted within us as a seed and it is intended to grow and expand within us and on the earth. In 1 Corinthians 3:9 it says that "You are God's field, you are God's building." Just up from this verse it talks about how men of God planted and watered, but God gives the increase to our lives. Just after this verse it talks about believers being the temple of the Holy Spirit.

God has given us the five-fold ministry so that the body of Christ might grow into a mature man with the fullness of Christ and no longer be children.

Ephesians 4:11-14a:
"And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children." (NKJV)

Over the last several decades, the Lord has worked diligently to restore the five-fold ministry within the church. Now it's time for the body to be equipped, mature into a man, operating in the fullness of Christ, and no longer be children!

Another great example from scripture about seeds and growth is Isaiah 55. There is an invitation to come to the waters and drink freely. This chapter talks about not wasting our money (time, energy, attention, etc...) on things that do not satisfy, but rather we should come and drink of the waters by listening to the Lord and hearing His words. If we will be a people that listen to Him, then we will be leaders and commanders, and nations we do not know will run to us because of the Lord's glory upon us. The passage then goes on to talk about something very interesting.

Isaiah 55:8-11
"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down from, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it." (NKJV)

This passage tells us that God's words that come from His mouth are actually seeds that are planted and sent with a purpose to accomplish on the earth.

John 6:63 says:
"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." (NKJV)

The very words from the mouth of God are impartations of life to us! And what is the purpose of hearing God as a friend?

Isaiah 55:12-13
"For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off." (NKJV)

We are to be unto the Lord for a name. When we experience intimacy with the Lord and hear the intimate words of His mouth, conception takes place, and fruit comes forth! Instead of thorns and briers coming up in our life, we will have the cypress (strength) and the myrtle tree (victory).

The Bible says that the Kingdom of Heaven is within you. We know from scripture that the nature of the Kingdom is to grow and dominate. Look at **Mark 4:30-32**,

"To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we picture it? It is like a mustard seed which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth; but when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all herbs, and shoots our large branches, so that the birds of the air may nest under its shade."

Likewise, the kingdom is sown within us at salvation and it must grow into a fruitful tree!

Look at **Daniel 2:35b, 44:**
"And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. **Vs. 44:** And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever." (NKJV)

The Kingdom of God is meant to expand and have dominion over all other kingdoms. The Garden of Eden was a prophetic symbol, or picture, of God's Kingdom and government. God's original intention for the garden was for it to be tended by Adam and Eve, its borders to be expanded, and its government to cover the earth!

We are now God's garden, God's field, God's building, and God's body and we are called to bring the Kingdom of heaven to earth with mighty demonstrations of dominion and authority! But, first, that garden within us must grow and take dominion over every lesser kingdom that remains in our lives.

Did you know that Jesus Himself actually grew in favor with His Father? God's love is not partial because He loves everyone the same, no matter what our accomplishments are. However, God is partial with His favor upon man. An example of this is the fact that there are some who are manifesting more of the Kingdom of God in their lives than others around them. In going back to the analogy of the heir as a child within his father's kingdom, we will realize that the Father loves his son just as much when he's a child as when he is an adult. However, the father will give him more favor when the child becomes a man and the King promotes him to a place of rulership in the Kingdom. Look at the second chapter of Luke:

"And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him." **vs.40**
"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." **vs.52** (NKJV)

Jesus grew strong in spirit and, therefore, became someone capable of receiving solid food from heaven. We are created from two different realms. Genesis 2:7 says that we are created from the combination of the dust of the ground (natural realm) and the breath of life (spiritual realm) and we became a living being or soul. It's possible for us to be quite old physically and still be a baby spiritually. We as believers need to exercise our spiritual senses, become more familiar with the spiritual realm through intimacy with God, and become mature spiritual people full of His fullness!

Peter came to a place of such fullness that he carried a healing atmosphere all around him in **Acts 5:15-16**:
"...So that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a great multitude gathered from around the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed." (NKJV)

Let's not limit how much of God we can have and express. It's time for the Body of Christ to GROW UP and move from babes to mature sons of God and the spotless bride of Christ!

I sincerely believe that the Lord is issuing a clear notice to the Body of Christ that it is time to mature and begin to operate in nothing less than our full inheritance. Part of our inheritance is to carry the realm of heaven within us, upon us, and around us. Let's get serious with God and go after Him like never before. Let's begin to allow that seed of incredible potential within us to be released and display the Glory of God to the world!

"Father, I pray for every person reading this that you would speak to them so clearly about their own lives. Stir up the Body of Christ to maturity. Overshadow us with your Spirit and cause Your Kingdom within us to grow and expand and have dominion over every area of our lives. I pray that mighty demonstrations of Your character, Your Glory, and Your power would begin to spring forth from Your people! In Jesus Name."

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My Glory Is Coming
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The clouds(heavens) are parting and My Glory shall once again cover the land. It shall fall as the former and the latter rain to redeem My people and bring deliverance to the captives. My Glory knows no boundaries and so shall move in whosoever shall open their hearts and receive from My throne. Angels are being dispatched to deliver answers to long awaited prayers, for I have heard the fervent prayers of My Hungry People for a revival.

Yet with the promise of rain comes also the opposition from the armies of hell for they fear My Glory and what it shall do to their efforts. Yet I call you My people to stand strong in praise and worship and continue to lift your voices in prayer for the harvest, for it is indeed ripe.

THERE IS ALSO A NEW SOUND OF MY TRUMPET IN THE HEAVENS RALLYING MY PEOPLE FOR WAR.
For breakthrough shall not arrive without a fight, but you are those whom I have trained to war according to the Spirit. Let your faith rise and let hope rest on the fact that I have given you the victory. Though it may seem that the enemy prevails for a time, yet know that I am merely setting him up for his own downfall. This is the time to arise and sing praises upon Zion's hill. This is the time that you shall see breakthrough come to your land and people. Yet it is also a time of great war and opposition, yet I have set your feet upon solid ground, upon the Rock you shall stand.

Go forth, break into song and rejoice, for you are victorious, says the Lord

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Season Of Travail
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May 31, 2004
This is the time when My children shall birth forth that which I have impregnated within them. For within many of them lie gifts, ministries and callings to bring glory unto My name that have lied dormant in My people that are now ready to be birthed for this is the time of appointment. Giving birth involves much travail in the Spirit where you will find yourselves in deeper intercession and communion with the Father, but also in the physical many will now recall the increased opposition to My plans and destinies for each of you.

Push through this season with endurance for I have not left you without a helper, but sent My Spirit in the fulness of time to give you all wisdom and divine direction with which to take the next step in this journey. Beloved I am calling you to pull together in unity and fellowship with Me even to usher in the new wave of My Spirit that is currently on the threshold. As My people's hearts are prepared and expectant, I shall pour out My Glory in a way that man has not seen before. You are the chosen vessels that shall carry My Glory unto a hurting world. Remain faithful in watching over that which I have given unto you. At the appointed time, your season of travail and birthing shall be over and you shall see the fruits of your labor,

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My Glorious Work
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I am the Resurrection and the Life. No man cometh to Me except that I draw him. Know that I am about to draw MANY into My Kingdom. It will be a great wind that brings this harvest. Nothing can stop My wonderful work.

Many are planting seeds and now many of those seeds planted are going to bear much fruit. I am come that you might have LIFE ! I am going to pour

out on you a much greater measure than you have imagined of My LIFE.

Do not think that I am coming to bring peace however. This Wind that comes will bring My abundant LIFE and LOVE like never before, but it will be met with opposition. That is the nature of revival. For some will receive it, and others will not. Some will try to control it and you. Remember I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH and the LIFE !

I am coming to fill your baskets full that MY WILL can be done in bringing the Kingdom over all the earth. TRUST ME to be your advocate and Your DEFENDER ! I will not disappoint you My beloveds ! Open the gates of your hearts and let the King of Glory come in ! Who is this King of glory ? THE LORD MIGHTY IN BATTLE !!!

Ps 24:7-10 NKJV Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. 10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts,

He is the King of glory. Selah

Do only what I tell you or lead you to do. No more, no less. Follow the narrow path for great is the path that leads to destruction. Listen for the still small voice. Listen ! For I am calling to you. Let Me come in and sup with you. Let me dance with you and sing over you with delight. Do not be frightened by the appearance of angels. Test the spirits. Know that I am with you and will guide you as I bring forth My glorious work ! My winds are blowing and they will blow away all the chaff in your lives and the lives of those outside as well. Multitudes in the valley of decision ! All I allow has purpose. My purpose will be accomplished in your life. You can depend on it.

I WILL in no wise keep you from it ! All over the world, My Winds will blow

on My garden of reknown. Sudden changes are coming. Are you ready My beloveds ? Do not hesitate to follow after Your God willingly. Do not be surprised how this will come SUDDENLY !!!

Hidden Motives
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Phil 1:18 NKJV   What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and will rejoice.

1 Cor 4:5 NIV   Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.
Motives/counsels   NT:1012 boule (boo-lay'); from NT: 1014; volition, i.e. (objectively) advice, or (by implication) purpose: KJV - advise, counsel, will.

“My beloveds, I have been exposing in many of you the hidden motives of your heart, that you could see the barreness in your own life in certain areas. This is the plowing of your heart so that what is still hidden in the way of hurts and pain that is unhealed can be dealt with. There is still much insecurity and fears in your lives. And these disqualified people in the past from serving ME. I have heard your cries for wholeness and I am answering.
It’s just that your ways are not My ways always. I want you to learn your lessons well, so you never choose to divert this way or that way, away from My grace and perfect will for your life.

Do not be ashamed of your failures in motivations. Do not be overcome by your own sorrow at the lack in your flesh.   I am exposing it that it can be dealt with. I will expose all the motives of men’s hearts. So you need not fear that I’m incapable of healing the most decrepid of hearts. I will heal the cold and calloused of heart. I will heal those who cower in fear and
hide from being real in life. Many of you have overcome many of the areas that others are still behind in. This has caused many to grow intolerant of the others still languishing and unhealed. I am PATIENT. That is a fruit of the Spirit. PEACE will give you patience ! Ask for My peace which comes when you keep your eyes STAYED on Me ! Look not around at all the circumstances, but lift your heads and worship. Thank Me even for those who misunderstand you and persecute you. REJOICE, and again I say REJOICE.

LESS OF YOU AND MORE OF ME is what I am after. You must decrease for Me to increase ! Humble yourselves in the sight of the LORD and HE will lift you up, the Word says ! Delight yourself in the Lord and HE will give you the desires of your heart. Ask for what you lack. Admit your lack and your sins. Stop hiding them and confess them to someone you trust not to trample you underfoot. Confession helps dissipate the attack of the enemy for he seeks always to secretly accuse you so that you despair. He is in hope of destroying those I am coming to. If he could kill many of you he will try. But I ALONE HOLD THE KEYS TO HELL AND DEATH !

I am laying waste all PRETENSE in your lives so that you will be real with each other and the world. I will destroy the hidden motives from My people who love me and know and confess their weaknesses. Do not allow the enemy to testify against you ! Do not hide your sins, but confess them to one another and be healed ! I came to provide the GRACE that you can walk in overcoming power and victory. But you must stop the hiding ! You must walk courageously with at least one other person. Part of restoration is making restitution. Zaccheus paid back finances he had stolen. For some of you all it will take is an apology.   That means HUMBLING yourself and admitting you slandered someone and asking forgiveness. Or if you gossiped to confess it and allow the body to help pray for you so that you will be freed. Criticism is highly rampant in my church with a biting and devouring spirit running rampant.

The root of that criticism is PRIDE. Yes, you heard it ! PRIDE ! You are part of the problem or you can be part of the solution. It’s your choice.
There are times when I ask you to leave, to be the seed that dies and falls to the ground. There are other times when you need to pray it through and stop complaining and instead PRAISE ME in the midst of persecution and maligning. Much of what has come against you, is for your refining ! Obviously I do not want anyone to be hurt. But for some, it is the only way to develop compassion in you. I was a man acquainted with grief and sorrow.
Much of My church has not believed the doctrine of suffering with ME.

They think they shouldn’t have to suffer anything while others in other nations are dying and being persecuted and tormented and maimed for My name’s sake. I said if you share in My SUFFERING, you will SHARE IN MY GLORY. Are you willing to go all the way with ME ? Will you only love ME if I allow only good things to happen to you ? Will you give up when persecution comes ? I tell you the truth, it is coming. Will you complain and cry and dive into self pity, or will you take up your cross and walk ? Know that in the carrying of the cross, you will receive great glory ! Many have given up much more than you. Every day in other nations children starve.

I came to bring you life and prosperity, but the prosperity I bring is not always what you imagine ! You will have more than enough if you humble yourself and worship in spite of what is going on in your life ! The enemy is being used to SIFT you. I want you to come forth as GOLD ! Will you allow ME to be LORD and Master over your life or will you cling to your own will ? Begin to give up your will completely and watch how I will bless you ! Stop allowing yourselves to be deceived. Speak the Word of Life, but realize the work I am doing and call on ME for understanding. I am the RESOURCE of all you need. I AM WISDOM ! I love you as no other loves you and I will do what is BEST for you ! I promise to not leave you nor forsake you. What kind of parent abandons their child ? I AM NOT THAT PARENT ! I am a good FATHER who always has the best in mind for My children.”

1 Thess 2:3 NIV For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you.

James 4:3 NIV When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

Prov 16:2 NIV All a man's ways seem innocent to him, but motives are weighed by the LORD.

1 Peter 2:19-24 NKJV For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 "Who committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness — by whose stripes you were healed.

Acts 14:22 NKJV strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

2 Cor 4:17 NKJV For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

1 Thess 3:7-8 NKJV therefore, brethren, in all our affliction and distress we were comforted concerning you by your faith. 8 For now we live, if you stand fast in the Lord.

Heb 11:24-26 NKJV By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, 25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

Men’s Hearts Failing Them for Fear

Terry Suggs

Luke 21:25-28

And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth (there will be) distress (trouble and anguish) of nations in bewilderment and perplexity (without resources, left wanting, embarrassed, in doubt, not knowing which way to turn) at the roaring (the echo) of the tossing of the sea,

Men swooning away or expiring with fear and dread and apprehension and expectation of the things that are coming on the world; for the very powers of the heavens will be shaken and cause to totter.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud wit h great (transcendent and overwhelming) power an (all His Kingly) glory (majesty and splendor).

Now when these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (deliverance) is drawing near.

There are times coming very soon that you will see very frightening sights and experience some very uncomfortable situations, But remember the Word of God says “I Am with you always, even to the end of the age. The Lord has told us that a thousand will fall at our side and ten thousand at our right hand but it will not come near us.

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Stay hot for Jesus!

He will say Well done! Not: medium well or rare!

Fear Not!

I will never leave you.

Isaiah 54:10

For though the mountains should depart and the hills be shaken or removed, yet my love and kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall my covenant of peace and completeness be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 41:10-13

Fear not (there is nothing to fear), for I am with you, do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes I will help you with my victorious) right hand of righteousness and justice.

Behold all they who were enraged and inflamed against you shall be put to shame and confounded, they who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish.

You shall seek those who war against you shall be as nothing, as nothing at all, For I the Lord your God will hold your right hand, I am the Lord, who says to you, fear not, I will help you.

Deut. 31:6

Be strong, courageous and firm, fear not nor be in terror before them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you, He will not fail you or forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5-6

Let you character or moral disposition be free from the love of money (including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions) and be satisfied with your present (circumstances and with what you have) for He (God) Himself has said, I will not in any fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support (I will not) I will not, I will not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let you down (relax my hold on you) (assuredly not) So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper. I will not be seized with alarm (I will not fear or dread or be terrified. (What can man do to me?)

Psalm 27:1,5-6

The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. Whom shall I fear or dread? The Lord is my Refuge and Stronghold of my life, Of whom shall I be afraid? For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter, in the secret place of His tent will He hide me. He will set me on high upon a rock. And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me, in His tent I will offer sacrifices and shouting of joy, I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

Romans 8:31

What shall we say to all this? If God be for us, who can be against us? Who can be our foe if God is on our side?

He who did not hold or spare (even) His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all other things?

Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect, when it is God who justifies (that is, who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, who aquits us?

Who is there to condemn us? Will Christ Jesus (the messiah), who died, or rather who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, actually pleading as He intercedes for us?

Who shall ever separate us from Christ’s love? Shall suffering and affliction and tribulation? Or calamity and distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword?

Rom.8:37

Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him who loved us.

For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities nor things impending threatening nor things to come nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1John 4:18

There is no fear in Love (dread does not exist), but full grown (complete, perfect) love turns out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and so he who is afraid is not yet grown into love’s complete perfection.

Isaiah 53:4-

Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains (of punishment), yet we (ignorantly) considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God (as if with leprosy).

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace (and well being for us) was upon Him. And with the stripes (that wounded) Him we are healed and made whole.

1Peter 5:7

Casting the whole of your care (all of your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

John 6:37

All of whom my Father gives (entrusts) to me will come to me , and the one who comes to me, I will most certainly not cast out I will never no never, reject one of them who comes to me.

Matt. 11:28-30

Come to me all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls. For my yoke is wholesome (useful, good-not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant). My burden is light and easy to be borne.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God’s unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy (for our failures) and find grace to help in good time for every need.

(appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it).

Psalm 46:1-2

God is our Refuge and Strength(mighty and impenetrable to temptation) a very present and well proved help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains be shaken into the midst of the seas.

10- Be still and know (recognize and understand) that I am God, I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.

Isaiah 59:19

So (as the result of the Messiah’s intervention) they shall (reverently) fear the name of the Lord from the West and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight (for He will come like a rushing stream which the breath of the Lord drives).

Rom. 10:11

For the scriptures says, no man who believes in Him (who adheres to, relies on, trusts in Him) will (ever) be put to shame or be disappointed.

Philippians 4:6

Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything by prayer and petition (definite requests) with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. And God’s peace (shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 145:8-9

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in mercy and loving kindness.

The Lord is good to all and His tender mercies are over all His works.

14- The Lord upholds all those (of His own) who are falling and raises up all those who are bowed down.

Psalm 146:6

The Lord is faithful forever. Gives food to the hungry…sets prisoners free…opens blind eyes…lifts those who are bowed down…loves the upright in heart…protects strangers…upholds the fatherless and the widows…heals the sick…sets the captives free…raises the dead…comforts the oppressed…helps the helpless…fills the emptiness…turns you defeat into victory…causes us to triumph…lives in us and reigns on the throne of God forever…casts out all fear…saves the lost…hears your cry and prayers…leads and guides us into all truth…gives us His unfailing word…strengthens the weak…cares for us.

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My Heart Grieves
David Haase

My Heart grieves for all those who choose not to hear, who hear yet turn away. My Heart grieves for all those who choose not to follow my Holy Spirit, who see yet follow other gods, their own desires. My Heart grieves for all those lost sons and daughters who refuse My Son, who seek themselves and things of this world. My Heart grieves for all those who choose not to Repent and turn to Me. The heaviness of My Heart fills the Heavens the loss of so many… so many… I Love each and every one of these for they are My creation and I know the number of hairs on their heads, I have watched them from the beginning I know everything about them yet My Holy Righteousness My Holy Justice can not allow their rebellion any further, I will send those out into the world one last time with My Holy Spirit to Witness The Truth about Me, about My saving Grace, My Son, My Heart… My Judgment and My Wraith for it is so… My kingdom must be cleansed of all the leaven, for this My Son will come…

An Open Vision With Understanding
David Haase

10/18/04
Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ Yeshua,

In open Vision during prayer I found myself standing in a tunnel that curved to the left, about 12 ft high/round, the walls where golden brown in color as if this meant something, I walked to within a short distance of the curve to the left when suddenly a large ball completely filling all space around it dark black/brown with red string woven into it, came around the curve into view there was no time to react or run only to stand and be hit by it. Upon seeing it my prayer turned into “Father I stand Christ Yeshua in Me I in Christ Yeshua with Christ Yeshua as my shield” no sooner said than I was engulfed by this mass I could see out of yet it had a brown tint knowing that I was standing in that place it was now…

I asked and prayed over this and was shown an old vision and its meaning

{the Lord gave me Ecc 3:6-7, then the vision.

Ecc 3:6 a time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
Ecc 3:7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Then a small child? Came up to me and pulled a scroll from his ear? Which I took hold of.. Next was shown to me a Gold glowing ball with what looked like red yarn wrapped around a small percentage of it, the ball was in a pouch like a soft taco shell shaped wrapping? The area around it was dark and nothing else could be seen. I was told to watch it. (the Gold glowing ball) until it disappeared. }

The gold ball was an anointed servant of God who was close to me, the red yarn was deception that he had come to believe, the red yarn covered and took over his life, he was removed from my life… at last check he was into all manners of deception… a servant called by God Himself who choose a deception… that led to others and a loss.

What I was led to understand was this tunnel is the time we now stand in. The Ball with red yarn is a great lie, a great deception that is almost upon us and we can not escape it… only by standing in the Lord Yeshua/Word of God will be able to see though it. Where ever you are prepare NOW!!! You will have no time later. May the Lord God of Abraham Bless you with understanding and clarity…

His servant in Christ Yeshua,
David Haase

Midnight Hour Dream
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5-16-04
On Sunday morning between 8 and 8:30 am, I was awakened from an amazing dream. In this dream which was a series of scenes throughout the night, of which I cannot remember them now, the final scene still stands out graphically.

In the dream, I am leaving a building that I have been doing things in for most of the night. I hear the sounds of worship, and I step outside to see the source of the sounds.

It is very late at night, and I sense that it is around midnight. It is very dark out, but I can see clearly. The stars are shining brightly in a cloudless sky.

There is a very large group of worshippers standing with their arms raised to the Lord and they are worshipping Him. I join the group. It is such a very Holy Presence and atmosphere, as we all sing to the Lord. It is as if we are one voice, and our voices blend in love to the King. It was breathtaking.

Over the group of worshippers was a beautiful rainbow. It was pitch dark out at night, but the shining stars above shone down and lit up the sky enough to see the rainbow that was arched over the entire group like a canopy.

As I was watching this scene, and also was participating in it too, I saw the stars in the sky and still they shone very brightly. Some of the stars then began to shoot and dart back and forth violently across the sky as we sang. They looked like fireworks going off, and you could hear sounds like fireworks make when they were moving rapidly across the sky. They made whistling and whirling noises.

Then an angel came from the right side of my view and flew across my view towards the left side in the distance. He had a bow and an arrow poised in his hands. He had the bow stretched out and the arrow ready, but he did not shoot it. He just flew across the group in a state of readiness.

Then as I was watching the angel, I began to look around. I saw before the group of us, a scene began to suddenly appear and clarify in front of me.

There was a very large army of the hosts of heaven in a group. They were all in various states of preparation, and activity. The Lord Jesus Christ was standing in the midst of them. He was wearing His Crown, and was speaking with the heavenly hosts. He was giving them instructions, plans, directives, and assignments. He was busy meeting with them for a soon event to come.

As I was watching this scene, the Lord Jesus looked up, and over right into my eyes. He was aware of me watching the whole scene. He smiled at me and then he blew me a kiss. I was delighted and blew him a kiss back. He then smiled and turned back to his duties of speaking with the heavenly army He was preparing.

Then the dream ended.

-Susan Cummings
5-16-04
8-8:30 am

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For This Day You Were Born
Susan Cummings

It was for this day that you were born, child. I had everything in mind when I brought you forth. There is nothing that I have not taken into account in the process of your growth and maturity. For I use all things to bring change to your life.

Many times you feel like you are not making it. You think that I cannot bring you to your fullest potential in Me, or that I cannot transform you into My Image. I can, and I Am doing just that. You cannot see everything that I am doing. You only see from your perspective and from your understanding. But you have yet to see through My eyes.

This is a day that I am moving in the earth. I am bringing change. I am bringing transformation and total reformation in My people. You cannot do it, child. You cannot bring one thing into order in your life, because it has to be My Hand that does it. You must yield to Me, and allow My Hand to pass over you and fashion you.

It was for this day that you were born. Everything in your life has been preparation for this day and season. Your whole purpose is to be the expression of Me. I have to change you, so that you can express Me truthfully, and that I would be seen through you. Unless I change you, I cannot be seen through you. You must be transparent.

This is where the struggle lies. Transparency. It is a total surrender to Me, and an acknowledgement that I am in control and can do whatever My Choice is for your life, and you will embrace it. Can you let Me choose for you? Can you let Me bring forth what I want to out of you? Can you accept that My Ways and Choices are not what yours are, and can you let them go, and embrace Me?

When you can, then you will have fully stepped into this day that I have made for you. Until then, you are wandering and in limbo and not in your position. You cannot have peace, and you cannot have the intimacy with Me that you would like, until you can. For I can only come so close to you, as you have not trusted me to hold you, as I would choose to.

Fear keeps you from trusting Me.

Pride keeps you from surrendering to Me.

I will not hurt you, I created you. It is for this day that you were born, and I have been with you from the beginning, and will continue to be with you till the end. It is with delight that I watch over you, and with great desire that I long for you. Come to Me.

Reach out. Take My Hand, and walk with Me.

My Throne awaits you. Take your place by My side.

-Susan Cummings
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I Am Coming To Those Who Are Looking For Me
Susan Cummings

I Am coming to those who are looking for Me. For I am drawn by their desire to know Me and to be like Me. Love cries out to Love, for it’s fulfillment. The Spirit and the Bride are crying out, Come! My Heart is being revealed to My Ones who labor over Me, to be like Me.

I Am coming to reveal Myself to those who hunger and thirst after righteousness. My children sit at My Table and are fed by My hand, and they do not lack nor strain to be fed, but they wait at My Feet, and rest until I bring them their portion. Each of My Children has their portion.

I Am coming to those who weep and sigh over the sin in My House, and who have not given their birthright to another. They have guarded the precious and have esteemed it better than the worldly offering. Such are My Faithful Ones, in whom it is written of in My Book.

I Am coming to those who have clean hands and a pure heart, and who have not given their heart to another. They only have eyes for Me, and will not be given over to the destroyer that is now loosed among men. My Covenant Seal is upon them, and they are Mine.

I Am coming to show forth My Glory in the vessels of honor that I have made, for just such a purpose. These Torch bearers will burn with My Glory as a witness, and as a Light to those in the darkness, and many will come to Me through their testimony. For I always have a remnant in the earth. Even in this last hour, will I reap a Harvest.

I Am coming as it is written in My Word. It will be as I have stated, but not as men would choose to see. For much is still rejected in My Word, and much is taken out for men’s purposes, and much is mistakenly seen and understood, for I have hidden it from the wise, and now, I am showing the babes.

I Am coming to the rejected, the despised, the lost, the abused, the wounded, the outcasts, and the sheep that have been cast out, and I am gathering them into My Barns where they will now be fed, for the time of culmination has come, and My House will be full. Not one of Mine will be missed, as I have gathered them all from their places of hidden ness , and am bringing them in. Each to their portion, but all into Me.

I Am coming to judge My House first, and then the world. For I must have a Holy Place to dwell in, and nothing will remain that is not Holy or Pure. I Am Holy and My People will be Holy. There will no longer be any defiled thing in My House, for all will be now removed outside the camp. There will be a distinction between the Holy and the Profane.

I Am coming to reap My Harvest. Man will not touch what is Mine, and will not harm My little ones, but I will bring them in, and they will know that I alone, am God. I Am the Lord of the Harvest. I have come to My Vineyard, and woe to those who have not been faithful to tend it properly. For everyone’s works will be clearly seen for what they truly were.

I Am coming as a Fire, as a Wind, and as the Rain. Each has already came on the earth, now it will come upon My Vessels, and then pour through them. My Fire will burn through My Vessels as they speak My Word. My Wind will blow upon My Vessels as I perform My Word in their midst. My Rain will cleanse My People, as they embrace My Word that is spoken.

Then, My Glory will come, and will fill My House, according to My Word.

-Susan Cummings
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The Path Is Narrowing
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The Path is narrowing and few notice.

Few even look at where they are walking, and fewer still even think twice about their next step. So many of My People walk where it is convenient, popular, safe, and easy to see. They would rather be led by their minds and their physical senses than to abandon them, and follow Me. But that day is now changing for the path is now climbing and narrowing in this hour. Few will now walk with Me who will not embrace the changes that now come with the climb.

To follow Me, one must put aside all weights, cares, sins, mindsets, fears, plans, friends, family, and their own desires. So few can completely give Me these things. So few can walk away from their own plans, visions, businesses, ministries, and training and leave it all behind to follow me. So few.

To lay aside all weights means to cast off everything that so easily besets you and causes you to stumble, and to be overburdened, and to abandon all things to My Care. Allow Me to carry your daily load and to walk with you throughout your day. No longer allow things to pile up on you, and make you take your eyes off of Me. Stress rules over you when you carry that which I have not given you to carry. You must guard yourself more diligently.

To lay aside all cares means to be watchful of your heart. For the cares of this world, riches, and the flesh will war with your mind and heart. It will cause you to compromise and to stumble in your integrity, to satisfy the longing burning within you. Cares will cause you to begin to worship other things, if you do not guard your eyes and hearts. I am Faithful and True. I will care for you, and be your Care.

To lay aside all sin, means to continually pick up your cross and follow Me. You cannot be carrying your cross and sinning against me at the same time. You must first put down the cross in order to run and sin. Consider your ways, and come back to me. You must return to your first Love, and do not give your allegiance to another, for I Am your Lord. If you truly Love Me, then you must follow Me.

To lay aside your mindsets means to bring your plans, ideas, all of your earthly understanding, educational training, and self-life, even your understanding of who I am, and crucify it upon the altar of surrender, and then yield to My Will. You must freely lay your will down, in order to embrace Mine. You cannot serve two opinions, or two masters. You cannot serve the world and live In My House.

Either you fully embrace Me or you don’t.

To lay aside all fears means to put under your feet everything that controls you, manipulates you, terrorizes you, and overpowers you. Fear is only a False Reality Appearing Real. The enemy deceives many of My people through fear, and controls them by it’s bondage. Fear is nothing but Faith improperly placed outside of Me, as it is doubt and unbelief. They doubt that I am unable to care for them, and have unbelief that what I will do, will truly work. It in effect, says, I Am not good enough for them. Fear robs My People, and isolates them, and causes them to abort their destiny. Fear is the thief that kills the seeds of Hope and Life. You must put them under your feet, and rise above the thief, and take back what is rightfully yours, or you will perish in the desert places alone.

To lay aside all plans means to see that you can no longer walk alone, and without My Headship. You then yield your affairs to My Leading, and you allow Me to bring you to where I am going, and not to where you want to be. When I am made the True Head, then all fear, pressure, and confusion leaves you, and you then see the path ahead as one of Hope and not trial. I created you, and know your path, and all things concerning you, so I know just what you need and when. Trust Me.

To lay aside friends means to not abandon those around you, but to submit your associations to My direction and guidance. Few ask Me about their fellowships and friends, and few even think that it matters.

You are, or become like, those who you allow to influence you. So many of Mine are unequally yoked and are defiled because they did not inquire of Me first. They get entangled in the affairs of the world by yoking with the world, and they do not guard themselves. When My People take their eyes off of Me, then they will place them on someone else. Then the bondage begins, because they took their trust and devotion off of Me and put it upon men and popularity. My People cannot be pressured by other people into doing things, if their hearts are in My Hands. It is only when they take their hearts out of My Hands, that the enemy then can come and entice their hearts, and allure them into sin and compromise with others.

To lay aside family means to walk each individually with Me, working out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Many of My People are controlled by other's fears, pride, and prejudices. Families that do not walk in their Faith in Me together, will pull at each other, and manipulate to protect their own selfish desires. Anyone who chooses to allow even a family member the place of their heart over Me, is not worthy of Me. I Am the only one who sits upon the throne of your heart. I gave you your family to love, honor, and cherish, but only as you all follow Me. Nothing and No one will come between Me and My Bride.

Lastly, to lay aside all desires is to abandon your future totally to Me, embracing My Will, and allowing Me to decide what is best for you. Few can. Very few trust Me. Few know Me and My Love for them, for if they truly did, then they would run to Me and give Me everything.

There is no lack in My House. I care for My Children. I want the best for them and yet, My people choose to go their own way, as they do not think My Way is good enough. They know better. So I have to let them go.

I will not force My Own to follow Me.

I will not force My Own to Love Me.

I will not violate their free will and choices.

My Sheep hear My Voice, and they come to Me, and sit at My Feet, and they will not follow another.

The path is indeed narrowing, and to walk on it now, means you must now begin to climb. You cannot hold onto anything and follow Me. You must let go and trust Me. For the path has begun to ascend to My Holy Hill, and only those with clean hands and pure hearts can ascend My Holy Hill.

It is time to climb.

-Susan Cummings
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Maturing Into Love

Ron McGatlin

The most significant season of God since when Jesus and the disciples were physically on the earth is NOW UPON US. The season of maturation of the true "Body of Christ" is now.

In the past century restoration has come in waves or seasons. There was a shift from "hell fire" preaching and "salvation to miss hell" to a "born again" experience of changed life for now and eternity. The Pentecostal season focused on law and brought the fullness of "Holy Spirit Baptism" and then the awesome "Faith Movement" brought power, hope, miracles, and healing with focus on the Word. The "Charismatic Gifts" were poured out with emphasis on prophesy and healing. Worship and praise went to new levels of reality. Deliverance from bondages and healing of hearts has brought much release and freedom. Most recently the Father's Heart has begun to be revealed and life changing experiences have resulted.

We are now in the season of "Maturing Into Love". Love is greater than faith - greater than law - greater than prophesy - greater than gifts - all these things emanate from love - they work by love for God is love (1 John 4:8-16). All of these things are vital and it is impossible to mature in God without them. The focus or purpose of them is to bring us to the fulfillment of maturity which is LOVE - God's love in us and us in Him.

Jesus said to him, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' "This is the first and great commandment. "And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Mat 22:37 - 40:

Maturation is necessary before marriage.

Through all these seasons the "Body of Christ" has been growing up as a child into maturity. Maturation is necessary before marriage. The "Bride" is now beginning to come into view in the distance. Hallelujah! For the first time ever in my 70 plus years of life experience the beauty of the "Bride of Christ" is vaguely in view not very far ahead of us.

The season of maturing love is upon us. Jesus redeemed us and through the Holy Spirit has been taking us toward the Father all along. Through the seasons of God we are being cleansed and prepared to enter into the heart of the Father. To know Him in personal intimacy and be filled with God who is love - forever consumed in the fire of intimate relationship with God our Father and our Husband, Jesus.

As we truly abide in Him - in His intimate presence we are metamorphosed into pure love and He literally lives in us. We literally become one with Jesus who is one with the Father and then one with one another.

John 17:20-23: ....."that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect (mature) in one, , and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Our pride can prevent us from intimacy with God.

James 4:6: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

Prov 8:13 ....Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverse mouth I hate

Pride is a result of not truly experiencing the love of God. Experiencing the love in the heart of the Father is most humbling. To know that He passionately loves all mankind and feels pain in His heart when they do not love Him in return and to know that when we respond by loving Him with our whole heart that he feels great joy in His heart is very humbling.

Pride can manifest as religious pride, social pride, plain old self focus is pride and a sister to pride is fear - fear of what man will think - how I will look or appear. But grace precedes glory and is given to the humble.

Mature love makes us humble and opens the way for FACE TO FACE with God. Moses was said to be the most humble man on the earth and he spoke with God FACE TO FACE. (Num 12:3-8)

The subject of First Corinthians, Chapter 13 is clearly love. Verses 10-13 speak clearly of maturing in love and "then" seeing Him "face to face". The "then" in this verse when viewed in context clearly speaks of when we mature in love. And the "face to face" is intimate oneness with God.

1 Cor 13:10-11: But when that which is perfect (mature) has come, then that which is in part will be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things

1 Cor 13:12-13: For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love. .

Intimacy with God is much more than a dating relationship with Him. Coming into His holy presence in worship and praise from time to time is a wonderful meeting with Him. But remaining with Him in the secret place of His chambers is the intimate love process of becoming one. Continuing with Him in the secret place is a daily experience in which we are no longer an individual but are one with Him and cannot be separated. We become so much in love that we are transformed into His body, His flesh, His bones.

Eph 5:30-32: For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

When we mature in love we can say as Paul said, "For me to live is Christ." This is a great mystery. The same great mystery spoken of in Col.1:26-27: The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Paul longed to see the day when Christ would be formed by the Holy Spirit in His children. The day when the Body of Christ would become one in love with the Head, Christ Jesus, in the heart of the Father.

Gal 4:19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you.

Pursue love - it never fails.
Lots of love, Ron McGatlin

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The Cost of Bridal Love
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"Paul said that he died daily, to show His love for Christ, are we willing to do the same?"

Many of us do not know the cost of true Bridal Love. We see the ultimate cost through Christ's death. So then, He now asks us if we are willing to pay the cost of true, fiery, passionate, Bridal love? To lay down all of our ambitions, desires, dreams, and even the destiny I felt God had for me, and follow Him, wherever He may lead.

The cost of Bridal Love is to take up your cross and follow Him, suffering silently. True Love, true passion will follow Him through the hells of this earth to our own Calvary daily, where we must decide to show the greatest love of all to Him, to lay down our lives for Him, as He did for us. For greater love hath no man than this, that He lay down His life for His friends. This must be done daily. Daily walking the death walk. Daily following Him, even if it means I die, for this is true, to live is Christ, to die is to gain more of His glory ever imagined.

Today, the question is asked, how many of you are willing to pay the cost? To take up your Cross and follow Him, your Lover, no matter where He leads, even if it be to your own death? He is crying out to those who hear this call, "Do you Love Me?....Then follow Me.....Do you Love Me? Then follow Me....Do you Love Me?" He pauses once more. His eyes burn with fiery passion and His heart eager to hear us answer the call says to us all. "Then follow Me."

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Becoming One
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Eph 5:30-32: For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

It goes beyond our mental and intellectual ability to understand this "great mystery" . How can any human being birthed with human frailties really become one with Christ? Jesus prayed for and fully expected the reality of the experience of our becoming one with Him and the Father.

John 17:20-23: "I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Theologians may have difficulty explaining with reason this great mystery of becoming His body, His flesh, His bones. Jesus who was one with the Father had no problem understanding the union of the Father in Him and He in the Father and we in Him and He in us as one. He clearly understood because of the practical spiritual reality of the experience of being one with the Father. Only by experience can we truly relate to the reality of becoming one with God.

Words are not enough to know Him as one. Faith alone is not enough. Believing must become experience. The Word must become reality. This must become our life experience to know Him and He know us as one. Christ must be joined with us and we with Him as husband and wife in practical reality.

Intimacy with God is much more than a dating relationship with Him. Coming into His holy presence in worship and praise from time to time is a wonderful meeting with Him. Remaining with Him in the secret place of His chambers is the intimate love process of becoming one. So much in love that we are transformed into His body, His flesh, His bones.

Continuing with Him in the secret place is a daily experience in which we are no longer an individual but are one with Him and cannot be separated. For me to live is Christ. The two become one. This is a great mystery. The same great mystery spoken of in Col.1:26-27: The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Gal 4:19 My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

Now in this day more than a few are beginning to see the reality of loosing their life in Him to become one with Him through the experience of intimate love with Him - through intimately being in love with God.

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Midnight Madness
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Matt 25:1-12 AMP THEN THE kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 five of them were foolish (thoughtless, without forethought) and five were wise (sensible, intelligent, and prudent). 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they did not take any [extra] oil with them; 4 But the wise took flasks of oil along with them [also] with their lamps. 5 **While the bridegroom lingered and was slow in coming, they all began nodding their heads, and they fell asleep.**
6 But **at midnight** there was a shout, **Behold, the bridegroom! Go out to meet him!**
7 Then all those virgins got up and put their own lamps in order 8 And the foolish said to the wise, Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out. 9 But the wise replied, There will not be enough for us and for you; go instead to the dealers and buy for yourselves. 10 But while they were going away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were prepared went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other virgins also came and said, Lord, Lord, open [the door] to us! 12 But He replied, I solemnly declare to you, I do not know you [I am not acquainted with you]. 13 **Watch therefore [give strict attention and be cautious and active], for you know neither the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will come.**

Mark 13:35-37 NIV
35 "Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back- whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 **If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping**. 37 What I say to you, I say to everyone: **'Watch!'"**

The Lord spoke to me " midnight madness"…then asked what He wanted to say:

" I am coming like a might rushing wind, and **in a SUDDEN MOMENT, everything will eclipse!** There will be sudden change and sudden life and glory and power! I am not a man that I should lie, and I am not a God afar off but close at hand!
I have been urging you to come close and to receive healing and nurturing, deliverance and rest, that you might be prepared for this hour. **This suddenness I speak of will catch many in My church sleeping. And fear will come in to attempt to overwhelm many. The storehouses are not prepared for what is going to happen!** It would be madness not to prepare for what is ahead yet many are sleeping!

I urge you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire that you may be rich, and white garments that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore **be zealous and repent**. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. [see Rev 3:18-21]

How many of you are willing to pay the full price? How many of you are willing to change your lifestyle for the sake of giving all you have to establish My KINGDOM? Is this too radical a thing for you My beloveds? Did the Son of Man have anyplace to lay His head? Some of you I will to keep what you have and to establish a beachhead in your community where

people can come and receive nurturing and grace, healing and deliverance. But many I will ask to give up the affluence they are used to to be My servants. What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses his soul?

The youth are going to come in and will they come to a lukewarm church? Or will they come to those who are willing to give; to share; to break bread; who mean what they say in the Word? Will you lay down your life and take up MY CAUSE? Some of you I will reposition and re-order your lives. Do you really mean it when you tell Me that you will do anything for ME?

What if it means that man may reject you and think you too radical or whacko? What if it means that you give up the luxury you are used to, and some of the comforts to make room in your home for outcasts and orphans, abandoned and the broken? Many of you have more room than you need, and yet are unwilling to give up anything. You have grown full and comfortable and unwilling to bend.

I admonish you to be willing to let ME change and order your life. I am about to pour wealth out to many who you have rejected and put out, and thought incapable!
For I am looking for willing hearts and people who love others as I love them!
This is the mark of My true disciples. **They love whom I love.** They give as I WOULD GIVE. They weep as I would weep. They rise up at injustice as I would rise up at injustice. They speak, depending on Me for what to say. I am looking for those who like me, do not break a bruised reed! I did not treat people like flotsam and jetsom. I loved on them and received them as little children. Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus!

Isa 42:3-4 NKJV A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. 4 He will not fail nor be discouraged,
Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law."

Phil 2:5-8 AMP Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: **[Let Him be your example in humility:]** 6 Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained,
7 But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being.
8 And after He had appeared in human form, **He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death**, even the death of the cross!

I never give up on you. I do have to chastise you as a good father would at times, but I never give up on you! Will you dwell on MY LOVE for a time, that YOU may be infused with MY LOVE, and MERCY? Will you focus on MY LOVE rather than busyness and judging for a time…and ask ME to come and impart to you, what you are still lacking in wisdom and understanding about it? There is little time left for preparation, so I am asking you beloveds to not neglect your time with ME. Be not foolish virgins, but wise. For I am not cruel and harsh, but loving and kind, and only want to pour out more of My love in you. I am wanting to remove all the hindrances in your soul to receiving the FULLNESS of My glory! Dwell on My WORD. Eat of the Bread of Life!

Eph 3:16-19 AMP
16 May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].
17 May Christ through your faith [actually] dwell (settle down, abide, make His permanent home) in your hearts! **May you be rooted deep in love and founded securely on love,**
18 That you may have the power and be strong to apprehend and grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, **the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and**

depth [of it];
19 [That you may really come] to know **[practically, through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge [without experience]**; **that you may be filled [through all your being] unto all the** **fullness of God** **[may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!**
eclipse: Main Entry: **²eclipse** Function: *transitive verb*
Inflected Form(s): **eclipsed**; **eclips·ing :** to cause an eclipse of: as **a : OBSCURE**, **DARKEN b : to reduce in importance or repute c : SURPASS**
noun: 1 a : the total or partial obscuring of one celestial body by another b : the passing into the shadow of a celestial body -- compare OCCULTATION, TRANSIT
2 : a falling into obscurity or decline; *also* **:** the state of being eclipsed

flotsam: 1 : floating wreckage of a ship or its cargo; *broadly* **:** floating debris
2 a : a floating population (as of emigrants or castaways) b : an accumulation of miscellaneous or **unimportant stuff**

jetsam: **1 :** the part of a ship, its equipment, or its cargo **that is cast overboard to lighten the load in time of distress and that sinks or is washed ashore**

Dismal Spirits
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dismal:
1 *obsolete* **: DISASTROUS, DREADFUL**
2 : showing or causing gloom or depression
3 : lacking merit **:** particularly bad

“The enemy has sent out some dismal spirits to try to hamper your joy,
and I am admonishing you to not get fearful or dismayed at the events in the world, because you know you are living in end times. You should know that I am coming soon, and all must be fulfilled in order that My Word is fulfilled.”

[When the Lord said this to me, I thought about Rick Joyner’s book The Final Quest – and how depression was one of the heavy warfare tools in the scene on the mountain riding on the back of believers]

“ I came to bring you abundant life and joy in the Holy Spirit. Do not allow these dismal spirits to rule your life! Speak My word against them and watch how they turn tail and run! They have come to overtake the love and peace I give. They have come to overwhelm the lost with the end times events so that they cower in fear and are overcome. But I AM STILL the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE! The lost need to know the TRUTH. They need ME and they need freedom. So you must overcome them if you are to deliver others! Do not let them gain a foothold with their tauntings…”

Then I could imagine them taunting individuals saying things like…”it’s never going to get any better.” “You are not going to make it!” “ You’ll never be accepted by anyone!” “ it’s hopeless” “ You might as well give up and kill yourself”

The Lord continued…

“This is part of his end times strategy to remove prematurely those called also to move in power gifting and apostolic holiness. If he can get you to give up, or to become hopeless and depressed, then he thinks you will destroy yourself. So come to ME in the beauty of holiness and WORSHIP ME! PUT ON THE GARMENT OF PRAISE FOR THE SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS!
This is why I said I would raise up the Tabernacle of David in these times. I knew the onslaught of what would come against you. You must NOT yield to his tauntings. Put on the armor of light, and sing and dance and worship Me.
Praise Me and watch him flee! Speak the Psalms! Speak My Word! Stand up and use the weapons I have given you for they are many. Each of you has been given gifts according to your callings that you can use.

I do not leave you. I do not axe you out of My plan because you’ve made a mistake. Many are listening to condemning spirits thinking it is ME, because you do not know the depth of the love I have for you who have said YES to ME!

Can you imagine leaving one of your children behind in the midst of a storm?
Can you imagine just abandoning your own flesh? I know many of you were abandoned and not treated right, but in the normal state a parent would never leave behind their children in an emergency when it would kill the child to do so! Am I not a good Father? Have I not been patient with you and stayed with you during many times of hardship and persecution , rejection, illness and affliction, poverty and abuse? Why then would you think I would disqualify you now? Does your calling depend on your performance? Of course if you never tried to obey and were reprobate in your heart, then of course you might answer yes, but NO! I honor the HEART decisions, even when your flesh is unable due to wounding in your soul to do everything right!

So do NOT give in to DEFEATISM. Ask Me to remove the roots of infection in your soul and I will! Ask for more of My love and I will pour it into you!
I love you My beloveds and I will not remove My Spirit from you! I will pour it out more and more that you may be able to endure the tests that are coming.

Abba

New Birth
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Ps 29:3-9 NKJV The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters. 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon. 6 He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. 7 The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire.
8 The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth,
and strips the forests bare; and in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

I heard the Holy Spirit say,” the voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth.” Knew the psalm so looked it up…then He said:

“If I call to birth the very time of the deer’s birth, how much more do I care about the birth of My Son in this generation? How much more do I desire to manifest My glory in you and through you? I am desirous for full union with you. I want to purify My bride and to make her glorious, dressed in fine linen and decked in gold of Ophir! Do I make pregnant and not bring to birth?

Surely I do nothing without speaking to My prophets! Surely there is nothing that keeps Me from my friends. Listen to Me, My weary ones, and know that I am not a harsh taskmaster, but the ONE Who loves you with an everlasting and unconditional love! I do not grow weary in caring for you. I love to care for you. I love to care FOR you! Cast ALL your cares on Me, for I care FOR you! Do not tire from waiting and know that I have heard your prayers and am anxious to fill every one of them. But I am the Sovereign King of the Universe and Your Loving FATHER. I know what is best. I see the head from the tail, the beginning from the end. So just trust me My beloveds, to know what is best for you.

It is a time of rest and repentance, a time of letting Me love you and allowing me to dress your wounds and to heal them. Your body will prosper even as your soul prospers, I have said. So allow me to touch your soul and to bring healing to the many little hidden corners of your heart, that life and health may be manifested to you! Allow ME access codes so that all that is hindering can be removed. All it takes is your willingness . Come unto ME, all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you REST for your soul. I will break off all the heavy burdens and destroy the works of the enemy that have come against you. All you have to do is come into my presence and allow ME to do it…ask and you shall receive, knock and the door will be opened to you!
Know that I am WITH you, even when you can't feel me. I am with you, even when you think for some reason I have taken a vacation! The Lord God of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps! I have no need of sleep! I am here for you no matter what the time of day.

The greatest test of all lies ahead My beloveds, so I need you to come up higher in your faith and discipline that when it comes you may be able to stand in the face of hatred and adversity. That you may be able to LOVE your enemies, and do good to those who hate you! Apart from My grace, that is a difficult task! Where do you receive that grace? Then COME! Put off all anxiety, all worry, all busyness, all that would distract you, and spend time in ME. I love you and will not disappoint you!

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Ministry Changes
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Ministry Changes

In Jesus' day He confronted, offended and threatened the religious mind and system. So also in this day the revolution of true kingdom ministry will confront, offend and threaten the "system" of church life today.

This revolution will affect every aspect of what some would call 5-fold ministry. These changes will be born out of a love and humility that has a clear vision of the heart and purposes of the Lord. Those willing to walk in this Love and humility will be willing to change the manner in which they operate in order to serve the body in a manner pleasing to the Lord. Here are some of the changes you can expect.

Ministry of the Apostle

Though there are many different spheres of apostolic ministry, here is a general description of today’s apostolic ministry.

Today’s apostle can be equaled to a president of an organization. On a larger scale the apostle has a multitude of churches under their authority. High visibility Apostles today relate to those who are willing to cut a covenant with them by either signing a contract or agreeing to a covenant with them which makes them "part" of the network of apostolic leadership.

Some apostles on local levels serve the role of traditional pastors. Their network is the people who are under them and are in covenant with them by membership or tithe.

The role of apostle is going to change most dramatically because of true revelation on the ministry of apostle that has not been manifest yet. Walking the way of the crucified life will transform apostolic understanding greatly.

One great understanding will be the restoration of walking in the "ONE" covenant already made by the blood of Jesus. Extra covenants will be seen for what they are, divisions and separation of brethren.

A release of regions to complete freedom and reliance upon the Spirit will be the result of conviction and repentance over the way in which the Lord's church has become the possession of men. An understanding of laying down your life for the sheep and TRUE servant hood of the bride will break the chains of the unbiblical "covering" doctrine, denominationalism, and current apostolic networks. This will release the Spirit to cross pollinate what men have boxed and limited.

Locally there will be a premium on hearing the Lord for yourself and not looking to "Moses" or the pastor, prophet or apostle for direction. Apostles will fight for the freedom of the body to express the mind and heart of the Lord corporately. Services will be more worship and Spirit led preaching, prophesying, and teaching rather then the organized strictures of man controlled order. Apostles, prophets and pastors will serve alongside other mature individuals as facilitators and watchmen for the enemies attacks, rather then the sole sources of inspiration and teaching. You may not even know who an apostle or pastor are in a typical meeting as the Lord will simply have His way.

Apostles will learn to relate as friends and equals, not as "teachers" or censures. Team leadership and corporate body ministry will be the heart of apostles. Their greatest joys will be to see others step out boldly in ministry gifts and calls, even to their own decrease. They will be firm with those who desire is to draw men unto themselves. They will see clearly wolves whose intent is to devour or divide the sheep and deal swiftly with them.

Ministry of the Pastor

Today’s ministry of Pastor is one of CEO and religious service director. Salaried and employed by the people, the pastor is responsible to feed the sheep. This feeding is not done by simply leading them to green pastures and still water where they can graze and drink. But today the pastor is the hand that harvests and spoon feeds the sheep.

Tomorrows Pastor will relate on a more intimate level as a loving friend whose concern for individuals will be shown by personal love and edification. They may not be recognizable as a "pastor" in a group setting at times. They will have the ability to feed people by directing them to "feed" or graze from the green pastures of corporate body ministry, and to drink peacefully from the Holy Spirit's water of Life.

Pastors will have a place at times for corporate speaking, but then again, all of the body will have a place to do this.

Conclusion

The Lord is not interested in titles, He is interested in results. If the results we see today do not measure up to what He is desiring it is because we are not seeking the results He is, or we are trying to accomplish His desired results in our own flesh, or in our own way. We need to pray to the Lord to see clearly what we are doing to stop Him from accomplishing His will. We may be surprised to find out that the very things we are doing to try to serve Him are hindering Him from doing what He wants to do.

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My Judgment Cometh

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Zep 1:14 The great day of the LORD *is* near, *it is* near, and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the LORD: the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. Zep 1:15 That day *is* a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, Zep 1:16 A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers. Zep 1:17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung. Zep 1:18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.

Look up Beloved for I am drawing nigh, yea the signs are even in the sky. You see Me moving quickly now, for the day is fast approaching when I will reveal Myself to all mankind. Those who are in error, and those who choose to remain in error, despite the warning words and signs, will cry out for the rocks to fall on them.

Revelation 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

There is yet a little time Beloveds, it is but a little while. My lambs I will protect, but the stubborn goats I will reject. They will say how can I be a loving God when judgment falls. Oh foolish people, do you not hear when I call and call! I sent My Son and you repented not! I send My prophets and you hear them not! Oh how long will I be wearied, how long will I stretch forth My hands to a wicked and perverse nation. They flaunt their abominations continually in My Face and when judgment comes, they will say “where is My Grace?”

Isaiah 65:2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;

Oh foolish and perverse generation, have I not said that the final hour fast approaches, but still you continue in ways that I abhor! My intercessors have prayed, My prophets have prophesied, but now is coming the time when I will close the door, and judgment will fall. Those hidden in Me will see My Glory, those not hidden in Me will see My Wrath.
You ask how can this be? My Chosen know for they have studied My Word and have enquired of Me, but many of you have continued on gleefully, ignoring My pleas to repent and turn so that you would not experience hell fires burn!

O wicked generation, how long will I forbear your foolishness by living as without a care! Do you not know that I am a God of love, BUT ALSO OF HOLY WRATH! You laugh when My prophets fire and brimstone declare! What will you do in the terrible Day Of The Lord, WHAT WILL YOU DO? The stench of perversion, lust and greed forever rises in My nostrils. Do you not know these things will come to pass, as I have decreed?

Isaiah 65:5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. THESE ARE A SMOKE IN MY NOSE, A FIRE THAT BURNETH ALL THE DAY.

When you reject My Son, YOU REJECT ME! How long will this continue for it cannot be; ALL THINGS WILL BE BROUGHT UNTO SUBMISSION UNDER HIM, WATCH AND SEE! My Beloveds watch and wait for My Glory, but there will come a time when I will command you no longer to plea with a wicked and perverse generation, FOR WHAT WILL BE, WILL BE.

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Manifest Love of God is Purifying

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True holiness begins with the love of God melting the hearts of men. The roots of submission and obedience are found in the heartfelt desire to please God created in response to experiencing His overwhelming love.

The cooperation and cohesiveness of the church flows from the experience of being in love with God. The substance of Christ is formed within men's hearts and flows out to the connecting joints of the Body of Christ. The kingdom of God on earth from heaven is glued together as one by the experience of the all consuming unending immeasurable love of God flowing by the Holy Spirit. Walking in the Spirit produces walking in the love of God. Walking in the experience of the love of God causes us to hate sin and empowers us to turn from sin and carnality toward the purity and holiness of God. What we could not do by trying to do right is done by the indwelling power of the overwhelming love of God.

One Body attached to one Head has always been the plan of God.

But you say, "I don't see it that way in the church now." To the degree that there is not yet the experience of the manifest love of God in the church there is division and competitive strife. Denominations continue to name themselves according to their differences and divide from one another according to knowledge and not according to the Spirit. Renewal / revival of the manifest presence of God in recent decades is the beginnings of a generation of change - a people of maturity in God - a people who love God and seek His kingdom and righteousness first above all else.

Personally speaking, I do not know how much of the fullness of this will be realized in the years I have left here. The reality of fullness of the love of God reforming the church into the desire of God is in the youth - in the children who are growing up in the manifest presence of God and are naturally being trained in the supernatural reality of the manifest presence God.

Today is the day of the restoration of apostolic fathers to guide the children of this generation into the New Jerusalem kingdom of God church - the "Christ in you" glorious Body of Christ on earth. Fathers must lead their children into the manifest presence of God and let them remain there. God will mold and shape them by His Spirit and the Word shall be in their mouths to turn a renegade world toward transformation into the glorious rule of God on earth as it is in heaven. The children must go far beyond the ways of the past into a season of reflecting the glory of Christ flooding the whole earth with the glory of His love and power.

God will have His people moving as one Body on earth as it is in heaven.

Pursue love, it never fails.

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Meet Me At The Well
Jeannette Rodgers

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Yes daughter, Yes son, Yes Friend, You have been seeking and asking and looking for the Way, looking for the answer, looking for acceptance, looking for love, looking for healing, looking with expectation.

This day, I say to you ..Meet ME at the Well. For I have much for you to drink...enough water that you may draw and draw from the depths of My well and you will never thirst again.

I see you are dry and your tears have been your food day and night. This day I say unto you my precious children whom I love with everlasting love, Drink, Drink from the well that will never run dry. Look to the water that is crystal clear, that heals , that loves, that is filled with compassion; for it is of ME. Many will say drink here or drink there but I say to you drink from Me alone. When you are offered a drink; look at it and you will know by MY spirit within you if it is of ME. My water will not be tainted, MY water will not have particles in it, MY water will be given freely in abundance, MY water will be Life. You will know My water for it will refresh, it will restore, it will revive, it will love, it will deliver, it will be clear, it will saturate your spirit because it is of ME, the water I give is pure.

Meet ME at the well, where I will heal your heart and I will heal the wounds , and I will love you, and I will feed you, I will surely give you water that you need. I will give water of Life, of Liberty, of righteousness and of peace. I will give water filled with joy and gladness and water that will cleanse and fill up every empty place.

The water from My well, will wash off the stains of blood from the wounds of the world. My water will fill you with all that cannot come from a man. My water, My word, is true. Meet ME at the well. I will fill you up and overflowing as you have so desired. I will always be here for you, I will never leave you. For I died for you and brought you back Life in abundance. I have this for you NOW. If you have been searching, if you have been wounded, if you have been tired, if you have been weary, if you have been looking, lift up your eyes and look ahead and Meet ME at the Well. Your soul will be refreshed. Come and Drink....Meet ME at the Well. I am One, who will never leave you, I am One who loves you without condition, I am One who will never fail you, I am One who weeps with you and rejoices with you, I am One who remains faithful, I am One who causes you to stand when on your own you would have fallen, I am One who provides, I am One knows where you are all the time, I am One who never loses sight of you, I am One who knows your thoughts and sees your heart, I am One whose arms are always open for you, to comfort you and hold you. I am One who gives you breath and gives you purpose and gives you Life. I am One with you as I am with My Father.

Come and drink, Meet ME at the Well... Take with you My Living water and pour out upon others all that I have given you and will give you that you might all walk as One in Me in Life in Fullness, in Peace, in Gentleness, and in Love.

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Mighty Men Of War

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Resume the responsibility of a watchman. Watch and pray and then ask of Me the petitions that you desire of Me. For when you ask, you are letting Me know that you care about the situations that you are facing concerning the brethren. A good watchman not only cares about himself, but he cares about all that concerns the body of Christ. In these latter times I will be raising up many who will be acting the part of a watchman, but really they are taking on the call of an intercessor who is seasoned for war on behalf of those who I gave My life for.

Reach out and ask of Me the details of the intercession you are to take in pulling down the strongholds that are effecting My people. So many don't know how to war for themselves and need those who will stand in the gap and roar on their behalf. Yes, when you roar, you are letting out mighty power of My love that repels the powers of darkness so that many can receive My love. So many are so bound with deception that they don't even know that they are bound in chains and fetters. And I need those who will stand up and say to the enemy that this is as far as you go. I command you to let God's people go.

Reach out to Me and pray and I will give you the details that you are to follow. You aren't on your own in this battle for I AM your Captain in chief, and I AM leading you on in the fight for freedom, not only for your own life but for those of the multitudes who I will raise up as mighty warriors of worship. Yes, I have an army who is now in chains who will be loosed and turn on the enemy, because they know how it is to be bound, and they will be full of compassion, and will not stop warring until they know in their hearts that they have conquered the land.

So, I want you to rejoice and know that your travail is not in vain those who have been giving birth to My will. I know it has been long and heavy, and the transition period you felt totally out of control, but you have held on to your faith in My word and promises and have not let go of them. I want you to rejoice, and know that you are at the edge of a mighty breakthrough. Don't give up hope.

Don't look at circumstances stating that things are growing worse and that you have lost the fight. Don't believe the lies. Stand behind your shield of faith and wave your sword against the enemy, and use your lance of intercession on behalf of your brethren. Believe the nations are your inheritance because they are sealed with My blood. Escape the clutch of the evil one and run the race freely. Let out a mighty shout of victory for you will prevail, says your God.

My Most Valuable Possession

Ron McGatlin

Have you ever considered what among your possessions is the most valuable to you? I never had considered this thought until today when the Spirit began to speak to me about the value of a humble heart - a humble spirit.

Considering the humble heart's potential of unfiltered oneness with the most high, most holy, most loving, most powerful being - the very God who created and sustains all that exist - the all knowing God of all wisdom - the God to whom all things are possible and nothing is impossible - surely a humble heart is the most valuable of all possessions.

There is no resistance from God toward a truly humble spirit. But even the smallest bit of pride will generate some amount of resistance from God. A bit of pride and potential intimacy with God will be lessened. There will be no more than "through a glass darkly" relationship and perhaps not even that. Face to face oneness with God cannot occur where pride exist. Only those with a "contrite" and humble spirit can dwell in the "high and holy place" with God.

James 4:6 ..."God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."
James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Isa 57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

What does "contrite and humble spirit" really mean? And how do we get that way?

My thesaurus list the following synonyms for the word "contrite": conscience-stricken, sorrowful, regretful, repentant, rueful, penitent, remorseful, apologetic, chastened, humbled. My dictionary defines it as, "filled with a sense of guilt and the desire for atonement; penitent."

Only a truly repentant heart has the potential of intimate oneness dwelling with God in the high and holy place. There are those among us today who have no respect for having a repentant spirit. They feel they have passed the need for it and that repentance is "first day" and they are now living in "third day" revelation. The truth is the more we mature in God the more we respect a contrite and humble spirit.

God is so merciful and slow to anger. He has continued to wait for men to become humble before Him and even allows those in process of becoming humble to manifest gifts and be used within limits. But they cannot know the reality of the depth of His love and the glory of intimacy with Him in the high and holy place where He dwells. God is faithful to allow the process that leads to true humility to continue over time.

The Hebrew words translated "contrite" have the meanings of : crushed, powder, smitten, maimed, dejected, to collapse, to crumble, to bruise, beat to pieces, break in pieces. The process to humility involves being smitten and maimed through many tribulations, persecutions, and rejections. It includes being beat to pieces until all pride collapses and total brokenness occurs.

Prov 16:18-19: Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

James 4:6-10: ..."God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

If our most valuable possession is a humble heart then the best things that ever happened to us involves the process of suffering wrongfully through the many situations that crushed us to powder and broke to pieces all pride, strength, abilities, or anything else. Reducing us to ashes that the beauty of true humility and real holiness might be formed by the love of God through the Holy Spirit. The true "Christ in you" involves becoming as the character and nature of Jesus who humbly submitted to the cross.

When the suffering comes to break us to humility one of two things will always happen. We will repent and allow the brokenness to occur and continue to praise Him and trust Him or we will HARDEN OUR HEARTS and continue to strive to prevent or delay becoming repentant and hold on to our erroneous beliefs and practices.

Pride always opens the door to greed, lust, deceit, arrogance, maliciousness toward others and more. Hardened hearts justify these things through rationalization and it becomes increasingly difficult to repent even though the plagues increase. Without repentance hearts just become more hardened.

Rev 3:19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.
Rev 16:9 And men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.

God is calling for His people to come up to the high and holy place and dwell with Him in intimacy.

Pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
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The Reality Of Love
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Love is by the Holy Spirit - a fruit of the Holy Spirit. One cannot be filled with "agape" love and not be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word - but love comes by the Holy Spirit. ...The fruit of the Spirit is love,..(Rom 10:17) (Gal 5-22) Faith works through love, ... faith which works by love.(Gal 5:6) Love is the primary fruit of the Holy Spirit. All the other fruits come through love.(Gal 5;22-23)

Since faith works by love and love comes by the Holy Spirit, without the Holy Spirit there will be no reality of "agape" love, and therefore faith apart from the Holy Spirit will not work the works of God - the works of life. James said that faith that does no work is dead faith. Demons believe in God and quote the Word but without love - without Holy Spirit, they can do no works of God - no works of life. They do only dead works - works of death.

James 2:19-20: You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe; and tremble! But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?

Holy Spirit of God is a fundamental ingredient of all God does in the world. We must walk in the Holy Spirit to do the works of God. To walk in Holy Spirit is to walk in love. It is of no value to walk by faith or walk by the Word and not walk in Holy Spirit love.

1 Cor 13:1-3: Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become

sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.(Gal 5:16)

But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.(Gal 5:18)

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.(Rom 13:10)

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.(Rom 8:13)

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.(Rom 8:14)

As sons of God walk in the Spirit, mature love becomes the predominant fruit of their lives, and doing the works of God becomes natural to them. True mature ministers of God will manifest the fruit of "agape" love in the facilitation of their gifts. Where there is real love there is humility.

It is not profitable to follow after gifted men who do not demonstrate the reality of the fruit of love. It can be dangerous to follow after men who do not demonstrate the love of Father flowing through Holy Spirit in their lives, even if they are gifted.

Look for the love and the humility of Jesus in the life and character of those with whom you closely associate and you will prosper in the relationship. Otherwise the relationship may prosper for a season but then abruptly become painfull and costly.

Mat 7:15-20: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. "You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles? "Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

The reality of love will cause us to see the desperate needs of others and sacrifice our self focused life in obedience to God in serving others. The love of the Father and the Son is manifest in our lives by the Holy Spirit and humble obedience is a result of the fruit of love.

Pursue love - it never fails.
Lots of love,
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Ministers Of Fire

Dee Hoetmer

My Ministers Of Fire, My Messengers Of Flames Are Being Released From Their Sanctuaries

4th April 2004
Now is coming the time when My prepared ones are being released from their sanctuaries, the place where I have hidden My Beloved. It is while they have been hidden that I have done a deep work in them. The world cannot perceive what I have done in My Beloveds; I have prepared a people for My Glory!

As I send you forth, your eyes will be like flames of fire, the unjust and the unholy will not be able to stand before you. They will run to the left and to the right to escape My holiness and My wrath. THE TIME FOR PLAYING GAMES IS OVER.

You will go forth as My righteous judges; you will judge BY MY SPIRIT saith the Lord. The words you will speak will be MY WORDS and they will cut asunder the soul and the spirit. There will be no denying that it is in MY POWER and AUTHORITY that you walk

Look not at all at their faces; take not to heart their harsh words of rejection. You are a people chosen and prepared by Me, the Most High God, and you will go forth to declare My justice and righteousness upon the earth.

Long have I waited for a time such as this. Long have I waited for a people made ready to declare My glory and righteousness saith the Lord, and the time now is.

Your steps will be ordered of Me, the words you speak will be ordered by Me! When you stretch forth your hand to pray it will be at the direction of My Spirit!

Do not renege or turn away from the task set before you. Great will be you reward My faithful warriors, great will be your reward, My faithful ones.

My ministers of fire, My ministers of flames, I send you forth to purge the dross in My church; to set aright that which is in error, to proclaim THE TRUTH.

Some will hear, some will not. I am dividing the wheat from the tares, the sheep from the goats. After this time of refining, purging and judgment, MY HOUSE WILL BE A HOUSE OF PRAYER, MY HOUSE WILL BE A PLACE THAT WILL LEAD MANY TO THE HIGHWAY OF HOLINESS.

MY HOUSE WILL BE A HOUSE OF REFUGE. No longer will the lost walk in seeking ME, only to find that they are turned away, turned away by the self-righteousness, the judgment and the spirit of greed that exists there.

WAKE UP My church, WAKE UP My bride for I will have a holy people, I will not let My house be brought into disrepute. WAKE UP, receive My messengers of fire, My messengers of flame and be purged before My wrath falls upon the earth.

I would that none perish but that all should be saved. Will you receive My words through My messengers or will your pride, your religious doctrines, your theologies, get in the way? Will you hear My Spirit speaking through My Ministers of fire, My messengers of flames?

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Chaos must proceed My Glory being manifest to the world, this is so that more will receive My Son. I will orchestrate events that the only way they can go, is to look upward. You will shine brightly My Beloveds, and they will come streaming to you looking for answers, seeking the truth. I WILL IN NO WAY LEAVE YOU, NOR FORSAKE YOU in the coming time, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. This will be a thrilling time My Beloveds, DO NOT FEAR. IT IS THE SUMMATION OF THE

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Great will be My Glory upon you in those dark times. Your heart will thrill at the signs and wonders I will perform to glorify My name! A word of caution My Beloveds, do not be deceived by the signs and wonders done by the evil one, the dragon.

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DO NOT FEAR FOR GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD. Hold fast to what you have and make room for more. IT IS TIME Beloveds, it is time. The bells are tolling, the trumpets blowing, the seas roar, the winds blow as a hurricane. Change is coming, great change. It is for this purpose My Beloveds that you have been through the fire; a people made white, a people that will reflect My glory, that will walk in My power and authority. This is the season that it has been all about, for when you see these things come upon the earth, BE PREPARED TO SHOW THEM THE WAY. You were born for such a time as this; to be a beacon of light to the lost, a hand of provision, a source of My light and love in a dark world.

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More Housecleaning

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HOUSECLEANING TIME

The season of spring-cleaning is quickly approaching. I'm not a huge enthusiast of housecleaning but when the clutter mounts up and the house starts stinking then it's time to take out the garbage. Below is my take on some of the spiritual trash that needs to be disposed of in my opinion.

THE PASSION

Recently I've read articles about the movie, The Passion, that have ranged from deifying Mel Gibson to anointing him as the Antichrist. For what it's worth, here are my two cents:

An interesting thing happened the day that the movie came out. I went out my door to go to the gym and the car alarm was going off in my van for no reason. The car alarm doesn't even WORK and go off when it is supposed to! Now, for no apparent reason whatsoever, it was going off like crazy. When I got to the gym and got out in the parking lot, a nearby car's alarm started going off like crazy also for no reason. There was no one around near enough to even touch it. The parking lot was across the street from the movie theater where the Passion was playing.

The Lord told me that THIS MOVIE IS A WAKE UP CALL FOR THE CHURCH. It may be used to touch the nonbeliever but the Lord wanted this movie made FOR THE CHURCH and that this may just be their LAST 911 call. Last fall I remember there were a lot of words about the Lord sounding a major trumpet blast that He would use to awaken His Church.

I believe this movie is that wake up call for the Christian Church and those who call themselves Christians. This movie should serve as a training video for anyone who wants to sign up for "the Lord's Army." The message is: "be ready to die because if you want to use Jesus' name then you better be willing to follow in His footsteps."

During flashbacks in the movie Jesus makes several statements from the Scriptures about love. One of the last statements made in the movie is that if we are in Him and love Him then WE NEED TO LOVE EACH OTHER THE SAME WAY THAT HE LOVED US. In other words, the message that needs to get across to the hard headed, and even harder hearted Church is that when we become Christians we had better be READY and WILLING to walk through the same kind of fire HE walked through for US on behalf of even those that hate us and even those that - God forbid - are sinners.

Being a Christian isn't about sunshine and rainbows and financial miracles or about tearing down anything and anybody that we don't agree with. Being a Christian means being willing to walk through hell and death not only for those that we love but for those who are our enemies, those who hate and mock us and those who want to kill us by any means possible. Most recruiters don't tell you that when they want you to sign on the dotted line!

But THAT is God's love and that is the kind of love that He requires from those who want to call themselves by His name!

When real faith is demanded it won't take long to separate the sheep from the goats. No one can love the way Jesus loved us apart from the Holy Spirit. Those who have treated God like some kind of "Santa in the Sky" that rewards them for being good and punishes them for being bad will find that when the heat goes up, their self-imposed righteousness will be the first thing to burn away. The only hope ANY of us has is that Jesus lives in us and will give us the strength by HIS SPIRIT to carry whatever cross is demanded of us.

Jesus, save us all!

GODZILLA VS. MOTHRA

I listened to all of the Internet hype before The Passion was released and tried to not get caught up into it, but if nothing else, this movie is certainly causing a lot of dross to rise to the surface that needs to be scooped away.

Let me say this: Mel Gibson is NOT the Antichrist. Catholics are not the enemy. Satan is the enemy! The Catholic Church System is only the mother of all the little Protestant spiderlings in my opinion. Non-Catholic church systems are no better. The whole Babylonian "church" system that we have now is the antichrist baby of the Queen of Heaven and Leviathan. Protestants may have attempted to distance themselves from the Roman Church and it's marriage with the politics of Constantine but they are still doing a mighty fine job of carrying on the family traditions of killing the true saints of God, trying to be justified by following the rules, engaging in empty rituals, twisting and manipulating Scripture and empowering both the clergy and secular kings with money and approval no matter how evil they might be.

The real problem among “Protestant critics” is that they can't believe that the Lord would use a CATHOLIC to get His message across. But then again, who would've believed He would use a guy incarcerated for attempted rape or a scrawny shepherd boy or a low class carpenter from a crummy little town where nothing good came from? For that matter, who would've believed He would use somebody like you or me?

People that can only see the Antichrist in everything are succumbing to the Antichrist. He doesn't want us to see anything but HIM! Basically it was a religious spirit that called Jesus Beelzebub and a blasphemer and that caused men to kill Him thinking they were doing God a favor! Religious zealots today (and I use the term RELIGIOUS specifically) are under the same delusions when all they can see is the devil and not God. People will find what they are looking for. If they are looking for evil then that is what they are going to find and how they are going to interpret the symbols. And if they ARE evil - they are going to interpret them from an evil point of view.

In the movie the Satan character is holding an ugly baby with a big head that one article I read compared to the Antichrist child. I agree with them on that! It makes sense to me that it would have a big head because that is where that spirit gets it's power - from the MIND -not the heart - and that is exactly where these “prophetic pundits” are operating out of. They have gotten so enamored with their own ability to see symbolic types and to read spiritual messages into every thing by the power of their own HEAD knowledge (sound like a familiar TREE?) that they are losing their ability to see with the “eyes of their heart.”

(It might also be noted here that the Scriptures say that we are saved when we believe with our HEARTS – not our MINDS. There are a lot of people who have head knowledge about God but little to no heart knowledge. That might explain why there are so many who call themselves “Christians” but so little of the power of God demonstrated in the world today.)

My question is what are these “devil watchdogs” afraid of? That Satan is bigger than God?? Even if the movie came straight from the pit of hell (although it's hard for me to see how Satan benefits from a risen Christ being portrayed to millions and millions of people), are we to worry that God is too weak to use it for HIS purposes? Is God unable to hang Haman on his own gallows? These “prophets” make it seem like the Lord is just some hand wringing sop out there who is just continually being used and taken advantage of by the devil. Talk about crucifying Christ over and over again! Jesus is maligned and mocked when the impression is given that He is not in complete control of all things and when we doubt that all things can be used for HIS glory.

God is STILL the Godzilla of the universe and the devil is only a little moth in His fiery blast! Give glory to God and not the devil.

Jesus, save us all!

THE MOTHER OF THE BRIDE

One of the articles I read about The Passion had a problem with Satan being portrayed as androgynous. But what is their problem with that? There is no male/female in the spiritual realm and Satan IS Leviathan (a snake); the Antichrist (a man) and the Queen of Heaven (female). So it seems rather inspired to me that Mel would make the character look like it could fit into any of those roles.

Supposedly the issue has to do with the portrayal of Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a sympathetic way by Gibson. I suspect that the greater problem is that nobody – Catholic or non-Catholic – can cope with the concept that God has feminine attributes as well as male.

The problem with Catholics and their Mary is that they don't understand that Mary was just a surrogate and that the Holy Spirit was the real mother of Jesus. So they deify Mary and give power to a demonic spirit that wants to set itself up as the “Queen of Heaven”.

The problem with non-Catholics is that they can’t cope with the power of the feminine side of God and so they demonize Mary and beat women with submission. They give power to that same spirit that in reality hates women and wants to destroy them. The real mother of Jesus is marginalized and denigrated both in the form of the Holy Spirit and the human Mary that carried Jesus and loved Him.

And on a personal note on behalf of the real Mary: What good mother DOESN’T feel the suffering of her child? What child doesn’t turn to their mother for strength and comfort in times of trial? Mary didn’t ask to be deified and I’m sure she is in heaven cringing at much of what is said and done in her name. Give the woman a break! Personally, I don’t think Jesus is going to stand up on Judgment Day and applaud those that trashed His earthly mother just because they couldn’t tell the difference between the real and the counterfeit any more than he is going to reward those who glorified her over Him.

The problem with the Pagans is that they’ve been so brutalized by the absolutely unholy and unscriptural “Christian” concepts of God and women that they have created goddesses and deified them instead of embracing the FULLNESS of God that encompasses both male and female. In so doing, they also give power to this demonic “Queen of Heaven.” But who is Jesus going to hold accountable for that? It’s the responsibility of the CHURCH to be a witness to these people. The Church has been giving a false witness about women AND the Gospel to the world for centuries. Personally, on Judgment Day, I think there might be a lot of “Pagans” in better stead than a lot of people that claimed they were Christians and only helped lead the “pagans” astray with their false witness or apathetic or judgmental attitudes.

Christians love to talk about the world and how bad it is and how all those sinners need to be saved but who is Jesus going to hold accountable in the end if the world is not saved? The World? How can that be just if they have never heard the TRUE Gospel or seen a TRUE witness of God’s LOVE through US? Nope, I think WE’RE the ones that are going to be held to account.

The bottom line: It seems to me that the old demonic Queen is the one who wins in every case – Catholic, non-Catholic, or Pagan. So who is the most culpable in empowering this demonic principality? Maybe the non-Catholics better take the plank out of their own eye before they try and take that Mary splinter out of the eye of their Catholic brothers and the goddess splinter out of the eye of their Pagan friends. There are a lot of blind men out there leading the blind while the devil dances with his queen all over our heads.

HERE COMES THE BRIDE

Speaking of deification, there’s one area that the non-Catholics are out-doing the Catholics and their Mary with by a mile. There has been a general elevation of many Christians by themselves to a higher status than Mary in calling themselves “the Bride.”

The problem stems from the same root; however, that Catholics have with Mary. Just as Catholics don’t understand that the MOTHER of Jesus is the Holy Spirit, most Christians don’t understand that it is the HOLY SPIRIT who also IS the Bride of Jesus. Perhaps a better reading of the passage from Revelation – “The Spirit and the Bride say come” – might be: “The Spirit who IS the Bride says come.” It isn’t US – it is the Holy Spirit IN US that is the Bride of Jesus - and only those who have come into the FULLNESS of the Holy Spirit, at that.

Being a part of the “church” does not automatically make us part of the Bride of Christ. We become part of the Bride when we enter into the FULLNESS, PERFECTION, MATURITY of Christ by the Holy Spirit. Since I don’t see too many Christians walking around in “the fullness of Christ” or filled to the full measure of the Holy Spirit as of yet, I have to assume that we still have a whole lot of spots and wrinkles that need to be ironed out of our souls. And it is still not clear who will be willing to undergo that process to its finale. So, in my opinion, I think we should be a little less casual in tossing that title around or assuming that we have some sort of automatic right to “bride ship”.

Not all of the virgins had oil (the Holy Spirit) in their lamps when the Bridegroom came. The old Queen of Heaven likes to try to steal and fit into the true Bride’s shoes as well as mother Mary’s! She can dress up like the Bride as well as the mother and if we are not careful she can also be empowered in that usurped position. Ultimately it is the presence of the fullness of the Holy Spirit that will reveal the true Bride and expose the false. We need to remember that the Bride is chosen by the Bridegroom and many are called but few are chosen. So until we hear from Jesus, Himself, we might want to be careful not to move to the head of the table and get too comfortable.

OF GODS AND GENERALS

And speaking of self-assumed “titles”: I am kind of amazed at the number of Christians in the Lord’s Army these days that outrank Jesus, Himself. Every time I turn around I hear about someone being “promoted” to the rank of “general” by some apostle or prophet. Even Jesus, is only CAPTAIN of the Host. How is it that we’re able to hold a higher position than HE does?

Generals are people who sit around on the hilltop smoking cigars and drinking whiskey, arguing among themselves over privilege and rank, and making up tall war stories to feed their egos and maintain their positions and cover their own butts. Meanwhile, the poor slug soldier is down in the valley getting his butt blown off, fighting and dying.

All this “general” stuff is just the same old Nicolatian B.S. that has been dividing the body of Christ by rank and position for generations. Whether it is dividing people into clergy and laity or generals and foot soldiers, it still is the same old stinking stuff. The ground at the Cross is flat. Our position is to be at HIS feet looking up to HIS leadership and shoulder-to-shoulder with each other.

For the record: If you get a “promotion” in the Lord’s Army it generally means that you will be sent to the front of the line which means the FRONT LINE where you will get shot at and probably killed. It’s the Holy Spirit that promotes men and women to the position of “suffering servant.” It is the Antichrist Spirit that promotes men and women to the position of “general.” Satan would love nothing better than to see the Lord’s Army FULL of “generals”.

THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG

And speaking of warfare…

Some spiritual warfare people tend to get caught up in “pagan symbolism” and do lots of research into their rites, rituals, festivals, etc. in order to expose spirits and get a strategy to fight the devil. That is well and good but it is only the beginning. My firm belief is not that the Church took Pagan holidays and rituals and “Christianized” them but rather that the Pagans took the original spiritual truth that came from the Lord and “paganized” it. So to throw out all myths, symbolism, etc. as being “Pagan” and not from the Lord goes too far. We have to keep digging to find what the TRUTH is behind it all because IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD.

God was here first! The devil has no power of creation. He can only copy and counterfeit. We need to stop being so afraid of the devil and his “stuff” that we forget that EVERYTHING in the earth is the Lord’s and everything belonged to HIM first. I don’t want to give the devil ANYTHING. I want it ALL back. We need to stop being scared of Christmas trees and Easter eggs and take back the TRUTH that is the LORD’S that is in EVERYTHING.

Another thing that some “spiritual mappers” get lost with is that they tend to get too tied to geography.

In other words, they think that if they map an area that what will happen spiritually will also be tied to that specific geographical area. Much too limited. The earth is a SPIRITUAL MAP – a reflection of many SPIRITUAL dimensions and truths that are outside of time and space. And the spiritual is definitely NOT linear but rather is multifaceted, interconnected and “shalom.” Multi-layered. MULTI – MULTI – layered! We really need to learn to think “outside the box” and then think outside THAT box! “Territory” is much more than just physical territory.

The map doesn’t just reflect the “Dark Side” but the Lord’s side also. EVERYTHING has been counterfeited by the enemy so it is not enough to just look at what the map is showing us about the devil. The CRUCIAL part and the part that will bring about the greatest spiritual change is to also see what the LORD is trying to say about HIS purposes. Most spiritual mappers/warriors don’t keep going that far. They think that it is enough to tear down the enemy’s work and they stop there. They don’t realize that we must also establish the LORD’S work. There has to be RESTORATION as well of the original truth. This is what the earth is groaning for!

It is in prophesying the CREATIVE WORD after the enemy’s territory has been taken that we sow the seeds that will begin the rebuilding of the truth in the earth after the warfare. The creative Word must be spoken as well as the Word of destruction and judgment to the enemy. Too many warriors spend all their time telling the devil who HE is and not enough time speaking into existence who JESUS is.

ANGELS WITH ATTITUDE

We should also be careful to remember that we are not the ones who actually fight the war in the Spirit. We often NEED to fight the battle in our minds and souls first in order to obtain the authority with the Lord to go out on the larger battleground, but in the spiritual realm involving territorial spiritual warfare, it is the angels that do the fighting. What we may forget is that it is God’s divine order for angels to be our servants and they are waiting for OUR orders! This is a crucial part of spiritual warfare that is often forgotten. It is our job to release the angels to war and to maintain occupation of captured territory.

We should also be careful not to think that angels are obligated to cover our butts if we put ourselves in the middle of a gunfight we have no business in. They only obey the voice of the Lord so before we try to give them orders we better be sure that we’re speaking with the Lord’s authority. There are some out there who like to shoot their mouths off about what big guns they carry but every good gunfighter knows it’s better to walk softly and carry a great big angel with a bad attitude.

And with that bit of “wisdom” I will conclude this “housecleaning.” May God save us all!

Monday Nov 1

Bob Neumann

Four years ago I had a "vision" the night before the last election. But I did not write it down and pass it on as I was supposed to. Now I have another. These "day before" night visions are intense and I have waited till now to try and put it down. So all this took place before 0500 Monday morning.

I found myself in a large open area. It was paved, but it was not a street. Sort of like one of those places in DISNEY WORLD where "roads"/"paths" come together. There were hundreds of people alone, in couples, and in small groups. All moving along as if they all had someplace they were going to. Now I noticed that there were buildings around this area but that was about it. They were just there. It seemed like everyone, young and old had a destination in mind. Except me...

Then suddenly everything went black. Like someone threw the light switch. It had been bright and I had not even looked for the SUN so I have no clue of what time it was. Now I have had power outages over the years. So I did what I always do. I stopped where I was and waited for my "eyes" to adjust. All around me I "heard" the sounds of fear and panic. Screams, shouts, weeping as I could hear the people who were still trying to move around in the dark.

Just before it went black I had been passing a building to my left. The brief glance I had of it before everything went black was that I thought it was a brick wall. Now standing still I reached out with my left arm and did a slow quiet shuffle till I felt the cold wall and but my back against it. And then I just squatted down and slowly looked from side to side trying to "see" what I was hearing all around me.

Now I know I am getting older and my night vision and depth perception are not what they were, but I knew this was all taking place "IN THE VALLEY OF VISION". Whatever I was to learn from what was taking place was going to be in THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT. So I watched and waited. After a "long" while I could perceive movement, but little else. Now I was listening to a lot of people stumbling, falling, and running into other people. I could hear scuffles breaking out as "people" ran into others. Wrestling/fighting in the DARK makes no sense. Especially when you could not tell "friend" from "foe". And as I thought that thought I hard an old and familiar VOICE say "ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO ANYWHERE SOON?" The only thing I could think of was "No, not really."

Someday I will have the perfect answer to one of HIS RHETORICAL QUESTIONS. Witty, humorous, and with exquisite timing. This just was not it. So I leaned back against the wall and sat down on the ground. A moment later I "felt" HIM sit down beside me. No sound at all in HIS MOVEMENT. AND WE SAT....

Now I could still hear people "moving" all around us. People crying, cursing, calling out for help. I did not hear any "praying"...

I turned my head and looked at my companion....and I wondered. Am I with MY CAPTAIN or am I with MY SHEPHERD. Is this THE LAMB THAT TREADS THE WINEPRESS, or is it THE BRIDEGROOM. With those thoughts HE TURNED HIS FACE to me and SMILED. Then I laughed.... I got THE JOKE....

And we both stood up and I followed just behind HIS LEFT SHOULDER....

Many who read this will wonder what any of it has to do with the election today. To those who ask, I regret no answer will help you at this point.

Psalm 27 Selah Bob Neumann

Matters Of Spirit And Soul

Dorothy Hedlund

Matters Of Spirit & Soul & 'New Creation Beings' –,

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[The following was given directly as a word of the Lord following an experience I can only describe as 'a piercing.' Because 'piercings' deal with things of one's 'spirit' rather than soul, the Lord began an overview of the two. It's not comprehensive, but simply that which He wanted to convey that particular day.]

The spirit of the believer within…

[JESUS]: "Your spirit does not sin. Your spirit is that part of you, even now…pure within. Your spirit has 'no mind' of its own. It operates in conjunction, only, with the mind of Christ. Your spirit was created with the ability to secure itself to Me; we are 'jointly one' for eternity. Your spirit was also created with 'valves & connectors' to hook-up with others to form 'body parts.' Your spirit cannot exist apart from Myself and must come into intimacy in order to function effectively. Your spirit has 'eyes' and 'ears' and finely-tuned senses, all of which are magnified (as from the natural realm) many times over. Your spirit can fly and run and soar. Your spirit can walk on water, or swim into the depths of the sea. Your spirit recognizes My Word and revelation as that from the 'realm of FACT.' It has no need even for faith. Your spirit has throne-room access to the Father & beyond. Your spirit can enter into Him to further bond. Your spirit is not complex, as is your soul. Your spirit as child-like, is simple & free. Your spirit is the first part of you to approach and go through 'new doors.' Your spirit is always trusting, forgiving & gentle, yet bold & full of life. Your spirit received the first of My fillings as a bridegroom with His bride. Your spirit easily recognizes right from wrong and sees with clarity – things that still are chained, in bondage, and things that are truly free.

Functions of one's soul…

Your soul, however, is an entirely different part of you, which gives 'personality' to all you do. In speaking of your transformed soul, that even now I shape & make – your soul is that part of you that gazes into My face. Your soul holds your passions and intellect, your talents and your will… all of your emotions…and the 'love tank' I constantly fill. Your soul is that part of you that must be sanctified. Your soul is also that part of you – that must be crucified. Your soul is that part of you that experiences guilt, and doubt, and shame. The soul is that part of you that is often motivated by selfish gain. Your soul must also be 'connected,' due to need, directly to ME. Your soul is that part of you which desperately needs to receive. Once a soul begins to receive living waters, wine & bread directly from Me, as Lord, never again is it satisfied by what the world once offered it before. The soul of a man or woman is the 'battlefield' where time is spent – by Satan and his minions, causing 'harm' where 'good' was meant.

The soul can often be confused, tossed about as waves of the sea. The soul at times resists My will, but needs boundaries. The soul, presented with freedom, yet afraid of the unknown, often returns to its 'cell-mates' of law & tradition. Apart from one's spirit, the courage would never come, for one's soul to launch out & pursue, what in My will, must be done. The soul is responsive to My every touch, often transmitting information to the other parts of you. The soul IS complex, and yet such a delight, for from this place of 'thunder & lightning' come also 'fire-works' as we unite. Your soul is that part of you that I carry, and that part of you I place in the covenant bed/Sabboth rest. Your soul is also that part of you of 'spiritual produce' sweet…the milk & honey & nectar, too, which in giving I receive. Your soul, however, also tires and easily becomes fatigued. It can get 'self' into many a situation and a mess of things make. If left to its unredeemed ways, it dictates to spirit & body…the course IT wants to take."

[THE BODY] … He continued, "The body's physical functions are most closely aligned with the mind – a powerful part of the soul, that often takes control. But a body con-trolled by the Spirit and one's spirit-being, is equally free, to live as a 'new creation being' as it was meant to be. Full of light and glory, a vessel of honor & life – the body is the temple in which the Spirit/spirit resides. The body is a fragile thing and will obey 'whoever' is in charge, whether it be your spirit-being…or the soul-life, lower part.

Lover of Our Soul & His Dealings to Make Us Whole

"I divide soul & spirit asunder, by My sharp two-edged sword. Your spirit, then released, enters heaven's door, while that of your other (the soul), I 'shepherd' and care for. Your soul is entrusted into My hands, as Physician Friend, that 'surgeries' then begin (circumcision of the heart & cleansing of all parts). When this process has been successful…and your soul, 'the fruit of the Spirit' bears … then the time has come for 'the triune you' to be 'put back together again.

At this point your 'spirit' is placed 'in charge,' and your soul readily takes 'its place' … the body, too, more disciplined, submits to spiritual ways. This, then, is 'a new creation being,' walking in obedience to God…IN the world, but NOT OF IT, governed by higher Kingdom principles of freedom, not 'above'… but BEYOND 'the law.'

'New Creation Beings'

That which 'rules' this NEW CREATION BEING, [every part: spirit/soul/body, too] are the same 'Kingdom principles' as for those who live above: servanthood & sharing things of Word & life…always considering others 'first'…walking as children of Light – Eternal worship & thanksgiving to our Father, the Ancient of Days…standing strong in one accord…united in every way – Growing in things of Wisdom & Understanding & in the Counsel of the Lord…entrusted with Might & Power & Knowledge in order to serve

Him more – ever abandoned to His will, living in the Fear of the Lord. In this place of daily living as 'new creation men & women' (though as yet vessels of clay), they can boldly, courageously 'stand in the gap,' ushering 'heaven to earth' in their day. Their spirits are His. Their souls are His (their minds/wills/emotions/and dreams). Their bodies are His to use as He deems best, to walk in the authority of the redeemed. Their thoughts are His. Their wills are His. Praise and worship is 'the norm' for their day. By fear of the Lord, they instantly resist 'the flood of filth' sweeping the earth, even as it comes their way. They run into their Fortress/Tower, then become 'shelters' of refuge themselves – oaks of righteousness in the land, encouraging the weary and weak. All that they are – and all they possess – is offered wholly to God's use. Obeying His Word as soon as it's heard, they strategically 'storm hells gates' and prisoners loose.

Though not yet 'perfected' as spirits above, their souls 'lean hard on their Lord', in weakness partaking of My strength, to overcome once more. THEIRS is THE BLOOD & TESTIMONY that overcomes the world. Connected to the Lamb and 'one with Him' – they carry 'My standards' unfurled. They march into battle with angelic troops at their side – while emanating from their beings, 'new creation' light. Personal identity is gone. They call themselves "we" – "we" who serve our God, no longer is left "a me."

The restoration of an army of 'new creation beings' …

Jesus continued, "Only a small number of ones such as these, at one time, have ever walked the earth. But those who do now, are about to loose into this realm 'new creation seeds' that will help 'an army' mature. These 'new creation men & women' will first teach others 'HOW TO DIE.' And then they will mentor them, partnered with the Spirit, to help BRING THEM BACK 'ALIVE.'

Many hidden ones/mentors will in sudden brilliance arise as 'torches of great light' – showing the Church the difference between mediocrity and true life. These torchbearers will also carry great authority…beyond the 'apostolic label' of man. These are those entrusted with might, because ONLY JOINED TO ME THROUGH INTIMACY, are they capable even to stand. Many will be women/children/and young adults…but also a great number of men, who topple 'the systems' of Satan & man, at the Lord's command.

How soon will this occur? It has already begun…there's just a generation to go, before I make ALL THINGS new. Even now these 'new creation beings' are being released, coming out of 'furnaces' that were their tomb. Clothed in humility, they'll not be seen – until they grow into an understanding of 'who they are.' Then at the right time, they'll be given command to 'shine' … drawing multitudes in My Church to the Light. They'll

SHOW THEM THEIR GRAVES, PREPARED IN ADVANCE – that a 'crucified army' might come alive.

This process of restoration begins in the spirit, then continues on into the soul & body, too. First, I 'take you apart' to perfect every part – then put you back together again. Yes, it sounds simple, but it requires many years…the purging of fire…death to self…and desperate tears. Those most desperate advance more quickly than those who drag their feet, satisfied with 'who they are.' My greatness, in them, they'll never receive.

Fall Sessions Begin…Don't Skip Class

KNOW WHO YOU ARE – AND WHO YOU ARE NOT. Attend each 'class' I present. In the fall of the year, new sessions begin, in My 'schools & universities' again. Those who advance will be those who 'passed tests,' individualized for each one. It will do no good trying to get answers 'in advance' from someone in your class. Your questions are different, but the outcome the same: only the 'dead to self' make the grade. So if you think you're going to school to 'up your chances' for promotion… think again, this will not be the case. For with such ones of strategy, We begin first with 'select demotions.' There is not time for chatter & talk, flippant attitude nor walk…in My classrooms of this day. If you miss what I say, regarding matters of faith…you'll end up 'off course' and going out of your way.

I WANT you to succeed, and you WILL overcome – as daily you come to Me. I will tutor YOUR SOUL and MAKE YOU WHOLE, to make you a 'new creation being' that's free.

More Victories To Come

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This has been one of the toughest battles My church had to go through, but the victory is now on the horizon, even at your own back door. Church arise, for the Son has come for His bride. You have been purged! You have been purified! You have been placed through the furnace of affliction over and over again, until you have been tried like pure shining gold.

Now you are ready for the harvest that is coming into your churches. You are ready to meet the enemy face to face, without flinching and defeat him at every turn. Arise and shine for the light has come upon the very face of the earth. Much rejoicing will be heard in the camps of My true disciples. Much jubilation! Much laughter and much joy! Oh how the saints will rejoice, saith the Father. For they will now know that the Father has spoken and the Father has been with them in all the storms that life threw their way.

Yes, the battle did rage and the weapons of warfare they were hurled at My true saints, but they came forth victorious. A little battle weary. Many scars from mortal combat, but they emerged victorious. The battle cry of victory will resound from mountain top to mountain top and all will know that a Mighty God did surely fight their battles for them.

Many more victories to come church, many more victories to come. No longer will the slaughter be in My camp, for now it is time for the slaughter to begin in the enemy's camp. And slaughter the enemy you shall, for your faith has truly been tested and tried. Your weapons of warfare have been sharpened and fine-tuned and you know how to wield the weapons and defeat your foe at every turn. Just as David used his slingshot and brought down the dreaded giant, My church has arisen out of the ash heap of war and are ready to go forth as David and defeat the enemy on all sides. How the enemy will tremble. How the winds will howl. For the truth of My Word will bring My saints many victories in the ensuing days ahead.

Test the spirits little ones. Do not allow the enemy to deceive you ever again. Your spirits have been fine tuned to know My voice and My ways, and the deception that has invaded My houses will dissipate as you go forth under the victory flag.

Tomorrow arises with new triumphs. Go forth mighty warriors, go forth and conquer the land that I have given you. For the battle is not yours, saith the Lord, but it is mine. And I am for you and I will fight for you as I did Joshua as he marched around Jericho.

Midst of Week Follow-Up
Dave Prichard

To all who have read "Midst of the Week":

The LORD has really been encouraging me, through some other saints, concerning the overall calendar of 86 Biblical months that I presented in my essays of April 23rd and May 2nd (rev 2). As I stated, I am not a prophet, but merely a student of Biblical PATTERNS and a reader of SIGNS.

But I have been CORRECTED (by the Holy Spirit, and the witness of a 'word' that the LORD gave to another believer) on ONE WRONG ASSUMPTION that I made about the beginning of the 42 months when the "nations" shall tread down Jerusalem. Specifically, my original proposal was ONE MONTH EARLY, because I did not consider the month of Tishri in 2007 as the 42nd month. (Instead, I wrongly assumed the 42 months ended as Tishri began.)

The Hebrew word that we translate as "month" in English is REALLY "moon", and once the NEW MOON Trumpet Call of Tishri 1, 2007 announces the war against those who had trodden down Jerusalem, THEN the 42nd "moon" has come. Think of it like this: a conference is called from Friday at 7 pm to Sunday at 4 pm. On Sunday morning, you greet the crowd, saying, "Welcome to this third day of our conference." And when it’s all over, you met for less than 48 hours, yet many would say it was a 3-day conference. This concept applies all the more when counting "moons", and that is what the Hebrew prophet Daniel was doing when he prophesied "forty-two moons".

This does NOT CHANGE the time of the altar going up (by July), and being consecrated for seven days, and the morning and evening sacrifices beginning. And the "daily sacrifice" will still be stopped by the 9th day of the Hebrew month of Av (mid-July). The counting of "1150 days" (2300 evenings and mornings") is very easy (plus or minus a day) and the time period from Av in 2004 to Tishri in 2007 yields this day-count according to the Biblical and historical pattern that God gave us for a sign.

I want to share an excerpt from a journal entry by Mary Clark of Marianna, FL, on April 29, 2004. It was posted by the "Seven Thunders" prophetic group that can be accessed on InJesus.com. I believe that she has heard from the Spirit of God. I take this word from the LORD to indicate that the accelerated terror war I see coming to Israel is only a PART of a WORLDWIDE war that is about to be unleashed everywhere that mass hatred is brewing. (The CAPS are mine):

"‘Something of catastrophic proportions is about to take place in the world, and when it does, I do not want My beloved staring off into space, wondering about this thing. I want you looking to Me ‘ looking to Me to rectify anything that comes your way. This is My plan, beloved. Let it be yours.

"MANY PEOPLE on the FACE OF THE EARTH are going to be distraught beyond words. They are going to be WRINGING THEIR HANDS IN ANGUISH. But you, My beloved, I want you focused on Me. I want you conversing with Me. I want you to maintain a constant line of communication with Me. That is an order, beloved. That is an order from your Lord and Master. KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH ME OPEN. That is an order!...

"‘ Something is about to happen. It is a good thing that it happens. Remember those words ‘ it is a GOOD thing. It will set off a season of events that will establish My beloved in a place of great wonder.

It is a GOOD thing, beloved. Remember these words ‘ accept these words as truth no matter what you see and no matter what the enemy tries to speak to you’." [END of excerpt.]

Another woman, in a private e-mail to a friend (so I won’t include her name) also has a "piece" of the puzzle. The LORD had already spoken to her on April 19th about something coming in June, weeks before she read my essay:

"I felt the Lord spoke something to me yesterday about a change coming in June... part of what I was seeing is a terrible and terribly important war going on in the Heavenlies. He showed it to me in His word and said that this is happening now. It is what I have been so intently praying about in spirit-felt intercessions. That very word said that that particular battle would last 3 and 1/2 years. My first impression that came to me when I was reading that (I felt the Lord told me to go to that passage and read it, as it was what He was doing right now), was that that time period may end in June. The word says in that place that Michael and his angels would have victory and Satan would be cast out of "Heaven" (those "high places" spoken of in Ephesians)."

There are MANY more believers that are receiving "pieces of the puzzle" in their prayer & study time with the LORD. And SO MANY of them are perceiving the time we are in, just without a structured "calendar of events". As far as I am concerned, those who have an "open line of communication" with God have something FAR MORE VALUABLE than the mere skeleton calendar that I am working on. This calendar is meant to be information to those who sense the time we’re in, and a wake-up call for those who don’t. But it is no substitute for the personal relationship with God that only comes through devotional time spent learning to quiet down and hear His Voice.

Finally, these are not just the "end times", they are the days of the "restoration of all things!" Hallelujah!

So in all the drastic change that’s coming, we need to REJOICE in our Salvation and be ENCOURAGED in our Faith. Because God has promised to POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT on the faithful remnant at this time! And those of us who have watched others being fruitful and felt like our own season of fruitfulness was constantly being deferred ‘ NOW is the time when God is about to raise us up, if we are WILLING to answer the "high call of God". Many of us that He has kept constrained and under discipline until this last season are going to be VERY HAPPY that He kept us on such a "short leash" for so long ‘ for it was for our own good! And EVEN NOW we need to allow Him to raise us up ON HIS OWN TIME SCHEDULE, because too many are going to be taken out through one device or another before the seven years is over. But He has determined that a remnant will remain to fight and intercede, until the Day of His Return. Therefore let us not rush to the battle front at ANY TIME until we are directed to do so. A five-hour, five-minute, or even five-second pause, when the Holy Spirit is saying, "WAIT!", can make the difference between life and death in the days ahead.

Most Powerful Force
Ron McGatlin

Mat 22:37-40 Jesus said to him, " You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

The power of evil is an obvious force in the world. A force that can drive mankind from the order of God into the chaos of disorder. Many people throughout history have noted the power of evil and erroneously believed it to be the most powerful force. Some, such as Hitler of Nazi Germany, have attempted to rule all the world with the power of evil. Evil is not the most powerful force and all who pursue it will eventually fail.

The most powerful force in all creation is the love of God. No other force has the power to order the world. It is through the love of God in the heart of man that evil and any other powerful force can be overcome and brought into the order of God's glorious holiness.

Rom 12:21: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

1 John 4:4,7: You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

God's people are to rule and reign with Him in this life through faith that works by love (Rev 5:10) (Rev 1:6) (Gal 5:6). The ordering of the world to the ways of God comes by what mankind has in his heart. God's love in the heart of man produces purity, holiness, and the order of God. The lack of love in the heart of man produces impurity, evil, and disorder in the world. The order of God that comes through Christ in man is overcoming the world.

1 John 5:4-5: For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world; our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Love is the most powerful force in the world and is able to wash away evil, purify and make holy. Knowing and experiencing the intense passionate love of God causes us to be changed from a self centered heart to a heart of love giving of ourselves to the One who loves us so intensely and to the ones whom He so loves.

The love of God flowing by the Holy Spirit is forming the character and nature of Christ in His Bride - his earthly Body. The hope of the glory of God covering the earth is "Christ in you" the "called out ones", the "ekklesia", the true church. (Col 1:27)

"but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD; Num 14:21

And blessed be His glorious name forever! And let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and Amen. Psa 72:19

Pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
Ron McGatlin

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The Most Important

Ron McGatlin

As we consider going about our daily lives a number of priorities present themselves before us. Options of things we feel we must do and things that we hope to do. If you are like me there are usually more potentials that present themselves to you than can possibly be fit into the day. We may feel pressure from the many important things before us to be done. Why does it seem that we are so overburdened with things to do? What is really the most important? What would it look like if we were lifted up into the heavens above the earth and looked down upon our day from God's perspective? What is really the most important thing?

In the western world, social status, creature comfort and pleasure seeking drive us much more than most recognize. We must strive at earning money to provide two cars and a two car garage to put them in attached to our three bedroom house filled with beautiful furniture just to meet the minimum of social status and comfort.

We must see to our children's needs for the just right cloths to maintain social respect in the educational systems they must compete in to be able to someday get good jobs and get their own stuff. Pleasure demands a big screen TV and participation in many type games and social events including expensive tickets and travel expense for the big games. On and on the list of must haves drives our priority list of things to do higher and higher.

Those who are of a religious mind will also seek to add time for prayer, Bible reading and church participation to the ever growing list. School and extra curricular activities for the kids then drives the list out of sight. Lives come apart as the scattered family suffers much pressure and feelings of guilt because they cannot carry the load and measure up to the requirements of the task master driving them.

Who is this subversive hidden task master driving our lives? Think about it. Is it really possible to be as the Word says in 1 Tim 6:8, "And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content." Why are many drowning in a sea of jobs, work, schedules of stuff to do? Why are so many so starved for pleasure that they can never get enough adult play and entrainment? Who or what is this task master drowning people with strong desires for more?

It is the lust of the flesh the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Lust and pride are destroying the strongest nation on earth. The nation set by God to carry the gospel of the kingdom to the world is drowning in lust for more.

1 Tim 6:9: But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition

1 John 2:16: For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world. .

The richest nation on earth is starving for love. The knowledge and experience of God has been stolen from our people as secularism, humanism and other ungodly mind sets have pushed God from the minds of our people. People are left with a great vacuum of emptiness within that must be filled with exciting things that shine like God but are false gods of entertainment, sports, lofty thoughts, beautiful things, wealth and all it can buy, prestige and honor among men - things of lust and pride. All because the love of God is not filling the people.

Today empty lives are filled with lust and pride and all the stress of activities they give birth to. Many are now turning to the reality of intimate relationship with the love of Father through the cross of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is overcoming lives with the reality of the presence of the intense passionate real love of the Father. The driven need for more is washed away by the fulfillment of the love of God pouring in and through our lives.

The real priority is not even about doing. It is about being - being a son in the presence of the love of the Father.

Pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
Ron McGatlin

My Sheep Hear My Voice
George Acason

My sheep hear my voice. (A warning to the churches)
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For many years now the Lord has been knocking on the doors of the church to let him in but they have been shut to him. He is now calling his people out ,those who have ears to hear. To come out of mystery Babylon, The religious system with out God or power. A form of godliness .denying the power of God. The Holy Spirit, The Spirit of truth given to all that believe by the laying on of hands. To teach us and to guide us into all truth. Lovers of this world more than lovers of God, pleasure seekers. Sports, drama, entertainment, concerts. Covetous people, Merchandising the Holy things of God for profit. Selling their understanding of scripture for financial gain.(Books, tapes and videos.) Using TV. and radio and the internet for merchandising the things of God for finical gain. Placing copyrights on what God has given us freely. Deceiving many by their false doctrines. Preaching another gospel, another salvation message. another Jesus. Worshippers of idols and men. Followers of man and not followers of the Lord Jesus.

Ezekiel.22. Vers.23-29.
23. And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying,
24. Son of man, say unto her, thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.
25. There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof.
26. Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.
27. Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.
28. And her prophets have daubed them with untempered morter, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord God, when the Lord hath not spoken.
29. The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.
Leaning to their own understanding of scripture, and not by the Spirit of truth. They will rather believe a lie than believe the truth that they may be converted, so God will send them a great delusion (the counterfeit) There is a counterfeit anointing operating in the church today. And there are demons in the church and witchcraft .False prophets, teachers, pastors, Apostles and evangelists. For proof of deception and confusion in the church ,just look at the many denominations and confusion in the church to day, and God is not a God of confusion. It is the devil that is bringing confusion in the church today. The leadership are without fear of God or his word or His name, controlling the people of God. To day god is calling his people out. Those who have ears to hear, and through His true prophets. Heed the warnings of his true Prophets. The Lord is gathering His true sheep unto Himself. His little flock.
Jesus spoke of these things to come in the last days.:

Matthew 13. Ver.31-33.
31. Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:

32. Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air (Deamons)come and lodge in the branches thereof.
33. Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened. (False doctrine.)

This is mystery Babylon ,The harlot and her daughters.

For many thousands are beginning to hear his voice and come out. The Lord is calling them to him self. To Zion, The mountain of God. This is the true church. The church that the Lord is building and not man. The true sheep. The woman in Reverlation 12, and out of her shall be berthed the man child.(The sons of God.)These are the 144,000 First fruits to God and to the lamb..

John.10. Ver.14.= I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.
John.10. Ver.27-28.= My sheep hear my voice, and I know them and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. These are the generation that seek his face.(See Psalm 24.)

Ezekiel.34.Vers.2+3.
Son of man, prophecy against the shepherds of Israel, prophecy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe be unto the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flock.
Ver.6.
My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill:
(Every denomination) Yea, my flock was scattered upon the face of the earth, and non did search or seek after them.
Ver.11+12.
For thus saith the Lord God; Behold I ,.even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scatted; so will I seek out my sheep, and deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

These are the true Christians ,(the woman)and they are hearing his voice and are coming out of the religious system. They are been persecuted by satan and rejected by the religious system, because they will not conform to their denomination beliefs and traditions and coverings of man. They will turn many to rightness, cast out devils and heal the sick and set captives free. There will be no more church buildings for them for the ministry will be out in the streets, market places and homes. Jesus alone will be their shepherd and covering. Persecution on the woman (the true church) is about to increase and many will be martyred. When the full amount of martyrs has come in as in Rev.6.Ver.11.= And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled. Then the woman will flee into the wilderness where she shall be protected. When the sons of God are revealed they shall prepare the woman for the days that lie ahead. They will impart the life and light of Christ into those that believe, for it is Christ and the Father that is in them who will do the work.(See John 17. Ver.21 26.)Please seek the Lord for your self For your salvation is between you and God. Jesus is waiting for you to come to him .He desires your fellowship., and he will reveal the truth to you as you seek him. The lord will reveal truth to you in his time. So don't be discouraged if you don't hear from him immediately. For he is still doing a work in you. Seek Him now while he still can be found. Are you of this generation that are seeking the Lord.(See Psalms.24.) The work he has begun in you he will finish it. For he is the author and the finisher of our faith. Be patient as others are going through testings, just as you are. Listen to what God is saying to others concerning the sons of God and his coming kingdom. Continue to seek his face Do not give up. God is preparing us for the evil day, which is about to explode in the earth. That you would be strengthened by his spirit of might in the inner man, to stand strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Heed the voice of the true Prophets, for the door is about to be closed .The church age is at and end. We are about to enter the kingdom age.

Matt. 7 Ver.20-23.
20. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.
21. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.
22. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?
23. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.
For by much tribulation must you enter into the kingdom of God.
Which kingdom will you be in.God bless you and be with you all.

Proverbs.Chap.1. Verses.20-33.
Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets: She crieth in the chief place of concourse, in the openings of the gates :in the city she uttereth her words saying, **How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorners delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge? Turn you at my reproof: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, and make known my words to you. Because I have called, and you have refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my councel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh;** When your fear cometh as desolation, and you destruction cometh as a whirlwind, when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: They would none of my council: they despised all of my reproof .Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own ways, and be filled with their devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.
Do not be foolish ,but be wise, and redeem the day, for the day is evil, and understanding what the will of the father is. Be aware and awake. Seek the Lord for the truth, and the present day truth and walk in it.
Please feel free to share with others.
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Molting Season Is Over

Gloria Reid

The Molting Season Is Over---My Eagles Will Soar Once Again In 2004!

Hear now the Word of the Lord all who have ears to hear. For thus says the Lord, I have sounded a clarion call, a clear and distinct sound of my trumpet is blowing throughout the nations of the earth. Incline thine ears for the season of silence has ended for many of my Warrior Eagles. The silence and the stillness is over, the time is past when for a span of time my own were hidden away in caves, upon high mountain crags and even to some afar off, upon hot desert floors. Note these all typify tests, trials and afflictions. This day I do thus declare, those times are past. I now summon my Prophetic Warriors as Eagles renewed to come forth as my voice from the places I had hidden them in for a moment. For though the enemy perceived it not, it was I alone who caused the voices to fall silent, I called for a Holy hush as it were for a season that I might transform-make new again vessels of my own choosing. In the hiding places--I spoke words of life for this season, I breathed new winds (Ruach) into those the adversary presumptuously mistook for dead. I even clothed with new garments and fashioned and equipped these with weapons of war out of my own arsenal, and they shall be quivers and arrows in my hand, instruments of my choosing for my plans and purposes. For many the silence is past and I will once more call forth those to herald my voice to the nations, the bitterness tasted in the hidden places has been mixed with pure honey which flowed from the Rock, the mouths of my chosen have tasted both the bitter and the sweet and it was nourishment and strength to them, in greater measure they now know the infilling of my resurrection power, it's life renewing, life giving properties. These know they have experienced the flow of fresh anointing from my own hands into their bruised, battered and beaten spirits--the many woundings (marks) of a true warrior. This too shall be for an eternal witness of healing unto their own lives and then outward to the nations. The molting season is over, and I have filled the horns of my servants, my mouthpieces to the nations with sufficient oils that you may be carriers of the anointing to my people. My renewed eagles will come forth with my healing in their wings to the lost and dying, I am calling forth visionaries to the nations, I am propelling them to CATAPULT into this new year of 2004. Know my precious sons and daughters, your molting season is over--arise and soar in 2004--allow my voice to ROAR! You will no longer be seen as the fledgling ones (weak, ineffective, cast off ones) --he who has ears to hear, must and will speak again to the nations.

NOTE: Molting: To exchange, to cast off or shed the exoskeleton, hair, outer skin, horns, or features at certain intervals, prior to replacement of the castoff parts by a new growth: e.g...the Eagle

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Measure The Building
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Measure The Building For Its Correctness
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EZE 40:5 I saw a wall completely surrounding the temple area. The length of the measuring rod in the man's hand was six long cubits, each of which was a cubit and a handbreadth. He measured the wall; it was one measuring rod thick and one rod high.

AM 3:7 Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.

"I am going to raise up a new breed of minister in this hour. I am bringing my prophets to a new level of understanding. I am showing them more and more things about future events. What is it that I would speak about or share with you? I would speak of governments and policies. I would speak of the delusions that have blinded many people in this hour. I would speak of the sins that have risen to a high degree of immorality. I would speak of wars and rumors of wars. I would speak of churches that have left the spirit out of their assemblies. "

"I tell you that a new breed of message is coming forth. No longer will it be bathed in mediocrity. "

(The Lord showed me a man who held a stick in his hand. It was cut and shaped like a piece of wood that has been used in a building. He then took it and broke it in half. He then lifted this piece of wood and began to align it on top of a section of wall. The stick was not to be used, because it would not "fit" the shape of the wall. He then was given a new piece of wood which was a measuring rod. This was then being used to measure the sides of building that he was inspecting.)

"I am giving you a measuring rod to determine the correctness of the building.. With it you will determine where those in the building have gone astray. No one is to measure themselves with one another, but only from Me. "

"Guard the buildings, and I will reveal more to you, my prophets."

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What Is A False Prophet And What Is Not
Stephen Hanson

April 11, 2004

I wanted to say a few things about what constitutes a false prophet. There seems to be some misinformation and possibly some "false teaching" going around concerning what is and what is not, a false prophet today. I say this, partly because I hear folks from time to time, say "if it doesn't come to pass then surely this person is a false prophet." Interesting statement, but is it necessarily true? I want to share a few sections of scripture here and maybe together we will arrive at what is true concerning these things.

Below are some identifications of some things that might help us arrive at what is false:

Characteristics of False Prophets

I Thess.5:21
Mat. 7:15

MT 7:15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. [16] By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? [17] Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree *bears bad fruit. [18] A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. [19] Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. [20] Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.*

1. Those who speak in the name of "other Gods"
2. Those who speak falsely in Jehovah's name
3. The word is false
4. The word does not line-up with the word of God
5. Does not receive Godly instruction
6. Totally unteachable
7. Draws attention totally to himself and not to God

*It seems clear here that one of the main considerations when judging whether someone is true or false, is their character. When Jesus talked about good and bad fruit above, He didn't declare or mention, about whether or not a prophecy or a word from this person came to pass or not.

We also have an example from 2Peter:

2PE 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them--bringing swift destruction on themselves. [2] Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. [3] In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

True words and False Words

Below are some examples of individuals who gave true and false words. Examine these and see that some of these "prophets" were evidently "true," but the word that they gave was not true. Again does that make them a true or a false prophet?

1. True prophet that brings a true word--II Chron. 12:5
2. True prophet that brings a false word--I Kings 13
3. False prophet that brings a true word--Josh 13:22
4. False prophet that brings a false word--Numb. 23:5-10, 22:7, 24:1

Finally, let it be known and let it be clear, that I am not saying that it is not important for a prophet to not consider the importance of their words from God. I believe that we must be careful and accountable to others when we declare that something is going to happen at such and such a time, and that this is going to happen. "If" it doesn't come to pass, then we are held accountable about the message. That is a heavy responsibility and one that carries with it a heavy burden as well. However, when someone makes a mistake that doesn't mean that that individual is "false." The message, or part of it, at least, didn't come to pass in the manner in which it was spoken. The person hearing the message from God either mixed part of their own understanding, or they just didn't hear it correctly. That doesn't brand them as "false," but their message as "not true." We need to separate the person from the message.

I hope that this message or teaching, proves to be of benefit and that we can come to maturity in our understanding concerning what is false and what is not.

Stephen Hanson

Making Void
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

In last week's letter we shared some of our travel experiences. This week I would like elaborate somewhat on the main topic that Abba had laid on our hearts in the course of the travels.

About two months before the trip the burden of the disunity, division, strife and contention in the Two House movement became heavier, and especially so after someone who had been on my mailing list for a long time requested to be removed for no other reason than our participation at the MIA conference. That this would be cause for breaking fellowship, even though it is only via e-mail, grieved me deeply. That sad (but only too typical) occurrence set the stage for the main message that the Spirit was impressing upon me.

In the last letter that I sent before we left (# 239) I had already shared about the topic at hand. This time, however, I would like to approach this issue from a different angle. In Paul's (Shaul's) writing to one of the Corinthian assemblies he addressed some issues which revolved around similar problems:

"Now I exhort [plead with] you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10).

The reason for the rise of these difficulties was that the believers were not following their King, Master and Lord - Yeshua; they wanted to follow and be identified with some individual (rabbi, pastor, teacher). Similarly, today individuals identify themselves with movements, organizations or certain figures more than they do with Yeshua. Shaul points out that this engenders strife, contention and division, which renders the cross or the sacrifice of Yeshua void or of none effect. Obviously a very serious matter indeed!

"For Messiah did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross [sacrifice] of Messiah should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross [Messiah's death] is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of YHVH" (1 Cor. 1:17-18).

What was the apostle pointing to when referring to making the cross void? What did the Father accomplish through His Son's death? Yes, He was reconciling the world unto Himself. But what was the apostle really referring to when he made the statement regarding the strife and division in the assembly? Shaul called his addressees, babies, unregenerate men, carnal and fleshly. For Shaul to write in such a manner is an indication that the recipients of his letter were making void the execution stake of Messiah. How could they be fleshly or carnal when according to the good news they (that is, the fleshly carnal man) have "died"?

"For the love of Messiah compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Messiah according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Messiah, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new" (2 Cor. 5:14-17).

Here we have the gospel in a nutshell but the question is: do we believe that this is true, not only for ourselves but of all humanity too? This is a very radical gospel, but it is the wisdom and power of YHVH (if we believe it), and it is therefore not surprising at all that man would consider it foolishness (1 Cor. 2:14). Yet, we who believe are to embrace this truth and no longer view any man after the flesh.

We are to consider every man "DEAD"! How then are we to be looking at our lives? "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from YHVH, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by YHVH. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Spirit of Holiness teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of YHVH, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one" (1 Cor. 2:12-15).

We have had our eyes open to spiritual realities, and therefore this is how we are to view (judge) life. Shaul says that we are either slaves, or servants, of the spiritual kingdoms of this world (sin and death which is the nature of the tree of knowledge of good and evil), or we are vessels and servants of YHVH's kingdom, whose nature is righteousness, peace and joy.

By experience we know that we all are carting a "mixed bag", and that the power of sin can still work in and through our members. However, we should also be aware of the fact that we who have died and were buried are now alive in Him who was raised from the dead, as He is now our life. "Thus we know Him [and ourselves] no longer after the flesh. For you died, and your life is hidden with Messiah in YHVH; When Messiah who is our life appears [or is unveiled to us through revelation knowledge], then you also will appear [will know who you are] with Him in glory" (Col. 3:3,4). Yeshua is the "new creation man"; He is the "One New Man" and we are members of that one corporate body. We are the body of Messiah here on earth and His Spirit life is becoming one with our soul as the latter recognizes that it must partake of His divine nature, which we have been freely given by the obedience of faith. Thus we move from faith to faith and glory to glory (ref 2 Cor 3:18) Our spirit life is hidden in His and, as another apostle wrote, "His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Pet. 1:3-4).

Now to return to the point that the apostle was making about strife, contention and division in the assembly, and about those who are so engaged. From the above scriptures we can see how serious these matters are, and therefore we must take the responsibility to repent if we have participated with any unclean spirits. If we make void the sacrifice of YHVH's Passover Lamb, all of the subsequent feasts of YHVH are also made of none effect, especially Yom Kippur (the day of atonement).

May I end this letter by a quote from a bondservant and an apostle?

"To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God [and Father] through our Savior Messiah Yeshua: Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of YHVH and of Yeshua our Lord [Master, King, Shepherd, Redeemer, and LIFE]" (2 Pet. 1:2-3).

Shabbat Shalom

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My Warnings My Glory

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"A man who remains stiff-necked after many rebukes will suddenly be destroyed, without remedy." Proverbs 29:1

"For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil." Ecc 12:14

"In the time of My favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, NOW is the day of salvation." 2 Cor 6:1-3

I have been speaking through My prophets to many of My own who have taken their salvation for granted. You are bold in faith but it has not been to bring glory to Me but to bring glory to yourself. Living for the sake of appearances, all the while saying that you are "walking My walk" but your actions speak louder than your words. Many are twisting the word for your own destruction accepting what you do or do not want, twisting it for your own selfish desires.

I have given a final call, a final choice of "choose ye this day whom you will serve!!" There is no longer any time for a compromising walk amongst My own. You must choose and it must be immediately. There can be NO compromise in a walk with Me, NONE. You must serve Me in Spirit and in Truth, there is no room for operating in the flesh. Choose now while you still have the opportunity to do so....heed this final warning, this final call. As with everything final comes either wanted or unwanted consequences, you alone make the decision.

I have given you ample warning through My prophets to make a turnaround and get back on track but sadly for many of you your heart remains hard for you did not listen to My warnings with your spirit but with your soul. You continue to be unwilling to receive reproof for your walk - now the warnings are over and My prophets will be instructed to say no more!

For My Faithful Ones who continue to be humble seeking no name or honor for themselves, focusing only on Me, you are going BEYOND what has been familiar to you. BEYOND your expectations. BEYOND your comprehensions. BEYOND what you have even tried to figure out.

You are going BEYOND those things for I have called for a vessel that has been broken & cleansed. A vessel that has been willing to speak My words, even those of reproof as well as blessing. This has not been easy for you as you have suffered rejection and ridicule for obeying My instructions. But all works for your good as I have been taking you and others on a journey unto Myself, NOW you shall step into your destiny.

It is with much love that I your God speak to you this day. I say to you, O weary soul, ARISE! ARISE! and take your rightful place in My plan. I AM placing you in a strategic place and it is time to take that place. BEHOLD, I AM with you. BEHOLD, My hand is upon you. BEHOLD, I AM undergirding you with My right arm. You have waited and waited, through much pain and suffering, tests and trials ... NOW hear Me say "IT IS TIME!"

My Blood and My Name is setting the captives free. FREE from all that has oppressed you and held you back. The anointing is breaking the yokes. I have chosen you and called you and have placed upon you the anointing and given you authority to use the NAME above all names to set the captives free. Your life has prepared you for such a time as this NOW I AM sending you forth with a commission and a mission to those who are in bondage that they may be free.

You have been faithful even under the most severest of tests and there have been many. You have seen even those closest to you persecute and reject you. You have tarried and you have waited for the promise that I have given you but still even in this you have reached out in your time of waiting. You have been faithful and you have sought Me. Now is the time for your hopes and desires to be fulfilled as you go forth in My behalf.

You have heard My voice, you have answered My call. NOW I will make the ways clear and will send you forth as I have promised. Nothing, I say NOTHING shall stand in your way again! You will share experiences that only you can share and you will teach and share the awesomeness of your God and you WILL see the Glory of the Lord!

I am bringing to an end the most difficult of times that you have ever been in... Beloved, KNOW that this time has given you wisdom and understanding of ME and Who I AM. I have filled your mouth and heart with wealth and you have much to offer You will touch the masses with your words. GET READY FOR A SUDDENLY! As Barabbas, a sinner had a suddenly and was set free, how much more will My Faithful Ones have their Suddenly and be set free! You will see all obstacles that are hindering you suddenly be removed from your life for it is time to go forth. Keep your eyes fixed solely on ME and be ready, for in a moment, SUDDENLY.... all will come to pass!!!

Move With My Spirit

Sandy Brunson

Jun 09, 2004
Prophetic Word given to Sandy Brunson

"I would have you rested before Me. Do not be so geared up that you do not take time for your rest at My feet. This is the place where the wounds from the past and the present are healed and closed over. It is also the place where you are to receive your instructions for life in the present and for the future. Wait upon Me. Do not be so anxious to get at a task again. Rest in My Presence.

"The spirit is a special part of a person. It needs periods of re-charging and replenishing as does the body. As a result of being in My presence, you may begin anew, stronger than before, My child... more determined than ever to love Me and shine for Me...more committed to do My will.

"The real warfare lies ahead in these last days. My children must be armed and ready, but the King allows His troops to rest before they march. You have been in the heat of the fire. I have tested you, and you have remained loyal to Me. The lessons learned during such times become a part of you, never to be lost...a part of spiritual maturity.

"Remember to stay close to Me in My word and in prayer. Explore there. Dig in. Use the time to read and become thoroughly familiar with Me. Be educated in My Word. Learn to be one controlled by My Spirit, one guided, directed, and motivated by a higher calling than nature's instinct.

"Move with My Spirit. This is to be your motivation. It is divine, and it is from above. Conform to Me and not to people. My way for all is of the same purpose....to do My will and to conform to Me, but how I obtain that in each of you is special and unique. Each of you must grow up in Me as individuals. Oh listen to Me, for there is so much to share.

"I will teach you of My love, for love is patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. (1 Cor. 13:4-5)

"I will teach you what it means to not even give thought when a wrong is done to you. That is a height few reach, but you desire this. There is real peace there. A calm like no other. It is a place totally apart from self and the world, apart from the flesh and carnality. I am there in that place, for I know that lesson well. The air is rarified there but so clean and pure.

"Think not that you must go out of the boundaries that I have for you. Another may be so led, and at times I may lead you to extraordinary action, but just remain in Me. Wherever I lead, be willing to go. Learn to not be critical of others as they worship more actively or loudly than I have thus led you. They may be ready for that kind of worship or need the release it brings. I will lead. I will direct each. Just listen to Me.

"Be not led by people but by Me. Take your cues and leading from me. Forget the flesh as you worship Me. Direct your spirit, your ears and your actions to My Throne; and as each will be obedient to do that, each, though a member of a Body, has a private audience with the Father. And I miss nothing. No motion, no word, no sound, no thought. When directed to Me and motivated by Me, you and I become One. There is a free interchange. Worship in My Spirit. Pray in My Spirit. Walk in My Spirit. There will be joy unspeakable for those who do. Stay humble before Me, and I will bless you abundantly!"

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Mighty Waves of Love

Jack Frost

I hesitate to call the following a prophetic word but do not discount it as one! It is a personal summary and conclusion drawn from a variety of respected prophetic voices, conversations with leaders in the Father Heart movement (Jack Winter, Ed Piorek, and others), as well as from insights from conversations with pastors and missionaries in many different nations.

In 1999, mighty waves of love will begin to roll across the nations in a greater magnitude than ever before. These waves will be the beginning of a paradigm (or way of thinking) shift of what we have known church life to be. They will come with such force that many who have not prepared their life with a spirit of brokenness and humility will be washed aside and their ministries will no longer have the effectiveness that they have had in the past. Others who have been obscure and broken will quickly emerge to the forefront and will see cities impacted through a demonstration of anointing and power that is released through relationship, meekness, and love. (Matthew 11:29; 23:11, 12)

There will be a set of at least 6 waves of love that Father will pour upon the earth:

(1) The first wave will flow over Christians who have been emotionally handicapped because they have not experienced the right kind of love. They are going to be saturated with the Father's unconditional love and acceptance. Fears of failure and rejection will be cast out by love. No longer will they compete and perform for love, identity, and acceptance but they will walk in a deeper sense of security, love, and faith from a new found intimacy with the Father. (Isaiah 66:12, 13)

(2) The second wave will be composed of humility and meekness and will anoint many leaders who have walked in positional authority to arise into the authority of true spiritual fathers. Their life will exemplify Christ-likeness, humility, meekness, and unconditional love. The anointing released through them will be based on intimacy and relationship, not just power, giftings, and position. No longer will they struggle and weary themselves with raising up leaders but they will be at rest fathering sons who will take the Father's healing love to the nations. Many fathers and sons will be set in their destinies to transform the nations in the Father's love. (1 Thessalonians 2:7, 8)

(3) The third wave will release greater unity within the church than ever before. No longer competing for love, position, and identity but now resting in Father's love and grace, pastors and different churches will begin to flow with one voice and one vision within their cities. Their heart's cry will be to make the Father's love known to their city and petty theological differences will fade away in the light of God's love. (Psalm 133)

(4) The fourth wave will bring the prodigal sons and daughters home. These are those who left the church because they have been so wounded by religion, those who felt they couldn't perform well enough, those who were so wounded in their youth and couldn't match up to church standards; they

shall begin to return to the Father and to the spiritual fathers who now walk in humility and unconditional love. Joy will return to the church as it becomes a place where the "heart of the fathers is restored to the heart of the sons, and the heart of the sons restored to the fathers". (Malachi 4:5, 6; Luke 15:20 24)

(5) Then, the fifth wave will bring in the lost. They will begin to see the difference the Father's love has made in Christian's lives. Before, their Christian work mates and family members were critical and judgmental of them but now love, servanthood, and acceptance flows from them. Their countenance is different. Their marriages are different. Being in a Christian's presence is no longer bad news to a lost person but like a breath of fresh air. They begin to seek for the source of love and are led to the Father. A wave of revival begins to sweep the nations. (John 17:23)

(6) A whole paradigm shift in church life results. No longer will the church be an unsafe place for sinners and wounded people. No longer will many lead out of a need to be needed and to find identity, value, and self worth in ministry. No longer will many churches be performance based but they will become love based. The church will become the Father's House, a place where the Father lives to meet the love need of His children, and His children will be at rest, comforted in the Father's love.

"The goal is for all of them to become one heart and mind, just as you, Father, are in me and I in you, so they might be one heart and mind with us. Then the world might believe that you, in fact, sent me. The same glory you gave me, I gave them, so they'll be as unified and together as we are I in them and you in me. Then they'll be mature in this oneness, and give the godless world evidence that you've sent me and loved them in the same way you've loved me." (John 17:21 23, The Message)

WHAT TO EXPECT BEFORE EACH WAVE

We can expect to go through many relational and personal trials and tests in coming months. Many of the negative circumstances that will be going on around us will not be demonic but the dealings of the Father which are meant to break unbroken areas and to purify our motives so we find our utter dependence on Him and not on our gifts or position. Otherwise, the Spirit flowing out of us to others is blended and mixed with our unbroken soul. When we open our mouth, it is not pure but flows out of the impurity of a strong will or stubborn mind. Then our effectiveness to touch other's lives with the Father's love is not hindered by a lack of anointing but by the flow of impurities from our soul. (James 1:2 4)

Often, the greatest weakness we have is our inability to truly acknowledge our need for Him. Thus, Father has us in the process of depleting our identity from being in our inheritance found in gifts, talents, and position (the prodigal son) so that He may bring us to the place of seeing that our greatest need is a deep personal intimate relationship with Him. It is difficult giving a gift to a person who has no need. We must first see our desperate need for the removal of limitations of our soul that have hindered us from purely walking in the Father's unconditional love and acceptance. (John 15:4, 5)

The brokenness the Father is leading us into is meant to reveal a supernatural revelation of His love deep in our area of need. Many of the troubles and trials we will experience are meant to bring us to a place of brokenness so Father can pour forth His love deep within our soul. The measure of Father's love being released in our life will depend upon how much we allow the Father to discipline, break, and transform us. (John 16:20 27)

During the trials, continue to stand firm in God's grace (ability). Focus on the Father's love and acceptance for us. Nothing we do will make Him love us more and nothing we do will make Him love us less. We must not seek to blame others when things go wrong but allow the circumstance to be an opportunity for the Father's love to purify our soul and to cleanse us from all resentment and anger. Then we will begin to experience His wave of love flowing over us and washing away the fears, limitations, and hindrances of the past. (1 Peter 3:9 11)

In the Father's love,

Jack & Trisha Frost

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My Witness On the Earth

Carla Rickard

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You have been seeing the signs and the wonders and you have asked what does it mean? Look deep into your heart where I have put My Spirit in you. He will lead you into all Truth. I have displayed for you Many Witnesses in the Stars, and in the Earth of the Times and Seasons.

These are the times of disintegration on the earth. Old things are passing away! BEHOLD! I make them new. Those things that were common, those things which have been ingrained as truth and rightness in your societies is crumbling. I tear them down. But I will not leave it desolate. I am building up the Temple. I am raising up My Father's Kingdom on earth. The treasure hidden in the field will be seen soon. The Pearl of Great Price will soon be available for all to see. Do you understand what I have said?

Old institution are failing. Old thoughts and methods no longer bring desires results. My shock and awe will leave you at the foot of My Cross forever praising Me for the Work I accomplish in the earth.

Fear Not! As the old passes away, I have already laid the foundation for the new to spring forth like the tender leaves on the tree as summer nears. All things appear at the same time. Pray for discernment as these are the times of great reward for My People Whom I know by Name for they have not remained unfaithful. I will make you rulers over much. Those who have assumed they will rule and reign with me but have not allowed me to humble them before the Father as I was humbled at the hands of men, will not share in My Reward, but will be cast out. I have said, have no other God's before Me. The time is now! Turn away from your idols you have raised up in your own hearts and return to ME, your first love and DO the works I have first said.

I have left My Witness on the earth. He testifies of Me, the heavens have testimony of Me. Whose report will you believe?
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Major Worldwide Reformation

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As frightening as it may be to those who long for the serenity of never facing change, major worldwide reformation has begun and will continue. There is nothing more dangerous than standing firmly on the past social religious order when God is shaking and intervening to bring a future of change. God does not change but He is changing His people to become as He is in the world. As His people are changed the church is changed.

Rev 3:12-13: "He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name. "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

Rev 21:2 -3: Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.

Old Jerusalem must become New Jerusalem. There is a maturing way of life coming into our world from the courts of God. Heaven's ways are coming into the hearts and lives of people who are loosing their lives that Christ might truly be manifest in them. There are sons of God coming forth that stand spiritually tall and strong with love and mighty power to give and to change. (Rom 8:14-19) (Gal 4:1-7)

Wisdom in magnitude never before seen on earth is spilling downward from heaven imparting the substance of God to lead and guide a people despondent and broken from the ravages of selfish and sinful living. Hatred murder and uncontrolled violence and rampant immorality are the ways of death unleashed among a world gone mad from the emptiness of soul from being apart from the love of God who created them to love and worship Him.

James 3:16-17: For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Gal 3:26-29: For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The world is maturing and ripening. Evil is maturing openly as darkness covers the people but the light is come and the maturing sons of God are coming forth with Godly wisdom. They are of many languages, tribes and nations - they are male and female, young and old, and in every walk of life.

Isa 60:1-2: Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

The earth is ripening and harvest is coming. God is not looking for a harvest of babies. Yes, there will be multitudes being born again but farmers do not harvest immature grain but the ripened or mature. The harvest God is going to have is a multitude of mature sons. Mature sons who will lead the world into godliness in every area of life from the church to the schools, homes, businesses and governments of the world - all shall be formed and guided by the mature sons of God and the kingdoms of this earth shall become the kingdoms of our God.

Maturing apostles are in these days continuing to lay the foundation of the "New Jerusalem" "Bride of Christ" "Mature Sons" kingdom of God lifestyle in the world. This is a continuation and fulfillment of the work of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (Rev 21:14). Maturing apostles are those sons consumed by the love of Father and humbled before God and the world. There is no more pride in them and no power of soul or self as they move in the power and full direction of the Spirit of God. Revelation without mixture will flow through them and be received by many teachers who will carry the new order to shepherds across the land - to the emerging churches of the cities.

Pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
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What Does Reformation Really Mean
Ron McGatlin

What does "reformation" really mean? - Is it really happening?

When Jesus came upon the scene, the established Jewish religion led by Pharisees did not readily take to the new higher moral level order that Jesus proffered. After Pentecost, Paul and the other apostles continued to meet with opposition as they brought forth the powerful reality of the higher ways of God's order. When Martin Luther and others began to bring forth a higher way than the perversions that the church had eroded into, the established church leadership was not ready to consider changing to the higher level of truth. In both cases the existing leadership, for the most part, could see absolutely no reason for changing the order of their religion.

Yet, the church moved forward in all cases and continues to move forward today.

Reformation does not mean the destruction of the church but it means its development. God's precious ministers and saints of the church are not being slaughtered by reformation they are being revived. The current move of God to bring forth multitudes of shepherds serving small groups is not demeaning to existing church fathers. It is elevating. An apostolic spirit comes forth in church fathers to train and release multitudes of shepherds (pastors) to care for the small groups of people.

Yes it is really happening. It is happening as the manifest presence of God is consuming men and women young and old. The love and power of God is flowing though them. Purity and holiness leads them into true humility as they are changed in the manifest presence of God.

The current process of reformation means more of God and less of man - more purity and holiness through following the Spirit in love and less trying to keep religious ceremonies and traditions - more prayer for one another and less gossip and strife - more freedom to follow Christ by the Spirit and less dominance and control over one another - more of heaven's ways on earth and less of man's ways.

Yes, there will be honored traditions and teachings that will dissolve in the increased light of the revealed Word by the Spirit of the resurrected Christ. And yes, there will be those who will not receive the change but the church will move forward and we will become more as Christ is in the world.

Reformation though difficult is a good thing - a God thing.

Pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
Ron McGatlin

My Beloved

Roy Resh

Come away my beloved, my beautiful dove, my choice.
I pine for your affection; come to me.
Give your heart to me, Oh hear my soft voice.
Remember the great price I paid for thee.

Jealousy burns when you seek another.
To seek me out or to speak in your stead.
Am I not sufficient? Where's your mother?
She promised to keep bad thoughts from your head.

My heart overflows with such grace and savor.
Speak softly my love, Oh, where have you been!
I'll shower you with wonderful favor.
Blessings that you can never imagine.

I want you, your whole being. My loving heart
Aches for your presence, for your sweet fragrance.
Hear my voice, sing a song of love to me.
Let's laugh and sing together, have a dance.

You bring joy to me, such peace, such rapture,
I'm happy and fulfilled when you come near.
I am waiting for you, you can be sure.
To take you to my home, so have no fear.

More can't I offer than rapt attention,
Of a King who owns all, loves mightily,
And shares everything with you. My intention
Is clear. Do you want to marry me?

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My Freedom

Jane Larsen

Do not become so wrapped in the things of the world that they paralyze and choke you. Do not let these things master you, for they will sap your energy and your eyes will be closed to the truth of what I have for you. Do not let the weight of your problems sit on your shoulders, for see, today will last just a little while, and there is much before you.

I have come to set you free and you will be free indeed. The things of the world should not concern you, for have I not said that I am your provider, and that I will supply all your needs? Have I not made promises throughout the ages that have come to be? Why do you concern yourself with these things? The enemy will come to steal and destroy and to take your focus of Me. He will entice with things that are not of Me, that are not from My Kingdom. Do not look that way. That is not the way. The way is clear and pure and true. The way is one of truth and love and peace that will not weigh you down and will not burden you. There is a walk that is a spiritual walk that I have called you to, where you walk with Me and cast the ways of the world to the side. Leave them there. You are in this world but you are not of it. My voice was heard by you, keep following it. I will look after you. I will take care of all your needs, I will answer you, I will protect you. I have not brought you this far to let you go the way of the world.

Remember My promises and lay hold of them. I am with you, even unto the ends of the earth. I will sustain you. You will come through this time. Take your eyes off what burdens you and look upon Me and you will find rest.

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My Fire Is Upon My Mountain Once Again

Susan Cummings

My Fire Is Upon My Mountain once again. I am assembling the ranks before Me, and placing them at My Feet. All who are Mine, stand before Me, and are in their places, for they hear My Voice, and the Trumpet that now sounds.

The Time of Gathering has been announced, and the Placement is now underway. For the Time of Battle is before you. The Dread Warriors are now in position and will hold the lines and make the borders sure, for the true lambs to cross over.

Few see My Fire burning, nor hear the Trumpet sounding, for they chose to remain in the darkness instead. They chose not to draw near, and to come to Me, but chose to remain in their tents, or to go among the nations that are arrayed. They will not partake of My Fire or My Glory, but will suffer with the wicked.

I have raised up My Mountain in the earth. My Own see it, and embrace it, for it is My Righteous Government. It is My Place, and My Own submit to Me. No Man will sit in My Place, nor rule from there over My Own. I Am over My House and My People!

My Places of Refuge, My Tents of Meeting, are rising up, and My Own will stand firmly in Me, and will know My saving Power, and My saving Grace, for they stand before My Face. I will be in the midst of My House, and as the seas roar and the nations rage, My Mountain will stand, and be seen, and will be the Truth in the midst of the darkness!

Nations are jockeying for the final positions, and are making their final preparations, and then the final maneuver will be seen. Men have chosen the course long ago, and are now bringing forth the path upon which multitudes will follow. Paths of great promise and allurement, and deadly cost. For the cost of allegiance is eternal death.

My Highway of Holiness is made sure for the True Ones, and they will walk upon it, through the Storm, and will not be seen, but will be known by Me. For Mine are marked by Me, and will be hidden in Me, and will be joined in UNION with Me. Nothing can harm My Little Ones.

My Warriors know their task. For it is given to them at birth, and is now made sure and ready. All will be seen, and all will be known, and all will be as I have shown them. For My Warriors are risen up and among the ranks, and at their posts. For the time of the Great Battle has come.

My Fire burns upon My Mountain, for I AM, have come down. I AM in the midst of the affairs of men once again, and I AM!

Through the darkness will be seen My Great Light and the TRUTH will judge all men.

MY WORD has prepared you, and you know the Truth, now stand in it. Stand firmly IN ME.

Do not give your place upon the wall, but stand and proclaim that which I have given you. For I AM with you and IN you.

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My New Zeal Land
Susan Cummings

I am raising up my chosen ones who have been burnished and laden with my heart and burden for my people. I have brought them through the furnace of affliction, and through the valley of despair, and through the caves of brokenness and isolation, and have thoroughly rendered them. For they are to be instruments of My Holy Zeal.

Just as Jehu moved in Holy Zeal, and threw down Jezebel, so shall they speak forth My Word in New Zealand, and shall throw down the high places and the idols that have defiled my people. For I have raised up a people who are set apart, and who are moved with my heart, and who mind the things of the spirit, and who continually walk in my ways without deviating. They are My Zealous Ones who will burn with My Holy Fire. The Islands will once again burn with My Fire!

For you are My Lighthouses that will call the nations back to me. I will provoke them to jealousy by what I will do in you. I will move in such a way in New Zealand, that the nations of the world will be amazed. For you are My Torches that will blaze with My Fury and My Zeal.

I have raised up a Standard with which you will run boldly. No man will carry that Standard, but I will be that Standard, and will be seen among you, and within you, and upon you. You are one of My Tents of Meetings. You will be My Resting Place, and I will be Mighty in your midst!

Prepare yourselves, for My wave has crested and is about to break upon your shores. I have come to you this day. I will perform my work in your midst, and many will call it a strange work, but it will be Me. For you will confound the wise, and bring down the strongholds that have held my people for generations, and they will be set free.

Rise up, my Vessels of My Zeal, for I have come upon you, and have risen up in your midst!

For you are "MY"- NEW- ZEAL -LAND!
-Susan Cummings
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Continue On In Me
Susan Cummings

I say to you, Continue on in Me. Do not look around at what others are doing, and what others are saying, and what others are preparing for. What have I told you that I would do? You must remember My Words to you, and only follow them. Stop allowing the voices of the world draw you away from Me, and rob you of your peace. I have given you specific instructions, so continue on.

Maintain your prayer times, and allow no more clutter to come between you and Me. Many things are crowding in upon your days, and causing you to become frustrated and confused at times. Stop, look at your life, and readjust it now. Clear up the clutter, and make straight paths for your feet.

Solidly anchor yourselves in My Word. For it is the only stable unmovable force that will sustain you in the days ahead. The Shaking has increased and all things that are not anchored in Me, will shake from their foundations and fall at My Feet. It is time to get things settled, and firmly established. Either you will fully believe My Word and absolutely trust it as your Life, or you won’t at all.

Every person alive will be confronted with this Truth. Either I Am fully your Lord and Savior or I am not.

There is no middle ground. I Am either everything to you, or nothing to you. Your lives must be completely given to Me or they will be totally given over to satan. There is no other Life apart from Me. Choose this day whom you will serve. You must continue on in Me, or be found in eternity without Me.

I have told you plainly in My Word all things. There is nothing hidden from My People. I give Wisdom to those who ask of Me and who seek after it with all of their hearts. My Word is True, and it is alive. Either you live according to it, or you die without it. There is no other Creator but Me, for I Am the Living Word. I created man and the earth and the heavens and all that there is, or ever will be. I Am. Continue to eat My Word daily. For in it you will find your answers, your daily bread, and your strength. I Am the Light of all Men, and the Bread of Life. No man can live apart from Me. You must begin to partake of Me more than ever, and fully put your trust in Me. For My Word is actively bringing My Word to fulfillment each day as I have decreed it, and I know just what you need each day. So, ask Me for Wisdom, and allow Me to bring My Word to life within you. I Am Faithful.

Continue to walk forward, knowing that I Am with you. I Am in you. There is nothing that happens to you that I don’t know of, or haven’t approved of, or haven’t already walked through ahead of you. I have already made your preparations for you. I know what’s coming, because I have already seen it and walked it out. Trust Me now. Take My Hand. Look into My Eyes.
Now, Continue on…..
-Susan Cummings
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You Are The Ones Whom I Have Chosen

Susan Cummings

You are different. You are Holy.

You have been called out of this world, and separated unto Me for My Own Possession. You are My Treasure and My Glory. You have nothing in common with the world, or the things in the world. You were created to live with Me, and unto Me, in the earth.

You were chosen by Me from the foundations of the world, and before I ever created. You have been in My Heart and Mind ever since. You have never been alone, or without Me. I have always existed and always will. Therefore My Word is still True.

There is nothing that can separate you from Me, except you.
There is no man, woman, child, devil, or force that can ever take My Love from you, except you.

You have My Eternal Spirit dwelling within you. You are without sin in My Eyes. For I see you through the Blood of My Son. You are My Beloved, whom is Mine forever. You cannot be called anything else, unless you choose to be. For I purchased you, and have redeemed you from all cords of sin and death at the Cross.

You are My Glorious Vessel through which I have chosen to live upon the earth. You have My Blood upon you and My Spirit within you. You are Holy unto Me. You breathe the breath that I breathed into you from the day of your birth. You contain My Presence and My Wisdom and know My Heart.

You will be My Chosen Ones through which I will reap My Harvest in this last hour. You will be the containers through which My Creative Miracle Working Power will flow, and be seen in the nations. You are the spark that will ignite the fires of harvest. It is you, my child. You are the one, that I will use.

I have chosen the time and the place. I have decreed it. I will do it.
Walk with Me.
For I have already begun the work…..

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My Timetable

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...I want My children to be aware of something important. I do all things well, and according to My timetable. I am presenting something in the coming hour that will catch you by surprise. Be aware of this fact. Be aware that the living God is going to present something to you, His beloved, that will catch you by surprise.

I am presenting many wondrous things in the coming hour. I know the exact moment when they will make their appearance in your life. Be aware that I am in control of the situation. I am not only in control, beloved; I am at the helm of every life that is committed to Me. I am eager for you to know some wonderful things about Me. I am eager to see you walking in all the promises that I have made to you. I am SO eager to see you rise up in the strength of your God, pursuing My will at ALL costs.

So be prepared, knowing that something will SOON make its appearance in your life – something that will be a bit of a surprise, but it will pave the way into a deeper exploration of My great love for you. And know, beloved, that I am the One Who selected the right time for this wonderful offering. I am the One Who called forth, telling the exact hour when this mighty favor of the living God would manifest in your life.

So be of good cheer. The time is approaching. The time is SOON to come, and you will know some things of great consequence, and they are: The Almighty God has paid you a visit, opening His heart for you to peer inside and see something of great wonder. The Almighty told you in advance that the time was fast approaching, and He wanted you to be prepared to receive. The Almighty is washing some areas of your life with His glory in this process, and you are going to glow with His presence. The Almighty is sure to have His way in this mighty endeavor and you, beloved, are sure to be delighted – delighted from the top of your head to the tips of your toes!!!

The Money Chest

Mary Clark

In a vision, I saw an old piece of wooden furniture. It was like a chest of drawers on tall legs. One of the drawers was open, revealing compartments like one would see in a cash register. There were several compartments for dollars, but all were empty except for one. It contained a few rumpled dollar bills. Then I head the Lord say “the money chest.” Here is what He has to tell us about this “money chest.”

This “money chest” represents something that My children will soon see firsthand. It is a signal of sorts, beloved – a signal that should get your attention.

The future holds much for those who will follow after My heart. The future holds sights and sounds that will be welcomed by every heart willing to comply with My will. But to those who are seeking after worldly prosperity, it holds doom and gloom. It holds a time of severe lack.

I want you to know, beloved, that I have called you to come up higher with Me. You have answered Me, telling Me that there is nothing that you would like better. So My advice to you is: “Get ready for the season of going higher with your God – higher than you ever dreamed possible – to occur in your midst. Get ready to see some wonders that will thrill your heart, and know, beloved, that for such a time as this you were born to see and welcome the glory of your God.

I want you to know that many will look on the coming hour with heavy hearts. They will wring their hands. They will pace and lose heart in many ways. But those who seek after My heart will know the truest kind of prosperity. They will walk in the knowledge of My love in such a way that they will literally be walking on air.

This is a promise, beloved. This is a promise. I am moving you up higher than you ever dreamed possible. You will feel the radiating love of your God. You will welcome this hour and all that it contains. You say, “But Lord, am I ready for this? I don’t feel pure enough in heart to be blessed in this manner.” I tell you, beloved, I am getting you ready to view some things that will purify your heart like never before. I am getting you ready for this advancement into My kingdom of love and delight. So get ready, knowing that the time is right.

The time is near for you to view the wonders of your God, and when it comes, beloved, it will come when you least expect it. It will come at My appointed hour. It will come with a BIG welcome from My heart to yours. Yes! It will come, and you will be delighted. You will be surprised. But most of all, beloved, you will be delighted – delighted is not quite the word I want to use. Let Me try again: You will be ECSTATIC!!!

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My Thoughts On Why Revival Tarries

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Revival has been waiting for us on every street corner, every marketplace and every dark back drop of American experience but we have passed her by on our way to the next meeting... (Luke 19:42-44). From Why Revival Tarries by Chad Taylor

This is a quote I very much agree with from an article "Why Revival Tarries" that I read today. Ok....now I want to add my two bits to the subject without any reflection on the original post. It just is a "taking off point" for me.

Why does revival tarry? Is it because we "lack the fire" that this post suggested? Yes of course it does. But when and how do we get the "fire?" I know many upon whom the fire has fallen, in far greater measure than anything I have experienced personally. And they loved the fire. But it fell on them, it never flowed out of them!!!

When we go out into the marketplace of life, not as an "evangelist" on a "mission from God" but as a grocery clerk, as a doctor, as a school teacher, as a motorcyclist or a bike rider, or a horseman, THEN we will see the power of the Kingdom manifest in our lives and in the lives of others. Today most of us are still looking towards the "church" as the place where "it happens." So why not keep going to church, to get more and more and more. More FIRE, I have heard it time and time again, God I want MORE fire.

Fire as an experience by itself won't save any souls. It might burn up some dross in my life and make me more equipped to deal with the lost, but if I am not out in the world involved with the needs of the lost and the souls that are wandering from place to place looking for happiness, why do I need any fire, why do I need the dross in my life burned, why do I need to do anything but sit in church and have one experience after another, sit in church, content that the structures that be are being satisfied, and that no dirty laundry is exposed for anyone to see?

Last weekend I went to a Celebrate Recovery conference in Vancouver Washington. I left with the awareness that the Body of Christ is very fragile, weak, full of addictions, and physically sick. No new perception. What was new, was seeing that people are beginning to be aware that this is the state of the church!! All the power, the fire, the teaching, and the body is still suffering from sin. Oh my goodness, what a revelation!! lol

The difference in this conference was that for the first time, there was NO JUDGMENT levied on Christians who manifested the weaknesses of an fallen earthen vessel. The emphasis was on Jesus who is the Excellency, He who is our deliverer, and equipper. There was emphasis on the identification one of another in our weakness, therefore in our "righteousness" before and in Jesus Christ!!

I met a young man in church recently as I mentioned in my first Chemical Dependency post, who called himself a "fallen minister." Maybe he wasn't fallen. Could it be that he hadn't ever learned to walk in the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus! Have we ever considered that maybe he only walked in "self-righteousness" or in religion. Maybe he had conformed to the "image" of Christianity, but had he ever let Christ be in him what Christ is?

If not, how could he have fallen? At the conference last weekend, there were hundreds of Christians there who were beginning to let it be known that they had addiction issues.....finances, pornography, sexual addictions, adultery, food addictions, alcohol and drug addictions.....and everyone who shared indicated that these were issues which they had had most of their lives. Isn't not our natural man, fallen?

Then how if we haven't learned to function out of the anointing within us can we say we have fallen? Many of us functioned out of an external anointing, thinking it was what we were supposed to do, and some how we covered up our weaknesses and failures, camouflaged them so they looked acceptable to our fellow Christians. Only the world around us knew that we were like them, but since we had distinguished ourselves as Christians, we had lost that vital identification.

One of the exciting things about marketplace Christianity, is that it requires that we identify with our Adamic nature. Today's world is such that if we don't know our Adamic nature, we aren't going to stand. It takes Christ in us to see our Adamic nature and to gain victory and power over it in Christ Jesus. He becomes the Excellency, an "addition" to my human nature. He becomes the strength, He become my life. I don't any longer have to deal with my adamic nature, I learn that it is what it is.

Years ago I was in a Sunday school class and I remember them talking about not being able to bring anything into our "spiritual" life from our "natural man." I really didn't understand it and I sort of rebelled against the idea. I knew the thinking but I just couldn't comprehend that there was nothing in my life apart from the Spirit of God that had any value. Of course, I didn't understand the term, "apart from." And it was to be many years before I understood...we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the Excellency might be of God and not of ourselves.

So, why does revival tarry? Because there is no one to carry it to the lost! Does that mean we go out on great crusades on the streets and "save souls" and bring them into church? Well, some would say it does, but that seems to be why such "moves" fade and have to be stirred up time and time again. Are we yet ready to understand that when the Kingdom comes in the lives of a group of people, we can trust HIM to work with them THERE and not have to bring them to where we are, to where we worship...but we can worship with them where they are and allow Him to be to them where we found them all that He is?

The indigenous church, not quite what John Moore may have meant when he penned the word is where the key lies. We historically have asked indigenous people to come to where we are while God was interested in building up people where they are. We ask for the fire to go, but did we carry it to light others fires so they can experience the Kingdom of God where they are?

I am working on being equipped to extend my field of ministry and service, believing my confidence level needs built up prior to going out. One of my counselors has said, with success your confidence will grow. How can I gain confidence unless I experience success and how can I experience success unless I go out and begin and see the results? In the body, it is the same way. Yes, we need to train our workers, we need to send them out with trusted ones whose footsteps they will follow in....but there's no confidence without going, without doing. I can have all the power and authority I could ever want and use it within the folds of the body of Christ, but until I move out into the marketplace, I won't really know what it means to "extend the kingdom." I may know about "church" but not "kingdom." Are we willing to take that step?

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Making Your Way In The Emerging Church
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Dear church family,

You wrote asking how to proceed as you serve the Lord outside the traditional setting. I hope these thoughts will serve you well.

First, you must stand on your testimony, "which (you) have heard, which (you) have seen with (your) eyes, which (you) have looked upon, and (your) hands have handled, concerning the Word of life." You personally have had experiences and have been given truths in Christ which should always serve as standards of what our Lord is able to be and do. Never let go of those. Such experiences and principles in my own life have served as gauges of God's minimum capability, and I insist on never settling for less when some leader teaches or practices something else. You must realize these experiences and truths are the foundation and essence of your direct call from the Throne Room. This is a Biblical apostolic principle, the way God builds His Church with obedient people.

One such experience for me is how I was filled with the Holy Spirit. I was driving along one day shortly after salvation. I had to pull over as a powerful and totally unexpected sensation flooded over me from above. I started to cry. The farmland around me became brilliantly colored and I began to praise Him effortlessly and almost uncontrollably. After that, for weeks that I could not keep my hands off my new Bible or keep myself away from prayer. I would even neglect my work.

Days later I awoke from a nap and some other language was flooding out of my lips like a faucet. From that day, I have heard churchmen say there was no longer any such experience. I have heard them say that the filling of the Holy Spirit happens automatically at conversion. Or I have watched leaders tell others to "receive by faith and know you are filled whether you feel it or not," or "move your lips and make up some words and it will start coming". But I have experienced what God can do-He can fill us in powerful ways exactly like the book of Acts.

One principle that God sewed into my heart from the earliest days of my walk with Him is this: all believers are capable in Christ of being ministers of the Gospel and must be restored, equipped and released by leaders to do so. To this day I refuse to settle for anything less in the Church around me. I continually see church leaders trying to restore and equip people in order to incorporate followers into the enterprise they are attempting to build. Here is one reason that though today's emerging Church is actually larger and growing more quickly than almost anyone knows, it is not noticeable and is never very large in any specific location. Those unorthodox believers are not being co- opted into high-profile church enterprises, but they are being restored and equipped in non-traditional settings which are not organized enterprises.

As I practiced this principle as an institutional pastor, I experienced great success and little measurable growth in traditional measuring sticks like size of congregation or income. I finally had to forsake the institutional model, which in America has taken the form of business franchises, using such principles as growth plans, sales, marketing, and capital accumulation.

You called yourselves, and you have been labeled, renegades. Indeed you are as you have compared the church practice around you with what the Lord is speaking within your heart. Perhaps in the past you mistakenly subscribed to standards and traditions established by others, and you went against the testimony of your own heart. Now, by acting on this and separating yourselves, you have indeed reneged. That is not bad. Righteous conflict has come to your church life.

Yet at the same time, there is no excuse for not having the same mind as Jesus-such conflict never moved him to anger, personal offense, resentment, or self-pity. He was always motivated by love over the broken condition of the apostate church of the day. Always compare your heart and emotions with His when you experience conflict in the Body of Christ. You are there to love God and the brethren by being faithful to Him and truthful in all your dealings.

Often when we are "terribly wounded" by others in the Body, as you wrote, we have entrusted them with something or have required something of them which we should not. For example, perhaps we have expected them to accept and affirm us. Only the Lord Himself can be the source of our acceptance and affirmation. We are "accepted in the Beloved", not in the brothers and sisters around us. We are commanded to accept and affirm others, but we are never taught in the Word to determine how others should minister to us, including that they should honor us in any way. Had Jesus done that, he would never have died for us. He would have become exasperated and asked the Father to beam Him back to the Throne Room.

Another common offense in the Church comes when people expect to be cared for materially by those around them. Again, I am commanded to be a source of provision to those in need, but I am never commanded to expect those around me to give to me. The Lord alone is my source. If I look to other saints, they will invariably disappoint me. People make terrible gods.

It was God who revealed the "departed glory" nature of the institutional system where you were, and He led you to pursue Him outside the walls, as He has done many others: Moses in Midian, David at Adullam, Daniel in Babylon, Paul for years after his salvation, John the Baptist and Jesus in the desert. But in all these cases, it was God's man who was being developed. Even Jesus Himself "learned obedience by the things He suffered."

When I left the institutional pastorate, I was telling the Lord about all the problems I was seeing in His Church. He said, "You are right. Since you are paying attention, let's start with you." Time away from the crowd is not about the rest of the unclean church; it is about me.

You have present priorities not to be neglected. The first is to follow the Great Commandment above all else: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. 'And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Your personal relationship with Him is your priority.

Second is with your mate, family, and intimates. It is the undeniable message of the New Testament letters that love and godly character are the essential and indispensable building blocks of the Church. Unless we are obedient to this command, the emerging church will be no different than the institutional one-saints neglecting these foundations and going on to the trim: emotionally satisfying activities, events and programs. The emerging church can also be rooted in the same self-centeredness and lack of integrity, regardless of a new structure.

God is the Master Builder. If we limit our assignment to the Great Commandment, He will build His Church. He will determine eldership, apostleship, meeting times, ministry forms, and other apostolic and prophetic functions of the structure and growth of His Church ("Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.").

Remember, because you are no longer attending an institutional church, you are not necessarily "out of Church." As a believer you are a part of His Body. Ask yourself: for the most part are you isolated from other Christians? If so, only you can know whether He has purposely isolated you for a season or whether you have isolated yourself by your own sin and immature responses to conflict. Either way, you must attend yourself to His voice at all cost and be responsive to Him. We are ultimately and undeniably called to Biblical "koinonia," intimate and accountable daily relationship with other Christians.

In Our Savior, Mike Woelk

My Words

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> *"And the Words of the Lord are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times." Psalm 12:6*

The words that I speak to you are full and rich, they are as gold from My mouth. I speak no idle words for My words are alive and will accomplish whatsoever I intend them to accomplish. My Word became life and dwelt among you. My word is truth, so cherish My word, stand on it and walk in it as My sons and My daughters - knowing that not one empty word has ever been given to you. Each and every word has had meaning and is living.... Rely and trust My Words given to you seeing them as from My mouth and My heart.

Just as your hope was beginning to wane, I was there and I came through with revelation with My words. You are experiencing My Glory but from a distance. Very soon you will experience it beyond your comprehension of My Glory. I have given you a taste and it has enhanced your appetite and desire of more of Me. Who can fathom My greatness? Only those I AM revealing it to and I AM revealing it to My Faithful Ones. Allow My greatness and My Glory to be your food. Feed on My Word like never before as you see new doors and new revelations opening unto you.

Although it seems you have been in the hold mold for so long, I AM moving you into the going forth mode. Going forth in My call and plan. Going forth in areas you have never envisioned or dreamed. Going forth to carry My Word. Going forth to be My representatives across this land. Going forth in this move of your God that will bring people to their knees with signs and wonders following.

There is a new and fresh anointing flowing forth touching those I have called. It is an anointing that will empower you to accomplish all that I have called you to do. An anointing that is flowing from the throne and it is flowing with grace, for My grace must accompany any word or ministry performed in the Name of My Son. It is by My grace that all things will be accomplished. You shall go forth in My Love, in My Power, in My Grace and in My Name. I AM giving you an "assurance" of your call and place in My plan as you have never had before! I have placed an exuberance within you in what I AM about to do, an excitement that you can hardly contain for you know the plans I have for you....You have sought to have child-like faith in your God and in My promises to you and as this child, you cry out "Is it time yet Daddy? Can I go now?" I say yes, yes, yes, for you will be fully clothed in My anointing, clothed in righteousness and you shall be ready to go.

Beloved, I have said of a certainty to you that My calling is SURE!!! And now Beloved, I AM calling you today to lay hold of and stand on EVERY WORD that I have given you as it IS a certainty! Clothe yourself with the whole armour of God. I have given you the Shield of Faith to ward off the fiery darts. Beloved remember that none of these darts can penetrate My faith and that your calling IS A CERTAINTY and it IS at hand, therefore - stand steadfast, courageous and strong.

Do you believe My Words are true? Are you walking in My faith? I have given each of you a measure of faith and My measure of faith is mighty and sure. My Words are more powerful than a two edged sword - Walk in My Word and in My Faith... Speak My Word IN Faith. See the mountains move because there is power in My Word.

Like never before I AM moving in My own, My Faithful ones. Like never before you will see Me moving. This is your season and your hour. I will move in your life like never before. You will begin to see the signs and you will know without a doubt that this is your time! Like never before, be ready! Like never before, I will speak words of instructions. All 'authority' has been given you in My Name. All 'power' has been given you in My Name. Use My Name to thwart the wiles of the enemy. Use My Name against sickness and disease. You have been given that Name and you must use it to see the results of the cries of your heart. In My Name, walls will fall and In My Name you shall arise from the ashes. The promises I have given you ARE SURE. As you speak My Words, see them become real, for My Words ARE real. I AM the God who cannot lie for I AM bound by My Word. My Word is yea - as you speak My Word in faith, believe and see it come to pass.

I AM a miracle making God. What I call forth MUST come forth. My Words that I have spoken in your life MUST and WILL come forth. Finances MUST come forth, healing MUST come forth, salvations MUST come forth, ministries MUST come forth because I have called them forth! By My Word I have called forth the season and the season is here. I have given you the authority to speak forth My Word, In My NAME and it MUST come forth.

Know that I AM in control, ALL things are under My control! My plan is perfect and as My plan for you continues to unfold, do not be afraid to step out as I lay that plan before you. I will provide all that I have promised. Your part is to step out and as you step out, the I AM steps in... Beloved, hear My Word unto you, there is an unfolding of My plan this day. My messengers have been released from the throne room with provisions and My plan. "They will come in unexpected ways.' I have been preparing you to receive what I AM about to deliver...celebrate, celebrate your new beginnings for now is the time that I AM unfolding My plan and direction.

This is the time! I have heard your cries. For many of you, you have been holding on by a thread, the thread of faith and hope, but this is the strongest of threads and because of your hope and your faith I will bring forth your desires. The groundwork has been laid and it is time to bring you forth. A place has been prepared for you and it is time to possess the land. Do not allow the enemy to steal any of what I would have for you, hold on My Beloved and hold fast to My Words spoken to you.

I AM a God of Integrity, therefore My Words are sound! I have spoken them over you in MY authority and in My timing now you shall see them coming forth to perform that which I want them to do. Beloved, I see you as you begin to arise... standing straight and tall, carrying the mantle of My presence and My light with you where-ever I take you. I do not lie and I do not waste My Words. What I say I will do, I will do! I WILL DO!!!! Hold fast to MY WORDS, hold them close to your heart for now you will see them come to past.

Not For Sale
Jasminka Diehl

NOT FOR SALE

Christianity is a privilege of the strong, those that have counted the cost and hardships that go along with it ... To have a title of a Christian means to belong to Christ, to be sold out to Him, and to be lost forever to the world and all its influences ... World has nothing else to offer to the ones that are already dead ... Paul so forcefully says in his epistle to Galatians: "I AM CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST; NEVERTHELESS I LIVE; YET NOT I, BUT CHRIST LIVETH IN ME: AND THE LIFE WHICH I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY THE FAITH OF THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME, AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME." (Gal. 2:20)

True Christianity doesn't worry when finances dry out - Christ is still there ... When people leave, He is The One that always stays ... When it seems that there is no way out - He is The Way ... When all we hear around us are lies, He still IS the Truth ...

We have forgotten the power of the Gospel, the truth of its message. We have forgotten that clear sound of Life and Victory, of Living Christ within us - the power of the Spirit that has raised Him from the dead and whose habitation, whose temple we have become ...

The Gospel of Christ is the Gospel of STRONG people. There is no weakness and fear in love. Perfect love cast out ALL fear. When I look at the lives of all the people that have lived in and by FAITH of the Son of God, I see the Champions of Christ, the true Knights of Christianity, proud and bold, standing united in love for Christ, and the passion for people that matches the heart of God.

By going along with different programs and teachings, by allowing the world to infiltrate our churches with its programs and methodology of HOW TO WIN THE UNSAVED, to dictate the way to bring people to Christ, we have become the part of that worldly system that operates strictly as business man do. And by it we have denied the power of the Gospel and the way of the Cross. We have introduced Christ as an entertainer, as someone who has means to make us rich and famous.

What does it take to truly become a son of God? And not in a word only, but in a deed, in our character and our nature!? Are we still able to wear the title of an Christian? For Christian means Christ like.

Would TRUE Christian really make a profit out of the Gospel? Or would he weep for the lost and go out of his way to reach them? And if there is no car to go, would he walk no matter what distance there is? If there is no microphone and the stage with an pulpit, would he than willingly stand on the street and proclaim the Gospel? If there are no big rooms available to rent, for the lack of money, would he go out into the fields and give himself to the poor? ... So than, those that are truly hungry for Christ would be able to come too, and not only those with available funds and money in their pockets.

Christianity was never about money and the profit, so it shouldn't be today either. The only gain we should be concerned about is to gain Christ. And to know Christ and Him crucified is all that we need. For in Him we gain all. All eternity - Alfa and Omega, the Beginning and the End - is living within us.

We need to go back and reevaluate, take a long, hard look at who is really leading this parade. If it is necessary we need to erase from our mind all the fables and stories we have been told as truth, and go back to the one and only saving truth: the power of the Holy Spirit. When we allow the Kingdom of God to reign within us, His Kingdom will manifest on the outside, and no one will be able to stop it. For it is the power of God Himself and His very glory that will saturate this earth and make us His habitation. And He will be our God and we will be His people - we will finally be His HOLY nation.

Jasminka

November and Beyond

Ayman and Hala Mikhail

As we come to the end of November, it was very clear that a lot of events have happened which will definitely have a great impact in the whole picture of the world. Early last month [October] we felt a call to pray to fill the gap. Now it's a mandatory. In November, Sheikh Zayed [of Emirates] & Yasser Arafat died. President Bush re-elected. Rebels in Ivory Coast. Demonstrations in Ukraine. Earthquakes in Japan. Conferences in Sharm El-Sheikh [Egypt], Laos, Chile. Hamid Karzai re-elected in Afghanistan. Iran & the nuclear negotiations. British Muslims want Islamic law. Kofi Annan's son corruption. The Iraq daily blood shed. The Locusts in Egypt. Failed trial of assassination of president Bush in Colombia. Peace talks in Ireland. Tension before elections in both Iraq & Palestinian Authority. Fallujah war. Darfur problem & genocide. China's Mine Blast. Al-Qaida [Ayman al-Zawahri, al-Qaida’s principal deputy] threats on newly released video tape, Muslim extremists preach violence in Europe, Pakistan test nuclear-capable missile, Jordan's King Abdullah II stripped his brother and heir apparent of his title as crown prince,... & a lot more events. It's quite apparent that major changes & shifts are going to happen.

We need to come humbly before the Lord seeking Him & His visitation.
A great expectation that a wave of an abundant Grace is going to come over showing God's Mighty Hand in an extremely shaking world. The Church is going to experience a wave of an increasing revelation of His
Mighty Power. It's the time now, before some other tough times will come.

We need to abide in Him. To be always covered with His Mighty Wings.
It's all about Him.

Ayman & Hala
Cairo Egypt

Numbered With the Transgressors

Arlette Pollard

Revelation 13:18

Numbered among the transgressors
Jesus was sentenced to the cross
Hated, reviled and rejected
He counted His death worth the cost
And like a lamb when led to the slaughter
He spoke not a word to His defense
But in submission to the Father
He held His peace and remained silent.

His ways were past their understanding
So men stood fixed upon their claim
That Jesus was not worthy
To bear the title as heir of the Holy King
Their denial would seal their destination
For in Him, God provided men eternal life
And to refuse His gift unto salvation
Was to multiply unto themselves
Death that comes through strife.

Jesus, the Holy One, offered up His precious life
All for the sake of those
Who would bear the image of His eternal Light.

Today is a new day
Yet God’s voice remains the same
And if a man should hear the call
It is to their eternal gain
To take the time to think upon
The message of the cross
Of being led out from the darkness
Led away from suffering and loss.

Today is a new day
Yet God’s Word still proclaims
There is healing found in mercy
Peace in His holy name
Those blessed with understanding
The purpose of the Father’s heart
Will rise up rejoicing
Having perceived love’s own desire.

> *“Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count* the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.” Revelation 13:18*
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> *“For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.” 2 Corinthians 10:12*

*Count – 5585 – to calculate; to estimate.

For six days God spoke into existence, the heavens and earth, light and darkness, man and life. The invisible God spoke forth into existence things that revealed and demonstrated His power, glory and love. So that man, who was made in God's image, could understand the nature and power of the invisible things of God, the Spiritual reality of His being, God spoke into existence a physical realm, where mankind would be given the opportunity to look upon the power and majesty of their Creator, able to give Him all glory and praise. No one is greater than the Lord of all creation.

As God brought forth all of creation, it was purposed according to His divine plan, that on the sixth day, God would create man, "male and female created He them", in His image. God took the dust of the earth and formed a human vessel, who would, after God breathed into the earthly vessel His life begetting breath, be able to rise up and walk upon the earth that God had created. God had purposed it from the beginning, that His image would be placed in a vessel that He would form from the dust of the earth. The first vessel, created from the dust of the earth, who would bear the image of God, was given the name Adam, which is the name of man.

Adam, man who was created on the sixth day, in the image of the invisible God, was the first human vessel to contain a living soul. He was the first begotten of God. Adam, the first man created by God, would, according to God's divine plan, bring forth other men after his seed. The first man formed from the dust of the earth, from the natural ingredients that make up the earth, was created for God's good pleasure. It brings God pleasure to see man live according to His purpose and design. And so, on the sixth day of creation God, who raised man up from the dust of the earth, would pronounce His blessings upon man. God proclaimed that man was to "be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth."

But before Adam's seed would multiply, bringing forth a multitude of people to populate the earth, Adam and his wife, Eve, would sin, by disobeying God's commandment not to eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God had proclaimed that if man ate of the tree of good and evil then he would die. And not only did God's judgment stand fulfilled within the life of Adam after he partook from the tree, in that he would die because he disobeyed God's commandment, but also those who were born of the seed of Adam would die. Because of the disobedience of Adam, sin entered the world, and the penalty for sin is death.

Man, who bore the image of the invisible God, so that he became a living soul, would die. Adam, who, if he had lived in obedience to the word of God was to have lived eternally, would, as punishment for disobeying God's commandment, have his breath extinguished. The breath of God, which made it possible for a man to rise up from the earth, as a living soul, would be extinguished. This punishment would be passed down to the sons of man. Through Adam "sin entered the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

Adam, who had obtained life as God's breath was breathed into his nostrils, who had been blessed of God, would die; and so would the generations of men born according to his seed. Adam's disobedience would introduce sorrow into his life and into the lives of others who would follow. The sorrow Adam and Eve experienced, as they were led out of the garden, would be multiplied as they lived out the rest of their days.

Adam and Eve's disobedience led to the knowledge of good and evil. It would be this knowledge that would cause a multitude of thoughts to be raised up within their lives that were not centered on the goodness of God. And thoughts that were not centered on the goodness of God would lead to destructive behavior, which would increase their sorrow. Adam and Eve could not regain the innocence that was theirs in the garden. Sin had entered their lives through disobedience, and in sorrow over their sin they would remain until death.

> *"But this thing commanded I them, saying, obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you. But they hearkened not, or inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward." Jeremiah 7: 23-24*

Mankind, born after the seed of Adam, would multiply unto themselves sorrow as they continued to disobey the voice of God. Men, who like Adam, possessing a living soul, were born into sin and sorrow, would continue to bring condemnation upon themselves as they disobeyed God's voice. Man's thoughts that knew good and evil would continue to rebel against the Lord on high. Some men, who had the knowledge of good and evil, would justify their sins before God. Some would make excuses before the Lord on high, praying that His blessings would be poured out upon them, even as they engaged in rebellion. And as the days moved forward, many men would begin to deny the power and authority of God. Many would come to believe that it was more pleasurable to live their lives according to what God considers evil. Man did not consider that the sin they partook of today, would be the burden that brought greater suffering within their lives tomorrow.

Through Adam, the man who was born on the sixth day, sin was introduced into the world; sin, which led to death. For those who continued to praise the Lord on high, who sought His will to be accomplished in their lives, God was faithful to reveal His unending love toward them, to offer them comfort in their time of need. But for the majority of mankind, their sorrow would continue to be multiplied as their hearts, which knew and placed purpose in evil, became more hardened against the goodness of God. They would become slaves to evil, held in bondage to thoughts that were aligned with darkness. Their hearts and minds, when flooded with a multitude of thoughts that are contrary to the nature of God, would find that it is natural to seek purpose, pleasure and fulfillment in activities contrary to the goodness of God.

The evidence of God's glory could be seen in the heavens and in the earth, yet man, who bore the image of the natural man, Adam, was born with the sin nature, and would continue to multiply unto himself sorrow, as he denied the Creator's authority within his life. Man transgressed God's divine laws, because his knowledge of evil naturally lent itself toward pride. It is as man engages in pride that he will find it is comfortable to exalt his own natural, darkened desires above the holy and righteous desires of the Lord.

> *"And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." Genesis 2:2-3*
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> *"For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, and God did rest the seventh day from all his works. And in this place again, if they shall enter into my rest. Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief." Hebrews 4:4-6*

Seven days constitutes a week, according to God's Word. As God reveals His handiwork that was accomplished within this week, He reveals the pattern in which He laid out the heavens and the earth. All of God's works, which include the heavens and the earth, were completed in six days, and yet God purposely informs man of a seventh day. In Genesis, in the beginning, what constitutes completion, God's purpose fulfilled and finished, would not be aligned with the number six, but with the number seven. God reveals to man the importance of the seventh day, which is that on this day, which He made, He rested from all His work. The seventh day, which God had made, was to be blessed and sanctified by God, because on this day He rested from all His work.

The Sabbath day is blessed and sanctified by God. Before Jesus Christ, the deliverer "who tasted death for everyman" so that He could bring "many sons unto glory," the Sabbath day was to be a day where man could rest from his labor. A day set aside where man could worship God. But man, who spent one day a week resting from his toil of the earth, engaged in rituals and worship, could not undo the death penalty imposed upon man, through the disobedience of Adam. Yet God did not leave man without hope. He had prepared a way, where man would no longer have to be dependent on rituals, or sacrifice to be considered acceptable and holy in His sight. A day had been purposed for man, where he could find rest for his soul, trusting completely in the goodness of God.

God had purposed that the seventh day, the Sabbath day, was to be a permanent position, where man could find rest for his soul. Through Jesus Christ, as man was positioned in Him, through the Holy Spirit, the purpose of the Sabbath rest was made complete. Through faith in Jesus Christ, and receiving the Holy Spirit, man could leave behind the realm of toil and sorrow. Man could leave behind the consequences of the choice made by man, Adam, born of the sixth day. Jesus Christ, “who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light” would remove the yoke of bondage imposed upon those born according to the nature of Adam. As man, through faith in Jesus Christ, bore the “express image” of God, the Holy Spirit, he would move out of captivity of the sixth day mentality, and into the light of fullness, purpose and Light that reflects the intent of the seventh day.

> *“Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.” Hebrews 4:1-3*

A man who bears the image of the natural man, Adam, who is born of the sixth day, is a living soul, and until he is born again of the Spirit, so that he bears the image, of the Spiritual man, Jesus Christ, he will not cross over into God’s Sabbath day of rest. It is through faith in God’s beloved Son, the second Adam, Jesus Christ, that God births His good purposes into a man’s life. It is through faith in Jesus Christ that the Holy Spirit, God’s breath of eternal life, will be birthed into a man’s life, so that God is able to lead man into the promised land. It is God’s Spirit moving upon a man’s heart and mind, that will help man understand the purpose of God’s ordained Sabbath day of rest.

God’s perfect works were completed from the foundation of the world. But, until the day that the Son rises in resurrection power within a man’s life, as the Holy Spirit establishes God’s kingdom authority upon a man’s heart and mind, he will remain held captive to the sixth day nature. According to the sixth day nature, a man is a living soul, able to walk upon the earth, but because of unbelief, he is not born again into the kingdom of God’s righteousness.

God, who is invisible, has made manifest through the Spirit, the realm created according to God’s righteousness, power and glory. It is faith, which is able to open the eyes of a man’s heart, so that he can perceive the solid foundation of truth that God has made available to man. Faith is what is required before the heavens will shine down upon a man’s heart, enlightening a man’s vision, so that he rests assured in the perfect goodness of the Lord. The Sabbath rest will be revealed to those who dwell within God’s eternal kingdom of righteousness. The Sabbath rest is a position of trust, where man places his life in the hands of the Savior, knowing absolutely that He is a good and holy God.

> *“For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.” Hebrews 4:10-11*

It is Jesus Christ who has opened the door of salvation, so that man could enter into God’s eternal kingdom and obtain rest for his soul. But a man, whose soul has not been embraced by the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, will continue to strive against the goodness of God. He will continue to seek purpose according to the knowledge received through his eyes of unbelief, which denies or distorts the importance of what Jesus Christ accomplished on the cross.

But when the Holy Spirit, God’s Spirit of truth, the eternal Spirit, which no man can extinguish, embraces a man’s soul, he will begin to understand God’s great love and desire toward him. In this understanding, man will be able to place his hope and trust more fully in the perfect goodness of God. As man walks in the fullness of God’s love, he will begin to trust that God’s ways are perfect. As he matures in his relationship with God, trusting more completely in God’s ability to lead, teach, and comfort, his laboring to find purpose in life will cease. As a man rests in the loving embrace of the Father, he will cease striving to obtain purpose according to his nature that was passed down through the sons of men, who live according to the sixth day.

> *“All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased. Why criest thou for thine affliction? Thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.” Jeremiah 30:14*

A man who walks according to the desires of the natural man born of the sixth day, will continue to rationalize and justify his sins before God and man. Until the Holy Spirit has enlightened the soul of a man, so that he is able to perceive and appreciate God’s eternal kingdom of righteousness, he will continue to find that it is natural to argue and strive against the good purposes of God. A heart that is hardened to the understanding of God’s great love toward man, which cannot comprehend the intimate relationship that is obtained through faith and the infilling of the Holy Spirit, may even become so bold as to demand that his sins be accepted and promoted among men.

A man, who proclaims to know God, but lives according to the desires of the natural man, Adam, may try, for a period of time, to war against thoughts and actions which cause him distress. But, without the Holy Spirit speaking to his heart and mind God’s truth, his attempt to change his sorrow into joy will be futile. He may find, instead of resisting the thoughts and actions that bring him sorrow, that he begins to justify his actions. A man may realize, to a certain degree, that his thoughts that bring him sorrow are aligned to what the Word defines as sin. But because the Holy Comforter has not embraced his soul, the man may begin to justify his sins before man and God. When a man begins to accept and justify his sins, calling darkness, to be light, he will multiply unto himself sorrow and suffering.

For man to willingly embrace darkness, by calling it light, he will multiply unto himself sorrow that flourishes within the darkness. His conscience, which may have once influenced his thoughts so that he sought escape from his bondage to sin, will become defiled by the darkness, so that it will become more and more natural to embrace sin. As his sins are multiplied through his acceptance of sin, so will his sorrow be multiplied. As a man seeks comfort among those like-minded, he will find that he cannot escape the sorrow that continues to cause him suffering. God cannot have any fellowship with the darkness, and any man who willingly embraces darkness, will be left standing outside God’s realm of truth, comfort, and holiness. To stand outside God’s kingdom, is to be overwhelmed with a multitude of thoughts and desires, which are purposed to bring sorrow into a man’s life.

> *“For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.” 2 Corinthians 10:12*

Jesus Christ was numbered among the transgressors, because the eyes of man were blind to the message God spoke through His life. Men, who bore the image of the natural man, born of the sixth day, proclaimed Jesus was a lawbreaker. Men despised and hated Jesus Christ, because they proclaimed He was not obedient in keeping the rituals or practices of those who considered themselves worthy to be numbered among the tribes of Israel. They proclaimed He was disobedient in His keeping of the Sabbath, and that He taught others to be disobedient. But Jesus Christ knew that the Father had purposed man’s eyes not to perceive the fulfillment of God’s promises being accomplished through His life.

So that God's perfect plan of redemption could be fulfilled, man was kept in blindness. And it was as Jesus Christ was obedient unto death that the way of salvation was established upon the earth. Souls would be redeemed, and lives would be transformed, all through the perfect work accomplished through the life of God's holy Son, Jesus Christ. Those held in subjection to the sixth day nature, who call upon Jesus Christ, would be delivered from out of all their sorrows. As the Holy Spirit was poured out upon children of the earth, men's eyes would be opened to perceive God's kingdom of righteousness. And it is in God's eternal kingdom of Light and righteousness that men's souls will find rest in the perfect knowledge of God's goodness.

666 is the number given to men, who are numbered among those who bear the image of the natural man, Adam. Even though they may profess to know God, they have as yet to receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Those numbered among this group have a living soul, in that they breathe and eat, but they do not posses eternal life through the Holy Spirit. Their sins have been multiplied tenfold, and a hundredfold, unto the nature of the first man, born of the sixth day, so that their sorrow has been increased. They may seek escape from their sorrows through rituals, or obedience to laws, but they will find that it is impossible to escape the sorrow that continually pierces their souls. They must turn to Jesus Christ in sincere faith, and receive God's sanctifying Holy Spirit, before they will find the rest that their souls seek.

> *"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creation: for by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things and by him all things consist."* Colossians 1:13-17

Nothing Comes By Chance

Susan Cummings

To My lost, storm tossed one:

Nothing comes by chance. Everything I designed was created for a reason and a specific purpose. All that I intended for that creation, was placed within that design. All that was given of Myself into that creation, was given freely, and expressed through the life or function of that creation. That is why man is without excuse. Everything that is made, reveals Me within it. There is nothing made that is not without My Witness or Person expressed within it. I AM the Creator, by which all things are made, or will be.

My Word is eternal, and is ever creating, and is ever expressing, and is ever living. There is no time when My Word is not active in your life or around you. There is no time, when there is nothing happening, as you tell Me. I am ever moving in your midst. I am ever bringing forth My Will, My Truth, and My Life into everything around you. You don't see it, because you have taken your eyes off of Me.

You walked away. I didn't. I am always with you. I have never left you or forsaken you. I wait for you each moment, to come to Me, and to spend time with Me, but you are too busy, too distracted, too worried, too tired, too angry, too frustrated, too embattled, too scheduled up to take time to seek Me. You don't want My Input, or you would come and ask Me. You want your way. That is why nothing changes.

Your situation will not change, till you do. When you change, everything else changes. When you allow Me to bring change, it creates a whole release of My wisdom and Life within you and into your situation around you. But until then, you keep death and destruction activated to work it's course, and have given it legal ground to control your future. Being separated from Me, is never without great cost to you. For you were created for Me, and to be with Me, and without Me, you are alone. I cannot bring change, without you embracing Me, and letting Me.

Nothing comes by chance. I know your past, present, and future. I know the day I will take you home to be with Me, if you choose to be My Child. I know the day that you enter hell, if you don't. I know everything about you, for I am your Father. Look around you, and see the fruit of your labors. What are you building? What have you sown and erected that now wars against you?

I AM the only foundation that you were created to be built from. Anything that you build apart from Me, is not of Me, but of the flesh and the fruit of it will affect your life. Return to Me, and I will return to you. I love you and want you to be My Child. I created you for Me. I have loved you from the moment I thought of you, even before I birthed you into the earth. My Love is eternal and is not held back from you. It is freely given to all who want it and who embrace it.

Take heed of your walk, and examine your heart, and change your course. I AM big enough to take care of all that concerns you. There is nothing too hard for Me. My Hand is right next to you, take it, and walk with Me today. I AM the Way, where there is no way. I Am the Door through which all men will enter, into eternal life. I have a future for you, one with Hope and with a Purpose.

Take nothing for granted, not even time. For the time I give to you, is not forever, and you have much yet to do in the earth. This hour is measured, and then it will pass. Soon, time for entering in will be no more, and then I will shut the door. Come to Me.

It is time to take your stand.

-Susan Cummings
9-20-04
11:32 pm

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http://topica.com/lists/JustHisWords
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Natural Disasters and Shakings

Terry Suggs

Prepare now for the shaking that is about to take place. You must be prayed up and completely ready this time. It could possibly be much worse than I'm saying right now.
There is a great shaking coming soon. People of this world are already suffering in different places around the world. Now, it could get worse for them.
Please pray as if it is happening right now. Pray like you are in the middle of the worse disaster right now, because some of us don't pray for God to intervene until something major happens. Prayer can change everything.

Look Higher! Look Deeper!
Look Farther!
Jesus In Us
Terry Suggs

Because of the way we were taught the Word of God in the years gone by, we have a consciousness of inferiority and weakness and uncertainty. But Jesus spoke to us by His word and His life. He (Jesus) (the Son of God) lived as a man filled with the Holy Ghost, and born of God. As a man filled with the Holy Ghost Jesus came to restore the earth and the people of the earth. His acts of restoration were demonstrated in the times when He healed everyone that was sick. As a man filled with the Holy Ghost He opened blind eyes, He healed lepers, He raised the dead; as a man filled with the Holy Ghost, He walked on water and spoke to storms and made them cease. Jesus did everything by miracles or by just speaking. He spoke the Word only.
His words did the work. When He raised Lazarus, He spoke the word.
Before satan stole our position as the ones with authority over all the earth, Adam was doing the same thing. **Adam did everything by speaking.**
Jesus has restored us to our position.
Jesus always talked and operated on a higher level than man. His faith was perfect.
He spoke with authority and whatever He spoke came to pass.
He said to Peter to come to Him on the water, when He did this, He was saying: "you see what I'm trying to tell you. I want you to see that you are in authority and dominion over the earth. I'm here to show you that you can do what I am doing. I'm here to restore the position of man that Adam lost to satan. When you are Mine and in Me, all things are possible; just believe. As a man that knew Who He was and filled with the Holy Ghost, and full of power as well as anointed, and overshadowed with glory and honor, He healed the deaf and dumb, the crippled.
When Jesus lived as a man, He could only be in one place are a time.
Jesus said, " I must go away to the Father, so that the comforter of Holy Ghost can come and live in you."
In the last days I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. Now Jesus (all of God in His fullness) lives in the body of Christ. Jesus said; the just shall live by faith. Jesus said, if you have the faith as a grain of mustard seed, (speaking the word in faith is the same as sowing a seed in the ground), you can speak to a mountain and say be plucked up and removed and be cast into the sea and not doubt, you shall have, you shall have, what you say, what you say believing. The mountain will obey you.
Since now faith is the substance and the evidence, then today is the day for what you are expecting. You have it now, today.
Eternity is a place without time. It is the eternal now.
Whatever you are believing for is right now in the eternal now.
God's word is His life. **His word is spontaneously creative**.
By His stripes you were healed. Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth and you shall be saved. Jesus and Peter were not limited by gravity when they walked on the water, because Jesus word was spontaneously active and Jesus had authority over gravity and water.
Jesus was not limited by weather conditions, by time, by space, or by man-made traditions. These boundaries were not boundaries to Him.
Jesus used two fish and five loaves to feed thousands and afterwards there were left- overs.

Jesus was not bound by anything in this physical world. He was not bound by natural laws.

Jesus was not bound by anything in this physical world. Jesus spoke with authority when He spoke to the tree saying: No man shall eat your fruit from this day on**. Jesus words carried so much power that what He said manifested spontaneously.** If Jesus had spoken in the middle of the night and said let it be daylight, the sun would have been shining in that instant.

Jesus is telling us that all the things He did, we will do and even greater works shall we do, because He went to the Father.

Faith dispels fear, faith makes you whole, it produces righteousness, faith justifies, it heals the sick and faith grows. Faith knows no defeat.

Jesus is operating in perfected faith. He has absolute confidence in His own power or being.

Jesus did not come to make you sick or condemn you. He said have Faith in God. Faith manifests substance and evidence. The faith of God is what Jesus used. He said to the disciples and to the believers, have the faith of God. Believe like God believes and have what God would have.

Nothing by any means can harm you. No weapon formed against you shall prosper. The enemy will come one way and flee seven ways. The word will never return empty. It will obtain and manifest what it was directed to and sent to do. He sent His Word and healed them.

Take no thought for your life; what you will eat, drink or wear. It is not by power or by might, but by My Spirit says the Lord.

Jesus is 100% honest, faithful, 100% trustworthy and pure in every aspect of His Being. Jesus is perfect love. Jesus is telling us to do the works that He did.

We have been restored to the Father's household. We are the inheritors of all things. He held nothing back from us. If God spared not His own Son, how much more with Him shall He also freely give us all things.

Do you see what you were restored to? The kingdom of God has no boundaries. Jesus came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. Jesus came that our joy may be full.

In His Kingdom, that now is at hand, there is all faith, all healing, all grace, all love, all power, all wisdom, all spiritual blessing, all light, and all victory.

For the whole creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's own sons to be made known (waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship. That nature itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption (and gain and entrance) into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation (of irrational creatures) has been moaning together in the pain of labor until now.

When we pray or talk to God the Father we are talking to the Creator of the universe and everything that lives in it.

When His Word is spoken it is like a missile launched to a target. Nothing can prevent it from reaching its intended result or accomplishing its objective. God fills all things and upholds all things with the Word of His power.

Look farther! Look deeper! Look higher! God is unlimited. Time belongs to Him. History belongs to Him. The universe belongs to Him.

God is in us as born-again Christians. **We have the more than a conqueror living in us.** Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. He is our righteousness, our wisdom, our provider, our refuge, our peace, and our strength. He is all and in all. Everything that there is in existence came out of Him. He is sovereign. **Our inner man is Jesus.**

In the book of Ezekiel the 36th chapter, Jesus spoke of a new spirit that He is putting in us.

Our old spirit has been replaced with the spirit of Christ.

It is Christ in you. If any man is in Christ, He is a new creation. We are being changed **from glory to glory.** We are delivered from being subjected to infirmity, from sickness, from diseases, from poverty, **from bondage**, from fear, from uncertainty, and the control of satan in our media, our political system, our judicial system, our business world, and the corporate world. The kingdom of God is at hand. The kingdom of God is in you now.

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

Every empire that dominated the world outside of God's control has failed and will fail.

They are designed to fail.

God's word declared and established that, of the increase of the kingdom of God, there shall be no end. The kingdom of God is fail proof. It will never fail.

The gates of hell cannot stop or hinder the body of Christ as we operate in Jesus authority.

With God there is no time, so whatever you are saying in faith and expecting already exists. Like healing, and miracles.

We carry the same power and same spirit that Jesus carried on earth. We operate in His authority in this present world. His disciples demonstrated this in their lives after Jesus left.

We are put in a position now where we are all facing the same principalities that Michael fought against in the book of Daniel.
We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against demons of spiritual rulers of t he darkness of this world. There are principalities over cities and nations. In the book of Daniel Michael was one of the chief princes of God. He was one of many.
He was withstood by another that was a prince over Persia.
For this reason we are to wear the whole armour of God. And we are to trust in the God of the armour. We can move these principalities with the armour of God and with our faith. The flesh profits nothing. The only effective method is by following the spirit of God.
Let us not cheapen true Christianity by not living in the fullness of what is given to us freely by faith through the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Some are standing on the outskirts of the real life of God. They are content in just looking at the truth from a distance. Maybe in Jesus day, some of the people were watching Him from a distance and were really not getting the message that He preached.
Let us not forfeit God’s best given to us.
Look Higher! Look Deeper! Look farther!
When we look into the scripture, we are looking into a spiritual mirror, we are seeing our inner man. The inner man is the very image and likeness of God.
Look to the hills from which comes our help.
Deep calls unto deep.
Set you affections on things above.
If you make your bed in hell, He is there. If you went to the uttermost or deepest part of the universe, He is there.
We are only at the edge of the glory. But it is beyond comprehension now. In this time in our human history, God is releasing a great increase of knowledge and glory.
Jesus said in John 16:33:
I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have (perfect) peace and confidence, In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer (take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted)! For I have overcome the world. (I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you).

The New Creature
Becoming the Word of God
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Look into God’s mirror (His Word) and see who we really are and what we really are. Look at Jesus’ life.
When It says that God finished His work in the book of Genesis. The only work that It describes was God speaking things into existence. By the creative word He brought everything into existence. Adam did everything by speaking. Jesus did the works of God by speaking and acting in the Father’s authority. We are doing the works of God by speaking to our circumstances and situations and diseases in the authority of Jesus.
Lean not to your own understanding. Go by what God says about you.
You are a new creation. The new creation came from God. Jesus was the first born of many brethren of this kind. We are born-again by the Holy Spirit entering our spirit after we receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior and Lord. We are also sealed by the Holy Spirit.
The new creation is superior to the devil in every way. The devil wants to deceive and blind us to this truth. Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.
There is no separation between God and us. We are seated in heavenly places in Christ. That is why we can lay hands on the sick and they recover. That is why we can cast out devils in the name (authority and character) of Jesus.
That is why we can speak to a mountain and it can be moved.
We are eternally new creatures with the ability of the Holy Spirit operating in us.
In Jesus life on earth He showed us what a new creature looks like. He said, these works and even greater works shall you do because I Am going to the Father.

Jesus raised the dead, healed every kind of sickness and disease. He cast out spirits of infirmity and demons that had possessed individuals.
Jesus talked to weather and changed it, and walked on water, having authority over the natural elements. He spoke to fish and animals and they obeyed.
I believe that God created Adam with everything that Jesus demonstrated. The first Adam lived in flesh, the second Adam (Jesus) lived in flesh.
Jesus multiplied food when there was not enough physically to feed thousands. Accept His Word as truth and act on it.
Jesus said that He that has seen Me, has seen the Father. He said I Am the vine and you are the branches. In these words, He tells us that we are connected to the Godhead. There is no separation between us. The world needs to see us as God made us to be. The world may be laughing at us while we are following manmade traditions, ceremonies, and having Sunday programs, but when God gets into church (body of Christ), then the world and the devil will stop laughing.

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The Passion Of The Christ
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The movie the passion of the Christ is responsible for countless numbers of men and women making decisions to receive Christ into there lives. This particular movie portrayed the gospel message of our Lord in a very clear manner.
I was thinking of how this movie could touch so many lives in a way that thousands upon thousands of churches in over 50 years could not. What is today's church doing? What are the people busying themselves with? I believe that there are some churches that may be involved in other marketing ventures. As in, marketing it's own organization. I believe that some churches today are presenting a prosperity-centered message. Some are involved in politics.
I believe that churches that present a pure gospel message are bringing more people to Christ and into His kingdom than other churches that are giving people other messages.
The churches have never filled up like the movie theatres did when this movie was released. And the impact was self-evident.
In a number of churches I have observed how the people worship musical personalities and they make celebrities of others talented individuals.
I observed programs that emphasize the acting ability of the individuals and singing abilities of singers. There was no clear gospel message.
I believe that the movie the passion of the Christ is bringing us closer to the end of time.
Jesus said that the gospel is to be preached to all of the world and then shall the end come.
This movie has done what the church should be doing as in presenting a clear gospel message.
I still maintain that to be a true Christian is to do the works that Jesus did and even greater works that the works He did.
There is so much untapped power and gifting available to the body of Christ. The word of God says that the fullness of God dwells in the body of Christ. Not many care or really want to know this fullness in Christ. But God is bringing up men and women from different nations that will walk and are walking in His fullness.
I want to call our attention to why the church that has been around for so long and in large numbers has not achieved what the movie has achieved.
It is something to ponder.

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Operating in the Holy Spirit
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This generation is hungry for the living God. The Word of God and the Holy Spirit is the only thing that can quench this hunger of the souls and hearts of men and women. The music needs to have a message, no matter how it sounds. They no longer want music that will stimulate the flesh. There is a divine hunger for God placed into the soul of men.

The word of God says that no man can come to God unless the Spirit draws him or her. The Holy Spirit in us draws people to God. Spirit filled Christians creating music can draw men to Christ through their music.

I Corinthians 12:11

All these gifts, achievements, abilities, are inspired an brought to pass by one and the same Holy Spirit, Who apportions to each person individually exactly as He chooses.

II Corinthians 1:13

For we write nothing else but simply what you can read and understand (there is no double meaning to what we say), and I hope that you will become thoroughly acquainted (with divine things) and know and understand (them) accurately and well to the end.

It is a reason for pride and exultation to which our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world (generally) and especially toward you, with devout and pure motives and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God (the unmerited favor and merciful kindness by which God, exerting His Holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, and keep, strengthens, and increases them in Christian virtues.

II Corinthians 1:18-20

As surely as God is Trustworthy and Faithful and means what He says, our speech and message to you have not been yes (that could possibly mean) no, For the Son of God, Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who has been preached among you by us, by myself, Sylvanus, and Timothy was not yes and no, but in Him (always the divine) Yes!

For as many as are the promises of God, they all find their yes (answer) in Him (Christ). For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him (in His Person and by His agency) to the glory of God.

Music can be a top of the list tool to win the lost when the message is clear.

Hebrews 4:12-13

For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power (making it active, operative, energizing and effective); it is sharper than any two edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and the immortal) spirit, and of joints and marrow (of the deepest parts pf our nature) exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

And not a creature exists that is concealed from His sight, but all things are open and exposed, naked and defenseless to the eyes of Him with Whom we have to do.

We need to pray fervent and sincere prayers for the lost to be saved. Things are going to become worse and worse. People are going to become worse and worse. There will be natural disasters and earth shaking events coming upon this earth. It is time to pray like never before. The souls of men are the priority now. The Lord is drawing men and women into the kingdom like never before.

Hebrews 5:7

In the days of His flesh (Jesus) offered up definite , special petitions (for that which He not only wanted, but needed) and supplications with strong crying and tears to Him Who was (always) able to save Him (out from death, and He was heard because of His reverence toward God (His Godly fear, His piety, in that He shrank from the horrors of separation from the bright presence of the Father) God hears fervent heartfelt and sincere prayer for the lost to be saved.

The kind of prayer that Jesus always prayed was for the lost to be saved and kept from harm. He always prayed for us to become one in Him and the Father.

The prayers of Jesus are recorded in the book of John.

John 17:9-12, 15, 18, 21-23, 26

Now at last they know and understand that all You have given Me belongs You (is really and truly Yours).

For the (uttered) words that You gave Me I have given them; and they have received them ; and they have received and accepted them and have come to know positively and in reality (to believe with absolute assurance) that I came forth from Your presence, and they have believed and belong to You.

I Am praying for them. I Am not praying (requesting) for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they belong to You.

All things (that are) Mine are Yours, and all (things that are) Yours belong to Me; I Am glorified in (through) them. (They have done Me honor; in them My glory is achieved) .

And (now) I Am no more in the world, but these are still in the world, and I Am coming to You. Holy

Father, keep in Your Name (in the knowledge of Yourself) those whom You have given Me, **that they may be one as We are one**.
While I was with them, I kept and preserved them in Your Name in the knowledge and worship of You. Those You have given Me I guarded and protected, and not one of them has perished or is lost except the son of perdition (Judas Iscariot-the one who is now doomed to destruction, destined to be lost), that the scripture might be fulfilled.
15)I do not ask that You will take them out of the world, but that You will keep and protect them from the evil one.
Just as You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.
21-23)**That they may be one,** (just) as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me.
I have **given to them the glory and honor which You have given Me, that they may be one (even) as We are one:**
I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one and perfectly united, that the world may know and definitely recognize that You sent Me and that You have loved them (even) as You have loved Me.

26)I have made Your Name known to them and revealed Your character and Your very Self, and I will continue to make (You) known, that the love which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them (felt in their hearts) and that I Myself may be in them.
Jesus said that all things and all power are in Him. **We are a single Spirit in Christ**.
I Corinthians 12:6, 12, 13-14
And there are distinctive varieties of service and ministration, but it is the same Lord (Who is served).
For jus as the body is a unity and yet has many parts, and all the parts, though many form **only one body, so it is with Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).**
For by means of the personal agency of one Holy Spirit we were all, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, baptized and by baptism united together) into one body, and all made to drink of one Holy Spirit. For the body does not consist of one limb or organ but many.
Hebrews 7:25-27
Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost (completely, perfectly, finally, and for all time and eternally) those who come to God through Him, since He is always living to make petitions to God and intercede with Him and intervene for them.
He has no day by day necessity, as (do each of these other) high priests, to offer sacrifice first of all for his own (personal) sins and then for those of the people, because He met all the requirements once for all when He brought Himself (as a sacrifice) which He offerd up.
Hebrews 7:12
For I will be merciful and gracious toward their sins and I will remember their deeds of unrighteousness no more.
Isaiah 55:8
For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways says the Lord. For as the Heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, So shall My Word be that goes forth out of My mouth:
It shall not return to Me void (without producing any effect, useless), but it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.
Remember that the gospel is being preached to every man and woman around the world. The message is presented in different ways. The Word will not return empty.
James 5:7-8
So be patient, brethren (as you wait) until the coming of the Lord.See how the farmer waits expectantly for the precious harvest from the land, (se how) he keeps up his patience (vigil) over it until it receives the early and late rains.
So you also must be patient, establish your hearts (strengthen and confirm them in the final certainty) for the coming of the Lord is very near.

James 5:19-20
My brethren, If anyone among you strays from the Truth and falls into error and another (person) brings him back (to God), Let the (latter) one be sure that whoever turns a sinner from his evil course will

save (that one) soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins (procure the pardon of the many sins committed by the convert).

Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the uncompromisingly righteous is a tree of life, and he who is wise captures human lives (for God, as a fisher of men He gathers and receives them for eternity.

Proverbs 11:25-28

The liberal person shall be enriched, and he who waters shall himself be watered.

The people curse him who holds back grain (when the public needs it) but a blessing (from God and man is upon the head of him who sells it.

He who diligently seeks good seeks God's favor, but he who searches after evil, it shall come upon him.

He who leans on, trusts in, and is confident in his riches shall fall, but the uncompromisingly righteous shall flourish like a green bough.

Proverbs 10:22, 27, 31-32

The blessing of the Lord-it makes (truly) rich, and He adds no sorrow with it (neither does toiling increase it).

The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord prolongs one's days, but the years of the wicked shall be made short.

The mouths of the righteous (those harmonious with God) bring forth skillful and godly wisdom, but the perverse tongue shall be cut down (like a barren and rotten tree).

The lips of the (uncompromisingly) righteous know (and therefore speaks only) what is obstinately willful and contrary.

Proverbs 12:5, 8

The thoughts and purposes of the consistently righteous are honest and reliable, but the counsels and designs of the wicked are treacherous.

A man shall be commended according to his Wisdom (godly Wisdom, which is comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God), but he who is of a perverse heart shall be despised.

Proverbs 12:19,22

Truthful lips shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is (credited) but for a moment.

Lying lips are extremely disgusting and hateful to the Lord, but they who deal faithfully are His delight.

The Holy Spirit is the teacher and our guide in everything that we say do and in what we think.

We cannot do anything apart from Him.

Philippians 4:13

I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me (I am ready for anything an equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self sufficient,
in Christ's sufficiency).

Jesus is now operating in perfected faith. He is now living in us. His spirit is leading us into living by perfected faith. His Word does not return void.

When God talked in the beginning, His Words created what we now see. His Words go beyond time and space. His Word was immediately established when He spoke.

II Corinthians 5:10, 14-15

For we must all appear and be revealed as we are before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive (his pay), according to what he has done in the body, whether good or evil (considering what his purpose and motive have been, and what he has achieved, been busy with and given himself and his attention to accomplishing).

For the love of Christ controls and urges and impels us, because we are of the opinion an conviction that (if) One died for all, then all died;

And He died for all, so that all those who live no longer to and for themselves, but to and for Him Who died and was raised again for their sake.

II Corinthians 6:14

Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers (do not make mismated alliances with them or come under a different yoke with them, inconsistent with your faith). For what partnership have right living and right standing with God with iniquity an lawlessness? Or how can light have fellowship with darkness?

I Corinthians 14:40

But all things should be done with regard to decency and propriety and in orderly fashion.

James 3:8-10

But the human tongue can be tamed by no man, it is restless (undisciplined, irreconcilable) evil, full of deadly poison.
With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who were made in God's likeness!
Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not to be so.
The Lord wants to reach every person who has not accepted Him as their Lord and Savior. He is patiently waiting for the Church to get the Message to those that have not heard it.
This is the heart of God.
Let the message be crystal clear to this generation. God's Word will be fulfilled.
Acts 2:16-18
And it shall come to pass in the last days, God declares, that I will pour out of My Spirit upon all mankind, and you sons and your daughters shall prophesy (telling forth the divine counsels) and your young men shall see visions (divinely granted appearances), and your old men shall dream (divinely suggested) dreams.
Yes, and on My menservants and also on My maidservants in those days I will pour out of My Spirit, and they shall prophesy (telling forth the divine counsels and predicting future events pertaining especially to God's kingdom).

Prophesying is speaking the divinely inspired Word of God. It is talking like God or God talk. The prophet Joel prophesied or spoke the divinely inspired Word of God.
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New Dimensions Of Faith

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I am writing this message during a very dark and not understanding the ways of God personally, but this message is the fruit of a searching personally. Many of you read of my accident last week...nearly fatal, and how God saved me, and looking after many details, in which I was home safe and sound...with just a twisted wrist, back pains...leg pains. But praise God, all in one piece. Today after a week of telephoning the mechanic, who repaired the car, adjusting time schedules, payment details, the damage was such that the bill was huge. Today the car was finished...and waiting on God, I got no physical response...indeed I am living a new experience. That is that NO HUMAN BEING CAN BE OUR TRUST AND SOURCE...the Bible talks about this trust in flesh as a cursed spiritual state. But in the "darkness" of my lack of understanding, I had gone to prayer...but not extensive in time but extensive in depth.

The Lord birthed this message in me. Many of you must receive countless messages in your mailboxes, but I ask you to take to heart what I am writing here as opening my heart to a new dimension, imparting it to you also. For I am sure you will come accross situations that will leave you without solution. Here I want to show you at length, what that solution can be from a prophetic and Biblical perspective.

The ressurrection of Jesus is replete with the misunderstandings of the purpose of God. What we see much in Luke is the disciples completely thrown by Jesus' crucifixion. We see them defeated, and whilst we cannot point the finger, because there are occasions where we too thrown into complete ignorance by apparent contrary circumstances. The Lord took me to Luke 24. He showed me the two disciples. He showed me their walk of complete dismay. Indeed their dreams and hopes were shattered. Read it for yourself and see.

Jesus came to them...in His Ressurrected state, in a way that they did not recognise Him. Their eyes were "holden", which is a spiritual act, temporary blindness of understanding. Of comprehension. They saw the Jesus they knew as a STRANGER. Jesus' question was a observation of their vociferous exchange of affirmations. He asked them what was the motive of their conversation in a manner so intense.

Key verse: v21; "But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done."

Indeed we see their heart...their hopes and dreams, their trust. All shattered...and even though they were 3 days on, their time HAD STOOD STILL...have you ever experienced that? Has your time stood still when you have experienced tragedy, or some other difficult circumstance? Theirs had.

I want you to notice something here. I may have mentioned it before. V19 shows us how these disciples saw Jesus...merely as a PROPHET. By the time Jesus is revealed HE IS NOW LORD. But what a process they must now embark to receive this REVELATION.

It starts by their eyes being holden. It starts by Jesus opening their hearts. Indeed their hearts were full of confusion, doubts and fears. He causes them to share their innermost thoughts and dreams. ~

Jesus then brings them revelation of His Word. His Word is the only light, is the only guidance. He shows THE ETERNAL PURPOSE OF SUFFERING CHRIST, AND THE FRUITS THEREOF. What a marvelous, wonderful and awesome perspective indeed.

How much more in our circumstances, so difficult and so disturbing, do we need that ETERNAL PROPHETIC REVEALING that comes from a source WE STILL DO NOT RECOGNISE. Indeed the Word comes, indeed the small voice does guide, BUT WE HAVE NOT GLIMPSED OUR GLORIFIED LORD! Not yet anyway. Jesus merely lays a foundation to walk into full revelation. Every revelation of Jesus is backed up in the Word. Indeed we must hear Him reveal the why and the fruit of our circumstances. Our circumstances once submitted to Christ must bring forth fruit. Indeed Christ opened up the eternal aspect of His Ministry.

How much more in us! He must open up to us the ETERNAL PLAN FOR US PERSONALLY. It is to save us, mould us and bring us into His Glory more and more through walking the steps of faith. He opens up former situations and shows us where He moved and what purpose.

Then as He is invited into their home, when He broke the bread and their eyes were opened, opened in covenant, there we see Jesus reveal His Glory...how He fulfils, how He initiates His Covenant in us, restoring to faith and hope. Now He is no longer the Prophet, but indeed Lord, because He that withstood such a proving, such a death, He overcame. How much more us, who come through DOUBT, ATTACKS, PERSECUTIONS will also partake of the same glory.

Nets
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"Now as He walked by the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him" Mark 1:16-18.

The "net" is whatever we may use to draw to ourselves the fulfillment and satisfaction that we seek.

Simon and Andrew were casting their net to catch fish. When Jesus came, He used words that they could easily understand. He told them that if they would follow Him, He would make them a "fisher" of men.

Notice that Jesus did not say He would show them "how" to fish for men. Rather, He said that He would make them to "become" fishers. The emphasis was not on methodology, but rather on the Lord's desire to draw them to Himself, in order to change them.

"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth." Rev 5:10.

The emphasis is on our being made ready to reign, not on the fact of reigning.

Many place great emphasis on the program (net) that is used to accomplish a certain purpose, rather than seeking to develop the ability to rightly use the program. We cannot give what we do not have. Therefore, it is very important that we spend quality time in the presence of the Lord and develop a strong spiritual relationship with Him.

Only then will we "have" in order to "give."

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8 KJV.

The word "witnesses" can be translated "sample."

For example, I once asked the salesperson in a large carpet store if I could have a sample of a huge roll of fifteen foot wide carpet. He cut out a piece and handed it to me.

Because he had cut a piece from the end of this carpet, the entire fifteen foot area was lost. But I had asked for a sample. Therefore, he gave me a piece of the real thing, which was costly to him, rather than something that was similar.

Here, the Lord is placing the emphasis on our becoming a "sample" of Himself, developed through an ongoing personal relationship with Him. Often, the emphasis has tended toward two extremes, either "asceticism" or "activity."

In the early church, there were those who became known as "Desert Fathers." They considered the world to be so wicked that they went out into the desert and lived in caves so they could be separated, and as a result become "spiritual."

But Jesus said that we were not to hide our light under a bushel. We are to be in the world, but the world is not to be in us. Rather, our light is to shine before men. We are to become a "witness" of the life and ministry of Jesus by becoming a "sample" of Him, a piece of the real thing in the place of need.

The president of a Bible school had a reputation for being a very spiritual man. A student decided he would find out if this was true. He went to the president's office and began fumbling with a bottle of ink and then "accidentally" spilled some on the president's suit.

The president began to get agitated, as he had cautioned him to be careful with the ink. But he gained his composure, smiled and said it was alright. Soon, the ink disappeared, as it was made to do this and was harmless. The student then told him he was just checking to see if he were as spiritual as others said, and left satisfied.

In our becoming a sample, or a "demonstration" of the presence and power of the Lord, there will be many occasions in which it will be easy to be otherwise. Jesus said, "I will make you to become." This is a processing of the Lord to prepare us to rightly respond in these situations. Thus, those who are to rule are presently being prepared for this purpose.

As we allow the cross to become effective in our lives, and we die to our feelings and reactions, and allow Jesus be seen through our lives, we will indeed begin to catch "fish."

The other extreme is "doing." To many, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit is considered to be "power for service." These place the emphasis on going out to do witnessing, which may result in running without the message.

Peter probably heard the word "fishing" and did not realize all that he was about to experience in being "processed" to become the witness that the Lord intended him to be.

When Peter told the Lord that he would die for Him, Jesus responded that instead he would deny Him. Peter reacted, but soon learned differently. We tend to promise the Lord many things, which we are incapable of doing. But the Lord has provided a way for us to go beyond these cycles of failure - "follow Me and I will make you to become."

As we allow the Lord to do a deep work within our lives in cleansing and purifying our motives, we are changed, as the "power" renovates and recreates our lives to reflect His life. Only then there will be nothing in us to react.

It has been said that no one can "get our goat" unless we have one. As a child, I remember how kids would tease and pick on certain other children. Later I came to understand that these were being picked on because they reacted. The greater the reaction, the more they were picked on, as other kids enjoyed the reaction.

The enemy of our spiritual life also does this. When we react to dealings or problems, and put on a show, the enemy gathers to enjoy our reaction. But if we have our feet on the Rock, and understand that we are being processed, the enemy will be defeated and will leave, as there will be no reaction to enjoy. Jesus said, "for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me." John 14:30b.

In effect, Acts 1:8 reads, "You will receive power...to become." The desire of the Lord is to so change us that only His life will be seen. Therefore, all we need do is to say, "Lord, I am available and willing to receive."

Only then will we become the "message" that people will respond to; our lives so changed by the power of God, that His presence and blessings are evident.

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New Awakening

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2004 - "I See A New Awakening"

I see a new awakening. His Spirit being poured out upon His people, those He predestinated before the foundation of the world to be His chosen few who would stand and fight for Him in this very hour. THIS is the time spoken of by the prophets. A great moment in history. None like it, nor shall be ever again. Set before Him as precious stones, were we all told of our mission, our glory, our destiny. O, that we were faithful to hear His voice and listen with our spiritual ears!

This day shall we rise to proclaim His Name in victory! The year 2004 shall be one of victory. The lowly shall be exalted, the haughty shall be brought down. Their shame made known to a world once held spellbound by their deeds.

The years of preparation are now at work within His people. In intimacy, has He spoken to me of His desire for me, for the work set before me. "Do not falter little one, for there is a great reward for you, both in this life and in the next...for all eternity."

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New Doors In 2004
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Leap Forward! New Doors In 2004:
A 29-Day Prayer Focus by Chuck D. Pierce
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I hope each one of you received my 2003 year end article, “The Year of Revelation, Mysteries, Secrets and Surprises.” If not, you may go to http://www.glory-of-zion.org/news20031213.htm. I wrote this article at the “Head of the Year.” We are currently in the Hebrew year 5764. Do not forget this is the third year of seven years of war over God’s covenant blessings manifesting in the earth realm. This is a year of secrets being revealed, mysteries being disclosed, and surprises from God entering your path. Expect your enemy to be surprised this year. The entire article has much revelation for us to process throughout the year. We are now well into the year 2004. As the Lord began to awaken me at 4 AM during the month of December, the Spirit of God guided me to read all the Chapter 4s in the Bible.

THE NUMBER FOUR (4)

The number “4” is important for us to understand prophetically. Four denotes God’s creative works. This number is related to material completeness, or many resources taking a new form. This is a year that we must relate to the land, the world around us, and especially our city or territory. This is a year that God will be doing things so that heaven will begin to manifest in the earth realm.

Four is the number for the great elements (earth, air, fire and water), the regions of the earth (north, south, east, west), the divisions of the day (morning, noon, evening, midnight), the number of seasons (spring, summer, autumn, winter), and the four phases of the moon. Four also marks division. Four is the first number that can be evenly divided by a number other than one or itself. Therefore, this will be a year that we see division in order to bring about a completeness of God’s purposes by the end of this seven year season.

Because God is dealing with world structure s in 2004, watch for certain religious structures in our present day society to divide. Watch for political parties to become polarized with many accusations. Watch for earth boundaries to be reshaped and reestablished so God’s covenant purposes can be accomplished.

UNDERSTANDING LEAP YEAR

When I was ministering at the beginning of the year the Spirit of God spoke to me and said, “I will extend time so you can win your battle.” I thought, “What does this mean?” Immediately what came to mind was the passage in Joshua 10 where the Israelites battled with Adoni-Zedek, who had formed a confederacy of four kings to attack the Gibeonites. As they are going into battle, Joshua spoke to the Lord and then commanded the sun and the moon to stand still over Gibeon.

This is a great example of hearing God and then commanding the atmospheric elements to align with God’s will. The extended or delayed sunset allowed Israel to have revenge on their enemies. This made me think of 2004 which is a LEAP YEAR. In a Leap Year, one day is added every fourth year in the month of February. This makes the length of the year agree with the course of the sun.

Most years ending in "00" are not leap years, but those divisible by 400 (including 2000) are. The Julian calendar, authorized by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C., assumed that the year had 365 1/4 days, with a 366-day leap year added every fourth year. Therefore, the month of February in a Leap Year has 29 days. In A.D. 730, an Anglo-Saxon monk, the Venerable Bede, calculated that the Julian year was 11 minutes and 14 seconds too long, an error of about one day every 128 years. But nothing was done about it for 800 years.

In 1582, the accumulated error was estimated at 10 days, and Pope Gregory XIII decreed that the day following Oct. 4 would be Oct. 15. To make future adjustments for the error (about three days every 400 years), it was decided that years ending in "00" would be common years rather than leap years -- except those divisible by 400. So 1600 and 2000 were leap years, but 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not.

God is saying, “Leap!” To leap means you will go through a sudden transition. To leap also means that you will become agile by moving oneself suddenly from the ground by using your leg muscles. Leap also means to jump or pass over or cause or force something else to make this move, the act of leaping or springing, the distance covered in a jump or a place that is to be jumped over or jumped from.

The Lord is releasing supernatural grace and favor so we can contend with our enemies and overthrow strategies of hell that would stop us from advancing.

Psalm 18:28-29 says, “For you will light my lamp; the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop; by my God I can leap over a wall.” Not only can we leap over a wall, but I keep seeing a door.

And the Lord says, “I can release an anointing in you so you receive supernatural strength, leap over every obstacle and position yourself to go through the door of opportunity that I have for you this year. Fear not the enemies on the other side of the door. For you will leap through the door and tread upon the enemy’s head.”

SEE YOUR DOORS IN 2004

I want to focus on this “DOOR” theme for 2004. In other words, SEE YOUR DOORS IN 2004. As I mentioned in my last letter, I started the year off by reading all the Chapter “4s” in the Bible. In Genesis 4, I noticed the first mention of the word “door.” I liked this word. God quickened it to me, it rhymed with “four,” and I knew it was a word for the year. Also, Revelation 4 began with this word “door.”

A door is an opening for entering and leaving. It is the essential part of the house. A door represents a pivotal place or season. A door swings on hinges, distinguishing this portion of a structure from the entire building. We find in John 10 that the Lord says, “I AM the DOOR.” The Lord showed me these doors for the year by phases.

First Phase: He said this was a time to SHUT some doors. In Gen. 4, the Lord tells Cain that unless he worships Him acceptably, sin will be at his door. We need to be sure we shut the door to sin and certain seasons this year.

Second Phase: He said that this would be a time He would begin to form new doors before our eyes. Watch for your opportunities to enter into new dimensions, investments, and creative abilities.

Third Phase: This is a time to go through the doors. He gave me the verse from 1 Cor. 16: 9 where He told Paul that “there is an effective door of ministry.” He said that this door was wide open and had many adversaries behind it. However, we are not to look at the adversaries but we are to look at the favorable opportunity for our work to expand.

Fourth Phase: Revelation 4:1 says, “After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, ‘Come up here and I will show you things which must take place after this.’” I felt the Lord impress me that this year our future can be established.

A door standing open in heaven means prophetic revelation. Once prophetic revelation is released you have vision. With vision a people prosper and succeed and establish God’s covenant plan in the generations ahead. Based upon our faith, I believe He will accelerate time for you through these phases.

This first quarter let’s focus on SHUTTING DOORS. At times, this is one of the most difficult processes of life. Sometimes, I think it takes more faith to shut a door than it does to go through a new door. Many people try to go forth into the new without shutting or bringing closure to certain issues in their life.

Shutting doors is linked with ending a season or relationship, leaving one assignment without really knowing what’s ahead, or the death process of transition. Many times we keep looking at what we lost in the last season and we are blinded to what God is trying to give us now or how He’s trying to illuminate our path leading to our future. And I believe this is what really prevents us from moving into our new place.

Ask God to give you grace to release, let go and shut some doors. Make a list of the doors you need to shut, doors that are in transition, doors that you know the Lord wants to remain open in your life, and then the new doors that you see forming.

It was customary in the Word of God to fasten the “WORD” in a small case to the door of a house. We find this principle in Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21. Let Him show you the Word that is standing at your door. He is ready to illumine our path and lead us in a new way. Psalm 119:105 says His Word is a lamp to your feet and a light to your path. SHUT THOSE DOORS HE IS SAYING TO SHUT AND RECEIVE NEW STRENGTH TO ADVANCE!

GET READY TO RUN WITH THE HORSES

Jeremiah 12:5 in the Amplified says, “If you have raced with men of foot and they have tired you out, then how can you compete with horses? And if you take to flight in a land of peace where you feel secure, then what will you do [when you tread the TANGLED MAZE OF JUNGLE, HAUNTED BY LIONS] in the swelling of the Jordan?”

This is a key scripture for us to understand this year. Jeremiah was upset because there was much confusion in Jerusalem. Josiah had brought many reforms but had ended up losing his life prematurely. Jeremiah was really questioning the Lord over why certain things were happening. You might have begun the year by questioning the Lord over why certain situations have seemed so difficult. The Lord told Jeremiah that what he had been going through was preparation for the future. If you have had difficulty coping with certain situations this past year to the extent that you have been distracted from pressing in to all that the Lord was telling you to press into, you will never be able to move into this next dimension of conflict. You are on the verge of “crossing over” into your inheritance. Don’t let the roaring lions around you cause you to turn back. The enemy has a roar that would try to prevent you from moving into the portion that God has allotted for you, but you have a ROAR greater than the enemy’s! Let the Lord fill you with new joy and produce new strength within you.

DON’T GIVE UP YOUR VINEYARD! IF YOU LEAP THEN EXPECT TO REAP

In conjunction with the above, this is the time for us to get things into material order so that we can reap a harvest and enter into a new dimension of our inheritance. With that, the Lord quickened the following verse to me from 1 Kings 21. In this chapter, Ahab wanted to add Naboth’s vineyard to his own palace grounds. Naboth refused by saying, “The Lord forbids me that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.” This caused Ahab to be depressed. Jezebel then rose up and contrived a legal process producing Naboth’s and his family’s death. This vile act was the final judgment blow upon Ahab’s kingdom.

Do not allow the enemy’s plan to successfully take your inheritance this year. Watch for legal entanglements. Know that if the enemy comes in … the Lord will raise up a standard on your behalf. Develop a watch and prayer strategy around that which is under your stewardship. On a national level, the enemy would love to take this vineyard. Let’s stand watch and do our part by voting for righteousness to continue to arise, which is a prophetic act representing our prayer life for this land. Leap up on the wall that has been resisting you! Throw that Jezebel, controlling spirit off the wall, and secure your inheritance!

This is a good year. The number 29 signifies “departure.” A door is a place for leaving as well as entering. There are some things we need to leave behind. Make a list of the doors you need to shut. Then see certain doors in your life that are still forming and indicate a transition. List the doors you know the Lord wants to remain open in your life, and then the new doors that you see forming. He may accelerate time for you.

These phases may occur over and over in your situations like the monthly phases of the moon, or the Lord might just take you through the quarters of the year as He develops His plan for your life. Pivot and go through the door. Develop new strength to run the race ahead. Seek Him like never before, and all things will be added to you. Leap forward this month and you will find yourself moving in the perfect will of God! Blessings, joy and strength all year long! Chuck D. Pierce

29 DAY PRAYER FOCUS TO LEAP THROUGH THE DOOR

Day 1: Read Psalm 29. In these 29 days, hear His voice so your wilderness breaks.

Day 2: Read Proverbs 29, especially vs. 18. Ask God for a window of prophetic revelation to open.

Day 3: Read Jeremiah 29, especially vss. 11-14. The Lord has a plan for your prosperity and success.

Day 4: Read Genesis 4. Worship the Lord in a new way, and shut every door to jealousy and sin.

Day 5: Read Genesis 13. Relationships are changing. Ask God to have you depart from strife and contention so you can inherit the promise God has for you.

Day 6: Read Deuteronomy 4, especially vs. 9. Ask the Lord to quicken a word of obedience in your heart.

Day 7: Read Joshua 1. Ask the Lord to fix your mind (meditate) upon the promise He has for you ahead. Develop a success mentality.

Day 8: Read Joshua 2. Know that the Lord has ‘help’ prepared on your road ahead.

Day 9: Read Joshua 3. Sanctify thyself. That means get rid of anything that could hinder you from crossing over into your promise.

Day 10: Read Joshua 4. Worship and pray for your generational connections. Establish a place of worship.

Day 11: Read Joshua 5. Circumcise your heart and roll away any reproach from the past.

Day 12: Read Ezra 4. Do not allow the enemy’s resistance to keep you from moving toward restoration.

Day 13: Read Nehemiah 4. Find your place in the gap and on the wall. Listen carefully for the Lord’s trumpet. Review your weapons of war and keep building.

Day 14: Read Esther 4. Fast today! (Let God choose your fast.) Ask the Lord to have you commit to find your place corporately and help the Body fight against their enemy. Find your place in a corporate prayer meeting, whether it be at work or in church. Be willing to boldly enter in to the King’s Throne Room.

Day 15: Read Jeremiah 11. Ask the Lord to reveal any covenant breaking plan the enemy has devised against your life.

Day 16: Read Jeremiah 12. Ask the Lord to give you strength to “contend with the horses” and withstand the roar of the lion, your adversary. Let the roar of God arise in you and be determined to cross over your Jordan.

Day 17: Read Matthew 4. Close the door to Satan’s temptations.

Day 18: Read Luke 4. Declare that you are coming out of your wilderness, anointed for God’s future plan.

Day 19: Read Matthew 7, especially vss. 7-12. Ask, knock, seek, and receive.

Day 20: Read Acts 1. Receive Kingdom power to begin a new season. Get to know the Holy Spirit in a new way.

Day 21: Read Acts 2. Ask the Lord to remove everything in your life that would hinder the Holy Spirit from filling you new and fresh.

Day 22: Read Acts 3. Rise up, walk forward, leap forth, change your mind, and enter into times of refreshing.

Day 23: Read Habakkuk 1. Habakkuk means “embrace.” To embrace means to let go and grab hold of something with all your passion. Ask the Lord about certain things that have hindered you in the past, and then receive a watchman anointing so you can peer into what God has for you in the future.

Day 24: Read Habakkuk 2. Review your vision and write it plainly.

Day 25: Read Habakkuk 3. Ask God for a revived heart. Sing the wonderful hymn of faith from verses 17-19. Look down at your feet and see that God is giving you hind’s feet to leap on high places.

Day 26: Read Ruth 1. Be willing to be like Ruth, leave your past, and make covenant new and fresh to follow after the Lord’s purpose. Review your relationships. Make sure you are devoted to those that you plan on walking with in the future.

Day 27: Read Ruth 2. Be willing to glean and serve so you can reap in the future. Look for your redemptive relationships.

Day 28: Read Ruth 3. Be willing to shift so you can secure your inheritance. Leave your garment of grief from the past behind and ask God to take you down to your threshing floor. Submit yourself new and fresh to the Lord.

Day 29: Read Ruth 4. Let God’s redemptive plan begin to work in a new way. “And may He be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher …” In other words, may He retrieve, reverse and return seven-fold that which you have lost.

Note: Whenever you receive this prayer focus, you may want to print it out and date each day. I am including my schedule through February on www.glory-of-zion.org I hope to see some of you at places that I minister. Pastor Dutch Sheets and I continue on our 50 State Tour.

Please pray for our families and staffs. Ask the Lord to keep us focused to His will for each state. I appreciate you more than you will ever know. May His favor and blessings rest upon you. To assist me in accomplishing this ministry, you may send your donations made payable to Glory of Zion International to PO Box 1601, Denton TX 76202 or call (888) 965-1099 with MC or Visa.

Newness In 2004

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The up and coming new year will bring "newness" into the hearts and lives of many. I am opening up the Heavens above those who are looking up. I am opening up the floodgates. I am opening doors that no one is able to close. 2004 will usher in the promises given to such a degree that those who have waited upon the Lord for their fulfillment will stand in awe.

2004 will bring in a harvest, that which has been invested in, in 2003. More and more doors will be unlocked and those who have been in captivity will be released. Even prison doors will open, and those who have been behind bars will be ushered out. It will be a year of jubilee for many, where unpaid debts will read "paid in full."

2004 will usher out the old and usher in the new in many arenas, especially those having to do with opportunities to enter the business world. I will qualify those of my choosing for the ministry, for street work, for evangelism, for the arts, and for the marketplace as a creative anointing is released upon those who carry My heart.

Burdens will be lifted as the eyes of many look up to Me. They will see Me as their provider, as the One who supplies all their needs. Those who have wondered where the next paycheck would come from will find that they are ushered into a position of receiving, that doors of opportunity in the work force will automatically open before them.

2004 will continue to be a year of transition for many. Some will leave home to follow the Lord into ministries opening up to them overseas . Others will relocate. More and more will find that they are "released" to go where the Lord would send them.

In 2004 you will see a greater emphasis on mobilization, moving out of the comfort zone and into unity with others headed in the same direction. Like flood waters, I will sweep My troops through the land to occupy what has been enemy territory. I will announce and pronounce judgment upon the wicked. I will bring order where there has been chaos in the lives of many, for I am setting a standard of holiness within their midst. I am entering the camp of the enemy, destroying his arsenal of weaponry, breaking the strongholds, and setting the captives free.

Year 2004 will usher in the "opening of doors" into the homes and lives of those who would be brought out of slavery and into the light of Christ. I am doing a work, says the Lord, that will not be forgotten. In the next few months you will recognize a change in the lives of those who you have stood in the gap for as I move you into a prime position of "being a light" to them in the darkness around them. The light shall overtake the darkness.

Year 2004 will be a year of rejoicing for those who have put their trust in Me, says the Lord, for I shall open the Heavens above them and shower them with abundant blessing, in the natural realm, and then in the realm of the spirit, as the promises long-waited for come into perspective. Expect a great move of My Spirit in your life and in the lives of those round about you. Things will never be the same again after year 2004. Triumph and rejoice!

Press In To Me
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Venture on in the things laid out to you. Move forward in the call. Step out of the comfort zone and into the comfort of knowing that I have gone on before you to make a way.

I will build upon what I have already shown you. Your efforts will be rewarded over and above what you could have thought or imagined. I am moving you on and out of the familiar and I will assign projects to you that will thrill your heart. You will recognize that I have called you to new and exciting endeavors, that you are not housebound, but that I have lifted the stigma put upon you by ungodly men and that I am moving you into new areas of expertise.

I have instituted My law within you heart. You need no one to teach you the things of My Spirit. Lo, I am with you and I shall walk you out. Do not grieve the passing away of the old. Do not let it get a grip on you. I am moving you out, away from the familiar, and plunking you into the new. Old mindsets will crumble. Old ways will fall away. All those things that would weigh you down are being removed. I am breaking you away from those things that would command attention and taking you into a fresh stream of My river. Walk with Me and do not turn around and turn back. I am taking you into the promised land, into the fulfillment of all promises made to you. I am leading you on and into the inheritance that awaits you. I am leading you on and into your destiny.

Press in to Me and I will speak life to your mortal bones. I will give you a glimpse of what I have in store. I will show you things to come. I will increase within you till you are able to stand strong through the greatest storms. I will fill you with love and compassion, with fervor and passion. You will not sit idle. I will parade you forward as My vessel of choice, as one I have chosen to carry My heartbeat. Press in and press on to the prize. You will see that I have not denied you access, but that I have opened wide the doors for you to be escorted through and into your inheritance.

Walk with Me. Talk with Me. Spend time with Me and you will see that I have, indeed, prepared you for great things. Those who once rose up against you will no longer be able to hold you back. Rid yourself of worry. Do not look to those who are in your midst. Do not listen to their ill report. Keep focused on Me and you will see wonders.

Bring to Me the full tithe. Bring your whole life to Me and let Me change you into that which will accurately represent Me. I will change your heart and give you My heartbeat.

Now is the Time to Press!

Kriston Couchey

In the time of distraction, weakness, failure and seeming defeat it is time to press on. It is the time of greatest pressure and resistance that perseverance pays off. The enemies plan is to wear out and (dis)courage you. But be strong and of good courage. Do not be weary in well doing, for you will soon reap a harvest if you do not faint.

Set your face as a flint to maintain and stand in the place you have been given to stand. Do not fear the things that might happen. Press in for that which is promised. Then the God of peace will crush the adversary under your feet.

Don't let the resistance from even loved ones deter you from laying hold of the promises. This is a season of testing that will prove your faith(fullness). Don't be alarmed by your own weakness and failure, but look to Me and my ability to be what you cannot be.

The just shall live by faith and will enter the land if they will only believe.

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North Korea

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North Korea: I Will "Tear Down That Wall" 20 Apr 2004 Earlier Articles:

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The Lord Said He Is Going To "Tear Down That Wall"

It was the first time my husband or I had ever been to a Christian Korean fellowship. My husband, Steven, had been teaching, and then he invited the Holy Spirit to come and minister to all who needed a touch from the Father's hand. There was a great sense of anticipation in the room. Each person there, mostly young people in their twenties and thirties, was ready and poised for the Holy Spirit to move upon them. No one left either of the two services disappointed. The Lord came in a tender and healing way and brought freedom to His children.

By My Own Hand

As I sat there worshipping with our Korean brethren, the Holy Spirit quickened my heart and clearly told me that He was going to "tear down that wall." My first thought was to a very vivid picture in my mind of former President Ronald Reagan, using that exact same phrase, while addressing another dictator during his own time in the Oval Office. It came to pass, and when it did, it happened in a day! The Lord spoke clearly to me a second time, just moments later, and told me that He was going to "tear down that wall" between North Korea and South Korea sovereignly, and that the brutal dictator of North Korea, Kim Jong-il, would be removed from power by His Own hand.

A Comforting Word To North (and South) Koreans

You can probably imagine how thrilled and amazed I was when I heard this from the Lord that Sunday morning nearly two months ago. I shared this with the worship leader who said it would answer the ongoing, day-and-night prayers of millions of people. I knew he was thinking to himself, "I pray this is truly a word from the Lord," even though he looked rather incredulous while he was listening to me as I shared this revelation with him.

I pray that this revelation will bring comfort and hope to millions of Korean brothers and sisters in Christ -- great comfort, and even greater hope that the Lord has heard and is going to answer the continual cries of His people calling out to Him night and day to intervene in the desperate situation taking place daily in North Korea, where just being a believer can mean your immediate execution, imprisonment, and unspeakable torture.

Believe and Intercede!

I believe we are going to see this happen, even as we saw the Berlin wall come down in a day and the former Soviet Union fall. I also believe this can be hastened if the saints begin to pray without ceasing for North Korea and believe the Lord that it will happen, even as it did when the saints prayed over the wall that separated Germany to fall and for freedom for the entire former Soviet Union. If we believe that the Lord will save Israel in a day as the scripture says, then surely we can believe the Lord to save these precious people, suffering so terribly in North Korea today, under the rule of another heinous dictator, by pummeling the heavens through our intercession.

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No Merchandising

Gaylene Womack

This being the week of celebrating Passover, the Lord showed me a vision (didn't need interpretation) as a word of knowledge or prophecy. The vision was a merchandising table set up at a church and a spark of fire hit it but the sellers ignored that spark and kept selling. Maybe a minute later another spark hit the table and still the sellers didn't respond. Then immediately a consuming fire hit the table and destroyed everything.

The Lord said, My house is not to be a house of merchandise but a house of prayer and I shall begin to come to those that proclaim their houses to be My houses and bring swift judgment when they reject the warning word of the prophets I send to speak forth My warnings. The blood of the Lamb does not protect those that disobey the Word of the Lord. They are speaking forth the protection of the blood, but it DOES NOT protect such ones that have turned My house into a house of merchandising.

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No More Struggling

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Your days of struggle are now over, for you have entered into the Rest of your God. And in this place, where you struggling has ceased, I will do untold miracles for you. This has been for you, as season of learning to let go, and allowing Me to be God. I know that it has been difficult to come and walk on the water, but great rewards you are about to see.

I had to bring you to a place and a time, of having no answers and no other avenues of escape, that I might reveal to you the peace that passes all understanding. I had to bring you to a place of not asking Me to do what I have already done, but of knowing that I am not a man that I should lie, and that I am bound by My word to perform it.

So many of My children waste their time asking again and again, for something that I told them that I would do. They have not yet learned, rather to ask, to praise Me for what they cannot see. Truly, I inhabit the praises of My people. It is the highest level of faith.

The days ahead for you will be a season of reaping. You have sown in patience, in stillness, in quietness, and in trusting. The harvest of this season will be far greater than you can imagine. Not only in the things of the spirit, but you will also reap a harvest in the natural.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. And your love has been revealed, by your trust in Me. Trust Me more.

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North and South Korea

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"So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him." Acts 12:5

A PRAISE/PRAYER GATHERING IN SOUL

In a vision, I see an open heaven over Seoul. As I look upwards, towards God's throne, the view is clear and magnificent. High in the heavenly realms I see two angels poised over Seoul, one with a trumpet and the other with a bowl full of golden liquid. The first angel begins to blow the trumpet, whilst the second pours out the bowl (answered prayers and the glory of God) on the capital of South Korea on the many thousands of people who are gathered to pray and praise Christ our King. With uplifted hands the believers worship, their prayers and praise being orchestrated from the Throne Room of God our heavenly Father. This releases a wave of glory on the capital. I see this wave has a ripple effect in like manner to a pebble being thrown into a still pool of water. The effects are wide reaching! Praise God!

PRAISE AT THE BORDERS OF NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA

The large gathering I witness in the vision in Seoul is followed by further smaller gatherings along the border between South and North Korea. These coming assemblies (some as few as one and two people) are for worship and praise to Jesus. Many angels are stationed and positioned as the Lord's border control agents. I hear the Spirit of the Lord say,

"It is possible to pass through the borders. Even though mankind has set up blockades and has made passing through them seem impossible, my precious children nothing is impossible with Me. Yet, beloved, there will be some who will lose their lives as they praise Me at the borders but all things are in your Father's hands. Some will not pass through the borders but will die declaring Love and Liberation in Christ and be instantly escorted by my angels to glory. Some will be arrested at the borders, but their praise to Me will ring out boldly despite persecution across the land. Salvation will not be held back and I declare that the prisons of North Korea are a harvest field full of My glory.

Still others will pass through the borders for I am cloaking my children and overshadowing them in my glory. Just as it was in Peter's day when he was safely escorted from prison, so I will cover my children again and my angels will walk with those who are courageous in Grace and called to North and South Korea in this hour. Some will cross to and from the borders, indeed there are those who have been hidden in my overshadowing presence and have made this journey in grace many times, to bring hope, encouragement and fresh vision to those in North Korea.

I am your Father and I have not forgotten you nor forsaken you. I look upon you with great tenderness and my right arm is not too short to save. I will vindicate my Name in North Korea and my glory will release many who currently languish in prisons. They will walk unfettered from prisons and places of persecution. The suddenly of My Kingdom is coming with Light and Liberation and with great power and love. Those who are released will carry my glory to such an extent that there will hardly be a need for words, for they are so close to me, that where they walk, conviction will fall and my Gospel will be lived and preached with love and authority and multitudes will come to a knowledge of my saving grace.

I am coming with consuming fire, and my holy presence will shield the faithful and comfort the broken hearted. I will carry my lambs and heal them in my Love. I am coming with a wave of righteousness and I will pour out miracle upon miracle in the abundance of my mercy. I am exposing corruption and breaking the power of oppression through my Justice. I will answer the earnest prayers of nations on behalf of North and South Korea. Leaders of nations will gather in the world arena and I will mobilise them to assist the cause of Righteousness in this land (Korea). I will release aid. My Righteousness will accomplish this. I am the Rescuer and Redeemer of my people. Pharaoh could not hold my children; Herod could not hold my children and neither will Kim Jong-il keep them from worshipping me."

LIBERTY AND JOY THROUGH THE WARFARE OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

With incredible joy in my heart in the vision, I notice that as the people praise, great waves of worship-filled glory break on the battered borders and nation of North Korea. It is continual and cannot be stopped by the enemy of our souls. I witness a little boy running in a field, and a mother working in a field, and suddenly a small aeroplane appears in the sky. The child and his mother look up. The boy and his mum begin to laugh and run with joy. The plane represents the warfare of prayer and praise and the liberation brought about through Holy Spirit answering heartfelt requests and intercessions both spoken, wept and sung as songs of love and victory in Jesus Christ. It also speaks of the Father's love and of restoration.

GRACE FOR THIS HOUR

I am given an aerial view of South and North Korea and notice the word GRACE is etched across the land. The letter 'G' is planted in South Korea, and the remaining four letters 'RACE' are written across North Korea. Around the borders of the Korean lands are blossoms of tremendous beauty. God is pouring out waves of grace on his persecuted people. These dear saints will know a double portion of the Lord's grace for this hour. They will run and race into the glory of God. God is quickening his work and the growth of his Kingdom in North Korea. His Word and his Kingdom are coming forth as blossoms of fresh new growth in the Spirit. The Spirit of the Lord is saying,

"Great suffering produces spiritual blossoms of eternal beauty. I have heard every baby's cry, every mother's sob, every father's anguish. I have witnessed every terror. Every hate filled blow against the innocent is before my throne of Justice. Every tortured soul, every person abused, every atrocity hidden from the world, every drop of innocent blood shed and every single tear wept, I have seen and I have heard, for nothing is hidden from my sight. I am coming for my Korean bride. I declare her beautiful and reveal my radiance in her to the nations.

I come with recompense for the faithful and retribution against the wicked. I will shake idolatry in a moment of Righteous vindication and the modern day Dagon's shall fall. The higher they reach to the heavens, the further they will fall. Monuments will topple and my children will rejoice. In 2007 there will be a significant shaking of Kim Jong-il's power and his reign of terror will come to an end by 2010. Hold fast to your hope my children, for it shall not disappoint you."

TO THOSE IN CAPTIVITY

"Dear child of God, I am your Deliverer. I weep for you. I draw near and wrap my arms around you. As you sleep my angels are watching over you and also over your loved ones. Fear not for them. I will provide. I will protect. Your suffering will not endure forever. I am coming soon. In your nakedness, I cover you. You are my partner in glory. You are the magnificent passion and holy obsession of my heart. Your silent pleas are heard and answered in the throne room of Grace. I am your friend, your Father and in fellowship, your brother. My heart aches for you. Heaven longs for you. I will visit with you and give you dreams and revelation to sustain you. When you hunger, I am the Bread of heaven. When you thirst, I am your Life giving water. When you are beaten and persecuted for my Namesake I am the Blood that heals you. When you despair, I am your garment of Praise. When you fear, I am your Shield of faith. When you are weary, I am the Good Shepherd who carries you and cherishes you. When you have no love left to give, I am Love, and release waterfalls of Grace upon your weary soul to love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you. When it seems as though there is only darkness, I am the Light of the world, your light and your Source. When you are broken hearted, I am near to heal and remain your steadfast Hope of glory. When you feel alone, know that I Am always with you, for you are my beloved and I am yours and my banner over you is love. Where you see only death, I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believers in me shall not perish, but will have eternal life."

FOR THE CHILDREN AND THE WOMEN ABUSED

My beloved, I have not forgotten the children of Korea, nor the women who have lost children, husbands and loved ones. I have witnessed embryos viciously torn away from the womb, I have witnessed women disfigured in rage, I have seen those who have been battered, abused and put to death by gas. I have seen the eyes of those filled with hate and rage, who have executed the innocent and it has broken my heart. Those who have been swept away by the hatred of man kind, are now resting safely in Father's heart. I am pouring out healing on the agonised of this land. I will raise up a double portion generation of sons and daughters of righteousness, for the blood of the innocent cries out to heaven. In mercy I am breathing new life into barrenness, new life into brokenness, new life into hopelessness and I am pouring out a resurrection anointing on the children of Korea.

"Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me .." Acts 12:11a

I am releasing a wave of repentance upon the ungodly by my Spirit. This will bring such conviction and with it grace to be forgiven and grace upon my church to forgive. From amongst those who have acted as tormenters against my church, I will redeem guards and use them as I used Paul, to bless and build up my church. Some of those who currently oppress my church will repent, receive salvation and become my 'secret agents', my undercover disciples. I will use them as vessels of blessing and they will help release believers who are currently in prison. They will also smuggle in letters, tokens of love and food, bibles and supplies to those imprisoned for their faith. Some of them will become martyrs for my Namesake."

SEND A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO KOREA!

Lastly, in the vision, I see postage stamps flying in the air. I am impressed that this represents letters of love and comfort and written words of encouragement that will deluge North Korea as believers from all around the world send notes and tokens of love to Korea. If you would like to send such a letter or gift, our small team at Gatekeepers will be honoured to pass this to our friends working with believers in North and South Korea. The address for postal items is Gatekeepers, 18 Castle View, West Kilbride, Ayrshire, KA23 9HD, Scotland, UK. If you wish to e-mail a letter of encouragement to Korea please send to Catherine@gatekeepers.org.uk We will endeavour to have all your letters translated before sending them. If you send a postal letter/card, could you please also include an extra postage stamp to help cover mailing costs from the UK to Korea? Thank you!

Beloved, let us stand in this hour with our persecuted brothers and sisters and believe for a mighty wave of deliverance from oppression and for God's Kingdom to come forth with love, power and signs and wonders, with healings, miracles, salvations and resurrections in Korea. It's time for us to pray earnestly for the persecuted church. Every prayer matters, every tear counts, every act of self-less love is evidence of God's magnificent love at work in our hearts.

I have wept many tears as I have prepared this prophetic article. Some of my prayers had no words, but just rolled down my cheeks as Jesus poured out his heart for Korea into mine. My tears seem such a small thing compared to the suffering of so many, but nonetheless, I offer them in love as a sacrifice of praise remembering those in prison as though I was there with them. In the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ they are enough. I pray that our collective tears, prayers and songs of love to and for Christ become a mighty rushing river of revival for the believers, our family, in North and South Korea.

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Now Is The Time

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I Shall Bring Low And I Shall Lift Up

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> *"When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present, hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord. Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast, as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth." 1 Cor 5:4-8*

Now is the time - I shall bring low and I shall lift up.

There are many of My own who are boasters of your own selves, having a superior attitude of who you are. You claim the Name of Jesus but you claim it as a special privilege to set yourselves above others. You claim His Name in expecting special favor, special protection and special privilege while subtly you trample down what My Son did for ALL !!! You minister to people in My Name but spend more time talking about yourselves and your accomplishments than you do of the Name of Jesus and what HE can truly do in a person's life.

Husbands, you mistreat your wives while elevating others above them and you *dare to expect* Me to answer your prayers and to bless you in all your endeavors. Husbands who say, Lord, I am not into physical adultery but you exhibit spiritual adultery in your heart and words. Slavery, in fact you treat your wives and other women as a type of slave... you have backed them into a corner and in many cases the church is helping you keep them there. This is an indicator of a much deeper problem, the arrogance and pride of man spilling over in your life and your actions while claiming to be Mine. Arrogance and pride in who you are and what 'you believe' is robbing you of who you are to be In Christ. There is only one way back, to re-order your life in the ways of your heavenly Father. I will not and I cannot bless a man or a church who mistreats any of My daughters. Such pride and arrogance in self I will tolerate no longer.

I have sent many warnings your way, My sons and daughters but still many compromise while saying you put me first. You have deceived yourself as thinking you are wise but it is wisdom by the standards of this age , but your Lord knows and the thoughts of the wise are futile. You boast of what you know and that you can't possibly be in any err of what you believe. You continue to believe you shall walk in My power in the times to come and that you will have My protection. You have put yourself first in all that you say or do and through the steps you have taken you have sought your own power but the results will be to your own peril. You have prepared, though you will disagree even now, 'in the flesh' and you will reap both trouble in the flesh 'and' in the spirit. You have stood proclaiming to be a Christian while your heart is far from it. You have worshipped your own beliefs and you stand in control of your own destiny while giving lip service to Me. I AM shall not be mocked! Yes, I have been long suffering but the time has come for Me to step in and set things right. I have asked you to submit to Me in all things but your arrogance in what you believe, even now closes your ears for you to hear....

You proclaim you lift the cross of Jesus HIGH in all that you say or do. Yet you judge and approve of barriers and divisions between peoples and nations. You judge others rather than seeing each person as someone for whom Jesus died and promised to draw unto Himself. You claim to be His but you use the cross more as a club of submission when you should be using it as drawing people to reconciliation.

I AM that I AM.... Have I not said that judgment begins with My own? You think because you have continued unchecked that My judgment shall not come to you. I have spoken over and over again, in warning but you have continued on your own path of destruction. You have persisted in bringing others low while elevating yourself and you have come to a point in your own mind that you cannot possibly accept this as being true of yourself. You had a slot in time for true repentance but now you have crossed over in your own arrogance and self righteousness. Did you really believe that I would not lift My protection from upon you? Even now, most will not see, even now you will proclaim that you speak My words of truth, but the truth is 'you' are in control of your own words and actions but Beloved, the I AM is and always will be.... In Control!!!! Even now, I say again, you must be holy as I AM Holy, you have heard Me say this before and once again I speak for you to either follow Me according to My Word or you will not be with Me at all. Yet most, even now will continue to be blinded to what you are doing - but a few, I say a few will allow My Words to penetrate your heart and repent and truly follow me in all My ways and you will be part of My greatest move that is about to spring on the world.

For the remainder of you who still do not seek to "see", despite all of My warnings and truly change your ways, you will be subject to one of two actions.... For some, I will take you home before you can ostracize yourself completely from me. For some, My protection will leave you and you will be handed over to Satan so the sinful nature may be destroyed so that your spirit may be saved on the "Day of the Lord." You have put yourself first in all that you say or do and I must take action for *My Name's Sake*. Yes, I shall be hard on you but it is for the ultimate end of your true and complete return to Me. This is a final wake-up call, there is no time to waste for I AM moving and I AM moving speedily!

> *"In the time of My favor, I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. I tell you, **now** is the time of God's favor, **now** is the day of salvation." 2 COR 6:2*

NOW, I will turn to those who are truly serving Me in truth and they WILL have My protection in the dark times to come. I will free them from the current snares and circumstances they have been living under and from those whose ultimate motive has been to rule over them. Yes, I shall now bring complete freedom to those who others have sought to bring low for they have been prepared by My hand and will stand wholly before Me. These are called by My Name and you shall stand triumphant in the midst of all to come. To you, My Beloved, I AM instilling a Spirit of Peace and My Spirit of Peace shall lead you from this day forward. I said I would band you together, that was My promise to you and I will do as I have promised. Even now I have placed some of you together and more will be added unto you.

You shall walk in what I have ordained for you and you will not compromise My word in any way but walk in a true spirit of humility and love. You, My Beloved, shall stand in My love and in My truth and I shall raise you up victorious "by Myself" for you have listened to your Heavenly Father even when being held down by your circumstances. You place Me before all, even your own ambitions and desires, now you will see Me move amongst you and you shall go forth in My Name as My light unto the world while seeing all of My promises to you come to past and receiving blessings beyond what you can contain.

Hear Me now: *"Do not fret yourselves any longer because of the workers of iniquity, for they shall be cut off."* It is because of the Rock of Conviction, Jesus the Christ, that I AM is With you and In you and I say to you SURELY the gates of hell shall not prevail !!! Some will see Me geographically move them in a twinkling of an eye.... Some will see My blessings surround them and they will be astounded.... Some will see the places of refuge in which I am giving to their trust - raised up in a day.... Every one of My faithful ones will experience the miraculous which will catapult them into their destiny..... I tell you, Now is the time of My favor! Now is the day of salvation ! Now is the time for your to rejoice for you will see the salvation of your Lord in every area of your life.

Now is the time - I Shall Bring Low and I Shall Lift Up!

New Prophetic Trends
Chuck Pierce

New Prophetic Trends Will NOW Emerge: *A 10 Day Prayer Focus to Decree & Emerge into Your Promises Ahead!*

A Sincere Thank You!

I want to thank each of you for standing, voting, and decreeing that this nation would reflect God's righteous covenant. I want to thank all of you who attended the 50 State Tour meetings. I want to thank all of you who have influence in various structures of society, as well as you who are hidden in your closet crying out day and night. I want to thank those who took the keys of the kingdom and loosed heaven's will into the earth. I want to thank each of you in advance for standing through the next four years of the war season that is ahead.

An Emerging Prophetic Generation Sanctified For War!

Much that has been hidden will now begin to ***EMERGE***! The prophetic voice is going through a metamorphosis and getting ready to emerge. Many have grown weary of a lack of integrity and immaturity in the prophetic. However, I have seen the prophetic since 1986 being like a butterfly emerging out of a cocoon.
When the butterfly emerges there is great beauty. A metamorphosized beauty is linked with holiness. **Psalm 96:9 says, "*O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Tremble before Him all the earth*. "** God has been renewing the mind of the prophets and breaking their conformity to this world (Romans 12:1-2).
To be conformed means that your outer fashion and appearance is modeled or patterned after world lust. God is removing the old garment from His prophets, transforming their minds and spirits, and preparing them to speak a clear word in season. This is a generation that is arising that will enter into a holy clarity of God's expression in the earth.

We are entering a **SEASON OF CRISIS**. At any midpoint, it's crucial to continue pressing forward and not go backwards. The Lord has a desire to raise up a generation to bring peace or wholeness into the earth realm. However, this is a generation with a sword in their hand.
Many have resisted embracing the war aspect of this season. This happened in Numbers 14 when it was time for a generation to enter into Canaan to establish themselves in God's promised land. Twelve spies went in. Ten returned with a report of the promises being real in the land**. However, they were unwilling to go to war for those promises.**

Forty years later, we find the Lord sanctifying a generation that would cross over into the war and possess God's promise. We find the Lord developing a priesthood that would go before the people. We find the Captain of the Hosts meeting the leadership in a way to lead them past "their camps" and into His plan. We find a generation that was ready to BELIEVE and FOLLOW! That same thing is happening now. *A generation is rising that is willing to believe, war and follow.*

A Faith-Filled Generation Is Emerging!

We have recently entered the Hebraic Year **5765**. This is the fourth year in a seven year war season that began in September 2001. This is the year that many issues will come ***FULL CIRCLE!*** Therefore, this is the year that a generation must emerge with great spiritual life.
This war is over the manifestation of covenant blessings in the earth realm. A generation is rising to bring forth the next dimension of covenant blessings in the earth. There seems to be ten emerging prophetic issues that we need to be concerned about this year. To ***emerge*** means to rise forth and come into view, to become visible, apparent or known, or sudden unforeseen situations coming into full view that require immediate action.

A **generation** is always linked with the act or process of producing offspring. A **generation** signifies a stage or degree in the succession of a person or a group of people who are aligned in experience, attitude, spiritual force or product development. A **generation** signifies a stage that should produce the next level of improvement and quality.
In Biblical understanding, a **generation** is linked with a revolution of time, or a certain age or lifespan where something happens. The Hebrew words for generation are *doar* and *dur* which mean to ***dwell*** or ***circle***. Therefore, a generation is not just linked with age but with a heart to enter into the fullness of God's planned inheritance for this time frame. It is a people filled will faith and a different spirit that have a heart cry like Caleb who said, "I've waited forty years - give me my inheritance now." It is a corporate army who is crying, ***"We will not go around that mountain again! We are ready to break old cycles and enter in!"***

In Matthew 24:6-7 the Lord told us, "*And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled. For all these things must come to pass,* **but the end is not yet** " (emphasis added). If *"the end is not yet, "* then we must rise up and enter into the "now" of God. The end has connotations of finality. Since we have not reached that final place where the culmination of all things has occurred, we must learn to operate in the now!
What we do now will determine our future. Isaiah 46:9-10 says, "*Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My Counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure.'* "
When we hear the word "war " we have thoughts of destruction, sorrow, grief, loss, conflict, and death. However, the Lord says clearly, "See that you are not troubled. " God is putting a peace in our hearts so a generation that is arising will go to war for all of God's covenant promises. This generation is not just people young of age, but a people with a heart filled with faith, aligned together to bring forth God's plan.
There are many wars ahead: wars over the changing of laws and times, wars over calling good evil, and evil good, wars of compromise, wars of religion wanting us to take a form but denying the power of God. But God! This is a generation who will declare, decree a thing, and watch God bring it forth in the earth.

Declaring By Faith For Cycles To Shift Now!!!!

When the Lord makes a declaration He already knows the end of the thing. Recognize that you are on a path of life. It is set before you. You are urged to press along that path and endure that path until you reach the end. There are big boulders and potholes in the way, and often times, the path needs to be cleared out before you can begin. There may even be boulders all along the way. However, our Father in Heaven is going to watch after you from the beginning of that path until the finish line because He already knows the end.

With this reality we should never lose faith or hope along our path. The real issue along the path is to have a reality of who God is and what His purpose is from the beginning until the end. **"*I am the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last* "** (Rev 22:13). This is simply a statement that says, "I AM. I AM, and I can make you well able to accomplish My purpose here on the earth. " A verse that I want to remind you of is Jeremiah 33:3 from the Amplified: "*Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand*). " Let God show you things that you do not know so you can walk in victory.

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10 Emerging Prophetic Shifts!

A 10 Day Prayer Focus to Decree & Emerge into your Promises Ahead!

1. A New Passion in God's prophetic people to be holy and separated out of and unto His purposes. **Read Colossians 1.** Ask God to reveal any unholy, besetting sin within you that could affect your conscience and allow Satan's seducing, condemning voice to speak subtly in your ear. **Meditate on Joshua 1-3**. Prepare yourself for victory.

2. New emerging strategies that will cause us to have the right word to change legal structures. This is where the real war over our nation lies. **Read Acts 3-5.** Pray that the spirit of boldness begins to rest upon you. Ask the Spirit of God to deal with all of your infirmities. Ask the Lord to show you your place of involvement concerning legal structures in days ahead. **Read Colossians 2**. Ask God to remove any religious legalism you might be operating in.

3. New strategies concerning supply and the transference of wealth. **Read 1 Kings 17, 2 Kings 4, and Mark 12:41-44**. Decree that the spirit of poverty will not speak and deceive you this year. Ask God to show you how to multiply your resources. Ask the Lord to give you favor with your creditors. Ask the Lord to show you how to give. Ask the Lord to break a spirit of greed or covetousness in your bloodline.

4. New warfare strategies of recovery and reversal of fortune. Sit before the Lord and ask Him to give you the mind for recovery. Last month we prayed 1 Samuel 30. **Re-read 1 Samuel 30:6-8**. Encourage yourself in the Lord. **Then read Jeremiah 30**. Ask the Lord to give you an understanding of the power of restoration. **Then pray Haggai 1-2**. Decree that all disinterest, disillusionment and discouragement will break from you. Pray for every building project that God has put in your path – that includes ministries and your church as well as any physical building. Ask God to unlock the silver and the gold.

5. A new release of the seer anointing that will cause us to experience new dimensions of our covenant blessing. **Read Jeremiah 31-33.** Look very closely at the promises that are recorded with the new covenant. Ask God for any distinct obedience that He would have you do to prepare you for the new. Ask the Lord to open your eyes to mighty things that have been hidden to your understanding.

6. A new miracle mantle upon God's people that produces signs, wonders and healings in the Body and the world around us. Be **overwhelmed** and encompassed by His supernatural **LOVE**. **Read Colossians 3:1-17.** Pray in the Spirit for five minutes. If you do not have a spiritual language then praise for five minutes. Receive a release of **compassion**. There will be great breakthroughs in the area of blood, the mind, and the endocrine system. **Read Hebrews 4 and 9.** Pray for everyone you know that has diseases related to the blood, mind or endocrine system. Ask God to bring them in your path so you can lay hands on them. Do not be afraid to lay your hands on the sick and pray for them this year.

7. New prophetic declarations that will cause old cycles to be fully completed, and new administrative methods released. **Read Ezekiel 36-37. Read Matthew 14.** Make a list of old cycles that have been hard to break. Decree the opposite.

8. A new season of adventure. This will not be a "safe" season spiritually. You must be willing to step out by faith. **Read Hebrews 11**. Then choose one of the faith characters and read the history of how that person stepped out. Ask God to give you faith to make a bold leap of faith this year. This is a year to walk a **FINE LINE** in every area of life*. Do not be afraid of falling. Do not try to stay balanced in the flesh.* Do not let your fear of change make you afraid of making decisions. This is a year of the Spirit supernaturally rekindling the **power gifts**. The war will take a supernatural turn. **Read 1 *Cor. 12 &14***. Do not be afraid to experiment and be creative. Witchcraft will become very subtle. The Spirit of God will lead us into occult vs. Holy Spirit wars. Ask Holy Spirit to invade your life, church or ministry connections, and your state.

9*. A new season of aligning the generations.* Pray for three prodigals that you know. Pray for a college campus. **Read Luke 15, especially vss. 11-32**. We must connect the generations. Three generations must learn to war together this year (***Isaiah 59:15-21***). All three generations should speak the same prophetic declarations. The word generation is linked with circle. If you have time, re-read **Esther 9**.

10. New watchman strategies. **Read Ezekiel 13:5**. Prophets must shift from just prophesying to watching and standing in the gap. Our watchman assignments are changing. This will be a year of confusion and mixed reports. The Lord will release great discernment based upon our connections and alignments. Ask God who and what you are watching after. **Read Genesis 2:8-15**. Ask God to define your garden. Ask Him what gardens you are watching after. **Read 2 Samuel 18:19-33.** Ask God to give you a sure word over those assignments that you are watching after. **Read Isaiah 62**. Let the restlessness of God come upon you that you may be watchful and not keep silent over the burdens of your heart.
Blessings,
Chuck D. Pierce

Now The Wind Then The Freeze

John Moore

Winds of change and transition have been blowing across the land since the beginning of 2004 and will continue to do so for a season, but the season will have an abrupt end.

First the wind, but then a freeze. This freeze will solidify many in their new positions and enable them to enjoy a season of reaping and harvest. For others this freeze will be a time of anguish as they realize their presumption and procrastination has left them outside the gates while the sounds of ceremony and banqueting resound from within.

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Navigating The Waters Of Change

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MAPPING OUR COURSE

There has been and will certainly continue to be a lot of writings and discussions concerning the contrast of leadership between Saul and David. The arising of a Davidic order of leadership and authority is upon us. However, our navigation through the waters of change will be essential to the church's health and well-being. The transition from the "Order of Saul" to the "Davidic order" must be navigated through the wisdom and guidance of God's Word.

The issue at hand is not so much the "Saul's" that have abused their authority and mandate, but the RESPONSE of the "David's" toward the present situation that the Saul's have created. I write this in response to the witnessing of many people who seem to delight in seeing the defects in individuals within the church. The blatant disrespect for authority that is transpiring in the church is a prime indicator of our true spiritual maturity. Upon seeing Saul's true colors, David chose not to stay in Saul's camp. We also have this same choice. It seems that many are finding pleasure staying in the "Camp of the Sauls" — judging and criticizing rather than simply and honorably leaving. (See our "Breaking Away" article.) Leaving a "Saul-based" leadership gets the point across with much more impact than stimulating a frustrated and divisive environment by staying.

Even though Saul sought to "kill" the destiny of his faithful servant, David did not curse or gossip about Saul by the words he spoke nor the actions he took. On the contrary, David respected Saul's authority even when he was persecuted under that authority. It would be the spiritual maturity of David that God would find worthy of true leadership and spiritual promotion. Now, before you jump to any conclusions, let's finish the article with a teachable spirit. I am not pardoning or condoning the leadership of Saul, but can God use "Saul's" in the church to fulfill a far greater purpose than we may realize? Can God use the faults and mistakes of those in authority to expose the true condition of OUR hearts?

NAVIGATING THE WATERS

We read in the "Autumn Trees Without Fruit" article that Cain had to plow the soil that God had cursed. Likewise, after the flood, Noah would have to cultivate the cursed ground. The Bible says that Noah planted a vineyard and after drinking too much of his own labor, he retired in his drunkenness to his tent and removed his clothes — passing out naked.

Ham, Noah's youngest son, entered the tent and saw his father's nakedness. Immediately, Ham ran and told his brothers, Shem and Japheth. (We notice that Ham ONLY told "family.") Did this excuse Ham? I suppose that Ham told his brothers of their father's "drunk as a skunk" condition along with this deplorable situation for the purpose of feeling better about his own inadequacies. (Isn't this the reason why people desire to gossip or make others look bad?) I believe it was Ham's disposition and nature to SHOW his brothers their father naked and exposed. How else would Noah have known that it was Ham who disgraced him? He knew because of Ham's nature and the fact that he awoke to a "COVERING" that Ham was not mature enough to have given.

When Shem and Japheth heard what had happened, they took a blanket or a garment to cover Noah and walked backwards so they would not disgrace their father in his nakedness. When Noah awoke from his drunken slumber, he knew what Ham had done and proclaimed a CURSE over his descendants. (Read Genesis 9.) How can we explain the fact that Ham's seemingly minor transgression brought severe consequences, whereas Noah's drunkenness brought none that is recorded in the Bible? This is a question that we must answer as we navigate the waters of prophetic and ministerial change that is upon us. Our true anointing and spiritual maturity hinges upon the understanding and answer of this question.

It should be obvious that the moral shortcomings of Noah became a TEST of maturity to his three sons. Ham was proven through this unfortunate circumstance to be foolish and presumptuous. Shem and Japheth, although not approving of the circumstance, were found to be honorable and would not so much as speak a critical word knowing that Noah was in the hands of God -- The Righteous Judge.

The danger with the "Ham's" in today's church is that they attempt to openly discredit others in spiritual authority when no sin has been committed. This mindset provided Ham with a shallow EXCUSE to disobey his father whenever he desired or when he believed it was contrary to HIS opinion. The same can hold true with us. By openly and personally discrediting authority, we feel free to cast off restraint and demand release from godly submission. We become an impostor of God in our desire to be the Righteous Judge.

STORMY SEAS

Now, with all of the abuses and nonsense that we are witnessing in all areas of ministry, I can understand the frustration and even anger with what is transpiring. I am just as appalled that "leaders" in the church have somehow forgotten the verse that we are to "submit to one another in the fear of the Lord" in their lust for control. I am saddened by the neglect of the Word of God for the fanciful and irrelevant stories of man. However, this does not excuse us to take on the spirit of Ham. We need to prophesy truth and confront sin in the church as prophetic people. This IS our Biblical and primary call: declaring REPENTANCE. However, if we desire to JUDGE another personally, we risk the "Curse of Ham" if our motive is to discredit and damage out of a form of self-righteousness, spiritual insecurity or just simple opinion. Most of the personal criticism that I see in the church is not about doctrinal error or heresy. It is the OPINION of how one feels that church ought to be done.

Noah, as a spiritual leader, did not set a good example for a generation that had the opportunity to start over and anew what the preceding generations had abused. This is tragic when you really think about what was at stake. (Humanity had moved into a type of being born-again to fulfill God's intended purpose for our lives. In other words, humanity was given a second chance.) However, God would still use this event for the purpose of revealing the true heart condition of these three men that would father the future of mankind. Shem and Japheth honored Noah by choosing not to shame him in public and received a blessing from both God and Noah. These two wise sons, along with David, understood that these issues were the Lord's and not theirs to deal with. The same test and opportunity is upon us today as born again believers. How are we going to handle the exposure of misguided authority that will increase in manifestation as we move into 2005? Will we pray or judge?

THE VOICE OF MANY WATERS

"Who are you, O man, that fails to see the log in your own eye? Am I beneath what I have ordained and decreed before the days of your birth? Is My arm so short as not to reach and replace what I have set for a season? Who are you, O man, that takes My place as judge over My church and affairs? You seek to unmask and expose those whom you perceive to preach another gospel, but are you not in need of being exposed yourself for wielding My scepter? Who has given you this authority, My child? Will you avoid the correction that you so easily render to another? Peace, be still, for I am the Lord your God and I hold the bowls of authority in My hand. I give and I take to whom I choose for My good purposes and will not be mocked by another. Lay down your crowns, My dear children, and find rest in what I have called YOU to do — to love one another just as I have loved you. The world will know that you are My disciples by your love for one another. Truly, iron sharpens iron. But are you using the sword of My Spirit to prepare one another for the battle with darkness or to hurt one another?

RED SKIES AT NIGHT

The Scriptures have a lot to say about the "last days." I firmly believe that we are in the last days and that they will be both awesome and immensely frightful. It will be awesome in that the greatest harvest of all time will be received by our generation. (This is why we are experiencing the expediting of necessary change.) It will be exceedingly frightful in that God will judge iniquity (first, in the church) in His righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:1 states that "there will be terrible times in the last days." This warning is brought to our remembrance over and over in the scriptures. It seems that the over-riding analogy to these "terrible days" is not tyrannical governments, but DECEPTION within the church. The reason that so many authentic prophets are calling for DISCERNMENT in the body of Christ, is because the Lord has revealed to them the magnitude of how deception has crippled the effectiveness of the church.

The power of deception severely injures and even kills a person's destiny because they are deceived into believing that they are absolutely right, when in fact they have proven to be wrong. Jesus clearly warns us, "Take heed that no one deceives you."

HIGH SEAS PIRATES

We discussed the lawlessness and curse that comes with unjustified criticism and judgment of the brethren in authority at the top of the article. However, there are always two sides to a coin. Many in authority have become "pirates" of the destinies of whom the Lord has called them to SERVE.

"But be doers of the Word, and not HEARERS only, deceiving yourselves." (James 1:22)

Certainly, most in authority have HEARD the cry in the Spirit for them to equip the saints for the work of ministry. This calls for a leadership that is willing to facilitate and train the body of Christ as their primary call. How does control of the pulpit with a singular vision enhance and build the many visions of what others are called to do? Surely they have HEARD that the institution that so much of the church has become has been built by the traditions of man. (Many people don't come to church because they have already been there once. We must face the reality of this truth.) What is the fruit of simply going through the motions of religious traditions, a few hymns or songs, an offering, and a 30 minute message? Is this building the kingdom of God and equipping people for their spiritual destiny ... and one shot at storing up eternal treasure? Saul was consumed with building an earthly kingdom that resembled the worldly kingdoms around him. On the other hand, David was consumed with people experiencing the presence and power of God's kingdom in a real and tangible way.

Surely they have HEARD that sitting upon platforms on chairs that resemble ornate thrones and looking down on the people they are called to serve is not the posture of a servant. Is this the place of a "servants" call from God? Surely they have HEARD that the "orator – audience" and "clergy – laity" model is corrupt, divisive, and unbiblical. Why do we continue to rebel against the true "Lord's Prayer" in that we would be ONE by our systems of governmental hierarchies that resemble the world's system for power and recognition? Surely they have HEARD that only Christ is to be most revered as "reverend". Why must we continue in the spirit of Saul and cling to our titles that are meaningless? Is it not our function rather than our title that validates our ministry? The Davidic order knows that there is only One who can claim to be "Most revered."

Surely, they have HEARD that those whom they have been called to "lead" have not "led" one person to Christ. Surely they have HEARD that the system they are promoting because of their silence is spiritually bankrupt and ineffectual with little relevance to a lost world. Surely they have HEARD that My Word is not for sale and profit. Yet, deception continues to run rampant "because they did not receive the love of the TRUTH." (2 Thessalonians 2:10) To love the truth of what is really transpiring in the church is not just to HEAR it, but to obey in DOING something about it.

It seems that many leaders (Saul's) in the church love to preach and teach and carry on as if nothing is wrong with ministry today. What it boils down to is this: Many in authority love their own lives and ministry more than the TRUTH of God's Word and will. The Davidic order of leadership that is arising will put their lives, desires, and ministries down for the love of God's truth and His people.

I realize that what I am saying may seem to some like a contradiction from the top of the article. It is not! The disrespect for authority originates in the condition and motive of our heart and is usually personal in nature through past hurt and rejection. The prophetic call for repentance is based on truth and confronts ungodly systems that deceive people. This truth allows us to confront sin and abuse without moving into judgment and bitterness toward individuals. Bitterness will eat her own mother.

THE LIGHTHOUSE

The heart of the Lord as we move toward the Davidic order is that the "Saul's" within the church would come into the light of His love and anointing. (We read and notice that the anointing of Saul was held in a container made by the hands of man, whereas the anointing of David was held in a container made by the hand of God.) David is the only person in scripture to have the distinction of being a "man after God's own heart." Saul had many opportunities to learn the heart of God by David's life, anointing, and example. David held the key for what Saul needed to be an effectual and godly leader. My heart is that none who are presently in authority would fall in a "Saul-like" pride and spiritual jealousy. Change is going to happen and only the "Doers" of God's Word (Those who are obedient) will be left standing in authority. This is the church that Jesus Christ is soon coming back for.

God loves us so much, and those whom He loves, He will chasten and correct. The question is: Do we have a correctable heart? The Saul of the Bible did not and it not only caused him lose his authority, but his life as well. We know in our hearts that many things need to change in the function and purpose of the church. Jesus left us a wonderful model of desiring that we would do "greater works than these." What has happened to the passion and desire of leadership in the church to desire that others would do greater works than THEM? As the church, are we truly a city on a hill with our light burning bright for all to see? Or, are we a shade of grey — a dim and shifting shadow of what the church should be in reflecting the light and love of Christ?

PORT-OF-CALL — OUR DESTINATION

"And when He had removed him, (Saul) He raised up for them David ... I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will." (Acts 13:22)

"After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; so that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord who does all these things." (Acts 15:16-17)

The Davidic order will have a mandate to rebuild a tabernacle (the body of Christ) that exhibits the manifest glory and love of God. The tabernacle of David was indistinguishable from any other common tent in the area. It was a place that others could feel comfortable and at home. It was a place that was relevant and radiated hope for the common man. There were no sides or hidden chamber to this tabernacle and the Shekinah glory of God would be available for whomsoever would come. Prophetic worship and intercession went on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and it would be only during the reign of David that the people of God would possess their entire promised inheritance.

Those with the heart of David understand what it means to find "shelter under the shadow of His wings." Many have taken this verse and psalm of David as symbolic imagery. I believe that it was much more personal and real to David. As the hot Middle Eastern sun beat down upon the tabernacle, David knew that he could find shade and shelter under the wings of the cherubim over the Ark of God's presence. I believe that David spent a lot of time here ... close and in the arms of His loving Father.

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Healing The Water
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2 Kings 2:19-22

Although the account of Elisha healing the water in 2 Kings 2:19-22 is a historical account, it's also a symbolic picture that's applicable to each of us. This first miracle was the beginning of a ministry of credibility and integrity that ultimately brought healing and restoration. When we follow this example, we will witness Christ-like results in our lives and the lives of others.

Then the men of the city said to Elisha, "Please notice, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees; but the water is bad, and the ground barren." (2 Kings 2:19)

The men of the city spoke to Elisha. A city is usually known for something; we, also, are known for something — our character. In a larger sense, the city can be a reflection of the people who inhabit it. Based on this, we can see the city as being symbolic of the body of Christ – of which each of us is a part.

Elisha was told that "the situation of this city is pleasant." Many of us seem pleasant. This represents what we see on the surface ... and, consequently, is often superficial appearance. I'm not fond of being labeled superficial, but just consider this: How many times have you responded to the question, "How are you doing?" with a trite answer of "Just fine" when in fact everything was not just fine.

For some, the connotation of "going to church" is equivalent to "let's go play charades." We put on our Sunday best ... which often includes a well-powdered church mask. For many years, I had a lot of practice playing this game. In some Christian circles, the socially acceptable thing is to put on an air of spirituality ... that includes having it all together. However, we must move beyond pleasant appearances ... and spend time building close relationships.

The men of the city also told Elisha that the "water is bad." Water is symbolic of Holy Spirit. "Bad water" tells us that it had been corrupted by something and rendered useless and stagnant. This leads to sickness and disease. In addition, stagnant water attracts flies and becomes a breeding ground for the Lord of Flies to establish a stronghold. In light of this, bad water represents the tradition, religion, erroneous teaching, corruption, compromise and sin that we sometimes embrace. These things lead to spiritual sickness and render us useless for Kingdom service.

A common byproduct of "bad water" in a city is a ground which is barren. A barren ground neither produces nor sustains new life or fruit. Life cannot be sustained without reproduction. We must reproduce ourselves, both spiritually and naturally, for life to be perpetuated. We must continually birth new life. This includes new people coming into the kingdom, ministry as a lifestyle, people being equipped for ministry, ministry as a lifestyle, and the fruit of a lifestyle of intimacy and repentance.

A barren ground leads to malnourishment for the inhabitants of the region. Thirsty and hungry people will drink/eat anything that is available, whether healthy or not, out of desperation. We must carefully examine what we feast upon ... spiritually. We must remain in right relationship with the Lord and allow Holy Spirit to teach us (John 14:26) and help us to discern truth (1 Corinthians 2:14).

Elisha had a strategy for ministering to this deplorable situation.

And he said, "Bring me a new bowl, and put salt in it." So they brought it to him. (2 Kings 2:20)

Elisha requested a new bowl. A bowl is a vessel and represents a person. A new vessel represents one who has been made new by the blood of the Lamb ... and is continually washed by the water of the Word. His Word is the standard by which we must measure everything ... not by feelings, new revelations, or experiences.

Elisha put salt into the bowl. Salt has some unique properties. It purifies, draws out infection, preserves some things such as meat, and makes one thirsty for water.

Jesus tells us in Mark 9:50 to "Have salt in yourselves." We are to be instrumental in bringing about purity, drawing out those things that hinder wellness and healing, preserving the pure Word of the Lord, and making others thirsty for the Living Water. Proverbs 27:17 states this principle another way: "As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend."

Following Elisha's example, we see what our course of action, as the new bowls and salt, ought to be.

"Then he went out to the source of the water, and cast in the salt there, and said, "Thus says the Lord: 'I have healed this water; from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.' " (2 Kings 2:21)

Elisha went to the source of the water. We also are to go to the source or root of the issue. We must be accountable to one another. We must be willing to go to our brothers and sisters and speak to the source/root issues, but we must also allow them to come to us and speak into our lives.

When God reveals something or gives us insight, it is for the primary purpose of praying. When He shows us anything, we must be faithful to lift it to Him in prayer. The reason He reveals things to us is because He desires to intervene and He does so on behalf of our prayers. He does not reveal things to stroke our spiritual ego or build our ministry of "correction" or so that we can gossip. Only after we have prayed are we to go to our brothers and sisters — with a heart of love and compassion.

We read in Ezekiel 3:18-20 that we are to speak out and warn those whom we see walking in sin; if we do not warn them, we will be held accountable. We have a responsibility to God and also to one another.

This doesn't give us license to look harshly upon one another. In fact, we ought to more seriously work at removing the log jam that's obstructing our own vision. The point is this: we must be responsible and accountable to one another. Proverbs 12:1 tells us that, "Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction is stupid." This makes it clear that we must be willing to accept correction in our lives; however, we must also be willing to offer it to others ... even at the expense of risking rejection. We must overcome the temptation to remain thin-skinned and flinch at any uncomfortable prick ... or to think that we are the anointed servants who are above being "touched" in any way (and these tend to be the "annoyed" ones when confronted). We must also overcome the temptation to believe that "it's none of my business." Our love for our brothers and sisters will be demonstrated when we care enough to keep them from stumbling ... and also when we help them up if they do stumble.

We read in the Bible that many will have "a form of godliness but denying its power." (2 Timothy 3:5) Often, one is thought to be "godly" if we perceive them to have a "strong anointing." We somehow rationalize that if signs, wonders, miracles and persuasive words follow their ministry — they must have a close walk with the Lord and have "earned" His trust to demonstrate His power. However, "the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." (Romans 11:29) I wonder, is it possible to get so caught up in the power of God being manifested through us that we deny the power to work IN us ... and bring about true change, repentance, healing, and transformation in our own lives in a way that brings lasting results?

The Lord desires that we be conformed to His image and walk in holiness. He desires that His work in our lives bring true change. Elisha's strategy in healing the waters brought lasting results.

So the water remains healed to this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spoke. (2 Kings 2:22)

Perhaps the most important symbol in this account is Elisha himself. As the major prophet of his day, Elisha represents prophetic ministry.

There are many who believe that prophetic ministry is only for edification, encouragement and comfort. It is for these functions, but also for correction and confrontation. We read in Proverbs 3:11, "For whom the Lord loves, He corrects." Jesus, who is the Spirit of Prophecy, very often corrected and confronted people. He "built up the church" as He challenged to "go and sin no more." When the Spirit of Jesus ministers, we may feel convicted, but not condemned. We have no condemnation in Him. We only have condemnation when we choose to continue walking in our own ways rather than His.

Even those who are "called and anointed" need accountability and ministry. Irregardless of titles, heirarchies, ministry responsibilities or functions, we are all called of the Lord and anointed of His Holy Spirit. Therefore, we all need someone who will speak truth into our lives. Every person needs the accountability, encouragement and correction of a brother or sister in Christ. Ecclesiasties 4:9-10 tells us that, "Two are better than one ... For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But wore to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up."

God's heart is for restoration. We see that since the beginning of time, God has had a plan to redeem fallen mankind unto himself. God desires to restore us to right relationship with Himself. He also desires that our relationships with one another be restored. We are His instruments that bring about that restoration within His body. We are the new bowls and salt in His hands. Through us, He'll heal the bad waters.

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New Zeal For New Zealand

Clemy Gilmore

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> *"...The waters of this stream will heal the salty waters of the Dead Sea and make them fresh and pure. Everything that touches the water of this river will be healed. Wherever this water flows, everything will live. Fishermen will stand along the shores of the Dead Sea fishing all the way from En-gedi to En-eglaim. The shores will be covered with nets drying in the sun. Fish of every kind will fill the Dead Sea, just as they fill the Mediterranean! But the marshes and swamps will not be purified; they will be sources of salt..." (Ezekiel 47:8 – 11)*

New Zealand, I feel the Lord is saying to you that he is about to pour out His Holy Spirit upon you in a fresh way. It will result in a NEW ZEAL to preach the gospel and reach the lost. Where the pools have stagnated, and become as salt pans, the Lord will flood with new grace and love to wash the salt out of the stagnant pools and into the places where you are called to be salt and light. There will be a new and fresh anointing on those who follow the Lord wholeheartedly and His commitment to fulfill his promises to your nation is unfailing, persistent and strong. Not in your own strength will you boast, but in His Holy Spirit and in His Son Jesus Christ.

Dry Salt Pans Flooded with Freshness

Those who have found themselves in the salt pans, feeling dry and deserted, your prayers are about to be answered, for the Lord has caused your dryness to bring out the salt in you and your cry has reached heaven and reached maturity in the Spirit. The time has come for the dry salt pans to be flooded with freshness. It will be a time of great joy and release into corporate and individual destinies and you will be flooded out of your comfort zones – the temptation will be to stay where you are – be alert and resist this temptation - go with the flow of His Spirit! He will cause you to be salt in new places and places where you never dreamt he would take you to be salt and light. Go with the flow!!!

Some of you will be called out of New Zealand to take this New Zeal to other nations. The Lord will be very clear with his directions – he doesn't want the salt to lose its saltiness. Stay close to Him and be sure to heed his voice. If today you hear him, do not harden your hearts. You are a living sacrifice for His glory! Be accountable and test all things that you may not be wearied with red herrings and loose your saltiness (effectiveness). It is a day of warfare for God's purposes to be fulfilled. Stay awake, alert at all times, and wait for His direction.

Yours in Christ,
Clemy Gilmore (6 August '04)

Oh To Be One In Christ

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Blessings to you!

Everything is to be done in the name of Jesus! But what upsets me is when there is debate over what is the true name of Jesus, is it Yeshua, the Hebrew name which means Joshua, or is it the Green interpretation which many say is not the true name we are to use. When you have grown up in the Lord, knowing His name to be Jesus, and then you hear these things, you tend to doubt to use the name you are used to. We are never to doubt the name of Jesus. God knows we mean the Son of God! Even if I try to change over, it doesn't feel right, and automatically the name Jesus comes forth.

But you know not all that we have learned in the past is of God and we need to be open and teachable to be delivered of what we have learned from the Babylonian spirit. Oh, to be in unity in the body of Christ. Even to unite the Jews and the gentiles in the messianic movement. So many differences, but God knows our hearts. If something is not impressed on our hearts by the Holy Spirit, then we can't make any change happen, or it will only be works in the flesh. The main thing is that we walk in the light that we have and trust the Lord for more of His grace to walk in His truth.

In JESUS name!!!! Yolanda

Obscure Armies Arising

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There is coming a day and an hour when all who seek My face will know Me heart to heart. I will no longer be a Father that is far off, but all will know Me for who I am. I have purposed a thing from the beginning of time and this thing is about to explode all over the land. Great salvations!

Great armies arising out of obscure places taking up the sword and following after Me. I know who My true soldiers are and they have been in training for quite some time now, and now is the time of their birth.

They shall be birthed from the isolated places. They shall come forth from the unknown regions. They will be an army that others have thrown away. They will be an army that others have ridiculed and put down. They will be an army that knows what it is to suffer at the hands of the religious ones.

They shall be an army that goes forth with My love, grace, mercy and compassion and they shall bring forth a mighty army of warriors that will not turn back, but they shall go forth into uncharted waters and they shall conquer the regions for Me. All will see this army and all will know that this army has risen from the ash heap of sorrows to overcome and conquer the enemy on all sides.

Take heed to what the Spirit is saying at this given time, for all My people are being led by My Spirit at this given time. All must be aware of the calling. All must be in tune to My voice. All must be ready to supersede all that they have ever known, for I truly am going to do a mighty works throughout this land in this end time hour, saith the Father.

Only Believe
Shirley Lise

Only believe and you will see the salvation of your God. Trust Me. Trust My lead. Walk out into those things opening before you and do not doubt that I have everything in My hands. Every loose end is being tied up, every concern dealt with.

I am for you and not against you. I am the lifter of you head. Put your trust completely in Me and do not waver. Everything you need is available to you. Every promise is a surety. Understand that My ways are perfect. Release those things that burden you into My capable hands. Be confident that I will handle them with care.

You are troubled with things that should not trouble you. I have heard your deepest cries and I shall answer your heart's desire. I shall, indeed, bring all your children under the safety of My wing. I shall gather them in as a hen her chicks. Do you think I would fail you, that I would leave you in turmoil and comfortless? I am in your midst and capable of putting all things into perfection, into harmony with My plan and purpose.

Wrestle not with unbelief, but believe the promises and know that My ways are higher than yours, that they will bring the wanderer home. I am capable of great things. I can turn water into wine. I can take a heart and life and completely transform it. This is not too difficult for Me. This is not out of My range of ability. I am a faithful Father. I will not fail you. I will not disappoint you, but I will give you the desire of your heart, transformed lives of your children, serving the Lord wholeheartedly. This is My promise to you, that I shall raise up each one of your children and bring them into the counsel of God and into communion with the Spirit of God. I shall bring them into the free flow of My Spirit and I shall use them to lead others in the way of understanding.

Be bold. Be brave. You shall enter the land of abundance, for I am leading you on in the mission and I am aligning your offspring as the rightful heirs of My kingdom. Believe that My power is at work to save. Salvation shall come to your house, for I have extended My hand to touch and minister healing and salvation.

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Sincerity Of Heart
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My Own Are Marked With Sincerity Of Heart

Do not be intimidated by those around you, but set your sights on the prize! This is a day like no other. I am moving in such a way that no flesh will glory!

I am upsetting the apple carts of many and putting things into right perspective. I am taking treasure out of the hands of one and funneling it into the hands of another. Who is there that is able to confound the Lord and disrupt His plans and purposes? Who is man that he thinks he can override the counsel of the Lord and go on his merry way? I have all things in My hands, all angles covered. No one is able to out-perform the Lord!

I have visited My Own and given them expertise in areas of influence, imparting to them life and liberty in My spirit. I know who they are and who are imposters. I know the heart of every man, so who is able to fool Me? Yes, I have a most wonderful plan for these end days. I have instructed My Own in the Secret Place and prepared them in the desert. They are well-equipped and ready to handle all that I move them into in this day. They have been purged and made ready by the King of Kings and when I open the door to their destiny, they shall waltz into it effortless, for I have removed striving from the hearts of those who are truly Mine and I have removed competition and strife. My Own are marked with sincerity of heart. This is the great work that I have done in their hearts to prepare them for what is ahead. They will walk out in full assurance that it is nothing of themselves that will accomplish the purposes set before them in this day, but the Spirit of the living God moving through them. And even they will stand amazed when they see the great feats accomplished through their hands, for nothing is able to hinder their movement on and into fulfilling their destiny.

Do not be anxious to see those things promised coming into view, for the timetable is set, events are scheduled, and the work of the Lord will be accomplished through willing vessels according to His plan and to His glory. Oh what a day! Bask in His presence. Be filled to overflowing with the love of God. Rest in His arms and be marinated in His goodness, for soon the doors shall open and you will walk out into the promises unhindered!

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Obedient Passion
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God Wants the Jewel of Obedient Passion, Not the Pearl of Public Approval
by Tommy Tenney

King Joash, if you had struck the ground five or six times, you would have struck Syria until it was totally destroyed. But you held your passion in check! (2 Kings 13-18).

You were polite instead of passionate, and you missed the moment of your greatest victory! You were more concerned with your dignity than with the will of Deity.

Now you must live and die with the harvest from the seeds you have sown.

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 15:22–23, where Samuel tells another disobedient king it is better to obey God than to disobey and make sacrifices afterward.

God desires obedience more than sacrificial religious apologies after deliberate disobedience. The first command He asks of everyone is that we love Him with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our minds. Jesus expected the twelve disciples to obey with zeal when He launched them on a supernatural mission to the Jewish people. He sent a dozen ordinary people out to do what no other band of people had ever done in the history of the world:

Preach, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

(Later, He said that these kinds of miracles should be typical among those who would believe in Him.) To be honest with you, none of these descriptions or events come to mind when I think of the typical American church service. Passionless religious observance inspires descriptive words such as restrained, respectable, predictable, lifeless, and remarkably un-supernatural.

How could a "restrained, respectable, predictable, lifeless, un-supernatural" church be the empowered church Jesus said would do more miraculous works than He did? (He said, "He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.") Is it possible that many in our churches suffer from a modern version of the "King Joash Syndrome"?

Somehow, between the grasping of the arrows and the striking of the ground, disbelief and the fear of man won the battle for the king's heart.

By withholding his passion, King Joash foolishly sacrificed his nation's hope on the altar of public opinion and personal doubt. He would soon learn just how strongly his lack of passion in the unseen realm doomed his nation in the cruel realm of the seen.

The Lord told us to take up our cross daily, not just the day we repented and received Jesus Christ as Savior. He said that if we truly love Him, then we will keep His commands.8 Am I wrong, or is there is a "heat of passion" in the Lord's words that seems to be missing from the average Christian's life today? I don't remember even one command in the Scriptures that tells us to "cool down, calm down, and fit into the politically correct idea of church." (That seems dangerously similar to a description of lukewarm water to me.)

Prayer

Father, I don't want to spend my life seeking public approval or the "easiest way" to do things. My desire is to walk and live in Your approval by doing things the "right way." I have no desire to cool down, calm down, or fit into some politically correct box—help me burn white-hot for You and obey Your commands each day of my life.

God Sometimes Requires the Foolishness of Madmen
Tommy Tenney

After Elisha took King Joash through the prophet's-hand-over-the-king's-hand process of shooting an arrow of the Lord's deliverance, he prophesied, "You must strike the Syrians at Aphek till you have destroyed them." (Notice that God spoke through the prophet before Elisha told the king, "Take the arrows.") . . .

King Joash wasn't really listening to the prophet that day. He was too busy looking for something dramatic to happen. Miracles were common occurrences in the early ministries of Elisha and Elijah, and the king expected to see one on that day.

The last thing Joash expected from his meeting with the dying prophet was a command that made him look foolish right in front of everyone. When Elisha told him to strike the Syrians until they were destroyed, he found it impossible to believe the total defeat of his enemies depended upon a ludicrous action more suited to a madman than a valiant man.

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 1:25, where we learn that the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and His "weakness" is stronger than men.

One of the reasons many intellectual leaders have rejected the gospel of Christ over the centuries is the "foolishness factor." God deliberately uses foolish things to confound the wise. (He even uses apparently foolish people like me in the process.) His plan continues to work well.

How could God be "foolish" to people? Only the almighty God would invade our fallen world in the disguise of a helpless human baby and wait for thirty long human years before beginning the deliverance process. Only God would think of dying for His creations just to give them life again and restore them to His family—after they rejected Him and disobeyed His will.

The foolishness factor also accounts for the countless Christians who tell the Lord no when He gives them divine assignments. Have you ever told God no because you couldn't understand why He would ask you to do such a foolish thing?

People like King Joash have a problem with the apparent "foolishness" in many of God's assignments because they really don't believe God would make such embarrassing requests.

Do you somehow feel it is beneath God to dabble in the foolish? Remember that the apparent "foolishness of God" isn't foolish at all—it only looks that way to the one-dimensional spiritual perception of mankind. He is not the "God-in-a-box," He is the almighty God, who knows no limit or lack.

Perhaps the problem in many churches is that no one is really waiting upon and listening to God. We get too busy doing "the stuff" of church—we fill our days with an endless round of busy things that don't seem to impart life to very many people.

Life and history would have been much kinder to King Joash and Israel had he listened more closely to God's prophet. What might happen to us if we listen closely and wait upon Him next time we gather in His name?

Prayer

Lord, I have no wish to be "valiant" in my own strength because I know it is useless as a tool to please You. However, I am willing to be a fool for You if my weakness allows me to receive Your strength and boldness. I will wait upon You and do as You ask, whether I appear to be a fool or a madman.

One Church Of The City

David Orton

The Dwelling Of God

"Do you not discern and understand that you (the whole church at Corinth) are God's temple...?" 1 Cor 3:16 (Amp)

God's purpose has always been to dwell with men.

From the beginning of time to its culmination, from Eden to the New Jerusalem, this has been his singular desire.

In the Garden it was God's habit to come down and commune with the first human community, most probably at the close of each day (see Gen 3:8). Adam, in his rebellion, ran from God forsaking this intimate communion, cutting himself off from the presence of God, and plunging his progeny into its present darkness.

With this tragic failure, God intervened, calling Abraham and his seed, to whom he said, *"...have them make a sanctuary for me, and I dwell among them" (Ex 25:8).* Likewise Israel, rebelled time-and-again, forsaking the devotion of her youth, until finally her house (or temple) was left desolate (see Jer 2:2; Mtt 23:38).

But God, in whom there is no variance, pursues with passion his purpose to dwell with men. Through redemptive history he has lived a peripatetic life, moving from the Garden, and then from one dwelling to another looking for a permanent place to live. As the Lord explained to David, *" ...I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel to this day, but I have gone from tent to tent and from one dwelling place to another" (1 Chr 17:5).*

The God-Man

And so, finally, at the climax of history God declares of his own Son, the true Zion, "*This is my resting place forever; here will I dwell, for I have desired it" (Psa 132:14).* The eternal word has finally found a permanent repose in human flesh and *"made his dwelling among us"* (Jn 1:14; *'dwelling'* - Gr. *skunoo* - 'to tabernacle'). God, in Christ, has fulfilled all that the Old Testament dwellings foreshadowed. He is now the "dwelling of God", made without hands, and we have beheld his glory (see Acts 17:24; Jn 1:14). The *shekinah* (Heb. *'dwelling')* glory no longer dwells in temporary tents and earthly temples, but now abides eternally in the God-man, Jesus Christ. The glory of God's own presence has settled into a human breast.

The *eschaton* (the end) has been realised in Christ. He is God's final word. As the writer to the Hebrews shows, "*God in these last days has spoken to us by his Son" (Heb 1:2).* In his humanity he has become, *"the radiance, the shining forth, of the Father's glory and the exact representation of his nature (Heb 1:3).* He is the climax of all God's outshinings and the full manifestation of all that he is - *"for in him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form" (Col 2:9).* The man, Christ Jesus, has become the *"one mediator between God and men"(1 Tim 2:5)* - remarrying the human and the divine.

Prototype of a New Humanity

Even so, the fullness of God is not found in Christ alone, but in his union with his body, the church -

"...the church, which is his body the fullness of him..." (Eph 1:23). "And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the first born from among the dead...For God was pleased to

have all his fullness dwell in him (Col 1:18-19).

The God-man, Christ Jesus, has become the firstborn of a new creation - in fact, the prototype of a new humanity.

First, in his death as the last Adam. He has terminated, once-and-for-all, the failure of the Adamic race to maintain communion with God.

Secondly, rising as the second man. He is the beginning of a whole new order - a race of king-priests whose redeemed humanity and perfected humanity becomes the dwelling place of the living God. Blazing the trail into the presence of God he has irrevocably joined, in himself, the human and the divine (see Heb 2:10-14; 5:9-19; 2 Pet 1:4; Rom 8:29; 5:12-21; 1 Cor 15:45-47; 2 Cor 5:17).

And so, joined to him, his body now becomes the dwelling of God -

"In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy termple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit" (Eph 1:21-22).

The Temple of the City-Church

This brings us to the unity of the body. As the head of a new humanity Christ is not divided.

The apostolic church knew nothing of denominational division. It was not denominated by theology or celebrity, but only by geography. Gepgraphical boundaries and civil jurisdictions alone determined the church's boundaries. When the apostle wished to address a church he would speak to the whole church of the city - for example, the *'church of God in Corinth' (1 Cor 1:2).* Evidently, the church, even in these large cosmopolitan cities, was functioning as one unified whole. (See also 2 Cor 1:1; 1 Ths 1:1; 2 Ths 1:1; Rev 2:1, 8, 12, 18; 3:1, 7, 14; Rom 1:7; Eph 1:1; Phil 1:1; Col 1:2).

Anything less was an aberration, provoking apostolic rebuke. Paul had clearly taught, *"...all the parts, though many, form (only) one body, so it is with Christ..."* (1 Cor 12:12; see also v 20, 27; Rom 12:5; 1 Cor 10:16, 17; Eph 2:14-16; 4:4, 16, 25; 5:30). And so, when the church of God in Corinth violated this unity he wrote,

"I appeal to you, brothers...that there be no divisions among you...One of you says, 'I follow Paul'; another, 'Ifollow Cephas'...Is Christ divided?...

Do you not discern and understand that you ***(the whole church at Corinth) are God's temple?****...If any one destroys it, God will destroy him because God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple".*

(1 Cor 3:10-13; 3:16-17 Amp. & author's paraphrase).

Need we wonder any more at the destruction of the contemporary Western church! The scandal of our denominational divisions has invited the displeasure of God.

Now is the time to return to him - to repent of our pride and false value systems. To dismantle the mindsets and structures that are inimical to the spirit of Christ and the unity of his body. And together we will become a dwelling in which God is pleased to live.

All heaven will then erupt, declaring over our cities and nations -

"Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God". (Rev 21:3)

The Hiddenness Of God
David Orton

> *“Truly you are a God who hides himself…”* Isa 45:15

The ‘hiddenness of God’ is one of the greatest paradoxes of the spiritual life.

On the one hand, he is the self-revealing God who delights to communicate with man, but on the other, he hides himself.

God is a mystery. One great fourteenth century divine refers to this as, the “Cloud of Unknowing”. The psalmist cries out that he is surrounded by “clouds and thick darkness” (Ps 97:2; also 18:11). God hides himself in the contradiction of my circumstances. He is good, but it is hidden in the pain of where I find myself.

This darkness is impenetrable to the natural or religious man. Human reasoning and religious pursuit cannot open to us the knowledge of his ways – they are past finding out. Not even Bible knowledge is sufficient to penetrate the darkness. He defies our understanding, especially in the face of adversity.

Now, this is not to deny the propositional truth of Scripture. But it is to say that truth without the inner light is not enough. It inevitably results in an armchair knowledge of God. None are immune from this. Belief systems and worship patterns are exactly that – systems and patterns. They are the husks, not the kernel.

And so, how do we penetrate this “cloud of unknowing” and come to a personal and intimate knowledge of God. It goes without saying that we are to be saturated in the Scriptures. From the moment of my conversion I have loved the Scriptures, meditating in them and searching them out. However, in my experience, they have not been what God has used to bring me to him. They now feed me and sustain me on a daily basis, but only because the Spirit of God possessed me first. When I was born from above he entered my innermost being – he fused with my spirit. And now my spirit echoes with the Spirit of God that I am his.

So, it is by the Spirit that we come into the intimate knowledge of God. This is particularly so when the circumstances of life bring us to the end of ourselves. And this always entails pain. At this point head knowledge is not sufficient. Because God is spirit he communicates with our spirit – it is “deep calling to deep” (Psa 42:7). This is why Jesus said, “The words that I speak to you are spirit and life” (Jn 6:63).

While objectively, the Bible is the word of God and is always the rule of faith, subjectively those words are only mine when they come by the Spirit. It is the difference between the ‘logos’ and the ‘rhema’ (two NT Greek words for the English word ‘word’). The former refers more to the written word and the latter the spoken word. When Paul refers to the “sword of the Spirit” as the ’word’ of God (Eph 6:17) it is the ‘rhema’. The cutting edge against the enemy of our souls is discovered in the word that comes straight to the spirit rather than the head.

And so the “thick darkness” of our pain can only be cut through by the revelation of the Spirit. It is from the “mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come” (Lam 3:38). Job discovered this through his misfortune and so asked, “Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?” (Job 2:10). This is a great mystery, that both good and evil come from God. While we do not accept that God is the author of suffering, he allows it in his providential dealings to perfect us. At the end of all his sufferings Job could finally testify, “My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you” (Job 42:5). His head knowledge of God was not sufficient. He had heard of him by the hearing of the ear, but now through great perplexity of soul his eyes had seen him. The goodness of God had been shrouded momentarily in the “thick darkness” of life’s circumstances. But our extremity becomes

God’s opportunity. In our darkness, the Spirit of God carries to us the revelation of who he is despite the lie of our circumstances.

I recall one of the dark moments of our lives. As a young couple in our mid-twenties Jenny and I had responded to the invitation of a highly respected and senior leader to work with and be trained by him. Believing it to be the fulfilment of the call of God that had come seven years earlier we moved from the city of our birth, filled with our youthful dreams, to another city and people we did not know. Within a short period, without explanation, all the wonderful promises were broken and we found ourselves out in the cold – without a job and without a ministry. God’s goodness was suddenly shrouded in “thick darkness”. Confused and wondering what had gone wrong I recall singing with tears the words of a chorus popular at the time,

“He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he” (Deut 32:4).

It has been said that, “God isn’t fair, but he is just!” We feel that our lot is not fair, but our concept of ‘fairness’ doesn’t compute with who God is. And so, it is only by revelation that we can be reconciled with our lot and with God. For me this entailed the declaration of God’s justice and faithfulness in the face of my experience – of injustice and unfaithfulness. It literally tore my soul in half. Would my knowledge of God be informed by my feelings and circumstances, by sense knowledge, or by revelation knowledge? With pain I fell to the side of revelation. Something in the basement of my soul was settled. I was at peace.

He is the one who “forms the light and creates darkness”, who “brings prosperity and creates disaster” (Isa 45:7). But because “all his ways are just” and because “he is a faithful God who does no wrong” we are safe!

God hides himself in our pain. But if we turn to him, he opens our eyes – we learn to see him through tears and “thick darkness”.

He will give us the “hearing ear and the seeing eye” (Prov 20:12).

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Overcoming Discouragement

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The Jews had been defeated by Nebuchadnezzar and, because of their long and extended rebellion to God, the Lord allowed them to be exiled to Babylon. Yet, now their appointed time of judgment had passed; it was time for the Lord's promise to be fulfilled. Indeed, He had assured them, "After seventy years...I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place" (Jer. 29:10 KJV).

Initiated by the fasting and prayer of the prophet Daniel, Israel had entered a season of divine visitation: men with both integrity and vision were raised up and financial provisions came. The display of divine grace had created an atmosphere of awe and excitement among the people of God - *He was "causing [them] to return" to Israel!* Yet, how He brought them back was just as miraculous: Israel's God revealed Himself to King Cyrus of Persia, a gentile king, and actually "Appointed [him] to build [the Lord] a house in Jerusalem" (2 Chron. 36:23). In fact, Cyrus encouraged a national offering for Israel's journey; he restored the treasures taken by Nebuchadnezzar from Israel, and he issued a royal edict, legally authorizing the return of the Jews to Israel.

It was a time of great miracles, supernatural provision and fulfilled prophecy. Yet even as the exiles resettled in Jerusalem and engaged in the work of restoration, we read:

"Then the people of the land discouraged the people of Judah, and frightened them from building, and hired counselors against them to frustrate their counsel all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia" (Ezra 4:4-5).

Incredibly, in spite of the miracles, signs and provisions, simple discouragement neutralized their progress. Unbelievably, scholars say that their work stalled for nearly 20 years! *Beloved, discouragement is an enemy that is both subtle in its attack and powerful in its ability to stop us.* We must discern it when it comes and refuse to accommodate its influence when it speaks.

How Discouragement Enters

Every person with a vision from God will have serious opportunities to become discouraged as they reach for the fulfillment of their vision. Indeed, just as Israel was given a promise from God and provisions to help their return, so the Almighty has given promises and provisions to us. Your vision may be for your personal transformation, or it may be a God-inspired desire to see your family or church brought into spiritual renewal. You may even possess a citywide vision or a holy passion to see your nation turned toward God. Yet, like the Jews, we can be just as vulnerable to discouragement and its effects.

How does discouragement gain access to our souls? The answer is simple: We start evaluating our lives based upon information compiled by our senses instead of assessing our position based upon the promise and help of God. However, I don't mean we are unaware of the difficulties of our faith assignment, but that God is good and He is not hindered by our present limitations.

Consider: when God promised Abraham a child in his old age, the Bible says he "contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb." Abraham didn't deny the facts of life; without growing weak in faith, he "contemplated" his situation. "Yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God." He was "fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform" (see Rom. 4:19-21). Discouragement comes when we *only* look at our circumstances without looking to the faithfulness and integrity of what God has promised.

Still, discouragement has infiltrated the minds of many. Knowing mankind's vulnerability to discouragement, Jesus taught His disciples a parable that, "at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart" (Lk 18:1). The parable concerned a widow desperately seeking legal protection from an adversary, but she received no immediate help from her judge (see Lk 18). In spite of his resistance, however, she refuses to be discouraged from her quest; she persists until she gains her breakthrough.

The goal of Christ's teaching was to immunize His followers from discouragement; to "lose heart" is to become discouraged. Jesus assures us that God will hear us as we turn to Him in persistent prayer.

True Faith Takes Courage

We also need to know Christ is not just our Savior, but He also is the "author and perfecter" of our faith (Heb 12:2). In order for faith to mature, it needs situations where faith alone can sustain us. "Faith" is not merely a proper understanding of doctrinal issues; faith is the spiritual "substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen" (Heb 11:1 KJV). We must not only possess accurate doctrines *about* faith; we must *live* by faith as well.

Indeed, there are times when, for faith to develop, we must trust God in spite of how things appear. Jesus often told people to take courage, for their faith had saved them (see Mt 9:2; 9:22; etc.). There will always be times when, against the glaring face of a negative reality, true faith arises, appropriates courage and locks into the integrity of God's promise. We must let faith arise in the context of resistance. This is the faith that touches God's heart.

The enemy comes to dis-courage or remove the courage from our hearts, and thus causes us to withdraw into unbelief. To win our fight of faith, we must not surrender to discouragement. Yes, times will come when we will ask God for greater wisdom; certainly, we will adjust our attitudes and become both flexible and wiser as we process the faith assignment destiny has set before us. But we must not give up: "For yet in a very little while, He who is coming will come, and will not delay. But My righteous one shall live by faith; and if he shrinks back, My soul has no pleasure in him" (Heb 10:37-38).

Hall of Faith

The above scripture is part of an introduction to Hebrews, chapter 11, which chronicles the heroic stories of those who pleased God with their faith. All of them had to endure the test of time; often the delays seemed so permanent and the odds against them insurmountable, yet none of these men and women allowed discouragement to dim the brightness of their faith. The persevering quality of their hearts - the fact that they stood in the storms of doubt and circumstances and refused to shrink away from God's promise - filled God's heart with pleasure, and He answered their faith.

Part of the testimony of those with overcoming faith is that they conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight" (Heb 11:33-34).

I absolutely love this scripture: "they conquered kingdoms...put foreign armies to flight." Beloved, a foreign army with weapons named "perversion," "immorality" and "corruption" has invaded our nation and sought to occupy our culture. It has eroded the conscience of our society, and it seeks to carry off our sons and daughters into captivity. We must fight.

You say, "But Francis, I'm weary."

Yes, there are times when we all get weary. But we have the help of God with us. Consider His promise:

"Behold, My Servant, whom I uphold; My chosen one in whom My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations...He will not be disheartened or crushed..." (Isaiah 42:1-4).

Christ will be not "disheartened or crushed." Why? The Spirit of God "upholds" Him, and the Spirit of God upholds Christ in us as well. Are you God's servant? Then turn to Him and find new strength. You may be wounded or struck, but as we abide in Christ, we too will be neither "disheartened or crushed."

You say, "I live in Florida (or the Southeastern USA or the Caribbean). I've been discouraged by the destruction from these many storms." Yet, even in the most difficult times, God is there with you. Have you noticed the names and sequence of the hurricanes that roared through Florida: Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne? The meaning of these names reveals a message: *Charley*- man, *Frances*- free, *Ivan*- God is good, *Jeanne*- gracious and merciful. Together, they say, "Man (is) free; God is good, gracious and merciful." If we look, we will see that, in the midst of these storms, God was good, gracious and merciful to many. Those who see God standing with them in the storms are free indeed.

A number from the USA were discouraged by the first debate between the presidential candidates. I heard folks lamenting that their candidate "did poorly. He could hardly speak in sentences." Remember, dear friend, the Lord has used people who were slow of speech in the past (see Ex 3). The issue is not how clever we are with words, but whether God will back up our stammering with His power. Let us pray for our President, and where he has made mistakes, whether in speech or even in administration of the nation, let us intercede that God will work good out even from mistakes.

Dear one, there is a spiritual war raging, whether it is over the future of our world or the future of our souls, we cannot shrink back into unbelief. Let us be strong and of good courage. Let us seek God and find new strength in prayer. And let us never give in to the voice of discouragement.

Vote For the Anointing
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To obtain conformity to Christ means we are seeking to serve God with the very same character, purpose, and empowerment (or "anointing") that was revealed in Jesus. Yet, Christ-likeness is not something we mimic, but a life that flows to us from Christ Himself and is worked in us via the Holy Spirit (*see Phil 3*). This is why our primary focus is not upon the outer form or style of our worship, but upon the Person we worship. Yes, to be conformed to Jesus in all things is true worship perfected.

When we speak of conformity to God's Son, we mean that the very same anointing that rested upon Him, now rests upon us. In the Bible, when one was anointed, it denoted that an individual had been chosen and prepared by God to serve in a role of either priestly, prophetic, or kingly authority. As Israel's Messiah, Christ was the perfect embodiment of these three functions of the anointing. This is not new teaching about Jesus Christ. If you are born again of the Holy Spirit, you have received a living power which is also working in you the manifest life - the anointed life - of Jesus Christ (*see 2 Cor 4:7-11*). God's goal is not just to bring us to Christ when we die, but to manifest Christ where we live.

Remember, the title Christ means "Anointed One." To truly know the Lord Jesus is to understand His Messianic identity as Israel's Anointed. To be conformed to Him, however, is to walk in His anointing (*see 1 Jn 2:6*). Thus, as we near the end of the age, the true church will be increasingly identified by Christ's three-fold anointing: we will be given to intercession as a priesthood of believers; we will be prophetic in our discernment and communication of God's word (whether the word comes to teach, comfort, evangelize, or warn); and in all of life's spheres, we will walk in a holy, kingly anointing, as ambassadors of Christ and His kingship in heaven (*see 2 Cor 5:20*).

Christ's Fullness

Yet, this last arena, the transference of Christ's representative governmental authority to the church, has been resisted by many Christians. While most might accept the authority of Christ to help in their sphere of influence, even sincere believers question the legitimacy of godly leaders being called to serve in government. They ask for New Testament teaching to confirm this doctrine.

The very fact that Jesus Christ sits as king in heaven, and that His expressed will is that we be conformed to His image in all things (*Rom 8:29*), validates that He will have disciples who will manifest His governmental anointing on earth. For, "as He is, so also are we in this world" (*1 John 4:17*). You see, God has called His church to one goal: reveal the fullness of Christ.

We should learn from past mistakes, but not limit our potential because of them. Our birthright cannot be measured by the failures of our past, but against the stature of Christ-likeness. Our confidence must abide in the Father's ability to fulfill what He has spoken concerning us. Therefore, let us forget for a moment our current limitations and consider with reverence our spiritual potential. And let us not be staggered by unbelief, but with faith pray, "be it done to me according to Your word" (*Lk 1:38*).

John writes,

"For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace." John 1:16

Paul states,

"The church...is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all." Ephesians 1:22-23

Again, Paul says the height of our destiny is nothing less than "the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ" (*Eph 4:13*).

God's will is not that our growth be stunted halfway to full maturity, but that we know and walk in the full anointing of Christ! *Consider:* the proof that Elisha had truly received Elijah's anointing was that Elisha did the works of Elijah (*2 Kings 2:8-15*). Likewise, the anointing that rests upon us should, in time, produce the very same life that we see in Christ, our heavenly King (*see Jn 14:12*). Thus, when someone questions the validity of Christians serving in government, we have only to point them to the prayer Christ taught: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Indeed, every time we pray those words, someone is receiving grace to represent the character and interests of Christ in our governmental settings.

The Kingly Anointing

Again, the question arises, "But the realm of kingly or governmental authority is fraught with the corrupting influence of power. Why would God send His servants into secular leadership?"

Hebrews 11 tells us that God specifically sends His servants into world systems to transform them and lead nations toward heaven. *Consider:* From verse 22 through verse 34 of Hebrews 11, each person given as an example of faith was an individual raised up by God to lead their nation. Who would like to inform the righteous kings of Judah, from David to Josiah, that it was not God's will for them to be in power? Whisper this idea, that God does not anoint and send people into world leadership, to Daniel and see if he concurs. You see, God has always had it in His heart to raise up men and women who serve Him in wisdom and righteousness, whom He uses to bring multitudes to Himself.

Consider God's word to Abraham:

"As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you will be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings will come forth from you." Genesis 17:4-6

For over two thousand years, from Abraham to Christ, God worked primarily with Israel and its line of kings. However, His promise to Abraham was that he would be a father of "a multitude of nations." He never has abandoned Israel, yet three times in the above promise the Lord mentions that many nations would look upon Abraham as their father. He then adds, "and kings will come forth from you" (*vs. 6*).

It has always been in God's heart to bring nations to Himself, but it wasn't until Christ came that the grace of God could truly spread worldwide. The fact is, you cannot bring nations to God without turning the government of those nations to God as well. So the Lord tells Abraham, "kings will come...from you." Kings exercise authority over nations. Paul speaks of this, in principle, in the New Testament when he urged "that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority" (*1 Tim 2:1-2*).

In the Lord's promise to Abraham, the Hebrew word for kings referred to "officials of many levels." This word, kings (Melek in Hebrew), was a "very common term for virtually any magistrate" (Zodhiates Hebrew-Greek Key Study Bible). In other words, among those who were to come forth from Abraham would be a generation of godly leaders whose sphere of influence would be felt in every strata of secular authority.

Isaiah 60 also speaks of "nations" that would come to our light and "kings" to the brightness of our rising (*Isa 60:1-3*). Again, kings here is the same word that encompassed all levels of secular authority. This promise of God is not only for the millennium, but also for now, during the time when "darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples" (*vs. 2*). Just because the cultural atmosphere is charged with demonic darkness, it does not mean the Almighty has abandoned society. God desires to raise up warring priests who intercede for mercy; He has prophets who call His people to repentance and vision; and He is preparing leaders who will rule righteously with wisdom and meekness.

The Gift of Democracy

Only in recent times has mankind been given a wonderful gift from God: democracy. For approximately 5700 years, the entire world order was ruled by kings and tribal chiefs (except briefly in Athens). Even today, nearly half the world does not elect their government leaders.

With democracy, we do not have to wait for a king or dictator to die to hope that his heir will be more righteous. In America, every four years we are given the opportunity to pray and decide who shall guide our nation. This means that we can choose godly leaders to guide us. Of course, no one is perfect. We will always struggle with the apparent imperfections of any candidate; we will never stop needing the priestly role of intercession to redeem our leaders' errors. But in democracies, we have the opportunity to realize the anointing of Christ in governmental systems. It is a tremendous gift from God!

Am I saying that democracy is the same as heaven? No, absolutely not! Not until Jesus returns will we realize the fullness of God's kingdom. Remember, we said that our goal is not to see the church become political, but the political realm become spiritual, where the integrity, wisdom, and justice of Christ - the anointing of the Messiah Himself - manifests in godly leadership.

People say, "The Lord will decide who is elected. I'm not voting." Excuse me, but in democracies God chooses to work through the voting system. We will always have to trust the Lord no matter who is elected, and we should pray that He "stir up" the spirits of godly people to vote, but He will not override the mechanics of our democratic nation. Thus, we must choose our officials with prayer and principled wisdom. We must also encourage others and work to see godly leaders positioned in government; and where godliness does not exist, we must pray for leaders that they might come to Christ.

How do we discern among candidates which individual is capable of receiving Christ's anointing for government? First, we must look beyond an individual's debating skills and ask, does this man or woman bow to Christ as their ruler? You see, to that leader, Jesus must be revealed as the King of kings. Not until a person genuinely bows before Christ, is he fit to rise and lead the people.

One last thing: No matter who is elected, God calls us to pray for our leaders with faith and mercy, trusting in God's goodness. I am not telling you for whom you should vote, but urging you to vote with vision and prayer. Which candidate do you feel can be most influenced by Christ to lead our nation? Vote for the individual who, as best as you can tell, is most open to the anointing of Christ the King.

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Our Desire For Corporate Expression
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Many are questioning the role of church, movements, and renewal. The questions are often of the in-church versus out-of-church, or this church vs. that movement, roman catholicism vs. protestantism etc... These questions originate from an incorrect construct and wrong premise that will inevitably lead to wrong conclusions.

The scriptures do detail the answers, I will let you formulate the correct question. In the great council held in Jerusalem in Acts 15, the apostles dealt with much more than fleshly circumcision for the introduction of gentile believers into the Israel of God. Paul believed that the entrance of the gentiles into the Israel of God (into the true people of God) was through Jesus, the Christ under a New Covenant in his blood. Paul preached the circumcision of the heart by means of a covenant sealed in baptism in water and in the Holy Spirit to enter into the body of the Lord Jesus Christ through repentance and faith. The baptism means our identification in the death and in the resurrection of Christ, being willing to die to ourselves so that the victorious life of Jesus can flow through us by means of the Holy Spirit. Paul preached that there was a new and higher law than the law of Moses, 'for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death' (Romans 8:2). The rites and procedures of the law of Moses were being opposed.

The controversy continued, even after Peter's testimony of his vision and the inclusion by the Holy Spirit of the household of Cornelius. James powerfully resolved the debate in favor of Paul and Peter by citing a seemingly obscure Scripture from the Prophet Amos, "...and will build again the tabernacle of David..." What was the tabernacle of David? and Why were these dogmatic Jews (some were Pharisees) convinced by such a strange argument?

It was a simple tent without an intermediary priesthood, without furniture, without a holy place, without a bronze altar and without continual blood sacrifices. But it contained the ark of the glory of God. The raising up of the tabernacle of David is a perfect picture of the intimate and personal communion that all who have died to their own ways can enter into the Way of the greater son of David and enjoy uninterrupted fullness with God the Father without clergy, rites, structures, organizations or denominations. The simple tent speaks of us in union with Him and the ark of God speaks of our access to the glory, unction, and presence of God the Father.

God did not see fit to give the floor plan, dimensions, or materials of this simple tent. But James resolved the issue regarding what the model for receiving gentiles into the Israel of God would be, leaving no doubt or question in the minds of all who were present that day. **The model for the church age is the Tabernacle of David.**

God has corporate expressions that are ordained of Him and He will set the proper governments in place to ensure that His work is accomplished. Corporate expression of new testament stature in the majority of North American gatherings is deficient. That said....

In our day and time, man has precipitated horizontal union outside of the timing and ways of God. Leaven has been incorporated into the lump to maintain order and control. The true sheep are then mistreated and hurt but the Lord promises "all things will work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8:28).

God has permitted all the human attempts and endeavors to build kingdoms in His name because He is an expert in using adversity and injustice to dress and purify the true living stones that He is planning to use in the construction of His true Temple when the time comes. Man continues with his plans and programs while Jesus the Christ is preparing and purifying each individual stone one by one until the time comes to build the true temple built without hands and without the sound of a hammer.

So let us draw near with a true heart and with complete faith having our hearts purified from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water, holding fast to the profession of our hope.

For a correct foundation,
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Open Door in 2004
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Open Door in 2004 - The Key Of David
I am stirred in my spirit that this coming year is a season of unprecedented favor. The Lord has spoken to me that there is an 'Open Door in 2004'. Let us press into this tremendous opportunity to see the Kingdom advanced on all fronts. I offer the following for your edification and discernment.

"After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven..." (Revelation 4:1)

I don't know about you, but I am intrigued by this door. I love the visual imagery of an open door in heaven. It seems to be such a paradox, as a door is something we can relate to, something we have definition for, yet heaven seems to defy imagination. I don't know that this is a regular door, like the doors in my house, though. The word translated as door, thura in Greek, means a portal or entrance. I believe this is significant, as it sheds a different light on the 'door' idea. I think of a 'portal' as being an entrance to another realm, a change of environment. Also, note that it is not a window that merely bids us take a look into what lies beyond, rather it is a portal that bids us to enter into what lies beyond!

I also find it fascinating that we find this door within the same context of another 'door' we are all very familiar with. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:20) You might be thinking that this door we are looking at in Revelation chapter 4 is not necessarily related to the door in Revelation 3:20. After all, our primary verse begins with the words "after this" which seem to denote a chronological shift, or a passage of time. However this is, in reality, an unfortunate assumption we can make. The words translated as 'after this', are two words in Greek, meta tauta. Meta is a primary preposition denoting accompaniment or being AMID. This word occupies an intermediate position between the Greek ek (a primary preposition denoting ORIGIN, the point whence action or motion proceeds) and eis (a primary preposition indicating the point REACHED or entered). Tauta simply means 'these things'. So, translated literally, the verse would read, 'In the MIDST of, or accompanying these things I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven.' I don't mean to belabor a grammar lesson here, but I believe it is important to see the correlation between the two doors in these two chapters.

You see, the door of Revelation 3:20 speaks of intimacy, as it says, "I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." The door of Revelation 4:1-2 speaks of understanding and implementing the eternal purpose of God from the higher perspective and authority of the Throne, as it says, "...Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter... and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne." May I suggest that we will never enter the 'door' of understanding and implementing the eternal purpose of God without first opening the 'door' of intimacy? And why is this?... it is because if He can trust us with His heart in the place of intimacy, then He can trust us with His authority in implementing His purpose in the earth.

Intimacy is not necessarily that 'warm fuzzy' feeling we long for and experience as we draw close to Him, although that IS a good thing and to be desired. Rather, intimacy is being ONE in purpose with Him. We can read of this intimacy in John 17:21-23; "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest Me I have given them; that they may be one, even as We are one: I in them, and thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in one." God's purpose is that there be NO separation, that we be ONE with Him and IN Him!

Now then, we just read in Revelation 3:20 as it says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door..." Personally, I believe that this door requires a 'key'. Let us read as the prophet Isaiah speaks of this key; "And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open." (Isaiah 22:22) We can also read of this key in our context of Revelation chapter 3; "These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth..." (Revelation 3:7) I also believe that we can glean much from a quick study of this 'key'.

If we back up to verses 20-21 of Isaiah 22, it speaks of governmental authority, fathering and Eliakim the son of Hilkiah; "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah: And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah." (Isaiah 22:20-21) The name Eliakim, Elyaqiym in Hebrew, means God of raising. The name Hilkiah, Chilqiyah in Hebrew, means portion of Jah (God). Indeed, He IS the God that desires to raise up those who are His portion! Those who are intimately 'His portion', with no divided allegiances, He will exalt in wisdom and authority.

It is from this intimate place of being raised up in wisdom and authority that we can then understand and appropriate the revealed purpose and plan of God. I say this because in Revelation 4:1 we read, "...Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter." As I discussed in my book entitled "Deep calls to Deep", the word unfortunately translated as 'hereafter' is two words in Greek, meta tauta. Meta is a primary preposition denoting accompaniment or being AMID. Tauta simply means 'these things'. Translated literally, the Voice in Revelation is saying, "I will show you what needs to occur in the MIDST of, or accompanying these things." John is being shown things which MUST BE in the midst presently. In other words, God's stated eternal PURPOSE is that which MUST BE. The word translated as 'must be' is dei in Greek, meaning necessary (as binding), it is the third person singular ACTIVE PRESENT tense of deo - meaning to bind. Deo is the word used in Matthew 16:19, "...whatsoever thou shalt BIND on earth shall be BOUND in heaven..." So to put all this together, John is being shown a vision of what MUST BE, or what is bound in heaven, in order that we may grasp that vision and bind it (bring it to manifest) in the earth by our words and our lifestyle!

In our text, several Bible versions translate it as "a door standing open in heaven." I like this idea of the door (portal) standing open. It speaks to me of an 'open heaven'! This idea of an open heaven ties in closely with the Key of David, as Revelation 3:7-8 states, "These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth... behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it..." Also in Isaiah 22:22, "And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut..."

I think all of us are interested in an open heaven... all of us are interested in the favor of God. In the past I have always thought of an 'open heaven' or the 'favor of God' as resting primarily on individuals. I have seen it operating powerfully in my own life. At times I have even felt somewhat guilty for walking in such 'favor', as I knew I certainly didn't deserve it. However, I am beginning to glimpse the possible immaturity in my thinking. You see, although an 'open heaven' or the 'favor of God' may manifest through an individual, it's really more a matter of the 'favor' resting upon the purpose of God. Yes, I believe the 'favor' actually rests upon the purpose of God and when we align ourselves with His purpose, the 'favor' utilizes US as a conduit through which to flow. You see, His favor really isn't ABOUT ME, it's about His purpose.

As I began writing this, I was proceeding with the thought that intimacy was the Key of David. After all, David is known as 'the man after God's heart'. However, now I am seeing that intimacy is actually the avenue that takes us to God's purpose- God's eternal purpose is the KEY! We must remember that David was not only 'the man after God's heart', but because of his intimate relationship he was aligned with and implementing God's eternal purpose as he set up the Davidic Tabernacle. Think about it for a moment... why didn't David just take the Ark a few miles back to Gibeon where it had been for years? You see, the Ark represented the very presence of God, and not only represented it, but the shekinah glory of the Presence of the Lord literally manifested between the wings of the cherubim. Because of his intimate relationship, something inside of David compelled him to prepare a special place, "And David... prepared a place for the ark of God..." (1 Chronicles 15:1)

Whether he was totally aware of it or not, David was participating in the implementation of the Father's end-time plan. We can read of this in Acts 15:16-17, "After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things." I personally believe that the restoration of the Davidic Tabernacle is absolutely paramount to the fulfillment of God's end-time purposes. However, may I suggest that it is a living and breathing restored Davidic Tabernacle, a Third Day People with no veil of the fleshly self-life to hide the Christ that dwells within them, a people that manifest the presence and glory of God! God's original purpose was and still is, through intimate fellowship to have a corporate Man in His image and likeness, and to exercise dominion (not domination) FROM the Davidic Throne of mercy and justice, THROUGH the corporate Body of Messiah. His purpose is to have a Throne (a seat of authority) in the earth to bring heaven to earth! "In mercy the THRONE will be established; And one will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness." (Isaiah 16:5 NKJV) This ties in directly with our context in the book of Revelation; "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock (the call to intimacy)... To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne (the call to authority), even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." (Revelation 3:20-21 my input in parenthesis)

So many in Christendom have set their hopes on and ordered their lives on the idea of leaving the earth to GO TO HEAVEN, when all along God's eternal purpose is for us to order our lives on the idea of BRINGING HEAVEN TO EARTH! This is the purpose of God's favor, this is the purpose of an 'open heaven'... in order that the Kingdom of heaven that is within us (Luke 17:21) would invade the earth around us! Jesus said it this way, "But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house." (Matthew 12:28-29) The carnal thinking of the world-system is the 'strong man's house' and it is time we enforced the victory of the cross to 'spoil his house'. It is time we believed the Scripture when it says, "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out." (John 12:31) and "...the prince of this world is judged." (John 16:11)

Listen to this Psalm penned by 'the man after God's heart'. Because of his intimate relationship, David truly had a revelation of the eternal purpose of God: "The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. (No mention of escape because the devil is in control!) For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods. Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? (The call to come higher and draw near to Him in intimacy.) He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart... (Those who are the undivided 'portion of God'.) Lift up your head, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting DOORS; and the King of glory shall come in. (Once again we read of open doors!) Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting DOORS; and the King of glory shall come in. (And for what purpose are there open doors?... that the King of glory shall come in!... that heaven invade earth!) Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah." (Psalms 24:1-10 my input in parenthesis)

I sense something stirring in the Body of Christ these days, an unsettling expectancy. I believe that many in the church are 'beholding the door' that bids us to enter into what lies beyond, many are standing at the 'portal' right now; "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven..." And like the sounding of a trumpet ("the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me..."), the prophetic call today is, "Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be..." (Revelation 4:1) Those who respond to this call will be given a fresh vision of the Throne of God, "And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne." (Revelation 4:2)

The Father is declaring, "And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house." (Isaiah 22:22-23) Through intimate relationship, a living and breathing restored Davidic Tabernacle, He desires to give us a fresh vision of the Kingdom of heaven within us, a fresh vision of the Throne of God, and its' invasion of the earth, and its' establishment in the earth. Knowing and understanding His eternal purpose, we become the very CONDUITS, the open doors through which the King of glory comes in, that heaven invade earth! "And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the Tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness." (Isaiah 16:5)

THIS is the day of an open door.
THIS is the day of an open heaven.
THIS is the day of the Key of David.

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Open Doors in 2004
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Open doors in 2004
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Open doors in 2004 is one of the prophetic phrases that prophets across the country are speaking about for this year.

January is the beginning of the open doors. A door can be both a place of entry and a place of exit. It is a pivotal place of things going and coming. This pivotal year of 2004 will be a determining factor over the next four years concerning your family, ministry, church or business. In short the decisions to walk through the doors that will be before you throughout this year have long-term consequences.

It is important that we stay close to the good Shepherd during the coming months. Stay real close abiding in Him daily, especially during the month of February. Psalm 23 should be the scripture for the month.

There are four things to look for during this coming year.

1. Look for secrets to be revealed. Things long hidden will be uncovered and brought out into the daylight. This will vindicate some and convict others. WMD, 'Weapons of Mass Distraction' will be uncovered and brought out into the light for the world to see.

2. Look for 'woman at the well' experiences. People to show up in your path in unexpected ways and places. There are divine meetings this year that will be door openers and closures for us in the body and it is crucial that we be alert in perceiving these doors of opportunities. Be careful to not pass by your kairos moment.

It will be a pleasant surprise for some and a nuisance for others depending if you are being led by the Good Shepherd or not. Surprise encounters will get us where we need to be!

3. Revelations from the Father will be revealed to his saints. Look for and expect significant dreams and visions to come to you. Write them down!

4. Restoration of those who walked away from God's will be given a chance to have their destinies redeemed. God wants us to be aware that He is the God of the second chance. The enemy came and stole their vision because he knows that without vision we perish, but God is bringing a remembrance of great things to come and is wooing back the prodigals.

This is also the year of multiplication, the year of the loaves and fishes. What you have will be multiplied in the months ahead. Look for the increase to come through un-expectant people and situations especially during the month of September.

This is the year of Cyrus. Cyrus was a non-believer who was used by God to supply the rebuilding of the temple, 2 Chronicles 36:22-23. Even after he died they continued to supply the Jews with what was needed because Cyrus had decreed it, Ezra 5:13-6:14. Look for unexpected supplies to come your way through un-expectant people. Same for the increase in anointing over your gifting(s), look for seemingly insignificant people to come bringing the increase.

There are four phases to this year!

1. 1. Final closure to doors that had previously kept coming open no matter how hard you shut them in the past. There is favor from God to over come old mind-sets and fears. The mindsets or locksets are being changed on the doors. Different keys are being given to the body to lock out the enemy from continually getting in.

2. 2. We must be aware of, and anticipating the doors as they come into view. It would be a great shame to not take advantage of the 'now season' of favor we are presently in.

3. 3. When you go through the doors expect something different! Be encouraged that there will be a change. Remember a door swings both ways, letting you into the good but not stopping you from returning to the old.

4. 4. Revelation 3:19-20, "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

One door will lead to another and another. Saying YES to God will lead to victories, greater revelations and closer fellowship with HIM! And the opportunity to go through more doors!

Revelation 4:1, "After this I looked and there before me was a door standing open in heaven." These doors will establish your future and your determination for victory will give you a new mind-set and the keys to lock out the old ways.

This is a year to travail so you can prevail!

Three anointing(s) to be released during this year.

Three anointing(s) to be released during this year as the anointing of Samson comes upon us. Now Samson was quite stupid in a lot of ways and it is important that we not be like Samson in his stupidity. But in Hebrews 11:32, it mentions Samson in the line of those who had 'great faith.' At the end of his life he had 'great faith' even though he couldn't see he pushed over the pillars and brought about a great victory.

1. Judges 14:28, Be Aware of the opportunity for giving a supernatural push through whatever it is that is holding you back this year. You will come up against the enemy who does not want you to experience the 'breaker anointing' that is upon us this year and will come against you. So by faith, even though you may not be able to see, put you faith to practice and push for the breakthrough. Bitterness, hardening of heart, whatever it is that has held you back from gaining victory over can be removed this year.

2. Jeremiah 12:5, The Lord rebuked Jeremiah, "If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage

in the thickets by the Jordan?"

This is a year of the crossing the river of breakthrough, a year to cross the Jordan and going into the promises of God. This is our destiny and purposes that have been given to each of us through visions, dreams and prophetic utterances. Look for supernatural anointing in overcoming and rise up men and women of God for the time is now to move for the Lord your God is going before you. Re-Dig the wells of past prophetic words spoken over you and declare them to the heavens.

3. 3. Nehemiah 4:5 talks of rebuilding the walls and the fact that the enemy will contend with you and accuse and mock you as well. "for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders." Formerly you succumbed to these taunts of the enemy but God is ready to release an anointing of grace, grace, grace through you.

The closure of these gaps in the walls surrounding us will be crucial in how the next four years of our family, ministry, church and business play out. Do not be surprised if mockers will come and ridicule you during this season.

Look for the open doors of opportunities, surprises to come upon you, increased visions and dreams and new keys to be given for the new locks that are being placed on your mind-sets. Locksmiths are being released this year.

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Oh Australia

Mary Lindow

Oh Australia! Land Of Those Once Shamed And Sent Into Exile.

Peoples of all races now surrounding coastal regions. I have seen your struggles and achievements. I have watched with a focused and unrelenting eye as you have grown and have matured into a nation with a unique voice…a unique sound. A sound now being heard as a blast of warning saying...
"Prepare you the way of the Lord make My paths straight!"

And so out of you shall come a fiery and passionate move of apostolic release, which will expose false movements and false doctrines now masquerading as the new wave.

Melbourne, Canberra, Perth, and yes even remote Alice Springs will see manifestations of glory and signs and wonders that will silence your accusers and bring about national waves of repentance for the sake of unity. The rains will begin to pour forth in the natural as waves of rain from the heavens are released in the supernatural upon you.

I will drive the proud and scheming far from my plans for you Australia, and those who would merchandise My anointing will be exposed for thieves in My holy place of Divine Purpose. I give them yet a little time to repent and to turn to a new way, a new wine skin of purpose.

Just as your flag displays my glory in the southern cross so shall I display the glory of the cross in waves of salvations and repentance. Out of you Australia will I Send those of every race and ethnic origin into the nations who once exiled you.

You are my faith seeds for the next harvest field around the globe.

As the Olympics begin to proceed, I will cause Australia to shine like a beacon through it's gifted athletes. There will be a glory resting on them, which I will use to draw attention to your country.

Among your peoples are those who have wept in brokenness and intercession for the promise of blessing I would soon give to them, even when the land still remained destitute and proud.

Watch now as I redeem the land. Your dry desert places will see rain and water like never before recorded in your history.

Behold! Your desert places shall bloom and flowers and plants will spring up from seeds that lay dormant for decades. So shall it be in the spirit. You will see those assumed finished, weakened and buried; now spring up into the destiny of My Glory.

People from all nations will flock to you to taste the sweet and unembellished glory that I will allow to rest upon you if you keep your hand

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Occult Influence In The Elections

Jim Chosa

Prayer News Alert from Chuck Pierce
I am forwarding two interesting emails from Jim Chosa, a member of our USSPN National Apostolic Team. The first concerns how he has been led to pray for the presidential election. I think this could have a major influence on the voting process. Many of you will want to use this as a prayer focus. Then below this is an excellent article he has written on exercising our earthly citizenship through voting.

Blessings,
Chuck D. Pierce
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Greetings! Several days ago around 3:30 AM, the Holy Spirit woke me up. As I came awake, I realized I was moving forcefully against an occult shield covering one of the presidential candidates. For the next hour I continued to obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit to nail this dark shield and break it wide open so the real spiritual character of the candidate could be seen by those seduced by a high level spirit of sorcery. Then, I called a close friend and high level intercessor and found out she is carrying the same burden in the Spirit.

Because we cannot openly endorse a political candidate as a minister of Christ, we cannot tell you the name of the candidate. However, I can tell you this with respect to how the Holy Spirit would have us understand from Heaven's viewpoint which of the two candidates for president the Lord endorses. It centers on one issue which is a life and death issue: abortion. How our nation prospers or becomes the object of God's wrath and thus is made desolate centers on this, the most important issue. All other issues, although important, become secondary. The issue of abortion is more than just about killing an innocent life. It is about magnifying the defilement of and the continuing of the spiritual pollution of the entire landscape of America through the bloodshed of the innocent. This is the one issue which prevents God from inhabiting the land with His people as stated in Num 35:33-34:

> *So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it. Defile not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell: for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.*

The rage of the masses which are anti-God in the nation and anti one of the candidates allows the occult forces of darkness to merge with the personal issues of the candidate and strengthen the shield around the candidate. This rage is, in a very real sense, false worship. The door opening spirit for sorcery surrounding this candidate is the spirit of divination or false words; these two together open the way for witchcraft or false authority.

Because the Holy Spirit has given us this mission, we, as First Nation believers in the high authority of King Jesus, give it to you as well to partner with us to break the occult powers trying to influence and ultimately control the future direction of our nation by breaking this shield around this candidate. We also give you the following Psalm to under gird you as we push forward in the power of the Kingdom of God.

> Ps 2:1 "*WHY DO the nations assemble with commotion [rage, uproar and confusion of voices], and why do the people imagine (meditate upon and devise) an empty scheme? 2 The kings of the earth take their places; the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and His Anointed one (the Messiah, the Christ). They say, 3 Let us break Their bands [of*

> *restraint] asunder and cast Their cords [of control] from us. 4* ***He Who sits in the heavens laughs****; the Lord has them in derision [and in supreme contempt He mocks them]. 5* ***He speaks to them in His deep anger and troubles (terrifies and confounds) them in His displeasure*** *and fury, saying, 6 Yet* ***have I anointed (installed and placed) My King*** *[firmly] on My holy hill of Zion. 7 I will declare the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, You are My Son; this day [I declare] I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations as Your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth as Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them in pieces like potters' ware. 10 Now therefore, O you kings, act wisely; be instructed and warned, O you rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with reverent awe and worshipful fear; rejoice and be in high spirits with trembling [lest you displease Him]. 12* ***Kiss the Son*** *[pay homage to Him in purity], lest He be angry and you perish in the way, for soon shall His wrath be kindled. O blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied) are all those who seek refuge and put their trust in Him!"* (AMP)

We are not advocating standing against a human personality, but against the forces of evil. The Spirit of God has given us the most powerful spiritual weapon in all the universe: God-Life. Death cannot stand where God-Life is made manifest. It is the believers privilege to release this Life in specific manner to overcome all elements of evil. Therefore, to overcome this spirit of sorcery we must begin with the spirit of divination. Begin to release God-Life to both candidates through the BLOOD judgment of Christ; release God-blessings on both and God-Truth. Through the Blood of Christ break the shield of the occult forces: "I (we) break the occult shield of evil around (so and so) in Jesus name. We cancel and the break the occult power of all divining words sent out in the name of Christ as the Truth of God. We bring into the Light the divining words of evil spoken to seduce the people of America and the world and expose the lie hidden in them."

Be led of the Spirit, but also mobilize others to do this highly important spiritual work; be greatly blessed today in King Jesus looking upward and forward to see His Kingdom coming into our nation in this hour.

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Exercising Our Earthly Citizenship: A Doorway for the Advancing the Kingdom of God

One of the most important responsibilities we have as citizens of the United States of America is the privilege to vote. The privilege to vote is not free; it has been paid for by the blood of the multitudes of lives given in the struggle for freedom; by the many who have worn the uniform of our armed forces; by the multitudes of African-American and other minorities who struggled for the recognition of their civil and human rights; and by the lives of a multitude of women who likewise struggled for freedom granted to them in the US Constitution.

I am Native American and during the Vietnam War I was one who wore the uniform of the US Army as a point-man for C Company, 2nd Battalion, 12th Regiment, First Air-Cavalry Division; I count it a privilege to vote as a citizen of the United States of America.

Voting or exercising citizenship as members of the nation however, is so much more when Christ Jesus enters the picture. Many true believers in Christ erroneously presume that becoming a Christian somehow elevates them above what is seen as the "dirty field" of politics. Thus on Election Day they refrain from exercising their citizenship privilege to vote. Politics however has become the "dirty field" it is precisely because of this erroneous practice of Blood-bought saints of God.

From our First Nation and the Kingdom of God perspective let us show you what exercising our voting privilege really accomplishes in the Earth Realm. First, we must shift our spiritual heart over to the reality of the Kingdom of God through the Blood of the Cross of Jesus Christ. Through Christ alone we have been translated into the Kingdom or the Domain and Rule of King Jesus. Now we are not just citizens of an Earthly nation, but we are first and foremost citizens of the commonwealth of the Kingdom of God. As citizens of God’s Kingdom, we must walk, live and be led by the Holy Spirit of God. This means that all actions and decisions of our will must be made in harmony with the Will of God made clear by the Holy Spirit.

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Every check mark we make on the election ballot becomes a doorway through which the intercessory Act of God can legally enter the entire arena influenced by the political realm. When these check marks are magnified by all of God’s people, this intercessory act releases the synergized authority and power of God’s into all facets of society impacted by elections.

So please allow through prayer and fasting if necessary the Holy Spirit to empower you to rise up as responsible citizen of the Kingdom of God on the Earth, direct your choice for the candidate of God’s choice, and then help you see your voting act as a doorway to release God into the Earth Realm. After you vote, lift up a high praise of thanksgiving in your heart unto God. May the Lord bless you and reveal to you God’s choices for public office in the election year.

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Oil And Water

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2004 - “Oil And Water Never Mix” ~ Mammon, Narcissism, And The Truth
THE PRESENT EVILS AND PRESSURES OF OUR TIME ARE NOT NEW TO GOD OR...TO THE PRINCE OF THIS WORLD!

The Bride of Christ has been either over stroked with false platitudes or has been allowed to be spoiled with a gluttony of self love, self analysis, and self promotion. All members of the Lord’s Body, leaders and simple followers, have all had the virus of “I WANNA BE SOMEBODY” attempt to side track and infect the human nature side of their existence.

THE CHRISTIAN SERVANT WORLD IS NOT A STAGE!

Matthew 6 :1"Be especially careful when you are trying to be good so that you don't make a performance out of it. It might be good theater, but the God who made you won't be applauding. 2"When you do something for someone else, don't call attention to yourself. You've seen them in action, I'm sure--"play actors' I call them--treating prayer meeting and street corner alike as a stage, acting compassionate as long as someone is watching, playing to the crowds. They get applause, true, but that's all they get. when you help someone out, don't think about how it looks. just do it--quietly and unobtrusively. That is the way your God, who conceived you in love, working behind the scenes, helps you out. (Message Translation)

THIS EVER PRESENT POISON IS STILL SEEPING INTO PLACES VERY FEW ARE WILING TO ADDRESS, FOR FEAR OF BEING USED AS SCAPEGOATS OR SHAMED INTO SILENCE! THE LORD IS BRINGING ALL OF THIS HIDDEN AGENDA STUFF INTO LIGHT AT THIS TIME! After years and yes, decades of patient warning, and gracing us with time to repent and reconcile with those we have used, harmed or, ignored. This includes when He either sent them to us or when we were threatened that they might expose our secret sins.

ANYTIME HIERARCHICAL BEHAVIOR BEGINS TO MANIFEST, IT WILL HAVE THE TONE AND SMELL OF ABUSIVE INTOLERANCE FOR ANYONE ADDRESSING THE ISSUES OF LOVE OF SELF AND LOVE OF POWER AND LOVE OF MONEY. It will also not want to associate in any way with anything appears to be weak, impoverished, or struggling!

PURIFIED AND HUMBLE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS WILL BE MALIGNED, and many attempts to discredit or silence their voices will arise, and have been arising from some of those now claiming to have “arrived” into the high levels they had so justly earned and deserve. As if earning and hark work were any guarantee or promise God gave to acquire any notoriety!

THE TRUE LOVER OF GOD DOES NOT NEED TO BE LAVISHED UPON BY MAN.

THE WORDS “ I AM ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF WHAT GOD IS DOING,” SHOULD SEND US ALL RUNNING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION QUICKLY!

NO ONE MAN OR GROUP SEES ALL. When there is a tendency to be hypercritical or “smug” about the way the Lord uses others in ministry settings around us and becomes the way an organization or group of specific people joined together relate...you can count on the evil presence of Narcissism and Mammon being the fuel that will feed the fires of deception. When the anointing is moving on something on someone we can not own, or control, if we are not understanding what the Lord is presently anointing, I mean in a service, a conference or even a home group, then we will quench the purity of the anointing by yanking back with the reigns of treacherous self imposed authority, if we are in any way worried about losing our place of importance and earned respect.

THE PHARISEES DESTROYED JESUS AND MANY OF HIS FOLLOWERS BECAUSE THEY WORRIED ABOUT LOSING MEMBERS, MONEY, AND.... POWER. JESUS HAD A SIMPLE MESSAGE. STILL SIMPLE TODAY, BUT ALSO STILL, PROFOUNDLY RELEVANT. Matthew 6 19"Don't hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or--worse!-stolen by burglars. 20Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars.

21It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being. 22"Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light. 23If you live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a dank cellar. If you pull the blinds on your windows, what a dark life you will have! 24"You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both. 25"If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. 26Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds. 27"Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? 28All this time and money wasted on fashion--do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, 29but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best--dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. 30"If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers--most of which are never even seen--don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? 31What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. 32People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. 33Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. 34"Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

THERE IS HARDLY ANY OTHER SIN STRONGER THAN THE ONE OUR LORD JESUS WARNED HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT, THAN THE ALARMING, DISTRACTING, DISTRUSTFUL CARES ABOUT THE THINGS OF THIS LIFE. This often entraps the poor as much as the love of wealth does the rich. But there is a prudent side to our responsibilities in regards to material things, though we must not carry these law-abiding cares too far. Take no thought for your life. Nor about the length of it! Leave it to God to lengthen or shorten it as he pleases.

OUR TIMES ARE IN HIS HAND, AND THEY ARE IN A GOOD HAND. It’s Not about the comforts of this life; but leave it to God to make it bitter or sweet as He pleases. Food and clothing God has promised, so... we can expect them. Take no thought for the tomorrow... for the time yet to come. Be not anxious for the future, how you shall live next year, or when you are old, or what you shall leave behind you. We must not boast about tomorrow, and we must not care for to-morrow, or the events that will take place in it! God has given us life, and has given us our bodies. And what can He not do for us, if He gave all of that to us ? If we take great concern over our souls and for eternity, which are more than the human body and its life, we may leave it to God to provide for us food and clothing, which are so much less important..

TRY TO IMPROVE ON THIS IDEA AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO TRUST AND BELIEVE IN THE LOVING CARE OF GOD! WE MUST SIMPLY AND LIKE CHILDREN SUBMIT OURSELVES TO OUR WORLDLY RANK, AS WE DO TO OUR SIMPLE STATUS. We cannot change the command of God’s Judgments! So! We must submit and surrender ourselves to them. Being painfully concerned for our souls is the best cure of loving the things of the world.

SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND MAKE TRUSTING GOD TO PROVIDE A LIFE-STYLE! Now don’t say that this is the way to starve! No, it is the way to be well provided for, even in this world! The conclusion of the whole subject is, that it is the will and command of the Lord Jesus, that by daily prayers we may get strength to bear us up under our daily troubles, and to arm us against the temptations that accompany them, and then, let none of these things move us.

HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO TAKE THE LORD FOR THEIR GOD, AND MAKE FULL PROOF OF IT BY TRUSTING THEMSELVES WHOLLY TO HIS WISE DIRECTION. LET HIS SPIRIT CONVINCE US OF SIN, AND TAKE AWAY THE WORLDLINESS OF OUR HEARTS! 20Store your treasures in heaven, where they will never become moth-eaten or rusty and where they will be safe from thieves. 21Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be. 22"Your eye is a lamp for your body. A pure eye lets sunshine into your soul. 23But an evil eye shuts out the light and plunges you into darkness. If the light you think you have is really darkness, how deep that darkness will be! 24"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

[IF YOUR EYE IS PURE. IF YOUR EYE IS EVIL.] THE OBVIOUS CONNECTION HERE IS ABOUT EITHER HAVING A COVETOUS, OR A NON COVETOUS MIND. Either way the discussion is concerning treasures either earthly or heavenly, and, verse 24, concerning serving either God or Mammon.

IT' ADDRESSING THE LUST OF THE EYES. 1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Here is where our Lord and King shows how with such great darkness the mind is clouded and dimmed by covetousness, and too much care of worldly things. Seek ye first the kingdom of God. The promise is made that if we seek it first, and its righteousness, all earthly wants will be supplied. Matthew 6 :33.

The condition demands, 1. That we seek the kingdom first in point of time. Some plan to achieve a skill, and after they have gained it, they will serve God. 2. We must make it first in importance. Everything else must get out of the way before its demands. 3. It must be first in our affections, have our whole hearts. We must "love the Lord our God with the whole heart" (Matt. 22:37). His righteousness. The righteousness that God bestows upon those who are in the Kingdom, Christ's righteousness, the forgiveness of sins in his name.

No man can serve two masters. He cannot give his heart to two services at the same time. He cannot follow two callings successfully. You cannot serve God and mammon. This is the direct application. You can not serve God and riches!. It is here personified as an idol. "Mammon" originally meant "trust," or confidence, and riches is the trust of worldly men.

IF GOD IS NOT THE OBJECT OF ABSOLUTE TRUST, SOMETHING ELSE WILL BE, AND IT IS MOST LIKELY TO BE MONEY. Verse 24. No man can serve two masters,.... these are directly opposite to one another: Either he will hate the one, and love the other; he will have less affection and regard to the one, than to the other;

You cannot serve God and mammon.- riches; which are opposed to God, being loved by some men, admired, trusted in, and worshipped, as if they were God; and which is incompatible with the service of the true God. People whose hearts go after their covetousness, and are set upon earthly riches, who dedicate themselves to them, are eagerly and anxiously pursuing after them, and place their confidence in them; no matter what pretenses they may make to the service of God are worshipping Mammon and all that attaches itself to it. So did the Scribes and Pharisees, who are openly exposed by this expression, both here and in other scripture references, they cannot truly and totally serve the Lord. "Mammon" is the god they serve; Pluto, in that era of time was also called the god of riches, among the Heathens. It parallels today's' attitude among many so-called believers.

THE ATTITUDE OF MAMMON WORSHIP SEEMS TO ME TO HAVE SPRUNG FROM A NOT SO UNDERLYING ISSUE THAT IS RAMPANT IN THE EARTH TODAY AND HAS IN “PANDEMIC WAVES” ... INVADED THE CHURCH.

WHAT IS THIS MASSIVE “GERM INVASION” TITLED?

“IT’S ALL ABOUT ME- ISM!”

OR ALSO KNOWN AS NARCISSISM. The basic trait of the Narcissistic Personality Type is a pattern of grandiosity, need for admiration, and lack of empathy.

The Narcissistic Personality pattern

* Reacts to criticism with feelings of rage, shame, or humiliation; * Is interpersonally exploitive: takes advantage of others to achieve his own ends; * Has a magnificent sense of self-importance; * Believes that his problems are unique and can be understood only by other special people; * Is preoccupied with goals of unlimited success, power, brilliance, beauty, or ideal love; * Has a sense of entitlement: an unreasonable expectation of especially favorable treatment; * Requires much attention and admiration of others; * Lacks empathy: fails to recognize and experience how others feel; * Is

preoccupied with feelings of envy.

WHEN NARCISSISTIC INFLUENCES AND MAMMON COLLIDE, THE LOVE OF SELF AND THE LOVE OF ADMIRATION AND PERSONAL SUCCESS IS THE STANDARD PEOPLE BEGIN TO JUDGE ONE ANOTHER WITH. Sadly, our churches are filled with ego, love of title, love of programs, love of growth for power, larger and more aesthetically pleasing auditoriums, larger offerings in order to...increase in prestige and wealth.

IN SECOND TIMOTHY CHAPTER THREE... ALL OF WHAT I HAVE SHARED ABOVE IS BROUGHT INTO TOTAL FOCUS AND CLARITY.

GODLESSNESS IN THE LAST DAYS

1But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. 2People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, 4treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- 5having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them. 6They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, 7always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. 8Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth--men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. 9But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone. 10You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, 11persecutions, sufferings--what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. 12In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, 13while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, 15and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

MAY THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS OF THE THIRD DAY CHURCH BE BOLD ENOUGH AND HUMBLE ENOUGH TO NOT FAWN AFTER TITLE, APPLAUSE, OR PERSONAL FAME AND GAIN. All are Forms of mammon, but highly applauded in modern society. May they pursue humility and integrity as they “Prepare the Way of The Lord”... and make crooked paths straight.-

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One In The Spirit

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John 1:1-3
In the beginning (before all time) was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself. He was present originally with God. All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.

John 1:16-17
For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor upon favor and gift (heaped) upon gift. For while the Law was given through Moses, grace, (undeserved favor and spiritual blessing) and truth came through Jesus Christ.
He is 100 % pure in honesty and trustworthiness. He has no deception in Him. He cannot lie.

John 3:31,34,35
He Who comes from above (heaven) is (far) above all (others); he who comes from the earth belongs to the Earth, and talks the language of earth (his words are from and earthly standpoint). He Who comes from heaven is (far) superior to all others in prominence and in excellence).
For since He Whom God has sent speaks the words of God (proclaims God's own message), God does not give Him His Spirit sparingly or by measure, but boundless is the gift God makes of His Spirit!
The Father loves the Son and has given (entrusted, committed) everything into His hand.

John 5:26-27,30
For even as the Father has life in Himself and is self-existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself and be self existent.
And He has given Him authority and granted Him power to execute (exercise, practice) judgment because He is a Son of man (very man).
I Am able to do nothing from Myself (independently, of My own accord-but only as I am taught by God and as I get His orders). Even as I hear, I judge (I decide, As the voice comes to Me, so I give a decision), and My judgment is right (just, righteous), because I do not seek or consult My own will (I have no desire to do what is pleasing to Myself, My own aim, My own purpose) but only the will and pleasure of the Father Who sent Me.

John 5:43,45
I have come in My Father's name and with His power, and you do not receive Me (your hearts are not open to Me, you give Me no welcome); but if another comes in his own name and his own power and with no other authority but himself, you will receive him and give him your approval.
Put out of your minds the thought and do not suppose (as some of you are supposing) that I will accuse you before the Father.
There is one who accuses you-it is Moses, the very one on whom you have built your hopes (in whom you trust) (the law).

John 14:1,7,10-17,26-27
Do not let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in adhere to and trust in and rely on god; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me.
If you had known Me (had learned to recognize Me), you would also have known My Father. From now on, you know Him and have seen Him.
Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in Me? What I am telling you I do not say on My own authority and of My own accord; but the Father Who lives continually in Me does the (His) works (His own miracles, deeds of power).
Believe that I Am in the Father and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the sake of the (very) works themselves. (If you cannot trust Me, at least let these works that I do in My Father's name convince you).
I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will do (I Myself will grant) whatever you ask in My Name (authority, as presenting all that I Am), so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.
Yes I will grant (I Myself will do for you) whatever you shall ask in My Name (authority, as presenting all that I Am).
If you really love Me, you will keep (obey) My commands.
And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Councelor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—
The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him, or know and recognize Him, for He lives with you (constantly) and will be in you.
But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My Name (in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf), he will teach you all things. And He will cause you recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.
Peace I leave with you; My (Own) peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled).

John 15:4,6-7
Dwell in Me, and I will dwell in you. (live in Me, and I will live in you). Just as no branch can bear fruit of itself without abiding in (being vitally united to) the vine, neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in Me.
I Am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, apart from Me (cut off from vital union with Me) you can do nothing.
If you live in Me (abide vitally united to Me) and My Words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.

John 6:63
The Word literally lives in us. It is sealed in us and is in us to stay forever. This is not just a memorized Word. The Word is Spirit and the Word is Life has Life in itself.

I Corinthians 3:16-7
Do you not discern and understand that you (the whole church) are God's temple (His sanctuary), and that God's Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you (to be at home in you collectively as a church and also individually)?
If anyone does hurt to God's temple or corrupts it (with false doctrines and attacks against God's temple) or destroys it, God will do hurt to him to the corruption of death and destroy him. For the temple of God is Holy (sacred to him) and that temple you the believing church and its individual believers are.

I Corinthians 3:22-23
All things are yours.
And you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

Luke 17:21
Nor will people say, Look! Here it is! Or, See, it is there! For behold, the kingdom of God is within you (in your hearts and spirits) and among you (surrounding you).

I Corinthians 6:17-20
But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one (singular) spirit with Him.

John 10:38
But if I do them (the works of God), even though you do not believe Me or have faith in Me, (at least) believe the works and have faith in what in what I do, in order that you may know and understand (clearly) that the Father is in Me, and I Am in the Father (One with Him).
Do you not know that your body is the temple (the very sanctuary) of the Holy Spirit Who lives within you, Whom you have received (as a Gift) from god? You are not your own,
You were bought with a price (purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His Own). So then, honor God and bring glory to Him in your body.

John 10:25-30
Jesus answered them, I have told you so, yet you do not believe Me (you do not believe Me (you do not trust Me and rely on Me). The very works that I do by the power of My Father and in My Father's name or authority bear witness concerning Me (they are My credentials and evidence in support of Me).
The sheep that are My Own hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.
And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it or perish throughout the ages. (To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed.) And no one is able to snatch them out of My hand.
My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater and mightier than all and no one is able to snatch (them) out of the Father's hand.
I and the Father are One.

John 17:9-11
I Am praying for them. I Am not praying (requesting) for the world, but for those You have given Me, for they belong to you.
All things that are Mine are Yours, and all things that are Yours belong to Me; an I Am glorified in through them. (They have done Me honor; in them My glory is achieved).
And now I am no more in the world, but these are still in the world, and I Am coming to You. Holy Father, keep in Your Name or authority (in the knowledge of Yourself) those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are one.

John 17:18,21-23,26
Just as You sent me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And so for their sake and on their behalf I sanctify (dedicated, consecrate) Myself, that they also may be sanctified (dedicated, consecrated, made holy) in the Truth.
Neither for these alone do I pray (it is not for their sake only that I make this request, but also for all those who will ever come to believe in (trust in, cling to, rely on) Me through their word and teaching,
That they all may be one, just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me.
I have given to them the glory and honor which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are One: I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one and perfectly united, that the world may know and definitely recognize that You have loved them (even) as You have loved Me.
I have made Your Name known to them and revealed Your character and Your very Self, and I will continue to make (You) known, that the love , which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them (felt in their hearts) and that I (Myself) may be in them.

Matthew 10:39
Whoever finds his (lower) life will lose it (the higher life), and whoever loses his (lower) life on My account will find it (the higher life).
II Corinthians 4:13

Yet we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, I have believed, and therefore have I spoken. We too believe, and therefore we speak.

II Corinthians 6:10
We possess all things.

II Corinthians 6:16,18
What agreement can there be between a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.
And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

Ephesians 1:3,13
May blessing (praise, laudation and eulogy) be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) Who has blessed us in Christ with Every spiritual (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm!
In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, an have believed in and adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long promised Holy Spirit.

Our spirits are sealed in Oneness with Christ's Spirit.

Ephesians 2:5-6
Even when we wee dead slain by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He **made** us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; (He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, **the same new life** with which He quickened Him, for) it is grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).
And **He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together** giving us joint seating with Him in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

I Corinthians 15:45
Thus it is written, the first man Adam became became a living being (an individual personality); the last Adam (Christ) became a life giving Spirit (restoring the dead to life).

Colossians 2:13-15
And you who were dead in trespasses and in uncircumcison of your flesh (your sensuality, your sinful carnal nature), (God) brought to life together with (Christ), having freely forgiven us all our transgressions,
Having cancelled and blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of he note (bond) with its legal decrees and demands, which was in force and stood against us (hostile to us). This (note with its regulations, decrees, and demands) He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to His Cross.
God disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display a public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it (the cross).

Colossians 2:20
I have been crucified with Christ (in Him I have shared His crucifixion); it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
Our spirit has passed and now we have the Spirit of Christ Jesus.

II Corinthians 5:17
Therefore if any person is (ingrafted) in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new Creation (a new creation altogether); the old previous moral and spiritual condition has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!

II Timothy 3:16-17
Every scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration0 and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, and for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action),
So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Proverbs 30:5-6
Every word of God is tried and purified; He is a shield to those who trust and take refuge in Him.
Add not to His words, lest He reprove you, and you be found a liar.

Romans 5:17
For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive (God's) overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness (putting them in right standing with Himself) reign as kings in life through the one Man Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Job 22:28
You shall also decide and decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light (of God's favor) shall shine upon your ways.

I John 4:4

Little children, you are of God (you belong to Him) and have (already) defeated and over come them (the agents of the antichrist), because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world.

I John 5:15
And if since we positively know that He listens to us in whatever we ask, we also know (with settled and absolute knowledge) that we have granted us as our present possessions the requests made of Him.

I John 5:12
He who possesses the Son has that life; he who does not have possess the Son of God does not have that life (in Christ).

Acts 13:32-33,39
God raised Jesus from the dead to prove that He was the Messiah.
And that through Him everyone who believes (who acknowledges Jesus as his Savior and devotes himself to Him) is absolved (cleared and freed) from every charge from which he could not be justified and freed by the Law of Moses, and given right standing with God.

God spoke and His word was established the second that He spoke it.
Jesus spoke in His Father's authority and his word was established the second that He spoke it.
When we speak in Jesus name or authority, it will be established for us.
This is the manifestation of the life of Christ Jesus in us.

As He is so are we in this world.
Old things have passed away and all things have become brand new. The old spirit has passed and the Spirit Of Christ has taken residence in the place of the old spirit.
Christ is in us and we are in Christ. We have one spirit living in us and this spirit is the very, genuine life of God almighty Himself.
The glory of the latter house is greater that the glory of the former house.

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Old Shoes

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A few days ago I had a vision. In the vision were an old pair of worn shoes, like mountain climbing shoes/boots and they were tattered and faded.

They were next to a new shoe box.

I knew there were a pair of new shoes in the box but the box was smaller than the old shoes next to them, so I wondered if the new shoes were for the same person as the old boots belonged to.

As I pondered on this over the days, the Lord then said this in me:

I have told you that there is a time of change, and the time of change is upon you.

See, you have had a weary walk.

You have climbed mountains of stone, you have trudged through valleys and you have wandered over the plains.

All this time you have walked, you have trudged, you have marched, and you have waited, knowing there was a new time to come, and it is come.

See, I have prepared a new way for you.

You have been tested and walked through the fire, you have been refined and purified, you shine as gold and now I will lead you.

Away from the mountains of stone and the valleys and plains that were a time of testing, a time of solitude, and into the new season.

You will walk afresh and take what you have learned with you.

You will comfort, you will heal, you will love, you will teach, in My name.

In the mighty name of the Lord you will do these things because now you are ready and now you are strong and now you are refined.

How sweet are your prayers that are lifted up to me in the silence of the dawn and the darkness of the night.

How sweet your words, even when tried, even when tempted, that it was to me you called for deliverance, for strength to walk the way and walk it right.

I smiled upon you, I love you, and I am setting you in a new place, a place of running brooks and soft earth, a place of sunshine, a place where you will hear My voice and help many.

Cast off your old shoes, for you will not continue in that way.

Now is a new season and a new time. A beginning. Walk. Continue to walk with Me.

I will lead you.

Turn not to the left, turn not to the right but walk straight, it is My voice telling you the way.

Clean Out Your House

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I had a vision of rooms in a house. The corners of the rooms were full of boxes and things, all piled on one another that made the rooms seem darker and smaller than they should have been. I was also aware of a lot of dust. As I looked as these messy rooms the Lord immediately laid in me:

Clean out your house. A new season is upon you and this is time to clean out your house. You are to make way for the new and clear out the old.

Why are you holding on to the things that are of the past? Why are you storing up what you do not need? Do you not know yet that these things are worthless to you? How can you receive from me when your house is already full? Make room. Clear out your house and make room. Allow the light to come in and make the dark places bright. I tell you, you cannot move forward into a new season while you are storing up all the things of the past.

Be diligent and start. Now is the time. Now is the time to get your house in order. Start and do not delay for I tell you that a new season is upon you and will not delay. It will come in a flash, in a moment and it will be here, and you need to be ready, you need to be prepared and not weighed down with the old.

Make space for the new. Clear out the old that festers and takes room that it should not have. Open the boxes that store the past and let them go, for a new time is upon you and I will see your house clean, I will see your heart ready to receive all I have for you.

Let us sit together and talk, you and I. Let Me tell you that I know the times have been hard and I know the season you have been in has been tiring. I know the thoughts that were in your head, for I formed you and I knew you before there was time. I know the despair you have been clutching and I know the weight you have carried. I know all these things and now I am telling you, let go.

Let go of the old season and be ready, stand prepared, for the new season. New will follow old, so let go of the old and make way for the new. I tell you these things so that you are prepared, so that you are ready to walk forward, clothed in peace, strengthened with my love, sure of my word. I have not forgotten you and I have never left you.

You cannot see when you stand in the dust of yesterday. You will not see today dawn. Clean out your house and start now. The new season is coming and it will not delay.

One Man Die for the People

Helen Pollack

The priests and rulers of the temple feared that if people believed in Jesus that the Romans would come and wipe out the Jewish leaders and take their place. Much of what they did was not only because they believed that Jesus was preaching blasphemy but because they feared that they would lose their position. They believed that if they killed Him it would end the movement. They did not understand that His death would bring forth an explosive salvation for the masses all over the world. This was a prophesy of the future.

John 11:45-48 45 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him. 46 But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. 47 Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin.

"What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs. 48 If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation." NIV

John 11:49-53 49 Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! 50 You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

51 He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, 52 and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. 53 So from that day on they plotted to take his life. NIV

You Will Not Always Have Me

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The Gospels are full of pictures and examples of the fundamental spiritual truths that Jesus taught for our benefit. They are the things that He determines to be the most important. In many ways, if we spent most of our time on the words He spoke and the example He set, we would understand most clearly the walk He desires to lead us in.

Mary poured an expensive perfume over His feet. Judas, whose mind was only on money and not the God in the flesh , who stood before him is the one who brought the accusation.. The scripture states that not only did he sell Jesus out for thirty pieces of silver, but he was known to take money out of the purse for Judas was the keeper of the money.

Jesus pointed out that Mary's act of worship and preparation for Him was that which was of value. The cost of the perfume was not important for what it could do for the poor but rather the value it had as an offering for His burial.

In this world of great materialism and/or great religious tradition, we have become preoccupied with what money can do. Jesus points out that the offering of great price was far greater in His eyes. The price we pay for our offering to Him is to give Him the things which are most valuable. The truth is that this offering is ourselves. Money and material possessions have come before God in our society. The visible transfer of wealth from rich to poor through the church, as a show, means nothing to God. Many organizations pocket a great portion of what is given to "help the poor and needy". Quite frankly, the Lord will spew it out of His mouth. Why? Because the hearts that do this are far from Him.

What is most important to Jesus and His Father? Love of Him and worship of Him above all else. As He said to the disciples, He will not always have the door open and be available for those who have not put Him before their worldly life. This is what it means to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil.

It is long past time to bring our focus back to Jesus so that our priorities become His priorities. Love is the greatest thing we can give, but only through the Lord can we love selflessly.

John 12:1-4 12:1 Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. 3 Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

John 12:4-8 4 But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, 5 "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." 6 He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

7 "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "[It was intended] that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. 8 You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me." NIV

Operation Mountain Storm

Joni Ames and Bob Jones

The Arrival Of The Winds Of God

This morning, Sunday, March 14, 2004, an article came out in the news that ‘OPERATION MOUNTAIN STORM’ was launched on Sunday, March 7, 2004 by US led forces. It is said to be a "sweeping new offensive" in Afghanistan’s remote southern and eastern mountains, aimed at crushing the Taliban and al Qaeda and snaring militant leaders including Osama bin Laden. I believe the Lord is speaking more (and will) regarding the parallel for us as Christians and the following article. It is time for each of us to launch our own "OPERATION MOUNTAIN STORM" and get rid of the obstacles and articles of terrorism that haunt our lives......

The Arrival Of The Winds Of God
- Joni Ames & Bob Jones

On the weekend of March 7, 2004, the Lord gave me the following set of dreams:

A total of fifty women recently met during two separate retreats at a lodge atop a mountain in Moravian Falls, NC. The Lord poured out much to and through each one. It was life changing, and a time of refreshing and restoration for many.

During the most recent gathering, the Lord gave me three dreams that I felt were significant, and a fourth one for confirmation. Bob Jones also received and gave us insight as we gathered at Jubilee Junction for church that Sunday morning. The following is an account of the dreams and that meeting:

DREAM #1 - FIVE FIRE TORNADOS
I was walking along the ocean at bottom of the mountain we were having our retreat at, and was amazed that the ocean had come in so far, because I knew we were three to four hours from the shore. Suddenly, I heard the faint sound of roaring winds. I turned around and looked up the mountain that the sound had come from and saw five fire tornados making their way downwards, moving in and out of the windows and doors of the homes on the mountain as they came. I was both frightened and fascinated, because they were not destroying or tearing things apart, just making their way through the homes and down the mountain. I could see the colors of the flames in red, orange and yellow.

DREAM #2 - SUICIDE(?) DROWNINGS
Next I saw countless numbers of people, marching down a mountain pathway towards the ocean at the bottom. At first they came two by two, and as the path grew more narrow, they walked in single file. When they got to the bottom of the mountain path, they simply kept their cadence and went directly into the ocean, until the water was over their heads. I hollered, "Lord, help! Why are they are all committing suicide?!" The Lord then showed me that they weren't dead at all! I saw their, with smiling faces, bobbing up and down in the water

DREAM #3 - MOUNTAIN LADDERS
In the third scene, I saw a mountain with a wide plateau, and many ladders all around it, with people in

various levels of climbing up the ladders and many others on the ground waiting to go up. Some people were getting discouraged that there were so many ahead of them and started turning away, saying there wouldn't be room for all of them at the top of the mountain, and they probably didn't belong anyhow. I ran to each, putting my arm around them, and steering them back to the ladders, telling them that they did too belong, and pointing to the wide plateau at top of the mountain, saying, "See! There is too room for you!"

DREAM #4 - RE: BOB JONES
I dreamed I was at church and Bob Jones called me forward to minister with him. He asked me a question, and I didn't know the answer, so I just truthfully said, "Bob, I don't have a clue!" I then woke up.

INTERPRETATION & APPLICATION
In the natural, when I woke up and went to church, I saw Bob Jones, and said "Hi." He then said he was going to call me up to minister with him later. I told him, "I was afraid of that!" and told him about Dream #4. He shook his head and said, "Yup! That's exactly what I'm going to talk about! - Answering by faith when the Lord gives the opportunity!" We then discussed the dreams.
Dream #1:

I felt that the five fire tornados represented the cleansing and the Glory of God, coming down from the Mountain of the Lord, through the five fold ministry, to the Church, cleansing the Church from the mystical and magical, and bringing it into the miraculous.

In the natural, at 5 pm on Sunday after giving the word that morning, a "High wind event" hit the Carolinas and Virginias, with winds up to 65 mph - and even 74 mph in the area where I had the dream. It lasted until midnight. When I spoke to Bob Jones about this, he said that it blew his storm door off it's hinges, and was a sign in the natural of the coming of the winds of the Spirit.
(Weather info re: this is at:
http://www2.ncsu.edu:8010/eos/service/pams/meas/sco/research/nws/cases/20040307/)

Dream #2:
The Lord gave me Ezekiel 47 - as a result of the blowing of the cleansing and empowering winds of the Spirit, the Body will choose to go above "ankle, knee and thigh high" in the river of God, to over their heads, and into the Glory.

Dream #3:
For those in the valley, it's time to ascend the Mountain of the Lord! "Lift your vision higher" and climb "Jacob's ladder," responding to the Rev. 4:1 call to "Come up here and I will show you things to come." Don't be discouraged by those ahead of you, or by the climb. It's time! And there is plenty of room for all! God is no respecter of persons, and you have not been "left out!"

Dream #4:
We mustn't acquiesce (grow quiet) and disqualify ourselves with our own words and actions when the Lord opens an opportunity for us to allow Him to speak through us. It's a religious spirit and false humility that would try to say someone else can do it better, rather than agreeing with God that He will enable and empower us. We must be faithful with the little and the Lord will release to us even more. - As Bob Jones said, We need to be "Answering by faith when the Lord gives the opportunity!"

FOLLOW UP NATURAL EVENTS & FURTHER INSIGHT

The March 7, 2004 High Wind Event was a sign in the natural of the return of the restoration of the Glory to church, which, per Bob Jones, culminated at 6 p.m. on March 11, 2004, after having been lifted for the past 27 years. The day of the miraculous has begun! He further stated that Judah (praise) is the plow that will plow the stumbling stones (our ways/sins) from our hearts so that the glory can come in.

The Lord is looking for PERSEVERANCE. I looked that word up and it means, "Continuing in a course of action, in spite of difficulty, opposition, etc." - In other words, OBEDIENCE, regardless of any circumstances! - Agreeing with God, rather than the enemy by operating in faith in THE LORD, rather than fear. (Fear is really faith - but it is faith in the enemy!)

By the way...God doesn't make mistakes; He makes miracles! Some of the worst sets of circumstances get turned into God's divine set up to put us in the best position to win and show forth His glory! He works ALL things for our good! (Rom. 8:28)

PRAYER

Lord, we welcome your glory and give honor to you for it. We say, "Let the King of Glory come on in and take His rightful place!" YOU take the throne, King of Glory! take away the stumbling stones, Lord! We say "YES!" to You and to Your ways!
In Jesus' name,
Amen.
- Joni Ames

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On September 11

Michael Landrum

Michael A. Landrum on September 11, 2001

A personal chronolog as follows:

On the morning of September 11, 2001, after watching live television images of the destruction of the World Trade Center in New York City, I went from my home to my medical office. The room was quiet, most of my patients had cancelled their appointments for the day. I sat down in the chair behind my desk and began to listen to what the Lord would tell me about the meaning of these events and their significance for His people. I turned to my amplified bible on a nearby shelf and opened it at random. Immediately my eyes fell upon the Book of Numbers, Chapter 16. I almost turned the pages away in a conscious attempt to find some solace, perhaps in the Psalms, but instead I had a firm check in my spirit in a sense of direction that I should read this chapter. As I began to do so, I realized almost immediately that the Lord was speaking to me.

The passage speaks of Moses and the people of Israel in the wilderness at the time of a rebellion lead by Korah, one of the great grandsons of Levi with the help of others, including 250 other Levites, which were referred to as "men well known and of distinction." The authority of Moses and Aaron was directly challenged and called into question. The chapter significantly speaks of the fact that the presence of the Lord was able to be visibly observed at the Tent of Meeting. Moses called all of the rebels to come stand at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting. When they did, the earth opened and swallowed part of their company and the 250 were destroyed by fire which "came forth from the Lord." Although the entire congregation of Israel was initially afraid and fled at this sight, they returned the next day again to accuse Moses and Aaron again and very significantly (Verse 42). When the congregation was gathered against Moses and Aaron, they looked at the Tent of Meeting and, lo, the cloud covered it and they saw the Lord’s glory. . . and the Lord said to Moses get away from this congregation that I may consume them in a moment. And Moses and Aaron fell on their faces and Moses said to Aaron, take a sensor and put fire in it from off the alter and lay incense on it and carry it quickly to the congregation and make atonement for them for there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague has begun! So Aaron took the burning sensor as Moses commanded and ran into the midst of the congregation; and behold the plague was begun among the people; and he put on the incense and made atonement for the people and he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. [Verses 42 to 48]

Afterwards, in verse 17, the Lord commended Aaron and promised him a prominent place of distinction and favor for him and his descendants to stand in the presence of the Lord, whereas the rest of the Levites were simply to attend to the housekeeping chores of the temple.

As I considered these passages, verse 42 particularly riveted my attention. The Lord spoke to my heart and showed me the following:

(a) The Lord had chosen up to that time to make Himself visibly present among His people and present at the holy place in the Tent of Meeting. This was so because He has always sought a people for Himself as is reflected from Genesis to Revelations and is codified in the Jewish feast of Succoth, which is also known as the feast of Tabernacles, signifying the dwelling place of God with man; or, retrospectively, the "tabernacling" of God with man as seen in the wilderness with the people of Israel.

[b] That the people, themselves, had become brazenly rebellious and not even the authority of Moses and Aaron and the visible presence of God appeared to dissuade them.

[c] That the juxtaposition and the obvious disparity between the loving God who sought to make His place among His people and a rebellious nation in open defiance of the Lord's rule of order was incompatible. As such, the result was a "flash point" of judgment in the form of a plague against the rebellious people.

The first response of Moses and Aaron was to fall on their face before the Lord. So we, also, should likewise be falling on our face as the immediate response to impending calamity. We should be seeking the mind of God with the kind of burning intensity that such a crucial moment would demand. There is an unspoken sort of "between the lines" implication at the exchange between Moses and God between verse 45 and 46. All we are told is that the obvious result was that Moses told Aaron to take a sensor and go quickly into the midst of the congregation to intercede and make atonement for them. So it is that in a moment of such calamity as this, we must learn to seek the mind of Christ for His leading, and having received it, to act upon it immediately. This case is a "type" of the leading we should expect from the Lord in our own day. He wants us to intercede in the several ways in which He would call us in order to Go Make Atonement.

The fact that Aaron literally ran to the task was all-important. As such, Aaron is a "type" of Christ, who set Himself as intermediary between "the living and the dead" to save us from certain destruction and to make atonement with God for our sins which separate us from Him and bring judgment in the face of our rebellion. That same spirit of Aaron, which is the spirit of the Messiah, is now present in every Believer, so that with that spirit every listening Believer can respond similarly and appropriately to "stand between the living and the dead." In our day, such an intermediary capacity has suddenly become as tangibly crucial as it was in the rebellion of Korah.

The juxtaposition of the rebellion of the people and the nearness of the Lord was the very reason why judgment was precipitated. With this I suddenly realized that the events of September 11, 2001, were not because God is farther away from us than ever but because, on the contrary, He is literally drawing nearer than ever. Jesus promised that He would come again and taught His disciples to pray "thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." For the last two millennia the church has prayed this prayer and almost every meeting of sincere Christian minds has invited the Lord to "draw near" to His people. He showed me on this morning of September 11th that that is exactly what He is in the process of doing; and that, in fact, His drawing near literally precipitates the spark of crisis such as was seen in the wilderness; and that this takes place only when two distinct issues are present face-to-face: The near presence of God and the unyielding rebellion of man. Chapter 18, verse 1 (in the amplified version], describes that Aaron's ministry was to remove the iniquity of the sanctuary which was to include the guilt for the offenses which the people UNKNOWINGLY commit when brought into contact with the manifestations of God's presence. The Lord showed me that it is not His purpose to destroy those who are in ignorant rebellion, but rather to win them back again to Himself and the realization of His love and His desire to dwell with them and to take care of them. In so doing, it is a high honor to act in the role of an "Aaron" so that, once again, people may know their God and be protected from inevitable judgment that would come from simply being contrary to His love and earnest intention for their good.

The issue here and as it involves these calamities of our day is not just that sinful man is coming under judgment from an angry God (although this is so and will increasingly be seen) but more urgently that the love of God is such that He is not willing that any should perish "but that all should come to repentance." The Lord showed me that there would be many in these days who, in the name of the

Lord, would seethingly announce the judgments of God on men but who would not run out into the congregation to make atonement. He told me clearly that these are false prophets because they hold to only part of the truth; only that part which would describe judgment for sin, but would not describe the passion of the Lord to deliver men from sin and death. Furthermore, He would beckon to us, beyond mortal imagination, at the prospect that He is in fact drawing near. These calamities are taking place precisely because He is drawing near, not because he is leaving us. His message is one of earnest admonition for reconciliation rather than judgment before it is too late. Any message other than this is less; assigning God merely a police capacity at punishing sin. It is simply not discerning His plan of the ages for "Heaven come to earth."

Just as Aaron was elevated and promoted, Christ also was promoted after He made intercession for us on the cross. He now "ever lives to make intercession for us" in THE PRESENCE of the Lord.

It is the Will of God that we draw near to Him at this precise moment. He has begun answering the prayer of the church that he draw near to us. We must now go forth as the brides with our lamps of oil prepared and ready. We must now go forth to meet Him and faithfully respond as that priestly people He intends us to be to bring the rule of heaven to earth before the eyes of the entire world, for we will shortly see the fulfillment of the promise of God. In Genesis 3.15, "He shall bruise and tread your head underfoot" fulfilled in Revelations, Chapter 21, verses 3 and 4, "The abode of God is with men and He will live (TENT) among them, and they shall be His people, and God shall personally be with them and be their God. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes and death shall be no more. Neither shall there be anguish—sorrow and mourning—nor grief nor pain any more; for the old conditions and the former order of things have passed away."

As we learn to draw nearer to His presence, we learn to love that presence. As we love that presence, we learn to never leave it. This is the very mind of God for His people. He never wants us to leave His presence. It is His design from time immemorial that He should dwell with man and that there should be no impediment to perfect fellowship with this part of His creation. That fellowship comes at a price. Aaron was offering incense in a fashion that was "coloring outside the lines" since he had never been taught to administer an offering for the people in such a fashion; and yet the act was timelessly in keeping with the very mind of God and met with His favor and approval.

The body of the Lord Jesus Christ stands expectant for such a time as this. Revelations 21, verse 7, "He who is victorious shall inherit all these things and I will be God to him and he shall be My son."

One Question
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May 29, 2004

"WHO do you say that I AM?"

Mark 8:29 Then Yeshua [Jesus] asked them, "But who do you say I am?" "You are the Messiah!" Kefa [Peter] replied.

It is not about your doctrines. It is not what mere men and their religions say of me. It is about ME, Yeshua (Jesus)! Do you believe and follow me? Do you trust me? Do you want to walk and talk with me? Do you have faith in me? Do you know me? Choose Life and not death ... choose ME, choose Your Messiah [Savior]! Ruach (the Holy Spirit) calls and pleads with YOU today.

Acts 2:38 "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Yeshua haMashiach [Jesus Christ] for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For YOU My love pleads! Do not ignore MY love as evidenced on Calvary's hill by the shedding of my BLOOD--I AM the ONLY WAY. Today, I require of you an answer. What is your decision?

Jesus said: I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me. John 14:6

Today, I offer you life, eternal life, through allegiance to ME, YHVH, Yeshua haMashiach, Jesus the Messiah, Adonai Elohim, The True and Living God, El Elyon, I AM the Holy One of Isra'el!

John 3:3,5 No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again. I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

BE SILENT and LISTEN: Depending upon how you respond to Ruach (the Holy Spirit of God), you will either save or lose your life. You will either gain or forfeit your soul. You will either find approval or disapproval when the Son of Man comes in the Father's glory. You are risking ALL at very high stakes.

Revelation 3:
19 I correct and punish everyone I love. So make up your minds to turn away from your sins.
20 Listen! I am standing and knocking at your door. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will eat together.
21 Everyone who wins the victory will sit with me on my throne, just as I won the victory and sat with my Father on his throne.

Do not delay...for we live 'as in the days of Noah'. The great I AM sends HIS Ruach throughout the earth today and pleads with every soul ...

Revelation 22:17 "Come!" say the Spirit and the Bride. Whoever hears, echo, "Come!" Is anyone thirsty? Come! All who will, come and drink, Drink freely of the Water of Life!

Zephaniah 1
1 I am Zephaniah, the son of Cushi, the grandson of Gedaliah, the great-grandson of Amariah, and the great-great-grandson of Hezekiah. When Josiah son of Amon was king of Judah, the LORD gave me this message.
Judgment on Judah
2 I, the LORD, now promise to destroy everything on this earth--

3 people and animals, birds and fish. Everyone who is evil will crash to the ground, and I will wipe out the entire human race.
4 I will reach out to punish Judah and Jerusalem-- nothing will remain of the god Baal; nothing will be remembered of his pagan priests.
5 Not a trace will be found of those who worship stars from their rooftops, or bow down to the god Milcom, while claiming loyalty to me, the LORD.
6 Nothing will remain of anyone who has turned away and rejected me.
7 Be silent! I am the LORD God, and the time is near.
I am preparing to sacrifice my people and to invite my guests.
8 On that day I will punish national leaders and sons of the king, along with all who follow foreign customs.
9 I will punish worshipers of pagan gods and cruel palace officials who abuse their power.
10 I, the LORD, promise that on that day noisy crying will be heard from Fish Gate, New Town, and Upper Hills.
11 Everyone in Lower Hollow will mourn loudly, because merchants and money changers will be wiped out.
12 I'll search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those people who sit there unworried while thinking, "The LORD won't do anything, good or bad."
13 Their possessions will be taken, their homes left in ruins. They won't get to live in the houses they build, or drink wine from the grapes in their own vineyards.

A Terrible Day

14The great day of the LORD is coming soon, very soon. On that terrible day, fearsome shouts of warriors will be heard everywhere.
15 It will be a time of anger-- of trouble and torment, of disaster and destruction, of darkness and despair, of storm clouds and shadows,
16 of trumpet calls and battle cries against fortified cities and mighty fortresses.
17 The LORD warns everyone who has sinned against him, "I'll strike you blind! Then your blood and your insides will gush out like vomit.
18 Not even your silver or gold can save you on that day when I, the LORD, am angry. My anger will flare up like a furious fire scorching the earth and everyone on it."

Zephaniah 2

Turn to the LORD

1 You disgraceful nation, gather around,
2 before it's too late. The LORD has set a time when his fierce anger will strike like a storm and sweep you away.
3 If you humbly obey the LORD, then come and worship him. If you do right and are humble, perhaps you will be safe on that day when the LORD turns loose his anger.

Judgment on Philistia

4 Gaza and Ashkelon will be deserted and left in ruins. Ashdod will be emptied in broad daylight, and Ekron [1] uprooted.
5 To you people of Philistia who live along the coast, the LORD has this to say: "I am now your enemy, and I'll wipe you out!"
6 Your seacoast will be changed into pastureland and sheep pens.
7 The LORD God hasn't forgotten those survivors in Judah, and he will help them-- his people will take your land to use for pasture. And when evening comes, they will rest in houses at Ashkelon.

Judgment on Moab and Ammon

8 The LORD All-Powerful, the God of Israel, said: I've heard Moab and Ammon insult my people and threaten their nation.
9 And so, I swear by my very life that Moab and Ammon will end up like Sodom and Gomorrah-- covered with thornbushes and salt pits forever. Then my people who survive will take their land.
10 This is how Moab and Ammon will at last be repaid for their pride-- and for sneering at the nation that belongs to me, the LORD All-Powerful.
11 I will fiercely attack. Then every god on this earth will shrink to nothing, and everyone of every nation will bow down to me, right where they are.

Judgment on Ethiopia

12 People of Ethiopia, the sword of the LORD will slaughter you!

Judgment on Assyria

13 The LORD will reach to the north to crush Assyria and overthrow Nineveh.
14 Herds of wild animals will live in its rubble; all kinds of desert owls will perch on its stones and hoot in the windows. Noisy ravens will be heard inside its buildings, stripped bare of cedar.
15 This is the glorious city that felt secure and said, "I am the only one!" Now it's merely ruins, a home for wild animals. Every passerby simply sneers and makes vulgar signs.

Zephaniah 3

Sinful Jerusalem

1 Too bad for that disgusting, corrupt, and lawless city!
2 Forever rebellious and rejecting correction, Jerusalem refuses to trust or obey the LORD God.
3 Its officials are roaring lions, its judges are wolves; in the evening they attack, by morning nothing is left.
4 Jerusalem's prophets are proud and not to be trusted. The priests have disgraced the place of worship and abused God's Law.
5 All who do evil are shameless, but the LORD does right and is always fair. With the dawn of each day, God brings about justice.
6 The LORD wiped out nations and left fortresses crumbling in the dirt. Their streets and towns were reduced to ruins and emptied of people.
7 God felt certain that Jerusalem would learn to respect and obey him. Then he would hold back from punishing the city and not wipe it out. But everyone there was eager to start sinning again.

Nations Will Turn to the LORD

8 The LORD said: Just wait for the day when I accuse you nations. I have decided on a day, when I will bring together every nation and kingdom and punish them all in my fiery anger. I will become furious and destroy the earth.
9 I will purify each language and make those languages acceptable for praising me. Then, with hearts united, everyone will serve only me, the LORD.
10 From across the rivers of Ethiopia, my scattered people, my true worshipers, will bring offerings to me.
11 When that time comes, you won't rebel against me and be put to shame. I'll do away with those who are proud and arrogant. Never will any of them strut around on my holy mountain.
12 But I, the LORD, won't destroy any of your people who are truly humble and turn to me for safety.
13 The people of Israel who survive will live right and refuse to tell lies. They will eat and rest with nothing to fear.

A Song of Celebration

14 Everyone in Jerusalem and Judah, celebrate and shout with all your heart!
15 Zion, your punishment is over. The LORD has forced your enemies to turn and retreat. Your LORD is King of Israel and stands at your side; you don't have to worry about any more troubles.
16 Jerusalem, the time is coming, when it will be said to you: "Don't be discouraged or grow weak from fear!
17 The LORD your God wins victory after victory and is always with you. He celebrates and sings because of you, and he will refresh your life with his love."

The LORD's Promise to His People

18 The LORD has promised: Your sorrow has ended, and you can celebrate.
19 I will punish those who mistreat you. I will bring together the lame and the outcasts, then they will be praised, instead of despised, in every country on earth.
20 I will lead you home, and with your own eyes you will see me bless you with all you once owned. Then you will be famous everywhere on this earth. I, the LORD, have spoken!

Twins Arise
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The Twins Arise! Fear Not! Fear Not! Fear Not!

May 29, 2004

YHVH speaks of: Leviathan, Behemoth, Ziz and *Rahab (*the Angel of Death -- not the woman of the scarlet thread in Jericho)

The twins arise. They rear their ugly heads, they arise! (satanic governments and demonic religions)

I AM that I AM, YHVH Whispers Tenderly in Your Ear --- "Ani L'Dodi V'Dodi Li" -- I AM my beloveds and My beloved is mine! -- FEAR NOT!!!

The creatures whom only the Holy One of Isra'el can thwart with HIS sword, they arise. Who, who has stirred them? Leviathan from the sea; Behemoth from the land! And, then the third -- Ziz from the air who will darken the sun with his wings!

The twins will battle one another to the death...Ziz, along with these will be the delicacies that my righteous ones feed upon at the Messianic Banquet, the feast of all feasts, in magnificent light and peace they will feast. Meat will be provided as I did in times past as my own wandered in the wilderness following Me in pillar and cloud....worry not, do not fear...THERE WILL BE MORE THAN YOU WANT, MORE THAN YOU DESIRE, NO LACK FOR MY OWN, quite unlike the circumstances outside of the camp. Show mercy, rachamim!!!

O, call them into the camp NOW! Blow the trumpets, blow and move at My precise commanded timing and in My precise direction. Sell your belongings and give to the poor, upheaval is sure. The Word in your hand, release it as arrows swift and sure. Eternal reward from My Mighty Right Hand promised! I AM El Gibor!

Leviathan arises...the coiled one, the serpentine one rumbles and rises, once again to scour the lands...he stirs, he stirs. Mounds of eruption are appearing in pattern, all across the continents, the islands of the seas, circling, swaying and entwining my straight paths...I call to you TODAY; do you now see?

Behemoth stirs in the grasses he has been hidden, lying, resting and waiting; waiting to emerge for the finale of time. I have surprises, yes, surprises are in line, the mysteries of your God... Line upon line, precept upon precept, every jot and tittle! Have you not read:

Matthew 5:18 Heaven and earth may disappear. But I promise you that not even a period or comma will ever disappear from the Law. Everything written in it must happen.

Matthew 5:18 God's Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at your feet. Long after stars burn out and earth wears out, God's Law will be alive and working.

Ziz once again to rule the air in complete darkness of day ... soaring and relishing his rulership of the skies. None can defeat him, only YHVH, the Holy One of Isra'el.

Unprecedented events will occur on land, and sea and in the air...Rahab will seek to devour the souls of men...the Angel who commands death. HE ascends, he comes, he storms from the pit.

MY OWN will be sheltered under the protection of My wings, flee to My prepared place, our Secret place, that magnificent garden in which we walk and talk together. All yours--My beauty, fragrance, protection and rest--My name is Wonderful! I AM your beloved...and you are mine! Water and wine, take oil as well, the meat hidden away for such a time as this, bread for each day.

Gather your loved ones together, gather them in confidence and command the safety of yours to protect and defend, My Ephod upon your breast. Miracles galore you shall see!

Great warring angels mighty and strong, swords upright and ready surround your caravans to safe vistas of My desire, by the brook as it flows with living water, to refresh, cleanse, purify and give you life abundant by faith in Yeshua [Jesus]. My Bread and My living water will never have tasted as good.

Feast in the places prepared for such a time as this, follow ME, stay close to Me, listen for MY voice, love one another! Pray for the lost and wandering ones, their hearts to open to MY Light and Love, receive them. I rescue those who call upon My name, Yeshua [Jesus], I am Messiah!

Let Me shine within you as GLORY BEACONS of hope, drawing all men unto ME, unto Yeshua haMasahich, for I AM, and desire all who will come.

Allow Psalm 91 to infuse and resuscitate your spirit with HOPE ... hide it in your heart, recall as Rahab commits his horrors ... retrieve these words from your spirit and keep them in the forefront of your mind.

Look at Me, and no other. Listen to Me and no other. Come to Me and no other--endure until the end.

Legions of angels once again to appear, all eyes will see the King blazing in the Father's Glory! His armies roaring as a Lion, announcing the Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lion of Judah as HE descends astride HIS white steed--in Glory! Tzit Tzit flying in the Wind, HIS name upon HIS thigh, O, Look up, He comes, our Lord comes, our King comes! Praise, sing, dance and shout!!! Halleluyah!

To My Body -- Activate your duty of Love as the two witnesses [a perfected and complete testimony], Proclaim My Kingdom come, joyfully praise and worship ME in spirit and truth; hold the witness of MY BLOOD!

To You My set-apart ones, I send My Mercy, Grace, Justice--My Everlasting Love!

Tell them I Am Coming SOON!

Love, Yeshua

On Track

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I am on track My beloveds with all of My plans. I might be off track in your plans, but I am ON TRACK with MY PLANS. Nothing is behind. Nothing is ahead. I am working all things for the good in all who love Me. The days ahead will steadily grow more wicked, but the good news is that you who are called by My name will steadily grow stronger and more filled with My glory.
So even though the world languishes and groans, I am working My character into you and pouring in My love and patience, My kindness and self-control, that you will be looking more and more like ME.

I am a Righteous God and I AM HOLY. I cannot dwell with darkness. I am calling to you to draw near and not to run. I need to do some surgery on many of you who are still in pain, the walking wounded. Some of you have dwelt too long among those who never encourage you or grant you the freedom to be who I've made you to be. For some of you, you are hanging around people you should have nothing to do with, because they only bring you into depression and pull on you in a very dependent way, so that you feel drained of all energy and life.

I need to put some finishing touches on my apostles and prophets that I am calling forth, so I've said over and over, COME TO ME. I am wanting to soak you in My love. I'm wanting to perfume you and rub you with perfumed oil. The enemy has some of you so distracted, that you are finding time going by, day after day, and feel you are accomplishing nothing. Futility is My message to some who are striving. I am trying to show you the lack of fruitfulness in going your own way. I am calling for you to be a disciplined army. Bending to MY EVERY WILL, not your own. So if you feel frustrated, maybe it is because you've been going your own way, and not spending time enough with Me to get MY WAY. Come to ME. LET ME do what I need to do to perfect My LIFE in you, and MY LOVE in you!

Peace and Comfort

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2 Cor 13:11 NKJV Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Acts 9:31 NKJV Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

"Mercy retreats in the sight of abhorrent things. Rage stirs and drives you to consider what is justice? What is the true way to deal with things? What can we do to relieve this pain we see? How do we overcome what we abhor?
I AM the GOD OF ALL COMFORT!
I AM the God of all mercy and compassion.
I AM the all knowing and all seeing God!

There is nothing I don't see! I see all that is " behind closed doors".

1 Thess 5:14-15 NKJV Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. 15 See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

Mixed emotions rage, when day after day you are exposed to violence.
Human flesh wants to return evil for evil. Human flesh wants to extract a price for inhuman things done and all injustice. The soul is tarnished by violence seen and heard.

2 Peter 2:6-11 NKJV and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked 8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) — 9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, 10 and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, 11 whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

Recognize that when you live among lawless individuals, you are going to suffer oppression when there are so many more of them than you. Know that all you are experiencing is NOT of ME. That is why it is so important now to spend TIME WITH ME. Get filled up! Get the healing you long for, because the world is growing darker.

Isa 60:2 NKJV For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

The good news is, if you have surrendered your life to ME, then you have access to the throne room! You have access to have the oppression lifted through your praise! But you must come to ME! You must imbibe in intimate fellowship with Me if you want to keep unscathed from all the works of the flesh that are rampant. I want YOU to be so filled with light that instead of the world oppressing you, YOU OPPRESS IT! The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not comprehend it.

John 1:5 NKJV And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

1 John 4:4 NIV You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

When you walk into a store, a room, another person's home, the light that is ME within you, should radiate outwards to touch others and affect their lives. If the Light that is within you is Christ, then His love and grace and power should emanate from your being that others are affected. Great power demands HOLINESS unto the Lord. Thus, I am cleansing many of you from the taintedness of this world and all the enemy has done in your lives to steal and rob from you, so that you will be able to stand in the day of adversity and not be moved!

Isa 61:1-3 NKJV "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn,
3 To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

Where there is no suffering, there is no compassion. In order to restore MY compassion to the church, many have undergone much suffering, while others rested in the wings, not really willing to give their WHOLE LIVES over to Me. Pride and arrogance have filled the church and wolves abound in the flocks of My pastures. Suffering will birth compassion that allows the oil of My presence to permeate the lives of others in a way that nothing else can.

Rom 5:1-8 AMP
1 THEREFORE, SINCE we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed one).

2 Through Him also we have [our] access (entrance, introduction) by faith into this grace (state of God's favor) in which we [firmly and safely] stand.
and let us rejoice and exult in our hope of experiencing and enjoying the glory of God.
3 Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance.
4 And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And character [of this sort] produces [the habit of] joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation.
5 Such hope never disappoints or deludes or shames us, for God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us
6 While we were yet in weakness [powerless to help ourselves], at the fitting time Christ died for (in behalf of) the ungodly.
7 Now it is an extraordinary thing for one to give his life even for an upright man, though perhaps for a noble and lovable and generous benefactor someone might even dare to die.
8 But God shows and clearly proves His [own] love for us by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed one) died for us.

As you have suffered and will suffer, so My compassion has and will be poured out into you, that you may in turn comfort those who have grown weary and weak. Surely the one who knows suffering , rejection, persecution, and affliction is acquainted with grief and sorrow and all the suffering of others and will be able to more effectively comfort those who endure hardship.

2 Cor 1:3-6 NKJV Comfort in Suffering
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ. 6 Now if we are afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effective for enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we are comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.
2 Cor 1:7 AMP
7 And our hope for you [our joyful and confident expectation of good for you] is ever unwavering (assured and unshaken); for we know that just as you share and are partners in [our] sufferings and calamities, you also share and are partners in [our] comfort (consolation and encouragement).

Arrogance and compassion have nothing in common. Pride cannot comfort.
Haughtiness has no fellowship with the suffering. It only seeks self gratification and self glorification. So be comforted My people who have suffered and endured. Hold on to the end, for you are My OVERCOMERS.
You will be given CROWNS of RIGHTEOUSNESS and will be exalted in the end. You will even now in this hour stand before princes and kings and be transformed by My glory, that the people of the earth may feed at your table and be healed and comforted by the Tree of Life that is within you.
Know that your suffering is GAIN for the Kingdom of God suffers violence, but the violent take it by FORCE. And you will now take hold of the enemy and pummel him through the release of My

presence and you will help defeat the forces of darkness that have ensnared My people all over the earth!

Rise up and worship ME in the beauty of holiness, for I am pouring out My glory into you. And though you don't FEEL changed, you will be changed and you will see the results when you REACH OUT TO OTHERS! They will be changed and they will know that I have loved you. "

Rev 3:9-11 NKJV Indeed I will make those of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie — indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. 10 Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

Luke 17:28-30 NKJV Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

Words: John J. Moment (1875-?). *Music:* "O Quanta Qualia," *Paris Antiphoner*, 1681; harmony by John B. Dykes, 1868 (MIDI, score).
God of compassion, in mercy befriend us;
Giver of grace for our needs all availing;
Wisdom and strength for each day do Thou send us,
Patience untiring and courage unfailing.
Wandering and lost, Thou hast sought us and found us,
Stilled our rude hearts with Thy Word consoling,
Wrap now Thy peace, like a mantle, around us,
Guarding our thoughts and our passions controlling.
How shall we stray, with Thy hand to direct us,
Thou Who the stars in their courses art guiding?
What shall we fear, with Thy power to protect us,
We who walk forth in Thy greatness confiding?
http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/g/o/c/gocimbus.htm

Out Of Hibernation
Dennis Drewlo

Out of Hibernation, Dormancy & "The Winter of Your Discontent"

I am bringing you from a state of hibernation and dormancy, from a place of inactivity to activity, from death to revival. I will bring you from a discontented state to a place of divine contentment and I will awaken the Sleeping Giant of the Church. I will blow the trumpet to awaken you unto righteousness and bring you out of a state lethargy. I will bring you out of a state of latency and suspended animation, and I will renew the metabolic process in you spirits. I will The trumpet will blow in Zion! I will bring you though the process:

You Will Be Content

I will bring contentment to your lives and Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Meditate on These Things

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you (Philip. 4:4-9).

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: (Philippians 4:11).

Now godliness with contentment is great gain (I Timothy 6:6).

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." (13:5 Deuteronomy 31:6, 8; Joshua 1:5).

My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall praise You with joyful lips (Psalm 63:5).

"He would have fed them also with the finest of wheat; and with honey from the rock I would have satisfied you" (Psalm 81:16)

For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things (Psalm 107:9).

You Will Be Confident

For I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day (2 Timothy 1:12).

You Will Be Comforted & You Will Comfort Others

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God (II Cor. 1:4).

You Will Be Commissioned

I will commission you and send you forth. You will have power with a purpose. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

You Will Be Consecrated

I will consecrate you and separate you from My purposes.

"by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh" (Hebrews 10:20).

Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity" (2 Timothy 2:19).

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and the recovering of sight to the blind. To set at liberty them that bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18 & 19).

You Will Be Called

"God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14).

"And when it was day, he called unto him his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named apostles " (Luke 6:13)

"For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called" (I Cor. 1:26).

"but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct-" (I Peter 1:15) But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (I Peter 2:9). But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you (I Peter 5:10).

You Will Conquer

You will conquer. You will win. "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37).

You will have power over the enemy & sickness. "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease" (Matthew 10:1).

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19). Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7). .

All your will be destroyed. What you have lost, you will recover. You will have a decisive victory. It will be such a victory as will effectually break the adversary's power. You will not only have victory, but the spoils of victory. Like Jehoshaphat's army, it will take you some time to gather the spoils of victory. You will not only win the battle, but you will save your territory and do honor to your Captain and your God.

I Will Enable You

You will feed on My Word and be strengthened from within. You will be "able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit" (II Cor. 3:6). You will being forth My Word and signs will follow (Mark 16:20). I will enable you and make you stewards of My grace and you will speak as the oracles of God; you will minister, not out of your own ability, buy by My power (I Peter 4:10-11).

I Will Equip You

I will equip you and you will be blameless in My sight and able to teach others, obedient and ready to do whatever is good. (II Tim. 3:17 & Titus 3:1) I have called you and commissioned you and what I have ordered, I will pay for. You will use what I have placed in your hands (Ex. 4:1-2).

I Will Empower You

You will be commissioned to go forth and make disciples. You will have power with a purpose. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8).

I Will Engage You

You will be engaged in warfare and you will learn to fight and endure hardship as a good soldier (II Tim. 2-3-4). You will not fight in your own strength, but in My power, not by yelling, kicking, or taking other fleshly actions. My desire is that you know and please the one who has enlisted you.

I Will Encourage You

Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross (Philippians 2:1-6).

I Will Energize You

You will be energized and mobilized to do the work of the Kingdom.

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others (Ephesians 2:1-3).

I Will Establish You

You will be established on the present truth (I Peter 1:11-13).

Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established (Proverbs 16:3).

For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established (Romans 1:11).

For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace (Hebrews 13:9).

I will awaken you. I will anoint you. I will appoint you. Will you be ready?

Out of Obscurity

Nadine Jackson

The Lord woke me showing me that after I have separated, then I will perform this.

The vision opened up like a piece of paper on fire in the middle. As the center widen, I saw a yacht anchored in a picturesque scene. The yacht was in an inland bay setting; sun's shining, crystal clear blue water, surrounded by reddish colored rocks, capped off with full leafed trees. I can see the line of the anchor in the water. The yacht was just sitting there peacefully. I asked the Lord to reveal to me what He was showing me. As I looked closer, I felt the strength and security of being anchored; along with I weathered the storm power. The Lord asked me look at everything, list it and write down what I am sensing.

1. The trees – full of leafs, complete in stature, and ready to provide the shade, shelter and food due to being rooted by rivers of living water. (Ps. 1:3)

2. Reddish color rocks – Jesus, corner stone, shed blood, tower strength (Matt. 7: 24 – 25; Rom. 5:9; Eph. 2:20)

3. Shining sun – Glory high above (Luke 21: 28;Rev. 22:16)

4. Crystal clear blue water – Transparent, authoritative, bountiful life, flowing living waters, depthless, provision, resourceful, forceful, graceful, majestic, tranquility, and eternal. (Gen 2: 8, 10, 15)

5. Anchor line – drawn, visible, straight (Amos 7: 7 – 8)

6. Inland bay – secret place, refuge, fortified (Ps. 91: 1 – 4)

7. Yacht – positioned, sea-worthy, outfitted (Luke 8: 22)

As I wrote down all that was disclosed, I then noticed the direction of the yacht. It was faced outward, fully equipped and ready for launching.

Then the Lord spoke, "Out of Obscurity"; Is. 29: 18, "And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness." I am prepared to launch whom I have hidden: the passed over, the left behind, the excluded, the bruised, the hurt, the least likely, the nameless, the ignored, the lonely, the outcast and the rejected. Whom I have called, my glory will be revealed on them and in them as with Moses and Daniel. (Rom. 8:30, Ex. 34:35, Dan. 6:3).

In 2005, I will send out my own to show the world my redemptive power and grace. 20 is redemption and 5 for grace, "My Hand " says the Lord " And with favor". (Mark 16: 20, Ps. 111: 6)

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Out of the Ashes
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Out of the Ashes, Shall My Beloved Arise!
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I saw myself sitting on the ground in dust and ashes,
mourning...

You ask me why I cry?
Because my people heard, but did not listen.

You ask me why I mourn?
Because those I knew, did not have the eyes to see
what I saw, and
I was not able to give them my own eyes.

When I lifted up my voice to tell what I had seen,
and to give warning to what I had heard,
they turned away and pretended they didn't see me,
they didn't want to hear me.

Sometimes they walked on the other side of the street,
not physically, but in their hearts...
I could feel the distance as they passed.

Others still smiled, but conversation was weak,
evading, shallow...
like an empty box.

Oh, how I wish they would have probed!
Oh, how I wish they would have asked!
Oh, how I wish they would have seeked!

Then maybe they would have regained their sight!
Maybe they would have seen what I had seen!
Maybe they would have heard what I had heard!

I did not shout,
I did not raise my voice.
Yet, my words were an offense.

They said, "This cannot be!"
"Surely, not we. Surely, not me."
"Surely, you are mistaken!"
"Surely, it CANNOT..."
"NO!... it WILL NOT!... happen this way!"
(Ezek 18:30, 1 Peter 4:17, Jer. 7:4,10)

Oh, how I wished that I were wrong!
So, that they would be right!
Then, I would not have sufferred,
and they would not have perished!

"For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: How much worse will it be when I send against Jerusalem my four dreadful judgments -- sword and famine and wild beasts and plague - to kill its men and their animals!"
(Ezekiel 14:21)

But wait...
Out of the haze of the smoke and the ashes,
I think I see...
Could it be?...

"Yet there will be some survivors -- sons and daughters who will be brought out of it. They will come to you and when you see their conduct and their actions, you will be consoled regarding the disaster I have brought upon Jerusalem -- every disaster I have brought upon it. You will be consoled when you see their conduct and their actions, for you will know that I have done nothing in it without cause, declares the Sovereign Lord." (Ezekiel 14:22-23)

"Rise up my Beloved!
It is time to arise and to shine.

I am giving you many children who have not hardened their heart.
They are coming!
I am sending them to you.

Behold! Arise My Beloved!
See, they are coming!
I have sent you the harvest and you shall reap where you have not sown.
You will eat and shall not go hungry.
You shall rejoice, carrying your sheaves with you!"

Isaiah 66:2-24
2 ... "This is the one I esteem: he who is humble and contrite in spirit, and trembles at my word.
3 But whoever sacrifices a bull is like one who kills a man, and whoever offers a lamb, like one who breaks a dog's neck; whoever makes a grain offering, is like one who presents pig's blood, and whoever burns memorial incense, like one who worships an idol. They have chosen their ways, and their souls delight in their abomination;

4 so I also will choose harsh treatment for them and
will bring upon them what they dread. For when I
called, no one answered, when I spoke, no one
listened. They did evil in my sight and chose what
displeases me."
5 Hear the word of the Lord, you who tremble at his
word: "Your brothers who hate you, and exclude you
because you of my name, have said, 'Let the Lord be
glorified, that we may see your joy!' Yet they will
be put to shame.
6 Hear the uproar from the city, hear that noise from
the temple! It is the sound of the Lord repaying his
enemies all they deserve.
7 "Before she goes into labor, she gives birth;
before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son.
8 Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever
seen such things? Can a country be born in a day or a
nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is
Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.
9 Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give
delivery?" says the Lord. "Do I close up the womb
when I bring to delivery?" says your God.
10 "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all
you who love her, rejoice greatly with her, all you
who mourn over her.
11 For you will nurse and be satisfied at her
comforting breasts; you will drink deeply and delight
in her overflowing abundance."
12 For this is what the Lord says: "I will extend
peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations
like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried
on her arm and dandled on her knees.
13 As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort
you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem."
14 When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you
will flourish like grass; the hand of the Lord will be
made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown
to his foes.
15 See, the Lord is coming with fire, and his
chariots are like a whirlwind; he will bring down his
anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.
16 For with fire and with his sword the Lord will
execute judgment upon all men, and many will be those
slain by the Lord.
17 "Those who consecrate and purify themselves to go
into the gardens, following the one in the midst of
those who eat the flesh of pigs and rats and other
abominable things -- they will meet their end
together," declares the Lord.
18 "And I, because of their actions and their
imaginations, am about to come and gather all nations
and tongues, and they will come and see my glory.

19 I will set a sign among them, and I will send some
of those who survive to the nations -- to Tarshish, to
the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal
and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not
heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim
my glory among the nations.
20 And they will bring all your brothers, from all
the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an
offering to the Lord -- on horses, in chariots and
wagons, and on mules and camels," says the Lord.
"They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their
grain offerings, to them temple of the Lord in
ceremonially clean vessels.
21 And I will select some of them also to be priests
and Levites," says the Lord.
22 "As the new heavens and the new earth that I make
will endure before me," declares the Lord, "so will
your name and descendants endure.
23 From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath
to another, all mankind will come and bow down before
me," says the Lord.
24 "And they will go out and look upon the dead
bodies of those who rebelled against me, their worm
will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and
they will be loathsome to all mankind."

Angel Dahilig

Food for thought:
"He who handleth a matter wisely shall find good; and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.
(Proverbs 16:20)"

Out Of The Boat!
David Orton

Jesus and The contemporary Church

"…they thought he was a ghost" Mark 6:49

Jesus, teaching on the mount they knew. Jesus, feeding the five-thousand, and even raising the dead, they knew!

But what was this new and strange manifestation? The disciples had been directed by Jesus to get into a boat and cross the lake to Bethsaida. When evening came a storm had blown up and they were 'straining' on the oars as the wind was against them (see Mk 6:48).

The Greek word rendered 'straining' in the NIV is 'basanizo', meaning to test, to torture, to distress.

A picture of the western Evangelical / Pentecostal church. With the winds of a post-modern world blowing against her she is 'straining' on the oars. Despite their ability as seasoned fishermen, accomplished in boatmanship and experienced in storms, the winds are too strong. Like the disciples the contemporary church is exerting all her strength, training, and skill to fulfill the commission given her. But with all the resources available she cannot move forward. Over recent times the church in Australia (measured by Sunday attendance) has shrunk by 12% and in the UK by 26%. North America is not faring much better. By any measure the contemporary western church is in 'distress'.

And so, Jesus is coming to her in the fourth watch (between 3-6 AM) – in the darkest hour before dawn (see Mk 6:48). The night has been spent in a toilsome and futile labour. Exhausted, the disciples are at their wits end. But it is the watch when Jesus comes, the watch before the dawn, before the new day.

My question is twofold – from where does He come, and how does He come?

The answer is that He comes from 'outside the boat' through a 'new thing'.

This is, for the church, the worst of times, and yet the best of times. An hour of great testing and darkness on one hand, but on the other, one of great visitation and new beginnings.

In her darkest hour Jesus is coming to her in a new manifestation of divine power and purpose. But she is constrained by her own strength and structures. She is self-reliant and secure in her man-made systems. She is so mired in these and so focused on the storm, on her own effort – on physical and sensate things, that she is caught by total surprise. Jesus appears walking on the water. This is so outside their frame-of-reference they immediately conclude that it is a ghost! How could this be of God? It is outside of their 'boat' – their man-made vessel – outside the design, engineering, and structures of man!

Not only that, it is a completely 'new thing' – Jesus healing the sick they knew, feeding the five thousand was OK, but what was this? It was unfamiliar and impossible, defying all the natural laws on which they were depending for their survival. Boats were designed to float on water and that's where they were staying! And so, they concluded that it was a 'phantom' – a 'ghost' (Gr 'phantasma'). This manifestation was not only not of God, it had no 'substance' – it was not real – it was either a figment of the imagination, or from the ethereal world of the spirit.

Not only do they misconstrue this new visitation of God as having no substance; their response was one of fear. In a moment of time these self-assured sea-salts are reduced to abject terror shrieking for fear! (see Mk 6:49, 50).

The parallels are obvious. There is a new visitation coming to us from 'outside the boat'. A sudden and surprising manifestation of Christ is coming toward us. And it is coming from the storm-tossed seas of people – from the tumult of the nations. The God of heaven is at work in His earth. He is working through the groan of creation – through the almost inexpressible cry of the heart in the arts and media – and through the quest of politics and business for 'the ring of power'. He is coming walking on these oceanic shifts of creation subduing them, as history moves toward the full revealing of His sons and its ultimate liberation from bondage. As He did in the 'Jesus Revolution' of the 1960's and 70's God will again invade the youth cultures and counter-cultures. But this time He will 'leaven the whole lump' – they will be completely captured and turned to serve the King. He will also infiltrate and conquer the wealth of the nations causing it to flood into His house extending His kingdom to all peoples, tribes, and tongues. Every idol will fall – false religions, ideologies, and philosophies will be ground to dust by the weight of the coming visitation. But the visitation will come from 'outside the boat' – from outside the normal structures and patterns of the contemporary church.

At first, those in the boat will claim this visitation has no substance – that it is a 'phantom' – a passing fad, of no consequence. By comparison, their boat with its human design and construction is far more substantial than this mere apparition. They can, feel it, see it, and even row it! They even believe they can control it – despite the overwhelming force of the elements!

They will also respond with fear. Any fear of the storm will be completely overtaken by their fear of the unknown and particularly by their fear of the supernatural. It will drive them to reject this move of God. Even, many of those who are currently networking new movements of mission, of pastoral unity, and even many so-called 'apostolic' networks will react in fear and cling to the boat – to the structures and patterns that offer a more tangible security.

But some like Peter will be stirred in their hearts. And at the word of the Lord they will step out of the boat to come to Him (see Matt 14:28, 29). They will be irresistibly drawn from the securities of familiar patterns and structures to Him. And thus stepping out of them enter a new realm of freedom – of the miraculous. A realm of walking on water where they are no longer governed by sense-knowledge and natural reasoning! They will distinguish themselves from the rest of the disciples by their fearless hunger to be with Him – to come to Him 'outside the boat', and thus step into the 'new thing'. They are willing to "suffer with Him outside the city gates, bearing the reproach outside the camp" (Heb 13:12, 13). A study of revival history and of the coming of Christ Himself eloquently teaches us that the visitation of God comes most often through the least expected avenues and usually through those of no account in the religious system.

And so, through this visitation the church will be purged of human control. The 'out-of-church phenomenon' (a trend being commented on by some where many thousands of mature believers have left the institutional structures of the church) is one aspect of this – of the shifts and changes from the old to the new. In my view, these masses of people are in a 'holding pattern' waiting for the full release of the 'new thing'.

The institutional church will learn that its structures and patterns cannot attract the visitation.

In fact, Jesus 'was about to pass them by' (Mk 6:48). He was waiting for a particular response. And so, it was only as they cried out in abject desperation and fear that He responded. And this He did in two ways. First, He spoke to them, assuring them that the 'new thing' was a manifestation of Himself, and second, He climbed into the boat! (Mk 6:49, 50). Through the coming visitation God will invade the structures of the church and use it to His own ends. But only when she comes to the end of herself and cries out. And so, with a divine impetus the boat is supernaturally translated to its destination (see Jn 6:21). They entered the villages and marketplace where many recognised Jesus and were healed (see Mk 6:53-56).

Can we hear what the Spirit is saying to the church?

A visitation is coming from outside the prevailing structures and patterns of the church. It will challenge us as to whether we will go to Him outside the boat, or stay within the security of man-made structures. Could it be possible that many of us who are 'networking' are only reconfiguring the old – merely re-arranging the present structures? There is a new move coming so radically different we will all need to step out from where we are. It will be a reformation which turns us from hanging on to our structures to the person of Jesus – and to the principle of incarnation – the awesome reality of God manifest in a human body.

We will be faced with the choice of stepping out into His 'presence' or staying with our 'patterns'.

The issue is one of control. Will we hang on, toiling in our own strength – or will we let go, fleeing only to Him?

The choice is ours.

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Out Of The Box
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God Doesn't Do "Out of the Box Revival"

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God has to break through our programs before He can break out and manifest His presence among us. He has to demolish our artificial intelligence (our dim and sometimes haughty imitation of His omniscience) and artificial spirituality (our programs) to bring in the real thing and take a city or nation.

Unfortunately, it is a rare church that can handle the divine call to self-demolition and re-ignition by the fire of God.

No one seems to know whether our fixation with repetitive formulas and fixed equations stems from our earliest experiences in elementary schoolrooms or from our innate search for unchanging security in our ever-changing world. (It makes me wonder why people don't set their sights on the unchanging God of eternity instead of the lowly world of human repetition.)

In what areas can you see this compulsion for "sameness" operating in your life? Is it necessarily wrong? Does it belong in your times of praise and worship to God?

Professional athletes do it when they carefully tuck a "lucky rabbit foot" in their pocket or wear their "lucky T-shirt" from the 1996 championship season under their uniform for every game. Why? They want to experience the same success they experienced in 1996.

Marketing researchers do it every time they design an advertisement or product package using "tried and proven" colors, shapes, and appeals that worked the year before.

Churches and worshipers do it when they insist on reproducing the exact song, the same order of service, or the prime preaching mode that worked last year or in another city where revival broke out. We instinctively repackage the success of yesterday to produce a program for today in the hope that somehow it will bring revival.

Have you ever seen this "repackage the anointing" mode at work in your life or anywhere else in the Christian world? What were the results? Did God reveal His manifest glory because of these things or in spite of them?

It seems to me that even if our habitual "repackaging and programming" tactics worked, God would go out of His way not to endorse them by showing up. Why? His track record throughout recorded history reveals His ancient hatred for anything that separates Him from His children. That includes anything and everything that encourages us to take Him for granted or act presumptuously toward things holy (and I can't think of a better definition for this bad habit of dressing up memories of yesterday's visitations as today's manifestations).

He wants to preserve the joy and freshness of our encounters together, and equations and formulas do exactly the opposite.

… God wants to "break outside of the box." That means that our hunger has to get bigger than the religious box we've built over multiplied centuries of man-centered religious practice. We must have an uncontainable hunger to entertain our uncontainable God. That automatically disqualifies the religious program.

Are you tired of trying to satisfy your spiritual hunger on the meager feast provided by yesterday's revelations and visitations? Is your hunger great enough to propel you past the obstacles of tradition, rigid programs and lowered expectations? Will you let Him overturn your table of religious trinkets in return for the Real Thing?

Erroneous Assumptions, Presumptions and Misaligned Paradigms

Yet the fact is that rivers are to cross and transition through. The Israelites in the wilderness chose to embrace all the negative reports and the "safe" counsel of men instead of the "riskier" counsel of God. As a result, an entire generation died homeless. They never stepped into the water of transition from the deliverance of bondage to the possession of God's promise. It's time for this generation to dive into the river.

1. For centuries, the church has viewed the twin rivers of "change and challenge" as obstacles to be avoided, and enemies to be feared. Can you name specific instances in your life where a local church has "stalled at the river of challenge" and failed to cross into God's blessings through unbelief or fear?

2. What command of God to individuals or entire congregations does not include a commission to change and a call to meet a challenge? Given a choice, will most people embrace change and tackle a challenge or escape change and sidestep a challenge?

Scripture Reading: John 2:13-17, in which Jesus turns the tables on the religious marketplace and reveals His politically incorrect passion for the Father's house.

13 Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And He found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business.

15 When He had made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

16 And He said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise!"

17 Then His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house has eaten Me up."

Prayer We need the Real Thing, Lord. We need nothing more or less than You. Deliver us from ourselves and from our endless imitations of true visitation by Your presence, Lord. Complete the good work You began in us. Break out of our boxes of presumption, overturn our religious tables, and reveal Your glory to our hungry hearts. We are desperate for You. www.GodChasers.Net

Opportunity Arrives

Joni Ames

Spirit Responds, Opportunity Arrives

When the rover named "Spirit" landed on Mars, the Lord began to stir a message in me, which is below this one. When I heard that the next ship being sent up was named, "Opportunity," MY spirit leapt within me in regard to another prophetic parallel. As the team at NASA has been crying out to Spirit, seemingly without response until recently, I sensed the Lord speaking about some other things as well.

By the way, the term "rover" is defined as: (1) a random or long-distance mark in archery - usually used in plural; (2) wanderer; roamer; (3) a player who is not assigned to a specific position on a team and who plays wherever needed; (4) vehicle for exploring the surface of an extraterrestrial body (as the moon or Mars). (5) another name for dog.

I feel like many of you are like "rovers" - pressing towards a mark, wandering and wondering; willing to play where needed; often exploring unknown territory; yet remaining faithful like Caleb. ("Caleb" means "faithful dog; faithful friend.") - Know that the Spirit is responding, and Opportunity has arrived!

Faith, Works & Communication

When we cry out to the HOLY Spirit for spiritual, business or other reasons, He responds, and He sends OPPORTUNITY for us to walk in. But again, WE have to respond to HIM as well! COMMUNICATION is VITAL! We must not allow communication to be shut down. When communication is shut down, so is progress. By maintaining good communication, anything can be worked out.

I believe the Lord wants to remind us that "faith without works is dead," (James 2:20 & 2:26) and WE must continually be communicating with the HOLY Spirit and DOING SOMETHING towards what we are about if we want action from God. James said, *"...But someone will say, 'You have faith, and I have works.' Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith BY my works." (James 2:18)*

NASA launched Spirit on June 10. The number 10 can stand for law; order; government; restoration; trial; testing; responsibility; and tithe. It landed EIGHT months after being sent, and eight is the number for new beginnings. Through that I felt it was said, Let us not forget to get and keep things in our lives in proper order, continue to put God first even in our finances, and go forward even during times of trial and testing.

REST IS AS IMPORTANT AS WORK

Spirit paved the way and Opportunity followed on July 7th and landed on Mars just 7 months after it was sent. Seven is God's number for perfection; completeness; day of rest. - Interestingly, they said, "As Spirit shut down systems and 'slept" 124 million miles from Earth, Opportunity made a flawless arrival on the other side of Mars."

Interestingly, it also was stated, "They also succeeded in coaxing the robot to sleep after it stayed up two nights in a row when it should have been turned off to conserve power."

I believe there are some of us that could use some of the same at times! - Shutting down to conserve power! - I'm reminded of Psalms 127:2, where it says: *"It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep."*

There is an old saying: HALT if you are Hungry, Angry, Lonely or Tired.

Forgetting The Past

One of the things that troubled Spirit was its flash memory, which is similar to the memory digital cameras use to store pictures. They had to shut the flash memory down in order to try to repair it.

Whether there is a need for deliverance or wise counsel, I believe there are many of us that need to get healed of past memories and experiences that keep "flashing" in our spirit and crippling us in order to go successfully forward as well.

> *"(12) Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. (13) Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, (14) I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 3:12-14)*

Note

Listen, we don't want to get "strange" about these things. Not everything that happens is prophetic! But these were just some things the Lord used in the natural to speak to me in prophetic parallels about.

Also, we MUST stay in the Word. Even though the Lord used these natural events to speak to me, He did so by referring me to scripture. The Word of God has GOT to be our ultimate plumb line, even in areas of the prophetic.

Anyhow, for those of you who didn't get the first article about Spirit, it is below:

Spirit Lands; Begins To Move
- Joni Ames

The headlines quickly caught my attention, "SPIRIT LANDS; BEGINS TO MOVE." As I read the article further, it described how the spaceship named "Spirit" had recently landed on a hill on the planet Mars. The HOLY Spirit began to tap on MY spirit that there was something of significance in prophetic parallel and led me to **Acts 17:17**. Interestingly, the number 17 had been burning in my spirit for some time.

In **Acts 17:16**, we find Paul waiting for Silas and Timothy at Athens, and his spirit was grieved when he discovered that the city had turned their hearts to idols. Then in **Acts 17:17** it says: **"Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there."** - Thus began Paul's famous sermon at a place (GET THIS!) called MARS Hill

GREAT MARKETPLACE OUTPOURING

I believe the Lord has truly been (and is) speaking about a great outpouring in the Marketplace. Many are recognizing this - I'm certainly not the only one! Bishop Bill Hamon of Christian International (www.cimn.net) has written an awesome book about it. So - what exactly is the "marketplace?"

The dictionary describes it as: "an open square or place in a town where markets or public sales are held; the world of trade or economic activity; the everyday world."

That's right - conveying to others and helping them get to know the God of EVERY day life personally; not just Sunday church! There are many who have caught the vision for "Marketplace Ministry" and have been seeking the Lord for their part in this.

Marketplace? or Ministry?

In times past, there have been those with a tremendous Joseph/Daniel marketplace anointing who have ALSO felt the call to ministry, but argued with themselves because they thought they would have to give up one to do the other. On one hand, they couldn't justify tossing aside proper support of their family to do ministry, because the Word is clear that those who do so are considered to be "worse than a non-Christian." However, their hearts could not justify forsaking the call of God on their lives to spread the Gospel either! Therein lay the dilemma - "Business or ministry?" - "Ministry or business?" - And the answer is, "BOTH!"

The truth of the matter is, even as far back as this account in the book of Acts with Paul, the Marketplace has always been used as a means to pour out the Gospel. Take a look at most any great metropolitan city in our nation, and you will find a city where there has been a mighty outpouring. Even as recently as Toronto and Pensacola! And yes, Kansas City, too - where, praise God, "things" are beginning to take place once again!

Not that God has to "make sense" - after all, He is God! - But it stands to reason that we aren't going to reap much of a harvest of souls INSIDE the church walls, any more than we could catch any fish if we cast our fishing lines INSIDE of a boat!

A Different Kind of Leadership

The good news is, our God is about His business in this day, bringing forth a new "Gospel Ship" of LeaderShip that will look MUCH different from what we've so far known

I believe the Lord is speaking to the Church, just as He spoke to His disciples in Luke 5:5-6:

> *(5) Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."*
> *(6) And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.*

The Lord is speaking to us now - in PRESENT time and language - that it is time to "cast the net on the other side!" - In other words, OUTSIDE the church walls, and INTO the Marketplaces - the every day places - of the world.

By doing this, we WILL catch that "big haul" we've been promised was coming! To expect it to come INSIDE the Church walls is ridiculous! This truly is a time when the Lord is sending forth the "hunters and fisherman" to gather in the mighty harvest! - **"Behold, I will send for many fishermen," says the LORD, "and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jer. 16:16 (N KJV)**. Truly, a bountiful, net-breaking harvest IS beginning to emerge!

Let Us Begin To Introduce The "Unknown God"

During the most popular Christian holidays, many people sing the songs of the season, and repeat the prayers they are led to speak. But as in Paul's day, they speak to an "Unknown God." They know "of" Him, but do not KNOW Him, intimately and personally.

Even on a daily basis, many seek "God" through a variety of "things." Of note about most any great metropolitan areas in these days is the tremendous amount of humanism, intelligence, philosophies, and a variety of religions and belief systems, from New Age to Old Age - Eastern religions to witchcraft and other cults! - With the birth of so many awesome cities having begun in the power of the Spirit, why would we try to turn to the flesh once established? This was the dilemma Paul faced at Mars Hill.

The philosophers and artisans of Paul's day were great "thinkers" and debaters, always looking for another "bright idea" to follow after. This was to Paul's advantage that day, for they were "ripe for the picking" to hear what he had to say. However, this following set of scriptures very well could be written and told about the day and time we currently live in! Our cities are full of ancient and New Age philosophies - all being sought after and researched as Mankind continues to try to "find themselves" or "find their way" in today's society. - As Paul did, let us help them to find their purpose and destiny in JESUS in Acts 17:

> *(18) Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection*
> *(19) And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak*
> *(20) For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean."*
> *(21) For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.*

Notice that Paul did not "put them down;" rather, he met them on their ground, on a level where they could receive:

> *(22) Addressing the Areopagus Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious;*
> *(23) for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the one whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:*
> *(24) God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.*
> *(25) Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.*
> *(26) And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,*
> *(27) so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;*
> *(28) for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'*
> *(29) Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.*
> *(30) Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,*
> *(31) because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."*

> *(32) And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter."*
> *(33) So Paul departed from among them.*
> *(34) However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.*

A Time Of Responsibility

In this day and age the Lord has given to us a space of time to reach and save the lost. There will come a time, as the Gospel gets spread throughout the earth, when we will all arrive at a place of "no excuse," as it speaks of in Rom 1:20 to Rom. 2:1. But let us use this time as the Spirit of God is prompting and giving us this kairos moment, to bring in a mighty harvest!

Prayer

Father, help us in this, your moment of anointing, when yolks are being broken and doors opened at the same time, to utilize what you've given us to give YOU to others. Amen

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Open Vision
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Open Vision For America *But 'Not Only For America'*

When I got up this morning, it was barely light as I was getting ready to fly to Redlands, California.

All the houses
It seemed as if the whole room was dark and the time was about 4am ... actually it was 6:30am. The very slightest bit of daylight was there .... A tiny fraction of daylight if you can put it that way. I was looking down upon a town and saw hundreds of houses. Suddenly, out of the houses came streams of people ... Christians. They were all carrying candles. The day prior to this I had that old song running through my mind "Let your little light shine," but I had not thought much about it until now.

Waves through the houses, not just in church
Then I saw some huge waves and the waves washed up against the houses, but they washed THROUGH the houses and carried along the people with the candles. When I get these visions, they are not like pictures in front of my eyes, it is like I am really there. I felt I was moving as the water washed me along (very hard while trying to brush your teeth).

Wake up - it's harvest time
Then the Lord gave me this word for America, but not only America, it is going to happen everywhere: "Wake up, I am sending the waves, the moves of the Spirit, but this move is for the lost, it's time to reap the harvest - the fields are white. Church, Get ready , open your heart and look outwards and see the unsaved people all around. You can be a part of it, you can be a partaker of it, you can be a carrier of it, you can receive the blessings of it, but it is not primarily for you, it is for the lost.

The gift of faith released
I will release the gift of faith for you to receive souls saved. Even as Charles Finny and others had the gift of faith to receive thousands (100,000 saved in Rochester NY, 100,000 saved in Wales as Evan Roberts moved in the gift of faith, etc) so I will release the gift of faith. But it is for salvation and healing, and the healing is to bring salvation. There is going to be a release of the power gifts - so that you can reach the unsaved.

Prophets, your ministry is not only to the church, but to teach the people to prophesy to the unsaved, that the secrets of men's hearts may be made manifest and falling down will say, "of a truth God is in the place."

Pastors, send out the people under your watchful care because this wave is to reach the lost. Open the church doors and keep them open. This is for you -- all of you --not just to receive a blessing, but that you might be immersed in it -- the blessing and salvation that is coming to the LOST.

As you go
The Lord is saying, "Wake up - You have prayed and asked ME TO MOVE but I will move through YOU and YOU must go out . Do not say "I am not an evangelist, it is not for me to go out." It is for everyone to go out, and gossip, yes gossip the Gospel. The early church when they were scattered went everywhere sharing or gossiping the Gospel. AS YOU GO I will release the gift of faith, AS YOU GO I will release signs and wonders. AS YOU GO I will demonstrate the power of the Good News and I will not send you in word only. Your light is not to hide under a bushel, your light is not to hide in the church meeting, you light is to carry to light the dark places.

Wake up! You cannot sleep through the opportunities around you.
I AM reaching to the lost, to those not saved as yet.
I AM stretching forth my hand to bring healing and deliverance. It is the dawn of a day of evangelism.
I will send my servants here from other nations to help you gather this harvest.
My people from other nations will say "Why would He send us here to America? There is so much happening here, so much happening in the church. But not all activity is of Me, Look around at the activity of the church, where are the lost ones?"

Religious spirits -Unfruitful spirits
Friends, the religious spirit can be very active but it is unfruitful. You know The Word. You can sing many songs. You can dance and shout, But where is the Fruit of your communion with Him? Where is the fruit of the Spirit? Where are the babes that real fruit produces?

I feel an urgency.

If you know me, you know it is not like me to give these warning kinds of words. It is a gentle warning to "wake up church."

God is sending people from other nations to help reach the lost.
Arise, God will give us light to work during the daytime. There have been many prophetic words of blessings for this year, including words that have come from me, but pass on the blessing --- don't just keep it for yourself. Let's not lose this harvest. The fields are white, God is giving us favor, move out in your anointing where you are. In the market place, in your job.

You don't have to qualify
You don't have to "qualify" to be used by God. You just have to be willing. He is not looking for your ability, He is looking for your availability. There will be no lack for you to accomplish the purposes of God in your own life and for your own city - where the appointment is, where the provision is.

Your testimony - in the market place
Before I was filled with the Holy Spirit, I never had much of a testimony. I was very worldly, my (Christian) crowd was made up of Chorus girls, actors. movie directors. We thought we had to be like the world to win it. We had no power (except David, my husband, who won people to the Lord just about every week). But when I got filled with the spirit I told the Lord I wanted to leave my job with a testimony. I worked for the accounts department of a Jewish Company in London. We were in a revival so I knew I would not be at that company for very long.
The Lord told me, "Just do as I say." I realized HE WANTED TO REACH THOSE PEOPLE THAT I WORKED WITH. He just needed me to be available.

God shows up in the market place.
In the area of London I lived and worked, religion was considered "Personal" and it was thought to be in bad taste to talk to people about "personal" things, so I had to step out beyond my up-bringing and the strong opinions of the snooty West End Fashion house where I working.
God began give me words of knowledge. He began by telling me how the chief accountant was ripping off the Petty Cash big time. He told me how the chief Salesman was selling the company accounts. I thought I was going to get little words to bless people. Golly, this was a bit much, but I had made an agreement and said I wanted a testimony. I told them what God showed me and they were terrified of me. It was funny however because everyone was afraid to tell off - color jokes and cuss in my office . They were afraid God would get them or something. I kept telling them what God was saying and all kinds of miracles happened.

The office was never the same again Over the next few months I did and said all kinds of wild thing things. (The account of this is in my book "Living in the Supernatural.

After I had left the company, the Chief accountant called me one day, he said, "A while after you left, we had a problem. One of the balances was "off" and we need to find the lost difference, can you come into the office here for a day or so? We'll give you any amount of money you want." Well I'm not stupid so I asked for a good amount.

"Him up there"

I asked my ex-boss why he thought I could find the lost balance. **"Well you could ask 'Him up there,'"** he said. That was a major break through for my fiery Jewish boss to suggest that "Him up there" would tell me how to find this balance.
I went, of course, and when I got to the office they had gotten me a huge desk which was laden with posting sheets, all of which had hundreds of figures on them. You know there's no way in the natural you can look through all that, so many thousands of figures, and find a lost balance, unless you were prepared to be there for a month.

Don't disturb God

Well I sat down with a coffee they gave me. Everyone in the office was tippy toeing around because they didn't want disturb "Him up there." The assistant accountant was standing silently, waiting for me to pray. I didn't have to pray because I already prayed on the way there, but I obliged and bowed my head. I knew there was no way I was going to find this, so I just started turning the big posting sheets over, not really looking at them.
The people in the office were looking sideways at me, wondering what on earth I was doing.
" Lord," I breathed, "I can't do this, but these people know that YOU CAN - so do something."

Suddenly after about 5 minutes, as I was turning over a paper, the Holy Spirit said, "Its right there." I looked down and there it was, right smack in the middle of the page. "Here it is", I smiled. They didn't say too much. I figured that they felt they had already humbled themselves enough by having me come in and help them by asking 'Him up there."
I had a great testimony when I left that market place. You can too - just do as He says. He will come through for you because He wants those people around you to know that He has their number!

Demonstrate - don't just talk

Your job is not just a source of income to pay your bills, it's a mission field. Pray for the people and ask God to give you some words of knowledge and dreams and visions. The gifts of the Spirit are to demonstrate the power of the Gospel, not just to use in church.
Harvest - harvest- harvest time!
- Look and see what God sees right now. Let your light shine. Let this wave take you with it, to the street, to the office, to the restaurant, to the store, to the government, to the prison -
I saw in that vision many Jehovah's Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, Mormons and other sects and denominations where there are so many without a real salvation experience. Christians began to talk with them and began to give words of knowledge and prophetic insight - (I don't mean hit people over the head of course) and wow ! - the Holy spirit moved and the Presence of Jesus came and the people began to smile.
There is a harvest right there.

Little kids and drug dealers

The little kids in our church in the south of London would stand outside the worst pub in our area. The place where all the drug dealers hung out, where all the Hells Angels congregated, the place everyone avoided. The little kids, 8, 9, and 10 years old, would stand near the door and as the people went in they would stretch out their hands and speak out words of knowledge. I saw people outside afraid to go in because they didn't want to walk past the kids, because the anointing of God was all over them. I saw people inside afraid to come out because they didn't want to walk past them either. But, I also saw drug pushers - major drug dealers, kneel down on the pavement and the little kids prayed for them. I saw people so drugged out that they didn't know who they were, get instantly delivered by the

power of God flowing through these little boys.
A lot of those people became part of our church, part of the revival and some eventually became elders in the church.
So don't wait - move on out. If you have enough salvation to get saved - you have enough to share.

P.S. (Addendum by Kathie Walters to this word)
What I wanted to stress in this word was the fact that the Lord showed me that in this harvest there are a lot of Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons and 7th-Day Adventists that will be affected by signs and wonders and the supernatural presence of God. Christians tend to leave them out as they think they have already made up their minds but it's not so- God is going to move on these people and we have to be ready to show that God is really alive and HE HAS THEIR NUMBER - words of knowledge - words of wisdom and prophetic words to the JW's, 7th Day Adventists, Mormons etc are going to touch them ---
Besides the Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons, a lot of 7th Day Adventists are going to get saved (of course many of them are saved now) in this move and they are going to EXPERIENCE the PRESENCE OF JESUS AND IT WILL BLOW THEM AWAY
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A Vision Of Jesus
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As I was flying to Ct. For some meetings, I had a vision of Jesus - he was running toward me with his arms outstretched - I began to get this and as I preached it some more came tumbling out of my mouth -
print it out and meditate on it Kathie Walters

“Jesus is altogether lovely, He saves us, and keeps by His power, from sin and death.

He has given to us His robe of righteousness, He extends his mercy, longsuffering, lovingkindness, tenderness, healing, compassion,

He is our shield, our defender, our rock, our hiding place,

He is our provider, counselor, great shepherd, our friend, who is closer than a brother, our love. He is the Husbandman, the keeper of the vineyard. He is the source of all blessing,

He restores, rescues, forgives and redeems.

He is our victor, the captain of hosts, He is our banner, and our standard, mighty in battle, He is he King of Kings and Lord of Lords,

Jesus is crowned with glory and honor, He is our savior, sanctifier, redeemer, merciful and faithful high priest,

He is the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the end, He was dead but now He is ALIVE forevermore and He is seated at the right hand of God (seated - it's finished)

He destroyed death, and led captivity captive

He is the great Apostle of our faith, He is the supreme sacrifice, the spotless and blameless lamb

He is our anchor, our strong tower, our shield, our defender, and He was the Ancient of Days before the first day began.

He is the forerunner, the firstborn among many brethren, He is the surety of a better testament and He comes from the unchangeable priesthood, He is able to save to the uttermost,

His presence doesn't cast any shadow because He is the light that lights the heavenly city. He is the light of the world. and the giver of life.

He is the door, the way and the truth. He is the treasure, the pearl of great price, more precious than the finest gold, He was the rock of ages before any mountain peaks were formed. He was the bread of life before there was any grain. He was the lily of the valley before there were any flowers on the earth.

He is the eternal intercessor and He is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, higher than the heavens, He makes His enemies His footstool and laughs at His adversaries.

He is the tree of life, He is consecrated for ever and makes us sanctified forever, by His precious blood.

He is the minister of the Sanctuary, He is the mediator the New covenant.

He is the high priest of GOOD THINGS to come, He's the Lion of Judah, and the Lamb, slain. He is the New and living way.

He was born contrary to the laws of birth. He lived contrary to the laws of life. He healed, contrary to he laws of medicine. He was tried and condemned contrary to the laws of justice and He arose, contrary to the laws of death and the grave. He ascended contrary to the laws of gravity and He is coming back again contrary to the expectation of the world

He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is the great shepherd of ALL THE SHEEP

HE IS THE HOLDER OF THEY KEYS, HE IS THE AMEN, HE IS THE FINAL WORD...

He is qualified to open the Book, He is the expression of the heart of the Father,

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure, His power has no boundaries known unto men, out of His infinite riches, He gives and gives and gives again

He is our nearest Kinsman, and is qualified to redeem us.

He is THE WORD MADE FLESH, the honey in the rock, He is high and lifted up He is the lily of the valley the bright and morning star, the fairest of 10,000.

He is more precious than gold, He's the glory and lifter of our heads. He is the righteous judge, He is a refuge for the oppressed. He doesn't forget the cry of the humble

He bore our sorrows and our griefs, He was despised and rejected of men and now He controls the destiny of the nations-The kingdoms of this world are going to become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and for ever.

He is our portion and our inheritance, His garments smell of sweet myrrh and His breath is as sweet apples. He is a very present help in trouble.

He hides us under the shadow His wings, and keeps us as the apple of His eye.

He is our high tower, He makes the hills shake, the mountains melt, the heavens bow.

He pulled back the curtain of eternity and stepped out on the stage of time for one brief moment, and then stepped back again into eternity, but in that one bridge moment of time He sealed the fate of every man and fixed the destiny of every man and woman.

He will light my candle because He is the light of life He is the branch, and the root of Jesse.

HE IS THE GREAT WAVEMAKER FROM GALILEE

He makes the crooked paths straight and the rough places plain He split history, and divided the ages,

He is the greatest teacher the world has ever known, He is the Baptizer in the Holy Ghost,

He preserves the faithful, He is the resurrection and life,

He spoke and framed the world, He makes our way perfect and makes our feet like hinds feet, He causes us to walk in high places. He is able to comfort, guide and bless.

He spoke and the heavens unrolled themselves and the galaxies were born. He spoke and the streams and rivers wound their way across the earth. The rose began to blush, and the violets cast their fragrance, and the birds began to sing. Colors wove themselves into a rainbow. He spoke and a handful of dust became a living soul.

He turns our mourning into dancing and, girds us with gladness.

Let me tell you about His voice, His voice is powerful upon the waters, full of majesty, like thunder, it breaks the cedars, divides the flames, shakes the wilderness, makes the hinds to calve, discovers the forests, sets the mountains in their place, It stills the seas. His voice shook the earth and melted the hills.

His voice is as the sound of many waters, He spoke and calmed the storm, He spoke and gave life to the dead, brought healing to the sick, strength to the weak, and forgiveness to the sinner.

Herod could not kill him. The Pharisees could not confound him, Satan could not trick Him. Sickness could not withstand him, Devils could not stay near Him, The waves could not drown Him. The rabble could not disturb Him, death could not corrupt Him. Hell could not keep Him, the grave could not contain Him, Gravitation could not restrain Him and God has highly exalted Him and given Him a Name above every name and at His name every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord of all.

He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men, He brought a stream out of a rock, and fed the people in the wilderness, He fed 5000 with two loaves and a few fishes

He is Savior to the lost, healing to the sick, He is hearing to the deaf and sight to the blind. He is cleansing to the leper, and strength to the weak. He is comfort to the oppressed, hope to the hopeless and help to the helpless. He is a brother to the friendless and a friend to the brother less and He is LIFE to the dead.

He is infinite, eternal, glorious and full of majesty.. One day in His courts is better than a thousand, wouldn't you rather be a doorkeeper in His house than dwell in the tents of the world..?

He is the covenant keeper keeping- covenant with covenant breakers..

He is sweeter than all the flowers, He is the lover of our soul and the keeper of our hearts.

He is music to the poet, and a song to the worshiper. His Name has been whispered by thousands upon thousands of dying soldiers on the battlefields of the ages. His name has been the battle cry of those who fought for righteousness and truth.
HE IS THE KING OF ALL KINGS AND ALL RULERS AND EVERY NATION WILL BOW TO HIM,

HIS NAME IS JESUS...”

Kathie Walters.

Open Heaven
Terry Suggs

At this time, there are no set boundaries on what we are trusting God to do in our lives. We can receive the dead raised back to life again. We can receive creative miracles. We can believe and receive the answers to our greatest needs. Our God has given us an open heaven. Nothing hinders our prayers. Only our minds cause us to magnify the problem, the illness, and the situation. In this time we are experiencing a refreshing, a renewal, and a revival.
We are experiencing great favor, great power, great compassion, great fear, great signs and wonders, and great grace. This is a time of great and mighty things.

God will not allow the believer to be put to shame at this time. If you are representing Him and bringing God into a situation, then the victory is guaranteed. God is confirming His word with signs following and with power. When you speak His word now there is power behind it to bring changes to the problem or the situation. It will happen when you speak the word in faith.

An open heaven means that there is nothing between us and our Lord to stop or constrain or restrain our answers to prayers. It means that we are aligned with God's will for our lives. This means that the presence will be stronger and more powerful than we have ever experienced it before. You see like God sees. You speak like God speaks. Nothing is impossible to you. There are no hinderances. Nothing can stop you except your negative thinking and seeing things in the natural.

God is not limited by anything in the natural. We limit our faith because of what we see and hear in the natural.

Remember this does not mean that you should go jump out of a high rise window, or step in front of a truck or train. Use wisdom please. Stay in the will and plan of God.

You can't lose. If God be for us, who can be against us. God overrides, overrules, over shadows, superrules, supercedes and exceeds every obstacle or hinderance or problem that is before us. David ran to meet Goliath, because he was in the will of God. The anointing of the Holy Ghost is what destroys the yoke. The anointing was upon David.

This is a time of fullness, wholeness and completion.
Let us get into the fullness of God through the leading of the Holy Ghost and praying and fasting. The whole world is waiting for the manifestation of the Sons of God. We are to give this world a powerful witness.

Jesus is with you now and always. He will never leave you or forsake.   There has never been a time like this in our human history. We set our on boundaries by the way we see things in the natural. Keep your eyes on the Lord and His promises. He is Faithful and True.

Jesus is our reward. He is Lord over all creation.
Christ In You The Hope Of Glory!

Made A Little Lower Than The Angels
Terry Suggs

Jesus is the central focus of the entire bible. He was God in the flesh or God in an earth suit, reconciling the world to Himself. He was the Word of God (all the prophecies, promises, shadows and types, symbols through out the scriptures) manifest in a body of flesh.

Heb. 1:2-6
But in the last of these days, He has spoken to us in (the person of) His Son, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time (He made, produced, built, operated and arranged them in order).

He is the sole expression of the glory of God (the light being, the out raying or radiance of the divine) And He is the perfect imprint and very image of God's nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His Mighty Word of Power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine majesty on high.

Taking a place and rank by which He Himself became as much superior to angels as the glorious name (title or authority), which He has inherited is different from and more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say, you are My Son, today I have begotten You (established You in an official Son-ship relationship with kingly dignity?)

And again, I will be to Him a Father, and He will be to me a Son?

More over, when He brings the firstborn Son again into the habitable world, He says, let all the angels of God worship Him.

Heb. 1:14
Are not the angels all ministering spirits (servants) sent out in the service (of God for the assistance) of those who are to inherit salvation.

Heb. 2:4-9
Besides this evidence, it was also established and plainly endorsed by God, Who showed His approval of it by signs and wonders and various miraculous manifestations of His power and by imparting the gifts of the Holy Spirit (to the believers) according to His own will.

For it was not to angels that God subjected the habitable world of the future, of which we are speaking. It has been solemnly and earnestly said in a certain place, what is man that You are mindful of him, or the Son of man that You graciously and helpfully care for and visit and look after him?
For some little time You have ranked Him lower than and inferior to the angels, You have crowned him with glory and honor and set him over the works of your hands.
For you have put everything in subjection under his feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to man, He left nothing outside (of man's) control. But at present we do not yet see all things subject to him (man).
But we are able to see Jesus, Who was ranked lower that the angels for a little while, crowned with glory and honor because of His having suffered death, in order that by the grace (unmerited favor) of God (to us sinners) He might experience death for every individual person.

Heb. 2:11-12
For both He Who was sent sanctifies (making men holy) and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason, He is not ashamed to call them brethren.
For He says, I will declare your (the Father's) name to My brethren; in the mist of the (worshiping) congregation, I will sing hymns of praise to You.

Psalm 8:4-6
What is man that you are mindful of Him, and the son of (earthborn) man that You care for Him?
Yet You have made him but a little lower than God (or heavenly beings), and You have crowned him

with glory and honor.
You made him to have dominion over the works of your hands; You have put all things under his feet.

Ephes. 1:17-23
For I always pray to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation (of insight into mysteries and secrets) in the deep and intimate knowledge of Him.
By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, And how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set apart ones),
And so that you can know and understand what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing **greatness of His power in and for** us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength.
Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His (own) right hand in the heavenly places,
Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named (above every title or authority) and that can be conferred, not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and in the world to come.
And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church (**a headship exercised throughout the church**.)
Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete), and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself.
Does this look and sound like what today's Christian's are showing us?

Ephes. 2:4-7
But God so rich is He in His mercy, Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us.
Even when we were dead (slain) by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; (he gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for) it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation.)
And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in His kindness and goodness of heart **toward us** in Christ Jesus.
God has given us a high position in Christ Jesus. When Jesus came to earth in His body, He operated in The Father's authority and in the power of the Holy Spirit.
We are to operate in Jesus authority and in the power of the Holy Ghost. The presence of God is what makes the difference when we are doing the work of God.
In His presence there is power, healing, joy, peace, wisdom and all of the attributes and characteristics of God. These are all in us. We are Jesus' brethren and joint heirs with Him. We are seated with Him in Heavenly places in ruler-ship.
Jesus had no inferior thoughts of sin or guilt. Let this mind be in you that was also in Christ Jesus.

II Timothy 2:13
If we are faithless (do not believe and are untrue to Him) He remains true to His Word, faithful to His Word and His RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER, for He cannot deny Himself. There is no falsity in Christ, no deception, no negativity, no impurity. He is 100% pure in every way: His love, His promise, and His commitment. He is 100% pure in holiness, faithfulness, and honesty. What He says, He does. He really means everything that was promised.
The world is now looking for the reality and truth that is in Christ Jesus. Satan has deceived the world and blinded the minds of those that haven't come to Jesus. We have to let the world know that Jesus is 100% faithful and real and honest.

Luke 23:4
I find no fault or crime in Him. He is 100% sinless. He is 100% pure. 100% righteous and is pure in His love and commitment to help us.

Rev. 19:11
After that I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse (appeared), The One Who was riding it is called Faithful (trustworthy, loyal, incorruptible, steady) and true, and He passes judgment and wages war in righteousness (holiness, justice, and uprightness).

Rom. 8:31-31
What then shall we say to all this? If God is for us, who can be against us? Who can be our foe, If God is on our side? He who did not withhold or spare even His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, will he not also with Him freely and graciously give us all other things?

Rom. 8:38
For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. He is 100% faultless and 100% pure in sincerity. He is 100% faithful to keep His word. He is 100% dependable and whole-heartedly committed to fulfill His word.

I Cor. 15:45-49
Thus it is written, the first man Adam became a living being (an individual personality); the last Adam (Christ) became a life giving Spirit (restoring the dead to life).
But it is not the spiritual life, which came first, but the physical and then the spiritual.
The first man was from out of earth, made of dust (earthly- minded); the second Man (is) the Lord from out of Heaven, Now those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthly-minded) and as is the Man from heaven, so also (are those) who are of heaven (heavenly minded).
And just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image of the man of heaven.
That which is born of the flesh is flesh and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.
There is a mind of the spirit in us and a mind of the flesh or carnal mind.
The carnal mind is limited.
The spiritual mind is born of God and inside of our spirit is the Spirit of God. We are complete spiritually. The mind of Christ is in us. Let this mind be in you that was in Christ.

Galatians 3:26-27
For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.
For as many (of you) as were baptized into Christ (into spiritual union and communion with Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah) and have put on (clothed yourselves with) Christ.
Greater is He that is in You than He that is in the world.

Galatians 4:6
And because you (really) are His sons, God has sent the Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father!
As a partaker of the life of the Father, you too can do the works of the Lord in His authority.
Jesus said: “ What see the Father doing, I do.”

And whatever Jesus did we can do.
Jesus does not change or contradict or retract any of His words.
He is God and He cannot lie. This is not in His nature. It does not exist in Him. Simply trust Him and trust in His faithfulness.

He is the same yesterday, today and forever. He cannot and will not change.

We are far beyond the shadows and the types of the Lord. We are in the realities of Christ now. We have a life in Christ that reaches far above the previous earthly life. There are no limits in Christ.

Step Out
Terry Suggs

To the Unlimited
Matt. 14: 17-21
They said to Jesus, we have nothing but five loaves and two fish. Jesus said bring them here to me. He gave thanks and blessed and broke the loaves and handed the pieces to the disciples and the disciples gave them to the people.
They all ate. 5,000 men, not including the women and children

Matt. 14:25-29
And in the fourth watch (between 3am and 6am) of the night, Jesus came to them saying, take courage! I AM! Stop being afraid.
Peter answered Him, Lord if it is You, command me to come to you on the water.
He said "Come". So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water. And he came toward Jesus.

Matt. 14:35
And when the men of Gennesaret recognized Him, they sent around into the surrounding country and brought to Him all who were sick. And begged Him to let them merely touch the fringe of His garment, and as many as touched it were perfectly restored.
Step out of your boat of limitations, and procrastination, your boat of doubt, fear, unbelief, your boat of apprehension, and uncertainty. Step into the unlimited spiritual realm. Step out to where I AM, where all things are possible. Come to me. It is My righteousness, My Spirit, My word, and My faithfulness, My power, My fullness, My compassion, My Strength, My Grace, My goodness and mercy, My wisdom, My ability and your faith in my faithfulness that causes all things to be possible for you.
Come to me with your weaknesses, your negativity , your procrastination, your weak faith, your uncertainty, your hopelessness, your imperfections, your cowardice and shame.
Come to me and become a son and daughter of The Most High God.
Col. 1:16
For it was in Him that all things were created, in heaven and on earth. Things seen and things unseen. Whether thrones, dominions, rulers, or authorities, all things were created and exist through Him (by His service, intervention) and in and for Him.
17)And He Himself existed before all things, and in Him all things consist (cohere, are held together)

Col. 2:9-10
For in Him the whole fullness of deity (the Godhead) continues to dwell in bodily form (giving complete expression of the divine nature.
10)And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life (in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead-Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and reach full spiritual (stature) and He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every angelic principality and power).
18) Let no one defraud you by acting as a umpire and declaring you unworthy and disqualifying you for the prize.

Col. 3:1
If then you have been raised with Christ (to a new life, thus sharing His resurrection from the dead, aim at and seek the (rich, eternal treasures) that are above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
And set your minds and keep them set on what is above the higher things, not on things that are on earth.
10) Clothe yourselves with the new (spiritual self) which is ever in process of being renewed and

remolded into (fuller) and more perfect knowledge upon knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him who created it.
11) In this new creation, all distinctions vanish. There is no room for and there can be neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, nor difference between nations (whether alien) barbarians or Scythians (who are the most savage of all) nor slave or free man: but Christ is all and in all (everything an everywhere , to all men without distinction of person).

Omnipresence Your Whole Life Is Covered.
Terry Suggs

Psalms 139
O Lord you have searched me (thoroughly) and have known me.
You know my downsitting and my uprising, you understand my thought afar off. You sift and search out my path and my lying down, and you are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue (still unuttered) (every word that I will ever speak) , but behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.
You have beset me and shut me in – behind and before, you have laid your hand upon me.
16) Your eyes saw my unformed substance, and in Your book, all the days of my life were written before ever they took shape, when as yet there was none of them.
How precious and weighty also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast us the sum of them. If I could count them, they would be more in number than the sand!
The Lord is near to all who call upon Him sincerely and in truth. He will fulfill the desires of those who reverently and worshipfully fear Him. He will hear their cry and save them.

This is what the Lord wants each of His children individually to understand. He has each one of our lives completely covered. He sees our entire life from beginning to end, all at the same time. He said that your days are written in His book before you lived in those days.

He knows everything about you. He knows your uncertainty, your weakness, your fears, your doubting times, your hopelessness, your procrastination, your crying days, your sad days, your good days, your joyful days, your everyday is already before Him.

Just pray and talk to Him and trust in Him for everything you face.
Rom. 10:11
For the scriptures says, no man who believes in Him (who adheres to, relies on, trusts in Him) will (ever) be put to shame or be disappointed.
He sees your past, present and future all together. He is not surprised by what happens in our lives.
He knew before you knew what was going to happen.
He has already provided for you in the time of need.
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Fear Not!
Terry Suggs

I will never leave you.

Isaiah 54:10
For though the mountains should depart and the hills be shaken or removed, yet my love and kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall my covenant of peace and completeness be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Isaiah 41:10-13
Fear not (there is nothing to fear), for I am with you, do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes I will help you with my victorious)

right hand of righteousness and justice.
Behold all they who were enraged and inflamed against you shall be put to shame and confounded, they who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish.
You shall seek those who war against you shall be as nothing, as nothing at all, For I the Lord your God will hold your right hand, I am the Lord, who says to you, fear not, I will help you.

Deut. 31:6
Be strong, courageous and firm, fear not nor be in terror before them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you, He will not fail you or forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5-6
Let you character or moral disposition be free from the love of money (including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions) and be satisfied with your present (circumstances and with what you have) for He (God) Himself has said, I will not in any fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support (I will not) I will not, I will not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let you down (relax my hold on you) (assuredly not) So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper. I will not be seized with alarm (I will not fear or dread or be terrified. (What can man do to me?)

Psalm 27:1,5-6
The Lord is my Light and my Salvation. Whom shall I fear or dread? The Lord is my Refuge and Stronghold of my life, Of whom shall I be afraid? For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter, in the secret place of His tent will He hide me. He will set me on high upon a rock. And now shall my head be lifted up above my enemies round about me, in His tent I will offer sacrifices and shouting of joy, I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

Romans 8:31
What shall we say to all this? If God be for us, who can be against us? Who can be our foe if God is on our side?
He who did not hold or spare (even) His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all other things?
Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect, when it is God who justifies (that is, who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, who acquits us?
Who is there to condemn us? Will Christ Jesus (the messiah), who died, or rather who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, actually pleading as He intercedes for us?
Who shall ever separate us from Christ’s love? Shall suffering and affliction and tribulation? Or calamity and distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword?

Rom.8:37
Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him who loved us.
For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities nor things impending threatening nor things to come nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1John 4:18
There is no fear in Love (dread does not exist), but full grown (complete, perfect) love turns out of doors and expels every trace of terror! For fear brings with it the thought of punishment, and so he who is afraid is not yet grown into love’s complete perfection.

Isaiah 53:4-
Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains (of punishment), yet we (ignorantly) considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God

(as if with leprosy).
But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace (and well being for us) was upon Him. And with the stripes (that wounded) Him we are healed and made whole.

1Peter 5:7
Casting the whole of your care (all of your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

John 6:37
All of whom my Father gives (entrusts) to me will come to me , and the one who comes to me, I will most certainly not cast out I will never no never, reject one of them who comes to me.

Matt. 11:28-30
Come to me all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls. For my yoke is wholesome (useful, good-not harsh, hard, sharp, or pressing, but comfortable, gracious, and pleasant). My burden is light and easy to be borne.

Hebrews 4:16
Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy (for our failures) and find grace to help in good time for every need.
(appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it).

Psalm 46:1-2
God is our Refuge and Strength(mighty and impenetrable to temptation) a very present and well proved help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains be shaken into the midst of the seas.
10- Be still and know (recognize and understand) that I am God, I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.

Isaiah 59:19
So (as the result of the Messiah's intervention) they shall (reverently) fear the name of the Lord from the West and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight (for He will come like a rushing stream which the breath of the Lord drives).

Rom. 10:11
For the scriptures says, no man who believes in Him (who adheres to, relies on, trusts in Him) will (ever) be put to shame or be disappointed.

Philippians 4:6
Do not fret or have any anxiety about anything, but in every circumstance and in everything by prayer and petition (definite requests) with thanksgiving, continue to make your wants known to God. And God's peace (shall be yours, that tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and being content with its earthly lot of whatever sort that is, that peace which transcends all understanding shall garrison and mount guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 145:8-9
The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in mercy and loving kindness.
The Lord is good to all and His tender mercies are over all His works.
14- The Lord upholds all those (of His own) who are falling and raises up all those who are bowed down.

Psalm 146:6
The Lord is faithful forever. Gives food to the hungry…sets prisoners free…opens blind eyes…lifts those who are bowed down…loves the upright in heart…protects strangers…upholds the fatherless and the widows…heals the sick…sets the captives free…raises the dead…comforts the oppressed…helps the helpless…fills the emptiness…turns you defeat into victory…causes us to triumph…lives in us and reigns on the throne of God forever…casts out all fear…saves the lost…hears your cry and prayers…leads and guides us into all truth…gives us His unfailing word…strengthens the weak…cares for us.
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October Surprise and November Lies
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You are aware, My beloveds of the perversity that happens each October and November's beginning with satanic holidays at hand. I have need of you in this hour. The intensity of the battle is increasing and I need you to be on guard. This is not a time to lie down during the battle, but to increase the worship. It is in the worship that I dwell amidst the praises of My people. This is the secret place. This is the place of hiding in Me. This is also the place of sowing seeds in the heavenlies to counter the effects of witchcraft worship.

Sowing in the opposites is a principle of My kingdom. As they worship the beast, I want you worshipping ME. I AM THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS. I WILL DEMONSTRATE MY POWER AS YOU SOW INTO THE HEAVENLIES! I will loose My judgments in the earth, and then people will learn knowledge. Then people will seek after the TRUTH. It is a time for sober consideration for all mankind. I will strip the evil forces of their power as you WORSHIP ME! Worship in abandonment the Lord Your God.

When the most evil power that lived in the time of Moses was on earth, I commanded the pharaoh to let MY people go that they might WORSHIP ME!
I am making such commands now to the powers of darkness. I am loosing the chains that bind my people from worshipping ME in the fullness they desire to! Many are kept by so many things that have weighed them down and limited them. BUT I WILL RESTORE THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID AND YOU WILL EXPERIENCE A GREATER MEASURE OF MY GRACE TO WORSHIP AND COMMUNE WITH ME THAN EVER BEFORE! IN THE MIDST OF GREAT DARKNESS, I WILL BE YOUR EVERLASTING LIGHT!

The liar will run amok in November, sowing his lies and trickery. But those who worship Me and those who are IN ME, will discern what is happening and will rejoice knowing the times are shortening. Pray as you have never prayed. Fast and weep between the porch and the altar My priests for the times are upon you that will grieve men's souls. Come to ME and be hidden in the shelter of MY WINGS and you will know PEACE. Call to those who have been lukewarm. Sound the trumpet, sound the alarm from the mountaintops. Speak what you know to those who are lost. Ask ME for what to say to those around you…that your words might effect CHANGE in the hearts of men. REACH OUT TO THE LOST. It will be a time of great fear entering the hearts of men in the days ahead. So be prepared by keeping in the presence of MY LOVE and GRACE so that you have protection from the schemes of the evil one.

Come to me NOW and be prepared to be dazzled by the changes I will wreak as you pray for those you love and those you care for. I AM ANSWERING AS you call, in fact BEFORE you cry out, I am sending answers. Be in expectation for great change is coming and great turmoil lies ahead in future days. SHAKING is coming to all the systems of this earth. For once again I will shake the heavens and the earth and I will lead all men to the Desire of all nations, and I will fill the earth with MY GLORY! Suddenly will I come to My temple.

Hag 2:6-9 NKJV "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. 8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

Church Being Resuscitated
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I had a very vivid dream this morning . In the dream I am beholding a woman in ICU with tubes going in everywhere...parenteral nutrition, ventilator, IV's causing them to be resuscitated and the woman is scared as her IV comes undone. So I pick up an IV to restart it and I am looking at this huge vein in her hand and she wants it reinserted in the same place it was, so I aim it in, and secure it with this transparent material they use now, and the one that had come was the IV with BLOOD in it. [I used to be an NICU nurse specialist]

Interpretation: The Woman is the church, and she is being ministered to and resuscitated and given all kinds of nourishment and reviving to her body because she has been dying and weak. She is in the process of being healed...and has lost her connection to the BLOOD of Jesus [and the CROSS implied].

Application - the prophets/apostles need to bring back to the body the foundation of the CROSS and the power of His blood.

Matt 23:34-36 NKJV Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, 35 that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. 36 Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Matt 26:28-29 NKJV For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Luke 8:43-44 NKJV Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, 44 came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

Luke 22:20-22 NKJV Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. 21 But behold, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on the table. 22 And truly the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!"

Luke 22:44-46 NKJV
44 And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. 45 When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. 46 Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation."

John 6:53-58 NKJV Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. 56 He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. 58 This is the bread which came down from heaven — not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

John 19:34-37 NKJV
34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. 35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. 36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken." 37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."

Acts 17:25-31 NKJV
26 And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, 27 so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each

one of us; 28 for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' 29 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. 30 Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, 31 because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

1 Peter 1:1-2 NKJV elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:

1 John 1:6-7 NKJV But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 5:6-8 NKJV The Certainty of God's Witness This is He who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. 7 For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. 8 And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

Rev 1:4-7 NKJV
5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Rev 16:4-6 NKJV Third Bowl: The Waters Turn to Blood Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood. 5 And I heard the angel of the waters saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The One who is and who was and who is to be, Because You have judged these things. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets,And You have given them blood to drink.For it is their just due."

Rev 17:6 NKJV I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

Rev 18:23-24 NKJV And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

Rev 19:2 NKJV For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her."

Rev 19:13-16
13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev 6:10 NKJV And they cried with a loud voice, saying,"How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"

Rev 12:11-17 NKJV
11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. 12 Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath,

because he knows that he has a short time."

13 The Woman Persecuted
Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. 14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 So the serpent spewed water out of his mouth like a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away by the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth. 17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Rejoice In The Midst Of Turmoil
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I am determining a sentence against America for all the pornography, for all the murder and witchcraft in high places, for all the greed and pride of man that has ascended to My nostrils. Surely in a flood of great waters I will keep you.
Do not be distressed at the times that lay before you for I AM will be with you in a whole new way. I will, I will, I will never leave you nor forsake you. And he that stands and does not turn back I will make to inherit all the promises of those who overcome. Do not hide from ME now My beloveds. Now is the time for intimacy for soon I will bring My glory and you will be changed in a moment. I am perfecting My bride and you will see the glory of the Lord and declare My goodness to the lost and hurting. I will do startling miracles in you.

Ps 32:6-7 NKJV For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him. 7 You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

Although there will be turmoil and groanings in the earth, MY people who are called by My name, will do wonderful and great exploits in My name. You will no longer walk in the ways of your past. The enemy's strongholds will be laid waste as I come to you. So do not stress over the signs of the times, but know that I have a surprise package coming to you, that will bring great peace and love and joy inexpressible and overflowing to your heart! Hold on for the best is yet to come! Generations have looked forward to what you will see fulfilled in your times. GREAT JOY will fill your hearts as I do my marvelous work inside you!

Rejoice and be exceedingly glad at the persecution you will feel from those who hate Me, for great will be your reward in heaven. Do not allow discouragement and torment an open door. Watch your speech and keep yourself from prophesying negative things against yourself. Prophesy the TRUTH daily over your life and do not give in to the distractions of the evil one. KEEP YOUR EYES ON ME. I am
here for you always and forever. I am a God close at hand and not afar off.

Luke 6:22-23 NKJV Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake.
23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward is great in heaven,
For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets.

Release From Bondages
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Mic 6:4 NKJV For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, I redeemed you from the house of bondage; And I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

Rom 8:15 NKJV For you did not receive the spirit of **bondage again to fear**, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."
Rom 8:21-23 NKJV because the creation itself also **will be delivered from the bondage of corruption** into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

"The Lord is gracious and merciful in all that He does. The Lord is the wise and wonderful Counselor to all who call upon Him in truth and willingness to change. He is merciful to those who do not deserve mercy. He is kind to the ungrateful. He is merciful to all who will come to Him. He is looking for those who will in this judgment on the wicked, be merciful and kind when they start looking for answers. He is not wanting a message of hate and judgment to go forth from the lips of His own, but a message of LOVE and KINDNESS – a message of HOPE and GRACE.

Luke 6:34-36 NIV 35 But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, **because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.** 36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

If you who are called by His name, cannot even be gracious and forgiving to each other, then how will you demonstrate to those who don't know of His love a heart of mercy and kindness? If you cannot demonstrate a heart of forgiveness to your own family who have wronged you, and show impatience to those who you are supposed to love, then how will you manage under the stress of the times to come to show patience to those I am drawing to you? The only way you will be enabled to do this is through ME, and through spending time in MY PRESENCE. So I am calling out to you a warning TRUMPET! COME, and dwell in MY PRESENCE and ask for gold refined in the fire! ASK for ME to heal and to impart LOVE that you can show it to others and even to yourself.
For some of you haven't even forgiven yourselves for things that I have long forgiven you for. It is only PRIDE that keeps you from the fullness of My GRACE and MERCY. For if you refuse to receive what I give, it is like you are saying…" NO! You can't forgive me, I'm too bad! " – as if you know more than I know and as if you stubbornly adhere to your own opinion of you over MINE!

It is time to ACCEPT MY GRACE. I AM FOR YOU AND NOT AGAINST YOU.
I feel this way about each and every believer. I know the one who has been unable to forgive themselves because of shame. So I AM COMING and I WILL REMOVE the thorns in the flesh that keep you from the fullness of My glory, for the one who really knows MY LOVE, will be filled with MY GLORY.
And the one who ASKS shall RECEIVE. ASK and you shall receive, as long as your heart longs for purity and wholeness…you will receive it as I come and cleanse my threshing floors!

I am about to drive out all BONDAGE to the things of this world, and to the harsh taskmaster of traditions and pharisaism. I WILL have a pure and holy Bride and you will know the tenderness of MY HEART towards you as never before. The lack of truth and love in My church will be eradicated. Many of those caught up in false religion and cults will be saved and whole denominations that have taught wrongly will be redeemed from the curse of the law. I am not going to leave things the way they are. But I will again enter My temples and I will drive out the money changers and those who would keep MY children in BONDAGE."

2 Cor 11:19-20 NKJV For you put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise! 20 For you put up with it if one brings you into **bondage,** if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts

himself, if one strikes you on the face.

Gal 2:3-5 NKJV And this occurred because of false brethren secretly brought in (who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus**, that they might bring us into bondage**), 5 to whom **we did not yield submission even for an hour,** that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.

“ I need to bring this change because otherwise those who come in the harvest will be brought to the same bondages they have been released from! I cannot bring in a harvest of souls to the church as it is. I MUST BRING JUDGMENT to the house of the LORD BEFORE HARVESTING COMES. I am about to catapult MANY into great change. THAT is why you have been being purged, and tested, tempted and tormented. You are under refinement for the final HARVEST of all time. YOU CANNOT STEAL MY GLORY! I will NOT have a church that takes the glory for themselves any longer! I WILL CLEANSE IT and HEAL IT. Those who resist will fall on the side of apostasy and be given over to delusion. But for those whose hearts are humbly seeking ME and MY will despite inability to be whole as yet…YOU WILL SEE MY GLORY! And YOU will be CHANGED BY IT. I AM THE ALL CONSUMING FIRE! And I will remove bondages of all kinds. Increase your expectations. INCREASE YOUR VISION OF HOW BIG I AM and how powerful is the blood of the LAMB!
Know that things you thought could not happen WILL HAPPEN with the FAITH I am developing in you. Many will be SHOCKED into submission by the things I do. INCREASE FAITH BY STAYING IN THE WORD and STANDING ON THE WORD. USE it as a two edged sword to speak to the powers of darkness!
Your LORD is at hand! ”

1 Cor 7:15 NKJV But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister **is not under bondage** in such cases. But God has called us to peace.

Gal 4:3-5 NKJV Even so we, when we were children, **were in bondage under the elements of the world.** 4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Gal 4: 9-11 NKJV But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the **weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?** 10 **You observe days and months and seasons and years.** 11 **I am afraid for you, lest I have labored for you in vain.**

Gal 4:23-27 NKJV which things are symbolic. For these are the two covenants: **the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage**, **which is Hagar** — 25 for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and **is in bondage with her children** — 26 **but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.** 27 For it is written:
"Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear!
Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor!
For the desolate has many more children Than she who has a husband."
28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise.
Gal 5:1 NKJV Christian Liberty
Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and **do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.**

Heb 2:15-16 NKJV
15 and release those who **through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.** 16 For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham.

2 Peter 2:18-121 NKJV **Deceptions of False Teachers**
For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for **by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage**. 20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the

world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning.

Vision and Division
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I saw the president in a vision today. He was sitting in a chair like this cartoonist drew the Lincoln memorial when Kennedy died, head down, hands limp on the sides of the chair, weeping and praying. I sensed that he was in this place much as Lincoln for the division within our nation, just as then, and that partly also because of the judgments that had come on our nation. When this happened I was so moved in my emotions for him. I felt God's heart for him. We think we know people but you don't really know people till you live with them or walk in their shoes. And we are so full of our own opinions. My heart has been so disturbed over these elections, I'm sure like many of you.

The Lord told me this week in a personal word. He is going to shake the west coast just as the east coast till our hair stands on end!!!! We can't HIDE anymore. We need to STAND UP. LINCOLN was not non-commital and yet a true Christian. It was he who instituted Thanksgiving as a DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING. Was he being a dictator by doing that? NO He was in earnest. WE NEED TO PRAY MORE and do whatever as the LORD LEADS, but certainly He doesn't mean for us to be complacent, or apathetic ostriches.

Essentially from impressions so far the fact is that because CHURCH LEADERSHIP has not repented of THEIR CONTROL, traditions, idolatry, perversion, greed, carnality, etc, etc. We are in this place in our nation! What is in the nation is in the church. THE PROPHETS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CONFRONT LIKE IT OR NOT - AT SOME POINT, ONLY AS THE LORD LEADS. HE WILL NO DOUBT EMPOWER US BEFORE HAND AND WHEN HE DOES, WOE TO THOSE WHO STRIVE AGAINST THEIR MAKER! I'm not saying this out of some pomposity…It has already been prophesied that HE will come and empower His church and change it, and there will be judgment in the house of the LORD as scripture has indicated.

Prov 29:16 AMP When the wicked are in authority, transgression increases, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall see the fall of the wicked.
Prov 28:4 AMP Those who forsake the law [of God and man] praise the wicked, but those who keep the law [of God and man] contend with them. [Prov 29:18.]

I prayed with a friend from Indiana and another friend there visiting her from India and together we prayed for the President and this nation. So
later, I asked the Lord if He has something more to say about this and I heard:

" Just as Jerusalem is being divided in the plans of it's nation and the world,
I have caused a sword to divide this nation. My WORD is a sword that brings conviction to the very deepest places in man, dividing the bone from the marrow. A man who hates ME, will hate anyone who stands up for me.
They will hate you because they hated ME. Don't expect to escape the persecution that will come to the whole world and has already come to many in the world! Do you think YOUR LIFE is more valuable than one in Sudan or China? How you boast in your arrogance!

Do you not realize the grief it causes ME to have to allow judgment to come to the earth? My heart is in pain however for the abuses and murders I see every day!

You may not be able to see them. You won't hear of them in your biased news! But I SEE THEM. I SEE. I see the child who is forsaken because his whole family has died of AIDS, alone and afraid. I see the deception in the world that you don't discern! I see the arrogance of man rising to the heavens and I tell you NOW, that I WILL BRING IT LOW! I see the abandoned women, the abused women, the autistic child abandoned to a home instead of loved by his family. I see the one who was molested by

their parents and the child who is being taught to kill and is yet in grade school!
I see the lawlessness and excessive drinking and partying in the youth and young adults. I see the lost wending their way hopeless, and the hopelessness of the mentally ill. I carry all this pain every day!

What will it take for you to repent in this nation? I think I am a better Judge than you are, don't you? So I will bring together the true believers and I will exalt Myself in the process. I will truly take over the airwaves…just as in Florida…all eyes were on My handiwork. I will keep their eyes on what I do, more than on the idols they have built for themselves.

Prov 10:25 When the whirlwind passes, the wicked are no more, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous have an everlasting foundation. [Ps 125:1; Matt 7:24-27.]

All over the world I am bringing judgments. All over the world, the enemy is also trying to eliminate many to take with him as many as he can. WILL YOU STAND UP FOR ME AGAINST THE ENEMY OF YOUR SOUL? Will you come and worship ME in the beauty of holiness, to sow into the heavens worship of Your GOD, and in the process, defeat the enemy of your soul?

Ps 22:27-29 NKJV All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. 28 For the kingdom is the LORD's, and He rules over the nations. 29 All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.

Come and take my hand, I want to dance and I want to draw you close to Me My bride, for I love you. I love you as no other loves you…so come aside with ME. Get alone with the LOVER of your soul and cast ALL your cares upon ME, for I care FOR you! Let me soothe your weary soul and stroke your head and kiss your cheeks! I am not a God of destruction, but a God of mercy and love. But MY JUDGMENTS are my love greatly provoked in jealousy for your souls. I am a GOOD FATHER Who gives good gifts to His children. I will do what is BEST for this nation. You may not see it at first.
But lo, when you see the outcome, you WILL see it! You will see the changes I've wrought and KNOW that I did what was best for you!"

Isa 26:9-10 NKJV With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. 10 Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet he will not learn righteousness; In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, And will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

Ps 119:137 NKJV TSADDE Righteous are You, O LORD, And upright are Your judgments.

Prov 2:22 AMP But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the treacherous shall be rooted out of it.

Prov 25:5 AMP Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness (moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation).

Prov 29:12 AMP If a ruler listens to falsehood, all his officials will become wicked.

Ps 59:5-9 AMP You, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel, arise to visit all the nations; spare none and be not merciful to any who treacherously plot evil. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]! 6 They return at evening, they howl and snarl like dogs, and go [prowling] about the city. 7 Behold, they belch out [insults] with their mouths; swords [of sarcasm, ridicule, slander, and lies] are in their lips, for who, they think, hears us? 8 But You, O Lord, will laugh at them [in scorn]; You will hold all the nations in derision. 9 O my Strength, I will watch and give heed to You and sing praises; for God is my Defense (my Protector and High Tower).

Prov 29:27 AMP An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous, and he who is upright in the way [of the Lord] is an abomination to the wicked.

Prov 29:7 The [consistently] righteous man knows and cares for the rights of the poor, but the wicked man has no interest in such knowledge. [Job 29:16; 31:13; Ps 41:1.]

Prov 29:2 AMP When the [uncompromisingly] righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked man rules, the people groan and sigh.

Prov 28:28 AMP When the wicked rise [to power], men hide themselves; but when they perish, the [consistently] righteous increase and become many. [Prov 28:12.]

Prov 28:15-16 AMP Like a roaring lion or a ravenous and charging bear is a wicked ruler over a poor people. 16 A ruler who lacks understanding is [like a wicked one] a great oppressor, but he who hates covetousness and unjust gain shall prolong his days.

Prov 28:12 AMP When the [uncompromisingly] righteous triumph, there is great glory and celebration; but when the wicked rise [to power], men hide themselves.

Prov 28:1 AMP THE WICKED flee when no man pursues them, but the [uncompromisingly] righteous are bold as a lion. [Lev 26:17,36; Ps 53:5.]

Prov 26:23-27 AMP Burning lips [uttering insincere words of love] and a wicked heart are like an earthen vessel covered with the scum thrown off from molten silver [making it appear to be solid silver].

24 He who hates pretends with his lips, but stores up deceit within himself.
25 When he speaks kindly, do not trust him, for seven abominations are in his heart. 26 Though his hatred covers itself with guile, his wickedness shall be shown openly before the assembly. 27 Whoever digs a pit [for another man's feet] shall fall into it himself, and he who rolls a stone [up a height to do mischief], it will return upon him. [Ps 7:15,16; 9:15; 10:2; 57:6; Prov 28:10; Eccl 10:8.]

Prov 24:25-26 AMP But to those [upright judges] who rebuke the wicked, it will go well with them and they will find delight, and a good blessing will be upon them. 26 He kisses the lips [and wins the hearts of men] who give a right answer.

Prov 21:27 The sacrifice of the wicked is exceedingly disgusting and abhorrent [to the Lord]--how much more when he brings it with evil intention?

Prov 21:18 The wicked become a ransom for the [uncompromisingly] righteous, and the treacherous for the upright [because the wicked themselves fall into the traps and pits they have dug for the good].

Prov 21:4-5 Haughtiness of eyes and a proud heart, even the tillage of the wicked or the lamp [of joy] to them [whatever it may be], are sin [in the eyes of God]. 5 The thoughts of the [steadily] diligent tend only to plenteousness, but everyone who is impatient and hasty hastens only to want.

Prov 18:3 AMP When the wicked comes in [to the depth of evil], he becomes a contemptuous despiser [of all that is pure and good], and with inner baseness comes outer shame and reproach.

Prov 17:15 He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both an abomination [exceedingly disgusting and hateful] to the Lord. [Ex 23:7; Prov 24:24; Isa 5:23.]

Prov 15:29 The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayer of the [consistently] righteous (the upright, in right standing with Him).

Prov 12:21 No [actual] evil, misfortune, or calamity shall come upon the righteous, but the wicked shall be filled with evil, misfortune, and calamity. [Job 5:19; Ps 91:3; Prov 12:13; Isa 46:4; Jer 1:8; Dan 6:27; 2 Tim 4:18.]

Prov 11:21 Assuredly [I pledge it] the wicked shall not go unpunished, but the multitude of the [uncompromisingly] righteous shall be delivered.

Prov 10:3 The Lord will not allow the [uncompromisingly] righteous to famish, but He thwarts the desire of the wicked. [Ps 34:9,10; 37:25.]

Prov 3:25-28 AMP Be not afraid of sudden terror and panic, nor of the stormy blast or the storm and

ruin of the wicked when it comes [for you will be guiltless], 26 For the Lord shall be your confidence, firm and strong, and shall keep your foot from being caught [in a trap or some hidden danger].
27 Withhold not good from those to whom it is due [its rightful owners], when it is in the power of your hand to do it. [Rom 13:7; Gal 6:10.]
28 Do not say to your neighbor, Go, and come again; and tomorrow I will give it--when you have it with you. [Lev 19:13; Deut 24:15.]

Ps 101:3-5 AMP I will set no base or wicked thing before my eyes. I hate the work of them who turn aside [from the right path]; it shall not grasp hold of me. 4 A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will know no evil person or thing. 5 Whoso privily slanders his neighbor, him will I cut off [from me]; he who has a haughty look and a proud and arrogant heart I cannot and I will not tolerate.

Of Spirit and Soul
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Matters Of Spirit & Soul - New Creation Beings
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[The following was given directly as a word of the Lord following an experience I can only describe as 'a piercing.' Because 'piercings' deal with things of one's 'spirit' rather than soul, the Lord began an overview of the two. It's not comprehensive, but simply that which He wanted to convey that particular day.]

The spirit of the believer within…

[JESUS]: "Your spirit does not sin. Your spirit is that part of you, even now…pure within. Your spirit has 'no mind' of its own. It operates in conjunction, only, with the mind of Christ. Your spirit was created with the ability to secure itself to Me; we are 'jointly one' for eternity. Your spirit was also created with 'valves & connectors' to hook-up with others to form 'body parts.' Your spirit cannot exist apart from Myself and must come into intimacy in order to function effectively. Your spirit has 'eyes' and 'ears' and finely-tuned senses, all of which are magnified (as from the natural realm) many times over. Your spirit can fly and run and soar. Your spirit can walk on water, or swim into the depths of the sea. Your spirit recognizes My Word and revelation as that from the 'realm of FACT.' It has no need even for faith. Your spirit has throne-room access to the Father & beyond. Your spirit can enter into Him to further bond. Your spirit is not complex, as is your soul. Your spirit as child-like, is simple & free. Your spirit is the first part of you to approach and go through 'new doors.' Your spirit is always trusting, forgiving & gentle, yet bold & full of life. Your spirit received the first of My fillings as a bridegroom with His bride. Your spirit easily recognizes right from wrong and sees with clarity – things that still are chained, in bondage, and things that are truly free.

Functions of one's soul…

Your soul, however, is an entirely different part of you, which gives 'personality' to all you do. In speaking of your transformed soul, that even now I shape & make – your soul is that part of you that gazes into My face. Your soul holds your passions and intellect, your talents and your will… all of your emotions…and the 'love tank' I con-stantly fill. Your soul is that part of you that must be sanctified. Your soul is also that part of you – that must be crucified. Your soul is that part of you that experiences guilt, and doubt, and shame. The soul is that part of you that is often motivated by selfish gain. Your soul must also be 'connected,' due to need, directly to ME. Your soul is that part of you which desperately needs to receive. Once a soul begins to receive living waters, wine & bread directly from Me, as Lord, never again is it satisfied by what the world once offered it before. The soul of a man or woman is the 'battlefield' where time is spent – by Satan and his minions, causing 'harm' where 'good' was meant.

The soul can often be confused, tossed about as waves of the sea. The soul at times resists My will, but needs boundaries. The soul, presented with freedom, yet afraid of the unknown, often returns to its 'cell-mates' of law & tradition. Apart from one's spirit, the courage would never come, for one's soul to launch out & pursue, what in My will, must be done. The soul is responsive to My every touch, often transmitting information to the other parts of you. The soul IS complex, and yet such a delight, for from this place of 'thunder & lightning' come also 'fire-works' as we unite. Your soul is that part of you that I carry, and that part of you I place in the covenant bed/Sabbath rest. Your soul is also that part of you of 'spiritual produce' sweet…the milk & honey & nectar, too, which in giving I receive. Your soul, however, also tires and easily becomes fatigued. It can get 'self' into many a situation and a mess of things make. If left to its unredeemed ways, it dictates to spirit & body…the course IT wants to take."

[THE BODY] … He continued, "The body's physical functions are most closely aligned with the mind – a powerful part of the soul, that often takes control. But a body con-trolled by the Spirit and one's spirit-being, is equally free, to live as a 'new creation being' as it was meant to be. Full of light and glory, a vessel of honor & life – the body is the temple in which the Spirit/spirit resides. The body is a fragile thing and will obey 'whoever' is in charge, whether it be your spirit-being…or the soul-life, lower part.

Lover of Our Soul & His Dealings to Make Us Whole

"I divide soul & spirit asunder, by My sharp two-edged sword. Your spirit, then released, enters heaven's door, while that of your other (the soul), I 'shepherd' and care for. Your soul is entrusted into My hands, as Physician Friend, that 'surgeries' then begin (circumcision of the heart & cleansing of all parts). When this process has been successful…and your soul, 'the fruit of the Spirit' bears … then the time has come for 'the triune you' to be 'put back together again.

At this point your 'spirit' is placed 'in charge,' and your soul readily takes 'its place' … the body, too, more disciplined, submits to spiritual ways. This, then, is 'a new creation being,' walking in obedience to God…IN the world, but NOT OF IT, governed by higher Kingdom principles of freedom, not 'above'… but BEYOND 'the law.'

'New Creation Beings'

That which 'rules' this NEW CREATION BEING, [every part: spirit/soul/body, too] are the same 'Kingdom principles' as for those who live above: servanthood & sharing things of Word & life…always considering others 'first'…walking as children of Light – Eternal worship & thanksgiving to our Father, the Ancient of Days…standing strong in one accord…united in every way – Growing in things of Wisdom & Understanding & in the Counsel of the Lord…entrusted with Might & Power & Knowledge in order to serve

Him more – ever abandoned to His will, living in the Fear of the Lord. In this place of daily living as 'new creation men & women' (though as yet vessels of clay), they can boldly, courageously 'stand in the gap,' ushering 'heaven to earth' in their day. Their spirits are His. Their souls are His (their minds/wills/emotions/and dreams). Their bodies are His to use as He deems best, to walk in the authority of the redeemed. Their thoughts are His. Their wills are His. Praise and worship is 'the norm' for their day. By fear of the Lord, they instantly resist 'the flood of filth' sweeping the earth, even as it comes their way. They run into their Fortress/Tower, then become 'shelters' of refuge themselves – oaks of righteousness in the land, encouraging the weary and weak. All that they are – and all they possess – is offered wholly to God's use. Obeying His Word as soon as it's heard, they strategically 'storm hells gates' and prisoners loose.

Though not yet 'perfected' as spirits above, their souls 'lean hard on their Lord', in weakness partaking of My strength, to overcome once more. THEIRS is THE BLOOD & TESTIMONY that overcomes the world. Connected to the Lamb and 'one with Him' – they carry 'My standards' unfurled. They march into battle with angelic troops at their side – while emanating from their beings, 'new creation' light. Personal identity is gone. They call themselves "we" – "we" who serve our God, no longer is left "a me."

The restoration of an army of 'new creation beings' …

Jesus continued, "Only a small number of ones such as these, at one time, have ever walked the earth. But those who do now, are about to loose into this realm 'new creation seeds' that will help 'an army' mature. These 'new creation men & women' will first teach others 'HOW TO DIE.' And then they will mentor them, partnered with the Spirit, to help BRING THEM BACK 'ALIVE.'

Many hidden ones/mentors will in sudden brilliance arise as 'torches of great light' – showing the Church the difference between mediocrity and true life. These torchbearers will also carry great authority…beyond the 'apostolic label' of man. These are those entrusted with might, because ONLY JOINED TO ME THROUGH INTIMACY, are they capable even to stand. Many will be women/children/and young adults…but also a great number of men, who topple 'the systems' of Satan & man, at the Lord's command.

How soon will this occur? It has already begun…there's just a generation to go, before I make ALL THINGS new. Even now these 'new creation beings' are being released, coming out of 'furnaces' that were their tomb. Clothed in humility, they'll not be seen – until they grow into an understanding of 'who they are.' Then at the right time, they'll be given command to 'shine' … drawing multitudes in My Church to the Light. They'll

SHOW THEM THEIR GRAVES, PREPARED IN ADVANCE – that a 'crucified army' might come alive.

This process of restoration begins in the spirit, then continues on into the soul & body, too. First, I 'take you apart' to perfect every part – then put you back together again. Yes, it sounds simple, but it requires many years…the purging of fire…death to self…and desperate tears. Those most desperate advance more quickly than those who drag their feet, satisfied with 'who they are.' My greatness, in them, they'll never receive.

Fall Sessions Begin…Don't Skip Class

KNOW WHO YOU ARE – AND WHO YOU ARE NOT. Attend each 'class' I present. In the fall of the year, new sessions begin, in My 'schools & universities' again. Those who advance will be those who 'passed tests,' individualized for each one. It will do no good trying to get answers 'in advance' from someone in your class. Your questions are different, but the outcome the same: only the 'dead to self' make the grade. So if you think you're going to school to 'up your chances' for promotion… think again, this will not be the case. For with such ones of strategy, We begin first with 'select demotions.' There is not time for chatter & talk, flippant attitude nor walk…in My classrooms of this day. If you miss what I say, regarding matters of faith…you'll end up 'off course' and going out of your way.

I WANT you to succeed, and you WILL overcome – as daily you come to Me. I will tutor YOUR SOUL and MAKE YOU WHOLE, to make you a 'new creation being' that's free.

Oh Sing of My Heavenly Rain

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Joel 2:23-27
Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you he rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else, and my people shall never be ashamed.

It’s beginning to rain. and oh, this is a heavenly rain. When the rain comes down upon the earth, it causes everything to flourish, and grow. I say to you that this is the season of the heavenly rain.

I will cause the barren places of your heart to soak up this rain, and those that have not been able to hear or receive My word, will now hear and receive. And even those that have not be able to receive My love, oh in this season they will be like a sponge.

This rain will even bring abundance to the dry places of your finances. I will pour out My favor, My grace, My mercy, and yes, even divine provision. The rain clouds have gathered and now will they release all that has been held within them. An outpouring, yea, even a flood. “How will it come, you say?” By My Spirit, for this is the season of my outpouring. Oh, you have never seen these days before.

My eyes have gone to and fro looking for hearts that I could trust. So, I withheld the rain for a season, yea even the nearness of My presence to some. But, in this season of searching, I have found thirsty and hungry hearts. These have cried out “more Oh God, more Oh God.” If that has been the cry of your heart, get ready for the greatest outpouring of My Spirit upon your hungry heart. This rain you have never known before.

My eyes have gone to and fro looking for hearts that trusted Me. So, I withheld the rain of provision in your lives. You stood, and trusted, although it looked liked the darkest night that you have ever known. And I say to you, that the clouds over you are about to bring forth abundance of finances, and supply.

My eyes have gone to and fro looking for hearts that needed to be healed. So, I withheld Myself , although I was near, to cause you to seek Me to stop the bleeding of your heart. Now, My rain will come to your bruised and wounded heart, and this rain of My Spirit will bring newness of life. I will even give you a new heart.

My eyes have gone to and fro looking for those that are physically ill, and needed My touch. To these, I say, I know your pain and that the road has been long. But this rain will bring healing to your life and limbs. This outpouring of My Spirit will bring untold physical miracles, and I will even do creative miracles, not heard of or seen before.

My eyes have gone to and fro looking for those that I could trust with hidden manna, from My Word. Oh, I have a treasure chest of revelation, and in this season of outpouring, to those that I can trust, I will unlock the secrets of the ages. I will bypass the knowledge of man, and My Sprit will pour out to you things I've never shown to man.

My eyes have gone to and fro looking for those that need deliverance; oh this rain will set the captives free. It will bring deliverance from religious tradition, addictions, fear of man, and all that has kept my people bound in the natural and in the spirit. Oh, it's beginning to rain.

On, this is the beginning of the outpouring of My Spirit. He will come as the rain to renew, revive, restore and reveal. He will bring both the former rain, and the latter rain.

So, sing, "It's beginning to rain. It's the rain of the Father, and whosoever will, come drink of this water…" Oh, sing of My heavenly rain.

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On The Twelve Days of Christmas

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I had gotten up, unable to sleep, and at the computer, I started hearing the song, "On the twelve days of Christmas My True Love gave to me" It also occurred to me to find out more about why they say there are twelve days of Christmas in the song which article I've included a link to so you can see for yourself...http://www.cresourcei.org/cy12days.html

Then He said:
"I am a Good Father Who gives good gifts to My children.
I sent My most precious gift to you in the form of My Son Who was willing to lay down His life for you. So it is at this season of commemorating that
occasion that I speak to you about honoring. I honor him who honors Me.
I brought you life that you might have life and that abundantly ! But many have twisted what I think of in the way of abundant life to mean having a lot of "things". Abundant life is much more than things beloveds. It is the character of man that is supposed to be a reflection of My character that is his most precious gift to the world and those around him or her.

It IS a time of giving. But there is so much you can give without just giving things. What if you gave a promise of prayer, or a promise of fasting for three days for someone…something that really sacrificed something in your life besides money ? There are things you can give in the way of doing something for someone that requires a bit more than just buying a gift that would impact their lives. So EXPAND your thinking My beloveds and reach into eternity also for some gifts that will count much greater in the expanse of time.

Your thoughtfulness to others instead of impatience would be a good gift to give. Your kindness in considering those who protect and serve you would be a wonderful gift. So many people give above and beyond the call of duty in their lives, but the world gets calloused and impatient at this time, striving to get things for others, and be everything they think people want them to be, when what people want may be a spot of your time, your presence in their midst…to enjoy your company maybe. The best gifts are those you cannot measure.

I want you to know that I too at this time am going to pour out some gifts that are immeasurable. I am coming to bring many gifts to My beloved at this time of year. I have gifts of freedom, healing, deliverance, lights and wonders, visitations and translations, spiritual signs and wonders, miracles, and revelations. I am going to put on a spectacular light show in this time
that will capture the attention of the world in the days to come.

Take time to think of the real reasons you celebrate in this season…and reflect on the sacrifice I made to provide for you the life you now have.
I am a generous Father, so pour out MY generosity this year. Do something for someone who can't pay you back. Demonstrate My love instead of your impatience this year in little acts of kindness and patience. Do something extraordinary and pray for a stranger ! Spread the LOVE you have received from Me - to some who don't know Me ! Spend TIME with those you love and with those who need to know My love ! Give and it will be given back to you !

Luke 6:38 NKJV Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

Matt 7:11-12 NKJV If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! 12 Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Matt 25:37-40 NKJV "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'

Luke 6:30-31 NKJV Give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away your goods do not ask them back. 31 And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

Dewdrops Of Love And Kindness
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“I am releasing love and holy kindness as you worship Me in spirit and in truth. As you sow to the heavens, I am pouring down rain. As you worship in the beauty of holiness, I am releasing My Holy Spirit and more will come than you can imagine. Rain, and more rain, will fall.

Zech 10:1-2 NKJV Restoration of Judah and Israel
Ask the LORD for rain In the time of the latter rain. The LORD will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, Grass in the field for everyone. 2 For the idols speak delusion; The diviners envision lies, And tell false dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore the people wend their way like sheep; They are in trouble because there is no shepherd.

Do not be concerned about your life. Do not be disturbed by the events of the day. I AM WITH YOU. My rod and My staff will comfort you. I am the Good Shepherd. I search for the one who is lost and abandoned. I look out for My sheep. Nothing shall snatch them out of My hand. I keep My promises to you. I am a FAITHFUL FATHER. I am stirring up desire for the One above all Who can bring peace to this world. I will display My kindness, My goodness, My love in powerful ways. You need to speak forth the TRUTH in LOVE to all around you. Be not dismayed by their faces, their looks. Say what I have put on your tongue to say. Release LIFE to those in darkness.
Bless those who you see every day who don’t know ME. Bless the place where you work. Bless your fellow employees. Bless your bosses, and the owners.

Be one who breathes My life into situations and people. Change the atmosphere around you by speaking LIFE and blessing. Let the kindness of Your God flow through you to those on the street, in the marketplace, in the workplace and where ever you go. Be SALT and LIGHT where you are. Call for the rain. Call for the latter day rain. Be releasers of LIFE to the world.
BELIEVE that I will back you up. You are My sons and daughters. Would I not back you up, even as a parent stands up for their child in daily life situations ? I never abandon you. You are my precious treasures. Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. Abiding is integral to releasing LIFE. Apart from Me, you can do nothing. Praise Me in all things. PRAISE and watch how I can turn even the most desolate hearts around.

Seek My wisdom and you will be able to answer rightly anything that is asked of you. Seek My love and kindness that you can give it out to the lost daily.

Be My ambassadors of freedom and liberty ! I WILL DEMONSTRATE MY GLORY. YOU need to trust ME in this fully, then you will see what you have longed to see."

Isa 30:22-23 NKJV You will also defile the covering of your images of silver, and the ornament of your molded images of gold. You will throw them away as an unclean thing; You will say to them, "Get away!" 23 Then He will give the rain for your seed with which you sow the ground, and bread of the increase of the earth; It will be fat and plentiful. In that day your cattle will feed in large pastures.

Isa 45:8 NKJV "Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation,
And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it.

Jer 5:24 NKJV They do not say in their heart, "Let us now fear the LORD our God, Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season.
He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest."

Hos 6:3 NKJV Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD.
His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.

Joel 2:23-27 NKJV Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you — The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month. 24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.
25 "So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame. 27 Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God and there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.

Grim Reaper or Harvest
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grim reaper *noun*
death especially when personified as a man or skeleton with a scythe

Rev 1:18-19 NKJV I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

1 John 3:13-15 NKJV We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

James 5:19-20 NKJV let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

"I said, that he who does not love his brother abides in death !
Many of you still battle because you have not died enough and been raised to life in ME ! You still do not love your brother. You still have not learned that this is the whole of life, to learn to love !

And if you love your brother, you will do whatever you can to prevent his death ! Imagine you see your 2 year old child starting to step off the curb and cross a busy street ! Would you stop him ? Of course you would. You do not want him to be annihilated/crushed, or maimed ! Yet every day there are those in the spirit who are dying. They are dying because they don't know ME. They do not know there is LIFE in ME !

The church has so little power to raise the dead, because you lack compassion and love for your brothers and sisters ! You are not willing to rescue that one from death who is walking towards it ! If you want power in your life, then you will become a deliverer ! You will want to see people set free. I'm not only interested in the church, but all who are made in MY image ! I am longing for the lost to know ME. Are you willing to lay down your lives as I did ? Are you willing to lay down your life and pick up Mine ?
I did not come to heal the well, but those who are sick and dying !
If you want power to raise the dead and do miracles, then you need to be concerned over what is on MY HEART ! What is on My heart is to set people free from the law of sin and death – to rescue as many souls as possible out of the darkness. If you are passionate towards Me, then you will be passionate for what is on My heart, and not just what you want for your own life !

It is time to grow up in Me, to be healed and delivered of the things that hold you back from the fullness of My love ! Therefore, I am testing and trying you and bringing a true maturity to My church. If you suffer with ME, then you will share in My glory ! But so many want to avoid the suffering part because of course that is a great cost. Will you not offer yourselves willingly in the this day of My power ? I tell you the truth, I will make you ready if you are just willing to say YES to MY WILL. I will prepare your heart, mind, soul and give you the GRACE to do so ! You are My beloveds, and I am Your's. I will never leave you nor forsake you. I was the fourth man in the fire, and I will be with you through whatever fire you have to walk through in the rest of your life. I will not leave you comfortless. I LOVE YOU and adore you. This is soon the hour of My vengeance on all who have opposed Me ! Wake up the sleepers and prepare them for what you KNOW is ahead. Perilous times are ahead I've told you. Open your mouths and TESTIFY ! Take the sickle in your hands and reap, for you will reap what you have not sown in these days ! Many have gone before you and now you will
reap a great and awesome harvest for Your King !

1 Cor 15:25-31 AMP For [Christ] must be King and reign until He has put all [His] enemies under His feet. [Ps 110:1.] 26 The last enemy to be subdued and abolished is death. 27 For He [the Father] has put all things in subjection under His [Christ's] feet. But when it says, All things are put in subjection [under Him], it is evident that He [Himself] is excepted Who does the subjecting of all things to Him. [Ps 8:6.]
28 However, when everything is subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also subject Himself to [the Father] Who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all [be everything to everyone, supreme, the indwelling and controlling factor of life]. 29 Otherwise, what do people mean by being [themselves] baptized in behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized for them?
30 [For that matter], why do I live [dangerously as I do, running such risks that I am] in peril every hour? 31 [I assure you] by the pride which I have in you in [your fellowship and union with] Christ Jesus our Lord, that I die daily [I face death every day and die to self].

Rev 2:10 NKJV Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Rev 12:11 NKJV And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Rev 18:7-8 NKJV In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, 'I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.' 8 Therefore her plagues will come in one day — death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her.

Rev 21:4 NKJV And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.

Heb 11:5-6 NKJV By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
1 Cor 15:52-58 NKJV in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."
55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"
56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

Ezek 33:11 NKJV Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD,'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?'

Song 8:6 NKJV Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm;
For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.
Song 8:6 AMP Set me like a seal upon your heart, like a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death, jealousy is as hard and cruel as Sheol (the place of the dead). Its flashes are flashes of fire, a most vehement flame [the very flame of the Lord]! [Deut 4:24; Isa 49:16; 1 Cor 10:22.]
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Wonder: OT:6382
pele' (peh'-leh); from OT:6381; a miracle: KJV - marvellous thing,
wonder (-ful, -fully).
OT:6381 pala' (paw-law'); a primitive root; properly, perhaps to separate, i.e. distinguish (literally or figuratively); by implication, to be (causatively, make) great, difficult, wonderful: KJV - accomplish, (arise ... too, be too) hard, hidden, things too high, (be, do, do a, shew) marvelous (-ly, -els, things, work), miracles, perform, separate, make singular, (be, great, make) wonderful (-ers, -ly, things, works), wondrous (things, works, -ly).
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The Lord spoke: “ A Wonder to Behold” and I asked what He wanted to say and He said…
“Surely the Almighty, Your Lord and God is a Wonder to behold !
I AM the Creator of the Universe, the Author and Finisher of your faith.
Nothing is impossible to Me. And I want you to set your expectations much higher. For I am going to do a marvelous work in his hour, and you will certainly be in AWE and WONDER at all that I do.
I am treading and I am wedding. I am trading and I am raiding.
I am setting in place and I am taking out of place.
I am restoring and I am ordering all things in their proper place.
I am waiting and anticipating a mighty and marvelous WONDER.
I will do the impossible.
I will lift Myself up in the eyes of all in the earth.
There will be no excuse for unbelief.

Do not think I came to bring peace I told My disciples. The members of your own family will be against you. I have come to separate and to cause division between what is holy and what is unholy.
For what is holy cannot dwell with what is unholy.
So there is division right now, and there will be more.
You might think it is the enemy causing this division.
But in most cases it will be because of a different level of love and holiness causing this kind of division. For some are only pretenders to the throne and
are wolves in sheep clothing, while others are My true flock.
The doubleminded cannot dwell with the single-eyed !
My sword is drawn, and there will be separation from all that is unholy in My true believers, and in the world. I know who will say yes and who will say no.
So do not marvel when you see these things happen My beloveds.
Know that I am in control. I am testing and I am trying for there is much to be done and I am preparing a bride that will walk in GRACE and LOVE.

Do not feel that you have failed Me, because of making mistakes again.
You have been being tested and tried and tried again, so that you will learn your lessons that will take you to the next level.
I am coming and sweeping clean My threshing floor.
I will burn up all the dross in your lives, and you will be empowered for the next stage of your journey.
Do not be anxious for anything. I have made promises that I keep. I will not suffer you to go through anything I have not seen ahead for. When you go through the waters, they will not overtake you.
When you go through the fire, you will not be burned, because I will be with you. I am EMMANUEL…God with you !

I will not allow anything to happen which is not meant for your growth and development in character.
Have you not said, “Lord, I want to be like You !” ?
I am only answering your heart’s desire, though in a moment you may have forgotten you said it. I did not forget. I am making you into a most beautiful bride. I have seen to every detail of your life. I knew ahead what decisions you would make. And I am very pleased with the way My work in you is coming.
This momentary affliction will pass, and you will be catapulted into your destiny as time escalates and leads into a myriad of events that will test the hearts of all men.

Rejoice and be glad, for My time is soon coming. Do not be disheartened or nervous about anything.
Did I not care for Elijah when there was nothing to eat, I sent him Ravens. When the children of Israel were hungry I sent them quail, and manna. They did not go without. Supernatural salvation, and deliverances from evil abounded in the times of the apostles. It will once again happen as then as you walk in trust and FAITH in ME.
Believe for greater things. Believe in the miracle of multiplication. Do not limit Me. But think BIG in what I can do for I am a BIG, BIG GOD !
You will not have to strive to receive what I will pour out freely !
I want you resting in My arms My bride ! Come and fellowship with Me.

Take in My WORD, and eat of it, and be encouraged to FAITH.
For I said, “ When I return, will I find faith on the earth ?”
Encourage yourselves DAILY and sing to each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Delight yourself in ME, and I will lift you up.
You will rest in the shadow of My wings.

Day and night I search for the soul that longs to commune with Me.
I am not a rejecting God. I love you and love spending time with you, no matter what you are doing.
Keep your MIND STAYED ON ME, and I will keep you in perfect peace. Do not dwell too much on current events, though awareness is good, dwelling on them can cause you to lose focus on what is really important to you ! Keep your eyes focused above all the circumstances. Your longings for ME will be filled My beloveds. I am coming soon to thrill and captivate you with many signs of My manifest love
and GRACE. Truly all will wonder at the amazing things I will do !
Be expectant. Walk in FAITH !”

Isa 29:14 NKJV Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work
among this people, a marvelous work and a wonder; For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
And the understanding of their prudent men shall be hidden."

Isa 20:3 NKJV Then the LORD said, "Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and a wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia,

Ps 71:7 NKJV I have become as a wonder to many, But You are my strong refuge.

Deut 13:1-4 NKJV Punishment of Apostates
"If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods' — which you have not known — 'and let us serve them,' 3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

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Acts 3:10 NKJV Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.
NT:2285 thambos (tham'-bos); akin to an obsolete tapho (to dumbfound); stupefaction (by surprise), i.e. astonishment: KJV - amazed, astonished, wonder.

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Isa 30:15 NKJV For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:
"In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

“I know a place where the music is fine and the lights are turned down low.

I know a place where we can go…" [old song from the 60's – Petula Clark I think] came to mind.
Then the Lord said:
"There is a wonderful place of reknown, where I meet with My beloveds if they are willing to go. It is a quiet place where we can commune together and talk and just listen to the sound of the birds and leaves on the trees rustling. Where we can smell flowers, and grass and there is a warmth of fellowship there that cannot be found in other places. Serenity is a sweet place of communion. Sometimes the music needs to stop, and the world be blotted out to hear more clearly…so that all you hear is the sound of nature and the senses are fine tuned to hear other things. If you surround yourself with noise and talk all the time, how can you hear My voice ?

I am found in the still small voice. And it is in this place of peacefulness and thoughtfulness that I can be found. A place of quietness and rest ! There is a rest for My beloveds that so many know nothing about. They think they have to strive and perform, and even in the striving, they at least are trying to commune. But they don't know how easy I've made it – that it's in quietness and in REST that you can be restored. It is the opposite place of the world's striving and busyness ! So it is also a place of warfare !

It seems that some would think what a farce that is to think you don't have to DO something in warfare. " You just can't lay down or the enemy will walk all over you !" But that is not the whole TRUTH My friends. REST is a powerful weapon in the striving, quick fix world of this age ! There is a time for fighting, and there is a time for letting ME do the fighting…and allowing you to REST IN ME ! It seems incomprehensible to many. But that is the secret garden. It is a place of REFRESHING and RENEWAL ! So don't think that constantly praying, and constantly striving is the only way to push through. When a woman gives birth, it is not by pushing her arms and legs.
It is by the muscles of the womb contracting that she gives birth. If she strives it actually fights against the birthing process. Then the blood goes to the limbs instead of to the muscles of the womb where it is needed ! The mother has to cooperate with allowing the womb to do it's work, which is a built in natural mechanism regulated by hormones and nerves, not by her striving, except when the pushing phase comes. So NOW is a time for resting in ME. And when it is time to PUSH, then I will catapult you into action !

Come to My garden and allow Me to touch you – to heal and deliver you from all the ravages of the enemy. Let me destroy all the distractions. Give your heart FULLY to My purposes, and all the rest of your efforts will be effort-LESS. I will help accomplish things in fullness of FAITH, if you will just TRUST ME more fully, and trust your EFFORTS less. Self sufficiency is NOT faith ! I know it fights the ways of the world to do this. But how can you grow in FAITH if you can do it yourself ? Think of that for a moment-Selah !

This is a secret that all the mystics of old had to learn. And when they learned it, of course came great opposition, for it offends the natural mind.
Surely one has to meet the Lord's effort half-way is one common idea ! But it is MAN'S idea, not MY idea ! It is lie. TRUST in the LORD with ALL of your heart, and lean not on your own understanding ! I will fight FOR you, IF you will LET ME ! But so many of you strive. Remember what happened at Jericho…All they had to do was march around the city once a day for seven days. Remember what happened with Gideon and his men ? Thousands were arrayed against them. They had only 300 men. They did not use swords even, but just blew TRUMPETS, and dropped the pitchers that held torches! That pitcher represented the flesh, allowed to drop to the ground and be broken. The torches represented the FIRE of the Holy Spirit. All they had to do is blow the SHOFARS – and deliverance CAME, and the enemy turned on themselves and killed each other…CONFUSION went through the camp of the enemy.

And so it will be in these times for those who will TRUST IN MY WAYS.
Come to My garden and let ME share with you MY STRATEGY for what I want you to do. Come and let me share with you My secrets – My love – My JOY - My kindness – My patience – MY self control ! STOP TRYING so hard, and just COME to ME.

Matt 11:30 NKJV For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Eccl 4:6 NKJV Better a handful with quietness than both hands full, together with toil and grasping for the wind.

Isa 32:17-19 NKJV The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. 18 My people will dwell in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places, 19 Though hail comes down on the forest, and the city is brought low in humiliation.

Overcoming The god Of This Age

Doug Addison

People everywhere seem to be drawn to the supernatural. A recent Gallup poll found that 84% of Americans long for spirituality. Though a good number of people are not interested in a traditional form of religion they do consider themselves spiritual. I cant help asking, why has Christianity lost its appeal? After all, Christ does have a great message.

Though God is all powerful too often Christians themselves have lost track of His greatness. Many Christians no longer believe that God speaks to us, gives us dreams, or performs miracles. Because of this, we have allowed people to believe that only psychics and those in New Age can know the future or interpret dreams when in reality, God is the creator of all revelation.

People are looking for a power outside of themselves to bring change in their lives. The Apostle Paul stated in 2 Corinthians 4:4 that The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. It is our responsibility to open their eyes to Gods true light (Acts 26:17-18).

In Acts 1:8 Jesus said, But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. The disciples received Gods power on the day of Pentecost and they stayed in Jerusalem and Judea for a number of years. As they began to venture out from there it is interesting to note what they encountered.

Phillip was the first to go to Samaria where he met Simon, a man who practiced sorcery. The people believed that Simon had the great power of God (Acts 8:9-13). As Phillip demonstrated Gods true power consequently even Simon believed and became a Christian.

Saul and Barnabas were later sent out to take the message of Jesus to the ends of the earth. Immediately they encounter a sorcerer named Bar-Jesus on the Island of Paphos who had even the government believing that he was a prophet (Act 13:6-12). In this case Bar-Jesus did not receive the message of Jesus but opposed it and he was literally blinded as a prophetic act to show the condition of people if they chose to follow his teachings.

Our society today is in a similar condition as in the Book of Acts where people are drawn to magic and sorcery. Since many Christians have not valued or demonstrated the supernatural gifts of God, most people are not aware that Gods power is greater than the gods of this age. As we set out to be witnesses of Jesus Christ and use our God-given spiritual gifts to demonstrate Gods love and power to those in need, it will not be difficult to turn people to the light of God.

On The Road

Lou Engle

Dear Friends,

The past few weeks rank as some of the most memorable and important of my life to date – and that is not said lightly... **We have just completed 50 days of 24/7 ceaseless worship and intercession in Colorado Springs for the elections, the Supreme Court, and a massive national awakening!**

During this time, I was privileged to stand in intercession alongside some of the most remarkable young adults I have ever met! They have labored on behalf our nation in prayer, frequently for 7 to 12 hours a day, many of them going on extended fasts, as they wrestled for the future of America! Many of them joined us for the full 50 days.

It often seemed we had an open heaven and many young people had profound throne room experiences and much prophetic revelation, some of which I will be sharing in this letter.

During worship one evening, a young crack addict walked in and was immediately translated to heaven!

Afterwards, he remained there worshipping the Bridegroom with language so passionate and descriptive that it could only have been God! This was an unforgettable, holy season. As Charles Spurgeon once said, "Our days of fasting have been high days indeed. Never have we been closer to the central glory!"

Not every day was glorious however... Much of the time we were wrestling and persevering in prayer. By the 44th night of intense, non-stop, day and night worship and prayer, we were all exhausted. Sapped of strength, all we could do was wait upon the Lord in weakness.

The following day, however, we had in incredible breakthrough... The spirit of intercession descended powerfully upon us as we prayed against the strongholds of homosexuality and abortion in our nation. It was as if the Council Room of Heaven suddenly came down among us. We received an explosion of divine strategy as the Lord revealed His purposes to us in a startling way.

Two Mocking Spirits

To understand what I'm about to share, you need to know of an unusual encounter a prophetic friend of mine had. **This friend had an actual physical experience. As he was driving from Kansas City in Colorado Springs to join us, a massive tornado touched down behind his car and followed him along the freeway! With a real fear of imminent death upon him, he fled wildly down interstate highway 70, barely escaping.** He felt as if there was almost a personality behind this phenomenon.

Two days after this terrifying experience, he received a dream in which two massive tornadoes were pursuing him and with the letters "h" and "a" on both tornadoes. In the dream, he was restrained from confronting the tornadoes until the young people involved with The Cause USA had first gone to a laundry room to wash their clothes. Only after that was it possible to confront the tornadoes.

He understood the two tornadoes with the "ha-ha" on them were two Goliath mocking spirits unleashed against the Church and bringing destruction to the nation. He also knew the "h" stood for homosexuality and the "a" stood for abortion.

We knew God was giving us a mandate for intercession and that a great preparation and cleansing first needed to take place before we could resist these powers. We felt God was laying upon our shoulders the responsibility to hold these forces back, and if we did not, the victory of these two spirits would be manifested in who was elected into national office in the upcoming elections...

As the leaders gathered to discuss the "ha-ha" tornado vision, it was as if a lightning strike of revelation broke in, with even greater authority. We had been discussing our plans to travel to D.C. to join the national fast that is being called. We were looking at a map and had decided to take Interstate Highway 70, when someone felt lead to read Psalm 70 for Highway 70. ***We were electrified by what it said...***

Psalm 70:2-3: "Let them be ashamed and confounded who seek my life (the children in the womb); let them (these two tornadoes) be turned back and confused who desire my hurt. Let them be turned back because of their shame, who say, *'Aha! Aha!'*"

We sat stunned and shocked at the revelation as God confirmed that these two mocking spirits MUST be turned back...

PLEASE JOIN US IN A NATIONAL FAST FOR THE LAST DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTIONS. THROUGH Nov 2 (Election Day).

As you read this, we are on a prayer journey from Kansas City, the heart of America, to Washington, D.C. We will be traveling along Interstate Highway 70 and holding gatherings in Missouri, in Ohio, Pennsylvania and Florida, all swing states. We believe that God has commissioned us on this divine national assignment to resist and turn back these two mocking and destructive spirits of homosexuality and abortion. This is not our task alone – it's the mandate to the church in this hour to cry out to God for mercy, in repentance.

See **www.TheCauseUSA.com** for more details. The deadlines for voter registration across states are rapidly approaching. If you have not yet done so, please register right away so that you will be assured of your vote.

The 2000 presidential elections were decided by a mere 537 votes, yet 4 million evangelicals never bothered to exercise their God-given authority and vote!

It is not exaggeration to say these could be some of the most important elections in our nation's history. Please set aside time to pray every day between Sept 24 (Day of Atonement) and November 2, which is 40 days exactly!

SUPREME COURT NEEDS SUPREME LEADER
The next President of the United States of America will decide the fate of legalized abortion and whether millions of innocent lives can continue to be taken in our country, 'legally' with the full permission of the law...

In 2000, in *Stenberg v. Carhart*, the U.S. Supreme Court - by a narrow 5-4 vote - struck down a Nebraska abortion ban. This five-member pro-choice majority would be overthrown by the appointment of just one new Justice, by the next president!

- **Chief Justice Rehnquist, appointed 32 years ago by Nixon, is now 80.**
- **Justice Stevens, appointed 29 years ago by Ford, is 84 years old.**
- **Justices O'Connor appointed 23 years ago by Reagan, is 74 years old**

- **Justice Ginsburg, appointed 11 years ago by Clinton is 71 years old.**

Any of these Justices could vacate their seats during the next 4 years, due to illness, death or retirement!!

It is clear that the influence of a Supreme Court judge far outlasts that of the president who appointed them. The outcome of Nov 2 will decide the judicial future of America for decades to come, not only in the Supreme Court but also with the appointment of federal judges.

It is critical to be praying for both the presidential race and the 34 Senate races around the country, since this would either aid or hinder the progress of the president's bills, Supreme Court appointments and cabinet recommendations. Control of the Senate is up for grabs and could go either way. Pray for those sixty votes needed to break any senate filibuster. (Amos 5:15a, 24)

Recognizing the fragile balance of the Supreme Court, pro-abortion activists have mobilized a massive campaign to defeat President Bush and thrown their weight behind someone who will advance their agenda. They are confident in their choice, since this is the senator with the most liberal voting record of anyone in the senate, bar none; more liberal than Ted Kennedy or Hillary Clinton on all issues: none other than John Kerry.

Despite being a Catholic, John Kerry has publicly pledged that as president he would appoint only judges who support Roe v. Wade!!

God instituted human government to restrain violence. As Rom 13:3-4 tells us, government should hold no terror for the blameless, since it bears the sword to punish evildoers. However, when governments become renegade, they cross their own boundaries and use that sword against the innocent.

Through legalized abortion, over 40 million American babies have been terrorized in the womb since 1973, yet the church still votes for those who sanction such an atrocity! Through our votes, we are guilty before God of making alliances with governments whose laws enshrine evil, particularly the evil of shedding innocent blood, the ultimate moral offense.

Perhaps it bothers you that I am coming out so strong on this issue and naming names. All I can say is that millions of unborn children's lives are at stake here and we have an historic opportunity to turn the tide. In light of that, I cannot take a different stand. Please join us boldly in an extended fast for out nation's future!

This is not about party politics or political careers; it is about righteousness and justice. God is neither a Republican nor a Democrat and He does not play favorites. He stands alone above all governments of men with Kingdom authority. His throne is established forever on righteousness and justice – it is mightier than the breakers of the raging sea of history. He judges the nations by His eternal law and does not ask kings and judges for their opinion, but calls them to give an account for how they govern.

Will we have a nation governed by the laws of God or the convenient compromise of man? Who is willing to take a stand on absolutes? While he is far from perfect, on issues of moral consequence, such as opposing embryonic stem cell research, partial birth abortions and gay marriage, George Bush has stood firm.

The End of Silence

Did you ever wonder how Jezebel, a foreign Baal worshipper ended up at the royal court in Israel, married to Ahab, the king? The answer is simple: politics, money and convenience opened the door for her deadly influence in the nation. She was a Phoenician princess and in keeping with the custom of those days, her marriage to Ahab was probably arranged as part of a peace treaty and trade agreement with Sidon, a port city that bordered on Israel's territory.

For the sake of "peace" and their economy, Israel was willing to turn a blind eye to the vile worship of Baal that Jezebel aggressively promoted, which included homosexual acts, the offering up of the innocent children on the altars of Baal, and the murder and intimidation of the prophets of God.

In this dark hour on Mt Carmel, Elijah confronts the people of Israel with this burning question: "How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Baal, follow him." ***But the people did not answer him a word.'*** (1 Kings 18:21)

That verse stuns me! How is it possible to remain undecided and passive when faced with such a choice? Yet all around us, political correctness has intimidated the Church into whimpering eunuchs in the palace of Jezebel. How long will we remain silent in this day of trouble?

We cannot waver between two opinions on the moral issues of our day: abortion and gay marriage. In our desire to hold onto our 501(c)3s tax-exemptions, the church has surrendered her voice for economic benefit. This is wrong!

Jesus told us that we were to render our taxes unto Caesar, but we were never to render our voices. Can you imagine the prophet Elijah worrying about the IRS taking away his tax breaks if he anointed (i.e. endorsed) Jehu as king... or John the Baptist softening his words because he didn't want Herod to take away his cave?!

Imagine the many prayer meetings during time of slavery that totally ignored the burning issue of their day... We cannot compromise moral standards for economic benefits or we are no different than those who turned a blind eye to the suffering during the days of slavery prior to the civil war.

Perhaps the greatest sin of the present church in America is that we have succumbed to silence and political correctness. We cannot continue to make alliances with those who legislate evil. The church has become afraid of being called a "troubler of Israel." But this is all coming to an end because the silent screams of 44 million murdered babies that have been heard by God, their cry has gone up before Him and He will not long tolerate this...

Psalm 94:20 is very clear on this issue, "Shall a throne of destruction which devises evil by law have fellowship with you?" the scripture asks. In other words, will you align yourself with a government that sanctions evil through the very laws they pass?

Be careful how you cast your vote in November. To vote for those who support the legalization of evil is to have fellowship with them and we will be held accountable for our agreement with them.

Meeting with Bob Jones

Two weeks before the dream about the tornadoes of homosexuality and abortion, I met with Bob Jones, a father prophet to us. **He told me we are literally praying for the very survival of our nation, at this time.** Bob prophesied to me that the Catholic vote in Ohio was critical to this election and we need to pray for that.

Bob shared again the open vision the Lord gave him in July 1999, prior to George W. Bush's election as president. In this vision, he was surrounded by water up to the ankle, which became water to the knee. It represented a time of favor and blessing upon the righteous but he also knew this meant a time of "troubled waters" was coming upon the nation. Then Lord told him a "burning bush" would come out of Texas, someone who would incline his ear to the word of the Lord...

Many of you may have read this previously on this Elijah List. However, what is not been widely known is the last half of this vision, which I share here with Bob's permission. **In this vision, the Lord showed Bob if George W. Bush got elected to a second term, he would end abortion!!**

Bob also confirmed to me what we have concluded from the facts: given the age of the judges on the Supreme Court, three new justices would be appointed during the next presidential term, setting the course of the Courts for decades to come!

The Lord also showed Bob that in his second term, George Bush would open the door to a godly successor who would be in office for two terms and would usher in full-blown, historic revival! America would thus be blessed by sixteen years of mercy and grace. Should this not occur, our nation will surely face the judgments of God in increasing measure for our sins. Bob made the severity of this word very, very clear to me.

It is important to understand the abolition of abortion in our nation and the election of this coming godly president is a conditional promise from the Lord. It's fulfillment rests on the prayers and intercession of the church.

Today, God is offering us the historic opportunity to end the legalized killing of the next generation. Please set aside these last few weeks for fasting and prayer for America. May we not be silent or apathetic in this hour, but let our cries be heard in heaven and our votes counted on earth!!

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Our Inheritance

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,
The themes of the scroll of redemption, inheritance and the qualifications thereof, have been brought up in recent letters. Last week mention was made of the hope that had been laid up for us in heaven, of which we have heard in *"the word of the truth of the gospel"* (ref. Col 1:5). The wonderful news is that now this "word of truth" has come to us, as the following verse indicates, *"which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and brings forth fruit, as it does also in you, since the day you heard of it, and knew the grace of YHVH in truth"* (v.6). Is this good news or what? This mystery of Messiah in us is the hope of glory, and with Him comes all the riches of our inheritance. *"Even the mystery which has been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His called out ones, to whom YHVH would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Nations; which is Messiah in you, the hope of glory"* (Col 1:26-27). What are the riches of our inheritance that have come to us, being in us and bearing fruit?

The Apostle Peter points out that we have become partakers of the divine nature: *"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these we might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust"* (2 Pet. 1:4). Armed with this knowledge of the Word, what are these precious promises that are now in us?

Paul's greatest desire and passion was to share with the believers this incredible reality, and this is why he prayed that the Father of glory would give the believers the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, His calling and the riches of the glory of His inheritance which is now in us, so that we would come to understand the exceeding greatness of His power unto us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power, which He demonstrated through the anointing of His Spirit in Yeshua when he raised Him from the dead (Eph 1: 16-20 paraphrased). Paul wanted us to be strengthened with might through the indwelling presence of the Spirit of Holiness that is now working in our inner man, and that the reality of Messiah's life would dwell in our hearts through faith, so that we would be able to comprehend with all the believers the breadth, length, depth and height of this inheritance, but especially the divine nature of love that is in Messiah, so that we may be filled with all the fullness of Elohim (Col 3:16-19 paraphrased). For our Heavenly Father's nature is unconditional love (ref. 1 John 4:8).

Let us take a look at what is in us; that is at the divine nature *"which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance"* (Gal 5:22-23). Reading this list may cause one to wonder whether this divine nature is truly within… If you have received Messiah Yeshua, through the anointing of the Spirit of Holiness, I assure you that this is His nature and these character traits are already in you, to which you may reply: “I don’t see this nature being manifest through me.” Both Paul and Peter help us with the dilemma. Peter writes that we must come to the knowledge of YHVH and Messiah Yeshua (ref. 2 Pet 1:2). He also adds that if we give all diligence to the faith, believing that the life and nature of the Messiah is our life and nature, and add to this understanding through the faith – this knowledge, to the knowledge - temperance, to the temperance - patience, and to the patience - godliness, and to the godliness - brotherly kindness and to that unconditional love, we will bear the fruit of the divine nature in our lives. Peter ends this little list with a very important statement: *”For if these things be in you, and abound, you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our King Yeshua Messiah”* (2Pet.1:8). Paul states that, *“you died, and your life is hidden with Messiah in God. When Messiah who is your life appears* [or reveals Himself], *then you also will appear* [you will know who you are as a new creation being] *and together be revealed with Him in glory”* (Col. 3:3-4). This can only happen if we are walking in the faith, as we move from faith to faith and glory-to-glory - looking to Messiah Yeshua whose Spirit life is resident in us.

Faith in the gospel of the Kingdom and Yeshua the Messiah through the writings of the apostles, as they received it from the Torah and the Prophets, reveal to us some very fundamental insights. If we are to possess our inheritance, that is the divine nature and the riches and the glory, we must continually stand on the foundation stone of the faith and of YHVH’s work through the death, burial, and resurrection of His Son. Paul makes it very clear that when Yeshua died *“all men died”*, and that we are no longer to judge men by the flesh, nor to even recognize them after the flesh (ref. 2 Cor. 5:14-16). You and I died on that cross once and for all, but are alive because of Him who is our life. (ref. Col. 3:1-4). He is the new creation Man, the One New Man and we are members of His body. *“Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Yeshua our Messiah”* (1 Pet 1:13). *“For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is unconditional love”* (1 Cor. 13:12-13).
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Our Inheritance II
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Shalom Fellow Israelite,
To continue looking at our inheritance, we first must define two words that are translated “world”, the reason being is that Abraham our father and we his seed, or sperm, have a promise from YHVH to inherit the world; howbeit, not through trying to keep the law, but through faith. Of the patriarch it was written, *“the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world [kosmos], was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith”* (Rom. 4:12-13). The word used here for “world”, in the Greek, is from Strong’s 2889 - ko,smoj kosmos {kos'-mos}, described as: “An apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government.” The Apostle John gives a glimpse into what constitutes this present “kosmos”: *“For all that is in the kosmos, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the kosmos. And the kosmos passes away, and the lust thereof”* (1 John 2:16-17). Is this the kosmos that Abraham was promised, or is there another, that will not pass away, that was preserved in heaven but has now come to us through the Spirit of Holiness (ref. Col 1:5-6)?

The other word that is translated world is aivw,n aion {ahee-ohn'}, described as: evermore, age, eternal, period of time, a fixed order of time. This is the world that according to Paul we have been transferred out of: *“…Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world [age], according to the will of God and our Father”* (Gal. 1:4).

In order to understand what makes up this kosmos, we have to return to the garden of man’s delight - Eden. Man was created with an inherent weakness (see 1 Cor. 15: 42-49). Unlike the reptiles, animals and birds, to which YHVH gave natural instincts, smells and colors to govern them and attract like-life forms in order to perpetuate their respective species, man was given faith, a will and an attribute of the heart called desire. He was given these in order to enable him to have a relationship with his Creator, himself, and others of his own order as well as with the creation. Adam/man was to grow into the same likeness and nature as Elohim. The Creator also declared that he was to have dominion and rule over all living things. To the first humans it was given to establish the first “kosmos”, as they walked by faith with their Creator. Adam and Eve were to serve and to channel Spirit-life and light that they received from this divine relationship, to the kosmos of the creation. That was to be the first expression of the Kingdom of YHVH on earth. However, we know that in the Garden there was another tree, which contained a potential spiritual influence over man’s faith, will and desire. Let us remember who placed the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden in the first place. And let us also bear in mind that YHVH already had a signed and sealed document called the scroll of redemption. In other words, He was taking full responsibility for His plan.

Satan was well aware of Adam and Eve’s inherent weakness, of which he was about to take full advantage. He knew that they had the potential to believe a lie, and once their faith was diverted from looking toward their relationship with their Creator, he could tempt them through desire (lust), and cause their will to choose his kingdom and express his nature. So when Eve looked at the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil she saw that the *“tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise”* (Gen. 3: 6). However, the fruit was not congruent with her (and Adam’s) well-being. Instead of eternal life coursing through their being, death began to reign in and through them, consequently affecting the rest of Creation. This may sound tragic, but it was all in YHVH's plan (see Rom 8:20).

Adam and Eve still had dominion over a now groaning creation, but they were being governed by another spiritual kingdom; Satan became their lord, king and constant companion. Satan's corporate servant called "Adam" became his channel of expression through the demonic forces that could now influence, inhabit and give expression to their nature through the usage of lust. Satan's kosmos was thus being manifested through the lust of flesh ("good for food"), the lust of the eyes ("pleasant to the eyes"), and the pride of life ("to make one wise"), and consequently man was trapped in his own prison house; the principalities and powers of this evil kosmos were now in charge. Humanity was thrown into a realm of spiritual darkness so deep that they believed themselves to be like Elohim. Satan's nature of disobedience, rebellion and the pride of life, self-preservation and self-centeredness occupied the mind of man. Deception engulfed him to such an extend that he now believed that the knowledge of good and evil would enable him to take charge of his life and become like God, and that he therefore no longer needed his Creator.

Satan now had a body, which Paul defines as the *"body of sin"* (ref. Rom 6:6), through which he could express his fallen nature. However, there was a mystery that still smoldered like a spark in the heart of man; a mystery which YHVH, in His wisdom, kept hidden in the depths of His own Spirit-life. It was like an embryo that would have to wait until the seed (the flesh of man) could fall to the ground and die. This happened when Yeshua went to the stake and gave up His life. From YHVH's standpoint, through His Son all of humanity received the penalty for sin, that is death (ref 2 Cor. 5:14-16). Adam the seed, (1 Cor 15: 44) was now planted into the ground with Yeshua, (Rom 6:4) but as Paul relates it will also be raised but each man in his own order. (1Cor 15:23).

As for us, who have been raised in Messiah, in order to receive the promise that our forefather Abraham was given, we must now live in this faith reality of life in Messiah Yeshua. We can only be in Messiah by faith, and it is only faith which will allow us to continue living in this truth. *"I am crucified with Messiah: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Messiah lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by [or because of] the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me"* (Gal. 2:20).

Paul says that *"whatsoever is not of faith is sin"* (Rom. 14:23). *"Let us [therefore] lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Yeshua the author and finisher of our faith"*, so that we of the Abrahamic seed might receive the promise of our inheritance.

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Out Within 35 Days

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Highlights from ministry of Kim Clement on TBN 01/12/04

Talk about stepping out, in Utica, NY, for those of you who don't know anything about my ministry, the Lord has given me very, very clear words about political things that have come to pass, very clear. We've had the Secret Service visit me a number of times and investigate because of these prophecies. They are more interested and they have interpretations for this that I and the church didn't even think about.

Osama Ben Laden said that in 35 days, America, he was prophesying, predicting, that this country would be abolished basically, wiped out, because he has a plan for 35 days. And the word of the Lord came to me... the spirit of the Lord said to me, "You prophesy that the very thing that he said and predicted for this nation, tell him, prophesy, that that is reversed, and I'm going to bring him out in 35 days!"

And then he said this - the Spirit of the Lord said, "There is a resurrection day coming over this Easter. This will be, the Easter that is coming now will be one of the greatest Easters this nation has ever celebrated. Why? Because there will be a resurrection of the dead, speaking spiritually of revelation that has died, of prophetic words that have died and been buried in the ground." "This Easter," says the Spirit of the Lord, "Not only will I bring your greatest enemy out, but I will also bring about a severe judgment against the powers and the principalities that have come against my servants, against my people. There shall be a judgment," says the Lord.

CURES WILL BE DISCOVERED FOR DISEASES

Alzheimer's has come against too many of God's people... The word of the Lord, the prophetic word of the Lord is coming to you tonight. Alzheimer's, diabetes, Parkinson's disease, a rare bone disease and lung, God says, these five things will suddenly come to the surface with incredible discoveries and it will begin this year... God is going to bring it to pass because of your prayers... We declare it is done, in the Name of Jesus...

If you are believing with me right now for your family, I don't care whether it is some disease in their body or whether it is some deliverance that they need, whatever it is God's Spirit is present right now to free them from it. Yesterday is over. Are you with me? I declare the word of the Lord to everyone who is listening to me right now... I release creative truth on them right now. Whoever's listening, whoever's watching right now by television, Lord, I pray that you release them from that thing as well - the forces of death that want to take them out. It's time to live. It's time to enjoy the kingdom of God, therefore, live, live, live in the name of Christ.

A PRAYING PRESIDENT FOR ANOTHER TERM

There's an invasion into the Kingdoms of darkness... He's giving us access into the political powers. Look at President Bush; he prays. We needed a praying president, and we needed a praying president for another term, and there will be another praying president for another term... All over the world, God is sending his young people to invade the kingdoms of darkness and the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our God and his Christ.

IT'S FOR OUR GENERATION

God says, "There have been prophetic words that have been spoken out that have been buried that have not come to pass," and God says, "This generation that you think are dying, they are going to fall on the prophetic promises that have (been) buried and your children literally will be raised up as children that have life and children that will bring the word of the Lord," in the name of Jesus we prophesy that.

.All of these things that have been prophesied, not just by me, but by many, many great men of God, and those that have even died that were in the 40's that prophesied and predicted the things that have not come to pass, it's for our generation. It's for our time, people - masses coming in, a great harvest...

When I came into the city (of Miami) I got so thirsty and I thought maybe because it's I've been flying... I was so thirsty. Even when I came in here I was so thirsty - unusually thirsty - and God said, "It's what's happening in Florida specifically. There's a tremendous thirst for something fresh and something new, and it's going through out America. The only way we're going to get big churches, if you want a big church, the only way it's going to happen is if there's a hunger in the hearts of people.

THE MONTH OF MARCH

On March the 11th and the month of March has been set aside by God for the Church in the United States of America for something unbelievably wonderful to happen - so powerful... God just said to me, there's going to be one unusual event .. almost like a renting of something, a curtain, a veil for the church. So pastors and leaders... watch the month of March. It's going to be one of the most fabulous anointings that's going to be released, and what you've struggled to get... whatever it is, it's going to be released like that just in one second. It's payback time.

PRAYER BY KIM

"Father, I pray for every man or woman, every person watching right now. You have the ability to change it by God's word. I release you from your present bondage. I command you to see what God is allowing you to see and I free you this very minute from the bondages that the enemy is bringing against you, so that you'll enter this year to your promise and into the Kingdom, in the Name of Jesus."

Overcoming Sin

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

In last week's letter I touched on a couple of issues that generated some questions. The present letter is written in light of some of those questions.

In most of the apostles' writings, or teachings on faith, the latter is presented as an active part of life. Faith must be exercised in order for us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Son of the Father (ref. 2 Pet. 3:18). James says: *"Faith without works is dead"* (James 2:17,20). This is especially true when it comes to sanctification. Nothing is going to happen in this area unless we actively participate with the Spirit of Holiness. Unfortunately, we, along with many others, have been ignorant of this fact and as a result ended up in the condition described by the prophet: *"Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge…Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure"* (Isa 5:13:14).

What do we do when sin has become so engrained into our being, that it is even reflected in our personality and seems to be a permanent part of our make up? We have heard it quoted many times that we must *"cast down every imagination, or reasoning that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Messiah"* (2 Cor 10:5). But if we are deficient in our knowledge of Truth, that is the knowledge of who the Father is in His Son, we can be very easily fooled into believing lies, particularly those that masquerade as truth. Scriptures do tell us that Satan can act like an angel of light and his ministers (demons) may be transformed into ministers of righteousness (ref 2 Cor 11:14-15). Thus, if we have been saved out of the ignorance of this world's wisdom, it behooves us to seek first YHVH's kingdom, His righteousness and the wisdom that is from above from the Father of light. We also must renew our minds by the revelation knowledge of our new creation life in Messiah Yeshua.

A question that I have been pondering at various times, after falling prey to the enemy, was: how do we permanently get rid of the power of sin? How do we renew our minds so that it no longer thinks any other thoughts except in accordance with the mind of Messiah? The apostle Paul faced a very similar problem when he confessed through his letter to the believers in Rome: *"For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me"* (Rom 7:19-20).

I think most of us can relate to that statement of Paul's, as there are those things that work in us that we know to be sin but just can't seem to get rid of. So how does Paul deal with this problem? He has a wonderful excuse. He maintains that it is no longer he who was performing these activities, but the power of sin that was "working in his members". Well, I to could say that the devil made me do it (and as a matter of fact that may not be so far from the truth). Indeed, Satan was the originator of it all. However, Paul does say that it is possible to overcome this wretched part called the *"power of sin working in our members". "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God -- through Yeshua the Messiah our Lord!"* (Rom 7:26-27). That is a great answer, but what does it mean? Is it practical advice? What exactly does he have in mind by this phrase "through Yeshua Messiah our Lord"?

"Through" - dia (dee-ah'), a primary preposition denoting the channel of an act; by, through, for, for this cause, because, by the means of, the ground or reason by which something is or is not done; by reason of; on account of; because of for this reason; therefore; on this account. (Strongs)

When we call upon Yeshua, yielding to His righteousness, which releases the flow of His life and nature in us, the power of sin will weaken and ultimately will diminish to nothingness in our life.

Therefore we must willfully stop identifying and participating with sin. There is a fundamental faith factor here that must come into the equation for overcoming sin forever. It will take an actual intermingling of the waters of the Spirit of Holiness with the waters of our life, by living our life from Yeshua's source, that is the Spirit of the Father.

This word "through" means the finished work, act, labor of faith and willing obedience, which was exercised by our Redeemer when He gave up His life on the execution stake/tree. The world of sin, Satan and his kingdom were overcome once and for all when Yeshua the perfect man died. This was the Father's righteous judgment upon the son of disobedience (Adam). But the good news is that Yeshua was not only a man, He had another life in Him, the indestructible, eternal Life of His Heavenly Father. That power raised Him from the dead and transferred Him into a realm of glory so high that He now rules over all principalities and powers in the heavens and on earth. If the rulers of this age had known that this would be the outcome of the crucifixion, they would have never done it (ref. 1 Cor 2:8). They were defeated and all humanity was reconciled to the Father, as He (the Father) through the blood (life) of His Son opened the gate of fellowship that man once had in the garden with Him.

We, who are of the first fruit of the risen life, contain within us the same life and power that raised Yeshua from the dead and defeated every attempt of the enemy to get Yeshua to fail and to fall. The Word tells us that we are seated with Yeshua in heavenly places and that we have the same authority over all these rulers and powers, but not in ourselves; only "through" the lordship, rulership, kingdom authority of the Only Begotten Son of the Father -"Yeshua". There is no other provision made to come out from under and have victory over the powers of sin and darkness. We cannot do it through righteous deeds or dead works. The apostle says "through our Lord Yeshua the Messiah".

Whether we are looking to overcome sin in the form of its temptations, lusts, pride, personality characteristics, or of its programming that is engrained in our minds, it is possible to defeat it through active obedience. Loving YHVH with all our heart, mind and strength binds us to Him in such a way that it releases His life and nature into ours. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Not only do we have to come to the knowledge of who He is, but also to become aware of that which He is not. We have to take the responsibility to repent when we participate with that foreign nature of sin, resist temptation, work out and practice the divine nature that is now in us, as the Spirit has given to us everything pertaining to life and godliness. Our true nature in Him is listed as: *"love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law"* (Gal. 5:22-23). The body of Messiah has been given workers *"for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah"* (Eph. 4:12-13). Yeshua also said that it is possible to become a perfect man: *"Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect"* (Matt. 5:48).

But thanks be to God [our Heavenly Father], who gives us the victory "through" our Lord Yeshua our Messiah (1 Cor. 15:57).

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

Overcoming the Beast
Rick Joyner

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Last week, we began our study of the beast, and the "mark of the beast" (Revelation 16:2). As stated, because this beast comes "up out of the earth" (Revelation 13:11) this speaks of it being borne out of humanism, or earthly mindedness. We also know that the "mark of the beast" is an economic mark that enables one to "buy, sell, or trade." Therefore, we can expect the economic systems of this earth to become more and more humanistic, and demanding more and more allegiance to the religion of humanism.

If we are approaching this time, which it seems obvious that we are, one might assume it will become increasingly difficult to be successful in the economy of this world without compromising more and more of the basic issues of our faith. That will be true in many ways, but there is another major factor that we must consider. The Lord is also establishing the foundation for His kingdom in the earth.

There is another economy in the earth! It will ultimately be the most successful of all. As we read in Daniel 2 concerning the statue that represented the kingdoms of this world, a stone is going to strike the feet of this statue, and the statue will come down. That little stone will grow into a mountain and then fill the whole earth.

It is important that we understand how the kingdom of God is also coming at this time or we will overreact to the things that are happening in the world, and by that fail to be a part of God's solution which He provides for every scheme of the devil. Our goal is not to just flee from the economy of this world, but to be a part of establishing one that is greater, having more substance and strength than anything the world has.

It is because of the root of evil, which is the love of money, and the coming of the beast and his mark, that understanding Christian economics is going to become one of the important issues of our time. However, we should not want to study this just for these reasons, but in order to obey God, and do all things according to His ways. For this reason, as we study this beast and the present systems of this world and its economy, we will give even more attention to the kingdom of God, and living according to the Lord's ways in these things.

As we proceed, I think you will not only find these principles interesting, but compelling and life changing. A basic calling upon every Christian is to live in victory in these things, and to do so is not at all complicated. However, to do so does not just include a knowledge of these biblical prophecies and what is happening in the world, but it requires living by and manifesting the fruit of the Spirit. It will require love, faith, patience...

To serve the Lord as we are called to in this time requires that each of us have the following basic economic plan for our life:

1) We live on the unlimited supply of God's kingdom, having an abundance for everything we are called to do.

2) We owe no man anything but to love them.

That is the simplicity of God's economic plan. This is the top of the mountain, but to get there we need to understand where we are, and what is the quickest path to the top. We can actually cover this in just a few weeks. It will take a little longer for us to get to the top of this mountain, but we can get there, and we must. We may think money is not that important to God, and it is not, but how we handle it is. As the Lord Jesus Himself said in Luke 16:10-13:

"He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. "If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you? "And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

Our goal should never be to make decisions based on money, but on the will of God. Money is given to serve us, and we must never become the servants of money. Those who are free in this way will be the most free and powerful people on the earth in the times to come. There is no one on this earth, even the antichrist, who is more powerful than one who is in the center of God's will for their life. The least in God's kingdom has far more power living in them than all of the antichrists combined. Our purpose for being here is to live in and represent the kingdom of God in all that we do.

God has another economy, and if our lives are built on it we will not care at all whether we can buy, sell, or trade in this world's economy. Living by that economy should be a basic goal of every Christian. Those who build their lives on God's economy will never fear what is happening in the world's economy. They will not only be adequately provided for in all things, but they will "have an abundance for every good deed" (II Corinthians 9:8).

The Beginning Of Judgment
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Last week we discussed how the primary way we will escape from the mark of the beast is to take the mark of God by becoming a true bond-servant of Christ. One of the principles of the last days that we have not yet discussed is how the judgment of God will come forth. A fundamental aspect of His judgment is to simply let us reap what we sow. In Galatians 6:7-8, we are warned about this:

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

The choices we make every day determine most of the future consequences of our lives. If we are sowing to our flesh, we cannot expect to grow in the fruit of the Spirit, or to reap good spiritual benefits. As the apostle wrote, this mentality makes a mockery of God, and is a primary reason why much of the world thinks of His church as nothing but hypocrites. As we also read in I Peter 4:17:

For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

God's judgment will begin with His own household. How could He judge the world for its sin when His own people do the same things? This is why it cannot be forever tolerated. He is patient and He is merciful, far more so than we tend to be, but there are limits to both His patience and His mercy. When those limits are reached, He does allow the consequences of our own sin to come upon us. If that does not cause us to repent, then He goes further, until at the end, we see what happens as we read His explanation of the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:37-43:

"The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. "Therefore just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

There is a separation coming to the church. The pretenders or those who have become lukewarm, or have given themselves over to sin, will be separated from the true. His church at the end will be a pure, spotless, bride of which He is worthy. Along with the harvest that is now taking place, there is also a great falling away taking place. Many of these who are "falling away" may still go to church faithfully, and may even go on missions, but their love is growing colder, and their attachment to the world, its ways, and its sin, is growing.

If this has been happening to us now, it is the time to repent, to turn around, renounce the world and its ways, and give ourselves fully to do the will of the Lord. As stated, every Christian is called to be a bond-servant of Christ, but very few truly are. Most go on living their lives for themselves, and not for Christ.

This is also the product of a terrible perversion of the gospel that we have seen in recent times. It has been very basically changed from "He came to save us from our sin," to a gospel that says He came to save us from our troubles. As psychological studies have shown that the way a person is born in the natural can have an impact on their entire life, this is just as true in the spiritual-the way in which a person comes to the Lord can determine the quality of their entire spiritual life. Those who respond to a gospel that promotes self-centeredness and selfishness will remain that way. Those who come because of the deep conviction of their sin, and their desperate need for deliverance from their sin, which compels them to embrace the cross, will be different.

As stated in Matthew 24:12: "And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold." Christians fall into lawlessness because the sin in their life has not been dealt with at the root. When the cross is preached, and people come to the Lord out of the conviction of their sins, and the desperate need for the atonement of the cross, it begins to deal with the self-centeredness that is the fruit of all sin. When someone comes to Jesus out of the desperation to have their sins forgiven by His grace and mercy, they are bonded to Him for their very life, and therefore begin to live for Him.

Also, when people come to Jesus for deliverance from their troubles instead of deliverance from their sin, when troubles come upon them they believe that the gospel does not work, and quickly fall away. Great troubles are going to come upon the world in these times. In Christ we do have the only true deliverance from the troubles of this world, but that does not mean we will not experience any troubles, but rather we overcome them through Christ.

The whole mind-set that many teachings promote, or at least imply, is that Christians should not experience troubles. This has already been the downfall of many, and it will increase as the troubles increase. This is a major root of apostasy, and the great falling away from the faith.

There is no more wonderful life that we could ever have on this earth than the true Christian life; but that life is a life of profound and daily sacrifice. There is simply no life more fulfilling than serving the King, but it is a life of serving nonetheless. This is not about what we want to do, or what we get, but what He wants us to do and how He benefits from our lives. We have been bought with a price and those who have been so redeemed no longer belong to themselves, but to Him.

For some, service to Him will require the ultimate sacrifice-martyrdom. As we get closer to the end of this age, this number will surely increase until it will likely be that a high percentage of all Christians will die for their faith. This has in fact been the case from the beginning. Throughout much of the world today, as soon as one commits their life to the Lord they know they will be killed. I have met Christians from the Middle East where anyone coming to Christ can expect to be killed very quickly. The elders in congregations there have often been Christians less than two years, but it is extraordinary how mature they can become in that time when they know every day may be their last!

Both the falling away and the increasing martyrdom that is coming does not mean the gospel will be losing, but that it will actually be prevailing. Like the cross, God's victories often look like defeats to those who do not have spiritual discernment. Just as the cross was the ultimate victory of the Lord, every time we lay down our lives for His purposes, it is a victory for us. If we have to make the ultimate sacrifice it will be the ultimate honor and victory. However, those who do not lay down their lives daily for Him are not likely to make that ultimate sacrifice when it is required.

Pseudo Christianity will not last long through the fire that is coming. Those who hold to the faith and emerge will be a new breed that are really of the original spiritual stock that beheld and carried the cross. They will be the most fearless people to walk the earth because they will not fear death, having already died to this world. They will also be the richest people on earth, having free access to the spiritual riches of the kingdom, having been proven trustworthy servants. These servants will have graduated to being friends of God, and from friends, to adopted children. They will be the kings in the age to come, but kings whose very nature is to serve their King, and those they are called to rule over. Authority in the kingdom of God is very different from fallen, human authority. Now is the time for us to build our lives on that kingdom, its ways and principles, so that our lives may be a demonstration of it.

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The Great Call
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Last week we learned that because of the root of evil (the love of money), and the coming of the beast and his mark (an economic mark), understanding and living by Christian economics is going to become one of the important issues of our time.

Christians are called to be "in the world but not of it." As we progress toward the end of this age, and the beginning of the next, we must extract ourselves from the systems of this present evil age and build our lives on the kingdom of God that is coming. To serve the Lord as we are called in this time requires that each of us have the following basic economic plan for our life:

We live on the unlimited supply of God's kingdom, having an abundance for everything we are called to do.

2) We owe no man anything but to love them.

This is the simplicity of God's economic plan for our lives. But how do we get there from here? This is what we intend to lay out in a clear, step-by-step plan over the next few weeks. This week we will cover how not to take the mark of the beast.

There is a very simple answer to this nearly two thousand year old question. The way we will be sure of not taking the mark of the beast is to take God's mark. So, one of the ultimate questions that we could ask is, how do we take God's mark? The answer to this begins in Revelation 7:1-3:

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, so that no wind should blow on the earth or on the sea or on any tree.

And I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, having the seal of the living God; and he cried out with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the bond-servants of our God on their foreheads."

Such a seal is the mark of ownership. I believe that this is the time we are in right now. The Lord is restraining the "winds of the earth" until His bond-servants can be sealed. If we have God's mark of ownership, the devil will not be able to put his mark on us.

In this text we must note that it does not say that the Lord is sealing all Christians, or believers, but bond-servants. That the Lord is sealing His bond-servants is crucial to understanding how we will be free from taking the mark of the beast. Not all Christians are bond-servants. We are called to be, and may have an understanding of what it is, but in fact very few are true bond-servants of the Lord.

A bond-servant does not wake up each day and decide what he wants to do. His time is not his own—his time belongs to his Master. A bond-servant does not just decide what he wants to spend his money on. What he has is not his own, but belongs to his Master. The bond-servant is a steward who would not make any major purchases without the permission of his Master. To the bond-servant even his family is not his own. All that he has is his Master's, and he is always conscious that he is but a steward of anything entrusted to him.

The truth is that very few Christians are living as true bond-servants of Christ. We may claim to live our lives for the Lord, but in truth most Christians still live their lives for themselves instead of for the Lord. These make decisions based on their own concerns and wants rather than the interests of the Lord. It is not those who have a good understanding about being a bond-servant who are being sealed by God, but those who are true bond-servants. We are not who we are based on our knowledge, but rather on our life.

Being a true bond-servant of Christ is fundamental to the true Christian life. What we do with our time, money, possessions and so on, says a lot about who we really are, and what we really believe. If we really believe the gospel, we will not be so caught up in the temporary affairs of this present age, but will live for the eternal purposes of Christ. This will be reflected in all we do, and how we treat whatever we have been entrusted with. At the end of this age the pretenders will be separated from those who know Jesus as their Way, their Truth, and their Life.

Even if we have "known the Lord" for many years but have not lived as a true bond-servant, this can be changed in a day. It is not too late to repent and become a bond-servant. He is calling His bond-servants right now. Becoming His bond-servant will establish His mark of ownership on us that no one can erase.

Even though it may seem to be a paradox, those who are the Lord's slaves will be the freest human beings on the face of the earth. The reason His bond-servants will not take the mark of the beast is because they will not need to "buy, sell, or trade" according to the ways of this world. It is the master's responsibility to provide for the needs of his slaves, and there is no Master more capable of this than the Lord. Those who are His true bond-servants never need to fear that they will be lacking all they need. In fact, this miraculous economy of the kingdom of God, and the peace that rests on those who are a part of it, will be one of the great contrasts between those who are of the light, and those who have given themselves over to darkness.

In the coming weeks we will study these issues in more depth, making them very practical. If you are hearing the Master's call now to give yourself as His bond-servant, do not wait until next week. As we are told in II Corinthians 6:1-2, and Hebrews 3:7-4:3:

And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain— for He says, "At the acceptable time I listened to you, And on the day of salvation I helped you"; behold, now is "the acceptable time," behold, now is "the day of salvation"—

Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, "Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, As in the day of trial in the wilderness, Where your fathers tried Me by testing Me, And saw My works for forty years. "Therefore I was angry with this generation, And said, 'They always go astray in their heart; And they did not know My ways'; As I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.' " Take care, brethren, lest there should be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, in falling away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end; while it is said, "Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me." For who provoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they should not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? And so we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief. Therefore, let us fear lest, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it. For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said.

Again, there is no greater peace or no greater rest that we could ever experience than being the Lord's bond-servant. As we read in this text, the rest that we are called to live in as believers is even equated with the Promised Land. This is our goal, our destination. There is nothing on this earth more exciting, more compelling, or more fulfilling. Why would we ever waste our time building on that which is sure to pass away when we have such an eternal inheritance made available to us? To not seize this opportunity to serve the Lord, to be His bond-servant, will only insure our place in eternity with the greatest of fools. Those who are wise enough to hear His call and respond will be the most blessed for eternity. As the Lord Jesus said in Matthew 16:24-28:

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it. "For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? "For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and will then recompense every man according to his deeds. "Truly I say to you, there are some of those who are standing here who shall not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

Our War Is Not Over
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This year's elections have been such a battle, and many of you have exemplified faithfulness in prayer. Thank you!

These elections have created such an intensity in the spirit realm. I have never felt anything like it before. Many, it seems, have been intoxicated by the battle for the White House.

However, it is not a natural passion that drives them, but a supernatural one. What may appear on the surface like passionate opposition for a certain candidate is really a spirit of rebellion that is trying to take control of our nation, and the heart of this nation has been at the core of this battle.

The spirit of rebellion like we've never seen before has been unleashed on America in the form of political passion and it has created war-like atmosphere in the supernatural realm. Many, in the name of politics, have acted unscrupulously. It was not a political passion that drove them, but a demonic desire to rebel.

It has fed into our selfish desire to fight and debate...to be right! It has caused rifts between neighbors, churches and friends. Many feel that if someone doesn't share their political views it is okay to not like them. Honestly, it is like a civil war with no borderline between fighting factions.

Have you ever felt in yourself a strong desire at times to react in the flesh when you see a certain sign in a neighbor's yard or a bumper sticker on a car? Regardless of someone's political beliefs, God still loves them, and because He loves them, we must love them too.

Our political opinions do not give us a license to hate! We are still bound by the law of love that says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (see Mt. 22:37-40).

Though the elections have ended, the battle for the heart of this nation has not. Our war is not over, friends. When the spirit of rebellion does not get its way, it becomes violent. So, now is not the time to lay our weapons down, but to continue on in diligent prayer for this nation. Now is the time to be on our guard; to be sober and prevailing in prayer.

We cannot afford to give in to our selfish and react in the flesh to the disdainful reactions of others. We, as the Body of Christ, must react with humility showing the love of Christ. Humility and love are our greatest weapons in the war for the soul of America. If we can humble ourselves when confronted and counter attack the enemy with love and blessings for our neighbor, we will see a great victory.

After the civil war ended our nation was left divided; it took generations to dispel the divisions that took root after that great victory. We must not allow our political views to keep us from showing the love of Christ. "Politics" is not a license to hate or act contemptuously towards others.

We must remember, "A soft answer turns away wrath," and I might add, so does a plate of cookies!

We must react in humility towards those of a differing political view. Humility demonstrated in forgiveness and love will win this nation over, one by one, heart by heart. Our soft answers will disarm the demon of rebellion and save our nation.

We must continue on in fervent prayer and come against the spirit of rebellion that has hit our nation so mercilessly. We must continue to seek God for His mercy to be shed abroad on our nation

We must seek God for a spirit of truth to intervene on behalf of our nation and drive back the lies of the spirit of rebellion; and to uncover the deception that has fueled the fire of this presidential campaign. Deception must be exposed and the lies of the enemy dispelled, for only then will we have a true victory!

Pray this with me:
Father, thank You for the leaders You have given us and I ask You to cover them with Your wings of protection. Give them wisdom and discernment, and love for all they lead. I ask You for a spirit of truth to dispel the lies of the enemy. I take authority over the spirit of rebellion and command it to leave our nation in Jesus' name!

Help me to exemplify Your heart to my neighbor no matter what their political views. Make me a bridge builder and a heart mender! Love my neighbor through me and use me to change the world!

God, please bless America! In Jesus' MIGHTY name, Amen!

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Hidden but Not Forgotten
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He has you hidden for a purpose; you are His secret weapon!

"My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place" (Psalm 139:15).

Have you ever felt forgotten by God? Do you feel invisible? Does God seem to be blessing everyone except you? Do your expectations of God seem to meet with cold indifference from Him? If your answer is "yes," then rejoice, because you are at the edge of a miracle! You are on the verge of a breakthrough! The door to your destiny is about to swing open!

The most difficult time of any birth is the few moments right before you deliver your baby into the world. You are exhausted beyond what you can even endure . . . you cannot stand it anymore. You have pushed and pushed and have exhausted all your strength. You want to scream, "I can't do this . . . I can't!" BUT you must! It is at this moment that you must push the hardest and exert yourself the most. You are crying, "I can't," and everyone around you is yelling, "PUSH!"

Then, somewhere deep inside you, strength arises! You have a determination now, where a hopeless feeling used to dwell. Now you cry from the depths of your heart, "I can," and "I will!"

You are at the verge of a breakthrough and perhaps you are tired of believing, but only you can break through to your miracle. Only you can give birth to your destiny! Only you can fight through to your dream's fulfillment. Your God will give you His strength when you have none of your own. When you fall short, He will pick you up because, *"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak" (Isaiah 40:29).*

Hidden Miracles
I have felt this way. I have felt forgotten by God. I wondered if the promise would ever be fulfilled - if God would ever open the door. I had been teetering on the edge of a breakthrough for so long that I began to doubt. "Would it ever really happen?" "Maybe God has changed His mind?" I was tired of waiting, of praying, of hoping in faith! I felt like a butterfly in a cocoon, hidden and forgotten. During that time I wrote this poem:

Someday, I'll Fly . . .

I've not been myself lately or for sometime for that matter.
I'm not sure who "myself" is anymore.
I feel like a caterpillar inside the cocoon.
I'm neither a butterfly nor a caterpillar anymore.
I'm not what I used to be nor am I what I'm going to be.
I cannot go back to what I was,

or what was familiar to me.
I can't rush forward and be what I have not yet become.
It's a miserable place to be.
It's much like a baby in the womb;
you have to wait it out and stay where you are.I hope every day will bring the end;
I know God is almost done working.
I rejoice because the end is near,
but still the pain increases.
It's become too easy to not be anything, just a cocoon.
I want to give up, but You won't let me.
I'm not the caterpillar I used to be
and I'm not the butterfly I know I am becoming.
Becoming a butterfly is scary, painful and exhausting.
I guess I don't want to remain a nothing,
so I'll endure the torturous path out of this cocoon.
And I know, someday, I'll fly!

Years ago we lived in a house with dozens of trees around it. In the fall the trees were covered with cocoons. We would walk by them all the time without taking much notice of them. A miracle was taking place before us and we paid little attention to it. But in the fall, our trees were covered with hundreds of beautiful butterflies. Our children would run through the trees and the butterflies would all take flight. It was a glorious sight to see hundreds of butterflies fill the air, sunlight reflecting off their wings.

Caterpillars are ugly little things, but butterflies are gorgeous. *God loves to make something beautiful out of something ugly. God loves to take the ugly things of our past that Satan meant for our destruction, and turn them into a powerful weapon He can use for our construction. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).*

Death Gives Birth to Life
God takes you through "ugly" situations only to turn you into something beautiful. The cross looked like the end of a dream to the disciples. They expected their Messiah to come, overthrow the Romans and establish His kingdom on this earth. The death of Jesus looked like the end of all their dreams.

Christ tried to warn the disciples of His impending death, but when He spoke of dying, Peter declared, "This shall not happen." Christ knew that this must happen. Like a seed planted in the ground must cease to be a seed in order to become a plant, He knew that His life on earth as it had been must end or He could not bring forth the gift of eternal life for those who would believe in Him.

"In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me, because I am going to the Father" (John 16:17).

His death gave birth to life (see John 11:25)!

The "cocoon" that you are in right now is the "death" that will give birth to your destiny. The painful situation you are enduring right now could be the launching pad for your future.

If you feel as though you are invisible, rejoice, because you are. *God has hidden you away to change you in secret, but soon He will pull you out like a secret weapon and show you off to the world.*

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).

Your heavenly Father will declare, "Look at what My grace has done!" The world will praise Him because they can see what He has done in you. You are His trophy! His reward!

Some may argue then, that you have no right to be where God has placed you. But the voice of your accusers will not even reach your ears, because you have paid the price; you have endured and you have overcome.

And *"You will soar on wings like eagles" (Isaiah 40:31)* and yes you will fly!

This Could Be the Day

When the expected due date for each of my children neared, I would awaken each day with the expectancy that today could be the day that I would deliver this child. Each day I would think, "Today could be the day." I never thought to myself that it just could not happen today, because I knew my time *was* coming and that this day could be the day that I would give birth. As each day ended without seeing the birth of my baby, I would feel somewhat disappointed. But once again another morning would come and I would arise with hope from heaven, remembering that this day could be the day. And I was prepared to go at any time; I had my bags packed and gas in the car.

Each day that you serve God and wait on His timing for your destiny's fulfillment is one day closer to its birth. As you near your time of delivery, you feel in your spirit that the time is near. Perhaps today is the day! You look around you and see your Christian brothers and sisters receive the promises of God in their lives - you are happy for them. But when is it your turn? When will your destiny come forth in the way God promised it would? Each day we must prepare our hearts to believe that, "this could be the day He fulfills His promises to me," and then suddenly He does.

The longer you serve God, the deeper you will trust Him to bring the promise to pass for you. As you near the time of receiving the fulfillment of His call on your life, you can know that every day will bring you one day closer. Today could be the day you receive a great blessing from God. Today could hold the answer you have been waiting for.

Wait in faith through each day as a woman waiting to give birth. God does not bring you to the time of birth just to stop the whole process. He did not bring you this far to leave you now. He will not forget you! It will happen! And remember that *"He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it" (Philippians 1:6).*

"God is not a man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act?" (Numbers 23:19).

If He's promised it, He will do it!

Say this with me:

God will do what He has promised. He has not forgotten me, for I am constantly in His thoughts. God is waiting to fulfill His Word through me. It will happen! This could be the day! God cannot lie; He will not change His mind. I choose to believe what God has told me and not the lies of fear and doubt.

Oscar Winning Quality

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Words for some of the Lands of the Earth
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There are few things that capture the eyes of Americans more than the Oscars, and those that win them. But now I am doing something that will receive oscar winning attention. People have paid more attention to movies and TV than to Me. Yet I created you in MY image as an object of MY love ! Now I will capture your attention. You will see with your own eyes the power of the Living GOD as I exercise MY will over every area, over every system in the earth.

I told you the airwaves would begin to be Mine this year. I am gaining attention now with startling demonstrations of My power. And in the midst of the turmoil and juxtapostioning going on for power in government, will I make MY NAME KNOWN among the peoples of AMERICA !

America you have turned your head like a harlot towards a young man, after entertainment. Now you will see what is really important ! I will bring down
ALL you have idolized. I will exercise the right of MY jealousy for you. You will know there is a God in heaven and you who are humble will turn to Me.

Africa, you have seen great changes and great agony, and I will turn you're the heads of leaders to My will. They will recognize that the gods they serve will no longer be tolerated in My presence. I will do mighty miracles through those who believe for I have seen your tears and have seen the way you worship ME. I will increase that worship and the Spirit of travail that will birth great salvations and escapes from death. BELIEVE that I will heal you of your wounds and oppression as you surrender to My love. There will be many more trials, but the glory of the latter temple will outshine the glory of the former, and you will be carried higher in the heavenly realms in these times to understand the higher principles of My kingdom. I will raise up MIGHTY WARRIORS and DELIVERERS through your sons and daughters that will shock many into submission. So come you priest, come you prophets and weep between the porch and the altar, weep great tears, for I love you and long to heal your land. I will be enthroned among the nations !

Australia, you are known as the land down under. You are also known for your harlotry, your prostitution, your gambling and stealing. But I have a remnant Bride within your midst and she will shine like the stars of the heavens in the midst of you. You will be humbled in not many days time so that you can see also the value of loving one another and not abusing one another. What I value will become what you value in the days ahead and there will be many shooting stars that come out of your nation to bless the nations and sow seeds of love and deliverance and healing.

New Zealand, My heart for you is aching. I have given you many signs and
made clear My power and ability. I have graced you with many blessings, and even as the storms have covered the South Island with snow, I will blanket you with My glory. For within your gates I have found many worthy warriors, and though there is much corruption, there will be a PURGING that will bring forth LIFE out of death. And there will be commensurate signs and wonders, miracles and healings that will startle the lost. Your news will no longer be haughty in their reporting as I do My mighty works within. I am stirring up your faith, and I will release you from the grip of poverty as you turn to worship ME. Sow to the nations, sow to the poor, and I will cut off the head of poverty and the invasion from within. And I will loose you from the ancient spirits that have tried to strangle you.

England, how you have struggled and I have seen the ancient paths, and all the struggles from within. I have also seen the many that gave their lives on foreign fields not from domination, but from a heart to bring the gospel to the nations. And I will honor the blood of the martyrs and I will heal the old wounds and breeches of integrity. I will restore worship in your streets, and there will be a fresh wave of evangelists to the world from your shores. There will be more martyrdom, but the glory of this wave will outweigh any fears, where you have sown tyranny in the past, you will now sow LOVE.

South America and Central America, though you have been ravaged by political corruption, I also have held my hand for a time, but in the days ensuing you will see a great revival spread throughout all Spanish speaking nations of the earth. There will also be an enjoining of ministries of the earth with one another so that many of you will go to the nations and be instrumental in demonstrating the love of GOD to those who do not know how to worship ME. I have given you many gifts and I will exalt My name in you from top to bottom and you will see and behold many mighty miracles.

Oh Canada, how I have longed to hold you in my arms but you would not !
But there will be treachery and changes that will catapult you into MY ARMS of love and you will know how much I love you. Watch your borders and pray My beloveds, fast and pray as the earth groans. Holy Spirit groanings will overtake you and those who love me will shine like the stars in the heavens. The earth will be filled with the GLORY of the LORD. And you will see with your eyes the reward of your prayers and abundant sowing in the nations, for you have taken the gospel all over the earth and you will a great reward.

India, my daughter, prepare for war ! Prepare for war within your gates. Put on the armor of God My precious ones. I will cause you to feed many nations with the wisdom I give you through suffering and hardship. Do not think yourself less because of your physical poverty. For I have shown you My grace and humility and for those who will walk in My humility, I will exalt you and catapult you into divine encounters that will take you higher in heavenly realms. You will see great deliverances from death within the tumult of catastrophe and war within.

Cuba, My precious ones who live under oppression, hunger and deprivation are about to see a great resurgence of FAITH within your borders ! The old regime will die out and a new spark of faith will ignite within your borders and many ministries will come to breathe more life into your hearts and I will restore all the locust has eaten. I will resuscitate you and you will see salvation and deliverance soon.

Haiti, even as the floods of water have overtaken you, will I overtake you and bring great salvation from the hand of the enemy within. I will change the tide of oppression that has encompassed you and the impoverished will become greatly RICH in ME ! Ministries there will take on new humility and great grace will overtake you. I will root out the witchcraft and oppression of the enemy as you establish 24 hour worship within your gates.

France, I have seen the agony and the years of the oppression from the vain philosophies of men, and I have seen the corruption and disdain for Me in many. But again, in you I have seen many who love Me with all their hearts and what you thought would overtake you will NOT. For I will bring it down and you will have a resurgence of prayer and worship that will usher in revival more than you’ve seen in centuries. You are RICH in suffering in the hands of vain leaders, but I remember your suffering and I will RESTORE to you a wealth of many generations that suffered. I will redeem your youth and bring them to other nations to sow seeds of love and humility. Where you have been prideful like the Americans, you will become humble and walk in great GRACE. Amidst the great swell of antichrist activities you will blossom and shine as diamonds among onyx stones.

RUSSIA, I have set my eyes upon you and within you will I stir up the seeds of the martyred and you will now see great changes catapulting you into AWAKENING. I will break down the denominational hatred and you will see unity in love for ME. Do not look at how things seem, but see them with MY eyes. For you are precious to Me, and the suffering you have endured is precious to Me. I will heal you of your many wounds and I will RESTORE spiritual wealth that will be the envy of the earth ! I love you My dancing Bride and I will RESTORE. I WILL RESTORE. I will grant to those who want this healing the wealth of the wicked and there will be a great turn around, as you establish prayer and worship/healing centers in cities . Take the music into the streets and dance My bride ! DANCE !

Japan, You are about to experience shakings like never before, but in the shaking I will shake OFF what has encumbered you from giving your all to ME, the LIVING GOD ! You will shine like the sun that your flag portrays. You truly will be the land of the RISING SON ! I love you and I will uncover all that has been hidden of the treasures within you . I will give you REST in ME.

Syria, did you think you could hide from ME, the LIVING ONE. The ONE who walked among you when you were young and foolish ? Do you think you can hide your plans ? I will uncover your skirts and you will see the TRUTH of WHO I AM. I will remove from you the seeds of corruption and murder, and violence until you will again, after some time, fall prey to another corrupt leader. But in the time of redemption within your walls, will I do mighty works of healing and miracles, so there will be no excuse for delusion and deception. You will know Me, and even as you have given yourself to hidden deeds of darkness, there will be young ones who come forth in glory, in the opposite spirit, to invade other nations with the true WORD of GOD.

TURKEY, your origins were not obscured from My view and I am doing a work in you that will restore ancient foundations and TRUTH. Martyrdom will increase, but the glory of My presence will overtake you and you will once again RETURN TO ME. And the Kurds within your borders will be also saved and returned to sovereignty for their own nation in days ahead, and they too will KNOW ME…and will no longer be blinded to the lies of the enemy and his counterfeits. Miracles, miracles, miracles are coming to you !

Archaeological finds will soon unearth much TRUTH to support MY people in the earth, and there will be shakings within Islam that will lead to openness within their nations to the gospel.

KEEP PRAYING My people for it IS accomplishing much in the nations. I AM REESTABLISHING THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID. I AM CALLING TO YOU TO RESTORE WORSHIP. RESTORE FREEDOM IN WORSHIP ! WORSHIP ME and I will fight FOR you !

The Smell of Roses
Priscilla van Sutphin

Sept 3rd, 2004

“I am the Rose of Sharon and the bright and shining Morningstar !
I am a refuge in times of trouble and the only ONE Who knows you inside and out ! I am the Lover of your soul, and I am the JEALOUS ONE.
I am jealous for your love. I have created man with an ability and desire to seek after Me. I have put eternity in the hearts of men.
There is no excuse for not seeking Me. All creation groans in this hour.

Rom 8:21-23 NKJV
For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

Have you not known ? Have you not heard ? I AM THE ONE WHO SITS ABOVE THE HEAVENS. Heaven is My throne and earth is My footstool.
Where is the house you will build for Me ? And where is the place of My rest ?

Isa 66:1-2 NKJV True Worship and False
Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? 2 For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist, "Says the LORD." But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who trembles at My word. {also acts 7:49}

I am building within you a habitation fit for a King !
I am building within you a living conduit for My love !
I am bringing you forth as gold. I am going to prosper you. But the prosperity I have in mind is not always the way man sees it. My prosperity is to be made WHOLE. My prosperity is to be made a fit

temple for the Holy Spirit, and His power !

2 Cor 5:1-5 NKJV Assurance of the Resurrection
For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, **earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven**, 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, **that mortality may be swallowed up by life.** 5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

I am preparing a fit BRIDE. She will not be emaciated and weak. She will be strong in the power of My might, and she will be prepared for the battle ahead. But if she is still inhabited by external forces of darkness, and internal resistance of emotional handicaps, then how can she be fit you might ask ? I am coming to remedy all that. For I will destroy the work of the destroyer. I will ready My bride. It will not be by might, nor by power of your own making. It will be by GRACE. For by grace you were saved, and that not of your own works.

Eph 2:8-10 NKJV
8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 **not of works, lest anyone should boast.** 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

2 Cor 5:20-21 NKJV For **He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God **in Him.**

2 Cor 5:21 AMP For our sake He made Christ [virtually] to be sin Who knew no sin, **so that in and through Him we might become [endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of] the righteousness of God** [what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness].

I am working through many tests and trials, through much patience and longsuffering to make a Bride that will walk along side of ME – A Bride who will follow My lead. A Bride who will listen to the call of her Lover – A Bride who will respect the wishes of her husband, and who will only have Him in her thoughts, - Not the thoughts of other lovers. The things of this world cannot compare. I do not want an adulterous bride. As I come and breathe life into My Bride and execute My great GRACE, I will loose many signs including many marriages that will reflect the close relationship that I as Bridegroom have with My Bride. Just as newlyweds only have eyes for each other, so will My Bride only long for doing what I want. So I am bringing a death to self in her that will allow Me rulership in your lives. I AM ADONAI…Your LORD and MASTER am I not ? But a Master is in charge. A Master commands respect and honor, and when a master says go, that one who is owned will go. When a master says STOP ! – That person will stop. That is the kind of obedience that will be birthed in My Bride. She will not do what she thinks is best, but will do what I THINK IS BEST. There will be no more independence apart from Me, only dependence on My will, My thoughts, My ways.

Come My Bride and let me love you ! Let me perfume you with the scent of ROSES, with myrrh and frankincense, with cinnamon and cassia. I am pouring into you the essence of who I AM, that you will smell like ME. You will walk, talk and think like ME. You WILL WALK IN THE MIND OF CHRIST. You will walk in the SPIRIT and not according to the flesh.

Song 3:5-11 NKJV
The Coming of Solomon { symbolic of Christ }
THE SHULAMITE
6 Who is this coming out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, With all the merchant's fragrant powders? 7 Behold, it is Solomon's couch,

With sixty valiant men around it, Of the valiant of Israel. 8 They all hold swords, Being expert in war. Every man has his sword on his thigh because of fear in the night.
9 Of the wood of Lebanon Solomon the King Made himself a palanquin: 10 He made its pillars of silver, Its support of gold, Its seat of purple, Its interior paved with love By the daughters of Jerusalem. 11 Go forth, O daughters of Zion, And see King Solomon with the crown With which his mother crowned him On the day of his wedding, The day of the gladness of his heart.

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Transformations
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Do you believe in miracles ? Do you believe in transformation of your soul ?
Do you believe that I am still working in those you see every day that have not committed their lives to Me yet ?
Do you realize that unbelief alters your prayer life ?
When you don't believe I'll do anything, then you don' t pray. For then you think, what's the use, He won't do anything anyhow….or you'll be led to believe that the person can't change. That is because the mind is always searching for answers, and explanations, for understanding.
My Spirit is the Source of all understanding and Wisdom that you need.
If you will bring those persons to ME and lay your concerns for them down at My feet, then I can show you how to pray. I can show you the effectual way to pray. I can show you what to fast against.

And I promise you that if you pray, I will DO something. When you don 't see it right away, doesn't mean I am not working behind the scenes and changing things. You know not the thoughts of man like I do. So just trust Me, that I am transforming that one you have prayed for and begin THANKING ME for the work I am doing on their behalf. Demonstrate your FAITH by thanking Me for that thing you've asked for. For I AM working and I am changing, and I am answering your prayers. If you will have patience, then you will see the fruit of those prayers.

It says in My Word, that if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation.
In the days ahead that will really mean to you total TRANSFORMATION.
For I am escalating again My work in the lost as you pray for them. And you will see many changes and transformations that will astound the average person. Many people even in My church have a far greater faith in their unbelief than in MY ability to transform lives ! What I am about to do in the lives of the youth will totally astound the world. It will astound the church, and it will CHANGE THE CHURCH. For they are a RADICAL generation. And they will be RADICALLY transformed to reflect My glory and they will RADICALLY CONFRONT the established church with any hypocrisy. So
guard your attitudes of heart My church ! For this generation will confront all that is pretense and a lie. They will want UNDERSTANDING for all that is in the Word. And they will want an accounting for all that is not seen done in My church.

This will lead to difficult confrontations. So I am telling you to take up a mantle of humility and TRUTH. Do not rear your back in pride when you are confronted with your own lies and pretense. Humble yourself and you will be saved. For if you only love those who love you, then how are you any better than the Pharisees ? Take My yoke upon you and learn of ME, for I am HUMBLE and lowly of heart. I will destroy all TRADITIONS of MEN that are interfering with My ruling within My church. And I will destroy all that opposes My will. It is a new day, and a time to look to Me for all you need. There is a way that seems right unto a man but it's way leads to death. Look to ME for how to do things and I will give the wisdom and understanding you need.

Prov 14:12 NKJV There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.

Matt 23:14 NKJV Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.

Roots
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Jer 17:7-8 NKJV "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters,Which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; But its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit.

Ezek 31:7 NKJV 'Thus it was beautiful in greatness and in the length of its branches, because its roots reached to abundant waters.

Job 18:16-18 NKJV [speaking of the wicked]
16 His roots are dried out below, And his branch withers above. 17 The memory of him perishes from the earth, And he has no name among the renowned. 18 He is driven from light into darkness, And chased out of the world.

See also: Job 8:13-18 NKJV ,Job 28:9-10 NKJV

Jude 10-13 NKJV But these speak evil of whatever they do not know; and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves. 11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.
12 Apostates Depraved and Doomed - These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots; 13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

The Lord spoke " Roots" and said:
" I am exposing the roots in your lives. Even as a gardener sees the lack of fruit on the tree and digs around in the roots to see what is wrong, in order to diagnose and treat the lack of fruitfulness, I, your Divine Gardener, am looking at the roots in your lives. I am exposing, and I am fertilizing. I am replanting, and I am debugging !

I am showing YOU the roots in your lives, that you may be convicted of your need for more of ME. That you would cry out to Me to heal and to deliver you. For I AM a FAITHFUL FATHER. I check on the growth of my saplings and young trees, and even my older ones to see if they are healthy and growing. I am faithful even when you are not faithful. I AM able to see the roots even though they may be covered in soil or sand. I KNOW what as the root of every area of unfaithfulness in your life. I KNOW the sins, I KNOW the lack, I KNOW the ROOTS OF PAIN. And I will excavate and fertilize and administer medicinal treatments, and debug until MY Son's BRIDE is made whole and dressed in white linen.

Are you willing to look at your roots ? Are you willing to see the Doctor ?
Are you willing to RECEIVE treatment ?
What is in the natural reflects the spiritual.
You would not leave a gaping wound open without seeing a doctor. Nor would you allow a festering carbuncle to go unchecked. Yet many still have carbuncles spiritually, hidden underneath the surface in your souls that need surgery and to have the infection drawn out !

IF YOU DON"T TAKE TIME TO COME AND SEE YOUR DIVINE DOCTOR, is that not NEGLECT ?

You must care enough about yourself, and your relationship to ME, to come and allow me to do this surgery. For the lives of many are at stake. I have assignments for all of you in this world. SOME 1, some 10, some 50, some 100, some 1000, some 10,000 and many more. EACH role is valuable.

DO NOT LOOK AT THE PLATE OF THE ONE NEXT TO YOU AND SAY I WANT WHAT'S ON THEIR PLATE. BUT ASK ME FOR WHAT YOU ARE TO DO ! ASK ME WHAT YOUR ROLE IS ? AND THEN LET ME TOUCH YOU AND HEAL YOU SO THAT WHAT IS ROOTED IN FEAR AND PAIN, CAN BE REMOVED. WHAT IS ROOTED IN DEFENSIVE PRIDE AND A NEED TO HAVE ATTENTION FROM OTHERS, AND SELF CAN BE REMOVED. IT MUST BE REMOVED. I WILL REMOVE IT IF YOU ASK.
WHATEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME, BELIEVING, IT WILL BE DONE FOR YOU !

Your roots will grow deep in the soil of My love and knowledge of My attributes, and faithfulness, and you will be like trees planted by the waters of the river of life, whose leaves never wither and whose fruit never fails.
All it takes is for you to humble yourselves and ADMIT what is needed to ME…And I will see to what is needed ! I DO NOT DENY THOSE WHOSE LOVE is for ME. I AM a loving Father, and I will do all that is necessary to heal My sons and daughters. Trust ME to deal with you tenderly as you humble yourselves. But if you wait and procrastinate, the process will be more painful. I assure you, I have your best interests at heart like a GOOD FATHER WOULD ! I LOVE YOU and ADORE you just like a good father.
I love to see you enjoying life and celebrating life and love. I am with you in all you do. BE ASSURED that I LOVE YOU and that you are MY PRECIOUS TREASURE. I am JEALOUS for you !"

Abba

Hos 14:5-8
Mark 11:20-24
Luke 17:6-7

Ezek 17 NKJV The Eagles and the Vine
And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 2 "Son of man, pose a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of Israel, 3 and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "A great eagle with large wings and long pinions, full of feathers of various colors, came to Lebanon and took from the cedar the highest branch. 4 He cropped off its topmost young twig and carried it to a land of trade; He set it in a city of merchants. 5 Then he took some of the seed of the land And planted it in a fertile field; He placed it by abundant waters and set it like a willow tree. 6 And it grew and became a spreading vine of low stature; Its branches turned toward him, but its roots were under it. So it became a vine, brought forth branches, and put forth shoots.

7 "But there was another great eagle with large wings and many feathers; and behold, this vine bent its roots toward him, and stretched its branches toward him, from the garden terrace where it had been planted, that he might water it. 8 It was planted in good soil by many waters, to bring forth branches, bear fruit, and become a majestic vine."'
9 "Say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Will it thrive? Will he not pull up its roots, cut off its fruit, and leave it to wither? All of its spring leaves will wither, and no great power or many people Will be needed to pluck it up by its roots. 10 Behold, it is planted, will it thrive? Will it not utterly wither when the east wind touches it? It will wither in the garden terrace where it grew."'"
11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, 12 "Say now to the rebellious house: 'Do you not know what these things mean?' Tell them, 'Indeed the king of Babylon went to Jerusalem and took its king and princes, and led them with him to Babylon. 13 And he took the king's offspring, made a covenant with him, and put him under oath. He also took away the mighty of the land, 14 that the kingdom might be brought low and not lift itself up, but that by keeping his covenant it might stand. 15 But he rebelled against him by sending his ambassadors to Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Will he prosper? Will he who does such things escape?
Can he break a covenant and still be delivered?

16 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'surely in the place where the king dwells who made him king, whose

oath he despised and whose covenant he broke — with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. 17 Nor will Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company do anything in the war, when they heap up a siege mound and build a wall to cut off many persons. 18 Since he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, and in fact gave his hand and still did all these things, he shall not escape.'"
19 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "As I live, surely My oath which he despised, and My covenant which he broke, I will recompense on his own head. 20 I will spread My net over him, and he shall be taken in My snare. I will bring him to Babylon and try him there for the treason which he committed against Me. 21 All his fugitives with all his troops shall fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered to every wind; and you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken."

22 Israel Exalted at Last (cf. Ezek 31:1-9)
Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take also one of the highest branches of the high cedar and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain. 23 On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done it."

Obsessed With Sanctuary

Mary Lindow

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WHAT IS THIS OBSESSION THAT IS BEGINNING TO DRIVE PEOPLE AWAY FROM RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES AND STRUCTURAL PROGRAMMING?

Is it fatigue from fleshly efforts? Is it weariness with well doing?

Or!

Is it the beginning of a matter?

THE AWAKENING OF THE NEED FOR SANCTUARY.

Sanctuary. A place of refuge, a safe harbor. Asylum, shelter, a place of safety. A holy place set aside for worship and rest.

THE LORD IS ALLOWING MAN TO HAVE THE JOY AND SHOCK OF COMING TO THE END OF HIS MEANS OF PRODDING AND PRODUCING UNTIL HE FALLS INTO A HEAP AT THE FEET OF THE ONE WHO HAS THE KEY TO THE PLACE OF HOPE AND REST!

He. The King of tranquility and Divine Purpose has the place of Sanctuary carved out in a definite place.

THE PLACE OF WORSHIP.

But the time is coming--it has, in fact, come--when what you're called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter.

"It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself--Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration." John: 23-24

THE CATALYST OF APOSTOLIC ORIGINS BEGAN WITH A "PLACE" OF SANCTUARY.

Those waiting for the Move of the Spirit of God in an upper room. Hiding from the world and its pressures and threats! Waiting, worshiping, asking the heart questions of, "why are we here? What are we waiting for? Who is this all about?"

We are Again in the same place.

AND FINALLY…AGAIN… WE ARE SIMPLY RESTING IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE LORD HAS BROUGHT US TO END OF THE OLD WINE SKIN OF THE PAST.

He is preparing the way of His Power with a place of personal introspection and heart searching until we see that we must be truthful in our worship of Him. We must come into agreement with His Spirit and the way that He desires to move among those who know Him and…among those who do not.

Old things are passing away.

Behold. He does a new thing.

AS WE BECOME OBSESSED WITH THE IDEA OF NOTHING TO PERFORM, nothing to take to task, nothing to self generate…but only to "marinate" and saturate in, we see the promises He has made begin to be realized.

SO OFTEN AS OF LATE, IN PLACES OF MEETING AND GATHERING OF HUNGRY SAINTS, THE HOLY HUSH OF HEAVEN HAS FALLEN with such sweetness and simplicity. All the fancy trappings of "noisy worship strategy" pale compared to this heavy rich perfumed presence that descends on those who will wait upon the Lord…and grow stronger.

HEAVEN LONGS TO KISS THE EARTH AGAIN. The King of Heaven is descending with an unexplainable and definite wave of stillness. It is His manifested Presence.

In His Presence, His sanctuary, is fullness, completion, needs met, and joy.
COME. LET US BE MAGNIFICENTLY OBSESSED WITH HIM.

SELF IS THE BLURRED VEIL THAT HIDES THE FACE OF GOD FROM US.
IT CAN BE REMOVED ONLY IN SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE,
NEVER BY SIMPLE INSTRUCTION.
-- A. W. Tozer

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Open Wide Your Mouth

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"I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. "Open wide your mouth and I will fill it".
Psalm 81:10

I have wondered why Peter asked Jesus to invite him to walk to him on the water. And why the Lord obliged him. Why would Peter who was just only gathering himself from the storm that hit their boat, dare to now step into the stormy water? I think the answer is that after he saw where Jesus was, he wanted to be there too. He throw away fear and dared to break through the walls of limitation.

And of course Jesus obliged him because the Lord loves it when we dare to stretch out of our comfort zone to lay hold of all he has shown us he has for us. He said "Open wide your mouth and I will fill it".

Too many of us are content to go on living less than God's will for our lives. It was not only Peter that caught a glimpse of Jesus walking on the water and heard him say "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid". All the others in the boat received that same revelation. But Peter was the only one that dared to ask to come to where Jesus is.

Is it impossible to come to where Jesus is today? Is our modern-day watered-down version of Christianity truly all that the Lord has to offer? Why is it that we have so much biblical insights today but very little manifestation of these truths in our daily lives? Why are we so content to live as weaklings even though we declare that the Kingdom of God has come?

The Bible says, "You do not have because you do not ask". Leonard Ravenhill once wrote that the reason we do not have revival is because we are content to live without it. Yet God loves it when we dare to ask of him. When we dare to be bold in prayers. We cannot ask God for too much, if we ask for what he has shown us. God longs for his kingdom to come in every area of our lives. But we must ask for it and dare to step out to lay hold on it, even it means stepping out on water.

I believe we are in the days when we cannot continue to play church. God is planting a hunger in many hearts for more of Jesus. More of his purity, more of his beauty, more of his love and compassion, and more of his power. If you listen, you will hear the Spirit saying "Open wide your mouth and I will fill it". Complacency, fear, and apathy seeks to limit us. But God is looking for men and women that would be willing to spend time with him to catch a revelation of him and who will go on to boldly step out in preserving prayers to see the manifestation of that revelation of Jesus in their lives.

Comments? Questions? etc. If these messages have been helpful or unclear it would encourage us to hear from you, please write to caprotogo@laposte.tg

PLEASE are you born again? It is not enough to believe in the existence of God, to go to church, or be interested in spiritual things. Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus died to deliver you from sin so that you can come to God. (John 3:16) If you ask him to forgive you and give you a new heart he will. (Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-11).Try it. I'd love to hear from you @ caprotogo@laposte.tg

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Obtaining Your Inheritance, Manifest Sons

Robert I Holmes

Romans chapter eight gives us a wonderful view into the mind of God, and covers the subjects of sonship, inheritance and maturity. It covers the process, the results and the roads that lead away from sonship. It outlines for us the fields and farms of our inheritance too.

Jesus leads us through

Paul starts his thoughts by looking at Jesus - our safe harbour from condemnation, the harbinger of the law of the Spirit of life setting us free from the law of sin and death (Rom. 8:1,2). The One clothed in our own flesh, walking just as we do, and offered as a sacrifice for sin, to fulfil the law. That law is not only fulfilled for us, it is fulfilled in us - who walk according to the Spirit (vs 4).

The first port of call for inheritance is "a mind set on the Spirit" which results in life and peace flooding our souls (vs 6). The second portion is that our "spirit is alive because of righteousness" (vs 10). Thirdly, "The Spirit will also give life to your mortal bodies" (vs 11). Living life by the Spirit is the key here. That's good news for those of us in the later half of our earthly lives. more life for your body!

"All who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons (huios) of God". It is possible to have the Spirit and not be a son, because you are not being led by Him. If you live life according to the desires of your flesh, you are not a son, but a slave to sin (vs 12,13). It is possible to have the Spirit, heal the sick, raise the dead and go to hell (Matt. 7:21,22). If we have the Spirit, we must set our mind on the Spirit and be led by the Spirit. Then we demonstrate that we are His children.

"You have not received a spirit of slavery again to fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption (huiothesia) as sons" (vs 15). Yes you have passed through the adoption ceremony, and your spirit cries "Abba father". The Spirit testifies within you, that you are a child of God. "And if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ" (vs 17a). Now that is good news.

Now for the kicker.

Everything has been fine up to this point, but now Paul takes a dramatic turn. He says "if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him" (vs 17b). The Son suffered. It was his path to glory. Death is the path to resurrection. Pain is the pavement to power. Suffering is the road to glory. There's no testimony without the test and the moan!

"The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed (apokalupto) in us" (vs 18). That word revealed is to uncover, to reveal, to unveil. It is a past or present tense. That glory is inside of you, and growing. It is for now, it is for the present time - not for heaven.

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled faces, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord" (2 Cor 3:17,18 NKJV). The NIV says into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord.

This glory that Paul speaks of is not some transcendent glory, some heavenly thing seen only by the Spirit. It is not the glory of an angel, or the glory of a spiritual body. This is a tangible glory, prepared for sons, lead by the Spirit! But it is unveiled, revealed, uncovered by suffering.

Creation is waiting. for you!

"The anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing (apokalupto) of the sons (huios) of God" (vs 19). Now pause a moment and ask yourself what creation is. Everything that waits for the mature sons of God, revealed in their moment of suffering.

Consider the creation: the heavens and the earth, light and darkness, the waters above and beneath, the seas and the land, plants and seeds and fruit, the stars and the moon, the fish and the birds, the animals and insects and then God made man. Last of all and the crowing glory of the created order.

Consider the commands man was given. "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and rule over it" (Gen. 1:28). A five fold calling: to flourish, to expand, to fill, to subjugate and to have dominion.

Consider the spheres of labour man was given: 1. God took man and gave him a garden to cultivate and to keep (Gen. 2:15) 2. God brought every creature to man, to be named by him (Gen. 2:19) 3. God gave man a partner, a wife (Gen. 2:24) 4. God gave them power to have a family (Gen. 4:1)

Creation is waiting for every son of God to engage in these spheres of labour. The place you will express your portion of the five fold calling is in creation. Your marriage, your family, the things over which you have domino (the power to name) and our sphere of work.

The result of sin

"Creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in the hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the glorious freedom of the glory of the children of God" (Rom. 8:20,21). Now that is amazing. Man sinned, man fell and so creation was subjected to the same futility not of its own will. But because God wanted creation to be set free by his children!

That glorious freedom is won, is pressed out through work - through suffering. How perfectly ordinary. After the fall, God told the woman "you shall suffer pain through child bearing, and you shall live at enmity with the snake, and your husband will rule over you". To the man he said, "You shall suffer pain as you work the land and it will resist you. By the sweat of your brow you shall work it". We suffer, and creation suffers with us. "Creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. And we ourselves groan within ourselves" (vs 22,23a).

On into His will

The good news is that in the end "God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (vs 28). No matter where we find ourselves, not matter what situation God can work it out for his children - those lead by the Spirit.

Daniel stands for us as a powerful testimony. Taken from Jerusalem into Babylon; taught the ways of Chaldean witchcraft, reared among sorcerers and so called wise men; moving through the courts of a satanic kingdom; surrounded by evil on every side. What do we find the Lord rewarding him with? Lordship over such a kingdom, under a high king who eventually comes to believe in the God in Israel, and who saves the aforementioned evil sorcerers and wise men through his intervention (Dan. 2:18).

Joseph likewise entered slavery, in order to bring salvation and rescue not only to his Hebrew family, but also the entire nation of Egypt: debauched, demon worshiping, idol loving Egypt. The world, in all its "glory" was saved with the wisdom of God expressed through Joseph. This is the wisdom God calls us to be part of - the world on Monday morning, the business community, the fast paced information hungry technologically possessed world we live in. That is our possession and His inheritance!

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Open Your Tablecloth

Tom White

Voice of the Martyrs

I was born before central air conditioning, clothes dryers, garage door openers and electronic games. While my mother was hanging clothes on the backyard line and visiting across the fence, we learned that a neighbor was sick. Playing outside in the evening with the kids on the block, we ran in and out of our little shingle house on Elm Street like cowboys and Indians. We also went into other kitchens for a drink of water.

Once my mother invited the door-to-door knife grinder inside for bread and gravy. My little brother and I sat amazed, watching him wipe the gravy off his heard. We kept an evangelist in our home during a snowstorm. A neighbor lady two doors clown would ask my mother questions about God. At the dining table, mother would get out her Bible and show her the Scriptures.

My wife Ofelia is from Costa Rica, where the kitchen is a meeting place for many who drop by for prayer and tortillas or at least for coffee. The gospel is exploding in Latin America, Africa, Asia, among the neighbors. In Philip Jenkins' book, *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity,* he describes this explosion and how North America is getting left behind. Do Christians in America think that we do not need each other anymore? Someone once said, "Our greatest need is that we have no need."

The Pilgrims who managed to survive the first winter were forced to depend upon each other, or they died. Is this a spiritual principle for us today? What will force Christians today to depend on each other for strength as they reach out with a common Good Samaritan/gospel objective?

Here at The Voice of the Martyrs, we are thankful for the opportunities we have to be a neighbor to the persecuted church. We are thankful for our faithful readers who have supported his work, some for more than 30

Last week we were neighbors with Iranian Christians. This was my fifth time to work face to face with them. We were with more than a dozen Iranian house-church leaders, all from Muslim backgrounds. The joy overflowed. One young woman described how she would sit on the bus on the way home from work and start simple conversations. (All the women are forced to sit in the back.) After meeting some of the same women every day, she would give them a movie about Jesus and get their telephone number. Her apartment is a

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meeting place where they gather. She hides the pictures of Jesus should a hostile relative come by for an inspection.

An Iranian medical doctor who has been interrogated and blindfolded must move every two years. He and his wife continue to give Christian booklets to his patients. Some have come to Christ and meet in his home at night to sit on the rug, drink tea, sing quietly and study the Scriptures. Most of these Muslim converts to Christ are unable to attend the very few open churches, and the services are not in the national language, Farsi. Many new Christians who visit these house churches describe arrests and beatings back where they live. They pray for one another, encourage one another. Bibles and Christian books must be smuggled in or are found occasionally only in the capital city of Tehran. Some Iranian pastors "above ground" have been killed. On September 9th, police arrested 80 church leaders, men and women, forbidding them to go to church. Then they held all 10 pastors of the Assemblies of God.

Here in Oklahoma, one Iranian friend of mine has made the most of being a free American. As a new Christian, he began inviting dozens of 'Iranians to his home for dinner and began sharing Christ, bit by hit, in the warm, gracious manner of the hospitable Iranian people. Many have come to the Lord and have found a church home. My friend, Amir, has continued his outreach for years. He told me, "What we need to do is not just open our hearts, we need to open our tablecloth."

I am grateful that my wife sacrifices to open our tablecloth. Our four grandchildren, like our children, see our home not as a museum but as a train station, where Christ and the world intersect, coming, going, eating, laughing, discussing and praying.

We have heard the arguments against such hospitality for years. "It costs too much...our house is small...we are not good cooks" (buy fried chicken). What is the price of your child's soul? If your child sees the Body of Christ only as a three-or-four-hour church stop every week, like a fast food restaurant, is it any wonder that they don't connect with "the church"?

This Thanksgiving many of us may invite someone to our table who is needy. Don't forget that we are as needy for intimate Christian community as someone who is forced to meet in secret. We don't have to hide our Bibles or pictures of Jesus when certain people drop by. We can visit in the living room, on the patio or in the yard. We are free to open our tablecloth.

Preparing To Cross Over

Chuck Pierce

Find Three Days to Sanctify Yourself

(www.glory-of-zion.org)

Dear Sanctified Prayer Warriors:

The Body of Christ cannot afford to stand still and embrace any passivity this year. When the Spirit of God visited me and gave me revelation about 2004 being a year of the "DOOR," He instructed me that we were to close doors this first quarter. Shutting doors is important before we cross over the threshold of the new doors that are forming.

There have been several prophecies about the importance of March 11. There have also been prophecies about the capture of Osama bin Laden and the need to pray for the removal of occult forces which are keeping him hidden. I really think the next 10 days are very important in creating an atmosphere for victory in the earth realm. We cannot break through into the new place without fasting. I also think we need to prepare ourselves for the days ahead.

This prayer focus, Preparing to Cross Over, is different from others. This time frame gives us 10 days for prayer, three of which should be set aside for sanctification, including fasting. This will bring us to the beginning of Spring (March 21). This will cause us to cross over. I will explain what this means as you read the prayer focus. Later this month, I will then send out a separate 40-Day Prayer Focus that will begin on March 21.

Crossing Over is Moving Through Transition.

Crossing over actually means to go from one place to another or a transition time where you leave one place and then enter into another. There are several issues in our moving forward into the new. In this transition we are changing forms. In transition you must stay focused on where you are going or what you are birthing. Although you may not have settled in the new place yet or received the new thing, when there is a conception of vision in your heart, you cross over to a new place where the change manifests. There are three specific areas to keep in mind during transition:

1. Move from strength to strength. Psalms 84 is a great passage for today. "Blessed is the person that is on a pilgrimage ... they go from strength to strength."

2. Move from faith to faith. Romans 1:16-17 says, "Do not be ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God to those who believe. . .in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith."

3. Move from glory to glory. II Corinthians 3:16-18 talks about the veil of the law being lifted and the Spirit of God releasing new liberty. "But we all are being transformed from glory to glory."

The enemy never wants us to complete the "from—to" process. He wants to hold us in the last season's strength, faith, and glory. He knows if he succeeds in doing this, we will never see our Lord's plan manifest for the future season. He also knows that he can keep an entire generation from advancing into the riches and blessings of a covenant God.

A crossing over time has three phases linked with transition: Death, Confusion, and New. The Hebrew word abar means "to cross over" or "pass over." This word illustrates a motion. It also refers to crossing a stream or barrier ("pass through," Num 21:22), invading a country ("passed over," Judg 11:32), crossing a boundary against a hostile army ("go over," 1 Sam 14:4), marching over ("go over," Isa 51:23), overflowing the banks of a river or other natural barriers ("pass through," Isa 23:10), passing a razor over one's head ("come upon," Num 6:5), and the passing of time ("went over," 1

Chron 29:30).

As a verb, the word is used in relationship to transgression or sin, such as transgressing a covenant or commandment. One "passes beyond" the limits set by God's law and falls into transgression and guilt. This meaning appears in Num 14:41: "And Moses said, wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of the Lord? but it shall not prosper." We want to die to anything in the past season that would hinder us in the season ahead. We want to be sure the power of any besetting sin is broken. Don’t be afraid to go to the CROSS. Resurrection and new life are on the other side.

This is a time of preparation, building the frame for our future. When the Lord is saying “cross over,” He is ready to begin transferring the enemy’s spoils into and under our sphere of authority. Therefore, He wants to be sure we have defined our boundaries properly so we do not get outside of our God-given scope of authority. Dutch Sheets’ book, Praying for America, is an incredible resource that every one of us should read. This book not only motivates us to pray for our nation now, but also explains many important principles for our own lives.

In this book, there are two chapters on crossing over. Dutch begins by discussing Gen 14:13 which uses the phrase, “Abram, the Hebrew.” The word for Hebrew is ibriy, which originated from the word abar. Abraham was a cause minded, history making, crossing-over guy. He then explains how each one of us, through our salvation experience with the Lord Jesus Christ, is grafted into this same Hebrew crossing over anointing.

He shares the following, “Because abar is a transition word, it also means ‘to penetrate,’ as in penetrating territory or even the human heart … the word also means to impregnate.” One significant thing that Pastor Sheets writes in this book is that our crossing over terrifies our enemies. That is what God is trying to get us to do. He has another whole chapter on the fruits of crossing over. I will offer this book now for key understanding of this principle.

Three Days of Prayer and Fasting to Prepare for Crossing Over.

We all have a Jordan to cross over. This is the place of death that releases us from the old and propels us into the new. Joshua 1:11 says, “Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess.'"

Joshua 3:2-5 says, “After three days the officers went through the camp and commanded the people saying, ‘When you see the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from you place and go after it … You have not passed (abar) this way before … Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.’”

In other words, divorce yourself from anything that is unclear and devote yourself wholly to the Lord. I feel the need for us to do this for thre e days so we can fling into Spring. Many times this can be accompanied by fasting. Let God choose your fast!

Three, as a symbolic number, often indicated completeness. The created cosmos had three elements: heaven, earth, and underworld. Three Persons make up the Godhead: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Prayer was to be lifted at least three times daily (Dan. 6:10; compare Ps. 55:17) … Jesus said He would be in the grave for three days and three nights (Matt. 12:40).

Below I have given you key issues that are linked with three days.

Prepare yourself with the Word – God’s sanctifying power.

Read Genesis 40:13. Declare your place or position will be restored.

Read Exodus 3:18. Declare that anything that is keeping you from worship will be broken.

Read Exodus 10:22-23. Declare that any plan the enemy has will be overwhelmed by darkness but you will be filled with revelation.

Read Judges 14:14. Declare that any bitter root will be uprooted and sweet water will begin to flow in your life.

Read 1 Sam 30. Trust the Lord to connect you with those who can pursue and overtake your enemy.

Read Ezra 8. Stop and let the Lord show you the enemy that is on the road ahead of you.

Read Nehemiah 2. Let God develop the plan to rebuild that which is broken down in your life.

Read Matthew 12. Thank the Lord for the Cross. Declare that the passion of the Cross arise in you.

Read Matthew 15 and Mark 8. Ask God to release the same compassion on you that was in Jesus that will not only heal the sick but also produce provision for the poor.

Read Acts 9. Declare that any scales on your eyes will fall off and that you will have clear vision for your future.

Meditate on the book of Esther, especially, Chapters 4 & 5.

Prepare yourself and cross over into the Inner Court. As you know, I continue to read the chapter “4’s” through the word of God. This past week I reread Esther 4 (and to the end of the book of Esther).

Esther recognized God’s sovereign timing and placement in her life. She then prepared herself to go in before the king. Preparation produces favor.

Upon entering the inner court of the king, he extended his scepter to her and said, “What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you – up to half the kingdom!”

Prepare yourself and go into the Throne Room.

Replace Queen Esther’s name with your name and make your request known to the King of kings. Remember, Esther had a very specific request. You need to have one also. Declare that one request to the Lord that will bring change!

Cross Over the Tangled Maze of Jungle Haunted by Lions.

Remember that a key verse this year is Jeremiah 12:5. The Amplified says, “If you have raced with men of foot and they have tired you out, then how can you compete with horses? And if you take to flight in a land of peace where you feel secure, then what will you do [when you tread the TANGLED MAZE OF JUNGLE, HAUNTED BY LIONS] in the swelling of the Jordan?”

The Jordan swelled in the Spring. This was the time for crossing over. Jeremiah was upset because there was much confusion in Jerusalem. Josiah had brought many reforms but had ended up losing his life prematurely. Jeremiah was really questioning the Lord over why certain things were happening.

Even though you might be questioning the Lord over situations that have seemed so difficult, the Lord still has a crossing over plan for you. The Lord told Jeremiah that what he had been going through was preparation for the future. If you have had difficulty coping with certain situations this past year to the extent that you have been distracted from pressing in to all that the Lord was telling you to press into, you will never be able to move into this next dimension of conflict.

You are on the verge of “crossing over” into your inheritance.

Don’t let the roaring lions around you cause you to turn back. The enemy has a roar that would try to prevent you from moving into the portion that God has allotted for you, but you have a ROAR greater than the enemy’s! Let the Lord fill you with new joy and produce new strength within you.

Cross Over, Face Your AMALEKITE, and break the power of his noose!

We have just finished the celebration of Purim. Purim, of course, is the story of how Esther overcame Haman. Haman was an Amalekite. The Amalekites would come behind the army and begin to pick off the stragglers.

This is a time to catch up and cross over!

The word Amalekite means “to toil or work under hard labor”. This is a time for you to break out of legalistic, hard labor. The Amalekites were a nomadic tribe of formidable people that first attacked the Israelites after the Exodus at Rephidim. Amalek, the grandson of Esau (Gen. 36:12), inhabited the desolate wasteland of the northeast Sinai peninsula and the Negeb. They were the first to attack Israel after the Exodus (Num. 24:20).

This is where the Lord revealed Himself as Jehovah Nissi. He declared that we would war with Amalek from generation to generation. The antichrist spirit today is linked into this Amalakite spirit. Israel won the initial battle (Ex. 17:8-16), but later was driven back into the Sinai wilderness by a coalition of Amalekites and Canaanites (Num. 14:39-45).

Because of their atrocities, God commanded Saul to exterminate the Amalekites (1 Sam. 15:2-3). Saul disobeyed, and the Amalekites were not defeated completely until late in the eighth century B.C. (1 Chron. 4:43).

Haman the Agagite (Est 3:1-10; 8:3-5) was thought by the Jews to be his descendant, from whence sprung his hatred toward their race.

Prepare yourself and watch your Haman be hung on his own gallows. Break all compromise. This simply means, during these next few days, your enemy will overplay his hand and you will end up victorious! Cross over and watch your new doors form!

Blessings,
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Prepare To Receive All

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My beloved people, prepare, prepare to receive all I have in store for you as I pour out My Spirit in these end time days. Yes, I am pouring out My Spirit in great measure on all who are Mine and have dedicated their lives unto Me. But, does My Word not say that I shall pour out My Spirit upon ALL flesh...upon every heart the world over. As I do this many of the worst sinners will repent and begin to seek Me. As I accomplish this I shall need you, My beloved people, to draw them into My kingdom. I am pouring out My power upon each of you so that you will go forth under My anointing to guide the people unto Me. Multitudes will come into My kingdom in these last days. Does My Word not say....

The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

Indeed, I am sending forth an army of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers who will reach out to all the peoples of the world so that everyone will have the opportunity either to accept or reject Me as their Lord and Savior.

The pouring out of My Spirit has only just begun and shall accelerate as each new day dawns. I tell you, it will change the world and the peoples thereof. Indeed, it will be a time of shaking when everything that can be shaken shall be shaken but out of the shaking much good shall come. It will usher in a time of signs and wonders and miracles.

God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles and Gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will. (Heb. 2:4)

My loved ones, as each of you responds to My call to go into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature I shall make opportunities for you to touch lives wherever you go. Each of you shall exhibit wonders and miracles wherever you shall minister. Each of you shall receive Gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to My will. My words shall pour forth from your lips with such power that all who hear shall be drawn to Me. Through you I shall manifest such miracles of healing, as has never yet been seen. Know that through your fervent prayers the destiny of nations can be changed and peace shall previal. O, yes, as prophesied by the prophets of old, wars and rumors of wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes shall be prevalent the world over but your faithful prayers can change the course of these destructive events. Be mindful of My Scriptures for have I not said....

He sent His Word and healed them and delivered them from their destructions. (Psa. 107:20)

Beloved, My love is poured out in great measure upon each of you which shall result in your having a great love for all with whom you come in contact. You will grieve for the pain and sickness in their bodies, you will sorrow for them as they seem to have nowhere to turn in their trials. You will begin to pray with all who have sickness in their bodies and see healing take place. As you speak to them of what I have provided for them you shall witness them asking you to pray for them. I shall provide for all in need as you pray for them. You shall see all dissension in churches go as you pray for them, and peace shall prevail.

My precious ones, even though your prayers have reached me for many years and I have answered them according to My will, the time has now come when the power of My Spirit shall descend upon you and the answer to many of your prayers shall be instant. You shall have a great desire to reach as many people as possible and to pray for their needs.

Go forth, My people, in the strength of the Gifts I have given you and proclaim Me to all the world.

Principles For Harvest In 2004

Catherine Brown

Rejoicing In the Winter Seasons
(John 15:1-17)
Blessings to each one of you, our precious family in Christ. We love and appreciate each one of you!

As we come into a brand New Year, I believe Jesus wants to give us a focus and vision for harvest. Often before the Lord produces fruit in us and through us, He calls us to a season of pruning where He strips away the old and births the new. Pruning is a divine preparation and part of the process of becoming a Kingdom harvester.

My heart is stirred to call the bride of Christ to passionate, holy love expressed in our relationship with the divine Trinity, with each other and with the lost. Let's rejoice in God's goodness in our lives, surrender to the Spirit of God and allow Him to do whatever it takes to prepare us for harvest, to reach out in His love to a lost and dying world.

Always your sister and friend,
Catherine Brown

PRINCIPLES FOR HARVEST in 2004 - Rejoicing In the Winter Seasons: John 15:1-17

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener." John 15:1

Be Rooted and Grounded In Love Relationship With God

Father is described here as the gardener and as every green-fingered person knows, a gardener really cares about what they plant! We are a planting of our heavenly Father's righteousness (*Isa 61:3b*). Jesus is the Vine, and like Him we are nurtured, tended and cared for by our heavenly Father. Jesus points us continually to relationship with God, and to submission to His sovereignty and authority in our lives.

Being rooted and grounded in the love of God is a wonderful dwelling place of acceptance, of affirmation, and through this intimacy with God, we are moved in compassion to harvest with Christ.

Learn to Trust God - Pruning Will Produce Fruit

"He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful." John 15:2

Jesus allowed Father to shape Him in order that much Kingdom fruit would be produced, and He did so from a position of trust. Similarly, we must choose to trust and surrender to the pruning process as the Lord sifts us from sin and from self (will, ego, fleshly desires, etc) and purifies our hearts and minds. Being pruned can be uncomfortable because we may feel naked and vulnerable before God. Remember his arms are the safest place to be. And just as spring naturally follows winter, we can be assured that bearing fruit is inevitable when we are in right relationship with the Lord, as a God-ordained, spiritual wilderness will produce new growth and fruit (*Gal 5:22-26*), which glorifies God.

Get Rooted and Stay Grounded In The Word of God

"You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you." John 15:3

God's Word brings us to maturity as we embrace the divine principles of the Kingdom contained in it. The Word of God is our plumb line for right living. God wants to wash us in His Word and teach us His ways, but it's not so much about rules as it is about our friendship with Him. The Bible is a safe and solid foundation and Holy Spirit loves to illuminate the Scriptures and bring revelation to a hungry heart.

Bear Fruit From a Place of Rest

"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." John 15:4

Jesus gives us free will, and His heart's desire is that each of us will choose to remain in him. The outflow of intimacy with Christ is that He produces wonderful fruit in our lives and through our lives. It's imperative that we understand harvest doesn't come from striving; it comes from rest and simply allowing God to be God in us. Striving, stress, works, and performance are what result from us trying too hard and not allowing Grace to gift us into God-reliance. Self-sufficiency is our worst enemy if we desire to bear Kingdom fruit. We can relax safe in the knowledge that we produce nothing; it is all the work of Holy Spirit!

SUBMISSION AND HUMILITY - Keys to Kingdom Fruitfulness

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned." John 15:5-6

Jesus loves to lead by example and lifestyle. He demonstrated surrender to Father's will (*Matt 26:36-42*) and now He asks for ours. As we submit to Christ's rule in our lives it produces the beautiful fruit of humility. The virtue of humility releases God's authority and his Kingdom rule. Once again Jesus re-emphasizes our need of him. Without a close bond to Christ we will end up in works and become brittle, dry, and suffer burn out. We don't have to! God's love is unconditional, and He doesn't require anything from us except our surrender and obedience.

Spectacular Intercessory Promise - Harvest And Intercessory Prayer

"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." John 15:7

Remain means "continue to be." Therefore all we have to do is remain in Christ and He will delight to answer our prayers. Under God's anointing our humble and heartfelt prayers and acts of selfless love will usher in the greatest end-time harvest of souls saved, healings, signs, wonders, and miracles this world has ever seen if we will but choose passion for Christ as our priority. It's not about works, it's about the wonder of His love. The first commandment to love God with all our heart, mind, and soul must always precede the second - to love our neighbor as ourselves (*Matt 22:37-40)*, otherwise we will become exhausted and run the risk of losing our God given vision.

Bearing Fruit Brings Father's Glory

"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15:8

We need do nothing, we simply need to learn (or re-learn) how to be in God's presence and understand that He loves us because He loves us, not because of anything we think we can produce. Fruitfulness is a free gift of God's Grace.

God's Love - The Highest Motivator

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love." John 15:9-10

Jesus was not exempt from obedience to His Father and neither are we! God's Love must be the highest motivator in our lives. When we obey God, it helps us to go deeper in our love relationship with Him. Intimacy with God and obedience to God is a key to unlocking harvest both on a personal and corporate level.

JOY - A Key to the Harvest!

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15:11

Love and Obedience = Joy. Joy is a key to the harvest. Jesus gifts to us complete intercessory balance as we co-labor with Him. His joy is necessary because when we harvest we may encounter situations that will break our hearts. We need to keep Christ as our focus and respond in the Spirit, and not in our souls, to the needs that we see around us.

Servant Love Is Commanded

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:12-14

Friendship with God results in a desire to be obedient to God. Obedience is the hallmark of a humble heart postured in servant hood before the King of Kings. Obedience is not difficult when it flows out of the reality of love and acceptance by Christ.

Revelation Comes With Relationship

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. " Instead I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made know to you." John 15:15

Jesus demonstrates that when we are in right relationship with Him, He releases revelation to us straight from the Throne Room of Heaven. What a privilege that we are invited to sacred friendship, and to partner with Father and "be about his business"! (*John 4:24, 12:49*) Divine disclosures will flow to us and through us as we prioritize and pursue fellowship with Christ. We are gifted with priestly, precision, prophetic anointing, which will lead to transformation of lives saved, healed, and delivered.

Jesus Christ - Lord of The Harvest

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last." John 15:16a

We are chosen, called, and commissioned in Grace by our Lord Jesus Christ (*Matt 28:18-20*), who is the Lord of the harvest (*Matt 9:35-38*). We have been appointed to bear abundant fruit - fruit that will last for all eternity. It doesn't depend on us! It's all about God and his glory. The key to being fruitful is in our relationship with the Lord. Harvest is the fulfillment of our relationship in Christ and is also about bringing people into relationship with Jesus.

All Hell Trembles At The Name of Jesus

"Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." John 15:16b

When we use the name of Jesus in prayer and in demonstrations of love and mercy, all hell trembles. Jesus Christ is Lord of the harvest! When we harvest with Christ we are enveloped in his compassion, which releases miracles. Compassion releases the power of the Kingdom of God on the earth.

"This is my command: Love each other." John 15:17

In 2004 and beyond may we walk in Christ's commanded love and lay down our lives for the sake of our precious Savior.

"And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." Mark 16:17-18

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Prayer for Our Cities

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Dearest Friends in Jesus,

This prayer was recorded in response to a word that has been circulating regarding a vision of the Empire State Building in NY collapsing. It was sent to the list of the one who originally sent it to me, but I feel the quickening on it, and that I should send it to my whole list.

Blessings in Jesus, Clo

Please pass this prayer onto others, as you feel led of the Lord to do so:

In Jesus Name,

Lord.......even as Abraham prevailed for a city because of the righteous residents, I ask that You would raise up the prayer warriors and intercessors who will prevail in prayer for the cities of our great nation.

God you are PLENTEOUS in mercy. You describe Your mercy as a vast and endless ocean, while you compare Your wrath to only a cupful. That cup of wrath may be full, but I pray, in Jesus Name, that once again Your lovingkindness and mercy would prevail. Let it's torrential force knock over that cupful of wrath that once again Your wrath would be completely consumed in Your mercy. Not that we be free to continue as a careless people, Lord, but because we need more chances, maybe even MANY MORE chances to appeal to those who are lost and dying without knowing Your saving power, Your delivering power, Your cleansing power!!

Lord, the people have not had a chance to truly see Jesus manifested IN His people. Lord, You are purifying us for a purpose, that we might be living epistles, seen and read of all men, and Lord, the people of this nation need more of chance to get to read the true character and nature of Jesus Christ in His people. Lord, they do not need another fire and brimstone sermon unto repentance because those have been in abundance, and yet the fruit is still lacking. Lord, I know Your Word says that it's through the foolishness of preaching men would be saved. God, you know that I love the sound and the substance and the glorious sense of Your presence that truly anointed and powerful preaching of the gospel carries on it's wings into the atmospheres where it is unleashed, and allowed to freely flow. But now, Lord, I pray that all the preaching we have heard be converted into great demonstration THROUGH the lives of Your people so that just our presence in places like the Empire State Building causes people to fall on their knees and cry out to You for Your favor and mercy to fall upon them, even as it has fallen on us! Lord, when will our shadows passing by the sick heal the people even as Peter's shadow healed the people?? Lord, we long for such days to come for Your people. The gospel of the kingdom has not truly been preached until You manifest through Your people to this measure, so please, Lord HAVE MERCY and help us to commit to the fires that You can purify us INTO that place of great trust for Your people so that we will be used of You, and for all the right reasons, and NOT to heap the glory unto ourselves.

God, I know the devil cannot do a thing, except that YOU allow it! In Jesus Name, Lord, I ask you NOT to give him any permission to cause burning buildings to cascade down on the tops of those who have never had a chance to repent because they have never truly been drawn by YOUR Spirit to You because if they had been drawn, they would have come. They would have cried out in repentance, and many of them would even be far more fastidious and diligent and devoted Christians than we find ourselves to be, if only they would get the chance to truly HEAR with the spiritual hearing that only YOU can create within the heart of a person. Jesus, give them yet another chance and especially give US another chance to present the power of the gospel in the power and demonstration of the Spirit, not as tirades of anger because we are immersed in the sense of our own worthiness and self-righteousness but because we have YOUR HEART for the lost and dying people who at times are not even smart enough at times to know their left hand from their right hand, no matter how much worldly wisdom and savvy they may appear to possess.

God it's only by YOUR grace that we are saved, and know the power of Your great Name! ALL WE LIKE SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY, and we have turned EVERYONE to his own way...... We know there is NONE that doeth good, NO NOT ONE, and Lord, except You had been merciful to reveal Yourself to us we would still be dragging around the decaying and corrupted and rotting carcass of the old man. Yes, we would be nothing more than a festering and oozing dead carcass leaving a horrible stench where ever we go, but because You have removed the old and tattered and beggars garments, and giving us Your beautiful and fragrant robes of righteousness to wear we can now come into Your presence, even BOLDLY to the throne of grace to not only pray for ourselves, and our own problems, but to enter into the intercessory anointing of our elder brother, our High Priest, even JESUS, who loved us and gave Himself not only for us, but for the sins of the WHOLE WORLD, and in HIS NAME, Lord, we entreat you once again to stay Your hand of judgment for the sake of those whom You would choose to draw to Yourself because You have promised that YOUR kingdom would be a glorious kingdom with NO END, and that the glory of the knowledge of the Lord would cover the earth as the waters the cover the seas.

I ask that you would absolutely render powerless any word from any proud prophet who would rather see destruction and devastation in order to confirm their gift, even as Jonah did, rather than the mercy and love of God . Lord, help us to see the BIGGER PICTURE than proving our own prophetic gifts and callings. Jesus, give us YOUR heart. You said in Your word that you are NOT WILLING that any should perish, but that ALL should come to repentance!

Lord, all our titles will someday be forgotten. But the Name of Jesus and the Word of God will endure forever. Let our first allegiance be to JESUS and HIS HEART, and NOT to our titles and positions and the proof of our ministerial worthiness. Away with our OVER-concern of those things. Jesus, help us just to be your humble and willing servants desiring YOUR will and the true HONOR of YOUR NAME above all that we are, or think we are, and all we possess. Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. ONLY Jesus!!!

God, let this prayer be BIRTHED in the hearts of Your people this day that we might truly see revival throughout this land rather than wasting and destruction and judgment. If there be yet even 1 righteous praying man alone in a city, let his prayers and cries prevail above every other voice, above every other sound, above all perversion and corruption and abomination that is so freely flowing in the atmospheres of our cities. God, we understand as Your people that You are greatly dismayed at these things. We understand that you cannot stand sin and uncleanness. We understand that Your righteousness demands accountability, but I remind You this day of the great price Your very own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ paid that Your hand of judgment would be STAYED, and I ask You once again look at the nail scars in the hands and feet, and the scar of the wounded side of Your own Son, and let those rivers of blood that flowed from the person of Your own Son be the advocate for the world, and for Your people. Lord, You promise in Your word that where sin abounds, MUCH MORE Your grace, and I stand this day on the promises of God, and trust You to give us yet another chance!! And thank YOU, Lord, for all the chances You have given us, because we know they have been MANY!! Only a God full of mercy such as You could have had the patience with the peoples of the earth, and especially Your own people as You have had, and I love You, Lord Jesus, and I ask You to cause me to know your TRUE HEART about things like judgment, and wrath and mercy and restoration that I need to have so I can pray with wisdom, and truly pray as YOU would pray in all these things, and when prophecies come forth about destruction and judgment.

God, finally, I would remind You, and remind Your people through this prayer, that Your word declares in the book of Revelation that there is rainbow around your throne. We know that Your rainbow speaks of Your mercy. When you made covenant with Noah and put the rainbow in the sky for a token of that covenant it was to promise that never again would you destroy the earth with a flood. Well, God, we are not facing any flood in the form of waters of rain, but we are facing floods of perversion and sinfulness in all sorts of hideous manifestations that would like to destroy our nation. God, give Your people HOPE this day that You still YET have power to make this a great and righteous nation, and that these flood waters of FILTH will NOT prevail to destroy us anymore than the flood waters of a hurricane would be allowed to bring to full end our streets and cities and homes and businesses, and all that comprises the elements of our society, even though those things might have a little measure of success in their determination to destruction. You only allow those things to go so far, and then Your thundering voice always declares to the elements, ENOUGH, and those elements of STAYED by the power of Your voice over ALL of creation! It's because You made a promise to Your servant Noah that AS LONG AS THE EARTH REMAINETH.......(Genesis 8, last verses).

You will not allow those waters of judgment because YOU are ever aware of just how pathetically frail people are, and that our frame is but dust, and that we are like the flower that fades and the grass that withers. Our lives are nothing but a vapor except that we have been infused by the Eternal Spirit of the One who loved us, and so freely GAVE HIMSELF FOR US, and so, Jesus, since You know how YOU chose to make us, I pray you take our frames into consideration once again, and have MERCY upon us, and on our country, in Jesus Name!!

Finally, Lord Jesus, thank You so much for the great price you paid because I know that because of YOUR sacrifice, there is hope and that ultimately ALL will turn out okay, and no matter what happens, that YOU will receive the glory from it, and You will keep and preserve Your people through every tribulation that will be released into this earth. We do not walk in fear, but uprightly, and up and down in the land with a conquering tread in Your Name to fearlessly rescue those from the darkness who are willing to be rescued. Lord, show us those to whom we should go. Show us those whom you have appointed to hear the words of Eternal Life. Help us not to just be scatter shooting, but let us go with haste, and with purpose, and TO THE MARK, in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Now, Lord, I thank you for those prophets who are discerning the times, and fearlessly pronouncing that which they have truly heard in the secret place in their times of waiting on You. Let us first always discern the purpose is NOT to see judgment come to pass, but rather that we heed the warnings that we might truly HUMBLE OURSELVES AND PRAY because the responsibility does fall upon the shoulders of your people according to the most quoted scripture by our national prayer warriors, "If My people who are called by My Name........"

Lord Jesus, give us YOUR burden, give us YOUR heart. Give us YOUR burden, and give us YOUR heart. Give us YOUR burden, and give us YOUR heart.

Let it be so, In the Name of the Living Word, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen and AMEN. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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Prepare For Supernatural Grace

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The following article defines what supernatural grace encompasses, with an emphasis on different aspects of the favor of God, which is essential to the anointing.
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God is imparting and releasing supernatural grace to His people in this hour to empower them to live an overcoming Christian life! As you continue to read and if you open your heart to the ministry of the Holy Spirit, I believe you will receive an impartation of supernatural grace by faith!

Supernatural grace encompasses grace and favor - and great grace: otherwise known as "grace, grace." I want to describe what supernatural grace encompasses in more detail, so that you will have a solid understanding. The Greek word for grace in the New Testament is the same word for favor. Grace is the unmerited favor of God, but it's more than this. The grace of God is the favor and kindness that He gives without regard to the worth or merit of the one who receives it, in spite of what that same person deserves. Think of it as God being kind and good to us, even if we don't deserve it.

Both grace and favor can come as a tangible presence upon our lives. Grace and favor is also an anointing that can be imparted and transferred, although, in the Body of Christ, we haven't really thought of grace and favor in this way before.

God also wants us to understand a higher level of grace He has for His people - Great Grace - which He is releasing to equip us with His supernatural power for the coming healing revival. Great grace comes as a sovereign anointing and is a supernatural function of the Holy Spirit coming upon us to do impossible feats by the Spirit of grace.

Now, in the rest of this teaching, we will discuss, in depth, the biblical concepts of favor, grace, and great grace.

Favor

The favor of God is because of God's love. Another definition of favor is "pleasure, desire, and delight." Favor happens when God turns to us and He is pleased with us - favorable towards something - especially what is pleasing and desirable to Him. It has nothing to do with us. I believe it's possible for God to give us favor even if we haven't fasted and prayed enough, or we haven't given enough. Now let's examine several benefits of favor.

Jubilee Freedom

It's time to come into our destiny! In January, the Holy Spirit began to speak to me from of the book of Isaiah, that it's time "...to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Isaiah 61:2). The word "acceptable year" means the "favorable year." This is the year of the Lord's favor, and I'm standing in faith for this! The favor of God brings the blessing of the Lord. The favor of God brings everything we need in the natural to do what God has called us to do. If we have the favor of God we will have everything else we need. There are times of testing before we come into the favor, but I am saying this is the year of the Lord's favor.

I want to say there is an anointing of God's Spirit to bring us into the acceptable year, a place of liberty and release just like the year of Jubilee. It will come on us like Joseph's coat of many colors - like a tangible anointing when everything in our lives will increase as far as the opportunities of God.

There's an opening for us to come into the Jubilee anointing and blessing. Jubilee is the cancellation of all debt, the release of all our property, the release of all slaves - all the bondage in our lives. Jubilee heralds the return of our sons and daughters, and the release of our investments. All these things! God released them on Jubilee! We love Jubilee and we pray that God will bring about Jubilee.

Scores of believers sow faithfully into the blessing of God and walk in the principles of favor, and yet they cry, "God, I want more favor on my life!" We need to realize that it is possible, under the anointing of God's Spirit, that we can prophesy, proclaim, and decree favor and Jubilee, and everything that comes in Jubilee will come into our lives the moment we speak the word.

With Jubilee, in one instant it's possible to come into a Holy Ghost meeting, and in the next moment receive a tangible anointing called "favor" upon our lives. It can happen that fast! The moment we proclaim: "Favor!" then tangible favor is released. A sovereign anointing can come upon our lives, resulting in increased favor.

Growing in Favor

Jesus increased in favor: *"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man"* (Luke 2:52). I believe that we have to increase in favor with God first and then we will increase in favor with man. It's possible to walk in a level of favor with God and man that we have never experienced before.

However, today's believers struggle to walk in the favor of God. Many haven't grown in the level of favor and, therefore, are hindered from doing what God has purposed for them, mainly because they don't have the resources. I know of different ministries in a battle; ministries that have been operating for 20 years, but are still on the telephone trying to get meetings and struggling to support one staff member. But God is going to break that Spirit of poverty and lack, and He's going to release His grace. The Bible tells us about the child, Samuel, and how he grew on, and he grew in favor with the Lord and also with man (1 Samuel 2:26). I want to say that it's time to grow on in the favor of the Lord - both with God and man!

More and more believers are going to come into the anointing that brings the favor of God. To give you an illustration - because of God's favor and anointing we've turned away an average of 300-400 international invitations in just six months this year, and hundreds of other invitations in North America had to be declined. I have enough invitations for 300 preachers! That's why I raised up 12 anointed laborers and that's why I want to raise up 100. We'll book meetings for them and send them out, because I can't be everywhere. So why do we have the favor of God? The answer is: the anointing.

The Anointing

I'm going to share several points about the anointing and its influence on increase:
"But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil...The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree. He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bear fruit in old age. They shall be fresh and flourishing to declare that the Lord is upright. He is my rock and there is no unrighteousness in Him." **Psalm 92:10,12-15**
The first thing that happens when the anointing touches our lives is a release of vision, strength, and purpose. My horn is exalted like the wild ox. My horn is my strength. When God anoints our horn, it's our strength; our vision, our purpose, and it's our destiny. But people without vision perish! Without vision we become lazy and complacent - we cast off restraint. When we get tired, discouraged, and disappointed, and we don't want to go on in the vision - we stop contending for miracles and going on with the gospel. But not when God anoints our strength. We want to run again...harder and faster.

We're not going to let up or shut up!

With the anointing, we will flourish and prosper like a palm tree. This resilient tree is one of the only trees that can grow in a dry and thirsty land. So, even when revival is over, we are still in revival, we are still blessing others, and people are still getting saved and healed. In a dry and thirsty land we are flourishing! There is fruit and much fruit that remains - not only at a young age - but even at our old age. The righteous shall still bear fruit; they shall be fresh, fat, abundant, green, and flourishing. Isn't that what we want in the kingdom?

What Does the Primary Purpose of the Anointing Empower us to Do?

A primary purpose of the anointing is to empower us to declare the gospel and the testimony of Jesus - that He is upright and there is no unrighteousness in Him. It's a preacher's anointing. And we preachers need a word of encouragement here. I want to say that it's God's will for us to bear much fruit that remains. God is heavily on our side and wants to replace a poverty mindset with a bigger, fresher, fruitful vision. God wants us to succeed, to increase.

"You will grow like a cedar" (Psalm 92:12b). The cedar is one of the mightiest trees in Israel and it symbolizes spiritual maturity, roots, depth, and revelation. We can possess these strengths!

Fruitfulness is another immense benefit of the anointing - followed by freshness...a life-giving freshness that nurtures a new anointing and constant revelation. When fresh oil comes upon our lives, we begin to live in freshness and constant revelation. We can enjoy fresh manna every morning. Hallelujah!

Two Anointings: The Holy Spirit and Power

People love to be around the anointing, seeing the power of God as people get saved, healed, and delivered. They don't want to be dry and thirsty. The ministries that attracted me in the beginning were the ministries like Benny Hinn, because of the presence and the anointing of God, regardless of his style being a little bit older than what I am used to. Some believers get hung up on the different styles and some don't. Even though I look different than most Christians, a lot of older folks say, "Todd, we love you."
And I'm like, "Really? Why?"
"Because we love the anointing!"
They know the genuine. Many believers want to volunteer and help in this ministry.

Jesus was anointed with two anointings: the Holy Spirit and power. It's possible to be anointed with the Holy Spirit - smeared with the Holy Spirit, like having the oil poured on and rubbed in, like a massage. Then some "as it is in heaven" rubs off on us and we carry this realm everywhere we go. That's the anointing.

More than Enough

Real prosperity means fulfilling our vision and having more than enough to do what God has called us do to. Then we are productive and in a place where we multiply by raising up sons and daughters. We're not after the material blessing that favor brings; we're after the favor, and the favor will take care of everything else. It really isn't about success. We're not talking about money. We're talking about favor and we're talking about souls. We're talking about crusades and about having opportunities to preach the gospel. We're talking about fulfilling our dreams.

God's will is to prosper our lives so that we can win souls! Believers need to be out of debt so they can freely go into the nations and win souls. God wants us to acquire buildings and lands where we can facilitate the training of believers for the harvest. Instead of planting one church, why not plant 10 churches? I'm not starting with planting one school; we are going to plant schools all over the world.

(Of course we need to money in order to do this.) God's will is to give us favor so that we will have fruit and a bigger vision.

In Bible times, there were seasons when no one was lacking. People sold their possessions and lands, bringing the proceeds and laying them at the apostles' feet so they could distribute to anyone that had need. ***"Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need."*** **(Acts 4:34-35)** Most of us would like to be in a position where people just come and bless us for the work of the ministry.

God Has Favorites!

Let's think once again about the increase of favor. We often don't understand that the love of God and the favor of God are two different things. Let me make this statement: God loves each of us with an unconditional love - but favor is different. God can actually favor someone more than someone else. Two examples of this are when God favored Joseph above all his brothers (Genesis 37) and when God favored Jacob above Esau by giving Esau's inheritance to Jacob (Genesis 27).

God loves everyone in the kingdom the same, but He favors some above the rest. Why? Because God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. So if we're not seeking Him as passionately and diligently as the next person, we may not have as much favor and anointing. I may have Him reward me more, depending on how desperate I am to seek Him. God does respond to the one whose heart is after Him - a heart like David's. God honors intimacy. Even though at times David's life was a mess, he had a heart that was after God. His heart-attitude was that he wanted to be right with God - even though there wasn't always the holiness. When we think of all the ways that we come short, God is saying, "But listen! You have had a heart that has been hungry for Me! Your heart has been hungry for My presence, and if you'll seek and pursue My presence..." That's where the anointing is guys. The anointing is in intimacy.

Preparing for Favor

Now let's look at the book of Esther. She was taken from the safety of her uncle's home and ushered into the royal palace because the King was looking for a new Queen. It wasn't long before she obtained the notice and favor of the official in charge, so her beauty preparations were readily given to her, and an allowance!
"Now the young woman pleased him, and she obtained his favor; so he readily gave beauty preparations to her, besides her allowance. Then seven choice maidservants were provided for her from the king's palace, and he moved her and her maidservants to the best place in the house of the women." **Esther 2:9**

What an example! The first thing that happens when we come into favor with the King is that God will move us into the royal palace - the place of ruling and reigning. The next thing that will happen is God will say, "Give him/her an allowance!" Wouldn't we all like the King of the universe to give us an allowance because we found His favor? "Here is a line of credit!" Her exciting life-story goes on:

"Now it happened on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the King's palace, across from the King's house, while the King sat on his royal throne in his royal house, facing the entrance of the house. So it was, when the King saw Queen Esther standing in the court, that she found favor in his sight, and the King held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. Then Esther went near and touched the top of his scepter, and the King said to her, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you - up to half the kingdom!" **Esther 5:1-3**

When Queen Esther received favor, the King held out the royal scepter and asked, "What do you wish, Queen Esther? What is your request? It shall be given to you - up to half the kingdom!" Because she had favor with the King, she could ask what she wished. However, let's not miss this: There is a crucial principle that brought this favor - namely, preparation! She prepared herself because she was hungry and desperate to find favor. Initially she spent six months in the oil, and the oil represents death, suffering, sacrifice, and dying to the flesh. That's one of the keys to the anointing. I want to spend as much time as I can in the oil! Then she was in the perfumes for six months; the fragrance of Jesus, the presence of God. She fasted. (Esther 4:16)

Are You Hungry for the Presence of God and for the Anointing?

Many people want the favor and the blessing that comes with the favor, but they're not ready to pay the price to get the favor. We need to be like Esther if we're going to get favor with the King and ask what we wish. If we're going to be moved from where we're living in our Christian lives into the royal palace and given an allowance, if we're going to be moved into a place of ruling and reigning, it's going to take us preparing our lives like Esther prepared her life. She kept herself clean and pure - a virgin, without spot; free from the spots that were in the world. She embraced one thing - she wanted favor with the King. (He was an unrighteous King and maybe she had no choice, but God was moving her into a place of ruling and reigning to save His chosen people.)

It's time to prepare ourselves for intimacy with God. It's time to remain in the house of God and to be friends with God. It's time to have a place of intimacy in His presence and to seek Him with all our heart. It's time to search after Him right now. These are days where God is about to pour out His presence. These are days when God is about to pour out divine visitation. I know that part of what I am sharing is getting us hungry for the presence of God and for the anointing.

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Preparation For War
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Shalom Fellow Israelite,

We all are familiar with the (biblical) saying “time for peace and a time for war”. As of late we have been hearing of wars and rumors of wars. However, the present war that we are in, the terrorism war, has really never been fought before, and at the same time we hear “peace, peace when there is no peace. What is all this confusion about? Is this happening for the purpose of bringing together some one-world system? Is it so that Islam will become the only legitimate religion in the world? Is it to restore and bring back the tribes of Israel to their homeland? Or is the Creator judging iniquity and sin? Whatever the reason might be, we who have been taken out of this world’s system and order, and have been transferred into the kingdom of YHVH’s beloved Son, need to focus on what the Word of YHVH says, just in case we should find ourselves in a grip of an even fiercer war.

With this in mind, let us take a look at how one of the kings of Judah faced his nation’s war-woes. It was during the reign of King Jehoshaphat that some of the surrounding nations, Ammon, Moab, Syria and Mount Seir (Esau) were gathered together as “a great assembly” (2 Chron. 20:2) to destroy Judah/Israel. When Jehoshaphat first heard the news of this mighty army he “feared”. Is inflicting fear not the motivation of the terrorist packs nowadays? We can see just how sinister this spirit is, as was illustrated this week when two gunmen opened fire on a car causing it to veer off the road. They then went up to it and shot its occupants at point blank range, making sure that no one would escape death. None of the victims sitting in that vehicle was wearing military uniforms. These passengers were a pregnant mother and her four children, ranging from ages 2 to 11. With this kind of demonic mayhem, is it any wonder that the nations are spending more on protecting themselves from these religious fanatics than on any other military objective?

What did Jehoshaphat do when he faced the same threat of annihilation from his neighbors? Scripture records that he*”set* ‘natan pa’neem’ *himself to seek* ‘drash’ *YHVH”*. “Natan pa’neem” means to give oneself, set or put oneself in a position before the face of YHVH in order to “drash”, to inquire advice of YHVH (ref. 2 Ch. 20:3-4). Then he proclaimed a fast throughout Judea. The Judeans gathered from many places to seek - “baqesh” - or simply ask for divine protection. Notice the difference between what the king did in turning to God, and the people. As a leader, he set himself before the face of YHVH and inquired for YHVH’s counsel and wisdom. But before he begins to make his requests, he acknowledges the Elohim whom he is addressing. He then reminds YHVH, by way of questions, as to who He is: *“YHVH, Elohim of our fathers, are You not Elohim in the heavens? And do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the heathen? And in Your hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand You? Art You not our Elohim, who did drive out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the seed of Abraham Your friend for ever?”* (2 Chr 20:6-7). Why did the king address YHVH in this way? Was he himself in doubt as to who He was and what He could do? Did the Almighty need someone to remind Him of His position and duties? In the following statement we can see what Jehoshaphat was driving at. Those questions came from one who knew and feared (revered) the Elohim of Abraham, and knew that what He was and what He did was all for one purpose, to glorify His name: *“And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for Your name sake”* (v. 8).

The king understood that if YHVH were going to move to deliver him and His people, it would not be because of their worthiness or their righteousness, as the mere fact that those nations were ‘knocking at their door’ meant that YHVH was not pleased with Judah. Listen to the following statements of the king: *“If, when evil comes upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for Your name is in this house,) and cry unto You in our affliction, then You will hear and help”* (v. 9). This is the prayer of a very wise man, who knew how to get the Elohim of the heavens to respond to his plight and the fears of the people. This confession, and the following conclusion, demonstrated humility and complete dependence on YHVH’s sovereignty, not only over Judah, but also over those kingdoms of the enemies that were about to attack the nation (see v.6).

Here is Jehoshaphat's concluding prayer *"O our Elohim, will You not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that comes against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon You"* (v. 12). The king, along with the men, women and children were not looking at their own chariots and horses, at their strong men with their bows, arrows and spears, neither for the shrewdness of their politicians and generals. Their eyes were upon YHVH Elohim alone; He was their only Savior and Deliverer. It was only then that the Spirit came to a priest/prophet and delivered YHVH's response to their supplication, consecration and prayer.

Jahaziel ("God will cause to see") came to deliver the message: *"Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but Elohim's. Tomorrow go down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and you shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. You shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand still, and see the salvation of YHVH with you"* (v.15-17). What wonderful words! Now they knew exactly where the enemy will be the following day, and what they (Judah) were to do. But even better news were encapsulated by the statement: "the battle is not yours, but the Almighty's".

This, however, is not the end. Even though they had this wonderful word from YHVH they still had to go to bed that night and wake up to a very unpredictable future. They had to face their enemy, which is something we too must do. As believers, our enemies are principalities and powers in heavenly places; they come to us in the form of evil thoughts and intentions. At that time the only thing the Judeans had to stand and act upon was YHVH's word. So too today - we must face our enemy with faith and trust in the truth of YHVH's word.

The following day, the king, knowing the doubts and fears of his people, encouraged them with these words: *"Believe in YHVH your Elohim, so shall you be established; believe his prophets, so shall you prosper"* (20). The Hebrew word for "established" is "te'am'nu" - of the root a.m.n, which is "to believe". Thus Jehoshapat addressed the nation with a play on words: "ha'aminu, ve-te'amnu": "Believe and be established, confirmed, strong" and in particular "become credible". In other words, by believing, trusting, giving credit to and having faith in YHVH, they themselves were becoming not only strong and established, but also "credible".

"Praise YHVH; for his mercy endures for ever" (V.21).

Shabbat Shalom

Ephraim

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Passivity, Apathy & Malaise

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I personally teach the power of the indwelling Christ. It is my desire to practice this truth as much as teach it. More so now than ever, the whole body needs to experience this dynamic relationship of God in man. On the way to that end we unfortunately run into difficulties arising from the lack of this practice and must address them or ignore them to our own detriment. At present the church is experiencing consequences of not living a Spirit led Spirit empowered life. Many lay in the sloth of lethargy, unable to pick up their heads because of passivity, apathy and malaise.

These three human contaminants to the Christ life are like steps descending downward. Each one gives occasion to the next lower level until one arrives at the worst of spiritual fatigue, that of malaise. No one aspires to any of these conditions. They happen gradually, coming upon one like a creeping fog. Once they engulf a person, it's challenging to obtain release, but not impossible. Here are some things I wish to share with you so you can detect passivity, apathy and malaise and receive freedom from them in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Passivity

You and I were not born passive. Something happened to bring on this unresponsive attitude. Maybe the Laodiceans suffered some with passivity. They were neither hot nor cold.....just lukewarm. Passive people lack responsiveness. They don't participate, are not involved and do not act when action is required. They have little resistance to evil and remain unresponsive to positive influences. Something has shut them down.

When one doesn't learn to resist the devil, he or she probably doesn't know much of submitting to God, James 4:7. This leaves one in a no mans land, open not to the advances of God as much as the devices of the devil since we are told to resist the devil. That word resist is the Greek anthistemi, from which we derive antihistamines. We know what antihistamines do to stop the reactions we get to allergies.

But the problem is worse when it comes to obeying the voice of the Lord or responding to the urges of the Holy Spirit. The dullness that overshadows a passive person is increased by the mounting number of times one doesn't respond to the promptings of God. While in a stimulating meeting, one full of the presence of God, they may lack capacity to join in and rather than participate they observe. Their passiveness increases since they begin to feel nothing and sense separation from the rest of the worshipping throng. Separation leads to isolation. Worse, it can spread.

Since nothing is really significant to a person suffering from passivity, all of life's crisis and God's movements are alike. One doesn't need to become involved with either. And so you have it. Some just sit, like a frog in a pot of water with the temperature rising to boiling point. They can't jump out.
How did this come about? Some (not all), are born into families with parents who provide no discipline of any type. They allow for a demanding child to get her way and cave in to the boy who

contests all rules of discipline. The child grows as a self-indulgent person looking only to satisfy their desires. Christianity looks like a promising opportunity to a need based individual.

But Christianity is a discipline with a Lord and God requiring our attention and responses. Participation is a must. Learning to be joined with the Lord in Spirit is a practiced thing. However, when the undisciplined believer doesn't get her way, the disappointment becomes too severe and they begin to shut down their responses since the childhood ploys no longer work on their heavenly Father.

Many Christians grew up without loving discipline. Now it is foreign to them. They don't relate to it since all they ever knew was that they would get their way if they put up enough stink.

Then there are the occasions when some make an effort to do the right thing, or resist temptation or respond to the prompting of the Spirit yet fail to receive the results. These easily succumb to disappointment. This leads to discouragement and a lack of interest sets in. They say to those who encourage them, " I tried that and it didn't work."

Apathy

Passiveness leads to apathy. Apathy is a loss of emotion and passion for the things that matter. All seems to be on the same level. They can't be stirred anymore. They become disheartened! Prov. 18:9 says, "he that is slothful in his work is a brother to him that is a great waster." The word in Hebrew for slothful also means a person who is disheartened. Of course, waste is the result of slothfulness. It is a waste of a good life full of gifts and purpose in Christ.

Malaise

Malaise is the last downward step for some. It has a foreboding gloomy outlook. Since nothing makes a difference and all is going to fall down, why should I care anymore or ever get involved? Recently some numbers were released during the business portion of a newscast that stated auto manufacturers recalls were up dramatically. But the statistic was not a true reflection on the industry but rather the lack of response of the auto owners who showed no interest in getting a potentially dangerous item fixed. Burnout and passivity create indifference even to danger.

Malaise hits believer and unbeliever alike. Malaise engulfs a person or a group of people in an indefinite feeling of despair or the thought that it is all going to go bad. But that is really a lie. All is not going wrong. The only thing that is really wrong is that believers are not responding and taking responsibility. How do we get free? Before we can answer this question we need to look at the culpability of the church and its leaders.

The church is stressed! We are doing it to ourselves. If the leaders aren't driving the body with another meeting and another program, then the people have taken on their own increasing burdens. In this world with everybody looking to close the doors behind them and shut themselves in from the maddening pace of life, why is it we mirror society and not Christ?

We are over stimulated. One more prophesy, one more exhortation, one more key solution to get it right and then one more and one more and one more. Is this how the Lord drives the church? Is it any wonder that some are loosing heart? Hope deferred makes the heart sick. After a while, it seems senseless to continue and the believer begins to shut down. We don't see them as often in meetings. They don't give as they used to. They aren't raising their hands as high and their voices aren't as loud.

It is repentance time. Time to ask God to forgive us of hewing out cisterns that can hold no water (refreshing, cleansing), Jer. 2:13. Whenever we forsake the "fountain of living water" we must hew out our own source. Since they provide no benefit we are forced to keep digging new ones in hopes of attaining some little drop.

Ultimately, we are faced with our continual failures. Passivity is the natural result of continual disappointment. Finally, passivity will not respond to the same worn out promises. Here we are. When we no longer practice the presence of the Indwelling One, we are left in our own presence.

God my Father and Lord Jesus my Savior, forgive me for coming to the place of passivity and becoming disheartened. It is not for me to blame others. I am as guilty of bringing this on myself as any leader who wrongly endeavored to stimulate me to action. I forgive them and myself as well and ask for your empowering presence to once again have complete control over my thoughts and actions. May the blood of my Lord be over my head like the blood placed on the lintel of the doors of the Israelites in Egypt.

Lord I pray for the leadership of the church to put their plans down and listen to you. May they have ears to hear and eyes to see what you wish to initiate in the church. If you author it you will empower it. The will surely be no stress to your plans and no disappointment either. Teach me Lord that doing your will is SUCCESS!

Lord we resist the forces of Satan that have sought to bring bondage to our person, our family, and our service to you, our leaders and churches. We humbly submit ourselves under your mighty hand and from that position resist the devil. We are loosed from passive spirits who seek to influence our thoughts, emotions and wills. We will once again delight to do your will. Obedience will come easy. The indwelling Christ is our life. By Him we live and move and have our being. Amen.

Blessings In Christ,
Greg Manalli

Persecution and Glory

Rick Joyner

April 19, 2004
Last week we discussed how persecution and trials are not only to be expected, but are to be embraced as opportunities to enter more fully into the kingdom of God. These are allowed as tests of our faith, and to purify our faith. The fear of God and the fear of man cannot coexist. One or the other will rule our lives. Persecutions, slander, and other attacks help to deliver us from and sift out of our lives the things that would cause us to compromise our most valuable treasure-our devotion to God. Consider again what Paul wrote in Galatians 1:10:

For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ.

To the degree that man pleasing controls our lives, we have forsaken our bond-service to Christ. As Paul also wrote in II Timothy 3:12:

And indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

As Christians we should be much more concerned if we are not being persecuted than if we are. If we are not being persecuted, it is likely because we have so compromised the ways of the Lord that we are no longer an offense or a threat to the enemies of God.

Where is this persecution going to come from? Just as Jesus Himself was not persecuted by the more overt sinners, but by the religious community, who were His own brethren, the same has been the case for all who have sought to follow Him. A reason why one of the devil's main titles is "the accuser of our brethren" (Revelation 12:10) is because one of his main strategies has always been to get brethren accusing one another.

The devil seems to know even better than the church that unity increases spiritual authority. One can put a thousand to flight, but two can put ten thousand to flight (see Deuteronomy 32:30). Therefore, the highest priority of the devil is to create division in the church. If a church in a city ever came into true unity, the devil and his evil devices would all be quickly driven out of that city. If there is unity in a family, the devil will not find a place there. Therefore, it is in our best interest to not let things divide us from one another. Before we get into how we deal with persecution, let us first determine not to persecute our brethren, but always work toward their edification.

As we read in Ephesians 4:29-32 previously, what grieves the Holy Spirit is "bitterness, wrath, angel, clamor, slander, and malice." Now let us read those verses with the one that proceeds it.

Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you (Ephesians 4:28-32).

If we do not do anything else this week but determine to control our words, by not letting anything come out of our mouths except that which is good for the edification of those who hear, we will likely be much closer to the kingdom and to the King, than we have been before. Let us resolve to do this one thing. The results will be extraordinary.

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The Highest Honor
Rick Joyner

The Highest Honor Granted As a Follower of Christ
April 26, 2004

Last week we discussed how persecution is part of the faithful Christian life, and that we should be more concerned if we are not being persecuted in some way because "*all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted*" (II Timothy 3:12). Even though we are sure to be persecuted if we are living godly lives, we do not want to be the persecutors, which is why we must resolve to obey Ephesians 4:29-32:

"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

One of the Greatest Opportunities to Grow Into the Lord's Image
Persecution is allowed by God to drive us into His kingdom. It helps to separate us from the desire to please men rather than God. It also helps us to set our hearts on things above, which are eternal, rather than on the things that are earthly and temporary. It gives us an opportunity to grow in love as we learn to love those who do not love us, but rather persecute us. Persecution is one of the greatest opportunities we will have on this earth to grow into the Lord's image. He was persecuted by the very ones He came to save, just as we will be by the very ones that we seek to lead to salvation. As we are told in Philippians 1:28-29 we should:

"...in no way be alarmed by your opponents - which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God. For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake."

Paul wrote that this had been "granted" to the believers. Have you thought of persecution as a blessing and a gift? It is actually one of the greatest blessings that we can have in this life! That may be hard for some to accept, especially when they are going through the persecution, but it is a profound truth. Few things can so quickly separate us from the things in our life that are not profitable and lead us to the things that are than persecution. There are few things in this life that can bring a greater honor to the Lord, which is the highest purpose to which we can attain in this earthly life.
The Goodness of God Will Always Prevail

As we have discussed previously, since the Fall, Satan has been boasting before the throne of God. His boast is that man, the crown of God's creation, the one that God specifically created for His own fellowship and pleasure, chose to rebel against God and serve the devil, loving evil more than righteousness. Man did this even when God had placed him in a perfect environment. So Satan's contention is that if even God's crowning creation will not serve Him, but chose evil over good, why shouldn't the rest of creation do the same?

Before the end of this age the Lord will have a people, who in the worst environment, even in the darkest of times, will choose righteousness over evil. Through them good will prevail over evil and stand for a witness for all time that the goodness of God will always prevail. This is our calling, and it is a primary reason why we are on the earth at this time. The more difficult it becomes to live a righteous life, the more blessed we are when we do, and the more we are becoming a part of the eternal witness for the truth and righteousness of the ways of God. This is why it was said of the apostles after the Council had flogged them:

"So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ." Acts 5:41-42

This, too, must be our resolve. Whatever persecution or shame we are called to suffer for the sake of the Name of the Lord, we will consider it as one of the greatest honors that we can receive here on this earth. We also must not allow it to keep us for one moment from preaching and teaching in the Name of Jesus.

"Satan Does Not Attack Those Who Are Doing Nothing"

That we suffer opposition and persecution is one of the most basic evidences that we are threatening the kingdom of darkness. Satan does not attack those who are not doing anything. So we take this as "a sign of salvation" as Paul called it. The stripes of persecution that we receive here on earth will be our badges of honor for eternity. Do not waste your great opportunity to take up your cross and to suffer shame for His name's sake when it is required. Rejoice that you have been counted worthy of the greatest of honors.

As we proceed toward the end of this age, persecution will increase. The time will come when there will be no place to run from persecution on earth. It may look like for a time that Christianity is being defeated and wiped from the earth, when in fact this will be our greatest opportunity, our finest hour, and the testimony that will help bring the kingdom to this earth.

We Have A Kingdom That Cannot Be Shaken

It may seem that I am dwelling too long on this one subject, but to make it through the times before us, we will need to have a vision for enduring persecution. We need to set our minds and hearts right now toward the Lord and resolve that we will never compromise our convictions. To be prepared, we need to learn now to seize every opportunity to stand for the truth of the gospel, and count it an honor to suffer shame for His name's sake.

If we have built our lives on a firm hope in Him, and not the things of this world, we have a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and a joy that can never be taken. These things are coming to reveal anything in us that is not built on His kingdom, His truth, and more solidly establish us on that which is. Do not waste these great opportunities.

Prayer Alert
Eileen Vincent

I am forwarding the latest prayer focus from Eileen Vincent at Operation Outcry. God has sovereignly given us an opportunity to do a work in our day that could change the face of our nation. The Justice Foundation is directly involved in the extensive legal efforts to overturn Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton - the two cases that bought abortion to the America. Norma McCorvey who was formally designated "Roe" and Sandra Cano "Doe" have asked the Foundation to represent them as they return to court to open their cases.

This legal battle is a spiritual battle. While the lawyers go to court, an army of prayer warriors who will be needed to present their case in the heavenly courtroom in persistent prayer. Good arguments and money are not enough; we are dealing with powerful spiritual forces that will not yield except to concerted believing prayer. Blessings, Chuck D. Pierce

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OPERATION OUTCRY PRAYER ALERT
Eileen Vincent

July 2004

I have settled my justice in the heavens,
I rule in justice upon the earth,
The rule of my justice will bring peace.
Justice and mercy have kissed,
Peace and mercy dance together.

Father we ask You to do miracles, bring Your rule of justice, peace and mercy upon us. We call for You to intervene in the affairs of America.

The new ultrasound scan abilities that have been invented are revealing fascinating evidence of the humanity and personhood of little babies in the womb. It is now known that many of a baby's activities that were previously thought only possible months after birth actually happen in the womb. Prof. Stuart Campbell's published pictures show the baby sucking his thumb, smiling, and even yawning. Pray that the wonder of these images will break loose and change the entrenched attitudes of those who desire the choice to kill.

In the first week of August Sky T.V. will show the first of a series of programs called the "Faces of Abortion." Each will feature the story of a woman who had an abortion, brave women who are "silent no more". This company of people is making an impact upon society with their honest stories of the devastation caused by a "pro choice" decision. They know only too well the painful consequences of that deadly choice for the rest of their lives.

Do pray that these programs will awaken the conscience of America.

On October 22 on the Mall in Washington, DC will be a vast prayer gathering called, America for Jesus. Do go to their web site www. America for Jesus. for further information. In conjunction with this event there will be a "Tent of Meeting" established on the Mall where a week of 24-hour prayer will be hosted by The Justice Foundation.

To facilitate 7 days of 24 hour prayer and worship we wish to invite you to bring your team of intercessors to the Mall in Washington DC. If this is something you would consider doing we will give you further instructions in the next Alert.

Let us Pray!
Heavenly Father we sense the battle lines are drawn for the soul of this nation. Will You supernaturally intervene and pour grace and anointing upon the intercessors to empower them to stand and persist in faith till they see the victory. The moral depravity of our nation is exposed as the opinions of the candidates for the presidency call the nation to take sides. Quicken the conscious of the people so that they know what is right and are determined to do what is right. You are a Holy God and we know that there comes a time when You must act in justice against the backslidings of Your people. Father we ask You to show mercy to us as a nation and hear the cry of the righteous. Turn our nation back to God!

Lord we ask for a government and a judiciary that would protect the life of the unborn. We pray for the progress of the two cases through the courts so that legalized abortion will be overturned. Lord grant favor to congressional candidates who will obey You and serve Your purposes with their position in Government.

We thank You Lord that You have the power to do Your ill, to establish governments who serve Your purpose and raise up individuals who will be Your spokesmen. Lord we praise You for Your faithfulness to hear and answer our prayer.

Here is the news on both *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*

Both *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* remain in court awaiting the judges' decisions. Although there is nothing new to report it does not mean that nothing new is happening.
These delays, which are not unusual, should only provoke us to continue to pray that the deliberations of the judges over these extremely complex cases will be favorable and we will see the progress of these cases to the Supreme Court and to victory. Continue to pray for the judges by name and pray that the fear of the Lord will cause them to make decisions in keeping with His will.
The *Doe v. Bolton* case is still with **Judge Jay Owen Forrester at the US District Court of the Northern Division of Georgia in Atlanta.** Pray for the outcome of his careful consideration of this case.
Hab.3: 2 Lord I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds Oh! Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time, make them known, and in wrath remember mercy.
The *Roe v. Wade* case remains in the US 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans being reviewed by the three-judge panel that will rule on the motion.
Continue to pray for these judges:
Judge Edith Holland Jones
Judge Edward Prado
Judge Jacques L. Wiener

Pray for the judges by name and **Pray** for God's justice to be done in their deliberations and decision-making.

Ø Give thanks for God's faithfulness to the Justice Foundation. He supplies all their needs. We thank God that he always provides for His work. Bring the staff into new depths of trust and courageous faith.
Ø **Thank God for faithful donors and supporters.**
Ø **Pray** for Allan Parker to hear the voice of the Lord as he makes decisions both legal and organizational in this time of development.
Ø **Pray** for both Sandra Cano, the Doe of Doe V Bolton and Norma McCorvey, the Roe of *Roe v. Wade*. **Pray** for their health and for their families. During this waiting time pray they be kept strong in

faith and know the grace of God for their individual needs.

Ø **Praise God** for excellent TV opportunities on Sky Angel. **Pray** these programs will be adequately funded.

Ø **Pray** that the testimony of women who will be "silent no more" concerning their abortions will change national attitudes towards abortion and awaken the conscience of America.

I thank each one who has displayed this Alert, or forwarded it to others. You have helped to raise prayer. Be encouraged it is touching every state and even other nations.

Thank you for encouraging others to pray with you. The need for concerted, organized, passionate prayer to cover every aspect of this case will not diminish till we receive a favorable ruling from the US Supreme Court and killing babies is no longer the national law of the land. Be part of the solution to this evil.

If you are able to coordinate prayer, statewide, countywide or in your cities or local church, please contact us at outpouringmin@aol.com.

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Yes lord we agree with you. And we declare to the powers of darkness:
"*your covenant with death shall be annulled' your agreement with the grave will not stand.*" Is. 28:18

To effect permanent change in all these situations, we have no other recourse than to pray fervently for a mighty move of God to revive the church and radically change society. Only God can save us and create a desire for His ways. Will you expand your heart and your praying; cry out for God to visit us. Lord Jesus, come. Transform us!

"I will restore your judges as in the days of old" Is. 1:26

Pray for the heart of the Supreme Court to change and agree with God's word.

Pray for these Justices by name. Pray blessing upon them. Pray that as they sit in their positions of authority they discharge God's justice.

United States Supreme Court Justices:
William H. Rehnquist, Chief Justice
Justice, Clarence Thomas
Justice, John Paul Stevens
Justice, Sandra Day O'Connor
Justice, Antonin Scalia
Justice, Anthony M. Kennedy
Justice, David Hackett Souter
Justice, Ruth Bader Ginsburg
Justice, Stephen G. Breyer

Please be faithful as you are led to fast for some of these issues.

"*Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask
or think, according to the power that works within us…*" Eph. 3:20

Would you consider signing a Friend of the Court petition? By so doing you are joining with thousands across the nation who agree:

“It is not in the human or legal interest of any mother to kill her own child. A mother’s true interest is in her child’s life and her relationship with her child.
Roe v. Wade should be overturned.”

You can download the petition from the website, http://www.operationoutcry.org.
Both men and women over the age of 18 years can sign. These petitions will be part of the evidence in court. Please take a few minutes to do this.

From this same site you can download **Affidavit forms to be filled in by those who have had an abortion**. Please help to get as many affidavits as possible. Women who wish to share their abortion testimonies please connect with Operation Outcry at 1-866-4-OUTCRY.

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Please copy the Prayer Alert and send to others who will pray

Arrange your own ways of using the material.
For personal use.
Group Prayer.
In your Church prayer meeting.
Incorporate the prayer points in your Church Bulletin.
Mail it to your network.
Organize Prayer Rallies for operation Outcry.

We thank God for your labor of love as you pour out your heart in prayer.
For Life and All for the Glory of God.

Eileen Vincent
National Minister of Prayer Operation Outcry
http://www.operationoutcry.org

Prayer Alert

Ayman and Hala

Dear prayer Warrior,

It's a very important time now. Feeling that God has a lot to be revealed on earth & HE is waiting for His Body to stand in the gap for Him & for His purposes. America has a great role to play yet, so uniting with God's Heart for the coming election is a must. Praying
that President Bush will have his second term in spite of the challenges.

God is in Control. God is in Control. God is in Control.
Nothing is so difficult for Him.
Praise His Mighty Name.
HE is our Leader & Protector, A Wall of Fire surrounding.

Be blessed,

Ayman & Hala
Egypt

Prophecy And Political Positions

Bob Neumann

It is now 12 years since the Clinton/Bush campaign and it is interesting how so called PROPHETIC WORDS are once again aligning themselves. President George Bush was GOD'S MAN! He had "won the war"....He was a Christian....He was ANTI-ABORTION.....
and he lost. Actually he stopped his campaign in the last 30 days and allowed Clinton to catch up from 10 percentage points behind.

But then again....how many PROPHETS said Bill Clinton was "GOD'S MAN OF THE HOUR"?

That prophesied Bill would repent and "A LIGHT" would be in the WHITE HOUSE for the whole nation to follow. Much of what is said of GW today was said about TEFLON BILL years ago.

So what gives?

Are the "prophets" speaking for GOD....or are they "following" the party spin?

Conservative Republicans are once again proclaiming they are carrying GOD'S STANDARD into battle. Yet polls say that the "church" going voters are evenly split. Right down the middle.

"Liberal" Christians are still supporting John Kerry....and THE DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

To many CONSERVATIVE CHRISTIAN is spelled REPUBLICAN.

Maybe the question is whether GOD is limited by the plurality of AMERICAN VOTERS?

Granted the UNITED STATES of AMERICA is the center of the universe and everything revolves around polls and plebiscites issued daily by the people buying air time on TV and CABLE.

> Scripture says Eph 4:
> *13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:*
> *14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*
> *15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*
> *16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.*
> *17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,*
> *18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:*
> *19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all*

> *uncleanness with greediness.*

The United States of America is not "united" in much of anything, especially faith. Likewise if we really have "THE KNOWLEDGE of THE SON OF GOD" sin would not be so prevalent in our land.

In this "UNITED STATES" every four years we have this major contest for control of "political power".

We can dress it up all we want in religious jargon and prophetic prose but it is both worldly in content and vain in spiritual intent. Morality can not be legislated. People chose to sin or not to. Now there will be some people who will break laws both spiritual and national without giving it a thought. That is their choice. Now if people obey national law out of fear of penalty and/or imprisonment can it be called "UNITY IN THE SPIRIT"?

JESUS taught HIS DISCIPLE "IF YOU LOVE ME YOU WILL OBEY MY COMMANDMENTS".

Love and Obedience follow HIM. Political agenda really has little to do with ABBA'S KINGDOM.

Four years ago THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT showed me that from HEAVEN'S POINT OF VIEW there was no difference between the DEMOCRATIC and REPUBLICAN candidates. This flies in the face of many who backed one or the other. Better yet the guys who solemnly declared "GOD'S MAN" would win the election. So it didn't matter who won because GOD WINS.....TRUE....but was that the purpose of their "so-called" prophetic word?

Today we have many who make prophetic declarations that "GW is not perfect". Big deal, that applies to all humans. We are all sinners. All in need of grace. Recently I read someone say that President Bush is being "held hostage" by the sins of America. Scripture says JESUS paid THE PRICE and set the captives free. Recently someone said President Bush had "received Reagan's Mantle" on the death of the ex-president. Sounds good to many.... but has no meaning unless Mr. Reagan was an ELIJAH class prophet. Yet people caught it and passed it from prophetic site to prophetic site.

Preaching Prophetic Accountability today will be very unpopular. But popularity is something scripture does not point for us towards. Nor are we told to struggle for political power. To win elections to political office.

We are told to go to the ends of the world proclaiming the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM and to make disciples. How far off track must a nation get before it falls off the spiritual cliff?

Selah
Bob Neumann

Passionate Pursuit

Victoria Boyson

> "The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him" 2 Chr. 16:9.

I had a vision in which I was flying with God over the surface of the earth. We circled it at a tremendous rate of speed, causing everything on the earth's surface to appear as if it were one massive blur. Then, after some time we slowed down our flight and zoomed in to one lone woman who was on her knees crying out to God in desperation. I saw the Lord stand in front of this woman gazing down at her, but she did not seem to know He was there. As she prayed, the Lord breathed deeply to take in the fragrance of her prayers. He closed His eyes and raised His head; His chest heaved deeply as he inhaled the beauty of her prayers.

As He breathed in her prayers a radiant light began to emanate from inside Him. The light seemed to be electrified with waves of power surging through it. It burst out from Him and encircled both He and the woman in what seemed like a cocoon of glorious light. As I watched, I marveled at this remarkable moment and the Lord spoke to me and said, "It was her desperation for Me that drew Me to her."

In this vision, as we traveled around the earth straining to find someone whose heart was longing for Him, I felt the Lord's desperation. He was desperate to find one who was yearning for Him - someone whose heart was reaching out to find the One they love.

"They Want Me!"

I took part in a church service where the intensity of our worship was very high; you could feel the fervency of our longing for our Lord heightening. Many people were crying out to God in desperate anticipation of Him. "Come Lord Jesus! You are welcome here!" they cried. As our worship increased our longing for Him intensified.

I felt in my spirit that the Lord was truly moved by our desire for Him. He spoke to my heart like an emotional bridegroom, "Look Victoria, they want me!" He was enthralled by our longing for Him.

I burst into tears with my head in my hands, not because I was sorrowful, but because He was so happy. I was delighted for Him, delighted to see His heart made so full by the sincere and fervent worship of those He loved so much. It was as though at last we were beginning to want Him as much as He had longed for us.

Our hearts were captivated by Him because we were suddenly made aware of our great need of Him and of the empty longing we had inside of us without Him. We felt His desperation and His love for us. We knew that He wanted to be with us and our response to Him was "Come!"

Who is it You are Looking For?

In John 20:10-18, John tells us of one whose heart was fully committed to the Lord. To Mary Magdalene, Jesus was not just the Savior of the world, but to her He was a friend. And to this woman who had lived a difficult, forlorn and rejected existence, He represented hope, faithfulness and love. He was the only one who had treated her with love and respect. He made her feel that she really mattered to Him. Instead of seeking what He could take from her, He poured His life into her, and so she loved Him.

When Jesus was crucified and buried, it was she who woke before the sun to run to His tomb (John 20:1). And it was she who stayed by His tomb crying when they could not find His body. When the two angels stationed at the tomb asked her why she was crying she replied, "'They have taken my Lord away,' she said, 'and I don't know where they have put him'" (v.13). She was not confounded by the sight of the angels before her. Indeed, her only thought was for her Lord.

When Jesus appeared to her she did not recognize Him. "'Woman,' He said, 'Why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?'" "Thinking He was the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him.'" (John. 20:14-15).

Mary's Passion

Let's pause here for a moment and refresh our minds with reflections of Mary's relationship with Jesus. In Luke 8:2 we find that she was one whom the Lord had cast out seven demons and she followed Him from that time on. She had refused to be moved from her place at His feet by her sister Martha (Luke 10:40). She, in John 12:1-8 anointed Jesus for His death with expensive perfume and wiped His feet with her hair. Then, in John 19:25, we learn she was at the foot of the cross and saw the one she loved tormented and killed.

I can not imagine what it must have been like for her, watching Him hanging on the cross and then ultimately die. Imagine the dazed confusion she must have experienced. Questions rushing through her mind; Is this what He meant when He said something would happen to Him? Was this what He was talking about? She must have wondered if it was all a bad dream...or how it could possibly be happening to Him.

None of that seemed to mattered at that moment. All she knew was that the One she loved was dying. Then He was gone, how could she go on without Him? She carried all of this emotional heartache with her to the tomb on that Sunday morning.

Yearning only to see even just His lifeless form, she rushed to the tomb the very moment it was permissible. And when she arrived, she found more heartache still...His body was missing. This was too much for her to take; she could no longer bear it. Under the weight of her grief she broke down and wept.

Drawn by Her Passion

Jesus had yet to present Himself to His Father, but He was drawn by Mary's passionate grief for Him. So He went back to the tomb. "Mary" He said in John 20:16. He had planned to present Himself to His disciples in His glorified body, but He choose instead to appear first to this broken woman.

Not even His own mother whom He dearly loved would see Him first, but to a despondent woman whose heart was in desperate pursuit of Him would He first appear. However, she did not recognize Him...so He asked her, "Who is it you are looking for?" (v.15).

He knew who she was looking for; He did not need to ask her. Her passionate grief for Him was what had drawn Him to her, and Jesus wanted to hear her say it. He wanted to hear who it was she was searching for.

He wanted to hear her say, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him" (v.15). How her words must have revived Him. From the arms of His accusers, to the passionate pursuit of His friend.

She wanted Him desperately, even though she believed He was dead. "Just tell me where I can find him and I will take care of him." There was nothing she could do to help Him while He was on the cross, so she urgently wished to help Him now.

Jesus could stand it no longer and in earnest He revealed Himself to her. "'Mary' He said. 'Rabboni!' she cried." She had searched for His body, but now she finds Him whole. From desperation and agony to exuberant joy! She had found the One whom her soul longed for.

In her passion, she lunged at Him embracing Him. Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father"(v.17), but she could not restrain herself. The dark night that she lived through had past and her morning had come.

"I will be Found by You"

The Lord is looking for those who passionately seeking Him, whose hearts are fully devoted to Him, who love Him. He is desperately looking for those like Mary who, in their brokenness, are in desperate pursuit of Him, who want to be with Him. When He finds one who is seeking Him, it becomes a fragrance to Him and He is drawn to them.

Our Lord is desperately searching over the face of the earth for those who long for Him. He wants to reveal Himself to them and to commune with them, to be one with them.

Our Lord promises that He will be found by those who are in passionate pursuit of Him. "'You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,' declares the Lord" (Jeremiah 29:13-14).

The One your heart longs for will come to you! Turn your eyes towards Him beloved, He is desperate for you.

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Parakeet Prophecy
Bill Yount

"God Used A Donkey, A Rooster And Now My Pet 'Parakeet' Is Beginning To 'The' Word Of The Lord! ... God Is Anointing Animals Once Again!" Job 12:7,8.

Job 12: 7,8. "But ask now the beasts and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee: 8. Or speak to the earth and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

Of all the words in the vocabulary that you can teach a parakeet to say, my son taught our parakeet to say two words... 'come here'. Our parakeet, named Skywalker, says continually those two words as clear as a bell... 'Come here! Come here!'

Since that bird moved into our house, I have to sit beside that bird cage in my chair where I study the word and pray. Recently I have heard the voice of the Lord speak to me through that parakeet... "Come here! Come here!" The King James interpretation is ("Come unto Me all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.")

I am tempted to start taking my parakeet to meetings and put the microphone up to its beak and let him give the prophetic word for the hour! And then give the altar invitation! (smile)

I was reminded once again through this prophetic parakeet why God called me with a fresh call five years ago. The Lord said. "Bill, I am not calling you to churches or to people, I am calling you to Me. And out of your time spent with Me will come forth what I want to do through you! I am not calling you to work for Me but to be with Me so I can work through you!"

At least one time in the last five years I have made my greatest mistake in following Jesus. I fell in love with my ministry more than Him. When that happened the Lord did me a great big favor and came down and personally hindered my ministry to get me back. He shut doors to ministry and the phone stopped ringing, meaning there were no invitations to minister anywhere for the next three months! God even had to prove to me and my family that He alone was our source of provision and not churches, people or even our ministry. If you want to know if you have a ministry from the Lord, just take a step back away from it for a time and if the ministry dies, it was 'your' ministry. But if it continues without you it is God's.

God spoke to me during this time... "Bill, I can actually do more without you than I can with you! Any questions? Your ministry has become your dream. But you alone are My dream come true... I enjoy just being with you. Come to Me!"

My ministry actually took off without me during those three months. I got unusual phone calls that God was using me through my tapes being played in church services when I had never left the house. My mother called and said, "Bill, I just saw you on TV. They replayed a tape from 10 years ago in Pittsburgh!" I am convinced God must prove to us that He can bear more fruit in our ministries when we spend more time with Him. I am convinced that He makes it all happen so He can end up being with us more and more as we are weaned from our ministry and even our 'prophetic words' spoken to us, to be in His presence and to get to know the 'author' of our prophetic words!

One morning during this three month sabbatical I was walking to my prayer room passing by our bay window that was filled with beautiful flowers called Irises. They were in full bloom and shouting with color and glory. As I walked past them, I heard the Lord whisper to me. "Bill, I want you to sit down on the sofa and behold the flowers." As I did, I found myself mesmerized by their beauty and started to say their name out loud... "Iris, Iris, and then out came, "I Rest!" It's the first time a flower ever preached to me. I kept gazing upon their beauty and studied them. I couldn't find one flower that looked like it was struggling. I couldn't find one flower that looked worried. Have you ever seen a flower that looked worried? (unless you don't water it!) These flowers were just being and growing into what God had called them to be with no struggle, no sweat and no worry! They even looked happy!

The Lord spoke through those Irises saying. "Bill, I am calling My people to rest in Me and believe what I have called them to become will come to pass in their lives. There is a rest to them that believe. They not only must believe in Me but believe 'Me' to bring to pass what I have spoken unto them. I am the faithful one who has called them who will also do it!"

I sensed that God got so excited with me just being with Him alone apart from ministry that I sensed Him speaking to the angels concerning my ministry... "Go and multiply Bill's ministry in the earth while I enjoy his presence with Me that he might learn when he takes time off to be with Me, his ministry will take off bearing much fruit. My ministry is still multiplying from that encounter of being with the Lord those three months. But recently God had to use a parakeet to get my attention again. And I believe the Lord is perhaps speaking to you also as I write this article. I can hear my parakeet chirping in the background. I believe the Lord is prophesying through Skywalker perhaps to the whole world... "Come Here! Come Here! Come Here!"

When God has to use a parakeet to prophesy to me, I better listen.

"I am going to take some time to go be in the presence of the One who takes care of the birds and flowers and ordains them to minister to us! ... How about you?"

"Come here to hear!"

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Parabolic Vision

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I was wounded. My flesh had been torn and ripped from my body. I was naked and I was thirsty and hungry. I came out of the woods in my stumbling to find safety. I entered a clearing and found I stood before two gentlemen. The first one was clean and well looking and carrying a large bible. The second looked rather scruffy like myself. It seemed as though his wounds were the same as mine only now healed.

I begged for water and food and for someone to tend to my wounds.

I asked for water. The first extended to me a cup to drink, but it was a cup of vinegar. The second extended a cup and it was full of very fresh and cooling spring water

I asked for food. The first gave me a loaf of bread, but as I thought to eat of it I found it was fool of worms. The second extended to me, what seemed like bread that was glowing with light.

I asked for a coat because I was naked and cold. The first said to me, “Listen – this is how you should have faith that you should believe God for all your needs. He had a coat and behind him I saw he had a house that was full of coats, but he would not give me one. The second… was still naked himself, but as I asked for a coat an angel came to give him a coat for himself as he was also cold and naked, but he took it from the angel and offered it to me – saying, “It is best I give this to you to be warm as my love to do so will… in itself sustain me and keep me warm”.

My wounds were deep and they were bleeding and I asked that someone might attend to my wounds. The first said, “Where is your faith that you are not healed already” and the second said, “behold, I have received healing for myself… let me but embrace you and hold you close to myself and what healing I have received may also touch you. And then he grabbed me and held me close and embraced me so that I might partake of the same healing that had healed him. He simply held me in an embrace and he said no words to me, but as he held me I was healed and I was restored.

The first then said – “Do not let him touch you – he is dirty and he is filthy, he will defile you if you touch him” but I said to him… “though he may be dirty and filthy as you say… I say this to you… by his touch I am being healed”.

I asked the second man… “Are you a holy man?” and he said “NO”… “I am a man as yourself and I am not holy”. I asked the first man, “Are you holy” and he said, “Yes, I am a holy man”.

I asked them both, “Why have you come to me?”. They both said… “That you might be healed and be saved.”

To the first I asked… “How then shall I be healed and be saved?” – He said, “I have seen much and I have learned much and I now know how to make you whole if you will follow after me”. Of the second I asked, “How then shall I be healed and saved?” – The second said, “I have no way to either save you or to heal you, but what salvation and healing I have received I shall share with you”. “I can, with my touch, give to you what I have received for myself.”

The first said to me, “Do not trust this man, he is dirty and he is not clean – you cannot trust him to help you”. Again I said, how then shall I been healed and made clean? The first then brought out a “cloak” and said, “Put this on” and so I did. When I put it on I saw that, before others I was as clean as was the first man. I was seen as clean and healed to others, but as I looked down upon myself I was still bleeding and had wounds and I was filthy. I said to the first, “Others see that I am clean and healed, but I do not see I am for myself”. The first said, “the cloak will save you… as others see you clean so then will God see you clean and receive you”.

Then the second man said to me, “Put this on.” and it was a mantle… not appealing whatsoever to the eye. I did not want to put it on… it had no appeal to it, but I was naked and wounded and I needed to be covered. I then put on this mantle the second man gave me. It was not appealing and had no color or threads that one might adore, but as I put it on I looked down at myself and I was clean and my wounds were healed. Others looked at me and said, “He is poor and has nothing good to wear, but I looked again down at myself and I was clean and I was healed”.

I went to others I thought to be my brothers, but they said to me, “You are not welcome hear, because you are not arrayed in fine linen as we and you will defile our house. You should go and find fellowship with the lepers as they might receive you, but we cannot as you do not appear to be clean.

I looked to the second man and asked, “How is this?” “How can this be?” He said, “They also came to me one time and asked – “Do you desire to appear clean?” I said… no, I do not desire to appear clean… I want to BE clean. They gave me the same cloak to put on whereby I would seem to all others to be clean and healed and they said as long as I wore that cloak they would receive me and so would many others, but I could not wear it as every time I looked down upon myself I still saw I was naked, wounded and still dirty”. I told them, I cannot wear the clothes you give me to wear”. They said to me, “Then… you shall walk the earth naked and have nothing… you will be before all men as dirty and filthy and naked”. So then I said… “Then I shall be so… for unless I can see myself as not naked then I will not receive”. I desire to be clothed and not naked, but I myself must know that I am not naked else it is nothing to me. Then again the first man said to me… you must be clothed before the people and then you will no longer be naked. Then I said, “If I remain naked to myself then I am not clothed before any man… I remain naked”. I then left and I went out into the dessert and there I wandered for some time. The heat of the day parched me and the vultures tormented me day and night as though taunting me as a failure. Then, one day as I walked along, I found in the sand a cloak. It was of no reputation as beautiful or appealing, but when I found it… it had written within it, my name… as though it belonged to me. So then I put it on… and for the first time I looked down and I saw that I was no longer dirty, or filthy… nor was I wounded anymore or bleeding. Since, I have kept what I found in the dessert… it is the mantle of healing God provided for me. They told me also that if I followed them I would be healed and I would gain acceptance and men would honor me, but as I first tried to follow them I never became healed or clean. They only promised me I would be and everyday they would come to me and require I give them more so the promise would be fulfilled that I would be healed and clothed. I gave them all my money and all I had. When I had finished giving them my earnings then they required that I deliver to them those I loved, but never had I come to be healed or clean. I was without hope and they discouraged me greatly and I finally left them and accepted that I am not worthy of God to love me and I then went into the dessert to die, but in the dessert I did not die… I found life, for in the dessert I found the Lord I sought and He gave me this cloak I now wear. There is no appeal to my mantle for men to see, but… it’s power makes me clean before God and myself and it heals my wounds as I wear it. I offer to you what mantle I myself now wear. Take upon yourself this mantle of no reputation. It is not comely and will not attract men to you to ask where they may acquire the same. They will, if fact, avoid the desire of that which you may wear. There is nt grandeur in this mantle that men would seek it. It is, however, a healing and a cleansing mantle.

The first man then rose up in rage against the second and said, “Do not listen to him… he is not from God… he seeks to keep you unclean and to wrap you in garments that are not holy for they are not comely”. “Surely… if God would wrap you in holiness would it not also be very comely in appearance?” “Do not go after him… he seeks to deceive you. You must follow after us and we will clothe you with fine linen that men might marvel at what you wear.” I said to him, “I do not care what men may marvel at what I wear… I seek to be clean and that my wounds may be tended to". The second man then said to me… "Come,… I will show you healing and I will show you cleansing." So then I went with him. He brought me to waters that were pure and told me to wash in them. At first I desired to go into the waters with what I was wearing, but he said to me… you must become naked for you to wash. I did not want to take what clothes I had off, but I did as he instructed of me. Naked I stood and filthy, but I entered the waters he brought me to and immediately my wounds began to heal and immediately I was clean. I did not have to scrub myself as the moment I entered the waters I was made clean. I came up out of the waters and I was clean and the mantle I was given was called "humility" and it kept me clean so that I may not again be made filthy.

We then returned to the first man and others of his company to share what the waters could do and that the mantle was precious to keep us clean, but he said, "I AM CLEAN, what need have I of you?" As he scurried around and was preaching to us how he became holy a branch caught his robe and lifted it up… and underneath I could see he was not only filthy, but he was decaying as a corpse would decay and was a stench as is a corpse. In shock I said to him, "You are corrupt and you are as filthy as a dead corpse", but he said to me… "Be rebuked you evil man… for I am covered in righteousness… can you not see the beauty of my robes?" "And you… you still seek to wear that mantle of no esteem?" "Why do you wear such a thing?" No one will welcome you… no one will desire to hear your voice… no one will open their doors to you." I said to him, "Sir, I came that I might be cleansed in my own eyes. I did not come so that I may be cleansed only in the eyes of others. Again he said to me, "Leave those who have taken you into their company… they have nothing to offer you". "They are of no esteem and can give you no place in the world". Come with us and wear brilliant garments as we and take your place in the world. There is made a place for you if you will only fill it and men will honor you and come to you and they will seek out your counsel and you will be a wise man among the people. You will prosper and they will bring and give gifts to you because of your wisdom and you will live in comfort and your trials shall cease. Then he said to me, "Is it God that desires you to suffer?" or may we not show you that God does not ask of you to suffer, but He says to you that you should prosper and we will show you the way." "Listen to us", he said, "We know God… can you not look at us and know that we know God? Look at how we are arrayed… are we not arrayed in the splendor that is from God. How can you not look at us and know that we are from God? But I said to him, "I want to be clean" and he said, "But we are clean… can you not see this?" I said, "But as I saw the branch raise up your robe I saw that underneath you are not clean". and he said to me… "I am clean… men see that I am clean… you see the garments I wear… how magnificent they are… they make me clean". I said… "I am not at peace until I can look down upon myself and see that I am clean and it does not matter to me that other men may think I am clean… I want to know I am clean. Then he said to me… depart from us for you are a troublemaker and we want no fellowship with you".

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Passover 2004

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Prophetic Declarations - Passover 2004
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Purpose & Destiny Defined
Every arena of a believer's life is directly related to his or her purpose and destiny in Messiah Yeshua. Unfortunately, some do not know their God-ordained purpose and/or destiny to fulfill God's will in their lives. For others, the knowledge is gained but not empowered by The Anointed One and His anointing.

Webster defines the following:
Purpose: intention; something set up as an object or end to be attained; resolution, determination; aim; a subject under discussion or an action in course of execution.

Destiny: fate; a predetermined course of events often held to be a resistless power or agency; appointment set aside for purpose or predetermining; destination: a place which is set for the end of a journey or to which something is sent.

Destine: to decree beforehand: predetermine; to designate, assign, or dedicate in advance: to direct, devise, or set apart for a specific purpose or end.

CRUCIAL TIME OF WARFARE
This Passover (Heb., "Pasach") marks the beginning of God's release for His purposes and destinies to manifest in the believer's life, but not without a fight. This is a time that compromise and slack must bow their knees to the authority and power given to the believer. The trumpet (Heb., "shofar") is sounding an alarm to those who have ears to hear and hearts to obey the voice of God again, and in greater measure than what has been demonstrated in past years.

FACELESS CHAMPIONS
These "faceless champions" will be sent by God to thrust you into your purpose and destiny, for they are able to catch the vision that has been given to you, as well as speak into your life with power and authority, for they are devout by the standard of the Law (Heb., "Torah").

One who comes to mind as an example is Ananias, a devout servant of the Lord and reputable (well spoken of) by all the residing Jews nearby. He spoke God's will to Paul (Rabbi Shaul) and prophesied purpose, destiny. And commissioned Paul by the authority granted to him by God. In other words, he knew his sphere of authority and abided by it (Acts 22). This "Ananias" is not mentioned ever again in the Word. Wow!

Another example is Purah, one of Gideon's servants believed to be his armor-bearer, for he "followed" Gideon into battle against the Midianites, under cover of darkness to scout the enemy camp. (Judg. 7) Like Ananias, Purah is not heard of again in the Word.

These "faceless champions" are appointed by God with fresh vision and integrity, waiting to be assigned. We must discern and embrace these key people sent our way. Or, you may be an "Ananias" or "Purah," assigned to a "Paul" or "Gideon." Let us hearken to the voice of the Lord and expedite our God-ordained mandates, that we may become the "manifest sons of God."

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Passover and Nationhood

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,
It was over 3,800 years ago when the God of Jacob sent His family down into Egypt to make them into a single nation. Speaking to His servant Jacob, He said: *"I am YHVH, the God of your father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation there'"* (Genesis 46:3). One of the Hebrew words for "nation" is "goy". It is first used in the Tanach in the Covenant that YHVH made with our forefather Abraham, *"I will make you a great nation; I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing"* (Genesis 12:2). One man, one God, one Covenant, one national identity; this was at the heart of YHVH's plan for the redemption of the creation. The God of Abraham set apart a man, and swore by His own name that his seed/sperm would become a great and holy (set-apart) nation.

When Jacob and his band of seventy souls arrived in Egypt, he found another family member already down there - Joseph. As we can see from the story recorded in Genesis, Joseph and his progeny had lost their identity and connection with their family of origin, and thus in a sense were a prophetic type of the second family (the so called Gentiles) of the house of Jacob. Perhaps this is why Jacob had to adopt Joseph's sons (ref. Gen 48:5), even though they were of the same bloodline. The adoption was significant for the restoration of the governmental order and unity of the clan. If they were to become a nation, they had to have their own land, and so since Joseph was in a position to do so, he gave them the land of Goshen, where they multiplied profusely. The Creator blessed them with fruitfulness, as they dwelt in one of the most fertile areas of the land of Ham.

However, eventually Jacob's family became slaves to their Egyptian overlords. And while in that state, they lost their vision of being a nation, a family and a people with a purpose and a Divine call. This is portrayed quite vividly in the scene of the two Hebrew slaves who (much like today's 'two houses') were fighting one another much to their own demise. The seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was now characterized by individualism. This was only natural, since they were living under extreme conditions where self-preservation became their means of survival. So where was this great nation that was promised to Abraham? His seed, now turned slaves, were cursing the day they were born on. They had become nothing more than dead dry bones in the desert sands of Egypt. So helpless were they that they could not even respond to Moses, when he came to them preaching the good news of their deliverance (ref. Exodus 6:9)!

The Passover story is replete with pestilence, famine and one disaster following another. But when gross darkness covered the land, there was still light in the tents of the Hebrews (ref. Ex.10:23), as the anointing of YHVH's covenant word (which *"is a light"*, ref. Ps. 119:105) was still upon them to become a great nation. How was this going to be made possible? It certainly was not going to happen by the nation's own strength. This was going to take a miracle, a Divine intervention. YHVH, therefore, dispatched a man with a message: *"Let **My** people go"*. Moses was faithful to bring that word to the ruler of the slaves, but YHVH hardened the heart of Pharaoh, just to make sure that His people would know that their deliverance was not going to come by the way or the authority of man. Had Pharaoh given his permission, these Hebrews would have been forever indebted to their slave owner. They would have never been free and could never have taken up their divinely ordained position as the head of all the nations. In this manner, they would have been legally bound to Egypt.

YHVH had another plan to restore these slaves to freedom and to their national identity. He told His servant Moses to have each family take a lamb: *"Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: `On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his* *father, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats…. Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb….then you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning…. Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt "* (Exodus 12:3-5; 21-22; 13).

The moment the elders applied the blood and struck the lintels and the doorposts of the Hebrews' homes with it, the latter were all sealed into their deliverance, freedom and destiny, but even beyond that - their individualism had just ceased to exist. They were now united behind the one sacrifice, totally dependent upon the powerful right arm of the Almighty to bring them out. *"Let **My** people go!"* YHVH had already announced to all the rulers of Egypt who these people belonged to. These were a people who did not belong to themselves, they were and still are today ***"My people,*** ["ami" -singular] says YHVH". But now, through the blood of the lamb they were set apart to enter into the next phase of His plan. "'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel" (Exodus 19:6).

As we, Ephraim and Judah, YHVH's two families, the two nations, gather together to honor Him during this year's Passover, let us leave our individualism and lift the cup of unity. Remember that we were all once slaves to sin and death and bound to the principalities and powers of this world's (kosmos) dominion. It behooves us to, *"purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as you are unleavened. For even Messiah our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth"* (1 Cor. 5:7-8). May we walk together through the Door that is splattered with the blood of the Lamb, out of the houses of our bondage and into the liberty of the new corporate life of the *"One New Man", the Royal Priesthood and Holy Nation Israel!*

May you all be blessed during this Passover and Feast of Matzot (unleavened bread) with a sense of national unity! May the eyes of our hearts be opened anew to the fact that we are ***"My people Israel"*** in this generation.
Shabbat Shalom and Hag Same'ach
Ephraim

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity... It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there YHVH commanded the blessing--Life forevermore" (Ps. 133).

Passion Movie Released In Middle East

News Items

29 Mar 2004 Marc van der Woude MarcvanderWoude@xc.org JOEL NEWS * Prayer Alert

'The Passion of the Christ' has been released in several nations in the Middle East. Prayer News Alert forwarded two interesting reports from Qatar and Kuwait and calls to prayer for the global release of the film, that many additional Islamic nations will allow the movie to be released without censorship.

Daily news at The Passion of Christ Blog
http://marcsmessages.typepad.com/passion/english/index.html

Passion sells in Arab nations http://makeashorterlink.com/?U29451FD7

Report From Qatar:

To everyone's shock and surprise, 'The Passion' was released today here in Qatar. Until now we have only been able to show the Jesus film in Arabic to a handful of Qataris in the secret of a home setting. In the coming weeks, potentially tens of thousands of Arab Muslims will see this powerful portrayal of Christ's suffering and death. In two short hours, more Qataris heard the Gospel than I have been able to reach in nearly five years of living here.

The Arabic subtitles were completely accurate - they didn't water anything down or change any language that Muslims would not agree with. All of us watched the film in absolute amazement in what God had done. The Muslims sitting around us were being moved - gasping, crying and reacting with disgust to the brutality that Jesus faced.

Now - if you have heard anything about why the Arab Muslims would want to see the film, you know that it is because they 'heard' it was anti-Jewish and since they hate the Jews, they want to see it. How interesting that God is using this film to communicate the Gospel and the very opposite spirit that might be motivating them to go and see it. The message to love your enemies, and Jesus praying for them to be forgiven while on the Cross would hit the Muslim theatre-goer in a powerful way.

Please pray for these urgent requests:

1. That this film will be allowed to be shown for a significant period of time. It is being shown in three different theatres, up to four times a day. Fundamentalists will surely be in an uproar about this unprecedented event. Just when we thought Satellite television was going to be the most significant way for the Lord to sow the seeds of the Gospel, this film arrives in Muslim nations!

2. That this film will cause a major shaking and stirring in the hearts of many Muslims, leading them to salvation.

3. That God will lead us to men and women who have been/will be impacted by this powerful film.

Report From Kuwait:

The film is so popular here that they have been canceling the other films to show 'The Passion' in all the theatres at the cinema complex. I took a friend on the second night. The film was running in all three theatres. I would estimate that well over 50% of the people in the theatre were local Muslims including women completely veiled. You could see how this film had impacted everyone. On the second day, several of the local newspapers had the advertisement for the film on the front page.

It appears that even Saudi Arabia is getting a chance to see the film, albeit through pirated DVD's.

There are no movie theatres in Saudi Arabia anyway. God knows what He's doing. I was just reminded what the Apostle Paul writes: "It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way (e.g. pirated DVDs) the true Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice". (Philippians 1:15-18)

The release was very timely. The killing of Palestinian Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmad Yassin happened the morning after the film was released. The Arab response has been a whole new wave of hatred for the Jews, which was illustrated in a large public demonstration/march yesterday. At a time when the urge for Muslims to hate has been renewed, the Lord has brought 'The Passion' telling them - 'No, love your enemies! Forgive them!' The contrast is staggering.

[Note from JOEL NEWS: Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat watched 'The Passion of the Christ' at a private screening in the West Bank city of Ramallah, and made a positive statement about it.]

Just today a couple of local women asked me, "Do you have the New Testament in Arabic? Me and all my friends want to read it!" Another asked about where to get the Arabic Bible on the internet. This has never happened! The film is generating so much interest in Jesus and the Scriptures. Every Christian we are talking to seems to have a story of two just like this one. May it continue to increase.

There have been several articles in the paper, all positive and surprisingly silent in terms of emphasizing the Islamic belief that Jesus did not die on the cross. People are talking about wanting to go and see it. Pray that many would watch this movie and that it would spark an interest and hunger to know more of Jesus and the Bible. Pray that hearts would be drawn by the love of Jesus. Pray that believers would make the most of this opportunity to talk with their friends, to be available for those who will be impacted by what they see.

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Cinema owners call on Christians

One of our contacts in Germany reports that cinema owners in Darmstad, Germany, called on Evangelical churches to be available after viewings of the Passion movie. The Christians were invited to see the movie for free if only they would be available to talk to visitors. They were allowed to use all the rooms in the cinema to talk and pray with people.

Pirated DVDs of 'The Passion of Christ' Flood Jeddah Saudi Arabia

Mohammed Alkhereiji, Arab News Staff http://www.arabnews.com/?page=1&section=0&article=41235&d=15&m=3&y=2004

JEDDAH, 15 March 2004 - Pirated DVDs of controversial Hollywood blockbuster "The Passion of Christ" have hit the streets and are selling like hot cakes, according to street vendors.

The film is being sold outside of supermarkets, and out of the trunk of cars for the price of SR30 or less. A copy obtained by Arab News was of high quality.

A street vendor said on condition of anonymity vendors underestimated demand for the movie because the dialogue is in Latin and ancient Aramaic rather than English. "My customers don't like subtitled movies, but they are buying this one."

Arab censors giving 'Passion' wide latitude Gibson film packs Mideast movie houses

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Cairo -- Arab governments across the Middle East are bending or breaking their own censorship rules for "The Passion of the Christ," the Mel Gibson film that sparked fears of anti-Semitism when it was released in the West.

In Egypt, where the film opened to large crowds Wednesday, "it's getting a very special treatment," said Mustafa Darwish, a film critic and former president of the Egypt Censorship Authority.

So far, the film has been released uncensored in Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

A longstanding ruling from Al Azhar University -- the ultimate spiritual authority for Muslims worldwide -- forbids the depiction of prophets in movies, and Muslims consider Jesus Christ a prophet. But authorities have made an exception for the controversial film depicting the final hours of Jesus' life. Only Kuwait has blocked its release, citing the ban on portraying prophets.

Gaber Asfour, secretary general of Egypt's Supreme Council of Culture, who gave his seal of approval to "The Passion," said the film's release is a sign of increasing artistic freedom in the country, which banned "Matrix Reloaded" and "Bruce Almighty" last year on religious grounds.

"You can say that we are regaining the spirit of enlightenment, which is essential to the cultural tradition of modern Egypt," Asfour said.

The laissez-faire attitude was clear at one Cairo movie theater, where an unusual disclaimer hung above the ticket window, proclaiming: "This movie reflects only the views of its creator."

However, Darwish and other observers say allegations raised by U.S. Jewish groups may have actually encouraged the film's welcome in the Arab world.

"They (the censorship authorities) think the film is anti-Semitic. That's why they are giving it such privilege," Darwish said.

Across the region, the film is packing movie theaters. Lebanese President Emile Lahoud has seen the movie, as has Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who called it "moving and historical." An aide to Arafat compared the pain Jesus endured to the suffering Israel has inflicted on Palestinians.

More than 142,000 people saw the movie during its first 11 days in Lebanon, shattering previous records set by "Titanic" and the James Bond movie "Die Another Day."

Lebanon is 30 percent Christian, which may help to explain the film's success there. But in predominantly Muslim Qatar, Syria and Jordan, the movie is also attracting unprecedented crowds. In Qatar, it is being shown on seven screens four times a day.

"We have broken all records," said Berthe Zeeni, marketing director for Prime Pictures, the film's Middle East distributor.

In Qatar, any movie showing a cross around an actor's neck was banned throughout the 1990s. So when the tiny Persian Gulf monarchy approved "The Passion," Mohsem al-Mokadem, the general manager of the Qatari Cinema Co., was shocked. "It is the first time that such a film has been released anywhere in the gulf," said al-Mokadem, who was a member of Qatar's censorship authority from 1980 to 1992.

Arab censors emphatically deny that they have treated "The Passion of the Christ" differently than any other movie.

"We considered it as we would any film, from an artistic point of view," said a Ministry of Information spokesperson in the United Arab Emirates, where the film also opened Wednesday. "We did not look at it from a religious or political point of view."

In Israel, some ultra-Orthodox rabbis and several right-wing parties have called for the movie to be banned. And no Israeli distributor has yet sought permission to market the movie, according to the nation's Film Censorship Board.

Officials at Al Azhar acknowledged that they have long forbidden depictions of prophets -- or even the voices of prophets -- in movies, but they said they have no intention of opposing the decision of government censors to allow "The Passion" to be shown in its entirety.

"I encouraged the movie because it withholds from Jews their claims that they are innocent of the Christ's blood," said Mohiy el-Din Abdel Aleem, a professor of media and journalism at Al Azhar University, when asked why Al Azhar had not objected to the movie.

Sheikh Muhammad el-Rawy, a member of the Islamic Research Council, Al Azhar's highest authority responsible for reviewing books and movies, said it would have been inappropriate to interfere with a movie that concerns the Christian faith.

"We do not accept the screening of prophets, but we cannot confiscate others' beliefs," he said. "We didn't review this movie because it does not concern Muslims."

Habib Malik, a professor of history and cultural studies at the Lebanese American University in Beirut, said the allegations of anti-Semitism that have surrounded the film are undoubtedly part of the film's appeal in Lebanon.

"Word got around that this movie was upsetting a lot of people in the Jewish community in the West, and people here are predisposed to be anti- Israel, and anti-Jewish in general, and I think that's one of the reasons why people have flocked to see it," said Malik, who first watched the film with Mel Gibson and a select group of intellectuals and religious figures in Washington.

Malik said he hopes that even if people see the film for the wrong reasons, it may still have a positive influence by exposing Muslims to different religious viewpoints.

Moviegoers in Cairo left the film with widely differing views.

"This shows what happened, and how the Jews trapped Jesus and let the Romans crucify him. This is the truth," said Maher Nissim, a financial manager who viewed it on opening night at the Ramses Hilton theater.

Salwa el-Badrawi, a stooped elderly woman in an Islamic headscarf who attended a pre-release screening, said she hoped the movie would bring religions closer together rather than drive a wedge between them.

"It shows that there is tolerance and tenderness in all religions," she said. "The movie shows Jews who sympathized with the Christ, while we Muslims also had a Christian person who helped the prophet Mohammed," referring to Waraqah, his wife's Christian cousin, who helped Mohammed interpret his revelations.

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Man Confesses to Murder After Watching 'The Passion'

After watching "The Passion of The Christ" earlier this month, a Texas man confessed that he killed his girlfriend back in January. Dan Randall Leach II, 21, was indicted a week ago in Richmond on a first-degree murder charge in the death of Ashley Nicole Wilson, 19, the Associated Press reported. Her death in January had been tentatively ruled a suicide.

Earlier this month, Leach reportedly went to see Mel Gibson's film, which graphically depicts Jesus' final hours. On March 7, he went to church, announced that he needed to confess a crime and drove himself to the sheriff's office, "The Los Angeles Times" reported. Details of his confession were not revealed until his indictment was issued. "It's a very strong movie," Jim Pokluda, a sheriff's lieutenant in Fort Bend County, Texas, said. "It would make a man think twice about any sin that he has committed."

Elsewhere, well-known pastor and author Rick Warren said his Saddleback Church in Lake Forest, Calif., gained 2,500 new members in the few days after the Feb. 25 release of the movie, Discipling A Whole Nation (DAWN), a global Christian research and strategy network, reported.

Robby Dobbs of the Second Baptist Church in Houston said his congregation has had "hundreds of conversions" because of the film. Along with many pastors nationwide, Warren held church services in rented cinemas. Churches overseas are reportedly copying this style of evangelism. In Essen, Germany, the owners of the country's largest cinema allowed churches to speak for 20 minutes after each showing, DAWN reported.

Last week, "The Passion" topped the $300 million mark, becoming the fourth-fastest film to reach that figure. With $315 million after this past weekend, the movie is outpacing "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," which has earned about $375 million, Reuters reported. Playing in 3,214 theaters, the film will widen by 400 to 500 cinemas this Friday, with Gibson counting on a surge in business through Easter.

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Jesus: controversial

Seldom has a film caused so much furor before its release as Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ". The movie, filmed in Latin and Aramaic, depicts the last 12 hours in Jesus' life. The controversies centre on Gibson's claim to have filmed Jesus' suffering exactly according to the Biblical accounts. "The Passion of the Christ" has caused a global media response and heated discussions in many nations.

"Jesus beats Frodo"

The release was sensational: an audience of 2.5 million in 4,000 cinemas, which are booked weeks in advance. In the first five days, audiences paid US$ 125 million to see "The Passion of the Christ", beating the recent record Oscar winner "Lord of the Rings: Return of the King", which chalked up 'only' US$ 124 million in the same period. Film industry experts believe the film could total US$ 650 million, earning Mel Gibson US$ 250 million or more. That's quite a profit margin, considering the investment of US$ 30 million in production costs and US$ 15 million in marketing.

"My fingers trembled"

Theologian and Reuters journalist Uwe-Simon Netto watched the film. He writes "Two hours after watching the crucifixion scene, my fingers are trembling uncontrollably on my keyboard. My wife dare not speak with me. My pulse is probably still as fast as during the whole showing of Mel Gibson's film 'The Passion of the Christ'. If this film doesn't have lasting consequences for our declining Western society, woe is us! I hope that the millions who will follow me into the cinemas will, like me, sit trembling for hours, realising that after this film, only one thing helps: prayer."

Film crew members came to faith

Mel Gibson says that the Holy Spirit worked on the film through him: "Some agnostics and Muslims in the very mixed film crew came to faith in Christ through their work on the film." The filming left nobody untouched; James Caviezel, who plays Jesus, had the hardest job, but never complained ? even when they forgot his back protection in the flogging scene.

Saddleback: 2,500 new members

Willow Creek's Bill Hybels and Saddleback Church pastor and author Rick Warren are enthusiastic. Morris H. Chapman, Baptist pastor in Nashville and chairman of the Southern Baptists' Executive Committee, says "It seems that God has dropped something in our laps which could be the catalyst for a spiritual revival in our nation." Rick Warren reports that the Saddleback Church gained 2,500 new members in the few days after the film's release. Warren, along with many pastors in the USA, held church services in rented cinemas. Many cinemagoers remained weeping in their seats, and needed to talk. Robby Dobbs of the Second Baptist Church in Houston, speaks of 'hundreds of conversions'. The church had not only reserved several thousand cinema tickets, but also started a series of three sermons about the Passion of Christ, entitled "Who, Why, What?" Churches in other nations are picking up on this style of evangelism; in Essen, Germany, the owners of Germany's largest cinema allowed churches to speak for 20 minutes after each showing. Christian Alliance groups in various cities are planning how they can evangelise with the film, reports Swiss missiologist Dr. Marco Gmür.

Evangelical approval

Following a private viewing, the Pope apparently said "it is as it was". The film also finds broad approval in Evangelical churches. In February 2004, Mel Gibson spoke before 5,000 evangelical and charismatic pastors in a Calvary Assembly of God church: "Carrying the sins of the whole world ? that is simply unimaginable! Christ could have just cut his finger, but he did not. He paid the price in full. You see, I am neither a preacher nor a pastor, but I sense that my career brought me to this place. The Holy Spirit did something through me; I just directed the traffic. I hope that the film has the power to evangelise." "I've been pastor of the New Life Church in Colorado Springs, USA, for 18 years," says Ted Haggard. "I can't remember having anyone on stage who had such respect for God as Mel."

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Now playing globally: outrage and praise for 'The Passion of the Christ'

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An Islamic leader says it reveals Jewish "crimes." European Jewish leaders are troubled by it. Israeli theaters don't plan to show it.

"The Passion of the Christ," Mel Gibson's crucifixion epic, is moving into cinemas around the world, and into the international tempests whipped up by terrorism, war and clashing religions.

"It's not going to help quiet things down," said Giorgos Moustakis, who teaches theology and Christian ethics at the American College of Greece. "There are fundamentalists in every religion – Christians, Muslims and Jews. Films like this get extremist feelings going. That cannot be good."

"The Passion" has gone global as Christians prepare to celebrate Easter week. But the coming week is also the Jewish holiday of Passover, which could sharpen the focus on what some perceive as the movie's anti-Semitism.

For many around the world, as in the United States, the core issues of the film are the blood-soaked depiction of Christ's last hours, and the emphasis on Jews clamoring for the Romans to crucify him.

Gibson and many clergy who praised the film deny it has any anti-Semitic overtones.

Many in the Arab world welcome the film, seeing it as an anti-Jewish message gaining worldwide currency at a time of escalating Palestinian-Israel clashes.

"The Jews are most upset with the movie because it reveals their crimes against the prophets, the reformers and whoever contradicts their opinions," said Hamza Mansoor, secretary-general of the Islamic Action Front, a hard-line political party in Jordan.

The film has opened to packed houses in Jordan, Syria and Lebanon. Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat watched the film at his West Bank compound with a group of local Muslim clerics and Christians from the United States, Canada and Britain.

"The Palestinians are still daily being exposed to the kind of pain Jesus was exposed to during his crucifixion," a top Arafat aide, Aub Rdeneh, said in a statement after the March 20 viewing.

Muslims revere Jesus as a prophet, not as the messiah, and some Arab countries have banned the film because a strict interpretation of Islam frowns on portraying its prophets as flesh-and-blood characters. But pirated DVD versions are circulating widely.

Moreover, the Quran insists that, regardless of what the New Testament says, Jesus did not die on the cross and thus did not save humanity.

The film will not be seen in Israel, either. Shapira Films, which has the Israeli distribution rights, "decided this was not the appropriate time to screen it," spokeswoman Orly Ben Eliyahu said.

But that does not mean it is being ignored in the Jewish state.

"Given the damage he's done to Christian-Jewish relations, I wouldn't want to be Mel Gibson on Judgment Day," wrote Yossi Klein Halevi in the Jerusalem Post.

In France, the film's opening Wednesday coincided with a European Union report which showed that among member nations experiencing anti-Semitic acts and threats, France had the sharpest increase – a six-fold jump from 2002 to 2003.

France's Liberation newspaper warned that the film could "exacerbate anti-Semitism." French Roman Catholic bishops worried it "could be used to comfort anti-Semitic opinions." Three Jewish brothers tried but failed to get a Paris court to block the movie as inflammatory.

The film, showing in more than 500 theaters across France, cannot be shown to children under 12. In Britain, the age limit is 18.

In Germany, Charlotte Knobloch, vice president of the Central Council of Jews, warned that the movie's "suggestive power ... will give a further push to the current resurgence of anti-Semitism."

The movie has equally firm defenders.

Miikka Ruokanen, a professor of theology at the University of Helsinki, called it "the best biblical film" and rejected accusations of anti-Semitism.

"It was about the human condition, about human suffering," he said. "Jesus happened to be a Jew and the same fate would have befallen the son of God in other societies."

Italian theaters will not screen the film until April 7. But Pope John Paul II saw it at a private screening in December, and later blessed Jesus' portrayer, actor Jim Caviezel, a devout Roman Catholic. Vatican officials openly praised it.

Not so the Roman Catholic archbishop of Paris, Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, who described the film as "ridiculous" for its graphic attention to the beatings and abuses suffered by Jesus.

Others, too, recoiled at the violence.

"It is downright gruesome," Oslo Bishop Gunnar Staalsett said on Norwegian state television. "It made me out and out nauseous."

Finland's leading tabloid, Ilta-Sanomat, called it "one of the most cruel and violent films ever made."

But that is just what some advocates say is needed to draw attention to Christianity's core beliefs.

Bishop Marc, a spokesman for the Moscow Patriarchate, called the film "heavy-duty medicine."

"Many of our compatriots have plunged into materialism and are afraid of asking themselves the meaning of life and death – and these are the very questions that the movie sets forth," he said following an advance screening.

The movie opens in Russia on Tuesday.

In the Philippines, where some faithful are nailed to crosses in Easter reenactments, Bishop Ramon Arguelles wondered whether Gibson "may beat Mother Teresa" as an evangelizer.

Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales, in a pastoral message, called the film "a serious labor of love, painstakingly made, of genuine artistic and religious value."

He cautioned viewers against reading an anti-Jewish message into the film: "Anti-Semitism may not be justified ever, the church teaches us, and the terrible crimes anti-Semitism has led to, culminating in the Holocaust of the last century, are surely crimes in the eyes of humanity and God."

Some European churches, like American ones, have encouraged the public to see the film, hoping it will reverse declining religious faith. A poll in December 2002 by the Pew Research Center found 59 percent of Americans consider religion "very important" in their lives. The closest Western nation was Britain at 33 percent.

In southern England, five churches – three Anglican, one Baptist, one nondenominational – joined forces to block-book 3,000 tickets and offer them free on the Internet.

"The film will open people's eyes to the Christian faith, so they can look seriously at Jesus as an option for their life," Anglican Rev. Eric Delve was quoted as telling the Church Times, an Anglican weekly.

"The average church program does not grab a lot of people. Hollywood has rather sanitized the life of Jesus in the past."

But the Rev. Geoff Crago, communications officer for the Anglican diocese of Gloucester, told the paper he doubted the film would revive religious faith.
"It's not saying the sort of things I believe are right for presenting the gospel in the 21st century," he said.

People Bubbles
Sandy Warner

SANDY RHEMA
HEARD: Joy bubbles are coming. People.

PARABLE: Today on the way to church, a little child blew a bubble outside and it floated in front of our car window as we passed by! I knew the Lord had sent that bubble just for me.

QUICKENED GIFT: Today a dear friend sent me an email called, "Special Delivery for Sandy." It was a computer screen wallpaper that she made just for me. It had a bunch of happy faced joy bubbles all over the screen. It was so precious!

CONFIRMATION: I was asked to teach today at church. When I drove up, there was a single joy bubble floating in the wind and it went past my car! I was so tickled at this gift from the Lord’s heart straight to my own.

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA
HEARD: Strength promised. Personality. Bubbles. O.K. I made you that way. Brings joy to My heart.

CONCLUSION
{Words to Ponder are summaries of His quickened Words}

WORD TO PONDER: MY SIMPLE GIFTS ARE TREASURES
How I delight to give you My pure and simple good gifts! It gives Me such joy when you have the ears, eyes and heart to know Me in this way. You have learned that in the invisible life you can not see, there is much going on in the back ground in order to bring you My simple, yet very loving and heart felt gifts through people. Merely passing by in your car, think about the string of events that takes place to send you just one bubble before it pops…

Job 38:25-27, 33 NLT
"Who created a channel for the torrents of rain? Who laid out the path for the lightning? Who makes the rain fall on barren land, in a desert where no one lives? Who sends the rain that satisfies the parched ground and makes the tender grass spring up?" …"Do you know the laws of the universe and how God rules the earth?"

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Power Bubbles
Sandy Warner

SANDY RHEMA
HEARD: The city is alive. Praise Me night and day. Let Me bathe My light upon it. Dunamis power. Right here in My body. What do you see?

VISION: I saw a huge eye ball looking through a magnifying glass.

HEARD: I see lot’s of joy. Bubbles. Let Me be your strength. Just a minute, I see another one coming. Pop. It’s right above your head. Laughter.

Prov 17:22 NKJV
A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones.

SANDY RHEMA
HEARD: Power, resurrection life and new beginnings. All in Me. Laughter, power and wings. All gathering in one place. United. Triumphant. Take wings. Take flight.

HEARD: Party. It’s so funny they started to laugh. Joy. They waited in My Presence. It bubbled forth.

HEARD: To ignite. Explosion. Power. Awesome. Seeking. It’s not in anything you say. It’s My power. Rest in it. I assure you.

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA
HEARD: Lots of bubbles. I do all things well.

HEARD: Raining hard. Cloud burst. Lots of bubbles. Blowing everywhere. Carried by the wind. East they blow. Precious in My sight.

SANDY RHEMA
HEARD RIDDLE: Go in lightest.

EXPERIENCE: Today we blew bubbles at church during worship. Since I had been hearing so much about bubbles, I bought several packages of wedding bubbles. They are tiny little bottles a little over an inch tall. Each are filled with bubbles and a tiny wand. I had mentioned this a few weeks ago in prayer meeting and wondered what people thought about bringing them to church. I prayed about it, then kept them in the car waiting upon the Lord for the right day. When I arrived today I noticed that one of our intercessors had brought a bottle of bubbles. I watched him when worship started, but he was chicken!! Then amazingly a 1st grader had brought bubbles and started to blow them. I looked over at the intercessor and he got a big grin on his face and opened his bottle. I ran out to the car and got the packages and passed them around. It was a perfect day since we did not have a sermon and we all ended up being prayed for in a prayer tunnel. And while people were walking through the tunnel, there were others blowing bubbles upon them. It was a joyful time and we experienced the Lord’s Presence and joy in a precious way.

Later when I pondered what I had heard before church, I thought that "go in lightest" meant go with a light heart, where our burden is easy and yoke is light.

Ps 21:1-2 NKJV
The king shall have joy in Your strength, O LORD; And in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! You have given him his heart's desire, and have not withheld the request of his lips.

CONCLUSION

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WORD TO PONDER JOY THROUGH PRAISE
You are My chosen ones bringing life and light to your city with your night and daily praises. My

anointing flows through you and this is My dunamis power. Let Me be your strength, and I will send you joy bubbles that pop above your head and in your heart. In My Presence is the fullness of joy. You need healing? A merry heart will do you good. Are you heavy with burdens and cares? Worship Me and I will lighten your load.

As men and angels gather together waiting upon My Presence, I will rain. The rain of My Presence shall come in a powerful cloud burst. Powerful electromagnetic charges shall fill the atmosphere and My people shall experience awesome explosions of My power. They shall experience such powerful surges they will not be able to contain them, and they shall burst forth with bubbles of joyous laughter as they shake and shimmer in My rain.

"Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob;" (Ps 114:7 KJV)

"You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Ps 16:11 NKJV)

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Promotion By Overcoming Presumption
Sandy Warner

Jan 14, 2004
I have been tearing out the roots of presumption in the prophetic. I am bringing My prophets to higher ground so they will overcome the traps that were set for them through presumption from the past. At times when they asked for My guidance, I was silent merely to teach them the vanity of their own presumption. Because of their saying, "The Lord said" when I did not say, the enemy laid traps and snares which are now coming to fruition. I AM allowing the ambitions and agendas of men to fall at this time so that they will learn the hard lesson never to assume again. It is painful, but it is also necessary in order to take them higher. It is here that they will learn to do it My way. There are no failures in My kingdom, only lessons that are repeated until they are learned so My prophets may pass onto promotion.

"And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?' -- when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him." (Deuteronomy 18:21-22 NKJV)

"Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me." Psalm 19:12-13 NKJV)

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Drifting With Purpose
Sandy Warner

Jan 16, 2004

The ark had no rudder, neither should you. Let it all go, dear one, let all ambition, agenda, and presumption go. As you lean upon Me, I will guide your boat with the currents of My Presence. Yes, it feels like you are drifting aimlessly, but as you let Me be your Captain, I do have a plan and it will fit perfectly into your life. As you lean back into your seat and rest in Me, My Word shall overtake you and you shall know that you know. Not one doubt. I shall plant you. You shall know My way and be greatly confirmed.

"The waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. The waters prevailed and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters." (Geneses 7:17-19 NKJV)

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Harvesting Old Growth
Sandy Warner

Jan 12, 2004
I AM harvesting the old growth plantings. They have grown to be like giants in My kingdom and silos are stuffed with their grain. Each grain has been lovingly preserved and will be multiplied for an even greater harvest yet to come. I AM bringing to birth a great many mysteries in this hour. A great price was paid for this costly grain, and it shall pave the way for multitudes yet to come.

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing." (Psalm 92:12-14 KJV)

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Paul Cain’s End Times Vision

Terry Sullivant

Paul has had several specific burdens and prophetic expectations for the Body of Christ today and in the days to come. He has had reoccurring visions concerning the end times, which he believes are rapidly approaching. About 30 years ago the Lord gave Paul a vision that has occurred to Paul more than 100 times and still reoccurs to this day.

It is a vision of the last days when sports stadiums all over the United States are filled with thousands of people. In this vision, people are being healed and miracles are happening to thousands in the name of Jesus Christ. People are turning to the Lord in droves and the whole nation is in revival. It seemed the whole earth was turning to Christ.

Television news reporters are broadcasting stories of resurrections and miracle healings. None of the secular reporters could get near the men on the platform. They did not know who the men were. Paul described them as "almost faceless men." He hears a TV anchorman saying, "There are no sporting events to report tonight because all the stadiums, ball parks and arenas are being used for large revival meetings and are filled with people crying, "Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord."

In these visions, Paul saw these men minister for three days and nights without food, water or change of clothing. Supernatural strength enabled them to continue for these long periods. In the vision, Paul is standing at the crossroads of life and sees a billboard that says, "Joel's army now in training." People are being trained to walk in obedience to Jesus. They have learned patience and endurance, have the power of God and having done all, they know how to stand against the enemy.

"They will have the mind of Christ," Paul said. "They will partake of the heavenly calling and be a new breed, God's dread champions." Those ministries will be filled with such passion for Jesus and the power of the Spirit that the host of darkness will dread their impact.

Paul said in the midst of the Laodicean church age of lethargy and apathy, that God was preparing in hiddenness an army to pull down enemy strongholds, and go forth in the power of God and have pure and undefiled religion.

"He's going to do this with a people who have stripped themselves and separated themselves from the world, the flesh and the devil," Paul said. "They will realize the end time is here and that things are in a mess and things at the end time are different. Just as it required total sacrifice on the part of the disciples to begin this thing, it will require an equal commitment from us to complete the task in the end times. Joe's mighty army, as described in Joel Ch. 2 is the army of God - not a wicked army, as some have thought. They are the ones with 'feet of iron not mixed with clay', with the wisdom of God alone, not imitators of other men of God. Some of the superstars of the Church will fall. The Lord will have an army of holy anointed vessels to usher in His kingdom so that no one man can take credit for it. It will be to the glory of God alone."

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Prophetic Directives For 2004

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Key scripture for 2004

"May He grant you according to your hearts desire, and fulfill all your purpose." Psalm 20:04

1. Raising Up of Praise Warriors

In 2004 there is going to be a shift of emphasis from prayer to praise. The prayer and intercession movement will be sustained and will continue to mature but intercessors will find themselves coming under a mantle of praise during prayer meetings and especially during times of "warfare prayer". High Praise will be the greatest warfare weapons of the church in 2004. The Lord is leading His body into to a new level of confidence in warfare that will bring forth a swift accomplishment of victory through praise. Believers will congregate for gatherings of praise, oftentimes for 24-hour periods. As a result, many individuals, local churches, and regions will experience immediate breakthroughs.

Key Scripture: Psalm 149:6-9

"Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand, To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute on them the judgment written; This honor have all the saints, Praise ye the Lord!"

2. Evangelism Emphasis

The Body of Christ in 2004 is going to have a great stirring to evangelism and leaders will be receiving creative strategies for reaching the lost. Prophetic and power evangelism will be key tools for evangelistic harvest during this year. 2004 will see the first fruits of the harvest and there will be a significant further increase in 2005. Training and equipping for Prophetic and Power evangelism in 2004 will be an emphasis for many churches and individuals.

There will be a number of women who will come to the Lord through prophetic evangelism just like the woman at the well in John 4. Following their conversion a powerful evangelistic anointing will come upon them immediately. A great company of women will begin to be raised up in 2004 for harvesting: "Great is the company of women who proclaim the good news..." Psalm 66:11

There will also be a significant harvest of souls in Hollywood in 2004 with some key influential individuals coming to Christ. Inner cities will also be targeted by the Lord's harvesting power and strategies in 2004.

Individuals who have been involved in new age and occult type of spiritual activity are going to search in a deeper way for truth due to disillusionment. They will come to the Lord when they search with all their heart. The church will need to prepare themselves to love these individuals and gently disciple them in truth. At the same time there will be an increase in numbers of individuals who will join non-Christian "spiritual groups" in 2004 due the hunger in their souls. There has been fear in the church towards those with occult and new age persuasions. This fear will be overcome by perfect love. The church is being called to walk in clear, uncompromising discernment.

The Bible says is Isaiah 61 that the anointing is upon us to preach the good news to the poor. There is going to be a fresh focus in the church for the poor. A generous spirit will begin to flow through many Christians who will be filled with compassion for the poor and needy. A move amongst the needy will include not only the preaching of the good news unto soul winning but an increase of financial and provisional resource to meet their needs and the needs of the ministries who serve them. The last shall be first.

Key Scripture: John 4:5-30 (woman at the well)

Especially verse 28,29 "So the woman left her water pot, and went into the city, and said to the men, Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; is this not the Christ?"

3. Falling Stars

I saw a vision of falling stars. Stars are a light radiating body and usually are a prophetic symbol of believers who are letting their light shine before men (those who are visible to the public eye). The Lord revealed that in 2004 the church will see some leaders who have been in the public eye, fall. This will unfortunately be as a result of corruption, self-idolatry, and immorality.

When I received the vision, the Lord reminded me that in the natural, when we view a star falling, that it actually lost its light many years before we see the visible fall. The Lord further revealed that the falling stars (fallen leaders) exposed in 2004 actually lost their light (pure devotion, focus on the Lord, prayer and Bible study disciplines, Kingdom values, consecration) years before the public fall. Pride, self-dependency, self-exaltation, and compromise settled in over the years as a result of distraction from pure Kingdom focus.

Some of the "falling stars" will suffer greatly within their souls with deep remorse. They will have a difficult time forgiving themselves, being overwhelmed in their brokenness and contrition. Others will have no repentance within their hearts but will only have sorrow for being exposed. They will shift the blame off of themselves and onto others. The Lord will show mercy to the broken but will bring devastation to the hardened of heart.

Many Christians will lose trust and faith as a result of the public exposures. It is important for all believers to put their trust in God completely and not in man. A merciful and forgiving heart is necessary during the process of exposure.

God will raise up individuals who will carry an anointing for restoration, so that the falling stars will once again be ignited with fresh light and passion. This will be a process of restoration and great testimonies of the Lord's healing love will be shared by these restored individuals.

Warnings:

1. Distraction from pure and intimate devotion with the Lord is very dangerous for all believers. Stay focused and press into the Lord in 2004. If you have suffered distractions in your devotion time, then contend for the breakthrough. 2. Beware of critical judgment lest you fall. Mercy triumphs over judgment. 3. Individuals who get their focus off the Lord when they see the "falling stars" are in danger of having their own faith and walk assaulted.

Key Scripture: Isaiah 14:12-15 (especially vs. 12) "How you have fallen from heaven, O star of the morning, son of the dawn."

4. Beginnings of Purging Fire

A baptism with fire will visit many individuals and churches in 2004 who have been passionately seeking for purging in their lives. A purification season is going to visit the church as a move of purging begins. This purging process will begin to separate the "wheat from the tares". It is important for believers to allow the Holy Spirit's conviction to bring alignment in their lives this year as 2005 will bring about a more severe purging. Angels will be released in this process.

Key Scriptures: Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43 â?" Parable of the wheat and tares (especially vs. 41-43) "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His Kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

Zechariah 13:9 "And I will bring about the third part through the fire, refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon My name, and I will answer them; I will say they are My people, and they will say, The Lord is my God."

5. Increase of Miracles, Signs and Wonders

A significant increase of miracles, signs, and wonders will be witnessed in 2004. Healing miracles will especially increase in 2004 and many believers will step out to minister healing to the sick. The Lord is going to demonstrate the greatness of His power against sickness and disease.

Believers will become aware of signs from the Lord in their own lives. These will be token confirmations given by the Lord to individuals who are seeking His guidance. Supernatural phenomena, including angelic visitation, will also be witnessed by many. Both believers and unbelievers will experience these things from the hand of God.

There will be some significant theological and doctrinal clashes in the Body of Christ regarding the realm of the supernatural and concerning miracles, signs, and wonders. A posture of humility will be necessary to walk through the minefields of accusation, misunderstanding and opposition. The Lord will use this to perfect and mature the believers understanding concerning His Kingdom realm and last days' activities.

Key scripture: Acts 4:29-31 (especially vs. 30) "While Thou dost extend Thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Thy holy servant Jesus."

6. Air Traffic Controllers in Babylon

The Lord is going to bring expansion of television, radio, and media ministry in 2004 to advance His Kingdom. The Word of God, as well as demonstrations and testimonies of the Lord's power, will be released through the air waves in greater ways than ever before. The Lord is raising up His "air traffic controllers" who through moving in a pure spirit, will challenge the corruption that is being released currently through these avenues. Many believers in 2004 will be stirred and anointed by the Holy Spirit to launch into television, radio and movie production. Many believers will be anointed as playwrights and actors for the Lord's purposes in 2004. There will be a fresh empowerment of prophetic and apostolic creativity in the media.

Webcasting/streaming will be also used in progressive ways in 2004 as an avenue for the Lord's Word and power to be released into the airwaves. Many Christian companies that labor in the area of web oversight, hosting, and design will grow exponentially in 2004 and must prepare for expansion.

The Lord will open doors supernaturally, divine appointments will await those the Lord has prepared, and finances will become available to accomplish His purposes. There are many individuals who the Lord has been grooming for these purposes who will now be brought out of obscurity into a place of visibility for His glory.

Those called into this arena will need to beware of the Babylonian mindsets and the accompanying spiritual forces that influence the airwaves and media at this time. The Babylonian kingdom in the realm of the spirit is seductive, self-seeking, self-exalting and lusts for wealth. There is a great warning for those who are being released to carry the ark of the Lord's presence into the midst of this environment. A pure focus and devotion for the Lord must prevail within the heart in order to escape the snares that await those who walk in this spiritual territory. The glory that belongs to the Lord must not be touched by man.

A company of intercessors will be raised up who will "carry the ark" into "Babylon". Intercessory prayer and praise will be the key to successful invasion and conquering of this territory (radio, television, media). Intercessory prayer and praise warriors will be placed strategically in position to usher in this move.

Key scripture: Isaiah 13:1-5 "1The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see. 2Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. 3I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highness. 4The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle. 5They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land."

7. A Year of Rainbows

Rainbows are often are a prophetic symbol of covenant promises. The Lord revealed that many believers will see a fulfillment of covenant promises this year. Many of these promises were given a number of years ago through prophetic words and confirmed "rhema words" (Holy Spirit quickened words) that individuals have filed away. These words will be brought out of the files and meditated upon once again. The Lord will visit many with manifestations of rainbows as a sign that the promises will be fulfilled.

2004 will be a year of fulfilled promises.

The rainbows will also remind believers of the authority of Christ and His dominion. (see Revelation 4:2,3)

Key scripture: Genesis 9:12,13 "And God said,....I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant..."

8. Revelation of Bridal Rule

The book of Esther will be a significant book in 2004. The church is being called to take her position of authority in the earth along side of her King, Jesus. The church has been given authority in Christ and this year a greater revelation of the function of this position in the earth will unfold.

Particular individuals have been specially groomed by the Lord to step up to positions of interacting with members of political government leaders and giving them counsel from heaven. These anointed and God-appointed individuals will be respected and will have the power and authority from the Lord to make decrees into the spirit that will bring about shifts in the spiritual atmosphere of regions and nations.

The key to Bridal rule is intimacy with the King. The Lord is going to entrust His secret counsel to those who are intimate with Him.

The Bride will be given strategies in 2004 to overcome demonic powers that are oppressing the people of God. As Haman was overcome in the book of Esther so also shall spiritual assignments in believers' lives be overcome through Bridal rule. Haman and his sons were annihilated and all of their possessions and positions were transferred to Esther and Mordecai. This is a picture of where the Lord is taking the church.

Key scripture: the book of Esther

9. Focus on Israel and the Return of the Jews to Their Homeland

An exponential increase of Jews returning to Israel will take place in 2004. They will be gathered in from all the nations. The Spirit of the Lord is going to dispatch a detachment of angels to lead many Jews home. Some of them will be visited by divine encounters, visitations and visions and others will be receiving an unusual yet unshakeable desire to leave everything in order to settle in Israel. Jerusalem will especially become a place that will attract many although treacheries will increase in the land.

The Lord is going to raise up many Christians who will aid the Jews in returning to their homeland. Many Christians will find themselves changing their course in ministry and even employment in order to serve these purposes and this call will burn in their hearts. Many of these Christians will be misunderstood by colleagues, friends and family members, but the draw will burn within them with undeniable awakening.

The nation of Israel will be in headline news a great deal in 2004. Tumult and crisis will continue. Leaders of nations will be called to make some political decisions in regards to their relationship with Israel.

Key Scripture: Psalm 14:7 "Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! when the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad."

10. Children Being Raised Up as the Lord's Warriors

Children will be significantly touched by the Lord in 2004. The church is being called to focus on ministering to children. Little ones will be receiving clear visions and revelation of the Lord, His Kingdom, angels and other heavenly things. An assault is being launched by the enemy against the spirituality of the young ones. An increase of demonically influenced books, films, games, toys, music, television programs and other mediums will attempt to lure the hearts and minds of the younger generation into deception resulting in demonization. It is absolutely vital for parents and church leaders to be alert and for children to be taught clear discernment concerning spiritual issues.

Children will be used greatly in prophetic and power harvesting in 2004.

A new breed of children's ministers will be raised up especially from the age group of 14-34. A fresh apostolic anointing will visit these ministers releasing a new flavor in children's ministry. A new wine skin is being formed in order to meet the needs of the children today.

Warning: DO NOT NEGLECT THE CHILDREN

Key Scripture: Isaiah 8:18 "Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion."

11. Resource and Teaching Materials to Increase

Last year, 2003, I received a vision regarding Christian resource materials such as books, videos, DVD's, CD's, audiotapes, web directives. etc., being released throughout the earth in greater ways than ever before. I saw it overflow into the homes of the unsaved. This word was fulfilled.

The Lord spoke to me again this year and said, that there will be yet another increase in 2004. There will be more books published, more teachings, more prophetic directives ...more EVERYTHING. The earth will be soaked with the Word and power of God through the distribution of resources. Christian ministries will need to expand their resource departments in this year. There will much, much, more in 2004!

Key Scripture: Habakkuk 2:14 "The knowledge of the glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

12. Political Upheavals

There will be many political upheavals on a global scale in 2004. At the same time, there will be demonic assaults on local churches and denominations on "governing levels." These assaults will have the potential for dangerous upheavals in the leadership. The Lord is calling for His people to be focused on Him and His Kingdom and righteousness in this hour. It is important to walk in humility and in complete obedience to the Lord at this time. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken. Focus will be important. Although the enemy will launch attacks which will be directed by assaults from spirits of jezebel and leviathan, the Lord will turn it around for good and will bring greater degrees of humility, dependency on God, and love in His Body. His people MUST stay focused on Kingdom values and not give in to strife, contention and control.

At the end of the attack season, a new breed of believers who adhere to "Kingdom government/rule" will emerge with a fresh revelation of Jesus as King over all.

Key Scriptures: Isaiah 9:6,7 "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom. To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord will accomplish this."

Hebrews 12:26-28 (especially vs.s. 26b,27) "...Yet once more I will shake not only the earth, but also the heaven...denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken...."

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Perfection

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Compassion - the heart of Christ, love so overwhelming and so big ... there are no words to describe it. It is kind of love in which the "I" doesn't exist anymore, "me" and "mine" are altered and completely gone ... It is the very nature of Christ, the depth of His being ...

In my spirit there is a vision of One Day - the Day when we will be able to walk in it, where the talk will not be necessary anymore, where saturation and immersion will be so complete and so total that LOVE will walk on this earth again. Except, it will not be limited and contained in one person only, but it will have many willing vessels that will allow God to change their hearts, to transform their beings from earthy to heavenly.

Their minds will not be their own, but being Christ minded, they will open up the wells of their hearts, so that the fountains of the Living Water would flow out of them, and merging together they would become the River of Life that will saturate the whole earth.

Allowing Holy Spirit to do the work within us will motivate our hearts to love. It will open our spiritual eyes and ears, and will place us into the sphere of supernatural - the heavenly realm, where our greatest desire will be to be like Jesus. Then we will not desire gifts but The Giver Himself - the fullness of His Person, and the realization of our greatest calling will take place. Only then the understanding of The Call will be so complete, that nothing else would ever do to bring about this total fulfillment of our PURPOSE in the world.

Is our love for Christ strong enough to allow Him to truly live within us - to experience this constant heartbreak and travailing in intercession for the world? Is that love in us strong enough to reach out, even into the flames of fire itself - to pull out the worst of the worst?

For there is nothing else that could sway this humanity from the path of destruction they are on, but overwhelming and passionate love of God - the heart of Christ beating within our very own chest. For we are to be the mirrored image of Christ Himself. They don't know God whom they have never met, and all they have to go by is what and who they see in us. When Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father, He simply said in John 14:9 "... he that hath seen me hath seen the Father, and how sayest thou then, shew us the Father?"

Our Purpose and our Destiny is to walk in the Fullness of Christ. "Not me but Christ living in me" is the goal we should be after - the true state of mature sons of God. Jesus said that He was in the Father and Father in Him, and His prayer for us was that we too would be one in them. John 17:23 "I in them and thou in me, that they may be made PERFECT in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and has loved them, as thou hast loved me."

Perfection is NOT an imitation! Perfection is the REAL Christianity. It is called MATURITY, the wholeness ... It is His holiness and the very breath of His Spirit that is giving us His kind of life. Where wisdom, knowledge and understanding of His ways and His thoughts has become essential part of our existence and we are CONTINUOUSLY being guided by Him alone.

Than and only then "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO" will not be just a fashion statement, something that we wear on the outside, but it will be our way of life. The expression of the Father will clothe us from the inside out, His Glory will be upon us, and there will be no need anymore to ask WHAT WOULD JESUS DO; but we will be doing His will in each and every instance that will come our way.

Then, with the assurance that is born out of our relationship with Him, we could say with the POWER of the overcomer; "I SAY ONLY WHAT I HEAR FATHER SAY, AND DO ONLY WHAT I SEE FATHER DOES ..."

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Perfect Love
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Fear and Torment
1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. NKJV

2 Tim 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man/woman of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. NIV

Fear, Anxiety and Stress disorders flow out of a lack of receiving love. As we untie the cords that hold us and allow ourselves to believe and receive love then we cast out Fear.

Therefore the person that hasn't experienced unconditional love is open for the spirit of torment.

With that casting out of fear the spirit of torment leaves as well.

God said there is no fear in perfect love. While most of us know He is speaking about his love for He alone is perfect and gives perfect love to us, we also know those who have experienced deep wounds have a hard time letting God's pure love touch them. They're wanting desperately to experience this love yet hindered by fear of punishment and torment.

I believe the Father is showing me that thousands of hurt, broken, and needy vessels will be looking to the church very soon for perfect love. Yet, we the church, for the most part, are still bound ourselves and not free. We still need to find perfect love within the body of Christ ourselves. Remember perfect love cast out all fear. those who have not found that love have fear as a result. It is our problem, and it is time for the body of Christ to take a good look at the way we treat one another. Do we really love as Christ or not? Each of us must answer that question for ourselves, but remember we can't fool the Lord. He sees all and hears every conversation.

I submit the word below and pray that your heart is preparing itself. We are in a karios moment that has never been offered before. We have so much in America and yet we lack more than the church has ever lacked. We are not honest about who we are and how we think and feel as a whole. It must stop! I am right there with all the others. The Father has his finger upon my heart as well. (And I don't like what I see!) But, I want to be ready and used in this next move of the Spirit. Please hear me: He isn't going to use those that look good but, those who are truly full of His perfect love, which casts out all fear.

These new saints will have to know they are loved and that the Spirit of God has called them for such a time as this. We must be able to tangibly show them perfect love. We must teach, guide, and equip them so they can go and begin the process all over again.

This is the word I received tonight from the Father.

God is calling us, "Come to the mountain of the Lord!" Allow me to show you my perfect love, that you might heal and untangle yourselves so that you are able to love those who will soon come to your doors. Yes, I will open doors as I have spoken to many. But, will my church be healed and ready to receive those I am sending??

The time is now; the day is today! You must allow the Spirit of Grace to penetrate the hardness of heart so you can receive my pure love and find your own strength to love as I love. I am ready to pour out My signs and My miracles to the lost, to the weak, and to the perishing. You must make your heart my home where we become one with each other.

I AM and I am searching to and fro for those who are preparing their hearts to serve MY Kingdom, which cannot compare to man or man's schemes. You have not seen what I have prepared for those who will follow me into the place I am going.

Preach, "Prepare ye the way," then, watch and see who will follow the hard truth of holiness and love. Then march side by side and prepare yourselves for the greatest harvest ever to come into the fullness of my body.

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Prophetic Inconsistencies
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Dear People, In the last few days some people have noted certain "PROPHETIC INCONSISTENCIES" that have floated over and through the INTERNET. Now exactly how many "prophetic sites" are out there on the WWW I have no clue. More important is that I could care less. The reason at this time THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT has me involved with two "sites".....THE WATCHMEN-PROPHETS ASSEMBLY and END TIME PROPHETIC VISION. Why these two you may ask? Because somewhere on this "road" THE MOST HIGH GOD "tied" me with Bill Somers and Stephen Bening. Why either of these two men continue to put up with me is simply that ABBA has shown me a measure of grace and favor with both of these my brothers. Logic does not fit here.

So if you expect something short and simple you can delete and move on because what is churning in my spirit is neither. Today we are in a world where most people have no clue how GOD WORKS because they have listened and learned from MAN. So how a "PROPHET" is defined and how "PROPHETIC" is seen today in the AMERICAN/ENGLISH SPEAKING church is important. Today "prophetic" can be anything that "exhorts", "edifies", "encourages", "comforts", "confirms" the church-going individual. Few mention "correct" and "chasten" because it does not help people "feel good". Many "prophetic leaders" income requires making people "feel good".....and that is dangerous.

Scripturally we have a template of what is a "prophet" as GOD intended. The "IMAGE" of WATCHMAN goes steadily along with it. And we can blame Isaiah and Ezekiel for it all.....

[6] I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,
[7] And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.
[8] The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:
[9] But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.
In Isaiah 62 GOD HIMSELF claims placing and appointing watchmen. Their job is to annoy THE MOST HIGH with prayer and intercession. WHY? Good question. Read all of Isaiah 62. GOD MADE PROMISES....and will fulfill them. PERIOD. But in HIS TIME. So we have to ask about DIVINE TIMETABLES....[11] The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?
[12] The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye: return, come.
Now Isaiah 21:11-12 shows GOD addressing the WATCHMAN...but the whole chapter really pivots around JUDGMENT and the FALL OF BABYLON. The Prophet Habakkuk mentions his role as "watchman"...

[1] I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.
[2] And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.
[3] For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.
"WATCHMEN" and "PROPHETS" according to these few verses answer to GOD. Not man. Some as Habakkuk and Isaiah are given dreams and visions of THE END TIMES that will surely come. So if they all "COME FROM GOD" it makes sense if they are "consistent". Now this takes me to EZEKIEL...and the CALL....

[4] And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.
[5] For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel;
[6] Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not

understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.
[7] But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted.
[8] Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.
[9] As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.
[10] Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with thine ears.
[11] And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.
[12] Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the LORD from his place.
[13] I heard also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels over against them, and a noise of a great rushing.
[17] Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

What is interesting is that GOD sends Ezekiel as a WATCHMAN and PROPHET unto THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL...and tells EZEKIEL that they won't listen. Ezekiel was not meant to have a thriving, growing ministry. And he knew it. Thirty chapters later we are "told" why....

[1] Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
[2] Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:
[3] If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;
[4] Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

Please understand that THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL had not listened to Ezekiel...or any other of GOD'S PROPHETS. Here GOD does something different. HE tells "the people" to pick their own watchman from among themselves. And when the JUDGMENT COMES...THE TRUMPET BLOWS...that "people's watchman" will be judged just as GOD JUDGES HIS OWN ANOINTED WATCHMEN. EZEKIEL hears right from THE THRONE ROOM but the "people's watchman" uses his/her natural eyes. Now Ezekiel 33 ends with a bang and 34 begins with one...

[27] Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; As I live, surely they that are in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that be in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.
[28] For I will lay the land most desolate, and the pomp of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.
[29] Then shall they know that I am the LORD, when I have laid the land most desolate because of all their abominations which they have committed.
[30] Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.
[31] And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.
[32] And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not.
[33] And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

[1] And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
[2] Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?
[3] Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

Now that is just the beginning of Chapter 34....it deserves being studied daily.

So why are there "PROPHETIC INCONSISTENCIES"? Because we have two sets of WATCHMEN and PROPHETS. Those sent by and who "hear" THE MOST HIGH GOD...and those who were not.

In a nutshell, that is the whole problem....nice and simple. How to distinguish between the two is a problem. Now many people like to turn to Paul to explain the lack of consistency...

[11] When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
[12] For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
[13] And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

As far as I am concerned Paul did not write 1 Corinthians 13 as a "prophetic litmus test". Because "we" are all "immature" we are limited on what we see. This excuses all inconsistencies for most people. Explains the weird and bizarre that sometimes comes out of no where on the WWW. What Paul was saying that with faith, hope, and charity/love we can "grow up" and see "FACE TO FACE"...and to KNOW. Now who exactly are we to see "FACE TO FACE"?

Back to Paul...[12] But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we.
[13] For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.
[14] And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.
[15] Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Like verse 15? Compare it to Matthew 6...[1] Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.
[2] Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
[3] But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:
[4] That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.
[5] And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
[6] But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.
[7] But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
[8] Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

[16] Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
[17] But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;
[18] That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.
[19] Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
[20] But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
[21] For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Here JESUS has HIS WAY of GIVING...PRAYING....and FASTING. Those who do it there own way get their own rewards. As Paul said...according to their own works. Sure they "look" and "sound" religious....spiritual even. Only that is the problem, if you give, pray, fast as JESUS WANTS....no one would see or hear. No one would notice...except ABBA.

Who is exactly THE ONE we meet FACE TO FACE if we DO AS THE SON COMMANDS. NOT JUST ""WHAT""....but ""HOW"".

So how do we explain INCONSISTENCIES....simple....people saying and sharing things they either do not understand....or ......worse yet....make up as they go.

In the long run we all are to judge and weigh everything we "see" or "hear" by THE LOGOS and THE RHEMA. So we have to study the SCRIPTURE and listen to THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT. Then we can pick up our own cross and follow THE GOOD SHEPHERD.

SELAH bob

Bonnie And Charlie

Bob Neumann

Dear Friends, A few days ago I brought up the TERM "BONNIE" coming from our "ancient" language. Sister Edith asked in a personal post "Who was Bonnie Prince Charles?". Historically there was a "character" called "BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE". Today we have two named storms....BONNIE and CHARLIE....makes you wonder.

Historically "Charlie" was Charles Edward Stuart. Son of James II....king of England and Scotland. But Charlie was born in Rome. James II had been an unpopular king and was deposed by Parliament. For some strange reason they replaced him with "Good King William III " of the HOUSE of ORANGE. Which was the ruling family of the DUTCH... HOLLAND...THE NETHERLANDS. You see James II was Roman Catholic....William was a Protestant.

Bonnie Prince Charlie is called "THE YOUNG PRETENDER"...and was a descendant of Mary Queen of Scotts...who married the STUART King of Scotland. So Charlie was a direct descendant of HENRY 8TH....so legally was heir to both crowns. Now when Charlie led the Scotts in what is called THE JACOBITE Cause. The Highlanders believed in THE DIVINE RIGHT of KINGS. So many came to his banner.

What is interesting is that Bonnie Prince Charlie led an estimated army of 6000 men to within 150 miles of London.....Where George II now reigned. Prophetically what comes to me is that Scotland and her HIGHLANDERS met The ENGLISH at THE BATTLE OF Culloden Moor. Imagine the BRAVE SCOTS marching to their bagpipes claymore and targe in hand....kilts swirling...such a brave...BONNIE sight as they charged the British MUSKETS. It was a slaughter. The commander of the British was William Augustus, called THE BUTCHER OF CUMBERLAND. Because of this defeat England passed laws called THE HIGHLAND CLEARANCES that made it illegal for the clans to wear their Tartan, play the bagpipes, speak their language.

Swords and Muskets....ancient weapons....old metaphors.....logically it makes no sense having men charge sword in hand. Not long ago I watched a movie called KING ARTHUR. Men and women stood their ground against an invader that slaughtered everyone in their path. No place to run to...no place to hide. Sometimes you chose when and where you make your stand. Sometimes you have no choice.

Scripturally we have Ephesians 6....all the ARMOR is meant for is to allow us to STAND. To HOLD THE LINE....PREVENT THE DESTROYER from getting around or over you.

Why BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE? Why now? The last major dream I had everything was coming in twos.... two storms....BONNIE and CHARLIE.

Sometimes you have to wait and see....but it is interesting.

SELAH Bob

Prophetic Perception And Discernment

Bob Neumann

I have been sitting on this "WORD" for several days. First of all it was not "complete", that there were "aspects" or "pieces of the puzzle" I had yet to be given. Sometimes "visions", "dreams", and "rhema" come forth from THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT in sudden BURSTS of intensity. And then there are times you have to get segments over a protracted time. In JOB 33 we are told that GOD SPEAKS twice in said dreams, visions.

[14] For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.
[15] In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;
[16] Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,
[17] That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.
[18] He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

This goes with what Solomon spoke of in Ecclesiastes 3...
[14] I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.
[15] That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past.

Over the years I have listened to liberal theologians and simple scoffers basically say the GOD had really nothing to do with SCRIPTURE. That THE WORD OF GOD is but the creation of men, so should be treated as nothing more than compilation of archaic stories and tall tales. What scares me is the vast number of "church going" people that accept and support the humanist gospel. Just because someone goes inside a building once a week does not assure you of the kind of "fruit" that you will find. But even the term I used here, "fruit", is a SCRIPTURAL "IMAGE". It is used repeatedly in both the OLD TESTAMENT and NEW TESTAMENT. In fact all that JOB refers to as "dreams" and "visions of the night" is the means that THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT places images before us. Joel says that DREAMS and VISIONS would be a sign of THE GREAT OUTPOURING of THE LATTER DAYS. When Peter quoted from Joel and announced that what was occurring in JERUSALEM was a fulfillment of THE PROPHET JOEL we see Ecclesiastes 3 make profound sense. The events of the early church had never been seen before. So the IMAGE had to become real for us to see what is yet to come.

Today we see "the prophetic" flowing all over the internet. Many who interact on "prophetic sites" share dreams and visions routinely. "Prophetic Declaration" became a popular topic years ago. But little "fruit" came from most of it. Over the years certain "images" have repeated themselves over time. Some so often that patterns become apparent.

Today in central Florida people are beginning to rebuild after the passing of a hurricane...a storm. Scripturally a term used in GREEK for STORM was SEIZMOS. In Matthew 24 SEIZMOS is translated "EARTHQUAKE". Storms and Earthquakes are popular dream and vision "images". Many will now claim that several weeks ago they were given a "dream" or a "vision" or a RHEMA WORD about CHARLEY. This is also a patterned event we have seen before. So the QUESTION I ask is simple....how does a person deal with dreams and visions? We are forwarded a "post" with a "dream" and told that it is "timely". Why? What is it about a "dream" that makes the PERCEPTION of it as "timely"? Then there are times someone shares something with you that they have discerned as being "anointed". Sometimes I have been told "REALLY ANOINTED". I suppose if THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT touches something it is both REAL and Anointed. But how does one discern a simple anointing versus the obviously superlative type like "REALLY ANOINTED". Or the label of "AWESOME ANOINTING"......

Which takes me to the reason for all this....as BONNIE and CHARLIE were yet to get names THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT was kind enough to give me several "images". In the time that has past I have slowly "connected the dots" and have reached this place where I can do two things. I can go to bed and forget it. And then live with my disobedience....or I can proceed. So I proceed.... The FIRST IMAGE was of watching a pair of hands moving three walnut shells on a table top. In worldly circles this is called THE SHELL GAME. The "hands" want you to bet money on whether your eyes are more efficient than the "HANDS". Supposedly there is a pea under one shell and the "patter" goes "IS THE HAND QUICKER THAN THE EYE". Most "stage magicians" have used this for centuries. The trick is called "misdirection". In reality the human eye is much faster than the human hand. IF it stays focused and is not purposely misdirected "somewhere else". Now that is THE FIRST IMAGE....THE SECOND IMAGE occurred two days last week.

Each morning for several days there was "really" dense fog. Pardon my use of "really" here....I couldn't help myself. But on two mornings it was so dense that while the sun was up....you could not tell which direction to look for it if you did not know where east was supposed to be. On both these days you could not see the sun in the east or the sky overhead. On each morning I found myself staring upwards thinking I could not tell anything about what the weather had in store for the day. Each of these days it was well past 9am before I could see that the skies above me and in all directions was rolling black clouds.

THE THIRD IMAGE is a repeat I had several nights ago of a VISION I had years ago that was sent out on the internet called "SMOKE AND MIRRORS". Which is why Ecclesiastes 3 is so important. What happened back then was happening again. "Someone" had come into an INTERNET assembly and caused strife, division, and a lot of trouble. Some defended this person because they "felt" the anointing. Others defended those who defended this person because they "wanted unity" among the brethren. When I took the situation to THE THRONE I got a VISION and a WORD. The RHEMA was "SMOKE and MIRRORS" and the VISION was out of the movie THE WIZARD OF OZ. Remember when they "met" the WIZARD? The smoke and the false image with flames and noise that frightened and misdirected all who went to THE WIZARD?

SMOKE AND MIRRORS is a term that speaks of using "misdirection" to "cloud the issue". Professional magicians use "smoke" to decrease visibility and "mirrors" to hide what is actually occurring under the platform the "trick" is being staged. The most famous entertainers do this so well that they defy the audience to figure it out. That also is part of the "ACT". Politicians like to use the term "smoke and mirrors" to define things that are all "flash" and no "substance". So do "con men". THE SHELL GAME is a "con". The person who is expected to depart with their cash is called "THE MARK". Another interesting TERM. The first few times is for "fun"....and the mark picks out the pea over and over. Builds up confidence....."settin up" is the term used. Now this whole thing....THE SHELL GAME has been in numerous movies and TV shows. Stage magicians do it all the time. So it should not be "NEW" to anyone....the key is that when the money is bet....the pea is removed from the table. THE MARK cannot win.

THE FOG was so dense that one could not see much of anything. So if you wanted to see if a STORM was approaching you could not. The delay in "knowing" allowed THE STORM TO BE OVERHEAD....and you did not know. Again you have a "NO WIN" situation. THE SMOKE AND MIRRORS is taking THE SHELL GAME to another level. In Las Vegas there are "ILLUSIONISTS" who spend massive amounts of time and money to create new "tricks" yearly. They have to in order to compete with other "ENTERTAINERS" for the tourist dollars. In essence using the phrase "SMOKE AND MIRRORS" speaks of manufacturing a "deception" of some sort. Watching David Copperfield make the STATUE OF LIBERTY vanish was "fun". Watching politicians make tax dollars vanish may be interesting for some....but it is hardly "fun". In scripture there are those who THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT touched with images through dreams and visions. But there is several warnings about that which is not of THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT.

Deuteronomy 13
[1] If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder,
[2] And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;
[3] Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
[4] Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.
[5] And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

I start with Deuteronomy 13 because here we have "signs" and "wonders" that "COME TO PASS".

Yet the warning is that these "signs" and "wonders" occurred so that "someone" could get the people to follow "other gods". In the NEW TESTAMENT we are also warned...but about "lying signs and wonders"...

[8] And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:
[9] Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,
[10] And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
[11] And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:
[12] That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Now this is the great passage from 2 Thessalonians....but it is GOD who sends "them" strong delusion". Now there is OLD TESTAMENT precedence here. THE GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, and JACOB decided it was time for AHAB to.....

[19] And he said, Hear thou therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left.
[20] And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramothgilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner.
[21] And there came forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him.
[22] And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.
[23] Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee.

So much for trusting in professional prophets. In Jeremiah 23 THE LORD lays into everyone who are trying to deceive ISRAEL and mess around with Jerusalem. HE starts with PASTORS and works on down....

[13] And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.
[14] I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness; they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.
[15] Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.
[16] Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.
[17] They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.
[18] For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?
[19] Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.
[20] The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.
[21] I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.
[22] But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.
[23] Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?
[24] Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.
[25] I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.
[26] How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;
[27] Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his

neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.
[28] The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.
[29] Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?
[30] Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.
[31] Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith.
[32] Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.
[33] And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD.
[34] And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house.
[35] Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken?
[36] And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.
[37] Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken?
[38] But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;
[39] Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence:
[40] And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

Now verses 20 and 21 are most important. Twenty refers to THE LATER DAYS....like JOEL does. It is the time reference for NOW...Verse 21 is interesting...the false prophets "ran" and "prophesied". But GOD DID NOT SPEAK or SEND THEM. This is a direct reference to **Habakkuk 2.......**

[1] I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower, and will watch to see what he will say unto me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved.
[2] And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.
[3] For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry.

In verse 1 GOD IS EXPECTED TO SPEAK....in verse 2 the prophet /watchman /servant listens and writes what he is told so he can "run" with it. Jeremiah 23 says the boys who were "running" never heard from GOD...were never "sent". And verse 3 speaks of THE APPOINTED TIME. Now there can be a lot of APPOINTED TIMES....Jeremiah speaks of some throughout the BOOK....which one is ours?

[8] For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Let not your prophets and your diviners, that be in the midst of you, deceive you, neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.
[9] For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD. Once again the image of "not being sent". So we come to the point of who has GOD SENT? Who had a "REALLY ANOINTED" dream, vision, word....and who did not? Joel 2 says a lot but gives no bench mark. In fact it is extremely inclusive...

[28] And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:
[29] And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

"All flesh" is definitively all encompassing....so is sons, daughters, handmaidens and servants. So we are about to enter a time of extreme deception. A major "con" is about to take place. That is THE SHELL GAME. The intention behind it is to confuse our focus, limit our discernment and perception so that THE FOG will keep us from "KNOWING" that THE STORM IS HERE. Now all that leaves is

SMOKE AND MIRRORS....an elaborate "trick" that is set up. An ILLUSION to deceive those wanting entertainment. Or, is you want a political spin on it, to waste the time and energy of those seeking the TRUTH.

In the OLD TESTAMENT the images of PROPHETIC CONFRONTATION are very unsettling. GOD'S SERVANTS are out numbered, out gunned, and usually meet tragic ends. When Jerry had to face off with an ACCEPTED PROPHET he was branded a "false prophet" and got slugged. Now GOD knocked off the "bad guy" but did not prevent Jerry from getting hammered. Back in the AHAB story, the prophet Micaiah was in the dungeon and brought out to "perform" for Ahab and the PROFESSIONAL PROPHETS. Here he got "smote" like Jerry did and sent to the AMMONITES to be imprisoned. We never hear about him again. Last but not least there is the "young MAN OF GOD" in 1 Kings 13 that listens to an OLD PROPHET and dies for his disobedience. He "listened" to a man who said GOD SPOKE to him...when GOD DID NOT. Maybe it is time we chuck all the forwarded posts in the can. If we are "in tune" with THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT we do not need them. If we are HIS SHEEP...HE KNOWS US...and we follow HIM because we hear HIS VOICE. me....well I’m running....hard....

[10] The name of the LORD is a strong tower: the righteous runneth into it, and is safe.
selah
Bob

Prophetic Insight for America

Via Nita Johnson

[This material is extracted from Nita Johnson’s latest newsletter.]
From Sally Miller

I was trying to wake up and all of sudden I was taken into a place where I was stood up as an observer and this is what I saw:

It was dark all around then, a transparent map of the USA came into vision. There were lights all around the outline of the contiguous states and lights depicting various cities. Then, a coffin, draped with the American flag, was lowered diagonally over the heartland portion of America. (Incidentally, the coffin is used by Muslims not Christians.) The head pointed toward the very NW of the USA (Alaska), the end pointed toward the very SE part of the USA (Florida). I thought, "Who died?", and as soon as I thought this, I heard the words, "Death to America".

Then I noticed movement to the left of the vision, and I saw President Bush step into the picture. He looked at the coffin hovering above America, and his look was that of a Father pondering the near, possible death of a Beloved Child, and his heart was wrenched...wrenched. At the same time, from his heart, came a POWER and the power was pure love for America. It was pure and his heart was broken. I saw this love as a living essence... it was not a gushy feeling rather, it seemed to carry within it the very life of God. This Love was a personality.

Then I noticed movement to the right, and John Kerry stepped up. When he looked at America, his look and his heart were of cold, absolute hatred for America. I am not saying necessarily that Kerry hated America, but the spirit that drives him hates our Nation. I saw this clearly as this living hatred flowed from him. This is what made me shudder and shake for so long when I came out of the vision, and I still feel sick when I think about it. This hatred was alive. The power of the hatred was sickening. Just as I felt a living love coming from Bush, I felt a living, alive personality of hatred coming from Kerry.

(Again, I am not saying necessarily that this is John Kerry, the person...but I also can't deny what I saw and felt. It is the power that drives him.)

The next thing I saw, coming from the right side of the vision, were the 2 hurricanes, Ivan and Jeanne. You know how the Weather Channel shows hurricanes as angry red swirls? I saw these vibrating, violently angry swirls of hatred coming toward America.

It's hard to describe all of this, but, under this churning, living hatred named Ivan was written "Russia"; under Jeanne was written "France". Well, Ivan is Russian for John, and Jeanne is French for John. Then, I saw both of these hurricanes gather more and more power and momentum and thrust themselves into John Kerry. And the longer they churned in the waters, the greater was the hatred/death being thrust toward America, not by the person John Kerry but by the power that drives him.

What I feel is that a strong, strong spirit of death has been thrust against America. It's like there's been a "gathering" of powers that carry death. These will be funneled against America if Kerry or his equal is voted into office. I don't even know how to describe it. I do believe I was seeing the plans of the enemy and not those of God.

From
Jennifer Kirsch, a powerful intercessor from Canada

Hi Nita,

Last year at almost this exact same time I had a strong intercessory burden that lasted from September through October and then pretty much lifted. Last week this same burden came back and seems to keep increasing in intensity. I feel as though He has shown me some things but I'm not really sure the timeline of it all. So, wondering if you might have any insight.

The burden is to pray for protection for the "food supply of America". I feel as though something wants to come and bring widespread devastation to crops, vegetation, etc. and ultimately destroy the harvest. It will greatly affect America but will have ripple effects in Canada and around the world because exportation of goods will be reduced to a trickle. It feels like the threat is for the "harvest season" but the widespread effects will be felt most during the winter months. The devastation will push some farmers into bankruptcy and have a deep affect on the American economy.

As I was praying over the email you sent regarding Mobile, AL, I found myself continually drawn back to pray for protection of the food supply. I have since done some research but at the time I had no idea what kind of crops, produce, etc was grown in the southern states. I felt a threat specifically against Louisiana grain/wheat crops, a bean that they widely grow (soy), and trees of some kind. In Alabama it was livestock- specifically chickens, as well as crops. Then I saw a map of the States. A large area was highlighted in a murky yellow color. The highlighted area reached from the upper northwest corner of Florida across to Louisiana. It then continued upward through the Midwest States making a path all the way to North Dakota across to Wisconsin. I felt the harvest was in jeopardy of being wiped out all the way through this area.
I saw American farmers who had worked so hard, many for so many years. They were worn from the hard labor of farming. In one season they lost everything they had worked so hard for. I saw the pain and anguish in their faces, for they had no way to hold on after such a devastating loss.

As I was wondering about why the enemy would be able to bring such destruction during the harvest, I saw a number of uncovered wagons that were used in the old days. Soon a number of white men came and hurriedly began piling bags and sacks full of grains, produce, etc onto the wagons. I knew that the goods were not their own but that they were plundering the harvest that was being stored up for the winter months. They were stealing the supply from the natives, leaving them with no food reserves for winter. I saw a mother holding a child who had died from starvation in the winter months. The scene replayed and this time it was the whites stealing food from the African American.

Is America soon to reap the harvest of bad seed planted so many years ago?

Blessings and love,
Jen

From Ray our African Liaison

Dear Mama

I was caught up in a vision over America. While I stood beholding the beauty of the country, I then saw a man walk into a gas Station smoking a cigarette and with His left hand he held so many sticks of cigarettes. As he got close to the pump of the gas station he dropped the sticks on the floor. He kept waiting expecting something to happen. The attention of so many people was drawn to him. Suddenly I realized that those sticks of cigarettes were bombs. I looked further and saw great confusion and the people around him began to say things in my hearing. Among them were great African American Ministers within the Nation. They were saying this nation is no longer safe for us. Our security system has failed us. Let us go to the Nation of Africa where there is peace. While that confusion was taking place the man who dropped those sticks stood by expecting those bombs to go off, but they didn't.

The Lord spoke these words to my hearing. "Pray for the Nation of America that their oil is not hurt. Pray for the security system of America to be strengthened. Pray against suicide bomber attacks on the Nation."

This is what the Lord told me. So, please Mama can you pray along with me? Pray that the Lord will avert the evil in the land.

YOUR SON,
RAY

From Sayo Ajiboye who heads our African Ministry Division

May I ask; what is "The root of America"? I came back early from school this afternoon and spent some time in quietness and prayer. It was like what Ray saw was repeated in a different picture format. This time around, it is like young men - more than one - were in many different locations and had bombs tied to their waists with instructions to "strike at the root of America." As these pictures continued, it was like a group of beings went almost "unseen" and removed what was like the pin of the grenades, the detonator of their weapons and these young men at the point of attack were wondering, confused, and caught out in the open with their weapons on them that would not work. It was very vivid and I came out of these series of impressions with the distinct question, “What is the root of America?”

I don’t have too many of these pictures but when I do they are so vivid and this afternoon stayed right in front of my eyes like a repeating slow motion film. I can still see it again.

I think that there is some linkage with November... I believe that the unseen beings are his watchers activated by the cry of the saints. Sayo

Dear Reader, these are all words that warn of impending destruction. Yet, all can be diverted with repentance and intercession. The Lord spoke to me in two very special times of intercession. At such times as these, the finger of God spells out my intercessions line upon line. He instructed me to pray the following:

1. Pray that Osama Ben Laden will be brought out to a place of vulnerability along with his key men so that America can capture them.
2. They are planning a major strike that would be far worse than 9/11 if fulfilled. But I want you to pray that I will thwart their intentions.
3. Pray that the purpose of God’s very heart will be fulfilled in the earth.
4. Pray that the hand of God will overturn the darkness and spread light across the earth.
5. Pray that President Bush will fulfill his destiny.
6. Pray that America will fulfill her destiny.
7. Pray for the heart of America to be turned to do God’s will.
8. Pray for repentance that God’s judgments might be overturned.

In a very powerful vision, I saw Gabriel, the chief Angel over all of Africa. He was dark and beautiful. He came to say, God will not let Hitler interrogate the earth. Even as he spoke I understood that the spirit of war that drove Hitler drives Osama. But God will not let him interrogate the earth. We will pray God’s will and He will answer!

Revival

A couple months ago I was in prayer when the Lord thrust me into travail for America. I felt the throws of a mother in birth pains. I labored under this for some time. Then I felt two critical birth pains grip me one after the other. I couldn't speak. It was the Priestly ministry of the Holy Spirit praying the Father's will through me in words too deep for utterance. Finally, I felt a release then I had a vision. I saw myself holding a healthy baby that looked to be about 10 lbs or more. Then the Spirit of the Lord spoke saying, two birth pains to go and revival will be in your hands, stay faithful.

We are working with all our hearts in faithfulness and obedience to bring America into revival. The Lord promised me four years ago that if I would conduct the Gathering of the Eagles for Him He would give us revival through our obedience. Those who believe help us carry a great burden for our Nation through their attendance, or their love gifts, and/or their intercession for us and America. Their names are being written in the Lambs book of life as those who paid the selfless price because of their willingness to do what others couldn't or wouldn't.

When revival falls it will be those selfless saints who the Church will look to and be compelled to thank for their sacrifices. Until then we continue in obedience to birth the greatest move of God's glory the world has ever seen.

We love you and trust you to stand with us in any way you can.

Loving Shalom,
Nita

Prophetic Intercession for the Nations

Jill Austin

Jeremiah 23:21-22 - *I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings.*

Reese Howell was a radical intercessor during World War II whose prophetic revelation changed the course of the nations. Seeing in the heavens and knowing the plans of the enemy, he was able to then sabotage those schemes before they were fulfilled and release the plans of the Lord.

Can We Go into the Counsel of the Lord and Get Fresh Strategies and War Plans for Today?

I want to share a testimony about the power of prophetic intercession. This kairos hour in history demands that we must know the times and seasons. Can we go into the counsel of the Lord and get the fresh strategies and war plans for today?

During the Gulf War, I kept seeing the same battles taking place on television. I started to get very frustrated and said, "Lord, I don't want just natural television. I want Your 'tell-a-vision.' I want to see what is happening in the heavens over the Middle East. Lord, what is on your heart? There must be more information. I feel the American government is showing us bits and pieces, but Lord, what are You doing in the realm of the Spirit?"

On Sunday morning, my pastor of a congregation of 3,000, told us to stand and pray for Israel. All of a sudden I heard the audible voice of the Lord saying, "Michael." I asked, "Michael, who?" He said, "Michael, the Archangel." Suddenly I had an open vision of Michael fighting over Israel. I asked the Lord what he was doing. Instantly I saw the Prince of Persia and Michael in a fierce battle. The Lord continued, "The Prince of Persia is trying to pre-empt My time table, so that's why I've released Michael. The war will end in three days."

The Lord spoke again and He said, "Gabriel." I asked, "Lord, what's Gabe doing?" Immediately I saw Gabriel moving families and individuals so they wouldn't be harmed. The next night I was at a Baptist pastor's house and met a pastor from Israel. As I shook his hand I said, "I saw Michael over Israel. The war is going to end on the third day." He said, "Michael is the archangel over Israel." When the pastor was flying back to Israel on Purim, the war ended that very day, which was three days later.

Be Willing to Pray Dangerous Prayers

You see, you must be willing to have your antennas up twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Ask the Lord strategic questions about your life, family, work, school, city, and world events. The Lord is raising up prophets in this hour who will go into the counsels of the Lord. Intercession, fasting, and worship accelerate the call of God on each of our lives. Are you available to go deeper into the war room of God?

Prayer: *Lord, I'm so spiritually blind. Open my eyes so that I can see what is happening in the realm of the Spirit. I so want to pray dangerous prayers that can stop the plans of the enemy and release Your power. I want to hear Your voice and know Your ways. Help me to pray in a way that establishes heaven on earth so that Your will is done.*

Hearing the Voice of God

Hosea 4:6 - *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*

I was at an Army base staying with a young couple for a weekend ministry assignment. Right before I left, the young wife approached me and said, "Jill, you've met three of my children, but did you know that I had a fourth child?" I replied to her, "No, I didn't."

She sadly turned to me, with tears welling up in her eyes and softly began, "I want to share with you how my baby died. I was sitting here on the couch, watching my sweet baby in a basinet across the living room. All of a sudden, a black figure walked across the room and just hovered on top of the basinet. I heard my baby struggle for breath, and then she died. I really didn't know what to do. Do you think it could have been a spirit of death?"

Gripped with sadness and shock, I turned to her and said, "Yes, I do." Her story devastated me. As I drove down the road weeping and crying out to the Lord, I asked Him, "All she had to do was rebuke the spirit of death! Why did that baby have to die because of her ignorance?"

In that moment, the Lord simply replied to me, "My people perish from lack of knowledge."

Prophecy and Hearing the Lord's Voice is Not Just Reserved for An Elite Platform Ministry

Beloved, hearing the Lord's voice is not an option. It is survival! The tragedy of this baby dying could have been avoided if she had rebuked that spirit of death in Jesus' name. We are all called to the prophetic lifestyle and to be naturally supernatural. Prophecy is not just reserved for an elite platform ministry. The Lord wants us to hear His voice in everyday life and know how to pray for our loved ones.

However, we must remember that learning how to hear the voice of the Lord is a process. Sometimes you will just get an impression, a prompting, a feeling, a picture, or a knowing. Here's the key: God wants us to love Him so much so that we are willing to risk, be foolish and step out with those impressions. If we are faithful in the little, He will give us more. Do you have your antennas up in the Holy Spirit? Or are you so spiritually co-dependent that you just wait for the next prophet to roll into town, so you'll get your word and transcribe it in your archives?

There must be tenacity in you where you wrestle with God to hear His voice. The Lord asks us to come to Him as little children. Often He will only give me part of the word. As I step out, I then get the next part of it. Don't wait for a full Technicolor vision projected on the wall before you start talking! Start with the small impressions and more will follow. I realize that it is scary to walk on water, but honestly, Beloved, it is more frightening to stay in the boat.

Hearing from God is Your Birthright

It's time to seize our inheritance as a prophetic people. Hearing from God is your birthright. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you. People's very lives depend on our willingness to hear the voice of God. Be a divine detective and ask the Lord to take you through The School of the Holy Spirit! Willingness will take us farther in the Kingdom of God than perfection.

Prayer: *Oh Lord, help me to grow up in You. I want to hear your voice and I want You to use my life to bring others to You! Teach me to take my prayers as seriously as You do and help me to remember that the power of life and death is in my tongue. Lord, teach me how to pray.*

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People In Need Are A Nuisance

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The disciples came to Jesus expressing concern for the welfare of the people that were listening to Jesus teaching. They were concerned because -they say- the people have been away from their homes for three days and have had nothing to eat. Read with me Matthew 14:15-16 15"This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."(NKJV).

From any human stand point the disciples were rightly startled! How in the world would they feed that crowd? On the other hand they might have thought "should WE feed them, anyway?"

Bear with me for a moment as we look into the scene: The disciples just came back from a triumphant "tour of miracles" and although they were probably tired their excitement surpassed their tiredness; they were so eager to tell Jesus everything they have done, and how even the demons were subject to them! They truly appreciated when Jesus told them to go to a deserted place and rest; they just wanted to be with Jesus privately and tell him about their trip. Basically they were just ready to boast about their super-successful ministries, and they surely did not want any interruption from a crowd turned nuisance!

BUT THE CROWD WAS THERE

The people were following Jesus, they had needs and nobody was going to stop them from following the one who could truly give them their miracle. A crowd in need can become a nuisance to those who want to just enjoy success. The disciples might have thought -as many seem to think today- that when the people are gone away we are not responsible any more; "out of sight out of mind" some would have their minds tell their hearts. But it is true that the needs don't go away or disappear just because we send them away.

When the disciples came to Jesus they went like: "Master, we are soooo concerned about these people, they have been following you for days and have not eaten anything! Now this is a desert place, and it is late, we are really concerned that they might go yet another day without food; see Mater they really need to go home" (Paraphrasis mine). What the disciples were concerned actually was about their own plans, they just wanted a quiet time with Jesus, and the opportunity to shine in their achievements, but the crowd was preventing them. I think they were not concerned about the people; they wanted to get rid of the people so they could go about their own plans.

YOU FEED THEM!

I could imagine the disciples' response when Jesus said that. I could just see them going like "Oh, me and my big mouth!" Now they were in real trouble. Without going now into how provision was made, and how the Lord was glorified through the miracle, I want to focus on some aspect many times overlooked: what is our responsibility?

Three days ago I received an email with some statistics about the church in these days (I have pasted below a copy of the tables). As I was reading it I started weeping, and I am still weeping in my soul not only because of what I read but also because I have seen those realities in my trips. Some would argue that some of those statistics are exaggerated; but I tell you I have seen it happen. While in Africa entire congregations have to meet under a tree, in the USA we keep building multimillion dollar building. I have seen in my own country Argentina the struggle of my Brother and his wife to help Street Children at the orphanage they founded. I read the other day the report from Rolland and Heidi Baker, all the struggles, the lack of help, and even the persecution from the churches! It has become a sort of pattern that many of those who do not move a finger for anything will dedicate their time to persecute those who do!

When I see and read how the church uses the gifts God has trusted us with, money, human resources, time, talents, I can't help but shudder thinking of the day we will meet with the Lord and have to give account of what we have done with all that. I heard once about someone speak about the magnificent sanctuary they were building, with imported marbles, and the best woods, and so on; this person was boasting about the building and someone else asked: why this much spending? the first guy responded "well we can afford it, so why not?" The sad fact is that many things are done in the church, especially in rich countries simply because they can afford it. However the question remains: is it necessary? The same is true about every other resource God gave us and not just about money. How do we use our time? Do we care spending more time in performing for ourselves, doing all kinds of activities aiming only to our personal enjoyment? One of the items in the statistics below states the fact that more money seem to be spent in going to conferences to speak about missions than the actual money sent to missions! I can believe it because I see it! One example: An appeal to help the orphanage in Buenos Aires (they have had a fire and are in need of rebuilding what was destroyed by the fire) brought in a few hundred dollars; out of a list of more than 15,000 people only 4 people responded!

Some would argue that the church should focus on spiritual issues and bring spiritual help not social help, but the fact remains that the church in these days for the most part is not even giving spiritual solutions to anybody. The truth of the Gospel is that Jesus tended not only to the soul and spirit, or to a future in heaven, but also to the body. Jesus sees us as a whole, with spiritual and physical needs. My heart is sad because of how we miss opportunities to be a blessing to others. We, Christians, the church have so many riches given to us, material and spiritual, what are we doing with it?

And for those who are reading this article and find in what I just said material to condemn the church and support their arguments against the church and suggest that God is done with the church, I have news for you: the Lord has not rejected His church. It is not the church that fails; it is primarily the individuals that form the church who individually fail bringing shame onto the whole body. If the church does not pray as it should it is the individuals that do not pray; if the church does not evangelize it is the individuals in first place who are not about their task; if the church does not fulfill its social function of being a factor of transformation, it is because its individuals don't do it. It has become easy to blame "the church" as if the corporate body had a life of its own separate from the individuals that form that body.

The fact remains that we -those of us who go by the name Christians- for the most part are behaving like those disciples; we care for our blessings, our welfare, our make me feel good stance, and about how we can make the most out of God's promises, while most of the time we tend to be very "forgetful" about our responsibility toward others. The statistics in the table pasted below are self explanatory.

The church has a responsibility primarily toward God, but then also toward the city where it is planted. Many think that their responsibility toward God is such that they do not have to care or do anything about those around them. The paradox is that our relationship with God will actually compel us to reach out to those in need of salvation, and also in need of help. If we are really developing a relationship with God then it would come simply "natural" that God's compassion would manifest through us reaching out to a world in need. Conversely if we cannot care less of what happens around us, that speaks volumes of what kind of relationship we have with God.

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"The UNARGUABLE FACTS"
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"Scary Stats"

We fully expect you to stomp away mad, but you might want to consider that our only effort here is to point out facts about how big the problem has gotten This is a compilation of the scariest, most embarrassing, most shocking statistics and information about the Church and it's affairs. Somebody is going to have to stand before Jesus one day and explain their role in this. We don't want it to be us - or you. We don't quote anything haphazardly without having good documentation and sources.

The FACTS:

38 countries are primarily unevangelized. (i.e. 1.6 Billion souls)

Assets of the Church:

US Christians control TRILLIONS in assets while at any given time 200,000,000 Brothers and Sisters starve.

78 countries each have Great Commission Christians whose personal incomes exceed US$1 billion a year.

Financial Fraud in the Church:

Annual church embezzlements by top custodians exceed the entire cost of all foreign missions worldwide. Emboldened by lax procedures, trusted church treasurers are embezzling from the Church $5,500,000 PER DAY. That's $16 Billion per YEAR! {For reference: TOTAL Christian spending on foreign missions is only $15 Billion. God forgive us!}

Criminal penalties against clergy in sexual abuse cases now exceed $1 billion, causing a number of churches, dioceses and denominations to be forced into bankruptcy.

Wasteful Spending by the Church:

95% of all church budgets in the US are spent on our own comforts and programs. Less than 1% is spent on evangelism to the most unreached.

40% of the church's entire global foreign mission resources are being deployed to just 10 oversaturated countries already possessing strong citizen-run home ministries.

More than 90% of all Christian materials are in English, but only 8% of the world speaks English.

All costs of ministry divided by number of baptisms per year. Cost per baptism in India - $9803 per person. Cost per baptism in the United States - $1,550,000 per person.

Every year the churches hold a mega census costing $1.1 billion, sending out 10 million questionnaires in 3,000 languages, which covers 180 major religious subjects.

91% of all Christian outreach/evangelism does not target non- Christians but targets other Christians in already-evangelized countries or people-groups.

Each year,180 million Bibles and New Testaments are wasted - lost, destroyed, or disintegrated - due to incompetence, hostility, bad planning, or inadequate manufacture.

Missions and the Church:

Some 250 of the 300 largest international Christian organizations regularly mislead the Christian public by publishing demonstrably incorrect or falsified progress statistics.

Christian triumphalism - not as pride in huge numbers, but as publicized self-congratulation - is rampant in most churches, agencies, and ministries.

It costs Christians 700 times more money to baptize converts in rich countries (eg. Switzerland) than in poor countries (eg. Nepal).

Percent of Christian resources in countries that are already more than 60% Christian - 99.9%. Percent spent in countries where less than half the people have EVER heard of Jesus - 0.01%.

It is estimated that Christians worldwide spend around $8 BILLION dollars PER YEAR going to the more than 500 conferences to TALK about missions. That's more than TWICE the total spent DOING missions.

Everywhere on Earth can now easily be targeted with at least 3 of the 45 varieties of effective evangelism.

818 unevangelized ethno linguistic peoples have never been targeted by any Christian agencies ever.

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Denominations of the Church:

Currently there are over 33,000 Christian denominations in the United States.

A huge new Christian nonconfessional megabloc, the Independents or Postdenominationalists, is growing rapidly and numbers 19% of all Christians. These 386 million Independents in 220 countries have no interest in and no use for historic denominationalist Christianity.

>From less than one million in AD 1900, Pentecostals/ Charismatics/ Neocharismatics have mushroomed to 524 million affiliated (-with unaffiliated believers, 602 million).

Growth of the Church:

The country with the fastest Christian expansion ever is China, now at 10,000 new converts every day.

Persecution of the Church:

More than 70% of all Christians now live in countries where they are experiencing persecution. In some cases EXTREME persecution.

Global Population Issues:

124 million new souls begin life on Earth each year, but Christianity's 4,000 foreign mission agencies baptize only 4 million new persons a year.

Unreached Peoples

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Despite Christ's command to evangelize the world, 67% of all humans from AD 30 to the present have never even heard of his name.

Martyrdom:

Over the last 20 centuries, and in all 238 countries, more than 70 million Christians have been martyred - killed, executed, murdered - for Christ.

More Christians have been martyred in the last 100 years than all other years since AD 30 combined.

Had Enough Yet? It gets worse. We're stuffing the Fattest and starving the Hungriest!

This is meant to be just a plain, direct reporting of how miserably, horribly, devastatingly badly we - the Christians in the West - have mismanaged the massive gifts which God has entrusted to us.

-Doug Perry. [Visit his website- http://whathavewedone.org]

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Pink Sparkles

Mary Clark

This is something that I am sending to My children. Get ready to see the most extraordinary coming down in your midst, beloved. Get ready to see things that will startle and surprise.

I am in the process of revealing Myself in spectacular ways to My children. I plan to rain down something that will be considered totally unconventional. When I do this, beloved, know that I always have a reason for the things that I do, and this is no exception. This is a move of your God that is going to get the world's attention, but better than that it is going to bless My children with a new understanding of their God. So this raining down has a two-fold purpose. One: to show the world something what I deem important. Two: to establish My children in a wonderful place in Me where they will know some truths and walk in them most assuredly!

I am a God Who always does a splendid work for a very good reason. Know this when you see this peculiar happening! Know that I delight in you. I have a plan

to move you forward in My truth, and the world will take notice of this demonstration. Yes! The world will certainly take notice of this wonderful demonstration that I plan to bring into your midst. I am excited about this work, beloved, and I want you to anticipate it with all that is in you. For it is good and it will bring a lasting work to the forefront of your lives – a work that will live on forever, enabling you to move in ways you never dreamed toward your goal of service to Me – toward your home, filled with joy unspeakable and full of glory – toward the arms of your most Beloved God and King!!!

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Praying In The Dark
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"In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there." Mark 1:35 NAS

In my youth, my first power encounters with God occurred in the dark. I would shut my bedroom door, turn off the overhead light, bury my face and muffle my voice in a pillow and cry out to God. To this day, I still enjoy praying in the dark; no distractions, no interruptions, alone with the Lord in a solitary place that is suddenly filled with Presence.

Yesterday's Anointing

In Mark chapter one, Jesus had just left a powerful meeting. To all intents and purposes, from every measure of religious expectation, he was now a success. The inaugural push of his ministry was off to a good start. Crowds were gathering. Publicity was growing. Spectacular results were appearing. He had begun healing the sick. Demons were being dramatically exposed and expelled. Yet to Jesus, that was already *yesterday's anointing.*

The realization that you're walking in yesterday's anointing can come after a decade, after a year, or even after a very short season. For Jesus, it came early. The power he had walked in yesterday was not sufficient for today. The fact that he was moving in divine momentum was irrelevant-- he wanted a fresh touch. He had the ear of the crowds, but he wanted the ear of his Father. He knew acknowledgment by priests and had recognition by evil spirits, but the honor of his Father's fellowship was superior to people's accolades.

Yesterday's anointing is the only anointing we can know because we can't write books about tomorrow's anointing since we haven't experienced it yet. It is difficult to describe something we've never seen before. It is difficult to grasp something we may read about even in the Bible but have not yet seen modeled in wholesome ways or proven in practice where it can be examined and shown to be effective. The familiar seems better.

Earlier this year, the Lord spoke to me at a small home gathering where I met with people hungry for prophetic impartation. He said to me, "You don't know what you don't know, and you'll never know it unless I reveal it to you." How that word humbled me!

Recently, the Lord spoke again to my spirit and said to me, "You don't NO what you should NO." He meant I didn't fully understand my transition season, that I had to stop doing some things in order to make the internal changes of thinking to embrace some new things. We humans are creatures of habit. We resist change. We carry our past gifting, our past methods, our past understanding into the present, beyond the point where God is still blessing them, and thus we limit our future to more of the past.

Praying in the Dark

Jesus came away from a ministry of public power but knew the secret to power was secret prayer. Therefore, he went away to a secluded place. Praying in the dark is more than early morning prayers. It even means more than seeking God's face before sunrise.

For some, it may be late at night when you can escape the presence of people and find the presence of God. It is more than a place; it is a posture. Praying in the dark means sitting in the Lord's anteroom awaiting an appointment in the throne room, waiting with the light from yesterday now waning, waiting with the remembrance of glory from previous visitations now lifting, waiting with the words of revelation from prior holy moments now fading, waiting and wondering what is coming next and what your role might be.

Praying in the dark means serving God in the little things while you hope for the big things. Praying in the dark means dealing with the frustrations of weakness and ignorance and weariness while you seek the power to press on, the wisdom to know God's ways, the strength to prevail over enemies and obstacles and self.

Praying in the dark is more than mere praying words: it is heart-hungering, longing for communion with the One who is your source of light, your reason for being, the author and finisher of your faith, the creator, sustainer, and refresher of your spirit, intellect, flesh and family. Praying in the dark is seeking a God encounter, not just seeking what He can do for you. Praying in the dark is touching His face, not just His hand. Praying in the dark is pushing past what gains approval from men and finding the still, small voice that says, "You're mine and I'm pleased with you and you have nothing to prove."

Praying in the dark means praying by grace through faith, not sight. If you can figure it out, then you don't need faith. Faith only grows when you don't feel like fighting, but you stand true anyway. Praying in the dark is when you are surrounded by an absence of confirming signs yet you keep on praying because you know God is faithful.

Praying in the dark means praying in the mystery of the Spirit not just with the light of your understanding. Praying in the dark is when your mind has no illumination and nothing makes sense and you are perplexed and stymied. Praying in the dark means continuing to trust that He knows the way even when you don't have a clue. You're not trusting in your ability to be right, but the Lord's ability to make you righteous. You're not depending on your ability to hear, but on God's ability to speak.

Praying in the dark requires humility. It means living as a limited human being, not knowing everything, not having all the answers, acknowledging your limitations, respecting your boundaries, knowing your defined measure or circumscribed sphere, not having to do it all yourself, but trusting God to give you the resources, the team, the new level of grace and insight you need so as to succeed in doing His will tomorrow.

Training Teammates

Jesus wasn't content to be a mere success. After he prayed in the dark, he moved from personal success to identifying and equipping his successors. He did it as an example, then he let them watch him do it, then they did it while he watched. There is no success without successors. God's father-heart insists on bringing many sons to glory. God gives it away without keeping the good stuff back. The purpose of life is not to merely survive, but to reproduce. We know we've succeeded when the next generation can do it.

We short-circuit God's program when we become short-sighted and don't discover our part in equipping the next generation. This is a relay race, not a one-man sprint. David's crowning moment wasn't wearing his crown as king, but when he laid up wealth for his son Solomon to build the temple. The kingdom of God is multi-generational-- Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The Bible says, *a good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children.* By that definition, many wonderful preachers are not yet good men. The hand-off to the next generation is often fumbled. We make no room to bring anyone alongside, as though we might diminish our special place if we shared it. Truly great leaders know instinctively when to make room for the next generation.

Jesus didn't keep all the glory to himself. He reveled in the power of his kingdom and wanted to share it with others (Luke 10:17-21). He taught and fought so his kingdom would increase (Matthew 6:10). When Jesus prayed in the dark, he became a carrier of the light. When he walked into a church, the light of God exposed demons like cockroaches on the kitchen floor (Mark 1:21-28). You can't read Mark's gospel without seeing Jesus at war.

Praying for Power

Jesus regularly went to church, not just to worship, but also to wage war. He didn't make peace with the spirits contaminating the religious leaders and controlling the religious institutions of his day. He expelled the demons that were plaguing the people in the church. Everyone whom Jesus sent out to preach was instructed to heal people of spiritual oppression. This is still true. His anointing hasn't changed (Acts 10:38), but modern people have become materialistic and oblivious of the spiritual things. Anytime the focus shifts in church from Christ and his cross to man and his rights, the formerly holy temple can become a defiled habitation of foul spirits. Jesus knows how to clean us up!

Mark's gospel is typical of Christ's task as a "termite inspector" and "evil spirit exterminator" for the temple (Mark 1:23, 39; 3:11, 15, 27; 6:7-13, etc.). Jesus and his disciples dealt with demons. When the kingdom of God comes in power, we will, too. If we persist in praying in the dark, the time will come when the darkness will have to flee.

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Plunging Into The Depths Of Prophecy

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Its my belief that in the last days God wants all of us to prophesy. Not just the prophets alone but every believer in his house. He said in the end-time he will pour out his Spirit upon us and we will all. Paul said we may all prophesy and this just goes to show us the possibility that everyone can move in the prophetic flow.

In the book of revelation we are told said the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy. This is the foundation of prophecy. With Christ the cornerstone we can all prophesy. Every Christian has the testimony of Jesus and therefore can prophesy.

The 2nd level of prophecy is the gift of prophecy. The people here are not prophets but prophesy often. They hardly predict future events but they often speak to comfort and edify the body.

The 3rd level of prophecy is the prophet's or prophetess` anointing. They do predict, comfort and correct the body of Christ. They are part of the government or ruling body governing the body of Christ.

If we must all flow in the prophetic flow we must be thirsty for our Lord, zealous for his work and ever ready to speak his word. We must have a ready heart and an ever believing heart. Above all we must be holy and must love his word above all earthly treasures

Press In Unto Me
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Press In Unto Me/A Baptism Of Power

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Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Acts 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Now is the time to press in unto Me saith the Lord**.** It is the season for the baptism of My fire. Press in unto Me, SPEND TIME WITH ME, My Beloveds for I would endue you with power from on High. I have called you and prepared you for a time such as this, but you must receive a fresh infilling of My Spirit. Do not be distracted, do not look to the left or to the right, FOCUS ON ME.

This is a critical time, My heavenly portal is open. My eyes are roving the earth looking for desperate and hungry hearts; hearts that have no agenda of their own, hearts that are "sold out" to Me; for My purposes ONLY.

I long to give you a fresh infilling of My power and anointing to prepare you for what lies ahead. SEEK ME, My fire will fall on you and through you, to touch the lives of the lost, the hurting and the oppressed. Soon events will transpire upon the earth that will cause the masses to seek for answers. I need a people, made whole, healed and restored to be My willing vessels of My glory, and YES OF MY POWER.

I am standing waiting My Children, ready to impart such an anointing of power upon you, such as has not been seen since the day of Pentecost. SEEK AND RECEIVE.

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> *Mat 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*

I am raising up a people against which the gates of hell will not prevail. These are My sanctified ones, My Holy ones. I know their hearts, I know their walk, I know those who have counted the cost. These are those that have laid down their lives, their agendas, for My Kingdom and My Kingdom will come to the earth through them.

They will stand on serpents and scorpions and they will not be harmed. They have authority over the forces of darkness. They will proclaim My goodness, they will proclaim My Government upon the earth. Their faces set like flint, their feet as of iron, as they march across the earth proclaiming My Kingdom purposes.

Luk 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

They are My generation of My glory, they are My righteous ones. Rise up now in your calling and fulfill your purpose, mighty warriors of the Lord Most High.

As great darkness covers the earth, a great light will be seen upon you. You will REVERSE the work of the evil one every where you go; you will bring life where there is death, prosperity where there is poverty, healing where there is disease, freedom where there is oppression.
The unrighteous will tremble and fear before the faces of My holy ones, through this, those of the kingdom of darkness will come into My Kingdom of Light.
Put on your armor of Light, lift up your shield of faith and go forth as you FOLLOW THE CAPTAIN OF YOUR HEARTS, THE LORD OF HOSTS.

Planted
Jim Ball

Aug 28, 2004

…blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD , whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."
Jeremiah 17:7-8

Thought
We can only know fulfillment in our lives as God plants us in a meaningful relationship with Himself.

Message
The Hebrew word for blessing represents God's grace to us on every level and aspect of our lives. This level of fulfillment surpasses anything we could ever know in this life alone. In fact Paul prays that the Ephesians (3:14ff.) might know and experience the multi-dimensional love of God, and that they would realize that this level of love totally surpasses human knowledge. It is an experience that comes through faith in the work of Christ. This word for trust has a deeper meaning than we sometimes get on the surface. It is a level of trust that inspires one to give his or her life even to point of death. It is an undying devotion or trust in God. Notice that this passage begins with the blessing extended to those who will totally put their trust in God. Following verse 7 and beginning in verse 8 we will see 6 things that should be evident in the life of one who has totally put his or her trust in God.

1. The person who puts their trust in God will be firmly planted.
This planting by God is illustrated as a tree that is planted by a stream of water. A person who is in a trusting relationship with God will be firmly planted as a tree near a stream that has all the resources for a strong healthy life.

2. The person who is firmly planted in God will not be easily uprooted.
When a person is firmly planted by God that person will not be entangled or overcome by the cares of this life. But he or she will experience deep-rooted spiritual growth. (Remember from our last devotion that true success is to grow in a meaningful relationship with God). When the trials of life come, this person will not be overtaken, but will only grow deeper in his or her relationship with God.

3. The person who is firmly planted in God can take the heat.
Jesus promised in John 16:33 that in this life people will have trials, but he reminded us to be of good courage because He has overcome the world. The deeper we grow, the greater the pressure, but remember, he has promised to never leave us nor forsake us; He is always with us.

4. The one who is firmly planted in God will consider his or her spiritual health a priority.
Notice the passage states that the one planted by God always has green leaves. The healthy leaves represent a healthy spiritual life. God's desire is that we always be fruitful in every area of our lives. Matthew 6:33 states: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be

given to you as well." This word "first" in the Greek is the root for the English word priority. In order to bear lasting fruit we must be willing to give God proper priority in our lives.

5. The one who is firmly planted by God will not be ruled by the seasons of life.
Notice the passage says that the one planted by God will not experience anxiety in the different seasons. We know that we truly live in dangerous times as Paul reminded Timothy. But if we can be focused on God and look at things with an eternal perspective, we can experience the blessing of God's peace even in the time of drought, because we are planted in God, and we are drawing our strength from his limitless realm of resources.

6. The one who is planted in God will live a life of generosity.
The passage states that the one planted in God will never cease to bear fruit. Paul states in 2 Corinthians 2:6: "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." In order to bear fruit, we must be willing to live a life of generosity. One of the first commandments given to Adam and Eve was to be fruitful and multiply. God's desire for all of us is to bear fruit. His desire is that we would not just commit random acts of generosity, but that we would live a lifestyle of generosity; that our lives would be an example of his life-giving love and produce fruit of eternal value.

Before we pray, I want to conclude this devotion with a thought. In Genesis 2:7-8 we are reminded that God created man from the ground, and He breathed the breath of life into his nostrils. In chapter one we see that God spoke everything into existence by His own word. In Genesis 2:8 we see that God planted a garden. I believe this is significant because God was revealing to Adam the process of sowing and reaping and the process of relationship. We have stated that the will of God is for every person to know Him and to know Him well. The Christian life about relationship, and it is about God producing fruit in us so that others might see the work of God in us and be drawn to Him.

Prayer

My prayer for you today is that you would be planted in a fruitful relationship with the living God. God's desire is to do something good in and through your life. He wants all of us to bear fruit that has eternal significance. Lord, please help us to be planted in you, and to experience your grace in our lives. And that the grace you extend to us would be extended to others as you work through us. Most of all thank you for your intense desire to have a meaningful relationship with us. Please help us to afford you the opportunity to plant us in your presence.

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Please Sir

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Please Sir, I want some more!

The following Revelation was received by Paul Davies in on 16th April, 2004. As with all prophetic words, these must be weighed and tested with a spirit of humility and repentance. Where Bible passages are referred to, the interpretations given are not intended to be seen as the interpretation of the passage, but as God speaking to his people's current situation by giving an interpretation.

It's all John Paul Jackson's fault. Him and Rick Joyner's team anyway. They started the whole interpretation thing, encouraged us to "have a go". Now, it seems to be the main way God speaks to me. Hope this blesses you.

I was feeling really rotten this morning, wondering why God wasn't speaking to me. Where was my supposed "prophetic calling"? It's been a real desert year so far, with very little encouragement. Even Bobby Conner's visit to our church, which I was desperate for, got cancelled. I've been really struggling to "seek the Lord", and feeling like a failure.

So I started listening to a tape – the Morningstar team talking about being faithful with the little God gives you, and "you have not because you ask not". So I asked (again): "God, give me revelation."

Later, I was feeding my little boy Banana cake, and he clapped his hands (please!) and pointed to the cake.
"Do you want some more?" I asked.
"Mmmm," he answered, clapping harder, and the phrase from the movie Oliver dropped into my head: "Please sir, I want more," and the Lord began to speak to me from the film.

1. **Oliver is an orphan – He doesn't know who his Father is. He is desperate for real food.**
    - The Church has not taught the majority of Christians to know and love the Father. We have therefore no understanding of the First & Great Commandment – the basis of our Faith from which all else flows. This is a fundamental truth that is an emphasis in the Spirit at this time (especially from Toronto), and we need to own and apply this into our lives in a functional sense.
2. **He wants more, and the establishment throws him out into the street, and attempt to even make money from his misery.**
    - The Church has generally not taken in those who were desperate enough to seek more. During the Pentecostal and Charismatic renewals of the 1900's and 1960's, those who sought power were cast out to fend for themselves. Many of these have fallen into the

survival mode of the streets, where thievery and pick-pocketing rules. The established denominations have “profited” from the castaways – particularly in the area of “christian” literature, where nearly every advance pioneered by the castaways has been soundly criticised. A friend recently commented that most Christian books are written for profit, not because God commanded them. We would be far less judgemental if we hadn’t read quite so many of them.

3. **On the street, he is taught to survive by the thieves and pickpockets.**
    - This speaks of the common situation where ministers will ask for a set price before agreeing to visit a church or conference, or even worse, the stereotypical altar-call abuse. Our itineraries should be set by the Lord and funded by our trust in His provision. We are going to see a major change in this area in the next few years, as the Lord begins to convict the church on this issue. In the same way that self-promotion is a dangerous deception, self-funding implies that God cannot support His ministers.
    - We need to learn that worldly ways of survival or of achieving goals are not necessarily God's ways. His ways are NOT our ways - they are higher.
4. **After a time, where he continues to seek to be loved, he finds the love of the Father (his grandfather), who just happens to be filthy rich.**
    - We need to have as our focus learning to “let God love us”. John wrote: “We love because he first loved us” (1 John 4:10). We cannot love the people around us, and minister to their varied needs, unless and until we are receiving the Love from the Father. When we reach the place where we know who our Father is, we will not need to worry about material needs, as He who did not spare His own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will He not also, along with him, graciously give us **all things**,” (Romans 8:32)

This is what the Lord was saying to encourage me – and hopefully you as well – Keep seeking to receive the Father’s love – the rest will happen in its time!

Blessings,
Paul Davies

Passover Lamb's Journey

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

A few years ago, when the 14th of Aviv (YHVH’s Passover) fell in the middle of the week (Wednesday), just as it did when Messiah was crucified, I did a teaching on the last week of Yeshua’s life.

If you are interested in teaching a small gathering of friends about the Messiah's Passover, one of the first things should be to acquaint them with the relevant scriptures. Perhaps each one participating in the session can look up and read one of the following.

IT IS WRITTEN:

"Do not think that I came to destroy the Torah or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the Torah till all is fulfilled. (Matt. 5:17-18).

"Then He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Messiah to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?' So beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures (Tanach) the things concerning Himself" (Luke 24:25-27, emphasis added).

NOTE THAT YESHUA IS REFERING TO THE TANACH. (Torah and Prophets)

" Then I (Yeshua) said, `Behold, I have come----In the volume of the book it is written of Me----To do Your will, O YHVH'" (Heb.10:7, emphasis added).

"Then Yeshua said to them, 'all of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: `I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered'": (Zech 13:7, emphasis added).

" ‘Or do you think that I cannot now pray to My Father, and He will provide Me with more than twelve legions of angels? "How then could the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must happen thus?’ In that hour Yeshua said to the multitudes, ‘Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to take Me? I sat daily with you, teaching in the temple, and you did not seize Me. But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.’ Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled” (Matt. 26:31, 53-56, emphasis added).

Yeshua himself declared that there would be one very important sign that would bear testimony to the fact that He was the Messiah:

YESHUA’S PROPHECIES

The Sign of Jonah:

“Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, 'teacher, we want to see a sign from You'. But He answered and said to them, 'an evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth'” (Matt:12:38-40, emphasis added).

"'A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.' And He left them and departed" (Matt.16:4, emphasis added)

"And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, 'this is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet'" (Luke 11:29, emphasis added).

YESHUA ALSO SPOKE OF ANOTHER SIGN, (compare the two signs) as there are always to be two witnesses.

The Sign of the Temple

"So the Jews answered and said to Him, 'what sign do You show to us, since You do these things? 'Yeshua answered and said to them, 'destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up'. Then the Jews said, 'it has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will You raise it up in three days? ' But He was speaking of the temple of His body" (John 2:18-21).

"Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Yeshua to put Him to death but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward and said, 'this fellow said: `I am able to destroy the temple of YHVH and to build it in three days'" (Matt. 26:59-61; Mark 14:58-62).

(Were these last two really false witnesses? Did Yeshua not say that He would destroy the temple? Read John 2:18-21 again.)

Even while He was on the stake they were reminding Him of His own words: *"And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying: 'you who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of God, come down from the cross '"*(Matt. 27:39-40; Mark 15:29-30).

When these signs were fulfilled there were witnesses who verified that fact. Who were those witnesses?

Because Yeshua proclaimed that these signs were to corroborate His Messiahship, it was in the interest of the priests to ensure, in every way possible, that those declarations of His would prove false. That is why they asked Pilate to place soldier-guards around the tomb and set a seal on the stone that covered the opening. This, however, backfired on them. As a matter of fact, the soldiers became the first eyewitnesses to the fulfillment of the signs. *"Now while they were going, behold, some of the guards came into the city and reported to the chief priests all the things that had happened. When they had assembled with the elders and consulted together, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers, saying, 'tell them, `his disciples came at night and stole Him away while we slept.' "And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will appease him and make you secure." So they took the money and did as they were instructed; and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day"* (Matt. 28:11-15).

The mere fact that the priests had to pay the guards to lie was in itself proof that He was in the grave for the designated period. The disciples' memories were also jarred, when they found out that he was no longer in the grave. *"After His resurrection, the disciples also recalled what Yeshua had said about the destruction of the "temple" and about raising it in three days"* (John 2:22).

If Yeshua were the Passover Lamb, then the statutes and ordinances of the Torah would also have to apply to HIS sacrifice. Let us review some of the relevant scriptures.

YHVH’S APPOINTED TIMES

“And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 'speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: `The feasts of YHVH, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts. Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation. You shall do no work on it; it is the Sabbath of YHVH in all your dwellings'” (Lev. 23:1-3). Each feast day, regardless of the day of the week it happens to occur on, is patterned after the Shabbat and is called a Shabbaton. This is why Yeshua had to be taken off the cross and buried before the evening of the coming in of the “Shabbat” [that is, the ‘Shabbaton’]. *“Therefore, because it was the Preparation Day* [the 14th of Aviv] *that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath* (for that Sabbath was a high day [the 15th] *the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away”* (John 19:31; Mark 15:42; Luke 23:54). The fifteenth was and still is the Feast of Matzot - Unleavened Bread. It is a Shabbat-like day (a Shabbton), a High Holy Day. The feast days can fall on any day of the week. As mentioned, the week Yeshua was crucified on, the High Holy Day (15th of Aviv) occurred on a Thursday (Thursday was therefore like a Shabbat).

“These are the feasts of YHVH, holy convocations which you shall proclaim at their appointed times. On the fourteenth day of the first month between the evenings [the entire twenty four hour period of the fourteenth] is YHVH’s Passover” (Lev.23: 4-5). Please note that the fourteenth is not spoken of as a rest day or a holy convocation, therefore it is not a feast day (see also John 19:31). It was the day on which they were busy sacrificing and cutting up the lambs; from evening to evening, a day of preparation for the Shabbaton that was to follow (the fifteenth was the first day of the Feast of Matzot). *“And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to YHVH; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. On the first day* [the fifteenth of the Month of Aviv] *you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it. But you shall offer an offering made by fire to YHVH for*

seven days. The seventh day [the 21st of the month of Aviv] *shall be a holy convocation* [a Shabbat-like day]; *you shall do no customary work on it"* (Lev. 23:6-8; ref. Deut. 16:1-3).

It is very important to distinguish the difference between the 14th (YHVH's Passover) and the 15th the Feast of Matzot (which is the High Holy Day, a Shabbat-like day). And now that we have the day, we need a...

LAMB FOR THE SACRIFICE

"Speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying: `On the tenth day of this month every man shall take for himself a lamb, according to the house of his father, a lamb for a household. `And if the household is too small for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the persons; according to each man's need you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats. `Now you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of the same month. Then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it at twilight [between the evenings]'" (Ex. 12:3-6).

Please keep this day (the 10th) in mind, for we will run into it again when we cover the journey of the Passover Lamb later.

YESHUA THE LAMB

“And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night" (Luke 2:7-8). The Lamb

was born in a stable, in a feed troth, among the animals. Significantly it was shepherds, pasturing their sheep, who heard the message of the angles. *"And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger"* (Luke 2:12). It is thought that these shepherds (being in that region) were actually watching over the sheep that were to be used for the temple sacrifices. Later in the Lamb's life, John the Immerser exclaimed: *"Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"* (John 1:29).

An Ethiopian eunuch who came to Jerusalem to worship was sitting in his chariot reading the prophet Isaiah and there he read the following: *"He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before it's sheerer is silent, so He opened not His mouth. In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth'"* (Isa. 53:7-8; Acts 8:32-33).

"But with the precious blood of Messiah, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you" (1Pet.1:19-20).

"And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth'" (Rev. 5:6-10).

"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying: 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb'" (Rev. 7:9-17).

"They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: 'Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested'"(Rev. 15:3-4).

"Now it came to pass, when Yeshua had finished these sayings, that He departed from Galilee and came to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan" (Matt. 19:1; Mark 10:1; John 1:28). *"Now they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Yeshua was going before them; and they were amazed. And as they followed they were afraid. Then He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them the things that would happen to Him: 'Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; and they will mock Him, and scourge Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again'"* (Mark 10:33).

"Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Yeshua of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, 'Yeshua, Son of David, have mercy on me!'" (Mark 10:46; Luke 18:35; 19:1 Matt. 20:29; Luke 19:28). Interestingly, YHVH used a blind man to declare that Yeshua was the Messiah Son of David.

"Then, six days before the [feast day of] Passover [6 days before the 15th, which would have been the ninth of Aviv], *Yeshua came to Bethany* [which means house of affliction], *where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper;* [it was the Friday evening meal an erev Shabbat meal] *and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Miryam took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Yeshua, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, 'why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?' This he said not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Yeshua said, 'let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always'"* (John 12:1-8).

The Feast of Matzot (Unleavened Bread) was and still is celebrated on the fifteenth. If we count six days before the fifteenth of Aviv, we arrive at Friday the ninth, this was the day on which Yeshua came up to Beit-Onya (Bethany) and had an Erev Shabbat meal with El'azar (Lazarus), Martha, and Miryam. Yochanan (John) tells us that the following day, which would have been Shabbat the tenth of Aviv, Yeshua rode the colt of an ass into Jerusalem.

Because this year's Passover does not fall in the middle of the week, we cannot follow through the days, but in spite of that technical complication, when you sit for your Erev Shabbat meal think about what had taken place on this very night so many years ago. Maybe find some perfume to scent the air…(fragrance of Messiah).

"The next day" (John 12:12)... [which was a Shabbat, the tenth of Aviv], *they where on their way from Beit Onya to Jerusalem "Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Yeshua sent two disciples, saying to them, 'go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me'"* (Matt. 21:1-2; Luke 19:28-29) " *...a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Yeshua was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of YHVH! The King of Israel!' Then Yeshua, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: 'Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt'"* (John 12:12-16; Zech 9:9).

On the tenth the priests carried the lambs for the Passover sacrifices into the Temple, as commanded by YHVH (see Ex. 12:3). The lambs were then examined for four days and if no blemish or defect could be found, they qualified for the sacrifice and were killed on the fourteenth. Yeshua the Lamb went up to Jerusalem on the tenth, and for four days was questioned and examined, and in the end no fault could be found in Him by the highest authority in the land (ref. Luke 23:4,14; John 18:38, 19:4,6). He was the perfect, complete and qualified sacrifice. *"Now before the feast of the Passover, when Yeshua knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end"* (John 13:1). Yeshua, knowing that He was not going to be around the following evening to celebrate the Passover meal, made arrangements to recline with His disciples the evening before, which was the beginning of the preparation day (the 14th). Remember it was the middle of the week. *"When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, 'with fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God'"* (Luke 22:14-16). Immediately afterwards He was betrayed, arrested, tried, and condemned to death by the priests and scribes, and then delivered to the gentiles (Romans) who mocked, scourged, spit on Him and eventually crucified Him. All this took place on the 14th of Aviv. He was slaughtered with all the other lambs that same day, which was a the 4th day of the week or Wednesday. At the end of that day, the day of preparation, Yeshua's body was put into the grave. He was laid in the tomb just before the Shabbaton of the 15th (the High Holy Day), which was the eve of Thursday (please keep in mind that in the Hebrew calendar the day starts in the evening). He was therefore in the grave that night (1st night), all day Thursday (making it one whole day, the 15th of Aviv); the night of Friday (2nd night) all day, Friday (second whole day, the 16th); Saturday (Shabbat) night (3rd night) and all day Saturday (Shabbat 3rd day, the 17th of Aviv). Then sometime after the Shabbat went out Yeshua rose from the dead. He was in the grave exactly 3 nights and 3 days.

The religious leaders were looking for a reason to denounce Him as a liar. Indeed, if He would not have stayed in that grave for three nights and three days they would have proven their point beyond a shadow of a doubt, and Yeshua could not have been the Messiah of Israel. The Good Friday and Easter Sunday celebrations only come to the aid of those who would declare Yeshua a liar. The sign of Jonah is Yeshua's answer to an evil and wicked and unbelieving generation.

THE OMER OFFERING

"*And YHVH spoke to Moses, saying, 'speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: When you come into the land which I give to you, and reap its harvest, then you shall bring a omer of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the omer before YHVH, to be accepted on your behalf'"* (Lev.23:9-10). It literally says, "for your acceptance", or "that you may be accepted", in other words you and I can only go before YHVH if this wave offering qualifies us. When was this first fruit omer of barley to be picked and waved before YHVH?

"On the day after the [weekly] Sabbath the first day of the week, the priest shall wave it. And you shall offer on that day, when you wave the omwe, a male lamb of the first year, without blemish, as a burnt offering to YHVH" (Lev. 23: 9-12). Whenever the first ripe grains of barley were first noticed (which occurs around the time of Passover), the priests would cut them and wait for the nearest weekly Shabbat, and following that Shabbat, that is on the first day of the week, they would wave them before YHVH. On the year we are looking at, the first ripe omer of barley must have been ready, and no doubt they were brought before YHVH on the first day after the Shabbat (which 'happened' to occur within the seven day period of the Feast of Matzot), making Yeshua's resurrection and presentation of Himself before the Father, "for our acceptance", a fulfillment of the first-omer offering. Let me emphasize here that according to scripture the injunction to bring that omer is not connected to the Feast of Matzot, contrary to the commonly held view, thus there is no specific day designated for it, as only YHVH Himself can determine when the barley will be ripe (which explains the need for the counting). In Yeshua's year of sacrifice it occurred in such a way that while He was fulfilling the sign of three days and three nights, He could also become that wave offering before YHVH (see I Cor. 15:20, 23). That year, when He became the first barley offering waved before the Father, it happened on the 18th of Aviv. In Hebrew, one and eight are equivalent to the letters that make up the word "alive". Yeshua told Miryam of Migdal not to touch Him, because He had not yet been to the Father; He had to be that omer wave offering that you and I may be accepted and be "made alive with Him".

"And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed" (Lev. 23:15). The very reason for counting is that one never knows when the harvest is ripe for picking, again, each year the dates could vary, depending on weather conditions controlled by the Almighty alone. And if one reads carefully the scripture in Leviticus 23 one sees that there is no connection between the Feast of Matzot and the waving of the omer. (vs. 8-9).

Let us be as those who have understanding and join Yeshua's disciples and remember all that has been written. *"Therefore, when He had risen from the dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them; and they believed the Scripture and the word which Yeshua had spoken"* (John 2:22).

Hag Same'ach, and Shabbat Shalom

Ephraim and Rimona

"Great and marvelous are Your works, YHVH Elohim Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O YHVH, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, For Your judgments have been manifested" (Rev. 15:3-4).

P.S. What is so important about these fixed appointments, their time and place and are they relevant for today's redeemed Israelite community? In Colossians 2:16-17 Shaul says: "So let no one judge you in food or drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or Sabbaths, which are a mere shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Messiah." Many use this mistranslated scripture portion to disqualify the feasts of YHVH. However, the literal translation of these verses is: "Let no one be your judge in regards to food, drink, feasts, new moons or Sabbaths, but the Body of Messiah, for these are shadows of things yet to come but the body of Messiah" (emphasis added). Thus, these Torah observances are prophetic, and by keeping them we are proclaiming something that is yet to be revealed in YHVH's plan. For this reason the Body of Messiah is "to judge" and discern these matters, as the verse points out. To those who would argue that the Torah laws were nailed to the cross, and that Yeshua has fulfilled them all, we would say that the apostle wrote this after the death of the Messiah. In other words, yes, they are shadows…but… of things yet to come and therefore are prophetic in nature! "For the testimony of Yeshua is the spirit of prophecy" (Rev. 19:10b).

Plumbline For 2004

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“COURSE & PLUMBLINE” FOR 2004 – PHILIPPIANS 3:7-16

Over several days now, while waiting before the Lord to enter the New Year with Him, the following are the pictures/visions and words I believe He has given me for this time.

COURSE SETTING FOR 2004 – Philippians 3:7-16 (Amp.)
I believe the Lord was showing this would be the goal and the guideline together – a plumb line by which to measure the set of our hearts and lives. There is a call to press closer to the ideal that is Jesus Christ Himself, to be ‘found and known as in Him’.

7. But whatever former things I had that might have been gains to me, I have come to consider as [one combined] loss for Christ’s sake.
8. Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him [of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly]. For His sake I have lost everything and consider it all to be mere rubbish (refuse, dregs), in order that I may win (gain) Christ (the Anointed One).
9. And that I may [actually] be found and known as in Him, not having any [self-achieved] righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law’s demands (ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus acquired), but possessing that [genuine righteousness] which comes through faith in Christ (the Anointed One), the [truly] right standing with God, which comes from God by [saving] faith.
10. [For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power overflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death, [in the hope]
11. That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body].
12. Not that I have now attained [this ideal], or have already been made perfect, but I press on to lay hold of [grasp] and make my own that for which Christ Jesus (the Messiah) has laid hold of me and made me His own.
13. I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own (yet); but one thing I do [it is my one aspiration]; forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,
14. I press on toward the goal to win the [supreme and heavenly] prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward.
15. So let those [of us] who are spiritually mature and full-grown have this mind and hold these convictions; and if in any respect you have a different attitude of mind, God will make that clear to you also.
16. Only let us hold true to what we have already attained and walk and order our lives by that.

DO ALL THINGS AS UNTO HIM

Colossians 3:23
The developing theme for 2004 is that of our service to the Lord – that in our hearts and with our actions we should seek Him and honour Him in all things.
I SEE the bridegroom standing ready and there should now be an increase in the passion of the Bride as He draws near. Pray for such increase. Labour for Him, towards Him, see Him in everything – it is as if His shadow now rests over us.

CONTINUAL TRANSFORMATION BY THE RENEWING OF OUR MINDS
Romans 12:2
Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. THEN you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will.

VISION OF THE FATHER COMING NEAR TO SMELL A ROSE
I asked Him what was special about this rose that drew Him near to enjoy its scent.
He replied that it was the fragrance of His Son that drew Him. That as we let Him work into our lives the essence of the scriptures quoted above; as we invite Jesus to truly transform and renew us; as we gaze upon His loveliness and become ever more like Him. THEN our very lives exude the fragrance of His life which draws us deeper into intimate relationship.

CALL FOR 2004
This is the year to count the cost, to see and know who and what you are following and where you will be lead. There is only ONE WAY, one TRUTH, and one LIFE worthy of your time, effort, and honour. For it is true that you can have only one master, choose carefully who or what you serve.
To find your way through great darkness you will need reliable light that can penetrate that darkness, only THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD can do that.
What would you give for these precious commodities? What price would you pay for them? Will you give your all? Just as Jesus gave all for you?
Will you lay down your whole life at His feet, to serve when and where He desires, knowing that He knows the plans He has for you and promises that they are good?
When Jesus was born in a lowly place, the WISE MEN came bearing gifts. Once again in this season, THE WISE will bring Him gifts. Gifts of their heart, mind, strength – the very things He is most worthy of.

RELEASE THROUGH SERVING
Exodus 2:16
The next step in Moses' journey came through an act of kindness. He defended the oppressed – the priest's daughters – and 'watered their flock'. It was in tending to the sheep that Moses moved into his future – wife, burning bush, release of the captives, etc.
Moses had been in a place of affluence and good standing, but when it ended for him, he tended sheep. HE SERVED; he served the lives and purposes of others! In the place of service God prepared him for true leadership.

FOR THE NATIONS:

England, United Kingdom.
Saw streets begin to move and flow like rivers, or like automated walkways that move people around. The houses and streets I saw looked like those on the outskirts of an English town or village, and the streets began to 'flow' past the houses. The sense I had in this was that there is going to be a move of God on the streets in England.
Greece
Seeds have lain dormant in Greece, sown even as far back as Paul's apostolic journeys. Sense a

spiritual climate change that will cause these seeds to explode into rapid growth. There will be a change from passive to active in the spirit.

Northern America/Artic areas

I saw a huge wave, the type surfers would love to ride, curling right over and about to break.

Israel

Bathed in golden light, as when sand is blown from the dessert, and I saw sand blowing in over Israel from the East.

USA

This was the strangest picture of all! I saw rabbits appearing out of burrows all over the place. There was a sense that there has been underground multiplication going on that will suddenly become evident. I sensed also that there are 2 sides to this – new life breaking out in God's people, many who have been prepared out of sight, will be released, but also other underground activity, that had been hidden work of the enemy, would be exposed.

New Zealand

I saw again the picture that has been there for many weeks, of the ridges of mountains down the centre of the islands. They become strong backbone as people step up and join together (especially Maori and European), choosing to stand together in God for His purposes for the nation. There is no blueprint for this, it will be accomplished by individual obedience to undertake the tasks and call God brings, a loving-heart response to our King.

EYES OF THE LORD

I feel and see the powerful but gentle gaze of the Lord as He looks at His creation. He is inspecting and looking closely at this time, much as we would look for something we had lost.

It feels as if He is looking, examining, and weighing things very carefully. This is going to affect individual lives and ministries in this coming year. Do not fear this; it is an act of great concern and kindness.

NEW INDIVIDUAL RELEASE TO WORSHIP

Psalm 150:6

"Let everything that has breath praise the Lord."

I see many **'making music in their hearts'** in a fresh ability to personally worship their creator. Not dependent on music or church worship, but in all places, and at all times, carrying a song of joyful praise in their hearts.

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Pour Out For Breakthrough!!!

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Many are in desperate situations and need a breakthrough. Some need a natural breakthrough — finances, relationships, jobs, family, etc. Others need a spiritual breakthrough — direction and purpose, destiny, divine connections, creative ideas, gifts, development of talents, etc. Some need a combination of both in order to experience breakthrough.

2 Kings 4:1-7 is an awesome testimony of the Lord bringing breakthrough in a desperate situation. Through this passage, the Lord is speaking to us of His creativity in meeting our needs, both naturally and spiritually.

A certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha, saying, "Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord. And the creditor is coming to take my two sons to be his slaves." (2 Kings 4:1)

This woman was in a desperate situation. Not only had her husband (her companion, her protector and her provider) died, her sons, whom she loved and on whom she would depend, were about to be taken away and faced a dismal future. According to Mosaic law, debtors and their children could be enslaved to work off their debts. Most of us cringe at the thought of our children facing hardship, much less being enslaved to make restitution on our behalf.

This woman's response wasn't to worry or act out of desperation. She sought the Lord (Elisha was the Lord's spokesman.). Many reading this are in equally desperate situations. In every situation, especially desperate situations, we must seek the Lord.

As this woman sought the Lord's counsel, she didn't boast that her husband was a mighty man of God or that he had an awesome ministry (although he was part of a company of prophets). She boasted that her husband feared the Lord. Because this man feared the Lord, he knew the Lord's ways. He was a servant because he feared the Lord. The Lord desires that we serve, not be served (see Matthew 20:28). When we truly fear the Lord, we will walk in His ways ... serving Him as well as others, seeking to bring Him glory rather than receiving recognition, and responding with radical obedience to all that we hear and see from Him.

So Elisha said to her, "What shall I do for you" Tell me, what do you have in the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house but a jar of oil." (2 Kings 4:2)

The symbolism in this passage is quite interesting. Oil is symbolic of anointing. Each of us is anointed for God's holy purpose. Whether you feel anointed is beside the point. If you have a relationship with our Father through His Son and are sealed with His Holy Spirit, then YOU ARE ANOINTED. Jesus, the Christ, was the Anointed One and His Holy Spirit dwells within us. We are the temple, or house, of His Holy Spirit.

The Lord desires that we recognize and identify what it is we have in our house. He desires that we recognize that the Anointed One has made a deposit in each of us. We have an "anointed Holy Spirit" residing within each of us. The same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus to demonstrate compassion, heal the sick, raise the dead, teach with power, resist the devil, and walk in complete obedience resides in our house!

What has the Lord anointed you to do? What does He enable you to do? What talents, gifts and abilities has He placed within you? Recognize these and thank Him for them!

Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors — empty vessels; do no gather just a few. And when you have come in, you shall shut the door behind you and your sons; then pour it into all those vessels, and set aside the full ones." (2 Kings 4:3-4)

We are a vessel filled with Holy Spirit. We are to find empty vessels and pour into them. We are to pour into the lives of others behind closed doors. In other words, this is to be done as a lifestyle ... and not as an act of "ministry." It's about building and nurturing relationships ... simply because we care and not because we get something (fulfillment, status, recognition) out of it. Freely we have received of Him, freely we are to give of Him (see Matthew 10:8).

Consider David. God gave him special abilities to shoot a slingshot and play a harp. Both of these talents would be used in significant ways by the Lord. David didn't mope around feeling insignificant because he wasn't the national slingshot champion or first chair in the Israeli Harp Ensemble. He didn't even aspire for these things. He also didn't begrudge these seemingly simple talents. David honed these skills on the back side of the desert as He was faithful in the ministries to which he was presently entrusted (tending sheep and ministering to the Lord). In fact, his only audience and recognition came from the Lord ... and a herd of wooly sheep.

David poured his best out to the Lord. We are to do likewise. Whatever talents, abilities, or skills the Lord has given us, we are to offer them back to Him. We do this by responding obediently to Him in using them ... even if it means pouring them out to Him behind closed doors.

So she went from him and shut the door behind her and her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured it out. Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring me another vessel." And he said to her, "There is not another vessel." So the oil ceased. (2 Kings 4:5-6)

This woman demonstrated a quality that the Lord desires — obedience. She responded exactly as she had been instructed. She didn't rationalize concerning what she'd been instructed to do, nor did she try to "help" by adding something to what had been spoken. We demonstrate our love and trust of the Lord by our obedience (see John 14:21) — doing what He says, when He says it, and exactly as He instructs.

If the Lord has given you a special talent as a musician, don't despair that you may not be a recording artist or a worship leader; give your talent back to Him by playing/singing unto Him (in true worship) behind closed doors. If the Lord has given you a desire to write, don't despair that you may not be an best-selling author; give your talent back to Him by writing letters to Him and others. If the Lord has given you prophetic gifting, don't despair that you may not be a recognized prophetic voice in your generation; give the talent back to Him by speaking forth His words of life as you hear them from Him ... either in intercession behind closed doors or to an unknown friendly grocery store employee. If the Lord has given you a desire to teach/preach, don't despair that you may not have a national audience; give your talent back to Him by teaching/preaching to an audience of one ... and then two ... and then three.

Whatever your gift or talent, give it back to the Lord by responding to His leading. As we obediently pour out of our anointing behind closed doors, the Lord will multiply and bless.

Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and pay your debt; and you and your sons live on the rest." (2 Kings 4:7)

As this woman responded obediently to the Lord, He met her need extravagantly. Not only was her debt paid, she and her sons had money on which to live.

We serve an awesome God who is able to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we can ask or think (see Ephesians 3:20). Not only does He desire to meet all our needs, He desires to bless us abundantly. He will bless us and we'll experience breakthrough ... when we respond obediently to Him ... and pour out our oil into empty vessels.

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Passion of Christ

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The Passion of Christ is not about Anti-Semitism, it's about love!

I, like so many throughout the country, went to see *The Passion*, Mel Gibson's movie about Christ's last 12 hours leading up to His death. I walked away feeling so many great and deep emotions; however, I did not walk away with any anti-Semitic feelings, whatsoever!

Those who see this profoundly developed piece of cinematic art will feel its impact with varying emotions, and they will pick out certain parts that touched them more than others. Three things touched my heart. First of all, I did not go to see this movie to critique it for its biblical accuracy as many doctors of doctrine plan to do. Nor did I go see it to find out if I could find any anti-Semitic inferences. Being a student and a writer of theological matters, I went to see if the Holy Sprit would be revealing something new, or deliver to me a more profound message about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ that I may not be aware of.

While there were many lines in the movie that are not included in any of the gospels, I can see where Gibson used these as a means to segue and or transition the audience from one scene to another. I never believed from the outset this movie was going to be a verse by verse narrative of the Gospel. Had Gibson altered the Gospel, he would have been discredited for his accuracy way before the movie was released. I will add that the visuals and acting were superb, by all the actors, considering the dialogue was in both the Aramaic and Latin. As a cinematic effort, *The Passion* far exceeds any movies of this genre.

Speaking of visuals, this movie is definitely not for the faint-hearted. The blood and gore realism, especially where Christ is scourged for almost 15 non-stop minutes, gives new meaning to the verse, "By His stripes we are healed." This is the part of the movie that will be talked about most

There were three specific scenes that deeply touched my heart the most, and even brought tears to my eyes. The first part was when Peter denied Christ three different times, as Jesus had told him he would. In the movie, after Peter had definitely denied Christ three times, Peter weeps bitterly and mutters the line "I'm not worthy." This is one of the instances where Gibson takes license by putting a line in the movie that is not in any of the Gospels. But here I believe Gibson trying to convey a unique message in this scene (maybe about his own feelings about God), bringing the point home that many of us who been under great stress and danger have actually denied Christ, only to later repent and receive His forgiveness knowing full well we definitely are not worthy.

The other scene that grabbed me was when the first giant nail was hammered into Christ's hand. It is a well known fact that it was Mel Gibson's actual hand that was used in that scene. Gibson, who has confessed his motivation for making the film was in great part due to his admitted past indiscretions, and the subsequent grace he admits he experienced from his faith in God. Gibson pounded more than a nail in that scene. He was profoundly pounding the fact to the audience that the gospels clearly proclaim that all of humanity is responsible for His murder, not just Romans and Jews!

The most profound scene in the movie (for me, at least) was when Jesus cried out one of His last words before He succumbed, which was, “Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"--which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" The biblically uninformed may hang their entire reason to not believe in the miracle that was performed by the death of Christ solely on these words. Many unbelievers claim this verse alone proves that even God turned His back on Jesus, and that He really didn’t die very bravely or nobly, but actually died an ignominious death.

While many people’s spirituality will be affected after seeing this movie, most unbelievers (and some believers, as well) will still walk away believing that Christ most certainly was a great prophet and yes He suffered greatly for sharing his beliefs of love and forgiveness. Many viewers of what some are calling a gratuitously gory movie may even feel a certain degree of remorse for a while, maybe even some sorrow and empathy for the way Jesus was crucified, and say, “Boy, that was so gory and what a painful way to die.” Unfortunately, they will have missed the point.

Even many believing and highly educated theologians will also miss the point. They are so zealous trying to gain points with God through their religious activities, they are unable to stop and explain to the uninformed what this plea truly stands for. Was Jesus crying out because he felt He was unfairly and painfully scourged and crucified? Granted, crucifixion is recognized by medical professionals as being possibly the most heinous and painful way to die. But, did God really abandon Jesus on the cross?

What we (all humanity) need to understand is that in Jesus’ last human cry from the cross, a fact that most people fail to understand (including Christians) is, that Jesus’ true suffering came not so much from the excruciatingly painful ordeal He experienced, but the pain He had to endure as He became sin itself! This reality is symbolically presented to us in the gospel and through the scene where the sponge of water the soldier placed on Jesus’ lips actually contained gall. Gall stands for extreme wickedness, productive of evil fruit, bile), another word for sin. This scene (in both the movie and the Gospels) tells us that at the exact time of His death, Jesus was actually drinking all the sins of mankind! If we can for the moment think about the worst sin we have ever committed, multiply that a thousand fold, and then multiply all the sins of every person who has ever lived throughout History, and then heap all of that putridity on one person (who had never sinned before), then physical death was nothing compared to what Christ was feeling at that exact moment. For the first and only time in His fleshly existence, Jesus was separated from God because God and sin cannot co-exist. Now, through Christ’s death, and especially His resurrection, those who believe can now have true fellowship with God! This is the point that Gibson’s film failed to deliver.

Yes, Gibson pounded the point home very clearly and in an extremely graphic manner, the painfully excruciating death which Christ experienced. This alone is enough to make some people focus on their spirituality, whether they are Christian or Jew. However, and more importantly, this movie is definitely not anti-Semitic. For those (Christians and or Jews) who want to patronizingly harbor doctrinal and religious differences, even to the point of inciting religious wars, you will forever fail to understand what Gibson's accounts of the gospel was trying to convey to the masses.

No, my friends, this is not an anti-Semitic movie, where non-believers or the uniformed can use to foster religious wars. This was merely a movie that showed (in an extremely graphic manner) the physical aspect of the death of Christ. If we (Christians, Jew, or otherwise) can accept the reality that the true passion of Christ was not so much the physical pain he endured, but the fact that He (God in the flesh) took upon Himself all of the sins of mankind, in order to set us free to spend eternal life with Him.

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Patience Of God’s Saints

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Revelation 14:11-13

May peace like a river
Flow through your life
May God’s love be your deliverer
From the strong arm of strife
May faith be the steppingstone
That leads you on high
Upon mountains of old
Where God’s beauty unfolds
Within your life, as light
To chase away the night.

Here is the patience of God’s saints
Those who walk not by sight but by faith
To you it has been given
To know the truth and the way
Of everlasting, abundant life
Is to rest in the arms
Of God’s eternal love.

With so many standing all alone
Vainly trusting in idols
For truth to walk upon
When, like a volcano, they are set to erupt
Because of fires ignited by anger’s cruel control
These will find no rest for their troubled souls
And because where there is fire
There is sure to be smoke
God’s saints will be forewarned
Of their need to stay positioned in the Lord.

May joy like a song
Be bound upon your heart
May grace bring understanding
Of the gifts God desires to impart
May love be the offering
That is shared with one and all
So those who turn from the dark
As they hear the Father call
May find comfort in the arms
Of those who bear the Father’s heart.

> *“And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image; and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.” Revelation 14:11-13*

> *“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the*

> *right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Colossians 3:1-3*
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> *"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man." John 5:24-27*

"Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die" are the words that Jesus spoke to Martha as she met with Jesus concerning the death of her brother Lazarus. Martha had proclaimed to Jesus that she believed that her brother would rise again "in the resurrection at the last day." But the day she confronted Jesus, her desire was not toward another day, but on this day, that her brother would remain a living breathing person who stood beside her. It was to this belief that Jesus spoke words of great mystery regarding the resurrection of life according to faith in His holy name.

Jesus responded to Martha's understanding of the resurrection by proclaiming that, "I am the resurrection and the life." But, as Jesus proclaimed He was the resurrection and the life, was it possible for the veil, which the law placed before her, to be moved aside so that she could glimpse an understanding of what Jesus was saying to her? Was it possible that Martha could gain even the slightest understanding of what Jesus meant by saying, "I am the resurrection and the life" before the day God lovingly placed the Holy Spirit upon her soul? Until the day Martha was born again, not of the flesh, but of the Spirit, how would it be possible for her understand the mystery of the words Jesus spoke?

Martha was a devout and sincere seeker of God; yet, until the Holy Spirit, the breath of resurrection life, moved upon her heart and soul, she still lived in subjection to the Adamic nature. She still lived governed by the law, which "made nothing perfect". She professed Jesus was the Son of God. And although the hour of resurrection life was upon her, at that particular moment, as Jesus spoke those words to her, the Spirit had not been made available, so she could not fully understand the depth of the words Jesus spoke.

If Martha's heart and mind received the words Jesus spoke from the perspective of the law, how could she have an understanding of the mystery of a spiritual kingdom? How could she comprehend, without actually partaking of the Spirit, a spiritual kingdom, where God's love and holiness reigns supreme over a man's soul? Without the Spirit to help her perceive spiritual truths, how could she comprehend a spiritual kingdom that is accessed only through faith in Jesus? How could Martha even begin to have any understanding of God's eternal, spiritual kingdom, which extends beyond the borders of eternity, which was being made ready for God's precious saints?

When Jesus told Martha that if she believed in Him, that she would never die, He asked her "Believest thou this?" Martha responded to Jesus by saying that she did believe He was the Son of God. Martha professed with her mouth that she believed Jesus was the Son of God, but if her perception of the Messiah was void of Holy Spirit knowledge, then how could she understand the full implication of the words He was speaking?

After Jesus rose from the grave and walked the earth for 40 days, appearing to many men, did the truth that He was the resurrection and the life begin to pierce into the inner recesses of Martha's mind? Or would she never really understand the message of resurrection life until the day, in the upper room, the Holy Spirit was poured out? The day Martha partook of the Holy Spirit, was that the day the eyes of her understanding were finally opened to comprehend the words that Jesus had spoken to her?

Before Jesus' death and resurrection, perhaps Martha could not comprehend the power and authority that God had placed upon Jesus' shoulders. Perhaps, because of the humble way Jesus talked to her, not as a King superior to her in every way, but as a person concerned for her welfare and those that she loved, she did not understand the power that had been granted Him by God the Father. But after the Holy Spirit moved in power within her life, as God established His kingdom authority upon the throne of her heart, and as His love moved in great authority within her life, then she must have been filled with joy as she remembered how He had spoken to her, in a mystery, truths of great revelation.

The law had been the schoolmaster that had instructed Martha in the ways of the Lord. The law had revealed to her an understanding of what God considered acceptable behavior for those called of His holy name. But when Jesus appeared in her life, as the Lord established His kingdom authority within her life through the Holy Spirit, then what she had known in part would now be known in fullness. What she had known about God's desire for a people consecrated unto Him, would be experienced in fullness as God's Spirit moved in power and authority upon her life.

When God's kingdom rule was established within Martha's life, so that all thoughts and opinions that were contrary to the purposes of God were cast off the throne of her heart, Martha would no longer understand relationship with God as a child who looked upon earthen tablets for understanding. Through the leading and teaching of the Holy Spirit, who revealed God's kingdom purposes, she would be raised up a mature daughter of the Lord. As God wrote His holy commandments upon her heart, she would become a mature daughter, wholly submitted to the Father. It is through personal relationship, as God moves in power upon a man's heart through the Holy Ghost, that God's children are taught to understand the ways of holiness.

> *"For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." Galatians 2:19-21*

When the Holy Spirit established God's kingdom rule and authority upon Martha's heart and mind, she did not die physically. But many thoughts, desires and opinions contrary to God's purpose and desire for her, did die. Many perceptions regarding the Messiah, the law, the kingdom of God, and how she was to be used of God, would pass away in power and importance in her life. She would live her life in a physical body, adorned in the glory of God, the Holy Spirit, so that the life she now lived was focused on the high calling of Jesus Christ.

Martha would be blessed of the Lord, as the Holy Spirit moved in power in her life, mortifying the deeds of the flesh, so that she lived wholly submitted to the Father. No longer her will be done, but the Father's. Martha may have filled her days thinking that outward performance, in serving the Lord, was to take the higher road. And it may have only been as the Holy Spirit moved in power in her life, crucifying, putting to death thoughts contrary to the Lord's purpose for her, that she would understand that, though each person's outward activities differed, all were joined equally to the Lord, through the Spirit.

As Martha lived out the days of her life, there may have been times when she thought back upon the prophetic picture that Jesus had portrayed, the day when He called Lazarus forth from the grave. And as she remembered that day, was she struck by the awesomeness of God, that He would reveal a mystery of such great proportion to her? Did she store up within her heart those moments when God blessed her, when He allowed her to behold mysteries that prophets had spoken of? Did she continually give thanks to the Lord, that her mortal body was indwelt with the Spirit of the living God, so that death had been overcome within her life? She must have walked in joy, knowing that she had received the Spirit of eternal life, and the knowledge that forever she would dwell with the Lord on high.

> *"Who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath*

> *abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”* 2 Timothy 1:9-10

Martha had been chosen to be a partaker of God’s eternal kingdom, not because of the good works she had done, which those under the law may have applauded, but because of her faith in Jesus. The day Jesus said to Martha, whoever “believeth in me shall never die”, to which she had responded, “I believe thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world” her position in the kingdom had been established. Though her good works in the sight of men may have been many, she was not chosen to enter into the kingdom of God because of works, but because of her faith in the truth that Jesus was the Son of God.

Because Jesus’ precious blood was not shed to purify those things patterned after heaven, but the “heavenly things themselves”, God opened the floodgates of heaven so that Martha and others like her could partake of His eternal glory. Now any man whose faith is placed in Jesus, the Son of God, is invited to partake of the living streams of water that flow directly from God’s throneroom. The living streams of God’s Holy Spirit bless each partaker with God’s promised gift of eternal life, abundant life. Men immersed in the Holy Spirit will personally experience the glory, power and love of the Father in heaven.

> *“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.” Matthew 11:28-29*

Jesus promised men that if they would “come unto” Him, that He would give them rest. His message of rest must have confused those who stood nearby, because men understood rest to be designated for the Sabbath day. Men understood that on the Sabbath day they were to rest from their labor.

Because Jesus did not rest on the Sabbath day, it must have been confusing to hear the words Jesus spoke, as He proclaimed to be the Son of God, but did not follow the law understood by men. Jesus seemed to go against the law understood by men, when He healed on the Sabbath. He went against the law when He plucked ears of corn on the Sabbath and encouraged His disciples to join Him. Men may have wondered how Jesus could give any man “rest” if He Himself did not rest on the Sabbath day. And why did Jesus proclaim that on the Sabbath day, “My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.”

Perhaps the rest Jesus spoke of did not pertain to a particular day, but to a position of faith, where men no longer have to perform outward acts and rituals to be found acceptable in God’s eyes? Perhaps the rest Jesus spoke of was when men understood they were found acceptable in God’s eyes, not because of what they had done for God, but because of what He had done for them. Perhaps rest is in the knowledge that a man’s sins are forgiven because Jesus’ blood, which was shed for them, has made restitution for their sins, redeemed them from the grave, so they can live eternally in His sight.

When a man is adorned in robes of righteousness, the Holy Spirit, then will a man experience the rest of God, finding in God there is peace for his soul. It is through faith, and being filled with the Spirit, that God will help him understand that he is acceptable in God’s eyes, not because of anything he has done, but because of what Jesus Christ has done for him. It is through faith that a man will experience peace for his soul, as he rests in the knowledge of God’s love toward him. A man adorned in the robes of righteousness, whose sins have been washed and made clean by the blood, does not need to continually offer up sacrifices for his sins, he may rest from those types of labor.

> *“Then said they unto him, what shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.” John 6:28-29*

A man, whose faith in found in Jesus Christ, will rest in the knowledge that he is acceptable in God’s eyes because Jesus has paid the price for his redemption. Jesus proclaims that the “work” the Father asks of those called of His holy name, is that their faith be placed entirely upon Jesus Christ. Those who do the good works of God will place no other name above God. Those who do the good works of God will "labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life."

> *"For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief." Hebrews 4:10-11*

There had been a day when Jesus had entered the house of Martha and Mary. Mary, Martha's sister, had sat at the feet of Jesus, while Martha "was encumbered about much serving." Mary's position was to rest at the feet of Jesus, while Martha's position before the Lord was to be found doing much serving. Martha's position was different from her sisters. Martha thought her actions were more needed, and therefore superior to her sisters. The thoughts she thought upon influenced her to go before the Lord, and complain to Him about her sister.

Instead of the Lord agreeing with Martha, that yes, her actions were more needed and thus superior to her sisters, Jesus told her, "Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: but one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Martha did not serve the Lord with her mind at peace, rejoicing in the knowledge that the Lord Himself had entered her home. Instead Martha's heart and mind were troubled, as she thought upon what was the better way to serve the Lord. Mary sat at Jesus' feet. She was at peace because her thoughts were focused upon the Lord, and the fact that He had graced her home with His presence.

After Jesus ascended on high, taking captivity captive to His beauty and grace, and after the Holy Spirit was released from God's throneroom on high, so that Martha was filled with God's glory and majesty, Martha would forever enter into God's rest. From that moment on, it wouldn't matter if Martha was serving four hundred, or all alone picking corn on the Sabbath, she would be at rest; she would be at peace with the Lord and with others. Because from the moment the presence of the Lord made His home upon her heart, her focus would be upon Him. She would be able to sit at His feet, at rest, no matter what activity the Lord called her to perform.

God asks His children to labor to enter into His rest. He asks them to seek Him with a sincere heart, so they can, along with Martha, proclaim, "I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God." For whoever seeks Him, shall find Him, and receive their reward. Those who in faith call upon Jesus, will receive their reward of eternal life, resurrection life, which begins the moment the Holy Spirit establishes God's kingdom upon a man's heart.

When the Lord makes His home upon a man's heart, he will be taught of the Lord, how to rest in His arms of love. He will be taught of the Lord, how to do all things unto God, as the Spirit crucifies, puts to death, thoughts and desires contrary to God's good purpose. A man at rest in the knowledge of God's power, authority, goodness and mercy, will understand that God will be faithful to lead, teach, direct and guide him each step he takes in life. His good works of faith toward God will follow him each step he takes in life. And when a man walks with God in His kingdom of righteousness, submitted to His will, he will be rewarded with "peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

> *"For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." Hebrews 2:2-3*

The works of the flesh that war against the Spirit are; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, strife, envy, murder, drunkenness, and the like. And they, who do such things "shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Men, who do not enter into God's kingdom of righteousness because of unbelief, will walk according to the flesh, and the works of the flesh they will do. When the Spirit has not established God's kingdom rule and authority upon a man's heart, he will not partake of the holy fires that are contained within God's love. Without God's Spirit moving in power upon a man's life, the works of the flesh will continue to dominate his thoughts and actions.

A man, who has not entered into God's rest because of unbelief, may at times be compared to a volcano, which is set to erupt. He may appear outwardly, at times, to walk an orderly peaceful life. But within the inner recesses of his heart and mind, anger, rebellion and frustration with his life, are like the hot magma within the volcano. A man's anger, just like the heated magma, must be released at some point. When the lava, (called magma while still under the earth), is released into the air, ash and rocks are spewed forth, bringing destruction to whatever lies within its path, just as the words and actions of a man who spews forth his anger and frustration can cause destruction to whatever lies within his path. The smoke can be compared to the words and emotions behind his torment that ascends upward. Until he turns to the Lord, and cries out for God to heal his unbelief, his life will lay barren of purpose and hope.

How great a gift is God's Holy Spirit, which is able to still the storms that wage havoc in a man's life. Though for a time a man may suffer, as God's purifying Spirit does its perfect work in his life, he can be assured that at the appointed time, God will establish and settle his soul in peace. To those whose flesh is crucified, so that they live wholly devoted to God, blessed are their names in heaven. The angels rejoiced to see the day that God's glory would be poured out in great measure, bringing many sons into conformity to the Word. May those who love God's name be found with praise upon their lips, because of what God has done for them.

> *"Who will render to every man according to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life: but unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile; but glory, honor and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile." Romans 2:6-9*

Pollyanna Prophecy

Dale Sides

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While writing on the subject of iniquity recently, I observed a verse regarding prophets and the words they speak to people. When I saw it, the Holy Spirit bore witness to me to write about this subject and to send it as a word of admonition and warning to my Brothers, the Prophets. By using my pen as a sword, I hope to share what I believe the Lord wants me to impart to you and the body of Christ. As this cuts deeply into the body of Christ, my hope is that this surgery removes only the canker, and as a result, leaves a more healthy body. No one enjoys surgery – it always hurts. Sometimes, however, it is necessary.

A particular section of scripture that speaks to all people and prophets alike is from Ezekiel 14. It reports of a condition that frequently happened then, and is frequently happening now across the body of Christ. It deals with prophets prophesying "Pollyanna" messages to people, when these people actually need confrontation from God regarding their sins, iniquities and transgressions.

"Therefore speak to them, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the LORD will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols,'" Ezekiel 14:4

God will make an example of the person who goes about trying to get a confirmation of his own righteousness while having idols set up in his own heart.

"I will set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of My people. Then you shall know that I am the LORD" Ezekiel 14:8

God's judgment is not just against the people that inquire of the prophets, but against the prophets themselves too.

"And if the prophet is induced to speak anything, I the LORD have induced that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from among My people Israel". Ezekiel 14:9

This verse says that if the prophet, in his heart, is inclined to just roll with the flow and not speak for God, that God Himself will give the word to the prophet, and that afterward He will destroy him and his ministry.

I have noticed, both in the United States and abroad, that there is nothing new under the sun with regards to this scenario. People are lining up by the droves down church aisles for "Pollyanna" prophecies that promise "peace," goodness, and absolutely no consequences. Verses in the previous chapter of Ezekiel refer to this as well.

"My hand will be against the prophets who envision futility and who divine lies; they shall not be in the assembly of My people, nor be written in the record of the house of Israel, nor shall they enter into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord God. Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace – and one builds a boundary wall, and they plaster it with untempered mortar." Ezekiel 13:9, 10

These prophecies, in other words, are like walls built with untempered mortar. They will not stand.

Now these are strong words, and some may say that they apply to Old Testament prophets and not to New Testament times. However, God did not change, nor did His heart toward His people when Jesus came and made the Word of God incarnate. False prophets are not reserved for the Old Testament only.

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber. 2 Peter 2:1-3

The destruction of the prophet is reserved in judgment.

The problem is the same in both the Old Testament and the New Testament – false prophets are more interested in covetousness than in righteousness. They exploit people for a price. They prophesy to bless the people and not God. They have one hand on the person's head and the other one on their own wallet. Prophesying over people is a lucrative business. The documentation for this is Balaam, or the palm reader with the blinking lights on their house, or the psychic on the 1-900 line. These examples, however, are not wolves in sheep's clothing; they are blatantly advertising that they are for hire. The dangerous part is when false prophets disguise themselves as "real ministers."

Let's be quite frank. The Bible warns against false prophets in the Old Testament, the Gospels, the Book of Acts, the Pauline Epistles, the Leadership Epistles, in the Epistles of John, Peter and the Book of Revelation. Let's not act as if they do not exist now.

Prophets are standing in line, waiting to be called, to come to church and prophesy over the congregation. Often they say, "We want to teach your church about personal prophecy and we will demonstrate our anointing by prophesying over the people in the church."

(Pastors and church leaders, if you bring in this type of ministry to your church, you had better make sure these individuals are operating from the Spirit of God, or else you are going to end up with a bunch of demonized people operating spirits of divination that they received from these "prophets" who are dressed in wool suits.)

To the Prophets:

I honor you for your submission to the Word of God, but brothers you cannot guarantee that a word will come from you just because you show up. Revelation prophecy comes by the will of God (1 Corinthians 12:11; 2 Peter 1:21) and you cannot guarantee you will receive it. Spirits of divination are lining up to use you too. (Remember Balaam.) You are a spiritually sensitive person and these demons would love to get their hands on you and get their words through you. The greatest way for a false prophet to arise is for a genuine one to take a wrong turn.

To safeguard against this deception, remember that you are God's spokesperson and not for hire by a church or a person. The Bible chronicles much more prophecy concerning consequences for disobedience than it does for promises of blessings and prosperity.

Please take heed to this admonition. If these words are an offense to you, then most probably you have sinned in these matters. No genuine prophet of the Lord will balk at having his prophecies judged by other prophets. Are you above reproach?

A number of years ago I was in India hosting an Apostle's Conference and one of them asked me if I had a word for him at the end of the meeting. I was about to tell him "no", but the Holy Spirit told me that I was supposed to speak a word to him. When I began, a line quickly formed for others to "get in on the blessing." The only problem was that the word was not a blessing; it was a word of warning.

I did not "conjure" the word but spoke it accurately as the Holy Spirit gave it to me. Here was a mighty man of God standing before me; one of great acumen, reputation and accomplishment. But he was also a son of God and not above reproach. I must admit that I was a little hesitant to speak the word, but I did in the face of representing God and not myself. The word was a judgment of premature death if he did not control his appetite and lust for food. In a defensive posture, he began to argue with me. I told him to take it up with God. As he fell to his face in repentance, the line of others wanting a blessing dispersed instantly. Maybe other lines would not form so quickly if the prophecies were not all

"Pollyanna."

I have heard a wonderful minister and renowned prophet from the United States say, "I am not a gloom and doom prophet." Wouldn't it be better to simply say, "I am just a prophet committed to speak as the Lord commands"? This illustrates the point exactly. Do you as a prophet have a predetermined mind-set before opening your mouth?

As indicated by the account in Ezekiel—if people have un-reconciled iniquities and transgressions in their life, they need to be confronted. They do not need to paste a plastic blessing over the corruption.

"Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them?" Ezekiel 14:3

Your job is to speak to them as Ezekiel, a true prophet, did.

"Therefore speak to them, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the LORD will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols, that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols. Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations.' " Ezekiel 14:4-6

Anyone can speak "Pollyanna" words of blessings and swoop down on the spoils and act as if they made something wonderful happen. It takes integrity and real belief in the Spirit of God leading you to speak words of correction, reproof or even a rebuke.

As a prophet, you cannot dictate what you will speak because it comes by the will of God. You can, however, determine the mind-set you carry when you operate in this office. Do not be as the prophets in the time of Ezekiel and prophesy "peace" when the person has un-reconciled iniquities in his or her life.

Make sure that you do not carry the reputation of "bless the mess" or "doom and gloom." Be obedient to speak the words the Lord gives you. When people hear words of reproof, as you are directed by the Lord, it will be a blessing to them when they obey because they will be reconciled to God.

Do not fall into the snare of being a "people-pleaser." Read, judge and spiritually discern the next two verses from Ezekiel 14 and make your determination about "Pollyanna prophecy."

"And they shall bear their iniquity; the punishment of the prophet shall be the same as the punishment of the one who inquired, that the house of Israel may no longer stray from Me, nor be profaned anymore with all their transgressions, but that they may be My people and I may be their God," says the Lord God. Ezekiel 14:10,11

Prophet? Or Profit!

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Note: Because I don't want this item to sound like a personal vendetta, I'm replacing actual names with letters of the alphabet. Some of you will know precisely who I am referring to, and some will not. In either case, I believe this information is valuable for the critical time in which we live.

I'll begin with a bit of background material on my favorite person in the Old Testament, the prophet Elijah.

Elijah
The final words of the Old Testament must be considered important.

"Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the Lord arrives." Mal. 4:5.

This passage is quite clear, and Jesus confirmed it's message in the New Testament.

"His disciples asked, 'Why do the teachers of religious law insist that Elijah must return before the Messiah comes?'

"Jesus replied, 'Elijah is indeed coming first to set everything in order.'" Matt. 17:10, 11.

Now remember that Malachi prophesied Elijah would return before "the great and dreadful day of the Lord." In prophesying about the future, Jesus also spoke about that day.

"The time will come when you will see what Daniel the prophet spoke about: the sacrilegious object that causes desecration standing in the holy place"--reader, pay attention! "Then those in Judea must flee to the hills. A person outside the house must not go inside to pack. A person in the field must not return even to get a coat. How terrible it will be for pregnant women and for mothers nursing their babies in those days. And pray that your flight will not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For that will be a time of greater horror than anything the world has ever seen or will ever see again." Matt. 24:15-21.

That day came to pass when in 70 AD the Roman armies surrounded Jerusalem and finally captured it. It truly was a time of great horror. History records that the crosses holding dying Jews were so thick it was like a forest.

Had Elijah returned before that event as Malachi predicted? Yes indeed, according to Jesus.

"I assure you, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the most insignificant person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is! And from the time John the Baptist began preaching and baptizing until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and violent people attack it. For before John came, all the teachings of the Scriptures looked forward to this present time. And if you are willing to accept what I say, he is Elijah, the one the prophets said would come. Anyone who is willing to hear should listen and understand." Matt. 11:11-15.

So Christ referred to John as "Elijah." Was John actually the resurrected prophet of the Old Testament?

"This was the testimony of John when the Jewish leaders sent priests and Temple assistants from Jerusalem to ask John whether he claimed the be the Messiah. He flatly denied it. 'I am not the Messiah,' he said.

"'Well then, who are you?' they asked. 'Are you Elijah?'

"'No,' he replied.'

"Are you the Prophet?' 'No.'

"'Then who are you? Tell us, so we can give an answer to those who sent us. What do you have to say about yourself?'

"John replied in the words of Isaiah 'I am a voice shouting in the wilderness, Prepare a straight pathway for the Lord's coming!'" John 1:19-23.

In other words, for those who could grasp it, John the Baptist was Elijah returned as promised. Not in the flesh, but with the same kind of message that Elijah preached.

So let's go back to the time of Elijah the prophet and refresh our minds as to his mission. You can read it in detail in your Bible; I'll merely pick out passages pertinent to our present discussion.

Elijah's great confrontation
In the third year of a deadly drought, Elijah presented himself to wicked King Ahab according to the Lord's command. Ahab blamed the drought and resulting pain on the prophet, but Elijah wasn't about to accept the blame.

“I have made no trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “You and your family are the troublemakers, for you have refused to obey the commands of the LORD and have worshiped the images of Baal instead." 1 Kings 18:18.

Then Elijah called for a showdown--in one of my favorite portions of Scripture.

"Now bring all the people of Israel to Mount Carmel, with all 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who are supported by Jezebel.
"So Ahab summoned all the people and the prophets to Mount Carmel. Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, 'How long are you going to waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!' But the people were completely silent.
"Then Elijah said to them, 'I am the only prophet of the LORD who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets. Now bring two bulls." Vs 18:19-23.

It was O.K. corral time in the Old Testament.

"Then Elijah said to them, 'I am the only prophet of the LORD who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets. Now bring two bulls. The prophets of Baal may choose whichever one they wish and cut it into pieces and lay it on the wood of their altar, but without setting fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood on the altar, but not set fire to it. Then call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by setting fire to the wood is the true God!' And all the people agreed." Vs. 22-24.

The false prophets shouted, danced wildly, and cut themselves until their blood gushed out. No fire; nothing. Elijah suggested that perhaps their god was on vacation, or in the bathroom.

After repairing the altar of the Lord, and thoroughly soaking his sacrifice with water, Elijah called on the one true God.

"'O LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.'
"Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the ditch! And when the people saw it, they fell on their faces and cried out, 'The LORD is God! The LORD is God!'" Vs. 37-39.
In the sight of such divine power the people collapsed, no doubt more from fear than adoration.

Elijah wasn't into the "political correctness" so prevalent today.

"Then Elijah commanded, 'Seize all the prophets of Baal. Don't let a single one escape!' So the people seized them all, and Elijah took them down to the Kishon Valley and killed them there." Vs. 40.

Jezebel

Only hours after his tremendous triumph over the forces of evil, we find God's champion Elijah running off into the desert like a frightened child! What so struck terror to the heart of this mighty warrior? A great army fielded by Ahab? No, he was petrified of one single person--Ahab's wife Jezebel. She was very unhappy to have her private corps of prophets slaughtered, and proclaimed she would have Elijah's head within 24 hours.

When the ship taking my family to the mission field docked in Beirut, Lebanon, we took a taxi into the mountains between Beirut and Damascus. This now is a Muslim terrorist training area, but it was peaceful back then. The ancient ruins at Baalbek, although unknown to most, are among the greatest anywhere on earth.

With the help of a guide, we were able to peel back centuries of history. The most recent construction was put in place by the Arabs, and I couldn't help but note it was relatively crude.

The Roman ruins are breathtaking, and the empire actually built greater buildings here than they did in Rome. Only six of the mighty pillars of the Temple of Jupiter remain standing, and one has to do a lot of backing up to get them into the camera lens finder. It boggles the mind to imagine 54 such columns, six stories high, holding a massive roof over all. The largest stone blocks ever quarried went into the temple, the greatest nearly 100 tons, and they fit together perfectly without mortar. The Temple of Jupiter was under construction for 150 years, and never completed.

Also impressive are the beautiful ruins of Greek temples that once graced the landscape.

Finally, our attention was called to those who first selected this as a holy site for pagan worship, the Phoenicians. These people were ethnically identical to the Canaanites. Legend has it that this site was the birthplace of the heathen god Baal. Baalat was the female version of the god Baal.

Baalat was known as the "queen of the gods." With all this in mind I have to believe that Jezebel, an ardent devotee of Baal, must have journeyed by royal caravan to worship at Baalbek.

Jezebel suffered a well-deserved end. She was mangled to death under the hooves of Jehu's horse, and her body eaten by dogs. However, like Elijah, she too makes a return in the New Testament. The Son of God said to the Church in Thyatira:

"But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman--that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet--to lead my servants astray. She is encouraging them to worship idols, eat food offered to idols, and commit sexual sin." Rev. 2:20.

More about Jezebel later.

Further developments

All that I have outlined up to this point has been an introduction to what is happening in our own day. According to the apotelesmatic principle, a prophecy in the Word of God sometimes admits of more than one fulfillment. In other words, possibly we can learn valuable lessons from the times of Elijah.

One day the disciples of Christ asked their Master a pertinent question.

"Will there be any sign ahead of time to signal your return and the end of the world?" Matt. 24:3.

Jesus replied with a long discourse on what to expect in the days just before his return. Since many of us believe we are living in that time, how foolish we would be not to search his discourse for valuable information. Let's note a text we quoted previously.

"The time will come when you will see what Daniel the prophet spoke about . . . that will be a time of greater horror than anything the world has ever seen or will ever see again. In fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, the entire human race will be destroyed. But it will be shortened for the sake of God's chosen ones. Matt. 24:15, 21, 22.

Remember that the last text in the Old Testament prophesied two things:

1. Elijah would return.
2. That would be followed by a great and dreadful day.

We noted that the Elijah message of repentance and turning to the Lord was preached by John the Baptist. And in 70 AD a "dreadful" slaughter of the Jews took place as the Romans captured Jerusalem.

According to Matt. 24:15 the prophet Daniel also foresaw that great time of destruction.

However, what happened in 70 AD couldn't be the final fulfillment of Malachi's prophecy, because Jesus said that it would be such a "time of horror" that the lives of the entire human race would be in jeopardy. The Roman attack on Jerusalem was merely a Middle East affair.

So, in our own day we should look for the final fulfillment of Malachi's prophecy. Before the final cataclysm that involves the entire world in unprecedented trouble, we should expect the return of Elijah. Will our "Elijah" be an actual person as was John the Baptist, or will it be some group with a clarion call to repent and turn to the Lord? We should know before long.

Our own day

Now that we have tied Elijah's day with our own, we would expect to see similarities between the two eras. And we do.

Back then there was a lot of wickedness in high places, and governments today are thoroughly corrupt. Our own crisis approaches.

The records says that when it came to choosing between good and evil the "people were completely silent." People today are not much interested in making a real choice, even among those who profess to follow the true God. They are apathetic, lukewarm. God says he wishes they were either hot or cold. (See Rev. 3:14-22) Elijah's task, once again, will be to force the issue.

Jezebel

Jezebel is back and a real power to contend with. Decent people are happy that women have been accorded a respect and appreciation long withheld. However, in many cases the scale has tipped in the other direction. Often the Christian man is no longer the proper head of the family.

A few years ago I belonged to a small congregation that came under attack from a woman exercising a strong Jezebel spirit. She drew many unsuspecting women after her in a way that caused many marriages to waver. She related a dream she had, showing that the male leaders of the congregation were really disreputable creatures. They were just wimps, and she could do a much better job of leading out.

When three of us in leadership positions met for a weekend of prayer and consultation, two of us came under heavy physical attack. When I checked in with my physician he--as I anticipated--found no physical cause for my illness. Finally the Lord gave me a startlingly clear prophetic dream that confirmed what I had suspected. This woman, who considered herself a super saint, actually was being manipulated by a powerful Jezebel spirit.

A confrontation with leadership was initiated, and the woman left. Peace was restored to the congregation, marriages restored. Beware of Jezebel; she's back.

Prophets today?

Although we have been living in the dispensation of the Holy Spirit since Pentecost, a shocking number of Christians don't really believe in spiritual gifts. No wonder the church tends to be weak and ineffective. No wonder the devil is able to do his "roaring lion" thing so often unopposed.

On Pentecost, boldly empowered by the Holy Spirit, the apostle Peter explained that what happened that morning had been prophesied by Joel. Then Peter also prophesied of our day.

What you see this morning was predicted centuries ago by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God said, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.

In those days I will pour out my Spirit upon all my servants, men and women alike, and they will prophesy.'" Acts 2:16-18.

According to the Word of God there should be prophets in this our day. And apostles as well. The work of the Lord on earth will not be finished until the Body of Christ has apostolic and prophetic leadership--whether the church at large recognizes that fact or not.

Christians who do not accept the idea of prophets ministering in the last days, are hardly in a good position to recognize Elijah when he arrives.

A word of warning at this juncture. With a clever devil on the loose, we can't afford to be gullible.

"Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world." 1 John 4:1.

I believe I have heard from some true prophets, though not many. I think of an elderly gentleman I will refer to as "**A**," considered by many as the "dean" of living prophets.

I have seen him prophesy with great accuracy concerning details about people in the congregation, people he has never met. One such person was my good friend Eoin Giller, so that takes care of the skeptic who says, "Oh, they must be plants." At an evening meeting Eoin placed a hand on **A** to pray for him, but they did not meet or converse. The next day **A** proclaimed in public:

"I want to address the man who put his hand on me last night. Although we didn't talk, God gave me a vision concerning you at that time. Tonight you are sitting near the back with your wife whose name is Ella. You moved here to the Northeast from Arizona, where in your ministry you became involved with Indian magical arts. Recently you were fired from a conservative organization somewhat like the Brethren. They meant it for evil, but it will work out for the good."

Earlier that very afternoon Eoin had been put out of his work with the Seventh-day Adventist denomination for getting too much involved with the ministry of the Holy Spirit!

Now I realize that the devil has a great store of knowledge about each of us, and can pass it along to his false prophets. How do I know that **A's** accurate prophesying came from the right throne? God has given us another way to judge.

"Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep, but are really wolves that will tear you apart. You can detect them by the way they act, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit. You don't pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles. A healthy tree produces good fruit, and an unhealthy tree produces bad fruit. A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. Yes, the way to identify a tree or a person is by the fruit that is produced." Matt. 7:15-20.

I've seen **A** ministering on several occasions, and feel I've had a chance to evaluate his character. He didn't run around shouting, "I am a great prophet." Instead he was very unassuming, which didn't keep him from speaking boldly for the Lord. His outstanding ministry extended over several decades, so there were books and videos recording his work. However, he didn't spend time pushing such information; it was just available. He didn't prophecy often, but when he did it was time to listen.

Another respected prophetic voice today is that of **B**, whose ministry is headquartered back East. He is best known for his writings, in which he boldly presents whatever the Lord gives him without concern for "political correctness." Several years ago my wife and I spent 7 days at one of his conferences, and we were richly blessed. Although forceful, he projects no sense of egoism.

A word about prophets. All prophets prophesy, but not all who prophesy are prophets. Consider the following three classifications:

1. As Peter pointed out at Pentecost, there will come a day when every Christian has the potential to prophesy, at least once in his or her lifetime.
2. Some have prophecy as one of their *spiritual gifts*. Such individuals likely will prophecy from time to time as the Lord directs.
3. A rare few have the *office* of a prophet. They may not prophesy often, but what they share will be significant and they speak with authority. Such a man was Elijah.

False prophets

This might be a good time to talk about discerning false prophets. Here are a few clues I have picked up on. A false prophet:

1. Is quick to claim the prophetic office, but actually is self appointed.
2. Loves to see his name in print, and can come up with a great new prophecy each week. (True prophets don't hear from the Lord all that frequently.
3. Is not merely interested in fame, but also fortune. Such an individual spends much, if not most, of his time pushing his books, videos, and cassettes.
4. Extols the piety and power of fellow false prophets, and expects them to return the favor.
5. Really believes in his own excellence, and may convince many others of same.
6. Seeks popularity, and thus usually brings a message the people want to hear. (True prophets more often have a message of dire warning.)
7. May know he is not a true prophet, though most seem self-deceived.

God has always been bitterly opposed to false prophets, and those who assume such a position are in grave danger.

“I have not sent these prophets, yet they claim to speak for me. I have given them no message, yet they prophesy. If they had listened to me, they would have spoken my words and turned my people from their evil ways . . .

“I have heard these prophets say, ‘Listen to the dream I had from God last night.’ And then they proceed to tell lies in my name. How long will this go on? If they are prophets, they are prophets of deceit, inventing everything they say. By telling these false dreams, they are trying to get my people to forget me, just as their ancestors did by worshiping the idols of Baal. Let these false prophets tell their dreams, but let my true messengers faithfully proclaim my every word. There is a difference between chaff and wheat! Does not my word burn like fire?' asks the LORD. 'Is it not like a mighty hammer that smashes rock to pieces?'

“'Therefore,' says the LORD, 'I stand against these prophets who get their messages from each other—these smooth-tongued prophets who say, 'this prophecy is from the LORD.' Their imaginary dreams are flagrant lies that lead my people into sin. I did not send or appoint them, and they have no message at all for my people,' says the LORD." Jer. 23:21, 22, 25-32.

It is one thing to speak in generalities, it is another to be specific. Without naming names, I feel a need to warn against false prophets ministering at the present time.

C is one of the highest profile ministers in the United States. At one time, I believe, he truly was a power for the Lord, but notoriety seems to have turned his head. My wife and I used to send $40 a month to his ministry, but no more.

A few years ago my wife and I drove to Seattle for one of this individual's big meetings with thousands in attendance. We found seats in a balcony near the back, and just below us on the main floor were several seekers in wheelchairs. One man was lying on a small makeshift cot. We decided to particularly pray for this group as the evening proceeded.

The main objective of the evening seemed to be bringing in money for the ministry's newest overseas project, and much time was devoted to that endeavor. In a heavy-handed way, **C** let it be known he was after *big* money, even if it meant the giver had to go into debt (seed-sowing faith, you know). He urged people to come down front with a minimum gift of a $1,000 offering. That was bad enough, but what took place next was unforgivable.

A little elderly lady misunderstood, and eagerly brought her $10 offering up front. **C** proceeded to make a public spectacle of her. He made it plain to the crowd that he was after big bucks, and no one should insult God by bringing a small amount. Of course, according to my Bible, that little lady perhaps was bringing the largest offering in the sight of God. But what she got in return was humiliation.

That incident pretty much finished my interest in anything **C** had to say that night, no matter how boldly and smoothly it was presented. But there was more. Near the end of the show (and I use that word advisedly), nearly 50 men made a rapid and spectacular entry. Each was carrying an empty wheelchair, and one by one they were banged down across the front of the platform. The inference was clear; many people had been delivered from wheelchairs that very evening. Highly dramatic and effective. Except for the fact that not a one of the wheelchair patients below us had been touched in any way. I am forced to assume that the whole demonstration was a carefully orchestrated setup.

I'm embarrassed to admit it, but Bunnie and I attended another of this man's huge performances awhile later in Portland. As usual, after a considerable warm up, **C** made his flashy entrance, white suit shining in the spotlight. However, his grand entrance was slightly spoiled by a malfunction in the speaker system. We were seated near the control board, and saw the man working frantically to correct the problem. Instead of taking the matter in stride, C proceeded to humiliate this poor fellow in public as well. He said, "This guy probably won't have a job come Monday morning."

There was more, but perhaps you get the idea. Can you imagine the Savior acting in such a haughty, inconsiderate manner? I can't. This man thinks he's a prophet, but I don't count him in the ranks of the true ones.

D is another prophet known worldwide, whose headquarters is in Florida. I was considering flying to Florida to attend his meetings, but before I could do so he came to Portland for three days and nights. Bunnie and I were there anticipating a blessing the opening night. We never received it.

The service began with an hour-long harangue from **D** urging everyone to load up on his books, tapes, and videos. This was followed by nearly an hour pressing the congregation for heavy giving in the offering. Finally, he launched into a brief sermon, but by that time our eyes were glazed over. We couldn't think of any reason for returning another night. I was happy I saved the cost of flying to Florida.

Another very high-profile modern day prophet **E** has his headquarters in Canada. During his earlier years he was heavy into drugs, burglaries, physical abuse of his mother, sexual molestation, and did several stints in prison. However, he says that was all before he found Christ.

In 2002, his ministry being new to Bunnie and me, we drove to Canada for three days of "Miracles, Signs, and Wonders." **E** was joined by a well-known husband and wife prophetic team, and still another prophet who, reportedly, has been responsible for raising several people from the dead.

Starving sheep

Although the parking lot stretched for a city block, we had to drive around for some time before finding a spot to park. The sheep of God's pasture are hungry, starving. So eager are they for spiritual food, that they become gullible--easy picking for false prophets.

The opening night began with the four principles praising each other's power and goodness before the assembly. That lengthy process was followed by an equally long attempt to extract money. The female member of the ministering couple bellowed like a bull at the attendees, and made it plain that God would be insulted with any offering less than $100. I can't remember the actual sermon.

The next day was more of the same. There was a lot of talk about healing, but not only were the dead not raised, I didn't see a single case of what I would consider a verifiable healing. The "miracles, signs, and wonders" were all in the brochure.

That evening Bunnie wasn't feeling well, so I left her in bed at our hotel and went to the meeting alone. There wasn't a single empty seat in that large auditorium, and I had to stand behind the last row in the balcony. I hung in for about an hour, but finally couldn't take it any more. I did not sense the presence of God in that place.

Bunnie and I still had our hotel for a final day, so we bought some books at a Christian bookstore and spent our last day reading. That turned out to be a real blessing.

I think we have to consider that in Elijah's time the false prophets vastly outnumbered the true. Should we expect anything different today?

Significant group

There is a loosely-tied group of high-profile ministers that many consider to be today's true apostle/prophetic core. One must test them as individuals. I will mention one, perhaps the best known female prophet today. There is one aspect of her ministry that, along with her loudly shouting her messages, troubles me a bit. I have seen her minister in several locations, and her approach always seems to be the same. "God is particularly taken with the people in *this* area, and plans to especially use *you* in his final moves." Of course that goes over well with listeners, and she has an enthusiastic following.

I must mention one more prophetic voice holding forth today. **F** is a former Seventh-day Adventist minister, and I have been able to follow his present ministry from its very beginning. It is a fascinating progression.

F started a personal secular business, but it failed. Not only did it fail, but it left him more than a quarter-million dollars in debt. He stated on the Internet that he planned to erase this debt, and do good at the same time, by beginning a new Internet ministry.

It started out very simply, and for some time the first 1-3 pages of his transmissions urged readers to send in their money of support. The requests seemed rather blatant, but it worked. And as the funds rolled in he had a plan on how to invest them.

Instead of pushing his own wares, he began headlining the messages of the individual members of the apostolic/prophetic group I mentioned previously. Even now, each email transmission begins by urging readers to purchase the latest books offered by selected members of the group. This, of course, pleases the chosen individuals, and wins him more and more favor.

As his email list grew, and more and more money accumulated, he was able to help "sponsor" meetings of high-profile prophets/apostles. In other words, help with the finances. This was greatly appreciated, and **F** began to appear with some of those groups in public. The last time I heard, his email list was well over 100,000, and that must mean significant funds are available. He is now beginning an embryonic TV ministry of his own.

At first **F** was very meek, always holding others in the spotlight. But he has become bolder and bolder, and now makes it clear that he is prophetic. No matter whose message he is highlighting, he always introduces it with his own commentary.

It is apparent to me that ***F** rapidly is becoming the gateway through which today's highest profile apostles and prophets will gladly pass to get before his large readership.* Perhaps it is significant that the name of his ministry prominently displays the name *"Elijah."* This bears watching.

Where shall we look?

If so much falsity is available, where shall we look for truth? God will be raising up his true last day prophetic voices, but we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit to discern them. One of the most impressive prophetic offerings I ever heard came from an unknown housewife in Battle Creek , Michigan.

I suppose some will find my message unduly negative and harsh, but so be it. We are entering the final conflict between the forces of good and evil, and it is a time to be on full alert. We need to apply the scriptural tests according to God's command. Only the indwelling Holy Spirit will be able to secure our feet on the sure path that leads to the Kingdom.

When faced with the daunting task of separating true from false, many just give up and ignore the problem. God has made it clear that we cannot afford to take that position.

"Believe in the LORD your God, and you will be able to stand firm. Believe in his prophets, and you will succeed." 2 Chron. 20:20.

Pursuit of Peace

Ron McGatlin

Many people are launching much force through many channels to take away peace. It seems we have entered into a season of terror. Troubling comes from many directions but always from people with an agenda, There is always one underlying reason for acts of terrorism and actions that trouble others. What is behind the desire of people who trouble other people? And is there things that should really trouble us and what could they possibly be?

There is only one basic reason for terrorizing or troubling others. That reason is always to control. To take control by causing or motivating someone to do something the troubler or terrorist wants them to do. A word for this kind of action when used to take some advantage of others is manipulation. It is an attempt to take control of people by taking control of their soul (mind, will, & emotions).

Every manipulative tyrant uses this form of control. Politicians and some preachers may call it stirring the people up but if it is troubling it probably is an effort to get people to do, to act, or perform some desired behavior. The enemy uses troubling fear to freeze or divert the energies of God's people or to cause them to act apart from the will of God in some way.

There truly is rest and peace in God. Greater strength and motivation comes through love and peace than through terror and troubling. Is it realistically possible for us to enter into that rest and peace in a season of troubling and potential terror attacks?

There is a new generation of sons of God coming forth on the earth that are walking in the peace of God regardless of earthly circumstances. These are those who will not break rank and can do great exploits of God. These are the ones known as Joel's army. There is no fear of man nor the devil in them because God is truly with them. How did they become that way? What is God doing to bring forth such an army? (Joel 2)

The reality of the substance of God has entered and filled their soul and body. They are the "Christ in you" generation.(Col 1:27) A generation of worshipers who live to be in the presence of God. Who spend their lives soaking in His manifest presence until there is nothing left of them and their soul is saturated with God. There only need is to be in the manifest presence. There only troubling is if the Holy Spirit should pull back His manifest presence from them.(John 14:21)(Psa 51:11)

Their affection is toward God and heavenly things. Their minds are stayed on God and His matters and His desires. Their personal desires have become so blended with God that they will walk in the world as Christ is in the world.(Col 3:2)(Phil 4:7-8)(1 John 4:17)

Soaking in the manifest presence of God empties us of all else and fills us with the fullness of the Father's love. The Father's pure holy love overwhelms and fills us. Pease floods our souls and there is no troubling nor terror all fear is gone - driven far away from us. We are kept in perfect peace consumed in His manifest presence.(1 John 4:18)

So now we know the "rest" of the story. The pursuit of peace is really the pursuit of the Father's love in His manifest presence.(1 Cor 14:1)

If God has a purpose in allowing terror attacks and troubling circumstances it is to turn us toward soaking in His manifest presence until we no longer exist in our troubling circumstances but live in Him and He in us in the realm of the spiritual - saturated in His love.

Look for the love - pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
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Prosperity Or Selfish Gain

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Remain faithful in your walk no matter what you go through with others. Keep your heart right and live righteously , and I will bless your efforts. Everyone will pay the price for how they ministered to one another, whether it be out of a heart of love for the brethren or whether is was from a heart of seeking after gain. You lose and pay for your mistakes when you seek after worldly gain by using the brethren to make a profit.

Why do you follow after the multitudes who lust after riches, and at the same time use My word and the gifts I've given you as the tools in which you wish to profit by? I tell you this day that if you don't repent of using My people for your own gain that you will pay for your mistakes and greatly will you pay for from which you sow you will reap the fruit of.

This is the day that I am putting before you a choice to make. Will you continue in your dishonesty or will you repent and allow Me to prosper you? Don't you believe that My will for your life is prosperity and health? Then why do you strive to get ahead using worldly measures? Examine your heart whether you want to trust Me completely and be completely honest in what you are doing, or do you feel that you have to succeed on your own. For the error of your ways will find you out and you will lose in the long run.

I am talking about your finances this day. Are you in debt because you were careless in your measures of handling want? Cast all your cares upon Me for I desire to care for you. I want to take you from glory to glory if you will draw near and keep your eyes upon Me. Turn from mammon to Me once again. Yes, return to your first love, and I will bless you and those of your household. Yes, this is the day of repentance. This is the day to return........to check your heart, your motives and your love for one another. For without love you will not prosper in anything that you do.

Join together and seek My truth. Worship Me in the spirit of holiness, and I will bless you. Pay off your debt to one another. Be honest and dependable. Keep your word for it is better to say nothing than to say and not do. Do not allow the little foxes to spoil the vine. Stay focused on the basics of living a good life by watching your character. Do not be like the world, but follow Me for this is the day of repentance.

Put On The Lord Jesus Christ
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Romans 13:10-14

Love does no wrong to one’s neighbor (it never hurts anybody), Therefore love meets all the requirements and is the fulfilling of the Law.

Besides this you know what (a critical) hour this is, how it is high time now for you to wake up out of your sleep (rouse to reality). For salvation (final deliverance) is nearer to us now than when we first believed (adhered to, trusted in, and relied on Christ, the Messiah).

The night is far gone and the day is almost here. Let us then drop (fling away) the works and deeds of darkness and put on the (full) armor of light.

Let us live and conduct ourselves honorably and becomingly as in the open light of day not reveling (carousing and drunkeness, not in immorality and debauchery (sensuality and licentiousness), not in quarreling and jealousy.

But clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and make no provision for indulging the flesh (put a stop to thinking about the evil cravings of your physical nature to gratify its desires (lusts).

To put on Christ means to put on His righteousness, His love, His compassion, His humility, His ability, His faith and His authority.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God’s own handiwork (His workmanship) ..Workmanship is translated from a greek word spelled poiema meaning that we are God’s poem, His workmanship and it is saying that it was created by an artist. We are created unto good works not through good works. The poem does not write itself.

We are recreated in Christ Jesus, born anew that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us (taking paths which He prepared ahead of time), that we should walk in them (living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by free grace (God’s unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ’s salvation) through (your) faith. And this salvation is not of yourselves of your own doing, it came not through your own striving, but it is the gift of God

Not because of works (not the fulfillment of the Law’s demands), lest any man should boast. (It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.

God is in control of all that concerns us.

Romans 8:26,28

So too the Holy Spirit comes to our aid and bears up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance.

We are assured and know that God being a partner in their labor all things work together and are fitting into a plan for good to and for those who love Godand are called according to His design and purpose.

Romans 8:29-32

For those whom He foreknew of whom He was aware and loved beforehand, He also destined from the beginning foreordaining them) to be molded into the image of His Son (and share inwardly His likeness, that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.

And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (aquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified (raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being)

What then shall we say to all this? If God be for us, who can be against us? Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?

He Who did not withhold or spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all other things?

Natural works and methods of men will not work in the kingdom of God. Flesh cannot not do it. Flesh cannot glory in God's presence or in any part of the works of God.

We are created unto good works not created through good works.

All we can do is have faith in the finished works of Jesus. Believe it and receive it.

To have faith is to receive what God has already provided and put aside for us when we were born into the family of God.

Everything you need has been reserved for us.

Philippians 4:19

And my God will liberally supply (fill to full) your every need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

II Corinthians 1:20-22

For as many as are the promises of God, they find their yes (answer) in Him (Christ). For this reason we also utter the Amen (so be it) to God through Him (in His Person and by His agency to the glory of God.

But it is God Who confirms and makes us steadfast and establishes us in joint fellowship with you in Christ, and has consecrated and anointed us (enduing us with gifts of the Holy Spirit).

God said in Christ all the promises in Him have a Yes for the answer.

In the law of Moses it was sometimes no sometimes yes.

We are in Christ and in His Kingdom now.

All the promises are yes in Him.

He has appropriated and acknowledged us as His by putting His seal upon us and giving us His Holy Spirit in our hearts as the security deposit and guarantee of the fulfillment of His promise.

The burden is not on us when we have faith in the finished work of the Lord. God provided salvation, forgiveness healing and material things.

We cannot force God to do something for us by doing certain works or repeating the scriptures over and over. He cannot be manipulated into performing an act of grace.

We have entered into the rest of the Lord.

Hebrews 4:3,9-11

For we who have believed (adhered to, and trusted in and relied on God) do enter that rest, in accordance with His declaration that those (who did not believe) should not enter when He said, as I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest; and this He said although (His) works had been completed and prepared (and waiting for all who believe) from the foundation of the world.

So then, there is still awaiting a full and complete *Sabbath-rest* reserved for the true people of God;

For he who has once entered *God's rest* also has ceased from the weariness and pain of human labors, just as God rested from those labors peculiarly His Own.

Let us therefore be zealous and exert ourselves and strive diligently to enter that rest of God, to know and experience it for ourselves, that no one may fall or perish by the same kind of unbelief and disobedience into which those in the wilderness fell.

For us there is a rest provided by God.

II Peter 1:3-4

For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that are requisite and suited to life and godliness, through the full, personal knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His Own glory and excellence (virtue).

By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape (by flight) from the moral (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

We are not limited to operating in the realm of the five senses. We are not limited to what we can see, smell, hear, touch, and taste.

We were born into the provisions of the heavenly realm. This is our inheritance in Christ Jesus. It is stored up for us.

Our faith can manifest what has already been accomplished for us by the Lord. Our faith brings it into manifestation.

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The power of His name

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In the name of Jesus

When we use the name of Jesus, we are saying that all that God is, is brought into our situation or circumstances.

This includes all of the titles and ways that God revealed Himself to His people.

Elohim – Unlimited strength, energy, might, power. Infinite strength. Absolute faithfulness. Divine Omnipotence.

Gen. 28, 3d1, 8, Exodus 2,6

Jehovah – Jehovah is above every other name of God. The eternal, self-existing one, without beginning, without end. God is now, what He always has been and what He will remain forever.

Exodus 6:3, Gen. 22

Adonai – Lord, Master, as in the relationship between a servant and master. Lord of Lords. Sovereign Master.

Gen 15: 1-2

El Shaddai – Almighty – The strong one. The God of power and might, sustenance, sufficiency, bountiful giver who makes fruitful.

Gen. 31, Isaiah 46, Gen. 17, Isaiah 66, Gen. 59

El Elyon – Most High God – Sovereign creator and owner of both the celestial and terrestrial worlds. Higher over all, above all, omnipotent and supreme. The strongest strong one, none is above Him. None is as great as He is in power or possessions in heaven and in earth.

Gen. 14, Gen. 15

El Olam – The everlasting God, Everlasting, God of the ages. From everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Gen. 21, Isaiah 40

El Roi – The God who sees. Behold the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear Him. I will guide you with my eye.

Gen. 16, Exodus 3:7-8

Jehovah Jireh – The Lord will provide, The Lord will see to it.

Gen. 22, Rom. 8:32, Gen. 21, Phillpns. 4:19

Jehovah Nissi – The Lord my banner (victory). The Lord shall fight for you. This name of God is associated with the conflicts of His people. A reminder that all power is with Him and all strength comes from Him.

Exodus 14, 15, Rom. 7:18, Rom. 8:37, 2Cor. 2:14

Jehovah Tsidqenu – The Lord our righteousness. The Lord is righteous. We trust in His righteousness alone. Righteousness is what we made or become in Christ.

Rom. 10:3, Jer. 23, Rom. 5:12, Psalm 92:15, Psalm 119,142

Jehovah Raah – The Lord my shepherd. As a shepherd leads and feeds His flock, looking after them with a watchful eye. So the Lord tends His own children. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd.

The Good Shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

Psalms 23:1, Ezekiel 34:11-19, 1Kings 22, John 6:35

Jehovah Rapha – The Lord that heals. If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord God, and will do that which is right in His sight, will will listen to His commandments, and keep His statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon you, which I have brought upon the Egyptians. For I am the Lord that heals you. Moral ,Spiritual,

and Physical.

Exodus 17:15, Exodus 15:26, Numbers 12:23

Jehovah Shalom – The Lord My Peace. The word peace means wholeness, complete, perfect. The altar of sacrifice is where peace is found.

Jehovah Saboath – The Lord of Hosts (earthly and heavenly hosts). Hosts as of angels of God, The God of battles.

A Warrior.

Psalm 103, Deut. 4, Gen. 32, Gen 2, Colossians 1, Haggai 2:6-9

Jehovah Shammah – The Lord is present. The Lord is there. I will never leave you or forsake you.

Ezek. 48:35, Ezek. 10:18, Ezek. 11:22, Psalm 68, Gen. 28, Exodus 3, Matt. 28:19-20

By these different names God revealed Himself to His people in His Glorious Power, protection, provision.

He is:

Omnipotent – All powerful, infinite power.

Omniscient- All knowing – infinite in wisdom and understanding.

Omnipresent- He is everywhere present, everywhere active, without dependence on matter or space. God knows all that is taking place in His universe and controls all activities and all actions.

Sovereign God- God possesses and exercises supreme authority in all creation including man.

Eternal God- Infinite in existence, unbounded by space or time. God created time. He lives outside of time. Time, space, matter, energy and life came from God. All life depends on Him!

God is Holy- He is absolutely perfect and righteous and pure. The Lord swore by His holiness. That is His nature and essence. This gives us the fullest guarantee possible that He would not fail. Man changes, God doesn't change.

The goodness of God- Good is good unconditionally to all men.

The mercy of God – The outward manifestation of His pity and compassion by which He relieves the misery of the sinful and the suffering in their distress.

God's Love – Unconditional love, everlasting love. Jesus goave His life for our salvation.

You can trust anyone who will die for you.

God's grace – Underserved, unearned, unmerited favor, goodness, blessing, power, salvation, healing, and eternal life.

God is our Father.

These are all in the one name Jesus. It has pleased the Father that in Him may all fullness dwell. Colossians 2:9 For in Him lives the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

He is our high priest, our advocate before the Father.

Jesus is the name above every name that is named.

Just go in His name. Live in His name. Be healed in His name. Be blessed in His name. Be filled in His name. Be delivered in His name. Be set free in His name. Do miracles and signs and wonders in His name. Cast out devils in His name.

Take authority over every situation in His name. Take dominion in His name. Win the lost in His name. Be bold in His name.

His name represents all that He is.

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Power Over The Power

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"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits…Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." (Psalm 68:19, 103:2)

"And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Your name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I GIVE YOU POWER to tread on snakes and scorpions, and OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." (Luke 10:17-19)

A duel for the ages is getting ready to commence. It will be a fight to the death between the dragon and his minions and God's people. Like any scheduled affront, both combatants will be supplied weapons. On one side, the devil will have restored power. He'll be given a key in order to procure reinforcements, a structured time period to battle in and the ability (power) to overcome his targeted enemy through the beast and scorpion-like locusts that rise out of the sea and earth:

"…I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit…there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: AND UNTO THEM WAS GIVEN POWER, as the scorpions of the earth have POWER." (Revelation 9:1,3)

"…Who is like unto the beast (that rises out of the sea)? Who is able to make war with him? …POWER was given unto him to continue forty and two months…And it was given unto to him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and POWER was given him over all kindreds, and tongues. And nations." (Revelation 13:4,5,7)

God asks legitimate questions in Revelation 13:4: Certainly, He knows the answers to "Who is like unto the beast?" and "Who is able to make war with him?" already. I suggest that He asked the questions, though, because He wants His children to know the answers. Especially, in my case, that second one. So, who is able to make war with the beast? It's His Saints! Yes, it's a fact that Satan will have his power in the days ahead. Even in his defeated state, he is still "the Prince of the POWER of the Air" (Ephesians 2:2). The Anti-Christ and the released locusts will be newly endowed. But, nevertheless, God's end-times' people have and will have something better. They have power over the all the power of the enemy:

"…Behold, I GIVE YOU POWER to tread on snakes and scorpions, and OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY…" (Luke 10:19)

Still, it appears that there's a point in this teaching that doesn't add up. For instance, the Lord finishes this promise by saying, "Nothing shall by any means hurt you." So, how is it that the enemy is constantly hurting Christians? I submit that it's because of the following truth: "The superior power that you possess will keep you unscathed, but only as long as you use it!" From my observation of present situations, multitudes are not using it. Therefore, they are being hurt.

The best defense is an aggressive offense

"And from the days of John the Baptist until the now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." (Matthew 11:12)

During the fall of 2002, the Lord spoke to me during a prayer meeting and said that the Last Days' battle in the heavens was underway and that there were wicked angels under Satan's command already losing their place above and being kicked out onto the earth. Comparatively, He likened these strong Beings in size and power to our professional football players, saying that the demons we were used to encountering were more like a small boy in contrast. I was told that the Believers' intensity level had to be significantly increased if they desired to neutralize these fallen angels, and that the grade of force employed in the past would not be sufficient to better this higher level of grounded foes. The last instruction I received was to study the life of John the Baptist and to follow his unique example during this developing warfare.

That heavenly word has been proven as true over and over again since the day I first heard it. I don't guess any more: I know it's a fact. With that stated, allow me to ask you a question: "In the days ahead, are you going to overcome the enemy and be overcome?" I would argue that the choice is exclusively yours because God has given the overcoming promise of His word. Thus, I suggest that if you'll do nothing, you will be overcome. The devil has been given that power and the only way to beat him is by your offense. Consequently, by taking an aggressive attacking position through faith (I John 5:4) in the blood, the words of your testimony, and loving not your life unto the death (Revelation 12:11), you will undoubtedly overcome. Now, that may not fit into the soft-cushion theology of some, but just maybe the nonchalant belief system of many needs to be contested. Do you want to be in a sure position where nothing shall by any means hurt you? Then take power over all the power of the enemy. Your power is greater and it's mighty:

"For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds." (II Corinthians 10:4)

Concerning our text, so that you have no misunderstandings about what I am trying to convey, let me present it like this:

"Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and (if you will use that power) nothing shall by any means hurt you." (Luke 10:19)

Currently, what is identity of the power that we should attack?

"But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, AND SPOIL HIS GOODS, except he first bind the strong man? And then he will spoil his house." (Matthew 12:28-29)

The Biblical principle set by Jesus is to first bind the enemy and then spoil his goods. Know that Satan's goods are his power and his power is what you are ultimately after. That's because you have been given power over all the power of the enemy. If you take away the adversary's power, you've left him bound and impotent. Casting out and binding the devil is not enough; the decisive goal is to strip him of his power – to spoil his goods.

Understanding and considering this doctrinal premise, I recently asked the Lord how this information could be best made relevant in our day. He immediately answered and said, "The greatest power of the enemy manifest in the world today is Islam."

Consider that the power of Islam is hurting people everywhere. This hateful religion has declared war against the rest of the world, and it's been this way since the 8th Century. Throughout history, millions of Christians have died at the hands of deluded Muslims. These Saints were overcome unto death because they did not use their spiritual power over all the power of the enemy. If they had, nothing would have by any means hurt them. In places like Indonesia, the Philippines, the Sudan, Serbia, Ethiopia, Lebanon and many others, these killings are an ongoing fact. Presently, the United States is fighting against this evil (at least their extremists) in the physical, but that work is destined to bring only a partial success. If Islam is ever to be defeated, it will be through the diligent actions of a multitude of John the Baptist-type intercessors with an ongoing offensive mindset that is determined to bind the devil and spoil his religious goods.

Do you want Islam to suffer violence and end up in destruction? I do. I know that God does too. My friends: Have no sympathy for this false religion, which is far worse than any cult. Belief in it has sent and will send an innumerable crowd to a Christ-less hell. It will most likely be one of the main instruments for bringing about the massive amount of deaths incurred during the Great Tribulation. Its' belief system automatically puts half of its population in life-long bondage – women. It kills without mercy and spreads like cancer without resistance. And praying offensive-minded Christians are that only legitimate long-term successful opposition.

Where is your power located?

"Death and life are in the POWER of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." (Proverbs 18:21)

It's a truth that the significant but lesser power of Islam is subject to the greater power of a Believer's words. That is how you've been granted power over the power. But not just any Believer's confession will do: Only those who love the principle of having this death and life power in their mouths will be effective. Look at the verse again: "They that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." Therefore, do you really love the fact that you have the power to respectively spoil evil and create life with your words? Will you count the cost and pay the price in a long, arduous battle (thereby proving your love) to win this kind of war? Have you comprehended that only through loving this fight will you be able to eat the fruit of its victory?

With that in mind, remember that true life comes through death (John 12:24). Jesus died and then was resurrected to life. When a Believer dies to himself, he receives life. Likewise, when you in faith speak death to something (as Jesus did to the fig tree), you have a right, no, an obligation, to follow that up with life speaking words of grace and then watch something beautiful grow from your justifiable words.

The call to "Rise up and cut if off" intercession

I sense there is presently a call being made in the land for fervent, unified intercession to arise within the body of Christ. I once had a vision of a man, standing in the middle of a whirlwind, violently chopping away with an axe at the roots of unfruitful trees. I then heard words of instruction saying, "Rise up and cut it off." Concerning the rising tide of Islam, I perceive that it's now the hour to "Rise up and cut if off." Like the physical "War on Terror," the spiritual "War on Terror" may take many years to win. This spiritual conflict between good and evil will surely require the front lines being manned by soldiers of God with patient determination and resiliency. Are you such a committed warrior?

Intimately, deep in the secret place of their hearts, I believe the Lord is wooing His children and tenderly saying, "Return to your first love, my children. Come back to Me and do the first works. I want you to, first of all, watch, pray, intercede and give thanks for all men. I desire that you seek the kingdom of God first. And remember that you should love Me first above all things."

Will you heed that holy summon? Speaking for myself, I am steadfastly determined to walk the steps of the militaristic John the Baptist and take the kingdom by force through faith-driven words. Righteous violence is right now building in my spirit. The enemy is currently emboldened with the swelling power of Islam and the spiritually potent Christian must step up to the plate and confront him. I want to be included in that combative number. Yes, I know that the battle belongs to the Lord, but the fight of faith belongs to us. Consequently, if we won't stand up and fight many will be hurt and, eventually, most will be overcome. Soldiers of God: The bugle is sounding. The time to attack is now!

Grace to you and peace multiplied with love and mercy from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

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A Glorious High Throne
Gary Todd-Coldiron

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The Best of Benefits Past

"Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits…Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." (Psalm 68:19, 103:2)

A Glorious High Throne

"A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary." (Jeremiah 17:12)

Several weeks ago the Lord spoke to me in the early morning of my sleep and tenderly said:

"Gary, return to your first love. Do the first works again."

I instantly understood what He meant and where He was leading me. I know that He's my first love and that the first works go back to the fall of 1983. As a struggling young Believer then, I took two weeks off from the military to seek God for deliverance and direction. I received both because, as the verse in the Bible (Hebrews 11:6) I stood on promises, "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Going to Happy Church in Denver at the time, I received a wonderful healing in my soul the first Sunday of my leave. Sitting at home in the afterglow of God's touch that afternoon, I wrote down a list of three sets of verses because I wanted to learn how to intercede for others. They are:

#1 – I Timothy 2:1-4 (praying for all men)

#2 – Psalm 122:6 (praying for peace)

#3 – Zechariah 10:1 (praying for spiritual rain)

Lying on the couch taking in Christian television later that night, the host of the show I was watching asked for everyone to pray. Quite innocently, I rolled face first onto the floor and began to Pray in the Spirit. Suddenly, a voice spoke within and said:

"Interpret what you are saying."

I did. This, in essence, is what came out of my mouth:

"Son, what you wrote down earlier on that piece of paper was caused by Me and not by you. And I say unto you: If you will remember these three things when you pray, I will anoint your prayers and I will make your anointing known to everyone around you."

Such words sounded so strange to me then. I recall asking, "What do you mean, Lord, that You will anoint my prayers and make it known to others?" But the years have proven this promise out over and over. I've since been used as a leader in prayer wherever I have gone. I say this in the fear of God and humility, having nothing to boast about, but I know the anointing that I have and others do too.

Consequently, this "anointing" did take place just as He said it would.

Therefore, I understand that the first works of my calling, as He referred to, is to live a lifestyle of watching, praying, interceding and giving thanks. May I inquire, "What is yours?" I believe it's the same. All Believers have a priestly mantle on them. Jesus is the Great High Priest stationed in heaven ever living to make intercession and the word of God says, "as He is so are we in this world." And because God uses the word "first" in I Timothy 2:1 and Revelation 2:4-5, it has priority. Hence, we should in preference love Him first and do our first works again. Additionally, we should treat going before the Throne Room as a beginning action. It should also come first. That's the message of the following writing and our text, a verse that God gave strong emphasis to about this time last year.

"Stop. Now thoughtfully read the small but powerful verse below again and again. Consider it. Dissect it. Meditate on it. Make it your own for within these words you will find a great nugget of truth. Understand that a glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of your sanctuary:

"A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary."

Naturally, it was on a Sabbath weekend morning about two months ago that the Lord greeted me with the impacting revelation of this verse. Until that time, I had not remembered ever reading it before (though I know I had). Such an innocuously placed set of words situated deep in the heart of the Old Testament. If you were taking a drive in the country, spiritually speaking, you would say this piece of scripture from the book of Jeremiah could be found in the middle of nowhere. Though small and seemingly hidden away from notoriety, understanding the message it gives and acting on it can radically change your life. Know again that a glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

There are three insights to be gathered from this verse. They are the where, when and why of this piece of Scripture:

#1 – Where? A glorious high throne

#2 – When? From the beginning

#3 – Why? It's the place of our sanctuary

A Glorious High Throne

There is a spiritual place above in the third heaven that God wants us, His children, to visit with a frequent ongoing consistency. I get the feeling sometimes that He'd rather have us just stay there. In fact, the overcoming members of the church at Philadelphia will one day visit and never leave (Revelation 3:12). This wonderful destination of the believing righteous is the secret dwelling place of our Father in heaven. Also, our Savior, the Lord Jesus, standing at His right hand, abides there right now. This magnificent throne of our God is above us and it's full of His glory. That's why it is called in Jeremiah 17:12 "a glorious high throne." We have come to know this same place in the New Testament as the great "Throne of Grace."

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:16)

Note the open invitation given to visit. We are told to come and do so with boldness. Followers of Jesus are encouraged to enter into God's dwelling place, His holy mountain, to number one, obtain mercy, and number two, to find grace. Thus, His people are to enter His throne every time they have a need, since grace is and always will be the answer to every need. Because all of us live in a state of constant dependence on the Lord, we need to visit this "Throne of Grace" every day. The saved sheep of the Shepherd are free to come in (to the Throne of Grace) to find grace to meet their needs (pasture) and to go out again (back to their earthly lives) at their will:

"I (Jesus) am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." (John 10:9)

From the Beginning

Do you know that the Lord gives priorities to follow in His word? Consider that the words "first" and "beginning" really do mean something. The statement "a glorious high throne" we just addressed. Now we will place emphasis on the next part of the text "from the beginning." Let's use the following verses as an example:

"Jesus said unto him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40)

Do we, as disciples of the Lord, have the right to ignore the first commandment and purposely give priority to the second? You know the answer to that; of course, we don't. Loving your neighbor without loving God first will get none of us anywhere. You have to give priority to the first commandment to be able to legitimately fulfill the second.

Likewise, a glorious high throne FROM THE BEGINNING has priority status. It's foundational. It should be a starting point for you in your Christian life. And when you make it foundational in your walk, it will become your sanctuary.

Is the Place of Our Sanctuary

"He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." (Psalm 91:1)

Sanctuary: 1 a holy place 2 a place of refuge or protection (excerpt from Webster's New World Dictionary)

"For He has looked down from the height of His sanctuary; from heaven did the Lord behold the earth. To hear the groaning of the prisoner; to loose those that are appointed to death. To declare the name of the Lord in Zion…." (Psalm 102:19)

Do you desire sanctuary? Do you long for added, even multiplied, protection, security and peace in your Christian walk? I know where this special place exists. It's found in His Throne Room – Psalm 91's "Secret place of the most High." It's that Holy Place that He has called you to visit at any time. It's the heavenly location where He will hear your groans, your cries for help in times of impending death, and will show you the mysteries of His great name. You see, it really is true: A glorious high throne, from the beginning, is the place of your sanctuary.

I love the word "sanctuary." Don't you? For the troubled and discouraged, don't you yearn for it to be your reality? With that said, it's high time to seek the Lord, my friend. Come to the Throne of Grace today. He's waiting for you. He's waiting for all of us. For, I say to you again for the last time, a glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of your sanctuary."

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What are His Daily Benefits that believers are instructed not to forget (Psalm 103:1-5)? They are:

1 – He forgives all of our iniquities
2 – He heals all of our diseases
3 – He redeems our lives from destruction
4 – He crowns us with loving kindness and tender mercies
5 – He satisfies our mouth with good things so that our youth is renewed as the eagle's

Each day agree with God's word and confess that you are forgiven, healed, redeemed, crowned, and satisfied. If you have repented and called upon the name of the Lord, and received by grace the free gift of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, these benefits are your everyday reality.

Prophesy Over The White House
Sandy Warner

[Prophetic Door Open]

May 1, 2004
VISION [2/15/04]: I saw a large open door but it appeared like an open mouth. There was a large violin standing within the opening. Along the front framework of the violin was a wooden cross embedded within it.

HEARD: I am looking for the President of the United States. As long as you are looking upon the Lord of Hosts, my ear will stand before you.

HEARD: A fork in the road.
VISION: I saw a tuning fork. Then I saw the tuning of a violin. The tone was flat and needed to be brought up into harmony.

HEARD: Tuning. So how are you feeling? Wound.

INTERP: Pray for the wounds in the White House and for our government. Pray they will come into harmony according to the Word of God and righteousness.

HEARD: A set of plans. Clear vision. VISION: I saw a violin. HEARD: Authority in government.

HEARD: Salt. It's the right time. Umbrella. Warfare. Victory. We have an appointment. White house. Relationship. Prayer.

ANOINTED HANDS IN WORDS TO PONDER BOOK: PRAY
If you truly understood what takes place the moment you pray, then you would truly never cease. When you pray, it sends the angels to go forth and make a way. Many operations take place behind the scenes to dove tail My Faithfulness into someone's life. One of the basic foundations of such is prayer. Angels are prepared and ready. They listen, awaiting to be dispatched with assignment. Prayer looses them to fight through obstacles, frees them to go forth, prepares events, and sets things in motion.

Did you know that when you pray for others, it has eternal value? Some day when you come here, you will stand before all those you have prayed for and see how those simple requests made a difference in their lives. You will see entire destinies altered because you stopped to pray one simple prayer. Can you imagine it? If you only understood the power I have given into your hands to make a difference.

"Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." (Ephesians 6:18)

CONCLUSION

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Word To Ponder: Prophetic Door Opened To The White House
I have opened a prophetic door to the White House. Even as David played the harp strings for his king in the days of old, so I will play the hearts of the prophetic like an old violin, never outdated, but growing more beautiful in time.

As long as you are looking upon the Lord of Hosts, the ear of the President will stand before you. As long as the message of My cross stands in the doorway of your mouth, I will anoint your song to meet the ear of the Chief. And so it shall be, at My command and none other. Stay faithful prophetic ones, prophesy and pray over the white house!

Prov 21:1 NLT
The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the LORD; he turns it wherever he pleases.

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An Avalanche Of Salt
Sandy Warner

Apr 28, 2004
The demonic world is screaming as they witness the eruption of an avalanche of salt. This is not fire and brimstone as it sounds. Rather, this is the fiery eruption of generations of prayers planted in the ground, like coals smoldering beneath the surface. The cup is full and about to spew. Fueled by such a wealth of sacrifice, a compassionate army of salt shall tumble forth upon the broken. They shall cascade like a landslide upon the demonic world and upon those who are imprisoned by such. The demonic world will flee by merely seeing the approach of this great avalanche of salt. Erupt, spew and pour forth…. Go intercessors!

Matt 5:13 NKJV
"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

Isa 61:1-3 NKJV
"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified."

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Food To Go
Sandy Warner

Apr 30, 2004
I AM bringing you into a tandem ministry, where you will minister side by side in a team. I will grant you food on the go for My hungry children. I will quicken and back My Words with My power and I shall fill those who are waiting. You are well covered, just stay tuned to Me.

Luke 6:21 NKJV
Blessed are you who hunger now, for you shall be filled.

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Investing A Life Into A Life
Sandy Warner

Apr 26, 2004
Throughout generations, over and over again I have watched secreted ones invest their lives into leadership. Staying on the back burner that another may move forward, they plant their seeds of waiting upon Me. Secret prayers, long and quiet nights, faithfully recording My Word, supporting, warring, standing and believing, all for the love of another who is called.

These My humble servants have offered their very lives as willing sacrifices at great cost. Such great wealth I have bestowed into these precious ones who daily lay down their lives! They shall experience great honor and giftedness and watch multitudes of children soar into their destinies.

Gal 4:19 AMP
My little children, for whom I am again suffering birth pangs until Christ is completely and permanently formed (molded) within you,

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Resurrection Life Ministries

1) A RED ALERT

This is the year of the warrior with particular emphasis on the role of the Native American believers as protectors from terrorist attacks. They will serve us in a special way as the Lord covers us with His Feathers. The church is going to have a PowWow with these believers and discover the true power of abiding under the Shadow of the Almighty. A new courage will be imparted to run to the battle without fear and put our feet on the necks of our enemies.

- Joshua 10:24-25, Psalm 91:4-7, Psalm 110:1 & Luke 10:19.

2) INCREASED FAITH TO RESTORE GRANTED

A grace will be released to deal with seemingly impossible situations in restoring fallen leaders in the Body of Christ. Deep roots of bitterness, pride & rejection will be removed. We will see that His love never fails.

- Luke 17:3-6, Isaiah 58:12, 1 Corinthians 13:8 & Galatians 6:1-2.

3) A DIVINE FACELIFT FOR HIS BRIDE

The Lord is going to shine His face upon His Bride and make us more like Him. He is going to continue to remove the veils over our faces that we might see Him as he REALLY is. His Manifested Holy Presence & the Light of His Glory will uplift our countenance as He releases a new joy to strengthen His people. As we behold Him, we will worship Him in the beauty of His holiness.

- Nehemiah 8:10, Isaiah 6:1-3, 1 John 3:2 & Revelation 1:16.

4) ALIYAH, SHALOM & TRUE SHEPHERDS

A number of Jewish people will be stirred to make aliyah (going back to Israel) in the immediate coming days as the Lord grants a short season of peace in the Land. Most of all these Jewish people will be given a peace by the Lord that He is sending them. Mantles of breakthrough will be picked up to empower for evangelism and reveal Messiah, Yeshua & bring His Resurrection Life. Many will return to Zion and be fed by true shepherds after His own heart who will minister healing to His people .

- Jeremiah 3:14-15 , Ezekiel 11:16-20 , John 20:21-23 & Romans 11:15.

5) FROM THE CALL TO THE CAUSE TO THE CONQUEST!

This is the time when we are to go on to conquer the enemy and take back what he has stolen. Governmental 24/7 houses of prayer will begin to spring up in a greater measure throughout the earth in the spirit of the Tabernacle of David. For Zion's sake we will not be silent!!! They will help restore what was lost and bring a great harvest. The Church will arise to hear the call to prayer and high praise & counter the Islamic call to prayer. A day and night crying out of His people will be heard by our Heavenly Father & justice will come quickly and righteousness will be restored . His purposes will NOT be aborted as we lay our lives down for the Glory of the Lamb.

- Amos 9:11,13; Psalm 149:6-9, Luke 18:6-8 & Revelation 12:11.

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Power Purpose And Benefits

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Power, Purpose, And Benefits Released In 2004

Word Given Sunday January 4th, 2004 The Church With No Name

My name is Clay Sikes. I am almost 56 years old and work as a real estate developer on the Georgia Coast. I do not think I am a called prophet, but historically, and from time to time have had accurate prophetic words flow through me. Until now, my barometer for determining whether I had accurately heard a prophetic word was "Did it happen?" I, like you, have often heard members of the Body of Christ say, "The best way to determine whether or not you have heard an accurate prophetic word is "Did it happen in your life?" While this is true for us as individuals, it is not necessarily true for us as members of a corporate Body. For example, many years ago I heard prophetic words flow from a man named John Williams. Those words didn't apply to me then, but many hit the mark for me today. At the time I thought much of what this man is saying is crazy and off the mark, and besides it didn't happen in my life, thus it must not be God! Now, I hear his voice speaking accurate prophetic words to me that were spoken in the mid 1980s that are applicable to my life in the year 2004.

Toward the end of 2003 the Lord began to deal with me about the Prophetic Words that flowed from me to others, particularly in a corporate setting in which this gift seems to operate. I do occasionally have something specific for an individual, but it seems that most of what God gives me is for corporate groups, and more specifically, those who have left the Institutionalized Church. Since what I say here is directed to more than one person, and every human on earth is different, I asked God to give me an explanation of prophetic words to a collective Body of believers. Since I lay no claim to strong prophetic powers, hadn't read any books or listen to any tapes on 'how to be a prophet,' I urge you to TEST THIS WORD!

Before I get to the actual prophetic word, I must first share what I feel to be God's answer to me relative to prophetic words to a corporate Body and just who the prophetic word is for. Obviously, it is not for everybody within the walls of the Church proper, but to a specific group that I think God is calling "The True Church."

(Who Is The True Church?)

In understanding this word, we must first understand just WHOM the word is for. This word is not for everybody, but rather for the True Church, and The True Church I feel, is an obedient people who are in right relationship with their God. The True Church is made up of True Sons and True Sons are those led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14). "The hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeks such to worship Him. God is a Spirit [not law]: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth" [not in legalism – many confuse 'good works' with 'God works'] (John 4:23-24). The Father seeks "such" to worship him. Who or what are the "such" that God seeks to worship Him? The question is answered in the same scripture – "Those that worship Him in spirit and truth."

(What Is The Ultimate Form Of Worship?)

True worshipers worship the Father in spirit and in truth, and to understand "worship" is to understand how "spirit" and "truth" interrelate in this scriptural directive from God. It is important to note that the word "worship" in this scripture does not exclusively mean worship as in raising hands, dancing, and singing. The ultimate form of worship is not doing, BUT BEING: Worship, or true worship is hearing and obeying God. "Worship is presenting our bodies a living sacrifice" in seeking, hearing, and obeying God – "for the Father seeks such." One who physically lays his life down in obedience to God's instruction, as Christ did, expresses the ultimate form of worship. "No greater love can a man have than to lay his life down." Dying to self is the ultimate form of worship. All obedience in terms of seeking, hearing, and obeying IS WORSHIP, and worship in simple terms is exchanging our life for His. In losing our life we gain His, and there is no higher form of worship than dying completely and totally to self and self's ways, and thus gaining God's fullness of joy, righteousness, and peace.

(Notice How God's Government/Order Produces INCREASE)

With the aforementioned understanding, we begin to see who the True Church is and WHO IT IS NOT. Yielded vessels are the true church, and unyielded vessels are not! As previously stated, the Prophetic Word contained here applies to the True Church. To the degree we worship or (walk in obedience), to that degree does God INCREASE His "spirit" and "truth" (in us). The Kingdom of God is (always) forcefully advancing (INCREASING), and violent men take it by force. What does "take it by force" mean? Laying down our life, exchanging our life for His, yielding to God's increasing Spiritual presence in us. To the degree that we lay our lives down, to that degree will we walk in the Kingdom of God upon this earth, and what is the Kingdom of God but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

(What Determines Whether We Are The True Church)

The level of righteousness, peace, and joy we walk in reveals not only who we are, but of greater importance, where we are in our progressive walk into the Kingdom of God upon the earth. Peace and joy CANNOT BE FAKED. We can mask ourselves to the outside world, but the Spirit of God reveals us to ourselves on the inside.

No entity, satanic or human, can manufacture God's peace; hence the scripture in I Corinthians 14:33, "For God is not a God of disorder BUT OF PEACE." Said differently, God's order, and only God's order can produce God's peace. Anything in our life that is out of order will be void of God's peace. When we have no peace in a certain area of our life we should seek God's order in it! All disorder in our life POINTS US TO GOD'S ORDER. We may have to die in new areas, submit to new levels of authority, or simply find deeper Spiritual understanding and meaning to get there, but usually the common denominator found in obtaining God's order in our lives is A WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE, and not allowing our traditions to rob us of God's word to us.

"Of the INCREASE of His government and peace there will be no end" (Isaiah 9:7). God's government or God's order will increase in us to the extent we are yielded, and therefore to that same extent will God's peace increase (in us). It is not by chance that "peace" is preceded by "government" in this scripture. God's government/order will always precede God's peace because government/order produces peace. God has ordained government/order because the Kingdom of God is a government/order. All government/order (in God) begins with self-government in bringing our lives under the total authority of the Holy Spirit. Who is the true church? Those in total submission to the Holy Spirit of God; those not bound by human conditions, those who do not live in fear of men, and those who have entered the rest and whose lives are filled with the peace of God.

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"For God is not a God of disorder BUT OF PEACE." God's order will introduce peace to a situation as sure as the SON/SUN produces light. Who is the true church? Those who live with God's peace in their hearts; those who have learned that true peace transcends any circumstance we will ever face on this earth; those who are dead to their personal agendas.

Another gauge of "Who is the Church" can be found in the following scripture - "His sheep hear His voice, the voice of a stranger they will not hear." "His" in this scripture is possessive, meaning the sheep here do not belong to themselves; they belong to Him. If we belong to Him, we do not belong to ourselves, if we do not belong to ourselves, we belong to another. If we have truly exchanged our life for His, we will "hear" what God is saying.

(Synopsis Of The Prophetic Word)

This will be a year of training for what is to come and all training requires new levels of discipline. Many will recognize God's voice calling them to fast, pray, exercise, witness, be among those we have little in common with, in short, this will be a year in which God deals with us in seemingly small areas, yet have vast importance to the big picture. We are learning to be faithful over the little things that we may be made lord over much.

This will be a year of consequences for acts of the flesh! We will begin to see God call into accountability our acts of the flesh. Bad decisions will produce bad results. Presumption on our part, without a proceeding word from God, will have negative consequences. What we once routinely got away with, in the areas of presumption, we will get away with no more as God raises the bar of accountability in each of our lives. 2004 will be a year of discipline for those inclined to doing things from the flesh instead of the Spirit. The peace of God must rule our hearts; to stray from it is to stray from the will of the Father, and to stray from the will of the Father will enact the discipline of the Father. This is not for our destruction, but for our growth – who God loves He disciplines; were it not so we would be bastards, orphaned and without a Father. True Sons (and Daughters) will also begin to see this accountability fall upon their children, especially older children who have been running from God. Make no mistake about it; though it will be difficult on our flesh, this is God's blessing, not His curse upon the lives of our children and ultimately in our lives.

As well, this is a year of building…a year of building the New Wineskin. The New Wineskin is being built both in us (through God's correction) and by us (through our obedient acts). This is a spiritual building as the Sons of God are transformed into Spiritual Fathers, and the Fathers (by direct appointment from the Holy Spirit) transform those sent to them, into Sons. God is instructing us individually and collectively to BUILD HIS CHURCH!

2004 will be a breakthrough year for the Sons of God as they flourish in Spiritual endeavors with ministries expanding, gifts in operation, and God's wisdom and power turned up a notch. This will be a direct evidence of God's INCREASING hand in their lives. God is marrying His Sons to His purpose, which is true destiny and destiny will release an invigoration for life that we have not experienced before. This spiritual invigoration will be evident in the physical realm as well, as our physical bodies come into health, healing, energy, and strength. Our Sonship (or lack of) will be evidenced by His purposes placed before us in coming days.

2004 will introduce to the Sons the first fruits of the benefits of their inheritance from God, as he heals and restores bodies, finances, and relationships.

(The Prophetic Word)

Refreshing Spiritual times lay just ahead – your oneness with my purpose. My plan for your life is being fulfilled. Come apart from the flesh and act only as I direct - to do otherwise will bring hardship upon you! To adhere to My Spirit is to introduce you to a life you have not known; one of joy, power, and strength. I desire to release My Power and Purpose into yielded vessels.

True Sonship is maturing into a Paternal Spiritual Order as many Sons are becoming true Spiritual Fathers. Recognize those children I send you, and spiritually Father them as I direct; BUILD THE NEW WINESKIN. 2004 will be a breakthrough year for you spiritually as your ministry will begin to flourish – an evidence of my hand in your life. 2004 will be a year of breakthrough for you as you begin to experience the benefits (first fruits) of your inheritance in many aspects of your life, most especially IN YOUR NATURAL AND CHURCH FAMILY. You will also begin to see evidences of physical healing and restoration in your physical body, finances, and relationships.

You will begin to experience my power in unprecedented ways as you witness my hand in your life – favor, anointing, and blessing. You will also witness the fire of much tribulation in SOME around you as I deal with the flesh that must be dealt with. This will bring cause to your Spiritual Fatherhood as you minister MY WORD to them.

Examine your heart daily and purge yourself from all unrighteous acts. Stay transparent and pure before me to fulfill my plan for you during the coming year, for whom much is given, much is being required. You have bee given my authority to speak matters into existence (as I direct), and to tear down kingdoms not of my doing. Move on and up into the Spiritual place of my choosing. Yield yourself to me, hear my voice, and obey.

Put my assigned work and your obedience together, and let them remain a priority during 2004 and see the evidence of my hand in your life as never before! YOUR OBEDIENCE WILL RELEASE MY POWER AS THE BENEFITS I HAVE PROMISED FLOW INTO YOUR LIFE AS WARM HONEY FLOWS FROM A JAR. I WILL INVEST MY POWER INTO MY SONS AND THEY WILL EXPERIENCE ME AS NEVER BEFORE AS I JOIN INDIVIDUALS TO THE PARTS AND PARTS TO THE BODY FOR MY PURPOSE.

Prophet Priest and King
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Prophet, Priest and King -- A Word for NOW, Not Only in the Future"
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The Anointing

We refer to our Lord as Jesus Christ, but His name, simply, was Jesus (or Yeshua in Hebrew). The term Christ comes from the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for "Messiah," which meant "the Anointed One." Thus, it would be perfectly accurate to call our Savior, "Jesus, the Anointed One."

But where does the phrase "Anointed One" come from and how does it apply to the Lord? While anyone could anoint and refresh their head with oil (or anoint the dying for burial), only a special blend of spices and oils was used as "holy anointing oil," and then only in sacred ceremonies (see Exodus 30:22-31). It was copiously poured upon the consecrated individual, perhaps a liter or more flowing down upon his head, beard, and garments (Psalm 133). It was an obvious outpouring of oil, not merely a dab on the forehead as might accompany our use of anointing oil today. It was done with solemn prayer and reverence, for it was through this ritual of anointing that Israel's prophets, priests, and kings were identified and then dedicated to God.

The act of anointing a chosen leader with oil was a ritual pregnant with the hope of divine fulfillment. Indeed, it was a foreshadowing of the ultimate prophet, priest, and king to be unveiled in the ministry of the Messiah. His anointing would not be with oil, but with the reality the oil symbolized: the "Holy Spirit and...power" (Acts 10:38; see Luke 4).

The Priest and Prophet

Throughout the Old Testament, only prophets, priests, and kings received the rite of holy anointing. Likewise, for all the diversity we see in Jesus' ministry, everything He accomplished was rooted in the soil of His prophetic, priestly, and kingly roles.

Now, it is vital we understand the anointing upon God's Son, for in seeing Him we peer into the destiny of the church. For the ascendant ministry of Jesus, the Anointed One, continues, even as the Holy Spirit transfers the fullness of Christ, as He is in heaven, into His people on earth. In other words, all that the Messiah was as prophet, priest, and king is still alive and is still being released into our world through His true church. ***"For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace"*** **(John 1:16).** This means God desires that His church - the body of the Anointed One - would manifest in the earth in three distinct, yet interconnected, ministries: that of Christ the prophet, priest, and king.

The priestly ministry of the Lord is one of intercession and redemptive sacrifice. The Messiah, as our great "High Priest" (Hebrews 3:1), rendered Himself as our "guilt offering" (Isaiah 53:10); He is the "Lamb standing, as if slain" before the throne of God (Revelation 5:6). Yet, because we are created in His image, we also carry His priestly role of intercession. We become His living house, which is "a house of prayer." He calls us to be a "kingdom [of] priests" and a "royal priesthood" (Revelation 1:6; I Peter 2:9).

As priests, we offer the sacrifice of His Son's death, both for our sins and also for the world around us. The Messiah is our great High Priest living in heaven; the church reveals the intercessions of the Anointed One on earth. It is the same anointing. The ministry of the priest has been fulfilled by Jesus, and embraced and followed by us.

Jesus was also God's prophet, and more: He was the Word of God made flesh (John 1:14). The Messiah understood God's word, not merely in its skeletal form of doctrines, but as the union of the Father's living consciousness with Jesus' own thought-life. Thus, the Messiah viewed life on earth as God would perceive it. Jesus' prophetic perception x-rayed into the secrets of men's hearts. At the same time, He saw into, and understood, the deep mysteries of God's heart.

His prophetic nature enabled Him to stand beyond the boundaries of time and pierce the enigma of ages past, as well as herald the wonders of times still to come. Yet, as His priestly ministry is extended to His church, so His prophetic ministry is imparted to us as well. As it is written, He gave "some as prophets" who, though imperfect, also burn with the flaming sword of God's word (Ephesians 4:11; Luke 11:49; I Corinthians 14; Revelation 11).

But Kings?

The church is learning, in varying degrees, how to serve Christ's priestly and prophetic ministry. Yet His "kingly" or governmental authority, outside of church proper, has not been accepted by many Christians. The idea of being granted such authority - of seeking to serve God in positions of political influence - has been deferred either to the Millennium or it has been outright scorned as heretical, "kingdom now" theology. Yet, we have never suggested that "the world must be conquered by Christians before Jesus can return," which is "kingdom now" theology. Nor are we trying to reduce the spiritual reality of the church to a political entity. Our quest is not to see the church become political, but the political become spiritual, where the integrity, wisdom, and justice of Christ Himself manifests in secular leadership.

For those of us who say Christ's kingly anointing is reserved only for the age to come, let me remind you Christ is king right now and our call is to grow up "in all aspects" unto Him who is our head (Ephesians 4:15). Right now, Jesus is seated as king on God's throne; He has received "all authority...in heaven and on earth" (Matthew 28:18). We are specifically told: "As He is, so also are we in this world" (1 John 4:17; see also Ephesians 1:18-23, Revelation 17:14). These are "present tense" promises, not only Millennial. We must, therefore, measure the stature of the church by the dimensions of Christ: Is Jesus prophet, priest, and king right now in heaven? Absolutely! Then it is God's will that He should be revealed as prophet, priest, and king on earth through the church. This is the very thing we ask each time we pray: *"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven!"*

All that Christ is in heaven will, in varying measures, be manifested in the true church before Jesus returns. Will there be a greater fulfillment in the age to come? Of course. But, dear one, even as He has emerged in the church as priest and prophet, so there must also be some fulfillment of governmental authority in this present age as well.

You see, what our Father desires to reveal through the church is not about us; it is about the manifest destiny of Jesus His Son. Just as some of us are called to reveal Christ the intercessor and others are sent by God to manifest the life of Christ the prophet, so the unveiling of Christ's governmental authority shall come forth in chosen leaders at the end of the age.

Our Goal: National Transformation

People argue, "If God is going to bring revival, He will do it through the church." Of course He will, but who says that the church cannot raise up men and women of integrity, honor, and wisdom and support them in their call to serve God in secular leadership? Indeed, if Christians are in government, and we live in a nation where the priestly and prophetic role of the church is unfolding, we must recognize the potential for God to use imperfect people to reveal the threefold anointing of Christ. Where we see Christian political leaders, even those who have made mistakes, let us come alongside them in intercessory prayer and the voice of the prophetic, and take faith for God to use them still.

Imagine the heavenly potential that is possible when, instead of dividing because of differences, the church honors the intercessory, prophetic, and kingly nature of Christ. Imagine when these three streams of anointing converge and, in unity, serve God to bring justice, mercy, and healing to their cultures!

We think of revival as something where people flop or hop, cry or run or dance as they experience an ecstatic, emotional release - and all that is fine. But personal revival is only the first step toward transforming a nation. We need godly people to serve in elected office. Indeed, there never was a revival in the Old Testament that did not come through the authority of the secular leader, the king!

Thus, we must have long-term plans, especially in democracies where officials are elected. We must recognize and cultivate the "kingly anointing," even when these future leaders are yet children. Again, when I speak of the kingly anointing, I am speaking of the principle of godly rule. Elected leaders must know how to govern with justice and pass laws with integrity. A president or governor cannot think of themselves as a king, but he or she must rule with the humility, character, and wisdom of Christ (see Luke 22:25-26).

Prophetic, Priestly, and Kingly Anointings Key to Transforming Our Nations

Each of us carries, in a certain measure, the Messiah's anointing as prophet, priest, and king within us. As we mature and deepen in our conformity to Christ, all three unveilings will be manifest through us in varying levels. But for most, there is a primary call that identifies our main strength. The naturalness we find in intercessory prayer indicates God is using us in the priestly role. The ease in unearthing revelatory truths from the Scriptures and the sense of clarity in discernment are evidences that your call is prophetic. The passion for justice, for divine order, and righteous government indicates emerging in you is the anointing of Christ the King.

Let us identify those Christians who are currently serving in government or running for government, and let us pray for the unveiling of Christ in their lives. They do not need to be perfect, only yielded. They will make mistakes, but will make fewer errors as the other aspects of the Messiah's anointing come alongside in both prayer and prophetic guidance.

Would you recognize true Christianity? It is identified by one reality: people becoming Christlike in prayer, the prophetic word, and in governmental authority (see Ephesians 4:15). Where the true church is growing in maturity, it will be united in the priestly, prophetic, and kingly anointing of Christ.

Lord, we pray for all who are in public offices, especially those who call upon Your name. Lord, help us to see the union of the prophetic, priestly, and kingly anointings as key to transforming our nations. Rule, O Lord, in the midst of Your enemies. In Jesus' name! Amen.

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Prophetic People

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Dear Friends in Jesus,

I received a very stern word of the Lord this morning, and a sense of the times, and I feel I should pass onto you what God made very real to me by His Spirit. I know it's for me, but as part of a "prophetic people", I realize it is also for others, and I ask you to prayerfully consider this word, to see if you are also meant to embrace it.

It's not a season, and it's not a day, but it is an hour, saith the Lord. It's an hour when those who are Mine are going to have to know how to clearly hear and discern My voice so they can be led in detail by the word of the Lord. I will take it as personal affront to My relationship between Myself and the souls of My redeemed if you prophesy indiscriminately and flippantly and without having waited on a true word from Me because now is the hour when My sheep MUST know My voice, and I will consider it an affront to My authority in the lives of My people.

It is an hour when the very safety and well-being of My people, and My servants is going to wholly depend on their ability to recognize My voice, and wholly depend on their ability to obey Me. If the word you bring puts My people into a state of confusion or question, I will hold you accountable. I want My people walking in a sure place. I want the decisions of My people founded and grounded upon a sure foundation of a true word that I have spoken.

Even at this time, many are making decisions based on fear, and driven by fear. This is going to yield serious spiritual repercussions because the prophets who spoke the words of fear are going to reap a harvest of distrust and hatred because they went when I did not send them, either in speaking judgment OR peace, I did not send them because they did not wait on Me. They did not weep before me for a pure word. They just presumed to go. They made up something in their heads based on news, based on circumstances, based on their own evaluations of the times, and they thought they could bypass the place of deep prayer and waiting in My presence. They thought they could speak a word without truly being in a place to hear from Me, and they will reap a harvest of doubt and confusion and distrust because when My people see the fruits of wrong decisions based on wrong words and false prophecies, they will wail and cry against the prophets who spoke falsely to them. How presumptuous of the prophets to think they know what I am saying when they have not even spent time in My presence where they could truly hear from Me!

Yes, I will most certainly convict My people through the spirit of fear and trembling so they can get their lives right. But then I will lead My people in a plain path by the light of My word. I am the light and the salvation of My people, and it is a time when I am constraining my beloved to the sounds of My own voice, and it is a time of training to understand and hear even the slightest whisper of the Spirit because the spiritual raging from many realms is going to intensify, and if My people do not know how to discern My voice in the midst of the clamor even in the heavenlies, they will be led astray by foreign spirits, by counterfeit spirits, by religious spirits, by all manner of evil spirits unleashed to seduce My servants in this very hour, and to take captive a people that I desire to bring into a fullness of understanding My covering and provision in a very perilous time.

I do not want My prophets adding to the confusion! Hear the word of the Lord, I do NOT want MY prophets adding to the confusion. Be still. Be still. Be still. Be still, and know that I am God, and I can break through the floods of false words and false doctrines with a pure stream of My spirit, but I am challenging My true prophets in this hour to NOT FEAR to allow My people to LEARN MY VOICE FOR THEMSELVES!!

An hour is upon you that My people are going to have to function without always having the ability to call up a prophet on the phone, or run to a church service, or go to a home meeting to get a word. My people will need to know how to discern My mind, and hear My voice in the time of tribulation, or they will become prey to every beast of the field and every wolf in sheep's clothing out to devour the flock.

You must understand that in this hour I am far more interested in training My sheep to KNOW MY VOICE, than I am in validating and confirming your prophetic gifts and ministries!! If you are a true prophet, you will give yourself diligently to the pursuit of helping My people to understand that in the place of communion and intimacy with Me, I will speak to My own, to My beloved, and you will be content to be the confirming voice to the word of the Lord. You will not have to be constantly lauded and confirmed as a "prophet" or an "apostle." You will be very content to step aside, allowing Me to take My rightful place as the Head of MY body that I might impart My thoughts, and My mind to My people. You will begin to accept the responsibility, and understand the mandate of the Spirit is not to gather a following of those who delight in your anointings, but to be an instrument to bring My people to maturity so as fully mature sheep, not gullible little lambs, they indeed know My voice.

If you understand My dealings, and if you understand the present cry of the Spirit, you are going to be very slow to speak, and very quick to pray, and very quick to recognize when I am sending you forth with a confirming word to My servants. You will not usurp my place of covenant relationship with My people which I wrought in My son when I declared out of glory that it would be through Him that I would now speak to My people rather than through the prophets as I did in times past. (Hebrews 1)

That prophet that speaks for Me, and that prophet that I am sending in this hour with a word spanning the nations of this world down to the very heart and soul of a troubled man or woman of God is that one who has learned to decrease that I might increase so that indeed it IS the voice of My Son speaking through that prophetic vessel a pure word, and a sure word. Even as it was with John the Baptist, that one I am sending shall be as the voice of another, and the voice of another shall truly be the spirit and presence of Jesus, the testimony of Jesus coming forth from that vessel completely sold out to My purposes.

Beware of companies of prophets who love to spend more time with each other than they do with Me. Mark these ones, and beware.

Well, giving a prophecy isn't like writing a three part letter for a school assignment with intro, body, and ending. I feel the anointing lifting, so I am going to STOP right here.

I trust the Lord that this word will go forth with the seriousness of impact I am presently feeling. As one who moves in prophetic ministry, I am taking this word very seriously to heart for myself, and I feel deeply burdened within, and troubled by this word, and am praying for God's people to hear what the Spirit is saying.

Always in the Love of Jesus,

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Prayer to Adonai
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DANI'EL's Prayer to Adonai, our God
(from the 'Complete Jewish Bible' ~ translation by David H. Stearn)

March 20, 2004

Praised are you, Adonai our God, King of the universe, who gives the Torah of truth and the Good News of salvation to His people Isra'el and to all the peoples through His son Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord. - from Stern's translation, copyright 1998

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Dani'el 9:3-19

9:3 I turned to Adonai, God, to seek an answer, pleading with Him in prayer, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes. I prayed to Adonai my God and made this confession:

"Please Adonai, great and fearsome God, who keeps His covenant and extends grace to those who love Him and observe His mitzvot! We have sinned, done wrong, acted wickedly, rebelled and turned away from your mitzvot and rulings. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our leaders, our ancestors and to all the people of the land.

To you Adonai, belongs righteousness; but to us today belongs shame -- to us, the men of Y'hudah, the inhabitants of Yerushalayim and all Isra'el, including those nearby and those far away, throughout all the countries where you have driven them; because they broke faith with you. Yes, Adonai, shame falls on us, our kings, our leaders and our ancestors; because we sinned against you.

It is for Adonai our God to show compassion and forgiveness, because we have rebelled against Him. We didn't listen to the voice of Adonai our God, so that we could live by His laws, which He presented to us through His servants the prophets.

Yes, all Isra'el flouted your Torah (Instruction) and turned away, unwilling to listen to your voice. Therefore the curse and oath written in the Torah of Moshe the servant of God was poured out upon us, because we have sinned against Him. He carried out the threats He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us disaster so great that under all of heaven, nothing has been done like what has been done to Yerushalayim.

As written in the Torah of Moshe, this whole disaster came upon us. Yet we did not appease Adonai our God by renouncing our wrongdoing and discerning your truth. So Adonai watched for the right moment to bring this disaster upon us, for Adonai our God was just in everything he did, yet we did not listen when He spoke.

Now, Adonai our God, who brought your people our of the land of Egypt with a strong hand, thereby winning renown for yourself, as is the case today --- we sinned, we acted wickedly.

Adonai, in keeping with all your justice, please allow your anger and fury to be turned away from your city Yerushalayim, your holy mountain; because it is due to our sins and the wrongdoings of our ancestors that Yerushalayim and your people have become objects of scorn among everyone around us.

Therefore, our God, listen to the prayer and pleadings of your servant; and cause your face to shine on your desolated sanctuary, for your own sake. My God, turn your ear, and hear; open your eyes and see how desolated we are, as well as the city which bears your name. For we plead with you not because of our own righteousness, but because of your compassion.

9:19 Adonai, hear! Adonai, forgive! Adonai, pay attention and don't delay action -- for your own sake, my God, because your city and your people bear your name!"

AMEN!

Preconceived Notions

Glenn Jackson

"Let all pre-conceived notions and thoughts as to what I have called each of you to be, pass away; and take as your only reality, the revealed knowledge of My will. For in this last hour I am raising up many who will walk in the "fullness" of all that I have for them, and they shall surely walk in a degree of power that has never before been seen in the earth - both individually and corporately - as My Body. It is indeed time for the world to see the unlimited power of Almighty God. It is time for My sons and daughters to go forth in the power of My anointing to devastate the works of Satan. For too long the "reality" of My people has been found in that which is temporal, but truly I say to you that day is at an end! For in this last hour, My Truth shall have the spotlight to Himself and all those who are conformed to His perfect image shall ride on the "coat-tails" of His glory, and truly I say to you "all" darkness shall be obliterated by the Light! And men, whose lying hearts have mocked and scorned Me, shall no longer be able to stand in the face of My "Reality"! For truly I say to you, Jesus is Lord of all, and the magnificence and majesty which shall be seen in this last hour, shall affect the earth as a "flood", and My glory shall indeed fill the earth"..

If I were to give you one word, My beloved ones, to define the chief characteristic of your ministry in your remaining time in the earth it would be "fire"! This fire will shed light where there is darkness, refine hearts wholly given, and consume "all" that is not of Me. It is a "Holy Fire" of purification that will reveal My presence and establish My true character in the hearts of all those who are truly seeking Me!"..

Those of My children who have given themselves wholly to Me, I shall make vessels of "fire". Fire that will both expose and consume all that is apart from Me - and bless all that is "for" Me". As they speak My words in the power of the "resurrection" and the authority of the "ascension" THEN the hearts of the rebellious ones shall surely be "cut to the quick", and the fire on the words which they speak in My Name shall both expose and "devastate" the deepest desires of their hardened hearts and darkened minds. Truly I say to you, it is time to proceed, and as "My" judgment of "My" household intensifies with each passing day you will see many, who were "thought" to be beyond reproach by My people, fall, and all of their works which did not proceed from obedience to My Word and My Spirit shall be exposed. For as the end of this age draws to a close, every one of My children must know beyond a shadow of a doubt that any form of dependence upon the darkened wisdom of the Evil One must end in death and corruption. For indeed My Church shall be spotless and unblemished before the nations, and they shall see the "reality" of My presence to a continually greater degree, until this sinful world can no longer contain the righteousness and holiness of My beloved children; and then I shall "catch them away", and darkness shall have its final hour. And so shall My eternal purpose be fulfilled as I have proclaimed clearly in My Word"..

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Pre-eminence
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Main Entry: **pre·em·i·nence** Function: *noun*
: the quality or state of being preeminent **: SUPERIORITY**

Main Entry: **pre·em·i·nent** Function: *adjective*
Etymology: Middle English, from Late Latin *praeeminent-, praeeminens,* from Latin, present participle of *praeeminEre* to be outstanding, from *prae-* + ***eminEre*** **to stand out : having paramount rank, dignity, or importance : OUTSTANDING**

Main Entry: **em·i·nent** Function: *adjective*
Etymology: Middle English, from Middle French or Latin; Middle French, from Latin *eminent-, eminens,* present participle of *eminEre* to stand out, from *e-* + *-minEre;* akin to **Latin *mont-, mons* mountain**
1 : standing out so as to be readily perceived or noted : CONSPICUOUS
2 : jutting out : PROJECTING
3 : exhibiting eminence especially in standing above others in some quality or position : PROMINENT synonym see FAMOUS

Col 1:18 NKJV
18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

3 John 9-10 NKJV Diotrephes and Demetrius
I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us. 10 Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church.

NT:5383 philoproteuo (fil-op-rote-yoo'-o); from a compound of NT:5384 and NT:4413; to be fond of being first, i.e. ambitious of distinction:
KJV - love to have the preeminence.

NT:1361 Diotrephes (dee-ot-ref-ace'); from the alternate of NT:2203 and NT:5142; Jove-nourished; Diotrephes, an opponent of Christianity: KJV - Diotrephes.

NT:2203 Zeus (dzyooce); of uncertain affinity; in the oblique cases there is used instead of it a (probably cognate) name Dis (deece), which is otherwise obsolete; Zeus or Dis (among the Latins, Jupiter or Jove), the supreme deity of the Greeks: KJV - Jupiter.

NT:5142 trepho (tref'-o); a primary verb (properly, threpho; but perhaps strength. from the base of NT:5157 through the idea of convolution); properly, to stiffen, i.e. fatten (by implication, to cherish [with food, etc.], pamper, rear): KJV - bring up, feed, nourish.(Biblesoft's New Exhaustive Strong's Numbers and Concordance)

I heard the Lord say “ preeminence” so looked it up and asked what He wanted to say about this.

“I AM the Preeminent One! I AM the Head of the church triumphant.
I AM the Head of the church glorious! I AM arrayed in glory and filled with love and kindness towards all who love Me. I was, I am, and I will always be
loving you unconditionally. My love is eternal and My fame is over anything else in heaven, on earth and under the earth. I will not give My name to licentiousness and greed. I AM KING FOREVER. I AM Your Covering. I AM your EVERYTHING. I AM the Resource of ALL you need. So why do people who call themselves by MY NAME, run to astrology, diviners, and sorcerers, for what they need or think they need? Why do they seek after other gods who murmur and lie? Why do people who call themselves “Christian” believe in false religions? I ALONE AM GOD ALMIGHTY AND THERE IS NONE LIKE ME!

Isa 8:19-20 NKJV And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? 20 To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.

Isa 1:21-23 NKJV The Degenerate City
How the faithful city has become a harlot! It was full of justice; Righteousness lodged in it, But now murderers. 22 Your silver has become dross, Your wine mixed with water. 23 Your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; Everyone loves bribes, and follows after rewards.

I have been traversing the house of the Lord in the land, and I have found many who mix witchcraft and sorcery with Christianity. They are impatient with Me, and have not sought after me, or taken My counsel, but have run a whoring after diviners and mediums. They think that I don’t see. And for many, they don’t even know that it is wrong to do so. They never hear the priests speak on it, so they just go ahead and do what is an abomination in My eyes. The people perish because there are no counselors. Where is the
Shepherd who will teach My people right from wrong? And where are the people who will search out and meditate on My Word, that they may have LIFE?

Ezek 44:23 NKJV "And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean

Josh 1:8 NKJV This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

People are starved for love and knowledge, and there are few who are willing to open their lives to reach out to others. So many are willing to come to church, yet if they need to BE the church, the rest of the week, they are so preoccupied, that they struggle with their inner man just to do the small things that would make a difference in the lives of others. There is a lot of self-will, but precious little self-denial. To want something is paramount to having it. And so many are unhealed and walking around wounded, yet they find difficulty finding anyone to help, who also don’t try to control them or who underestimate them. So many in the church are willing to just let others do the work of the kingdom without participating. Life has overburdened them, and they feel overwhelmed with life. You need to SHAKE off the lies of defeatism and unbelief.

If you want to know how to love others, just think of that other person as your son or daughter. How then would you help them or love them?
Look at how I have loved you. Have I given up on you? Have I abandoned you? Have I judged you? Have I been impatient with you? Have I ignored you? Am I not a God close by and not afar off? Is there no balm in Gilead? Have I not seated you in heavenly places in Christ Jesus and commissioned you to go into the world and make disciples of all men? Have I not said, that these signs will follow ALL

who believe?

Mark 16:15-18 NKJV
15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

I did not call only a select few to do miracles and healings. Stephen who was the first martyr, did all the works of the apostles. He was a disciple just like you. Step forward into the high calling of Your Lord Jesus Christ and know that I AM WITH YOU, whatever you do! I AM CHRIST IN YOU, the HOPE OF GLORY. NOTHING is impossible to those who BELIEVE!

If I AM LIFTED UP, I will draw all men to Myself. So make sure I AM STILL pre-eminent in your life, then reach out to others as I LEAD YOU, and draw them to ME. TEACH them how to hear My voice for themselves so that they will be able to hear and to see what the Spirit is saying. Do not try to take glory for yourselves. There is so much competition in the world, but it should not be in My church! It is because of your insecurities that you feel a need to be preeminent, but I am coming to heal all that afflicts you and to demonstrate My love to you, and to break every chain that has bound you. I AM removing the dross in your lives and I will RESTORE all that has been stolen, that you can be all I want you to be, and that you can feel My manifest LOVE. THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

Provocation
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When I first looked at the clock it was 11:11 and I got distracted. So then when I looked again it was 11:55, then I heard the word “Provocation” and was led to look up provoke, and directly to these following verses:

Rom 11:11-12 NKJV Israel's Rejection Not Final
11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. 12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!

Rom 11:11-12 AMPLIFIED
11 So I ask, Have they stumbled so as to fall [to their utter spiritual ruin, irretrievably]? By no means! But through their false step and transgression salvation [has come] to the Gentiles, so as to arouse Israel [to see and feel what they forfeited] and so to make them jealous.
12 Now if their stumbling (their lapse, their transgression) has so enriched the world [at large], and if [Israel's] failure means such riches for the Gentiles, think what an enrichment and greater advantage will follow their full reinstatement!

Rom 11:14-22 AMP
14 In the hope of making my fellow Jews jealous [in order to stir them up to imitate, copy, and appropriate], and thus managing to save some of them.
15 For if their rejection and exclusion from the benefits of salvation were [overruled] for the reconciliation of a world to God, what will their acceptance and admission mean? [It will be nothing

short of] life from the dead!
16 Now if the first handful of dough offered as the firstfruits [Abraham and the patriarchs] is consecrated (holy), so is the whole mass [the nation of Israel]; and if the root [Abraham] is consecrated (holy), so are the branches. [Num 15:19-21.]
17 But if some of the branches were broken off, while you, a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among them to share the richness [of the root and sap] of the olive tree,
18 Do not boast over the branches and pride yourself at their expense. If you do boast and feel superior, remember it is not you that support the root, but the root [that supports] you.
19 You will say then, Branches were broken (pruned) off so that I might be grafted in!
20 That is true. But they were broken (pruned) off because of their unbelief (their lack of real faith), and you are established through faith [because you do believe]. So do not become proud and conceited, but rather stand in awe and be reverently afraid.
21 For if God did not spare the natural branches [because of unbelief], neither will He spare you [if you are guilty of the same offense].
22 Then note and appreciate the gracious kindness and the severity of God: severity toward those who have fallen, but God's gracious kindness to you--provided you continue in His grace and abide in His kindness; otherwise you too will be cut off (pruned away).

The Voice of the Lord:
“ There are some in My church who have taken the road of perversion and not the truth of My Word, and who have discounted these words. REALIZE that I AM is not condoning the thinking that I have given up on Israel. Realize that the UNBELIEF they were cut off for is prevalent even in seminaries in America! And what have I said, but that you too will be cut off and pruned away if you fall prey to the lies of the enemy and his deceitfulness!

Do not think because you call yourself a Christian that it makes you one!
Do not think that there will be no consequence for saying that my SON was a mere man and not God and teaching it to others! [This reminded me of an assistant pastor in a former church who got up one Sunday and said, “ I wouldn’t be surprised if they found the bones of Jesus one day! “]
One by one, the truth has been stripped away from My church for centuries.
But I AM THE TRUTH. I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and the LIFE. There is no other way given under heaven by which men must be saved! Those who teach differently will have to give an account.

Perversion of scriptures has abounded, in men seeking their own will and understanding instead of seeking Mine! And the churches continue to teach, many of them from their own hearts, and not from MY HEART. There is such imbalance, that people are more and more losing life. To FOLLOW MY WORD IS LIFE! I came to GIVE you life, and that more abundantly!

Ps 33:4-6 NKJV
4 For the word of the LORD is right, and all His work is done in truth. 5 He loves righteousness and justice; The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD. 6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.

Ps 119:42 NKJV So shall I have an answer for him who reproaches me,
For I trust in Your word.

Prov 3:7-8 NKJV Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, and strength to your bones.

Israel was MINE from the beginning and I have longed to see the day that she will look upon Me, and realize the Truth. But there is much to be done before the fullness of the Gentiles is reached. And I am escalating the permeation of the gospel in the days ahead, that all mankind will have no excuse for not knowing the TRUTH!

Do NOT cling to the the gospel of exclusivity in thinking that you are the only ones I love, or the BRANCH that holds the gentiles in place is the same as the Root which is ISRAEL. I LOVE ISRAEL, MY PEOPLE. I WILL RESTORE HER and your hearts will REJOICE. I NEED YOU My beloveds to pray for ISRAEL and JEWS everywhere! I need you to pray for ALL who need to know Me! YOUR PRAYERS need to be for the LOST, and not just for your needs! If you reach out to others, I will reach out to you! GO and make disciples of ALL MEN! GO when I tell you to speak to someone, and do not hesitate!

Acts 10:19-20 NIV While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. 20 So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

DEMONSTRATE MY LOVE TO A LOST AND DYING WORLD! GO and MAKE DISCIPLES! Stop clinging to the comfort and safety of only knowing Christians! How will you make a difference if they never HEAR the TRUTH?
SOUND THE ALARM on My holy mountain. PRAY unceasingly! The WAR has begun. I AM IN NEED OF WARRIORS who will not give up! TAKE THE LAND, STEP BY STEP. AND TRUMPET MY WARNINGS TO ALL WHO WILL HEAR! It doesn’t matter that some will not, though sad. What matters is those who will hear and be changed! LOVE on those who will receive it! PRESS into ME for all that you do. Do not move presumptuously in anything ~ I AM the resource of all you need. So come to Me and get your marching orders from ME.

Some of you are in seclusion until I say to go! Some of you are being transitioned to a higher plane in Me, and need to be at My feet like Martha.
Stay there in that place that I’ve told you, until you are imbued with power from on High! STAY in My WORD and let Me share with you secrets of My TRUTH. REMEMBER how much I love you as these days grow darker My beloveds! REMEMBER that I will never, never, never leave you or forsake you! KNOW that the days ahead are GLORIOUS for the KINGDOM!

Presumption

Clay Sikes

Presumption: Warning!
by Clay Sikes

Presumption often rules the way Christians do things, and a fairly common practice in our efforts (works). For years, prophetic warnings have cautioned us that this method of determining actions will increasingly produce catastrophic results. Some have already experienced the disaster of actions based upon well-intended presumptive acts. Presumption is the lowest form of human knowledge and has no place in those being led into the powerful Third Day Church lifestyle.

As strange as it may sound, often God will use presumption to steer us toward the Spirit-led life. The fire from the failure of presumptive efforts tends to direct us to the necessity of hearing God before we move – a John 5:30 revelation, "Of my own ability I can do nothing…"

Who are those who no longer act on presumptive reasoning? Who are those who MUST HEAR GOD before taking an action? The answer is several fold: Those who have come to the end of themselves, who no longer make decisions from the arena of logic and reason, or from the arena of fear; those whose trust for the Lord is strong, and who have developed dependence upon a hearing ear. To these individuals, intellectual ascent has become a dangerous form of action.

True Sons do not move in presumption, having learned the benefits of hearing God. Sons are led of God's Spirit (Romans 8:14), and experience the benefits of their earthly inheritance. Those who have become disenchanted with being stuck in the Second Third (Pentecost), yearn to move into the Third, Third, The Feast Of Tabernacles, where simply being Spirit-filled has progressed to the keen desire of being Spirit led.

Presumption is the birthing ground for Ishmaels (works of the flesh) in our lives. We have come to the time in which it is impossible for Ishmael (works of the flesh) and Isaac (works of the Spirit) to live in the same house. One will persecute the other with relentless persecution. A great barometer in determining the level of presumption in our own lives can be gauged by the number of Ishmaels we have produced, or continue to produce.

The Word tells us that 'anything that is not faith is sin.' How can we have faith for anything we have not heard God say (to us)? Faith comes by having heard God speak. If we are prone to move without having heard God, we move by presumption; a dangerous place in this current world environment.

Prosper in The Famine
Davies Nderema

How To Survive & Prosper in The Famine Situation --
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PART ONE:
ALLOW JESUS TO GO BEFORE YOU

Let me begin with a prophecy which gave when I was praying; God said "The coming days will be tough days for those who don't live in the Word of God"

As we look around today, we find out many things happening. Today it is difficult even to travel. There are so many attacks on many ministries, churches and ministers more especially prophetic. When see what is happening Economically, Spiritually, Politically, Socially, Academically etc I have come up with one word "FAMINE".

The Bible says in the book of Genesis 26 that there was famine in the days of Isaac besides of the days of Abraham. In the second part of this message I am to share from this chapter.

In this first part I want to share my experience I had one day as I was praying and what Jesus instructed me.

As I was praying one afternoon, I was taken in the spirit and set for a journey. I found myself walking on a road and as I was walking all of sudden I saw wolves with their mouths wide open covering the whole road. I stopped because I could not go any further; the road was coved by grievous wolves with their mouths wide open. When I stopped I heard Jesus calling me "Davies come over hear" I said, I can't come there are grievous wolves covering the road. Then Jesus said "Call unto me to walk before you". I called on Jesus and said Jesus come and walk before me. Immediately I saw Jesus before me and all the wolves disappeared. Jesus and I walked for a distance, Jesus being before me and I following him. Then Jesus disappeared and I began walking alone. As I walked for few distance all of sudden I saw a huge mountain covering the road. I could not go further, therefore I stopped walking then beyond the mountain I heard Jesus calling "Davies come over here" I said to Jesus I can't come there because there is a mountain covering the road, then Jesus said call unto me to come and walk before you. I called Jesus to come and walk before me and all of sudden I saw Jesus before me and the mountain disappeared. Jesus and I walked for some distance then Jesus turned unto me and said "Davies whenever you call unto me and allow me to walk before you, you shall succeed but when you walk alone you shall fail in whatever you are doing. Then Jesus disappeared and I found myself in the place I was praying.

In this experience I found one thing for survival and success that is allowing Jesus to walk before us. It doesn't matter what situation you find yourself in even if it seems difficult or impossible but when you call unto Jesus to come and walk before you, the situation will disappear. One of the things to take note of is that Jesus asked me to call him to come and walk before me, that mean we need to call Jesus and allow Him to walk before us. Don't expect Jesus to come unto your situation if you don't call him to do so. Both wolves and mountains covered the road I was walking but when I invited Jesus to come and go before me both wolves and mountain disappeared. After this experience I was surprised on one thing; that is Jesus said call unto me to come and walk before you. It is only when you invite Jesus that He will come on your way.

You are going to survive and prosper in famine situation when you allow Jesus to walk before you in your situation.

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Prophetic Hymn

Ricardo Lemos

I was working on my yard this past Sunday when a hymn came to my mind.

It is an “oldie” – a beautiful and powerful one – and the interesting thing is that I believe I have not sung it or heard it for the past ten years or so.

Yet, despite it being part of a distant past in my life, I could not get it out of my mind as it kept coming back to me for the rest of the day.

Yesterday, a friend of mine called me and casually mentioned to me that this past Sunday a hymn came to his mind and that somehow he could not forget it for the rest of his day.

Amazingly, we found out that it was the same one.

As we continued talking about it, we realized that obviously God wanted to say something to us through the words of this hymn.

In fact, as I copied the lyrics and started meditating upon them, I could see the profound prophetic significance that the message, first written and sung over one hundred years ago, has for us today.

It is a severe warning and, at the same time, a truly comforting word regarding what I believe we are soon about to experience as individuals and as a nation.

Here are the words then –

MY ANCHOR HOLDS

Though the angry surges roll
On my tempest driven soul,
I am peaceful, for I know,
Wildly though the winds may blow,
I’ve an anchor safe and sure,
That can evermore endure.

And it holds, my anchor holds:
Blow your wildest, then, O gale,
On my bark so small and frail;
By His grace I shall not fail,
For my anchor holds, my anchor holds.

Mighty tides about me sweep,
Perils lurk within the deep,
Angry clouds o’ershade the sky,
And the tempest rises high;

Still I stand the tempest’s shock,
For my anchor grips the rock.

And it holds, my anchor holds:
Blow your wildest, then, O gale,
On my bark so small and frail;
By His grace I shall not fail,
For my anchor holds, my anchor holds.

I can feel the anchor fast
As I meet each sudden blast,
And the cable, though unseen,
Bears the heavy strain between;
Through the storm I safely ride,
Till the turning of the tide.

And it holds, my anchor holds:
Blow your wildest, then, O gale,
On my bark so small and frail;
By His grace I shall not fail,
For my anchor holds, my anchor holds.

Troubles almost ’whelm the soul;
Griefs like billows o’er me roll;
Tempters seek to lure astray;
Storms obscure the light of day:
But in Christ I can be bold,
I’ve an anchor that shall hold.

And it holds, my anchor holds:
Blow your wildest, then, O gale,
On my bark so small and frail;
By His grace I shall not fail,
For my anchor holds, my anchor holds.

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Thank you
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Prophetic Insight
Nita Johnson

From Nita’s August 2004 Newsletter.

It looks like many different and diverging storms and forces are culminating together to create a world of darkness, uncertainties and chaos right before our eyes.

Jihad

I saw in a vision that the Arab world is calling their young men from all over the world to come and be trained for terrorist activity, they are calling it `Holy War'. Their chief targets are of course America, Israel and interests we have abroad.

Terrorism is reaching a new height because God is getting ready to judge it in order to free Nations and terrorist alike from the awful demon of Jihad. Blaming the war on Iraq is not the answer to ending the war on terrorism. Prayer is the answer my friends. By way of prayer God is going to intervene in such a manner that will send ripples of revulsion through Satan's Kingdom. Therefore, we must stand behind our President and pray him back into office.

Economy

The economy is not ready to fall yet. God is our support and will keep us in righteousness. If it were America's ingenuity alone we would have collapsed along time ago. If our foundations were secured in gold, still it would not be enough to hold us steady. But, God answers prayer and He loves to answer prayers to help America. So, pray and believe!

Iraq

At home there is unrest. The parties are fighting harder than ever to get their man into the Presidential office. Sometimes the war is so bitter I wonder how the Lord keeps us from the civil war I saw coming. It seems that we are being coerced to love one and hate the other. That is O.K. for the person who is balanced for he will never be moved by such forces. But, for those who are not, bitterness engenders strife.

1 wonder at the fact that it isn't enough for us to have war in Iraq, but the media and politics seem to be driven to bring that war home for the sake of winning their own war. Those who really do know better hammer away on non-issues until they become issues. The truth remains, Iraq is a war that had to be. God saw fit to judge a leadership that was destroying the very people it was supposed to be caring for. One report shows that there were few families in Iraq that were not afflicted with mental illness of at least one member because of the insufferable tyranny under which they were forced to live. Many other atrocities filled the nation's cup of sin until the Lord finally said: Enough! Further, the Lord was moving through our President to insure greater world security in the future. Having taken the step to act on behalf of the Lord's will let us not look back and second-guess our obedience. Rather, let us stand strong for right and support our President!

Judgment

America is still under a level of judgment and will be until the issue of the shedding of innocent blood is remedied. We will pray with you and fight for the Lord's mercy until rain pours down from heaven and heals our land. If we will pray, He will heal.

The True Battle

Powers that be are not sitting in the rooms of government. They are sitting in the heavenlies. New higher satanic powers have been released and positioned for the end times. Therefore, the people who are running the world behind the scenes through secret societies and closed summits have greater backing spiritually. Greater evil is being accomplished toward instituting the One World Government. Satan is closer than ever to completing his work toward a One World Religion.

Hordes of evil spirits have been released of late against the Church. These spirits are sent out in armies so vast that it is like a great cloud covering the earth. They are sent out to cause distractions in the Church. When He showed me this great horde, the Lord also shared His heart with me. He told me that His Church really does want Him. He said we are hungry for Him. But, the army of evil spirits is causing such distraction in the Church's minds and in their lives that they cannot get in touch with what they really want, which is the Lord. He also told me the remedy to this peril is healing the nation of the blood guiltiness. As we continue to repent we will push through the hordes and rise above the storms.

We are coming into a time of wolves, crocodiles and snakes. Let me explain;

When wolves want to attack their prey they will surround the heard of say, elk. They will watch carefully until they see the one who is weak. When they find the weak one they will cut it off from the rest and attack its face until they cut off its nose and mouth. This will cause the elk to suffocate and the wolf will devour it. I sense this defacing is character assassination, whether by another or by the spirit waging war against your mind. The devouring includes physical attacks against your bodies and health.

Crocodiles kill in another way. They spot their prey, swim up from behind and without notice grab the victim with their huge jaws and take them under the water to the river bottom. Once they settle on the bottom they will hold their prey there until they drown. After a moment if they still feel any life in its victim they will start wildly turning in flips around and around hoping to make their prey dizzy and disoriented. Then they will settle on the bottom again and wait to see if suffocation is complete. This they will do three times until they are sure their prey is dead. So, when the spirit of the croc strikes it strikes, to make you disoriented in your walk, confused and without hope. He tries to suffocate your faith through battles and attacks against your mind and make you feel alienated from the Lord. When He thinks you cannot breath anymore, he will devour.

Snakes represent sin. Satan deploys his snakes to tempt you to increasing levels of sin until he can bury your faith and righteousness in the pool of forgetfulness.

We are going to have to pray more and wiser to get the. job done. But, it is possible! We cannot only get the job done but we can prevail with a great victory! It is time for the body to stand for the faith they have received as a precious gift and contest the evil one. We can no longer avoid the war. So it is time to learn how best to fight and win the war. Don't yield to temptations to sin. And when darkness assails look to the Word and the Lord in prayer. Through Him you will prevail.

Revival

Because we will certainly be faithful, revival will come to America and the world. When the Lord visited me He told me that if I was not faithful to the commission He had given me. America would be destroyed by war and there would be no revival. However, if I will stay true to the commission He will send revival to America and to the world, healing His Church and delivering the lost before war comes.

I believe this will be the time He once spoke to me about well over 20 years ago. We will see no sick among us. There will be no feeble among us. We will see generations healed and the world will know Christ has come and He is Lord, as liquid love is poured out over the Church, healing divisions and making the body strong and full of authority, thus, bringing great glory and honor to the Head.

Miracles of every kind will abound. Joy will be our strength. And the magnetic love of our Lord will fill every part of our hearts and beings. Long awaited answers to prayer will be released in abundance.

One Final Note

Since we launched into the new commissions of the last few years; that being the call to help expedite Jewish people going home to Israel, the GOE's [Gathering of Eagles] in America and Nigeria as well as working with Israel and Italy to begin to facilitate Gatherings in those countries; we have come under increasing pressures in our ministry. I'd like to share a bit about these with you.

We answered the call to help get Jewish people home to Israel, I don't know the exact number who have made it home because you have helped us, help them. But, it has been sizable. However, immediately upon endeavoring to fulfill this undertaking, our ministry came under incredible financial attack. We weathered it for many months until the Lord finally spoke to me through revelation and told me to send out a notice to intercessors and let them know to pray with us. We did that, you helped us pray and the breakthrough finally came.

Next we were commissioned by way of a three-hour visitation from the Lord to begin the GOE's in America. He is the One that gave the title: Gathering of the Eagles. And He is the One who told me what to do and what would come of it all in the end. He is also the One that told me that if I were not obedient to this call America would be destroyed by war, never seeing revival. If we were obedient to do all that he said, America

would see His glory in a wonderful outpouring of revival and war would be postponed. He reproved me for taking so long to embrace this call. (I sat down a couple weeks ago to really try to pinpoint when He first began to deal with me. I discovered that it took 3 years for me to finally say yes.) In the visitation in 2000, He told me that if I did not say yes that night it would be my last opportunity. America would be lost as He had not created anyone else for this purpose and He had no one else waiting in the wings to take my place. The decision whether America would rise of fall was upon my shoulders alone. I was stunned to silence. He reiterated this reality several more times in visitations and visions. Also, He sent prophets of a very high order, much higher than those in America to tell me the same thing. There are other ministries, about 3 or 4 who also have a part in saving America. But, because our part is to, at this point, deal with specific issues of the spilling of innocent blood, even if the others do their share but I do not, America will perish. I do not feel proud about this. I only feel the weight of the awesome responsibility of saving our Nation.

As a result of our obedience we have seen many powerful things transpire. The Lord always responds to our Gatherings by sending us supernatural signs to attest that we fulfilled what He wanted done in that particular GOE. We are only two minutes from the outpouring of revival. I sense that it will be no later than the fall of 2005. This is what I sense. It is not a direct word from the Lord.

We are now taking the GOE's to Nigeria and seeing even more outstanding results. The Christian President was re-elected when it was utterly impossible. His contender had 75% of the vote. He was also an Islamic extremist. After our GOE constituting several days of repentance and intercession the contender handed the Christian President the Nation and left the race for Presidency. He told his constituents to vote for the Christian Incumbent. He told them all that Allah told him to do this. The Christian won the election much to everyone's shock. Had he not won, Nigeria would be under an Islamic government today. Also, as a result of the second GOE in Nigeria 1000s of children who were being used for slavery from ages 3 years and up are being freed from captivity. The government is taking the lead in breaking into and arresting the perpetrators of child slavery. That particular GOE was days of weeping over the slavery issue. Incidentally, all of this is part of public news in Nigeria.

We are seeing unprecedented things happen in these Nations. We have seen a 5-year drought broken in Israel; we have seen party leaders in Italy take a trip across the seas to publicly apologize to the Israeli Kennesit for Italy's part in the Holocaust. This followed on the heals of repentance over this issue in Italy. This is all public news in these countries.

The Lord is moving and we are trying our best to be faithful to the call. Things greater than I, am writing will transpire before it is over. Not because I am so great but, because a handful of people, Pastors and Intercessors are being obedient to the call.

Well, Satan is mad! That is why he is once again hitting our finances so hard. He is also hitting the other leaders. There is not any area that has not been hit by the devil. The leaders know how to do warfare. It isn't a lack of understanding. It is that much of the warfare is taking place in people's minds. People are forgetting to support us, or thinking perhaps because we freely give everything away like the Bible tells us to do that we don't need support. Even Pastors have told us they thought we were independently wealthy. (The problem was, they were serious.)

It is the devil's handy work. Satan has appeared to me and to other prophets and told them He will stop at nothing to end my trouble making in his kingdom. He says we devastate his kingdom every time we go out into the field. The Lord told me the same thing. So the devil has decided he will finish up the warfare he is doing now and if that doesn't stop me., he will kill me. I know he can never succeed in the last endeavor as long as I am careful to be obedient until the day I am appointed to die as a martyr for Christ. But, Satan has made havoc of some things in the meantime.

Why is the devil so mad? Let me give a brief summery of reasons.

America is the most powerful nation on the earth. It is considered a Christian Nation representing the cause of righteousness and well doing. We also carry the mantel of Fatherhood to the Nations. When America is refined by the power of Reformation which incidentally was initiated in 2001 by Angels, it will champion the cause of Christ to such a degree that the world will stand in astonishment. Because of the goodness that still runs in the heart of our Nation Satan wants to destroy it. He does not want to see what will happen to his kingdom if America experiences the tidal wave of revival. He knows many other Nations will then be swept in by revival. But, we will not quit until Revival hits America.

Nigeria is the world's capital for witchcraft. If Satan wants his chief witches for any purpose, he goes to Nigeria to find them. I have been shown this by divine revelation, and, others who have seen into this mystery have confirmed it. On the other hand we are overturning Nigeria's darkness in massive ways every time we go there. Satan is losing; Jesus is winning. If he really loses Nigeria's witchcraft by revival, his whole kingdom will be devastated.

(I know there is much going on in Nigeria regarding the saving of souls through Reinhart Bonke however, what he is doing is evangelism and it doesn't involve infiltrating the kingdom's greatest darkness. What the Lord is about to do is turn the greatest darkness upside down in Nigeria.)

Israel - When Israel falls to our Messiah, the end of the age will have come and the new millennium will begin. So, why would Satan get upset if we prepare Israel for a great move of God? The answer is clear. His time will be over and the Lord will return.

Italy - Rome, Italy will be the headquarters of the new One World Religion. Satan does not want anyone messing with Catholicism and what he is doing through the Roman Catholic Church to prepare the world for this next step. But, nevertheless, the Lord is going to use the GOE's to empty the Catholic Church of multiplied millions of souls. What began in the Reformation through Martin Luther will be finished through the Reformation Anointing the Lord has given to the Gathering of Eagles.

The Reformation the Lord released upon the earth in the year 2001 will change world governments.

I am telling you all this because we need your help once again. We need you to join us in prayer and if possible send in your gifts of love to help us. If we can get enough people to join us in prayer over the following issues we can defeat this current attack just as we did last time.

Please pray for the following:

I. The World For Jesus Ministries and my family. Pray for our finances and health. Pray for God's favor, wisdom, and protection as we continue to work in this and other Nations.

2. Pray for the leaders of the GOE and their families. Their health and finances. Also pray for our

Liaisons in Nigeria, Italy, and Israel. Pray for all the above concerning them and that God will continue to enhance and enlarge their understanding of the vision.

3. Pray for our intercessors. Pray for strength, vision, and faith. And that God's blessings will be upon them for their sacrifice for the World For Jesus Ministries.

4. Pray that God will continue to add new intercessors to us.

5. Pray for the finances and needs of our supporters. Pray that the Lord will open the windows of heaven for those who pray for us and who support this ministry

6. Pray for America, Nigeria, Israel and Italy, that God will complete the preparation of these Nations under the Spirit of Reformation for the upcoming revival. That He will give us an open door in these nations that no man can close That He will give us the anointing we need and the wisdom to know how to do all that is needful.

7. Finally, if the Lord speaks to your hear to do more than to fast and pray, arc you feel to give a special offering at this time, I want to say thank-you in advance.

May God richly bless you for your involvement with us, in the healing of the Nations. We love you all so much, and feel very privileged to be able to share with you the things of the Lord Thank you for your persistence in prayer, you loving support, and your obedience to stand in the gap with us. It means more to me than words car ever say.

Loving Shalom,
Nita

Nita Johnson Newsletter

Dear Friends:

It has been a long time since we have been able to communicate with you from our ministry office in the form of a newsletter. I am so thankful to the Lord that He has made a way to send you this brief newsletter to let you know of our progress in the journey upon which we as a ministry have embarked.

Many things have taken place. Although some things through which we have passed have not been easy, looking back we can honestly say; we have clearly seen the loving hand of the Father through it all.

A few years ago you may remember that we were commissioned to begin the GOE's. (Gathering of the Eagles) here in America. After a few GOE's we were invited to take them to Nigeria. Later the door began to open in Israel for us to begin to work with leaders there, then the Lord opened up Italy. This work has been very challenging. When we find ourselves living on the edge of our own inadequacy, it is impossible to take the glory that belongs only to Jesus when things turn out so beautiful in the end. Further, He uses these challenges to teach us the truth about Himself and the power of faith. We have been learning all these important lessons and are very thankful for them.

Although this will not be a typical newsletter it will be the beginning of restoring our typical prophetic letter of encouragement. This letter will be designed to briefly get you up to date and share some of the prophetic future with you. I trust it will be a ministry to you.

More about the GOE's:

First, I want to take a minute and explain why we weep over past wrongs concerning people groups who reside within our borders.

When innocent blood is spilled, it cries from the ground to the Lord until righteous judgment is passed. Innocent blood gives Satan a legal open door to fulfill his plans and purposes in any nation. That is why he requires blood sacrifices and often the innocent blood of Christians or infants during satanic worship. He is buying legal right to work his diabolical plans. When we repent of spilling innocent blood on behalf of the forefathers of this Nation as well as our contemporary's, we are allowing the Lord to pass righteous judgment in favor of mercy.

Incidentally, that is why Satan was so overjoyed at the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus. He thought he had won with this great act of treachery with which he had incited the people. He thought God would hate Israel and the

Romans and would never extend mercy again because they spilled the innocent blood of His dear Son. As a prophet from Southern California saw, when the Lord's blood began to drip upon the earth and Satan found himself in his throne room turning to stone with every drop, He realized he had made the biggest mistake of his career. This innocent blood was different, instead of giving him legal license; it was taking away all legal license. But, by that time there was nothing he could do about it. He had lost!

Repentance accomplishes the same thing. As we repent for the sins of others just as Daniel did, we are applying the value of the Lord's innocent blood, thereby removing the guilt of our sin. This gives the Lord a path by which to heal the afflicted and the oppressor. Further, as only His noble and excessive mercy can do, He then turns to heal the Nation. Hence, we will weep over the wrongs of America until the Lord has found a path to heal the oppressed and the oppressor, and finally, our Nation.

We are nearing the end of weeping over the spilling of the innocent blood of the First Nations People. Through the eyes of our Lord and through easily located historical data, I learned of an American history I wish I never would have seen. Weeping before the Lord to gain His forgiveness for America's sins against these people has been a rich and moving experience in every way. I do not regret even one moment, however painful the burden of the truth has been to carry. If Christianity was designed to deliver the weak and erring from the ways of darkness, the Church failed miserably to understand and embrace the Lord's true heart concerning America's first people. I have learned much about Him through this journey, as have all the leadership of the GOE's. I have also learned about human frailty, ignorance, pride and greed. It is one thing to read about these things in relation to Kings and Presidents in other Nations, but it is another thing to relive the heartbreaking reality of the failures of our own Nation. It changes a person, and it has changed me.

When we finished the GOE in Washington DC, the Lord spoke to me that He would now take over and begin to make things right. He said: You have put the seed in the ground. You don't know how I will bring forth the plant of life for the First Nations People and for America, but I will do it. Just rest and watch. So that is what we are doing. In the mean time a "Resolution of Apology" to the First Nations People has been drawn up by Senator Brownback and is being submitted to the Senate for acceptance. It looks good so far. There are only a few roadblocks. Please be in prayer with us that it will be passed and that it will begin a new stream of healing to the American Indian and to our Nation. This resolution will be a landmark in American history and will give the Lord more room to move on behalf of our Nation.

We concluded our GOE in Washington DC last fall. We then traveled to Hawaii this past spring. We wept some more over the wrongs perpetrated upon the Hawaiian people. We saw amazing supernatural signs indicating God's good pleasure. As we finished He gave us more signs in the heavens and on the earth to let us know that Hawaii can and will now be visited with revival. Our next stop will be Alaska to weep over the sins committed against the Native Alaskan's. After Alaska, we will begin to forge through the rivers of innocent blood of the African American that has been spilled on our Nation's soil. The Lord will visit us with revival before the work is complete. As revival is poured out, we will begin to work in other ways to bring further healing to the people groups of our Nation.

As I mentioned before, I am being changed by this commission. We travel to other Nations and my heart breaks to see the misery of the helpless at the hands of their generational oppressors. I long to see the human spirit free in Christ, but I also long to see the human temple free to worship God in spirit and in truth, free from fear. Further, I long to see the oppressor free from corruption to worship the living God.

Our Italian liaison, who is also a pastor and I had lunch with a man who heads a very important ministry here in the States. We met in Italy of all places. I asked him some very pointed questions in hopes of inspiring my Italian brother to fulfill the work God has placed before him in Italy, with greater fervency.

He shared about a mission that he had embarked upon in the East. He spied out a child prostitute ring and learned that all his worst fears were a reality. I asked him what steps had been taken to remedy the situation. He said he has since rescued over 400 children from the horrid slave drivers. The children are now safe in Christian orphanages. All three of us wept as he shared his heart.

After our meeting I was thinking about what he said and as a result of our GOE in Nigeria the government rose up and began to infiltrate child slave rings all over Nigeria. We had nothing to do with this on the secular stage. All our work was done in the spirit before the throne of God. Nevertheless, multiplied 1000s of children are today being liberated from their captors in an ongoing aggressive campaign by governments -- now in other countries in Africa as well. My next thought was, you *liberate a Nation from darkness you liberate its children. Lord, 1 see Your wisdom! I* wept! Nations are slowly seeing change, but I am also being changed. His heart is not simply something I view for the sake of a mission. It is increasingly becoming my life. It is becoming a part of who I am.

The Call:

Many years ago I was in prayer. The Lord released a vision to me. I saw my life pass before me. Throughout the whole vision, I saw the most unbearable suffering that I would walk through. I was shocked - horrified! I wept and shook uncontrollably as I cried out: "No, I can't do that. No one can endure so much suffering and survive. Lord, I thought I would never say no to You, but I would never survive so much suffering. No one could survive it, I am sure!" Then I was lifted up and carried to overlook a huge hole in the earth. I tried hard to see inside of it. Around the hole there were multitudes of people. Suddenly, I realized I was looking right at the lake of fire in hell. Within moments I saw a huge hand come down and sweep the multitudes into that fiery lake. People were screaming in such intense agony it would beggar description. I was horrified. I was helpless to save even one of them. Then, my Savior spoke to me: "For these will you go?" At first I was stupefied.

How could I compare the suffering of this present moment with the suffering of multitudes in eternal hell? I could not. So, I cried anew. I poured out my soul to Him and told Him I would endure whatever it would take to see the multitudes saved from that terrible place. I didn't know then that I myself would undergo such changes during the journey to change the history of Nations. I am not the same person I used to be my friends.

Has Satan's oppositions and the challenges we have had to overcome as servants and a ministry made me more Christlike? I don't know, I certainly hope so. Whatever His righteous eyes would judge on that account only He knows. But I do know one thing; I see things a great deal more like He sees them these days. I also see people a great deal more like He sees them. I am learning to judge no man by the flesh. I am learning to regard no one more greatly than is right. On other hand, I am learning to regard others better than myself. The latter is imperative if you are going to save Nations. I read about the awesome revivals of history and notice they casually overlook the suffering of the revivalist. We read about those who were used to carry the Reformation across Europe. The suffering of the vessels seems to be inseparable from the glory they carried. But, they hardly seemed to care. It was the nations of lost souls that kept their attention and continued to be the fuel to the fire that drove them. I have learned that heaven works by a different economy than earth. Love and compassion for the ignorant, erring, and the helpless is heaven's worth. It is a gold more precious than anything on earth. A life lived for Christ and His heart for the needy is what impresses Him, not worldly fame. Not that I have ever sought worldly glory. I would have been quite content to simply stay in a life of prayer and let someone else be seen on the forefront. But, nevertheless, I am being changed deep within my friends. The deeper I embrace this call, the greater the change it seems to produce.

I don't mind the challenges and hardships of this present time. I will give my life as a martyr in Italy or Israel. The Lord has graciously given me the choice, although I find it very difficult at this point to make that choice, for I love both Nations. Having settled the greatest question of all; "will I love not my life unto death?" All other issues about the suffering to fulfill the call seem to be laid to rest. My greatest concern is that the Lord will know that there are enough people in America as well as the other Nations we are being sent to that desire to see His glory, that He will feel justified in sending it. You cannot possibly imagine the sense of responsibility we carry as a ministry over making sure we do everything we can to save America, which according to the Lord's heavenly messengers is what I was created to do.

Thank you, for walking with us. Thank you for believing in what we believe in. Thank you, for praying, and for staying. Thank you for supporting the work before you see the full fruit of changed Nations. We cannot do it without you. The more you are willing to help in any way that the Lord would ask you to do, the more heaven bears witness with you. Your rewards will be rich and intense very soon. We pray that you have already seen rich rewards. Now, may they increase.

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Word of the Lord.
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The wrap around is what I am causing to occur at this given time. Multitudes will be affected by this procedure that I am causing to come to pass. Many will stand in great wonderment at this thing, and some will stand in perfect peace with this thing that I am about to do. Some will say this is not of Me, but all that know Me will say surely this is of the Lord. Many lives will be affected with what I am doing in this circumference. Multitudes will run to the cross at this great onset of the Manifestation of My Glory.

I am through with the mundane! Now I am entering into the supernatural realm in My Kingdom and I will flow continually out of this supernatural realm. Much hindsight will be acknowledged at this given time. For I am on My post, when all others have left their posts. I see all and I know all and I am truly about the Kingdom business.

Forces of darkness will be drawn back and My people will be set free from all bondages that have had them bound for generations now. This is the hour that I have been talking about for a decade now, and now is the time for it all to come to pass. I am preparing the way for the second coming of My son and all shall surely see Him come forth in all His Glory to gather My people on home.

MARCH ON CHURCH! MARCH ON! FOR THE ENEMY HAS BEEN DEFEATED AND MY CHURCH IS COMING FORTH VICTORIOUSLY ON ALL SIDES.

PROCLAIM LIBERTY AT EVERY PORT. FACE THE ENEMY WITH A SMILE AND THE VICTORY FLAG AND MARCH ON CHURCH! MARCH ON!

And

Word of the Lord.
Date: October 10, 2004; 1:00 AM

Much has been said about My Glory, but the church does not understand the totality of what I am saying to them. Heaven and Earth shall pass away, but little one, I tell you this night that My Word shall never come back to Me void. I have raised up a mighty army that will march forth in My Power and they will totally consume the enemy and all his foes. I have sent marching orders out and the army is getting ready to march. I have been preparing them for years now, and now is the time for this army to move forward into what I have called them to do.

I have called them to destroy the kingdom of darkness and destroy they shall. They shall be like My son David and they shall destroy the giants in the land and they shall overcome with the words of their testimonies. Many souls are being weighed in the balance, but I assure you that My scales are just and I shall redeem all that are mine. There is nothing to fear at this given time, for I have equipped this army with My power and My authority and I have sent them out with a forehead of flint and a backbone of steel. They shall surely conquer and divide saith the Lord, for I have spoken and so shall it be.

Arise church? Arise and go forth as more than conquerors through Jesus Christ, My one and only Son, who conquered the forces of darkness at His death and resurrection. Go forth empowered by the Blood of the Lamb. My fire shall be as a wall before you and I shall be your rear guard and the enemy shall have no place to attack.

Psalm 122:6

Marie-France McDowell-Smith

January 26, 2004

PSALM 122:6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure".

Lutuni për paqen e Jeruzalemit, le të begatohen ata që të duan.

Be om fred för Jerusalem! Låt det gå väl för alla som älskar dig.

Inoia he ata noho mo Hiruharama: ka whiwhi ki te pai te hunga e aroha ana ki a koe.

Erbitte Heil für Jerusalem! Ruhe sollen die haben, die dich lieben!

Demandez la paix de Jérusalem. Que ceux qui t'aiment jouissent du repos!

Lapriyè Bondye pou pa gen dezòd lavil Jerizalèm ankò. Se pou tout moun ki renmen ou yo viv ak kè poze.

Domandate pace per Gerusalemme: sia pace a coloro che ti amano,

Bed om fred for Jerusalem! La det gå dem vel som elsker dig!

Pedid por la paz de Jerusalén; Sean prosperados los que te aman.

Bed om Jerusalems Fred! Ro finde de, der elsker dig!

Bid voor de vrede van Jeruzalem; dat ieder die van de stad houdt, rust mag ervaren.

Könyörögjetek Jeruzsálem békességéért; legyenek boldogok a tégedszeretõk!

Biðjið Jerúsalem friðar, hljóti heill þeir, er elska þig.
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Tell them
I AM
Coming
SOON!
Love,
Yeshua haMashiach (Messiah Jesus)

Early Morning Awakening

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Early Morning Awakening; Early Morning Privilege

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January 31, 2004

I was jolted back into this dimension, and was immediately awake from deep sleep.
Flashing before me was a numeric, huge, glowing and bright '13'!
A white neon sign suspended against a background of black.
I heard 'danger, danger, danger - imminent', 'black, white, gold' - 'no go!'
My clock indicated 1:29 am central time (my clock is set ahead, and accurate time would be 1:15 am).
As I was disturbed; I got on my face to pray, intercede, and weep before the L-rd. After a period of time, I was impressed to record this event and to do further investigation as the Ruach haKodesh would lead. Recently, HaShem has taken me from studying the Psalms (for one year) to the book of Proverbs. And this is what I found in Proverbs:
Proverbs 1:15 My son, do not walk in the way with them; restrain your foot from their path
Proverbs 1:29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord (HERE the Amplified Bible directs one to Prov. 8:13)
Proverbs 8:13 The reverent fear and worshipful awe of the L-rd includes the hatred of evil; pride, arrogance, the evil way, and perverted and twisted speech I hate.

When awakened to the following vision, I sensed GREAT DANGER! **Not fear, DANGER!**

Danger ~ NOUN: 1. Exposure or vulnerability to harm or risk. 2. A source or an instance of risk or peril. 3. Obsolete Power, especially power to harm.
ETYMOLOGY: Middle English danger, power, dominion, peril, from Old French dangier, from Vulgar Latin *dominirium, authority, power, from Latin dominium, sovereignty, from dominus, lord, master. See dem- in Appendix I.

Fear ~ NOUN: 1a. A feeling of agitation and anxiety caused by the presence or imminence of danger. b. A state or condition marked by this feeling: living in fear. 2. A feeling of disquiet or apprehension: a fear of looking foolish. 3. Extreme reverence or awe, as toward a supreme power. 4. A reason for dread or apprehension: Being alone is my greatest fear.
VERB: Inflected forms: feared, fear·ing, fears

TRANSITIVE VERB: 1. To be afraid or frightened of. 2. To be uneasy or apprehensive about: feared the test results. 3. To be in awe of; revere. 4. To consider probable; expect: I fear you are wrong. I fear I have bad news for you. 5. Archaic To feel fear within (oneself).
INTRANSITIVE VERB: 1. To be afraid. 2. To be uneasy or apprehensive.
ETYMOLOGY: Middle English fer, from Old English fr, danger, sudden calamity. See per-3 in Appendix I.
OTHER FORMS: fearer —NOUN

SYNONYMS: fear, fright, dread, terror, horror, panic, alarm, dismay, consternation, trepidation These nouns denote the agitation and anxiety caused by the presence or imminence of danger. Fear is the most general term: “Fear is the parent of cruelty” (J.A. Froude). Fright is sudden, usually momentary, great fear: In my fright, I forgot to lock the door. Dread is strong fear, especially of what one is

powerless to avoid: His dread of strangers kept him from socializing. Terror is intense, overpowering fear: “And now at the dead hour of the night, amid the dreadful silence of that old house, so strange a noise as this excited me to uncontrollable terror” (Edgar Allan Poe, The Tell-Tale Heart 1843.) Horror is a combination of fear and aversion or repugnance: Murder arouses widespread horror. Panic is sudden frantic fear, often groundless: The fire caused a panic among the horses. Alarm is fright aroused by the first realization of danger: I watched with alarm as the sky darkened. Dismay robs one of courage or the power to act effectively: The rumor of war caused universal dismay. Consternation is often paralyzing, characterized by confusion and helplessness: Consternation gripped the city as the invaders approached. Trepidation is dread characteristically marked by trembling or hesitancy: “They were … full of trepidation about things that were never likely to happen” (John Morley).
WORD HISTORY: Old English fr, the ancestor of our word fear, meant “calamity, disaster,” but not the emotion engendered by such an event. This is in line with the meaning of the prehistoric Common Germanic word *fraz, “danger,” which is the source of words with similar senses in other Germanic languages, such as Old Saxon and Old High German fr, “ambush, danger,” and Old Icelandic fr, “treachery, damage.” Scholars have determined the form and meaning of Germanic *fraz by working backward from the forms and the meanings of its descendants. The most important cause of the change of meaning in the word fear was probably the existence in Old English of the related verb fran, which meant “to terrify, take by surprise.” Fear is first recorded in Middle English with the sense “emotion of fear” in a work composed around 1290.

Proverbs 1:33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Proverbs 3:24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.
3:25 Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh.
3:26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.

Thank you haShem!
Submitted In HIS Tender Mercy, Grace and Love,
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Pull Together and PRAY!
Sandy Brunson

Oct 27, 2004
In years past when our country was threatened by enemies around the world, the nation of America began to pull together on every front. Men joined the army, women took over many of the jobs the men left, boys and girls pitched in and helped in many ways, there was food rationing as well as other items as well. When the danger was high and "freedom's way of life" was threatened, people put aside their differences and many of their selfish needs and pulled together for a cause greater than themselves.

One of the ways such campaigns were launched was through the use of the famous "Uncle Sam" poster on which he looked directly in the face of the view and pointed his long finger directly at them. People responded. They answered the "call" and willingly gave of themselves to the tasks at hand. It was this "unity" of cause that strengthened the nation and empowered people to work together to build in dangerous and uncertain times. We saw some of that in the aftermath of the horrible attack on 9-11...but it should not be just temporary...it should be for the long haul.

God is calling His people, and He is calling us to a greater cause than even the freedom of the nation we love! He is calling all who have received Him as Savior and Lord to rise up to prayer for the souls of lost men and women around this world. He is calling us to take a stand for Him, His Kingdom and His way of life in this dark hour in which we live. If ever there was a time our God needs us, His people, to rise up under the "Banner of Jesus Christ", taking a stand for righteousness and truth in our own lives so that we can be pure vessels of honor for Him and of prayer toward Him...it is NOW!

I wish the times were simpler. I wish the dark storm clouds were not mounting up. I wish the divisions in our nation were not picking up as they are. I wish we could just have a sweet little Sunday School lesson, say "nice things" and go home and take a nap! But sadly, that is not the truth!

As we read the headlines, listen to the television reports, read the internet by-lines, only an ostrich could fail to see the 'handwriting on the wall." We are in for an unpleasant time around the world, and the once-protected nation in which we live and abide in "peace and freedom" has been drawn into the fray!

We who are Christians must come forth to lift up our voices in prayer in this hour! God has called His people to awaken! He wants us to rise up, to be alert, watching in prayer with our spirits, and to begin to help Him sound the alarm that Jesus is coming! As the people of God, we must be ready! We must be willing to answer every call that He sends forth in these perilous days!

God is calling each of us to answer that call in our hearts! The deeper we get to the times of peril and turmoil we are hearing about through the news media, the more obvious the message is to everyone. We who have the Holy Spirit within are to release Him into the earth by our prayers, our words, and our actions! We are in a very critical time with this election next week....and we must stand...having done all...to stand therefore for God and for His Kingdom! Pull together and PRAY!

In this critical time of election for the United States...all Christians everywhere should pull together and PRAY for the outcome of this election and the years to come will affect many things around the globe.

Pastor Jack Hayford who is presently President of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel has written:

"The next President of the United Sates will set the tone for the coming 25 years. As everyone knows, Supreme Court appointments are forthcoming. Our vote will set America's direction for four years to decide the next quarter century. I believe that this year's election will ultimately prove to be about the soul of our nation. This year we face a decision that transcends a person or a party: we are literally choosing how the laws of our land will be decided between now and the mid-21st Century. This year, "conservative" doesn't have to do with politics; it has to do with law and decisive standards. In short: Do we give our children a future that redefines sexuality, marriage, morality and spiritual freedom?

I believe myself to be calling out with words of prophetic importance – and in a spirit consistent with the heart and the Word of God."

Prayer Points
· Repent for national sins and ask God to have mercy on our nation. Jeremiah 14:19-21 II Chronicles 7:14

· Ask God to release His warring angels to fight for God's Agenda.

· Pray that forces of darkness opposed to the Will of God in America, the Middle East, Israel, and Europe be bound.

· Pray that the voices of evil, lies and deception in the media, educational institutions and on the streets be silenced.

· Pray that the truth will expose deception and evil plots.

· Pray for God's continued protection for our president, and our troops in Iraq.

· Pray that Believers will vote according to their Christian conscience and Biblical beliefs and not political affiliations.

Pull together....and PRAY!

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Pentecost The Bride Coming Forth

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The Lord has been impressing two scriptures upon my heart in the past days:

(Zechariah 4:7 KJV) Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

(Psalms 102:13 KJV) Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

It seemed to me the Holy Spirit was highlighting an important event which was to take place in the spiritual realm and as I prayed for revelation and understanding of the times, I began to see an awesome parallel in the Word concerning the days we as the Church are living in. We are entering the appointed time in which God is pouring a double portion of favor upon His Bride! This is confirmed within these two verses as the word for ‘time’ in psalm 102 is ’eth’ which is the same as ‘kairos’ in the Greek, meaning ‘a window of time in which God moves’. The second word for ‘time’ in this verse means ‘ a fixed time or season, an appointed time, a festival’. So we see that the Lord is arising to meet an eternal appointment in this season. This is the time that was scheduled before the foundation of the earth and the appointment has not been canceled! This is the year of the Lord’s favour when He is coming to comfort all who mourn in Zion. The word translated ‘favour’ in psalm 102:13 is ‘to stoop in kindness to an inferior, to have pity on, to bestow’.

Zechariah says that the headstone is brought forth with cries of, “grace, grace”. This word can also be translated as ‘favour, favour’. What does favour do? It opens up the way for one to move or function freely. If you have favour with someone in a position of power, you are able to get doors opened for you in the direction you need to go!! Zechariah 4:7 shows us that a double portion of favour is going to make the way open for this headstone to be brought forth in the earth!

I began to be curious as to what this headstone was that Zechariah referred to. It is composed of two words:

Eben   - a stone, a plummet, a stone of fire, a precious stone

Rosha - the feminine word for head

So this headstone is feminine! This scripture is not referring to Christ, the head of the Body but to someone who is at a similar level of rulership with Him – His Bride. We see here the beautiful portrayal of the revealing of the Bride of the Lamb released to rule in the earth with a double portion of favour making way for her as she walks. Isaiah 61:7 says this:

For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

Esther pleased the king ore than all the other women and so he crowned her queen. Esther 2:17 says that she received grace and favour in his sight. Another way of saying this is, she received favour and favour – a double portion of favour!

When a Bride is crowned, she is given a position of authority in the kingdom and is empowered to rule.

(Proverbs 12:4 KJV) A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband

The word for ‘virtuous’ here means ‘a force, an army, wealth, might, power, riches, valor, virtue, strength’. The Bride of Jesus is a virtuous woman; a warring, brave, strong army in the earth and she is the crown of her husband, Jesus.

(Isaiah 62:3 KJV) Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

She is a crown of glory, endued with favour, exercising righteous judgments in the earth and extending the Kingdom. It is the favour of God poured out in the coming season which will cause His people to go in and possess the land of their inheritance.

(Psalms 44:3 MKJV) For they did not get the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them; but it was Your right hand, and Your arm, and the light of Your face, because You favored them.

God opened up the way at the Red Sea and at the Jordan for His people to go through and in this day we shall see a double opening, double favour, double anointing. Not only will there be evidence of the spirit of Elijah, but also of Elisha(who had a double portion of anointing).This is why we will do greater works for the Kingdom in this day.

It states in Zechariah 4:7 that Zerubbabel was the one who would bring forth this headstone, the Bride, who is a righteous plummet in the earth. What or who is he a picture of? I believe the answer is found in digging deep into the meaning of his name. It is a composite of two words:

Zeru - to flow

Babel - comes from a root word meaning ‘ to overflow, specifically with oil, to anoint’

So, wrapped up within this name is a double portion of flowing or an overflowing anointing. It is this double portion of anointing that will be the hallmark of the Bride in this day; it is this which will bring her forth to a place where she is recognized for who she is. As the crown of her Husband, she will carry the seal of His approval and favour. She is going to arise and shine for the glory of the Lord is upon her.

(Psalms 92:10 MKJV) But You shall lift up my horn as the wild ox; and I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

The word for ‘anoint’ in this scripture is only used once in the Word and means ‘to overflow with oil’. The other words translated ‘anoint’ mean ‘ to rub in’ signifying a smaller quantity of oil being used. So the anointing described here is a double portion anointing, the same one which flows over Aaron’s beard and onto his garments:

Psa 133:1 A Song of degrees; of David. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

This outpouring of anointing is connected to the brethren being in unity; unity of purpose, heart and mind like the disciples on the day of Pentecost – they were in one accord in one place. It also describes the anointing as being a high-priestly anointing which is in actual fact a commissioning and anointing for a position, an equipping to carry out an office. In the same way, the Bride is made up of royal priests and just as Esther was crowned and thus equipped for her position, so too there is coming in this season, an outpouring upon those who take up their positions and appointments in Christ.

The oneness of heart and mind is underscored by the fact that it is a single headstone that is brought forth; a many-membered Bride, made up of mature sons with a single vision; to bring glory to their Bridegroom.

This headstone is also the plummet spoken of in Zechariah 4:10

(Zechariah 4:10 KJV) For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

A plummet is an instrument used in adjusting building erections to a perpendicular line or to the upright. So this headstone or plummet is going to be a standard of righteousness against which all building in the Kingdom will be measured and tested. That which is not upright will be torn down and rebuilt according to the standard of righteousness because righteousness and justice are the foundations of His throne. We see also from the above verse that the seven spirits of God will rest upon this plummet or headstone, which is confirmed by Zechariah 3:8,9

‘Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH. For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.’

So a hallmark of this bridal company will be that they operate in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation, the Spirit of Counsel and Might , the Spirit of Knowledge and the Fear of the Lord. Isaiah 12 gives us a further explanation of how this Manchild will operate:

(Isaiah 11:3 KJV) And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

This Branch, which is also a plummet and a headstone, will exercise judgment in righteousness because of the anointing. She will proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind. She will declare the year of the Lord’s favour in the earth!

In Zechariah 3:9, when God says, “I will engrave”, that word ‘engrave’ can be translated ‘ to open wide, to break forth, to let go free, to begin, to loosen’. The marking of God upon this stone will bring about a tremendous release to the Bride of Christ in this season. It will be a release marked by a double portion of divine favour. This servant that the Lord will bring forth is a bondslave Bride; One who has been set free but chooses to follow wherever the Spirit leads. She is the branch which grows and bears much fruit out of intimacy with the Bridegroom.

(Psalms 110:2 MKJV) The Lord will send forth the rod of Your strength from Zion; rule in the midst of Your enemies. Your people shall be willing in the day of Your power, in holy adornment from the womb of the morning: You have the dew of Your youth.

This rod or scepter sent forth out of Zion exercises God’s authority through the ruling reining Bride of Christ as she extends the influence of His Kingdom in the earth. The above verse says that God’s people will offer themselves willingly - they will say, “ here am I, Lord; send me”. It also speaks of them being set apart for His purposes in holiness, having been in a place of preparation for such a time as this – and from this womb, they shall be brought forth with shouts of ‘favour, favour’ into the fullness of their inheritance in Christ, a place of bridal rule and authority.

At this time, the feast of Pentecost or Shavuot is celebrated. There are very significant parallels prophetically for the Third Day Church in this feast. Firstly, it is celebrated 50 days after Passover. Fifty is the number of Jubilee, a set time of freedom from slavery and debt. Shackles are broken off and prisoners released at this time.

On the first Shavuot, God made arrangements with Moses to meet with His people, Israel:

(Exodus 19:10 KJV) And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

As we go into this season of Pentecost, the Lord is requiring a sanctifying and setting apart for His purposes. It is not acceptable to approach this time lightheartedly for we are entering one of God's appointed times in the earth and we do not want to miss the day of our visitation. The people were given two days to prepare and on the third day, God showed up. The church has had two thousand years to prepare herself for this appointment – has she made herself ready – have you made yourself ready? Have you forsaken all others to surrender yourself to the Lord? Shavuot was God's betrothal to His people Israel and in the manner of Jewish wedding ceremonies, it had to take place under a canopy or chuppah. Exodus tells us that the people gathered at the foot of the mountain or in Hebrew, 'under, beneath, the womb'. So they were covered both by the cloud and the overhanging mountain.

We are in the morning of the Third Day and in like manner, the presence of God is going to descend with thunder and lightenings and a thick cloud upon mount Zion. He is coming to seek the hand of His Bride; His heart yearns to know whether His people will say 'yes' to Him. In a Jewish wedding, the marriage covenant or contract is called ketubah and is a written document which is presented at the betrothal ceremony. The betrothal is considered as binding as the wedding ceremony. On that first Shavuot, the Midrash tells us that when God spoke, the people saw the sound waves as a fiery substance which divided and went to stand before each individual as a tongue of fire. Each person had to say," I will" and commit to this covenant with the Lord. Then the fiery substance went and wrote on the tablets of stone. God engraved the ketubah on these stone tablets, which were afterward broken by Moses because of the people's unfaithfulness.

Exo 32:16 And the tables[3871] *were* the work[4639] of God,[430] and the writing[4385] *was* the writing[4385] of God,[430] graven[2801] upon[5921] the tables.[3871]

At Pentecost, the people were in unity in one place and the Holy Spirit was poured out in tongues of fire, which rested on each one individually. This is considered to be the birth of the Church as we know it and the ketubah is written on our hearts, which are turned from stone to flesh. Shavuot was the birth of the nation of Israel and also a covenantal marriage ceremony between God and His people.

In this season God is bringing forth His servant, the Branch, (the Manchild) out of Zion, and His Bride, who will rule in righteousness in the earth. Once again, as the cloud of His presence overshadows us, He is coming to receive from each one of us an answer. Will we be His vessels, brought to the Kingdom for such a time as this? Mary was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and her response was:

(Luke 1:38 KJV) And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

He is the One who comes to baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire! Are you ready to receive a baptism of the fiery power of God in this day?

At this time God is laying a banquet before us and we each have an individual meal to eat, His specific purpose for us in these end times. Will we say yes and consume it, will we align ourselves with His desired purpose for our lives, no matter what the cost? We are the one stone of Zechariah 3 on which the Lord wants to engrave our new name. This is our married name; we leave our maiden names behind and take on His Name and all that it embraces. Just as on the first Shavuot when God engraved the stone tablets, we are going into the season when He is engraving stones again!

(Revelation 2:17 KJV) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

The word, 'knoweth' here means 'to grasp or understand'. Only you will fully understand the extent of the Lord's purposes for your life. Others may not see what He is making of you but deep within your spirit will be written and deposited the blueprint of your destiny in the Kingdom. The word, 'name' comes from the Greek meaning 'authority, character' and only the one who 'receiveth' this new name or 'takes hold of' this revelation of our authority and character in Christ, will understand and walk in the light of that revelation. We are His Bride, destined to rule and take dominion in the earth. Paul says, " I press on to take hold of that for which Christ took hold of me". We must press in and possess our inheritance because that day which is spoken of is this day in which we are privileged to walk the earth. We have been brought to the Kingdom for such a time as this!

Psalm 110:2 tells us that His people will offer themselves ‘willingly’ in this day of His power. This word means ‘to volunteer as a soldier’. The word for ‘power’ carries within it the sense of bringing forth and travailing. God is wanting an army to bring forth and birth something in the earth. This mighty army which is the rod and branch that is sent forth from Zion is arrayed in the beauty of holiness. They have sanctified themselves, just like the sanctification for two days before Shavuot. The Bride has been making herself ready for this morning of the Third Day!

Psalm 110, which is a Third Day psalm, says in the last verse;

(Psalms 110:7 KJV) He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up his head.

This seems unconnected to the theme of the previous verses until we discover that the word ‘drink’ means ‘to imbibe, banquet’. Here is the connection to the feast of our inheritance which the Lord is laying before us at this time. The root word for ‘brook’ is translated ‘to inherit, to be made to possess, to occupy’! So this Branch that is sent forth out of Zion will feast on her inheritance. She will experience the fulfillment of God’s promise to her – she will eat of the fruit of the promised land!

(Isaiah 25:6 KJV) And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

Pentecost is also called the Feast of First Fruits. When God met with the Israelites and covenanted in marriage with them, they were to be a sign or a type in the earth, a firstfruits of what was to come:

(Jeremiah 2:2 KJV) Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown.

(Jeremiah 2:3 KJV) Israel was holiness unto the LORD, and the firstfruits of his increase

In Revelation, it speaks of another firstfruits company who have God’s name engraved upon them:

(Revelation 14:4 KJV) These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

God is once again bringing forth a company in a similar type to Israel, His earthly Bride.When He exchanged vows with them that first Shavuot, he promised:

(Exodus 19:5 KJV) Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation.

These words, ‘a peculiar treasure’ are from the Hebrew word for ‘jewel, wealth, to closely shut up’ and appear again in a prophetic scripture referring to these very days in which we find ourselves:

(Malachi 3:16 KJV) Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.

God is in the process of ‘making up’ His jewels for His crown. This is the Hebrew word meaning ‘to appoint or bring forth’. This is His firstfruits company, His heavenly Bride, the one who is a crown to her Husband. She has been ‘shut up’ in a place of preparation but we are entering the time when He will openly display her as His treasure.

(Isaiah 62:3 KJV) Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

The wife of the Lord of Lords and King of Kings is a crown of fiery precious stones. In Revelation 21, the Lamb's wife is described as having a foundation of precious stones and being utterly beautiful to behold:

(Revelation 21:11 KJV) Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal

When a baby is born, there is a moment in the labour called the 'crowning of the head'. We are in that moment even now at this Pentecost season. God is bringing forth the crown of the Head , His jewels who are living memorials to show the Lord is upright and faithful to His promises.

Another picture of these jewels is seen in the the two wave –loaves of finely ground flour which are a firstfruits offering to the Lord at the time of Shavuot (Lev 23:15-17). They symbolize those who have been through much refining and purifying and are ready to be part of a firstfruits company in the earth, jewels which have been cut and polished to fit into a crown to glorify the King.

All of creation is groaning, waiting for the manifestation or revealing of the sons of God. The labour has reached the time of breakthrough – the crowning of the Head and the way is opening up; the headstone is being brought forth with shouts of 'favour, favour!'. Halleluyah! So arise and shine for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you!

(Isaiah 62:2 KJV) And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name.Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.

The set time to favour Zion has come!

Power Through Compassion
Francis Frangipane

"The New Awakening Of Power Through Compassion"

A new awakening is coming to the church. It will be birthed by prayer and sheltered by humility, but its power will emerge through compassion. The strength of this fresh move is the deep yearning of the Lord Himself. Yes, even in the midst of hellish conditions on earth He has promised, "I WILL HAVE MERCY ON WHOM I HAVE MERCY, AND I WILL HAVE COMPASSION ON WHOM I HAVE COMPASSION" (Rom. 9:15).

Common people, flooded and compelled by the burning compassions of God, shall be used mightily in the coming years: they shall transform multitudes. Christ's compassions shall be especially revealed where human suffering is unrelenting. Let us remember, the Lord is not aloof from the human condition; mankind's suffering exists in the thought-life of God. The book of Judges reveals an amazing quality about the relationship of God's heart to human sorrow. Scripture says, "He could bear the misery of Israel no longer" (Judges 10:16). As a result, He rescued His people from their enemies.

Pray for Pakistan and India!

Today, the Holy Spirit says, "The more devastated the region, the greater My compassions shall flow." Africa and parts of Asia shall see multitudes convert from Islam and come into a powerful relationship with Christ. Indeed, during Ramadan, the Islamic holy month, many Muslims shall have visions of Jesus Christ and shall personally be converted, as Paul was converted from Judaism. Missionaries from Pakistan shall be used by God to touch many nations. The Holy Spirit says, "Pray fervently for Pakistan, for its President, General Pervez Musharraf, and for the church in Pakistan, for missionaries from Pakistan shall reveal Christ's compassion to many nations. Additionally, the Lord says, "Pray for and watch India." India's hour is drawing near. Satan would like to destroy these two countries before the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit falls upon them. Thus, the Holy Spirit commands, "Pray for Pakistan and India!"

Yet, this move of divine compassion will not be limited to poorer nations. In select cities and communities in the West, the compassions of God will also flow. Indeed, even now the Lord is preparing Christians from all backgrounds, including believing Catholics, Presbyterians and Episcopalians. Some whom God will use most mightily will come from denominations many Christians consider dead or apostate.

Many influential, but hardened businessmen and women will be touched and transformed by the compassions of God. Governors, mayors and other civic leaders will experience life changing healings; attorneys, doctors and scientists will testify to undeniable miracles. Transformed gang leaders and criminals, some of whom are currently in jail, will be used by God to start powerful churches. Yes, once seemingly hopeless criminals will be used by God to bring hope to devastated neighborhoods.

The Key to Power: Divine Compassion

Because the taproot of this revival will be compassion, it is important to isolate it from other virtues and inspired ministry gifts. For one can be a skilled teacher who functions authentically in communication skills, but not have true compassion. A leader might possess effective administrative skills, yet also be void of compassion. Simply because one is a gifted psalmist and leads many in Christian music and arts, that does not mean he or she was empowered by compassion in their ministry. Yes, even the most stirring of prophets or apostles may himself be stirred by something other than compassion. All of these gifts and ministries can be truly inspired within the parameters of their functionality, but not carry at their core the deep pulse of God's compassion.

Compassion, according to its Greek definition, is "a yearning in the bowels." It is not a function of the intellect, but a deeper reality of the spirit. Thus, it is important we do not let religious intellectualism rule us. True compassion emerges from the compassions of God; the human channel of His compassions must be united with the yearnings of God. Because most of us have been exhausted by the limits of our compassions, we must submit again to the opening of our hearts. Trust God to help, for we must learn to surrender afresh to the fire of compassion's quest.

Consider also beloved, that this "yearning in the bowels," this "the innermost being," is the very region from which Jesus said rivers of living water shall flow. This new level of compassion will not exhaust us with impotent sympathy, but will instead align our spirits with the power of Christ to heal, save and redeem.

Compassion is stronger than sympathy and more enduring than empathy: both of which are dimensions of vulnerability and identification--essential escorts that lead us to Christ's compassion. But compassion captures those feelings and transforms them into love-empowered actions.

Consider Christ as He healed the afflicted in the gospels:

"Moved with compassion, He stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, 'I am willing [to heal you]; be cleansed' " (Mk 1:41). Again we read, "Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him (Matt 20:34). And again, "When He went ashore, He saw a great multitude, and felt compassion for them, and healed their sick" (Matt 14:14).

Jesus was moved with compassion; He felt it, and He "healed their sick." Do we feel compassion? Are we aware today of compassion's inner pushing? Can you list when you too were "moved with compassion"? Too often, instead of compassion, we are moved by ambition, self-interest and pride. We desire to be seen by men, to be admired for the size and scope of our ministries or talents. In our zeal to fulfill our passion, we miss compassion. May God deliver us! To many, the multitudes are symbols of power and success. Yet, when Jesus saw the crowds, He did not see them as a means to personal fulfillment. Rather, "He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and downcast like sheep without a shepherd" (Matt 9:36).

The people had Pharisees, but not shepherds; they endured the influence of doctrinal experts, the "lawyers," but they had no one who truly cared for them. Christ felt compassion, was moved by compassion and let compassion find its fulfillment in the healing and comfort of the sick and afflicted.

Unlocking the Bowels of Compassion

I am not speaking of others, beloved. We ourselves have locked our compassions and restrained the yearnings of God within us. In this day it is not enough for us merely to be friendly or nice; we must allow the Spirit to unlock the bowels of our compassion. The Lord has promised, not only will He have mercy on many and lead them into forgiveness and salvation, but that He will also reveal His great compassion. Let me repeat His promised, irrevocable purpose: "I will have compassion on whom I have compassion" (Rom 9:15b).

The Lord is with us to fulfill His great yearning to save and heal. He has set His heart to reveal His compassion in this hour; we must allow His compassions to move us. We have learned how to have church, to produce Sunday morning events that stir and excite. Now, however, the Lord says, "But go and learn what this means: 'I DESIRE COMPASSION , AND NOT SACRIFICE.'" He tells us to not look beyond the hardened or the hopeless. He reminds us, "for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Matt 9:13). Compassion is the pathway to power.

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Put The "I Quit" Behind You

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[The Past Has Passed]
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HEARD [3/02/04]: Come on baby. Keep going. DON'T QUIT.

[Hearing this reminded me that a few years ago as I was walking down the hall, I heard a loud voice speak an emphatic, "I QUIT!" That began a season of intercession for many on the front lines who were suffering from strong winds of opposition.]

[NOTE: The following dream took place several years ago after I went through a difficult storm that lasted 3 ½ years.]

DREAM: I was lying on the ground flat on my face. Suddenly Michael flew by overhead and I popped my head up and said, "Hi Michael!" I didn't meant to say this, it just popped out of my mouth. He said, "I need volunteers." I replied, "I'm sorry, but I am just too tired." He continued as though I had said nothing: "They need to be all washed up and ready to quit. They don't need to do anything but just watch." Then I had a vision where I saw myself flattened on a golf course and he came over and picked me up off my face and stood me to my feet. {Dan 8:18, 10:9. Golf course cross references with the post titled, "Perfect, Completed Faith."}

HEARD: Done and ready to quit. Tired. They've been on the front lines. He told me to ask you. A friend loves at all times.

EXPERIENCE [3/02/04]: Right before I went to bed last night, my lap top took its last breath.

VISION: I saw the word "Recovered" on a file in Microsoft Word.

{In computer language, if a computer crashes, when my writing program called "Word" opens again, it will boot up the last version saved, entitled recovered. However this vision was an object lesson, as my computer had literally died and would not open again.}

HEARD: Exactly. Look at Me, I am doing a new thing. Don't look back. Walk and keep your eyes open, I have something to show you. Put the "I quit" behind you.

REOCCURRING SONG: When I woke this morning I was singing the song, "Michael row your boat ashore." I was not sure what it meant, but I hadn't thought of that song in years and I knew it must be the Lord. I turned with anointed hands in my Bible to this scripture:

Ps 65:7 NLT
You quieted the raging oceans with their pounding waves and silenced the shouting of the nations.

IMPRESSION: I had the impression that just as Jesus calmed the sea when they were in the boat, so had the Lord sent Michael to bring the ship safely to shore through a raging storm.

Mark 4:39-41 NKJV
Then He arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!"

CONFIRMATION: Minutes after I wrote this post, we went out for errands. My eye caught a Kareoke sign that said, "Come sing with Michael!" The Lord sure knows how to give me joy, I just love the ways He speaks!

WORDS TO MICHAEL ROW THE BOAT ASHORE
Michael, row the boat ashore, Hallelujah. Michael, row the boat ashore, Hallelujah. Sister, help to trim the sails, Hallelujah. Sister, help to trim the sails, Hallelujah. River Jordan's deep and wide, Hallelujah. Milk and honey on the other side, Hallelujah. River Jordan's chilly and cold, Hallelujah. Chills the body, but warms the soul, Hallelujah. The trumpets sound the Jubilee, Hallelujah. The trumpets sound for you and me, Hallelujah. Then you'll fear the trumpet sound, Hallelujah. Sinner row to save your soul, Hallelujah.

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER: WATCH DUTY
You have stood the test of time, dear one. I gave you grace to stand on the front lines in the storm and I upheld you all the way. It was only afterwards when I brought you into a season of rest that you found yourself flat on your face before Me. You have been so low that you have hardly noticed the change.

If you would but look up for a moment, you will notice that the raging waves are still and you are being sustained in My peace. The reason you have not yet applied this to your level of faith, joy and assurance is that you continue to look at your storm as it was. Beloved, the raging is behind you. Place your focus on Me for I have something to say to you.

Your "I quit" button has died, behold I make all things new. I have brought you safely to the other side. I AM doing a new work for a new place in a new journey to a new land. Now I am needing volunteers to watch and pray. I am not asking you to stand guard duty as in your past, but watch duty. You have yet to experience the difference. Open your eyes and see. Look before you, dear one, there is new land for the taking.

Ps 89:8-9 NKJV
LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

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One Way Out
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Jun 11, 2004
There is one way out of a mess. Trust and obey.

Josh 5:6 NLT
The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years until all the men who were old enough to bear arms when they left Egypt had died. For they had disobeyed the LORD, and the LORD vowed he would not let them enter the land he had sworn to give us--a land flowing with milk and honey.

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Remember Samson
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Remember that Samson lost his eye sight because he was lured and then deceived by the pleasures of this world. Keep watch over the gates of your eyes which open to your soul; this shall keep your visions, insight, perspectives, understanding and focus from being decayed, devoured and destroyed. If you value your spiritual sight, nurture it. Nourish it with righteous living, one that pleases Me in all that you do and say.

Judg 16:4, 5 NLT Later Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah, who lived in the valley of Sorek. The leaders of the Philistines went to her and said, "Find out from Samson what makes him so strong and how he can be overpowered and tied up securely. Then each of us will give you eleven hundred pieces of silver."

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Warrior Mindsets
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Jun 7, 2004
My faithful warriors, you have fought long and hard battles and so many have paid the price. Much has been accomplished in the heavenlies by your stand and I AM so grateful for your sacrifices.

I AM adjusting your training and bringing you into alignment with My purposes. You know that I AM Sovereign and nothing happens without My permission. Always remember that when you suffer backlash, something is wrong. Bow low in humility, wait before Me and raise not your own hand to avenge yourselves. I will clearly show you My path and My plan and you shall ultimately see victory. So many wars are yet to be won and My ways are an enigma to the mind-sets of the world. Lay down your preconceptions. Allow your King to go before you for I AM your Shield.

Rom 12:17-21 NKJV
Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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Prevailing Truth or 'Flawed' Truth

Rick Joyner

We need to not just have the truth, but to love and to walk in it. Truth is one of the most precious gifts that we have been given - a great treasure that deserves to be honored and protected. However, truth is not just a philosophy of life or the knowledge of the facts of history, but truth is Christ Himself. Truth is a Person. Walking in truth is walking in intimacy with the Lord. We can know all doctrines accurately and yet still not be in obedience to the will of the Lord.

Again, this is not in any way to imply that we do not want to be devoted to sound and accurate doctrine. If we love the truth, we certainly will be devoted to this. However, many interpret standing for truth as not compromising what they believe in, but their beliefs are seriously flawed and often in conflict with the Scriptures. The overwhelming majority of Christians seem to believe what they have been taught rather than searching the Scriptures for themselves. Those who really love the truth will care enough to research what they are taught and search the Scriptures for themselves.

Developing Sound Bible Study Disciplines

I have become increasingly alarmed by how few Christians have never developed sound Bible study disciplines. There are good Bible teachers, but few actually teach others how to study the Bible. This will become an increasingly devastating problem in the times ahead. There is a saying that if you give a man a fish he has one meal, but if you teach him how to fish he can feed himself for the rest of his life. The ministry of the teacher, which is given to the body of Christ, is not given just to teach, but to "equip the saints" (see Ephesians 4:12). A true, New Testament, Ephesians Four ministry does not just impart truth, but also a love for the truth, which compels those who hear to hunger and thirst for truth enough to search the Scriptures themselves.

Spurgeon once said, *"I can find ten more who will die for the Bible for every one who will actually read it!"* This is likely to still be true. If we really love the truth, we will search the Scriptures ourselves with a passion for its treasures. These treasures will be far more compelling than the other frivolous things that sap so much of our lives. The real test of what we are devoted to is found in what we give our time to.

More than Facts

Even so, more than searching for facts, we are searching for the Lord Himself. It is not just hearing the Words of the Lord that we are after, but hearing the Word Himself. As we devour the Scriptures, we want to do it with our Teacher. We do not want to just read books, but we want to read the books that our Teacher has assigned to us.

A prophetic friend, Paul Cain, once said to us, "Almost every heresy is the result of men trying to carry logical conclusions to that which God has only revealed in part." As I pondered this concerning some teachings that I consider to be heretical, I became convinced that this was a very accurate assessment. Most heresies are the result of those carrying a teaching to a conclusion that is beyond what the Scriptures state. They become increasingly defensive, holding to their position until they become fanatical in defending it. Then they inevitably tend to begin judging others by how they relate to that position, which cannot be defended by the clear teaching of Scripture.

When a cause goes this far, at best it becomes a form of legalism. As Paul the apostle explained in his letters to the Romans and to the Corinthians, the law does not deliver anyone from the lusts of the flesh, but it actually excites them! Clear evidence that this is the case are the studies that have shown how the denominations which forbid the drinking of any alcohol have the highest percentage of alcoholics of any people group. In contrast to this, the Jews, who do not forbid the drinking of alcohol tend to have the lowest percentage of alcoholics.

Loving Truth Enough to Look Beyond Our Wounds and Prejudices

The pain with almost anyone who has been an alcoholic or raised in a family with one makes such a thing as Jesus actually drinking wine, unthinkable. The Scriptures are clear - Jesus did drink wine. He is also going to serve it at the great wedding feast. However, those who tend to see more through the wounds of having been subjected to an alcoholic will be tempted to think that the other Scriptures referring to wine in a positive matter must mean something else, which has caused them to come up with many diverse and often foolish explanations for those Scriptures. This is a dangerous tendency and will erode their credibility with any thinking person, as many denominations have done.

The point I am trying to make is that we are almost certain to be deceived if we allow pain or mistakes to determine our doctrine. In prophetic symbolism, flies often refer to lies. As we studied a few weeks ago, the devil is the Lord of the flies and flies swarm to wounds. Probably more deception has come from people responding from their wounds to form a doctrine than the effect of all of the cults combined. We must base our doctrine on sound biblical truth and not carry what we think are logical conclusions to that which God has only revealed in part.

So let us all resolve to love the Word of God, seeking in it to hear the voice of the Word of God Himself. Let us also do this with a heart that loves truth enough to not bend it for our own prejudices or desires.

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Discerning Love
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As we have discussed, the harvest at the end of the age is the reaping of everything that has been sown in man. Both the good and the evil are now coming to full maturity. However, without spiritual discernment, evil will sometimes appear good, and good will sometimes appear to be evil. How can we distinguish them?

I followed with interest the debate among Christians about whether the movie series from ***The Lord of the Rings*** was either good or evil. Some thought that it was a powerful prophetic word from the Lord and some thought that it was from the devil. I personally thought the truth was somewhere in-between, but it was the reasoning that I was interested in and felt that it was very illuminating.

There were many profound insights into the nature of good and evil in Tolkien's books that were powerfully articulated and the movies did a good job of projecting them. I think these insights were also very relevant to the times to which we are coming. Even so, this was not Scripture and I do not think that such things should be taken too seriously. I do not doubt Tolkien's personal faith and I think he made a great contribution to our times through his work—especially through his influence with C.S. Lewis. But both of these men had some views and ways of trying to convey what they believed that should be questioned. However, like all such works, the wise will just eat the meat and throw away the bones. The immature and unstable will throw away the meat because it has bones in it.

One of the great lines about discernment in the first Lord of the Rings book, ***The Fellowship Of the Ring***, was when Frodo had to choose between going with a man who was in fact leading him into a trap or Strider. Of the one with the evil intent Frodo said, "He seems fair but feels foul." Of Strider, who was trying to save him, but came across as far more hard and insensitive, he said, "He seems foul but feels fair." Frodo wisely followed Strider and was saved from his enemy. Likewise, when we judge too superficially we will likely be fooled.

Though I have not seen any studies to verify this, I personally believe there are more Christians who are now estranged from the church than who are growing in real body relationships which are essential for true Christian maturity. Most of the Christians I have met that are no longer in a church were either wounded or disappointed by the church, and therefore gave up on it. From these I have often heard, "I love God but just don't like His people." This may sound glib, but as John explained, this is a basic deception as we do not really love God unless we also love His people. The Scriptures also go to great lengths to explain that love is not to be based on whether people are lovable or not. Also, love itself is not what many believe it to be.

As we studied last week, all true discernment must be founded on love. However, what often seems like compassion can be the root of a diabolical deception. We must always keep in mind that the fruit from the good side of the Tree of Knowledge is just as deadly as the evil side. Humanistic goodness is a very basic affront to God and is rooted more in the pride of man than genuine compassion. Humanistic goodness will also result in further bondage, not freedom.

It was once said of the great Russian novelist that "The world has never been viewed through a more discerning eye than that of Leo Tolstoy." Except for the Lord Jesus, and the writers of Scripture, I would tend to agree with that statement. He had a remarkable understanding of the motives behind the actions of people. In his classic novel, ***War and Peace***, Tolstoy used a poignant illustration to highlight what has now become a distinction between modern conservative and liberal politics. I am not writing this to try to sway anyone's vote or politics, but simply to use this obvious example in the world to understand true compassion and discernment.

In this story Count Pierre has great feelings of compassion for the serfs on his estate. However, his policies and practices were motivated more out of his feeling of compassion than wisdom, which flawed his methods, and so the condition of his serfs deteriorated. In contrast to this, Prince Andrey, simply out of his devotion to sound business principles, greatly elevated the condition of his serfs. To the serfs, Pierre seemed to be more fair, but they were not nearly as well off as those who worked for Andrey. Which one had more love for their serfs?

One cannot help but to draw the parallel between these two characters in Tolstoy's novel and the liberal and conservative political parties. In America the Democratic Party may say all of the right things in relation to its concern for minorities, but it does not take much discernment to see the tokenism and its policies often leave the people they claim to be helping in much worse shape. In contrast to this, the Republicans do not talk nearly as much about this issue and seem to even be hard and insensitive to them, but are actually doing far more for minorities. Republican administrations have been much more prone not to judge anyone by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character and abilities and have elevated more minorities to real positions of power and wealth. It is likely that the first black, Hispanic, and women Presidents will be Republicans.

This is not to say that some Democratic Party policies and programs in America have not helped minorities. I am personally very thankful for the devotion to civil rights that the Kennedy and Johnson administrations had. It is my personal opinion that Affirmative Action, even as badly as it is administered and applied, is better than doing nothing and should be kept until someone develops something better. However, in general, the policies and programs intended to help minorities in the United States have been archaic for decades and because they are generally so poorly managed they are now often counter-productive, hurting the very ones they were intended to help.

It was because of this tendency for the people and the governments who talk the most and do the least that Winston Churchill once said, "If you are not a liberal when you are twenty you have no heart. But if you are not a conservative by the time you are forty you have no mind." Bleeding hearts seem so much more righteous, but tend to squander more resources and actually end up hurting more people than they help. In contrast, the practical and pragmatic who tend to be doers instead of talkers usually do far more good for people. However, our goal is not to quit caring, but to let our love be guided by sound, godly wisdom.

As we addressed last week, true discernment is founded on love, but humanistic love is not love at all. Such is usually a selfish attempt to either manipulate others or appease our own conscience by works in place of the righteousness of God which has been provided for us by the cross. Likewise, having feelings of compassion can make us feel more righteous, but as James wrote, **"faith without works is dead," (James 2:26)**, and so is love without works. Those who seem to talk the most about love will usually be found to be doing the least. Those who are really doing something to help others rarely talk about it and therefore may not seem to be motivated by love at all. But as the Lord told us, to judge by fruit and not words is true love.

Preach The Pure Gospel

Clo DiPilato

> *For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. 1 Cor. 17-21*

The Word of the Lord on November 23, 2004

Oh ye sons and daughters of Zion, hear the word of the Lord. I long for a people who live the deeper life, but preach the pure gospel.

You are fat, and you are full and you have feasted on the rich things of My Word, and the deeper life in My Spirit, and you have desired to walk a closer walk with Me, and I have taken note, and as it has been done unto Me, I have been well-pleased. **But I desire that you preach the pure gospel.**

I have seen your submission to all my refining processes. I have seen the willingness to suffer affliction and at times even persecution for My Name sake. I have seen that you've allowed Me to take you to the potter's house, where I've broken you in My very own hands that I might again place you on the potter's wheel, to make you yet even a purer vessel. I have taken note, and as it has been done unto Me, I have been well-pleased**. But I desire that you preach the pure gospel.**

I have seen the acts of selflessness, and the obedience when it was hard to obey. I have seen when you have put others before yourself. I have seen how you have been like Abraham when he allowed Lot to freely take the well-watered plains of Sodom . When you had it in your power to have first choice, when you had it in your power to contend for position, you did not but instead you preferred your loved ones over yourself. I have taken note, and as it has been done unto Me, I have been well-pleased**. But I desire that you preach the pure gospel.**

I have seen when you've been willingly led through the waters and through the fires in order to heed My voice speaking to you. I've seen the confessions and commitments and consecrations you've made to Me and My purposes in the midnight hours on the clock, as well as in the circumstances of your life. I have taken note, and as it has been done unto Me, I have been well-pleased. **But I desire that you preach the pure gospel.**

I do have a people in the earth who are getting ready to rise, and declare that I've accomplished a GOOD WORK within them. These ones are about to exit the spiritual rut of "ever learning, and never coming to the knowledge of the truth". They are exiting the endless cycles of preparation to be commissioned into service by the Spirit of God to preach the pure gospel.

Mark those that walk among you, and see if you do not discern the changes I am bringing to the hearts of many who had waxed cold in evangelical fervor as they pursued the deeper life in the Spirit. Mark them, and see if I am not again restoring to them a burning desire to preach the pure gospel. Mark them, and see if they are not entering even now into union with Me to be My agents, and My ambassadors of reconciliation.

In their seasons of refinement, they were not out of My plan. They were not anathema from My purposes. They were wholly in My provision to turn the search light inwardly that My character and nature would be planted as the pure and incorruptible seed of My word within. I have been doing My inner work, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. I have been preparing them for a day in which they would preach the pure gospel.

Many have lamented that My church has not been the soul-saving station they have desired for it to be. But I have a controversy with you. Yea, My Name is called Jesus, for I will first save My own people from their sins. I will heal the sin-sickness and wickedness of soul. I will restore the inner man to wholeness. My church has been a hospital to My people, but now I would declare unto My people, it's time to rise up, take up your beds, and WALK that others might very openly see what I have done secretly within you, and how I have saved you, and how I have healed you, and how I have cleansed you, and how I have delivered you, and how I have set you free, and how I have caused you to rise up to walk more abundantly in newness of Life!

I have done all these things in My Church, and for My people that they might by conviction and demonstration and power, preach the pure gospel.

I have done a work within My Church, within My people, and I am ready even now to release My armies into the earth because even though you yet see MUCH WORK to be done within the Church, and even though you are disappointed on every side by failings of My servants, and even though you often take issue with how man chooses to do things within My Church, know that there is a very present unveiling of the One who is pure, sinless, harmless, holy and undefiled, and He shall be magnified in the saints.

Even though at times you are finding fault with my truly anointed servants who indeed rise and fall to their own Master, even in that context shall I be glorified in the saints in this hour!

Woe to that one who continues to fix his eyes on the sins and weaknesses of a pathetically frail and weak humanity that is not much more than dust blown about, flowers that fade, grass that withers and vapor that vanishes in comparison to the high and lofty One who sits upon the throne of Israel.

Why are you so concerned about the sins and weaknesses and failings of others? Have you truly for yourself resisted unto blood striving against sin? And yet, even know that your striving will never accomplish that which is about to be released into the earth through the preaching of the pure gospel.

The light of His glory is going to shine so brightly, and the fire of His presence is going to burn so intensely that those things of flesh which escaped the floods, and escaped the potter's wheel, and escaped the furnaces of affliction will be ultimately consumed by just the touch of an ember off of even a speck of the residue of what I shall do when the power of God begins to be revealed by the preaching of the pure gospel.

My people have waited for their maturity and perfection so that they might preach the pure gospel. I would say unto My people that when the pure gospel is preached, My reward shall be the impartation of My life that shall bring the desired inner results within your own souls.

It is by the foolishness of preaching that I have ordained that men might be saved. There is no gift nor gimmick nor skill nor talent that will ever unseat the preaching of the gospel as My highest and best and very favored plan to cause new life to spring forth in the kingdom.

The gates of the gardens enclosed are about to swing wide open that the fragrances of the chief spices may catch the breeze of the Spirit of God, and flow out through the pure preaching of the gospel. The springs shut up, and the fountains sealed are about to issues rivers of living waters carrying with every wave the preaching of the pure gospel.

The winds and the waves are coming to every life, and according to your faith shall it be unto you. It can be unto you the winds of adversity, and the waters of judgment, or it can be the wind of the Spirit bearing you up to boldly declare the pure gospel of Jesus Christ, moving along, and causing the ebb and flow of the cleansing waters of the sanctifying Word.

It is a time of a witness in the earth. It is time for the gospel of the kingdom to be preached in all the world for a witness. This is that transition which I have promised. You have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. You have spoken consecration. You have spoken preparation. You have spoken transition.

Has the plowman plowed never to sow His seed?? Has the sower sowed, never to see His harvest??

I have sown my character into My people. I have sown My substance into My people. I have sown My word into My people. I have sown My very life into My people. That which I have sown is now springing forth, and the day of unveiling has come. It shall be lived through your life, but it shall be declared through your mouth. Reckon within that I have done a full work. I have sanctified you. I have set you apart, and I have made you a vessel unto honor. Accept the declaration of My confidence in that which I have done in your life.

Know that where you feel you still fall short, I will make up the difference. I am the Good Samaritan who pours in the wine and the oil, and pays the debts of those who fall among robbers and thieves when they choose to travel from Jerusalem DOWN to Jericho. How much more shall I make up for every lack in my servants who choose to travel UP from Jerusalem into My presence that they might receive a word from My mouth, and preach the pure gospel!

My hour has come! I am being glorified in My Saints, and I shall be openly declared among those, and by those who fear and know My Name.

Oh ye sons and daughters in Zion. Heed the word of the Lord. Live the deeper life, but rise up and preach the pure gospel.

Thus saith the Lord.

In His Love,
Clo DiPilato
Herald of His Kingdom

Peace That Passes Understanding

Betty Seiley

Aug 20, 2004
Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Have I not said, and will I not do it? Have I not spoken, and will I not make it good? For God is not a man that He should lie, neither the son of man that He should repent. As you rest in, rely on, and trust in Me, your enemy will say, "How can this people rest, how can they have such peace?" The peace you have is yours because you rest in me, because you have believed my love and protection for you, because My Beloved has sought Me with her whole heart. I have heard your prayers and supplications, your weeping, your love songs, and I have danced with you in those dark nights which I have brought you through. You have risen above the terror that flies by night and the arrows that fly by day. I have delivered you from the noisome pestilence, and from the snare of the fowler. You are Mine, I have called you by your name. Thus says the Lord, Who created you, O Jacob, and He Who formed you, O Israel, "Fear not, for I AM with you, you are mine. You are precious in My sight, and I have honored and loved you with an everlasting love. Fear not, for I AM with you. I will bring your descendants from the east and gather you from the west, I will say to the north, Give them up! And to the south, Do not keep them back!" Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends of the earth, everyone who is called by My name, whom I have created for My glory, I have formed you, yes, I have made you.

My peace I give unto you, not as the world gives, but My peace I give you. This peace was bought with My Blood. If my peace could be obtained any other way, peoples from far and wide would come bearing gold, silver, great wealth to obtain it. But my peace cannot be bought with earthly riches. My peace is priceless and precious, and I give it to you, My Precious Ones, freely. Lean on Me, trust in Me, I will never leave you nor forsake you, for I will be with you to the end of the world, and you shall spend eternity in My abode, in My Father's House, with Me. This peace of Mine will keep your hearts and minds, and it is past understanding. I am the Prince of Peace, says the Lord. You are My beloved, My bride, you are like Me, because I have fashioned you to be like Me. It is My Father's will that I have a fitting bride, who is like Me, so He forms and fashions you, a holy habitation for me, as lively stones, each one placed in My body by My Father's unfailing hand. So be at peace in your hearts and minds. Commune with Me. Abide in Me. Long for Me. Obey Me, for your obedience to My will is for your good. That is what I am interested in primarily, your good. I ever live to make intercession for you, I love more than you now understand, but, as you seek My face, you will come to know more and more of the width, length, depth, and height of My love for you. My love is like a great calm ocean upon which you can just lie back and relax and float upon My love. I will hold you with the right hand of My righteousness. Give yourself over to my love and care for you. You will rest.

Philippines Update

Timothy Snodgrass

Nov 29, 2004

The weather in the Philippines has been fierce this week, and it appears that yet another typhoon has just developed dead-center over our heads in the capital island of Luzon. If you look at satellite images of the Pacific (see below link), you will notice that a second typhoon of monster size is developing, which could easily form into the *second* record-breaking-sized typhoon this year. Storms of this size seem to leave a trail of seismic-havoc in the Pacific. Within the last 48 hours, we have already seen two 7.0+ earthquakes (7.2 in Papua, and 7.0 Hokkaido). Keep a close eye on the Pacific this week.

I was hoping to get caught up on answering emails today, but it looks like I'm going to have to head home before the roads get too flooded, whereas the sky is now black and torrential rain is coming down so thick that you cannot even see the buildings across the street. But before I leave, I would like share a dream I had last night about the president. I was in a room standing in front of President Bush and his wife, and noticed that they were very well dressed, preparing to attend a meeting. I approached the president and whispered in his ear, "Cancel all your engagements for the "2nd", and explained to him that we had received intelligence that a physical attack was being planned against him. When I awoke, I looked at my calendar and noticed that December 2nd is only days away. Continue to pray for the safety President. Was the "2nd" in the dream referring to December 2nd? Or perhaps January 2nd? I am not sure, but there was a clear urgency to continue interceding for the safety of the president and his entire family.

Blessings,
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Link To Satellite Tracking Of Pacific Region:
http://www.cnn.com/WEATHER/Asia/sat.html

Perfected Unto Maturity

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Psalm 47:2 ~ "For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth."

Malachi 1:6 ~ "A son honoreth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honor? And if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the Lord of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name?"

2 Corinthians 5:11 ~ "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

Luke 9:52-56 ~ "{52}And sent messengers before his <Jesus'> face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Sa-mar-i-tans, to make ready for him. {53}And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. {54}And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Eli-jah did? {55}But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. {56}For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village."

John 13:34-35 ~ "{34}A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. {35}By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

1 John 3:2 ~ "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

A number of months ago, I saw in a vision four large angels standing at the corners of the earth. Each angel had their arms up at chest level, palms pushing outwards against what appeared to be a clear, flat surface resembling glass. It appeared as if they were holding something back from entering into the earth.

I looked past the clear, flat surface and saw hordes of demonic beings pressing frantically and furiously against the other side of this surface.

Something caught my attention and I turned away from the demonic beings to look into the inside of this flat surface. I was looking at the earth. I saw a burning pillar of fire with the shape of a man within it. I felt that this was the Lord.

I suddenly found myself standing at the foot of the burning pillar of fire. I was at the feet of the Lord. I looked all the way up the pillar of fire and what I saw filled me with a sense of awesome wonder. I also felt a certain measure of trepidation and fear, and found that I was trembling in the presence of the holiness of the Lord.

The Lord within the burning pillar of fire had His feet planted firmly in the center of the earth, yet was also high above the earth, reaching into the heavens.

I then watched and saw as individual flames shot out from the pillar of fire. The flames shot out into all directions and appeared to enter into places where people were gathered together. Some of these people were gathered into groups within buildings. There were also other people milling close to these buildings, but who were not within these buildings.

"Who are these people?" I asked the Lord.

"These are My children," the Lord replied. "They are gathered together in My Name."

"Why are some of the people inside the buildings and others outside of the buildings?" I asked the Lord.

"Some of My children have joined themselves to local congregations," the Lord explained to me. "And some of My children have left local congregations, yet still desire fellowship one with another. Each gather in My Name, and are part of My Body.

"My Body is not static," the Lord continued. "My Body is constantly growing, constantly maturing. Many of My children in these days criticize My Body, and compare it to how it was at its conception. Yet I say unto you, My child, and unto them, that it was never My will for My Body to remain as it was at its conception. Just as babies mature and grow into adulthood; just so has it been My desire for My Body to grow into maturity."

I watched as the flames of the Lord's presence illuminated each building. Each of the people gathered both within and without the buildings was also illuminated. The flames began to fully reveal what was contained within each building and also within each of the people. In almost every building and person, I saw what appeared to be a mixture of both light and darkness.

"What is this light and darkness I am seeing within the buildings and the people?" I asked the Lord.

"The light is purity and truth," the Lord explained. "The darkness is wickedness and false doctrine."

As the flames entered into the buildings and touched each of the people, I saw some of the people fall prostrate on their faces.

"Why have some of the people fallen to their faces?" I asked the Lord.

"They are aware they are in the presence of My holiness," the Lord replied. "The awareness of My holy presence is terrifying."

"Why haven't the rest of the people fallen to their faces?" I asked the Lord.

"They have no fear of Me," the Lord answered.

I watched the people who had fallen prostrate to their faces. The flames of the Lord's presence burned brighter upon them. At first, the people to whom this was happening appeared to be in agony. As I continued to watch, though, I saw as these people began to change in their appearance. The fire of the Lord entered into their hearts, and began to burn outwards from within each of them.

Gently, the Lord touched these people and they rose to their feet. As they stood upright, I was struck by how calmly determined each of them seemed to be. I also felt a great love and gentleness emanating from each of them. I also sensed a great maturity within each of these people.

"What has just happened here, Lord?" I asked the Lord.

"These people have been brought through much testing and many trials," the Lord replied. "They were in the process of being perfected. I now send them forth to My children in the spirit of a father and in the spirit of a mother. They will tear down what is not of Me, and will build back up according to My commandments and instructions. They will be fully motivated and consumed with love; both love for Me and love for My children. They will have no hidden motives or agendas. Their sole desire is to do My will.

"There are those who will seek to tear down when I have not sent them to tear down. They have not been perfected unto love," the Lord continued. "Some of them will have heard My voice, and will know My will, but they will not perform My will perfectly; for they know not My heart. It is not My desire to destroy My children or My Body. It is My desire to destroy sin and wickedness, and to save and perfect My people and My Body. Any who comes declaring a different message than this, has not been sent by Me."

Then the Lord touched the mature appearing people yet again and spoke quietly to every one of them. I watched as these people, both men and women, began to approach the people gathered outside of the buildings and appeared to begin to minister to them. Others entered into the buildings and approached each person gathered within the buildings and began to minister to each of these people.

As the mature appearing men and women ministered to the people, I saw a changing and a transformation beginning to occur. Many of the people who had not at first fallen prostrate on their faces, now began to do so. When they finally rose back to their feet, it was as if their appearance and spirit had changed in the same manner as had that of the mature appearing people. I now saw that the light emanating outwards from within them was a clear light, with no darkness contained within it. The people who had not fallen prostrate on their faces continued to contain both light and darkness within them.

I then watched as the Lord changed from a burning pillar of fire into a mighty tree. The tree reached high into the heavens, and its branches overspread the entire world. I watched as the people who had no darkness within them approached the tree, and then somehow became part of the tree. Great clusters of fruit began to appear upon the branches of the tree. The branches of the tree were so filled with ripe fruit that the branches of the tree were bowed from the weight of the fruit.

I noticed that the people and the buildings who still contained darkness within them had no fruit or very little fruit. I then saw great multitudes of people approaching the mighty tree. As they came up to the tree, they began to pick and to eat the fruit from the branches of the tree. They also picked the leaves of the tree and rubbed the leaves on their body.

"Who are these people, Lord?" I asked the Lord.

"These are the lost," the Lord replied. "When My children and My Body have been brought to maturity, they will draw to Me those who are hungry for truth and righteousness.

"This is a critical time for My Body and My children," the Lord continued. "I have given a short season of peace, but perilous times are ahead. Behold!" The Lord cried out. He pointed towards the howling, frenzied demonic beings on the other side of the clear glass surface.

"Know this, child," the Lord stated as I stared at the demonic beings. "These demonic beings will be released upon the earth. They each have a specific region of the earth to torment, and they have specific plans of attack to carry out.

"I am striving to prepare My children and My Body for the unleashing of this coming evil. It will be through the maturity of My people, who will walk in unity and in love and in the power of My Holy Spirit, that this coming evil must be resisted. This forthcoming attack will be severe. I warn My children, My people, to prepare themselves.

"One of the greatest weapons I am giving to and preparing My children to use to resist and withstand this forthcoming attack," the Lord said to me, "is love. When My children return to a holy fear of Me, they will obey Me and My commandments. They will know My heart, and they will understand how to live and to walk in love for Me and towards one another. The enemy will not be able to overcome those who walk in love. I adjure My children to use wisdom and maturity in this forthcoming demonic attack. And I command My children to walk in love."

Colossians 3:14 ~ "And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

In Him, ~~ Hollie L. Moody

Push

Shawn Bolz

Calling Everyone Who God has been given any Revelation: PUSH!"

This word is about revelation of the heart, not necessarily promises of God that take the sovereignty of God to fulfill. We are now coming to the end of a spiritual season in the body of Christ. God has clearly identified the year 2003 as a transition into a new seven year season through many respected prophets. Some of you may be coming out of a seven year season while for others this time frame is providing varying aspects of spiritual growth and development. What we all have in common though, is that it is time to birth revelation we have received from the Holy Spirit.

Many saints are envisioning spiritual babies being born in this pivotal season. This baby that has been seen represents the prophetic revelation that God has given to individuals and corporate groups for stewardship, and it is birthing time! We need to begin to release the revelation into the spheres of authority that we walk in. God wants us to be stewards over the revelation that we have received so that He can release us into a greater dimension.

It is not about releasing prophetic words to corporate groups or taking a platform in the prophetic arena because of our revelation. This may happen, but is not the focus. This is a season where the hidden pearls of revelation are to be stewarded in prayer, in journaling, in deep intercession, in writings, in music, in poetry, in families, in home groups, in churches, in business, etc. Don't look for great influence to be gained but look for the kingdom to be advanced! The present level of spiritual influence will determine the level of your corporate release.

We Need to Empty the Womb!

We have to birth the revelation in this season so that we can have an empty womb prepared for the conception of the new season.

We need to take the truths that God has manifested in us by encountering Him and give them away, even if it's back to Him. It is not enough to have just a yes in our heart in this season; our yes only qualifies us for the race! It is time to actually put our feet on the track, line up, and wait for the Holy Spirit to sound the starting shot. Its time to run like we never have before!

It is also a time to create life with the revelation that God has given us.

I heard the Lord say: "To the measure of faith!" And I knew He was saying run in the revelation according to how much faith you can run in it…but RUN!

We are being admonished to faithfully put to use the full measure of the deposit of God that He has given us, so that we can be fully equipped to receive our full portion in this next season.

In John 3:18 John expresses a very profound proclamation: "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

We must walk in truth and with actions faithfully so that we can become a fruitful womb again for His very purposes to impregnate us. How we deal with the measure of revelation he has given us now will help determine how much we can carry in the seasons to come.

Refreshing the Truth

As we allow the revelation that God has given us to come forth, even if our only outlet is intercession, then we will be refreshed in the revelation ourselves. God will allow us to go deeper in the revelation.

I believe that many will feel a sense of crossing a finish line for the season they have been in, while others it will create a deeper hunger for more revelation.

The Word will begin to come alive again as we can read it with a fresh perspective! Bobby Conner put it to our team this way, "It will be like reading it for the first time, and you will go so much deeper in it than you have ever gone. Even scriptures known to you will take on a new life and new meaning."

Books from the library room in Heaven are about to be released

In the great library of heaven there are books that are set aside that will now be release and written on earth. Scribe angels are handing out pens and these pens can empower people with a revelatory ability to relate the deep things of the heart onto paper. It is like Psalm 45:1---My heart is stirred by a noble theme as I recite my verse for the King, my tongue is the pen of a skillful writer.

Others will also find themselves writing in book form but it will not be to release to the public even though it may feel like a completed work. God wants to be so thorough in this season by giving us the ability to relate to Him that He is allowing people to write entire documents in order for their own spirits to be awakened by what God has put in them. Some may write poems and songs, others might write essays, while some will write whole books as God stirs their heart with noble themes just for the King.

Be it Done Unto Me According to Thy Will

This is a time that we need to have a completely humble heart of obedience to walk forward. If God is going to clear our womb it means he is going to refill it with His precious presence. For those who have not been barren in the church, this is a time to birth so that the whole barren church can hear the cries of new life in the church! It will inspire many to a holy place of hunger.

Now is the time… So push!

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Prophetic Words for 2004

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Prophetic Words for the Body of Christ for 2004

Faith for Breakthrough - Preparation for 2005

2004 is a year that God is going to bring you into preparation for the move of God in 2005. 2004 is a year to get your house in order for restoration. 2004 is a time and a season where God is going to begin to increase your faith.

The Lord says, "I am going to move you to a new place where shackles are going to break off of you."

The Lord says, "Believe Me in 2004 to move into your destiny, to build the foundation, lay the structure for the move of God in 2005."

In 2004, it is going to be a time God is going to refocus you. He is going to re-sharpen you. He is going to re-fire you.

The Lord says, "In 2004 I want to establish you in a land. I want to establish My covenant with you, if you will stand and believe. Don't look to somebody else to stir you up."

The Lord says, "Look at Me for I am going to cause you to rise up." The Lord says it depends on you and your choices. "This is a year of choices," says the Lord. The Lord says to you, "Arise and shine. You shine!"

Societal Intervention in 2004

In 2004, it is time for societal intervention. If we will move into society, God will loose signs. He will loose wonders. I am establishing the kingdom of God.

This is a year of re-sharpening in your understanding that God is the Most High God.

"Arise and take back your destinies. I have called you to arise and say to those places, that the enemy has tried to establish, in your land and in your life."

A Word for the Middle East

The Lord says, "Look and see what I am going to do, for I am getting to move in the Middle East in a way that you cannot imagine, for the Body of Christ is going to rise up and I am going to begin to release treasure out of the Middle East to the Body of Christ."

Promises in 2004

You are going to work and get out of debt. 2004 is a year to have faith to get out of debt.

The Lord says 2004 is a year of saying the promises of God to Him so He can manifest.

If you fight the battle right in 2004, 2005 is going to have pleasure and treasure and strength and restoration like you cannot imagine.

The Lord says this to families, "You make a list of who you want Me to be in your family."

A Word to the United States

Word to the United States: God is going to release the tenacity of an Abraham Lincoln, who failed over and over and over but none of those failures stopped him.

"At the end of 2004, if you had believed Me," says the Lord, "If you have truly pressed towards the mark for the high calling, then you will see that I am going to do things that astound and amaze you. Have scary faith."

This is a season and a year coming up where God is looking for reformers who He can move to change cities and nations.

Don't wait for things to happen in 2004. Make them happen. There are some people in 2004 that are going to lay a foundation for wealth that is going to come in 2005, for there are ideas and dreams that God is going to release to the Body of Christ.

Break the Spirit of Unbelief in 2004

God wants to break a spirit of unbelief in 2004 off of the Body of Christ.

Humbling of Nations

I see a repositioning of nations. The Lord says look to Europe. There is going to be a humbling of some nations, for terrorism is going to begin to move across Europe. "I am going to shake Europe," says God, "And prepare it for re-evangelization."

"This is the year that leaders who have opposed Me are going to suddenly die. As you prepare for the battle, I want to shift and put in more righteous leaders."

"Battle for the U.S. Senate"

The Lord says for the U.S., "I am going to shift the Senate. I want to shift it to where I am in power and control, but," the Lord says, "You must battle for this, because the enemy is coming to steal this." The Lord says, "Look and see for I am getting ready to expose more hidden sin in government leaders."

Evangelism and Harvest

The Lord says, "Look and see for I am going to start anointing young radicals that are firebrands in My hands. I am giving this generation an anointing of evangelism," says the Lord.

"Put in the sickle for the harvest is ripe. 2004 is a preparation for harvest, but 2005 there is going to be a harvesting of nations greater than you can imagine and greater than you can dream.

Shaking

"I have not yet finished doing what I am going to do in the Middle East. There is a domino effect. Right now, I am judging nations. I am shaking nations. There are going to be more earthquakes, for I am shaking My hand over the Middle East and I am getting ready to humble those who believed in a god that could not hear, that did not have ears to hear, but I will open My ears unto them and I will show them that I Am that I Am."

New Place of Ownership in the Earth

The Lord says, "I am calling My people in 2004 to a new place of faith and belief. I want to break the poverty spirit. I want to break the spirit of debt and unbelief so you can come to a new place of ownership in the earth because the earth is Mine."

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Persian War II
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Persian War II: The Terrorism Dilemma

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Terrorism seems to be the number one thing on people's mind lately. Recently at a conference in Luzon, I accidentally introduced a government official from the Department of Tourism as being from the Department of Terrorism. The audience broke out in laughter, and it lightened the mood for the evening's message. That night I threw away my notes, and the Holy Spirit began to unfold divine insight regarding the terrorism dilemma and the new Persian war.

SIGNIFICANCE OF INAUGURATION DAY

Over the next three months as we approach U.S. Inauguration Day, the threat of terrorism is a real concern which needs to be dealt with not just by governments, but by the church. Prophetically speaking, there is an immediate danger during the next three months of attacks being carried out on such a large scale that the stability of the U.S. economy would be adversely affected, throwing the financial realm into a downward spiral. During the first week of October I received an alarming vision of U.S. flags being lowered at half stance shortly after national elections. Regardless of the level of our military intelligence, the war on terrorism will not be won by world governments, but by the prayers, fasting and obedience of the saints behind the scenes – or the war lost by the lack of it.

THERE IS HOPE FOR THE PEOPLE OF PERSIA

Over approximately the next three years, I believe that the war which began on 9-11 will reach a climax in Persia. Our focus must now shift to Iran, the world's number-one launching pad of terrorism of Muslim Extremism. Recently I was taken in the Spirit and shown an encouraging vision of a large stadium filled with young people singing the Song of the Lord in Persia. Thousands of youth were lifting their hands, openly worshiping the Lord in Tehran. The veil of darkness had been rent over Iran and Iraq, from Baghdad to the tip of the Gulf, and the young people were singing 'Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb'. I could only remember the chorus for a few minutes after awaking, because the music was not of this world; although I tried desperately to remember it, my mind had no reference for it. The melody was so beautiful and unworldly that it sent waves of joy and elation rippling through my innermost being, leaving a fire and unquenchable desire to see the vision come to pass.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE RELEASES THE CAPTIVES

If we, as Christians, point our finger at Bush for militantly confronting the dark strongholds in Iraq, we must first point our fingers at ourselves for not standing in the gap for our Arab brothers and bringing down those strongholds ourselves through prayer and strategic fasting. In our September 15 report I described a vision of accelerating judgments, exponentially increasing between now and 5767 on the Jewish calendar, climaxing with mushroom clouds rising over cities prior to the end of 2007. We must win a victory in Iran first through prayer, fasting and sacrificial obedience to the directives of our heavenly Commander and Chief; otherwise, I believe a physical war with Iran is inevitable within the next three years. The United States would obviously suffer greatly in this war, and without divine intervention it would quickly spread into the Asian-Pacific region.

TERRORISM A SPIRITUAL BATTLE

The future Iran war can be won in the Spirit before a missile is ever launched if we are willing to pay the price. Easily said; but the truth is, the Church is not actively and aggressively working towards the goal of peace in the Middle East with all the spiritual weapons at her disposal. The Iraq war could have been won before a shot was ever fired, for perhaps only 0.01% of the cost, but the church did not discern, act, strategize and send in their divinely commissioned 'generals' in time. Thousands of lives perished; chiefly Iraqis, who died without ever hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Army of the Lord is the most powerful organization on earth, and the most under-funded organization on earth. The enemy knows if he can block funds from this army, lives will perish. During the next three years, organizations which are training and sending out apostolic and prophetic intercessors into the hotspots of the world need financial backing to accomplish their goals, or the consequences will be disastrous. The stewardship structure of the church must experience radical reformation, so that funds can be channeled flexibly, at a moment's notice, to the branches of the Lord's army which have immediate need of funding for assignments. Organizations which do not bend to this wind of reformation will quickly see their finances dry up in the days ahead, but those who seek wisdom and divine counsel will discover fresh new streams of provision in the desert. God is also calling Christian businesses into new levels of prosperity for the purpose of financing and equipping this end time army, in order that entire nations can be blessed through their stewardship.

ASIAN AMBASSADORS BEING SENT TO PERSIA

One trademark of the Philippine Islands is their wide variety of technical colleges and medical schools, in which a large portion of graduates find their way into the Middle East; Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait and numerous nations in the Moslem Block. Dark skinned Filipinos can easily blend in to these nations, traveling into areas that most Western nationals would never dream of entering. Being based in Luzon for many years, I have been very blessed to see many hidden 'generals' in the Spirit launched not only into China, Taiwan, the Korean Peninsula and other hotspots of Asia, but directly into the heart of Muslim Fundamentalism in the Middle East. Do not underestimate the strategic importance of the Philippine Islands, and the islands of the South Pacific. The enemy wishes to destroy these islands through earth upheavals and natural disasters, but we have an army of people here praying for the covering and protection of the islands of the Pacific.

IF THE CHURCH ACTS, PEACEFUL RESOLUTION CAN BE ACHIEVED

We are working towards a successful resolve in the Persian Gulf, and a peaceful solution in China, Taiwan and North Korea. Yet none of these international dilemmas can be resolved by government alone; it will take miracles, change of direction, and total reformation within the church. Yes, we should expect unprecedented spiritual awakenings; yes, we should expect waves of healing, signs and wonders in the near future. Yet all of these manifestations are useless if we do not respond specifically to the marching orders sent from heaven. Regardless that anointing makes our backs tingle, if the church continues to spend more money on Coke and soft drinks than on funding world missions, we are in deep trouble during the next four-year presidential term. Before we can see a change and reformation within the government, we must first see it within the church; reformation of character, apostolic structure and accountability, stewardship, divine strategies, and reformation within the entire way we think and do things.

DILEMMA OF THE NEW PRESIDENTIAL TERM

Iran must not be allowed to be a producer of nuclear weapons at all costs, for those weapons would almost certainly find their way into the hands of terrorists around the globe. If you are a Christian and know how to pray, I suggest that you take this matter very seriously, for time to act is short, and the veil of darkness is about to be rent over Iran, either peacefully through intercession, or through a military strike. A physical war with Iran would almost certainly escalate beyond a conventional war into a nuclear conflict, and Israel would be the first target. I do not envy the decisions the president will have to make in the not-to-distant future. Iran already has the reactor, and it is only a matter of time before she begins producing nuclear weapons. On Sunday, the conservative-dominated Iranian Parliament shouted 'Death to America!' after unanimously voting to advance their nations nuclear program. The security situation appears to be growing more critical by the minute. There is only one solution to this Persian dilemma: to wage the battle in the Spirit first, sending ripples of the anointing across Persia to defeat the strongholds of darkness, bringing Iran into divine order before a shot is ever fired. Just as the Berlin Wall fell by divine intervention in November of 1989, the Persian Wall can fall just as easily.

Blessings,

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Preserved Within Our Earthen Vessels

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What have we preserved within our earthly vessels?

What have we preserved within our earthen vessels that will ensure our inheritance rights and our final outcome ?

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts and plans I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

We see in Jeremiah chapter 29 that God's people have been carried away captive to Babylon from Jerusalem. All the while God is extending mercy and hope to them, because of his great love for them.

God was ministering to them in their (deserved) circumstances that it was only for a set time and that he was wanting them to have hope for a final out come that was for good , not evil.

He warns them about listening to false prophets and diviners, tells them to build houses, plant gardens and enjoy the fruit of them. Marry and multiply, because they are going to be there for a while.

He admonishes them to seek the peace and welfare of the cities in which they dwell. He assures them of his promise to visit them, that their trials and captivity are limited to a set time frame, it will come to an end !

God has given them a wonderful Word to hang on to. He is planning their release from captivity and giving them a promise of returning and possession of their home land ,the promised land.

8: God promises them he will break the bonds and that their oppressors yoke on them and that they will not always be enslaved .

10: God promises to save them, he is with them to deliver them. He tells them he is correcting them in measure, but they will not be destroyed ! He says they are being judged and are not guiltless and that they will not go unpunished.

God deals with his people because he loves them. He judges and corrects sons and daughters. If not they would continue in their destructive sins and perish. 15: Here God asks them Why do you cry out when your pain is the result of your sins? Without God's help their situation is incurable and deadly. So God intervenes.17: Yet God goes on to say."I will restore health to you, and I will heal your wounds.

31: 1 At that time ,says the Lord, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.

12 God tells them they will be redeemed, they shall, be radiant with joy over the goodness of the Lord. Their lives will be like a watered garden and they shall not sorrow any more. God is going to turn their mourning into joy !!!! He will satisfy their lives with his goodness.

32:41 God tells them he will rejoice over them to do them good and will plant them in the land and in truth with his whole heart and whole being.

42 For thus says the lord, As I brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them !

44 For men shall buy fields for money and sign deeds, seal them, call for them selves witnesses etc. because he is going to release them into total restoration.

Restoration

33:6 God promises that in the restored Jerusalem he will lay upon it health and healing, and I will cure them and reveal to them the abundance of peace(prosperity, security, stability, and truth.) He will cleanse them, forgive them, enrich their lives with good!

In the midst of their circumstances

32: In this chapter the Word of the lord comes to Jeremiah while Jerusalem is being besieged by the army of Babylon. Jeremiah is locked away and being questioned about his prophesying.

He tells of God telling him to buy a field FOR HIM SELF, FOR THE RIGHT OF INHERITANCE IS HIS !

Here they are in the worse crisis, terrible circumstances and going into captivity and yet God says something so strange and out of place, go buy a field for your self! So Jeremiah does what the Word of the Lord says and buys the field, pays money for it (pays the price) signed the deed, called witnesses etc.

Preserve your deed, your inheritance!

32: 14 Thus says the Lord of hosts, the god of Israel: " Take these deeds, both this purchase deed, which is sealed, and this unsealed deed and put them in an earthen vessel TO BE PRESERVED."

The Israelites had been given a land that was promised, a land that flowed with milk and honey, they entered, took possession of this promised land, yet they would not obey God's voice. There fore all this calamity came upon them.

25 Jeremiah says, " Yet, Oh Lord God, you said to me " " Buy this field even though it was given into the hands of the Chaladeans.

27 God responds," Is there any thing too hard for me ? " God would ask us the same thing today, " Is there any thing too hard for me ? " Have you taken hold of my Word and promises concerning your situation ? Have you bought the land I have given you, sealed it in your heart and preserved it for a time of need ?

God tells us in so many ways to do the same thing, regardless of appearances or circumstances, what have we redeemed that is part of our inheritance, preserved within our earthen vessels to draw hope from ? What of His Word and His promises have we stored up. Leaned upon, rested in? When the trials come, sickness comes, what will we have preserved to assure us of God's promises and keeping ?

Matt.13: 44 The Kingdom of heaven is like something precious buried in a field, which a man found and hid again (are we hiding the precious ?) Then he went in his joy and sells all that he has to buy the field.

45 Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a man who is a dealer in search of fine and precious pearls.

46 Who upon finding a single pearl of great price, went and sold all he had and bought it.

2 Cor. 4:7

We have this treasure(preserved) in earthen vessels

We possess this precious treasure (The Gospel. God's Word) in frail , human vessels of earth, that the grandeur and exceeding greatness of the power may be shown to be from God and not ourselves.

10 All the pain and sufferings we may go through is so the resurrection life of Jesus may be shown forth by and through our lives and bodies.

13 Yet, we have the same spirit of faith as he who wrote, I have believed therefore I have spoken. Ps.116:10

16 Therefore , do not be discouraged, exhausted, wearied out from fear. Our inner self is being progressively renewed day by day.

17 For our light, momentary affliction, this slight distress of the passing hour is ever more and abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an everlasting weight of glory, beyond measure, excessively surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and transcending glory and blessedness that shall never cease.

18 Because, we consider and look not at the things which are seen or apparent, but look to the unseen; for the things which are seen are temporal, brief, or fleeting, but the things invisible are deathless and everlasting.

When the rubber hits the road , so to speak in crisis circumstances, what have you stored up, preserved within you that you can draw upon as precious promises of God even when things look really bad ?

Are there things preserved within your earthen vessels ahead of time to draw hope from and faith and truth from ?

God's Word is truth and reality, no matter what the situation, what it looks like or feels like.

Buy the field of promises and hope, pay the price, seal it within your heart for what ever the need might arise. Have it well preserved within .

We were bought with a price, sealed by His Holy Spirit, preserved and kept by God, given promises of total salvation in every area of our life.

We need to bury these truths within our earthen vessels for times of need.for they will come. Why would God give us these promises if there would be no need for them ?

Preserve them to assure our selves that he has plans and thoughts for good towards us. Health, prosperity , total redemption and wholeness in every are of our lives.....

The field was bought before it was to be possessed and used. The purchased deed before it was needed. We need to do the same.

We store up God's Word and precious promises and draw from them, from " our own preservation place "when needed. They must be there first. Sell out to doubt and unbelief, buy the field of promises, you have the right to inherit it all !

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Preparing Your Inner Man for Divine Flow

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John 7:37-39

There is a river that flows within the Christian. You can tune to this flow purposefully, and ensure that you are releasing fully and completely the Holy Spirit within you. Jesus teaches us how when He speaks about this river within in John 7:37-39.

If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, from his innermost being will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive." (Jn. 7:37-39, emphasis mine)

Here is a prayer you may want to use to posture your inner man properly for this divine flow to burst forth upon your life easily and effortlessly:

"Lord Jesus, I am thirsty for You. I come to You, I believe in You. I believe that You live within me and flow out through me as a river. I tune to flow within me right now, knowing it is Your river. Thank You, God, for Your energizing life within."

Now simply fix your eyes upon Jesus, tune to flow, and release. You can express this flow through writing, music, creativity, speech, art, or through any other faculty you yield to the anointing of God. Make this the natural inner attitude you hold as you walk through life, and you will release the anointing of God in all you do.

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"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." (Isaiah 40:2-5)

We have discovered that the warfare is accomplished in the finished work of the cross, and that we are ambassadors vested with authority to decree and enforce the will of the Sovereign, now we shall discover the purpose for this authority and warfare.

Obviously John the Baptist was a living fulfillment of this "crying in the wilderness", but I believe that even today the voice worth listening to is in the wilderness. There are many 'echoes' on the mountain tops of Churchianity, but the 'voice' is forged in the wilderness. No, I'm not speaking of those people who can't seem to get along in any local congregation of the saints, and because of being wounded or rejected they have isolated themselves. (I realize I just stepped on some toes, but the Third Day anointing is a corporate manifestation, you can't flow in it alone.) The wilderness I speak of is a personal wilderness, a stripping away of the thought of having a life of your own. The Life of Christ being lived through a person brings forth the 'voice'. And just what does the voice cry out?... "Prepare YE the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

The word translated as prepare is panah in Hebrew, meaning to TURN, by implication to face, to APPEAR. John had to TURN from his position to perceive the voice and behold the APPEARING of the Son of man in the golden candlestick, which is the Church; "And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks..." (Rev. 1:12) In recent years I have had to TURN from many inaccurate belief positions, for I was looking for the 'voice' and the 'appearing' in the wrong place. I was looking for that 'highway' in the city of Churchianity... after all, highways are in cities aren't they? Well, the highway worth traveling is found in the desert of a life that has TURNED from the encumbrances of soulish mentalities to embrace the simplicity of Christ, that His appearing may manifest in US.

The voice says "Prepare YE the way of the Lord" because WE are the WAY, WE are the highway upon which His appearing manifests. The word translated as 'the way of' is derek in Hebrew, meaning a road, figuratively- a course of life or mode of action. It is in the course of our everyday lives as workers, moms, business people, and students, as we are confronted with difficulties in life, we have a tremendous opportunity. That opportunity is to either reveal the 'man of sin' (the soulish Adam nature) or to manifest the appearing of Christ that "the glory of the Lord (nature of Christ) shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together." Let us not forget that the context of these verses is WARFARE; "Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished..." (Isaiah 40:2-5) You see, the warfare that our enemy wages is NOT about US, it is about attempting to prevent the appearing of Christ!

However, the wisdom of God is exemplified so wonderfully in this Scripture, "But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would NOT have crucified the Lord of glory." (1 Cor. 2:7-8) The wisdom of God is so far surpassing that He actually utilizes the warfare of the enemy to bring forth His purposes and the appearing of Christ! That difficult desert wilderness that is filled with trials, tribulations and enemies that you are facing is in reality the very thing that can bring forth the glorious appearing of Christ for "all flesh to see". "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward. For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God." (Rom. 8:18-19) Yes, all of creation, or as Isaiah put it, "all flesh" expectantly awaits the glorious appearing of Christ, revealed in mature (huios) sons of God. When that verse states, "the glory which shall be revealed to us-ward" it is easy to take that as something merely shown TO us. However, the Literal Bible words it thus; "the coming glory to be revealed IN us.", which is much more consistent with the overall theme of the New Covenant, "Christ IN you, the hope of glory..." (Col. 1:27) I challenge you to do a word-study and see how many times glory is spoken of in the context of suffering and warfare. Indeed, it is the plan of the Father to make our enemies our enablers!

In fact, if we move a bit further into our text, it would almost seem that the Lord Himself is acting the part of an enemy; "All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass." (Isaiah 40:6-7) Yes, it would seem that the Spirit of the Lord breathes a wind of adversity that causes the grass / people to wither! Somehow this doesn't fit so well with the 'needs-oriented' gospel that is preached so prevalently today. However, there is purpose in this wind of adversity, "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the Word of our God shall stand for ever." (Isaiah 40:8) In other words, the wind of adversity causes all that is NOT the Word (Christ) to wither away, so that what is left is Christ. It is the same principle that we find in purifying gold; when fire is applied, the dross comes to the surface to be taken away. It is the same principle found in Matthew 3:11-12, "He shall baptize (immerse) you with the Holy Ghost, and with FIRE; Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." It is in the wind of adversity, the furnace of affliction, the baptism (immersion) of fire, the heat of warfare, that the 'PREPARE' we read of in "PREPARE ye the way of the Lord" happens. Yes, WE are the 'way of the Lord', however we must be PREPARED, for indeed "we must through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God." (Acts 14:22)

It was the same process for the Jesus Christ, our pattern, as we read in John 14:2-4 where He details this preparation; "I go to PREPARE a place for you... I will come again, and receive you UNTO MYSELF; that where I AM, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know." (John 14:2-4) Since we were children, every good Sunday School teacher has taught us that Jesus was speaking of going to heaven to prepare our mansion (my wife is wondering who's going to have to do the cleaning in that mansion! Sorry, that's my attempt at humor.) Consider however, that in the above verse, Jesus tells His disciples that they know where He is going and they know the way also. It is obvious that they did not know the way to heaven, and the word translated as mansions, mone in Greek, actually means a dwelling place, a residence, an abode. Now then, Eph. 2:22 says, "you yourselves also are being built up with the rest, to form a FIXED ABODE (dwelling place) of God in the SPIRIT." (Amplified Bible)

Once again, the disciples did not know the way to heaven, but they DID know the way to Golgotha, the place of crucifixion, for it was just outside the city. Also, Jesus says that He is going to "receive you UNTO MYSELF"... no mention of the sweet by and by. You see, He was going to was the CROSS, because the cross was the preparation for the PLACE for us to dwell, and the place for us to dwell is IN HIMSELF, "that where I AM, there ye may be also." Again in John 14:6 He reiterates this truth, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but BY Me." The word translated as BY, which is dia in Greek, is a primary preposition denoting the channel of an act; THROUGH. Yes, the cross was the PREPARATION for the place IN HIM, and we too must share in that preparation; "That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." (Phil. 3:10) As we enter into the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto his death, then in our lives "every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain." Yes, those areas we consider to be weaknesses and 'low points' in our lives shall be raised; the mountains of pride will be brought to humility; the crooked and rough areas shall be brought into order.

Now then, the PURPOSE is not adversity, affliction, warfare, suffering, etc., that is the PROCESS or the PREPARATION. We must be very careful not to mistake the preparation / process for the purpose, for if we do we may find ourselves mired in the trap of false humility, which is the most dangerous form of pride. The purpose is that "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together." The preparation is simply the BREAKING of this earthen vessel so that the glory of Christ WITHIN us may shine forth! "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed IN US." (Rom. 8:18)

We can rest in the assurance that the Lord is sovereign over our 'preparation', and that He will bring His purpose to pass, "...for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." (Isaiah 40:5) Let us press forward in apprehending His glory, as the VOICE of the Lord rises up within us declaring, Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Repentance To Glory
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The Call To Excel
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Come into that secret place for that is where you will truly find Me and abide with Me, and I will commune with you and speak to you My plans of how you will defeat the enemy. Many have been trying and scheming, not realizing that the only way that you can defeat the foe is by staying close by My side and resting in My faithfulness to set you free. Realizing that you can do nothing without Me gives you great strength for when you are weak, I AM made strong in you.

For I have come to take over the battle and to free you up so that you can relax and rest and worship Me unceasingly. For this is truly the day of the latter rain outpouring, and I AM preparing My bride like never before. Many have felt that their time of ministry was over, but believe Me, it has just begun. For I will take you higher in My power as I strengthen you by My Spirit. I entrust to you My royal robe, My scepter, My authority, and I put upon your brow My crown for I come to bless you with the anointing and power of the King...... yes, a kingly anointing of an apostle.

For I have made you all kings and priests, but now I AM calling you higher into the place of power and authority and might. You know who I AM talking to, those who do not go for the title but the humility of a meek and humble servant. For those who are great are those who are called to serve others, those who are called to edify others, and cause others to excel in their giftings.

Yes, a true apostle is one who does not lord over others. They might oversee the work being done, but they will not in any form draw attention to themselves. One who walks in the apostle's doctrine is one who patterns themselves after the lordship of Christ. If you have the gift and calling, My authority will be upon you and will be recognized by those sensitive to My Spirit.

I AM calling the body to repentance of robing Me of the glory. All glory goes to the King of kings and Lord of lords, and you are the vessel I choose to move through. But you must be a pure vessel. Why give the enemy the right to rob you of My glory being upon you? For isn't that what you truly desire is to have My power flow through you to heal the sick, raise the dead, free those from captivity? But you can't have that if you allow a mixture of mammon to penetrate your lives. For I AM grieved with those who sell what I freely give. What gives you the right to do this? Don't you know that you limit the full scope of your calling and gifts by doing this?

If you think you are touching lives now that there is mixture, much more when you are free! For the gifts I don't take back, but you limit the power flowing through them by your lack of sanctification. Yes, you are to be set aside as a sacrifice that is pure and holy before Me. I call you this day to repentance. Accept this gift by humbling yourself before Me with a heart that is open and teachable.

This is an important aspect of your ministry. Do not continue to rob My people. I don't even desire to prosper My people so that they can pay to be taught My word. What is the calling of the five-fold minister, but to equip the saints for their ministry to reach the lost?

Separate yourself from the world and its ways. My kingdom is not about business, but it is about Me. I AM calling the faithful this day to pour out a kingly anointing upon them that they may walk in the apostle's doctrine and to walk in power and authority. And just because I call you to be meek and humble doesn't mean that you are weak, but powerful to the pulling down of strongholds. This day I AM gathering My bride that they may overcome the snare of the enemy and to rise up in My power and might.

Cast off all deception. It is your choice whether to believe the Truth or a lie for My Spirit is your guide. I have promised you freedom, and only by walking in the balance of grace and truth is this possible. So rise up, mighty warriors. Put on My robes of Glory, My crown of righteousness, and march on for you are the redeemed, says your King.

Rising to the Forefront

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My Mature Church is Rising to the Forefront by Diana Mourey *01/01/04*

This will be a year of expediency and of great magnitude concerning the things of the Lord. Sharpen the pencil within your hand, for it will be a year of taking note of the things of God. There will be a revelation of the knowledge of God covering the earth in this hour, for the Church has been hidden a way, the true Church as God would have it. It has been ridiculed. It has been scorned, and even rightfully so, for it has been seen of the world in its immaturity.

But my mature Church is rising to the forefront, for I am bringing it into the knowledge of God and his expectation, and this will come forth to some even supernaturally as My Mantle falls upon them. Some of you have been in years of being taught and have faithfully endured my teaching you, and you shall take what you have learned and teach others, but it will be at an accelerated pace because of My Spirit of Revelation being released.

Expect a good year, for it will be a year of Enrichment and Fulfillment, for I am rewarding the faithful for their endurance. And you shall see the results of your tears and intercessions, for your Harvest is at hand.

Though things of the world will seem in much turmoil, it's only a sign of My End Time Movement. The stationing of My Army is at hand, and you are about to enter into the Supernatural as never before, and has this not been what your heart has cried out for? Much ado is taking place in the heavenlies. Assignments are being handed out with Proper Authority being set in place. Angelic activity will be increasing upon the earth as even God has set the trumpet to His Mouth and has said, "IT IS TIME"!!!!!! There will be an increase in PHYSICAL HEALINGS as I loosen and assign My Healing Angels to go forth to the Earth.

The world will see the doings of My Church. Many will still scorn, but many will turn and fall on their faces and worship the One True God. Even as my Word states, "They will know you by your love one for another," there will be a supernatural flowing of love, not just to each other, but out to the world, a Compassion that they can't explain away, but it will bring repentance and deliverance, not only to the world, but to My Body. Divisions will be healed. Restoration to relationships will occur over night, for a Spirit of Forgiveness is being released upon the Earth. This will be an exciting and fulfilling year for My Body. Get ready to receive your Mantle and to fulfill your part, as I would give it!!!!!!!!!

Revelation for the Coming Year
Todd Bentley

Timely Prophetic Words and Revelation for the Coming Year (2005)"

This past Day of Atonement, during Fresh Fire's *Miracles, Signs & Wonders Conference*, three members of the ministry's apostolic team decided to wait on the Lord: Todd Bentley, Charlie Robinson (a seer prophet and itinerate minister with Fresh Fire), and Kevin Paterson (prophetic teacher and scribe/editor for Fresh Fire books and articles). God was faithful to release some profound revelation for the body of Christ.

For the understanding of our readers: the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur), since the time of Moses, has been recognized by the Jews as one of the most important sacred days of the Biblical year. This day takes place at the end of the 10 Days of Awe, which are set aside for repentance and restitution, starting on the first day of the Jewish civic New Year and ending on the tenth day (The Day of Atonement).

In Leviticus, the Lord instituted this day for the atoning of sin (on the tenth day of the seventh month) saying, **"This shall be an everlasting statute for you, to make atonement for the children of Israel, for all their sins, once a year" (Leviticus 16:34)**. The Jews have observed that day ever since the Lord instituted it.

This article will outline the insights recently received from the Lord on this day and then establish their scriptural foundation. Much of the Truth of these words, like natural seed, needs time to develop and mature. These revelations apply to 2005 and to subsequent years. We believe that future revelations will provide greater clarity to those you read here. Although we have drawn out some of the meaning of the visions and experiences described, we have left room for you as the reader to seek the Lord for complete understanding and for the application in your life.

Prophetic Insights for the Year

VISION: THE NEW CAR

In one of the first visions on the Day of Atonement, in the spirit, Todd heard the revving of an engine and the screech of wheels -- then he saw the car called Fast. The Lord was driving the car. He got out of the car and tossed the keys to Todd saying, "Todd, this one is not for lease. It's ownership." He knew that the Lord was giving him the car (because ownership brings authority) and was inviting him to get behind the wheel and drive. This car called Fast was to be driven in the fast lane so that people could get to their destiny quickly -- it's a vehicle of acceleration. The Lord said, "Todd, if you are going to handle this vehicle, it only drives on one highway -- the highway of holiness. It handles well on the highway of holiness. That's how you get in the fast lane."

In another scene of this prophetic experience, there was a slick, very convincing, salesman in an old car lot. In this lot all the cars were called Oldsmobiles. Todd was amazed that more people were looking at the Oldsmobiles than the 2005 "Fast" model. The car salesman would tell people: "You don't need one of those Fast cars. These Oldsmobiles are fine the way they are -- they've been good for all these years already, haven't they?"

INTERPRETATION: CAR VISION

It was a 2005 model vehicle -- at the time of the vision; the month was September -- the time of the year when the new models of each car manufacturer were being introduced. These cars have new gadgets; people who really love cars can't wait to see what the new model looks like. Spiritually speaking, cars are usually symbolic of ministry or the work of the Lord -- an aspect of our life that travels and moves about in the world. We believe that this year is a time when the Lord will begin to introduce new ministries to the world and new ways of doing His work. He's also going to raise up ministries or vehicles in the body of Christ that will advance His kingdom with speed and great acceleration. What would've taken 20 years in the Body of Christ, in peoples' lives, or in their destinies, will now only take six years. Kingdom advancement, or destiny acceleration, that would have taken six months will now take place in six minutes. Things are speeding up in the move of God and the car is full of fuel and oil -- it's ready for the fast lane.

It's significant that the Lord said this car only travels on the highway of holiness, the road described in **Isaiah 35:8**: **"A highway shall be there, and a road, and it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, but it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, shall not go astray."** For the church or for ministries to advance and accelerate with the great speed the Lord has destined for them, holiness and purity is absolutely necessary -- this car only travels on the highway of holiness. We believe that this year the Lord is calling His body to a higher level of righteous living -- He will be convicting and purifying hearts with greater intensity, so that His people can take the "fast lane" in this new season of the church.

Although the Lord is offering His people keys to the car called Fast (new revelation and ministry models from heaven), the enemy, like the Oldsmobile salesman, is trying to persuade Christians to be satisfied with the old way of thinking, ministering, doing church, and thinking about God. He wants the church to remain in its old religious ways, **"having a form of godliness but denying its power" (2 Timothy 3:5)**. There are just some people that can't part with the old -- that demonic salesman is at work today, trying to convince people to be satisfied with the old. However, God is always doing a new thing -- He wants us to forget the old ways **(Isaiah 43:18,19)** and allow Him to show us the totally new model. He's revealing this model to the church to help them get the work of the kingdom done with great ease, speed, and power. We haven't seen this new model before. It's not that we are to abandon old truths -- they stand forever. We are talking about traditions, methods, and packaging. We are talking about a new wineskin, the new structure the Lord wants to give the church to contain the new wine He is starting to pour out. In 2005, God is about to reveal a new vehicle and He's calling us to get behind the wheel.

A NEW WINESKIN; A NEW WAY TO IMPACT CULTURE

However, until we start to drive, we can't tell how it's going to handle and what the trip is going to look like. We don't know how all the gadgets work yet -- we don't really know how to walk out His new model for doing church and for fulfilling the great commission. But the Lord will teach us. The change is good because familiarity is too comfortable. God wants to bring us out of the place of comfort where apathy can breed. A lot of people never step into the new thing because they fear the unknown and because they get so comfortable with what they've always had. They've grown attached to their plush leather seats (their padded pews), and they like the way the seat and instruments settings are (the system, program, and church structure) and don't want to set them again. Human nature doesn't like uncertainty; we want to know what everything is going to look like in advance, including revival and a move of God. But God won't tell us all the details in advance before the revival baby is born. Natural parents also want to know everything in advance: the child's gender and what it will look like; whether it will be healthy; how they are going to look after it. They want the assurance that nothing will go wrong and that they will be able to handle every situation -- they want to be in control. However, God just wants us to trust Him as He unfolds our future and the church's destiny. He is introducing the new model and He is discontinuing the old model.

It is interesting to note that GM just discontinued the Oldsmobile (the oldest surviving car brand in the U.S.) in 2004. Ransom E. Olds offered his first automobile to the public in 1897. In 2000, Oldsmobile sold less than 300,000 cars, so GM gave it the death sentence. The last Oldsmobile, a burgundy-looking Alero sedan, rolled off an assembly line on April 29, 2004. To understand the prophetic analogy, we need to take note of why the Olds died. One Wall Street analyst said, "GM doesn't have too many divisions. They have too little imagination." Analysts say that Oldsmobile always had the latest bells and whistles and were owned by engineering managers and other prosperous individualists. Doctors drove Buicks; tech people drove Oldsmobile. It is said that in the seventies, as GM lost its way, Oldsmobile seemed to abandon its tech innovation and individuality, which, eventually, led to its final demise.

In the same way, the scrap yard of Christian ministry is littered with worn out shells of churches and ministries that have not kept up with the new things God was doing. They did not adjust or develop new ways of reaching the world or doing ministry. Today, as the world changes, God has divine strategies as to how we're to impact each culture and how we can receive a new wineskin to dispense his love and power to the world.

ISAIAH 35: KEY CHAPTER FOR 2005

While waiting on the Lord, Todd heard from Him that the message in Isaiah 35 would be a map and guide for the church in 2005. The chapter emphasizes four main themes: Refreshing and blossoming in the wilderness, the healing movement, the glory of God, and a grace for holiness. Let's look at each of the themes:

1. Flowers Will Bloom in the Desert

As we waited on the Lord, He began to unfold greater revelation from Isaiah 35, about the coming restoration of His people. God reminded Kevin of the common understanding of the first verse: **"The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."** This scripture gives great hope to those who have been walking in desert places or whose lives and ministries have been dry and without visible fruit. The Lord has begun that restoration process in many lives and ministries in recent years. The renewal/revival movement over the last decade has been one of the first fruits. However, this restoration work will accelerate this year in many lives and ministries.

However, as Kevin was meditating on this verse, the Lord also began to unfold greater treasures of revelation in it. God directed him to turn to the verse in the Amplified version of the Bible (which unfolds the full meaning of the original languages). This version makes a powerful expansion of the verse: **"The Wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the rose and the autumn crocus."** The Amplified version is the only one that adds the phrase about the autumn crocus. In the natural we know that the rose usually begins blooming in the spring and summer, while the crocus is a late-blooming flower that blossoms in the autumn season.

In scripture, the flower can represent glory, or human glory: **"…All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away" (1 Peter 1:24)**. >From the first verses of Isaiah 35, we believe the Lord is saying He will take those in dry desert places and restore their glory. Even in the desert place of this world, surrounded by barrenness and death, God's people will shine with His glory. People or ministries have already begun to blossom in the spring season (spiritually speaking); some of them are the early bloomers, the pioneers or the ones the Lord has already begun to launch into their destiny. However, this year, the Lord wants His people to know that He is restoring the broken ones who have been taken out of commission and He is also bringing many people and ministries into their long-awaited, fruitful destinies. The autumn crocus represents those who have waited for their promises to be fulfilled, for their lives and ministries to bloom. Many have begun to think that they have missed out on their destiny. However, it is time for them to realize that their greatest fruitfulness and destiny is yet to come. The autumn crocus is coming to life and ministries are about to bloom. This autumn flower is purple in color, the color of royalty. We believe a new kingly anointing and authority is going to fall on many this year that have been lying in the desert, in a place of dormancy. An aspect of this kingly release will be the apostolic anointing, a glory that will come on many lives this year to begin laying foundations and building.

Another part of this restoration is spoken of in verse three and four: **"Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are fearful-hearted, 'Be strong, do not fear. Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you.'"** According to this passage, we believe that God is also releasing life to those who are broken, weak and fearful. Many have been ravaged by the enemy's strategies in their lives and are afraid to hope again. Often, they have been injured or stolen from, through no fault of their own. However, the Lord will bring vengeance on those works of the enemy and rescue those wounded in kingdom battle. This is the year of recompense! The Lord will even begin to restore, not only ministries, but money stolen from God's people through financial or investment failure/accidents or various forms of injustice.

2. The Glory of God

Not only shall the desert blossom with life, according to Isaiah, **"The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the excellency of our God" (Isaiah 35:2)**. God's people won't just bloom; the Lord will begin to let them see His glory (His goodness, his greatness) in their lives. In recent years, God's prophets and leaders have preached the message of God's glory, with signs following. However, the Lord will also begin to pour out His glorious, manifest presence in greater measure on lives and in meetings, this year.

3. The Healing Movement

Chapter 35 of Isaiah promises that healings and miracles will be manifest among His people: **"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb sing" (Isaiah 35:5,6)**. The Lord has already begun, in recent years, to restore the healing ministry to the church, as described in these verses. However, we believe that in 2005 God will begin to expand the healing movement and establish healing rooms and the healing ministry, even in desert places -- denominations and movements that have never embraced Jesus' ministry of healing for today (or have not practiced healing ministry for decades). The healing **"waters shall burst forth in the wilderness…The parched ground shall become a pool..." (Isaiah 35:6b, 7a)**. This year God will cause a bursting forth of healing ministry in some of the driest places -- people and movements that opposed the message of healing for today will begin to embrace the healing word.

4. The Highway of Holiness

The greatest emphasis from Isaiah 35 for this year, Todd senses, is that of holiness, as already discussed earlier. God is calling His people to greater sanctification, to travel the fast lane on the highway of holiness. God's fire will begin to fall this year; He will refine His church. The message and emphasis of holy living will spread throughout the church. God will also release His conviction power as well as a grace for holy living. He is going to require a different standard, a higher standard. As the Lord starts a deep cleansing of His Church this year, it will be fully empowered for the reformation and great harvest to come.

The Lord also confirmed this coming emphasis to Kevin, waking him up in the middle of the night to speak the words: "The days of Awe. The days of Awe." God began to show him that although the official Day of Atonement (the last of 10 days of Awe) was coming to a close, the Church is now entering a season of Awe. Just as the Jewish "Days of Awe" emphasize repentance and holiness, so would the next year. The word "awe" speaks of reverential fear of God; it also conveys the meaning of having awe or great wonder at the awesome works of the Lord. In 2005, we will see increased holiness in the church igniting greater supernatural wonders.

SONRISE OVER AUSTRALIA

In another vision, Todd was surrounded by a golden beam of light. The Lord drew his attention to **Malachi 4:2**, which speaks of the Son of Righteousness rising with healing in His wings. In the vision, the Son rose over Australia. It was a new day. The Son of Righteousness represented Christ's healing anointing, His rays of healing.

[The Lord then reminded Todd of a similar vision a while ago in which he was standing on a sea of glass like crystal. Shafts of light from the Son of Righteousness (about five inches by five inches) would hit the sea of glass and ricochet off, like light rays refracted through a prism and becoming light full of various colors: red, blue, green, emerald etc. A couple of these beams hit his body. The beams, traveling at the speed of light would arrive first; the sounds of heaven would follow, arriving later, at the speed of sound. The healing rays of light from the Son of Righteousness would hit him, transmitting physical healing and more. He said his whole being vibrated and thundered with sound, as if 50,000 voices were all singing in harmony, singing different songs at the same time. Yet he understood every song. They were singing, "I love you; you are accepted; you are beautiful; you are worthy" -- all the words that the Father sings over His children. Todd knew the Father was singing over him who he was in God, assuring him he was worthy, accepted, loved and beautiful. Every time one of these beams hit him, he would hear the heavenly choir singing these songs of the Father's love. The natural mind couldn't understand these thousands of songs at once, but Todd's spirit man was able to understand and feel the love and acceptance. They were healing rays that would touch the heart's broken places.]

Recalling the previous vision gave Todd immediate understanding of what the first vision represented for Australia. He knew that the Son of Righteousness and healing, love, and acceptance was rising over Australia -- it was the dawning of a new day, a day of acceptance, a day for healing revival in the nation.

AUSTRALIA VITAL KEY IN THE COMING REVIVAL

Then Todd saw Indonesia in his spirit and recalled the recent terrorist attack on the Australian embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia. A scripture from **Isaiah 64:3** came to him; this scripture talks about the nations trembling in His presence. Then the Lord said, "Even as nations and economies have trembled and been shaken by terrorism, stock market crashes, etc., whole nations will tremble in my presence." God revealed that the terrorist attack in Jakarta was a result of the enemy becoming aware of God's destiny for Indonesia, Malaysia, and other countries in South East Asia. God said that Australia was a vital key in the revival coming to the other countries in the region and in reaching the Muslim people. That beam of righteousness was shining into that region. A natural shaking had come as a result of the terrorist attack, but now we are going to see nations shaking and trembling in His presence. Even in recent years, nations have shaken with fear as a result of stock market crashes and terrorism; but now the power of God's righteousness is going to do some shaking. The whole chapter of Isaiah 64 is key for this upcoming year, especially the first three verses:

"Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence -- as fire burns brushwood, as fire causes water to boil -- to make Your name known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, the mountains shook at Your presence." Isaiah 64:1-3

The Lord is going to restore righteousness to His people and wreak judgment on the spiritual enemies that have afflicted His people and left the church devastated and desolate **(Isaiah 64:9-11)**. In the coming season, the church will walk out a strong prophetic revelation of holiness and the fear of the Lord. Isaiah 64:3 describes the presence of God coming down with great holiness and bringing a shaking.

REVELATORY ENCOUNTERS FOR IRAQ

In a prophetic encounter, Todd also saw that this year God was going to give dreams about Iraq to Christians -- strategic dreams like He gave to Joseph, the father of Jesus. In the book of Matthew, around the time of Jesus' birth and childhood, God gave dreams over and over again to warn them, keep them safe, and give them direction. The Lord is going to give dreams to the church, Christian leaders, and even soldiers, to keep them one step ahead of the enemy and the terrorists. He will even uncover terrorist plans and potential threats. Todd saw a rising tide of Christianity in Iraq.

Muslims in Iraq will also begin to have dreams in which they will see Jesus and be saved. These encounters will be similar to those that other Muslims are having all over the world; many of them report seeing "the man in white" in their dreams. Researcher, Lorraine Orris, reports that dreams played a part in about half the conversions of Muslims that she researched. The tide of Christianity will rise in Iraq as God gives dreams to the lost and begins to show signs in the heavens and wonders on the earth. In the same way the Magi followed the stars and the signs in the heavens to find King Jesus, Muslims will be led to the King. To support these new Muslim conversions to Christianity in Iraq, Todd sees God giving dreams to key ministries, calling them into Iraq and giving them a mandate for strategic church or ministry plants which will greatly strengthen the church there.

The Lord will also use persecution of believers in Iraq like He used it in **Acts 8:1,4** where believers went everywhere preaching the word. Todd feels like God is turning the difficult situation in Iraq for good; the Lord is going to use it for His purpose to cause the gospel to be spread all over Iraq and the Middle East. The church in the Middle East will grow when God accomplishes His purpose in Iraq.

FIELD OF DREAMS

In one recent, awesome prophetic experience, the Lord took Todd into an area that looked like a deserted battlefield. In his spirit, Todd knew he was walking in the field of dreams. All around him he could see bombed out tanks and discarded or lost empty artillery shells. Pieces of armor littered the field; he could see a helmet and shield almost hidden in the sand. Here and there cannons and different types of instruments of war (from about the 1700s or 1800s) dotted the landscape.

Todd realized that most of the weapons and armor were either lost, discarded, covered, or hidden by the sands of time. He had a strong impression that many warriors had abandoned their posts; they had run away from their promises and dreams. Some had become so hopeless, disappointed, and discouraged from the battles in life, they threw away their treasure.

Todd saw the Father walking in the field of dreams. Todd watched the Father reaching down tenderly, picking up an old piece of armor. As He dusted off the sand, God's breathing began to change to deep sighs, filled with emotion. Todd sensed His heart as He embraced each piece, taking it close to His chest, holding it there, just as if it was a child. Then He said, "Son, these are lost dreams, these are prophetic promises."

"WHAT DO YOU HAVE IN YOUR HEART?"

Then it dawned on Todd that many saints of old had thrown away their prophetic destinies because they ended up despising prophecy. They just abandoned them. Others tried to keep their prophecies by fighting the good fight of faith, but when the battle became fierce they ran away. When the temptations of the world came, the Christian warriors just left their post, all their prophetic words and dreams. Whole churches and movements, cities, nations, and individuals walked away from their vision, abandoning their dreams!

Then the Lord said, "Todd, I want you to walk with me for awhile in the field of dreams because I want to speak with you about my heart's desire for this season. It's time to redeem prophetic promises again for individuals, churches and movements, cities, regions, and nations. I want believers to dream some old dreams! I want them to dream some old visions! The dreams and visions are not lost forever. I want to resurrect them! My word will not return unto me void! It will accomplish the purpose for which it came out of my mouth" **(Isaiah 55:11)**. Then, God began offering the old, discarded, lost dreams and visions to Todd. But he knew instinctively these dreams were intended for every believer -- the Lord was inviting each one of us to dream with Him. And then He asked this question, "Todd, what do you have in your heart?"

FINDING OUR TREASURE

Many of us don't really understand just what is in our hearts; the treasure that the Father has placed inside us. We need to recognize and see our treasure because, **"…where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21)**. So the question is this: "Where are our spiritual eyes?" We can't see in the invisible realm or discover our treasure if we don't know where our eyes are. This year the Lord wants His people to learn to dream with Him and to redeem lost prophetic promises. The apostle Paul spoke about how God would enlighten the eyes of our understanding, or the eyes of our heart:

"…the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints." Ephesians 1:18

The meaning for 'eyes of our understanding' is: mind, will, and intellect. Also, the 'eyes of our understanding' is translated, literally, as the 'eyes of our imagination.' This is the same realm that little children naturally live in; the realm of the imagination.

Scripture says, **"…Meditate within your heart on your bed and be still" (Psalms 4:4)**. Many of us in the church today have shut our imagination down. When we've imagined something, we've called it pride and arrogance. It's like we don't want to dream because it could be a dangerous thing to do. However, when we exercise our spiritual senses by dreaming with God or fantasizing by the power of the Holy Ghost, we will discover our treasure, our heart's desire. This year the Lord has lost dreams that He is offering to us -- they can be ours when we learn to dream by faith. There is something inside each of us the moment that we were born again -- a seed of desire, a treasure that God planted. God says He will do exceedingly abundantly above anything we can even ask or think **(Ephesians 3:20)**.

HEAVEN UNVEILS HIDDEN TREASURES

In many other ways the Lord also communicated that He would be unveiling His hidden mysteries and secrets for those who would fear Him. He is about to reveal, to our generation, mysteries that have been hidden since the beginning of time. While Todd was waiting on the Lord, an angel appeared, his robe covered in diamonds, rubies, and precious stones. He looked like a man; the stones of the 12 tribes of Israel were imbedded in His robe. In the vision, the angel came to what appeared like a bank vault. He opened the vault and white, blinding, golden beams of light shone out. The vault held the hidden treasures of wisdom and revelation. It also contained the unsearchable riches of Christ from **Colossians 2:2,3**, which speaks of **"the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."** This year God wants to reveal those treasures that are hidden in Christ, but He will only disclose them to those who seek God's face and then come into face to face encounters with Him. God is inviting His people, in a greater way, to have revelatory understanding of things that are only going to be revealed in this generation.

The Lord then began to speak about **Matthew 13** for this year. The passage compares the kingdom of God to a treasure hidden in a field. The fact that it is hidden suggests that to find the treasures of the kingdom we must seek them out. In this next season God is calling His people to seek after His treasures, the increase in wisdom and revelation -- those who seek will find. In the parable, the field cost everything to the treasure seeker -- yet he gave everything for the joy of what was hidden there. In the same way, we are called **"as servants of Christ"** to be good **"stewards of the mysteries of God" (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)**. A steward is defined as "One who manages another's property, finances, or other affairs." A good steward is one who is found faithful. The Lord is looking for those he can entrust to be stewards with His gifts of revelation, those who will be faithful to hold to the integrity of the word of God, and those who won't step back for fear that they will be misunderstood with what God shows them. The Lord wants them to be stewards who will speak out the mysteries He has called them to share, and hide in their hearts (and pray about) those mysteries He has told them not to share.

In another prophetic experience, Todd was given a rolled up parchment scroll. On it he saw written "John the Beloved." Then came a voice saying "eat the scroll." This vision indicates that God is about to reveal hidden treasures of revelation as well as greater understanding of themes in prophecy, especially dealing with prophecy in the book of Daniel or Revelation. As in the case of John, the disciple who was closest to Jesus, the one who leaned on His chest, those who develop intimacy with Jesus will be the ones to receive great revelation from Him.

THE FAST FOR REVELATION

Todd also received word from the Lord that He is calling a fast, like the 21-day fast of Daniel, for those who want the increase of understanding and revelation, the treasures that are hidden. Daniel fasted for the purpose of getting understanding and revelation. He fasted for three weeks to get understanding of the things that he had already previously seen and heard in revelation and vision. We sense that God is saying that He will increase wisdom and understanding for those who would do the 21-day Daniel fast. He will even uncover mysteries.

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Rooted And Grounded In Him

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For the last few days, I have sensed a grieving of the Lord in my spirit. The sense of sadness and of disappointment follow me whatever I do throughout the day. I have waited till the Lord chose to show me why He has been brooding and what was on His Heart. The following is the result of that waiting.....

The time that I have given to My People to draw close to Me has ended. I repeatedly called, and cried out to them to come to Me. I gave time and more time, for them to fully turn back to Me and to allow Me to cleanse and heal them. But how many heard Me and actually came? Why My Children haven't came to Me? Why have they chosen to walk in darkness instead of My Light and Love?

I gave time for them to repent, and to turn from their wickedness and their sins. I gave them much, for My Grace is available to all, but they trampled on My Grace and turned away from Me. The time that I gave them was not used for preparation, but for their rebellion. I warned of the time closing and none even bothered to look and see if it was indeed too late.

Now the time has come and gone. I showed My Prophets the New Day that they have now entered. I made them cry out and warn the people of their choices, and the reaping of those choices. But, did any listen to My Prophets? Did any humble themselves or despise their sins? No, they cast aside My prophets and told them to be silent, and discredited them.

I gave time for My Prophets to warn and to be that witness but few heard the decrees or even listened to the alarms. They only went further into their dark caves of security. But their security is not IN Me, and it will fall upon them. For I will shake the foundations of the earth and even the caves will not protect them.

I allowed even more warnings to come, as nature responded to My Hand, and travailed to birth forth in the earth. Nature has travailed and waited to see My Sons birthed forth into the earth. It has longed for the day of deliverance from the bondage of sin. But even then, men did not repent and seek Me for the days ahead. The time that I have given has been wasted, and not appreciated as My Grace. Men do not want Grace, they want darkness, so now that is what they will receive. I will no longer warn, but now I will roar. Nature will also roar, by My decree as it responds to Me.

I have called out through prophets, apostles, pastors, preachers, teachers, men, women, and children. But who heeded My Voice? All who were truly from Me, were discounted and pushed to the side, or many of them were corrupted and made into the harlot, just as the people who loved the darkness were. No more will my Voices be corrupted or silenced! I will be heard, and all men will give an account!

I am a Just, Loving God. I have been calling to My People over the generations, seeking for those who would love Me, and walk fully with Me, and who would walk Holy in the earth. There has been a remnant in each generation. Now, at the end, I find none who see what I am doing, and who can stand fully in it. So, I am revealing it to My Prophets, the ones who I now will raise up, who will be faithful with My Word. Who will not let one of My Words fall to the ground.

I am raising up the final voice in the earth, that will cry out in the destruction, and speak froth the Truth.

For I warned men of this hour of My Justice, but few failed to believe that I would judge My Own. Few know that as a loving Father, I chasten those who are Mine, and who are in sin. I love My People, and I will have a Holy People. I have begun the cleansing of My House.

I have warned and will no longer warn anymore. They have had the final warning and now comes the reaping. I have begged My Own to be found In Me, to come to Me, and sit with Me, and learn of Me, and be changed into My Likeness. Those who refused will now be purged. Those who now refuse the purging will be separated with the chaff and the goats forever. I will not be mocked!

Men will have what they want. If they choose their own way, they will go fully into it, and be wholly given over to it. If they choose Me, then I will embrace them and bring them into My arms. There is no other choice. No longer will, I allow uncleanness to be called by My Name, or to rule over My People. In My House, I am the Lord, and there will be no other.

Those found rooted and grounded IN Me, in this hour, will be sheltered from the waves and the purging that will scourge this land. For though the waves beat upon My House, it will surely stand, and all found IN Me, will stand with Me till the end.

The waves have begun. Waves of fire and blood have been decreed and have begun their march across this land. No man will be able to hide, for all will give an account and choose whom they will serve. The trumpets have sounded and the decrees have been uttered and the release has begun. The destroyer now passes over the lands.

Those found rooted and grounded In Me will not fear nor flee. They have chosen to be hidden In Me. And this thing will I not deny them, for they fully embraced Me. My Glory is what they will see. For they did not love their lives more than Me. It is to them that I will show My Mercy.

-Susan Cummings
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Jude
1 John 1
2 Peter 2
Matthew 11
Matthew 7

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Rain
Vicki Camp

1-6-'04
"As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God." - Ps. 42:1b

old chorus;
It's beginning to rain-nnnnn, Hear the Voice of The Father,
He's saying, Whosoever will, Come drink of this Water,
I have promised to pour My Spirit out ... on My sons and My daughters,
If you're thirsty and dry,
Look up to the sky,
It's beginning to RAIN-nnnnnnn.

"Ask the Lord for rain In the time of the latter rain. The Lord will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, Grass in the field for everyone." -Zec. 10:1

(In The Spirit I am shown a cliff, collapsing,,,a mudslide..... this stark dirt cliff hillside sliding off.,,, very large wet mudslide coming down..)

I tell you children, there is more than abundant Rain in My storehouse,,, as you ask of ME.... So much so will I give that your very lives will slough off all that muddies in you,,, and around you as well.

Beloved, ask Me for Rain in this time of My latter Rain and I will fill your vessels to flood-stage of ground swell out-flow. My Word washes your inner and outer being; My Rain will sparkle your spiritual skin and rain-ment raiment, reflecting Christ, even Me....and then shall We, you and I radiate and shine My glory, even as My Sunshine of great hope to those in need of healing.
Ask of Me and then ask again for more, and again, and then keep asking for more of My Rain, My Spirit downpour ......For I tell you of a truth, I AM COMING in Holy flood-stage portions.

*There is much still to be accomplished yet before I am done with you; Much to be accomplished and finished in My earth and the world which surrounds you. Look to ME ALONE as your firm foundation. Do not trust the strength of man's arm for it is mere sloughing power, which will slide away into un-notice when My affluence converges into sweeping flood ......Where my Deep Water flows........ to the Watering of my field, My garden, Watering My *you*.*

Ask of Me and then receive My Rain this season...
Prepare you now, for I have Named you vessels of honor ...... bring them on says Your God,,bring yourselves ON, and see if I will not pour out even beyond your man senses of knowing. Miraculous flood gates are opening from My Fountainhead Depths, which reach to Heights beyond your present reasonable reasoning, my children. Ask and receive My great joy gifted upon and into you, to then be poured out of you.... Bring yourselves ON, present before Me you vessels of My honor given.

In days ahead when sliding comes and earth loses it's firmness,,,people will come staggering from your east, west, from your north and south will they come, dazedly looking for salvation, looking for Me Who is their only Hope -- and they will find you, Beloved. Receive of my watering fount now, shine of my rain-ment refresh, more and then the more and then the more I will pour out at this time, of My vast measure,,,, ask and receive,,,,,,,, for in these days I WILL and so it WILL BE that My Glory draw the lost, lame, dazed ones to salvation......Through you shall they see and hear Voice and Song, My Beloved washed and shining ones. You who are My reflections speaking forth My Glory Image message, "Jesus Christ, Hope, Healing, Salvation."

*Ask thirsting ones, for I am desiring *now*, to fully drown you in My rushing Love flow wherein Truth will dawn in newness joy received into you; Even as the dew glistens upon the grass of early* *morning .... Dawning Christ even fuller upon and into your being; Be thorough soaked inside, seeping to the outside; Upon your countenance bursting outward; My irresistible beauty pure, drawing Force, I AM.*

Know this; You are marked of Me,,, My Mark, My Name never to be lifted or removed by man or evil entity as you stay In Me ,,,, Marked of Me, vessels of honor, imprinted of My Blood covenant given upon the lintels of your being.

Ask, thirsting ones.. Be soaked, drenched, bathing and refreshing repeatedly -- not once, but repeatedly receive ... My Holy Power Rain, even My Spirit falling fresh. Thus our journey ahead is fortified.
Know assuredly, I say, that this time and season,,, you, my Beloved are My target; You are TARGETED of My Holy water drops of arrowed downpour meat. Receive My sustenance. I will pour out upon you and into you My children, for My purposes, for Our purpose.

Now, today hear My speech, inculcate My doctrine,,,, opening wide your spiritual and natural mouths, hearts, arms, hands, and feet of deer leaping anticipation -- You are My joy, and this IS My delight, filling and flooding My Beloved....ask of Me...Receive Me while My eye is upon you in this time space of My flooding water; My Spirit Immanuel.

(I now am shown and see a huge bright half ball of the sun, half arisen of a mist morning, shining up and out from the other side of a field I'm looking across -- a field covered with water - beautiful to see ,,,,, a field that looks like photo's or film I've seen of rice paddy's for there is crop of grains here showing their top parts,,, a place flooded ..... very bright white Sun light reflecting upon this gently moving water of field and crop .. of the Sun, many colors upon this glass like water's surface....)

Immanuel = 'God with us' ......

"Ask the Lord for rain In the time of the latter rain ...." - Zec. 10:1A
"Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth." - Hos. 6:3
"Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the Lord your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully, And He will cause the rain to come down for you -- The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month." - Joel 2:23
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An Old Sepia Snapshot Viewing

~generations~ “ Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had known all the works of the Lord which He had done for Israel. “ – Josh 24:31

the vision received 1-27-‘04
pre: Unusually, I was shown this scene in sepia, brownish tints, as in old photos - no other colors. Later I realized this helped me identify the era.
One other very odd thing in this sepia effect vision, was that this was all seen as having a fore-ground netting, as it were - the whole scene, like the design on U.S. currency, I thought -- those tiny dots or crisscrossed lines on the faces or portions of our paper bills....

I was shown an old room, such as pioneer days or some earlier era. There was a fireplace burning logs and glowing warm. A woman on my left, just left of this fireplace, was sitting in a high backed wooden rocking chair - she had an old fashioned long dress, dark hair in a back-neck-bun tied. She was pleasant and full faced, but plain looking in the way that women were in those days.
This woman in the rocking chair had something in her lap she worked on like knitting, sewing or some little hand-project like that – this whole scene was warm tones and cozy with the log fire burning,,,,,even though I wasn't seeing it in color.

Then, she arose from her rocking chair, passing in front of the fireplace to my right, to where I now saw an old man was also sitting in a wooden chair. But not a rocking chair – rather, some kind of roomy

old wooden chair, straight low-back, with wooden arms. He had white hair - longish, like to shoulders or longer & thick with some wave to the hair. This old man had evidently fallen asleep and the top of his body was slumping to the side facing me, thus I only saw the top of his head with some of this white hair falling over, as he rested with his arms on the chair….
The woman reached out and touched him gently, and he awoke sitting upright, wherein I could now see his full face..... white beard and moustache, of what I would name a van dyke style of a sort (?),,, that is, no hair on his cheeks. His moustache was also thick, and had very slightly turned up points.

The only other thing I noted about him was that he had those long leather boots, like riding boots on. I was shown a close-up of his face, ...then a close up of his legs, bent knees, with the long leather boots... - end of vision.

some revelation given….
This man had looked familiar to me, but not anyone I could put my finger on to actually identify. I had no insight from Lord of what this very unusual vision may mean, yet.

Later, I sat down on the couch to watch the TV news -- with this vision to back of my mind/heart, when suddenly I thought, "Buffalo Bill" or "William Cody" = the vision older man! This was one of those 'out of the blue' drop-ins that I believed was from Lord, and felt I better check for photo's on the web...... which I did. The photo of William Cody as an older man, looked very right to me, plus many photos had him with those leather riding boots too! One close-up of an older Bill Cody face/portrait, caused me to suck in my breath due to the likeness of the man I had been shown.

Then, because of the money sensing I had (that odd netting seen over this whole scene), I went to look up U.S. currency to make sure I was thinking/remembering right (I didn't even have a $1 bill, nor any paper money in my purse to ck. this... ;-). Anyway, I punched in the wrong thing in my internet ‘search’ ... all this while pondering the surprising revelation re: Wm. Cody. The FIRST web site I ‘hit’ was a commercial one selling minted objects -- and now right in front of my eyes on that page , was a ,,,,, "Buffalo Bill Bowie Knife" for sale........with William Cody’s picture engraved on it! (fyi http://www.americanmint.com/)
I was holding my breath again,

“All right, Lord ! ...... there is no way this “accident” could be coincidence - this is Your even more confirming to me of the vision man’s identity …Thank You so…and please reveal and tell me more concerning your message, in this vision You’ve shared….”

some mini-sketch
*Bill Cody: Knowing not much about William Cody (1846-1917), I read a little about him - quite an accomplished younger man in the 1800’s and later also, of heroics and legend, gold rush, wrangler, scout, wagon trains, pony express (at age 14!), soldier, plus even the more in the Old West way for some in those days past.

Then of course most notable in remembrance was his "Buffalo Bill Wild West Show" of latter 1800's & earliest 1900's fame when he was a whiter haired elder as I had been shown him in the vision (almost 100 years past, now). A grand Show; Cowboys and yes Cowgirls, Indians, sharpshooters, trick horses of wonder with their riders, his show having re-creations enacted of ‘life out West’.

Cody, Wyoming – “Enamored of the land in Big Horn Basin. In 1895, Wm. Cody began to establish his town “ — Cody demonstrated great vision for his town, with strong efforts of statesmanship (evidently he hounded anyone with influence :-); In his same skill in the how-to’s of ‘putting a show together’, Cody WY. became….. & later was enhanced (dams, irrigation) by the help of his friend, President Theodore Roosevelt (1901-‘08) …...

William Cody, in the end (good and not so perfect) was a kind man in heart, loved and enamored of the American people as a ‘father figure’ of the Old West.

some insight received
After holding this vision before The Lord for a few days I’ve been given to understand that the main vision point, or message point of this unusual vision received, is the older white haired man being re-awakened at the finish.

“The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness.” – Prov. 16:31

re-awaken; Visionaries, pioneering spirit, gifts/fruits of Holy Spirit, integrity, elder grown kindness, white hair-wisdoms, acts of spiritual power, found of these ones today who match in ways to Wm. Cody; apostolic/prophetic ‘fathers’ (men and women) of our heavenly Father’s Heart. These are ones who have roughed ahead/forward (scouts, wagon trains etc.) persevering. I believe this vision depicted the ‘now’ need for these ones to be re-awakened.

Simply put, this was one view I was shown, of a ‘particular breed’ of leading and example for all of our going forward as The Church – in this same type spirit of Cody in some aspects of the Old West in America,,, but for us being of precious and mighty Holy Spirit.

re-awake again -- ‘fathers’ of white-hair Godly wisdom, experience, power, influence, integrity with present Godly sight and foresight. This vision most obviously depicted our older generation, but wait… not of gender or years of natural age alone, for these are mature ones (white haired) spiritually, stock of a particular breed = ‘father’s’ of our Father’s Heart, In Christ. I’m remembering John the Baptist age in ministry, and our Lord Jesus earth-age ministry…..

"....... He (Jesus) began to teach in the synagogue. And many hearing Him were astonished, saying, "Where did this Man get these things? And what wisdom is this which is given to Him, that such mighty works are performed by His hands!" - Mk. 6:2

At a point in God’s timing, these re-awakened ones with Lord’s exemplary heroic teams/army/crews/peoples, will be presented on ‘stage’ for all the earth, in a likeness to what William Cody did in the smaller way in his own day ....

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was cast into the sea ...." - Mt. 13:47a
The netting aspect over-all shown I believe has to do with this kingdom net Word of Jesus, and the tie I sensed with paper money, is wealth = spiritual wealth to be shared out and imparted into The Church, by these awakened ‘fathers’,,, having Our Father’s Wisdoms in God’ Righteousness,,, even of our Christ’ heritage,,, wealth indeed !

".....unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;…” - Eph. 3:8

The woman and the man in this vision, had different chairs -- his being low-straight backed and I was actually wondering as I saw this vision, how in the world could anyone ever sleep in such - you know? Thinking,,,, only an old man could easily........could drift off and doze in such a straight and hard chair, due to the room’s warmth (wood fire heat) …old men may do this easily, yes. His chair was more like a side chair with arms, not a comfort type chair at all.
These, their two chairs, may represent their different ‘seats’ of which they function from.

The vision woman represents the Church in resting = rocking chair, comfortable sitting (fire/cozy), with hand-work projects ! (probably good work[s] of her ‘hands’, but more is needful at this time, for her...). This woman, the Church in this vision depiction, is the one who arises to gently re-awaken the white haired Bill Cody, or better stated – re-awakens The Father’s father’ ministries .....She re-awaken's these ministries (a particular brand of apostolic/prophetic visionaries).... because it is needful for 'her', the Church to have these persons awake, not dozing ,,,,,,, now.
As the vision ended – the older white haired man responds to her touch and awakens to the need in her = e.g. the need that is in ‘The Church' presently.

One more, in finishing: “Buffalo Bill” ; The great noble animal, the Buffalo of America became an almost extinct animal due to human incursion and greed, but right now in our present day the Buffalo is enjoying favor of come-back, as we re-awaken to the Buffalo’s great value, worth to ‘keep alive’, on-going-ly so, for generational posterity and prosperity. In our U.S., I will venture that our original dwellers, The American Plains Natives have understood this…. all along.

the prophetic proclamation...
”Wake Up. Re-awaken,,,, Buffalo Bill’s / William Cody’s …. of our Lord Jesus Christ. For our Lord and

She/we need you now.”

~ generations ~ "I write to you, **fathers**, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning.
I write to you, **young men**, Because you have overcome the wicked one.
I write to you, **little children**, Because you have known the Father." - I Jn. 2:13

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I thought of Bill Cody immediately from your vision description. I thought of an old photo I have somewhere of him surrounded by lots of young kids. I believe he had on the long riding boots of this same picture, and had a loving face towards the kids, as they in turn were looking endearingly to him.

Cody was a real scout, had been a pony express rider as a boy, served in the Civil War on the Union side, and was the world's first superstar. During his Wild West show days, he issued all of his riders a copy of the bible and expected them to carry it with them everywhere. Cody really was a man of integrity, and thought setting an example for youth - and others to follow was of prime importance………

This vision made me think of our Spring conference we are helping to host this March with 4 other churches in town (Missoula MT.)……our Spiritual Father's conference. These are specifically older apostolic & prophetic fathers who are being brought in just to pass down their wisdom.

The apostolic is like the scout, and Cody also was able to bring that apostolic lifestyle before the masses (church & world) in a way that they could get a taste of what it was like. This is something that needs to happen with the apostolic, bring it out of obscurity and actually bring it before people in such a way that it is seen for **what it has done, and is doing.**
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"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, As the waters cover the sea." - Hab. 2:14

Receiving And Conceiving
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Get ready My dear saints to receive and conceive all I have in store for you. Believe Me, I Am not stopping. I Am not stopping here. I will bring you more and more. Just when you think you have reached fullness and can't expand any more. Just when you feel like you have to explode with my glory, a gentle release will come as you overflow, overflow. Overflow with all My goodness, grace, and glory. Oh yes! My Glory! My glory will shine on you so profoundly you will glow, glow, glow. You will glow like that of a blushing bride. MY BRIDE. MY BRIDE of course. You will glow with an overabundance of glory. I tell you in My Word that it is a sin to share your bride. But in My case ,it is a sin ***not*** to share My Bride, for it is in ***My Bride*** and ***Our Covenant*** that ***We together*** will reach the world.

I say share, share, share. Share My Blood. Share My Name. Share My Word. You will uncontrollablly share and spread My Glory. You won't even need to think about it. It will just happen as you overflow. Overflowing as it becomes a vapor spreading throughout the atmosphere. You will be smack dab in the middle of My Glory Cloud. Some will feel lost in the fog but you will clearly see. You will see, oh you will clearly see what I Am revealing to you in the days to come. For those who stay close behind the veil won't be left out in the cold and caught off guard.

Stay intimate with Me My Bride as I reveal My deepest and innermost thoughts, plans and desires. Romance Me to enhance ALL We can be together. For these are the last days just as I promised. Eye has not seen, nor ear heard what I Am about to do.. Overflow, overflow onto and into everyone who comes in your pathway. Once you pass it on, there will be an ignition, lighting the pathway of MY GLORY that will set off a chain reaction of MY Never Ending Glory. It will explosively ignite MY WORLD that I CREATED for MY PURPOSES. YES, MY WORLD For MY PURPOSE. UNITY, UNITY. YES! In one accord. YES! Once and for all. YES!!! My Bride, My Children, dancing, singing, loving. Peace, love, joy and more joy. Joy unspeakable!!! YES!!! What a reception We will have, Oh My Bride. Oh Bride of Mine! Gloory! Gloooory unspeakable!!!! I feel like dancing already. Oh saints, picture a groom dancing with open arms, I mean really dancing with compassion, dreaming of the day to come.

Now picture Me, your Creator, your Father, your Everything, waltzing in heavens wide open spaces. Imagine, Me dancing in My own Glory for that glorious day ahead. That glorious day just over the horizon. It may sound like a fairy tale for a prince but the world will see I Am the King! The King of Kings. The Alpha and Omega. They WILL see I Am the Great I Am. I Reign! I Reign! There is only ONE GOD, ONE KING and it is **I,** the Great I AM. There will be no mistake . No mistake at all when I Am done. When I Am done, not one, not one suffering soul will be able to say, I told you so. For **I** told them so. I told **them** so. You told them so. Conceive the depth of all I say My faithful ones. Yes, it is your duty, your call, to make Me known to all. Make it your number one compassion, your desire, as I anoint you with my fire. Make Me number One on your ***To Do list*** each and every day. I'm making My list and checking it twice. I expect you to do the same and put ME at the top, middle and bottom of your ***To Do list.*** Any and every which way, you MUST fit me into you schedule. This WILL become your priority. You think you have been patiently waiting upon Me, when all along I have been more than patiently waiting upon you, My, loved ones.

I'm sweeping Myself off My own feet with such passion for Our Glorious Day. Envision My Joy. My Joy Unspeakable! You knew this day was coming as I gave you My Word. I said it, and it WILL come to pass sooner than you think. You thought your expectations were high and that you were prepared, but I say, sweet one's of Mine, get ready and stay ready. Don't let your guard down when it comes to keeping yourself covered with My Blood. I tell you, your life lies in the Power of My Blood. Cover yourself from every angle. The enemy comes to kill, steal and destroy and he will try every angle to get at my children. Make much of My Blood. With out it you are easy prey. Again I say, receive and conceive the depth of what I say for the time is nigh and statistics are high. Draw a line of My Blood, a Bloodline, around yourself. **Verbally** apply My Blood to yourself and everything near and dear to you. Do this daily! Make this a daily habit, until it becomes second nature. It MUST become part of your vocabulary. Apply My Blood, Receive My Blood out loud, for ***crying out loud My Blood*** will be a matter of life and death. For life and death you MUST depend on My Blood. For within My Blood you will receive not only salvation, but with it comes life. Full life! My life! My Life in you. My Life in you ignites and burns out ALL infirmities! MY BLOOD DESTROYS the destroyer. Satan cannot cross the line of My Precious Blood. It's not just that he can't cross it, he runs, runs, runs. Oh, how he runs, tripping all the while,(tongues), ha, ha, ha. I say, rest in Me, but do not relax or slack off in the application of My Blood. Must I repeat this. Must I repeat this My precious ones. If you could only fathom how important of an asset My Blood really is you would never miss it. It's your total protection, inside and out. Your life, the life I gave you depends on My Blood and the application of it is of vital importance in these last days. I tell you plead, claim and receive My Blood all the way around.

I tell you.. MY BLOOD is your SAFETY RING! It's your LIFE PRESERVER! Think of it as a free alarm system that never fails to stop the enemy in his tracks. I paid for it in full and I expect you to put it to full use. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE,... By the Power of My Blood, I command you to apply it just as you would your shoes. Don't leave home without it. This is your key, vitally statistically speaking, to life here on earth. I created you for a purpose. My Purpose. Here on earth, as My Covenant Partner in all things for My glory. My glory expels in wondrous praise. It dances up to Me and I roll it back down to you. What a flow. What a flow. I love to see it come and go, to and fro. Around and around. What goes up must come down. Full Circle of My Glory. Everything I AM comes full circle. Everything I do comes full circle. Soak it in. Soak it up. Saturate yourselves with my Blood and My Glory. Oh Yes! My Full Circle of Glory. There is nothing better! Oh Glooory! Hallelujah! Hallelujah to The Lamb. Yes The Lamb, I AM, who was slain before the foundation of the world! Behind the veil is where you want to stay, My Beautiful Bride. It goes without say, with an overabundance of glory, so receive and conceive. Now with joy unspeakable rest in My peace with bless-ed assurance I Am soon to come.

R and R
Danny Korakas

Sep 17, 2004
"Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, of men and women and all who could hear with understanding, on the FIRST DAY OF THE SEVENTH MONTH. Then he read from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were ATTENTIVE to the Book of the Law." (Nehemiah 8:1-3)

When we think of R & R, we normally associate it with "rest and relaxation." This term was coined in the military as troops would need a season of rest and relaxation before heading back into battle. As Christians, we need these same seasons of rest in the Lord as we battle through the adversities in life.

The problem with many believers is that they don't necessarily need a natural or physical time of R & R, but rather a spiritual R & R. What we truly need is REVIVAL AND RENEWAL. I have passed many churches and read a sign along the roadside claiming that a "revival" is inside. Well, I am all for the fact that we recognize that something is dead in our midst that needs reviving! But, do we really understand what a genuine revival is? First of all, revival is not a series of evangelistic outreaches or a special speaker. Revival is a response of the Holy Spirit bringing healing and life to a sickness or deadness that we have allowed in the life of the church.

We need to also understand that we do have a part to play in genuine revival and renewal. It WILL come to those who earnestly DESIRE it. I would like to distinguish this message on "revival" from that of an "awakening." An awakening is a move of Holy Spirit that awakens the unsaved to their sinful nature and draws them to salvation through Jesus Christ. (America has had two great awakenings where multitudes of people were saved and brought into the kingdom. I sincerely believe that we are on the brink of another "Great Awakening" within three years.) What I want to focus on is the reviving work of the Holy Spirit that moves upon the "saved" that are DESPERATE for a move of God within the church.

While we cannot simply program an awakening, we can, however, choose to move into revival and renewal. Some may think it is arrogant to declare and prophesy that revival can be "programmed." I can declare this with a clear conscience in the knowledge that if we simply follow God's program and principles set forth in His Word, we will indeed inhabit and experience true revival and renewal. PERSONAL and corporate revival is the essential ingredient of our part to play for another "Great Awakening." It is only when we have been revived from our dead and wounded spiritual condition as the church that the Lord will entrust to us the most precious of gifts — the souls of men. I know this is a hard statement, but the Lord is grieved by His newborn and children having to hear the "stories" of man and his accomplishments rather than hearing the Word of God and experiencing HIS glory.

In Nehemiah 8, we see clearly the blueprint and model that the Lord has given us for revival and renewal. The center of genuine revivals will consist of two things — the Word of God and intercession leading to repentance. The high view and value of the Bible is the centerpiece and foundation of personal and communal CHANGE. If we survey the scripture along with church history, we will soon find this fact to be true.

"Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, 'I have found the Book of the Law in the HOUSE OF THE LORD.' And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan and he read it. Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the book of the Law, that he tore his clothes. Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, "Go, inquire of the Lord for me, for the people and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found; for great is the wrath of the Lord that has been aroused against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do all that is written concerning us."" (2 Kings 22:8, 11-13)

Two things stand out in this great revival during the reign of Josiah. One is that the scriptures were found in the "house of the Lord." It seems that many in "spirit-filled" circles have been drawn to the supernatural stories of what man has done rather than the supernatural Word of God. I have witnessed many conferences where speaker after speaker expounds upon "their" stories ... with little to nothing concerning the Word of God. I love to hear wonderful testimonies of what the Lord is doing through people as much as anybody. However, if it is void of the Word of God as its foundation and premise, it is void of real supernatural power and life changing anointing.

We may leave these events all fired up or encouraged, but does it REALLY change your life in a supernatural or permanent way? The Bible must regain the preeminence and be found in the house of the Lord if we are to experience the revival and renewal that the Lord desires for His people. It is this reviving of our love for the Word of God that will protect us from the end day deception that will grip humanity. The Bible states that Satan will come as an angel of light and that even the elect may be deceived if it were possible. The spirit of Antichrist is a religious spirit, and the "great deception" will be based on religious deceptions.

In Nehemiah 8, the tremendous revival and renewal of God's people was birthed through a desire and hunger for God's Word as well. This revival took place in the 5th century BC after the Israelites returned from the Babylonian exile. The Temple that had previously been destroyed was now rebuilt through the efforts of the PROPHETS Haggai and Zechariah.

Prophetically, this points to a religious system that must be destroyed and rebuilt in our day as well. The religious system of man-made doctrines and traditions must be brought into submission to the Word of God. Many church leaders have "stiff armed" the baptism of the Holy Spirit while these same men sit on padded thrones upon elevated platforms facing those whom God has given them to SERVE. Is this the position of a servant? At least the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is in the Word of God. Many have a preferred parking place for the pastor and "first lady" right next to the entrance of the church. Is this servant leadership? This is not a an assault on church leadership, but a word of edification and understanding into the heart of Christ for the leadership pattern that He gave as an example.

The FIRES of revival are fueled by servant leadership. A fire will soon suffocate without oxygen. Likewise, the acceptance and desire for TITLES such as "reverend" which means "most revered," rather than simply serving in the FUNCTION that the Lord has given us, has caused a suffocating in the life of the church that has quenched its flame. "Flowing Robes" and icons are not REAL to a lost and dying world. The Bible says that we are to "submit to one another in the fear of Lord" as brothers and sisters in Christ. The demand for submission as a means of spiritual maturity is unbiblical in that authority must be earned rather than demanded. The Lord is no longer tolerating the creations and glory of man within the church.

The Lord is no longer tolerating the SELLING OF HIS ANOINTING." It is not that cheap! He is no longer turning His eye to a "clergy – laity" mentality. The harvest of souls that is coming will need a leadership that they can identify with and feel comfortable around — somebody just like them.

Although the Temple would be rebuilt under the encouragement of the prophets, the wall of the city would still be broken and in ruin. For almost a hundred years, the people of God would be CONTENT living among the rubble of 'Broken Walls." This rendered the Temple vulnerable and defenseless to attack. God desired for a strong WALL to be built around the Temple and the Lord chose Nehemiah to fulfill His purpose for revival.

Today, you and I are representative of the Temple in that the Spirit of God dwells within us. We find in scripture that "walls" many times point to intercession and prayer. Our natural and spiritual "temples" are likewise vulnerable to attack without well-built walls of intercession and prayer. The fires of revival that we witness in scripture and that we study in church history were all sparked by INTERCESSION. (Read Nehemiah 1:1-11)

Nehemiah recognized the natural and spiritual condition of the land and God's people. When he heard about the condition of the walls and the attacks of enemy, Nehemiah purposed in his heart to do something about it. God had answered the fervent prayers of a common cup-bearer (servant) and used him in a mighty way to encourage and fan the flames of revival and renewal in his generation. The tremendous task of rebuilding the walls would only take 52 days even in the midst of adversity. This was astounding! The Lord also desires to use you in astounding ways. He is simply looking for a "man who will stand in the gap and build a wall. (Ezekiel 22:30)

In verses 1-8, we see the peoples love and appreciation for the Word of God. The significance of this is in the fact that once the Word of God was found in the "house of God," it was soon proclaimed in a PUBLIC setting. The people of God gathered together in public places to read and hear the Word of God. This seems so out of step in our modern religiosity. However, this was the format of the Great Awakenings that ushered in countless thousands of souls into the kingdom here in America. The Lord is releasing scribes, writers, and prophets who will once again proclaim the Word of God in public settings. What! What are we so embarrassed about?

It would be Ezra the scribe (the same Ezra who penned the book named after him) who would proclaim the Word of God. He was a contemporary of Nehemiah and helped lay the foundation of Revival thorough his love and proclamation of God's Word. The fact that Ezra did not have to force or manipulate the people through interesting stories shows their love and appreciation of the Word of God. These people listened attentively for 6 hours! Are we this hungry for the Word? It seems we have a hard time listening to just one chapter being read in church. It should be no wonder there isn't revival and renewal in the church today.

The Bible says that "In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with God, and the WORD was God." Scripture is clear in that Jesus Christ is the Word. He was the Word incarnate. With this understanding, we must conclude that our love for the Word of God is a direct reflection of our love for Jesus. If we are not passionate for the Word, then we are not truly passionate for Jesus. If we do not long for the Word when we gather together as believers, we are not longing for Jesus. If this is case, then what is our motive for fellowship? Is it man-centered or Christ-centered?

In Nehemiah 8:9-12, we witness the response of the people who were impacted by God's Word. God's Word brought the people to a realization and conviction of their sins. The Bible says that the Word of God is "like a mirror, revealing the heart or intentions of man." The people were weeping because of the realization of their failed and mixed-up priorities. Tears of REPENTANCE are the heart and soul of revival and renewal. Without the heartfelt weeping or grief over our sins and the sins of our communities, there will be no revival and renewal.

It doesn't end here though. Through the tears of repentance comes joy and gladness! Ezra and Nehemiah told the people that it was now time to stop their weeping. The time of repentance was over and a special feast was about to begin. Remember, it was the first day of the seventh month, which was the FEAST OF TRUMPETS! It was the start of the New Year and a time of new beginnings in serving the Lord. You see, God was faithful and just to forgive the people of their sins. Revival and Renewal had come! It was now a time of celebration before the Lord and one another. According to God's Word, the people were to give gifts to the poor with joy in their hearts in how God had blessed and prospered them.

This revival and renewal brought an overflowing joy and gladness in the hearts of God's people. They came to realize God's great and awesome love for them and how much He cared about their every concern in life. Joy and gladness is the result and reward of revival and renewal. This is really what the lost and dying are searching for. The Bible says "that the JOY of the Lord is our strength." Out of the fire and ashes of repentance comes the joy and strength to go and reap the FALL HARVEST.

The joy of the harvest season is upon us as we move toward the Fall Feast of TABERNACLES. In Nehemiah 8:13-18, we read that through the reading of the Word of God, the people received a revelation and value of the Feast of Tabernacles that was soon to come. We will also need this revelation as we prepare to partake of the greatest fall harvest of all — a "Great Awakening" of SOULS!

Islam, The Black Stone

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Byzantium, whose capital was Constantinople, was not only rivaling Rome for religious influence, it had Rome's lust for the luxuries that the world had to offer. The caravan routes moving across the Arabian peninsula had suddenly become a source of wealth in the transport of goods from India (spices, wares, jewelry, and slaves) and other parts of the orient and Asia.

If poetry and speculation was Mecca's pastime, commerce had become its soul. Caravan owners could now afford to hire mercenaries for protection against desert Bedouins as their businesses prospered. Sixth century Mecca had now established itself a small economic upper-class. The caravan trade would continue to be very dangerous, but very lucrative as well.

Muhammad's first wife (Khadeja) financed and operated caravans. Ironically, women owning businesses would soon come to an end as Muhammad instituted his program and Islam progressed. The peninsula now ruled by tribal chieftains would soon succumb to their new found wealth and the ancient desert values of family and relationships would become secondary to "profit." The greed of the elite few had caused an environment of widows and children left destitute and a large population gripped by debt. The atmosphere had become dry as kindling and only a spark was needed to start a ravenous fire that is still burning today. A man named Muhammad, born around 570 would hold the match in his hand.

Muhammad was born in Mecca, and Mecca was in the "religious business." Hundreds of years before Muhammad, Arabs traveled each year to Mecca to visit the "Ka'ba." The Ka'ba is a shrine that has been rebuilt numerous times due to desert rains and floods. It is 10.5 x 12 meters and 15 meters high. The door of the Ka'ba is in the north-eastern wall and is two meters above the ground. Inside there are three wooden pillars that hold the roof up, which can be accessed by a ladder. The floor is covered by marble and its walls were cut from the mountainous grey stone surrounding it. East of the door, in the corner, 1.5 meters above ground, is where the "Black Stone" is found. The stone is now in several pieces (three large and three small parts that are connected by a type of silver strand) The Ka'ba, to this day, is still the centerpiece of Muslim worship. It is this icon housed in its shrine that is circled during the Hajj which we will study in another article. There is another stone (the stone of good fortune) that is built into the western corner of the Ka'ba, but is far less sacred to the Muslim. The Ka'ba is covered by a black curtain called the "kiswa." It is made traditionally in Egypt and is changed annually at the time of the hajj.

At the time of Muhammad, people would come to the Ka'ba to worship the sun, moon, stars, and a pantheon of other Arabic gods. The "jinn" or "genii" were feared by the Arabs as being a type of wild and evil spirits. Allah, as we wrote in the introduction, was a type of general overseer of the gods. The god "Allah" appears on pagan inscriptions 500 years before Islam and Muhammad. It is worthy to note that a fire at the time of Muhhamad destroyed it partly and the reconstruction resulted in major alterations. The size was increased and the door set up higher to prevent unwanted visitors. Rebel activities in 683 AD destroyed the Ka'ba again and the fire made the Black Stone split into the present fragments.

The tradition of the black stone was supposedly set into a wall of the Ka'ba by Abraham. However, there is no Biblical record or any other historical evidence to give justification or credence to this legend. Around the black stone were three female goddesses (explained in the introduction) where human sacrifices were sometimes performed. Muhammad chose to keep the goddesses intact during the building of his movement. He needed to do this in order to avoid an overwhelming rebellion and possible assassination. However, once Islam took hold and dominated the areas of Mecca and Medina, the old pagan gods and goddesses were abolished by Muhammad in favor of a monotheistic doctrine – The only god being Allah.

The Ka'ba and the "Black Stone" have for centuries been worshiped by Muslim converts as sacred. It origins cannot be traced to God, Allah, or to Muhammad, but to pagan gods and goddesses. Historical records and Arabic poetry prove this fact. The question we must consider in the Islamic doctrine is why would a monotheistic god, "Allah," require the worship of a foundation that was built upon ancient pagan deities and rites? Even the hajj itself has not changed from its pre-Islamic pagan roots. On Muhammad's "farewell hajj," he adapted the ancient pilgrimage into a ritual of a new religion. He announced plans to lead the event himself, taking with him all nine (9) wives still alive. Isn't it ironic that the Koran (the words given to Muhammad) limits a man to four (4) wives. A "holy prophet" with a double standard? What a contrast to the absolute TRUTH and character of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a WHITE STONE, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it." (Revelation 2:17)

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Islam: The Whisper of Satan
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The Ka'ba, at the time of Muhammad, was safeguarded by the "Banu Quraysh." The Banu Quraysh were tribal shepherds, traditional or cultural robbers, and caravanners. These people had their origins in the northern Arabian peninsula. A certain Quraysh chief named Kosai, moved south and conquered Mecca about the year 400 AD. Kosai built a type of council house next to the Ka'ba and instituted reforms to the Arabic calender to better facilitate the pilgrimage to the Ka'ba that represented a myriad of ancient Arab pagan gods. It would be Kosai who would be Muhammad's great (3x) grandfather.

Some of the Quraysh continued to live as bedouin in the desert areas and maintained their ancient ways and culture. There were many others who became prosperous merchants and bankers and their reputation went before them. The farmers and common men of the area regarded them as "kings." The word Quraysh in Arabic means "Shark." From their arrival in Mecca to the present, they are fulfilling this translation with decisive ruthlessness. They would go on to conquer much of the known civilized world.

Kosai's descendants did not always get along. Two of his sons disputed over food concessions during the pilgrimage to the Ka'ba. This was only settled at the last minute as families from both sides lined up for battle. Some quarrels would never be resolved without bloodshed. Kosai's rich grandson, Hashem, made pilgrimage into a lavish and grandiose event, supplying food and water to the pilgrims. This garnered Hashem wide admiration from the people, but angry resentment from his nephew, Umayya. The division between these two family factions brought the Islamic movement to a halt in Europe when all seemed probable for a complete European conquest. This division still divides Islam today.

In Muhammad's day, the Ka'ba still held its importance in Arab worship and was the cause of much contention. As the Islam movement began to gain traction, Muhammad and the Quraysh came to a COMPROMISE on the gods and goddesses that the Ka'ba represented. Muhammad agreed to let the goddesses al-Lat, al-Uzza and al-Manat remain in the Ka'ba – though inferior in power to Allah. Muhammad stated that Gabriel had told him, "These are exalted females whose intercession verily is to be sought." However, as time went on, Muhammad became unhappy with this development and sought Gabriel again. It was then that Muhammad disowned these verses and stated that they had been "Whispered by Satan." These verses are now known as the "satanic verses."

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

The difference between Muhammad, the founder of Islam, and Jesus Christ, the founder of Christianity, is clear. There were never any changes to the Word of God: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. The living Word of God was in the beginning with God; His origins are divine and His words have never been COMPROMISED.

Jesus said, "Everyone who is of the TRUTH hears my voice." (John 18:37" Whose voice was Muhammad hearing?

Renovation and Restoration

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My people look to Me for I am indeed doing a new thing upon the earth today. I am doing a work of restoration in the hearts of My people, for much has been torn down and rooted out as I have searched deep into their hearts, but now I am raising them up again to the newness of My life in them and rebuilding that which remains. I will have a holy people who's hearts are pure and are devoted to Me. Many of you may look back now and mourn what you have lost, but I say look to Me, for what I shall give you shall be more than what you expected that you will wonder why you mourned over what is now gone. I am building bridges in relationships where there once was a gap. I AM a God of Love, and if My people are to walk in My ways the love shall be the norm because it is the glue that will hold My church together in unity. It is the perfect love that will cast away all fear. All that has been torn down and rebuilt in your lives has been out of My love for you. You cannot move forward this season except you be in My will. Do not fret thinking that you will miss Me because you are My sheep who shall know and discern My voice.

Hosea 6:1 Come let us return unto the Lord, for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

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Repentance And Restoration
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Escape from the clutch of the evil one, and I will lift you up, for many find themselves in a place that they have not been before, and they do not know how to get out of it. But I AM calling you to escape from the clutch of the evil one and run towards Me, and I will set you free from the giants of your life. Yes, many have been in the midst of insurmountable tragedies in their lives. It seems like one mountain of troubles after another, a never-ending trial effecting every area of their life. But it may seem that I have left you fatherless, but the fact is the other way around. You have pulled away from your first love and have found yourself deep in the clutch of the evil one.

If you aren't worshiping Me and basking in My presence, then you have lost your focus on what it is all about. I called you to be Mine, to walk with Me and to be My bride, but many have lost their zeal and have allowed themselves to be entertained by the things of the world to the extent that they have become complacent to My word and communion with Me. And this cannot be. You cannot both have Me and My presence and the ways of the world. For I have called you to be a holy nation, a peculiar people, one that is set apart from that of the world. And now there are many that have allowed themselves to get entangled that it is hard to them apart.

I AM calling you to repentance to come apart from the unclean thing. Cry out for mercy that I will clean your heart from the effects, and that I will set you free from the desires and lusts that have led you astray. For this is the hour where the trials will either make you or break you. I AM separating the men from the boys, those who are willing to pay the price to crucify their flesh and those who choose to continue to be mesmerized by the things of the world. You have to make the decision whether you want blessings or curses, life or death and the fruit thereof.

Walk with Me and I will bless you and restore to you all that the enemy has robbed you of. But if you continue in your ways this day, you will surely die. Do not believe the lies of the evil one by giving up on My promises. Do not listen when he says that he has better for you for he is a liar and a thief, and he only comes to steal, kill and destroy. I've come to give you life and that abundantly, but you must serve Me, deny yourself, pick up your cross and follow Me.

Crucify the lusts of the flesh, the eyes and the pride of life. Draw close to Me and I will draw close to you. Keep My word deep in your heart and use it against the evil one. Put up your shield of faith and reapply each piece of armor for I paid the price that you would be fully clothed enabled to stand against the powers of darkness. Reposition yourself with Me seated at the right hand of the Father, the position of power, high above all powers and principalities. Let out a victory cry and join ranks once again and worship Me. Then the enemy will be blinded by My glory. Your enemies will be scattered with confusion and will turn on each other, and you will escape and run and be free once again stronger than ever.

Rise up, My holy ones, for it is time to dance and to shout and rejoice for I said I would never leave you or forsake you or to allow you to fall into a snare. Apply My word each day to your life and My blood, and keep your eyes on Me, and I will lead you through. Do not allow the shame or condemnation to defeat you, for they are only lies of the evil one. Cry out for greater grace and My mercy and be restored. For I AM calling My bride together, even those with boots on, to close up the gaps and build the wall, to sound an alarm, to blow the shofar and be united in one faith under one God for I AM and evermore shall be, and I will not be defeated. Those I died for I will not lose in the fight. They are sealed with My Spirit. If you will to do My will, I will carry you through and MY victory will be yours, for I AM your Lord and King.

Worship Intercession
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Blessings to you! I feel a stirring in my heart that we need to refresh our vision that the Lord has given us concerning pressing in for breakthrough, for worship and intercession, to release the heart cry of the Father as a mighty roar, to usher in the end time harvest of souls.

I know many have gone through severe testings lately that we have truly been through the fire, but in the process many may have lost focus of what it is all about. Its all about Jesus and His will being done. Its all about worshipping the Lord with all our heart and losing ourselves in His presence. He wants to live His life through us. He wants to intercede through us, travail through us, and even roar through us. If we will allow Him to do this work in us, I am sure that we will never be the same.

I am in the process of updating my website. I have a section called Streams of Glory where I will be posting other people's prophesies concerning worship and intercession. I don't know about you, but I need to be stirred up once again to truly seek the Lord, to worship Him, and allow Him to move through me as before, and even in a greater measure.

So I am asking you to send me your favorite prophesies that you have received from the Lord concerning the above. Send me even those you have received from other people that is really dear to your heart. Let's stir ourselves afresh to truly seek the Lord and to worship Him and allow Him to intercede through us. This is the end times and not much time left to truly press in for the lost. And I know the anointing for this comes as we truly worship the Lord.

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Thank you so much!
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Revival And The Emerging Apostolic Movement

Todd Bentley

Prophetic Words for Canada and Beyond
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and More...

The following prophetic words were given by various speakers at Fresh Fire's Apostolic Keys Conference in Abbotsford, B.C., Canada, last month. We have selected the most significant, timely and "now" words which will give you a greater sense of what God is doing and about to do as a new reformation transforms the church into a powerful Apostolic movement. As this movement matures, the church will be poised for the greatest revival and worldwide harvest the world has ever seen. The prophetic words focus generally on both revival, the apostolic emergence and, specifically, on the nation of Canada.*

APOSTOLIC ROUNDTABLE

During the conference, FFM hosted a round table discussion in which various prophetic/apostolic leaders commented and answered questions about the emerging apostolic movement. Here are some significant excerpts:

Keith Abrahams: *I think what we are seeing happening very rapidly in the body is a shift from legal structure to relational structure. What God is building is a flexible wineskin, but it has all to do with function; it has all to do with relationship. What I am seeing in the body is a cross-pollination between networks and also between different leaders. It's all by God's Spirit joining our hearts together.*

Bruce Friesen: *With my heart for Victoria and Canada, I see God developing an apostolic nation running with the redemptive gifting and calling of the nation which is healing, reconciliation and peace. That is what Canada is to bring to the nations. The U.S. is to bring justice and freedom to the nations. People need to hear about these redemptive gifts and apostolic callings within the nation. On a national level, I see God raising up those who are hearing what He is saying about the call to be corporate.*

Todd Bentley: *There is coming a linking of many different apostolic ministries that go in and out of many different eagles' nests and are connecting together, covering grounds in a region, and literally, that is how we are going to take it across the nation.*

James Goll: *In Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, I saw, written out before my eyes, the letters A M P. I watched it and the "M" moved in front of the "A" and then spelt MAP. AMP and MAP. I asked God "What is this?" And God said, "When the apostolic "A" is made "P" personal, (and that word right there is really important), I will put those apostolic renewal centers on my MAP. I will amplify my voice and I will put them on my MAP. When the apostolic is made personal, there will be Mighty Authority in the prophetic in that place. I will amplify my voice, and I will put those apostolic renewal centers on my map." It's not primarily structural - it's primarily relational. It's when the apostolic is made personal that there will be mighty authority in the prophetic because the prophetic will be secure, and they will move out and God will amplify His voice. People are drawn to the voice of the Lord, and He will put those places on His map. They won't have to put something big in a magazine. God will put them on His map, and people will come. If He builds, it they will come.*

Bill Johnson: *I approach the (apostolic) gifting so functionally that I don't even stop to think about it (whether a woman can be an apostle). If somebody is producing the fruit of it, I don't mind if they are given the title. Structure is only there to produce life. That is the only purpose for order. It is not to give title for personal identity; it's not so I feel better about myself or understand my placement in*

Christ - that is apart from a title. My identity in Christ is out of intimacy, and it's personal. How I function is according to the grace upon me. That being said, it would be very difficult for me to say that Heidi Baker does not have an apostolic anointing. My goodness! I mean regardless of what I thought yesterday, today she produces five to six thousand churches. You've got to turn your head and say, "Well, she is producing more fruit than all the guys that I thought were apostles are producing, so, maybe I need to review (my beliefs)."

That approach to scripture is very difficult and makes many of us nervous, but if you do look at Acts 15 as a model for the way we approach truth, (you'll realize) they did not look at the scriptures and then try to find experiences that ratified the scriptures. They heard the testimony of the move of God among the Gentiles, and then they found the scripture to back it up. We have a culture that is so opposed to experience that we have dumbed down the gospel to what we presently understand instead of looking into where the Spirit of God is moving and then allowing Him to teach us how it is that He has put that in His book. I don't think there are as many things in here that are static as we once thought. It might make us a little bit nervous, but truth is always built, line upon line, truth upon truth, but it's three-dimensional. It evolves in its impact and application. And we have to understand that these things are shifting according to the Spirit that will never contradict Scripture, but we have to make adjustments with Him. If His hand is on somebody, and I don't acknowledge and recognize it, then I am a fool for it.

Traditionally people have gathered together around specific truths, causing the formation of denominations. In this hour, people are gathering around fathers and mothers and that defines the nature of our function .

Keith Abrahams: *I think the issue of women (in ministry) is very, very important in the end time church. I think it is very biblical - in the past there has been a lot of controversy over it. Lots of women have been put down in the church. But I believe that in the church of the last days we are going to have a lot of woman (in ministry). I just returned from Europe, and I had the opportunity to speak with a pastor from the Ukraine. Most of the people on his apostolic team, in the largest church in Europe, are women. Now I think we need to back up (re-examine) Scripture . . .*

Todd Bentley: *Somebody emailed our ministry and asked a valid question. He said, "Todd, you are going to have all these men - prophets and apostles - get together and talk about the emerging apostolic movement. My fear would be that there wouldn't be a representation of the Goths, the Punks and the Ravers - the whole underground world that God is moving in today - the movement that offends and scares most people in the church. You know - the punked and colored hair with all the earrings and piercings in every part of the body. Is there not room for true apostle and prophets in that sub-culture? From that question I realized that we need to be very careful in the whole new emerging (apostolic) movement, not to just package it how we think it should look. I am going to make some statements now: There are punk apostles; there are biker prophets; there are ravers that are apostles; there are skinheads that are part of this prophetic movement...I don't have any here right now. I'd be the closest thing. We must not forget that these (sub-cultures) have a voice in this whole prophetic movement too. The teenage apostles and the teenage prophets are being raised up, and it's also happening in other spheres of life too.*

JIM GOLL -- FINAL CONFERENCE SESSION:

In the beginning of the book of Acts, Jesus went about doing and then teaching, so this night there has been an example set before this great congregation. There has been an example of doing and teaching. And the Lord says this is the model of the book of Acts of the Apostles. For there has been the calling for the strategic keys of an apostolic age to be released. The Lord would say that this is significant, that this is important. That this consecration would occur in the middle of this celebration, for it is a doing and a teaching. It's a catching of fish and a releasing of them to go forth and to multiply. And the Lord would say to you Todd, "I am going to surround you with elders. I am going to surround you with the elders of My counsel. I am going to bring them around you, those that are even twice your age and even some that are three times your age. I am going to bring them around you, both men and women, and they are going to be a safety net. They are going to be put around you for the birthing canal of which you are, and they will look in upon you, and they will wonder, and they will be fascinated, and they will wonder how in the world is all this happening in five years.

Generational Honor

The Lord would say, "I am going to bring the authentic joining of the generations, and it should happen, and this is but a paradigm shift, a paradigm shift, a paradigm shift, for you shall be a product of the multiplication anointing, that even as three prophets were joined together this night, each representing different generations of my Spirit - one from the Latter Rain and one from the Jesus Charismatic Moment and now one from the new Apostolic Reformation - the Lord would say, "This, My people behold; it is an example before you of what I will do when humble hearts, full of hunger, shall cry out to the Lord and will honor the generations in Jesus name. To honor the generations in Jesus name. For wherever three generations become joined in a generation, I will show Myself strong. I will show Myself strong."

For this is the very reason why moves of God have been cut short in times past. It's because there was not honor in the midst, but rather, there crept in the spirit of competition. But the Lord says, "I am changing the scenery. I am changing the platform of ministry. For it shall be honor. Honor will rule the day. It will not be the spirit of insecurity that breeds competition, but it shall rather be that My people shall be renewed in their minds, and they will know that they are rooted and grounded in My great, immense, immeasurable love, and I am going to open the ears of my people, and they shall hear again about my great love. And you say, 'Oh, but I thought there was a deeper truth.'" But the Lord would say, "I am the deepest truth that there is! I am the deepest truth! I am the truth! And there is none other. For I have been looking for abandoned people that will be able to bring to me a structure that I could fill."

Apostolic Revival

But the Lord would say, "So many times My people have erred because they have built a structure for themselves to fill, and then I have to tear down the very structures that I even called them to. And I have to oppose that of which they began to do in the spirit. For have you not read in the book of Galatians, 'Oh you foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you? You who began in the Spirit, do you believe that you can be perfected by the works of the flesh?'" But the Lord would say in this hour, "I am raising up an abandoned remnant of people, and they shall not put structure as their foremost emphasis but they will rather put 'I Am' – the Architect. 'I Am. I Am.' The 'I Am' is the architect. For Abraham went forth looking for a builder. For many men and women are going to cemeteries to go learn how things are laid out neatly and in order, and everything is dead there. It is all laid out neatly and in order. But I am now calling forth the people that will look for the Architect that lives in heaven."

The Lord will have you know, "I will raise up many authentic, apostolic renewal/revival centers in the earth." The Lord would say, "It shall be my jealousy that shall be revealed. For I am the Head of My body, and I will not share that position with any person. I am the head of the body and no man or no woman and no gift can take my position. And when they attempt to, I am put in a position where I have to make a difficult decision. For I am for my people, and I am for my body, and I am for the progressing, processional of the glorious presence of my Son being released in the earth. But there are times when running around in the earth realm there are decapitated bodies. Running around like chickens with their heads cut off, not really knowing where they are going, but flopping around and making a big scene." But the Lord would say, "In this hour I shall raise up dread champions again. Dread champions and giants of faith and humility. Giants of faith and humility. They will not care that their name is on a ministry. That they will care not that they have a business card with a title; they will not care about fame in the earth realm. They will care only about the fame of the one name that is exalted in heaven and shall be exalted in the earth. For I am coming in this hour, and I am going to revisit My people with My hot jealousy. And so I shall surround you with elders of counsel (not elders of control) who will be coaches and cheerleaders to help you grow. And so I have set before you this night, a combination - more than a conference, a strategic event. I have set before you a paradigm shift, and I am offering more than the visitation of 50 and 60 years ago. I am offering a page that has never been written." That's pretty good! Hahahahaha!

The Convergence Movement

A convergence is happening in this hour. Converge. The word converge means to blend, to tend to move toward a point together, to come together and to unite in interest or focus. The word convergence means to act in a moving towards a union - a movement of two eyes, resulting in impingement of corresponding retina areas. For example, if you put your hand over one eye, you think you see everything but you really don't . . . it takes both eyes looking from different directions coming into focus together before you see all things clearly. A convergence is part of what is happening in this period of time. It is Psalm 46:4 that says, "There is a river whose streams" (, that's in the plural), "whose streams make glad the city of God." In Isaiah 65:8 it says, "As the new wine is found in the cluster and one says do not destroy it, for there is benefit in it…"

So, in this hour the Lord is bringing diversity together in unity. It is not uniformity, and it is not conformity, and it is not control...but the Lord is bringing diversity and unity together in this hour, and there will be new wine that is found in the cluster. You are going to hear the word convergence in the business community. You are going to hear it in the secular public education, and you are going to be hearing it in the kingdom of God in the church community; it's going to be like a buzz word from heaven that is going to descend on earth because it is a heavenly sound coming down to earth, and earth beings are simply going to vibrate with the sound of heaven on earth. It's a convergence of heaven coming down to earth. I tell you the kind of agreement I'm looking for is first of all not you and I coming into agreement, but it is me coming into agreement with Him. It is you coming into agreement with Him. It is not an ecumenical movement; it is a God movement in which we are coming into agreement. It is an agreement movement - us coming into agreement with His priorities, us coming into agreement with Him. You see, when we come into agreement with Him, we come into a convergence with one another."

Hispanics and Taiwanese

It is an hour when the Hispanic church is going to rise on the scene. There are going to be some great champions of the faith. It will be they that have been shaped behind the scenes. But then the Hispanic church is going to arise in this hour, not only in South America but across North America. The Hispanic people are going to arise because God is restoring dignity to the oppressed, all of the people groups that have not had dignity. Some of the greatest church growth is going to happen in the Hispanic community. And watch out - there is going to be a move of God in the nation of Taiwan, Taiwan. It will be an authentic, apostolic, evangelistic breakthrough. There will be radical itinerant Holy Ghost terrorists that are going to arise from out of Hong Kong and out of Taiwan, and they are going to go throughout Southeast Asia for such a time as this. It is an hour when we love not our lives unto death and overcome the Evil one in our day, and we realize that we have a license from God to die to self and to live unto God. It is an hour of the convergence of ages when God again fills His house. In 2 Chronicles 5:11-14, when the Levites are in place, the revelation is decreed, "The Lord is good and His loving-kindness is everlasting."

Restoration and Convergence

It shall be the 500 years of priestly service and the restoration of the office of the priest, followed by the 100 years of the restoration of the office of the prophet, followed now by the Day of the King. It is a period of time of the convergence of the ages where the Lord will take the anointing of the fresh fire of the Holiness movement of the 1880's, and He will wed it and mingle it together with the authentic Pentecostal fire of the turn of the century. And He will bring and wed that together with the wave of signs and wonders of Aimee Simple McPherson and John G. Lake of the 1920's, and He will mingle that together with the (restoration of) His manifest presence (as well as) understanding and prophecy and presbytery, the singing in the Spirit and this whole realm of understanding of the five-fold ministry gifts along with the restoration of the church that was birthed in the Latter Rain Movement.

He (the Lord) will mingle it (the previous movements) together with the great outdoor, outside the camp, healing evangelists of the 1940's and 50's. He will wed it together with the evangelical burden for the lost, and He will wed it together with the best of the charismata anointing where each one has a special gift from God, and they employ it in serving one another. He will wed it together with the zeal of the Jesus People Movement, and He will bring it together with the sound theology of the third wave. He is going to mingle it together with the revelation of the prophetic movement, and it's going to all get mixed together in this incredible concoction. Then it's going to get mingled together with the understanding of the international family of affection and the apostolic revolution, apostolic reformation. All of these ingredients of convergence will be brought together. All of the best ingredients of the past will be brought together because the best will be served at last. The best will be served at last.

Days of Glory

We are crossing over a threshold into the days of His glorious presence. In the history books that will be written, this time period will be called 'The days of His glorious presence.' God will invade cities with a transformational glory. These are the days of convergence where bright luminaries will come again, and they will shine where mysteries of the King will be revealed and where dread champions are once again raised up as giants of faith and humility. But they will point the way, not to themselves, but to the One who is greater than them.

Vancouver. The Lord is also going to cause a strategy to come forth to lay siege to the city of Vancouver. For the city of Vancouver has lain under a shroud of an occult spirit. But the Lord is going to release an apostolic strategy to lay siege to the city of Vancouver so the shroud of the occult spirit will be pierced. It will be as though the Lord comes with these two-edged swords and cuts through this false shroud of the occult spirit that has surrounded the city of Vancouver. That thing is going to be pierced. And there is going to be brilliant displays of power that is going to occur in the middle of the very city of Vancouver.

British Columbia and Prince Edward Island. There is going to be an upsetting of governmental things in British Columbia. The government shall change in British Columbia and Victoria Island shall not be a place where it shall be of witchcraft and new age practitioners hiding. But it is going to be a place where the victory of God is going to be seen in a governmental seat. And the victory of the Lord is going to visit some place called Prince Edward Island where there is going to be an apostolic move. I don't even know where in the world this is. There is going to be an apostolic move of God that is going to come upon Prince Edward Island. It is going to be an invasion, an invasion. Something similar to what occurred in the Hebrides Islands in the late 40's and early 50's. It is going to overwhelm some place called Prince Edward Island. It is going to come upon it. It is going to be a glory cloud that is going to be seen. Mark this down and pray this into being. This shall happen. It shall be seen. There are going to be actual cloud formations over this island, and signs will be seen in the heavens, and wonders will begin to occur in the earth beneath.

Lightning and New Music. (The Lord says,) "I am going to be moving in the heavens. I am going to be moving in the skies that are literally above your eyes. I am going to be releasing amber light. I am going to be releasing displays of My brilliant presence in ways where lightning is going to flash horizontally and not vertically, and it's going to go crisscross across the skies. People are not going to understand what this is, and they are going to say, 'This is a new phenomenon - we don't even have a word for this.' It's not going to be witchcraft nor will it be New Age nor will it be the occult." For the Lord says, "It is My angels that are appearing on the scene. It will not be as it was when Lucifer fell from the sky and they said, 'We saw him fall like lightning.' But it will rather be that the angels of the Lord are coming to encamp. There shall be new encampments of the angels of the Lord of Hosts where the sounds of the orchestra of heaven are going to be released into the earth realm. There is going to be music that has not been heard in the earth realm for generations, and it is going to be heard because Jacob's ladder is going to be coming down again."

Inuit Revival. And even as I spoke before, there will be this move of God which will mature. It has already begun. It is amongst the Inuit people, and it's going to be transformation - whole villages coming to faith. Whole villages coming to faith. Watch out in the northern arctic regions and in the regions in the Northwest territories and in all the regions called Territories where you have not legalized them to be provinces. The Lord would say, "I am going to move in the Territories; I am going to move in the Territories, and I am going to claim territory in the territories. I am going to cause for a throne to be built over the territories, a throne that I am going to sit in, where apostolic rule is going to be released. I am going to use these Native peoples of this land, and there shall be a redemptive work that will happen in their midst, and they shall help lead the way of an apostolic reformation across this nation. They will have a heart of understanding for the persecution of the Jewish people."

Canada and Calgary. And the Lord says, "I am going to turn the heart of Canada. Oh Canada, Oh Canada, Oh Canada. I am looking for lands to be lands of refuge. I am looking for cities that will be places of hiddenness and refuge. Oh Canada, oh Canada, will you allow me to stretch out My wing where I can even hide My people? Can you believe that there is something greater than the prairie fires of the Latter Rain Movement that shall emerge once again? Can you believe that I will raise up something among the end times hand maidens and servants? Would you believe that I am going to look upon those that would sometimes be called the outcasts, and I am going to look upon them, and I will say that they are no longer the outcasts? But I shall raise them up to be the upper cast. And I shall place new spheres of authority." The Lord says, "The city of Calgary, Calgary, Calgary. I am going to unseat the high places that are around the city of Calgary, and there will be a displacement. It will be a move of displacement where the occult powers of the air shall be displaced by praise, praise, praise, praise. And there is a convergence that is going to occur in the city of Calgary where praise warriors are going to come together to lay siege to the city of Calgary. And I will release My horses once again. I will release My riders on My horses, and it will not be as it was prophesied in times ago that the horse and rider will be hurled into the sea. But I will have My horses, and I will have My riders and they shall be stationed, fixed upon My war horses. They will not be tossed off, but they will march forward." This will be a day when the dread army of the Lord appears on the scene once again.

New Revelations. Now I declare that there is a new sound that is coming down from heaven. Ears are going to be opened, and they are going to be hearing sounds that they have never heard before. Many of you are going to hear the bells that are on the garments of the priests, and it is going to be a call for you to come into the Most Holy Place. Your ears are going to be opened, and you are going to hear a wake-up call in the middle of the night. Some of you are going to be awakened at 3:33, and you are going to want to know: "What in the world is this?" The Lord says, "I am going to show you great and mighty things which you do not know." He says, "Call upon Me. Call upon Me. Call upon Me. I want you now in the night seasons. I am going to be releasing my angels even as it was in the book of Zechariah in the fourth chapter where the angel of the Lord was released and came and aroused Zechariah. The word of the Lord came and he asked, "What is this?" So many of you right now, by the authority of that word that is going forth are going to be aroused in the middle of the night by angelic encounters for such a time as this. Visions are going to appear, and you are going to ask, "What is this?" The Holy Spirit Himself is going to be a divine interpreter, and He will interpret for you what the vision means because the Lord says this: "This is the hour when mysteries shall be revealed. This is the hour when mysteries shall be revealed. This is the hour when mysteries shall be revealed."
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Resolute and Unstoppable

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In the last days the Body of Christ will become one with Christ. Just as a bride has her eyes fixed on her bridegroom, we will see and live only for our Lord. And our passion for Him will draw us together as one body. We will truly become one in the Spirit together with our Lord. We will indeed become the Bride of Christ as our passion for Him increases.

Many live as enemies of the cross of Christ...their minds are on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven (see Phil 3:18-20 NIV).

Paul wrote to the Philippian church of a dilemma he was having: a conflict of interests between the longing in his heart and the reasoning of his mind. He told them, "To live is Christ and to die is gain." (Phil. 1:21) He was torn between his desire to live and remain on this earth to serve Christ, and his desire to be with Christ.

"If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body." Philippians 1:22-24

He had so positioned himself in Christ in the spirit realm that his heart was charged with a deep longing to be with Him in Heaven. He wanted to be with the One he loved, and yet it was for the One he loved that he remained on earth. To serve the cause of Christ and the Kingdom of Heaven, he must remain on earth.

Kingdom Minded

While serving Christ on earth, Paul knew that his citizenship was in heaven. He lived his earthly life for Heavenly purposes. His mind was set, not on what he could gain for this life, but in the next. He knew that the real prize was in living his life to build for the eternal kingdom to which he belonged, though on earth. He was Kingdom minded; his mind was set on the eternal Kingdom.

His heart was set on the things to come, not on the things of this earth (see Col. 3:2). His heart was with his King. He aspired to please the One he loved, whether in life or in death:
"So that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death." Philippians 1:20

Paul's love for his Lord spurred him on to plant the seed of Christ in the hearts of others, as many as would receive. He lived his life not for himself, but to proclaim the life of Jesus. He lived for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ. He laid down his own ambitions and desires for that of his King. His life was poured out so that others would receive Jesus.

A Higher Purpose

A life of sacrifice lived for the Lamb of God is a life profoundly lived. To lay down our lives, out of passion for our Lord, is to live a life of elevated intensity and with great purpose.

To live for Jesus makes us resolute and unstoppable. We are not living for ourselves, but for a much higher purpose. That is why, in noble gentleness, we do all for the sake of the King of Heaven. Any battle we face, we fight - not for ourselves, but for Him.

When our eyes are fixed on our King, we will fear nothing. The love we have for Him overcomes any fears we may face. And like a good soldier who readies himself for battle by reminding himself of what he is fighting for, we must focus on Who we are fighting for. We fight not for earthly gain, but our cause is eternal. We fight for the One we love...the King of Heaven.

This is not an oppressive task, but it is liberating! We can live free now. We can live free from fear and the need for competition with one another. We can live free from jealousy, for we are all working for the same cause and have the same goals. And if our brother succeeds in edifying the kingdom, then we should be overjoyed for him. When he succeeds we all succeed, for we are one in Christ.

A good soldier does not fight against his fellow soldier to become a greater hero than his friend, but he fights for and with his fellow soldiers to build them up so that the cause they are fighting for will be aided. We are to build up one another so that the Body of Christ as a whole will work in unison with one another for the glory of our King.

Champions In Christ

If we live and operate in this earthly realm - being earthly minded - we are playing by its rules and we will lose. We have no authority to operate in it, and we become its victim and lose our victory.

However, if we live according to the Heavenly realm, with our minds fixed on Jesus, we walk in the victory that He gave us (see Col. 2:15), and we operate in the level of authority Christ did. We will then live by the rules of Heaven and, by the authority of Heaven, we are made victorious through Christ's victory.
"And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross." Colossians 2:15

For we have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority (see Col. 2:10), and Christ is the fullness of God on earth (see Col. 2:9). If we live in Christ, we live in the victory He won for us at Calvary; we are made champions of the earth; we truly become the head and not the tail. You are the fullness of God when you walk in Christ!

Heirs with Christ

As we walk in the victory and authority of Christ, we become unstoppable! So we must focus on Christ, living in Him.
"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your heart on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." Colossians 3:1-2

If we, who are set apart for Christ, try and live according to the rules of this earthly realm, we are nothing according to its standards and have little power to influence it. But if we live our lives for the Kingdom of Heaven, we are heirs to the promises of God and seated with God in Christ (see Eph. 2:6).

"For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God." Colossians 3:3
Our life is Christ; we live in Him, and it is only by living in Him that we can truly live. You are no longer who you once were, but you have been made a new creation in Christ, and you are hidden with Him in God. Your life outside of God is no longer in existence; you live now only in Him.

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints of light. For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:12-13

We have become a part of the Kingdom of the Son, and God has qualified us to share in the inheritance of that Kingdom. It is only through becoming a part of the Kingdom of the Son that we will walk in the authority of Christ. It is only as we are united with Christ that we walk in the authority of His bride.

As a bride takes her husband's name, she becomes a new person; she assumes His name and whatever honor and authority that goes with it. So it is with the Bride of Christ, we must assume our place by His side and reign with Him, ruling with the authority He has given us.

We must become His passionate bride, driven by an all consuming passion for our Lord. Our greatest desire must be to be one with Him. Driven by passion for our King, our lives will be consumed by Him, and only then can we truly live.

Beloved, let us become one with Jesus and see our burning passion for Him ignite the world!

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Your Lover's Gaze
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One morning I had a dream, and in this dream I was engaged to a man who spent all of his time with other people and not me. I felt very rejected and continually tried to win his attention, but to no avail. Then another man came to me who adored me and made me feel deeply loved. He took my cheeks in his hands and turned my face towards himself. He said, "Why do you want to be with someone who cannot truly love you? Come be with me."

Through this dream I realized that the acceptance we seek from people will leave us feeling empty and rejected. But we have a Lover who adores us! He wants to embrace us and shower us with affection. He wants to spend every moment of every day with us. It is with Him, in His presence, that we will be made complete. He is the love of our life.

We'll Never Fully Receive Man's Acceptance

Jesus is pleading with us to stop seeking man's acceptance, which we will never be able to fully receive, and to focus our attention on Him, for He is the only one who can fulfill us. When we take our eyes off Him and focus on man, we will be left feeling empty and alone, rejected and hated.

What do people have that we want anyway? Our Lover has everything we need and more. Come with me and relish in your Lover's arms. Enjoy the comfort of His grace. "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalms 34:8).

"Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth - for your love is more delightful than wine." Song of Songs 1:2

Just Experience Me

Years ago, during a time of prayer, I was overcome by the Lord's presence. His presence so filled me again and again that I did not know what to do. I cried out to Him, "What do you want me to do Lord?" He said in return, "Just experience me!"

When I am with Jesus I feel totally complete, lacking nothing. I am stronger than a stallion and more beautiful than the fairest maiden. "I found the one my heart loves" (Song of Songs 3:4) and in the richness of His presence I am made whole. Nothing man can do for me can compare with this. So why do we care if this world loves us or hates us; we have all that we need in the arms of the One who loves us.

"I held him and would not let him go" (Song of Songs 3:4). He is irresistible, and when He turns my face to meet His gaze, I stand immobilized by the depth of His love for me. Once in His presence I can never get enough of Him; I do not want to leave Him. I do not want to sleep or wake, I only want to stay in His magnetizing gaze.

"Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you by the gazelles and by the does in the field; Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires" (Song of Songs 3:5). "Do not arouse or awaken" me while I sit at His feet. Now that He has me, I will not be awakened or aroused from His immobilizing embrace. And I finally release the longings of my heart and surrender myself completely to His heart. I am truly adored. He wants all of me, and I surrender everything to Him and He gives me perfect peace.

"My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice, for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely." Song of Songs 2:14

He finds you attractive, and in His presence you are the most beautiful person on earth. When you are in His arms, there is no one else on the earth. Indeed, there is no earth when you are one with Him. Your feet do not touch the ground, because there is no ground. There is only He who loves you like no other.

What do you have world, that can compare to His glory? What can you offer me, that compares to His love? If it were formulas and strategies I desired, you could help me. But I want nothing except more of Him. If you cannot give me that, then you have nothing to offer me. Show me where my Lover is, He is what I want! "Have you seen the one my heart loves?" Song of Songs 3:3

Are you hungry? Is your mouth watering? Come with me to the well of grace…

The Samaritan Woman

A woman met Jesus at a well. She was thirsty, and Her thirst drew her to the local water supply. It was at this well where she met Jesus and now she would never thirst again. "Then leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, 'Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Christ?' They came out of the town and made their way toward Him" John 4:29-30.

The eyes of the villagers were opened when they saw this forlorn woman who, being rejected by many, was transformed by Jesus' grace. She was no longer afraid of the people; she did not seek their acceptance because she didn't need it anymore. She had been accepted by the Giver of Life, so what could their acceptance gain her after she had received the living water the Lord had provided for her? She did not fear their rejection any longer. Rejection could not touch her, because she had received what they could never give her.

She had been transformed by Jesus. "Come see a man," she told them. Jesus told her everything she had ever done, and then He covered her in a blanket of His grace. A life full of deadness was raised to life again. No more forlorn, but now loved. Once rejected by them, now she led the town's people to find what she had found: Life!

They saw the change in her. They heard her words and something deep inside of them was awakened by the desperate hope of acceptance. Could they know Him like she knew Him, they wondered? Would He accept them, as they were, an abandoned, rejected society of Samaritans? Could He be the one who their hearts had longed for? Could He fill their emptiness?

Turn Your Gaze

Can He fill the emptiness in your heart? Yes…He longs to! Let Him turn your gaze away from a world that will only cause you pain. Surrender your heart to Him, He longs to adore you. You've been rejected by so many, and you feel unattractive and unloved. But He wants you to see yourself through the mirror of His grace. "You are truly beautiful," says the Lord. And suddenly you are radiant, filled with His love.

Look at the words of this wonderful song, "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, in the light of His glory and grace." The Lover of our souls wants to take you in His arms and gently turn you towards Him. "Look on me" He says, "you are mine and I love you. I am the Giver of grace, do not seek acceptance from any other source." If we seek Him first others will receive us, because He will wrap us in His grace.

Do not let anyone arouse you from His arms of grace. Let His gaze bring healing and wholeness to the deepest regions of your heart. He is the one your soul longs for. He is yours and you are His. He is all you need. You were made for Him…

"Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me." Song of Songs 2:13

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Restoration Before Revival
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> *Matt.17: 10 Then his disciples asked him, saying, Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first? 11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elijah truly shall come first and* ***restore*** *all things.*

Analogy Of Restoration

The Lord has placed on my heart an analogy I believe reflects His plan for the restoration and revival of His church.

The analogy is one of a Hotel built in the old west during the age of the horse and carriage. Initially the character and structure of the building reflect the age in which the hotel is placed in service. Over time, the original character and structure are barely recognizable as fads and styles from different eras are added on to the point of making the hotel obsolete for modern use, as well as unrecognizable from the age for which it was built.

Finally, the hotel is unprofitable and is ready to be torn down in order to make room for a business that can sustain financially on the property.

The owner makes a decision to “restore” the hotel to the original character and structure of the old west. He begins by determining what is “age” appropriate and removes all portions of the building that do not express the “character” of that “age”.

Some foundations were added to the original structure and were laid for later additions. These additions are torn down, and the foundations are broken up and removed. The original foundation is once again the sole support for this structure.

There were walls and rooms added within the structure that make the original openness of the lobby shrunk to a small entryway. These walls are removed and the openness is returned.

The original hotel rooms were later divided into two or three smaller rooms. The purpose for the division was for selfish gain. These dividing walls are removed and the large rooms are once again opened.

Each individual room had added on its own shower and sink. These are removed and the centrally located washroom is rebuilt. All customers must now use the communal toilet and cleaning facilities.

The windows, doors, handles, lights, trim, window treatments, and decorative designs must all be replaced with pieces that reflect only the age for which the building was built.

Once the restoration is complete, the hotel is now reopened for business, and a revival of hotel life and traffic flourishes because of the beauty of the restored edifice.

The Kingdom Age There is an “age” to which the temple of God is being restored. The “Kingdom Age” appropriate “character” traits that reflect the kingdom of God will again be seen in the structure of His house. Restoring this character and structure is the first priority of the Lord. He has brought refreshing to strengthen us for the task of restoring His temple (people). But true revival awaits the restoration of the habitation God desires to indwell.

The Question What is it within our character and the way we structure ourselves that keeps “revival” from happening? Do we assume that what we are building is “age” appropriate? Or do we just keep adding on to the original building preaching and prophesying revival and not seeing it because we ourselves are it’s biggest hindrance. Could this be why the “Hotel” is obsolete and people no longer want to come and find rest? And the ones who were coming are now leaving?

Remodeling Much could be said about what must be torn down and removed. Much could be said about what must replace what is to be removed. Be aware that most "remodeling” is “modeling” something currently popular but different then the original design.

Restoration is the key that opens the door to revival

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Fulfilling My Highest Purpose
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My Understanding of My Highest Purpose Fulfilled
Any one exposed to and receiving prophetic ministry has probably received "destiny" words that give promises and clarity concerning the purpose for which they were created.
My understanding of a spiritual destiny being fulfilled has been the obtaining of the highest place and authority the Lord has promised.

The Road to your Destiny
Unlike the world's idea of success and fulfillment, the way in which a believers purposes are fulfilled is by coming to place of realization that position and authority are not the highest purposes of a Christian. Many (including myself) have pursued and clung to the hope of a great destiny without realizing we are simply repeating the request of the Sons of Zebedee.

Matt. 20:20 Then came to him the mother of the sons of Zebedee with her sons, worshipping him, and asking a certain thing of him. 21 And he said unto her, What wouldest thou? She saith unto him, Command that these my two sons may sit, one on thy right hand, and one on thy left hand, in thy kingdom. 22 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I am about to drink? They say unto him, We are able.

There Is a Cup To Drink

There is a cup to drink. A cup of death to self and self exalting dreams. We ask God to fulfill our destinies and are shocked when the first thing He asks is for us to stop ministering to people and working for Him and come away with Him into a wilderness of obscurity and helplessness.

We find we are powerless to do anything apart from Him and the passion He places in us. We become dependant on Him and His great mercy in the midst of our failure. We are no longer concerned with a great destiny anymore, but we begin to live to please Him in all things. We learn to trust what He says in spite of what our failure and sin would say.

Realizing our Highest Purpose

After walking with the Lord as our sole source and comfort, we realize that our highest purpose was not to become great in position and authority, but it is now to become great in our Love and Obedience to Jesus, the Lover of our souls.

Our Highest purpose has now become to stand before Him blameless and holy, willing to give all for Him. The lesser purposes of place and authority can be released to us with the confidence that these will no longer be the driving force of our lives.

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Reconciliation Conference Births Historic Event
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Ever wonder whether reconciliation and restitution work? A recent historical event in California is proof that it can happen as a direct result of prayer and people committed to justice take action.

On May 18, 2004, the Eureka City Council made history when they voted unanimously to return 40 acres of Indian Island to the Wiyot Tribe. Just seven days later, on June 25, nearly 500 people attended the official deed-signing ceremony between the City of Eureka and the Wiyot.

In a waterfront ceremony bathed in history and reconciliation, Eureka's mayor presented the deed to 40 acres to a tribal chief, the same land where the tribe was massacred 144 years ago.

Amid cheers, Mayor Pete LaVallee signed over the deed to Indian Island property to Cheryl A. Seidner, chairwoman of the Wiyot tribe. Then they exchanged gifts.

According to the Associated Press, Mayor La Vallee said, "I think what we are doing is reinventing history. You can't say you're sorry. but 144 years later, we can say it wasn't right and honor the culture of the tribe and its roots."

As the historical record relates, on February 22, 1860, a band of white men invaded the Wiyot village at night, killing scores of elders, women and children as they slept. The massacre of the Wiyot was actually one of three that were carried out that day. "More Indians were killed on South Spit and at the mouth of the Eel River," stated Tribal Chairwoman Seidner.

"We lost our regalia, our elders, our weavers and our dreamers, all the things that make a community," Seidner said of the massacre. "We have not danced since that day. We have to relearn. I can't wait for that first dance."

The tribal leader credits a reconciliation conference in 2001 for creating an atmosphere that made the deed signing ceremony possible. In May of that year, a group of pastors of the Humboldt Evangelical Alliance (HEAL), invited the Native American ministry of Wiconi International of Vancouver, Washington, to facilitate a time of healing and reconciliation between evangelical churches in Humboldt County, the Wiyot and other people of the land. Wiconi led a three-day event at the Arcata First Baptist Church.

During this event over 75 people came together to pray over the Indian Island site that was the center of pain and hatred toward Native Americans.

Fern Noble, a Cree, and Native Representative for the International Reconciliation Coalition in Los Angeles spoke. "We can't allow ourselves to fall into the wound...we must allow the Holy Spirit to heal the wound so we can all come together as one, as God the Creator intended."

During the 2001 weekend conference, members of HEAL honored the Wiyot Tribal Council of Table Bluff Reservation with gifts and a commitment in writing to work with the tribe to get back this sacred site.

First Baptist's pastor, Dr. Clay Ford said that when he first heard about the massacre, he along with some colleagues wanted to apologize to the tribal leaders in the same spirit of Jesus when he took on the sins of the world.

"It's dawning on more and more Christians to see the need that there is for us to repent for the sins of the past," Ford said. "I wrote a proclamation of repentance acknowledging that though we personally weren't there when the massacre happened, we represented Christian people and churches who did nothing, as far as we could tell to make things right. And we apologized and asked for forgiveness."

From the proclamation, Rev. Clay read, "...we present to you the first fruits of our commitment to partner with you in buying the land, and building that center," the mayor read. "With hearts full of love for you and desire for your full restoration as a people, we present this gift of $1,000. And we pledge our ongoing intention to pray for you and to work with you in this endeavor until its completion."

Many churches and individuals continued to raise funds and pray for the Wiyot tribe.

According to Tribalwoman Seidner, it was this event that created an atmosphere that made this return of land possible. "As I have been told, this has not happened in any city in the state of California, and I'm hearing that this might be something really new across the nation. I don't know. I can't tell you that for sure."

Reflecting on the significance of this event, Richard Twiss, president of Wiconi International, and keynote speaker at the 2001 conference said, "The restoring of these traditional homelands is the fruit of following traditional Indigenous protocol in presenting the redemptive message of faith and hope in Jesus Christ, as Healer, Great Spirit and Chief Shepherd of all tribes and nations."

According to Twiss, as the traditional ways of indigenous peoples are honored, "hearts will be healed, people born-again from above and the land once again blessed for the Father's glory." He cites the example of the Apostle Paul who looked for "common ground" in presenting Christ.

Real Estate

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite

Nov. 25, 2004

We want to wish all those who gather together on this set date to give thanks to our Creator, YHVH the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, a very blessed time of family fellowship.
Ephraim and Rimona

The expression "Jack of all trades, master of none" is a familiar one. It almost fits the professions of YHVH also, although in a manner of speaking He is a “Jack of all trades” but of course a master of them all. Many people today are dabbling in real estate in order to earn a little extra money on the side. Well, wouldn't you know it, YHVH is into that business too! First He is seen creating the property that He will own and then He takes possession over all of it. Psalm 24:1 states: *"The earth is YHVH’s, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein.”* In Psalm 89:11 we read: *"The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; the world and all its fullness, You have founded them”*. And in 1 Corinthians 10:26 it says: *"The earth is the Lord's and all its fullness."*

We see in these scriptures that YHVH has never lost the title deed of ownership of the earth to any devil, but we do see Him dividing it up and giving it to men. *"Then Elohim said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth’"* (Gen.1:26).

According to these scriptures, it is evident that man, "Adam" meaning both male and female, had an equal role in overseeing, ruling or subduing all living things. Subduing does not mean exploiting, but actually just the opposite. It stands for imparting life and light to the living creatures. But when it comes to property rights, nothing was said about until after the nations (goyim) were divided. Thus we read in Genesis 10:32: *"These were the families of the sons of Noah, according to their generations, in their nations; and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood."* Genesis 10:25 says: *"To Eber were born two sons: the name of one was Peleg, for in his days the earth was divided."* And: *"When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel"* (Deuteronomy 32:8). Now why would Yah do that? Israel was not even around at the time of Peleg (or were they? Peleg was the son of Eber whose name is carried by the Israelites – Hebrews - and is one of the forefathers of Abraham).

Right from the start Elohim began to put in order the true intent of His plan, which is seen later in the covenant that He made with Abraham the father of Israel. *"Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are--northward, southward, eastward, and westward; for all the land* [eretz] *which you see I will give to you and your descendants forever. I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth* [eretz]; *so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. Arise, walk on the land* [eretz] *through its length and its width, for I give it to you"* (Gen.13:14-17). Ownership was given simply by being present. This is somewhat like the old Turkish (Ottoman) law that determined that ground, claimed (by planting or building), entitles one to ownership.

Abram was living somewhere between Ai and Bethel when YHVH spoke those words to him. I would like to take the liberty to expand on the meaning of this blessing based on its context: *"Arise walk in the earth through its length and its breath and I will give it to you."* The Hebrew word "eretz" can be translated earth, land, field or ground but it actually comes from a root meaning "to be firm”. It is legitimate for the translators to use any of these English words at their discretion, according to the context. My understanding of the context, in light of the massive blessing of multiplicity, is that the seed would be as the dust of the earth (eretz), and dust, as we know, usually covers everything. I believe that

Yah did not limit this blessing to Abraham only and to a specific land (Canaan), but also to his seed and to the entire earth (incidentally, notice the similarity: “earth” – “eretz”). YHVH’s intent was to sow the seed into all the earth (eretz), thus perpetuating the blessing that He made with Adam and Noah to *“fill the earth and rule over* [subdue] *it."*

Later on in the life of Abraham we hear YHVH saying that his seed would be like the stars of heaven (ref. Gen.15:5). Again He is talking in terms of numbers but also of position, as the stars were put there to rule the night, along with the moon, and to be for signs and for seasons.

Abraham, in the form of his own multiplied seed, was also told that he would be a nation (goy) and that this goy would be a goy of kings and priests. *“And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel…”* (Exodus 19:6); *"YHVH will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath”* (Deut. 8:13). The irrevocable destiny of the life of the forefathers was to have dominion, to subdue and rule this planet earth.

The Patriarchs are very much alive today in their progeny, whether their children know it or not. For did YHVH not say that He is the *"Elohim of Abraham, Isaac an Jacob, the Elohim of the living?"* (Mat. 22:32). This is why we need to have our eyes open to present truth, or reality.

YHVH is a covenant keeping Elohim and we in this generation are the witnesses to that faithfulness, loving-kindness and mercy. That being so not just by what we say, but more so by who we are. Worshiping in spirit and in truth is being who Yah has created us to be and at the same time also recognizing this incredible living truth – that we are the seed of Jacob "the workmanship of YHVH." “*But when he* [Jacob] *sees his children, the work of My hands, in his midst, they will hallowing My name, hallowing the Holy One of Jacob, and fearing the Elohim of Israel”* (Isa. 29:23). We are His living stones, hewn from the rock (natural) who is *"Abraham our father and Sarah who gave birth to us in pain"* (Isa. 51:2). *"For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast. The counsel of YHVH stands forever, the plans of His heart to all generations… Blessed is the nation whose Elohim is YHVH, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance"* (Psa. 33:9,11-12 8). *"Because YHVH loves you, and because He would keep the oath which He swore to your fathers, YHVH has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of bondage”* (Deut.7:8). Why did He do that? So that we (Israel) might be gathered, redeemed, filled with His Spirit and be that channel of His life and light to the earth. This is our inheritance; this is the commonwealth of Israel.

"Let Your mercy, O YHVH, be upon us, just as we have waited upon You" (Psa. 33:22). *"For those who wait on YHVH, they shall inherit the earth"* (Psa.37:9, 34).

Shabbat Shalom

Ephraim

“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell [shevet achim] *together in unity…in this God commands the blessing life eternal”* (Psa. 133).

Rejoice Expect And Receive

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Begin to act on the many words that I have given you. Do not keep them locked in your heart or in your journal, but take them out, each and every one of them. Lay claim on them for I have given them to you, they are yours, take possession of each one. They are not merely words, they are MY words. Lift each word from the page, they are yours, lay hold and claim them. Know that as you bring to My remembrance My many words and promises, that I have heard your cry. I have not gone back on My word, I cannot for I AM bound by My Word. I have seen every question and I know your frustrations - Know, My Beloved that I have and AM paving the way. The preparations have been well under way but many spiritual battles needed to be won in the heavenlies. Not one dot or tiddle could be missed as I prepared the way. Be sensitive to My direction even to the smallest insignificances, they are 'vital'. I say to you, Do not fear that you will miss ME or MY direction, knowing that I shall bring all to pass I have spoken in your life. That time is nigh, expect!

Expect and Rejoice.... Rejoice Beloved, I say rejoice! See all bondages and chains dropped. See the door fall open under your praise. I say rejoice...rejoice in the midst of your circumstances, rejoice in Who I AM, rejoice in who you are - the sons and daughters of Almighty God. The enemy cannot come to your door in the midst of rejoicing. I say again, rejoice!

Look, look beyond your surroundings. You are looking at what is not happening and you are missing out on the blessings that are happening in your life right now. There are blessings all around you but you are concentrating on what you are not seeing and what is not happening. Look beyond...You are asking for a time but time is in My hands and My timing is perfect. Therefore, rest in ME, rest in My timing see what I AM doing and see the 'present blessings' and be ready for your coming breakthroughs.

I AM that sittith upon the throne, beacons to you My Beloved. You are My vessel in which I work and move through, therefore expect mighty works in your life. Stir up the gifts I have given you for I AM spurring you on ... These are awesome days and I AM an awesome God and awesome things will be done in My Name through you!

My eyes have gone to and fro looking for someone who was willing to put aside all things, you said "here am I." I have prepared you and you have gone through the fire, you have known what it is to be in need and you know the hurts of the outcasts. It is time to exalt those who are humble, lowly and meek for this is the hour of the uncomely parts. The hour for shepherds to become kings and peasants to become priests. As Job, it is time to be raised out of the ashes. I will confuse the mighty while bringing up My own from the most unlikely of places ... They will look upon these and say "no not him, no not her" for they will know from where they have come and yet I will say: "Yes! I have chosen these and only these who have been prepared by ME will stand in the days and months ahead."

This is MY greatest hour... this is YOUR greatest hour. Rejoice and Expect! As you seek My face this day, I AM closer than I have ever been. Even though you might not feel My closeness, I AM there. Be sensitive to "all" that I bring into your life from this moment on and ask My Spirit to reveal "all" that is said and done. The plan that I have for you is now unfolding like a beautiful rose, allow My Spirit to speak to you this day, no word is too small. The day and the hour is upon you. You have come to full term and there is an anxiousness about you which is normal when giving birth, especially at full term. Do not let any anxiousness turn to discouragement, prepare for this new birth ... and wait upon the Lord for it is at this critical moment that you will want to 'push' in your own strength ... but again I say, wait upon the Lord and I will bring it to pass. You have been faithful to My Word and I will be faithful to My promises. I will move quickly ... be ready for Me .... IT WILL BE QUICKLY!!!

Stand firm for the enemy would try to steal the calling I have placed on your life but I have overcome him - he would try to delay the calling but My timing is perfect. It is when you least expect me to move that I will do it.. concentrate on Me, I AM the reason you are called. The calling is not the most important, it is your relationship with ME that is of the utmost importance. I desire that you would see me as One who loves you and desires to do all I say I will do... I no longer want you to speak of Me as the 'can do God' but the 'Am doing God.' Lest you forget My Beloved Who I AM... I AM HE who led a disobedient people out of the wilderness into the land of promise. "How much more will I lead you who are obedient to My instructions?" The time for dismay is over it is time to "Rejoice, Expect and Receive!"

Your Rightful Place
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My Daughters It Is Time To Take Your Rightful Place
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My daughters, the doors are being thrown wide open... The day has arrived for you to take your rightful place in the plan for MY Church. I have been cleansing, purging and filling and now you WILL break forth into this new life that I have called you to ... You have held fast and you have stood the test of time and now your new beginnings are breaking forth. I am putting a new song in your heart and mouth and it shall break forth in praise and worship for all your Father has done. Break forth and sing, O Barren Woman, who is no longer barren but who will bring forth many into My Kingdom.

I have been luring you into My bosom, into My presence in a newer way. I wanted you to know My love so there will be no doubts about the calling or anything else I ask of you. Feel My love so deeply, lay all else aside and seek My presence as I give you confidence and security and strength In Me ... knowing the I AM is with you always. My women of valor, I want you to have the reassurance that HE who calls you is the I AM who will take care of you. Everything is right ahead of you, don't let the vision get so far out that you are not seeing what is nigh at your door.

I have called you to a holy calling, a call gone out to a chosen few. You answered the call because of your love for Me ... My heart is stirred because of that love and I AM well pleased - therefore - I will do all that I have promised and you will not be ashamed for putting your trust In Me. My daughters, because you were chosen, because you were willing and obedient, because you were steadfast and immovable in the trials laid before you, because you listened to ME always - I AM turning everything around for you and for Me to receive the Glory. You were put in the melting pot with the heat turned up.

You were then put on a shelf so My Spirit could mold and refine you, fit for My service. Some of you are already in My desired place for you but for others I will now move you to where you are to be .... then ..... you shall experience the Glory of your God. NOW, now is the time when I will complete what I have started in My daughters because the time has come for you to take your rightful place in these last days.

You have waited for so long and now you will see that waiting upon My presence brings liberty to those who are bound. You have listened to Me to not move out in your own timing nor your own power but to seek the One Who breaks the chains, the bondages and Who proclaims 'true liberty' to the captives. I seek those who I can use, who are willing to "count the cost." of discipleship and follow wherever I may lead. Continue to wait, My Child, for the time is near. Wait upon My Spirit to bring the deliverance that is required, knowing that it will be "fully" manifested in the time of My choosing.

I have pulled back the curtains and opened the windows, to begin to pour out to you provisions and blessings. The blessings that I AM pouring 'in' you and 'on' you. The pouring in you will find more valuable to you than the pouring on you. You will treasure the pouring in while the pouring on is needed for your sustenance. Receive 'both' the pouring in and the pouring on.....'Reverence' the pouring in and 'Welcome' the pouring on, for the windows of heaven are opening to you and for you.

Hear the Word of the Lord and angels saying "She is coming forth, she will enter the fullness, she is of those chosen and the number of the harvest shall be great." Who will ascend the mountain of God, the Holy Place? Those whom I have chosen. Those with a clean heart - those who have sought My heart! As you come forth, you will be surrounded by an awesomeness of Who I AM and what I AM doing in these days. A move like no other has ever seen or experienced in this day. The enemy has tried to stop what I AM doing in your midst but he has failed. He has sought to conjure up accusations against you but I say unto you "I AM annihilating his efforts." There is a door opening that I have set before you that will be the "final break away" from the old ways. I will establish you in the forefront of what I will be doing. You will be the first to see what I AM doing in the earth. You will be ready to welcome the many as they enter the places I have prepared for them. I give you My peace because My high calling is on your heart. I AM on the throne and My scepter is pointed toward you. Hear My voice as I give you My instructions. Hold on in anticipation of what I AM about to do - it is time to take your rightful place.

Reassembled
Sandy Warner

Sep 1, 2004
Broken and disassembled, My body is scattered in parts and pieces all over the world. Even when in a crowd, they are suffering the coldness of isolation. Broken, alone, and separated, the comfort of fellowship has become a rarity. How it grieves My heart to see My loved ones in such disarray!

Although the enemy has desired to plunder My people through isolation, I have used the wilderness seasons to raise My eagles to search for food and train them to climb higher. Birds fly in flocks and eagles fly alone. This is the way for training leaders. I have raised a generation of leaders, who will nurture the great harvest of newborns. And how they will love their children! The chatter, the activity, the questions, the hungry hearts will be like a balm to My isolated ones who have suffered years of detachment. The shame of those years will melt away within the deep pools of My children's hugs. Lost confidence and joy shall return as I reassemble My body back together again. United in kindred hearts of loving appreciation, I shall remove the stumbling blocks and bring My own into one big family.

Heb 10:24-25 NKJV
And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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One Mass To Be Restored
Sandy Warner

Aug 27, 2004
Together in one mass, I will bring My people as a unit, moving forward by rank and file. As they go, they shall occupy their promised land, standing against that which opposes their future and hope. I shall strengthen them like the strength of an oak tree, able to withstand winds of opposition. I will keep them, bringing forth thousands and bearing them up. They will be known as the company with triumphant faith. For seven years they shall recover and be restored in installments, piece by piece. For I know the plans that I have for them and that is to give them a future and a hope.

2 Kings 8:6 KJV
And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even

until now.

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Your Ship Is Coming In
Sandy Warner

Sep 3, 2004
Yes dear ones, you have suffered hardship. These have been necessary for your training in leadership. Your ships are coming!
Friendship, fellowship, worship, relationship, kingship… leaders see with your very own eyes, your ships are coming in! Many ships are filling the horizon, laden with fruitful gifts, supplies, answers to prayer, launched ministries, home runs, more grace and more power than ever imagined. My angels have been collecting the prey and are bringing these ships overloaded with what has been taken back from enemy territory. You are about to receive a bountiful harvest.

"And David recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all…And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD;" 1 Samuel 30:18-19, 26)

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Red Alert

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God Is Giving A 'Red Alert' To The Body Of Christ!"

RED ALERT

November 27, 2004, I awakened from sleep to realize that I had received a message from God while I was napping. Ringing in my ears were the words "RED ALERT."
I said, "Speak, Lord, I am listening."
He said, "Tell my intercessors to get back on the wall...many are taking their rest after the election. The boundaries of the nation are being daily infiltrated with weapons. Some of the weapons are actually people." (This made me think of suicide bombers.)

"If my intercessors will arise, I will anoint them along with my prophets to dismantle the plans being made in darkness. I will cause these evil strategies to be uncovered by the rising glorious Light exploding from the prayer closets and prayer rooms of my servants.

"I am looking for somebody who will lay aside personal desires and agendas, who will be willing to sacrifice in a place of hiddenness and anonymity for the greater glory of this final harvest. Great will be the reward of those who take up the call to spiritual border control in intercession.

"Not only is this true for the natural borders of the nation, but also for the spiritual borders of the Kingdom. For just as the nation is in grave danger of infiltration, so is My kingdom...the final deception is beginning. Many people's love will grow cold...those who have not sought Me and bought eye salve that they may see and understand, will fall.

"Do not be surprised when you begin to see the 'known and the respected' lose their testimony. There is a skimming off the top that is coming." (This will be similar to the events of the 80's when many top leaders were falling.)
"Pray for the spirit of repentance. Pray for grace."

Now Through End of January is RED ALERT

Between now and the end of January the security status is **Red Alert**. Let us answer the Lord's call, go into our prayer closets, and shut the door. We have a duty to enforce Heaven's government by the law of love. If we dismantle the plans of darkness...still we must hold our position tightly. May the Lord grant us divine wisdom.

For the sake of Kingdom purposes,

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After receiving this word, I was told by a pastor in Sierra Vista, Arizona (bordering Mexico), that he had spontaneously begun to weep in the midst of his sermon last week...he found out that this also happened to another pastor across town. The other pastor said the Lord told him that nuclear weapons had just crossed the border of Mexico.

Refiners Fire

Aquilla Adams

I come to you today as the Refiner's Fire, to refine your nature and image to conform to Mine. I do not speak of the old nature, that which is dead and passed away and has been crucified with Christ, but I speak of My nature in you to walk in My holiness and righteousness. I come also as a fire to ignite the flames of your heart into a more passionate pursuit of Me. For their has been much lukewarmness among My Bride because she has been distracted and ensnared by the cares of this world, yet I come to burn away the wood, hay and stubble and that which remains, to refine and process. You are My Beloved Living Stones whom I have fit together to form the house of God. None of you is more important than the other, for you are all working for the purpose of the furthering of My Kingdom. Come now as willing sacrifices and lay yourself before Me. I AM the Alpha and the Omega, and yea, I know your beginning from the end. I know where you have come from and where you are going. Listen with the ears of My Spirit to My direction as I will lead you forth in the direction you are to take in My righteousness.

Selah.

Refocus!

Kriston Couchey

Nov. 25, 2004

Refocus on Me! Says the Lord. Like Peter whose faith wavered as he looked at the troubled waters, refocus on Me and my provision for circumstances. Do not allow the old ways of the flesh and it's deception to distract and cause you to look for peace elsewhere.

This is a battle warred in the spirit in order to get you to walk in the flesh. Look to me and praise and worship Me as I bring rest to your soul.

Do not look at your weak flesh and falter, but look to Me and receive strength to bring your flesh under submission. The times of abiding in My presence are times of strengthening and encouragement. Drink of My Presence and you shall be filled and restored.

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Refuge

Mike Tucker

Psalm 2:1-12

Recently I was reading 'The Lion of Zion' words given through Rosie Lovejoy as published on Bill Somers' prophetic web ring. Just before I began reading Part V titled "Jacob's Troubles Are About To Begin" the Spirit of the Lord spoke in me 'Release the Colorado words'. I then jotted down this task and found it peculiar that the release came at that precise moment. After I read Part V I knew why the words were retained till that very moment. Please read this Part V published on 08/29/04 as a preface (I too have seen a number of dreams and visions depicting terrible destruction upon the US).

The Living Eagle

In the early 90's I was given a dream concerning a magnificent sky-filling Eagle. This was not the same eagle made by the works of man as seen in other dreams (representing a carnal USA). But was in fact the living Eagle of God.

As I was sleeping, a dream came to me. I saw a beautiful mountain range in the distance and a mighty Eagle standing on the range. So massive was this Eagle, that each talon gripped the top of separated and distant mountain peaks. The wing span of the Eagle stretched out across the whole mountain range and under its wings my spirit knew this to be God's cover.

The Four Trees

02/1991 - I dreamed I saw a garden and in its middle were four trees. As I looked upon the trees, the first, the third and the fourth tree wilted and died. The second tree remained whole.

At the time that this dream was received, I knew in my spirit that this dream represented America and felt that 3/4ths of America would perish. I also knew that the interpretation was not complete, yet left it at that until the Spirit of the Lord disclosed it or fulfilled it. The full answer came this year and is disclosed in the next dream and vision.

Refuge in Colorado

For many years I have prayed a simple prayer to the Lord concerning Jacob's Troubles. A prayer asking only 'When and where Lord? When and where?' with regard to where I should go when these events unfold. This year He answered.

02/2004 - I dreamed I saw a simplified map of Colorado. As I gazed at the map a hand appeared and pointed to the SW region of Colorado on a specific point. Then these words were spoken "In the first year, go here. WRITE THIS DOWN". Then I woke up.

I must say, I was so elated to finally have some answer to a decade long prayer. When the words were spoken in the dream, my spirit innately knew the timing to mean the first year of Jacob's Troubles. A few days later I was looking at a US map on my office wall trying to pinpoint the location that I had drawn in a notebook. *As I was looking at the US map a vision came forth. Overlaid across the entire continental USA, I saw four trees each laid across a quarter section of the land. Then the first tree, the third tree and fourth tree wilted before my eyes. The second tree running along the Rocky Mountains remained whole*. I had not considered the four trees being so directly tied to this refuge dream until the vision was given. Then the whole thing made perfect sense. 3/4ths of America, literally, will fall. Yet God has prepared a covering for His people in the region of the second tree, that is, the Rocky Mountain stretch.

Sanctuary Landing

03/2004 I was pondering and praying on further meaning of the Refuge dream, that is, was I to go to a place already prepared? What were the details? Buy land, buy provisions? Was I to help start a place, etc. Its funny how some answers from the Lord spawn a lot more questions. During this pondering a simple vision came to me.

I saw a gateway on a road. The gateway had solid grounded posts with an arching sign over the road that read 'Sanctuary Landing'. I saw scripture written upon the posts about refuge and Christ.

When I went to write this vision down, I wrote down the name 'Sanctuary'. The Holy Spirit then corrected me and said 'Its name is 'Sanctuary Landing', emphasizing the 'Landing' part. I found this curious and looked up Landing in the dictionary to see why the word was so important. The dictionary read 'A place where passengers or goods are discharged from vessels... A DESCENT FROM AIR'. And then it hit me, of course, the earlier Eagle dream represented a landing.

RV

07/2004 I dreamed I saw the side of a recreational vehicle slightly modified with flower boxes at the windows and secured to the ground. Then I knew this to be my home in Colorado. At that point I saw the words 'Buy an RV' encapsulated in light rays.

This word is specific to me and my little family and is not necessarily a sign to anyone else to rush out and buy up RVs. Each must go as they are called. However, this dream does indicate to me that not only is an RV a practical solution to the many questions I had surrounding the Colorado Refuge dream, but that perhaps mobility will be important during those times.

MANY PLACES

09/2004 I was sleeping and I heard the Lord speak to me in a dream, "I will show you more.." and then a number of places in a mountainous region began appearing before me. Each with a particular geographical marker to remember. Some had forests or towns or lakes or particular peaks.

After waking, there were too many locations and points to journal. But the Holy Spirit spoke in me, "You will remember".

Regarding any place of geographical safety, I suggest that it would be of little use to go anywhere unless one is hidden in Christ (Col. 3:3) and takes spiritual refuge in the Lord (Psalm 27:5). I am reminded of scripture that speaks of people trying to evade troubles through their own means absent of God's covering:

Isaiah 24:17-18 "Terror and pit and snare confront you, O inhabitants of the earth. Then it will be that he who flees the report of disaster will fall into the pit. And he who climbs out of the pit will be caught in the snare. For the windows above are opened and the foundations of the earth shake."

Some may scoff at the notion of God preparing a geographical place of safety for His people, but consider this... Even Joseph and Mary had to abruptly flee to Egypt with the baby Jesus in order to escape persecution from Herod. Did not the anointed David seek refuge in Adullam's cave and various strongholds from Saul's pursuit? And again, what if Noah declined to build the Ark because he felt having a good relationship with the Lord God was enough? Hearing and obeying has its place too.

"Draw near to Me, absorb My will, follow My direction and I will keep you in the day of trouble.", says the Lord of Hosts.

Great Hailstorm

11/2003 I dreamed I was standing in a field. Then it began raining milk all about. After the milk stopped raining, I saw a large bowl in the sky. It poured out from Heaven and a massive hail storm begin to fall. The hail stones were huge and so thick was the fall it was like a dense blizzard. And while the stones fell all about me I begin to sing, "Sing unto the Lord a new song, Sing unto the Lord His praise, Sing unto the Lord a new song, I will sing unto the Lord all my days...". The hail did not touch me, but it destroyed much around me.

Rehoboth

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Genesis 26: 22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not; and he called the name of it Re-ho-both; and he said, For now the Lord hath made room for us, we shall be fruitful in the land.

Out of the dry and desolate places I shall gush forth a mighty stream. I speak to those of My children who observing their lives have not seen much fruitfulness proceeding from their lives. You have come to a place of defeat. You have given up and you have said, "I have not the abilities with which to do that which you have called me to do." Beloved, you have come to the wonderful realisation that it is not by might, or power or strength, but solely on My Spirit by which you shall accomplish the work I have set before you. Others have come to a bareness in their walk to where there is hardly any evidence of My work in them. Have I ever asked you to look in the natural for evidence? Is it not your evidence that I am not a man that should lie nor the son of man that I should repent? Whatsoever I speak shall not return void. My words shall not fall to the ground but they shall accomplish what they were sent to do.

Others hardly feel My presence close by. You feel as though you have come to a spiritual dead end. Watch now for the place to which you thought I was absent is where you shall see My glory manifest. For it is in this place that I have brought you to test your faith. You have stood strong in the midst of adversity. You have come to learn that your source is none other than the Water Of Life. Now I say unto you Rehoboth. Arise and be fruitful. For I shall bless you in the very midst of the arid conditions. It is here that I shall reveal myself in a most pleasant intimacy. You shall look up and you shall see that your redemption draweth nigh. You shall see a cloud the size of a man's fist grow into an abundant spiritual rain. Arise and be fruitful. That which was dead shall spring to life again. I am taking away the old and ushering the new. For it is My abundance upon you, says the Lord.

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One characteristic of the last days is people will run to and fro and knowledge will be increased (Daniel 12:4). They will be ever learning, but in spite of this abundance of knowledge they will never come to a realization of the truth (II Timothy 3:7). The accumulation of knowledge in the Information Age is highly sought after and prized, yet it is possible to know all the right answers and still not come into an experiential knowledge of Truth.

Please note that when Simon Peter confessed, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God", Jesus did not congratulate him for figuring this out through intense study and research, as if THAT would have made any difference. Instead, the Lord tells Peter that he is blessed: not just for knowing Who He is, but for the WAY in which he came to know Who He is. How did Peter know that Jesus is the Son of God? Because it was revealed to him by the Heavenly Father.

Here, Jesus contrasts "flesh and blood" knowledge with Truth which is revealed by God (and of course, Jesus is Truth [John 14:6]). The two are as different as night and day. In the matter of flesh and blood knowledge obtained from human, earthly sources we may have reason to boast in our ability to study, investigate, reason, and decide. This is the Tree of Knowledge. In the case of revelation, we have definitely no room to boast, for revelation is simply that which is revealed to us from heaven by the Lord. We cannot work to obtain it nor do we merit it. Additionally, no man may give it to us. Its source is God working in us through His Holy Spirit. This is the Tree of Life.

If in our quest for spiritual growth our idea is only to learn a few facts about the Bible, glean tidbits of information from this preacher and that teacher, fill our brains with facts and fill our libraries with more books and magazines, we run the risk of fooling ourselves into thinking that we know and understand God - when it could be that we are ever learning "truths" without knowing the Truth. Have you met someone like this? They seem to have all the right answers, but they have the wrong spirit. They tenaciously cling to their minute opinions and cannot be persuaded otherwise. Their knowledge has not changed them, except to make them worse: for now they are puffed up in the vanity of their own mind (I Corinthians 8:1,2). True spiritual growth is characterized by grace (not works) and an increased knowledge of Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18). And, we maintain that this knowledge of Jesus Christ cannot be obtained by study, but is only granted by way of revelation.

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

What do we mean by revelation? We affirm that there is really only one revelation, and that is The Revelation of Jesus Christ. People use the term "revelation" rather loosely and flagrantly, flippantly categorizing every new thing, random thought, impression, leading, feeling, teaching, vision, voice, or dream as "revelation". They consider every notion that flashes across their brain to be "revelation". Not only is this fraught with danger, it is extra-biblical.

We simply say that Jesus Christ is the only thing God reveals to us. "In [Christ] are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3)." It is not that God gives us revelation into five, ten, one hundred, or one thousand things. None of these "things" by themselves really matter. Rather, He has placed all those "things" within Christ, and reveals Christ to us. He will not reveal anything to us apart from the Revelation of Jesus Christ. To possess the Son is to possess all that pertains to the Son, for the Scriptures declare, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things (Romans 8:32)?" Christ is the sum of all spiritual things, the fullness of God in a bodily form (Colossians 2:9). Again, it is not that God desires to give us revelation into these many things, but for us to have the Revelation of Jesus Christ. By apprehending Him we will subsequently gain insight in those "things". To seek revelation into the "things" apart from the Revelation of Christ fails to give Christ the preeminence. We dare not circumvent the knowledge of Him in the pursuit of "things", even spiritual things, for they are all summed up into Him.

Jesus Christ is the Mystery which has been hidden for ages and generations, but is now made manifest to the saints (Colossians 1:26, 27). The Old Testament proclaims the Mystery and prepares the way for the Revelation of Jesus Christ. It is full of types, shadows, and symbology. The New Testament reveals that which was previously hidden. It explains the types and shadows of the Mystery and gives us the Revelation as substance and reality.

Nevertheless, the Lord will not manifest or reveal Himself to the world at large because the world in general will not love or receive Him (John 14:21-23). So, He establishes the Ecclesia, the called-out-of-the-world assembly of those who have been given the Revelation of Jesus, that they may translate it into the Testimony of Jesus by bearing witness to what they have seen and heard. Indeed, God has purposely hidden the knowledge of Jesus Christ and will only grant it to individuals by way of revelation once they have humbled themselves as children. This fact is so foundational to our understanding that we will quote it here:

"In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast HID these things from the wise and prudent, and hast REVEALED them unto BABES: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to Me of my Father: and no man [through human, flesh and blood knowledge] knoweth Who the Son is, BUT THE FATHER [Who He has chosen to reveal it only unto babes]; and Who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal Him. And He turned Him unto His disciples, and said privately, Blessed are the eyes which see the things that ye see: For I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them (Luke 10:21-24, emphasis and bracketed comments mine)."

Although we are using many words to explain this, in actual experience it is neither complicated nor difficult. It actually takes longer to explain it than it does to comprehend and participate in it. Basically, the difference is between "learning" and "seeing". Not, "blessed are the minds that have studied and learned" but "blessed are the eyes that SEE."

The whole purpose of prophetic speaking and writing is to bring further revelation of Jesus to the Church and to the world. We refer to this as the Testimony of Jesus. "It is the truth concerning JESUS that inspires ALL prophecy (Revelation 19:10, Knox, emphasis mine)." A majority of what is called "prophetic" today is merely eschatological, that is, inspired by the study of end time events, but not necessarily inspired by the Spirit to bring us into a further revealing of Jesus Christ. We do a disservice to the Church if we muddy the waters between that which is prophetic and that which is eschatological: for the Church is not established upon her understanding of end time events, but upon her revelation knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Even the Book of Revelation itself is not primarily the revelation of what the end of the world will be like (although we do learn that), but the Revelation and Testimony of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:1,2). We are immediately confronted with a vision of Jesus Christ standing in the midst of the Ecclesia: it is quite different from the image of the suffering Messiah, despised and rejected of men. So, this is a further unveiling or revealing of the Lord Jesus and is genuinely prophetic. The rest of the book, its symbols, and its meaning may be unclear, and we may disagree with the interpretations thereof, but the main gist of the book, the revealing of Jesus Christ as the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last, is beyond dispute.

THE FOUNDATION OF THE ECCLESIA

Why is it vital that we have this Revelation of Christ? Because the Church that Jesus is building, the Ecclesia, consists of all those who have this Revelation. Without the Revelation we cannot know the Way to the Father, and thus can have no membership in the Ecclesia, for Jesus is the Way (John

14:6). How can we know what the Church is apart from knowing Jesus Christ? How can we apprehend the Body if we do not apprehend the Head? The Church is not built upon Peter the individual, but upon all those who know Jesus Christ by revelation (Matthew 16:17,18). Apart from this we cannot be numbered among the Ecclesia. This IS the Church: those to whom the Father has revealed the Son by the Spirit.

Whereas Peter was a good Jew but a plain fellow, Paul, formerly known as Saul, was a self-proclaimed "Pharisee of the Pharisees", religious, devout, learned, and righteous according to the law of Moses, zealous for the things of God and the traditions of the Jews. Yet, we find him to be persecuting the Church of Jesus Christ, erroneously thinking that God was pleased with him. How is it that Saul, with all his learning, did not understand Who Jesus Christ was? Simply because it had not been revealed to him by the Heavenly Father. Indeed, it was the Pharisees and other religious leaders and teachers who rejected the Lord and had Him crucified. They lacked the Revelation. They had the written Word memorized, but there stands the Word made flesh and all they see is "the carpenter's son", a demon-possessed man, a blasphemer, a magician. This demonstrates how worthless religious flesh and blood knowledge is.

One day the grace of God determined to grant Saul the Revelation of Jesus. That is to say, Saul was not seeking revelation, he believed he had it already. He and his peers had concluded that Jesus was not the Son of God. So Saul was on his way to Damascus to arrest the followers of Jesus and bring them back to Jerusalem in chains. How zealous he was for "truth"! Without warning a bright light appeared to him, casting him to the ground, and a Voice called to him saying, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" Saul asked, "Who are you?" And the Voice replied, "I am Jesus, the One you are persecuting!"

All it takes is a millisecond of time for the Revelation to strike you down. I recall when I first received the Revelation of Jesus Christ. I had had many religious and spiritual experiences up to that point, more than the average person. I had been a pastor and teacher for many years. I thought I really knew the Lord. But one day God revealed His Son IN me. I was sitting in the backyard reading the Word and without warning, in my heart of hearts, I "saw" (not with my eyes, but inwardly) Jesus seated at God's right hand, and I saw myself raised and seated with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). That day was like walking out of one room and into another, closing the door behind me. I got a glimpse into another world. I finally knew what before I had only talked about. Though not as outwardly dramatic as Paul's experience, inwardly a massive earthquake had taken place and my foundations were ripped to shreds. It was the beginning of the end of my career as a preacher for Organized Religion. I saw the real Jesus and realized He was nothing like flesh and blood had said. Hallelujah!

When Saul met the Lord, Jesus didn't say, "Why are you persecuting My people?" With the simple words, "I am Jesus, the One you are persecuting," Paul received revelation into the Person of Jesus Christ as well as the Church. To persecute the followers of Jesus is to persecute Jesus Himself. Why? Because Christ and the Church are one! It would be a few years before Paul was able to pen the beautiful passages of Scripture describing the Body of Christ, but it all began with this initial Revelation of Jesus Christ there on the dusty road to Damascus. The Revelation of Jesus is the foundation of the Church.

BEING A "CHRISTIAN" VERSUS KNOWING THE LORD

How did Paul learn the Gospel? Who taught it to him? "I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ (Galatians 1:11,12)." What a glorious statement! Five words uttered by revelation are worth more than ten thousand words obtained through flesh and blood. Dear friend, do you really know the Lord? Is this knowledge based on revelation, or is it merely your idea, or what you've been taught by flesh and blood? Now is the time to examine your foundation and discover if you have been building on rock or on sand. We now know how it is possible for one to do many mighty works in Jesus' Name, yet not know the Lord: revelation is the difference between religious activity and true knowing (Matthew 7:23).

It is quite possible that we have been "Christians" for many years and not known the Lord. I used to find that hard to believe but not anymore. I can truthfully say that I have been a "Christian" all my life, but I have only KNOWN the Lord a few years. Calling yourself a Christian these days is almost the same as calling yourself a Republican or Democrat. It has become more of a label for social convenience sake than a true testimony that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, dwelling within me.

A. W. Tozer wrote: "I see and hear of things that Christian people are doing. As I watch them operate within the profession of Christianity I do raise the question of whether they have been truly converted."

In the 1980's I used to go out with other brothers and sisters knocking on doors and passing out tracts. We would ask, "Are you born again? Are you saved? Are you a Christian?" But these terms in recent years have become so watered-down and vague that most everyone who has ever attended a steeple house on Christmas or Easter claims to be a born again Christian - but they don't have the Revelation of Christ! That the potential exists for us to do things in the name of Jesus without truly knowing and being known of Him ought to put us on our face before the Lord, praying for experiential knowledge of Him by way of revelation. There's no other way to truly know Him. God has made sure of that.

How much of what we hear being preached and peddled around the world in the Name of Jesus is but the regurgitations and ramblings of people who can only repeat what everyone else is saying? Where is the Revelation of Jesus Christ? Who is the man or the woman that refuses to confer with flesh and blood, but only speaks according to what they have seen and heard by revelation through the Spirit? Most teachers are teaching what was taught to them, and their teachers learned it from their teachers, and so on it goes until we no longer have Spirit-birthed revelation, we have third and fourth-generational head-knowledge, yesterday's manna and hand-me-down flesh and blood doctrines. As one of my brothers puts it: there are many echoes in the land, but few voices. There is an ocean of difference between repeating what you have heard and speaking of what you have experienced! Is it any wonder that there is much learning, but no experiential knowledge of Truth? If we speak of ourselves then we can only impart knowledge. But, if we resolve to only speak by revelation, we can impart Life. Only revelation can change a person.

Immediately upon hearing this message some may be tempted to ask, "What do I have to do to get this revelation?" The answer is nothing, because it is all of grace. Along with Paul, we may certainly pray for "a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened (Ephesians 1:17,18)." Beyond that, we need only trust that the Spirit will indeed reveal the Lord to us if we humble ourselves as children as ask. Once we realize that revelation is all that matters, and God is the only one who can give it, we will stop trying to impress people with our knowledge, powerful speaking, or title. Instead, we will humble ourselves and ask the Father to reveal His Son in us.

THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS MEANS THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS

What about Paul's commission to preach the Gospel? He did not seek credentials, ordination, or affiliation with a human organization. He did not wait for anyone to confirm the call on his life. He did not seek for hands to be laid on him. But "when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by His grace, to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: neither went I up to Jerusalem to them which were apostles before me; but I went into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus (Galatians 1:15-17)." Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ was renegade enough, but to preach the gospel to the Gentiles was a departure from the norm for even the Church at that time. It would later prove to be quite controversial and divisive. Prudence would dictate that it would be better to check with the other apostles and get their opinion and feedback before striking out in a new direction. Yet, Paul says once he obtained revelation he had no need to confer with flesh and blood. Why, because he was a maverick, an independent spirit, a rebel? No, it is only because the Revelation of Jesus is sufficient guidance. Flesh and blood cannot add to or take away from the Revelation.

Paul's testimony before Agrippa expounds upon this initial conversation with the Lord. He says the

Lord told him, "I have shown Myself to you for a reason - you are chosen to be my servant and a witness of those revelations of Me that you have already had, and of those in which I shall yet appear to you (Acts 26:16,17, 20th Century NT)." This was Paul's commission - to testify as to what he has seen, not what he has theorized about, and not what he has heard someone else say. He was to bring the Revelation of Jesus to the world. And so he did. How rich was his understanding! How profound his writings! And oh how great his sufferings!

And what of all that Paul learned as a devout student of Gamaliel? What about his former rank and influence among the religious elite of his day? "What things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for Whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ (Philippians 3:7,8)." When a person has the Revelation of Christ they will gladly and with great joy suffer the loss of all things. A person who has the Revelation will willingly lay down their life for what they have seen (Revelation 6:9;12:11).

The Revelation of Jesus Christ will be the stone of stumbling and the rock of offense to Organized Religion (I Peter 2:8). When Stephen was called to give an account to the religious leaders his testimony convicted them so that they ground their teeth in anger. With face shining as an angel, being full of the Holy Ghost, he lifted up his eyes and saw Jesus Christ standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:54-56). What a blessed, holy moment; what a vision! - but just look and see what the revelation cost Stephen. They dragged him outside and stoned him to death.

To be sure, when you really and truly meet Jesus of Nazareth, when you "see" Him for the first time, when He reveals Himself to you, it will immediately put you at enmity with those who claim to see but do not see: mostly, the religious and "spiritual" ones, the denominations and Towers of Babel which dot the landscape of Christendom, the scribes and Pharisees of Organized Religion.

How blessed are they which do see and hear the Lord! Many are seeking power, anointing, spiritual gifts, title, office, position, and audience. But revelation is sufficient. If we have the Revelation of Jesus Christ we don't need anything else. And if we don't have the Revelation, nothing else will make any difference.

Restoring Joy

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Restoring Joy: A Ten Day Prayer Focus"
by Chuck D. Pierce

Dear Radiant Saint:

May the Lord bless you during this season! As we approach the holidays my heart is filled with gratefulness toward you. The prophecy of Zacharias seems amazingly relevant today. He prophesied about the change that was to come upon the earth. He decreed that a Deliverer would come. This prophecy is really speaking to me as I am praying for you.

Luke 1:71-75 says:
"That we should have deliverance and be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who detest and pursue us with hatred; to make true and show the mercy and compassion and kindness [promised] to our forefathers and to remember and carry out His holy covenant [to bless, which is all the more sacred because it is made by God Himself], that covenant He sealed by oath to our forefather Abraham: to grant us that WE, being delivered from the hand of our foes, might serve Him fearlessly in holiness (divine consecration) and righteousness [in accordance with the everlasting principles of right] within His presence all the days of our lives." (AMP)
May the JOY of His delivering power overtake you. Sing this with me:

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

I love the third verse of this Christmas Carol! I am pondering and processing your faithfulness in light of the meaning of the year ahead! This is a year for things to come FULL CIRCLE!

FULL CIRCLE -- AN END OF SOME THINGS, AND THE BEGINNINGS OF OTHERS

In the Hebraic year of 5765, the character "7" is Shin, and means to come full circle, consume, and destroy. That means we will come to an end of some things and begin other things. That also means that old cycles will attempt to hold us captive and keep us from breaking fully into our future. Therefore we must destroy some old patterns that would love to resurface in our life cycle. The Lord will give you a second chance to confront and deal with that thing that defeated you in the last season!

I am decreeing that you will go UP your mountain called ZION which will cause you to be favored with the Lord's presence all year. I am decreeing you will not go AROUND any wilderness SINAI mountain again.

Our life cycle is, Biblically, like a circle. You are on a boat, rowing backwards into your future. Your past connects to your future. But your future is opening now into your cycle of victory. This allows all of your expectations in and of God to be fulfilled. I am declaring no more thorns to infest your ground. May every curse let go from deep inside your thought processes.

A TIME FOR JOY

Joy comes from the verb "gil" or "gul." That means to go in a circle or to be excited, dancing around for joy, or rejoicing. In the New Testament, joy is linked with grace. Another word for joy is agalliasis. This word expresses exuberant joy or exultation.

JOY is a positive attitude or pleasant emotion or delight. Joy includes gladness, contentment, and cheerfulness. Joy should be holy and pure. This joy rises above circumstances. Joy embraces the highest emotion of God and His character.

The joy required of the righteous person (Psalm 150; Philippians 4:4) is produced by the Spirit of God (Galatians 5:22). This kind of joy looks beyond the present to our future salvation (Romans 5:2, 8:18; 1 Peter 1:4,6) and to our sovereign God, who works out all things for our ultimate good (Romans 8:28-30).

This kind of joy is distinct from mere happiness. Joy like this is possible, even in the midst of sorrow (1 Corinthians 12:26; 2 Corinthians 6:10, 7:4).
Sameah means "to be bright or to shine." Joy expresses His Glory. Proverbs 13:9 says, "The light of the righteous rejoiceth" -- literally, "is bright."

Joy has a bodily expression. The Hebrew words mean "to spring," "leap," hence, "exult" and "rejoice"; and "rinnah" means "shouting." Joy is the response of the mind to any pleasurable event or state (1 Kings 1:40; Esther 8:17).

Joy as a religious emotion is very frequently referred to in the Old Testament. Religion is conceived of as touching the deepest springs of emotion, including the feeling of exultant gladness which often finds outward expression in such actions as leaping, shouting, and singing.
May every religious spirit that is robbing your joy let go! May your communion with God be full and expressive.
"In thy presence is fullness of joy; in thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalm 16:11)
This is a time to experience a new release of JOY. Therefore, the following *10-Day Prayer Focus: Restoring JOY and Gaining Strength to Break Old Cycles* will prepare us to enter into the beginning of the year.

10-DAY PRAYER FOCUS: RESTORING JOY AND GAINING STRENGTH TO BREAK OLD CYCLES

Day 1: Read Psalms 4, 5, 51, and 35. Let the joy of the Lord fill you. Praise Him that He is your source and the object of your joy.

Day 2: Read Zephaniah 3. Hear Him rejoicing over you. Receive His love. Let Him pour His grace and mercy over you.

Day 3: Read Luke 1-2. Rejoice! Ask the Lord to deliver you from grief or trauma. Thank Him that He has come to deliver you from any prison the enemy has devised.

Day 4: Read Matthew 13. Ask the Lord to uncover the true joy of life to you.

Day 5: Read Acts 3. Ask the Lord to remove any spirit of infirmity that is holding you back from accomplishing His purpose. He is coming to the Gate Beautiful.

Day 6: Read John 2, Luke 10, and Mark 2. Rejoice! Clap your hands. Be willing to go into the fullness of joy. Do not stop participating halfway through the wedding feast. Ask the Holy Spirit to remove all of your religious ritual that has robbed your joy. Break any power of pharisee-ism. Thank God for the new wine.

Day 7: Read Luke 1:14,44; Acts 2:46; Jude 24; Hebrews 1:9; Matthew 5:12; Habakkuk 3:18; 2 Corinthians 7:13. All of these verses will connect you into joy. Memorize two verses. Stand up and twirl. Express to the Lord that you love Him.

Day 8: Read Isaiah 9, 11. Thank God for the shifting government. Thank Him and rejoice that change is coming. Thank Him that your territory will rejoice. Read Joel 2 and 3.

Day 9: Read Psalm 16. Declare that the fullness of God's purposes will overtake you.

Day 10: Read Revelation 1-5, and 12. Receive strength to go through the open door that has been set before you. Declare the accuser of the brethren is bound. Receive power, wealth, and favor.

HOW TO PRAY FOR ME PERSONALLY IN THE COMING YEAR

I consider that the Lord has given me a great honor to represent Him and you as a prophetic voice around the world. The prophetic voice is going through a metamorphosis and is getting ready to emerge. Many have grown weary of a lack of integrity and immaturity in the prophetic. However, I have seen the prophetic since 1986 being like a butterfly emerging out of a cocoon.

When the butterfly emerges, there is great beauty. A metamorphosized beauty is linked with holiness. Psalm 96:9 says,
"O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth."
God is removing the old garment from His prophets, transforming their minds and spirits, and preparing them to speak a clear word in season.

This is a generation that is arising that will enter into a holy clarity of God's expression in the earth. Thank you for praying and believing in the gift the Lord has given me. Pray that I seek and gain wisdom for us and declare BOLDLY the word He gives me with grace!

As I have said earlier, let us hear from you and pray for you. We realize you have probably had many testings this year on your path. However, recognize that you are on a path of life. It is set before you. We urge you to press along that path and endure that path until you reach the end.

There are big boulders and potholes in the way and, often times, the path needs to be cleared out before you can begin. There may even be boulders all along the way. However, our Father in Heaven is going to watch after you from the beginning of that path until the finish-line, because He already knows the end. With this reality we should never lose faith or hope along our path.

The real issue along the path is to have a reality of who God is and what His purpose is from the beginning until the end. A verse that I want to remind you of is Jeremiah 33:3 from the Amplified:
"Call to Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, fenced in and hidden, which you do not know (do not distinguish and recognize, have knowledge of and understand)."
Let God show you things that you do not know so you can walk in victory.

I am including my top TEN priorities for the next year. I would love to have you support me in doing these:

- Keeping my prophetic gift sharp by leading prayer meetings at my church, praying, and discussing prophetic paradigms with my apostolic leaders.
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- Mobilizing the prayer army in America through prayer focuses and speaking engagement in states and regions.
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- Assisting key apostolic anchor churches from region to region.
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- Interceding to see new breakthrough in the Workplace. I am called this year to see the supply for our future released. Therefore, I will concentrate on training intercessors for breakthrough concerning a Transference of Wealth. I want to see the Lord's people increase and double their supply and influence.
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- Doing conferences and seminars that will assist the Body in shifting their paradigms.
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- Developing Eagles of God prophetic prayer missionary teams.
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- Visiting other nations with Dr. Peter Wagner as he gathers apostolic leaders. I will also be working to see the International Coalition of Apostles, where I serve on the Apostolic Council, come into a whole new realm of victory and authority.
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- Writing three books: A 50-State Tour book with Dutch Sheets, *Shifting a Nation: The 50 State Prayer Tour*; a book with Pam, *In a World of Chaos...Don't Miss the Simple Things* (this book I am very excited about). And one other book, *The Issachar Anointing: Understanding Times and Seasons*.
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- Taking a team to retrace the disintegration of the power of the Church in the world. We will be going to Moscow, Istanbul, Rome, and Jerusalem. I will represent us as we decree a reversal of lost power.
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- Gathering and participating with intercessors and leaders from all over the world in the culmination of our 40/70 Prayer Focus. This will be held in Rome and Pozzuoli, Italy, in September 2005.
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Thank you for supporting my staff who help me accomplish all I do. You help support the most efficient staff in the world. Finally, thank you for praying for my family. In the midst of a very demanding year, I have watched each one of them prosper. They are a wonderful bunch who seem to be moving forward on God's path.

Pray that I have the time to enjoy watching each one of them further mature in the Lord. Daniel marries Amber Sauce next weekend. She will finish her last semester at Texas Woman's University and he will continue his call to the Police Force. They will reside in Denton.

Rebekah will continue her studies at University of North Texas.

John Mark is working and involved in bowling and the band Strategy of A Launch.
Isaac and Ethan are in Texas Tech's Distance Learning Program. Isaac also is a member of Strategy of A Launch.

Joseph, Cynthia, and their four live in Denton where they serve on staff in Youth and Children ministry.
Pam supports us all and makes sure we accomplish the call of God on our lives. She is a Saint!

Blessings,

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P.S. *My schedule through the end of January is:*

Dec 13 Fresh Wind Rising: Turning the Battle at the Gate - Fresno, CA (559) 225-0411
Dec 17–18 Amber Sauce and Daniel Pierce Wedding
Jan 2 (AM) Shekinah Christian Church, Ann Arbor MI (734) 662-6040
Jan 2 (PM) Annual USSPN Strategic Gathering, Straight Gate Church, Detroit MI (734) 662-6040
Jan 4 Trinity Fellowship Church, Pastor Lonny Robbins, Pampa TX (806) 665-3255
Jan 5 Trinity Fellowship Church, Pastor Jimmy Evans, Amarillo TX (806) 355-8955
Jan 6–8 Starting the Year Off Right Conference, Denton TX (888) 965-1099
Jan 10 WWJC Radio Interview, 10 AM CT
Jan 12–14 Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders, Colorado Springs CO
Jan 14 (PM) Springs Harvest Fellowship with Dutch Sheets, Colorado Springs CO (719) 548-8226
Jan 21 Business Meeting with Hal and Cheryl Sacks, Phoenix AZ
Jan 21 (PM)–22 Pressing Through the Gates of Change for our Nation, Phoenix AZ (800) 296-0659
Jan 23 (AM/PM) Church for the Nations with Pastor Michael Maiden, Phoenix AZ (602) 861-0000
Jan 27–29 Victory in Spiritual Warfare Conference, Charleston SC (888) 965-1099
Jan 30 Harvest Rock Prophetic Conference, Pasadena CA (626) 794-1199

Time For Treasures
Chuck Pierce

A Time For Treasures To Be Released -- Key Dreams And Visions For The Year Ahead

Dear Watchful Worshipper:

As Hanukkah comes to a close, I am praying that your LIGHT fully manifest and be set on the hill around you to radiate for all to see. I am also praying that as we approach the Holiday Season that you will be filled with strength and power. I hope you are enjoying the 10-Day Prayer Focus on Restoring Joy and Gaining Strength to Break Old Cycles. I want to wish you a great Holiday. I wanted to share with you some things I feel the Lord is saying. I am including several dreams and visions for you to ponder over the next 21 days.

I am studying the Wise Men from Matthew 2 during this season. Bethlehem was the place, and God's perfect timing was during the days of Herod. God always has a perfect timing to shift things. His timing seems to be connected many times with a change or shift in civil government as well as a shift in spiritual government.

We need to expect big changes this coming year. We have entered the fourth year of a seven-year war season. Things will escalate in both heaven and earth to press us toward the fullness and completion of God's plan for this seven years.
Remember, the war is over God's covenant blessings and plan being released and established in the earth realm in this generation. You are warring for personal, corporate, and territorial blessings. We are also warring for the mantle of God to be released upon the next generation. Watch every anti-Christ force very carefully.

KEYS FROM MATTHEW CHAPTER TWO FOR 2005

Matthew 2:1-12 says:
"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.'"

- When you see the heavens shifting, be willing to follow God in a whole new way.
- There will be a great change in worship expression this year.
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"When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born."

- God is troubling civil leaders. Many civil leaders will begin to request revelation from God's chosen people.
- We must be careful of an unholy alignment that occurs between civil and religious leaders.
- God's prophetic apostolic people must be uncompromising in speaking God's truth during this coming year.
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"So they said to him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: *But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel*.'"

- There will be prophetic revelation uncovered this year.
- Review prophecies from your region that have not been fulfilled.
- Watch for realignment of events to bring forth God's plan this year.
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"Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.'
"When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy."

- Our spirit must be filled with joy this year, even in the midst of trying circumstances.
- We should expect to see God's glory manifesting in a new way.
- We should expect God to lead us to some new places this year for divine connections.
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"And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

- We must poise our heart to worship at all times this year and be willing to worship in unusual ways as the Lord manifests.
- We must be willing to give in incredible new ways.
- God will open up treasures to us so our giving can increase.
- There will be a kingly release, a joyous release, and a resurrection release once we break old cycles and see in a new way.
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"Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way." (NKJV)

- We must allow God to bring us revelation in the night. Dreams and visions are very important this year.
- We must be willing to go a different way this year.

THE LORD WILL LEAD FORTH WITH HIS REVELATION AND INTERPRETATION THIS YEAR

The ***Magi*** was used as the name for priests and wise men among the Medes, Persians, and Babylonians. There will be supernatural movement in the earth realm in the prophetic realm. You will hear much from diviners, soothsayers, magicians, diviners, astrologers, those who prophesy by the stars, and those who predict by the new moon. However, the Lord will raise His prophets up this year to lead forth in revelation (Daniel 1:20, 2, 5:11).

Listen carefully to revelation that is coming forth in the sphere that you operate in. Much revelation will be released that encourages, exhorts, warns, and directs this year. I am praying that the GIFT OF INTERPRETATION mature in the body of Christ. Below is some key revelation that has come forth in the last month or so.

DREAMS ARE ONE WAY OF GOD SPEAKING REVELATION TO YOU

When a dream comes forth in the Body of Christ this year, we want to be sure we press in for the interpretation. In *When God Speaks*, we have three chapters on dream interpretation (see below for book). This is so important for this year.

A DREAM: "GO UP THE STEEP MOUNTAIN"

from Susan Stanfield, my [Chuck's] assistant

I was driving on a highway, headed toward a hotel up the road, when the road started up an enormously steep mountain. The road must have been a four-lane road, like the road from Monument to Castle Rock, Colorado, and I was in the far right (slower traffic) lane. It started raining heavily and I saw a semi-truck in my lane up ahead.

Before I could shift down and signal to change into the left lane free of the truck, an SUV from behind me whipped around me and popped into the space between me and the truck.
I remember thinking the truck would have to really slow down and I needed to still change lanes, when all of a sudden the truck slowed to a halt, and the SUV in front of me lost traction and began heading back toward my vehicle, fast. All I could do was get on the shoulder out of its way, and then I lost traction and slid/steered all the way down to the bottom, into another four-lane highway, into a sea of darkness, pouring rain, and headlights.

Even though I thought for sure I'd crash into oncoming traffic, the Lord took me through without a scratch, with the only mishap being I was now facing traffic that was stopped at the red light at an intersection. I wondered if I should pull up on the esplanade to get out of their way, but knowing I had to make the trip up the hill, I must have headed out again because I then found myself in the hotel.

I was in my room (that was sort of like "my area" rather than a four-walls designation) when my hotel-neighbor walked in. She was a large black woman and she indicated her trip up the mountain had been awful, too. She said, "I'm going to start a song and then you're going to finish it."
She sang something like, "When you start up the mountain and it looks like you can't make it to the top..."
I finished up with, "Then you keep going one inch, one inch, one inch at a time and you don't give up."

INTERPRETATION: "THIS WILL BE A YEAR OF CHANGING LANES"

This will be a year of changing lanes. The Lord is going to put some roadblocks in our path, but supernaturally shift us from one seemingly closed path into another path. We will be fearful at first, but all of a sudden we will see that the Lord has fully planted us on a new path. However, on this new path will be an intersection of choice. At this intersection, if we will trust the Lord, He will supernaturally make decisions on our behalf that will "get us up the steep hill that was ahead of us."

Do not let the steepness of your path stop you in any way this year. God will also intervene with some unusual people in our lives this year that will help us get moving in a new song that will break old cycles. Listen carefully for the beginning of the song of deliverance and you will complete this season with great joy.

"There will be a gradual advance, and I will be working in mysterious ways that you do not understand, even while you sleep."

A VISION: "DO NOT FEAR TO BE SHEARED"

at the FMC Meeting (November 16, 2004) by Chuck Pierce

I saw a LOOM. On the loom was a half-completed, wool garment. This garment had a beginning pattern that was forming.
The hand of the Lord took out the spindle and spinning wheel to ready Himself to spin more wool. He then also took out shears. He began to find sheep that were grazing, held up in stalls, or some that even seemed to be ready for slaughter. However, I could see the faces of the sheep and they were many people I knew. He would raise them up and begin to shear them.
He took that which was sheared and used their wool to begin spinning and weaving it into the garment

that was half finished.

INTERPRETATION: "BRINGING COMPLETION TO WHAT HAS BEGUN IN THE PAST"

God has a mind to finish many things this season that have been begun in the past. Do not fear. Many of you think that you have been put on a shelf or sent out to pasture, but the Lord is about to find you and take you off the shelf or out of the place of confinement where you've been.

Many of us have had things held up for a season. However, during this season you have been forming a new mantle. The testings you have been going through have caused you to be prepared for the future.
Do not be afraid, for the Lord to now strip and shear you, for He is ready to use the testimony of your testings. What you have grown through will become key in the pattern for the new season.

The Lord will even remove what has seemed to be fruitful. This removal will only last about five months because He is taking what has been fruitful and weaving it into a more fruitful plan. He is now weaving the garment for us to wear into war for these next few years. Don't worry about being vulnerable. The Spirit of God will give you favor in the vulnerable place. He will hold and protect you until you fully see this new pattern that is arising.

There will be a divine connecting with others who are also being sheared. The mantle that God is preparing will win the war in the future. This is not a time to move quickly into war. Wait for the mantle and the connections, and God will multiply it into a troop. God will be finishing many things this year, and tying many loose ends -- you will no longer be confused.

The Lord has been preparing a corporate army. He is also preparing the weapons for this army. We cannot use the weapons of victory nor the armor from the last season. The garment He is preparing will lead us into harvest. Don't be afraid to lay down what God says to lay down. Get ready -- God is developing what you will wear in days ahead.

"TREASURES OF DARKNESS ARE BEING GIVEN UP AND RELEASED"

A Word by Keith Pierce at the December Firstfruits Gathering (December 4, 2004)

I hear the Lord saying, "Treasures of Darkness. Oh, Treasures of Darkness. Oh, Treasures of Darkness come forth to My people. Come forth to My people. Come forth to My people. This is a season that the mountains are breaking. This is a season that the circumstances are changing. This is a season that the bronze gates are unlocking. The hinges are breaking, the heavens are opening, and the treasures of darkness are being given up and released! Watch for closed gates to begin to open up in the next 60 days.

"I am speaking to My Shebas right now and saying, 'Shebas, fill your boats. Shebas, fill your boats with precious cargo and start your journey to the house of faith.' For I will open the doors of the Church and I will release keys that will unlock the gates of hell.
"I will change the favor of the Church and there will be a supernatural shift this year of those who are controlling the keys of the gate. I will remove keys from some and give them to others. I am sending many to come and test what the Spirit of God is doing in My House."

The Spirit of God, in all of His power and all of His wisdom, is going to begin to speak to the Queens of Sheba to begin to load their cargo and bring it to the house of God to unload. Watch for key women that God brings into your path over these next several months.

"I WILL INTERVENE IN A MOMENT'S TIME"

A Word and Song given to LeAnn Squier at the November Firstfruits Gathering (November 6, 2004)

I hear the Lord saying, "A moment of favor is worth more than a year of labor and toil in the field." We need to grab hold of this principle.
I asked God, "What does that mean?"
He said, "In one moment I can drop something into your spirit; in one moment I can drop something

into your dream; in one moment you can respond to me.

"In one moment you can say I'm tithing on my gross, not on my net. In one moment those decisions, those words can open ways that have never been opened. It is not by might, not by your power, not by your strength, but by one moment of divine favor. Listen carefully this year and receive from Me. I will intervene in a moment's time.'"

DREAM: "TREASURES IN THE HOUSE"

Listen carefully to the next generation this coming year. Abby Squier, the daughter of John and LeAnn Squier, had the following dream. She came to her mother and said, "We had moved into a new house (which by the way, they have done this year) -- an older house, sitting on a hill.

"When we came inside the house, in the middle of the floor was a pool. We began to reach down and pull treasures out of the pool. It looked like those big gold doubloons. We gathered them up and began putting them in a box."

INTERPRETATION: "YOU WILL BEGIN TO RECOVER AND UNCOVER THAT WHICH IS ALREADY IN YOU"

The Lord would say, "In My house are many treasures. I am putting those in your keeping at this time. Matter of fact, I have already hidden them in the place of your dwelling. Come into a new abiding place with Me. If you will allow Me to dwell in your midst and My Spirit to be richly at home in you, you will begin to recover and uncover that which is already in you.

"I am taking you to some past places and circumstances where you missed certain treasures that I had put in your path. When you come back into that day where you diverted from My path or failed to press into My fullness, I will show you the pool that was filled with My treasures that has been waiting for you. I have been keeping them safe until now.

"This is a year for you to recover. You will gather what you have missed and you will bring them into safe keeping and a new dimension of stewardship. What you gain now must multiply. What you gather now will be your supply for days ahead. I am pulling you back to an old place so I can advance you into a new place. In you are great treasures. In your midst you will find the treasures and supply for your future."

GET SUPERNATURAL WISDOM AND STRATEGY

Keith Pierce then began to prophesy the following:

"I am releasing a new power inside of you. This is a power that will propel you outside of your present comfort zone and the walls of what you know as church. This is a power that is propelling you into the streets, highways, and byways. There is an anointing that I am releasing that will even be upon your shadow. As your shadow passes by, bondages will be broken.

"Even right now there is a strategy that is hidden in the shadow, because I AM overshadowing My people in a new way. This is a shadow of conception. This is the shadow of victory. Within this shadow is a powerful sound.

"There is a new sound of the anointing that will unlock that which has been held back this hour. This sound is the sound of a new trumpet. This is a sound that will cause the wickedness, that has held captive the treasures of My city, to be overthrown."

COME UP INTO HIS WISDOM

Marty Cassady then began to share that, several years ago, the Lord took her to the desert and she spent 7 days before the Lord, asking Him about wisdom.

She began to prophesy, "There is a supernatural wisdom that is overshadowing My people. There is wisdom in your desert. Wisdom has built her house. She has hewn out her seven pillars. Wisdom is a place. Wisdom is that place that exists in the spirit realm for My people to abide in. Lift up your head! Get your head up, for I AM releasing wisdom to My people. Wisdom will overthrow demonic forces."

Receive new strategies; strategies to overthrow the enemy in your life, on your bank account, on the savings account. Lord, we agree with you and say, "We come up! We come up! We come up into Your wisdom."

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Releasing The Captives

Yolanda Ballard

(A Message of Hope)
Count your blessings one by one. Don't let the enemy rob you of them for there are many. Many this day fall into the category of being ungrateful mainly because they lack the quality of counting their blessings each day and thanking Me for them. Not saying that these are an unthankful people, but that they have fallen into a snare set by the enemy and that they cannot see or even experience all that I have blessed them with.

I have come to set free these captives and to give them life more abundantly. Yes, I have come to set them free and turn the tides on the enemy. For these people are a mighty army that the enemy has tied up their gifts and even their fruit have gone dry. The enemy had carried them away captive, because a part of their armor was not used properly, and the enemy was allowed to get into their life unaware of.

Even though there was an opening he could get in, he didn't allow it to be known that he was even there, because of deception on the part of the prisoner. But I have come to bring life by exposing the enemy's plans by shedding light on all areas of deception and exposing the enemy.

Yes, I have come to set the captives free and to raise them up so that they can stand strong once again. I have come to restore their first love and to give them zeal and fill them with My joy once again for this is their strength.

Do not be afraid or even alarmed because of the state of the church this day for I have come to do a separation, those who are ready to go on with Me and those who are just going through the motions of being sincere. For My fire will do this separation, and those who remain standing are those who are My true overcomers who I will move mightily through.

The battle has been long, and it has been heavy, but I have been preparing you through it, though it may be through financial lack or even attacks on the physical body, all has been necessary for the preparation. For I AM truly raising you up, and I AM filling you with My gifts, and I AM sending you out for war that is even greater than before for you are My "dreaded foes" toward the evil one.

You are the ones that no matter what the enemy throws your way that you will not give up on My promises, because you only see Me through your shield of faith, and you have prepared your sword that which only is true comes forth from your mouth, and this pierces the heart of the evil one, because he cannot get you to even believe a lie.

You are set free and are stronger than before, because now you are aware of the enemy's tactics having been held captive for so long. And now experiencing My true presence you are filled with My glory and light. Yes, you are My "dreaded warriors" toward the evil one, and you will reign victorious in Me.

I love you and I see you perfect through My Father's eyes. You are My bride, and I raise you up to stand bold. You will not be defeated. You will pull down strongholds by your worship alone. You will dance upon injustice. You will triumph with the shout of the trumpet, for I AM letting out My war cry across the land.

I AM uniting the camps to be one in Me. I AM stirring the gist that they may speak life and health and peace for I come to gather in My harvest and I come to romance My bride in a time of intimacy. So gather together in My secret place and prepare for I AM going to do a new thing but you must be ready.

Rest in Me for I AM faithful and I AM in control. All things have always worked for the good of My people. What the enemy meant for harm I AM now turning for good for "I AM" this day and forevermore.

Renewed Minds

Ron Powell

14 July 2004
And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil. Ephesians 4:23-27

My Children,
The enemy likes to see you distracted and out of focus. He likes to stir dust to bring confusion, but I desire that you be sober, alert, and attentive to My will, prospering in every area of your life. I enjoy seeing My children grow stronger and walking in the path of My providential will. I enjoy seeing you grow in My power and might, doing the work of your Father undistracted.

I tell you, In these last days I am renewing many minds and refocusing those who have been distracted. I am taking back the territory of those depraved minds and “fixing” them to do My will. This will bring joy to your heart as you see the unreachable responding to the gospel message. You will rejoice over this change. Hope will be restored to many in these days, says the Lord. This change will be of Me, miraculous in nature, and your rejoicing will come because you know that it has come forth from Me. So rejoice, beloved! Rejoice in the coming work of the Lord your God, knowing that it is for your good, and for the betterment of My kingdom.

Blessings,
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Repent
D J Weiss

Aug 24, 2004

Acts 17: 30,31
"30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

Today I am going to be blunt - life is short and I only have a few paragraphs to use. I got today's verses from my older brother, Michael, who writes a periodic devotional. It spoke deeply to me because of the fact that the Lord has also been speaking a similar message to me, yet I had not shared it with Michael. When I saw the origin of the verses, I remembered that they come from the passage in Acts 17 where Paul is speaking with the philosophers in Athens. While I was prayer walking this morning I was listening to some things the Lord had laid on my heart and praying for Athens. You see, when I left there, I left a big part of my heart there - not just for the Olympics, but for the people of Athens.

I was thinking about these things this morning and praying how they might apply to me. Then I had a conversation with a lady who I know through transformations and she said something about the church and repentance. Then, when I got home and read Michael's devotional, I could hear that old "three times is a charm" bell ringing in my heard. Here is what Michael said - "How do you know if you are in this group? (of people who need to repent) 1)If you have already made a list of other people who need to change, you need to repent. 2) If you "know the good you are supposed to do and do not do it", you need to repent. 3) If you have hardened your heart to the suffering around you, you need to repent." (partial list.)

God's command that Paul shares here is for "all people everywhere to repent." It's simple: All people would be you and I and everywhere means just that. And repent means to do a 180 and walk away from an old attitude. Repent means that we need to change our hearts, our minds, and our attitudes. And it is not other people, it's us. You and I. Every single one of us needs to repent. Church - God has looked over more than just the ignorance of the unbelievers of this world; He has overlooked the lazy, prideful, selfish, judgmental, comfortable living of the church as well. His patience has allowed us to go on living in our comfort while thousands of people everyday perish for lack of knowledge of Him.

The foundational reason for facing repentance is that it breaks us out of strongholds in which we find ourselves. When Paul shared those words with the Athenians, he was standing on the Areopagus. He was about 100 yards from the Acropolis. The Acropolis had been built 500 years before Paul's time as a stronghold for the city. It sits 100m above the city and in a time of war the citizens would flee to that stronghold. Church - we are in a time of war, yet many have (with or without knowledge) retreated to the wrong stronghold. We have submitted our hearts to the strongholds that protect the enemy camp. One of the those strongholds is money - Jesus said it is the ROOT of all evil. Another is the stronghold of complacency - we just do not care that the world is perishing all around us. And another is the stronghold of pride - "at least we are not like THOSE people over there."

This is what repentance does: it breaks through strongholds. When you let down your guard, when you go before the Lord on your knees and ask Him to forgive you of enjoying your blindness to others needs, when you open your heart up to His healing touch - then the Lord will break through the strongholds that bind you and will help you to see the world as He does. He sees the world through eyes of love, compassion, and mercy and He longs to see all of His children - those who acknowledge Him and those who don't - come to Him and walk in the light of His love. The Father has set a day of justice when we will all face Him and be held accountable for how we handled these things. Step out of the stronghold of the enemy and walk into the over-powering presence and might of the Great King over all the Earth.

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Reserved Seating
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1 Kings 19:18 NKJV Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

1 Peter 1:4-5 AMP [Born anew] into an inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay [imperishable], unsullied and unfading, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are being guarded (garrisoned) by God's power through [your] faith [till you fully inherit that final] salvation that is ready to be revealed [for you] in the last time.
1 Peter 1:6-9 NKJV
6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith — the salvation of your souls.

“I have a great plan for those who call on My name. I have an awesome plan for those who are willing to surrender their lives totally to Me. The enemy has some demons he has reserved for the end times battle. But know that I also have reserved some angels for these times. And those who are with you are MORE than those who are against you! I love My BRIDE and I will not abandon her regardless of circumstances. Know that I will be with you through anything you might go through. I am here with you that you can call on Me whenever you need.

There are saints in heaven and angels perched to see the end times scenario played out. They have been awaiting this time and are praying you through along with the prayers of My Son. The worship in heaven is impacting your world, even as the worship on earth is being escalated. It is time for the worship to flow out into the streets and byways. “

I had earlier seen a vision of going out with a flag and worshipping in the parking lot of a mini mall as if to say…THIS LAND BELONGS TO GOD ALMIGHTY! And I felt the pleasure of the Lord in the vision, as if He was saying well done!

“When I said, I was taking back the air waves, that includes radio, TV, and all that makes a sound in the open air. I will advance my worshippers even as you make advances on a chess board, the enemy has been advancing, but it is now time for MY worship warriors to advance into the destiny I have for them. I will give FAVOR as you go out into the marketplace . I want your voices heard and displayed for all to see and hear the love you have for ME.
I will use it mightily to tear down the ramparts of the enemy!

Come to Me and get My plan, and I will show you the first steps. Some of you have already been sowing seeds for this for years. Now there will be a coming to fruition of all that I’ve spoken over you regarding the raising up of worship and praise. I will call forth assemblies of worship and dance and there will be a heavenly invasion as you do this. There are angels coming on assignment…many of them deliverance angels who will as you praise and worship, will go forth to tear down the enemy’s strongholds.

Worship will advance until just during the worship, so many will be healed and delivered, without anyone laying hands on them. People need to see ME as the Savior instead of man, and it is time for that demonstration! I will honor those who honor ME. I will give FAVOR to those who are willing to be unashamed of Me! I love you My beloveds, and I am not ashamed of you!
Be unafraid as I call you forth in these days ahead, to share My love and hope with those around you, to share your faith and the reasons for it; to share your testimony, praise and worship of Me."

Gen 27:36 NKJV
36 And Esau said, "Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times. He took away my birthright, and now look, he has taken away my blessing!" And he said, "Have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

Num 18:9-14 NKJV
9 This shall be yours of the most holy things reserved from the fire: every offering of theirs, every grain offering and every sin offering and every trespass offering which they render to Me, shall be most holy for you and your sons. 10 In a most holy place you shall eat it; every male shall eat it. It shall be holy to you. 11 "This also is yours: the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the children of Israel; I have given them to you, and your sons and daughters with you, as an ordinance forever. everyone who is clean in your house may eat it. 12 "All the best of the oil, all the best of the new wine and the grain, their firstfruits which they offer to the LORD, I have given them to you. 13 Whatever first ripe fruit is in their land, which they bring to the LORD, shall be yours. Everyone who is clean in your house may eat it. 14 "Every devoted thing in Israel shall be yours.

Job 20:5-28 NKJV
5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, and the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment? 6 Though his haughtiness mounts up to the heavens, and his head reaches to the clouds, 7 Yet he will perish forever like his own refuse; Those who have seen him will say, 'Where is he?' 8 He will fly away like a dream, and not be found; Yes, he will be chased away like a vision of the night. 9 The eye that saw him will see him no more, nor will his place behold him anymore. 10 His children will seek the favor of the poor, and his hands will restore his wealth. 11 His bones are full of his youthful vigor, but it will lie down with him in the dust.
12 "Though evil is sweet in his mouth, and he hides it under his tongue, 13 Though he spares it and does not forsake it, but still keeps it in his mouth, 14 Yet his food in his stomach turns sour; It becomes cobra venom within him. 15 He swallows down riches And vomits them up again; God casts them out of his belly. 16 He will suck the poison of cobras; The viper's tongue will slay him. 17 He will not see the streams, The rivers flowing with honey and cream. 1 8 He will restore that for which he labored, and will not swallow it down; From the proceeds of business He will get no enjoyment. 19 For he has oppressed and forsaken the poor, He has violently seized a house which he did not build.
20 "Because he knows no quietness in his heart, He will not save anything he desires. 21 Nothing is left for him to eat; Therefore his well-being will not last. 22 In his self-sufficiency he will be in distress; Every hand of misery will come against him. 23 When he is about to fill his stomach, God will cast on him the fury of His wrath, and will rain it on him while he is eating.
24 He will flee from the iron weapon; a bronze bow will pierce him through. 25 It is drawn, and comes out of the body; Yes, the glittering point comes out of his gall. Terrors come upon him; 26 Total darkness is reserved for his treasures. An unfanned fire will consume him; It shall go ill with him who is left in his tent. 27 The heavens will reveal his iniquity, and the earth will rise up against him. 28 The increase of his house will depart, and his goods will flow away in the day of His wrath.

Job 21:30 NKJV For the wicked are reserved for the day of doom; They shall be brought out on the day of wrath.

Rom 11:2-5 AMP No, God has not rejected and disowned His people
[whose destiny] He had marked out and appointed and foreknown from the beginning. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? [Ps 94:14; 1 Kings 19:1] 3 Lord, they have killed Your prophets; they have demolished Your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life. 4 But what is God's reply to him? I have kept for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal! [1 Kings 19:18] 5 So too at the present time there is a remnant (a small believing minority), selected (chosen) by grace (by God's unmerited favor and graciousness). 6 But if it is by grace (His unmerited favor and graciousness), it is no longer conditioned on works or anything men have done. Otherwise, grace would no longer be grace [it would be meaningless]. 7 What then [shall we conclude]? Israel failed to obtain what it sought

[God's favor by obedience to the Law]. Only the elect (those chosen few) obtained it, while the rest of them became callously indifferent (blinded, hardened, and made insensible to it). 8 As it is written, God gave them a spirit (an attitude) of stupor, eyes that should not see and ears that should not hear, [that has continued] down to this very day. [Deut 29:4; Isa 29:10.]

2 Peter 2:4-11 Doom of False Teachers
For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; 5 and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, one of eight people, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; 6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; 7 and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked 8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) — 9 then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, 10 and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority. They are presumptuous, self-willed. They are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries, 11 whereas angels, who are greater in power and might, do not bring a reviling accusation against them before the Lord.

2 Peter 2:15-17 NKJV They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet. 17 These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

2 Peter 2:18-21 NKJV Deceptions of False Teachers
For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. 19 While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. 20 For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. 21 For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them.

2 Peter 3:7 NKJV But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

Jude 6-7 NKJV And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; 7 as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

Jude 11-13 AMP
11 Woe to them! For they have run riotously in the way of Cain, and have abandoned themselves for the sake of gain [it offers them, following] the error of Balaam, and have perished in rebellion [like that] of Korah! [Gen 4:3-8; Num 16:1; 22:1-24:25.]

12 These are hidden reefs (elements of danger) in your love feasts, where they boldly feast sumptuously [carousing together in your midst], without scruples providing for themselves [alone]. They are clouds without water, swept along by the winds; trees, without fruit at the late autumn gathering time--twice (doubly) dead, [lifeless and] plucked up by the roots;
13 Wild waves of the sea, flinging up the foam of their own shame and disgrace; wandering stars, for whom the gloom of eternal darkness has been reserved forever.

Jude 12-16 NKJV Apostates Depraved and Doomed
These are spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, serving only themselves. They are clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots;
13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up their own shame; wandering stars
for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.
14 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."
16 These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage.

Resistance
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

Letter 208 [Last Article], with its content about the national identity of the second stick Joseph/Ephraim, has stirred up an ancient spirit that despises and loathes the national identity of the (whole) House of Jacob. Even though YHVH divided the Israelite nation into two nations (ref. Ezekiel 37:22), His prophetic intent had always been to restore and bring those two nations back together again. We hear a lot about anti-Semitism, which is directed at our brother Judah and the present State of Israel, but now that the second stick, or nation, of Ephraim is being restored and exposed we should expect that that same hate-filled spirit would also try to assault the Ephraimite camp. We have several good examples of this spirit of hatred manifesting in the family of Isaac: Jacob's brother, Esau, wanted to kill him over the birthright. Joseph's brothers wanted to annihilate him over the same issue. The Israelite nation, making its way out from the house of bondage, was accosted by the Amalekites (descendants of the firstborn of Esau's family), who tried to exterminate them.

In the Psalms, King David points out that there are ten nations (all descendants of firstborn) who are trying to prevent Israel from becoming a nation: *"For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; and those who hate You have lifted up their head. They have taken crafty counsel against Your people, and consulted together against Your sheltered ones. They have said, "Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation, that the name of Israel may be remembered no more"* (Psalm 83:2-4).

Why would these nations want to keep Israel from becoming a single nation, or at least (to begin with), two nations? The answer is evident from the above-mentioned examples; they are jealous over a position that YHVH has conferred upon His chosen firstborn. This status has to do with His kingdom-order in the family of Noah, called the "Melchizedec office" of King and Priest. It is a position that was held by twenty three Elders from Adam to Jacob, while in the generation of Abraham YHVH made an adjustment in the position, granting it to a nation rather than to an individual (as it had been hitherto). YHVH made a covenant with His servant Abraham, that out of his sperm, through his wife Sarah, the Patriarch would father a chosen nation. This chosen nation would be the firstborn nation amongst all the nations of humanity.

Even before Abram (as he was called then), we see this plan already intact, as in the days of Paleg (another firstborn whose name means "to divide") YHVH divided the nations according to the twelve tribes of Israel: *"When the Most High divided their inheritance to the nations, when He separated the sons of Adam [which would have been during the days of Peleg], He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the children of Israel. For YHVH's portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance"* (Deut. 32:8-9). Today we cannot afford to ignore YHVH's plan for the redemption of creation, and the fact that we have a very active spiritual enemy who does not want this to come to pass. Remember, our battle is not against flesh and blood: *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places"* (Ephesians 6:12).

Each time YHVH set off a restoration work in the People of Israel, the enemy immediately stepped in and tried to hinder the work. Daniel for example, knew the times of the restoration and proceeded to intercede and repent, but was opposed by the Prince of Persia and the Prince of Greece (two of Satan's most powerful princes, who help him govern the dual religious and political system of his kingdom).

In the days of Ezra the enemies' tactics were to try and join forces with the Jews, hoping in this manner to confuse and keep the workers from succeeding in carrying out their task. When Ezra declined their proposal, they made an attempt to get the authorities to bring the work to a halt. In the days of Nehemiah, for instance, the king gave permission and sent letters to the governors of the province authorizing Nehemiah to come and seek the wellbeing of the Children of Israel, and to restore Jerusalem. However, *"When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite official heard of it, they were deeply disturbed that a man had come to seek the well-being of the children of Israel"* (Nehemiah 2:10). Why were they "deeply disturbed"? Why, when the king gives permission to restore YHVH's dwelling place, does this attitude flare up in the hearts of these two men?

Let’s watch the progression of the attitude and activity of Sanballat, and of others who were spurred by the enemy through pride and jealousy, to stop the work. *“But when Sanballat the Horonite, Tobiah the Ammonite official, and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they laughed at us and despised us, and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Will you rebel against the king?"* (Nehemiah 2:19).

Notice how the word is spreading to others, and in spite of being aware of the king’s injunctions they lie in order to discourage the workers. Their attitude has now progressed from jealousy to lying, and then to laugher and malice. Incidentally, these attitudes are not only directed toward Nehemiah and the workers, but indirectly also toward the king.

The attacks, however, only helped Nehemiah and the laborers to organize themselves and work more cooperatively, and so did the enemies’ tactics and attitudes change also. *“But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, ‘What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish -- stones that are burned?’ Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, ‘Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall’"* (Nehemiah 4:1-3).

Since Sanballat wasn’t getting his way, he had become furious and indignant and continued mocking the Jews. He also began to gather up an army of people around him in order to carry out his sinister plan. The workmen, however, through prayer and keeping a watchful eye on the enemy, managed to press on with the work.

“Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry, and all of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion” (Nehemiah. 4:7-8).

Things are getting progressively worse, as more are added to the ranks of the enemy, and are being filled with fierce anger toward what YHVH is doing in the restoration of the City of the King, His dwelling place. The development from jealousy to hatred is short only of murder. Up to this point the enemies have not succeeded to stop the work, but now they must come and create fear and confusion amongst the workers: *“And our adversaries said, ‘They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease’"* (Nehemiah 4:11). In order to move right into the camp the wolves are now going to cover themselves in sheep’s’ clothing, this being the most dangerous of all of the enemy’s tactics. They will call you brother and say that they are standing with you in the work, but this is just a cover up for the jealousy, hatred and eventual murder, which they are harboring in their hearts.

Do study how Nehemiah and the others responded to each progressive attack of the enemy, as there is much to be learnt from this on how to proceed in the work of the restoration of the two nations/sticks and the whole House of Israel. Warn those who are cooperating with the enemy of a faithful covenant-keeping Elohim, that it might be wise to take the advice of the great sage Gamaliel, whose attitude was summed up in the following words: *"And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it -- lest you even be found to fight against God"* (Acts 5:38-39).

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

Restoration
Danny Steyne

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. {2} Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal 6:1-2)

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for them?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" (Joshua 5:13-14)

“Danny, you know that if you hang out with that guy, many of the others are going to have a difficult time with you, you are going to ostracize yourself from the major pastors in this city!” The words were reminiscent of earlier words where I had walked through a difficult season of life and others withdrew from me because of events that unfolded in my family that weren’t very pretty. I recalled that time as “the time all my friends abandoned me!”

This “brother” had been through it all. It seems that he wasn’t the perfect pastor, and he made some pretty poor choices at critical times that resulted in some parishioners getting angry with him. But then there were the variables, like rent being tripled on the church facility they had from the owner for no apparent reason… like a “brother” who devised ways to bring about this pastors demise … or the leader in his church who didn’t want their sin to be called sin… or the speaker who came in and managed to hide the fact that he was living in adultery… or simply just the apparent withdrawal of favor. I would be foolish to believe this brother was perfect… I know myself… I know many others… amazingly God made us all human! I am sure there were things he did that weren’t exactly right… but perfection is not the mark of Grace… God’s Presence in a less than perfect life is! **God had and has a destiny for this brother, and it is the mark of a believer, and a mark of a leader, to restore and heal and encourage this brother towards the goal of His Destiny in Jesus.**

Restoration. It’s a difficult process. It could cost you relationships, it could cost you reputation… hey, for Jesus, it cost Him His life! And yet restoration is the “final” focus for us as believers. It is the coupe de grace that God will reveal to the ages of His great and power love that works as described in *Ephesians 2:7… “in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”*

Restoration is the “timing” of the Lord for His return. It is the evidence of the Lord’s presence in our midst. It is the fulfillment of His destiny in our lives and in the lives of those around us. If I can be so bold, it is what happens when God is in a people, because it is the evidence of Heaven on earth. “He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. (Acts 3:21)

And yet restoration has taken a back seat to criticism, judgment, opinion, and debate. These four attitudes are communicated as “discernment, wisdom, correction, and righteousness” but really have nothing in common with God’s purpose for restoration.

Who is the real enemy? Where does he hail from? “Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: *"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.” (Revelation 12:10)* The real victory comes when accusation is hurled down! The heart of the Father is so much more for the broken than what our human self-righteousness can achieve by our criticism, innuendos, and judgments.

Maybe, just maybe, the heart of the Father is like what is in His Book. “Then I saw this pastor, this Christian leader, who was so broken and fallen, finally standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan was standing at his right side to accuse him. (I actually had a few things to say too!) BUT THE LORD said to satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD, who has chosen this one, rebuke you! Is not this man a burning stick snatched from the fire?"

Now this pastor was wearing a lot of horrible stuff, that seemed to be really not fitting for the very Presence of God, I mean he was broken, and dirty, and seemed like he had really messed up… but there he was standing before the angel in all his filth and humanity. The angel said to those who were standing before him, those who “are spiritual”, those who are close enough to see and realize the humanity and failures, they are the ones he said to , "Take off his filthy clothes."

Then he said to this pastor, "See, I have taken away your sin, I’ve removed the past from you, I no longer count it against your future, I no longer remember the frailty of your human failures… AND I will put rich garments on you, garments of destiny, garments of your future, garments of all that I have proclaimed over your life from eternity past that satan thought he could destroy through accusation, and ostracizing you and causing others to find you contemptible ." (It reminded me of another man who ate pig slop and was embraced by a Father who gave him his own robe to cover his filth!)

Then I said, AH HA… “Did you see that, did you see what the Father did for this man! It’s time to prophesy life to him again… it’s time to …Father can I join in with blessing what you are blessing… will Heaven join me in the celebration of this restoration if I give this man who so many have loved to hate a word of encouragement and hope … "Put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him, while the angel of the LORD stood by and watched… and smiled… and rejoiced… because this man was NOW in the place of his destiny… Clothed in his destiny … Empowered for His Destiny!!! (see Zechariah 3:1-5)

I once heard a seasoned messenger of God say, **“The reason God hasn’t given the church discernment is because they would use it to criticize and destroy each other!”** I absolutely know this to be true, both personally, and by observation. It is the rare servant who will use discernment to assist and help the brother who has fallen, the one who has stumbled, the one who is nowhere near the destiny that God has for their lives… but that is the call of God for us as believers.

“Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted.” (Galatians 6:1) The focus for most has been the “watch yourself” not the “restore gently”… and as a result many unrestored lay in heaps by the side of the road, waiting for a “good Samaritan” to come to their aid.

You see, people who have been damaged in reputation and who no longer hold the favor and attention of the “righteous” are blemishes on the good reputation that you may have. At least that’s what I’ve been told. And it is certain, that is what I have witnessed. You become guilty by association; you become “tainted” by the hand that you are trying to restore!

I love Jesus. He is so un-pharisaical. He is so radically committed to this process of healing and restoration in people’s lives that He doesn’t care what others think about Him in His practice of the Father’s Heart! It seems that Jesus was not interested in earning either a reputation or a crowd! In Matthew 11:19 Jesus Himself portrays the attitudes of others who have judged Him… “ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners." ' But wisdom is proved right by her actions." In the story of the Samaritan who was wounded and laying on the side of the road, the favor of God only rested on the one who did the Father’s Heart… the one who picked up, carried, helped, comforted, healed, and restored the fallen, broken man.

The story was never about us in the first place. It’s not my reputation that matters… if Jesus could make of Himself no reputation (Philippians 2:7)… what on earth am I trying to do by making a reputation for myself. I would much rather follow in His footsteps than any other footsteps or ministry or church or pastor or friend!

And so, we are called into this ministry of “associating” with the broken, with the warriors who once wielded swords, but now only have the ability to nurse their wounds. “All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.” (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

Hang out with the broken. Hang out with the ones who no one wants to hang out with… you might find Jesus there! You might find His ministry there.

You see to “restore” someone, means to absolutely bring them back to the place of their destiny and cause them to be fit again to do that which they are for! This is the ministry we’ve been called to, but yet so often run from for fear of being labeled or ostracized or or or…..

I love the ministry of Jesus. I just absolutely can’t find a greater example of any ministry that touched everybody. To those who thought they had “it” he made sure they knew that He didn’t think they did. To those who had nothing, he made sure they knew that they had everything. Blessed are the poor… blessed are those who suffer… blessed are those who thirst…. blessed are those who hunger.

The ministry of Jesus has always been a ministry of reconciliation and not a ministry of condemnation. That is the ministry we have been called to. It’s a ministry of reaching out to the broken, to the barren, to the fallen, to those who may have even experienced a season of “fame” next to us, but who through their own decision or the decisions of others, or simply because we live in a fallen world, they ended up somehow existing in the unenviable place of “outside the camp.” These are the ones I want to hang out with! I think Jesus hangs out there! I think we can sense the very robes of eternity walking through our midst when we have no fear that others will judge us because we know the One who judges justly, and He did this stuff too!

I call them bones. Once with flesh, once with life, once with purpose, once living in the destiny to which they were called, but now apparently devastated… now apparently without hope… now apparently without life… even the marrow has dried out!

I love these bones. These bones represent to me the most significant of all miracles in the Bible. They represent to me the army that couldn’t breathe that becomes the army that will overcome, overpower, overthrow the gods of this age and breathe life into this world!

Listen to the words recorded by Ezekiel in regards to the washed up, the used up, the never again, the devastated, the useless, the broken, the fallen, the dried out!

“The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and *stood up on their feet--a vast army.*

Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of my people. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of your destiny. Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'" (Ezekiel 37:1-14 NIV)

There it is … the people that will rise up as the army, aren't the ones who are perfect … they aren't the ones who have managed to avoid all appearance of death… they are the ones who have walked through the valley of death. These are the ones and who found that there, in that awful place, the One who is close to the brokenhearted, the One who loves raising the dead, the One who hands out the ministry of reconciliation and restoration… has given them their destiny back.

He has brought them to a place of victory and power and fullness because they have walked into the battle, they have already died, their reputation is meaningless now, their accomplishments of the past are merely works of the flesh… they have died and their life is now hidden with Christ in God… they are the walking dead men and women… they are the army of Ezekiel … they are the Army of Joel that strikes fear into the heart of the enemy, because having been slain, having been in the crucible of fire and death, the loved not their own lives… but retained the life of God in them and rose as an army that knows that God is faithful… God sustains… God restores… God gives hope… God places us back in the destiny that He ordained from the foundations of the earth, because the story is not about you or me… but GOD who is all and in all, and through whom we live and breathe and have our being!

The story is about Him… and He has chosen the foolish to confound the wise… He has chosen to give us this ministry… He has chosen to take the weak things … He has chosen an Army of Bones … against the counsel of the Pharisees, against the counsel of the naysayer, against the counsel of the self-righteous, against the counsel of the self-proclaimed prophets of purity… To those who are the broken: He has chosen you oh dry bones… He has chosen you. Stand up … it's time for life to come back into you. Stand up… it's time for you to be restored to your destiny. Breathe in… feel once again eternity, destiny, and purpose fill your life and restore you to the place God has called you to walk in.

To those who willingly stand in the way of restoring one who is broken: There is an army rising around you… but it's only made up of broken soldiers … it's time to fall on the Rock and be broken… "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. He who falls on this rock will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." (Matthew 21:43-44)

The time of restoration is upon us! The Kingdom of Heaven is here! The army of Bones is rising!

The Favored Son
Danny Steyne

The Revelation Of The Favored Son ... The Tribe Of Joseph Is About To Rise!

Throughout the world, something unprecedented is happening, the dead are being raised in more frequency than I have witnessed in my lifetime. In fact, it seems that with believers in the Western World, there is a pre- occupation that "resurrection power" must now be released in the Western World in fulfillment of the promises of Jesus to do the "greater works".

Something else has also been happening, supernaturally, and beyond the norm. Believers have been gathering together in homes, churches, communities, and conferences spanning the denominational and non- denominational churches without desire for specific recognition.

The favored son is being revealed. The Tribe of Joseph is beginning to stand up!

Genesis 37:3 tells us that Joseph was loved more than any of his other sons and because of this "favoritism" he was given a robe of many colors. That robe was far more than just a multi-colored robe, it represented far more than favoritism, it represented Joseph’s authority over each of his brothers. Each tribe’s had "color" in their robes, specific color that represented them and their uniqueness, Joseph’s robe included each of their colors and all their unique nesses, Joseph’s robe gave him authority beyond the parameters of his own tribe, into the tribes of his brothers. Even his father was unwittingly declaring prophetically that his dreams of having authority over his family would one day come about. Joseph was being set apart from his brethren, he was being set up not only to a divine purpose, but also to a divine difficulty that would facilitate the making of a man of character who could handle the anointing and authority of God flowing through his life.

(In contrast, men like Samson who had powerful anointing, but lacked wisdom and character, end their days fulfilling their destiny only in death.)

Joseph’s life was full of difficulty, but he never wavered from his purpose and his heart remained free from bitterness. His life was filled with hardship and choices of character and integrity that brought him repeatedly to the place where only God could vindicate. I am sure that God’s timetable was often much longer than Joseph’s, but he allowed no acrimony in his life. The sign of a Joseph Generation is that they will not allow pain and hardship in anyway to taint their love for God and his purposes for them in the earth. They truly will become "better" not "bitter".

Joseph’s willingness to endure persecution and hardship and even the loss of his family resulted in the favor again of his father, he received a double portion of blessing that came back to his family. The blessing that he received far outweighed all the other blessings that were given that day through Israel. As the people of God left Egypt the "Tribe of Joseph" ceases to exist under his name, and the tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim rise up as mighty tribes of the sons of Joseph. Their allotted portions in the promised land are as significant as any of the other tribes, not only that, but when they ask Joshua for more, he gives it to them. Favor surrounded the life of Joseph, but the early years seemed to be years where there was no favor.

Today there is a generation rising,. A generation that has walked through the pain and difficulty of carrying promises without evidence of fulfillment anywhere in sight. Repeatedly they are called upon to serve and they serve well, but it so often seems that just when they reach the point where destiny is going to be fulfilled, they are brought back to a place of obscurity and hardship and their message is forgotten. But that is where Joseph’s are made! And there is still a tribe of Joseph that must arise!

Those that passage through those times with joy and without bitterness are those who will reach the place of promise and destiny and form the "Tribe of Joseph"!

The Anointing Is In The Bones
Prior to Joseph’s death he asks that his bones be carried back to the land of Promise. This was more than simply a nice burial gesture, the Bible speaks of bones in a unique way.

"Once while some Israelites were burying a man, suddenly they saw a band of raiders; so they threw the man's body into Elisha's tomb. When the body touched Elisha's bones, the man came to life and stood up on his feet." ~2 Kings 13:21

Joseph understood that something of God rested on his life. He had no ability other than that which God gave him, and all the hardship and difficulty had allowed for a measure of God in his life that he wanted to leave as an inheritance for his people. Joseph wanted the anointing of His life (the favor & wisdom & wealth of God) to be taken with the people of Israel to the Land of Promise (even today much of the worlds wealth is held by the Jewish people) , the anointing followed him!

The ancients believed that "power" and "anointing" rested in the bones. Enemies would burn, crush & break bones to prevent "power" and "anointing" from continuing on beyond the life of their adversary.

The bones of the righteous were to be buried with respect and dignity, the bones of the wicked were to be burned, crushed, given to dogs and eradicated from the earth.

The Valley Of Dry Bones
Generations pass, the bones of Joseph, the bones of the righteous , the bones of those who have carried the heart after God, with no bitterness, those with powerful anointing, lay before the prophet Ezekiel. The nation is in a shambles, is there hope anymore? He looks at the bones scattered before him, the desire is for that anointing to once again fill the earth. The Spirit whispers, "prophesy son of man,. prophesy!" The bones come together, the sinews and muscles and flesh form around the bones, but resurrection power has not yet happened.

"Prophesy to the breath!!!! Let resurrection power come!"

And as he did, the vast army arose. The Army of Joel 2, the Army of the Lord ,. The Tribe of Joseph,. The generation of Resurrection Power.

We are living in the time where BREATH is being poured out , RESSURECTION POWER,. The BREATH OF GOD, God has been pulling things together prophetically, but now the four winds are beginning to blow by the Spirit on the corpse that surrounds the anointing, the anointing of the ages ,. The tribe of Joseph is about to rise,. This generation is the Joseph Generation,. The Anointed Generation. The one that wears the colors of many tribes, and many nations ,. These days, right now, are the days where God is awakening that generation with the Breath of Life , it is time to prophesy to the corpse, LIVE, BREATHE , Ressurect.

Now is the season where the Tribe of Joseph will arise, not in one denomination, not in one group or movement, but spanning the globe, "Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet--a vast army. ~ Ezekiel 37:9-10

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Unprecedented Days
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Unprecedented Days - Also Coming To USA

We are living in the midst of the most remarkable period in world history. Around the world... and across the street are evidences of God's eternal purpose being born out in the lives of men and women. A simple movie about the "foolishness" (see 1 Corinthians 1:18) of the Cross has sparked "controversy" (or maybe it's conviction) around the world. People everywhere are talking about Jesus...

Nations are being touched... I recently read that over a million and half people have been saved through the ministry of Heidi and Rolland Baker in Mozambique ... almost a quarter of a million Muslims have bowed the knee to Jesus in Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Tunisia, Afghanistan, Sudan, Morocco and Pakistan ... China is seeing twenty-five thousand come to know Jesus every day! New Zealand has broken out in Revival... thousands coming to know Jesus in recent days... AND NOW... NOW it is time for us.

We are living in the time of Harvest... around the world and across the street... in the homes and in the businesses... in the bars and in the barrios... in the the Nations... AND IN OUR NATION! What a time to be alive.

This past weekend we met with a core group of those who want to see the fulfillment of the promises made to us, both as a nation, as well as individuals and families. I believe we literally are standing on the threshold of the most powerful move that has ever visited our nation...and for the first time we are looking in! It was for this Harvest that we are created.... it is for this explosion of power that we have waited... and now it is here!

Your time of inheritance has come... the fullness of the Spirit is to rest on you... Praise and Worship are to explode from your gates and draw all men to the footstool of (not another movement, not another man, not another set of wonderful meetings, not another impotent model that has the appearance of God but denies His Power!)... but the footstool of the Lamb!

The bones (the remnant... the dry, ... those who have withdrawn from the "phony religious stuff" and who want to see the real deal ....the ones who long ago sat down, withdrew into caves, and said, "This can't be all God intended, I've heard of greater things happening in the Nations, and I want it for the USA!") ... these bones are being gathered... for the most exciting prophesy that is breathing out NOW ... LIVE... BREATHE... ARISE... OH MIGHTY ARMY!

Yesterday as we broke bread with a table of leaders and prophets... the words of Bob Jones summed it up... "And now it will happen here!" (USA)

Restoration Movement

Mike Dowgiewicz

Mike & Susie Dowgiewicz Jul 22, 2004

There's a Movement throughout the World to Restore the Foundational Principles of the Early Church.

Why Now? Because God Keeps His Promises!

It hasn't gone unnoticed in the last fifty years that God is fulfilling His promises to the Jewish people as He restores them to Israel. *" Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again""*(Ezekiel 11:17).

Through His compassionate mercy, the Lord is also restoring the Hebraic foundations of the early Church. Jesus Christ (Yeshua Ha Mashiach) came in the fullness of time *"to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven"*(Luke 1:77,78). Now, in conjunction with the *"tender mercy of our God"* to the Jewish people, the Hebraic foundations are being restored to a Gentile Church around the world.

Biblical Basis #1 for the Restoration

"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you - even Jesus. He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets" (Acts 3:19-21).

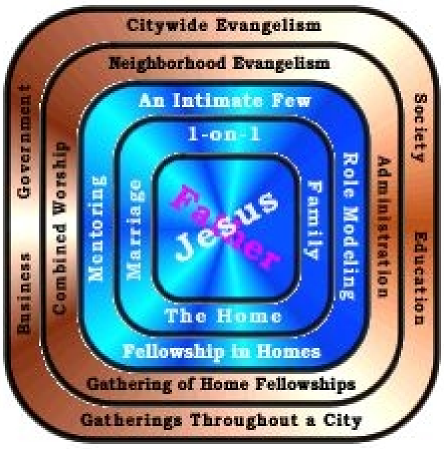
God's Purpose for Restoration Ministries:

1. Awareness

Proclaiming through written word and instruction the Hebraic foundations of thought and practice upon which the earliest Church was founded.

2. Equipping

Enabling God's people to live out the restorative truths so that His purposes may be fulfilled in and through His people. Each of the books and training materials produced by Restoration Ministries is one segment of a family of information related to the Restoration. Each publication is designed to stand alone and to equip the followers of Jesus to apply these truths and principles to their lives. The real strength of each publication is found in both its content and its interrelationship to the other facets of the restoration.



The above diagram represents the Hebraic priorities of the early Church. These priorities begin with Jesus at the center and flow out from there.

Priority #1 - Jesus and You

A biblically Hebraic understanding of your relationship with Jesus as a pilgrimage begins with the day you lovingly put your full trust and reliance in Him as Lord of your life. Unflagging trust in His Lordship and faith-filled obedience to His Word reveal His undeniable reality to you as His disciple. Only through an ongoing walk in the love of Jesus can you love others in the manner He has prescribed. The publications of Restoration Ministries International are worthless to you without the centrality of a loving trust in Jesus as the focus of your life. Only the Holy Spirit can accomplish this in you and empower you to live a life of love, endurance, patience, and thanksgiving (see Col. 1:10,11).

Priority #2 - Your Home:

A. **Marriage** - The Christ Whom you seek to penetrate all your relationships needs to be present first in your home. The essence of a Hebraic-Christian marriage of the early Church could be, ***"If you want to know the extent of my relationship with Jesus Christ, look for it in the love He has given me for my spouse."*** God desires couples to view the love in their marriage as a visible representation of their relationship with Jesus. So vital an illustration of intimacy is marriage that God refers to Himself as the husband of His wife Israel. Jesus is called the Bridegroom of His bride, the Church. Just as marital love is a commitment meant to deepen and grow throughout the marriage, so is the Covenant union with our Father meant to increasingly draw His child (whether single or married) into a deeper trust-filled relationship with Him. God has designed a husband to draw strength from his wife, his nurturing companion. She is the suitable life partner given him by God to complement him as they follow His purposes and plans together.

B. **Family** -God is restoring the home as the primary building block for Christian growth. The Hebraic followers of Jesus of the earliest Church recognized that their relationship with their Lord and the relationships in their homes were inseparably linked: *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up"*(Deuteronomy 6:5-7). Children are a heritage and reward from the Lord. Fathers are to *"bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord"* (Ephesians 6:4). God's purpose for a child is best guided by parents who know their children's personalities and inclinations intimately. Such profound awareness guides parents to shepherd their children into the life decisions and vocation just right for each of them. *Shalom beit*, the peace and harmony of the home, is an essential goal for each home. A home should be a refuge and sanctuary for each family member where love can prosper.

Priority #3 - Fellowship in Homes

God is reestablishing a key element of the earliest Church: the home fellowship as an extension of the home for spiritual growth and supportive relationships. The earliest believers met in homes with glad and sincere hearts to break bread and to *"spur one another on toward love and good deeds"*(Hebrews 10:24). The home fellowship relationship of the early Church is a seven-day-a-week commitment to one another. Key purposes of a home fellowship are to support and uphold righteousness, and to develop increasingly supportive relationships that point each other toward greater dependence on God. Marriages and families torn apart by death or divorce can be nurtured in the *"extended family"* of the home fellowship. Within this environment mentoring by sages and role modeling by those who have lived a life for Christ can guide those younger in their walk with the Lord. Through the family and home fellowships, God is restoring sacrificial load-bearing love to relationships. The nation of Israel's ability to respond to God's purposes was based on their relational progression from individual, to family, to clan, to the twelve tribes that comprised the nation. Following this pattern, the Church is built on the individual, family, home fellowship, congregation, and congregations throughout a city. The ultimate outpouring of this relational model into their city will enable congregations to impact their society, education system, business spheres, and government.

The Israelites

God has promised great blessing to those who bless the seed of Abraham, the Israelites. Over 80% of His promises to them regarding their restoration to Israel have already been fulfilled. When God pours out on them a *"spirit of grace and supplication"* (Zechariah 12:10), they will be cleansed and will see Jesus the Messiah (Yeshua Ha Mashiach) as Lord. The Gentile Christian community must remember Paul's warning:*"I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in"*(Romans 11:25). Gentile believers can pray, and through humility, work to undo the past injustices carried out by the Church against the Jewish people.

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Remain Strong
Musa Opiyo

June 13, 2004
There is a current attack against My Body of believers and warriors to undermine their efforts through fear and intimidation. The enemy is using examples of past failures and defeat to paralyse your faith and to bring discouragement at your door. Yet have I not said that greater is he who is in you than he who is in the world? I AM the Almighty. I AM he who formed the heavens and the earth by the power of My hand. When I say that I am for you and not against you, you have no reason to fear because your faith in Me shall over-ride all fear.

Many of you are in a situation where, like Gehazi, Elisha's servant, you see the armies of hell marching toward you and have already despaired and resigned to giving up hope. Yet look up for your redemption draweth nigh in the form of the unseen chariots of fire who shall overcome and fight the battle with you. I have not left you without hope. I have not put you in a situation where I don’t think you will succeed because it shall not be your strength but the strength of the Holy Spirit within you. Fight the good fight of faith. You are a new breed of winners and overcomers who shall take the forces of hell by storm.

Blessings,
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Obey Your Thirst
Musa Opiyo

June 22, 2004
The Lord reminded me today of the slogan used by Sprite, the soft drink company that says, "Obey Your Thirst". While pondering about this, the Lord had this to say:

"You have been through the times of tribulation and pain where in many instances the flow of My presence has felt like a trickle, yet I would say unto you today, obey your thirst and cry out to Me and I will 'obey your request' and fill you to the overflowing with My living waters. Do not seek again fulfillment from the broken cisterns of your life that run dry, for they have run their course and have fulfilled what they were made to do, but look to Me to fill you again with the fresh clean water of My Word, My power and My Spirit. Times of refreshing are on the horizon, says the Lord."

> *Rev 22:1*
> *And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and from the Lamb.*
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> *Isa 55: 1-3*
> *Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and*

> *eat. Yes come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear and come to Me. Hear and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you- The sure mercies of David*

In Christ,
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Encouragement
Musa Opiyo

I just thought I would encourage you today with the following:

Early this morning we dropped my sister off to the airport as she was going back to our home country of Kenya for a family reunion. I noticed that because of the fact that it was summer, the skies were already bright at around 4 am, quite different from when I had traveled in the winter with darkened skies then.

I remember taking off and looking out the window, seeing a grim atmosphere of rain and clouds, yet as we flew above the clouds, the sky suddenly lit up with the sunshine. I realised that no matter what the weather condition down below, the sun remained shining overhead.

Whatever storms or experiences you are going through in your life right now, as you let the wind of the Spirit carry you to the loving presence of God, the sun is always shining. As your perspective is kept upward, as you look up for your redemption, the sun (Son) shall always shine down upon you according to his loving mercies and favor.

Psalm 84: 11

For the Lord is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Blessings,
Musa.

Resurrection And New Beginnings

Patsy Shelton

This Season of Resurrection and New Beginnings

Aug 4, 2004

Take a deep breath My people and get ready for incredible things in this eighth month. I will both do a work of resurrection and the new beginnings that many have waited and longed for will begin to be manifested in this time. I am beginning a season of resurrection and new beginnings.

I will resurrect that which My people had thought was dead. Prophecies that have lain on the shelf even for years will not begin to come to pass, saith the Lord.

Dreams and visions that I birthed within the hearts of My people that have not come to pass will be birthed in this time. Discouragement has overtaken My people and they have thought that these dreams and visions were even birthed out of the realm of their own souls since they had not seen them manifest. But manifest they will. In this season, saith the Lord God, I will begin to cause the foundations to be laid for dreams and visions to come to pass. But, do not despise the day of small beginnings. The dreams and visions of My people will begin to manifest in small ways but I will cause them to flourish and they will come to maturity. Dreams and visions will no longer tarry. I have ordained them to be birthed into the earth in this time.

The previous season was a season of preparation, testing, and positioning. Many of My own I have moved them out of their comfort zones so that I could reveal to them the inner most parts of their hearts. Preparing, testing and positioning so that they would be able to flow unhindered into all that I have prepared for them.

Awake My people, awake to this new day. Awake into a new spiritual realm that no other generation has experienced before. Awake to the season where promises that I whispered in your ears even years ago will now come forth touched by My Glory. Everything that I will do in this time will be cloaked in My Glory.

Amongst My people there will be joy unspeakable and many will be drunk in the Holy Ghost. I am serving royal wine. Wine that has been fermented and will cause drunkenness. Some will choose not to drink of this wine for fear that they will loose their dignity but others that are lost in My love will not be able to get their fill of this royal wine.

A new sound and a new song will come forth in this season of resurrection and new beginnings. There will be joy, gladness, and jubilation in My camp. There will be singing, shouting, and rejoicing as I begin to do these marvelous things for, through, and in My people. I will hold back no longer but I will release those things that I have promised that I would do. Ah, I have not forsaken nor forgotten My own, saith the Lord God.

I will breathe new life into sick bodies. I will breathe new life into finances and I will breathe new life into the spirits of My own. This new season will bring forth the miraculous and the knowledge of their God will cover the face of the earth. I am going to do things in unprecedented ways and there will be no question that it is I that have done these things.

So awake and take heart for I have opened doors that no man can shut. Each door that I open will lead to the fulfillment of their purpose, calling, and destiny. Each door that I open will lead to another door and each door that opens will be greater than the previous door. Each door will lead to a higher level and promotion. These doors that I will open, these doors of new beginnings, will cause My own to soar into realms of My Glory.

Some of My people in this time will make the transition from the realm of faith into the realm of My Glory where nothing is impossible. Living in My Glory where faith is not needed but rather it is a place of partaking of My Kingdom. Appropriating the inheritance that I have prepared for them from the foundation of the earth. Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which I have prepared for them that love Me. But now in this season of resurrection and new beginnings eye will see and ear will hear the things that I have prepared for My own for now, now, now saith the Lord, it will spring forth.

That which My people have believed me for and longed for in their hearts will begin to manifest in this season of resurrection and new beginnings, said your God.

Returning And Rest

Becky McLendon

I submit a little from the notes I wrote while on our trip to Colorado and New Mexico this week. I have been reading as much as I could on holiness: God's and "ours". It seems in all the Lord has had me read, the two main things about holiness in the people of God are this: 1) by faith TRUSTING and OBEYING God in our every step, and 2) by faith, RETURNING to God in repentance for sins we do. As His people we do not "commit" sin (habitually practice sin or "keep" it in our hearts), but it is obvious that we do act sinfully. When we act sinfully, we CONFESS our sin, and He is faithful and just to forgive that sin and cleanse us of ALL unrighteousness. The forgiveness is instant. The cleansing (sanctification) is a long process that, by FAITH, we yield to and DESIRE that His truth be established EVEN IN OUR INWARD PARTS. Amen.

But yet in it (the desolate cities/land) shall be a tenth, and it shall return (turn back, turn oneself, turn around, return, spiritual return to God, conversion, turn from sin, from anger, from worship of idols, to restore, cause to return, refresh, movement back to point of departure...*and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance* (something stationary, monumental stone, a monument, a pillar, a column, a stump, a trunk, a stock or stem) *is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof. Isaiah 6:13*

God's "tenth" is the "whole tithe brought into His storehouse." One sheep in every ten is marked by the Shepherd with a swab dipped in wine. (dyed in the wool) for His keeping. God's tenth are those who RETURN to Him. The one leper of the ten who returns to the TRUE PRIEST. The "tenth" do not continue in their sin, but rather they continually practice REPENTANCE (Returning to God) no matter how far they have wandered. Remember in that dream where I went to the edge of the cliff and said, "STOP, BACK UP, and TURN AROUND. Go ALL THE WAY BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED". This is the returning which is continually practiced by God's "tenth." Read Isaiah 1:21 - 2:24 also.

Now faith is the SUBSTANCE (concrete that has set up and can be walked on and used for a basis or foundation.) Abraham and Sarah represent this kind of faith. In spite of their "side trip" with Hagar, they did conceive the son of promise. By FAITH this happened. The life we live in the flesh we live by the faith which proceeds from God to usward to accomplish what He has purposed in us. We are truly called according to His purposes. He plants the faith in us; we respond, thereby living the life of faith:

that of continually returning to Him and pressing IN to Him. It **is the CONTINUAL PRACTICE OF returning to God and entering His rest that makes us His. It is the one who does not habitually continue in sin, but rises up to sin no more, who is His tenth.** Should this one act sinfully, he makes a continual practice of returning to God. The end result is holiness.

For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: . . . . Isaiah 30:15

The ones who are of God's tenth are quickly reproved and chastened when they do sinfully, leading them directly to His feet in confession. Why can't we get away with sin? Even the "hidden sins"? GOD IS IN THE MIDST OF THEE, so says the word, and YE SHALL BE HOLY AS HE IS HOLY.

Our God is patient and longsuffering, as we can see in Is. 30:18:
And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

One day, in the twinkling of an eye, we will become what He has said of us. From the swiftness of His dealings with us to conform us to the likeness of His dear son, I would say that day is upon us even now! Have you felt His graciousness and mercy towards you of late? WOW.

More to come.
Shalom
Becky

Revival
Daniel Black

Vision Of The Angel Named Revival

I saw as the President made his speech the other night, as now I am able to release this message, A Great and Large angel. I asked the Lord who this was and He said this is the Angel named Revival. The Revival Angel, says the Lord, will begin o be released out over this nation and then the world as this war progresses and a GREAT WAVE of the harvest will be brought in. For this nation it will be the third Great Awakening. In the other nations, the multitudes will now come in even GREATER numbers than ever before. For as many as have come to the Lord in the past per day, that number is going to double in this coming day. The Islamic nations will not know what hit them because the angel will release a great hunger for them to KNOW who GOD truly is. They will get tired of the ritualism and the religious spirit will have a major loss in those nations.

The Lord also showed me that a great darkness will be released also to try to come against the Angel named Revival, but the Lord will raise up His end Time Army and will come against this darkness. This end time army is the young people of today, the young people right now who are being trained in certain youth ministries that are in tune with the Spirit and are not fun and games ministries any more!

Visitation Is Coming
Daniel Black

Oh, oh, oh! I hear Him. He is coming with a mighty visitation that will stay as a habitation! Oh, its brewing in my Spirit. I feel it as though we will be riding on the wind. He says to rise on the wings of dawn! Yes. His Spirit is rising up! Oh, can you feel it. The dawn is coming. The glory is coming. Oh. Oh. Wow, thank you Jesus! Thank you Father! Oh, please, just begin to welcome Him, welcome Him in, yes, yes, yes, yes, yes! He is entering in. His Spirit is being released into homes now. Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy are You Lord God Almighty! Worthship is what we bring to you! Oh to sit at your feet. Please never leave! Kiss us with the kisses of Your Mouth Oh King! Beautiful, Beautiful. Isn't He beautiful? Isn't HE beautiful. Oh Yes He is!!! Your love is more delightful than wine! More pleasing is the fragrance of YOU than any perfumes, Oh my God! Oh let us enter Your chambers now, oh King and God! Take us away with you, away with You, away with You.

"I am visiting you to restore the intimacy lost. Don't stop me now! I am coming, I am coming to you, my love! I am coming to you. Please be waiting when I come."

He is visiting us with the Song of Songs Visitation. I encourage you to begin to read this again. Personalize these books and let the intimate relationship begin with the Father.

The King's Grace And Favor In 2004
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INTRODUCTION The following is the Word of the Lord for 2004 for His Church and America. God has been speaking to me a lot lately about His grace and favor for us, and releasing me into it, my God! It has been a powerful season and it is a season about to be released in 2004!

HEALING The Lord said, I am bringing healing to my Church. I am reuniting my Church and making it

ONE. Ha-ha! Yes, I say unto you be ONE in the Spirit. You may not agree in theology, but you will agree upon this ONE thing, yes just this ONE, and that is Me, says the Lord! I am sick and tired of your division and petty arguments, it is time to grow up, NOW! I am calling you into maturity! I am healing the divisions now. Yes, even now you will become ONE in Me. I am also calling forth the Catholic brothers! Come forth, come forth out of blindness and into fullness!

GRACE The Lord said, I am imparting my grace upon My Church and America. In order for you to come into the fullness of what I have called you into, You MUST have My grace. My grace will give you strength to go ye therefore into all of the world in My name and to do a mighty work therein. It is only by My grace that you can heal the sick, cleanse the leper, raise the dead and cast out devils. It is only through My grace, says the Lord. In hearing this, the Lord also spoke to me about watching our backs when it comes to the spirit of pride. He said we need to begin to clothe ourselves in His humility because our own humility is false and will fail us! So we MUST begin to rely upon His grace and humility if we want to walk in the fullness of what He has called us to.

KING'S FAVOR Intimacy, He said. 2004 is a year to be released into My intimacy! Get ready to be released into the "bedroom" seasons this year. It is here that you will find My Favor and I will begin to soak you therein within this favor. He said this visitation is for only a remnant who TRULY seek His face. O that it would be for the whole Church, but they do not love Me.

REVELATION 2004, as spoken by many prophets, is the year of the release of revelation. The revelation of GOD and His LOVE will be released this next year upon both the saved and unsaved. It is through this revelation that He will draw all the earth unto Himself. I AM GOING TO COVER THE EARTH WITH MY GLORY-ha! The Lord said ask and you will receive. He said the best thing to ask for is what Solomon asked for over almost 3000 years ago, He said wisdom. Ask for My wisdom. O do I want to give you My wisdom!

RELEASE IN 2004 God is breaking the strongholds that have held you bound in 2004! I say unto you I am RELEASING YOU! I am setting My favor upon You my Beloved! Receive breakthrough! I release you out of that bondage. I will loose you from your sickness and disease. 2004 is the year of total health within My Church! It is the year of Jubilee. It is truly the year of the Lord! I will give you the breakthrough you need!

AMERICA He said the best thing to do is cover America with intercession. O that I want to release fully another season of the "Great Awakening" that you experienced hundreds of years before! O pray! O Pray! Pray for America, I said pray for America! I said pray for America to be healed. I want to bring a new and fresh touch again! I want to bring breakthrough in the government, O and I will, but you must pray! If you pray I will COME. If you build a HOUSE of PRAYER in America I WILL COME! I will bring change in society. I will change the laws. I will change the government. I will bring a 180 degree turn in the culture and breathe new life into the dry bones says the Lord!

Removing Wedges

Hollie Moody

Oftentimes when something is occurring within the Body of Christ, I react like a thermostat. I seem to "feel" what is occurring in the Body of Christ either mentally, physically or spiritually.

What I have been feeling in my mind, my body and my spirit lately, is an attack of a spirit of division. This attack is coming about mainly through our minds and imaginations. It is affecting every area of our life, and all of our relationships.

For weeks, I had felt confused, disoriented, angry, ill, resentful, envious, and depressed. Every person in my life, I seemed to not be getting along with; yet I couldn't say why, or understand what the nature of the problem could possibly be.

I sought the Lord as to what was happening, and I feel He spoke and showed the following to me. I submit it for your discernment, and also your possible encouragement if you have been undergoing the same attack. What occurs in one section of the Body, or with one member of the Body, always seems to also be occurring in other sections of the Body, with other members. If you are under attack, you are not alone, and perhaps the Lord is revealing to us the enemy's method(s) of attack so we can counterattack.

Removing Wedges
I saw a large group of people who appeared to be one unit. They were all walking forward. For the most part, the majority of people in this group were walking in step with one another. There appeared to be small groups contained within this large group. They appeared to be family units.

As I watched this large group of people as they were walking, I saw small demons beginning to slip into the large group of people wherever there was a small opening or gap between the people.

One of the demons would begin whispering in the ear of a person. Another demon would begin whispering in the ear of the person next to the first person. These two people would then begin to stare at each other furtively from the corners of their eyes. As they caught each other staring at them, they would move further apart from the other person.

As I continued to watch this, I could see the suspicions and confusion begin to grow between these two people until they were as far apart from each other as was possible to be.

I looked around the large group of people and began to realize that this was occurring to some degree with almost every person in the group. Soon, there were large gaps between most of the people in this large group. Instead of walking as a unit, they began to stumble and trip. The large group of people began to appear disorganized and divided.

When I prayed about what I had seen, I felt the Lord spoke to my heart that the enemy is driving wedges into the Body of Christ, and that these wedges are affecting every relationship in our life. For the most part, these wedges are coming in the form of mental attacks, or imagination.

The enemy is whispering lies to us that bring back to our remembrance former hurts, wounds and offenses. Our own feelings of inferiority and insecurity may be helping to fuel these lies, and we may be imagining all sorts of things about others that just are not true.

This may be causing us to withdraw ourselves from others, and to separate ourselves from them. This in turn appears to be causing disunity and division not only within the Body of Christ, but also in most of our relationships with others.

If you have been under such an attack as this, claim the promise in 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 ~ "(3) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (4) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;) (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

I also read the book of Colossians; which deals so much with relationships. Chapter 3, verses 12 through 15 spoke to my heart about the will of the Lord for His people:

"(12) Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering;
(13) Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.
(14) And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. (15) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

To counter-attack the negative thoughts the enemy has been whispering in our ears to stir up our imaginations against others, do what we are commanded to do in Philippians 4:8 ~ "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

If we do this, we have the promise in Philippians 4:7, that "... the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Through prayer and setting our thoughts on things of the Lord, let us remove any and all wedges the enemy has inserted in our midst.
In Him,
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A wedge is an action, procedure, or idea constituting the earliest stage in a division of unity. It is used to force something apart or cause something to split.

Redeemed From Among Men
Arlette Pollard

Revelation 14:4-5

Blessed is the spirit of a man
Whose life is held securely in the hands
Of the King of all kings
Who guards the hearts of the redeemed
Blessed is the spirit of this man.

Blessed are the songs of a man
Who sings of the glory of the Lamb
Each word of praise unto the Lord
Will bring revelation that restores
Ancient pathways on God’s holy course.

Blessed is a man found without guile
Who finds joy in walking an extra mile
Who turns the other cheek
Finding in weakness there is strength
To ascend above the darkness undefiled.

Blessed is He who came in the name of the Lord
The Son who reigns with God, forevermore
Who purged the heavens with His blood
So God’s glory poured down from above
Allowing men to partake of God’s divine love.

Blessed are God’s precious saints
Who were resurrected from death through faith
Who watched as their world of darkness passed away
As law bowed down to faith
Each adorned in the beauty of grace.

> *These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.” Revelation 14:4-5*
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> *“Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry. Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things. For there shall be a day, that the watchman upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God. For thus saith the Lord; Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O Lord, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.” Jeremiah 31:4-7*

Oh faithful virgin daughter of Israel, God’s remnant now adorned in purity, your voice resounds within the heavens, as you sing with thankfulness of your inheritance received through faith. Throughout eternity your songs will be heard by those who look to God for direction, as a declaration of the blessings of glory and grace that are obtained through faith. To those who would walk upon the earth today, your faith has become an encouragement to the purpose of enduring all things, so as to attain the cherished prize. May God open the ears of those who call upon His holy name, to hear your songs, oh virgin, chosen of God, so that others may sing with you, songs that will bless the “Holy One, the creator of Israel,” the King.

O virgin daughter of Israel, you who sought a country in which to dwell, where peace would reign and the lion would lie down with the lamb, blessed is your holy name. It is said, faithful daughter of Israel, that you, “confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth,” having desired a better country than that in which you dwelt. It is said that through faith you subdued kingdoms, endured sufferings, passed through the Red sea as by dry land, and yet, while “having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise” while alive.

Holy are the precious firstfruit, the remnant virgin daughter of Israel, whose faith gained them entrance through the gates of the heavenly city where they dwell forever with the Lord of all creation. Blessed is each man who obtained a position among those who first ascended on high, with Jesus Christ, who is the resurrection and the life. Blessed are the saints who were judged and found worthy to be adorned in glory, so that they could ascend on high with Jesus Christ, to the bosom of the holy land promised of the Father. Through eternity, your voices will be heard day and night praising the Lord of all creation, as you dwell together in peace within the holy city, the New Jerusalem, where the Spirit is the prize greatly cherished. Zion, New Jerusalem, the holy city where God dwells with His people, has been established upon a firm foundation, who is Jesus Christ, and built up by the hand of God, so that it reaches beyond the borders of the heavens.

From out of the mouths of the precious saints of Light come songs of praise and thanksgiving. They are without guile. They have partaken of God’s glory, and have been forever transformed. Having been redeemed by the Holy One, they sing of what they have partaken of. Eternally they shine as stars in the heaven expressing God’s glory through the brilliant beauty of holiness, love and mercy.

O virgin daughters of Israel, God judged your heart according to faith and found you worthy to stand in the congregation of the righteous. As you rose from your graves, following after the Deliverer to your place prepared, God lovingly adorned you in His glory. You were not as the virgin daughter of Babylon, who was judged and found guilty. You were not as the virgin daughter of Babylon, who loved wickedness and delighted in hiding deceit within her heart. You did not play the harlot by “taketh strangers instead of her husband!”

> *“Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate. Take the millstones, and grind meal; uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man. As for our redeemer, the Lord of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.” Isaiah 47:1-5*

Within God’s kingdom of righteousness, there is no throne found for the virgin daughter of Babylon. When judgment was established within Zion, according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ, the virgin daughter of Babylon was found guilty and cast into outer darkness. Her nakedness was exposed so that all could see the depravity of her works, the wantonness of her actions. Forever God’s judgment stands true, which determines that the virgin daughter of Babylon is to never see the light of His love and mercy, as it shines down upon the living who dwell in Zion.

O virgin daughter of Israel, whose heart sought after the beloved, who did not play the harlot by pursuing other lovers, you have been greatly rewarded for your faithfulness. When God established His throne of righteousness according to Jesus Christ upon the earth and within the heavens, He welcomed you into the inner court of His eternal kingdom, where songs of joy greeted you. God showed His longsuffering and mercy toward you, O virgin daughter, even toward you who did for a time play the harlot, by becoming another man's, as He continued to come alongside and call out "yet return again to me." Though for a season some of God's children "hadst a whore's forehead" He continued to endure with them for His name's sake. He continued on in longsuffering toward you as He called out, return again unto your husband, oh backsliding children.

God, who is full of mercy, did not desire to give His children a bill of divorce, so that her lands remained forever defiled. He did not desire to see His children defiled with the daughter of Babylon, so that she never stepped foot within the land promised. He continued to call out, if you will "only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the Lord thy God" then He would gather them unto Himself in the city of the New Jerusalem. And as He promised, He has fulfilled. Those who remained faithful unto the beloved, and those who turned aside for awhile to give themselves to other lovers, yet repented and turned back to the Lord, have been resurrected from their graves, to dwell forever in the land of righteousness and joy.

As Jesus Christ ascended on high establishing God's kingdom of righteousness, judgment was passed upon the virgin daughter of Israel. Those found walking in faith toward the Father were judged righteous and established within the city walls of New Jerusalem. Those who were judged guilty, having remained the harlot by continuing to desire other lovers apart from the Lord, would be forever separated from the Father. Judgment was determined according to faith, and those found worthy would be adorned in the glory of God's Spirit of beauty and majesty.

> *"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:24-29*

The glory that was placed upon the faithful virgin daughter of Israel has now been made available to all mankind. The hand of Jesus Christ has opened wide the gates to the kingdom without end, so that all who hear the Lord's voice and turn toward Him are to be welcomed. All who hear the Father's voice speak to their heart, who turn in faith toward Him, are to be adorned in robes of righteousness, which is the glory sent down from above, the Holy Spirit.

Though each man upon the earth comes to the baptism pool, a natural man, after being immersed in the living waters sent down from above, he will walk away a spiritual man. Each person will come to the baptism pool under the banner of man, or woman, Greek or Jew, but after being immersed in the living waters, the Holy Spirit, they will walk away under the banner of Jesus Christ, each one equal in the eyes of the Lord. Where there was once separation because of race, age, sex, or position, there will be union through the Spirit. Each person, having become a member that is holy joined unto the Lord through the Spirit, will begin to understand that the thoughts that separated them from men have been torn down.

Each natural man, Greek, Jew, male or female, will walk to the baptism pool, defiled by the flesh, because all men are born into sin. None are holy, none seek after God, only God is good. But because they heard the Father call, and faith becomes them, God has determined they are to enter the gates of His righteousness, as He places the garments of His holiness, the Holy Spirit, upon their lives. The only way through the gates of salvation is to be born again of the Spirit. To be baptized into the body of Christ, a man, male or female, Greek or Jew, must receive the Holy Spirit.

God's hand is positioned to help men rise up with the mind of Christ. All who are called of the Father's name are to become mighty men of valor. Whether male, or female, Jew or Greek, God stands ready to help men wield the Sword of the Spirit, not according to man's natural strength, which obtains wisdom from thoughts aligned with darkness, but according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ. All men, Greek or Jew, male or female, will be encouraged of God to rise up into maturity, able to wield the Sword of the Spirit according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ, so they are able to slay the wicked serpent.

In God's strength, as man, Jew or Greek, male or female, holds onto the Sword of the Spirit, the demons of darkness will be forced to flee. When the Sword of the Spirit is wielded in righteousness, then will thoughts, which once denied the goodness of God, be slain and fall as dust to the earth. As the Sword of the Spirit is wielded in the hands of a child of God's, in the strength of Jesus Christ, then will thoughts and opinions be exposed as vanity, losing the ability to oppress and hinder what God desires to raise up. God desires to raise up mighty warriors able to endure the temptations of the evil one, so that His name is honored among all names. It is God who tears down, and it is God who builds up, all praise and honor unto the Lord.

A man, (Greek or Jew, male or female) filled with the Spirit, will have once walked just as a woman who gives herself to many other lovers. The natural man desires to be loved and finds it natural to seek after other lovers, besides the Holy One, God the Father. The natural man will find it is easy to look to Babylon, the city where darkness reigns, to find lovers to pursue. He will find it natural to be joined to thoughts and desires that stand far outside the city gates that lead to God's throneroom of holiness. All men are born into sin, all men have had impure thoughts. God alone is holy, and God alone is able to transform a man (male or female, Greek or Jew) and his thoughts so that he walks as a chaste virgin, most beloved of God.

> *"Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of a harlot? God forbid." 1 Corinthians 6:16*

Within the city streets of Babylon, the city of darkness where unbelief and depravity are the lampposts that guides men's feet, are heard many voices willing to sell their wares to anyone who is willing to buy. Fornication, pride and vanity are songs sung by those who dwell there, which easily ensnare souls not yet submitted to the Holy Spirit. Those who dwell within Babylon, the city of darkness, whose prince is the serpent of old, find it natural to pursue after many lovers, in hope of finding true, and lasting love. Yet, anyone or anything that is exalted above God will become a lover that will wound and harm the soul of one who walks in darkness. In the city of darkness there is no peace.

God desires His children to be joined in holy union to Him, through the Spirit. When God's children have been joined to the Son, through the Spirit, they are not to look back to Babylon, the harlot city of darkness. To be joined to thoughts or activities which belong to the harlot city of Babylon, is to grieve the Holy Spirit, and will bring suffering upon God's child. Those who are members of Christ, through the Spirit, will be changed according to the good purposes of God. As the Spirit of Holiness moves upon a child's thoughts and desires, he will be more purposely transformed into the One he is wed to, the Son of righteousness. And it is absolutely imperative that no child of God purposely hinder God's good work, by thinking that it is possible to occasionally walk down the city streets of the harlot, the city of darkness, and partake of any wares that are sold there.

> *"Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we Him no more. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us*

> *the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:16-19*

All men have walked the harlot streets of darkness. All men have been defiled as they engaged in enticing and alluring thoughts that paraded up and down the harlot city streets of Babylon. But the enticing words that offered purpose and worth, will always find its end in death and destruction. When joined to the body of Christ through the Spirit, all filthiness and defilement will be washed away, as the healing hand of God purposely restores and renews a man’s soul. A man’s thoughts will be restored by the life transforming power of the Holy Spirit, so that he is a living testimony to the purposes of God.

As the Spirit transforms a man (female, male, Jew or Greek) so that his thoughts are aligned with the mind of Christ, he will no longer be enticed by the lusts of the flesh, so that he is defiled by the wantonness that roams freely within the harlot city of darkness. He will mature in the ways of God, so that he knows that to partake of anything within the city of darkness is to bring suffering into his life. He will become what he has partaken of, a holy demonstration of the Spirit. Words of guile, used to entice others away from God’s holiness, will cease to flow from his mouth. He is a holy virgin, having been made clean in Christ, most beloved and accepted of God, and his actions will reflect the One who has bestowed upon him His holy name.

> *“For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews of Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.” 1 Corinthians 12:12-14*

> *“Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.” Romans 7:4*

Report From Florida

John Lallier

It now 3 50 am and I'm led to write. The Lord, most of the time has me read the bible, but now he wants me to write.

In June an angel came to me and said everything will be ok till 7 30, July 30 2004. I saw storm after storm and on 731 the first storm came.
Then storm after storm came and went, 4 hurricanes and tropical depressions hit us and floods and high winds did 20 billion dollars of damage.

The angel showed me the bible pages turning faster and faster, in Sept of 2003 the Lord in a vision told me to sit for a half hour. After studying my bible a half hr is 21 months [my interpretation, I could be wrong] the bible says Satan rules for one hr, and then it says 42 months, so I cut it in half and come up with 21 months, everybody can count., in 2005 I believe the first trumpet will start, please go to rev chapter eight there was silence for a half hr, and then the 1st trumpet, well I believe we are in the half hr, right now,

I went to Daytona beach yesterday, the town is dead., I stopped in at a couple of motorcycle shops and they said it was really slow., Bike Oktoberfest starts from the 21st to the 24th and the city added 5 more days to try and draw people earlier to help the economy, it now starts on the 15th to the 24th,

In Orlando and in Oviedo and all over Florida nothing is happening. business is dead, the hurricane deductible took all the money from Florida's business men and churches. Florida is in depression. My business is dead. The insurance checks are slow. FEMA does a lot of talking but no action. I have talked to people who applied for help and all have been rejected, [they made to much money and didn't qualify]. How can a business stay in business with no help, no customers and no help from FEMA?

And now earth quakes in Calif and fires, flooding in the east coast and Mt. St. Helens. The prophets saying Yellowstone is next.

America is under a curse from God, read Deut chapters 28, 29 and 30, even after all the judgments I talk to people and they still don't want anything to do with God and are not repentant. This is not Mother Nature, its Father God in all of this, but people still don't want to wake up. 45 million Americans don't have medical insurance and we are told everything is ok. I believe the next 42 months will be even worse, and nobody wants to hear it.

In a vision this week I was trying to warn people and they spit in my face and came against me. My own family members are with them that came against me, just like Jesus said it would be like.

I saw in a vision a church with a very dirty bathroom and it made me sick and nobody to clean it up, in another vision this week the lord gave me an inheritance, I received an old peace of property and the building was old and it had old file cabinets and human dung in the files and I had to throw it all out. There were homeless bums in the old house and I had them leave [church rats]. I had to try to air condition the old house and the job was very difficult. I believe the Lord showed me in that vision I'm going to be sent to the old church order to do a cleaning, I'm not looking forward to it, but if the Lord wants me to do it I'll do it.

I love America and was born and raised in this great land and I have seen America change for the worst. God is looking for a few good men to stand for him, and to glorify him. and to help him bring the holy spirit back to the churches and bring the fear of the lord, and bring wisdom and love and mercy and for his men to be just and not selfish, not looking for a name, just humble and God serving and leading all to Christ and God getting all the glory, the Lord is looking for nobodies, and I know their are a lot of nobodies out there. Are you willing to make a stand and stay a nobody? This is the last move of God before his wrath comes down, please get on his side now, turn from the world and be spirit led. This is my message at 3 in the morning, its now 4 30 am, turn to Christ now

Redeemed From the Earth
Arlette Pollard

Revelation 14:2-3

The heavens rejoiced
And the earth was glad
The day Jesus ascended on high
And as He arose there was heard a great voice
Singing praise to the Holy Lamb
Hallelujah, the Lord is glorified.

The heavens were rent
And the earth subdued
As the song of salvation filled the sky
Thunder gave praise to the messenger sent
Who restored God’s kingdom as new
Holy are the thoughts of the Lord on high.

The stars in heaven
Were cast down to the sea
As God’s voice shook loose the night
His Word was to reign over all of creation
Through His Son who gained man’s victory
Worthy is the Lord of everlasting Light.

The redeemed of the Lord
Fill the highway of heaven
With songs of praise and joy
Forever they will soar
High above the dragon’s court
Let all of creation rejoice.

> *“And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.” Revelation 14:2-3*
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> *“Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the heavens. Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.” Psalm 148:2-5*
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> *“For the Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.” Isaiah 51:3*

Zion, the city of God, whose government reigns supreme above all the earth, is a safe habitation for those adorned, in the glory of the risen Son. Zion, the New Jerusalem, the Kingdom without end, governed according to God’s righteousness, is the dwelling place of men whose souls have been redeemed and delivered from the graves of death and sin. To stand within God’s holy city, is to have received a new heart, which has been circumcised by God’s Holy Spirit, so that it beats in perfect unison to the desires of the Lord of heaven and earth.

Forever and ever, within the city of God, Jesus Christ sits at the right hand of the throne of God as the holy high priest, who made restitution for mankind’s sin according to God’s divine purposes. As Jesus Christ ascended on high, after having first descended into the lower parts of the earth to take captivity captive to the knowledge of God, His precious blood was shed abroad within the heavens, so that a better covenant between man and God could be established. God ordained Jesus Christ to be the minister of His holy sanctuary that extends beyond the boundaries of heaven. Jesus Christ is the purposed high priest of God, whose sacrifice was laid upon the altar of the tabernacle that the Lord has pitched, and not man.

> *“For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens’ who needeth not daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people’s: for this He did once, when He offered up Himself. For the law maketh men high priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was since the law, maketh the Son, who is consecrated forevermore.”*
> *Hebrews 7:26-28*

According to the law of carnal commandments, which dealt with the desires of men who walked led of the Adamic nature, priests of many infirmities were required to sacrifice bulls and goats to make atonement for the people’s sins. Because the sacrifices could not permanently make the participants perfect before the Lord, the sacrifices were to be offered year by year continually. Under the first covenant God established with men, a continual sacrifice was to be presented upon the altar, in the temple built with human hands, because it was impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should permanently take away the sins of men.

The law of carnal commandments was a “shadow of good things to come”, which required the high priest to sacrifice upon an altar the blood of bulls and goats. But, through Jesus Christ a better covenant would be established within the heavens and upon the earth, so that the children called of God stood justified by faith, before God. As God’s perfect plan of redemption for mankind was implemented upon the earth, and within the lives of men, the shadow, which was the law according to the first covenant, would cease to exist.

As Jesus Christ ascended on high, His precious blood purging the heavens and the earth, the shadow that guided God’s children upon the earth was done away with. As the Son of righteousness filled the heavens and earth with the glory of God, a new covenant would dictate to mankind God’s divine governmental authority. The government that was established upon the better promises obtained through Jesus Christ, mandated that the law of carnal commandments were to cease. When the divine law of grace, which was executed through Jesus Christ, was established between God and mankind, the carnal commandments of God were to end.

From before the foundation of time, God’s plan and purpose was for all things in heaven and on earth to be gathered unto Jesus Christ. And as Jesus Christ ascended on high so that the Light of resurrection glory shined down upon the earth, dispersing the shadow of the law of carnal commandments, God’s plan of redemption would be implemented. Through the Holy Spirit, given through faith in the risen Christ, man would be able to walk past the gates of the graveyard, and into God’s eternal kingdom, where grace, mercy, love, longsuffering and power are songs that fill the air.

Through Jesus Christ, salvation was established in Zion. Through the sanctifying blood of God’s Holy

Son, the city of God was made ready for those of faith. As Jesus Christ ascended on high, He led those who had died, with their faith in God bound securely upon their hearts, to the land promised of God. Those who had never received the promises of God while alive, who died with their hope placed securely in God, would be given the gift of the Holy Spirit, so they could ascend on high with Jesus Christ to their place prepared. Jesus Christ, who bore God's righteous government upon His shoulders, demonstrated God's perfect judgment, as He descended beneath the earth, and led the captives on high.

As Jesus Christ ascended on high, the everlasting Light of glory would dispense a new covenant built upon better promises, within the heavens and upon the earth. As Jesus Christ established God's kingdom of righteousness, not one stone would be left unturned. All that could be redeemed from the four corners of the earth would be redeemed.

As Jesus Christ ascended on high, all of God's faithful would be resurrected from the four corners of the earth. And as the faithful remnant of Abraham rose on high, the joy of the Lord would fill the heavens, encouraging all of God's creation to trumpet forth the good news of what had been accomplished through God's faithful Son. From the hills and valleys of the promised land was heard the music that accompanied God's joy, to welcome home the faithful, who had died looking to the Lord as their only salvation.

> *"Jesus saith unto her, woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." John 4:21-24*

From the seed of the tribes of Israel, came the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Through Jesus Christ the kingdom of righteousness was established. Jesus Christ is the deliverer who leads men's souls from out of the realm and region of darkness, and into the comforting divine presence of the Lord. It is Jesus Christ who ascended on high to sit at the right hand of God, so that the full counsel of God could be administered in justice and mercy. Those who had died in faith, awaiting their deliverance unto the promised land of inheritance, would be judged of Jesus Christ and found worthy to pass through the gates of salvation.

The kingdom, where God's grace paves the walkways of the righteous, will stand throughout eternity. And because of the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the law of grace, which establishes God's eternal kingdom, will continue to be the final authority on all matters of justice. When the hour had come upon the earth, when the remnant of the tribes of Israel, who laid in wait within their graves, would be judged, it would be according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ. The remnant, who remained faithful onto God, would be declared righteous according the divine council established upon Jesus Christ, and would be released from their captivity so they could ascend on high with Jesus Christ. Having been found worthy to be counted among the number of the faithful, they received their reward of eternal life with God.

Those who remained standing upon the earth, as Jesus Christ ascended on high, their faith placed securely in God, were also reconciled to God through the Holy Spirit. Because of the redemptive blood of Jesus Christ, the dispensation of God's covenant of grace was established within the heavens and upon the earth, so that those of faith also received the blessed hope of inheritance. Those who have partaken of the heavenly nature, the Holy Spirit, are those who have been translated into the kingdom of God, causing their thoughts, emotions, and actions to become more and more aligned with the nature of God. Having been fitted into their position in the kingdom through the Spirit, a man’s heart and mind will be brought more into submission to the will of God.

> *“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:12-14*

The “saints of light” who rose from their graves, having been judged and found worthy of eternal life, would be joined through the Spirit with those who remained upon the earth. When the Holy Spirit was poured out in the upper room, men of flesh and bones became partakers of God’s eternal kingdom of mercy, truth and grace. Men of flesh and bones, filled with the Spirit, are joined to those who ascended with Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit. They have become one new man, through the Spirit.

All men born again of the Spirit, whether in heaven or upon earth, have become partakers of God’s eternal kingdom. All men who are partakers of the Holy Spirit have been redeemed with the precious blood of Christ, and have been clothed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ.

The first partakers of God’s Holy Spirit would be used of God to help others move into the kingdom of revelation power and glory. So that others could be redeemed from out of the realm of unbelief, where darkness hides from the Light, God imparted spiritual gifts within these men’s lives, so they were equipped to share the gospel of the kingdom of God. Through the generations of mankind, the kingdom advances as more men are added to God’s eternal kingdom. From each generation, faithful children are used of God to help others gain entrance to God’s kingdom of glory and resurrection power.

> *“For it pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell; and, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.” Colossians 1:19-20*

In Jesus Christ the fullness of God’s purpose for mankind exists. In Christ is found redemption, so that men are able to experience deliverance from the earthly, carnal nature, which causes their hearts to rebel against the goodness of God. In Christ is found entrance to the kingdom of eternal light and life. In Christ is found the complete divine counsel and wisdom of God. In Christ men find heavenly sustenance, which will not perish with time. In Christ is found God’s love that has been extended toward mankind.

> *“And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.” Revelation 14:2-3*
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> *“In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace; wherein He hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; having made known unto us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He hath purposed in Himself: that in the dispensation* of the fullness of times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him: in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will: that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ.” Ephesians 1:7-12*

* “Dispensation” – Greek – 3622- management, administration, job of administration; what is put into effect, plan.

The “saints of light,” who ascended on high as Jesus Christ ascended sing of the song of redemption. They sing the song of salvation. Their songs fill the heavens with the joy of those who have been delivered through hardship, persecution and labor. As a reward for their faithfulness toward God’s holy name, they have been taught a song that was written by God just for them. The beloved remnant of God, from the tribes of Israel, will continue to sing a song that is known just by them, throughout eternity.

Praise the Lord that His mercy endures forever. All glory to the Lord who at the appointed time established His covenant of grace between mankind and Himself. Now, because of the divine government He has established on earth as it is in heaven, all, Jew, Gentile, male, or female, who hear His voice and turn toward Him, are able to grab hold of His hand of mercy, so that they are led safely past the gates of death and destruction, into His kingdom of righteousness.

Many men, who have walked through the gates of salvation, and who have partaken of manna sent down from heaven, continue to help others enter God’s kingdom of righteousness. May we also learn to pay heed to the administrative authority of God’s divine government, so that we lay our heavy burdens down before Jesus, and trust that He is able to lead, teach, chastise, edify and encourage. May we give no heed to the flesh, which looks to the wisdom of the world for insight into truth, as we keep our focus upon the authority of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May all men lift up holy hands and praise the Lord.

> *“Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain forever.”* Jeremiah 17:25

Righteousness

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The question of how we attain righteousness always seems to be at the forefront of the discussion about the Torah. Can we be righteous without Torah? It has always puzzled me why Paul, an expert in keeping Torah, so much so that he was found “blameless” in the eyes of his contemporaries, was still regarded by YHVH as a man full of iniquity and sin whose righteousness was as “menstrual rags”. All of Paul’s righteous living and good works were ultimately defiled by his own sin nature.

However, when Paul came into the revelation knowledge of the righteousness that is in Messiah he still did not abandon Torah, as is evidenced by the following: *“Do we then make void* [destroy, do away with, abolish] *the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish* [fulfill] *the law”* (Rom 3:31). *“Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good… For we know that the law is spiritual”* (Rom 7:12,14).

In chapters five through seven of the Gospel of Matthew is found the portion known as “The Sermon on the Mount”, in which Yeshua reiterated aspects of Torah and expounded on them in great detail. He began his dissertation by saying: *“Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy… but to fulfill…”* (Matt 5:17). Why did Yeshua go into such great detail to explain to His audience the Law of Moses? Surely he knew that there was not one person sitting out there who could ever live up to its standards or keep it completely, so why would he bother going into such specifics to explain the commandments of His Father? The answer is found in His introductory statement: *“I have not come to destroy but to fulfill”.* In actual fact, in this manner Yeshua was introducing Himself to his listeners. Bearing the righteous nature of His Father, He was the only one able to fulfill every requirement of the Law. Did He actually expect the people, whom he knew to be sinners by nature, to keep all His sayings? Didn’t He Himself proclaim that man’s heart was wicked and evil? *“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man”* (Mark 7:21-23). Wasn’t His very coming to earth intended for the elimination of the sin nature? He was “the lamb that takes away the sin of the world”.

Yeshua was the righteousness of Torah incarnate; in other words, the righteousness of Torah is the righteousness of Elohim. They are one and the same. Yeshua was righteous by nature. He did not have to keep Torah in order to become righteous. He manifested Torah because it was natural for Him to do so. Man, on the other hand, is under the spiritual powers of rebellion and disobedience and has taken on that nature. Man cannot change his fallen condition by trying to be “like God”, or “like Christ”, through keeping the written Torah (and I might add the ‘Beatitudes’ too). This will only result in religious pride, self-righteousness and judgmentalism or criticism of others.

Yeshua declared that anyone who teaches disobedience to the commandments would be least in the kingdom of heaven, but then He made a reference to the religious leaders and said: *“For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven”* (Matt 5:20). Remember, Paul was a Pharisees and a rabbi. Yeshua’s denouncement of the Pharisees must have been a surprise to the people, as they held their religious leaders in great respect because on the outside they saw only the beautiful whitewashed sepulchers that they were (notwithstanding the proverbial dead men’s bones on the inside, ref. Matt 23:27). So why did Yeshua expound Torah to the masses? What was Yeshua referring to when he said that *"He came to fulfill"*, while there was still a lot more to be fulfilled regarding His Father's words in the Torah and the Prophets, even after the Messiah's death and ascension?

The issue of Yeshua's entire dissertation was to reveal the righteousness of Torah, resident in Himself, as He was the Son of a righteous and holy heavenly Father. If we go back to the Garden, Satan suggested to Adam and Eve that they could become *"like Elohim"* if they would only eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. But what our first parents did not realize was that disobedience to their Creator would take them in the opposite direction. They received what they wanted, but now they had a different spiritual boss (actually a different spiritual father) to demonstrate to them who they were going to look like. They came under another law called the *"law of sin and death".* They now had the knowledge of good and evil and were not aware of anything other than "self". This is what Paul meant when he wrote: *"For without the law sin was dead. For I was alive* [to self] *without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died"* (Rom 7:8-9). In their self-life Adam and Eve were trying to live by the good, but the evil was right there with them as it was the very nature of the fruit of which they had partaken. Paul, in explaining this phenomenon, says it this way: *"For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do"* (Rom 7:19). He therefore adds that it is *"foolishness"* for man to try to live the righteousness of Torah without a change in his nature.

If we say we love Torah and want to be Torah-righteous, the only way to do it is through the channel that YHVH provided, that is through faith in what He has accomplished by His Son's death, burial and resurrection. Abraham our father was reckoned righteous because he believed YHVH. We can only enter into that same righteousness if we believe what YHVH accomplished by sending His only begotten Son. This is the message of the "good news" to those who by faith receive the free gift of grace. Our eyes will no longer be fixed on ourselves, but on Him who is our new creation life and righteousness. Thus, when we know Him, we know who we are as well. *"For you are dead, and your life is hid with Messiah in God. When Messiah, who is our life, shall appear [be revealed in us], then shall we also appear [knowing who we are as new creation beings] with him in glory"* (Col 3:3-4). *"But of Him are you in Messiah Yeshua, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption"* (1 Cor 1:30). *"For He made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him"* (2 Cor. 5:21). *"That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"* (Rom 8:4).

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Rejoice In Knowing Truth

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Count the ways that you can worship Me this year. Many are preparing ahead so that they can prosper in their soul this season, but I say that you are to prepare for what is ahead so that your spirit may soar like an eagle far above all power and principalities. Yes, this is the day to count the ways that you can worship Me this season and all through the year.

This is the day to count the ways that you can reach out to your brother in My Spirit. Yes, reach out to the brethren with love and encouragement so that they can overcome in the onslaughts of the enemy so that they don't get caught up in isolationism. So many have been burned out by the constant attacks of the enemy and just need an encouraging word. Give them that much needed time of respite by keeping them lifted in prayer. Do not become offended when it seems like they aren't responding to your reaching out to them. Just trust Me that I will bring them through to victory.

This is the day to rejoice and to look ahead to what I will bring forth in your life. Don't give up on My promises to you when you see no positive results to your prayers, especially when it looks like things are getting worse. Just stand on My word which is the truth for everything else is a lie. Don't go by what you feel or see, but go by what you believe in your heart through My word given to you.

Yes, this is the day to rejoice, because the enemy is defeated in your life if you stand on what I did at Calvary. Don't lose vision of My victory when you see things growing worse in the nation. Yes, many are trying to take Me out of Christmas, but you know the truth in all that. Just keep worshipping Me in the ways you feel led to do, and be bold in your faith and testimony of faithfulness to Me.

Remember that the best is yet to come. You know the end time revelation. You know who is under your feet. You know your place in the heavenly realm seated with Me at the right hand of the Father, so rejoice. Reach out a helping hand to those in need and encouraging word to those who feel defeated. Share My love, peace and joy for you have reason to be glad.

They may try to take Me out of Christmas, but they can never take Me out of your heart. So rejoice and know that I AM in control and that I reign as King of kings and Lord of lords forever. This is a new day and a new hour. I call you to put the past under your feet with the enemy of your soul. Wash yourself with My word and My blood. Pay off any debts whether in material, financial or in spirit to one another. Make amends with one another.

This is a new year. Make sure your heart is clean. Be sensitive to My leading in showing you areas that need to be made right. Rejoice for this is the day to break the chains and to run freely. Yes, this is the day to be free, says your God.

River Of Love

Tony Mccleave

Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance (Ezra 8:21)

Then we departed from the river of Ahava...to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such as lay in wait by the way (Ezra 8:31)

The book of Ezra is an account of the return of some of the Jewish exiles from captivity in Babylon and the rebuilding of their ruined temple. With so much emphasis in the body of Christ today on the "river", "river church's", there remains a remnant who have yet to embrace this wonderful outpouring of God's spirit in the world today, perhaps because it is too good to be true that if we just hang out in the presence of God without actually working for our salvation good things may begin to happen in our lives. That's exactly what Ezra did.

Ezra was a man who had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord and to do it (Ezra 7:10). But he knew the place to find answers to his problems were at the "river of God's presence". Having found favor with the king to do whatever he needed to rebuild the temple (a place for God's presence), "He gathered the people together to the river that runneth to Ahava" (Ezra 8:15). This particular river was in Babylon, the place of bondage, not in Jerusalem the place of promise. In Hebrew, Ahava means Love. Ezra was inviting people to come and hang out at the river of love to get answers and direction even in the place of their so-called bondages. As a matter of fact in Ezra 9:8- Ezra declares 'And now for a little space grace hath been showed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage". Ezra knew the importance of hanging out in the river...the place of God's love, reviving and direction for his people, his family and his ministry.

It is most interesting that while hanging out at the river and pitching a tent there for three days (consecration, fasting, seeking) he realized there was a need for worship. If you are ever in a fellowship where there is a lack of worship, there is probably a lack of hanging out at the river.

Even with the problems we face in this world today, whether here in the USA or believers in Iraq, Moslem Africa and Indonesia, or even Israel and Palestine, we should be assured that our answers lie in the River of His love. We need to position ourselves to be besides the refreshing shores of His presence as often as we can...no excuses! Our victory is in Christ; He is our refuge from the storms of life, our shade from the heat.

Ezra declares in Ezra 9:9 "For we were bondmen, yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the desolations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem ", praise God! God has extended mercy to us in the sights of our enemies, they can see his favor in our lives, his blessings upon us when we choose to hang out at the River of Love, at the feet of His refreshing, at the place of His habitation. There is a wall between us and them, an impenetrable fortress, a standard, and God delights in giving us His kingdom...righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

It is indeed a river of life...liquid life flowing from the very heart of God, life to our bodies, to our minds, to our families, to our finances, to our cities, and nations. Life to our leaders on the job, in government and around the world.

Pitch a tent next to the river of Love and life and just stay awhile. Nothing would make God happier and please Him more!

Rest In Me
Priscilla van Sutphin

Feb 18th, 2004

Looked at the clock and again it was 11:11 hmmm Father, do you have something You want to say? Heard, "Rest in Me" So what do You want to say about it Lord?

Matt 11:28-30 NKJV Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

Isa 30:15 NKJV For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel: "In returning and rest you shall be saved; In quietness and confidence shall be your strength." But you would not, Isa 30:15 AMP For thus said the Lord God, the Holy one of Israel: In returning [to Me] and resting [in Me] you shall be saved; in quietness and in [trusting] confidence shall be your strength. But you would not,

So many of My own who are called by My name, do not know how to come into My rest. They have remained outside My rest by not fully trusting Me with all their heart and soul, and strength. To believe means to put ALL of your trust in Me. If you could do everything yourself…why would you need ME? My people are loaded down with self-sufficiency, giving in to the harsh task Master of their souls. They make themselves prostitutes trying to make things happen, and don't see that if they would just TRUST in ME fully. All I am is available to them.

Did I not say, that I am a good Father? If you ask for bread, do I give you a stone? If you ask for something that will help you to build MY KINGDOM, and not your own, will I not freely give? NOTHING is impossible for ME. I want you to change and EXPECT good things to happen. I want you to expect me, just like a wife would expect a good husband to provide all she needs to run her house…I want YOU to expect ME, Your heavenly Husband to provide all you need. You do NOT have to strive. You do not have to run around like a chicken trying to do, when I have called you to just put ME first, and all these things you need, will be added unto you. I am not a selfish Father!!! I am not stingy and self-seeking like some earthly parents. I am not loving you conditional to you being perfect. I PAID the price for anything you have done, that you can just receive MY LOVE and kindness. I'm not saying nothing bad will ever happen, just that in anything, I WILL SEE YOU THROUGH IT! I am your husbandman, and I am not a bad husband. I am not a neglectful husband. I am ever in LOVE with My Bride and I will always provide for her. I will protect her like a husband protects his wife and a father his children.

Some of my own have bought lies about My limitations that are keeping them from receiving the fullness of WHO I AM. Some don't believe I'm the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. They think My power is limited. Well won't it come as a surprise when I shock them into belief?!!! I am coming as I have never come before. GREATER things you will do. SO now is a time to fill up on the WORD…eat and eat and eat My Word. And for those appointed to work in the harvest…is the worker not worthy of his wages? I will provide all that is needed. There is NOTHING I will not give to the passionate believer, who is hidden in the shadow of My wings! HEALING and MIRACLES are increasing…The world will KNOW that I am real, and that I ALONE AM GOD. Man may limit Me, but I am not limited. I am ALMIGHTY GOD. EL GIBOR, and NOTHING is IMPOSSIBLE WITH ME! So come My beloveds and rest in ME. Shut out the world for a time and soak in My presence. I have so much to teach you….so much to share with you. Just come!

Ps 37:7 NKJV Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass.

Ps 55:6-8 NKJV So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. 7 Indeed, I would wander far off, And remain in the wilderness. Selah 8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest."

Ps 94:12-13 NKJV Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, and teach out of Your law, 13 That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit is dug for the wicked.

Isa 28:12 NKJV To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest, "And, "This is the refreshing"; Yet they would not hear.

Isa 57:1-6 NKJV Israel's Futile Idolatry The righteous perishes, and no man takes it to heart; Merciful men are taken away, while no one considers that the righteous is taken away from evil. 2 He shall enter into peace; They shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. 3 "But come here, You sons of the sorceress, You offspring of the adulterer and the harlot! 4 Whom do you ridicule? Against whom do you make a wide mouth and stick out the tongue? Are you not children of transgression, offspring of falsehood, 5 Inflaming yourselves with gods under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks? 6 Among the smooth stones of the stream is your portion; They, they, are your lot! Even to them you have poured a drink offering, You have offered a grain offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

Isa 57:20-21 NKJV But the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 "There is no peace, "Says my God, "for the wicked."

Isa 57:20-21 AMP 20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, for it cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 There is no peace, says my God, for the wicked.

Isa 63:14 NKJV As a beast goes down into the valley, And the Spirit of the LORD causes him to rest, So You lead Your people, To make Yourself a glorious name.

Jer 30:10 NKJV 0'Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the LORD, 'Nor be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make him afraid.

Abrupt Change
Priscilla Van Sutphin

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“I AM the LORD and there is no other. I cause to live and I alone hold the keys to death and hell! I will NOT suffer My righteous servants to be rendered helpless.
I AM a Father to the fatherless.
I AM strength to the weak.
I AM the Lord God of Israel and to My Kingdom there is no end.
I bring higher and I bring low. I AM the Eternal Living Flame of FIRE.
And I will not suffer My true prophets to be shamed any longer without consequence.

I will remove every shackle, every stronghold of the enemy and I WILL judge between the righteous and unrighteous.
I WILL winnow the wheat in My barns. I WILL separate the wheat from the chaff.
I AM the ALL-CONSUMING FIRE and My fire will cleanse My temples and the people of My face will cry HOLY, HOLY, HOLY!!
I WILL execute MY ORDER and My justice and I will cause My servants to be made living flames of fire and they will harvest many souls for the Kingdom! They will not break rank when they run through defenses. They will walk with Me and know me as I’ve never been known for many, many generations.

Let me soak you in oil of myrrh and aloes, in rub you with saffron, and sprinkle you with perfumes of My incense. I Am the Rose of Sharon an the Lily of the Valley. You will grow fat as stall fed calves and your mourning will be turned to dancing!

I AM longing to dance with you My bride - To take your hand and to lead you into battle in ways of old – through singing and rejoicing and the dance!
Winter is passing and the spring is almost here and the sound of turtledoves rejoicing is in the air.
There is turbulence in the heavens but the saints of old are rejoicing for the days they have longed to see are fast upon you.

Will you come aside and dance with ME? Will you LET ME LEAD?
LET ME kiss your face and dry your tears? LET ME search your hearts and mend them. LET ME lead you in paths of righteousness for MY name's sake!
LET ME rearrange your lives as you rearrange furniture in a household. Give ALL your cares to Me for I care FOR you! A bruised reed, I will not break, and smoking flax I will not quench!"
THEN I heard HIM say,
"ABRUPT CHANGE!"
"ABRUPT CHANGE!"
"ABRUPT CHANGE!"….DECLARING it over the earth!

Blazing Trails
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I have some drawing of my own to do in the sky and in the earth! Only I have all things at My disposal to make such a display. I have the northern lights, and I have volcano dust and all kinds of chemicals to use to write a message in the sky. I have all glory and power. I have angels who can do anything to do My bidding. Nothing is impossible for Me. I wrote on a wall in Daniels time, and I will demonstrate My glory in this age with magnificent displays. I showed Moses and Egypt My mighty WONDERS. And I will show them in this hour!

Man thinks He can control everything in the universe…that he can control the weather. He can control politics and even LIFE itself in cloning humans.
Do you think I will sit idly by? NO, I WILL NOT! And I have not. Reports of strange weather will come in from all over the globe. Strange happenings, and all manner of SIGNS in the heavens and in the earth. But will man bow to the Almighty One? You shall see.

Will man humble himself in the eyes of the Almighty? Will he find himself instead fighting against Me with all his might? I see the end from the beginning and nothing is a surprise to Me. I have foreseen everything and nothing takes me by surprise. However I have many surprises for you My beloveds! Stunning surprises and awesome delights. Watch what I do in your children in this hour, and your grandchildren!!!! There will be angelic visitations upon the young and stunning displays of healings and miracles through even the youngest child. I will explode inside My people with My glory and there will be a tremendous change in your ability to FOLLOW Me.

Recognize that this display will cause much anxiety to the enemy of your souls as this takes place. Do not expect all people to be stunned into silence lest you underestimate your opponents. Every stronghold of the enemy in your life will be annihilated and brought low. Your thinking will take on My thinking. Your walk will take on the quality of My walk. The things that you thought were so important but were not, will fade away in your mind. And only what is important to My KINGDOM will remain important to you. Life as you know it will be over in a moment of time. NEW LIFE will flow down from the throne room of heaven in an unprecedented way and man will fear those who are called by My name. And as they feared ME, they will fear you in this hour, because you will know things about them, that no one else knows.
You will know their pains and their hurts and the roots of all their rebellion will be seen by those who have prepared their hearts for ME.

This blessing upon you will not be do to your striving, but due to MY LOVE, having it's way with My

Bride. I am trampling the grapes of wrath. I am the One Who sits in the heavens and laughs! I am the One Who created it all, so is anything a surprise to Me? NO. I am and have already planned for My response in all this. I have a plan, written in mysteries of the past and I will now bring those mysteries to pass. And for those who choose to come to Me in this hour, despite their past, there will be GREAT GRACE. You can REST in this glory, and receive My fire, or you can resist it and find yourself resisting ME.

Do not despise the many with horrendous backgrounds of rebellion that will come and lay down at your feet!

Know that ALL MANKIND is precious to ME, as they are made in OUR IMAGE! Be filled with LOVE as you come into My presence.
Expect outpouring of MY LOVE that will empty you of yourself as I reveal Myself to you. Expect to be filled up to the brim with all that I am, that YOU CAN WALK ACCORDING TO MY WAYS. I WILL NOT PASS YOU BY. This is not a contest. There is no sibling rivalry in My KINGDOM!
My Kingdom runs on LOVE. The kingdom of the evil one, runs on fear!
Remember that PERFECT LOVE, casts down all fear! So My LOVE will drive out all that has caused you to fear intimacy with Me and with others. You will TRUST Me, as MY LOVE overpowers you! Trust will become complete in you. Peace will become perfect in you. REST will be perfect in Me. JOY will overtake you as you see the fruit of the HARVEST of all time! Startling miracles will take place, and that is already started! All you have to do is worship ME My Beloveds, and I will rain on you. I will pour out My love in you. I will pour out My manifest presence and soak you in perfumed oils that you may smell like a new Bride. I am coming to you! I will, I will, I will not leave you nor forsake you in this hour! My FIRE will go before you wherever you go. I will lay low the enemy of your souls. And as the opposition arises, I will hide many of you in the shadow of My wings, in very peculiar ways. Others who are willing will lay down their lives as a living sacrifice for they will not fear what MAN can do to them. They will KNOW ME. The battle of all the ages is beginning to take shape and form.
REMEMBER WHOSE YOU ARE! REMEMBER BEFORE WHOM YOU WILL STAND ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT AND DO NOT DENY ME BEFORE MEN. THOSE WHO KNOW ME, WILL DO GREAT EXPLOITS, AND THEY WILL NOT BE AFRAID OF LOSING THEIR LIVES. THEY WILL NOT LOVE THEIR LIVES, EVEN UNTO DEATH!

Dancing in the Winds
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John 3:8 NKJV "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

“Everyone born of the Spirit is carried by the Wind of God. You are called to walk in the light as I am in the light. Only the Ruach Elohim can help you to do that. My Spirit is the Wind that carries you. When you have intimacy with the Most Holy Spirit…then you are able even to dance in the Wind, and to fly in the winds of adversity by staying in HIS presence. When you shun His presence by ignoring His call, it is so grievous to Him, and HE shys away, but not far, hoping you will turn and listen for the sound of His voice. He has emotions because I have emotions. I made emotions in man to reflect My emotions. And when you walk in the Holy Spirit, then your emotions will line up with MY emotions. When I laugh, you will laugh. When I weep and travail, you will weep and travail. When you ALLOW ME to be sovereign over your will, mind and emotions, then I can live through you all I want for you to do and be.

But if you choose to not submit to My Lordship in your life and go the way you think is best, then you are not walking in the light nor carried by My Wind, but instead can be blown by other “winds”. “

[sidenote: in looking up what people in Central American culture believe about spirits, and what the

Mayan worship was about. I stumbled onto an article that explained how Natives who encountered supernatural forces, not knowing what to call them, they would call them “bad wind”. So to this day when something happens out of the ordinary that is bad, they will say it was due to “bad wind”.]

"I AM the LORD of everything in heaven and on earth. Nothing is hidden from ME. So it is much better for you to start your day with ME as head, and worship and praise ME and get in the Spirit so that I can order your day and show you what the day will bring, and prepare you for anything you may encounter along the way. Put on your armor, especially in these times as you put on your clothes. Clothe yourself with MY GLORY and My strength, so that you do not get weary in the everyday tasks of life. LOOK to ME for all the strength you need, and you will receive it. Look to ME for all the wisdom you need and you will receive it. I am soon coming to ASSURE that walk in the spirit and remove all the hindrances and distractions and despotisms that have kept you from walking in the Spirit fully with Me.

Mercy and truth will kiss each other in your heart and mind and you will be
Transformed by each truth spoken, and each revelation of Mine. Stay close to Me, My beloveds for the winds of the enemy seek to blow away any he can in these days. Guard your hearts and do not give in to doubt and fear. Do not given in to the ploys of religious spirits who seek to condemn you and others, and to cause depression and defeatism. You are not defeatable if I live in you, and you walk in the Spirit. No matter if you get scattered or feel like you are imperfect, it is YOUR HEART that I judge.

Many are condemning themselves because they fall into the same sins, yet their heart is desiring to do what I want. Others don’t even care if they sin, and are given to all forms of evil because they think like Nicolaitans. They need the TRUTH that sets them free. I JUDGE BY THE HEART. I do not quench the spirit of man by condemnation and guilt. I heal and deliver. I ALONE PAID the price for your sins. All it takes is coming to ME and confessing them and repenting in your heart. The spirit is willing but often the flesh is weak, just as it was with My disciples. Soon My glory will increase suddenly so that all the chains of the enemy will fall off, and you will never be the same, nor will you go back to being what you were.

Do not condemn yourself, or your brothers and sisters. Pray for all to be able to receive what is coming. Pray their hearts will WANT to receive healing and deliverance. Pray they will not be too PROUD to receive.
Glory is coming. Glory will overtake you and make you into the BRIDE I want you to be. IT will NOT BE BY MIGHT, nor the power of man. It will not be by your STRIVING to be better. It is ONLY by MY GRACE and GLORY poured out on you that you can overcome. THAT TAKES MY PRESENCE.
So come into My presence with JOY in your heart and lay down everything at the cross. LEAVE it at the cross.
I assure you that you will be so filled with JOY, that your heart will LEAP in delight in My presence and you will WALK with ME the rest of the days of your life, and then forever. So REJOICE MY BRIDE for YOUR BRIDEGROOM is drawing nigh to you and HE will overtake you with HIS LOVE and affections and you will be overwhelmed by this love. You will be in delight in His presence and you will DANCE and REJOICE, full of JOY inexpressible and overflowing.

Of Dungeons and Dragons
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Rev 6:3-4 NKJV Second Seal: Conflict on Earth
When He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come and see."4 Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword.

Rev 12:13-14 NKJV Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. 14 But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.

The dragon has loosed his warfare against the sons of men and intends to take out everyone he can. He plans to rob and steal all the souls he can before revival brings in the harvest of souls. PRAY the blood over your loved ones daily! Do not give the enemy any room to move. Speak My Word with the authority I have given you! Put on your armor DAILY.

There will be more civil unrest and ethnic hatred and fighting. Know that I am with you and will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Do not let the events in the world rob your peace of soul. I AM AND ALWAYS WILL BE THE SAME. I AM ALWAYS WITH YOU. LEAN ON ME when you feel apprehensive and fearful…let me fill you with My love. The dragon seeks to
cage My beloveds and to put you in a dungeon of despair, defeatism and despondency, depression and death. He wants you to give up on the promises I've made. He wants to ruin My plans but HE CANNOT! I will not be thwarted from fulfilling MY WORD and MY heart is ever towards you, My beloveds.

There are many dragons loosed on the lands. I am about to slay the dragon of Buddhism in a giant way. I am about to bring a dissatisfaction with the false god of many nations who worship him. The idols will fall and utterly be ruined!

Isa 2:8-11 NKJV Their land is also full of idols; They worship the work of their own hands, That which their own fingers have made. 9 People bow down, and each man humbles himself; Therefore do not forgive them. 10 Enter into the rock, and hide in the dust, from the terror of the LORD and the glory of His majesty. 11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.

Isa 44:24-25 NKJV Judah Will Be Restored
Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself; 25 Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, And makes their knowledge foolishness; 26 Who confirms the word of His servant, And performs the counsel of His messengers; Who says to Jerusalem, 'You shall be inhabited,' To the cities of Judah, 'You shall be built,' And I will raise up her waste places;

Zech 10:2 NKJV For the idols speak delusion; the diviners envision lies,
And tell false dreams; they comfort in vain. Therefore the people wend their way like sheep; they are in trouble because there is no shepherd.

There are people everywhere caught in the dungeons of the enemy. I am looking for those who are willing to join My army and fight for them to be free. I have been training many in hiddeness for this hour of glory. There is much work to be done yet in sending the TRUTH of My love all over the world. Many are already fearful and cowering and won't go out to the lost.
I have called you to be a light set on a hill and to not hide your light under a basket, but to let it shine before all men.

Isa 42:22-23 NKJV But this is a people robbed and plundered; All of them are snared in holes, and they are hidden in prison houses; They are for prey, and no one delivers; For plunder, and no one says, "Restore!"23 Who among you will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for the time to come?

Who is willing to go for Us? Who is willing to give up their comforts for the sake of the Kingdom? Do you watch the news? You don't have to go far always to find those who are in need. But I have need of you , many of you, to send you all over the earth to set the captives free. Some of you will be sent in like stealth bombers, invisible to the powers of darkness until it is too late. Some will be sent on suicide missions. But you will not fulfill that call to be a martyr until I say. You will fulfill the call on your life until I say it is time to come home.

Rev 12:11 NKJV And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Rev 18:24 NKJV And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth."

Rev 19:2 NKJV For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her."

Are you willing to drink from My cup? Are you willing to lay down your life, as I laid down Mine? Will you rise up and lay hold of your inheritance in Christ for this hour? Will you cling to this earth, or to the eternal?
I am waiting My Beloveds.

I know many who are hidden and have been in waiting to go, but have been hindered. And I tell you this is the hour you will see Me move on your behalf, that you can do what I have called you to do! Do not think I have forgotten you! I have only been training you. For some think it is a glamorous life, because they have seen TV evangelists who SEEM to have
all they need to do all this. But I am telling you, this is not a glamorous call. It is a call to DEATH to SELF. I will help you if you but ask ME. I will help you by My grace to say yes in your heart, even if your flesh is unwilling, I can work the changes that will make you into living flames of FIRE.

Rising Up

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John 10:10b (NKJV)—*I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

We all know about the fall of man. We fell into infirmities and diseases, poverty, fear, unhappiness, etc. Jesus came to not only reverse the fall but also for us to rise above Adam’s condition before the fall. Unfortunately, up till now, we are still struggling to come out of the pit that we all fell into. It is now time to rise out of the pit and continue right up to the fullness of God.

Luke 15:17-18—*"When he came to his senses, he said, `How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! 18I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.*

We cannot begin to rise until we come to our senses. In what way did the prodigal son come to his senses? The prodigal son initially thought that the father had finished with him. That was why he remained in the pit feeding on food meant for pigs. Then one day he remembered how loving his father could be. If he had thought that his father was a wicked man he would never have gone back. On the contrary, he immediately reasoned that his father’s loving nature means that the father could never reject him. And so he rose up to travel back to the father.

Prov 8:30-31—*Then I was the craftsman at his side. I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence, 31 rejoicing in his whole world and delighting in mankind.*

1 John 4:16—*And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.*

John 3:16 (NKJV)—*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

1 John 3:1—*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.*

To understand the extent of God’s love for man is what it means to come to our senses. In Prov 8:31 we see that before the fall wisdom (that is, Christ) delighted in mankind. Can you imagine how pained his heart was when man died to God? Can you also see how delighted Christ must have been to go and raise man up from the dead? After all the love God has demonstrated towards us, we still find it hard to fully comprehend the extent of God’s love for us.

Last week I wrote about going back to the garden of God. The reason why we can go back to the garden of God is because Jesus shed His blood as atonement for our sins. We rejected the word of God in Eden and became enemies of God. Jesus reconciled us back to God by His shed blood. By this reconciliation, Jesus placed us back in a position where we can receive the word of God. And as many as receive God’s word the very same word gives them the right to become sons of God (John 1:12).

How does this right to the sonship of God come about? The word of God is Spirit and it is life (John 6:63). Everyone talks about being filled with the Spirit. The Spirit is in the Word: fill your heart (not head) with the Word and you are already filled with the Spirit.

Eph 3:16-19—*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

If the word of God operates in your heart then you are ripe for Eph 3:16-19. Eph 3:16-19 ends with “the fullness of God”—the ultimate goal of every knowledgeable Christian. It is the Spirit or word of God in your heart that begins the long process of rising up to the fullness of God. The Spirit or word of God strengthens your heart with power. A lot of people do not know what this means. Only someone who has experienced and overcome tribulation understands what it means for one’s heart to be strengthened with power by the Word or Spirit of God. The reason why I can write this article is because I have experienced long-drawn tribulation and yet miraculously was not crushed.

Acts 14:22 (KJV)—*Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.*

The only way to “continue in the faith” in the presence of much tribulation is through the strengthening of the heart by the word or Spirit of God. For example, in my own experience, some wicked people that are closely related to me added some witchcraft poison to food and offered it to me. I ate the food and entered into a long period of sickness. In the night witchcraft demons would be using the poison now inside my body to seek to kill me. Apart from God’s promises in Scripture, God ministered to me personally that the poison would not harm me. Even with all these promises, because of intense pains, I doubted if I would survive the attack. As God continued to minister to me through His Word, I finally came to my senses. I clearly understood that God loves me so much that He cannot allow my enemies to triumph over me. Has He not personally promised me that? Once I came to this realization, I started the slow but steady climb out of the pit of witchcraft poison. And I will definitely climb out of every pit in my life, and go right on to the fullness of God. It may take some time, but God loves me so much that He delights to see me through the whole process.

Back to Eph 3:16-19: After one’s heart has been strengthened with power, the next thing is for Christ to dwell in the person’s heart through faith. “Through faith” is synonymous with “figuratively speaking” (Heb 11:19), an indication that Christ is not really living in your heart, but you call what is not as though it is.

Rom 4:17-18—*As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed-the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.*
18 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

What does it mean for Christ dwell in our hearts through faith? It means to know that we have the right to be sons of God (John 1:12) and that God has called us His sons (1 John 3:1). It means that God has put Christ (who is the Spirit—2 Cor 3:18) in our hearts to make us exactly like Jesus. In reality the Christ that is in our hearts is the word of God that we believe—that is why it is faith matter. Everything that applied to Jesus applies to us because we are sons of God.

1 Peter 2:21—*To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

1 John 3:2-3—*Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.*

Back to Eph 3:16-19: Now that we have started thinking like a group of Jesus' one component that needs to be put in place is love. First of all, like Jesus, each of us must be rooted and established in love. We will not accomplish this by mere self-determination; instead we receive it from God. Thank God for giving you the right to be His son and for calling you His son. Pray that since a son of God should be characterized by love, He should fill you with His divine love.

Apart from developing the attribute of love inside us, we also need a clear knowledge of the extent of love that God has for us. This knowledge will produce in us the faith that moves mountains. It is this faith that will pull us up to the fullness of God.

John 5:20-21,26—*For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these. 21 For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it.*
26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself.

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Restoration Is Upon The Horizon

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Great Move Of Restoration Is Upon The Horizon

Peculiar Anointings
God is opening up His storehouses - several - meaning new anointings, the day of multiple visitations is at hand in many nations. There will be different manifestations of the anointing, peculiar anointings, some of which have not been seen in our lifetime. Be ready for the unexpected!

Slaying Power & Visitations
Where martyr's blood has been shed - great visitations are coming. Slaying power of the Spirit is coming in FULL! A RAY where entire church bodies will be under the power of God having visitations, angelic visitations as Jesus enters their presence; Children will be healed and restored.

Youth Arising - ...
A move of the youth is coming into the land. Keep your eyes on the youth of America, England, as well as other foreign lands. Some will be preaching services and telling of their encounters in the Throne Room. Children and teens will be healing the sick, casting out demons and bringing words of correction to the body. Simple truths out of the mouth of babes! All night praise meetings will also happen, especially in the youth. Be ready ... as these things shall begin to break loose.

Intercessors, Rise Up!
God is having us touch the top of the scepter - prayers, petitions, breakthrough, new anointing, fresh visitation upon intercessors for total breakthrough. I saw a vision of intercessors in pursuit such as on horseback, pursing spiritual enemies and God giving them the breakthrough to overtake and destroy darkness and bring in the victory.

Pastors - Leaders - Gatekeepers
I saw pulpits standing empty symbolizing some are void of anointing. I then saw three pulpits - symbolizing Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the Trinity; The Godhead and Kingly anointing being put in place! I saw the Son, Jesus, behind one pulpit symbolizing son-ship, the link between man and God, coming into the place of new depths in Jesus, and the person of Christ, with great Revelation. I saw the Holy Spirit behind one symbolizing His Holy Power being embraced by a lost and dying earth - the

earth being full of His Glory.

Great Demonstration

Healing miracles signs and wonders upon the horizon. Some entire churches to be filled with Hot Oil - the passion of Christ. They told me too much zeal (lies), after witnessing their first healing miracle, they told me, "We didn't need that any more!" God is coming with a sword and fire to demonstrate who He is.

Vision

I saw an angel of the Lord sorting out and throwing out doctrines, deceptions, false teachings, religious control, tongue waging, etc. This angel was sorting two piles, SIFTING out the unclean. The Holy Spirit was searching motives - a large junk pile was to the right and a very small pile of gold remained to the left.

The children shall be filled and the fathers shall take their place as Priest and heads. Fathers that had never known the Holy Spirit's power will openly embrace Jesus and His Holy Power.

Many, thousands upon thousands of deliverance's all over the earth as multitudes come to the Threshing Floors, getting saved and receiving major deliverance from Satan's strongholds.

Prophesy on the Rise

The Spirit of Prophesy is coming into fullness as a rose fully bloomed, the fragrant Rose of Sharon, and as fresh dew coming upon the mountain. 'Open your mouth,' says God, 'and I will fill it.'

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Releasing My Glory
Musa Opiyo

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In this day I am releasing My Glory upon My people in greater measure than they have previously known. I am responding to their hearts' cry and the hunger of My beloved that I would reveal Myself and make My will known to them. Let it be known that My Glory is not reserved for a chosen few but for all that will come to Me hungering for My presence. When you lift your praises before Me I dwell in the praises of My people and so I cannot help but release waves of My Glory.

You are My children and it pleasures Me to see you bask in My presence yielded to Me. What you have received in small measures you shall now get in floods, for I am flooding My Glory into your hearts and into your situations and I am turning them around for My benefit. I am visiting you with fresh vigor because I have heard your praises, your prayers and your cries for Me and now I am responding to that call, says the Lord.
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A Season Of Abundance and Release
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I am breaking the strong gates of iron that have been over My people. I am bringing release says the Lord from the hand of the oppressor. No longer shall you be stolen from or overpowered, for now I am come with My strong hand to rid My people of the giants in their land. I now call you, My victorious people to rise to the occasion and walk in My freedom. Walk in the Jubilee season for what has held you back has been destroyed. You have My anointing that has broken the yoke of the enemy. No longer shall My people groan under the spirit of heaviness for I have released My Joy over you. Rejoice, even shout for joy, for I have overcome all your trials and all that has beset you and I have given you the victory. As you stand in My authority and walk in My presence, you will see the dark clouds of discouragement and despair dissipate as My Son (Sun) shines upon you. Along with My Son I am raining down My Holy Spirit afresh upon My people to give you a season of refreshing.

For many of you, you have been in the desert where you have been tried and tested by My Spirit. You have come to know that it is not by might or power but only by My Spirit that you can live, breathe and have your being. You have by experience come to know My Spirit as your Sustainer and your source of Strength. That I AM your Provision. That I AM your Everything. Yes, you have come to understand the concept of Me being the vine and you being the branches and the fact that without Me you are disconnected and without stable ground. It has not been easy but I have led you by My wisdom as you simply trusted in My ability to lead you day by day. You are now coming to a season of abundance both spiritually and physically yet My beloved the principle of complete trust in Me is still vital. The enemy wants to distract you and lead you into passivity while he plunders you, yet I call you to be alert concerning his wiles. As you remain in Me and allow Me to be your source, I will lead you to your abundance and give you the wisdom. I will open your eyes to what the enemy is doing so that you pray accordingly and take action. For indeed the year of 2005 will be a year of abundance, an expansion and an explosion of more. It is also a year that I am training My people to war in the Spirit on a higher level than they have known.

Be ready! Be strong and courageous and do not lose sight of the vision. In all your endeavors I am with you guiding you by the Holy Spirit if you will listen to My voice and take heed. Great things are coming for My people says the Lord.

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Releasing My River

Jeannette Rodgers

Today is the day for the trickling to cease. For I desire to pour out My River of Living water upon you and in you that it would flow through your very being. Now is the time that you must make room for all that I AM about to do. For I have great things for my chosen. For long have I awaited for you to let Me make way. You have said I wait upon the Lord, but I have been waiting on you. Make way, Make way for My rivers will flow from your belly and everywhere My River flows will be Life. My river contains strength, power, wisdom, grace, mercy, healing, peace and all that I AM.

For the place you have been, has been a place that I prepared so that I might dig a deep ditch within you that I may fill you up with my Living Water. My eyes have been upon you .in a dry parched land you have been; but today I say to you the River is being released. It is My hand that has been digging things out of the way that you would flow in all that I have called for you. It is My holy shovel that has been digging all around you preparing and removing. You will be revealed as MY Fountain of Life with My water springing up within you and overflowing.

For now is the time that I am calling for; to reveal Myself. My waters will flow through my chosen ones and places that have allowed Me to dig out self, dig out tradition, dig out motive, dig out your plans, dig out old ways, and dig out rocks and stumbling blocks. Oh, I have been digging in you. I have been digging in certain places. I have been digging and digging so I could fill you up and over the top with more and more of Me. Yes, when you said YES LORD fill me up, I had to dig you out first before I could fill you up with Me. Many will say Yes, but few will stand still for the digging. You say; Lord, how much longer and why must it hurt so much . and; I say to you; My child, when One is digging, the Shovel must be thrust into the ground first and things must be then taken out as a way of making ready for all that will be poured in. My holy shovel is made of Love. Those things that I have dug out; removed from you, from your life, from the church; I have dug out those things that were and are necessary.

I am answering to a people who have been calling for a River. how long must I trickle because I cannot release the River if you will not make room. Make ready for Release! I will pour out like never before. My glory will fill up the place that has been prepared. My water is crystal clear, it is pure...it heals, it speaks truth, it is power, it is Life.

No more trickles . Let My river flow Let it flow through you, let it flow through Israel, let it flow through Judah; let it flow in all places and I will bring life to you and through you.

I have much for you .I have already shown you .I wait on you .Trust Me.. You will not drown; Trust Me to move in Greatness before your eyes like you have never seen. Trust Me, that you can, and you will because I AM.

No more trickles It is the time of the overflowing River of Life to pour out in ways that you have longed for and that I ..even I ...have longed to release. I say this day, I wait for you!!

I am releasing My river!!!

The New Reformation And The Coming Revival
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Occasionally, the Lord in His divine wisdom and foresight releases His presence into the earth for the purpose of changing and transforming not only the Church but also world governments. This touch upon humanity is out of His mercy and designed to prepare the world for the next stage of His purposes and plans. Let me share a few examples of such interventions as are recorded from the past.

The first Reformation began in the days of Noah. The Father had come to an end of His longsuffering with humanity. In His infinite knowledge He knew that if He were to wait another ten thousand years to discipline the peoples of the earth -- still mans propensity toward evil would not diminish but only increase. Hence, He determined that it was time to act, so He did. He raised up a just and righteous man, who had incidentally come from a long line of righteous men, through whom He would begin a Reformation in the world. Through this mans obedience He would save the world from complete destruction. Further, when the floodwaters would retreat Noah would be the one who would establish a new righteous government in the earth and would raise up a new generation of people who would seek to live pleasing to the Lord. By this means the Father did away with the old and gave birth to the new, albeit through much suffering in His own tender heart.

Once again the world fell into corruption. So, after Noah, God raised up another man through whom He would establish a righteous Nation in the midst of all the evil. This man He called Abraham. He would come to be called the father of our faith. This new Reformation although it began small, would become the cornerstone of all the works of the Lord in future generations. Abraham lived a nomadic life but through His testimony and righteous government within his own clan, he effected world governments and generations to come because unbeknownst to him, he carried in his bosom the Spirit of Reformation.

We do not see the next intervention of Reformation until the establishment of the Nation of Israel at mount Sinai about 430 after Abraham. The man that God used was Moses. The event was the giving of the law. Paul alludes to the power of this one act of the Father and its international effect when he wrote in Romans that there were those who lived righteously although they did not have the law. The Spirit of the Lord affects willing hearts far and wide when He visits the earth.

Time continued to march forward, and some 480 years elapsed until King David who brought Israel into to a new era of national recognition as a formidable power in the earth and national prosperity, established his son Solomon on His throne. Solomon brought forth the next Reformation. The government he would establish was actually written by the prophet Samuel, and nurtured and cultivated by his father David. Israel would now as a Nation become monotheistic, running its government and national culture around the God of their fathers. The instrument the Lord used in Solomon's hand to bring forth reformation was the building of His Temple wherein the God of Israel would dwell among men. However, Israel was not the only nation affected by this fantastic outpouring of Gods self-revelation. All the Nations of the earth were touched to various degrees sending humanity spiraling upward in awareness of the God of Abraham and His righteousness. The Queen of Sheba personally took the revival of Israels God to her own people. Egypt, Lebanon, and other Arab nations were genuinely affected by the outpouring of the revelation of the God of all creation. The Lord not only gained a people for His glory from Israel but also from the international seedbed of the world populace.

The next time we see the Lord reveal Himself in Reformation is some 400 plus years later, more specifically 480 to 500 years after His last words to my people. This revelation began in the person of Jesus Christ and exploded upon the peoples of the earth in the outpouring of Pentecost. Paul himself referred to this vital outpouring of God's self-revelation as a ?Reformation in Hebrews, chapter 9, verse 10.

After many generations of supreme darkness covering the earth, again in 1517 God raised up a man named Martin Luther through whom He would transform the then known world, which we now call Europe. As in times past, this Reformation affected not only the Church, raising it up out of the slumber of Catholicism but also world governments. Kings and Queens came to the light of His shining and took the wealth of Gods love back to their kingdoms. The earth moved from a basic tyrannical type of government to various levels of socially aware, Imperialistic administrations. This outpouring of light did not touch all nations initially. Italy, for instance was touched very little and only in the extreme north. However, nations that experienced this powerful awakening were changed and brought into substantial revolutions in many areas such as industry, international trade, music, art, and philosophical thinking.

I was shown in a series of visions the impact that this particular Reformation had on the Church and the world. Such things as the Gutenberg printing press, the waterways by which goods are shipped via barge across England, and my Dear Friend, even America are a direct result of the reformation the Lord sent to the earth through Luther. America was founded and its governmental principals established on godly ethics revealed in God's Word because Christians looked for a place away from the persecutions of Europe where they could worship Him in freedom. The Reformation brought with it light and understanding of God's Word, His ways, and plans as well as fantastic inventers such as Benjamin Franklin. So, all nations have eventually been the beneficiaries of this impact of God. Again, the world benefiting from the light enabling it to come out of the dark ages of depravity, the Church benefited from the light that awakened it from its long slumber of traditions and false doctrines to behold the living Christ.

I was taken up into the Spirit and shown what occurred in the days of Noah. The Bible says that the fountains of the deep were broken up as the floods came upon the earth. As I watched this utterly amazing display of God's power in the breaking up of these earthly fountains I was so awestruck at first I could not speak. I heard and saw the depths released, the plates of the earth broke apart and released their pent up waters from within the earth and sent them exploding upon the earth with such ferocity as to stagger the imagination. I felt like I was in some sort of sound chamber as all around me the sights and sounds of this cataclysmic event were exploding. Even this is as the time of the days of Noah. Meaning that certain things that will transpire in this hour will send the same shock waves into the world as was seen in the days of Noah. Earthly and spiritual foundations will be utterly shaken out of their place.

Reformation shakes the whole earth. When God visited the earth in the days of Noah, the whole earth shook. When He came down upon mount Sinai the mountain and the earth shook. When He visited on the day of our Lord's crucifixion, and again on Pentecost the rafters, and the earth shook. He shook the earth in the days of Martin Luther. Kingdoms toppled and kingdoms were established.

In contradistinction, when the Lord sends revival the Church is blessed. If the revival is powerful enough cities and at times even countries are blessed. In 1905 when Pentecostal renewal came upon the world it experienced blessings under the spirit of revival. But we did not see the caliber of epoch events that occur when the Lord sends reformation.

I am writing this article for a very good reason. In 2001 the Spirit of Reformation was re-released upon the earth. The new Reformation was attested by heaven itself through visitation and in a remarkable display of the supernatural. It was after this event that the Lord gave me visions and began to speak to me about the difference between reformation and revival. This Reformation will open the new Apostolic Age upon the earth. It will open the life of the Spirit in the commonwealth of believers who desire it, and it will see the Kingdom and government of God brought to living panorama in the earth. It will also bear in its bosom the spiritual birth of the Nation of Israel. Governments will be changed and nations will be awakened for His glory during this hour. Melchizedek will be the new government in the Church. Through the Spirit of Reformation God is preparing the nations for revival of mega proportion. I repeat, not only His international Church but also the secular world, will be strongly affected by this Reformation.

When we take the GOE (Gathering of Eagles) into other countries as well as here in America we see government-shaking events occur. Not to the glory of any man do I say this, but to the glory of God. His Spirit of Reformation comes upon a Nation and things that the Church had begun to think were dyed in the wool and beyond change, begin to change with His Spirit. Even strong powers such as Islam must bow the knee to the sovereign power of the Almighty when He sends forth His word of Reformation. That is what He is doing today. Powers are bowing before His supremacy because He is beginning to reveal His Godhood to man in a new dimension. It is called His End-time Reformation!
The seeking Christian will find His place in God in dimensions such as Moses, Elijah, the beloved John, and Paul knew. In fact a whole vast company of believers will experience various levels of this

high and holy grace, walking as kings in the earth for Gods glory alone.

I was told perhaps 15 years ago that God would begin to remove the old regime of leaders in the Church to make way for this mighty reform at the dawn of this new era. While I was overseas I received word that two of our most powerful fathers in the Church have been taken home. This is a sign.

In 1517, the Reformation awakened the Church; in this Reformation the Church will open the very fountains of heaven upon the earth before it is over. Isaiah 61 will be a living reality in the heart and life of every willing believer. The Nations of the earth will be like so many torches in the earth revealing the light of His majestic glory. Israel itself will be enveloped with His flames. Pray for the fullness of Reformation to be released and prepare yourself for the glory of the Firstborn will be seen in this hour and you will know the stream of heaven itself upon your soul. The Church will no longer be a people standing afar off declaring we have seen His works. But we will be a mighty force in the earth that know and administer His ways. The world will see His signs and wonders and stand in awe, but the Church will know their God!

Isaiah 61:1-4

> *The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek He hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified. They shall build the old waste, they shall raise up the former desolations, of many generations.*

Prepare!

Gathering of the Eagles 2003
Nita Johnson

Gathering of The Eagles, End of Year Report
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The year 2003 has turned out to be a very busy year. The Lord has graciously blessed our endeavors with many surprises and wonderful results, both at home and abroad.

Gathering In Nigeria

I would like to begin our report by sharing a bit about the Nigerian Gathering. This year's GOE occurred in Ibaden, Nigeria. This city is strategically located two hours from the grand city of Lagos and, is the cultural capital of Nigeria. The Lord spoke to me before our departure to Nigeria this summer and told me that this particular Gathering would be a Jubilee Gathering. Needless to say, although I didnt really know what it would ultimately mean, I was greatly encouraged by this promise. I wondered how the Lord would outdo Himself after the tremendous results He gave us from the first Nigerian GOE last year.

Both Sayo, who is our Nigerian liaison, and I felt strongly that it would please the Lord for us to deal with the slavery issue. You see the world purchased most of its slaves from Nigeria during that horrific era. Slave ships would pull up to the coast along the pristine Nigerian beaches, -- disembark and meet with slavers~ who were Nigerian. Prior to their arrival, the slavers would have scouted through the jungles, stealing potential slaves from villages that would become known as slave villages, and bring them to the coast where they would be sold and shipped off all over the world, including to America.

The Lord provided us with a professor who shared with all who attended what the years of slavery produced in America as well as Nigeria. His report was both enlightening and painful to hear.

However, we all patiently absorbed what he had to say. Following his talk we entered into a time of deep contrition over the ghastly deeds that had been perpetrated upon the Nigerian populace. Further, Nigerian leaders who felt prompted to do so came up and repented for the atrocities committed against their brothers and sisters. Then Pastor Lenny and Pastor Eugene made themselves vulnerable and came forward as representing America and forgave the Nigerian slave clans for the suffering that their ancestors had experienced as a result of being delivered into the hands of the cruel plantation owners in our Nation. The Lords response to their humble obedience to His Spirit was amazing. His Spirit overwhelmed them as they spoke. Within minutes He alone had complete control of the service. We, on the other hand, were all astonished as we trembled in His mighty presence. Tears of anguish fell from leaders as the Lord revealed His own heart and swallowed up the agony of generations. It seemed that this was the primary purpose for this timely Gathering.

The shocking fruit that came out of this Gathering was both tragic and wonderful in its import. Recently the government of Nigeria discovered a large, ongoing slave ring. Albeit unknown to any of us, this ring has been in operation for a long time. Their more current victims however, are children from three years of age and up. I dont want to go into the horrible, heart gripping details of their present mode of operation, it is far too painful. The wonderful part is that this ring has now been discovered and is being broken up by the government. The perpetrators are being convicted for their criminal acts against the innocent. In the last few days I have further learned that many such rings that practice horrible and brutal slavery of three and four year old children and up, have been discovered and closed down. They are expecting the release of up to 15000 children this year. None of us have any doubt that the Lord was referring to this very breakthrough when He promised that it would be a Jubilee Gathering, a Gathering that would set the captives free.

Back to Lagos

As we all returned to Lagos to fly out after the GOE a most interesting thing occurred. As we entered upon Lagos, the Lord began to reveal the specific sins of the city to me. As we drew near an area where a particular sin ~ such as heavy drug trafficking was taking place, he would blanket me in the spirit of the sin. It was a very difficult two hours as we dragged through the city at a snails pace heading toward the place that would be accommodating us for the night. One sin after another was revealed in this same way. I saw Lagos through His eyes, and I was totally undone.

Let me give you some examples. As you drive through Lagos you cannot help but notice children along side of the road marketing every thing from fruit to radios. They approach your car and try to sell you their products. I had previously felt such pain when I saw this as I thought the children were being forced to do this kind of thing. What I learned from the Lord was that the children had bought into the corruption and loved it more than their parents. The proverb: the parents eat sour grapes and the childrens teeth are set on edge, would fit here. The parents loved the corruption, and subsequently taught their children to love it. They now love it more than the parents. He revealed that even the Church in Lagos mocks Him with their corruption. He allowed me to know that very few Christians live nobly before Him.

After all the many revelations He took me to His seat of judgment where I found Him sitting behind what looked like a Judges bench made out of mahogany. He told me that His judgment was upon Lagos. Further, He informed me that He was going to dump the city into the sea because of the corruption. He wasn't nice about it. For perhaps only the third time in my life I saw no pity or compassion in His eyes. I heard no mercy in His voice. His continence was one of absolute disgust. I too was submerged in His Spirit of controversy. My heart was filled with the same disgust that filled His own heart. He told me an earthquake would rip through the city dumping half the city into the sea. The rest of the city would immediately follow. Sayo, who was sitting beside me, was overwhelmed with grief for his city. He told me that this judgment was already occurring. The sea was slowly swallowing up Lagos, and try as they might the government had not been able to find an answer to the terrible problem. He later saw that the remainder of the city would be swallowed up by a tidal wave as the Lord confirmed the whole prophetic experience to him. He was so concerned that he took the prophetic word around the city and shared it with pastors. After which he called them to a special meeting to decide what to do about the predicament.

While Sayo was making his rounds of Lagosian pastors I was on my way back to America. After I arrived and had a partial nights sleep the Lord awakened me and began to show me the depths of corruption to which the Church in Lagos had fallen in a series of visions. Finally, after the I saw the last vision, I thought: I need to somehow turn the Lord's lofty and righteous heart from one of judgment to one of mercy or the whole city will be destroyed. I said right out loud: This could amount to close to 20 million souls destroyed in a single day. At that point I became desperate. I prayed until I heard direction. I sensed Him saying to return to Lagos and spend time there praying. So, I did! When I emailed Sayo of my decision he wrote back and told me that he had a meeting schedule with many pastors across the city and asked that I return in time to take part in the meeting, which I did. This turned into four nights of intercession and repentance over the corruption of the city. On the last night the Lord appeared to me and told me that we had won a stay of judgment for the city. He comforted us by telling us that we were to continue to prepare the Nation for Revival.

DC Gathering

In October during the Feast of Tabernacles we had our DC Gathering. During the first meeting Messiah appeared to me and told me that we would see greater breakthroughs in this Gathering than in any previous Gatherings. Consequently, I began this strategic GOE feeling very encouraged.

We finished our time of intercessions regarding the First Nations issues in the Continental United States, in this Gathering. The Lord greatly used every leader as well as many who attended. In the last meeting in which we dealt with this critical issue Pastor CoraLee Barber finished the time of intercession with a beautiful song of the Spirit, after which she moved into the dance of the Spirit. It was wonderful to behold. The power and presence of God was exciting. Earlier in the GOE several of the Eagles went for a walk and stumbled upon some First Nations Chiefs near the Capital Building. They were there awaiting a parade to the Capital in which they and others would participate to escort a huge bronze statue of ?Sakajawea: the First Nations woman who led Lewis and Clark to the west coast during their expedition. This statue was a memorial to the contribution of the First Nations people in the establishment of our Nation. Little did we know that at the very moment that CoraLee was moved in the dance of the Spirit thereby completing two years of intense intercession for the American Indian, these same Chiefs were dancing in their own historic parade to the Capital building!

Further, one of our leaders discovered that construction was begun on a museum designated as another memorial to the Native American right in the heart of Washington, DC the same month we began our intercessions for the First Nations people. This museum will be completed the same month we complete our intercessions for the First Nations people in Alaska in 2004. We don't feel this is an accident. We sense that the Lord is using the efforts of man to attest to the fact that our years of intercession is bringing the issues up front and center in Washington and wrongs are beginning to be made right.

After we finished this issue, we moved on to governmental issues. Among others, one critical issue facing our Nation is the abortion plague. It turned out that the week we were in DC, the Anti-Partial Birth Abortion Bill was to be voted on. My friends, we prayed and we prayed as the Lord gave us His wonderful grace. When we felt the release we all sensed that the Lord had intervened. We learned later in the week that we were right. The bill was passed. Unfortunately as I am sure you all know by now, we did win that battle, but the war is not yet over.

****Our next Gathering of the Eagles will be held in Hawaii during Pesach, or Passover, 2004. Prayerfully consider joining us as we continue to walk through the journey of preparing America for the glory of God. ******

As we continue to work through this important assignment, keep in mind that we are preparing the way of the Lord. The healing will come when revival is released. The healing of the Nation and the revolution of the Church will follow our labor of intercession.

Israel

We are still meeting with ministers in Israel introducing them to the Gathering of the Eagles. We are discovering wonderful men and women of God who are Messianic Jews as well as Gentiles who have a true burden for the Nation and its people.

We have also had the privilege of meeting with Arab Leaders who have open their hearts to us and helped us better understand the serious situations between Jewish and Arab Christians affecting the Church. Israel is a land speckled with many people from many Nations and there is a great deal of division in the Church as a result. Please pray that God will affect a cure. Also, pray for the Arab people. Many Arab Pastors feel like the Church has abandon them, preferring to minister to the Jewish alone. After meeting with several Arab Pastors and hearing the same hurts from each one, my heart is grieved for my Arab brothers. Jewish Christians also by-enlarge have many needs, but the Lord does not desire that we minister to Isaac and not to Ishmael. Both need our love being demonstrated through our intercession and our financial help. There is much work to be accomplished through the Gatherings in Israel even among the Jewish and Arab Churches.

Each person we talk with is interested in what we are doing and desires to see the Gatherings come to Israel. So, please persist in your prayers that God will continue to bless our efforts and fully open the door to a Gathering, and help us to know when, and how to fulfill His vision of preparing the Nation for His glory.

Italy

I visited Italy twice this year for the purpose of taking the Gathering of the Eagles to that Nation. A British Minister who has started many Churches in Italy, and who has lived there for nearly 50 years doing the work of the Lord, invited us. His son in law, Salvatori Loria is one of the men we are actually going to be working with, however. He is a Jewish believer and fully believes in what we are doing through the Gatherings. During this last trip we met with most of the pastors of one denomination which is predominately found in Sicily. They are all interested in seeing the Gatherings come to Italy. During the next trip in the spring, I will meet with more pastors as well as spending a day in prayer with those that met with Salvatori, David and me during the last trip. In the north, in the boot of Italy we are working with some gals that have made many sacrifices to spearhead a Christian Publishing House in that Country. Italy is almost deplete of this blessing unlike America. They are introducing us to ministers with whom we are working to prepare the entire boot for the Gatherings. Please keep Italy in your prayers, as well as those with whom we are working and their families and ministries. They have all come under special fire of the evil one since they began to work with us in this important mission. So, they too need our love and prayers. This is a very strategic Nation. Italy will see a tremendous outpouring during this great move of God. Millions will turn from Catholicism to the living Christ. And, Italy will see what it has never seen before, a huge populace of devoted Christians singing the praises of God and laboring in His fields for the spreading of the eternal Gospel.

Well that sums it up for the Gatherings for this year. God is moving and we are abounding in joy over the great things He is doing.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we pray for you. Keep our finances in your prayers as well and believe with us for the favor we need to accomplish the Lords will among the Nations.

One last thing, please keep our GOE Leadership in your prayers. We need them all but the storms they have been through to work with us have not been easy for any of them. My desire is to see the Lord show Himself strong for each of them in special areas that they will know He is pleased with their sacrifices. Also pray that He will keep them safe from harm meeting all their needs according to His riches in glory!

Directive America
Nita Johnson

November 3rd, 2003

What does the future now hold in its bosom for America? 9/11/2001 we experienced a major blow to America's pride. America, the Lord, as well as Nations throughout the earth felt the pain of the impending sword as we bravely suffered the wound. You see, with only a handful of exceptions Nations looked to America as a Father of Nations. To see us so vulnerable made them feel all the more susceptible at their own borders.

Moving ahead, America soon responded by overt action against Osama Ben Laden in Afghanistan.

We brooked no delay in gathering the troops to rifle the enemy and bring down the kingdom of our assailant. At home we hardly had time to properly mourn our loss before our focus was shifted to respond to the attack.

America's people were standing behind our President rooting him and the troops along every step of the way. For the average American, it was news to discover the tyranny with which Osama ruled the people of the land. We would later learn that we did that Nation a favor by our aggression. Enlightening!

We have moved along with the shoals of time: the waves of human government seemingly shifting us this way and that, still strong and steady, albeit a little wiser for the battles. We were soon met with another challenge. This challenge was to be found deep in the heart of Iraq. This war, if fought, would be labeled 'preemptive'. But would that prove to be the proper title? Would history prove this analysis to honestly speak of the aggression on Iraq? More importantly, how will heaven look at our actions?

What might the future of America hold if we remain on our present coarse? Many questions. I hope to answer a few of them in this article.

YOUR THOUGHTS ARE NOT MY THOUGHTS!

The Lord says in Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways." I sense most of the Church may read that Scripture but deep inside they do not believe it. They think the Lord's thoughts about recent history; as well as current events are as their thoughts. I talk with so many Christian Leaders around the world, including prophets, apostles and teachers. So many have different opinions about all that has and is transpiring. You can go to the Web and find so many different "thus saith the Lord" articles all insisting that their thoughts are the Lord's thoughts that it can make your head swim. What is the Lord saying?

Different prophets may say some even seemingly opposing things, but are revealing two sides of the same issue and both are correct. On the other hand, we have differences of opinion; one or both may be contrary to what the Lord is actually saying. The question remains, what is He saying anyway?

I do not necessarily know what the whole prophetic community is saying. And, I do not profess to know all that the Lord is saying, but I do know a few things that He is saying about all that has transpired since 9/11 and may transpire in the near future. I would like to offer those things to you for your encouragement.

WHY 9/11?

This is not necessarily an easy question to answer, for the answers run very deep, but I will offer a few brief explanations.

First, the Lord spoke to me in a vision in 1999 that America had a "Security Breach." Unfortunately hindsight can be wiser than foresight as 9/11 proved that America had a huge Security Breach. That might have been all right if our National relationship with God had been solid, but it wasn't.

In 1990, the Angel of the Lord came to me during a prayer meeting and showed me the attack against the Pentagon. I was standing face to face with this beautiful creature when he told me that it was a judgment from the Lord. Another word we may use to properly depict the nature of this event would be 'discipline'. For it was disciplinary in nature and not meant for our destruction.

Surprisingly enough, the attack on the Trade Towers was first and foremost a discipline upon America for the many abortions that have occurred in our Nation. Again, just days prior to the event, I was given that instruction in a powerful vision I will not go into here.

After the fact, I was shown in another vision that all that had occurred was to set the stage for a realignment of our government with righteousness. Understand my Dear Reader, that the Lord did not say, that we would hereafter have a perfectly righteous government. The Lord was willing to add lots of grace to that equation.

I have received emails from prophets since that date telling me to repent of my backslidden ways because I will not say that America has exhausted the grace of our dear and holy Father. But, how can I say such a thing when America has a praying Church and a forgiving Father. It seems that it might border on sacrilege to be so trite with His goodness.

America does still have much for which to repent, for we have done much wrong since the very beginning of our inception. But, we also have a God whose mercy is beyond our human comprehension and will forgive us as many times as we will humble ourselves and with sincere hearts repent.

As I indicated in my book, "Prepare For The Winds of Change II" we are currently cycling through a cycle of judgment and will continue. We are in the last days and the Lord must discipline the Nations, including America.

Further, the Lord was dealing with the Nations of the world. By revealing our vulnerability He was shaking the foundations of world kingdoms. You might say this was a wake-up call to all people everywhere to repent and turn from their National and personal self-sufficiency and come to the Lord. I think many missed the message!

OUT OF THE RUBBLE

Out of the rubble of our momentary suffering came a National strength that was almost electrifying. We didn't sit around forever nursing our wounds but we quickly, through the leadership of our President, arose from the ashes, humbled ourselves before God and responded militarily to our enemy and to all those who would think ending America's Leadership role among the Nations would be such an easy task. The Nation of Afghanistan is in better shape for our immediate actions, and so are we. Really I think few doubt the validity of our military response. So, I wont tarry on this issue.

One final word here: some think we did not as a Nation humble ourselves enough before God. I agree. However, He accepted what He saw and blessed us for it.

I want to keep moving forward to light on the issue of Iraq for a bit. To war or not to war against Iraq, that was the question. If we went to war against Iraq would the Lord be with us? Was this the Lord's highest and best? Would He protect our backside when all was said and done?

The Middle East and Europe

First, let us take a moment and look at the realm of the spirit. Stationed over the Middle East are four very powerful evil beings. I saw them on one of my trips to Israel. Annie Schisler whose article we have on our website was also given to see them. These evil Powers are there for the express purpose of bringing the world into the One World Government and under the reign of the Antichrist. If you were to turn your head and look toward Europe you would see 4 more diabolical Powers hovering in the air working together with the four in the Middle East. These are relatively newly positioned ruling Monarchs. Another Reigning Power who has been there for millenniums actually rules over these European Powers as well as over the whole earth in conjunction with the Catholic Church. Again, I have been face to face with him on several different occasions. He is one of the three most powerful evil beings in the whole earth. None of these Evil Powers like America and they all hate Israel.

War on Iraq

Over Iraq, if you were to continue in your spiritual journey, you would see the spirit of the antichrist working to set up his world kingdom but still for the moment seated in a special way over Iraq. I personally saw him ruling over Iraq and making plans for world dominion. (Which will undoubtedly occur with a transfer of his throne first to Europe then to Israel.) You would also see the spirit of Lawlessness Zechariah wrote about. And finally you would see, the spirit of Harlotry written about in the book of Revelation. All these powerful evil spirits rule over Iraq and are working in conjunction with the four evil Powers functioning in the Middle East.

When I realized that we were seriously talking about going to war, I set myself aside to pray undisturbed until I heard the Lord's counsel. As it turned out, once I felt I had received His full counsel

He would not allow me to publish it. He told me to stay in my closet and say nothing to the general populace of the seeking Church until He said otherwise. It was not easy as I opened many emails sent to me by seekers wanting to know what the Lord was saying. Many reminded me that I have always been on the cutting edge of the Lord's prophetic word to His Church and that I owed it to the Church to release what He was telling me. But, I obeyed the Lord regardless and remained silent. I saw many words being released that did not line up with His true counsel; this hurt me. But still I remained silent.

At this time I am being allowed to release only a part of what the Lord gave me in those long hours of seclusion.

Was it the Lord's will for us to storm Iraq when we did? I want to begin answering that question by saying that my hours alone with the Lord totally revolutionized my prophetic perspective. The answer is yes.

First, it was time to strike Iraq! We were sent to confront wickedness in high places in the natural as well as the spiritual. As a military might, dealing with Iraq, we can only deal in the natural. Concerning the spiritual, if anything can be done, it must largely be done by the Church, or by the sovereign will of God. But, in this case, it could only have been done after the cleansing of innocent blood from the land through war.

Let me make a brief side note. The spilling of innocent blood can only be cleansed by three means: first, through repentance. Secondly, innocent blood can be cleansed through God's judgment by means of war. Third, if all else has failed He will remove the people from the land and let the land enjoy its Sabbaths uninhabited. (Lev.26) Consequently, in this case America was through this war, cleansing the land of Iraq of the spilling of innocent blood to some degree. I also saw this in a vision.

Second, I saw in *several visions* that many Nations had aligned themselves with Iraq behind closed doors and were poised for a strike against America. I think some of this alignment was revealed through the process of international talks surrounding the attack on Iraq. I want to caution the reader that this secret alliance between such Nations as Germany, France, Russia, China and several other Nations including Arab Nations etc. is not a light matter. The plan was to devour Israel on the way to attacking America. If we had not made a preemptive strike upon Iraq, we might be defending America against this international coalition at this very moment.

Third, I saw in a vision that Iraq was working together with other Arab Nations to strike Israel unexpectedly. Thousands of lives were saved because of America's actions.

Fourth, I had some very powerful prophetic experiences wherein he showed me the innocent lives that had been taken *en mass* by the regime of Saddam Hussein. I was virtually taken to mass graves and was given to see what was later released through our own media. I saw much that was not revealed as well. After these experiences I was sick for days.

Fifth, there is a time for war and a time for peace, a time for judgment and a time to withhold judgment. This was Iraq's as well as the regime of Saddam Hussein's time for judgment. Again, I was carried away to Iraq while I was in the pulpit leading a congregation in prayer at perhaps the very moment we made our first attack on Iraq. I was given to see the Angel of the Lord moving across Iraq marking people on their heads with blood using what looked like a paintbrush. As they were marked, they fell dead from war. I screamed in agony crying out to the Lord to give me understanding of what the Angel of the Lord was doing. He said: "These are being marked for destruction, be at peace child." Peace immediately filled my heart. I saw many visions that America was being sent to execute judgment upon Iraq and Saddam Hussein. I argued with the Lord incessantly through the days and weeks of intercession. Finally, I saw the spirit of the Antichrist himself ruling over Iraq. I saw the destruction he was planning if not stopped. When I saw him, I was overwhelmed with the incredible evil such as I have not known on earth. This so distressed me that I began to pray anew. I told the Lord I will not pray again to oppose Him, nor argue with Him pertaining to His will regarding this war if He would only make His instructions clear. The Lord then spoke to me audibly saying: I will destroy Babylon (Iraq) as we are near the end of the age. It is in My word. I didn't at the moment think this war would fulfill that purpose, but that another war would ensue that would wipe Babylon, (a major portion of Iraq) off the face of the earth. But, I was given to understand that this was a strategic judgment from the Lord's hand.

I continued in prayer for many days until the Lord gave me a supernatural sign in the natural heavens that He would be with us in Iraq and protect us from imminent war with the other Nations I had been shown in visions during the weeks in solitude. (That isn't to say that war with Europe will not come, it will, and in fact it must, but not now.)

Dividing the Land of Israel

I am not going to go into a lot of detail here as I wrote a fairly extensive article on this subject which can be found on our website. However, I do want to briefly cover it as it pertains to America and this President.

Contrary to popular thought, President Bush is moving within the Lord's will in dividing the land of Israel. Now before you get very upset and seek to argue with me, remember I am Jewish by my natural bloodline and I carry a very strong identification with my people. For me to say something like this goes against everything I have ever believed. But, this is because I had not fully understood the mind of the Lord. The Scripture even reveals that there is a time when such an act would be accomplished out of the Lord's own goodness. (I Kings 12:21-24)

Through many astounding prophetic revelations as well as the Scripture the Lord revealed that He was doing a magnificent thing through all of this. This thing is of Him! Following the land division, Israel will experience a great revival. It will be a repeat of the history found in 1 Kings 12. The key to protecting America in this critical undertaking is to make sure the work is done according to God's whole counsel and not to add man's wisdom or purposes into it.

* See my article on this subject for a full treatment of this critical issue.

On Coarse

I am attempting to help the reader see that the coarse we are on is not defiantly working against God's holy will. We are moving in the plan and purposes of God for yet a higher purpose in the end.

President Bush has been chosen by God to act in a way, as it may seem foreign to many Christians for the purpose of holding back Satan's plan to bring forth the One World Government prematurely. It is the Lord's objective to grant a worldwide Reformation and revival before the great and terrible day of the antichrist is unfurled upon mankind. * Read my article on Reformation and Revival.

Nations will rise up against America, but God will have His way first if we will only continue to pray. I received a vision of two terrorist attacks becoming four. These attacks would create great damage to America. I recently received an article that Al Qaeda is telling the Moslems to get out of Washington, Los Angels, and New York. I saw four attacks in different locations. So, there is yet another city to be put on the agenda. Another major East Coast city as part of that grouping wouldn't surprise me. These attacks are not being planned because America has missed the mark on the above-mentioned issues. These attacks are being planned because Satan is inciting growing anti-Semitism in the world. America just happens to be another part of the Semitic puzzle needing to be removed to install his evil kingdom.

Some said that if America strikes against Iraq we would suffer the reprisal of demons and Nations alike. We would see storms and wars for our boldness. However, my Dear Friends, the storms have been over the spilling of innocent blood in our own Nation, and simply because we are in the end of days. And the wars that are planned against America have long been planned and have nothing to do with the attack on Iraq or the dividing of the land of Israel, when in fact the land division does finally occur. The recent war against Iraq may be used as an excuse, but it is not the reason. There is an enemy named Satan who hates America because we are still standing vehemently against the developing One World Government and on the side of Israel through this Christian President. He will continue attempting to make serious breaches in our Divine protection in hopes of destroying America by nuclear war. (See my article on: Satan's Plans and Purposes for America.) Our hope rests in continued repentance and intercession over our Nation, and intercession over our President.

It is critical that we begin to support our Christian President with our prayers and our words. He may not do everything correct, but with our continued intercession he will do enough right to keep America safe for a while. If we do not support him in this manner, how will we stand against all the forces ranged against us? God alone will keep this Nation safe. No man in history has been called to stand against such Satanic Powers as our current President. Every Power I mentioned wants him out of the way. Satan has planned to take his life while still in office. Our prayers will keep him safe to fulfill God's will, thus enabling America to fulfill God's purpose in the earth. The Church holds the key. Will you use it?

Satan's plan or God's, the Church will decide!

Revival Of Emphasis On The Word

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A week before Smith Wigglesworth died in March 1947, he prophesied something like this: "*The first move would bring the restoration of the gifts of the Spirit; the second would bring a revival of emphasis on the Word of God*." He added that when the two moves are combined, "*we shall see the greatest move the Church of Jesus Christ has ever seen*."

It has become very clear, through numerous prophecies being poured out concerning the year 2004 that the second move of God prophesied by Smith Wigglesworth will commence this year. Some prophecies so far given concerning the year 2004 indicate that January to March will be a time of laying the foundation for the great move. I believe that the foundation to be laid is "*a revival of emphasis on the Word of God"*. One particular writer who prophesied about 2004 mentioned something like that there will be special kinds of publications that will help to shift the people of God into the great move of God. Another writer wrote, "*Access to the secrets of the Kingdom and hidden knowledge of God will be granted to His trusted friends*."

Someone may easily ask, "Isn’t the Church already emphasizing the Word of God?" Yes, the Church has been emphasizing the Word, but we haven’t fully understood how to "*uphold all things by His powerful word*" (Heb 1:3). When we gain this understanding, there will come to be real emphasis on the Word. Today emphasis on the Word involves more of talk than of power (1 Cor 14:20).

As we approach the end of January, is there already any indication that some groundwork is already being laid, so that by Easter, as someone has prophesied, the long awaited great move of God will kick off? I am not sure if there is any visible groundwork yet.

Recently, I ran into Jay Snell’s book "How to Obtain Abraham’s Blessings, Vol. 4" in e-form on the Internet (**Click Here for PDF Format.**)

.Later I searched and got his website (**www.jaysnell.org**). In this book I gained a clear definition of "faith". Here is some excerpts from the book:

Faith is information that you receive from God for you to act upon. This information enables you to know in advance what God is going to do in the future concerning a given issue or cause of action. This information also enables you to know what you are to do in this course of action concerning this given issue.

Faith is a noun. It is information. It is something you have. Believe is a verb. It is something you do. You get a set of instructions or information from God, which becomes your faith and then you act upon that information. Your acting is your believing. You do not believe in the biblical sense without acting on your faith.

We have to know something. This something is the information we receive from God. Then, we have to do something.

There are a number of ways of getting information from God, but no information from God can deviate from Scripture. So, the Scripture is the chief source of God’s information. No Christian needs to bother so much about having or not having information from God; the Bible we have already contains so much. Where there is shortcoming is in the area of our "believing". What actions have we been taking concerning all the information from God that is contained in the Bible?

In some of my articles posted on this website last year I tried to bring out one truth, even though I may not have done the work skillfully enough: God has adopted us as His sons (Eph 1:5). We started out not knowing how to be a son of God, but Jesus says "*Learn from me*" (Matt 11:29).

1 Peter 2:21—*To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

Jesus made us sons of God by His blood. By reason of His shed blood, we received our call to be sons of God (Rom 1:5). The way to be sons of God is simply to follow in His steps. From His exalted position as a spirit, He was transformed into fully man. Then He displayed how someone who is fully man can work his way right up to the fullness of God (Eph 3:19) or the divine nature (2 Pet 1:4). We have been called to also work our way right up to His position by following his steps.

Eph 4:10-15—*He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) 11It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, 12to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

14Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Unfortunately, most Christians don’t believe that they can grow up into Christ. "How can I grow up into being God," they ask. The Jews of old had an opposite problem; *"We are not stoning you for any of these," replied the Jews, "but for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God"* (John 10:33). The Jews did not believe that God can descend to the level of man. Christians of today are ready to stone anyone who suggests that the kind of man God became is the kind of man somebody becomes today when he is born again.

What kind of man did God become in Jesus? He was without sin. What about a sinner that becomes born again today? He is justified by his faith in the blood of Jesus. His sins are forgotten or wiped away. He is without sin.

Rom 4:7-8—*"Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. 8Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him."*

Jesus brought us into this state by His blood. We are now sons of God. But we shouldn’t remain babies forever. We need to grow up into being like our Father in every way. As a human being, my greatest desire is for my son to grow up into at least my stature in the society. I even wish he would surpass me. I will die unhappy if my son grows up to operate at a level in society below where I have reached in my life. Why then do sons of God think that they are reverencing God by never claiming that they are growing up into being like their Father?

John 5:19-20—*Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. 20For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, to your amazement he will show him even greater things than these.*

John 21:18—*I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go."*

A matured son of God does nothing by himself; he does only what he sees God doing. What does this mean? It means that he lives on every word that comes out of the mouth of God. I learnt a great deal about what it means to live on the words of God from the book "How to Obtain Abraham’s Blessings, Vol. 4". A matured son of God cannot dress himself and go wherever he wants. No, he commits himself to only what God says.

Some people ask, what about specific things that may not have anything said about them in the Bible? The answer is that there must be some general references to it in the Bible. Begin by feeding on the general references. In John 5:20 Jesus says that the Father shows the son all He does, because He loves the son. Why does the Father love the son, and why doesn’t the Father show all sons of God today all that He does? I learnt from John 8:29 that the Father loves those who please Him. Heb 11:6 says that without faith (and believing) it is impossible to please God. The reason why we find it difficult today to receive information from God in every specific thing is because we have not pleased God enough in the information He has already given us. We have not acted enough on His words that form the Scripture. If we only we can believe enough to act on His word, Jesus says in John 5:20 that He will show us greater things. Remember someone’s prophetic word for 2004 that I quoted above: "*Access to the secrets of the Kingdom and hidden knowledge of God will be granted to His trusted friends*."

Jay Snell, in his book, contrasted between what it means to walk after the flesh and after the Spirit. Here are some excerpts:

"Walking after the flesh" simply means doing your own thing independently of God. It means charting your own course independently of God. It means making your own plans and carrying them out independently of God. It means living your life as though God had no claim on it at all.

The carnal Christian doesn’t base his life upon advance information from God. He, too, does his own thing, but with this difference. He couches what he does within a moral framework. He tries to avoid "offending God" by maintaining the morals of the Ten Commandments. He does his best not to steal, lie, kill, commit adultery or dishonor his parents, etc. He feels that if he can keep from "offending God" by keeping all the above moral laws, that God will at the very least, not be mad at him. In addition, the carnal Christian feels that he just might be able to get God to sanction and bless what he does as long as he is not getting God mad with him by breaking any of his moral laws. Consequently, the way a carnal Christian lives and the way an unsaved person lives is one of *degree only.*

To walk after the Spirit means to base your life on advance information from God and then "walk it out" by acting on it to the exclusion of all other activity. It means bringing all your desires and ambitions into line with this information. It means not doing your own thing but doing only God's thing. It means deliberately doing God's will and not your own will. It means "walking out" the information God gives you in advance.

Can you now see what made Smith Wigglesworth great? It was his ability to live on the words of God. But what is going to make the difference in this end time is "unity of faith" in the Church. What has obtained up till now is that other Christians call their leaders "Reverend". It is good for a son of God to be a reverend, like His Father; but why is it that majority of sons of God are not reverends like their Father? Beginning from this year 2004, every son of God must become reverend. This will not be a title-only reverend (a matter of talk but not of power—1 Cor 14:20), but reverend in deeds. In order to achieve this before Easter this year, church leaders must immediately begin to train their congregation the real meaning of "faith" and "believe". There must be unity in this knowledge. Time of individual champions is over.

Mal 3:1—*"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty."*

Yes, the Lord is about to come to His temple, which is the Church. And He must fill the whole temple. That is why His messengers must immediately get the whole temple readied for the Lord. There must be unity of faith. When a whole congregation learns the true meaning of faith, it will be very easy for them to speak to any mountain and cause it to be removed and be thrown into the sea.

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Release Of His Winds
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For most of yesterday and today the winds have been blowing furiously outside. As I listened to the howling it made at one point, the Lord spoke and said:

Just as you see the winds picking up speed in the natural, so it is in the Spirit. For My Winds are blowing and will carry with it debris that it has picked up from that which is not securely grounded. Are your foundations in Me, or have you sunk your roots in another place. For now is the re-establishing of My will upon the earth as it was in the beginning and was meant to be. I would have you let yourself go and allow My winds to take you to your intended destination into My purposes. You have been in this place long enough. It is time to step into the new order and plan that I am unveiling before you. My wind shall blow upon that which was dead, that which you deemed as ineffective, and bring it to life again. Do not resist My Winds as they blow.

A Call To Stand Firm
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Psalm 71:20 Thou, which hast shown me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths.

For many of God's children you have been hidden in the clefts of the rock where he has been preparing, reshaping and remolding you. This process has not been easy. Circumstances have been contrary to the hope and prophetic word that was spoken into your spirit. Many have felt abandoned by the Lord at this time and have allowed discouragement and despair to snuff out the joy and freedom that is rightfully theirs.

Many like Joseph, have been as it were, put in the pit for standing for righteousness and waiting upon the Lord (spiritually speaking). Though different for most people, the pit has caused many unrighteous seeds of hidden anger, resentment, unconfessed sin to surface. Many have at this time of self examination seen the state of their own soul and have thrown in the towel, declaring that they have missed God and are unfit to be used.

Yet the Lord is taking you through a refining process. He has placed a high calling on many who do not realise how high the price they have to pay in the form of death to themselves. The flesh in us must die if we are to advance without hindrance to the full purpose of God. Many still yet are going through a healing process in which the Lord is allowing suppressed hurts and unforgiveness to be revisited so that forgiveness and release can flow forth.

With whatever work the Lord is doing in you, his message today is clear, "**DO NOT GIVE UP".** When you are advancing into God's plans and making progress, you are a threat to the Kingdom of darkness. Expect attacks to come from all sides. But stand firm, girding the loins of your faith and with the armor of the Lord (Eph 6:10) Do not give up in the battle. For there is no victory without first a struggle. Walk in the authority of God through the grace He has given you through the shed blood of His Son.

Do not give up in yourself. The Lord called and fashioned you from out of the depths of his being. He did not do it blindfolded. He was, is and always will be the Alpha and the Omega who sees the end from the beginning. He saw your life; your victories and defeats, your trials and your times of joy. Yet in His holiness he has said, **"With men it is impossible, but with God all things are possible (Mt**

19:26)" He is depending on your ability but his ability and your willingness to submit to it to do his work.

Do not give up on your loved ones. Intercede and faithfully pray and stand in the gap for them, and watch as one by one, they all come to know Him and accept him as their personal Lord and Saviour.

For what many have endured this season, the Lord will give back double. The Lord has not given up on you. Let him be central in your vision. As you reach forward, he will take your hand and walk with you through this time of transition to your intended destiny (Prov 3:6, Ps 40:1,2)

PROPHETIC WORD

To you of My children who have remained faithful to My promises, I say do not give up. For the vision is yet for an appointed time. For you have tarried for it in this long season barely seeing the fruit of the promise, but I the Lord am faithful toward the words that I speak. Hold fast to that which I have revealed and promised you, for surely it shall come to pass in My time. Yet My Beloved Church I am refining you and polishing your surface until I see My reflection upon you. For I have given you My name and My anointing unto a people who will be faithful to proclaim and live the message of Christ and the cross. Your labors in Me have not been in vain. Your trials have not been for nothing for I am doing a cleansing and a purging that shall be for My glory. As you wait on Me, you shall run with hinds feet upon the paths I have chosen for you, says the Lord

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The Seed And The Fulfillment
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The Seed And The Fulfillment Of The Promise

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The Lord is releasing the fulfillment of the promises he has made to his children in this day. Many of them have occurred almost as instantly as they have been spoken. Yet for many of God's people, you have waited long and hard and have wondered whether God really did mean what he said. Some have even doubted that it was God who spoke at all.

But the Lord says that many of these promises are likened unto a baby in the womb. Once that word was spoken and imparted, it was put in the belly to grow and mature. To the natural eyes it may have seemed that there was no outward manifestation. In fact, if anything, circumstances went from bad to worse. Supports and comforts that were once available are no longer there to sustain, and as the child of God gropes for support, they realise that there is One who has been their Rock and their Fortress the whole time, the Risen Christ, Jesus Himself

As they learn to trust in the Lord, their faith begins to rise and grow. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith causes God to act. As the faith is activated through the Word and through victory after victory won, that seed of the promise planted deep within begins to grow and form. As God brings more tests and trials, sometimes ones harder than the previous, God reminds his people of who HE is. He reminds his beloved of the inability of their strength and the supernatural power of his. As this promise grows after a period of molding, testing and the furnace, the time of birthing arrives.

Pushing, that last final advance before the promise is always the hardest, but God promises never to leave us nor forsake us. Forgetting those things that are behind and reaching forward toward the prize of the high calling of God, that child of God pushes past oppositions, voices of unbelief and circumstances that do not line up with their vision, and push forward. Like a bull in the ring that focuses on red, so the child of God focuses on the red crimson stream that flows from the cross to the throne of God.

He never said that it would be easy. But it is in the journey that he has formed himself within you. He could not have done it any other way. The are some aspects about the journey to the fulfilled promise that God chooses not to reveal because if he did, we would refuse to move forward and cause that growth to be stunted through words of unbelief on our part.

Be encouraged. The Lord has not brought you from one hellhole to let you rot in another. The only thing at this point that rots away as we behold him is our flesh which grows more corrupt everyday, but we arise in the new man who is built according to the design of God. If the road is narrow, you are on the right road. When you find mountains on your path that are insurmountable, that is God's opportunity of showing himself as the Almighty. When you find the words of mockery, rejection and slander come forth, rejoice for Jesus suffered the very same things.

Your wilderness time is over. It is a new day for the fulfillment of your promise. It is the day when the Lord is bringing many out of the caves into the battlefields. It is a day when he is bringing many out of the pits into the palaces. Do not give up now. God is getting ready to birth something new in the lives of those who simply say yes to him. It is the season and it is the time of transition from one place to another. Shut the doors of the past and go through the new doors he is forming for you.

Step in and do not look back. Keep your hand to the plough and activate those gifts and talents that God has place in you. Some are saying, 'I have no gifts and callings'. Pray and ask God to stir those gifts within you for the glory of his Kingdom.

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven"-(Eccl 3:1)

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.......Nay in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us"-(Rom 8: 18, 37)

"Nay but O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?"-(Rom 9:20-21)

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Rely On Me
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Have you ever been forsaken in you hour of need? Now I need you to RELY ON ME as I take you from the wilderness to green pastures.

Rely on Me to bring the right people to your side, to your door. You have seen My hand of provision and now I will do more.

I am opening the door Beloved, I am opening the door. You have been faithful in little and now it pleases My Father Heart to bless you with much more.

As you take your first tentative step through the open door, I will be with you Beloved, I will be with you.

How pleased I am Beloved, in this hour to display My Champions, to parade My Holy Ones in the face of an unbelieving world.

I have labored and labored these many years to bring you to this place in Me Beloved, in this Holy place in Me.

I have said to you before to watch what I will do, and now see what I will do through you, My Beautiful Beloved.

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard what I have in store for My Beloved.. Hold onto your seat as I do this new thing. It is more than you ever dreamed, greater that your wildest expectation.

It will come soon now Beloved, for you are prepared. You are My righteous ones prepared for battle. It is the battle of the ages, but oh how GLORIOUS it will be now for Me, to parade My SONS OF GLORY!

My Beautiful Beloveds, so dear to My heart, so close to Me.

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My name is mentioned in this word, it is unusual, but I dare not change the word, but write it as it was *given to me!*

I have called you to be a blessing unto Me. Yes Beloved I bless you, but you are also to be a blessing unto Me. You ask how can I be a blessing unto You Lord? I will tell you how. A broken heart and contrite spirit I adore! O people who hear My voice, who can hear My implore!

Psalms 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

This is an hour to walk very closely with Me, as I protect and carry you with Me, for without that, you will no longer be.

Be prepared to be succored unto Me, for I must consume your whole heart and make you totally free.

An hour is coming Beloved that only those totally in Me will survive to do great exploits in My name. This is no time for games, FOR YOU MUST TRULY KNOW ME, YOU MUST BE IN ME AND I IN YOU.

Let Me draw your heart My Bride, deeper unto Me, for TRULY ONE WE ARE TO BE.

Joh 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Dee has known what it is to be truly in Me; I lost in her and she lost in Me. She has known My awesome protection of her being totally in We Three. THIS IS WHERE I AM CALLING ALL TO BE.

Suc´cor
succor - assistance in time of difficulty; "the contributions provided some relief for the victims" ministration, succour, relief assist, assistance, help, aid **- the activity of contributing to the fulfillment of a need or furtherance of an effort or purpose;** "he gave me an assist with the housework"; "could not walk without assistance"; "rescue party went to their aid"; "offered his help in unloading"
consolation, solace, comfort - the act of consoling; giving relief in affliction; "his presence was a consolation to her"
mercy - alleviation of distress; showing great kindness toward the distressed; "distributing food and clothing to the flood victims was an act of mercy"

Rumors of Reality
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In the next verse of the Lord's discourse concerning the end of the age, He says:

"And you will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end" (Matthew 24:6).

We must consider that the Lord says this right after He exhorts us not to be deceived. Because war is the worst of all judgments, the most terrible of all conditions that we can be caught in, it is hard not to think that war is the end of the world when it comes upon us. Just as He warns us here, our fear can mislead us and cause us to think this.

Immediately after the September 11 attacks, I was amazed at how so many major newspapers and news organizations called seeking a biblical or prophetic interpretation for what had happened. I was surprised by how many had at least a sense that this was somehow a harbinger of the end of the age, even though they did not know why. I do not ever remember hearing the Lord mentioned so often on the news, and with such respect. Attendance records were broken in churches across the country. This openness to the Lord may not have lasted long, but it was dramatic for a time, and many people did at least become more spiritually aware.

My point is that we are going to be having many wars, and many rumors of wars that will compel many to think that it is the end, wrongly. And, this will present many opportunities for the gospel, even though we do not want to be misled into thinking that these things represent the end, and we do not want to use them to mislead others. Many have already heard "it's the end" so many times that they are hardened against it now.

Regardless of this, at some point it will indeed be the end. So how will we know? How will we warn others when it is? Almost every generation of Christians at some point thought that they were the last generation of the age, and therefore all of these were deceived on this point. One way that I think we can help protect ourselves against this same deception is for our messages to not be overly focused on the end, but on the new beginning that it is. Our message is the ultimate message of hope-the King is coming! Our message is not a message of doom-it is a message of a new beginning!

For too long the church has been so focused on the end, and therefore its message so focused on doom, that we have not used the most powerful message that we were given-the gospel of the kingdom. This is the greatest message of hope the world has ever heard, and it will be preached throughout the world when the world needs it the most and is ready to hear it. I was sorry when the September 11 attacks happened that I was not more prepared for the opportunities for the gospel that came my way. I do not want to be so unprepared again.

There is also a factor that we need to understand about war. When I was in the Navy, because I was stationed for a time on a base where everyone was required to be a part of the ground defense force, I had to go through basic Marine Corp infantry training. A good part of this training was learning basic battle strategies and tactics. We were taught over and over how important a good battle plan was. Then, to our amazement, we were told that rarely in a battle were the plans followed. In fact, most battles are semi-controlled chaos. We were told simply that the one who could deal with confusion best would have the best chance to both survive, and win the battle. Fear and confusion usually cause people to shut down and become passive, so the one that overcomes this and takes action will win.

War is chaos and confusion for soldiers who are well trained for it. It is far worse for civilians who are caught in it. This is why the Lord tells His people in the exhortation above to "not be afraid." We should not be surprised by these things, and we should be prepared for them better than any soldier.

Regardless of what is happening in this world, if our lives have been built on the kingdom that cannot be shaken, we will not be shaken by what goes on in the world.

We were not redeemed and then left on the earth just to be blessed and have a good time. Every Christian that is still here is here for one purpose-to be a part of proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom. Neither are we to shut down because of any anti-Christ, as Daniel 11:31-32 declares:

"And forces from him (the anti-Christ) will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation.

"And by smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.

So, when "wars and rumors of wars" come, we must heed to the Lord's command to "not be afraid." Fear will not only cloud our thinking, leading to deception, but it will also cause us to miss some of the greatest opportunities for the gospel. We must gird ourselves for action. The more confusing it gets, the more important it is for us be strong and be bold.

Regardless of whether the war that comes is the very end or not, war is the end for many people. If we find ourselves in any such conflict, we are there for a reason, and the reason is to take action. Christians, who are assured of eternal life, should always be the most courageous in the midst of danger. For this reason the Lord tells us in Revelation 21:7-8:

"He who overcomes shall inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

"But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

Cowards have their portion with the unbelievers, as well as the "abominable and murderers..." Not having courage is not an option for the Christian. If we do not have courage in the midst of these times it is because we do not really believe. But for those who do rise up to overcome, He will prove to be our God, and we will be shown to be His sons.

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The Deadly Enemy
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In the next verse of the Lord's discourse concerning the end of the age, and after saying there will be "wars and rumors of wars" (Matthew 24:6) He speaks of the issue that will cause most of the wars and conflicts.

"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom..." (Matthew 24:7).

The Greek word that is translated "nation" here is ethnos from which we derive the English word, "ethnic." He is specifically speaking of how increasing ethnic conflict will be one of the primary signs of the times, and one of the primary causes of the conflicts at the end. Even though ethnic conflicts seem to have been with us since the tower of Babel, it has been increasing at a dramatic pace just in the last few years. Not only are there more of such conflicts, but the brutality of them seems to be increasing as well.

As we have discussed before what the Lord said in Matthew 13:39,

"the harvest is the end of the age..." A harvest is the reaping of what has been sown. The end of this age will be the time when everything that has been sown in man, both the good and the evil, will come to maturity and be reaped. The ethnic conflict, the racism, is the cause of much of the death and destruction at the end because it is one of the ultimate evils of the human heart.

Racism is one of the ultimate evils because it is founded upon two of the most powerful evil strongholds that can grip the human heart-fear and pride. Racism is the result of one or both of these evils having influence in the way that we live and view life.

We will be a racist to the degree that these have influence over us. If it is pride, we become racists because we view ourselves as superior, and others as inferior because of the flesh or externals. If fear has a great influence over how we live and view the world, we will tend to become racists because we will fear those who are not like us. Of course, the worst forms of racism are the combination of both pride and fear. These can grow to the point where almost all that we do and think is controlled by them-which is the case with racists, which can themselves be any color.

When Luke records this discourse of the Lord concerning the end of the age, he adds:

And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations (ethnos), in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and waves,

men fainting from fear and the expectations of the things which are coming upon the world; for the power of the heavens will be shaken (Luke 21:25-26).

As soon as the Iron Curtain came down, many began to use their new freedom to attack their neighbors who were from other ethnic groups. The most cruel and devastating wars broke out over conflicts that were sometimes centuries old. Tribal conflicts in Africa seem to be unending. Of course, the oldest such conflict of all is in the Middle East. Worldwide, there are racial tensions that are only waiting for a spark which will cause an explosion of violence. As we proceed toward the end of this age this will only get worse. However, as the church is called to be "the light of the world," we are called to have the answers to the world's ultimate problems-and we do.

As the Lord Jesus said in Mark 11:17, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'?" The Greek word that is translated "nations" here is the same word used in Matthew 24:7 quoted above-it is the Greek word ethnos. The Lord was literally saying that His house would be a house of prayer for all ethnic groups.

The God who so loves diversity that He would make every snowflake, every leaf on every tree, and every one of us different, will not be found in a house where the pressure to conform has stripped people of the uniqueness and individuality that He created them with. The God who never seemed to even heal people the same way twice will not be found in a house of stifling and boring uniformity. That's why His house must be a house composed of all ethnic groups.

The church cannot fulfill its destiny until it truly becomes a house of prayer for all ethnic cultures and peoples. It too will mature at the end of this age, and in place of pride and fear, the church will be filled with humility and faith that enables Christians to open their hearts to those who are different from themselves. This will be in stark contrast to the racial tensions that have arisen in the world, and will be a great witness to the world because of it. In place of fear and pride the whole world will see Christians loving each other regardless of race or cultural background. Therefore, let us resolve to live as the apostle Paul exhorts us to live:

Therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer.

Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come (II Corinthians 5:16-17).

If we are truly new creatures in Christ, we simply cannot be racists. The church, above all, should never judge others according to the color of their flesh, or their cultural background. We must learn to see by the Spirit, and judge only by the Spirit, just as our Lord did when He walked the earth.

Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream that one day men would not judge others by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. That is a dream which will certainly come to pass. For those who have truly had their minds renewed, who are the true representatives of the kingdom of God, this dream is already a reality.

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The Great Deception
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Our study of the end times is for the purpose of not only knowing what is going to come to pass, but to be prepared for it. For this reason we will seek to go a little deeper in our understanding of the stronghold of racism, which Scripture indicates to be one of the major forces bringing destruction at the end of this age.

To be prepared for this evil power, we must first become free of it. The first principle of true freedom is "...you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Truth is our most basic commodity and most powerful weapon. The litmus test of all matters (to determine if they are in fact truth) is first found in their compliance with the Scriptures. If we are in fact truth seekers, and not just influence seekers, then the Scriptures are our compass to lead us to our destination.

Even so, truth is not just a compilation of facts-truth is a Person! Jesus is the truth. In all things we are not just seeking to know the letter of the Scriptures, but to hear His voice. We are not just seeking to hear the words of the Lord, but the Word Himself. Our goal is not just obedience to the letter, but obedience to the living God. To be prepared for the end times, we must not only know what is going to happen, but be abiding in the Lord, who is above all rule and authority and dominion.

There is a great lesson to be understood concerning this from the story of the two men on the road to Emmaus. It was immediately after the Lord's crucifixion and resurrection that this takes place. The Lord Jesus Himself joined up with two of His disciples who were walking on the road, and they did not recognize Him. In this story I think we have illuminated the primary reason why even His own disciples often fail to recognize Him. Believe it or not, to a large degree this has to do with the degree of racism in our heart.

After the Lord inquired about why these disciples were troubled, He went on to explain from the Scriptures, not only concerning the events that had just taken place in Jerusalem, but the things concerning Himself from the beginning of the Scriptures until the end. This may well have been the greatest teaching that He ever gave on the earth. Here we have Christ Himself teaching about Himself from the beginning of the Scriptures to the end. What could have possibly been greater than this? Yet, they still could not recognize Him! Why?

We are given the answer to this in Mark 16:12, when it says concerning this event, "...He appeared in a different form..." They could not recognize Him because He appeared to them in a form that they were not used to. This is still possibly the main reason why believers fail to recognize Him when He tries to draw close to them-He will almost inevitably come in a form that we are not used to, or expect.

Why does He do this? Understanding why is crucial for understanding how we will discern Him, His ways, and His purposes.

In Matthew 23:39 the Lord said, "For I say to you, from now on you shall not see Me until you say, "BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD." If we are going to "see" Him, we must recognize Him in those that He sends to us. The Lord lamented over Jerusalem that she would have been spared the destruction which was coming (and did come in 70 AD), if she had recognized the time of her visitation. Knowing the time of our visitation is essential for us to avoid the coming destruction as well. Knowing and discerning the signs of the times is important, but recognizing the Lord, and those that He sends to us, is more important than knowing the signs. Of course, what we want to do is know both.

The two disciples could not recognize Him on the road to Emmaus because they only knew Him after the flesh, after His external appearance, and not after the Spirit. This same thing causes many to still miss the time of their visitation because they tend to judge by appearances, the externals, rather than by the discernment of the Spirit. This is the result of being shallow in vision and understanding, both of which will be very costly in the times ahead.

Those who are true seekers of God, true worshipers, will have a devotion to go deeper in their understanding of Him, but even more, they will be devoted to being close to Him. We are told in I Corinthians 2:10, "For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God." Therefore, we can also assume that those who are led by the Spirit will be prone to search for the depths of God, and they will go deeper.

Also, as we learn in the Parable of the Sower, one of the qualities of the good soil which will bear fruit with the seed that is sown in it, is that the seed can go deep, not being shallow like in the "rocky soil." One reason for this is that those who tend to want to go deeper are those who care more. When they hear things and they are moved by them, they will inevitably pursue a deeper understanding of them. What does this have to do with racism? A great deal, and we will see this soon.

There are also basically two ways that we tend to recognize others. The first is by their face, and the second is by their voice. Having been with my wife for more than twenty-seven years, she could use just about any disguise, but if she spoke I would know her voice immediately. In this way we should be able to recognize the Lord immediately when He speaks, regardless of the form in which He comes.

In this we are not talking about recognizing His voice because we know the physical tones, because the voice of the Lord is spiritual. Therefore, we must know Him after the Spirit. It is kind of like the way an art expert can recognize an authentic piece of work by an artist by the brush strokes, the colors, and nuances that other casual viewers of the art would not notice. Those who really know the Lord have this kind of intimacy with Him, and they know Him much more profoundly than just by hearing someone say, "Thus says the Lord." They know Him and His ways so well that they will recognize them quickly in anyone that He sends.

On the other hand, racism is the result of an ultimate shallowness, an ultimate selfishness, and an ultimate failure to understand the Lord, His purposes, and His ways. This is why the Lord Jesus explained that this was one of the primary things that would distinguish us as "sheep" or "goats" at the judgment. As He said in the parable of the sheep and goats, the sheep were those who fed Him when He was hungry, when He was thirsty they gave Him a drink, and when He was a foreigner they took Him in. By this we can conclude that our willingness to be open to the foreigner, those who are different from us, will be one of the determining characteristics of whether we are "sheep" or "goats" at the judgment (see Matthew 25:41-46).

It is also noteworthy that when Paul the apostle gave the qualifications for elders in the first chapter of Titus, one of these qualifications is that they are given to, or a lover of hospitality. The Greek word that is translated "hospitable" in this text is philoxenos (fil-ox'-en-os). The suffix here xenos is the root word for "foreigner" in the Greek. To more literally translate what Paul wrote would be that an elder had to be a lover of hospitality to foreigners.

Why would Paul say this? Because until we are not only open, but a lover of foreigners, and open enough to them to show hospitality, we are not mature enough spiritually to be a leader in the church. This is evidence that one has been delivered from the roots of fear and/or pride that would make one a racist, as well as one who understands how the glory of the diversity that God has made basic to His creation reveals His ways.

In Deuteronomy 10:18-19, Israel is commanded to love the foreigners who are in their midst. In Deuteronomy 31:12, they are told to "assemble the people, the men and the women and the children and the foreigner who is in your town, in order that they may hear and learn and fear the Lord your God, and be careful to observe all the words of this law." The Lord commanded His people to love the foreigners before He commanded them to teach them His ways. As we have discussed before, true spiritual authority will always be founded upon love. Love establishes a trust that will open one up to what we have to teach. Therefore, we will not be able to teach others until we love them.

It is because of this that racism, in all of its forms (and there are many), can be so devastating to the fulfilling of the Great Commission. It does this by setting up as a stronghold within those who are called to preach the gospel, preventing them from crossing the racial and cultural barriers that is to be preached to every nation.

We will continue our study of this devastating evil stronghold next week, seeking to be free of all of its influences in our own life, as well as laying a basic understanding of how this will be a force for evil at the end of this age.

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Rosh Hashanah 2004

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The Significance Of Rosh Hashanah 2004

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Today as I write this it is Tishri 1, 5765 on the Jewish calendar; the first day of the New Year. The foundations of the next three years are now being laid behind the scenes by a small remnant of people, and only intercession can tip the balance and alter the course of events which are about to take place in 2005, 2006 and 2007. There is an unprecedented urgency this fall to fast, pray and press through in intercession unlike we have never pressed through before, to intercede in the 'Garden of Gethsemane' as if our lives depended upon it, for indeed it does for thousands of us, and many cities and nations are being weighed in the balance.

I was taken on an unexpected journey on Elul 29, the last day of 5764 on the Jewish calendar, when I was taken in the Spirit and given an angelic tour of things to come if the nations of the world continue on their current path. In the midst of the next three years, I was shown a bridge over troubled waters, with severe warnings shaking the earth in 5765 (2004-2005), greater judgments beginning to unfold in 5766 (2005-2006), and as the angel guided me across the bridge into 5767 (2006-2007) I was shown fire and mushroom clouds rising over cities, roaring seas and great tribulation unlike the world has ever seen. Nations were in great anguish as unprecedented earthquakes buried entire cities underneath the sea.

Without angelic intervention, events will begin to occur so quickly during the days ahead that many Christians will be caught off-guard, drunk in the cares of the world, and will not have their lamps filled with anointing. Do not be caught off guard. The Lord's return is at hand, and great birth pangs are about to shake the earth. Everything which has been prophesied shall come to pass. From the state of Alaska, to Asia and the ends of the earth, volcanic eruptions and great earthquakes are just the beginning. The initial birth pangs will be a call to repentance, but if are not heeded greater judgments will follow.

The purpose of the above prophetic warning is to save lives, not destroy them; to call the Body of Christ to intercession, not evacuation. By expecting the worse, we often miss the best. If we try to fit prophetic warnings into our own eschatological backgrounds, end time scenarios and personal theories, we fall into the same pitfall the Pharisees fell in to two millennia ago, and may totally miss the heart of God. This does not mean that we should not study eschatology and end time events. But we must allow room for God's sovereignty, or we miss the opportunity for his grace. Intercession can change worlds, and God is sovereign to not only change the future, but also to erase the past. This is a season of repentance, change, and new beginnings. Much can be lost if we fall into slumber, but much can also be gained during the next three years if we respond correctly to the Holy Spirit. Time is running out to intervene and lessen the magnitudes of the initial birth pangs. Instead of a cataclysmic earthquake in Alaska which shreds the land into pieces, the Veil of Darkness could be shredded into pieces, and rivers of Living Water spring up from the earth; but the choice is ours. Who shall heed the warnings while they are yet small? At the time of this writing, a third hurricane is now crashing into the United States on Tishri 1, 5765 – these three storms represent three years of cleansing, which began today, September 15, 2004.

FOR CHRISTIAN LEADERS

Judgment must first begin in the house of God, and repentance first among those who are in leadership positions. Live a holy life, repent, humble yourselves, pray, for the time is much shorter than you think, and your people and perishing and need a deliverer, a shepherd, to lead them to a place of safety. Be a deliverer, a counselor, one who stands in the gap for your people, who will be a champion for your city and nation. A great cleansing is coming, and although some judgments are inevitable over the next three years, magnitudes can be lessened, wars can be averted, cities and nations can be saved. As national elections approach this fall, it is appropriate that you call your people to a time of prayer and fasting, not in a strict religious or burdensome sense; but as a leader that you build an atmosphere of intercession, a desire to press through for a breakthrough, releasing a spirit of hope instead of a spirit of death. Leave your people with a vision and goal for the future, a desire to change the course of history, and to move mountains and press through towards an impossible conclusion. God is releasing revivalists in this hour who will confront the Veil of Darkness over cities and nations head on and literally move worlds for the Kingdom of God.

Blessings,

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Return Of The Prodigals

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Return of the Prodigals: Our Father's Joy
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The Lord spoke to me recently, and He said, "Prepare the church to receive the prodigals!" As He spoke this I saw in the spirit wave after wave of prodigal sons and daughters coming back into the church.

Many of those who have gone astray will return to us, but how will we receive them? We must prepare our hearts for their return or we may lose them again to the world. We must ready ourselves to move swiftly to touch them with the fullness of Christ; they must know intimately the love of our heavenly Father.

The Prodigal Son

In Luke 15:11-32, the Lord tells a story of two sons. The older son stayed with his father, faithfully serving him, but the younger son left him and went into the world. He was given his inheritance, but squandered it. He wasted his life on loose living and became entangled in all kinds of sin. He was left with nothing and was living in deprivation, eating with swine, when he decided to return to his father.

When he returned home, his father received him with open arms and was grateful for his return. He was quick to restore him to his rightful place as his son, but his older brother resented him for his sin. He resented his father's forgiveness and his restoration of his brother.

Instead of being happy for his brother's return and rejoicing with his father, he was unhappy and bitter. He felt he should "pay" for his sin. He did not realize that sin holds with it its own consequences. It is no fun living with swine!

They Will Go Where They're Accepted

Our Father receives great joy in the return of His prodigals, and if we love Him we will also love what He loves; we will rejoice with our Father that His joy is made complete in the return of the ones who have gone astray. And if it makes Him happy to restore them and bless them, then we should be happy that He has done so.

If we do not receive them warmly, or if we reject them because of their past, we run the risk of them leaving the church and becoming vulnerable to the enemy again. And our Father's heart will be deeply grieved by their leaving and even more by our lack of love. Most people will go where they are accepted and loved. If they are accepted at the bar more than at church, can we blame them for wanting to be there instead of with us?

Mercy-Seekers Will Lead Other Prodigals To Christ

God has sent many prodigals into our congregations seeking mercy for their sins. They left the church, but are wanting desperately to return. They come to us like prodigal scouts seeking a church that will accept them and show them mercy. But many Christians have rejected them as they have sought re-admittance into the family of God. Still they continue to try and become a part of the body of Christ.

These mercy-seekers are clearing a path for a multitude of prodigals to follow them and return to the Lord. If we can love them and show them we are a safe place, a refuge for those seeking shelter from the enemy, they will come and lead many others to our house of grace.

Prodigals May Hold the Key to Save Your Love Ones!

It is essential that we recognize these brave souls and serve them. We need to treat them as the kings and queens that they are. They may hold the key to your loved one returning to the Lord. They may not be easy to love, but if we don't, we will lose a measure of the harvest God desires to bring to us.

They will fail at times, and it may be very frustrating for us, but we must be patient with them and allow them time to mature. It is imperative that we respond to their failures with mercy, because they will see themselves through our eyes. And if we love them, they will be able to love themselves, but if we reject them, it will cause them to hate themselves.

Can't We Love All Whom God Loves?

The Lord's heart breaks when He sees one of His children rejected. He weeps when they are not allowed to become a part of our lives or not allowed admittance into our circle of friends. They are some of the greatest treasure we could find. Like refined gold, they have been sorely tried in the furnace of affliction.

They are so brave to come back into our churches, and they long to be accepted back into their Father's family. Must we, as their brothers and sisters, punish them for their past? Can we not rejoice with our Father at their return? Can we not love what He loves?

Throw Out Your Expectations and Assumptions!

I believe the Lord's heart is breaking, not only because of our rejection of those seeking mercy, but He also weeps for us. Inasmuch as we reject them, we have closed a door of grace that He wanted to open for us. He wants to bless His church, but we have not received His blessing because it did not come in the "proper package." It did not come as we had expected it would.

We have been duped by the enemy time and again because we have judged by appearance and not by the heart. We have welcomed wolves in sheep's clothing with open arms and have been devoured by them, while rejecting those who do not look righteous. Yet God has given them the keys to His kingdom.

Dear Church, let us stop seeking after the cups which appear clean on the outside, but let us look deep inside the unclean cups and discover the greatest treasure on earth (Mt. 23:25-26).

The Lord said in Matthew 23:37-38, ***"How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!"***

Are You Willing To Receive Them As Jesus Would?

How the Lord longs to gather the prodigals to Himself as a hen gathers her chicks. The question has always been: Are we willing to receive them? And what will He do with them once He has brought them home? Where is the house that will make itself a refuge for the lost? Where is the family that will receive them? Will we welcome them? For the sake of our Father who loves us, we must!

"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Our Lord gave His life to save them. We must now lay down our lives to receive them.

By Loving Them, We Are Loving Him

We must become a refuge for them to shelter them from the attacks of the enemy. Satan will not give them up easily because he knows they hold the keys to his demise. We must see their value and fight for them. It only takes one person who will believe in them, love them and accept them, and then they will be able to fight their way back to their Father.

It will indeed be a battle for them, and we must be there to help them or they may not make it. No matter how many times they fail, we must be there to show them that God's mercy is new every morning (see Lam. 3:22-23). We must teach them that He renews His mercy for them every day, and that His mercy will triumph over the judgment (see James 2:13) that seeks to condemn them for their past. And as we show them His mercy, we will be renewing it for ourselves as well (see Mt. 5:7).

Our continued love for them will be a refuge for them. The enemy wants to make them hate themselves because of their past. We must be there to remind them that they are a new creation in Christ, and that all things are made new in Him (see 2 Co. 5:17). If we lay down our own ideas of what we think they should be and just love them instead, they will become all that God wants them to become.

Dear Friends, let us love them as our Father has loved us. Let us give our all for them as He gave His all for us. For by loving them, we are loving Him.

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Key Bible Verse: ".even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus." (Eph. 2:5,6)

Lesson Objectives: Learn that the spiritual realm is as real as the natural realm. · Know how to walk and live in that supernatural reality. Receive revelation and impartation for supernatural living. Grow in faith that the Lord would open the eyes of your heart.

This lesson examines the scriptural foundation of the reality of the Supernatural-every-day walking and living in this realm. How many of you are hungry for an open heaven in your life? If you really want the supernatural to be natural and common in your life, this course and this lesson is for you. Is your heart's cry, "I want heaven to touch the earth. I want heavenly glory. I want to open up the windows of heaven and I want to live in the supernatural provision of God's grace, power and presence"? In my life and in the ministry of Fresh Fire, we have been living, on a daily basis since 1998, in the reality of the spiritual realm. Through this lesson I want to lay a foundation for understanding the spiritual realm. I want to raise our expectations of how much of God we can receive and walk in now. Let's grow in faith to encounter and experience God in ways that we have never encountered before. Let's get hungry for that spirit of wisdom and revelation to come upon our lives, for God to open up the windows of heaven.

1. Seeing Into the Supernatural (John 3:5-13; Eph. 2:5,6)

(John 3:5-13) 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

(Eph. 2:5,6) 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

In this lesson, I am just going to share with you very quickly just a few Scriptures the Holy Spirit has given me. I want to lay a foundation for the miraculous and the power of God. The Kingdom of God is not in word only but in power-we need to see the demonstration of the Holy Spirit and power. But more than that, as believers, we need to walk in God's power. I want you to encounter and experience the supernatural, to encounter and experience the reality of the spiritual realm. I'm praying that God is going to open up the eyes of your heart, of your spiritual understanding.

Recently, while I was in Salt Lake City, I had a prophetic experience. I was taken up into the spiritual climate over Utah and I saw what God was doing in Salt Lake City. I had an open eye vision, the heavens opened and I was taken up into a large vortex. It was like I was in the eye of a tornado or in a spiritual portal. It was if God had ripped open heaven and I was able to see that something was taking place in the spiritual climate of Utah and of Salt Lake City. I saw angels ascending and descending into the service-they were bringing eyes and wings into the meeting. "God what are these eyes?" I asked. "Todd," He said, "the eyes are for the seer prophet. They represent the seer anointing." Then the Lord told me that the wings are for the eagles, the prophetic people, anointed with fresh revelation, those He is gathering and releasing this year. This year God is releasing a fresh dimension of the prophetic anointing. This download will come in the form of prophecy that involves the emotions in a greater way-it's going to involve the spiritual senses. It's going to be more like experiential prophetic experiences-visions, dreams. Visions will become more graphic, involving various detail which will include emotions and even natural senses. After talking with other prophetic people, I realized we agree that this year the Body of Christ is ready, on a corporate level, for the kind of anointing that we have touched and seen hidden in back rooms until now-angelic visitations, dreams, trances and other third heaven realm experiences

From the beginning to the end of the Bible we see the reality of these supernatural experiences. I believe God wants to take the spook out of the prophetic and make it common place and available to all believers. In this lesson, I want to lift our expectations of how much of the supernatural we can walk in now. I want to lift your faith levels to believe for a whole new place of personal and corporate open heavens where the supernatural gates swing wide open. When the spiritual realm opens up, the power of God, favor and resources are released into our lives.

2. Only Believe (Mark 9:23; Luke 8:49, 50; Matt. 8:7-10) Jesus said to him,"If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.' Mark 9:23

While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher." But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well." Luke 8:49, 50

And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, "Go,' and he goes; and to another, "Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, "Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! (Matt. 8:7-10)

(This Centurion must have believed that Jesus had angels (servants) to carry out His word) Later, I will tell you about the angel that has visited me. However, first I want you to realize how important faith is. Once the Lord told me, "Todd, if you can get people to believe in the angel I will bring miracles." Now listen, it's not about believing in the angel in the same way we believe in Jesus. We don't put our faith in angels-they are agents through which Jesus works. But often we won't be able to receive and walk in what God is doing in His supernatural power until we hear testimonies of powerful works that God is doing and our belief in the unseen realm begins to grow. Testimonies aren't greater than Jesus, but scripture does tell us that the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy. That prophetic testimony releases faith if we hear with an open heart. The Lord has said to me: "Todd, if you can get people to believe in what I am now releasing by the prophetic power of my Spirit-the prophetic word , angels, dreams, the realities of the spiritual realm, the manifestation of heaven touching earth and people being healed and set free-then I can begin to fully release My power." It's the power of faith and believing. "Only believe," says Jesus. Believing is the door that opens up the spiritual realm and that brings heaven; it's the entrance through which heaven touches earth and through which miracles, signs and wonders come. God wants to challenge our belief system and our mind sets. He wants to challenge our levels of faith. God wants to make the supernatural natural and commonplace. Yes, He wants us to believe like the saints of old who we read about throughout the Bible.

a. Angels (Gen. 18:1-16; 19:1; Judges 6:11,12; Dan. 10:5-21; Gen. 28:10-12; Luke 1:26-30)

Angels are everywhere in scripture-whether it was angels coming over to Abraham's house for a meal or an angel showing up at the winepress with Gideon. Then there is Daniel who is taken into heaven he sees an angel who has just come from a battle with the Prince of Persia. In scripture there are so many prophetic experiences. There's Jacob who sees the ladder with angels ascending and descending, going into heaven, getting revelation and coming out of heaven. We read about Mary and Joseph being led by prophetic dreams. Angels appeared to them to bring direction and warnings. Here are some passages which describe some of these angelic experiences:

Abraham (Gen. 18:1-16) 1"Then the LORD appeared to him by the terebinth trees of Mare, as he was sitting in the tent door in the heat of the day. 2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing by him; and when he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them, and bowed himself to the ground, 3 and said, "My Lord, if I have now found favor in Your sight, do not pass on by Your servant. 4 Please let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 And I will bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh your hearts. After that you may pass by, inasmuch as you have come to your servant." They said, "Do as you have said." 6 So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready three measures of fine meal; knead it and make cakes." 7 And Abraham ran to the herd, took a tender and good calf, gave it to a young man, and he hastened to prepare it. 8 So he took butter and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree as they ate. 9 Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the tent." 10 And He said, "I will certainly return to you according to the time of life, and behold, Sarah your wife shall have a son." (Sarah was listening in the tent door which was behind him.) 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, well advanced in age; and Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. 12 Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, "After I have grown old, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" 13 And the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, saying, "Shall I surely bear a child, since I am old?' 14 Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." (Gen. 19:1) Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground.

Gideon (Judges 6:11, 12) Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which was in Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrimte, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide it from the Midianimtes. 12 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD is with you, you mighty man of valor!"

** Daniel (Dan. 10:5-21) 5 I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man clothed in linen, whose waist was girded with gold of Uphaz! 6 His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze in color, and the sound of his words like the voice of a multitude. 7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 8 Therefore I was left alone when I saw this great vision, and no strength remained in me; for my vigor was turned to frailty in me, and I retained no strength. 9Yet I heard the sound of his words; and while I heard the sound of his words I was in a deep sleep on my face, with my face to the ground. 10 Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. 11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling. 12 Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now I have come to make you understand what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision refers to many days yet to come." 15 When he had spoken such words to me, I turned my face toward the ground and became speechless. 16 And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength. 17 For how can this servant of my lord talk with you, my lord? As for me, no strength remains in me now, nor is any breath left in me." 18 Then again, the one having the likeness of a man touched me and strengthened me. 19 And he said, "O man greatly beloved, fear not! Peace be to you; be strong, yes, be strong! "So when he spoke to me I was strengthened, and said, "Let my lord speak, for you have strengthened me." 20 Then he said, "Do you know why I have come to you? And now I must return to fight with the prince of Persia; and when I have gone forth, indeed the prince of Greece will come. 21 But I will tell you what is noted in the Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me against these, except Michael your prince.

** Jacob (Gen 28:10-12) 10 Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran. 11 So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took one of the stones of that place and put it at his head, and he lay down in that place to sleep. 12 Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

** Mary (Luke 1:26-30) 26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

b. Prophetic Experiences (Ezek. 8:3-4; Hab. 2:2; Obadiah 1:1; Acts 10:9-15; 2 Cor. 12:1-4; James 5:17,18)

Throughout the bible, we read about numerous prophetic experiences. Not only did all of the major and minor prophets have supernatural encounters, but just about every major bible character from the beginning of the Bible to the end had spiritual experiences. Men had trances, visions, visitations, dreams, supernatural chariot rides and other prophetic experiences. Ezekiel was taken out by the Spirit into visions of God; he was actually taken to physical places (into the river Shabar and into Babylonian captivity). Whether he was in his body or not, we don't know. Then, in the New Testament, we have Paul, the Apostle, caught up into heaven, into paradise. In the book of Acts, Peter has a trance, Cornelius has a vision, Peter gets out of prison with the help of an angel and John receives visions which he and the book of Revelation. Are you getting the picture that from the beginning to the end of the Bible, men and women had encounters with God? They were able to say that heaven had touched earth in a supernatural way with visitations, signs and wonders in the heavens and earth or with power, miracles, deliverance from demons, visions, angels, trances, dreams, translation in the Spirit, or visitation to heaven. Do you believe it? Elijah was a man like us and so was everybody else in the Bible. They were just men like us saints saved and cleansed by the blood of Jesus. Today, in heaven, there is a cloud of witnesses excited about the day that we live in. That cloud-Abraham, Elijah, Elisha, Daniel, Paul and Peter-are cheering us on.

These past saints are looking at our generation, at the last days anointing. They are looking at the last days army. It is our time, as end time saints, to shine with His glory and to take His love and power to the world. It's our time to pray like Elisha prayed when his servant's spiritual eyes were opened. That prayer opened up the second heaven, the realm of angels and demons. When I read that story, I believed that same experience could be mine. I said, "God that is going to be my expectation. That is going to be my experience." Why not? Why can't that happen to me? Why wouldn't I want to make myself available to the Lord to release the anointing of Ephesians 1:17 so the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation would come upon me? We need to have these supernatural experiences with God because that's how He speaks. To grow in faith and relationship with God, we need hear his voice. Every relationship is built on communication. So we need to be open to every different manner that God speaks, whether it's through the still small voice or through visions or through angelic encounters. God reveals Himself in a multitude of ways.

3. Naturally Supernatural (Heb. 4:16; Eph. 6:12) (Heb. 4:16) Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Eph. 6:12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

As born-again believers, we are just as much a spiritual creation with spiritual senses as we are a natural being with natural senses. I want to touch, taste, smell, hear and feel the spirit realm which is available to me now. The kingdom of heaven is at hand and it is within us. That's why Jesus gives us an invitation to come boldly before the throne of grace. Come boldly! There is an invitation to come NOW-not just by faith, but in experience. Walking into the throne room by faith is great, but there comes a time when we know that we are there because we're there by spiritual experience. We begin to see the living creatures, experience the sensations and the thunderings and lightning's and everything else that goes on around the throne. We call it the throne zone. I've had encounters where I have been before God's throne in experience-seeing it, touching it, feeling it and hearing in the moment. I don't have to wait 40, 50 or 60 years until I am absent from the body and present with the Lord. It's available now. And the Bible encourages us to reach out in expectation that we can encounter and have what is in heaven now.

Now I don't go seeking after angels and get into prayer and go, "Oh angel come and visit me." I don't seek angels or trances or predetermine where I am going to go in a heavenly experience. I just make myself available by faith and with the understanding of how real the spiritual realm is. Why would Paul say we don't wrestle against flesh and blood but against demonic powers and principalities and spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places? He saw into that realm; he knew that there is a spiritual world that is more real than the world that we live in. And how do we touch the realm that we live in? You touch it with your natural senses that God gave you. We can also touch the spiritual realm with our spiritual senses.

Using Our Spiritual Senses (John. 1:1; Heb. 5:14)

(1 John 1:1,2) That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life 2the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us.

(Heb. 5:14) But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

You can see, smell, touch, feel and sense in the spirit. We have spiritual senses. God created the heavens; He created the earth. I am going to live forever with God in heaven called Paradise, the abode of God. But I don't need to wait for the day that day even though I live in the natural. Often it's the natural that keeps you from the heavenly-it keeps us from the fullness of everything we have in God and which is promised in scripture. There will always be a war between your flesh and a war between your spirit. You know, it's just a battle, a constant battle-bills, life, marriage. But we still need to be reaching, by faith and with expectation, that we will experience the reality. That realm is not spooky, it's real. When someone begins to talk about many of the supernatural things that I am going to talk about tonight, people often begin to think, "Oh, I don't know about that. I know the angels came over to Abraham's house and they gave him a meal, but Todd, did they really come to your house?" Well why not? We need to ask God to free us from the ungodly rational thinking that hinders our spiritual walk with Him.

Heaven is Real (2 Kings 6:15-20; Matt. 7:11)

(2 Kings 6:15-20) 15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18 So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 19 Now Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, nor is this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." But he led them to Samaria. 20 So it was, when they had come to Samaria, that Elisha said, "LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and there they were, inside Samaria!

(Matt. 7:11) "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

Yes I know that the enemy wants to deceive. However, always remember, God's ability to keep me is greater than the Devil's ability to deceive me if my heart is right. If I am pursuing and loving God, waiting in the presence of the Holy Spirit and meditating on the Word day and night, God will keep me. The Lord doesn't want me to be deceived-I am a son. He's not just going to let me fall off the cliff if I am keeping my heart right and keeping my life right. I am also in relationship--plugged in, connected with people who can speak into my life. Yes, we need to test all things and hold fast to what is good.

But, at the same time, we need to protect our hearts and minds from the supernatural sceptiscism that afflicts the Western church that the minute somebody says, "Yes, I saw an angel last night!" When I start to share my experiences, I know that many people begin to automatically think, "Awwwww, c'mon, an angel Todd? Oh, you've had 12 visits this year have you Todd? There is an angel that manifests in your meetings called Healing. Well I don't believe that. Yeah, well, I believe that it happened to William Branham and maybe some others. But now you are going to start talking about a gift of healing and a word of knowledge involving your left arm because of a visitation of an angel?" Yes, I know that some of this stuff sounds a little spooky, but for me it's real. Heaven and supernatural experience is more real to me many people I interact with in the natural realm.

Let me tell you something. Miracles happen for our ministry almost on a daily basis. In fact, one disciple who had only been saved a year, after traveling with me for 6 months, he said, "If there is a day that we don't see somebody get healed, I say, 'God, what is wrong? What is going on?'" Can you imagine being a brand new Christian and your biggest struggle is that a day went by and something supernatural didn't take place? You know, we've seen miracles so regularly that they have become just natural events to us! Yet, when I have asked people in Fresh Fire meetings who had not been in a meeting before where they have actually seen a blind eye open up, 90 percent of them put up there hand to say, "I've never been in a service like that." The time is coming for many of us when we become concerned if a day goes by without some encounter or some supernatural manifestation of the reality of heaven touching earth.

In Fresh Fire, we sometimes have weeks in which hundreds of healings and miracles take place-the deaf hear, the blind see, the lame walk and AIDS victims are healed. We've seen God create a new eye in an empty eye socket, instantly restore a hydrocephalic child's enlarge head to normal size and heal every patient in a hospital ward for chronic tuberculosis patients. In each of these cases, it was just normal, everyday Christian men and woman praying for the sick. One woman we prayed for had no ear drums-it was impossible for her to physically hear in her right ear. We don't know if God created the ear drum or just opened up her ear, but she heard! It was impossible, humanly speaking. Let me tell you about three stories of blind people who saw at one meeting.

One man by the name of Scott Levine was in a limo drinking and doing drugs; he opened up a Champaign bottle and the cork came out, hit him in the eye and drove his eye right back into his brain. They pulled his eye ball out and did five surgeries over the course of several years-he was completely blind. He was in the meeting when I called out a word of knowledge and God healed him. Not only did God heal him, the Kansas City Star wants to pick up the story. Not only did he get healed, but he also got a report from the surgeon (which is documented) who said something like, "I don't know what happened but your eye is great. Nothing ever happened to your eye. I don't see any surgery here!" He had gone through five surgeries. The doctor was like, "You've got a brand new lens and everything." And he can see! Amen! That's a miracle!

Another woman in that same service, just that same morning, had tested completely blind at the doctor's office. After documenting her blindness, the doctor said she would need to have surgery. She came to the service that night and God healed her eyesight! There was another man in that service who could barely see from one eye-God opened up his eye too. By the time he left, his eye was clear and it didn't even look the same. That healing happened over the course of a couple of hours while he sat in the anointing.

At another meeting in Salt Lake City, the power of God fell on a boy, about nine or ten years old, who was legally blind in both eyes, documented. He came running to the front when, suddenly, he could see. He could even read a poster-completely healed. At the moment of his healing he was also saved! Nobody even lead him to Jesus. Next thing, he was lying on the floor, shaking and speaking in tongues. He got saved, healed and he spoke in tongues without anyone laying hands on him! Jesus came and touched him.

At some meetings in Kansas City, a man whose left side was completely paralyzed, came for prayer in a wheel chair. He had been diagnosed with tumors and cancer that caused epilepsy and the paralysis. The tumors were pressing on his brain. He got our healing CD, listened to it twice and got up and walked. By the time he came to the healing meeting the next time he was walking in front of 700 people. He even brought his electronic wheelchair to the service to show us.

All those healing stories-some blind eyes, several deaf ears, a crippled guy, paralyzed and in a wheelchair and many more-happened in just one week. I could go on and on about the numerous testimonies each night we pray for the sick. These miracles happen on a daily basis. That is how real heaven is. God wants to open up this kind of supernatural reality for each of you.

Do you know how real heaven is? I was ministering for the first time at the Toronto Airport Christian Fellowship years ago at a healing conference. God's healing power erupted and the Arnots booked me to come back frequently throughout the rest of this year, for week-long periods, to help them stir healing revival in the Toronto Blessing. There were so many miracles! We had about 500-700 miracles just in a healing conference. On some of the videos you will see up to 12 individuals partially blind or completely blind get their sight in one service. I mean we are talking about some people born blind. We had a woman carried into the service in November with MS. She was completely crippled-she could not stand, walk, or even move her toes. She got healed in that service. Not only did she get healed, but she began walking up two full flights of stairs at the airport church. There were just so many miracles, even creative miracles. People with paralysis of certain body parts-some had Bells Palsy of the face, or nerves that had been removed as a result of cancers and surgeries-were totally healed. Nerves don't grow back naturally. After a word of knowledge (people were going to be healed of paralysis, get their nerves back or parts of their body that were dead and didn't function were going to come alive) we heard testimony after testimony of creative miracles in bodies experiencing numbness or paralysis as a result of nerve damage.

A while ago when ministering in Minnesota, we had about a hundred cases of different levels of deafness. When I prayed against the power of the deaf and dumb spirit, the wife of the pastor coordinating the conference got healed of deafness she had ever since she was a little girl. She had deafness in one ear and had 59 years of dyslexia she was completely healed of both physical problems. At times she didn't even know her right from left-she even struggled driving the car. After 59 years God healed her. In that same service, as she sat in the anointing, a woman was healed who had her eye shot out by a bee-bee gun when she was a little girl. She had a silicone eye; a surgeon took part of an eye from a cadaver to make a fake eye. Get this-she went to the doctor and he documented that she could see! She had no eye ball-you can't see out of a silicone eye. So what does that mean? An eye ball grew into the socket where there was no eyeball. They sent her to the university staff of doctors in Minnesota and they said, "Nobody has ever done anything to this eye." She received a creative miracle!

You want to hear another great testimony! I called a guy named Daniel out by name and age through a word of knowledge in a meeting. He wasn't even in the service; someone knew him. After we prayed, he was healed of leukemia in his hospital bed! That is great testimony! Here is another one. One woman that we called out by a word of knowledge was healed of a degenerate arthritic condition in her neck and spine. But that was just the start. She didn't have a uterus and wanted to have a baby. Later she wrote me, excited that she was bleeding-she got a brand new uterus. Not only that. She wrote that she took a prayer cloth from that service to a child who was paralyzed in the lower part of the body, in the bladder area. She said when she laid the prayer cloth on the child, the child jumped up and did a jig and danced and yelled saying, "Mommy, I've got to go to the bathroom." The child was healed of Spinal Bifida.

These miracles are taking place on a daily basis. God is healing every sickness and God is healing every disease. The anointing is still tangible and the anointing is still transferable. And that is just a day in the ministry. I believe that such miraculous power can open up for us in a greater way when we begin to become more aware of the reality of heaven.

4. Set Your Mind On Things Above (Col. 3:1)

(Col. 3:1) If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

The Bible encourages us, in Colossians 3:1, to set your mind on things above where Christ is seated. Get your mind high up there. Get your mind heavenly minded. Get your mind thinking about how real it is in heaven and that that realm is more real than the world that we live in. It's so easy to get caught up in the temporal. But the Bible says we need to set our minds on the eternal. It's easy to set our mind on what the doctor said, our natural senses, what we are feeling and what we are seeing in the natural. But God encourages us to set our mind on the eternal-the things above. We don't wrestle against flesh and blood. There are demonic powers and principalities. The Devil is real and he really does want to kill, steal and destroy. We don't want to believe that there is a devil behind every bush. However, I would like to walk in the reality of the awareness of the supernatural, not only in the demonic, but the reality of the angelic. When I wake up in the morning, I consciously make a decision to be aware. Did you hear that? I consciously make a decision to be aware. I say, "Thank You God that there are angels here. Thank You God for the angels that are with me. Thank you for the angels that are ministering spirits that come to do your word. Thank you for the healing angels and for the harvest angels. Thank you for the angels that encamp around those who fear you. They lift me up, high above the warfare. I make a conscious effort to thank God for the reality of angels and that opens up the activity of angels in my ministry. I make this reality a part of what I do in my everyday life. While I'm in the shower I say, "Thank you Lord Jesus that the blind see, the deaf hear and the cripples walk. I thank you for miracles and the healings." I am constantly pulling that reality into my life; I'm constantly expecting the supernatural to invade my world. Sometimes I'll thank God for the heavenly realm and that I can see and travel in the spirit. I thank Him for trances, visions and dreams.

5. Hearing His Voice (John 10:27; John 3:13; John 5:19)

(John 10:27) My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

I also like to thank the Lord that I can hear His voice. He says, "My sheep hear my voice." Even though I may not be having an angel visit me right now, or see someone getting healed right now, the supernatural God is with me. In the forefront of my mind I am setting my mind on things above. I am constantly looking for demonic powers and their strategies: "God what is happening in the service? What is the enemy doing? What is the hindrance God? What is the hindrance in the region God? I am also constantly pulling on that realm so that heaven opens up for me. Now let's look at:

(John 3:13): "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven."

Did you hear that? No one has ascended into heaven-we are talking about angels ascending into heaven and coming down with revelation. We are talking about ascending into the place where God dwells. No one has ascended into heaven except for he who has come down from heaven. Where was Jesus when he said that? On the earth. And here He is on the earth speaking to human beings. No one has ascended into heaven except for he who has come down from heaven, who is in heaven. I believe He is saying that even though I am on the earth, I am really in heaven. That is the way that He lived and that is the way that He ministered. He ascended and descended and though he was on the earth, he said no one has ascended except for him who has descended. So even though He was here in physical form, He was still in heaven. Jesus is saying in the present tense that He is in heaven, even when He's on the earth. That is the ministry of Jesus.

Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. (John 5:19)

Jesus uses the word "sees" in this scripture, which implies open vision-He actually watched what His Father was doing. He saw it prophetically then he went out and acted it out. Then, a long while before daylight, he got up on the mountain again. He often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed. Why? Because He only did those things that He saw. Like Jesus, we need to see. It takes time to listen and to wait. Though I am here in physical form, I am still the one who is in heaven because that is where I live in my mind. I live under an open heaven just like Jesus did after He came up from the waters of baptism and the heavens opened and the dove came down. The secret to success and power in ministry is living under an open heaven. One way that we live under the open heaven is by understanding the reality of the spiritual realm and walking with the expectation that it is accessible to us, to every believer. There is nothing different about those saints who went into heaven, or about the prophets that saw visions. It's not just the five-fold ministries who need prophetic experiences. I've had people ask me, "Todd, why do I need to have a prophetic experience? What's the purpose?" Well why can't it be just to be with God? Why can't it just be for the purpose of encountering God? Why can't it just be for experiencing what God has in the heavens now because I am His child, a full heir of the spiritual kingdom. I am just as much a spiritual being as I am a natural being. So I should be touching, tasting, hearing, seeing and feeling what is going on in heaven.

6. Heavenly Geography

Heaven also has geographical locations. Did you know that? Heaven is a geographical place and there are geographical regions in heaven. Heaven is big. If you actually studied how big heaven is you'd discover, perhaps, that it is like another world. Heaven also has its own unique characteristics as a distinct world or region. For instance, if I go to Hawaii, I find it has a unique location, climate and culture-it is very different from Alaska. It's also very different when I am in Florida as compared to when I am in Utah. Each place is distinctly different spiritually, culturally and in its physical characteristics of climate, terrain and scenery. We love places for their unique features. That is what heaven is like.

In Heaven, the saints won't always be around the throne 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We will have journeys in heaven, friend. We will visit different geographical locations in this real world. There will be a whole new creation in heaven. Heaven will be similar to earth in many ways, with the absence of sin, sickness, disease, death and poverty. Isn't earth big; isn't earth beautiful; aren't there geographical locations on earth? Well, there are geographical locations in the spirit too. So, in this life, it's ok for me to say, "Holy Spirit, come, and let me touch with my spiritual senses, now, what is in heaven." That is where my mind and my expectation is. That is where my heart is. I make myself available for God to communicate with me on the basis of understanding the truth of what I am sharing with you today.

However, we need to have that scriptural foundation in our hearts that Jesus ascended into heaven and that no one has ascended into heaven, except for him who has come down from heaven, who is in heaven. Yes, although Jesus was on earth at the time, He was in heaven in His mind and in His spirit. He was seeing by open vision. As He said, "I only do those things that I see the Father doing." He was seeing it on the mountain. He was seeing it in prayer. He was seeing it in the wilderness. The Holy Spirit brought Him revelation and opened the eyes of his heart. Jesus was an example to us of the depth of communion we can have with God and of how powerfully the Father can manifest through a totally surrendered child on earth. Jesus was an example of prayer, an example of experience and an example of ministry. You know, I want to follow Him in each way He has demonstrated the life of abundance to us.

7. Made for Signs and Wonders (Isaiah 8:18, 19)

"Here am I and the children whom the LORD has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel."(Isaiah 8:18)

Let's examine this common passage of scripture. I've felt the Lord tell me that this year He was going to release the signs prophet in a greater way. God wants to put on us the anointing of signs and the anointing of the supernatural. This is our inheritance as His children. I believe that this scripture isn't just talking about signs and wonders involving healing of the sick and casting out demons. In addition to those acts, I believe the Lord is saying that He wants us to be prophetic messages. We are to live prophetic lives which speak to the world of God's great love. We are to be a people that, wherever we go- whether we are in the market, the Superstore, the restaurant, the church or at work-we are to be a message to the world. We are called to carry around us an activity of heaven that creates signs and shows manifestations of heaven touching earth. Those manifestations that God wants to accompany our lives include the changing of weather patterns, the cleansing of lepers, the raising of dead, the casting out of demons, the healing of sickness and disease as well as seeing of dreams and visions. The world will forget about psychics when we touch the supernatural realm and, as the church, begin operating in the prophetic and the power of God.

We are to be a sign; we are to be a living epistle. We are to be a prophetic message, a prophetic picture in the earth. God wants the supernatural realm to spill out of our lives and break into the natural realm everywhere we go. We are to be carriers of signs and wonders. God has called us to live in the place of "as it is in heaven" and to walk in the anointing of the spirit of wisdom and revelation. God wants to put that anointing on the body in a greater way so the world won't need Miss Cleo, the psychics or the gurus on Montel and other TV shows. Yes, it is time that we are for signs and wonders, so that our lives give the world a taste of a supernatural, powerful God. Look what happens, according to Isaiah 8:19, if we don't walk in signs and wonders:

"And when they say to you, 'Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,' should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living." (Isaiah 8:19)

When we are not for signs and wonders, people go to wizards, mediums and dead gods. They consult the dead on behalf of the living rather than consulting the living God. If we truly live a supernatural life and understand the reality of the open heavens and heavenly glory, had we created, by faith, a landing place in the spirit where God could manifest, then the world would turn from demonic signs to the true signs. This year God wants to release the anointing for us to become signs to the world. He is releasing the signs prophets. Are you ready for that? Jesus wants us to begin living like He did in John 3:13:

"No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven."

Though I am down from heaven in physical form, I am a man who is in heaven at the same time that I am on earth. God is now releasing the supernatural. As I am talking about angels, I am actually prophesying so that someone can have an angelic visitation. As you read this lesson, signs and wonder are being released into your lives.

8. End-Time Release of the Supernatural (Acts 2:17-22)

17 "And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on My menservants and on my maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. 21 And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.'" (Acts 2:17-22)

Now what day is that when whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved? Is that a day that is coming, or is that a day that is here? I believe we are living in the outpouring of God's spirit for the release of prophecy, visions and dreams and it is available to the body of Christ. He said He would pour these things out on all flesh. All flesh! All of us have opportunity to be a part of the release of this prophetic dimension which will bring signs and wonders in the heavens and the earth because we are for signs and we are for wonders. It is our destiny to carry that supernatural anointing and to walk in the reality of the spirit of wisdom and revelation. It is our inheritance. But it's even more than that. Look at Acts 2 verse 22:

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know--"

This passage is referring to the days of Jesus, the days when God confirmed and endorsed the ministry of Jesus with miracles, signs and wonders. We are just as much sons as Jesus was. John 17 even tells us that the Father has loved us just as He has loved Jesus. We are just as loved by the Father as Jesus was and just as much a joint heir. He has made us to sit in heavenly places with Him. The Father wants to attest and endorse ministry in North America today with miracles, signs and wonders-we need to reach for that! We need to say, "Thank you Lord that it's mine." The supernatural realm needs to become part of our everyday thinking. We need to think about open heavens, angels, visions and dreams. We need to talk about miracles, power and healings. We need thank God for angels and for the prophetic. Now let me tell you about an angelic experience I had a while back.

I first saw the angel called Healing Revival on December 5 of 2000 in Grant's Pass. The angel came to me again in Albany the next February. He stood in the church service with his body going through the ceiling of the church. Then the Lord told me the angel's name and that he was the same angel I saw in Grant's Pass earlier. God also revealed to me that this angel was involved in the ministry of

John Lake (Africa and America), William Branham (America) and John Knox in Scotland. This angel, the Lord said, is from the North West Healing Revival and is manifesting again as a sign that God is restoring the Voice of Healing revival and opening up the ancient wells.

In our ministry over the last year, this angel has come frequently and on many different occasions. When He comes I get a gift-the ability to diagnose people's sicknesses with my left hand. At times this angel brings words of knowledge; I get very accurate details from God including people's first, middle and last names as well as nicknames, the year they were injured, the color of their vehicle and the state they are from.

I have been in meetings where I have been able to take whole rows of people and diagnose accurately what is wrong with their bodies. I'll sometimes go into trances and hear the doctor diagnose people's sickness-then they will pull medical documentation out of their pocket confirming what I just said. Many other people have also seen or had contact with this angel in the meetings. And whenever this angel shows up, the miracles go off the charts. Instead of a few healings, we'll get three blind eyes in one night or maybe a cripple will get out of a wheel chair.

I believe the angel showed up in Albany as a sign that God was endorsing what was taking place and that it was opening up a healing well. Everywhere I have seen this angel the miracles continue after I leave and a healing well is established in that church and in that city. When that angel visits, we have another John 5 Pool of Bethesda experience as God releases His approval. That is why God repeatedly visits Jesus throughout His life-to place His stamp of approval on every stage. After we start to examine this topic, it's easy to see how important angels were throughout Scripture.

When I was in South America, I'd pray for someone and the demon would come out and it would come on my left arm. It's like Paul, when he put his hand in the fire and the thing came out and it grabbed his arm and he shook it off. Well that happens to me sometimes when I lay hands on people that I can discern demonic presence or sickness and sometimes it will come off onto my arm. Then people will be instantly healed or delivered. I know when the gift is on because it will come over my arm. Initially I didn't know what to do with this. I said, "God what is happening to me." In some meetings in Grant's pass when the angel first visited, it was during one of my prayer times that I had a vision of a boy in the hospital in a coma. I discovered when I called out the word at the meeting that night that a man had come to the meeting on behalf of the boy's mother. I actually saw this woman in a trance telling me that her boy had come out of a coma; I then saw the newspaper headlines which read, "Boy Comes Out Of Coma." When we prayed for the man who stood in the gap, the boy was completely healed. I heard the testimony later and the headlines really exactly as I had seen. When this all started in Grant's Pass, I didn't think anything of it other than, "Wow, that was a great night of moving in the word of knowledge."

However, when I went to Albany in January and February of the next year (2001), the revelation and healing anointing really blew up. We had all kinds of incredible manifestations of miracles, healings, signs and wonders. In the middle of that season, I saw an angel in the pulpit that towered up to the ceiling of the church. I saw this angel open up a pool on the floor. Then I saw a hole open up in heaven, a shaft of light come down and an angel appear. When I saw this open vision, I didn't know what to do with it. The audible voice of the Lord came to me and gave me some instruction about imparting the anointing and the keys to pastors. Then He told me that this angel had been involved in three revivals in three different countries through three revivalists. He also told me that the angel's name is Healing Revival and that he is like the angel in John 5 that came to stir the waters of the pool of Bethesda. The angel is ranked one position below an arch angel. This angel doesn't deal with principalities over nations, but powers in cities-he comes to establish a regional healing revival, the same type of outpouring of healing that we read about in John 5 where and angel would come down at a certain season and stir the waters.

Then the Lord led me to ask the pastor's daughter what she was seeing." Before I told anybody about the angel, I went across the room to the pastor's daughter and asked, "Excuse me, what do you see in the service right now?" She said, "Todd, there is a large angel standing in the pulpit." Then the power of God came and Denny gives an invitation to the sick because I was so inebriated and under the weight of God's glory that I couldn't do anything. When people came to the front, nobody laid hand on them-they just started falling out under the power. People fell down like dominos, as if there was an invisible line that; when they crossed it, they were hit with God's power. A woman got healed in that meeting of a fractured neck.

After this incredible visitation of the angel, we had one of the most unusual meetings I've ever been in. I didn't think about the connection between the angel and the unusual manifestations until I started thinking more about the angel's involvement in a revival in Scotland with John Knox. Listen, I didn't even know there was a man named John Knox, and had never heard of revival in Scotland until the Lord spoke to me about them. Apparently, John Knox and William Wallace (of Brave Heart) are two of the greatest heroes of Scotland. John Knox was the Martin Luther of Scotland-a real reformer and revivalist who had visitations of the Lord that would last over 7 hours. A week after this meeting in Albany, I was in Portland where the Lord took me in a trance to Scotland. I visited three geographical locations including the memorial and the grave-the place where John Knox was buried. In the natural I didn't even know that he was buried in Scotland. In the experience, I was at some memorial for John Knox in Scotland walking around looking at the castle, the moats and the other landmarks around where this guy's grave was. Two day's later a prophetess friend of mine by the name of Catherine Brown invites me to Scotland. I eventually ended up in Edinburgh visiting the very places that I went to in the trance-I saw all the same details the Lord showed me in the trance.

Now when I had a visitation of this angel in Albany I didn't realize at that time it was the same angel that had visited in Grant's Pass. The Lord also showed me that the second revival and the second movement that this angel had something to do with was the healing revival with John Lake in Spokane and in Portland. Lake's powerful healing ministry first began during his ministry in South Africa. The third healing revival that the angel was involved in came through William Branham during the Voice of Healing revival in America. God also reminded me that, years ago, before I was in full time ministry, during my three-month soaking season of visitation, that I had a visitation of that same angel. Others were in my apartment at the time when the angel appeared, towering over me through the apartment ceiling. It was weeks after that first visitation of the angel that Patricia King called me out, anointed me, commissioned me, took up an offering and I was launched into full time ministry. The Lord told me that the day the angel appeared was the beginning of my ministry and the time when He called and anointed me to take healing revival to the nations.

The Lord explained to me that the angel's involvement in my ministry is why the Lord has launched me so quickly into international healing ministry. He told me that He doesn't just want me to just have a gift of healing; He wants me to help deposit, release and participate in what prophets have prophesied about the explosion of healing revival to come. Many of you reading this are going to be a part of this thing; a whole generation is still to come-we are only in the first fruits of what prophets have prophesied about the nameless, faceless generation. Stadiums are going to be filled with people gathered for healing revival meetings. Generation Xers will be many of the troops in this army.

Over time I've realized that the angel that visited, at these significant times and in various meetings, has been the same angel. I believe this same angel was a part of the whole Voice of Healing revival, was part of John Lake's healing ministry and was also connected to the anointing on John Knox in Scotland. It is very significant that these recent visitations took place in the Northwest. The Lord is opening up the ancient wells. And since those angelic visitations, many others have seen the angel including warlocks and children who knew nothing about the angel. These people will come up to me and say, "You have a visitor in the tent." Then they will describe the angel-how big he is and what he looks like.

My father, a recent convert with a powerful testimony, has been able to discern the angel as well. One of my disciples has, at times, also been able to discern the angel. The angel will manifest in meetings and stand two feet behind me on my left side-that is when the gift comes on my left arm. In Kansas City, when three blind eyes popped open, I saw the angel in the balcony on my left. Just after I saw the angel, my father asked, "Todd is your angel here? I think I just sensed him come into the room." I said, "He's here Dad." He even asked, "Is he up there in the balcony on the left?" That night the miracles increased far more than the previous meetings. Every time the angel comes he pushes back the warfare and the miracles increase-the blind see, the crippled walk and incurable diseases are healed.

Now don't get all excited about the angel-I believe that scripture strongly suggests that we all have angels (Matt. 18:10). I also believe that the Father has commissioned more than one healing angel;

He is opening our spiritual eyes so see.

God is uncapping the ancient wells so that we can again see into the spiritual realm. We are living in an exciting time! God wants to anoint you for prophetic vision; He wants to give you spiritual eyes and wings. As the Lord opens the eyes of your heart you will come into the reality of the spiritual realm. God wants to make you naturally supernatural. It's time for your launch into new realms of the Spirit.

Reinforcement Helpers:

1. The __________________ realm is just as real as the ___________________ realm.

2. Jesus said that all things are___________________ to _______________ who

3. The centurion in Matt. 8:7-10 said that Jesus could just speak the word and his servant would be healed. What do you think the centurion believed about the supernatural realm?

4. Briefly mention five situations in the bible in which people had angelic encounters.

5. Describe three prophetic experiences (one sentence each) that three different biblical characters had.

6. Whose spiritual eyes were opened when a prophet prayed? How were they opened?

7. God's ability to __________________ me is greater than the devil's ability to __________________ me.

8. (Jesus) the Son can do nothing Himself, but what _____________________

9. God's children are made for __________________ and ___________________.

10. According to Acts 2, when God pours His Spirit out in the last days, His sons and daughters ___________________, see ____________________ and ____________________________.

Life Application:

· Ask the Lord to remove hindrances and mindsets that keep you from walking in the supernatural realm. · Ask the Father to show you what steps He wants you to take to walk into a deeper place in the supernatural.

Prayer:

Holy Spirit I ask for you to impart to me that supernatural anointing of eyes and wings-eyes to see what you're doing and the wings to go into the heavenly realm with you. Lord, please open up my eyes to the realm of angels, trances, visions and dreams! I ask that You would remove every thought and belief that hinders me from seeing into the heavenlies. Let the supernatural realm become totally natural for me. Oh Lord. Thank You that You created me for signs and wonders God! The lost don't need mediums, wizards or spirits of the dead-they need the living God! Let me be a supernatural testimony to the world. Make me be a vessel, a channel for signs and wonders in heaven and on the earth. You promised to pour out your Spirit on all flesh-here I am Lord; pour your Spirit out on me. I desire to walk in the reality of the ministry of Jesus on a daily basis-seeing into the heavenlies; healing every sickness and disease; casting out demons as well as preaching and teaching your word. Let me only want to do those things that I see the Father do. Lord, please fill me with the spirit of wisdom and revelation that my life would be a living testimony of the reality of the supernatural realm. AMEN

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Revelation Of The Word

Henri Rising

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

God has so put it on my heart that this is the year that the word will become alive. If I were to pick one scripture to hold on to for this year it would be....

Luke 24:32 And they said to one another, "Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

I felt the Lord then say to me "If you walk as you really talk, you won't go far. If you walk as I talk, then I will take you far!"

The Lord searches our hearts because our spoken words do not always speak the truth that is within us. Desire to walk and listen to Him and then purpose in your heart that you will allow him to change those things deep within you.

I dreamed I was eating little packets of sugar. One after another, I would open them and just devour them. Someone, shocked at my behavior, asked, "What are you doing?" My reply seemed very simple and very much as a matter of fact........"The sweet things of God are coming!"

I am told that it is an old custom when teaching a child scripture to put a piece of sweet cracker in his mouth after each scripture taught. This way they will always associate scriptures with sweetness.

Psalm 119:103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Listen, dear ones, seek His revelation on what you read and go as He leads this year.

Humbly submitted,
Henri Rising

Restoration of YHVH's Inheritance

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,
According to Scripture, the “Two Houses of Israel” are two separate and distinct entities. Each of them has its own specific prophetic destiny. But even though two, they are still bound to the calling which they have inherited from their forefather Jacob - that is, to be one chosen nation of kings and priests. However, in the course of their history YHVH divided the nation into two nation/kingdoms for His purposes and plans that are directly related to the covenant that He swore to Abraham.

Isaiah 8:14 presents the ‘Two House truth’: *“He will be as a sanctuary, but a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense to BOTH the houses of Israel”* (emphasis added). As long as these two continue to stumble and take offense over the One who is their Rock they will remain two distinct entities.

Many like to define the two groups as ‘Christians’ (Israel/Ephraim), and ‘Jews’ (Judah), as if they are made up of two religious sects. In spite of that we must realize that all tribes are represented in both houses, and that together they constitute multitudes of peoples, which make up many ethnic and religious groups. But for our purpose here, let us relate to them as nations. We have, then, the nation of Judah/Israel today, being made up mostly of Jews from Judah. On the other hand, because YHVH is true to His word, there is also the other house (Joseph/Ephraim), which YHVH has sown or mixed into many peoples in literally all nations: *"Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples” (Hos. 2:8), being the “fullness of the nations”* (Genesis 48:19), even though most of them are unaware of their identity. The influence of the multitudes of Ephraim, on some of these nations, brought about blessings of multiplicity, military prowess and economic wealth (see Genesis 49:22-26). In the blessing to Joseph, through his son Menasseh, Jacob pronounced that they would become a great people. However, as a great people the descendants of the northern kingdom would not be able to connect their greatness to the fulfillment of the prophecies, as YHVH was going to blind them and cause them to forget their identity (which is indicated by the meaning of the very name “Menasseh”).

Judah never lost its identity

One of the keys to understanding the end time scriptures is to watch for Judah’s lead. The Jews have never lost their identity, but have been preserved by the Almighty: *“Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah, I will save them by YHVH their Elohim, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword or battle, by horses or horsemen"* (Hosea 1:7). And: *“He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts* [or rejected ones] *of Israel* [Joseph/Ephraim], *and gather together the dispersed* [but preserved and recognizable] *of Judah from the four corners of the earth”* (Isaiah 11:12).

In Ezekiel 37 we see that Judah’s stick (nation) is gathered first (and indeed it was restored in 1948) and is also being ‘written upon’ (v. 16). Then, during the times of the “latter rain”, Judah is called as a nation to be “a mighty war horse in battle” (Zechariah 10:1,3). In the course of those days Jerusalem is restored to Judah (which was fulfilled in 1967), who is called to prepare for war against its surrounding nations (see Joel 3:1-2,11). In these self-same days the stick of Joseph/Ephraim is also to be gathered and to be ‘written upon’ (Ezekiel 37:16). Sometime later the two are to join together in the war with the surrounding nations (ref. Isaiah 11:13-15, Zechariah 9:13). These are but a few of the scriptural descriptions and references that have been and are yet to be fulfilled, in what are called the ‘latter days’.

Our day and age

The nations surrounding Judah and Jerusalem are hostile and belligerent at present. Their hostility extends not only toward Judah/Israel also toward some of the Ephraimite peoples who are supportive

of the Jews, and who are aligned with them economically and militarily (such as the United States). With impending war and other potentially catastrophic world events, it is necessary to gain an understanding of the prophetic perspective. When we know that all of this has been predicted beforehand, and that in YHVH's strategy it is as good as having taken place already, we can rejoice, for our full redemption is drawing closer.
According to the prophets of old these days are marked with wars and great turmoil. Yeshua's words about these days also reiterate the same thoughts: *"Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, `I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many, and you will hear of wars and rumors of wars'"* (Matthew 24:4-6). Most us don't have any problems relating today's world situations to what Yeshua or the prophets said on the topic. YHVH has given us the scriptures, His Spirit and this wonderful world of communication as a tool to reveal to us the truths of His Word.

So why are the kingdoms of this world being shaken? Is it because YHVH so hates the world that He is bent on destroying it? That is far from being His motivation. YHVH's true motive is always based on His nature, which is, of course, unconditional love, righteousness and faithfulness. All that YHVH does revolves around possessing His inheritance, and establishing His kingdom here on earth. *"YHVH's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance"* (Deut. 32:9). YHVH sent His Son (Yeshua) to restore the House of Jacob (both houses) and set up His everlasting kingdom in and through them (Luke 1:31-33).

What then are these 'heavy-duty' judgments all about? Could He be acting now in the same manner that He did in the days when His people, our forefathers, dwelt in Egypt? At that time too YHVH wasn't just being vindictive, when He hardened Pharaoh's heart. He was not looking for a pretext in order to harm the land and people of Egypt. Neither was He trying to convince them that they had to repent from their ways and turn to Him (at least not directly). He was motivated by faithfulness to His word and compassion toward His people. He wanted to establish them and His kingdom according to His pre-ordained plan, so that Egypt and the rest of the nations would know that He was the Elohim of His people Israel. He never once called Himself the God of Egypt, or the God of Amalek, but He did say repeatedly that He was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

YHVH says about Himself that He changes not. He is the God of Israel (both houses) and we still belong to Him, just as did our forefathers. We, who have come into the revelation understanding of our true identity, must face up to our history as His covenant people, His inheritance and to our relationship with Him, especially now that He has raised us from the dead spiritually and restored our lost national (natural) identity through the new covenant. One scripture that we have quoted over the years, along with other Two House teachers, is Acts 3:19-21:

"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Yeshua the Messiah, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which Elohim has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began."
Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

Recent Prophetic Meetings

Chuck Pierce

Prophetic Overview of 50 State Tour and Recent Prophetic Meetings

New Mexico was the last state to have our votes tallied for the presidential election. We were reminded of the dream given to Chuck Pierce on September 24, 2001 in which New Mexico was the last state to be put in place in a puzzled. During the 50 State Tour Meeting on January 19-20, 2003, a seer anointing was declared activated over New Mexico, a faith explosion, miracles, that the host of help that we have would be seen. New Mexico is a supernatural state, has a supernatural environment and a supernatural flow. God’s people will enter into a supernatural dominion in New Mexico like never before. Eyes are opening into a new dimension and the horses and chariots of fire will burn away that which is surrounding us and attempting to stop us from moving forward. There are those who will be apostolic leaders that are going to establish prosperity as opposed to poverty in New Mexico. These will have keen eyesight and a keen heavenly perspective. As poverty is surveyed, God will put within the apostolic the will, the understanding, the words, the knowledge, and the ways to begin to reverse poverty and cause this state to begin to prosper. The prosperity is for the extension of God’s kingdom and for the waging of the war for His purposes in the earth.

During the 50 State Tour meeting, Chuck Pierce prophesied, “I have called you as a protectorate to this. This is a season where I am mantling you with a watchman anointing. You will begin to watch, and you will begin to see for here in New Mexico there is a moving of My Spirit. I will declare the first fruits of the release of My Spirit here in the earth will begin to manifest in a new way in New Mexico. Welcome My Spirit for many spirits dwell among you bringing revelation, but I am the revelator. I am the God of revelation. I say from this day forth the prophets will be able to sound a clear trumpet in New Mexico. This is the beginning to set this nation on a course that it has never been on before.”

“Watch the winds that will be coming for they are a sign unto you. Many who have come into the supernatural but not moved by Me will now be coming into My Kingdom. I will blow those who have been with adverse winds into My Kingdom. Get ready church. I will bring in the witches and warlocks. There will be a great conversion in those that have experienced the supernatural dimension of the enemy. Put on your deliverance mantles for I will raise the prophets up out of your midst. There is a prophetic anointing about to be released in this region of the nation. This region is a supernatural region; New Mexico is a supernatural state. I am about to redeem that which has been defiled. I am about to resurrect that which was shut down. I have cleansed and I will continue to cleanse. I am about to break forth from the seed you have sown a new mantle of the supernatural; the ability to see; the ability to speak by My Spirit. Leaders will stand up and begin to speak their message, but the word of prophecy will come upon them. They will find themselves speaking their message, and they will find themselves prophesying for 30 to 40 minutes to an hour and never make it to the message because by My Spirit I am going to begin to release mysteries, revelation, and strategies to you.”

“What you have sought Me for has not broken through to you for even seasons of years. The Lord says they are going to begin to spring forth in a moment of time. I am going to show you by the strategy by My Spirit how to do in a short season what you have asked Me for, for decades. I am going to download the Spirit of Revelation upon you. You are going to arise from your sleep and know the strategy of the Lord for taking a city. Cry out now for the leaders of New Mexico to receive my prophetic mantle. Watch, watch and allow my prophetic anointing to take its order throughout this state. You will not have to force anything. I will visit the leadership in My Body in New Mexico during the night. They will not be able but to declare and decree what I am doing. You will hear your governor release prophecy across this land. I will control his tongue and will draw out a message that will surprise you and surprise this nation. My anointing and My wind of prophecy have blown upon you. We declare the eagle anointing that is on this state will be restored. Have faith for the pueblos of New Mexico. The Lord says I am going to invade the pueblos with faith; death and destruction has set in this land, but faith is coming to the pueblos.”

At the 50 State Tour Meeting in January 2003, Dutch Sheets also shared from Isaiah 35. “Lord, you have determined right now in this season the last shall be first. This state has somehow found favor with You, and You are about to move by Your Spirit. The desert is about to blossom. There is about to be a great breakthrough in New Mexico. Many seeds of intercession, of declaration, of tears, that have been planted in this region are about to burst forth with life in an extraordinary way as You begin to pour out Your Spirit on New Mexico. The Glory of the Lord is coming to New Mexico. Encourage the exhausted, strengthen the feeble. Say to the anxious hearts, take courage, fear not, behold your God will come with vengeance. The recompense of God will come. There is salvation coming to New Mexico. Go ahead and rise up; be refreshed; be strong; feeble of heart, rise up. You who have sown and seen no reaping, go ahead and begin to rejoice because it is a season where that which you have sown, you are about to reap. The eyes of the blind will open and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped; the lame will leap like a deer; the tongue of the dumb will shout for joy for waters will break forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

There is coming a great wind of heaven across the desert region of the nation. There is going to be a lifting of the veil that is about to take place where a great harvest is going to begin to come. There is an outbreak of the supernatural about to take place in New Mexico. This state will drink of that in a first-fruits way because signs and wonders are about to take place. The lame are going to dance. We prophesy miracles are about to take place in New Mexico. Miracles! Signs and wonders! Signs and wonders! Holy Spirit, You are welcome in New Mexico, in the governor’s house, in the schools, universities, local churches, businesses, hospitals and daycare centers. This state is going to surprise the nation. The nation is going to find out who you are. That which has been hidden is about to be revealed. There is going to be a very supernatural shift of the economy of New Mexico. God is about to uncover, in the sense of resources, either natural resources or something in the arena of human creativity that is going to produce great wealth out of New Mexico; not just ok, I mean wealth. This is the time of springing forth of fruit in New Mexico (Is. 42:9; 43:18,19).

Now, Lord, I ask You by Your Spirit hovering in this place right now to do a work in our minds, our brain, our soul, our emotion; put into us an ability to think differently, that somehow we would begin to think with You and get in pace with You, marching together. We are moving at yesterday’s pace and He’s saying, “Come on, come on, double time; get in step with Me!” We ask You for suddenly thinking, for gift of faith thinking, miracle thinking, signs and wonders thinking, hundreds to get saved. Suddenly! Suddenly! Now it will spring forth! This is the time! Now is the time for harvest, breakthrough, abundance, blossoming, miraculous, for the Word of the Lord, revelation, something new. The Lord says, “I’m doing something new; it’s a new day; it’s a new season; it’s a new state, new church, new way of thinking.” We are shifting into the new, moving into that new season. Scriptures are going to become new, fresh. Worship is going to become new, fresh, alive. Messages are going to have fire. Prayer meetings are going to have fire. You’re going to know how to pray, what to pray, tongues. This will be like when Jesus stepped on the scene; old ways of thinking would not let them step into the new. Everything had been slow gear…then here comes John the Baptist. Dare to believe that the fullness of time has come for our generation, that which we have been crying out for now is beginning to come forth. Dare to believe we have shifted into a fullness of time and the prophets are decreeing it just like John the Baptist. We can be in step with Him and not miss His hand off of the baton.

Lord, let something happen over the state of New Mexico that begins to break in the Spirit the old way of thinking. Shatter the mindset of the past, a stronghold of the mind. By the power of Your Spirit shift the thinking in the church of New Mexico. Break all unbelief, all lethargy, all stagnation, all complacency, and spirit of fatigue and weariness. We’ve been plowing and planting but we can’t move very fast. Lord, get us in step with You because we are going to need to run. You will no longer run with weariness. You will be refreshed supernaturally, renewed in the spirit of your mind and refreshed supernaturally. Let the wind of Your Spirit blow. Receive a reawakening; a resurrection of gifts that have been complacent; resurrect faith; resurrect zeal; the Spirit of Christ that we can run and not be weary; walk and not faith.

Pastor Jack Webb also shared at the 50 State Tour Meeting in January 2003, “And the Lord would speak over the pueblos in faith that He has a special place in His Heart for the First Nations people. He desires to release prosperity over this people that have been destitute. In the council of our pueblos, He is going to break forth and His council, the council of heaven, the wisdom of heaven is going to begin to come into the councils of the pueblos, and it will be a welcomed voice. The gambling and casinos have brought limited prosperity. It has an end and is about to run its course. It is about to cause them to fight one another. The Lord says, ‘I have a better word for them, a better economy. They will begin to build golf courses and five star hotels. They will begin to prosper in legitimate businesses and do things they never thought possible for I desire to bless this people in this land.’ They will be drawn by His Spirit in the councils and will begin to release a business plan and a business prosperity that will lift New Mexico from the bottom in poverty to a place of wealth and prosperity. The Lord desires to gain glory and to cause others to fear His council, to fear His wisdom. The Lord rejoices in taking the least and the last and placing it on high.

We declare the Church is going to receive a hearing ear; we shall hear the voice of the Lord. Then, we shall have a boldness to declare and to decree those things that You desire in New Mexico. We declare the First Nations shall begin to rise and glorify You, Oh God. They shall begin to hear the voice of the Lord, the prophetic voice shall be loosed upon the First Nations of New Mexico. Lord, You will begin to add many other voices to that voice. We declare the salvation of God to the First Nations of New Mexico. The Pueblos shall come in and listen and shall prophesy. They shall come with wisdom and knowledge that the Body has yet to hear and understand. We declare the hearing ear, and we will rule now from a heavenly realm. We bind that supernatural wandering, confusing spirit that causes men to seek psychics and spiritual powers of witches, shamans and other forms of the supernatural. We declare Las Cruces (the cross of Jesus) shall be lifted in New Mexico. We declare now that our mountains, the high places, called Sangre de Cristos (the Blood of Jesus) shall begin to echo throughout this land from the top of Canada to the tip of South America. I declare those who have been fearful of walking in the anointing of the prophetic shall shake off the chains of fear and begin to declare the Word of the Lord. We declare the church will begin to rise and move in the authority You have given for New Mexico and this nation; that hidden resource not only beneath the earth but resources of heaven in the shift of our mentality. Prosperity is going to begin to rise to Your Glory in the least of all places. God is going to delight to take the last and least and bring it to the top and glorify Himself in it.

On June 10-12, 2004, we hosted the Rend the Heavens Prophetic Conference. Chuck Pierce prophesied, “It is time for the river to become full and for the dryness in the atmosphere to change. As you see fire on both sides of the river during this time, I am not contending with the fire. It is time for you to recognize the dryness that is in your midst and to call forth the storm to brew over New Mexico. Do not fear the storm, but call it in so the river might become full. Call into New Mexico the storm that is brewing over this nation. When the rain begins to fall, you will know the river is rising and that a course from New Mexico that would be destructive to this nation will begin to change. Arise! Rise up! You will see the land begin to reveal My plan. It is my time for the dryness in your life to change. You are called here to break that dryness. I have called you here to allow the river to rise. Now is the time you will begin to see certain inhabitants being brought before national attention in days ahead. You set the course of the river. Do not allow the world and its workings that have joined forces with evil spirits in New Mexico to bring forth confusion in days ahead. Do not despise small things for it is the atmosphere of the nation that I have called to change during this time we are together.”

I looked very carefully where I was asked to be these three days in the midst of this whole dynamic of our nation. God says: “I’ve ordained you to be back here in New Mexico because I will bring forth a sound from heaven…” We are at a very peculiar place right now. All God is looking for are those that say “We’re moving on, not staying at the same place; we know He has promised certain things; grab hold and keep going.”

“It is time for my promises to start manifesting over this nation in a new way. I’ll start individually if you’ll grab hold of it and go. I’ll come back to the last place. I’ve called this place to be a seer in the midst of the wilderness. I’ll come back to this wilderness place as it seems to this nation. New Mexico is where the eyes of the nation will be activated. I'll cause you to see things that no one else can see from this land. I'll use a Midianite to be your eyes. I'll use them to be the seer of the future. In this prophetic state, the 'Land of Enchantment' is where every sort of revelation comes down. It is a revelatory atmosphere. You will see before others see; communicate before others communicate. You will be used to bring the entire nation out of the wilderness. I will break your wilderness first so you can see to bring others out of the wilderness. I am going to loose the seer gift. Just grab hold and say 'yes we will see and we will learn how to communicate what we are seeing from New Mexico'. "The wilderness spirit that we live in here, not only will we overcome it, but we will cause a nation to see its way out of the wilderness. You will develop the connection for communication from New Mexico. The communication of the seer gift will be activated NOW in New Mexico."

New Mexico Prayer Points

1. ***Pray for our work among our First Nations people.*** This includes but is not limited to the pueblos. As it is the winter season, many are in need, particularly those with addictive bondages. Salvation is coming to our host people. There is much work to be done in this harvest field.

2. ***As it has been prophesied, we will not give up until we see New Mexico as a praise and worship for the world.*** We anticipate God bringing people from all over the world to experience His presence. The body of Christ in Albuquerque needs to be able to receive those people.

3. New Mexico is known as the "Land of Enchantment;" ***pray that those involved in cultic power will be turned to know the true power of their creator, not looking to creation to fill the void or looking to deception of evil.***

4. ***Pray that we would see an established prayer ministry in every church throughout our state that names the Name of Jesus***. This includes a designated prayer coordinator in order to develop unity in prayer.

5. ***Join us in prayer as we declare the spirit of poverty, brought about by idolatry, will be broken.*** New Mexico is known as the last in many statistics. In the education sphere, we are the lowest in the nation. New Mexico contains one of seven cities in the United State to recently receive a statute of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Queen of Heaven needs to be dismantled in our economy, agriculture, and education that affects our society. Church on the Rock, Albuquerque, has pledged with the Pastors Prayer Network to sponsor the Mozambique project of $4M over the next four years. We believe this step of faith will raise New Mexico's economy to a new level.

6. ***Join us as we pronounce judgment on the spirits of Ahab/Jezebel and the Queen of Heaven that will bring a Spirit of Jehu.***

7. ***Pray to the Lord of the Harvest for Spanish speaking pastors and bilingual Christians to minister to the 50,000 people in our city who speak only Spanish.***

8. Albuquerque, the largest populated area in the state, is known for a high rate of divorce and just recently found to be number twenty-one in crime in cities in America. NM has one of the highest rates in the US of grandparents raising children. It is known for "dead beat dads." ***Pray and declare that our land will be healed and that salvation will come when the hearts of the fathers are turned to the children and that domestic violence, division in our homes, our businesses, and our churches will desist when a spirit of unity and the bond of peace is declared.***

9. ***Pray and declare that our highways, both the intersection of I-25 north to south and I-40 east to west going from coast to coast will be known as highways of holiness. Pray that the highways will not be used for drug and pornography trafficking, particularly child porn, and stolen property transported across the Mexican border.***

10. ***We praise God that we have seen answers to prayer for natural rain!*** Our overall water table,

though, still needs to rise. More than that, ***we need the rain of tears of repentance and brokenness in order that churches would come alive with revival.*** Only the Holy Spirit can bring this into the hearts of our people.

11. ***We are asking God for finances and provision for our churches to be expanded***; this coincides with many of the pastors' visions and missions. We are also asking for release of finances for the laborers in the harvest.

NEW MEXICO HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

Pueblo culture was the first civilization in what is now called New Mexico. The Pueblo residents are still living in the areas where they were first encountered by Europeans from Spain. The Pueblo culture predates the Jamestown colony of 1607.

On April 30, 1598, Don Juan de Onate led an expedition of Spanish colonists into present day New Mexico claiming and officially taking possession of New Mexico for God, the Roman Catholic Church under the King of Spain, (a Christian king), Don Philip. History bears that Onate came across New Mexico in the name of the most holy trinity and the one and only true God declaring Him as universal shepherd of believers and unbelievers and as the universal shepherd of those who had not heard His voice and evangelic word.

New Mexico has the oldest recorded civilizations known in our nation, the oldest established seat of government, the oldest church building and the oldest house in the United States. Even though we were declared a state less than 100 years ago, in 1912, these monuments are significant to our nation's history and foundation. The first recorded bloodshed in what is now NM was of three friars killed after having been accepted by Indians and welcomed into their pueblos.

There is a rock formation near the Oklahoma panhandle which is named The Battleship. This was on the route traveled by explorers and settlers near the village of Folsom, New Mexico. This location is named after the Folsom man, the oldest trace of man in North America, discovered to have been in that area. Earliest residents of New Mexico and the United States include the Sandia people, Clovis people, Cochise people, Anasazi people, present day Pueblo people, as well as the Folsom people. We also have a town named Shiprock for the majestic rock formation located on the Navajo Nation Reservation. New Mexico contains nations within the Nation. Native American Nations are represented by the nineteen indigenous Pueblos, Apache tribes, Comanche tribe, Ute tribe and the Navajo Nation. The Native Americans in New Mexico are considered an un-reached people group by the U.S. Center for World Missions. We also have a very unique point geographically which is the four corners area bringing Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah together. Chaco Canyon was at one time was a thriving-native civilization which mysteriously disappeared.

As previously indicated, the Spaniards brought the Cross and made declarations to claim, as they documented, the heathen for Jesus Christ. Somehow, there was a mix of evangelism of Jesus and the native ceremonies which diluted true evangelism. The fact that New Mexico has the oldest church is significant that there was and still is a search for the supernatural, for prayer, for worship. Our mountains and towns have religious names signifying the Blood of Christ (Sangre de Cristo), the City of Holy Faith (Santa Fe).

The oldest house in the nation was built in Santa Fe. This represents the significance of family and a symbol of unity.

WEAPONS OF WAR

New Mexico had the first atomic bomb detonation. The detonation site is called Trinity Site. This explosion changed the world as to how war was fought thereafter. The development, building and detonation of the first nuclear bomb has changed the world forever. Los Alamos, New Mexico, or the

"Secret City," is the location where the nuclear age was born. This location was only a post office box number. No one entered and no one came out. This community now holds some of the world's most advanced scientific people. White Sands Missile Range, a testing and development area for missiles and space shuttle operations, has been and is a significant part of the free world military operations. Kirtland Air Force Base contains the largest nuclear weapons stockpile in the free world. These are substantial elements to the military training and operations we now use. New Mexico contains deposits of uranium, oil, and gas. At the base of the San Andres Mountains is the Very Large Array (VLA), a mobile tracking station for all atmospheric activity.

Having the first known established seat of government in America is one of New Mexico's ***redemptive gifts***. God is the Supreme moral governor of the universe. His kingdom is from everlasting to everlasting. "*The Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us*" (Is. 33:22). "*Woe to those judges who issue unrighteous decrees and to the magistrates who keep causing unjust and oppressive decisions to be recorded; to turn aside the needy from justice and to make plunder of the rightful claim of the poor of my people*" (Is. 10:1,2). We recently had our state chief justice arrested for possession of cocaine and DWI along with a state cabinet member who was appointed by the governor to higher education. We also had one of the county clerks issuing marriage licenses to same sex partners. Our school system gives full benefits to same sex partners even though they cannot be married.

SUMMARY: REDEMPTIVE KEYS OF NEW MEXICO

1. Divine government
2. True Christian faith
3. Home and family
4. Warfare
5.

Remain True To What I Have Told You

Susan Cummings

You must remain true to what I have told you. Do not allow the wind and the waves of opposition and pressures to sway you now. Stand firm. Do not give in to take the heat off of your back. Do not think that giving in will lessen the trial or the situation, but rather, it will only bring you into a place of separation from Me. For I am in control of your life, and it is My dealings that you are currently feeling. Nothing happens to you without My Knowledge.

Keep your eyes upon the task at hand, and do not look around, nor behind you anymore. It does not matter what others think, or do, or say to you. I am your God! I am the one who guides you, not the men who think they know. Can they tell you what I will bring next? No. Man has not yet seen what I will do, especially on behalf of My Own. Do not limit yourself by responding to the taunts and cares of those around you, but look unto Me.

Wait upon My Hand. For My Timing is perfect, and it will not be according to what man thinks, understands, or decides it will be. I am in complete control, and am working things out. Trust Me to do it. Do not move from your place till I tell you to. Do not work out your own solution without My direct word to you first. You don't know what I am laying up behind the scenes, and if you act out of My timing or will for you, it will undo all that I have arranged for you.

Not everything is as it seems.

The shaking is only beginning. If you cannot stand now, what will you do later?
Wait upon Me, and see what I will do. Remain true to what I have told you already. The vision is yet for the appointed time, and it will run, as I said. So, rest, and strengthen yourself IN ME, and gather yourself, for the days are numbered and will delay no more.

Be wise, and remain at My Feet.

It is there that you will see all that I have planned and all that I will do, and all that will be. For I have told you that I would show you, as you seek Me.

Nothing will remove you from My Hand, as you are firmly planted IN Me, but the only way you can be loosed from Me, is if you walk away now. Choose to wait, and see My Faithfulness, and My Sovereignity. For I Am Faithful and True to you. My Word is being revealed to those who are looking for it.

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Restoring The Fallen Tabernacle Of David

Lishan Desta

The Tabernacle of David and the Endtime
Collected works

"On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old" Amos 9:11.

Reflection
By making the above verse to mean the 'restoration of the grace of worship in the church,' we are in the danger of missing the greater meaning of the verse. If we do, we will be losing an important aspect in what God is doing in our days to bring about the fullness of His Kingdom.

Here are some reasons why Amos 9:11 should not be limited to the idea of church worship *per se*, but be applied to events surrounding the Endtime manifestation of the Kingdom of God.

1). The tent of meeting where the Ark was kept and where much worship was conducted, was never called the tabernacle of David (cf. 2 Sam. 6: 17; 7: 1-3; 1 Kg. 8: 1-3; 1 Chr. 16, 21:29-30; 2 Chr. 1:3). For that matter, it has never been called the tabernacle of Moses, even after the first man who first set it up under God's direction (cf. Acts 7: 44-47; Heb. 3: 2-6; 9, 10).

2). If we suppose that Amos 9:11 refers to the Tent of Meeting as it was in David's days, then why associate David relationship with God with worship only? Does not the life of King David signify as many important virtues before God as worship? What about election by grace (the 1 Cor. 1: 30 principle), spiritual warfare, prayer, the disciplines of God, waiting upon God, the Messiah and His Kingdom, etc., all of which illustrate David's life? If so, what are our Scriptural basis to read only and primarily the restoration worship in this verse?

3). To place the above verse in the general context of the Book of Amos, first we have to know that the whole tone of Amos is a cry for political and economic justice for the poor, and for the return of Israel to their covenant relationship with God. Amos openly denounces ritualistic worship, which was devoid of true spirituality (Amos 4: 1; 8: 4-6). To him, true worship is not associated with a place or with a song, but with integrity of heart and justice to the poor (Amos 5: 4-5; 6: 5-6, 8:3).

4). So if not the above, then what is the true meaning of Amos 9: 11? In the prophetic books of the OT, David primarily stands for God's Kingdom. David is the chosen type of Messiah by the prophets (Is. 11: 1 -6, 16: 4b - 5; Jer. 23: 5-6; Ezk. 37: 22,24; Hos. 3:5). Therefore, the verse in Amos should be taken as God's promise to His people to restore to them a righteous government like that of David. This kingdom will ensure economic and political justice to all, and restore the fear of God to the land. It will also enlarge the borders of Israel by conquering the neighboring gentile nations (Ps. 77: 69-72). In Amos 9:11, it is the restoration of such a godly King that is in focus, and not as such the worship of God *per se*.

5). Why should we worry too much about how an obscure verse as Amos 9:11 is interpreted? Is not the meaning the verse is already assigned a worthy one - does not God commend worship? The answer is: Yes, He does (Ps. 29: 1, 96: 5-8, etc). However, we will miss a greater prophetic meaning in that verse if we close our minds to the true interpretation of the verse. The true interpretation of

Amos 9:11 is found by looking first at other similar Bible verses, which speak of the restoration of David's kingdom (Ps. 88; Is. 11: 1, 16: 3-5; 52: 11-13; Zech. 12: 8, 13: 1). Only such verses do set us on the correct path to understand the meaning of Amos 9:11. In short, in its prophetic Endtime sense, Amos 9:11 is about overcoming a ruinous tribulation, being girded by the power of God, and finally being able to expand the Kingdom of God by inheriting the gentile nations.

Prophecy (1)

Why do my people say that when I say: I shall restore the fallen tabernacle of David and restore its ruins that they say, "Our God is going to restore worship in our midst"? As much as I want you, My people, to worship Me and bring Me your sacrifices of praise, however, the words I spoke through My Prophet Amos, are not about Me restoring the grace of worship among you.

Listen carefully, know this and understand it well. I have a strange work to do among My people in the Last Days. In the Last Days, I will make My people to partake of My suffering as I desire them to have fellowship with My cross (Matt 26: 29). I want My people to be conformed to My death, so that in the end they may know me not only through their minds, but also deep in their souls. As I made My servant, Paul, to carry on his body the marks of my suffering, so shall it be to my dedicated ones in the closing days of the ages.

I shall strip you off the glory of the Old Man by the deep workings of My Cross. And when I lay My Cross on My people in the Last Days, the world will be awe struck and cry out, 'What a destruction! What a humiliation! What a loss!"

When my cross works in your lives, My servants, you shall be like a city whose gates have been destroyed and whose walls have been burned down. Your life shall be in shambles - you will be like a city, which lies in ruins, to be plundered and ravaged by every passer by. You will look like a tree in the wintertime - a tree that has lost all its leaves, appearing desolate and dead to all onlookers. My vineyard, My Beloved, I shall give it up to be polluted and trampled upon. It shall become an abomination to gentiles, and the gentiles shall tread it under foot for many years.

As the world knows not of My purposes, neither discern My workings, therefore, those of this world will stumble, fall and be taken captive because of My strange doings among you, says your God. You shall be a sign to be spoken against by them.

But when My purpose is attained in you, and when I have completely formed My glorious Image in you, then I will open your graves and make you attain unto My resurrection glory. In that day, when I lift up My people in the eyes of the world, the most humiliated among My people shall be transformed to be David-like and God-like. It is in That Day, then, I shall raise the fallen booth of David and restore it to its former glory. In That Day, My tested servants shall march before My flock and lead them to conquest (Zech 12: 8). In That Day, I shall make you to inherit the gentile nations and make you to glory in their riches. In That Day, I shall stir up many saviors for Myself, and they shall come to My Holy Mountain, and the Kingdoms of the earth shall belong to Me, says your God (Obadiah 21).

As I have overcome My passions and the throes of death, and sat down at the right hand of My Father, to those who endure their Tribulation to the very end and overcome, I shall give them the power to sit with Me on My throne. Theirs shall be the rod of iron to smash the unruly, and to bring Me the obedience of the nations, says Your Lord.

Prophecy (2)

“Give counsel, grant justice; make your shade like night at the height of noon; hide the outcasts, betray not the fugitive; let the outcasts of Moab sojourn among you; be a refuge to them from the destroyer. When the oppressor is no more, and destruction has ceased, and he who tramples under foot has vanished from the land, then a throne will be established in steadfast love and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tabernacle of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness" Isaiah 16: 3-5.

I have given you the charge - hide, hide, hide My people, says God. Let my outcasts, the fugitives of My plan stay with you. Cover them with your shadows; enfold them with your wings. Be to them a cave, a hiding place where My prophets can take a cover in the days of their plight. Be for Me like the daughter of Pharaoh, or Obadiah, or Jehoshabeth and Jehoiada to hide My prophets and kings from the face of those who seek their demise. Or be like the desert of Midian or as the land of Egypt where My chosen ones will take sojourn until the oppressor is removed and a new day dawns.

Let no one know that My prophets are hiding with you; let no one know who they are and what I AM up to in their lives. Let them be fed with you, be protected by you. Let My chosen ones grow and mature hid with you. Stand guard over them, and let not your wings ever expose them. When I am finished making them, molding them, I will take them out and gird them by My power. I will set them on a throne, and give them the kingdom of David, their father. They shall execute judgment in the land, and the earth eagerly awaits their appearance.

Prophecy (3)

“In that day Yahweh will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem. He who is feeble among them at that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the angel of Yahweh before them “ Zech. 12:8.

A day is coming, says your God, that I will lift up the weak and strengthen the feeble. In all the ages it has been My chosen plan to reveal My boundless power through the weak and the despised vessels. Now watch me as I work through My servants, those the world has given no place. These I will gird with power; these I will turn into My mighty army. These weak vessels will be as mighty as David, as powerful and as divine as the angel of God, says the Lord. They might have been overthrown, their tabernacles mighty have been in ruins, but I am a God of restoration and resurrection. Yet, I shall clothe them with My Divine Glory and Name. They will march across the length and breadth of the earth, and they will bring the obedience of the nations to their God, says the Lord.

Prophecy (4) and Word

(a). "On that day a fountain will be opened for the dynasty of David and for the people of Jerusalem, a fountain to cleanse them from all their sins and defilement” Zech 13:1.

(b). "On the Big Day, a fountain will be opened for the family of David and all the leaders of Jerusalem for washing away their sins, for scrubbing their stained and soiled lives clean” Zech 13:1.

Though you may be defiled and filthy in their eyes, an outcast and a rejected one in their estimate, but in My eyes you are a royal priesthood destined for the throne. The enemy has caused you to be a curse among the people; it has made you to be regarded as a sinner. But in My eyes, you are a pure and unsullied dove. What the enemy has caused for your sorrow and pain, I will change and make it for your glory. The enemy thought this will be for your eternal dismay, but it does not know that I have destined it for the glory of the ages.

In that day, when I bring back your captivity, I will use a new way to bring your restoration. I shall use a fountain for a well of salvation to bring about the removal of your defilement. You shall be washed clean, scrubbed clean, from your stain by the virtue of the fountain, says your God. The day is coming, says the Lord God, when I will strip off your filthy garments and restore this humbled ruined tent of yours to a glorious stature. The world will wonder about your luster, because you shall emerge from your rejection shining with My glory. Every one will see your release and enthronement, and they will give Me praise for your sake, says the Lord.

(i). “Though you lie down among the sheepfolds, you will be like the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold” Ps. 68:13.

(ii). “Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the Lord stood by. Then the Angel of the Lord admonished Joshua, saying, "Thus says the Lord of hosts: 'If you will walk in My ways, And if you will keep My command, Then you shall also judge My house, And likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk Among these who stand here. 'Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, For they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH” Zech. 3:1-8.

(iii). ‘Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, the Holy One: To Him whom man despises, to Him whom the nation abhors, to the Servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship, Because of the Lord who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; who has chosen you" ‘ Is. 49:8.

Refresh The Ground And Persevere
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ISA 12:3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

ISA 49:10 They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat upon them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water.

"Continue my people, in the faith that I have given unto you. Know that you are vessels to display my work unto the world. What is hidden will be disclosed. The time is running close to my soon return. "

The Lord showed me a tree that was ready to shed its leaves. I watched as several leaves fell to the ground. My attention was drawn to each one as they fluttered in mid-air. The first fell in front of me and then turned into a piece of parchment that was crumpled-up like a leaf. On it was written, "Be ready." I kept looking at the leaves as they fell from the tree. A second leaf fell in the same manner towards me and it had the message, "Persevere" written on it. Several other leaves fell to the ground from the tree, but these were the only ones that held a message. Then as I watched one fell and continued to fall, but did not fall to the ground. There was a cliff and on its edge it went into a chasm. One of the leaves continued to fall into this area. I saw what looked like a long scroll come forth from this single leaf and then the leaf/scroll changed its form. It now became a bucket that held water. Water was being poured into it from above. The bucket and water was then being raised and was filling other buckets. Finally, the bucket of water was tiled to spill its water onto the ground. The ground was parched and cracked like a desert.

"These leaves represent what you are to do to prepare yourselves for my soon return. I tell you that you are to draw water out from the springs of my Spirit; and then it will be poured into the dry places that need it. "

There Is A Drought In The Land
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HOS 4:6 my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.

AM 8:11 "The days are coming," declares the Sovereign LORD, "when I will send a famine through the land-- not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD. AM 8:12 Men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east, searching for the word of the LORD, but they will not find it.

"Many of my people are on the brink of starvation. They are on the brink of being starved of my word. There is a drought in the land and it is a drought of my word. Many go here and go there for a word from the Lord. Many seek out a prophet that they might get a word from the Lord, but I tell you, the word is near you, it is even in your heart. Why seek after these things when I am in you? Why go to this conference and that one when I have given you all things? I tell you that my people lack of knowledge. They seek after the spectacular. I tell you that this attitude is no different than the world's "

"Will I do the miraculous? Will I do the spectacular? I tell you that I will, but it is only when you seek after Me first. Seek after Me first and I will surely give you all things. Then will come the spectacular, but it only because you know Me. "

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Rebuilding The House Of The Lord
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"…the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work…" Acts 13:2

GOD IS ONCE AGAIN CALLING OUT A REMNANT FROM THE CHURCH'S BABYLONIAN CAPTIVITY.

Just as ancient Israel, when the seventy years had expired, were set free to return and rebuild the temple, so too the people of God in this hour (see Jer 25:11-12; 29:10-14; Ezra 1:1-5).

THE PROPHETIC CLOCK HAS BEEN TICKING AND THE TIME FOR OUR RELEASE IS IMMINENT. But it is a release with a purpose – 'the restoration of all things spoken by the holy prophets' (see Acts 3:21) – to restore and rebuild the house of the Lord.

BUT WE HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD THE 'HOUSE OF THE LORD' – we have thought it was our 'paneled houses' – our 'local churches' – our franchise outlet for the latest so-called 'apostolic network', new movement, or historic denomination.

WE HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT JESUS SAID, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH" – that He is completely single-minded about the restoration of "one flock with one shepherd" (Jn 10:16) – the one church of the city. We have prevaricated by saying, "The time has not yet come for the Lord's house to be built" (Hag 1:2). But the time has come – the Lord is asking, "Is it a time for you yourselves to be living in your paneled houses, while this house remains a ruin?" (Hag 1:4).

WE HAVE WONDERED WHY IT'S SO HARD TO 'DO CHURCH' – WHY THERE IS SO MUCH 'BURN-OUT' – SO MUCH FAILURE AND FRUSTRATION – AND SO LITTLE GROWTH.

AND SO, THE LORD IS SAYING,

"GIVE CAREFUL THOUGHT TO YOUR WAYS. YOU HAVE PLANTED MUCH, BUT HAVE HARVESTED LITTLE…YOU EXPECTED MUCH, BUT SEE, IT TURNED OUT TO BE LITTLE. WHAT YOU BROUGHT HOME I BLEW AWAY. WHY?…BECAUSE OF MY HOUSE, WHICH REMAINS A RUIN, WHILE EACH OF YOU IS BUSY WITH HIS OWN HOUSE." HAG 1:5-9

THE LORD IS ABOUT TO STIR THE HEARTS OF HIS PEOPLE AGAIN. As they hear the prophetic sound of the Haggais and Zechariahs, Zerubbabel and Joshua, the apostolic builders, with a remnant people will leave their sectarian and selfish interests to return to the work – to the rebuilding of the city-church – the raising up of the dwelling of God by the Spirit (see Hag 1:12-15).

"NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT"
But because the status quo (building our ministry, movement, church, or denomination) is such an immovable mountain the word of the Lord will declare, "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit'…'What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'Grace, Grace!'

Then the word of the Lord came to me, 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it...'" Zech 4:6-9

THE MOUNTAIN OF ENTRENCHED PATTERNS – TWO-THOUSAND YEARS OF RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS, STRUCTURES, AND SENTIMENTS – OF SELF-SEEKING AND SELF-PROMOTION WILL FALL BEFORE THE OMNIPOTENT SPIRIT. What is impossible to man is possible to God. All things that can be shaken will be shaken, so that only the unshakeable will remain.

THE RELEASE OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE RESTORATION OF THE CITY-CHURCH ARE IMMINENT. Its foundation will be re-laid, but it will be by the Spirit, not by any human might or power –

there will be no twelve-step city-reaching strategy to pull it off!

THE FOUNDATION OF APOSTLES AND PROPHETS WITH CHRIST AS THE CHIEF-CORNERSTONE IS THE FIRST STEP. And it will only be re-laid through a deep work of the Spirit. False foundations – denominational, celebrity, and self-seeking agendas will be ripped up and discarded in this new move of the Spirit. A deep repentance will grip the hearts of many as they are called to "raise up the age-old foundations" (Isa 58:12).

ALL ACROSS OUR CITIES AND NATIONS THESE REFORMATIONAL FORERUNNERS ARE NOW BEING PREPARED FOR RELEASE.

THEY HAVE BEEN CALLED BY THE SPIRIT INTO PLACES OF OBSCURITY AND ANONYMITY. Just as those who, in debt, distressed, and discontented were called out from Saul's palace to David at Adullam (1 Sam 22:1-2) in preparation for the throne – for the third and apostolic anointing – so too, a remnant forerunner company for the restoration of the apostolic city-church. They will prove to be the embryo of a new wineskin that will harvest whole cities and regions of the earth.

TRUE SERVANTHOOD – "KNOWN, YET REGARDED AS UNKNOWN." AS 'NO-NAME' APOSTLES AND PROPHETS THEY WILL MAKE WAY FOR THE KING. They will be buried in Christ as the chief-cornerstone – hidden in God – obscured in the anonymity of true servanthood – "known, yet regarded as unknown" (2 Cor 6:9). A foundation is never visible, except as it is being laid. And so, for a short season there will be a re-emphasis of their role in the process of rebuilding and restoration. But as they are put in place, in Paul's words,

"…God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe…we are fools for Christ…" 1 Cor 4:9-10

AS TRUE APOSTLES THEY WILL RECEIVE THE SENTENCE OF DEATH IN THEMSELVES – THEY WILL DECREASE, SO THAT THE LIFE OF GOD MAY INCREASE.

And so, again in Paul's words,

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ" 1 Cor 3:11

AND THIS FOUNDATION IS MORE THAN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST. It is not knowledge about Christ. Rather, it is being immersed in the knowledge of Christ – a union of spirit – the intimacy of bride and groom.

BURIED IN THIS KNOWLEDGE (THROUGH PROPHETIC WORSHIP, DECLARATION AND TEACHING), PROPHETS WILL PREPARE THE WAY FOR A NEW RELEASE OF THE APOSTOLIC ACCORDING TO THE ANTIOCH PROTOTYPE.

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Run Towards Me Not Away

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Many times when I draw My people to come close, I see that many run in the opposite direction and avoid coming into the secret place with Me. For this is the time and the hour where the enemy will do everything in his power to draw you away from coming into that place of intimacy with Me. For in this place I accept you as you are, and you are able to receive healing from all your hurts and pain. I will build you up and prepare you for battle. I will speak to you of My battle plan on how to defeat the enemy in your life. There is nothing to fear so draw near for I have defeated the enemy on your behalf.

I love you just as you are, and there is nothing you have to do to make Me love you any more than I love you this day. I loved you before you ever knew Me, even when you chose to live a life of sin. And now that you know Me I give you My kingdom authority, My name, and I call you to even sit with Me at the right hand of My Father, the place of power. Why do you shy away from Me? What do you feel you have to hide? Or is it that you just don't desire My presence for you have as much of My presence that you want.

Do not be afraid to come into that place where I examine your heart to bring conviction for that is a place of purity and freedom. You must delight in that place. Do not believe what the enemy says about coming into that place, for he is a liar and even the father of lies. All he comes to do is to twist the truth. Do not listen to anything he has to say even if it sounds like it makes sense.

This is the time and the hour where I will pour out My power, but you must draw close to receive it. Even draw close upon My lap and rest your head on My chest. Let Me hold you close to bring comfort and strength for many are so weary and battle fatigued. Give Me all your cares. Give Me all the battle. Don't try to fight it on your own in your own strength. Let go and let Me take over for you. Do not be afraid for I AM in control, and all things will work for your good. Just trust Me for I love you and care for you.

This is the final hour, and you must develop that place of intimacy with Me. Run to Me every chance that you can. Escape the cares of the world and the distractions of the enemy, and come sup with Me for I will fill you with that hidden manna to give you strength. Yes, I will strengthen your inner man as you pray in My Spirit. I will fill you with My strategies against the enemy to defeat him in every way that he tries to come against you. I will give you discerning of spirits and knowledge and wisdom. Yes, I will stir the gifts up within you, and show you how to stand even bolder in the face of danger for I AM making and calling you My soldiers of light and truth.

Come out of the darkness and come into My glorious light in My secret place. For I will give you joy unspeakable and fill you with My glory. I will cause you to delight in My word that it May be planted deep in your heart. I will refresh you by streams of living water that you may bask in My Son. Look forward to your times with Me, for this is the final hour, and you must make good use of the time you have. Take all opportunity to prepare, to draw near, while it is still day. For soon I will send you out like lambs for the slaughter. That will be the way it will seem in the day of persecution, but I will raise you up as mighty warriors, and every word that I will say through you will be like a mighty roar to defeat the enemy. For just because I have made you meek, don't think that you are weak for I AM mighty in you and through you.

I love you, My beloved. Come close this day. Listen closely to what I have to say. Rest in My presence for I AM faithful. I will prosper you. I will heal you. I will raise you up for I AM the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and I AM calling you near.

Stand Unwavering On My Promises
Yolanda Ballard

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Stand on every promise that I have given to you in My Word. This is the day to take authority over every weapon formed against you, and decree them null and void and that they can bring no harm to you. For this is the day I call you to rise up to tell the enemy that this is as far as you go, no more, and that you are taking no more of his harassment and pain.

I have taken you through the fire and I have taken you through the rain, and you have remained faithful, fixed on My promise that I would sustain you and restore you to health. All that you have gone through you have never let go of Me, and now I will bless you and prosper you and restore all that the enemy has tried to steal from you. Yes, this is the day of restoration and for rejoicing. No, it is not time to let go but to hold on ever tightly for the manifestation of your loved ones and those things you have been believing for is at hand. Yes, you are right at the edge of a major breakthrough that will bring glorious change in your life. Reach out and decree that this is the day of salvation and the day to decree victory and to rejoice!

Count your blessings this day. Don't allow the enemy to rob you of them by having you to focus on the negative around you. Look past the circumstances, and keep your eyes on Me, and know in your heart that I AM faithful. I AM in control and am working all things for your good. Take this day and rest in My love and goodness and be lifted up in your spirit. Don't allow the enemy to bring discouragement and despair trying to get you to believe that there is no end to these trials. I AM sovereign and yes, I AM in control. The enemy can do nothing without My allowing it so in that aspect he is My servant, and he is under your feet.

If you are Mine, he can bring you no harm without good coming out of it. I AM teaching you and molding you into My image by the suffering that you go through in My name. If you are standing on My word and are struggling, then take heed to My word that it will not return to Me void without accomplishing what I sent it out to do. Do not look at the severity of the trial or the time involved in walking it out, that is not yours to be concerned with. All you need to do is stand unwavering knowing that I AM faithful. Don't panic in these last days and give up and run to the arm of the flesh.

Don't trust Me only when you can see the end, but walk by faith knowing My promise to prevail over the enemy. Whatsoever things you desire when you pray believe that you have them and the answer is yours. If it is according to My will, then I hear your prayer, and if you know that I heard you, the answer is yes and Amen. Secure yourself with the basics of your faith, and waver not in unbelief for these are perilous times, and you need to be able to trust Me so I can take you through in victory. Yes, I will sustain you. I will restore you to health and prosper you. Rejoice this day for you have the victory.

Remove The Occult Shield Of Protection

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A Call to Remove the Occult Shield of Protection over three Men through Prayer-- B*n Laden, Arafat, and Yassin"
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I believe the Lord wants me to sound a loud and clear call to prayer for the removal of the "occult shield of protection" surrounding Osama b*n Laden, Yasser Arafat, and Sheik Yassin (the spiritual head of "Hamas" in Gaza, and responsible for the terrorist deaths of scores of Jewish youth and children in Israel).

This direction in prayer has recently come strongly in our intercession and worship watches in Jerusalem. Having ministered over many years in several countries of the Middle East and North Africa, I know that the use of witchcraft and curses is very common in much of Islam. I sensed this strong use of the occult when I was in Iraq in the area that was eventually revealed as Saddam Hussein's hiding place. During the time before his capture, I felt led to pray that his "occult shield of protection" would be stripped away. Now I believe it is time to pray in the same way concerning these three evil men.

A Call to Fast

Tonight, I was awakened in the night with this phrase concerning Osama b*n Laden, Yasser Arafat, and Sheik Yassin: "The time for the removal of your occult shields of protection has come. The time of your judgment is swiftly approaching."

Even as those in Islam fast for power (but it comes from the wrong source), so I believe God is calling many who will receive this to fast and pray for the breaking of these men's occult defense, and for their full evil to be exposed. Some in our ministry in Jerusalem are already fasting 40 days and calling out for God to remove the demonic protection over these three men.

Praying Isaiah 47

The young man over our night watches in Jerusalem, Steve Hansen, received Isaiah 47 concerning this subject. I encourage you to pray the whole chapter, but especially significant are verses 9-11: "Both of these will overtake you in a moment, on a single day: loss of children and widowhood. They will come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and all your potent spells. You have trusted in your wickedness and have said, 'No one sees me.' Your wisdom and knowledge mislead you when you say to yourself, "I am, and there is none besides me.' Disaster will come upon you, and you will not know how to conjure it away. A calamity will fall upon you that you cannot ward off with a ransom; a catastrophe you cannot foresee will suddenly come upon you."

May God arise, and may His enemies be scattered!

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Receive The Promises By Faith

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2004 A Year To Receive The Promises By Faith

The Lord showed me yesterday and today that this is the year to receive the things that you have been promised, but many people don't know HOW to receive - or don't know HOW to really get into faith. So read and pass on, lets do some receiving together!
Kathie, how to receive your inheritance? (It's easier than you think).

Regarding your inheritance -

First of all, you have to be convinced that you DO have an inheritance. If I called you and said that your long lost uncle had died and left a few million dollars in an account for you in Switzerland, you would very likely find out as fast as you could how to get to Switzerland and access that account. But if you weren't convinced that you had an account, you would just go plodding along as usual. That is called a spirit of slumber. A spirit of slumber doesn't mean that you are lazy and don't do anything - it means that you are asleep to the relevant things of God.

It's a promise

First of all, the inheritance comes through promise, not works. (Gal 3:18) So, you can't earn it. It is a gift. The inheritance is eternal, (Heb 9:15) and it is sealed with the Spirit of promise. The Baptism of the Spirit is like an engagement ring, a sealing of the promise. This makes the Spirit-filled life our inheritance. (Eph 1:13,14) and the Life of the Spirit is meant to be normal for us.

The Spirit of God is powerful and supernatural, He is incorruptible and undefiled. God said that, when the Spirit came, we would prophesy and dream dreams and see visions (Acts 2:18). When Phillip went to witness and baptize the man in the chariot, its says that the Spirit afterwards "Caught Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more" (Acts 8:39). God is not limited as we are. There is no time or distance in the Spirit. That is why when we are in the Spirit we can be taken to other nations and see things in the future and have revelation of things that are past.

We are joint heirs

We are called to the realm of the Holy Spirit - the realm where GOD dwells. We have "Been given the Spirit of adoption whereby we cry "Abba" (daddy) Father (Rom 8:15)." And the same "Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD, and if children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ." (Rom 8:15).

Joint heirs - that means we can have what He has. What an awesome and powerful and incredible inheritance. When Jesus died on the cross for you, he did not say "Well I have purchased your eternal salvation and you are going to spend eternity with Me, but meanwhile, do the best you can." No, no He left you a powerful life in the Spirit, in order that you can live as He lived and be a witness to His mighty resurrection. "You will receive POWER after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and you shall be WITNESSES TO ME" (Acts 1:8) The apostle Paul said, "I came to you not with words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit and in power, " (1 Cor 2:4).

There must be a demonstration of God's power, that is why we are still here on this earth - our lives are that demonstration, that is why we need to receive our spiritual inheritance and all that God has provided.

So, now are you convinced about your inheritance? Did you realize that the religious spirit makes people feel as though they are somehow not "qualified" for this wonderful inheritance? If I ask people about salvation, they tell me, "Yes, we know we are saved though Christ and His death and resurrection, we have received it by faith and we know we are heaven-bound." But when I asked the same people "Do you know that the realm of the Spirit, the supernatural realm, the angels, heavenly visitations, are supposed to be a normal part of your life? Those same people who are sure of their salvation, will say they feel somehow they are not "qualified" for this supernatural realm. They feel "This is for sister Sue and Brother Pat, who are more spiritual than me. After all who am I to be having all these wonderful things?"

Don't listen to the devil's lies

A little old devil creeps up alongside and agrees with you. "Yes, who do you think you are to be talking about ministry and going to other nations and prophesying and having visitations from God.?" Don't listen to the lies of the enemy of your soul. It is in his best interest to keep you out of the supernatural realm for which you were born (again). Just think for a minute. You can't do him much damage in the natural - in fact you can't do anything at all. But when you get in your inheritance and that realm of the spirit, then his kingdom is going to shake and the devils and demons around you are going to shake and all kinds of evil things are going to have to close shop and move out of town.

This last weekend we had a "Mighty Young Warriors conference" in our town, Macon, Georgia. Kids came from all over and the power of God laid them out under the anointing, then they got up and started praying for people. There were some major miracles and deliverances that happened. I saw a major demonic stronghold LEAVE the area. Something the intercessors had been praying against for years - See the devil couldn't stand to see the power of God like that - especially on the kids!

Guess what - you don't have to "qualify" either

You see you don't have to qualify for this walk in the supernatural. If Jesus qualified you 100%, then how can you un-qualify for something you never qualified for in the first place? That's ridiculous! When I speak of angelic encounters, heavenly visitations, Gods chariots, people say to me, "Well it's OK for you - you have that kind of Spirit ministry." It grieves me when I hear that. We are all meant to have that kind of ministry.
Whether it's in teaching, prophesying, evangelizing, pastoring - it's meant to be supernatural. These are all supernatural ministries - given by God Himself. We are supernatural people - God's own people, bought with a great price, the precious blood of the Lamb.

Do you think Jesus died to leave you where you are? No! He purchased you to walk in His ways, in the Spirit. He has given you a new heart and put His spirit within you (Ezek 36:26). Don't you know the Lawgiver is IN you? That's why you don't have to struggle and strive to keep the law. If you walk in the Spirit you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh. How come? - Oh, because you don't live in that realm of death anymore. You have been translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son. What a great salvation! What a wonderful privilege to be called the sons and daughter of God! Well you have to walk like a princess or prince and talk like one, and act like one. Live in your inheritance, be who you are - in Christ.

Good News - It's by faith

So friends, it is by faith that we access our inheritance. You see God cannot minister to our unbelief and our negativism. It is the opposite to His very nature. He is a God of faith. Did you realize that God believes in Himself and has confidence in His own power. If He does then why can't you? He believes in you too. So much so, that He put His own life within you, He has so much confidence that He placed the most priceless jewel in you - His Spirit.

Jesus said, " What things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them" (Mark 11:24).
"Oh you mean, pray and wait and see if it happens and then believe it?"
"No believe when you pray, not when you see."
"Oh you mean believe BEFORE you see."
"Right you got it." ***Clank clank clank - brains disturbed!***

We have to adjust to the Dove. As Godfrey Birtill sings "If you want to rise above the mountains you must adjust to the dove." (Awesome song by the way. From his CD "Fertile Ground")

You get what you say

Jesus said another interesting thing about receiving. He said (talking about moving the mountain) ".. and he does not doubt in his heart. But believes that those things which he SAYS will come to pass: he shall have whatsoever he says." (Mark 11:23)
"Oh Oh - it can't be that easy - don't we have to struggle and strive and work at it?"
"No you just have to believe and get rid of the doubt - If you want to please God, you have to operate in faith. And by the way, you will have what you say , so I would be very careful about what you say."

Whenever I went to New England in the winter time I would say "I always get a cold when I come to New England in the winter."
Well guess what? My faith and my confession worked. I got a cold every time I went to New England in the winter. So I quit saying that and believing that - now I don't get colds in New England I get health and a lot of joy."

Now I have another gem for you. Did you know that you don't have to ask God for more faith? He already gave you His faith. "To every man is given the measure of Faith," to do what God calls you to do (Rom 12:3) It's not your faith, it's His faith. Well faith works - you don't have to get more - you have to use what you have. That's the greatest faith in the world in you right now. The trouble is that a lot of people confuse faith with how they feel. Faith has nothing at all to do with how you feel - faith is what you decide to believe and stand in it. There are faith stories and angel stories in my book **"Living in the Supernatural"** if you want more encouragement.

Getting your family saved

Years ago we continually prayed for our family to be saved - David's (Jewish) dad, his Catholic mom and my very proper, but Godless mom. We complained to the Lord because we were in a revival and the power of God was falling everywhere and our parents were outside it all. Then the Lord said to us, "My Word says 'Salvation is for you and your house", so when are you going to believe they are saved, when you pray or when you see?" After some thought we said- "Oh I see pray and BELIEVE." So, we prayed one more time, and when we prayed we received their salvation - By faith I saw the names of our parents written in God's book. We treated them differently from then on - we just talked to them like they were as saved and as excited as we were. We didn't take any notice of what we saw with our eyes or heard with our ears! Guess what? within 6 weeks they were all saved. This is quite a story, it is in my book **"Living in the Supernatural."** David's dad met the Lord in his sleep - He sat up in bed, fast asleep with his hands raised in the air. David's mom told us He was sitting up with the his hands up in the air saying ? "Jesus, my Messiah." When he woke up he was saved - God can do a anything, but we have to release our faith - read on

There's nothing wrong with your faith - Get rid of the doubt

It's not your faith that is lacking, it's that fact that a spirit of doubt or unbelief can sit on your fountain of faith. I am going to tell you an animal story.

"Oh no, not another animal story"
"This is a great story it has a happy ending."
"Are you sure about this one?"
"Yes - just listen up."
"OK"

Well you know my kids always had animals of one kind or another. I was never very good with the animals, but my kids survived OK.

The fluffy bunny

Lisa had a big, white, fluffy rabbit. It lived on the porch (upper level) and ran around there. Apart from eating my wicker furniture, I didn't mind it. Well Lisa was going out of town for a few days. "Mom" she said, " Please would you take care of the rabbit?" she showed me how to do its food and water thingy. "No problem." Well, after a day or so I went to check on the rabbit and had this thought. "I bet that bunny would love to run around the yard (we have 3 acres) it must be really tired of that sun porch. Definitely it would enjoy a change of scenery."

I took it out to the yard and put it down on the grass. It hopped around a little nervously and then got excited and began hopping big time. Suddenly our dog, Shep, spotted the rabbit and came charging across the yard. The rabbit saw him and scattered real quick. They both disappeared and the dog came back empty handed, so the bunny had made a good escape. But I thought the bunny was going to come back. After all he knows where he lives, surely he knows a good thing when he sees it. I mean he lives here, he must know that. I waited for an hour and then came back and waited another hour for the rabbit to return. Well of course it must have liked its new found freedom and decided to stay put - wherever its "put" place was.

Unhappy Lisa

Needless to say Lisa was not happy and said she would never leave me to look after her creatures again, and for sure I would not look after her children whenever she had them!

Raccy - the Raccoon

A while later, a friend gave Faith (eldest daughter) a pet Raccoon. Raccy he was called. He had always been a house pet so was used to living inside. He was a cute little fellow. The girls led him around the house on a leash. But they had to leave for a few days to visit some friends. "Can you look after him, Mom?" Faith asked. She was more trusting than Lisa. "Sure thing" I replied.
When they were gone, I fed him and walked Raccy around. I looked out of the French doors in the kitchen and thought, "This little fellow has never had an opportunity to climb a tree. I bet he would love that experience." So, I took him outside and took off the leash and let him run up the tree. I waited for a long time for him to come back. Surely he couldn't be that dumb - he must know where his home is. Well I waited and waited and then realized he must have jumped to another tree and had no intention whatsoever of coming home. I thought he was an ungrateful little fur ball. Faith was mad and for some reason seemed to think I was somewhat lacking in common sense. She said she would never leave me with an animal again, and when she was married and had children, she would never leave her children with me in case I put them up a tree.

Fred the fish

Well things settled down and Lisa acquired a fish. One of those colored fighting fish. It was in a bowl in the kitchen. She was going to visit some friends in Atlanta. "Mom please can you take care of Fred (fish)? You can't run him up a tree or let him run in the yard, so he should be safe." She showed me how to sprinkle his food on the water. "Easy" I thought. The following day I realized that the dog had brought fleas into the house. " I will set off some flea bombs and go to the mall while I am waiting for it to 'take'", I thought to myself. So off I went, having set off 4 bombs throughout the house. I forgot about the little fishy happily swimming about in the bowl.

When I came home and guess what? The little fishy was still in the bowl - but upside down. I poked him and prodded him and prayed, but to no avail. He stayed upside down. Now quite honestly I have a hard time feeling a lot of compassion for fish, they are not like warm and cuddly creatures that snuggle up to you. No doubt some of you will think I am heartless - sorry. My main thought was what I was going to say to Lisa. I was sure she would never let me take care of her children (whenever she got married and had them) ever. I had a better idea. I went to the pet shop and bought another fish that looked just the same. I flushed the first little fish (after saying a "burial" prayer over him,) down the toilet and cleaned out the glass bowl and put the new fish inside.
Lisa came home. We sat in the kitchen with a cup of coffee, everything seemed OK. "Mom" Lisa looked up at me. "Yes?" - "What happened to the fish?"
"Fish?" I tried to look surprised. "Mom, it's a different color." No more to be said about that conversation, except that she reinforced the thing about taking care of her children.

Raja - the cat (good ending to this one). Thought I would say that in case anyone thought of writing me a mean letter

Well there is a point to this story. It concerns Lisa's cat. This is a beautiful Himalayan cat named Raja (means majestic). Lisa and Raja were staying at my house in Georgia. And Guess what? Lisa had to leave for a few days and had to leave her cat with me because the vet was too expensive. I had to make statements of faith concerning this cat before she left him with me.

I was doing well, but I had to leave also just for a couple of days. I asked someone I knew to put the cat in the laundry room where there was plenty of food and water and a lot of space. But when I returned they had forgotten and the cat was stuck in the bathroom for 3 days. He had spilled his water and consequently had no water for 3 days. We rushed him to the Vet who misdiagnosed his condition, so he was another day without proper treatment. When we took him back, the Vet said "His kidneys have failed, we can put him on a kidney machine but we can't really do anything. I have never seen kidneys start up again when they have failed like this." Oh you can guess how I felt - I did love this kitty - he was beautiful and I had bought him for Lisa. I felt so bad. I felt very down and discouraged and felt so sorry for the kitty and myself and for Lisa, who didn't know yet.

I couldn't even think about what I was going to say to her. As the next couple of days went by, I tried to pray but it felt like my prayers were hitting the ceiling. I felt such a heaviness, a great weight. Then on the Saturday morning the Vet called me. "Mrs. Walters," he said, " We can't do anything for the cat - this machine is costing you a lot of money and it is not going to do anything. I need to take the cat off the machine." I panicked then. "Oh, give me half an hour" I said in desperation.

I went into the bedroom and tried to pray and then I remembered something a prophet friend of mine, Bob Jones, had told me a few weeks before. He had said "There is a spirit of doubt trying to attack you." Then I remembered also that God had given me a Spirit of faith. No matter how I felt, it was the truth - that I had God's faith within me. I took authority over the spirit of doubt. I yelled at it to get off me and leave me alone. I began to declare that God's faith was functioning in my life, then I began to pray for Raja and speak to him (although he was still at the Vet's). I commanded him to live and not die. I commanded the kidney's to work - and rebuked the devil who wanted to steal him from us. I shouted and yelled all over the house. Then the phone rang. It was the Vet. "You will never believe this" he said. "Try me" I replied. "This cat is fine, it's kidney's started working on their own and now its off the machine and it looks fine. Can I keep the cat to observe it?" I have never seen this happen before." "No, I am coming to get it right now" was my response.

My faith is fine
You see there was nothing wrong with my faith. How can there be anything lacking in God's faith? But the enemy had tried to steal and bring doubt and discouragement so that I didn't ACT on my faith. I got

too busy with how I FELT.

So now friends - start to believe what God believes - agree with Him. By faith you enter into His kingdom and live in your inheritance and be who God made you to be. You are His beloved, the apple of His eye.

Do you know there is no demon or devil that is stronger than your faith - because it is God's faith? Every stronghold has to break and bow under the power of your faith! It is linked to the Son of God and it is linked to His name! The Name that is above every name in heaven and earth. You can't fail. You have no time for feeling sorry for yourself. You have too much going for you. You are a winner - you are on the winning team and the captain of the team has already purchased the victory. Go for it!

Pray this,

"Thank you Lord that when Jesus died for me, He left me an inheritance. The realm of the spirit, the supernatural realm of God, the Angels, the visitations of God, Heaven - that is my inheritance and it is a normal part of my life. This I confess and I choose to believe, I receive in Jesus mighty Name - Amen - so be it.

Note: If you are interested - as of today (Jan 1st 2004) Raja lives with me as Lisa in Washington DC, he is fine and well although he often looks at me sideways and his hair stands up when I go to pick him up. I also have a lovely white Maine Coon cat who LOVES me, his name is "Snowball." Original I know but he TRUSTS ME -unlike Rajah.

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Refreshing The Taste Buds Of God

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Refreshing the taste buds of God. (To the Church of Laodicea. Pt.2)

"I will throw you up!" (Rev.3) It is always important to note when God talks like that. He usually is extremely polite in conversation. Rarely does He use words that can't be used at the dinner table. So when He gets gross in His dialogue, there just might be some important issues being discussed.

My Dad rarely yelled. But when he did, my little ears got opened real fast. I did something baaaadddddddddd! Real bad. Repentance was just around the corner for me. Right after my deliverance from my sin. And repent I did.

If you read Part one "To the Church of Laodicea", and felt it applied to your situation; did you find yourself repenting. Since I had written that article, I have found myself hearing those words above, and doing what I have to, to avoid hearing them again. I don't like the idea of making God puke. I don't like the idea that in the condition of being "lukewarm", by not being a refreshing cold drink or a soothing hot drink to Him, I have caused Him revulsion. Especially when I know that His nature toward me is that He is totally in love with me. But my compromised ways and the customs of our Western mindset bombard God with a sulfuric lukewarm taste that constantly strains His ability to be intimate.

But being raised that way, thinking that my lifestyle of success, and my logical mindset is normal and to be expected in my Western setting, I now fight that deeply engrained way of doing things. And every now and then, God pukes. And then He pleads.

"Will you not throw it all behind you for just one moment of pleasing me?! Could you do without your comforts for just a moment to refresh my taste buds.?"

And my spirit says "Yes!" But my engrained way of thinking says "Not until I have enjoyed some of the benefits of my hard work. Not till I am secure financially. So that nothing can rock my world. Not till I have my 3 car garage full of the toys I like. Then I will think about giving more than 10%. And don't bring up that 100% stuff again. I am an American, and I live with needs, and they are expensive!"

And then I hear this gagging going on, and I fall to my knees so trapped within my desires to please Him and to meet my "normal way of life."

"God, I know You are not looking to hurt us. I know you are looking for our good. You are teaching us Kingdom Banking laws. How to store in Heaven for eternity what will in the long run mean so little in the temporal. But God, we are so stuck with our little everyday pleasures. It is not in our nature to do without. We are used to the pleasures of our life. We are taught by good honest God-fearing men to have money, to save money, and to be the best we can be. We are even taught to give to get. This is who we are. And yet for some reason it makes you sick inside. Deliver us from these habits so instilled in our way of life. And open our eyes to see that 'The Emperor has no clothes on!' That your Royal Priesthood is 'Naked and Wretched', and that you have a Divine plan to clothe us with the garments of heaven. Teach us this in the way that only You can. Give us ears to hear and eyes to see! So that we might refresh your taste buds once again."

May I make some recommendations to you to start you off this year. Some of these things might be too radical to imagine.

1)Take the money that you spend on luxuries. (Going to restaurants to eat, amusements, and other unnecessary pleasures) this week, and give them to something or someone that cannot reward you in turn. No tax write-offs or public recognition. An anonymous gift that can only be rewarded in Heaven.

And if you have a problem with any segment of society because of their "way of life;" i.e. bums, drunks, prostitutes, etc., give them the money. I know that it goes against the grain of your thinking. To reward bad living habits so that they can continue on doing the thing that is killing them. But God is not just after your money. He is after your heart to love the unlovable. He is not just after your self-sufficiency; He is after your time and attitude toward those who are opposite of you and your lifestyle. By giving time and money to the very thing you despise, you will begin the journey of being broken of your dependency on earthly possessions and self dependence. Your money will now be Gods money. You will have to trust Him who knows all with the thing that you thought was yours to control.

2.)Take your T.V. and put it in the closet until you stop hearing it call out your name every evening. Replace that time with prayer, fasting, and reaching out to your neighbors on either side of you. Bring them something special to eat. (Please do the prayer and fasting first so that there is some anointing on it.) Just be their friend. Give them a few weeks to get to know you before you "preach to them." Make it your point to begin having a normal relationship with the lost outside of just telling them to "repent!" Make sure they know you care about them first. Know their children's names before you remind them of their destination to hell. If they have special needs like the house needing painting or financial needs, be ready to respond. Make sure any money you give to this need is above and beyond the money you gave in Suggestion #1. That way, you will develop the habit of giving to the needs you see as you see them. The whole point is to make your money Gods money. Remember, besides doing all of this, we are meeting the needs of the storehouse God has placed us in. Housechurch or your local church that you attend. This is above and beyond the tithes you give there. If you say to yourself you do not have the money to do this, then may I suggest you read the first article I wrote "To the Church of Laodicea" once more. Please.

3.)Begin to store presents for Christmas for the needy even now. Make Christmas about giving and not receiving. Teach your children this. This is one of the major training programs for our way of thinking. We are drowned in the idea of receiving on that day. Years later, when we don't get what we want, we get all depressed over it. As children when we don't receive the toy we expected, we threw fits or we sulked about it privately. But if we grow up with the habit of giving only on that day, then we begin to grow up in the ideology of heaven. That to give is better than to receive. I am not against blessing your family with the gifts that parents love to give to their children. But recognize the damage being done if Christmas is about them, and not about Jesus. To undo it, do the radical. At the least make your budget much larger in giving to the poor that day. Take your children to the place of need, and let them participate in the giving. Encourage them to put away for others in anticipation of that day. Break the power of the "Spirit of Materialism" that is so encouraged on Christmas day. Train your children to love pleasing God more then themselves. And if you give to one another, make them gifts that time was put into. It allows for work and time so that it cost something more than money. It breaks the power of money over your way of thinking.

4.) Send your children to organizations like YWAM or other similar groups to get them out into the world where plenty is not normal. Let them see the truth about their way of life. And you go too. Go to a Third world country. You will see what you as a human being lives without everyday and somehow survives. And give till it hurts.

This will break you of your dependence of money and pleasure. And then you will begin to enjoy the money the way it was meant to be enjoyed. And you will refresh the taste buds of our God.

Recognizing The True From The False

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We are living in a time in which there are many spiritual forces operating. As Satan's time draws near, so does the intensity of his attack, yet this intensity is not in simple destruction, for it is easily recognized as his work and can be resisted accordingly. No, the intensity of satanic attack that exists today is in the arena of deception - satan masquerading as an angel of light. With this warning we are given instructions from God's word.

"Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. You dear children are from God and have overcome them, because the greater one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. They are from the world (meaning they still operate from the world's system influence) and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world (or world's system), and the world (those who are influenced by the world's system) listen to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood."

Deception caused by a lack of spiritual discernment will keep us from entering into the Holy of Holies, that place of divine inheritance. Today many of God's people are dying because of Spiritual ignorance - "My people perish from a lack of knowledge."

Where we are in our journey into the Holy of Holies will determine how quickly we can recognize the Spirit of truth. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6). Our journey begins in the outer tabernacle (our salvation), into the holy place (being filled with the Spirit), and then into the holy of holies (being led of the Spirit).

As our spiritual growth brings us into a greater spiritual awareness, we become aware of a new spiritual barometer (THE CONSCIENCE OF GOD IN US). When we get to a point that we allow no man or circumstance to violate THE CONSCIENCE OF GOD IN US, we are on our way to spiritual maturity.

What is meant by "the conscience of God in us?" The conscience of God is what God has put in us (foreordained) – our vision, destiny, dream, and purpose, our appointed spiritual relationships, our revelation (understanding,) - those things that God has foreordained and placed in us by His Spirit.

When we begin to walk in the revelation of the following paragraph we will soon begin to separate the TRUE from the FALSE.

A true prophet will point you to Jesus – Jesus' vision and purpose THAT HE HAS PUT IN YOU! A false prophet will point you to himself; his vision, his purpose, his ministry, his church buildings, his desire for you etc., The vast difference between the true and the false is that the true will always confirm the Jesus IN YOU - your calling, your ministry, your purpose, and your destiny, while the false will always violate the Jesus in you, by pointing you to his vision. The TRUE can point you to nothing but Jesus, while the FALSE can point you to nothing but man. The false will always leave you empty, while the true will always leave you full.

So as to avoid confusion, it is important to note that God will, from time to time, marry us to the vision of another; yet the key to understanding this is the witness of the Spirit within us. There is a great difference in God marrying us to another man's vision, and man marrying us to his vision.

Understand this important statement: We are all capable of being both the TRUE and the FALSE in other people's lives in the same day. That is why we must hear what the Spirit is saying to us at all times - Jesus only said what He heard the Father say. We must avoid the temptation of manipulation and coercion from our own personal agendas, stemming from the root of selfishness. We see this world's system characteristic in operation in corporate America, in politics, business, our personal lives, and yes in our own families and Churches.

How are we able to separate the true from false, spiritual from carnal, real from unreal, Christ from the antiChrist? The Word tell us that a great delusion will fall upon the Church, that were it possible the very elect of God would be deceived. How do we avoid this deception? BY COMING INTO AN AWARENESS (THROUGH DISCERNMENT) OF HOW AND WHERE THE ENEMY OPERATES; and understanding that he operates through the World's System. If we are not able to discern the World's System, we must seek God for the gift of spiritual discernment.

We have been given the capability of discerning anything that violates what God has put within us. It will cause our spirit to leap, grieving God's Spirit within. In our flesh we often feel violated and offended, but these feelings emanate from our soul. Our challenge is in recognizing our soul from our spirit. When true spiritual discernment is operating as it should, we will not only recognize the difference in the soul's leading and God's leading, but will quickly recognize what violates God's Spirit within.

Each of us is unique and "wonderfully made." "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, WHICH GOD PREPARED IN ADVANCE FOR US TO DO." The word "workmanship" is a Greek word, poiema that means "handiwork" or new creation. God prepared each of us differently, yet we are his handiwork designed (IN ADVANCE) to perform a specific duty in the earth, and that duty is our destiny. It is of great importance to note that God put his purpose in us IN ADVANCE, before we were born. "For those he foreknew he also predestined…and those he predestined, he also called; those he called he also justified; those he justified he also glorified" (Romans 8:29,30).

From this we can deduct that God designed us in advance for a specific purpose; we were predestined, called, justified, and glorified. Our calling is steadfast and sure, so if we fail to attain our calling it is not because we lacked the purpose of God in us; it is more accurately reflective of our unwillingness to accept this call by refusing to break with our own traditions and mindsets.

"Many are called, few are chosen." The steps of a righteous man are ordered by God," but do we take those ordered steps, or simply continue to do things our way. The path of destruction is wide and will be traveled by many, yet the path we are called to walk is narrow and will be traveled by few. Here is where the rubber meets the road! Even though we possess this divine purpose, which resides in our spirit, in order for it to be acted upon it must rise up and into our conscience being (into our minds) and action must be taken. In other words, we must mentally know and accept these specific callings, which call for specific acts. Faith without works is dead!

If we recognize "false" when we see it, we must ask God why He has shown it to us. Many today are seeing the "false" and fail to ask God why am I seeing this, and what do you want me to do about it? Things are revealed to us for a specific purpose; hence the importance to seeking God for answers.

Let us all endeavor spiritually to understand what we are seeing and hearing.

Rise Up My Valiant Ones

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Rise up My valiant ones, for this is the day of your release.

My mighty ones of valor, you have been tried and tested in a long season of loneliness and persecution from even those closest to you. You have understood My heart and they understood it not, for they know Me not. They know Me through their intellect but not in spirit. They know not My heart of love and compassion, of longsuffering and patience. In this time I have given them, they sought Me not, but continued in their ways, despite My calling through My prophets and My calling to their hearts.

The doors are closing, it is time for My vengeance, time for Me to vindicate My faithful ones, the ones who truly know My heart. ENOUGH OF UNJUST JUDGMENT, ENOUGH OF OPPRESSION! There is a separation coming saith the Lord, from those who truly know My heart and those that know Me in their intellect only. Oh they think they know Me, they know My Word backwards, but they never got to know MY FATHER HEART for they would then not do and act as they do.

I am sending My ministering angels to separate the wheat from the tares, for no longer will My valiant ones, My valiant ones who have stood through all these years despite the rejection and oppression, be subject to their torment!

Now awaits your reward, My mighty ones of valor. Now awaits your promotion for I will exalt those who have humbled themselves. I am a faithful Father, I will not let injustice go unrewarded and neither will I let your faithfulness go unrewarded.

Matthew 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.
Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.
Matthew 23:12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

AMEN!

Merriam-Webster's
Main Entry: **val·iant**
1 : possessing or acting with bravery or boldness
2 : marked by, exhibiting, or carried out with courage or determination

Main Entry: **val·or** **:** strength of mind or spirit that enables a person to **encounter danger with firmness :** personal bravery
Main Entry: **op·pres·sion**
1 a : unjust or cruel exercise of authority or power
b : something that oppresses especially in being an unjust or excessive exercise of power

2 : a sense of being weighed down in body or mind : DEPRESSION

A Season Of Lack-A Season Of Good And Plenty
Dee Hoetmer

19th April 2004
Be glad, rejoice oh My people, for the day of your release has come. It has been a hard season, a season of lack, a dry season. This has been a season of testing your heart, of testing your stewardship of that which I have given you, of that which I have placed within you.

Know you not that I will arise on your behalf, that I will bare My Holy Arm on your behalf. YOU HAVE DONE JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS, NOW SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD. I will promote you, I will set your feet on high places.

You have been faithful in little and now I will give you much. I will reverse your lack by My Mighty Right Arm. I will give you honor and favor above your wildest dreams and expectations. You have given Me honor and now it is the delight of My Father's Heart to honor you.

Now comes a time OF GOOD AND PLENTY, for every good work, saith the Lord. Ask and YOU SHALL RECEIVE, knock and it SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU, Oh Faithful ones. I have tested your hearts a little further, I have released a little to test your hearts, NOW I WILL RELEASE THE FLOODGATES.

Come up here, to heavenly places and I will reveal My storehouse to you. I have much to bless you with. It was stored up until your were approved in your good stewardship. Those who have been faithful in little, I will bless with much for I have seen your heart before Me, a heart that will give Me all the praise, honor and glory, NOW I RELEASE THE FLOODGATES.

While seeking the Lord's face on the word He gave me, the Lord reminded me of this word and I have included it herein for confirmation. March was a month of assessing of stewardship!

WORD OF THE LORD FOR YEAR 2004 Part 1
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MARCH: .....I have set you in a place, oh My sons that you could not have gone to on your own. I have placed you in positions that only I could have accomplished in your lives and I will require of you in this time and in this month **an accounting of your stewardship says the Spirit of God. For I have not forgotten the place from whence you have come, and I will not forget the reward, which I have promised. But this shall be a season and a time of assessment says the Lord. I will assess those things which have been going forth and going on. I will cause there to be an accounting of your stewardship, and not of those things in the natural only, but those things in the Spirit as well. .....**

Waters Have Broken

Dee Hoetmer

The Waters Have Broken, The Baby Is Being Brought Forth

23rd April 2004

The baby that many have been pregnant with, has been birthed. You have been in labor, you have been in travail and now it is birthed.

That which your heart has longed for, those desires I have placed in your heart, are being birthed. Things will just start to flow now, things will just start to come together.

THE DOORS ARE OPENING, I am sending you forth into your destiny; that which you were born for, the things ordained for you, since before time began.

You have been feeling a pushing from behind; that was I, assisting you in labor, the waters have broken, the baby is coming forth. What you have been pregnant with is My Glory being shown forth as the waters cover the sea.

You have desired to see My Glory being made manifest and I will do so, through My chosen vessels.

The waters have broken, the baby is coming forth. That which you have desired to see, you will see. That which you have desired to do, in My Name, is coming forth. The baby’s head has broken the waters and is even now coming forth, saith the Lord.

You have been faithful during this time of travail and birthing and now it is time to be brought forth. Watch and see as My Glory goes forth, to fulfill My purposes upon the earth. You have brought forth in travail and long-suffering, and now see what I will do, My Beloved, see what I will do.

THE MOST HOLY FATHER.

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Receive Understanding

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Word of the Lord.
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Father, I come before the throne of grace and I seek your face for understanding of the times.

There is no time like the present to be looking unto Me, the author and finisher of your life. I have spoken through My prophets since time began, and I am still speaking through My prophets. I am also speaking through My word, and through the Signs in the sky. Look around about you. What do you see? Wars and rumors of wars. Fighting on every front. My people running to and fro seeking understanding and finding none. Is it not time to stop running to and fro and begin to sit at My feet and receive understanding from Me. After all, it is I that created this earth and it is I that is going to bring My son back to this earth. The peoples are looking unto themselves and they are forgetting about Me, the true and living God. What a shame. My people perish from lack of knowledge and there is no excuse for it, for My Word is full of knowledge and understanding. I have given My people eyes to see and ears to hear, but they are not seeing nor are they comprehending what I am saying at this given time.

It is exposure time and I am exposing all that is darkness throughout this land. It is revelation time and I am revealing Myself to all that desire to know more of Me. It is heart-rendering time and all who rend their hearts and not their garments, I will in no wise cast out. Many teachers, but no truth. I am demanding truth to be spoken to My people and all those who will not reveal the truth of My Word to the peoples shall be done away with. For I will have My truth preached throughout this land.

There are many perishing, and where are the teachers of truth? Are they in some obscure place, where no one can hear them? No they are right before your very eyes, but My church has hardened her heart to the truth and they will not receive the truth. But the day is coming and is now upon the land, where My truth shall prevail all across this land. Lightning and thunder shall proceed out of the mouths of My prophets and they shall surely declare the day of the Lord is at hand. Sorrow after sorrow is upon My church, but they shall prevail, for I have brought My Sword and I am cutting all that binds My church. You shall see Joy and Laughter break out in My church once again as the truth of My Word is given forth, for My Word brings life to the very bone and Joy to the very heart. Do not slumber and sleep, but keep your ears tuned to My voice church and look up, for surely your redemption doth draweth nigh, saith the Lord.

Run To Me!

Angel Dahilig

July 14, 2004

"My Dearest Child,

I've seen your faithfulness,
and your struggle to hold on,
when you feel weak and sorely tested [tempted].

Yet, you've persevered.
Yet, you've endured.
Yet, you've been faithful.

But, you have thought that it was enough,
that it shouldn't go on anymore.

But I tell you, that this has been for your practice,
for your training,
and for your preparation,
to stand firm to the end!

Be Strong! Be Courageous!
And wait upon Me!

When you are feeling weak;
When you are wanting to give up;
When you are tempted to run away and to hide...

Then turn and run to me!

Run to the safe and abiding arms of My Love!
Underneath the shelter of My Wings!

There, I will ***hide*** you.
There, I will ***keep*** you.
There, I will ***SAVE*** you!

Love,
Your Daddy"

Psalms 27: 5-6, 14:
5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.
6 Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me...
14 Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart, and wait for the Lord.

Psalms 37:34
Wait for the Lord and keep his way.
He will exalt you to inherit the land;
when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

Psalms 91:1,4, 14-16
1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
4 He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
14 "Because he loves me," says the LORD,
"I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
15 He will call upon me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
16 With long life will I satisfy him
and show him my salvation.

Revelation Vs. Fact

Stephen Hanson

April 23, 2004

There are many facts that we can know about the world around us. There are scientific facts and events that we know from books and from history. The academic community builds itself upon previous discoveries and learning from the past. Knowledge is something that is continually being redefined and expanded. Those that discovered the atom and its nucleus built upon the knowledge learned from men and women who had begun their search for these things before them. What earlier was begun by Copernicus, was later changed by Issac Newton, and was found to be true. For we now know by certainty that the earth is not the center of the universe, but rather it is the sun. We've explored the moon and have sent probes and satellites into our solar system. The last region, it has been said, is the human mind. This is perhaps the last great frontier of discovery.

What we know about the world around us is in the area of facts. These are the things that we've learned about and that we can "see" with our eyes,, and "touch" with our hands. When it comes to knowing about divine things and God, then those things that we can see and touch no longer are relevant. We have to see with the eyes of our spirit.

Eph. 1 *[17] I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. [18] I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, [19] and his incomparably great power for us who believe.*

Then the eyes of our heart are enlightened and the words that we speak and the things that we say, are those things given to us from the spirit. Revelation is not something that we plan and teach from study, but rather, they "come forth" as seeds of thought that will be planted in the souls of man to cultivate the spiritual man.

1 CO 1: [12] We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. [13] This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. [14] The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. [15] The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

1CO 2:16 "For who has known the mind of the Lord
that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

You see, there are "words" that are given to us from the spirit, and these words express spiritual truths that the world cannot understand. It does not "see" nor does it "touch" these things. However, we understand them, for when we then understand them, we can then implement them into actions that have been given birth through the seeds that were planted in us from the spirit.

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Resolving What Is Unequally Yoked

Sandy Warner

Nov 3, 2004

Many of My children have been unequally yoked in teamship, marriages, business partners, jobs, ministries, class mates, families and callings. Dear ones, I have heard your cries. I have many creative ways to bypass your years of obstacles. You have experienced the pain from unequally yoked faith. I have a new plan in mind and I want to tell you before it happens. May your eyes be opened so that when it comes, the torch in your soul will flame intensely with joy and receive My work to the full.

You see, My beloved ones, faith is only a part of the puzzle. Passion is My calling card. No man comes to Me except that I first draw him. I know exactly what it takes to draw the one you are yearning over. Trust Me. This is going to be a joyful time when I begin to draw and woo your loved one up and out. You think the torch in your own heart flames brightly, just wait until you experience the joy of seeing Me light the one for whom you have been praying. Passion, red hot passion… for My love, for My touch, for My ways, for My voice, for My power, for My healing, for My deliverance, for My heavenly clash upon their yearning heart! Rejoice for the flame of heaven is lit. Let it come, even as you have prayed, let it be done on earth.

Song 8:5-7 NLT

"I aroused you under the apple tree, where your mother gave you birth, where in great pain she delivered you. Place me like a seal over your heart, or like a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death, and its jealousy is as enduring as the grave. Love flashes like fire, the brightest kind of flame. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can rivers drown it. If a man tried to buy love with everything he owned, his offer would be utterly despised."

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A Unique Recipe, Candid Talk

Sandy Warner

Nov 1, 2004

There are times to beat around the bush and there are times to press through to completion. You have been beating around the bush too long, dear heart. It is time to press in. Tell it like it is. Speak it forth. Don't hold back. Go for it. I have called you to be My witness of what you have seen and heard. It is now the time when your God of Justice will back your words with the power to change lives. This is not for the timid part of your soul, but for the other part of you that I have been building within you for a long time.

Knock, knock, knock. I AM knocking on the shell of your past timidity and calling you to just say it like it is. Be yourself, be transparent, be candid, and do not hold back when My unction is upon you to speak.

Acts 4:29-30 NKJV
Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

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What Do You Store?
Sandy Warner

Nov 5, 2004

Within the framework of your home is a certain measure of space allotted for you. It is within this space that you place your life and all that matters. What you value in your life is what you store. Open your cupboard doors, look upon your shelves, open the boxes and peer into your closets. What do you find? Moving day is coming and all that you have stored shall be reassessed for use or discarded for trash. Even as your home collects memories and treasures based upon what you deem important from beliefs and fears, so it is that I clean and purge as I move you into new places. It's time to clear out and start packing.

"Remove the dross from silver, and the sterling will be ready for the silversmith." (Proverbs 25:4 NLT)

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Release Your Passion
Tommy Tenney

Release Your Passion;
Loose the Arrows of Prophetic Destiny

We are too quick to assume that God would never deal with us in the same way He dealt with King Joash. That is a dangerous assumption based more on lowered human expectation than on the eternal principles of God's Word.

Mark 10:13–16

Jesus Blesses the Children

[13]One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch them and bless them, but the disciples told them not to bother him. [14]But when Jesus saw what was happening, he was very displeased with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. [15]I assure you, anyone who doesn't have their kind of faith will never get into the Kingdom of God." [16]Then he took the children into his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

The disciples act as deputized passion police and try to stop the children who come to Jesus because they disturb the me-centered "big-people" service.

Many Christians have a very unbiblical picture of Jesus as a mellow, laid-back, and nonconfrontational spiritual guru who always kept His passions at an even level. To make matters worse, they often model their lives after this passionless picture of their Redeemer—with predictable results. The Bible paints a totally different picture of the Savior of the world.

Jesus was the fulfillment of the prophetic phrase "Zeal for Your house has eaten me up," the day He physically overturned the money changers' tables in the temple. It is true that Jesus never lost control of His passions, yet His bold confrontations with the scribes and Pharisees provoked some of them to plot His death, and His love for people led Him to lay down His life on the cross. By any definition, Jesus was a passionate man. How would you define your life?

All too often, we allow our destiny to be sabotaged by the passion police roaming the halls of worship . . .

If the people ever realize that they hold the arrows of prophetic destiny in their passionate praise and fervent worship, I suspect the sleepiness would vanish and apathy would give way to a thunderous display of passion. The enemies of God's people would scatter even faster than the shamefaced passion police as God Himself rushes to the scene of the act of passion to personally respond in kind.

The Word of God declares, "Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered." Do you want to see God arise in your home, in your church, and in your city or region? Praise Him, worship Him. Build a tabernacle of praise for His habitation with your adoration.

Prayer

Lord, I repent for all the times I held back my passion or compromised my convictions to calm the discomforts of people. You are my Audience of One, You are my First Love, and the only One I care to please. I release my passion for You right now as if it is an arrow in flight. Lift us into the heavenlies with You that we may pursue our divine destiny in Your kingdom.

The Choking Church Requires Cosmic CPR
Tommy Tenney

The church is choking on the larger-than-life servings of man-driven religion, and it is time to perform a heavenly Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the flesh blocking our inspiration. I pray God will perform cosmic CPR and impart the life-saving breath of His presence to the fainting church.

Once we all come back to the dinner table again, things will have to change. Frankly I'm tired of talking about man. We need to talk about Him. He said, "I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:6–8, where Jesus rebukes religious critics for focusing on the outward appearances common to man-centered religion instead of worshiping God in obedience to the Word and from the heart.

Across North America God sees millions of lips moving but far too little passion moving through human hearts to His. Praise of the lips without motivating praise from the heart is vain and hypocritical at best. The spiritual choking crisis is virtually universal ..... it happens in churches of every description, size, and condition. The cure is a divine encounter with the only true Object of all praise.

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

It seems that at least one Pharisee and elder of Israel among the many was a desperate man. Nicodemus was choking on the man-made system that was rejecting Jesus, and he risked the extreme disapproval of his peers to visit Jesus by night.

The next time we hear from Nicodemus, he is speaking up on behalf of Jesus in the face of his fellow Pharisees, and was honored to be cursed as a "Galilean" along with Jesus.14 In his third and final appearance in the Gospels, this desperate man demonstrates the passion of a soul beginning to be cleared of the fear of man. He dared to join Joseph of Arimathea and prepare Jesus' body for burial.15 What happened to this man? Nicodemus's encounter with Jesus initiated a gradual Heimlich maneuver of the spirit that was setting him free from religious bondage and the fear of man.

Are you "choking on larger-than-life servings of man-driven religion" that block your ability to praise and worship God freely? Ask God to force that blockage out of your life with an emergency procedure of the Holy Spirit. Your destiny could be at stake . . .

Prayer

Lord, dislodge every fleshly obstruction blocking my inspiration from Your presence. Perform cosmic CPR if necessary to impart the lifesaving breath of Your presence to me, to my family, and to my church family. I've made up my mind to keep my eyes on You and pursue You on the winds of fervent praise and worship.

Refrain Your Tongue From Evil

Dorothea Montague

Mar 3, 2004

My precious people, I would say unto you today....

He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking guile ; Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil. (1 Pet. 4:10-12)

Consider what I am saying to you today, according to this Scripture. Of utmost importance to your walk with Me is the words that come forth from your mouth. I would say unto you, that if you wish to have a good life then you must "refrain your tongue from speaking evil" especially of others. If you desire to have good days you must "prevent your lips from speaking guile (deceitfulness)" The words that you speak forth from your mouth are what you are speaking into your life, be it a blessing or a curse. I say unto you, "guard your tongue" in all the words that you speak....

Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. (James 3:5,6)

My people, I tell you, if you proclaim sickness in your bodies your words spoken forth can bring sickness upon you. Rather, speak forth healing in your bodies and your words of faith shall bring forth healing. And it follows as you speak forth negative words what you are saying shall become reality.

The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but the perverse tongue will be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, but the mouth of the wicked what is perverse. (Prov. 10:31,32)

Beloved, build up your faith in Me by studying My Word. Determine to speak only faith filled words and you shall see wonderful things begin to happen in your lives. Speak only good of those who cross your path and you shall see good things come into being in their lives. Speak forth healing in those for whom you pray and for yourself and you shall see miracles of healing.

And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins he will be forgiven. (James 5:15)

O, My people, I need each of you, in these days of turmoil to go forth, speaking only total truth and see how many hearts will be touched for Me. They will know that you speak truth and they will desire to walk in that truth. My little ones, time is marching on and many need to be brought into My kingdom ere I come for My own. Go forth, My beloved children, and touch hearts wherever you go, always speaking forth My truths and as you do many will begin to seek for Me as they hear My truths come forth from your mouths.

Go forth, My precious people, with My power and anointing upon you, speaking forth the words I shall give you.

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Straining To Bring Forth
Susan Cummings

Straining to bring forth. That is what I am doing within you. That is what you are doing. That is what we are accomplishing. My Will. I AM coming forth out of you. I AM bringing forth My Purposes in you and through you.

Stop striving to push harder. I know the pace that I have set. I know the issuing forth, and the hour of your delivery. Many have given birth, and many follow on your heels, but all of Mine, are bringing forth.

Do not compare yourself with others. For all of Mine walk according to My design and Timing. Do not look at the others progress, or labors. Look only at Me, for I bring you through, at your pace, and with My Grace.

I see your struggles with your flesh. I see your struggles with your mind. I see your struggles with your understanding of My Word. Do not forget that I know all things, and have designed your growth accordingly. Resist the temptation to push, and relax under My Hand. I am bringing adjustments to you, as you take each step.

I am fine tuning your life. I am making each adjustment as you yield to Me, and embrace My dealings with you. When you struggle and try to do things in your own wisdom and strength, then it ties My Hands, and I cannot help you. Remember, that no man can change himself, but all men must come to Me, and embrace Me. When you can rest under My Hand, then I can finish your birthing.

I see your cries and your labors. I know the pain or your rejection, and your hurts from your brothers. I see your confusion from the misunderstandings and the turmoils that have swirled around you, but remember, that I allowed it for My Purposes. I am in the storm. Cease from striving and look. It is I, in your trial. I am the Wind that chafes at your flesh. I am the rains that beat at your mind. I am the fire that sears your heart. I AM.

I am doing My strange work in your midst, and though you do not understand it now, you will rejoice and be thankful for the labor and the delivery to come. For I do all things well, and am right on time concerning you. Rejoice in this. Rejoice, child. The time is right.

Quiet your mind and your flesh, and rest. Strengthen yourself in Me. Cast all your cares upon Me, and I will give you rest and confidence. I AM your Peace. I AM your Healer. I AM your Provision. I AM all that you need or ever will.

Forsake all of the temptations that war in your mind. Cast down the vain imaginations that captivate you in the night. Throw them at My Feet, and see them defeated in your life. Stand and see your enemy and your Savior and see the victory that I have for you. Walk on, and be not entangled anymore, but know that you are right on time.

Great is the day before you. Great is the destiny that you are birthing forth, and will see. All that I have told you, and have shown you, will come forth. I have prepared you. I have been faithful to you. It will be as I have said, as you walk with Me. Press forth, now. Do not linger anymore, but break forth, and move on.

Much awaits you, as you trust in Me.

-Susan Cummings
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Storms For A Season

Becky McLendon

Here in Texas this past week we have had violent storms announcing the arrival of JUNE. I have also been the subject of a media storm (TV and newspaper) of false accusations from a vindictive parent of one of my students. God has given SUPERNATURAL peace (HIS SHALOM) and a direct word: DO NOT TAKE THE BAIT OF SATAN. DO NOT TAKE OFFENSE at this woman's actions. I WILL VINDICATE. That direct word, by the way, is for the people of God, and I have a feeling more will follow on that. Do not take offense at what you see coming at you and surrounding you in these trying times.

Also, I SEE IT ALL AS the preparation for what the LORD has shown me for this East Texas area and subsequently world wide!!! He is gathering an election, building His house (without the sound of a hammer, by the way) and has prepared a place for HIS OWN to be BORN TOGETHER as His Body, perfectly fit together, a place for Christ to REST HIS HEAD!!! Praise the LORD.
His glory WILL fill the earth: right on schedule and just as He said it would.

Speaking of storms: Let me share what a colleague of mine shared yesterday. They own horses, and she said that night before last when the worst of the storms hit us, she saw the horses all standing and FACING the 80 mile per hour winds and the tremendous thunder and lightning. They were telling Destruction: " Go on and give it your best shot, we will still be here when you have blown yourself out!! " They were also demonstrating: " HEY we know God and we will endure this thing and REMAIN by His grace! " Selah!

Shalom,
Becky

Stand and Be Still

Jane Larsen

The truth is not hidden under rocks, nor blown by the wind. So why do people chase these things and follow these ways? Be on the lookout. Different beliefs are pouring upon the earth. Different teachings are being taught and many are following in this way. They are led astray and wonder the earth searching and following. One will choose one way, another will choose a different way. Their choices will come from what they want to hear, but this will not be the way of the truth.

I have said, there is only one you should worship in Spirit and in truth and I am not elusive and I am not carved. I am not hard to hold, I will not force, I will not lead you astray. My way is clear and is before you. Many teachings will be heard, and many will be followed. This is a time to recall all that I have promised you, to recall the words of truth that have been planted in your heart, and to beware of the voice of the enemy who will try to tell you different.

Those who are standing and are still, are standing in Me, rooted to the truth. When false teachings pour across the land and entice with their false promises, their eyes and their hearts are focused on Me. They know My voice and they wait for Me, despite what others are doing. Follow Me, despite what comes your way, follow Me and know that I am aware of the movements on the earth, I am aware of the leading astray, I am aware and I see, and there are some that will go one way and some that will go the other way, but as for you, follow Me.

You will know when these things happen. You will hear My voice saying "This is the way, walk in it." Do not look to the left or the right and do not be tempted. Remember, you will not be tempted beyond your endurance and you will be given a way out. The way is through Me. Stand firm in what you know, and do not be swayed. Be rooted in My word and lean on Me and trust in Me, for I have you in the palm of My hand and I have called you by name.

Stand firm in the turmoil and be still. I am with you in hard times and in good times. I am always with you. Do not become complacent, be on your guard and stand ready, for a battle will come and you have the armor to withstand all the darts of the enemy. Many will fall, you will stand because I will enable and strengthen you.

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Shine Forth

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I had a vision of a flower. It started as a bud and the underneath petals seemed to be orange. Then the petals started to open and they were a bright and beautiful yellow. They opened wide and strong. The flower had its face raised to the sun and seemed to be drinking in the warmth. Then the Lord laid this in my heart:

You have waited for a time such as this. A time to open your heart and reveal the work that has been going on inside you. You have been still, in a quiet and almost inactive time, but now you shall break forth and your beauty shall be seen.

Everything around you is about to change. There is a shifting taking place, a great movement, and you will be moved from this place to the place where I want you to be. I will throw open the doors and nothing will stop you. You are moving now in power and in My will. Do not worry and do not panic, for this is My will concerning you and I have arranged all that is about to pass. You are ready and prepared for all that is before you. Good things are before you. Do not listen to the enemy who will now attempt to distract you. Remember him, remember that he is the distracter. This is the path I have set you on and this is the time to come forth.

I have made a day and I have called it TODAY. Today is the day to move forward and watch as the doors, all the doors that were shut for so long, open before you. Nothing is too hard for Me. I hold all the keys in My hand. I unlock all that was previously barred. Do not worry about this or about that, for I will make the way and I will make it clear and plain.

You shall shine forth as the one that I have prepared. The time of waiting is over. The time has come. Shine forth. You no longer need to hide, but shine.

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Springtime And Harvest
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Zechariah 10:1 NIV Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone. 2 The idols speak deceit, diviners see visions that lie; they tell dreams that are false, they give comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep

Luke 8:14-15 AMP And as for what fell among the thorns, these are [the people] who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked and suffocated with the anxieties and cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not ripen (come to maturity and perfection). 15 But as for that [seed] in the good soil, these are [the people] who, hearing the Word, hold it fast in a just (noble, virtuous) and worthy heart, and steadily bring forth fruit with patience.

Springtime is a time of sowing seeds and there is a reaping for what has been sown. In the fall comes the harvest. What has been planted will come to fruition and be sold and consumed. Planting abundantly brings abundant harvesting. So it is with My Kingdom. What have you planted as seeds My beloveds ? For if you have sown love where there is hate, and prayer for the lost, and sown seeds of forgiveness towards those who hated you and despised you, then you will reap a harvest. If you have sown time into other peoples lives, so I will sow into your life My time, and bless you with My presence !
If you have blessed when you could have cursed…then you will reap blessings.
If you have been merciful when it would be natural to despise, then you will surely reap mercy. If you have helped the outcast and downhearted, and sown what you could to those who are unlovely, will you then not reap more mercy and love yourself ? If you have given when it was hard to give, then surely I will care for your needs. If you have been suspicious and stingy and meager in your giving, then surely you can expect to reap also what you have sown. If you have given your least to those who are poor, then when you are in lack, will you not also reap what you have sown ? If you have judged, will you not be judged ?

I admonish you to buy from me gold refined in the fire for I am coming with a heart to bless and to bring harvest on the earth. If you have been willing to go for Us, when others choose to stay comfortable in their homes, then surely you will reap more for all you have risked and sown ! If you are willing to go to the dark areas of your city and bring life to those caught up in darkness, I will expand your boundaries and bless you with more.

If you have been willing to forgive those who have disdained you and put you in shackles, even when they were wrong and cruel, then you surely will be set in charge over many to teach and to heal, to pluck up and to pull up, to pull down, to reign and to demonstrate My glory. The law of sowing and reaping the harvest will be demonstrated in your lives in manifold ways. I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man that I should change My mind !

If you have traversed near impossible odds to maintain relationship with me under duress and opposition from the enemy, and remained faithful, even when life's storms have pummeled you and made you weary, then you also will reap a great reward ! For I AM coming and I will bring with Me, great reward for all that's been sown.

It is not a matter of counting ! Counting numbers means NOTHING ! What I look at is the heart. How much damage was done to it, and how much have you overcome, that you are able to give out in spite of it ? How much are you able to love despite not receiving love ? THAT is what I look at ! I count the rejections, the abandonment, the cruelty done, and watch and see the reaction, and how much you are thirsty for ME - How much you desire of ME !

I am arising in the earth and the earth will know that there is a GOD IN HEAVEN. THERE will be no excuse for the rebellion and hatred. BE MY WITNESSES ! BE MY AMBASSADORS OF LOVE ! The whole of life is to learn to LOVE as I loved. What do you believe of My love ? What do you know of My GRACE, that you can share with others. THINK ON THAT !
How much of My love do you reflect to them ? For the days ahead will surely
challenge the best of you. Will you praise Me, when you no longer have your beautiful homes ? Will you still praise ME if you lose your beloveds ? Will you learn to love those who hate you ? Will you learn to pray and fast for those who pray against you ? How deep is the love you have learned and received from Me. You can only receive it by coming into My presence. I AM THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE !

Come into the shelter of My wings My beloveds…the storms will only increase.
The opposition of the enemy will grow more fierce and the testings more intense. So come to ME, the AUTHOR and FINISHER of your faith ! I AM LOVE ! I AM MERCY ! I AM COMPASSION ! I AM GRACE ! I AM TRUTH !

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Long Distance Runner
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1 Kings 18:46 NKJV Then the hand of the LORD came upon Elijah; and he girded up his loins and ran ahead of Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

Acts 8:26-30 NKJV   Christ Is Preached to an Ethiopian   (cf. Isa 53:7,8)
Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot." 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

1 Sam 17:17 NKJV Then Jesse said to his son David, "Take now for your brothers an ephah of this dried grain and these ten loaves, and run to your brothers at the camp.

" I am stretching out My hands to some that I will make long distance runners! I am calling you to do mighty feats in My name. And you are looking at your own ability and thinking, "how can I do that Lord ?" But what I give you to do, I enable you to do. Elijah did not run by his own strength. David did not run by his own strength. Sampson did not overcome many more Philistines by his own strength ! Phillip did not catch up and overcome the eunuch by his own ability. I granted the grace and angelic intervention to do what I called them to do !   What I give you to do, I grant the GRACE to do it ! I did not call you to STRIVE to be something you are not. Then it would not be supernatural but merely your own strength, and it is in WEAKNESS, that I AM made STRONG !

I will do great feats in the days ahead with YOU as the conduit. You have but to rest in My arms NOW, that I can fill you with love and confidence in My ability to sustain and provide for you all you need. I am the ALL-MIGHTY ONE ! So rely on ME more and more. That is My plan ! If you could do it all by yourself…then what would you need ME for ? I have not called you to independence but to dependence on ME. So come and let me share with you, the plans I HAVE for you ! Listen to the still small voice in your heart and allow me to share with you My secrets, My Beloveds !

I know the times are scarey ! I know the times are intense. But I have a most wonderful surprise awaiting you if you will but come to ME and allow ME to share My love and power with you ! Be not too busy to listen to ME. In the days ahead, I've told you that your LIFE may depend on it. In actuality, every day depends on it…and many lives that you may affect depend on you listening to ME ! They hang in the balance, awaiting your maturity and empowerment, that they may be affected by what I do in you !

I want to heal your wounds and transform you into My image. I know the hurts that are still there, and the pain that is still inside of you ! You have but to yield to My Spirit's wooing. So listen My friends, for the still small voice and don't ignore it, thinking in lines with self doubt. The enemy wants to make you think it's not ME. The enemy wants you to doubt and feel disqualified, and self-disparaging, but I am WITH YOU. I AM EMMANUEL, God with you ! I am speaking and I'm going to be speaking more to you. As I can trust you NOT to break the bent reed, then I will release the secrets of men's hearts so that they will know that I do know them, and know every thing they have thought or done. You will go forth knowing and discerning in ways you have not experienced before ! Keep in My WORD…EAT THE SCROLL…for it brings more discernment.

Know that I love you so much, I will not put you in harm's way by allowing you to do things you are not prepared to do. I will not allow you to go prematurely ahead of me. Just as you would not allow your child to cross the street without you when a toddler or school age…I will not neglect keeping you in My sights. I will always do what is best if you will lean into ME. Some of you have been on hold because the spirit of violence and hate, and antichrist in the world is arising, and I need you to be shored up more on the inside before confronting such darkness. Your FAITH needs to be stronger, and your vulnerability smaller. I love you as no other loves you, and I will always do what is best. Put ALL of your trust in ME, My beloveds, and I will NOT disappoint you ! I AM FAITHFUL !"

Gen 49:22-26 NKJV
22 "Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well; His branches run over the wall. 23 The archers have bitterly grieved him, Shot at him and hated him. 24 But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), 25 By the God of your father who will help you, And by the Almighty who will bless you With blessings of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lies beneath, Blessings of the breasts and of the womb. 26 The blessings of your father have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.

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Self-Appointed Judges
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In these days there seems to be an increasing number of those who believe they are the judges of God's people. They speak out with venomous tongues that have no love and attempt to beat the sheep into submission. They may be found in the pulpit, on the television, on the radio, in magazines and on the Internet. They have forgotten the very truths that are spoken throughout the New Testament. Many perceive themselves as Old Testament prophets; yet, the power of God is not in their words. The true prophets of God experienced much at the hands of the Pharisees as did Jesus. Jesus never minced words with the Pharisees, but He spoke with the authority and tongue of His Father.

We must be careful not to judge because not even Jesus judged when He was on the earth. Judgment is now given to Him because He has been raised and found worthy. We are to judge actions, but not people. When we judge actions, we are to be certain our own hearts are clear before we judge other's actions for if they are not, we are found guilty of the same things.

Let us see what some of the teachers given to us in the scriptures say.

Paul wrote: Rom 2:1-4 2:1 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. 2 Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. 3 So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? 4 Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance? NIV

Rom 2:5-11 5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 God "will give to each person according to what he has done." 7 To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. 8 But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. 9 There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; 10 but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 11 For God does not show favoritism. NIV

Jesus Said :Matt 7:1-5 7:1 "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

3 "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? 4 How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? 5 You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. NIV

James wrote: James 4:11-12 11 Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. 12

There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you-who are you to judge your neighbor? NIV

Paul said again: Rom 14:4 4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. NIV

We may speak truth to someone else concerning them, but in our heart we hate that very thing in ourselves. Our anger comes out at our brethren.

We are warned in many places that God is the judge of our brethren. There are a number of people today who are self-appointed judges of God's people. God has not sent them to judge for all judgment is given to Jesus. If someone needs correction it must be given in love. It is not our responsibility to change them, we are not to get angry and upset when they don't change. If the word that we have given is powered by the Holy Spirit, He will do the work. All other spoken "truths" are according to the law and rules of men. Jesus was anything but kind to the Pharisees for this behavior. He loved them but hated that they were leading God's people away from God, using Levitical rules that God did not write.

Jesus said "Love one another as I have loved you". With the love of Jesus we can love one another and build each other up in the faith and cause each other to grow in the admonition of the Lord.

When A Man Believes in Me
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John 12:37-38 37 Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. 38 This was to fulfill the word of Isaiah the prophet:

"Lord, who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?" NIV

John 12:39-40 39 For this reason they could not believe, because, as Isaiah says elsewhere:

40 "He has blinded their eyes and deadened their hearts, so they can neither see with their eyes, nor understand with their hearts, nor turn-and I would heal them." NIV

John 12:42-43 42 Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 for they loved praise from men more than praise from God. NIV

John 12:44-46 44 Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. 45 When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. 46 I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. NIV

John 12:47-13:50 47 "As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. 48 There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. 49 For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. 50 I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say." NIV

Jesus gave some strong warnings in this passage. John 9:39 39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." NIV When Jesus was on earth He gave the foundational teachings that were meant to lead us to follow Him. At this time, God, His Heavenly Father was the judge of those, who did not receive the words that He spoke. Not only will those who did not believe in the words be condemned, but at the time they do not believe, they become blind to the truth they have refused. With each unbelief they move into deeper darkness and blindness. Ultimately this leads to eternal damnation. On the other hand, those who believe the word and walk in it begin to see. The light to them increases each time they believe in His words.

Those who know they are blind receive the words and those who believe they see and know reject them. Those who are blind see and those who see become blind. God is the judge of our response to His word.

He has said, My word will not return unto Me void. We often believe that this means only the bringing of good fruit, but in fact it means the judgment of God that comes on the listener be it unto light or unto darkness. If we refuse to believe in Jesus and walk in Him we will walk in darkness.

May we all learn to listen, and hear His voice and believe and walk in what He says. Let us not reject truth because it is something that we do not want to hear.

In His Abundant Love,

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Sanctified Imagination
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One of the things the Lord has been speaking to me about lately is "sanctified imagination." Imagination is the creativity of God at work in the human mind and spirit, but it needs to be washed with the blood of Jesus and the water of His Word, and sanctified by the power of the Holy Spirit of God in order to be used by Him and not the enemy.

One of the things I love about where I grew up in Hollywood, California, is the abundance of creativity there. There is such LIFE in that! But the amount of unsanctified imagination that also runs wild there is what causes problems. That's why you end up with truly gifted people doing "bad" things with their gifting, or on drugs or alcohol to try to shut out the conviction of the Holy Spirit and/or the condemnations - either from their own conscience or from the enemy - that comes as a result of being out of God's will with the gifts He gave them.

Some Christians have a LOT of trouble with this. (Imagine that!) Having a "mixture" in the life of a called person is more difficult than being a "blatant sinner" who doesn't know any better. Why? Because they are in DELIBERATE sin and KNOW BETTER and are thus responsible for their actions, and live in self condemnation over it, instead of submitting to the conviction of the Holy Spirit to change them.

SALVATION AND SANCTIFICATION

Salvation and sanctification go hand in hand. We need BOTH.

People with a creative imagination who experience unsanctified thoughts not only need salvation, but also the sanctification of the Holy Spirit to take place in their minds, hearts and gifting(s). For that to occur, we just need ask Him, and He will do it. However, like having a dog on a "choke chain collar," we have to also CONTINUE to redirect our mind and gifting when it tries to "run away" towards "the unsanctified sin stuff."

As the Word says in 2Co 10:5, We need to be, "Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

We need to RENEW our mind daily, through reading the Word, spending time in worship and in prayer, and keeping our minds directed in a Godly path.

Col 3:1-2 - 1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Php 4:8 - ...Whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.

Ro 12:2 - "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Tit 3:5 - "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit."

The enemy can try to plant ungodly thought-seeds in our minds, but we do not have to encourage or act upon them. The pastor of the church I grew up in once said, "Any bird can land on your head; it's up to you whether you let it make a nest or not. You have the choice AND the power to tell the ungodly thoughts to "GO!"

The fact that an ungodly thought comes to you isn't a sin. The enemy can send them. What we see in a magazine or on TV can incite them. It's what we DO with those types of thoughts that matters. That's a "moment of decision" in which we can (a) Tell it to "GO, in Jesus' name!" or (b) Invite it further in by dwelling on it, and thus allow it to "make a nest."

IMAGINATION DEFINED

The dictionary defines IMAGINATION as: 1. the act or power of forming a mental image of something not present to the senses or never before wholly perceived in reality 2a. creative ability b. ability to confront and deal with a problem c. the thinking or active mind; interest <stories that fired the imagination> 3a. a creation of the mind; especially an idealized or poetic creation b. fanciful or empty assumption

The dictionary defines SANCTIFICATION as: 1. an act of sanctifying 2a. the state of being sanctified b. the state of growing in divine grace as a result of Christian commitment after baptism or conversion

SANCTIFY means: 1. to set apart to a sacred purpose or to religious use: consecrate 2. to free from sin; purify; to make pure, as a. to clear from material defilement or imperfection b. to free from guilt or moral or ceremonial blemish c. to free from undesirable elements; to grow or become pure or clean 3a. to impart or impute sacredness, inviolability, or respect to b. to give moral or social sanction to 4. to make productive of holiness or piety <observe the day of the Sabbath, to sanctify it "Deut 5:12 (Douay Version)

CONSECRATE: to make or declare sacred; especially to devote irrevocably to the worship of God by a solemn ceremony; to devote to a purpose with or as if with deep solemnity or dedication

In other words, it's up to us to let our imagination be sanctified, purified and used by God, or become counterfeit by being used by the enemy.

THE RESTORATION OF CREATIVITY IN THE CHURCH

This is a day and hour in which creativity is being restored to the Church at large. We now have dancers, painters, actors and actresses, musicians, singers, poets and other skilled artisans, doing what they are skilled to do, IN the Church! What a wonderful thing! When we worship and are before the throne is when the awesome and beautiful creativity of God flourishes and flows! It is a time when the Lord releases great revelation and creativity and says, (ref. Rev. 4:1) "Come up here and I will show you of things to come!" - A time when witty inventions, business plans, medical breakthroughs and other creative ideas come from Heaven to Earth to those who will "Hear what the Spirit is saying!"

But let us beware and guard our hearts and minds with all diligence, and be aware of the enemy's plots to take what is good and pervert it. In that, let us be sure that no unclean thoughts or plans be let in to flourish as well.

2Ch 29:5 - "Hear me, Levites! Now sanctify yourselves, sanctify the house of the Lord God of your fathers, and carry out the rubbish from the holy place."

BRINGING BALANCE AND UNDERSTANDING

There is a call to holiness - not legalism, but holiness - in this hour that we cannot ignore if we want to experience true revival.

This isn't about the clothes we wear, whether we chew gum in church, our hairstyle, or any other religious-spirited, Pharisee-like judgment or junk. It's about the attitude of our heart and our relationship with the Lord. When we truly love Him, we want to "clean up our act" and get free from sin. And we are miserable until we do!

HOW IMPORTANT IS SANCTIFICATION?

The Bible tells us that we cannot stand before our enemies or experience the ark of His Presence until we are sanctified, but that, when we sanctify ourselves, He will do wonders among us.

Jos 7:13 - Get up, sanctify the people, and say, 'Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, because thus says the Lord God of Israel: "There is an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you."

Jos 3:5 - And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

1Ch 15:12 - He said to them, "You are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of the Lord God of Israel to the place I have prepared for it.

HOW IS SANCTIFICATION DONE?

So how do we "GET" sanctified?

(1) Through the blood of Jesus. Heb 13:12 - "Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate."

(2) By choosing His ways. 1Pe 3:15 - "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."

(3) By abiding in His Word. Joh 17:17 - "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth." And Eph 5:26 - "that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word."

(4) By cleansing our spirit, soul and body from sin. 1Th 5:23 - "Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." - AND - Isa 55:7 - "Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the Lord, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon."

(5) Through prayer. 2Ch 7:14 - "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

THE BOTTOM LINE IS...

The bottom line is (and this is something we don't like to talk about), there is a Heaven and there is a Hell, and we have a choice about which one we end up going to. And it's time to talk about the fact that we could go to either one.

The Bible says: Zep 1:12 - "And it shall come to pass at that time That I will search Jerusalem with lamps, And punish the men Who are settled in complacency, Who say in their heart, 'The Lord will not do good, Nor will He do evil.'

Jesus said, Lu 6:46 - "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say? - AND - Matthew 7:21-27: 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' 24 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: 25 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: 27 and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house;

and it fell. And great was its fall."

PRAYER

Praying the scriptures back to the Lord is a powerful thing, so let's do that...

Psalm 26:2 (NKJ) Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.

Ps 119:10 - With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!

Ps 119:11 - Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You!

Ps 119:34 - Give me understanding, and I shall keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Ps 119:36 - Incline my heart to Your testimonies, And not to covetousness.

Ps 119:80 - Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes, That I may not be ashamed.

Ps 27:8 - When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."

Psalm 19:7-14 (NKJ): 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward. 12 Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. 13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression. 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

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Sing A New Song

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Revelation 7:17 for the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Rev. 5:9, 10 And they sung a **new song**, saying, **Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation**; **And hast made us unto our God kings and priests:** ***and we shall reign on the earth***

There is something about the New Song. The seven-sealed book can only be opened by the Lamb. Only the election can say He alone is worthy to open it. Others are trying to force open the seals with their private interpretation. Only the Word by His Spirit can properly interpret the words of this book, and only those who read it and UNDERSTAND, through acknowledging the absolute worthiness of the Lamb to reveal all things, will be a part of this. The seals will be opened only to those who have the understanding; who keep His words. They are sealed to religious scholars and debaters. They will never open to the self-righteous. It is a people who say of the Lamb: "NO MAN is worthy to open the book." It is a people who do not even LOOK thereon...no man is able to begin to perceive the contents of that which was sealed up with Daniel until the time of John on Patmos, and then sealed again for such a time as this.

ONLY Christ can reveal CHRIST to His people! Under the OLD Song we based our "knowledge" on what some man has taught. That man was taught by some man who was taught and on and on! Notice it says NO MAN IS WORTHY to open, to REVEAL Christ. Only Christ can reveal Christ. Let this so settle in our hearts today.

The book can be fully opened to us only when we believe the Lamb who can open it. Wearing it on a bumper sticker or tee shirt is NOT understanding it. Quoting chapter and verse and entering into the "protracted wranglings" of debates and discussions is NOT understanding it. The book remains sealed until the Lamb who alone is worthy to open it appears standing and ready to open it.

We are entering a world framed by God Himself where NO MAN'S preaching is allowed. We won't quote the experts or the scholars or the great name preachers any more. We will not rely on old warmed over sermons with a little extra seasoning to "spice it up" and keep the numbers up. We won't rely on yesterday's bread when He serves FRESH bread daily.

The NEW SONG in Revelation 5:9 completely shuts down the Old Song. It says: THOU (Oh Christ) art worthy to take the book and open the seals thereof, for thou were slain and redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation, and hast made us unto God KINGS AND PRIESTS AND WE SHALL REIGN ON THE EARTH.

Those that sing the **new song**, God "hath made us unto our God **kings and priests** and we shall reign on the earth." Rev. 5:10.

Let us pray that we be counted among the worthies to sing the new song.

Amen and amen.

Becky

A Portrait Of The Spirit Of Self-Righteousness
Becky McLendon

There are no compromises in the Lord's plan for anybody's righteousness, except that of Jesus. We are going to lose the ability to speak or think carnally. We are going to cease acting carnally if we are going to be the righteousness of God in Christ.

Romans 10:3 says, “For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.

This is what we see so much. There is a self-righteousness that is hard to endure. And the hardest are those who assume they are righteous and act like hell. Then there are those who assume they are righteous and act like judges, and others who act like murderers.

Self-righteousness is a spirit**.** It tries to have unity. It tries to have holiness. It sets to achieve those things of God's spirit in its own strength. It tries to build a kingdom of "god," and boasts loudly, “Oh I am holier than thou**,** and I can prove it with chapter and verse. ”Self-righteousness is the contradiction of sinners set against the righteous. It’s working on making its own Jesus. Self-righteousness must have a Jesus that fits its own agenda. There is much talk about having Christ’s nature. However, there is no death in his nature, and since self-righteousness is death, Christ’s nature is not to be found in the self-righteous.

May the Lord show us teach us what putting on the Lord Jesus would be. We could say to the self-righteous, “if you have put Him on, why are you still looking for Him?” There is a difference between looking for Jesus and looking unto Jesus.

Our minds must be that way. We must say, “I have come to do thy will, and that’s it.” We do not believe in what we can do. It’s what He can and will do. Jesus said, “Where I am in God, there you may be also.” People can give you money but it’s the Lord that anoints you. It is not money you need. It is the anointing. We think about money, but he is lord; he is the manager.

We will just be what we are by the grace of God. We will quit all our works. We cannot add to or take away from what the Lord is doing.

Jesus said, “You will know the truth.” Sometimes I have asked myself, “Would it be sin if I did? Would it be sin if I didn't?” Then the Lord told me, “if you don't know what to do, don’t do anything.” He is not the author of confusion. So instead of our fretting over whether to “do” something or not, be at peace and do nothing till you hear His go ahead or His check. Self righteousness frets and usually acts thinking it is "serving God."

Confusion comes from the devil’s agenda. So does self-righteousness. However, the devil’s agenda is predestined to not prevail. Jesus says, "ok devil give it your best shot...you have to fulfill all things!! You know your end...I spoke it to you in the beginning of time that the seed of the woman (man child) would crush your neck."

There is a greater meaning to this. We live, we move, we breathe in him. We have our being. The life we live in the flesh is lived by the faith of God. Not by our own "faith." His faith produces an unstoppable and never ending oneness in a people. This is the generation God has desired.

Devils know they cannot devour this man-child. But yet they are predestined to try so that they can be soundly and forever defeated. Can you imagine what a oneness the election will be? This love doesn't need any fixing. It’s a perfect love that will never see death. That’s why it is not our love but his love. So let the accuser accuse his love. In that love, we will be transformed anyway. Self-righteousness will never see this love.

Transfiguration is for those who will go all the way: the spirit of Moses and Elijah with Jesus in the midst.

Submission is Jesus and we being one, ceasing from our works; shutting everything down, and then saying, “Jesus now you can work.” Religious men have tried and tried through the ages with the help of the enemy, to manufacture the promises of God. But he has said wait for the promise of God.... Carnal men are incapable of waiting. In their lack of waiting, they become self-righteous. But in this time of waiting, our carnality is burned off and the nature of Christ is put in to us.

It is when man takes over in his inability to wait for the promise of God that he steps out where the enemy can hear him. They have not gone into the ground to die, so they abide alone. We taste death for every man, and that’s every generation. Oneness wears the same shoes at the same time. Oneness is being in the same body together with Jesus.

In the Bible it says the prayers of a righteous man availeth much. Yet Paul said there is none righteous. No not one...therefore it is the prayers of Jesus that availeth much, and he is praying through us. He is the prayer of faith that heals the sick. So when his faith prays in us we are healed. He has said, **“** upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. I am going to build a church, and the gates of hell cannot keep me from doing it.”

Matthew 13:47-50 says: “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: which, when it was filled, they drew up on the beach; and they sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but the bad they cast away. So shall it be in the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the righteous, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.” Sounds like some are going to be lost

Self-righteousness is always looking back to yesterday’s manna or looking for future manna, never getting today’s. We don't look back; we are interested in what's next; what’s for this day? We don't cling to yesterday...we want this day. I can just see the people in Jesus' day when God made a this-day declaration...they looked at yesterday and said this isn't God. It’s not like yesterday.... They looked at tomorrow's Jesus and said its not time...He is not the way they say He is going to be.........so they did not believe. To many it is blasphemy to believe. The self-righteous think this.

The foolish virgins of the parable of the ten virgins would be the blind that the Bible speaks of: their eyesight has gone out. When they beheaded the wise it took their eyesight from them. It took those who could see out of their midst...so now there is no sight for them. You know a prophet is one that sees, a seer; and when the see-ers are beheaded...no one can see. . All that’s left is outer darkness. Self-righteousness busies itself with beheading Jesus and replacing the head with their own heads. Jesus wept over self-righteous, blind Jerusalem and then decreed their destruction and desolation. He decreed it would remain desolate until they "SAW" once again, and that by accepting the Head, which is Christ, rather than the many headed ANTI-christ.

Self-righteousness is pride, pride and more pride. However the good news is this: the Lord has beheaded Leviathan with his sword.........Leviathan the king of the children of pride. With that one strong man out of the way, Jezebel; Absolom and Saul are wide open for destruction. The harvest is great. The man-child has not been devoured and will not be devoured. The self-righteous have sung how great thou art with out knowing any thing about the man-child. And man-child love prays for those who hate his righteousness and for those who despitefully use his righteous ones.... And persecute them until the Lord says, “pray no more for these.” The godhead is a powerful number. It’s the many brethren number

The net is full of fish. Throwing out the bad heals His people. The bad fish is the cause of sickness. As we look at past revivals we can see how they separated a people from a people, always leaving some behind while moving some into a greater knowing and the rest into greater darkness. That is coming upon us again, soon and suddenly. Let us watch and pray that we will be counted righteous in Christ and worthy to go on in.

Amen.
Becky

Separation And Sifting

Rosemary LaVigne

Separation And Sifting A Word For 2004

As I was asking the Lord for what he has on his heart for the coming year, I had to stop for a moment and look back on the past year and see how the Lord has brought us through some pretty rough places, physically for some, financially for others. Bringing us always through into an enlargement of himself through the adversity and trying circumstances we have all encountered in this past year. In different ways and through the hard circumstances he has brought us through to another year in Him by showing us His grace is truly sufficient and it is.

Our God has shown us that he cares about every detail of our lives and we must stop and look back and say with a grateful and appreciative heart...Thank you Lord for who you are and for how you have watched over us and have been ever so faithful and a true and loving Father to your children even when we don't deserve your love.... I am sure all of us reading this can say yes to these words.

As I think about and ponder upon the days of this past year and the critical happenings and the sorrow that many families have had to deal with lost loved ones, lost homes and possessions, because of this war in Iraq, the terrible fires in California and the recent horrendous earthquake in Iran in the Middle East, I know and many of you know that the Lord Jesus is the only genuine comfort that these need who have had to face the hardships of these times or lose and sorrow. He our heavenly Father and His Son Jesus Christ by and through the Holy Spirit are reaching out to fill that void that was left after these tragedies occurred. If we let Him come into our hearts and lives he will be there as our great physician and heal us and make us whole in Him.

Our world is changing rapidly and we must stand true to our convictions to be ever strong in the Lord and the power of his might. Throughout the world there is much fear, turmoil and unrest, but we were told that the days before Christ's coming again would be like this. The love of many is waxing cold and those who see with the Father's heart can know that the time is running out for this world of sin and corruption. I can't help but see that the prophetic scriptures written and preserved for us in our Father's Holy Word are being fulfilled daily so we can discern the times in which we live. It would be only a foolish man that would say this is not so. There is no time to waste. All of us need to keep ourselves in the love of God and to seek even more diligently the sobering keen and holy mind of the Lord in the days to come for perilous times are before us.

These days will become very difficult for those in the coming year who have not learned to put their total trust in the God that made them. Sin will be flaunted before the righteous in an even more flamboyant way with a greater distortion and perversion of the true gospel. Evil will continually be spoken of as good and good as evil. Those who know the Lord will have the needed godly discernment to see as he sees and to willingly shun all appearance of evil, walking alone if need be.

There will be many changes on the world scene and the affairs of governments to bring even more restrictions and control on the freedoms of the people of American and the world at large. There will be a more intense desire in the hearts of the Father's own for the Lord to rise up in judgment and to bring his ways of righteous justice in order to vindicate his own for the wrongs that have been done to his children and the victims of war and unnecessary shedding of the blood of the innocent. The Father is mindful of all that is transpiring behind the closed doors of men in high places and sees what will bring his verdict of judgment to this dying world without Christ and to his wayward church that has not heeded the Lord.

The Lord says he will begin to bring to light the secrets of the heart and expose those who are only pretending to be something they are not. This will increase and will be reported even more in the religious realms of fallen Christianity that names the name of Christ but has no power to produce His life in those held captive in the cold and lifeless edifices of man and its wayward and carnal leaders, some who are ever learning but never coming to the knowledge of the truth. These leaders who are yet resisting the moving of the Holy Spirit to bring recovery to those who are bound by lifeless religion with its lifeless forms and traditions will be dealt with by the Lord.

Those who have been prepared through much tribulation and have been groomed by the strict hand of the Lord for this coming day will be sent to speak as the Father's oracles. They will be sent with the Father's words as his mouth with the eyes of him that will uncover the secret sins. Men who try to hide from the eyes of him to whom we all have to be accountable will literally find themselves face to face with the fire of God, the burning penetrating fire of God whose eyes and convicting words burn into the soul of man revealing the secret sins in the hearts that only the Father knows. The fear of the Lord will begin to fall once again progressively as it did in the days of Ananias and Sapppira. The Lord says he is not going to be mocked much longer and what man has sown behind closed doors will be revealed openly and the shame will be seen on the faces of these who profess to know him, but have not been willing to repent and humble themselves to say they have been wrong in dishonoring the Lord with their wayward actions. No man is exempt from the Father's penetrating eyes as flames of fire.

He is going to rise up more noticeably in those he can trust who have been refined and tested greatly to do his bidding. These will begin even more in this coming year to glow with the glory of God on their countenances as it will be the Lord himself manifesting his shekinah presence in them as they come under the total control of the Holy Spirit and speak the words of wisdom that come from above and the knowledge that comes through time spent in the Father's presence. Both men and women old and young will be sent ahead to set the righteous standard of the Lord once again in and among a people of this wicked and perverse generation. Their words will be the Father's words and men will know that they have seen and been with Jesus in that secret place of intimacy, getting to know his thoughts, purposes and ways.

As we move into the spring of the new year and approach the time of the Lord's later rain, we can expect to see more and greater favor shown to the Lord's called out remnant, these who have fully committed their ways unto Him. They have paid the price of rejection by family members and even brethren who have misunderstood many of the Lord's children and misjudged them for their desire to be separated unto the Lord.

The words separation and sifting come to my mind, and a culling that will increase with those who are lukewarm, and a drawing even closer in intimacy with the Father by those who truly mean business with their God and His Son the Lord Jesus the Christ.

The Lord will to continue to bring in the backsliders and those who have been wounded by life's cruel circumstances; they will be healed and made new in ways never dreamed possible. Our God is a merciful forgiving God and even now tugging on hearts grown cold toward him in the past because of hurts and wounding through misunderstandings.

The Lord tells us to fear not turbulent and unusual weather changes, fires and increased diseases and more unrest that will continue to shake the foundations of man's governments of the world and modern day Christianity with its marketing methods and man's ways of doing things that should be of the leading and control of the Holy Spirit and is not. Those who continue to refuse the Lord's wise counsel in the form of correction in their lives will also be dealt with as they have been rebellious in their hearts to turn from their iniquity which is lawlessness in the eyes of the Father. The Lord says he has sent messengers to them repeatedly and they know, but are self-willed and will pay for this in time. The Lord does not do this willingly.

While there are many walking as if they have a whole life ahead of them to do as they please, the Lord is going to intervene in the lives of these whom he knew before the foundation of the world to be conformed into his image. Sons and daughters will yet turn and come into the fold of the Lord as faithful mothers and fathers have prayed and God is mindful of the desires of the heart of these who have stood in the gap for many years, and their work shall be rewarded. These sons and daughters in the natural and rebellious to God's love will come (Jeremiah 31:16-17).

Be patient he says and hold fast to the promises he has made to you. Remember the enemy of your soul is always ready to bring accusations to discourage you and the mind is the battle field. But know that you are never alone and the Lord is there even when you feel no one cares, He is there. Do not forget this.

I see an increase of the Lord's own coming out of the organized, man- centered churches scattered throughout the nations of the world. This people has the Father's heart and desire his will and none else. This is what the Lord is doing. It will increase as the Father's flock realizes that the Lord Jesus Christ is to have preeminence. No other will satisfy the hearts of these whom the Spirit of God is wooing and drawing unto Himself. For far too long man has controlled the reins of Christianity in a formal leadership never meant to be over the Father's heritage. The Father's divine and ultimate purposes for his people will begin to be seen as his people who seek Him will know they are about to enter into a new day and new and exciting circumstances to grow into maturity in Jesus Christ. This coming out of the systems of man's religion will free a number of the Lord's saints from the control of man and set them on solid ground to walk and learn of him as they seek him one-on-one. This will be a sign of the second modern day exodus and the appointed time has been prearranged by the Lord himself. This is that season, for the waters of Religious Babylon are soon to dry up for many to walk across their own personal Jordan on dry ground.

Drastic change in the field of cybernetics and new technological devices to track every movement of men will increase tremendously in the coming six months. People will awaken to this change and join themselves to others having the same vision, and hearts will be knit together in a unity that cannot and will not be controlled by man. The Lord will not allow this to exist any longer. There will be greater divisions but at the same time many precious joinings and a genuine love for one another as it was in the early church when persecution was greatest. The persecution of the true church of Jesus Christ scattered throughout the world will bring believers together. Though much will not be in the physical sense, it will come by the means of the Holy Spirit's joining. These relationships will last and will be by the Spirit for the edifying of one another in love and caring.

If we stop and think, many of us have gained a greater knowledge and capacity this past year to trust in the wonderful faithfulness our God has shown in so many ways. Indeed we are a blessed and grateful people learning more and more to lay aside every weight that so easily besets us and to run the race that is set before us with a single eye and a circumcised heart. May we hear him and be encouraged to know that our Lord has never lost a battle and never will.

Let us meditate on the goodness of the Lord and how he has provided for us so wonderfully in the past and will continue to provide. My heart is full of gratitude to him and to all of his people scattered throughout the nations of the world who know and love Him for the light that shines through them. You are appreciated and loved.

We face another year a little wiser and larger in our understanding of the knowledge of God and his righteous ways with us, to be able to discern with godly discernment, to be able to judge with righteous judgment the things that are coming from the heart of our God, and to see with clearer vision what the Lord has been showing us. Growth has been accomplished that has pleased the heart of the Father, so let us each one reading this keep the vision and not lose sight of our goal which is God.

There will be more of him in 2004 so make room in your hearts for the King to rule--Amen

Storms And Thoughts

Joni Ames

Dear Friends,

This past year as I've been traveling, I've been telling people that I felt that the natural disasters that were about to occur would be very serious.

I sent out an earlier email, but had some more thoughts to add regarding the storms we are presently experiencing in the nation. I've put it all together in the email below....

Hurricanes Frances, Ivan & Matthew

I had an incident happen Friday morning, Sept. 3rd when I awoke...this isn't a prophetic word - I'm just running it by you all for prayer.

I heard, "Frances is just preparing the way for the "I" and the "M" because I am the I AM." I felt it referred to the hurricanes that began with the letters "I" and "M." - - So decided to send this on to you all for prayer.

Anyhow, "Frances" means "freedom," and on the hurricane list, "I" would be "Ivan," which is derived from John and means, "God is merciful." - "M" would be "Matthew," which means, "Gift of Yahweh/God."

My thought is, if these are prophetic signs of judgment coming, let's repent for any wrongs and pray for mercy so that the mercy and gifts can come without judgment and destruction.

Unzipping Alabama & the midst of the Nation

I really do believe the Lord IS speaking through these storms, and the names. One thing the Lord had shown me before was He would come up through Alabama like a "zipper" and unzip the state of Alabama AND the midst of the Nation, a sign of the Lord freeing them up for His purposes.

A few years ago, I had a prophetic experience in Mobile, AL, when I was supposed to drive over a bridge to Dauphin Island - I had to pull over! - I couldn't even drive over it! - It was as if I was INSIDE THE MIDST OF A HURRICANE THERE that was VERY destructive.

Another day, when I drove (in the natural) over a bridge from the Florida side into Mobile, I saw (in the spirit, but so REAL that it SEEMED real!) a HUGE monster and heard the word, "Leviathan." - Leviathan is a spiritual demon that loves to twist communications and bring division. (Job 41:1-2, Psalm 74:13-15, Psalm 104:25-27, Isaiah 27:1-2)

A year later, I had a dream that there was a hurricane that was coming into Mobile, AL, but people didn't believe it was coming. They were having a hurricane party and mocking it. So, in the dream, I got out of the city and was watching TV from afar, and I saw the entire city of Mobile under water, with the bridges ripped off their foundations (the ones that go over the water), and only the very tops of tall buildings showing.

This latter dream was 2 or 3 years ago. A prophet friend was in the dream I had, so I later asked him about it all.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID

Bob Jones has said that sin opens the door to destruction. He told me he's been saying for some time now that he saw that there would be a "category 10" that would rip into Mobile Bay in Alabama. (He knows the scale only goes to 5, but says it would be worse than any other recorded, unless prayer changed it.) He said a "Jubilee" (fish jump out of the ocean to their death in droves) would be a sign it was coming, and that when the Category 10 would actually come, it would finally un-seat the spirit of Leviathan that has been there in Mobile Bay for years, and bring revival. - By the way, the original name of Mobile Bay was Bay of the Holy Spirit! - Anyhow, Bob Jones has ALSO made it clear that PRAYER CHANGES THINGS. And friends, that is scriptural reminder that, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (I Chron. 7:14)

Last Wednesday at a meeting, Bob Jones also said that we are coming into a time of much flooding, and this winter the weather would go to extremes. He said, after the hurricane season, south Florida would be a good place to be.

MONTGOMERY ALABAMA

Montgomery is straight up from Mobile, at I-65 & I-85, and there, the 10 commandments were put into a closet and Chief Justice Roy Moore, who had placed them in the court system building, was removed from office. When that happened, I felt it opened the door for judgment and maybe that "Category 10" to happen and hit Alabama, unless repentance came.

HOPE IN THE MIDST OF STORMS

Frances means "freedom." Prayerfully, these storms are a sign in the natural of what God is bringing in the spiritual. That would mean that Frances is a sign that God is bringing FREEDOM and that Ivan is a sign of God's MERCY coming to this nation, right in the HEART of this nation, for God's purposes to flourish here!

IVAN

Ivan is quite large, and heading into the gulf. Let's pray that we "get the message" without the storms, and remember that God is merciful and His Mercy triumphs over Judgment. Whether it is presently "Ivan the Terrible" or not, PRAYER CHANGES THINGS.

LET THE READER UNDERSTAND

Now, when I put an email like this, there are those who do not understand and send me nasty emails or write nasty stuff on their websites about me. They can have fun in doing that if that is the way they get their kicks, but I am NOT saying that THE STORMS or the NAMES of the storms are what BRINGS the mercy or hope or whatever. GOD is the only GOD, and NOT a storm or storm name! But often, if we will watch what is going on around us, God can and does prophetically speak to us THROUGH THINGS. To those who don't believe that, fine. And if they don't want to be on this list and are currently subscribed, they are (obviously) free to remove themself:

STORM NAMES

For those of you who missed the earlier email and are interested, here is the list of this year's Atlantic Storm Names and their meanings:

For a list of all the Atlantic storm names for each year, go to: www.JoniAmes.info and click on "Storm Names"

Storm Names for 2004

Alex - great protector
Bonnie - pretty one
Charley - manly
Danielle - (feminine of Daniel-we had Danny last year) = God will Judge me
Earl - nobleman; man of nobility; man of noble ranking
Frances - freedom (we had "Fran" in 1996 - same meaning)
Gaston - Stranger (or stranger from France)
Hermine - (feminine) soldier
Ivan - (derived from John) God is merciful
Jeanne - God is gracious
Karl - (derived from Charles) manly
Lisa - God's solemn oath
Matthew - Gift of Yahweh/God
Nicole - people's victory
Otto - prosperous
Paula - small
Richard - powerful ruler
Shary - cherished
Tomas - the twin
Virginie - purity
Walter - powerful ruler

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Surgery And The Storm

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Jul 30, 2004

I have already called My forerunners to walk through the surgery of spiritual circumcision. This has been a cutting away of the fleshly appetites for the world and its entertainment. They have learned the hard way that entertainment truly does detain entrance into My Presence. They have also come into a safe place away from the barrage of the enemy. It is a walk of holiness. It is a place of separation. They are walking in this safe place before the world wide storm. These are my priests who are holding back the floodwaters of principalities so their loved ones can pass by safely. My circumcised forerunners will be examples for the next group who have yet to come through this surgery of the heart.

There are many who have been plundered by giants. who will walk this path, and will finally accept that, according to My Word, righteous living is the only standard. The very nature of the storm will draw many into My bosom and prepare them to receive comfort only from Me. They shall be My sons and daughters and I will be their Passion.

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." (2 Cor 6:16-18 KJV)

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Spend Your Trials Wisely

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Dear ones, all of time has waited for this hour when the fruit of the earth overtakes the plowman. All that is fruit will receive its reward, whether to be burned or preserved. Your fruit is a product of everything you yield to. Yield to Me and I AM the Merciful One Who will tear the weeds from your life and nourish My good plantings.

As you come to your destiny's door, the spotlight will shine upon your assets that have been bought and won by passing your tests and by My blood. It is not too late to close the wrong doors in your life. Do you need more grace in this late hour? Dear one, repentance will buy you more then enough.

Rev 12:10 KJV
And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 NKJ
Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

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Saved
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This morning I have been seeing before me, like a movie the past 36 years, actually 38 years of my life with my courtship, my marriage and our child rearing years. This has never happened before. It’s like a review of what has been It is a review of the memories...and it is all good. None of the "bad" is in it. And I suppose it is God showing me that the "bad" times are forgiven. It’s been a part of my journey. I will take with me the "good" of it, as I continue down the path. My children are good memories. They are so precious to me. They are part of my harvest too.

I think what God has done is He has plucked the tares out of my "garden of memories" and has left the wheat. . The wheat of it is good. But I feel a change in things going on...I will not be left with regrets over this life I have had. There will be no weeds in God’s garden. God is telling me that this present life has been as "good" as it could possibly be; given the fact it has been a life lived in the flesh. Now, we are ready for a life lived **by the faith of God. He does the believing, and when we let him believe through us, great salvation is gained.**

We stand on the banks of the river...the waters will part. He tells us many of the “bad” things will not be remembered again. It will be all sunshine, or rather Son-shine.

I thank him for that...He is wiping away the tears of nearly 40 years of my adult life. I am getting a healing. No bitterness left. And no hatred left.

I want that for my kids...for them to be rid of their bitterness against their dad and me and their peers for the "bad"...for God to erase that from them too

I want my husband set free of all the "bad opinions" of people over the years.: all the misunderstandings he has suffered, the rejections from people, including myself and my children. I want him healed. And I want God to erase those sayings from my kids ...as He is erasing them from me. I want all the rejections and sting of hurtful words erased from my family. He is revealing to me there **are no dysfunctional or co-dependent families in the kingdom of God.**

The tears are just flowing...but I am not crying...a healing is going on. He is pulling the weeds out of this garden. And He is saying to us today:

We will be left with nothing but a pure heart.

Healing is going on in me. Lord heal my children this way too...This kind of salvation we will take to others.

He truly wipes away our tears.
Our heartaches and grief.... He bore them. He really did!

I am experiencing salvation. This day is a salvation day. We are not converted until these things happen. Take away the sting of those hateful, spiteful words from our hearts Lord. Something is happening. I am truly getting saved. Salvation is touching me

A shout will be there as soon as the river of tears has stopped flowing. He has given me a new heart A clean heart was given this day. Now Lord let it begin in our children. And the nations

The leaves of this tree are for the healing of the nations. I must give this to my students. This salvation will weep for nations begging them to repent. We are getting so close to being ready to be sent out. Thank you Jesus, I can say I am saved!!
We are being left with His mind

This is something that all believers need to hear...they are truly going to be saved. As they cease from doing 666 things and desire 777. They will be saved. As they get out of God's way, they will be saved. That is what repent means...get out of God's way. We cease working from a “faith” that was not delivered to us. When nothing is left we have the mind of God. To be saved the carnal has to be gone. The "self" has to be dead and death has to be conquered. And only the spirit of God...the anointing can break that yoke. We cannot "do" it.

Can we say, the kingdom of God has come upon us this day? For what happens in me happens in you too.

I can say beyond a shadow of a doubt: bitterness, anger, hatred, filth, strife and all manner of evil cannot inherit the kingdom! It is the gospel. Repent and be saved. Believe and be saved. Be baptized in Him and in His character. Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand. I can now say I am saved by grace, for His grace drew me into this, and His grace will lead YOU into it also.

Repent means the whole field has to be plowed. Perfection is at hand. We are perfected by grace. We are: predestined and prepared for perfection. By His grace we obey Him while He does the believing. And do not "try" to obey what he has not anointed.

Our pure and holy desire for him will lead us into all righteousness. We quit washing our selves. We will not even get dirty in a land where there is no water, because we have risen up and met him in His sanctuary. His water cleanses us. We have a well within us.

We quit looking for some thing to cover our selves with. He has clothed us. And the garment never gets soiled. There is no flesh to soil it. That is why the woman with the issue of blood could be healed by just touching the hem of His garment. It was not soiled by the flesh.   He was clothed in the anointing. So shall we be clothed. People will be healed touching our garments too. However, others may be destroyed trying to "lay hold" of our garments to try to remove them.

There is no healing in what people cover their sins with. Their garments are spotted and wrinkled. Yet has god not said he will have a glorious church without spot or wrinkle? We are to hate even the garment stained by the flesh.

Many people are fighting religion and covering themselves with religion at the same time. They are fighting the garment that they themselves are wearing. Why? Their garments are filthy rags. And it is impossible to overcome filthy rags with more filthy rags.

Remember Joshua? In the book of Zechariah, **God removed** that filthy garment in one day, and **removed** his iniquity with it. He **saved him.**.

In Isaiah 25 the Lord speaks of **removing the veil of wickedness,** and it shall be so!

We are a part of that number if we cease from our labors and rest in His works. We have joined the fellowship...of the saints. We have joined the church this day. **Saved!!!**

I know he has called to me...come up hither, for heaven is open. The spirit and the bride say come! Cease from doing 666 and rest in 777. Get out of God’s way; stop toiling and spinning and fretting religiously to try to win the race. Get out of God’s way. **Repent and be saved!!!**

God is giving us His energy. People are hung up about needing more energy. But this energy thing is not about workouts   it is being translated out of what we have known into what he is! We will have his energy and speed. It is a weightless energy that has no end to it. **It is salvation!!**

When we get out of God’s way we can say   “if you have seen me you have seen the father.” Oh religionists won’t like it, they never do. They killed Jesus for it, remember?

HE IS REVEALING TODAY. I also saw myself as a tree. The "old leaves" had fallen off and new ones were appearing. iI saw and HEARD in huge block letters: **BEGINNING!!**

TODAY IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.

Surprised By Suffering
Ron Wood

If you're not drafted into God's army, don't volunteer without first counting the cost. You may find the "suffering clause" a bit too much to bear.

When Paul wrote his letters to young Timothy about three decades after Jesus' resurrection, he was Paul the aged. He had been imprisoned by Rome once before, he had been beaten with rods, lashed with cat-o-nine-tails, jailed in a cold dungeon with his feet in wooden stocks, been shipwrecked, often driven out of town, and was continually hounded by Judaizers who wanted to stone him to death to protect their religious traditions. (The spirit of murder is quite happy in a religious disguise.)

As he wrote, Paul was under house arrest in Rome awaiting trial before Caesar, as we see in the setting at the end of the Book of Acts. By now all the other apostles among the Twelve, except for John, had already been killed for their faith. The church had been persecuted by the Jews but now the pressure had started coming from Nero as the followers of Jesus refused to worship the Emperor. (Malcolm Muggeridge, the famous British atheist philosopher, now deceased, was converted to Christ as he studied history and found that thousands of Christians died with joy in the Roman arena, having believed that a Man named Jesus had really come back from the dead.)

Reading Timothy, especially the second letter, you get the poignant sense that Paul is passing the baton to Timothy. It is very personal and has eternity in view. He obviously loves Timothy like a father loves a son, yet he encourages Timothy to keep the faith and be bold despite great personal risk. Paul says to him, *"Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus."* (2 Timothy 2:3) At the end of his letter, he repeats it again: *"…endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."* (4:5)

This expectation of suffering for a young apostle trying to fulfill his vocation is in stark contrast to the fame or ease or fortune being glamorously promoted by some ministries today. You would think the mark of success is measured in budgets or buildings or billboards… or ads in Charisma Magazine.

Listen, the Spirit of Jesus wants me to warn you-- **this is a terrible time to volunteer for the ministry**. It is an especially tough job market if you are hearing a call to apostleship. If you can get out of it, run!

I mean, I thought being a prophet was tough: hearing voices, seeing visions, having dreams, discerning things, always being out of step with the present and pointing to things not yet, never seeming to fit in with the status quo. But a little misunderstanding isn't bad compared to what apostles have already suffered and will yet endure.

The job description of most of the early apostles included being killed on the job! Apostles were **KIA**, "Killed In Action," which meant being martyred for the sake of the gospel. How would you like to apply for a job which included the probability of death?

Yet Jesus says to pray to the Lord of the Harvest to *send forth* (an apostolic term) laborers into the fields (Matt. 9:37-38). The call from Jesus to become an apostle (one able to be sent; able to be dispatched, or able to be deployed under Christ's authority) has fine print in the contract. ***Are you willing to die?***

Don't think you can escape this clause, for every real apostle's calling and commissioning includes this hidden feature. Without a willingness to die doing the will of God for Jesus' sake, there is no genuine apostleship.

Some modern apostles have already sacrificed in a similar way. Don't be surprised by their suffering. You can't have the true grace of apostleship without something of our humanity suffering. History has overlooked many of the apostles of China, India, Africa, Latin America, and other non-western people groups where the darkness has been driven back by servants of God who died on the battle field. In America and Europe, we have better records.

For example, John Wesley, the apostle who founded Methodism, said that every Methodist preacher should always be ready to preach, ready to pray, and ready to die. Pioneers always pay a dear price, a price which those who follow later may not be able to fully appreciate. Methodists in America once paid dearly to be Christians who lived a sanctified life.

Years ago, I prayed with fellow pastors in an old Methodist church in south Texas that was founded by a circuit riding preacher who rode himself into the ground and died young bringing the gospel to America's frontier. (Most such Methodist preachers never married and died early by age thirty.) I spoke in another old but splendidly well-preserved Methodist church in Florida where I experienced the Holy Spirit's power coming upon me (and surprising me!) as I stepped behind the pulpit to speak. Suddenly, I was aware that people had been praying for whoever should happen to stand behind that pulpit for many, many decades.

My burden for the Methodists has often led me to travail in prayer. My ancestors on my mother's side—the Christenberry clan—are famous for being Methodist pioneers in North Carolina. North of Charlotte and east of Lake Norman, my family and I once visited an old cemetery behind Asbury Methodist Church and looked at headstones honoring my ancestors. The old Bible in the pastor's office, preserved under glass, commemorated the Christenberry man who gave the church its first land. In those days, if you were converted to Christ in that county, they mocked you and said, "You must be a Christenberry!"

Christians were ridiculed for believing you could be saved and know it, and for practicing their faith by following Wesley's methods which included weekly gatherings in one another's homes to pray, to study the Bible, and to confess their sins.

Besides believers being misunderstood, those called as leaders of the church often faced major opposition in sharing God's word and pointing people toward Christ. In the Bible, the decision to follow Jesus for the Twelve meant they left their nets—their vocational security—and they also left their reputations behind and risked their future welfare. They *should* have been concerned: all but one of the first Twelve died a terrible death because they preached the kingdom of God without compromise.

The good news is that on the other side of suffering, if we handle it right, is maturity and glory.

Jesus suffered more than any of us ever can or ever will. For this, He was crowned with glory. *"…we* *do see Him… crowned with glory and honor…."* (Hebrews 2:9) I once heard the Lord say to me, "Every crown in its first appearing is a crown of thorns."

Your suffering in serving Christ is the gateway to experiencing God's glory in your life and ministry. Why? Because when you keep your faith despite it all, God gives more grace as reward. Grace precedes glory. This is the promise made in 1 Peter 4:13-14. Notice, glory is commensurate and it is proportional: *to the same degree.* God is precise in His measurement of glory upon His saints. It exactly fits the degree of faithful endurance displayed before angels and men. More suffering equals more glory. So, rejoice!

This past weekend, I heard the Spirit say this phrase to me, *"…eyewitnesses of His majesty."* (2 Peter 1:16) I knew what God meant by that word. For weeks, I have also been intrigued by the imagery of the Book of Revelation as it describes the Appearing of the Lord Jesus upon His return. He will arrive in His resurrection glory! Another scripture has kept reverberating in my mind also, *"the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ."* It is as though we, while in our fleshly existence as humans, can not fully take in the true extent of the brightness of the glory of God, so God keeps "stepping it down" so we can receive some of it, be blessed and transformed, yet without being killed.

From the face of Jesus Christ, God steps the revelation down by degrees to mere glory. From glory, God steps it down to mere knowledge. From knowledge, God steps it down again to mere light. Too much too soon, and we would be raptured!

We get the light of understanding on some of God's truth, and from that we rise to knowing the Lord. From knowing the Lord (which is more than just information about God), we taste the transforming glory of God by means of the Spirit of God displaying His majesty and holy presence to us. From touching the manifest glory, we go to the highest and greatest manifestation of God on earth, which is the face of Jesus Christ. He is the express image of God and the brightness of His very presence.

I believe God is going to give many faithful soldiers of the gospel, men and women, an opportunity to be a eye-witnesses of Jesus' majesty, His post-resurrection glory, not only in heaven, but even now, in the present day, here in the flesh while we are on the earth.

This past weekend at the church where my wife and I make our home base in North Carolina, we were blessed by the home-going of a beloved man. He was 82 years old, had been a banker for thirty-eight years, and was a pastor on staff at The Rock of Wilmington for the last twelve years of his life. Aubrey Johnston was survived by his wife, Eva, who is also a minister of God's power and truth like her husband was.

Aubrey died as he lived, in quiet confidence in the faithfulness of God. He had seen God's power manifested in delivering people from demons, in healing people of diseases, and in filling many Christians with the gift of the Holy Spirit. He and Eva would often mentor people into a steady walk with Jesus based on God's Word and into ministering the gifts of the Holy Spirit for themselves.

Aubrey's humor never left him even while he died. Oh, how God's grace makes even our redeemed humanity to be cherished! He told one nurse, "I've never had such a good time dying before in my life!" His death was marked by the testimony of God's manifest grace and glory.

On his last night on earth, as he lay dying in a hospice bed last Friday with only his wife and adult children around his bedside, the ceiling lights began to dim and flicker. Outside in the hall, all the other lights were bright with no power problems. A mist began to rise from the floor until it enveloped the bed and his frail body. A light appeared over his head. For forty minutes, everyone stood speechless and silent in the manifest glory of God. Then, Aubrey, who hadn't spoken for two days and had hardly moved, turned his palms upward from the bed and worshipped, and his spirit peacefully left his body. Then the lights came back up and the mist disappeared.

I tell you, to endure the sufferings of this present world which will surely be inflicted upon God's holy apostles, to manifest the life of Jesus in our mortal bodies, to be finally rid of all the fear of death, we must touch the glory of God. This is why, I believe, apostles have to have seen their risen Savior in order to be truly fearless in the face of opposition or death.

How can you be afraid when you've seen the One who has eternal life and gives it freely to those who believe in Him? How can death intimidate anyone who has seen the Risen Lord? What of the grave is there to fear?

Suffering pales in the light of God's glory. Everyone who has been brought back from the dead after seeing Jesus and the beauty of heaven is eager to go back to be with Jesus and ready to depart the drabness of this material world.

This is the hope of the church and the secret ingredient of the perseverance of the saints. The reality of the resurrection and our privilege to partake of Jesus' eternal life is the armor of apostles who face death without fear and defy God's angelic enemies or human rebels without backing down.

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Serving By the Heart of God

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Serving by the Heart of God: Part-Timers vs. Full-Timers

The Spirit of the Lord showed me two groups of people.
Both groups of people were Christians, believers in Christ.
Both groups were "serving" the Lord.
The first group, He considered them *"Part-Timers"*
in their service and dedication to Him.
The second group, He called them *"Full-Timers".*
You may be surprised at how God sees our service to Him.
For God's ways are higher than our ways, and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts (Isaiah 55:8-9).
Man looks on the outside, but God sees to the heart (Psalms 44:21).
I hope, and pray, that I am growing as a "full-timer" in Him.

"The Part-Timers"
First, I saw a group of people who pay their tithe, faithfully.
They go to church, regularly.
Some are very active in the church and in their service to God.
Some are pastors and ministers.
They even pray and read the Bible.
They are "good" Christians.
By all appearances, they are righteous and faithful in keeping their Christian obligations to God and man.
Yet, the Lord called them "*Part Timers*".
Then, I saw that they distinguish, and divide, between "God's" and "mine".
Their money is separated into a portion (tithes) to God, and then the rest is theirs to do with according to their own desire.
They do not want to make their portion available to God to do with as He would direct, because it may mean that they would have less.
It didn't matter if they tithed 10%, or 20%, God saw them as "*part-timers*",
because in their heart they held back, even a portion, from God.
I also saw that their time was divided between "God's time",
and the rest was "their time".
They went to church, and were active in various church activities or ministries.
But they distinguished between the time they gave to God, and they held in their heart "their own time".
I was shown this example, as an analogy... it's like going to work, clocking in, and serving 100% while you are there at work. But when the work day (or obligation) is over, you clock out, and the rest of the day is yours to pursue your own agenda.
In man's eyes, we call this "full-time" work.
But in God's eyes, he looks at the heart, and he calls this service to Him, "*part-time*".
The part-timers' relationship to God is based on legalistic Christian obligations.
"Do's" and "should's" ... Expectations.
They know the LETTER of the WORD of God,
but they don't know the HEART of God.
They think they are "full-timers",
but they are really "part-timers" in God's eyes.

"The Full-Timers"
The second group of people that I saw, did not have any such "rules" or "laws" or "obligations" that they used to measure their service to God. They were not under the law of "tithe", nor of any other obligitory law.
They didn't need these laws.
(Jeremiah 31:33-34; 2 Cor. 3:3)

For they do not "own" anything for themselves.
For ALL that they had was God's...
God's to direct at any moment.
They made no distinction between God's money and their money.
They made no distinction between their time in service to God and their own time.
They don't consider themselves to "own" anything.
In their eyes, it is ALL HIS.
(1 Peter 2:9; Deut. 10:9)
And they had a joy and a FREEDOM that was not known by the "part timers".
(2 Cor. 3:17; 2 Cor. 3:9)

These were the ones that God called "*Full Timers*".

Although they do not have the law of obligation to rituals, or tithes, or a list of "do's" and "shalts",
They end up giving more than the "part-timers",
not because they have to,
not because of any obligation,
(2 Cor. 9:6-7)
but because they hold NOTHING back from God.

The "full timers" do not hold back a part of their time for themselves;
they do not hold back a part of their money for themselves;
they do not hold back any part of themselves,
nor of their heart,
nor even of their very lives.

These have hearts that follow after the heart of God.
They live by the Spirit.
(2 Cor. 3:6)
Their lives, and all that they are, and have,
are offerred as living sacrifices to God.
(1 Peter 2:5, 9; Deut. 10:9, 18:1; Joshua 13:14, 13:33)
By man's eyes, or standards, they might not look special.
In fact, they may be misunderstood and misjudged.
For, much of their giving is done in secret,
without care for reward or recognition.
(Matthew 6:1-8)
Much of their praying is hidden from the watch of others,
not just at prayer or church meetings.

Much of their serving is without glory or hidden,
mundane and often seen as lowly by others,
known only by God (and perhaps a few scattered here and there).
But in God's eyes, these are His "*Full Timers*".
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Proverbs 21:26
... the righteous give without sparing.
Acts 2:44-45
All the believers were together and had everything in common.
Selling their possessions and goods,
they gave to anyone as he had need.
2 Corinthians 9:6-7
[6]Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. [7]
Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
Mark 33:12
And to love Him with ALL the heart,
and with ALL the understanding,
and with ALL the soul,

and with ALL the strength,
and to love his neighbor as himself,
is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.
Matthew 19:30
But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.
Jeremiah 31:33-34
..."I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God, and they will be my people.
No longer will a man teach his neighbor,
or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,'
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD.
2 Corinthians 3:3
You show that you are a letter from Christ...
written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God,
not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.
2 Corinthians 3:17
Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.
2 Corinthians 3:6
He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant -
not of the letter but of the Spirit;
for the letter kills,
but the Spirit gives life.
1 Peter 2:9
But you are a chosen people,
a royal priesthood,
a holy nation,
a people belonging to God,
that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
Joshua 13:33
But to the tribe of Levi [the priests],
Moses had given no inheritance;
the LORD , the God of Israel,
is their inheritance,
as he promised them.
(see also Deut. 10:9, 18:1; Joshua 13:14)
1 Peter 2:5
you also, like living stones,
are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood,
offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
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Saved By The Life Of Christ
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The pleasure of sin is but for only a moment, but the effect of the Cross is eternal. Take the opportunity today to decide who you will serve. Will you be slave unto sin which brings forth death or will you choose the Cross of Christ and live?

This is the message. It has always been the same, but many have watered it down and preached another message. Yes, a false gospel of justification of sin. Not true justification, but one that says it is all right to sin since it is just a weakness of the flesh. Yes, just an infirmity that you overlooked brought on by your forefathers. Many justify sin by just saying that it is the effect of a chemical imbalance, but what it really is but the effect of a lack of discipline, a lack of subjecting the flesh to the lordship of Christ.

Do not become blind to the enemy's tactics. Do not settle for second to the best for the crucified life is one of constant contentment and victory, one that is totally free to serve the will of God and not Satan. The life of the Cross is full of the resurrection power of Christ. He who by His own life overcame the power of sin, how much more now that we are His friends are we able to overcome by His life.

Our Character as a Christian
Yolanda Ballard

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Blessings to all! You can tell them by their fruit. One who patterns their life after Jesus, the only One full of grace and truth. Because we love Him, we want to be like Him.

Here's a great check list to view and adjust by the grace of God our own life. We all know that good character is more valuable than anything. The test of good Christian character is more precious than gold. And that is why the Lord by His love purges us with His fire so that all the dross will be brought to the surface to be removed and all that will be left will be His character.

I pray great grace upon you! And that you will prosper and be in health as your spirit soars in Him!
Yolanda

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Scotland

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I had this picture of the land of Scotland, couldn't see much on the soil, then all of a sudden and in a rush of life and activity, various places around Scotland were filled with new green leafy shoots breaking through the soil. Then the increase was so fast my eyes could barely take it all in.

I was aware that the shoots were verdant and green and very strong and robust. Then I observed that they were Crocuses.

I heard the Lord saying "Spring is coming to Scotland!! Spring is coming."

I felt God was showing me through this that the land is fertile and that all the prayers, outreaches, tears, toils and prayers and labours over many years will see fruit this spring in abundance.

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Scroll of Prophecy

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In Ezekiel 2 and Revelation 10 the bible talks of a scroll being given to Ezekiel and John. The scroll was prophetic and contained the mind of God. They were told to eat them. They both ate it and they got the same reaction after eating it. After that they started to speak that which they had eaten before multitudes.

The Word

The scroll can likened to the word of God. It is engrafted in our hearts being written on the walls of our heart. We proclaim it for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. We speak them and we are made prophets of the word as the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

End-time Mysteries

The scroll is also a hard copy given to prophets. They contain the mind of God concerning the future and mysteries that are hidden from man. The prophets are to declare it to the church and to the nations of the earth.

In this end-time a lot of people are being given this prophetic scroll that they may proclaim him who sits on the throne. A lot of people are being given revelations of the mysteries of God and the mind of God is being shared. His fullness is being revealed and the mystery of God would soon be finished. Selah

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The Mystery of Tongues

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The Beginning and Now

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth. He made tongues too. He created the tongues of the angels and the tongues of men.
Before man was created the angels used to sing together on the earth. They spoke one language

until division came when lucifer wanted to be like God. He and his angels rebelled and fought against God and were cut off from his presence. Tthey lost their glory, their estate and their tongue. There seemed to be a memory loss. They dont seem to remember the language they spoke then. That explains why satan and his angels cannot understand us when we pray in tongues.

When man was created he had his own tongue and he could interact freely with fellow man kind until division came when man wanted to become like God as he tried to build a tower and city whose top reached unto heaven. That language was lost and man started speaking different languages and tongues.

The Mystery

When a man becomes born again and filled with the Holy Spirit he starts to speak the tongue of angels, a language he does not understand and never learned before. With that same anointing that teacheth us all things he could speak and understand any of the earthly languages he never spoke and understood before.

When the angels speak the earthly man do hear them speaking his own natural language. The angels could therefore speak any of the earthly tongues and understand them. This is because live in the presence of the all knowing God and they have his presence always.

The End

In the world to come, the redeemed man would be speaking only one language as there would be unity of tongues. We would all understand one another for that which is in part would be done away with when that which is perfect is come. We would all be in one accord speaking a pure language - the language of heaven which is the tongue of angels and all things would be clear to us because the veil of carnality would have been removed.

For now we speak only in part and see these things only dimly having received just a token of the powers of the age to come but we have a sure hope that one day when that which is perfect is come we would speak in full and see fully. Selah

Sharing Christ With Yasser Arafat

R.T. Kendall

Arafat to R.T. Kendall, "I saw the Virgin Mary holding Jesus. I kissed Jesus," -- while he was confined to his compound. "It has been revealed to me that Jesus Christ is very important to you," R.T. Kendall told Arafat. Arafat replied: "Very, very important."

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WORLD NEWS: Bible Teacher Issues 'Call for Conversion' to Arafat
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An American Bible teacher recently shared Christ with Yasser Arafat - the second time R.T. Kendall has witnessed to the Palestinian leader in the last year. On Nov. 20 [2003], Kendall, an internationally known speaker and author, met with the 74-year-old Palestinian president at Arafat's compound in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

"Rais [the Arabic word for president], there is something I want you to think about," Kendall (minister at famed Westminster Chapel in London for 25 years until his retirement last year) recalled telling Arafat. "It has been revealed to me that Jesus Christ is very important to you." Arafat reportedly replied: "Very, very important."

Kendall, who began praying for Arafat daily in 1982 after hearing cross-carrying evangelist Arthur Blessitt talk about his visit with the head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, said he knew that Arafat had dreams about Jesus.

Arafat told Kendall that he had a dream last year when the Israelis took over Arafat's compound and bombed most of it. "On the third day of the siege...a lamb led me to Bethlehem," Kendall recounted Arafat saying. "There I saw the Virgin Mary holding Jesus. I kissed Jesus. When I woke up I was so moved that I ordered a lamb to be slaughtered and taken to the priests at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem for them to have a feast."

Kendall then said: "I want you to confess that Jesus actually died on the cross for your sins. Not that he was delivered from the cross, but that he actually died." However, a translator interrupted Kendall, objecting to his "call for conversion." "But Arafat lifted his hand to the translator to suggest that it was all right for me to continue," Kendall said.

After he explained to Arafat the benefits of becoming a Christian, Kendall noted that the translator objected again to his call for conversion. "I replied, 'I am only trying to get him to go public with what he already believes,'" Kendall, 67, noted. "I said to Arafat, 'Nothing else has worked. Peace [in the Middle East] will not come through a military or political solution.'"

Traveling to Iraq

Later, Kendall asked Arafat: "Will you do me a favor? Will you consider this?" Arafat said that he would. Kendall, who first shared the gospel with Arafat in July 2002, told Charisma News Service that he prayed for Arafat and gave him a copy of his book, "*Total Forgiveness*."

"Whether I did any good on my two visits to this torn, frail but unusual leader, I don't know," said Kendall, whose meetings with Arafat were arranged by the Rev. Andrew White, a canon of the Coventry Cathedral in England and archbishop of Canterbury's envoy to the Middle East. "I only know I never tried so hard in all my life to lead a person to Jesus Christ."

During his visit to the Middle East last month [Nov 2003], Kendall also became the only American minister -- other than military chaplains -- to preach at Saddam Hussein's Iraqi palace in Baghdad during a Sunday morning service on Nov. 23.

"I was invited to preach to a group of American military and civilians," said Kendall, who is based in Key Largo, Fla., from where he continues to write and travel to speak. "I stood before the gathering, literally three feet in front of Saddam's throne to proclaim: 'Jesus Christ is Lord of this nation.'"

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Some people are still surprised that God has given me what I can only call a special relationship with President Yasser Arafat and also certain Palestinian leaders. Some sincere Christians misunderstand this, and people I don't know write letters of warning. One person who surely meant well angrily finished his letter 'May God have mercy on your soul,' because of my times with President Arafat. My preaching responsibilities and television appearances have given me opportunity to ask Christians in America to pray for Yasser Arafat. The consequence of this has been an overwhelming response on the part of believers from all over the world who have thanked me again and again for reminding them to pray for Palestinians as well as Israel. Almost without exception they hadn't even thought of it!

I have invited a number of well known Christian leaders in the past two years to join Canon Andrew White and me on trips to Israel and Palestine. Andrew White, Canon of Coventry Cathedral and the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy to the Middle East, is probably the only man in the world to maintain a relationship with both Israelis and Palestinians. I have said often -- including many times when I am on television -- that Canon White should receive the Nobel Peace Prize. I hope he will be so honored one day. Most of these high profile leaders I have invited have declined, mainly because it would not help them with their followers who would misunderstand their having contact with Israel's foes. I understand their position and I would never criticize them. I only know that I have chosen to walk in doors I never dreamed of opening.

I would not be so pompous or pious as to claim to be like Jesus, but I know one thing for sure: Jesus would go into Ramallah and visit Yasser Arafat. When Jesus went to Jericho and gave special attention to Zacchaeus he was criticized by the religious people (Luke 19:1-9). Zacchaeus was a 'short man' and I have wondered if he and Arafat are about the same height!

Being the Love of Jesus

I began praying for Yasser Arafat daily over 22 years ago -- never expecting to meet him but because the Holy Spirit laid him on my heart and gave me a love for him. That love has not changed. I don't know whether Yasser Arafat has ever felt unconditional love from many people, especially from the West, but I want him to feel it from me. I have had one goal: to be Jesus to him.

John Wesley used to say that God does nothing but in answer to prayer. I don't mean to be unfair, but if Christians in America had spent as much time praying for Yasser Arafat and Palestinians as they do praying for Israelis and Jews -- which can only be right, I believe the situation would be vastly different in the Middle East at the present time. Jesus loves both peoples equally. He would not be political however, he would only demonstrate his love for them.

Recently Dr. Michael Youssef, the minister of the Church of the Apostles of Atlanta and of the TV and radio ministry 'Leading the Way' accepted my invitation to visit Israel and Palestine.. During the first week of September Dr. and Mrs. Youssef and their son Joshua and I journeyed to Israel -- mainly to meet President Arafat and the Chief Rabbi of Israel.

Yasser Arafat had his 75th birthday only days before we saw him on September 2nd. I brought in a

Bible -- in English and Arabic -- which he seemed very pleased to receive, and we gave him also some crystallized fruit that I knew he loves.

Dr. Youssef said to him: 'The prince of peace was born in this part of the world . . . and we know He is the only one who can gives us peace . . . it is our prayer that He may give you wisdom to achieve peace.' President Arafat was pleased to receive this word.

I felt led to share with President Arafat the verses that always govern me when I go into Ramallah: for example, when you are before governors and kings 'do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you' (Matt.10:18-20). I told him I believe God gives me the words I say to him. I have always sensed the unusual leadership of the Holy Spirit every time I am with President Arafat. On at least two occasions -- when I presented the Gospel very strongly to him -- I felt I had as much anointing as in any pulpit. But each time afterwards I also feared I would never be invited back. But he has invited me back three times -- even to have lunch with him. We had over an hour with him on this occasion. I read Psalm 91:14-16, asked him permission to anoint him with oil and pray for him.

We were not able to have lunch this time however; all the PLO were fasting in deference to certain men in prison who had gone on a hunger strike. They apologized profusely to us that they could not serve us lunch. Dr. Saeb Erekat, the brilliant and respected Palestinian statesman, who was at my side as I spoke with President Arafat (translating if needed), invited us instead to Jericho where he arranged for a delicious Arabic meal to be set before us. It was fantastic. We were particularly delighted to have well over an hour with Dr. Erekat. Dr. Erekat is highly regarded in the West but also by the Israelis. When the lunch was over we were photographed with him in front of the Catholic school in which he was educated (from age 3 to 12) -- then we were photographed together in front of a Sycamore tree that is known to be 2000 years old, just possibly the very tree Zacchaeus climbed!

The Chief Rabbi of Israel

During our time in Jerusalem Canon White introduced us to a number of religious leaders, among them the Greek Orthodox Patriarch in the Old City. We then met the Syrian Orthodox Patriarch in the Old City of Jerusalem and had lunch with him and some of the monks there. This took place in what is actually the oldest known church in the world. Later in the day we had coffee and refreshments with the Bishop of the Coptic Church (Egyptian) in the Old City. We also spent time with the Rev and Mrs. Tony Higdon, old friends of mine, the vicar of Christ Church (Anglican) in the Old City. We were privileged to see holy sites seldom if ever seen by tourists.

It was an honor once again to meet the Chief Rabbi of Israel. We had lunch with him back in March when Lord and Lady Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury, were with us. He remembered me and greeted us kindly. We had a good dialogue with him. Dr. Youssef said to him, 'We pray for the peace of Jerusalem . . . for after all we worship your Messiah . . . and we pray for His peace to reign in this land.'

At that meeting was Rabbi David Rosen, the Jerusalem based International Director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee. I was thrilled that he not only remembered me but said, "Hi, R.T." without being re-introduced when we walked in. When we were with Lord and Lady Carey back in March, Rabbi Rosen treated us to a Shabbat dinner in the Mount Zion Hotel. On that Friday evening Rabbi Rosen and his wife and two daughters went through the ancient liturgy for us. It was most moving and brought us to tears. I did not dream that we were in the embryonic phase of what appears to be a significant relationship.

Pray For these Important Connections

What happened was this. When Rabbi Rosen had spoken warmly about Pharisees at this Shabbat dinner, I was surprised. To make sure I had not misunderstood him, I asked, "Am I to believe that you see yourself as a modern Pharisee and are not ashamed of it?" He answered that was absolutely the case! I explained to him that nearly all of what Christians know about Pharisees is not very complimentary! He knew this. I told him that I was in the process of writing a book and intended to devote one or two chapters to Pharisees. A few days later he sent me some information on Pharisees. He hoped I would make a distinction between those Pharisees Jesus is recorded as addressing as opposed to most Pharisees -- then and now.

Therefore when we met in Jerusalem recently we agreed to spend more time together. He came early for breakfast the next day. I had just completed my latest book (to be published shortly in England) called *"Out of Your Comfort Zone -- Is Your God too Nice?"* I told him I had referred to him but not by name lest I embarrass him. He wanted to see what I have written. As we discussed this I came up with an idea. What if we did a book together? We would begin by his criticizing my own interpretation of Pharisees and then I would answer him. He replied, "Let's do it." We have since been in dialogue by email and it now appears certain he and I will do a book together. He also gave me permission to mention him by name.

I want to thank God and also Canon Andrew White for introducing me to important people in the Middle East. Without him I would never have had access to these strategic people. Please pray for him -- for his health, wisdom and safety. And pray the same for me as doors continue to be open to me in that troubled spot on our planet.

I made another trip to Israel March l7-21, partly official and partly private. The private part -- though it was made public by the Palestinian press who were allowed in and took pictures -- was that I was invited by President Arafat to have lunch with him and watch Mel Gibson's film *The Passion of the Christ*. I regard this visit as pastoral but I can reveal a few details.
Dr. Saeb Erekat, the respected Palestinian statesman and Cabinet Minister, translated the subtitles. Dr. Erekat asked me afterwards if I noticed that

President Arafat wept a number of times as he watched. I could hear him weeping but did not look at him except to whisper a few comments about the film as it proceeded. He watched the entire film along with about thirty members of the PLO and Cabinet. At the end of the film I asked President Arafat if I could pray with him. After all in the room left, except for Dr. Erekat whom I asked to remain, I prayed with him. He made it clear he welcomed this. My sole motive in showing the film was pastoral and evangelistic. I have stressed to Arafat again and again that Jesus DIED ON THE CROSS -- was not delivered. I felt that Mel Gibson's film was therefore a potential vehicle of the Holy Spirit to drive this home.

In my prayer (during which he took my hand and held it tight) I said, "Heavenly Father, I thank you for the high privilege of showing this film to President Arafat. I pray that you will apply the truth of this film by your Holy Spirit. Make both of us thankful that Jesus died on the cross for our sins," among other things. We had lunch, he allowed me to pray for all the PLO, walked me out and kissed me good-bye.

My total time in Ramallah this time was three hours and a half. Oliver Scutt, Andrew White's aide, stayed with me (next to me in the photo) and accompanied me afterwards to join others (see paragraph below) in Hebron. Many present, among them Hanan Ashrawl (often seen as a Palestinian spokesman on television), remarked about my friendship with Arafat and his love for me. Why? I am not sure that I know. I would appreciate your prayers for me. I realize I have been misunderstood by some of my friends as well as some political leaders. I know this much: if John Wesley is correct -- that God does nothing but in answer to prayer, this meant that somebody prayed for Saul of Tarsus before he was converted; secondly, Paul used the word 'envy' or 'jealousy' twice (Romans 11:11,14) as a motive to wake up Israel and lead to their blindness being lifted. This is my own 'strategy' if I may use that word. Please pray for me. And pray for Yasser Arafat. I have reason to believe that if Christians had been praying for Arafat and Palestinians as much as they pray for Israelis and Jews over the years that things could be a lot different in the Middle East at the present time. A political and military solution is not the answer; the issue is theological.

God is Moving in the Middle East

I want to thank Canon Andrew White, the Archbishop of Canterbury's Envoy to the Middle East, for introducing me to President Yasser Arafat and allowing me continued access into the compound in Ramallah. I could not have done what I did without Andrew's support. Andrew is one of the most remarkable men I have ever met. I pray he will one day win the Nobel Peace Prize.

This brings me to the official part of my recent trip to Israel. My main reason for being in Israel this time was to be with Dr. George Carey, formerly the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Andrew White. The architect of the Alexandria Peace Process, Lord Carey, led a tour of British and American leaders (two of whom I had the privilege of choosing) to meet Israeli and Palestinian leaders during March l7-21. Dr. Richard Land, president of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and Dr. Ravi Zacharias, the well-known Christian apologist, joined Lord and Lady Carey, Alan Bell (my friend who has accompanied me twice before into Ramallah), Christopher Long, former British ambassador to Egypt and advisor to Lord Carey and the Very Rev James Diamond, dean of Christ Church Cathedral of Cincinnati, Ohio, in visiting a number of leaders. Most of these spent a few moments with President Arafat (see photograph), then called on Sheik Tal El Sider in Hebron, a co-rounder of Hamas but who since broke with them and has renounced violence.
During these days we met with the former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres in Tel Aviv, as well as both the American Ambassador to Israel, Dan Kurtzer, and the British Ambassador to Israel, Simon McDonald. We also met with members of the Knesset when we sat in on a meeting with the Christian Allies Caucus at the Knesset. We had lunch with the Chief Rabbi of Israel and enjoyed a Shabbat meal on the Friday evening with Rabbi David Rosen and his family. We also met with various leaders of the Greek, Syrian and Coptic churches in Jerusalem including the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem. It was a very full week. Some of us met with Baroness Elizabeth Symons of the Foreign Office in London on March 22nd. Not all the photos have been developed but will hopefully be put up soon.

It was a great honor and particular delight to spend time with Lord and Lady Carey. I felt deprived that I did not get to know them well when I was minister of Westminster Chapel in London and he was Archbishop of Canterbury. But "all's well that ends well' and I have made two delightful friends. It was great to be with Richard Land, an old friend; we did our doctorates at Oxford the same time. I felt a wonderful bonding with Ravi Zacharias and so honored to have him with us for nearly all of our meetings. The other members of this tour have become new friends and I have reason to believe we shall all be together soon, probably in the Middle East.

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Seven Days of Stillness
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Seven Days of Stillness: A Prayer Focus to Renew Your Spirit"
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Dear Victorious Warriors:

Psalm 46:10-11 is one of the most important scriptures to embrace in the midst of warfare today: "Let be and be still, and know (recognize and understand) that I AM God. I will be exalted among the nations! I will be exalted in the earth! The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our Refuge (our High Tower and Stronghold). Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]!" (AMP) This was a scripture that came burning into my spirit (heart) at the end of July. If you will remember, I sent the following word out to for us to ponder:

"Find your place of STILLNESS for 7 days and the Jericho that seems invincible in front of you will fall, and you will move into the next level of war to unlock the best that I have for you. Yes, I say it is time for you to go into your next war and the enemy would love to hold you in the warfare that you have been in. Be still and watch Me seat you in a place to laugh at the enemies that have been in your path. I am preparing a release of joy for My people. They will laugh at their last failures and blockages. This release of joy from stillness will give you a strength to overtake the enemies that you have been battling."

When the Lord spoke this, I was on the verge of completing two major assignments He had given me. Many of you have walked faithfully with Dutch Sheets and me in prayer, giving and attending the 50 State Tour meetings. I knew that assignment was coming to an end the first week of August. I also knew I was going to Spain for the international worship gathering at Santiago de Compostela, and then visiting the nation of San Marino. This was the last of 64 nations in the 40/70 Window for a recorded prayer team to go into. Therefore, that assignment was coming to completion as well. When God said to find seven days of stillness, I had to get out my calendar to see how He was going to do that in my life. I realized that at the end of my European trip I actually had seven days set aside before I had to begin traveling again.

The Principle of Stillness

When I entered these seven days of stillness, I expected quietness, restoration and peace. But instead I found I was in tremendous warfare. I was contending with something and I wasn't even sure what it was. But then I began to study the principle of stillness. To be still is to keep silence or to be quiet. Psalm 4:4 in the Amplified says, "Be angry [or stand in awe] and sin not; commune with your own hearts upon your beds and be silent (sorry for the things you say in your hearts)." Therefore, I knew it was a heart issue God was dealing with in those seven days. If I would allow Him to quiet and purify my heart from the past season (no matter how good the past season had been) and calm my anxieties over certain circumstances and fears over the future, then I would SEE God. I wanted to be able to hear that still, small voice that is talked about in 1 Kings 19:12, the voice Elijah heard after running from Jezebel. I wanted to feel the anointing beside the still waters. I wanted to sit by the waters until their motion appeared still to me, and I had no fear of the waters overtaking me.

In the mist of all the turmoil around us personally and throughout this nation, the Lord is looking for those who have a contrite spirit. He is looking for those who operate in a spirit of meekness. Meekness is strength under control. People who operate in meekness yield the moment the Lord asks them to make a shift. Meekness is the opposite of stubbornness and hardness. A meek spirit has no idolatry but is filled with worship. The Lord is also looking for those who have a "cool" spirit. Proverbs 17:27 says, "He who has knowledge spares his words, and a man of understanding has a cool spirit" (AMP). When the thoughts of our mind are not in order and aligned with God's mind, our spirit becomes unsettled. The enemy desires to cause us to go astray and lose contact with the Holy Spirit. This is a season for confusion to be removed from our mind and spirit so that we have great authority to advance into our future.

Seven Days of Waiting

The Lord began to show me what He was doing during the seven days, and I do not want you to miss this blessing in your own life. He first took me to 1 Samuel 9-15 to read the life of Saul. I was amazed to find this verse: "Then he waited seven days according to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel did not come to Gilgal and the people were scattered from him." This was in the context of Samuel asking Saul to wait at Gilgal until he got there to sacrifice before they went into war with the Philistines. Saul moved out of his sphere of authority at the end of those seven days, made an illegal sacrifice, and lost the continuation of his kingdom. What this really displayed was that Saul did not have a heart fully after God but was entangled with his own purposes. I knew that I had to begin this seven day time by waiting until I felt the Lord bring me into a new place of worship. I knew that waiting these seven days was very, very important in the heart of God so that we could move forward into our future.

If you remember, at the beginning of the year I wrote an article about doors. September is the transition month during which we begin to prepare to establish ourselves for the future. The word "future" is not used in the original King James Bible. We find the words "expected end". I heard the Lord say that I am attempting to make your latter or "expected end" greater than the former. Wait until you receive a new anointing before you move forward.

Dangerous Emotions and Jericho Stillness

The Lord began to speak to me and gave me two promises to pray for His people. He said, *"My people are filled with dangerous emotions. I want to settle their emotions so that their mind will think the same way that I think. Unless they allow Me to deal with their dangerous emotions they will miss many blessings that I have for the future. Many will end up striking the rock as Moses did out of a dangerous emotion instead of speaking to the rock and miss their door of entry for this season. Tell My people to be still."*

Then He also began to clarify and refine what He previously shared on stillness: *"I am calling for a Jericho stillness. This warfare call is important for the future of My people. If they will come before Me for seven straight days and allow Me to still their hearts and quiet their spirits, that which has been invincible in their past and has kept them from moving into their future will fall before them. Tell MY people to still their hearts before Me."*

The Enemy Doesn't want your Spirit Still and Quiet

All of a sudden it dawned on me: it wasn't that we were not to do anything. Rather, this was a type of fast. I began to see this was the fast God had chosen to help us make our transition into the "expected end" that He has for us. It wasn't that we were to do nothing, but we were to capture every thought and emotion that would hinder us from our future. We were to take those thoughts before God, get them upon His altar, and watch Him begin to work in a new way. That is why I was in such warfare! The enemy did not want my spirit still and quiet before God. He knew that I would then enter into the best

the Lord has for me.
Below are seven days of study helps and scriptures that will help you still your heart and ready yourself for the expected end that God has for you.

Day 1: Read Psalm 23 and 46. Sit beside the still waters until you feel the new anointing begin.

Day 2: Read Hebrews 11. Let Faith arise. Elevate and establish trust in a new way. Let God show you one of the people of faith that He wants you to model after and understand at this time.

Day 3: Read Leviticus 8. Let God consecrate your heart and life in a new way.

Day 4: Read Ezekiel 3. Receive the prophetic voice of God into your life and allow Him to establish His presence.

Day 5: Read Exodus 12-15. Remove any sin in your life and ready yourself to advance forward QUICKLY.

Day 6: Read Joshua 3-5in the AM , Joshua 6 at noon, and Joshua 7at night. Define your Jericho. Ask God to establish your walk in such a way that you surround your enemy.. Ask Him to develop a new sound in you. Let the shout of the Lord rise up and watch your Jericho fall.

Day 7: Read 1 Samuel 11-13. Cry out for deliverance and tell God you will wait as long as it will takes to see things change and breakthrough come. Ask him to give you a pure heart to see and fully obey Him.

Other wonderful chapters to study regarding seven days include *Genesis 50, Exodus 29, Leviticus 23, Judges 14, Isaiah 30, Ezek 43-45, Ezra 6, and Acts 20, 21, and 28.* You are no longer to be on an emotional roller coaster ride. God is ready to make the crooked places straight. Steady your feet and prepare for your latter to be greater than your former. I decree that at the end of these seven days your spirit will be renewed. Declare all staleness to be broken from your spirit: stale attitudes, thoughts, teachings, philosophies. Let the Lord bless your spirit with a fresh, new, wind and word. "Bless the Lord O' my soul and ALL that is in me!"

Blessings,
Chuck D. Pierce

Second Visitation

Peter Tan

I have not been able to write the newsletter the past two months because I had a second visitation from the Lord on May 10th 2004. I was in the Spirit from about 7pm on May 9th and did not sleep the whole night. By the time I was coming out of the Spirit and I had looked out the window, it was the morning of May 10th (which was a Sunday) and I had to go to preach in church that morning.

I went to church half drunk in the Spirit and could not stay for the fellowship because I had to get back into the deep presence of God. During the first visitation in January 1986, the Lord Jesus appeared to me and talked to me about the Anointing of the Holy Spirit. During this visitation, He talked to me about the Anointing in the business world. It would probably take me a year or more to understand everything that He talked to me about. I can share some of the things but other things can only be shared in the year 2006, after certain events have taken place.

During the visitation, the Lord showed me His hands and anointed me afresh. I noticed the nail pierced hands and a light coming forth from His hands. Amongst the many things that He talked about, the following stands out this year:

1. There is wave of grace and favour that will come upon God's people.

It is the intention of God to show forth in the church His manifold wisdom not only to the humans on earth but also to the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places (Eph 3:8). Inclusive in this wave is the placing of God's people in places of authority and rulership. And also positions of great wealth.

There are many of His people who have wealth and power but they are not using them to establish His kingdom. Their wealth and power will be taken away from them and given to those who will be faithful. And as God raised David to from shepherd to king, so will God raised many of His humble people to positions of authority and power.

2. There will be a quick work of God and some things would seem to happen overnight.

In one day, Joseph was promoted from prisoner to Prime Minister (Gen 41:14, 41). In one day, Babylon fell to the Medes and Persians (Dan 5:30, 31). There is an acceleration of things taking place because the price of waiting has been paid. There are many who have waited on the Lord in their nests and will suddenly rise as eagles into the sky (Isa 40:31).

3. Many that resist the Spirit of God will be judged in the year 2005.

The Spirit will not always keep striving with the flesh (Gen 6:3; Gal 5:16-17). There are many Christians who persecute their own brethren (those who are born again) who seem to get away with it for the past years but they have only this year to get their lips and their hearts and lives cleansed by the fire of God. They have one more year of grace during which the Spirit of God is working repentance in their lives. I saw a vision during this time of two waves that look like diametrically opposing sine waves. One was on an up curve while the other was on a down curve. Both waves intersect this year in the month of May and the differentiation is only going to get more and more extreme as time passes. Those who love God will receive more and more grace and promotion. Those who resist will receive more and more judgment and demotion.

4. The glory of God will be more greatly manifest and more greatly visible among those of His church and His servants.

It is the Will of God that His glory shall be in His temple. God's temple today is His living church where His glory abides (Eph 1:23). There is a danger of over familiarity with God's presence and glory that one does not respect God. However, this is not in the sense of self-righteousness which some people display; rather it is the gentle and meek Spirit which Moses displays (Num 12:1-3). For some, God has allowed them to be persecuted more than others so that the Spirit of glory may rest upon them (1 Pet 4:14). To many of these saints who have suffered much from the scourge of the tongue and physical abuse, be encouraged for God has especially trained you for the last days. To those who have only wanted all to speak well of them, they will be shown as false prophets (Luke 6:26).

There are many other things that the Lord has shown that can only be shared a little at a time. Revelation like vitamins need to be taken in the right doses a little at a time to be beneficial.

Just keep loving the Lord with all your hearts, minds and souls and love everyone who is your neighbour, especially those of the family of God. Guard your heart, your thoughts and your tongue from iniquity. May God grant each of us great grace and mercy.

His Nail Pierced Hands

Peter Tan

During the second visitation of the Lord on May 10th 2004, I did not see His face as I did the first time. Instead, He showed me His hands. The print of the nails was in His palms and there was light coming out from where the print of the nails was. After the visitation I looked up the Bible in John 20:24-19. I realized that many modern scholars assert that the nails has to go through His wrist as it was the only point to carry the weight of His body. However, it is possible that the hands were tied to a rope which carried most of the weight of the body and that the nails were pierced through the palm of His hands.

As in many things historical, I can’t prove or disprove people’s theories and assertions, I can only speak of what I saw in my vision. As long as it does not contradict the written Word of God, I am willing to accept the truth of what I saw in a vision. There were several thoughts that went through my mind after the vision, especially on the reasons why He showed me His nail pierced hands. Although I have always accepted what the Bible said about His nail pierced hands, I did not give much thought, prayer or research into this. With many tears, prayers and study, the following are some of the things the Holy Spirit has helped me to understand on His nail pierced hands.

1. Jesus retained the nail pierced hands to let us know that all things in this life and in the next life are made available to us only through His redemption of the cross. God is able to heal all the physical wounds and loss of physical body parts in the resurrection. Thus when one is physically maimed in this life, in the resurrection (and in the spirit body) one is perfect with all spiritual body perfect lacking no limbs or eyes or ears. Ravages of sicknesses in the physical body or which end in death would all be removed. Accidents or cuts or destruction of the physical body would all be removed in the resurrected body. Why then did Jesus retain the nailed pierced hands? Surely, God is able to restore all the physical body of Jesus in His resurrection and removed every wound and scar. Then I realized that Jesus intentionally retained the print of the nails on His hands in His resurrected body for all eternity. It is a symbol and reminder of all that He has done for us on the cross throughout eternity. Even after spending hundreds of thousands of years in eternity (in earthly measures of time), the print of the nails on His hands will still be as fresh as the day of His resurrection on our behalf. Each time we looked at Him in eternity, we will be reminded perpetually that everything we have is through His atonement on the cross. I wept and cried when I realized that He has chosen not to have the wounds on His hands removed in His resurrected body but to retain it for us to understand the great price He paid for our salvation. O that we would understand that the rest of our existence in eternity is only made possible by the suffering He bored for us on the cross of Calvary! Everything that we have in this life - for our spirit, soul and body - and in the next life in eternity is made possible only through the cross that Jesus took for us.

2. Jesus retained the nail pierced hands to have a reminder for the rest of eternity of how much He loved us. From earth’s point of view, we think we understand how much He loved us. It is only in the light of eternity when we constantly see the reminders of the cross He bored for us that we will have a greater understanding of how much and how greatly He has loved us. Paul declares that neither death nor life, neither angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things to come nor height nor depth, nor any created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God (Rom 8:38, 39). He prays that the Ephesian church would be able to comprehend what is the width and length, and depth and height, to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge (Eph. 3:18). In this life, we barely understand how much God really loves us. It will take all of eternity to even begin to comprehend the greatness of the love of God for each of us.

3. Jesus retained the nail pierced hands to let us know that He is as much a part of the redeemed human race as He is a part of the Triune Godhead. In eternity, when we have left our finite mind and physical imperfections of the earth behind, we will then begin to see more of the greatness and the power of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is truly God in all His glory, might and power – creator of the universe and the beginning and the end. It would be so easy in eternity to be reminded of His Godhead. But in His great display of love for the human race, He has chosen to be one of us. He is as much a Son of man as He is Almighty God. Should we ever be held in wonder and gasp at the greatness of His Godhead and power in eternity, we have only to look at His nail pierced hands and know that He has also chosen to be representative of us, the human race – made a little lower than the angels but exalted by His grace and redemption to the highest positions in heaven (Heb. 2:6-8). O the greatness of His love for puny humanity that He should so identify with us. A thousand million songs and praises in eternity would not express His love in exalting the fallen race of Adam to be seated with Him in the heavenly places. Now and through eternity, He is not ashamed to call us His brethren (Heb. 2:11).

In the light of what the Lord spoke to me about the anointing for the business world, the power of the anointing would be dependent on the above three factors:

a. His provision is through His atonement and not just through what we sow (but rather what Jesus sowed for us) (2 Cor 8:9).
b. His blessings will not be because we are strong, mighty or talented but rather because of His love for us (Deut. 4:37, 38).
c. His dominion through us in the power of wealth will be through us reigning with Him (Rom. 5:17).

Two Systems, Two Kingdoms
Peter Tan

There exist today two opposing kingdoms on the earth: one is the kingdom of God and the other is the kingdom of darkness. All the rule and authority of men (and systems of their invention) are under the kingdom of darkness. One day the rule and reign of Jesus will be firmly established on the earth (1 Cor 15:27, 28).

When the Lord spoke to me about His anointing for the business world, He showed me the two contrasting ways in which the two opposing kingdoms worked. To understand this we need to go back to the beginning of creation. There we see that God created man to enjoy all the fruit of His provision. Man was to keep the garden of Eden but it was only when man fell into sin that he has to toil all the rest of his life and eat bread by the sweat of his brow (Gen 3:17-19).

Ever since then, the world system evolved to be independent of God. Today's world system of working 9am to 5pm five days a week and for many individuals even more than these and at odd times, too is not part of the perfect plan of God. While it is clear that laziness should never be condoned as Paul says if a man does not work let him not eat (2 Thess 3:8-12), a large part of toiling has occupied mankind in the daily toil for food, clothing and shelter - which all passes away. And while it once took the one spouse to earn a living, now it takes both spouses to earn a living to bring in sufficient income.

Life is more than food and the body more than raiment (Matt 6:25). Note that the birds of the air neither sow, nor reap, nor gather into barns yet our heavenly Father feeds them (Matt 6:26). Jesus was pointing to a higher dimension of living which is not just for those called to fulltime ministry. His death on the cross was for the redemption of every one of us from the curse of the law (Gal 3:13). It is possible to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and have everything we need in this life added unto us (Matt 6:33). In the last days, as the world gets darker and God's army has to bear witness to His Word, there will be supernatural provisions for God's people so that they can give all their time to sharing the Word of God and bearing witness to Jesus before the end of this age. Every one who is a part of the army of God will have their provisions provided for.

How does one move from the worldly system of provision to the supernatural provision of God? Jesus outlines the steps in His Sermon on the Mount.

1. Money must not be our God (Matt 6:24). God will test us to see how attach we are to money. If a person cannot even be faithful to the simple laws of tithing and giving, it is doubtful that the person can be free from the god of money. Whatever justification a person uses to hold on to their tithes, all a person succeeds in doing is just keeping or controlling the money for themselves. (Note: we never can give our tithes, we pay our tithes for it never belong to us in the first place – Malachi 3:8-10). In the law of giving, it is God who many times gives us extra to sow and not to keep. God supplies the seed for the sower and bread for food and He supplies and multiply the seed sown (2 Cor 9:10).
2. Trust in the Lord for His provision and rely not on our own carnal works or self-effort but on spiritual works and grace. This includes giving up our own “cleverness” or “wisdom” for all the wisdom of man is as foolishness to God (1 Cor 1:19). Part of trusting in God is being diligent and dependent on spiritual principles for His provision. As the birds of the air have to fly to wherever the Father provides food, so do we have to fly on the wings of prayer to the grace of God’s provision. Trusting in God is not being lazy and simply lying around waiting on God. It involves the hard work of hours of prayer and persistent diligence in the seeking of God. Those who come to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him diligently (Heb 11:6). Many people who claim to be faithful to point one above fail in this area. They do not spend time with God. Notice that Bible people like Joseph and Daniel are diligent in seeking and trusting the Lord and God put all the wealth of the world in their control. Although there is effort and work in seeking God, it is not our works but His working in and through us in prayer and spiritual diligence (Eph 2:10; 1 Cor 15:10).
3. Let the peace of God rule in our hearts and mind. In a short passage from Matthew 6:25-34, we are admonished “not to worry” six times. The cares of this life has the ability to choke God’s word – both spoken and written - out of our lives resulting in an inability to hear God (Luke 8:14). It is very important to develop the ability to hear God, to know where He wants us to be, what He wants us to do in order to tap upon His supernatural provision. Only when our hearts and minds are garrisoned by His supernatural peace can we receive His supernatural provision (Phil 4:6, 7). It is after all, the God of peace who will put Satan under our feet (Rom 16:20).
4. Put God’s kingdom and His righteousness above all else on the earth (Matt 6:33). This includes forsaking all sin and unrighteousness. As the Holy Spirit convicts you of any areas of sin and righteousness, be willing to give them up and allow Him to fill the void in your life with His presence. The seeking of God’s kingdom has to be our ultimate pleasure and goal. This also includes giving up all our self-righteousness and walking in humility before Him. Pride is the greatest of all sin and will lead to your downfall. And pride hides in all manner of subtle ways. Watch what you say and how you are saying it in your relationship to others – is there a hidden pride somewhere deep inside? God opposes the proud and exalts the humble. The meek (not the proud) shall inherit the earth.
5. Rely on the Holy Spirit – His leading and His power. The blessings of Abraham will come to us through the Holy Spirit (Gal 3:14). Every time there is a paradigm shift in the Bible, there has always been God’s supernatural provision for the new move. In the move out of Egypt, God provides Egyptian gold abundantly for the Israelites to build a nation (Gen 15:14). In the establishment of the kingdom of Israel in David and Solomon’s time, there was so much gold that silver was considered worthless (2 Chron 1:15; 9:20). In speaking of the restoration of Israel (which in dual fulfilment applies to the last day church), the Lord promises abundance and the wealth of the Gentiles (Isa 60:5). And it will all be accomplished not by human might, nor by human power but rather by the power of the Holy Spirit (Zech 4:6).

Can you imagine what the last days will be like? Will the believers of God still be toiling away 9am-5pm on their daily jobs up to the very last second before His coming? Will we be like in the days of Noah still marrying and giving in marriage, buying and selling? Or will we be like the army of God, supernaturally provided for and gathered in teams moving to and fro upon the earth proclaiming the great and mighty coming of the Lord?

The Lord has revealed to me His great desire to see this last day army raised and ready for His use for the last days revival. Be faithful to where you are and what you have at present. But enlarge your faith for the supernatural provision of God as the end time draws near. The kingdom of God is at hand!

The Word Of The Lord
Peter Tan

There were many things that God showed me in His recent visitation, many of which I do not understand yet.

1. Ever since His church was empowered on the day of Pentecost, there have been many waves of the move of God. The Lord said that every move has always attracted a counterfeit move by the devil. This is a cause for great concern because we have never really watch out for the counterfeit but have always been carried forward by each move of God. Many times we have always accepted everything that goes on in every move without separating the wheat from the tares. In the Old Testament time of prophets, there were false prophets who challenged them (1 Kings 22). In the New Testament time of the apostles, there were false apostles (2 Cor 11:13). In the Pentecostal move, the Charismatic move, the faith movement, prayer movement, etc. in the past years, there are things that were genuine and there were things that were not both in methods and doctrine. We need to always return to the written Word of God for both the doctrine and the correct methodology.

2. In the last days, the Lord will be sending forth His labourers two by two throughout the world as a final witness before His coming. They will be provided for supernaturally as were those sent two by two throughout the towns in Israel in one final witness before His crucifixion. (Matthew 10; Luke 9). I saw a glimpse of the end times. Many were travelling to and fro proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. Although no one knows the day or hour, everyone who was in Him seems to know that the time was near. Some were travelling by conventional means while others were carried about by the Spirit like Philip (Acts 8:39). There were very great and mighty signs following the preaching of the Word. At the same time, there was great persecution from some quarters. Those who were travelling to and fro seem to be dedicated to that purpose. They have all given up their day jobs and were consecrated to the task of the preaching the gospel. Some of them were fed supernaturally while others were provided for by those who had abundance. There was no poor or needy among them for those who had abundance was sharing everything they had to get the message of the gospel to the world.

3. There is a separation taking place among those who were of the light from those who are not. There is even a separation from those who were cold from those who are hot. Those who love the Lord and make Him their Lord from those who merely give lip service to Him. Those who have shunned the world and all that is in the world from those who love the world and all the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is NOT in him (1 John 2:15). Although they may not have broken the Ten Commandments, those who love the world and the pleasures and luxury of this world will not be able to bring their call and gifting that God give them through His engrafted Word into fullness (Mark 4:19).

Many of those who have received the good things in this lifetime will be tormented in the next life while those who have been tormented will be comforted (Luke 16:25). God is not against a person being wealthy in this life but He asks that those who are wealthy share with those who are poor. If you have faith to believe God for millions of dollars, don’t spend it on yourself.

Be like Jesus and help the poor and your reward shall be great in heaven. If you are very rich, would you choose to live moderately and humbly? Jesus did! He chose to be born in a manger! A thousand years ago, being like Christ was being married to poverty (St Francis of Assisi). A thousand years since that time, modern Christianity thinks that being like Christ is being very rich. Somewhere in between is the balance. Let’s find it before Jesus comes for His bride the church which He has predestined to be conformed to His image (Rom 8:29).

As we look forward to another new year, let us ask the question, “Have we become more like Christ?”

Some Words From The Lord
Peter Tan

A Word of the Lord for Singapore

The church of city of lions has reach maturity. It is time for the lions to leave their dens and be sent forth. Many have already been sent willingly. But many others will be sent unwillingly. They will be shaken and circumstances shall compel them to move on. The fivefold are being called to go forth by the voice of my Spirit. There are those who hear the call and have obeyed. Those who disobey will become as a dry and stagnant river. It is a time of reckoning - to choose to go left or to go to the right. If they choose right it shall be a time of greatest glory and destiny for the church. If they choose left, it will be a time of difficulty and suffering.

The phases of Singapore
1965 to 1975 - The seed was planted.
1975 to 1985 - The young sapling has grown.
1985 to 1995 - The plant has matured.
1995 to 2005 - The plant has produced fruit.

It has reach a time of destiny and has two roads to choose
2005 to 2015 - The fruit will be spread throughout the world or
2005 to 2015 - A time of great difficulty and many compelled to spread the fruit throughout the world.

My comments:
We have seen the greatest church growth in Singapore from the nineties to the present (2004). No doubt the pastors who have large churches today have been obedient and faithful to their gifts and calling. Hopefully, they will not forget that it is the Lord who has added to the church (Acts 2:47). The largest church in Singapore in the eighties is no longer carrying the banner - others are now carrying the banner in the past ten years. Please be sensitive to the phases of destiny. I, myself, was not obedient to fully obey God to move on and was compelled to move on. *{Since I move on in 1997 - the Lord has revealed to me that my personal destiny has various phases: 1976-1986 A period of the Word, 1986-1996 A period of the Spirit, 1996-2006 A period of the Blood (A period of great difficulty & experiencing of the cross of suffering - I was not fully obedient to move on in 1996 but circumstances move me on in 1997), 2006-2016 Another new phase which the Lord has revealed some things of which I have resolved to be more obedient}*. Not all who are in the frontline will be commanded to leave the nation of Singapore (During the great persecution in Acts 8:1, the apostles remained behind). There are those of various fivefold ministries that will be called to move on to spread their wings to other nations of the world. My greatest concern for Singapore is that unlike South Korea, there is not a very strong force of constant church corporate prayer that is backing up this recent period of great church growth. Since all growth and revival has its roots in prayer, I believe that this period of growth has ridden on the backs of unknown individuals and small prayer groups here and there who have paid the price of intercession for Singapore (And of course the individual ministers who have paid their own personal price to tap on this period of the grace of God for South-east Asia). May God bring the church in the nation of Singapore to its greatest period yet from 2005 to 2015.

A word of the Lord for Malaysia

Malaysian churches have always been strong in prayer. There have been many prayer movements that God has raised within the nation. The phases of the church in Malaysia have been measured by its Prime Ministers.
Tunku Abdul Rahman 1957-1970 - The first wave of missions and church planting
Tun Abdul Razak 1970-1976 - The second wave of Bible schools and Bible training. Many locals were trained and launched.
Tun Hussein Onn 1976-1981 - The third wave of visitation. Many local spots of revival and visitations.
Tun Dr Mahathir 1981-2003 - A time of church planting, church growth and fivefold development.
Datuk Seri Abdullah 2003-present - Like Singapore, the time has come for sending forth of fivefold throughout the world.

My comments:
Something interesting is happening in South-east Asia. We have three very moderate and friendly leaders of the three nations of Singapore (Brigadier Lee), of Malaysia (Datuk Seri Abdullah) and of

Indonesia (Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono) leading these nations into the next phase politically.

A word of the Lord for Indonesia

Like Malaysia, the phases has flowed with the changes in political leadership.
Sukarno 1945-1967 A phase of seeding the gospel in difficult circumstances.
Suharto 1967-1998 A phase of revival and church growth amidst persecution in some areas.
Habibie 1998-1999 A time of great change and turmoil - A call to prayer.
Wahid 1999-2001 A time of intercession and prayer.
Megawati 2001-2004 A time for sending forth of missions to the world. Indonesians ministers reaching Indonesians worldwide.
Yudhoyono 2004-present A time for sending forth of the fivefold ministers. A time of preparation for persecution - the church would have to prepare for times of persecution on the horizon.

My comments:
Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore have always had their destinies tied together. The church of Indonesia has always faced the greatest difficulty but has had the grace of God's visitation and revival. In the spiritual realm, it is the Christians of Indonesia who have held against the tidal wave of the enemy forces against the church in South-east Asia. If Indonesia falls, Malaysia and Singapore will fall. The three nations are like a three-fold chord. If one weakens, the pressure will be on the other two.

A word of the Lord for USA

In the last 100 years, the church in US has been in the forefront carrying the work of God and pushing the borders of the kingdom of God in US and throughout the world. From the Azusa street revival to the extremes we see in televangelism in the late twentieth century, the American church is typical of the Laodicean church. Its emphasis on money, its method and its justification of this emphasis will be judged. No doubt there are many good people and good ministries who are aware of this wrong and are trying to correct this. While the European church espouses the doctrinal extreme of their view of money after the first millennium of Christianity - St Francis of Assisi (about 1200AD) considered himself married to poverty - the American church has moved to the opposite extreme side of developing doctrinal strains and methodology espousing wealth in the second millennium of Christianity. In spite of all these extremes, God has continued to work with the American church mightily. While many would only see a message of doom for USA, God's grace will still sustain those who are genuinely of the Lord and whose hearts are pure in His sight. However, the church in USA will no longer have the influence and world dominion that it has before. It will be a difficult time for the genuine because they are going to live in the midst of Sodom and Gomorrah. Where sin abounds, grace will even more abound for those who love the Lord living in such difficult times. God will remove the proponents of Laodicean wealth who have a mighty voice in the nation until they are but a whisper. Instead, He will raise on high voices of moderation and purity in the land of the free - the great nation of the USA. For those who seek holiness, their garments will shine bright and visible throughout the world as they seek to raise a standard of light in the darkness that confronts them. We all should be grateful to the American church which through its freedom has been able to experiment (sometimes to the extreme) various methods and doctrinal understanding of which many of us have been blessed. All who have been blessed should not adopt all the methodology and styles of the American church but rather develop their own from their understanding of the Scriptures.

A word of the Lord for United Kingdom

Throughout the 1800s and early 1900s it has been the bulwark of Christianity. United Kingdom will be an important pillar that preserves darkness from completely taking over the European Union in the 21st Century. Although the work of the Anti-Christ cannot be prevented in the future formation of the Revised Roman Empire, the witness of the gospel of Jesus Christ shall be greatly borne throughout Europe by the church of the UK. Many will return to the roots of the great revivals that have swept through UK and Europe in the past centuries and rediscover the fires that never really died. They were like pilot lights holding on until the fresh breeze of God provides the fuel to fan the flame that will give Europe a fresh wave of refreshing. While the American church wrestle with wealth and sins of the flesh, the church in Europe will wrestle with powers of ecclesiastical pride and organization that seeks to stifle all that is spiritual. Once again the intercessors will take their place to stand and wrestle with forces of darkness like the generations of intercessors of a previous generation. Although the determination and permission of God for the anti-Christ government to arise cannot be prevented, the pure and genuine in the faith shall find places of refuge that will constantly challenge the forces of darkness. The church in Europe will have an important linkage to the nation and church in Israel. Its influence there will exceed that of the American church. While the church in USA will be like the pure living in Sodom and Gomorrah, the church in Europe will be like the pure living in Babylon.

A word of the Lord for Australia

Australia was proclaimed the “Southern land of the Holy Spirit” by Pedro Ferdinand de Quiros on the Day of Pentecost, 14th May, 1606. In the year 2006, Australia will complete four hundred years after this proclamation. Like unto the four hundred years of incubation that Abraham and his descendants had before they rose out of Egypt and became a nation (Gen 15:13-14), the church in Australia will arise into their fullness four hundred years after this proclamation. There will be also a going forth with great possessions as Australia takes its place in between the shift of the centre of gravity of world influence from USA to Europe. The Holy Spirit will work in marvellous ways and the word of God will prevail mightily. Working together with the church in Asia, the church in Australia will move forth in sending forth fivefold ministries throughout the world in a great and final wave of revival before the end time finale in the work of God in Europe and Israel.

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Seek No Other God

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Revelation 13:12-14

There are signs in the heavens
Signs on the earth
Declaring resurrection
New life, new birth
Each season brings change
But there is one sign of great worth
Which yields the fruit of salvation
Bears evidence to His Word
It occurs when God’s Spirit
Moves upon a child’s heart
Declaring this one belongs to Jesus
This one will be set apart.

Oh, the mysteries of heaven
God’s love revealing truths once unknown
Of life, love, resurrection
Gifts from God’s eternal throne.

There are signs that claim man’s attention
That turn him from the living God
Signs of illusion create false perception
Which will not release man from the fall.
Flee from the shadows of deception
Run to the Father’s loving arms
When you direct your passion
Toward the Father of Creation
The day is sure to break
Upon your tired, weary soul.

Seek the kingdom sent from heaven
And righteousness that flows from God’s holy throne
Let your life be a sign to this generation
Let the mystery of God’s love be made known.
Jesus has prepared the way
So you would boldly claim
How wonderful is the living God
Who holds you in His arms and lifts you up
And sets you high upon His mountaintop
Where you partake of the spices of frankincense and myrrh.

> *“And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.”*

> *Revelation 13:12-14*
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> *"If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul."*
> *Deuteronomy 13:1-3*

God's Spirit is a sign to this generation, a living testimony to the power of the resurrection of the Holy Savior, Jesus Christ. The greatest miracle that man will ever encounter is when God's Spirit moves upon his heart in power, taking authority over his thoughts, emotions and desires that were held captive to unbelief. When darkness gives way to light, when a man's world is set in place, turned upright, then will he appreciate and give sincere praise to the longsuffering, patience, and power of the living God.

A child of God, born "not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God" will perceive the leading and direction of the Spirit. Through personal relationship with the Father, he will learn to praise God in all situations, in circumstances that are familiar and comfortable, and circumstances that are unfamiliar and uncomfortable. Having had God's great love shed abroad within his heart, a man will be awakened to the understanding that God uses all things to bring about His good purpose within a man's life.

Through the maturing of faith, a man's spiritual vision is fine tuned so that he gains clear perspective of God's hand of mercy and kindness moving upon his life. Faith is what raises up a standard so that a man is guided perfectly and correctly by the voice of God through all situations. For a season, those called of God may have endured many difficult days, which unexpectedly tested their faith beyond what they would have expected from a merciful and loving God. But men who do not turn back from the battle, who follow after God's Word, knowing it to be the way of escape from out of the darkness, will be enlightened so they gain entrance into a greater realm of understanding relationship between man and God. Their understanding will be enlightened so they are able to perceive clearly that God literally uses all things, for those who love Him, to bring them into a closer, more intimate relationship with Him.

So that a man is a sign and testimony to what he has partaken of, God will be faithful, to train him in the way of righteousness. The Holy Spirit, who sheds God's love abroad within a man's heart, will be a faithful teacher who will train up a man in the ways of God. He will reveal to a man's heart the truth, that God is able to use all things to bring about His good purpose within a man's life. The Comforter, the Holy Spirit, will speak encouragement to help a man hold on to God's Word, no matter what situation he encounters, no matter what conflicting thoughts may be impacting his emotions.

A man's body, which was created to contain God's Holiness, so that he becomes a living temple that houses and is influenced by the Holy Spirit, must be established upon a proper government. A man's body, his earthly temple, will have at one time, in varying degrees of understanding, heralded vain tradition, knowingly and unknowingly subjecting himself to the bondage of men who have not been dealt with by the hand of God. Many will even follow after false and perverse teachings, which bring dishonor to the holiness of God. For the body to be a temple that not only contains the holiness of the Lord, but also pours out the living waters of God's resurrection power upon the lives of others, the temple that houses a man's thoughts and emotions must be set in proper order according to the divine nature of God.

A man's body, when filled with the Holy Spirit, through faith in Jesus Christ, must go through a period of time when all false understandings, desires and emotions are torn down and destroyed. The old building bricks of pride, unbelief, hatred, and perversion of any kind will be torn down as the divine, holy nature of God is steadily and securely raised up within a man's life. The fire that danced upon the altar of man's worship, when man gave himself over to the lusts of the flesh, will be put out, never to burn unwholesome incense again, as the living waters of God's holiness moves in power and strength within his life. A man will never go through his time of restoration, the tearing down and building up, alone. Through the teaching of the Holy Spirit and the testimony of the Word, a man will be upheld so that he gains a greater understanding in the ways of God.

Within the man's temple, raised up according to the power of Jesus Christ, a new altar will be constructed. This will be a holy altar where the sacrifice produces the sweet smelling aroma of frankincense and myrrh, the spices that bring honor to the life and death of Jesus Christ. As the old nature, desires, thoughts and emotions that were formed in the darkness, are subjected to the Spirit and to the Word, they will be destroyed, crucified so that man's identity will no longer be aligned with the realm of unbelief, but within the domain of God's kingdom of mercy, righteousness and truth.

> *"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place. For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ." 2 Corinthains 2:14-17*

"Who is sufficient for these things?" Who is worthy to proclaim to this generation that through Jesus Christ, eternal life, abundant life, will be found and experienced? Who is sufficient? A man who has partaken of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection, having had his thoughts and desires crucified by God's Word and the Holy Spirit, so that he speaks with a sincere heart, the intentions of God. A man, who finds that his identity, nature, desires, and focus in life is aligned with Jesus Christ, will be a man who will be used of God to bring forth life in those ready to enter into resurrection life. His life, having been crucified with Christ, will be used to bring forth the truth of God's purpose for man in the honor and holiness worthy of God's name. He will be used of God to set the captives free from their carnal, self-focused, beastly nature.

The man whose identity is found in Christ, having had "the flesh with its passions and desires" crucified through the revelation of the Word and the Spirit, will place no other gods before the Lord of all creation. As the Spirit and the Word moved in power upon his life, putting to death thoughts and desires aligned with the darkness, all other gods, along with false idols were dissolved. God has become his first love. In God he stands faithfully obedient. To promote an idol or any false god would be contrary to his nature. He will not put the name of Jesus Christ to an open shame by living contrary to the truth that has been revealed to him, through the Word and Spirit of God.

> *"Nevertheless man being in honor abideth not: he is like the beasts that perish." Psalm 49:12*
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> *"Though while he lived he blessed his soul: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself. He shall go to the generation of his fathers; they shall never see light. Man that is in honor, and understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish." Psalm 49:20*

A man, whose nature; thoughts, emotions, and desires have not been crucified by the hand of God, is a man who needs to repent of any prideful, self-seeking, self-justifying behavior. Until he understands the need to repent of living life according to the carnal, earthly mentality, he will remain in bondage to sin and the sin nature. A man who claims the name of Jesus Christ, but finds satisfaction walking according to the carnal nature, the earthly, worldly nature, must seek God until He appears in his life in resurrection power. Whosoever seeks Him, will find Him. God will be faithful to reward those who seek Him with all their heart and soul. To those who seek Him, the kingdom assembled according to the plans and purposes of God, will be made available.

A man whose thoughts and emotions have not been crucified by the hand of God, who does not understood the importance of turning away from the carnal, earthly nature, will find it natural to take unto himself the honor that belongs to God alone. Because his desires are still aligned with the darkness, he will find it is easy to walk according to the nature of the prince of darkness, who wears a crown made up of pride and wickedness. Any man who feels comfortable wearing a crown of pride, taking the glory due God alone unto himself, is a man whose heart has already, or will soon, grow cold. A man, whose heart grows cold, is a man whose heart will become hardened to the good purposes of God. A man, whose heart becomes hardened to the goodness of God, will find it is natural to lay claim to the glory that belongs to God alone.

Any man whose heart becomes hardened to the purposes of God, who exalts the idols of self above God, is a man who can be compared to the beasts of the field. Like the beasts of the field, he lives to satisfy his own selfish desires and needs. He feels no need to give honor unto the Lord of all creation, because self has become the god that he exalts and worships in his life. The Holy Spirit, that is sent to crucify man’s desires and to lead man into the realm of God’s holy kingdom of light, is of no value or importance to a man who exalts self as a god over his life.

A man, whose nature is earthly, carnal, who determines in his heart that self is the god that he will worship and give all praise unto, will find satisfaction in others also giving praise and honor unto his name. He does not consider the truth that, while he may receive honor and glory while alive, upon his physical death he will not be welcomed into God’s eternal kingdom of light and glory. All honor, glory, or wealth he may have received while alive, will not redeem his soul from the grave. If the seed of God’s Word has produced no resurrection life at all within a man’s human vessel, then he will find that his eternal home is in the grave of darkness, where “death shall feed on them; and the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning.”

> *“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.” 2 Corinthians 11:13-15*

God uses all things to test and mature children in the ways of Jesus Christ. For God to allow false apostles and deceitful workers to walk among those seeking purpose according to Jesus Christ, means He is able to use even the wickedness of men to accomplish His plan in children’s lives. God is able to use even deceitful men to reveal the heart and mind of those who claim they desire a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The desires of a man’s heart will be made known by the things he cherishes and reverences. If he seeks after signs and wonders, so that the desires of the flesh are exalted and not crucified, then God is able to reveal to this man’s heart that he is being led astray from the purposes of Jesus Christ.

God desires man to worship Him above all other gods. He desires man to appreciate the value of holiness, righteousness, and the simplicity that is found in knowing Jesus Christ. If a false apostle can easily turn a man’s eyes away from the living God, so that he worships deceiving gods that cater to a self-focused, earthly nature, then this man must seek God for understanding. He must seek God to help him walk the narrow path that leads to righteousness. If any man, a false apostle, or teacher, or counselor is able to turn a man towards other gods that cater to the lusts of the flesh, then he must assess his relationship with God, before he too is led astray.

> *“And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the best; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.” Revelation 13:12-14*

The beast who rises up from the earth includes all men who profess the name of Jesus Christ, but whose thoughts and nature are earthly, carnal. They are those who desire to be lord over their lives and the lives of others, deciding and dictating what is truth and worthy of pursuit. They have not experienced the sanctifying, purifying power of the Holy Spirit, and have no desire to do so. Though they are able to perform miracles in the sight of men, the miracles are not used to give glory to God, but instead are used to deceive men into worshipping idols. They are false witnesses to the purposes of Jesus Christ. The miracles they perform in the sight of men are used to stimulate the desires and lusts of the flesh, which is contrary to the plans and purposes that God has prepared for His children.

The beast who rises from the earth, those whose thoughts and desires are aligned with the carnal, earthly nature, find it natural to pay honor and tribute to the beast who rises up from the sea of mankind's unrepentant, un-dealt with emotions. The beast who rises up from the sea represents those who proclaim that relationship with God is found by looking to the law. They look to an outward appearance of sanctification, where they obey rules and traditions, but their hearts are not conformed to the desires of God, to the image that Jesus Christ exhibited.

They forsake the witness of Jesus Christ, which testifies that through faith in Him, man will walk with God in the kingdom of Light, in resurrection power, which is found when walking with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit who, when moving upon a man's thoughts and emotions in holiness and truth, will bring about a change of heart, an inner sanctification, so that the outward body is changed according to the new nature, the new heart that gives all praise unto God.

Those, who follow the nature of the beast who rises from the sea, blaspheme the Holy Spirit by denying His power and authority. They are those who do not understand the purpose of the Holy Spirit, and so continue to resurrect the law to a position of authority and power over their lives. They do not understand that it is through grace that man is welcomed into God's kingdom of holiness. They do not understand that it is through faith that they will receive their inheritance, the Holy Spirit, which seals them unto salvation.

Not realizing that they distort the message of what Jesus Christ accomplished through His death and resurrection, those who live according to the mandates of the beast who rises up from the sea, continue to think that by making the outside of their vessels clean, they are living in right standing with God and men. According to their understanding, to live in subjection to rules, traditions of men and laws, is to live in agreement with God's purpose for mankind. But though the outside of the cup, their vessels, may appear to be clean; inside their emotions and thoughts have not been transformed by the sanctifying presence of the Holy Spirit. They continue to live as subjects in bondage to sin and the sin nature, suffering for unrighteousness sake.

> *"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things." Romans 1:20-23*

All of creation declares the handiwork of the Lord. To those who have eyes to understand the goodness of God, they will be faithful to give Him all glory for what He alone has created. They will not profane His holy name, by seeking to take the glory that belongs to God unto themselves. But for those who have not, as yet, partaken of the heavenly nature of God's Holy Spirit, who have not been sanctified so that they live wholly unto God, they do not understand that they continue to walk in the vanity of their own imaginations. And that to be led according to their own self-righteous ideas and opinions will cause them to pervert the message of Jesus Christ.

To fashion idols, images that cause man's heart to give glory to man, does not seem to be a serious offence to those who do not understand the holiness of the Lord. Those in submission to the beast's earthly mentality do not understand that to give place to idols is to allow a root of perversion to gain a foothold within their lives. God desires to severe all untruths that would hinder a man's growth in his knowledge of Him; but the beast, the carnal, earthly nature that seeks nourishment in the waters of self-focused existence, continues to dictate the thoughts of a man, seeking his own existence apart from God's call to holiness.

The Lord is able to use all things to test the intentions of a man's heart. To reveal a man's heart, God allows situations to occur, so that all that is not of Him is brought out into the Light. When a man is tested, and he perceives and understands the depravity that his own thoughts and actions are still entangled to, God asks him not to hide away, but to come out into the open. When God calls out, do not turn away, but come near to the Father, and all that is revealed as refuge in life, lay upon the altar of sacrifice. God asks His children to lay their burdens down, and to allow Him to consume all that is not of Him. God is able to refine His children so that they walk as living epistles who exhibit the glory and goodness of the Lord.

> *"Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits, do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Matthew 7:15-20*

Self-Discipline

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(A Prophetic Exhortation)
I want to talk to My children about self-discipline. I want you to know that it is a good thing to apply your self control. It is a good thing to tell yourself “no” about certain things. I want you to know that I practiced self discipline when I walked the earth. I practiced it many, many times, and I believe that I conquered many things that tried to get a toehold on My heart. Yes, I tell you that self discipline is GOOD – very good!

But let Me tell you something that is not good: What happens when you fail to follow the edicts of your mind? What happens when you fail to say “no” to yourself? Do you simply say, “Lord, I am sorry that I did not practice self-discipline on this occasion?” Or do you beat yourself up with words of derision and disgust? What do you do?

I will tell you what I would have you do when you fail in your endeavor to practice self discipline: I would have you recognize what you did, ask My forgiveness, and then go on from there, not looking back. I would have you speed away from the thought processes that follow an act of lack in self discipline, not looking back, but moving forward, looking ahead to what your Beloved has planned for you.

I am not a God Who delights in seeing His dear children beating themselves over the head with words of hate and ridicule. I don’t use them against you, so don’t you use them against yourself!

Now! That is what I wanted to say about this thing called self-discipline. That is all that I am going to say on this subject tonight, but I want you to know, beloved: I take delight in you – much delight, and I want you to take delight in the work that I am doing in you. One day you are going to realize that the thing that was plaguing you is gone – all gone, and for that who will you have to thank? You will have Me to thank. That is Who. So thank Me now for what I am doing in your life, and rely on Me to move you to those greener pastures of delight for which you crave. I said that I would do it, didn’t I? Then trust Me to perform My expertise in your life. Trust Me, beloved, to take you to those green pastures where you will feed on the lushness of My word and drink from My refreshing stream of delight. That is what I have planned for you. That is where I am taking you.

So don’t beat yourself up when you fail. Simply say, “Father, I failed again in this endeavor, but I thank You that you are moving me out of this place of failure and into a place of success. Thank You, dear Lord, for removing that thing that besets Me and giving Me a new freedom to express My heart to you as I go about your work – your wonderful work – here on earth, of speaking your truth. You are my God, and I trust Your deliverance for me in the only way that You deliver it – totally, completely, and without a single hitch. Thank You, dear Father, for that knowledge, and thank You for working Your wondrous will in me!!!”

That is it, beloved. That is what I wanted to say on this subject of self discipline. Look forward to seeing My will manifest in your life and know the perfect peace that lies therein. I am your God. I love you, and I take much delight in you. I want you to know that one who follows My lead is never disappointed. One who follows My lead reaches his destiny, and that one I am certainly proud to call My very own. That is the gist of My feelings on this subject, dear child. Now, I want you to be free, for the one the Son sets free is free indeed, and that, beloved, is YOU!!!

Separation

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Separation – A Sign Of The Times!

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There are significant physical signs happening in the earth today. Are these events truly signs or simply part of the global landscape? If one is susceptible to the belief that certain happenings in the earth are indeed a part of Biblical prophecy, then likely what is written here will prick some level of spiritual conscience. If not, this will appear as more mumbo jumbo from the often-weird prophetic community.

In looking at the New Testament prophet, ONLY those issues pertaining to the foundation of the Church have prophetic relevance, simply because those with prophetic inclination have little authority to speak to anything else (Ephesians 2:20). To that end, any entity formed for God's work that is not connected to the prophetic ministry will end up under the foot of man. I make no apologies for the previous statement, as it is my deepest conviction of order and truth!

If these signs mean anything, and I think they do, what are the significances of certain current events with respect to the times in which we live, particularly as it relates to the Church? God chose the times and places in which we live (Acts 17:26), and He made us spiritual beings with spiritual understanding; so like the sons of Issachar who understood the times, we too should pray to understand the events of our day.

Let us examine one such event in context to what Jesus called the "End of the Age." As we examine this event, let us be careful that our traditional thoughts not block God's ability to speak. Let us search the word that it may plow the hard ground of our hearts with prophetic truth. When 'truth' faces opposition, man's traditional thinking is not far behind. "The traditions of men make the word of God to no effect" (Matthew 15:6).

What must we embrace to fight our own inbred traditions? The answer is simple - an openness and willingness to take another view! Anything growing will change; it is both a natural and spiritual phenomenon, so let us be willing to embrace a changing mindset in our view toward what is happening in the Church right now, particularly with respect to the fact that all judgment has BEGUN in the house of the Lord (I Peter 4:17) – Past tense! We can escape judgment when we hear and embrace truth.

God's word says there will be a great separation among His people at the "End of the Age." I know this contradicts the traditional thoughts of many, but let us examine the word of God for truth. There has always been a remnant (Romans 11:5), a people set apart, but as we approach the time of Jesus' return this remnant "will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father" (Matthew 13:43). They will be a light to a dark world as they walk in the Kingdom of their Father upon this earth. This set apart remnant is the real church, the ecclesia, which means "called out ones" or the literal words, "out called ones." All who carry the seed of God have been "called out" of something as we are all being "called out" of various states of Babylon in our lives, but do we all take that deeper step into God's Kingdom?

The remnant, by grace and choice, is beginning to gather as a separate entity or group apart from what we corporately call the Church. This gathering is not in big buildings, denominations, or even large groups, but gathering as Sons (and Daughters) of God, who in unity, are hearing God say the same thing. This gathering is not nearly as much physical as it is spiritual, yet it is definitely set apart in the eyes of God.

When people begin to spiritually think alike, have singleness of purpose and alignment, it matters NOT whether they are physically gathered, but from a spiritual perspective they are united in God's sight. Let us not attach our human tendency to 'group' only what we can see with our naked eye, for in the eyes of the Spirit a great worldwide gathering is now taking place.

While there is obviously a separation between the saved and unsaved, let us further examine a different perspective as we also see yet another separation between God's people, particularly between the spirit filled and the spirit led. Separation within the Church is nothing new, for during much of the last 30 years we have seen a great move of Pentecost as the Spirit-filled separated from the non-Spirit filled. Many left main line denominations for the sanctuary of Spirit-filled churches, and it was in these environs that we cut our teeth on the gifts of the Spirit, Word of Faith teaching, laying on of hands, healing, etc., but now, for many there is a deeper stirring of the Spirit and a yearning for much more. Many are no longer satisfied with the simple wonders of Pentecost, initially thinking something must be wrong with them, only to find that they are in much company. This company cries out, "I want more and this is not cutting it!"

This is due in part to the fact that the Church today, for the most part, has reached a Laodicean like state of contentment in being spirit filled. Many have stopped their journey with God in being satisfied with simply being spirit filled. This is called "being stuck in Pentecost." Some are content, some are not.

This false state of contentment can present more of a hindrance to our journey into destiny than the devil himself. We will never find true Sonship in this state (Romans 8:14), nor will we attain the full purpose of our destiny. "Those that are led by the Spirit of God ARE the Sons of God." Recognize the correlation between a true "Son," and being led of God's Spirit. Recognize the vast difference between being Spirit filled and being Spirit led. Spirit led means intimacy with God, time with God, communication with God, direction and purpose with God – DESTINY!

Here is where the rubber meets the road. WE HAVE A CHOICE! We can go deeper, or we can remain the same - spiritual stagnancy being the greatest alarm or barometer in man's inventory of spiritual self-analysis. We know who we are and we know who we aren't – spiritual stagnancy or lack thereof is our indicator! Are we stagnant or are we moving forward?

Do we have a choice? Absolutely! "As many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become sons of God." We are given the power to become sons, but are we using it? THE POWER IS CHOICE, which ushers in the grace. Once we have heard 'truth' we then become accountable to our choices. Choice reveals humility, and humility draws the grace of God like nothing else. Our choices dictate the path we take (Deuteronomy 30:19). While I cannot argue that our lives ARE predestined for His purpose and plan, choice plays an important role in getting there. God orders our steps, but do we always take them? These 'called out ones' "will be without spot or wrinkle," who chose to go deeper with God.

Those who tend to over emphasize grace in this process are slow to grasp the importance of 'choice.' They tend to teach that it is all by grace, and to some extent that is true; the importance of grace can never be diminished, but grace generally follows decision, not the other way around. We have constantly been given a choice, even from the beginning of our salvation, when we chose to say "yes" to His invitation (John 15:16). As we seek to go deeper into the things of God, we will continually have to say "yes Lord." We must, however, for discussion purposes, be careful to balance the scales between 'grace' and 'choice,' as one teeters on man having no responsibility in destiny's equation, the other teetering on 'works.' Only the Spirit can reveal this balance to us an individuals.

In conclusion to our brief discussion on grace we know all are called to true Sonship (being led of the Spirit), BUT ONLY A FEW WILL WALK IN IT (Matthew 7:13/Matthew 22:14). Yes, it is by grace that the invitation is given, but yes again, we must accept the invitation – it is a matter of choice! The acceptance or 'choice' is the divider between the "few" and the "many."

As a sign of "The end of the Age" we are beginning to see a prophetic separation among God's people (Matthew 13:24-30/37-43 - Matthew 25:1-12). It is interesting to note in these scriptures that those with the "oil," symbolic of Spiritual anointing, are separated from those without the oil. It is also interesting to note in Matthew 13 the words "out of his kingdom" in verse 41, which gives us a clear indication of a SPECIFIC SEPARATION within the ranks of God's people. There are many other scriptures that reveal Jesus' prophetic words relative to this phenomenon and its relative place in time, but for sake of brevity I chose to leave them out. Please do not conclude from this writing that I am advocating a division, or even saying that those on the other side of the 'remnant divide' will not see heaven. I am simply relating an event in time that signifies the times in which we are living. Judge this word.

We are presently experiencing what many are calling a mass exodus from the Institutional Church. This phenomenon is happening worldwide, and what was at first a trickle, is now an identifiable flow as significant numbers are now "coming out." Why is this exodus-taking place? What motivates it? And why is it happening now? These questions address a move of God that can no longer be deemed insignificant; not simply because of the numbers of persons leaving the Institutional Church, but of greater importance, the level of spiritual maturity in those leaving. It has become increasingly difficult for the spiritually mature to be led by the spiritually immature. Those who have never experienced true Sonship are placed in positions of being Spiritual Fathers when they themselves have never learned to be Sons (being led of the Spirit of God) – this is causing chaos and disorder, which will only increase with time.

As the separation continues, there is also a gathering as remnant saints begin to connect worldwide. What is the purpose of this separation you may ask? God has always had a remnant as an ensemble or example for the rest of the Body of Christ, and just as God has used individuals as examples in our lives, now is the time for A CORPORATE EXAMPLE for the corporate body. God is moving a remnant (Joshua/Caleb Company) into the Feast of Tabernacles, the Holy of Holies, whose purpose will be to lead those still living in Pentecost, the Holy Place, religious Babylon into the promises of God; but first they must have the goods to bring back as proof. God's favor, coupled with an abiding spiritual anointing, will provide this proof (Matthew 13:11,12).

As we lose our traditional mind-sets and allow God's Spirit to direct us, we will first be separated then joined to those we are called to be joined to. We must recognize God's Spirit as we are drawn away from some, and to others. The true ecclesia is answering the Revelation 18:4 mandate, "Come out of her…". As earlier stated, the separation now taking place is a sign of "the end of the age" (Matthew 13:39).

If separation is a sign, what exactly are we commanded to come out of? Obviously, the answer is Babylon, but what is Babylon? What is the distinguishing characteristic between those in Babylon and those who have come out? The great difference lay in the fact that one group continues to use intellect, logic, and reason, while the other has learned to hear God and obey. One partakes of the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, confusing good works with God; the other eats from the tree of life in which there is a free flow of communication between man and God. One has great confidence in his ability, while the other has none (John 5:30). One pursues good works that garner the praise of men; the other does the will of the Father (Matthew 7:21). One works for personal gain, the other for the glory of God. One builds with bricks and mortar, the other builds living stones.

When Jesus said, "I will build my church," he had something very different in mind from man's traditional mindset of bricks and mortar, organization, structure, denominationalism. He was speaking of building a people into Christ to be the habitation of God by the Spirit! "I will build my church" speaks of bringing forth spiritual maturity in the sons of God! The Body of Christ is "built up" by spiritual growth, not by adding more numbers to our membership roles. Oh how our traditional mindset misdirects God's real plan in our lives.

A few years ago, in an attempt to awaken me from the slumber caused by my own traditions, the Lord said to me, "Ignorance often comes disguised as tradition." These profound words continue to reveal the spiritual ignorance caused by my own traditional preconceived mindset. In short, our traditions are often our enemy in escaping the world's system (Babylon), and hence, graduating into the ways of the Kingdom. In order to gain the Kingdom's Way in our lives we must forego the ways of the world. In modern parlance, "we need to think out of the box." While there are a litany of contrast between the ways of the world and the Kingdom's Way, there is but one central focus, one simple step that will cause us to "come out of her" (Babylon) and settle ourselves into kingdom life.

While we will all acknowledge that we are "called out," to be a separated people, and that we are to be separated people from the ways of the world, we have lacked understanding of the SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT STEP that separates us from the ways of men and places us into the ways of God. The answer, as always with the gospel, is simple – transformation from being spirit-filled to being spirit-led. Only "Sons" walk in the Kingdom, and no one is called "Son" lest the Spirit lead him. "Those that are led by the Spirit of God ARE the sons of God" (Romans 8:14).

Many of us considered 'escaping Babylon' when we came out of a dark world into the Kingdom of light through our salvation, and to some extent we did. Still others of us have thought of escaping Babylon in leaving organizations and Institutional Churches; but what I submit to you here is the final and most critical step in coming out of Babylon - Complete submission to the Holy Spirit. What we are truly called to 'come out of ' is ourselves – self-rule, selfishness, self inspired motives, intellectually based reasoning and logic, fear of man, etc., What we are called to separate from IS the inner nature of man, as God desires to separate soul from Spirit (Hebrews 4:12).

We must continually say, "yes" to God to continually go deeper in God, and flesh must die. We erroneously have thought that in leaving certain places, certain people, and certain practices that we had left Babylon far behind, but the fact is, Babylon remains as long as we sit upon the throne of our own heart. The most dangerous obstacle in me doing the will of God IS ME! My ways, my thoughts, my patterns, my ideas, my preconceived notions all translate to my traditions; and the word is clear, "The traditions of men block God's ability to speak to man."

If we are not hearing God as we should, perhaps the walls of our traditions are too thick for His voice to penetrate. Perhaps a Jerico march would launch us into the promises of God – "The foolish things of this world always confound the wise." Ai – man doing his own thing, explains the powerlessness of the church today and perhaps our own powerlessness.

To put it in simple terms, how can we have faith for something we have NOT HEARD GOD SAY? Faith can only come from having heard God; anything that is not faith is sin. How can we justify 'our goodness' and great works apart from having heard God. That is why the Bible tells us that our works for God, apart from having heard God, is sin (Matthew 7:21-23). This rankles the religious establishment, but let us digest the prophetic words of Jesus –

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord, will enter the Kingdom of heaven, BUT ONLY HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles? 'Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you, away from me, you evildoers!"

Many are going to be shocked "on that day" when called "evildoers." Out great buildings, T.V. ministries, programs, popularity, etc., apart from God's specific instruction to us is PRESUMPTION, and presumption is the lowest form of human knowledge and evil in the eyes of God. We are living in a time in which the very elect would be deceived were it possible (Matthew 24:24). What is being separated now is carnal Christianity (man doing his thing) from spiritual Christianity

("BUT ONLY HE WHO DOES THE WILL OF MY FATHER").

The prophetic community is shouting it from the housetops – "There is a choice, you can go deeper with God and avoid the sins and plagues of Babylon" (Revelation 18:4).

Recognize the times in which we are living as we continue day by day to draw to the "End of the Age." Let us not be caught, like the foolish virgins, with no oil in our lamps. There is time to cry out to God for His presence, His communion, His grace, His mercy, His Spirit…to become a true SON of the most High God, led of His Spirit, walking within the boundaries of His assigned parameters in our lives; our destiny. RECOGNIZE THE TIMES!

Sequestration

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Blessings to ALL in the Name of our Lord JESUS CHRIST!

I see my pen (keyboard) as a spear. Unless I use it to share what God has been showing me, I can't move forward.

At the end of January and into the first of February, God had me meditating on the word divide. He divided the darkness from light, the waters from the waters, the land from the waters. He divides the cell to create a person. Divide to create; it is more like multiplication in His kingdom. He divided the land up for the tribes. One of the definitions of this word is to share. and on and on and on and on...

February 2, I received Chuck Pierce's message titled New Doors in 2004. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Rivermail_list/message/7720 God had him look at #4. He says, Four marks division. Four is the first number that can be evenly divided by a number other than one or itself. Therefore, this will be a year that we see division in order to bring about a completeness of God's purposes.

February 6, I received Ron McGatlin's (openheaven.com) message entitled Entering the critical mass stage. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Rivermail_list/message/7736 The Lord told him we were entering the critical mass stage. Critical mass is the amount given fissionable material necessary to sustain a chain reaction or the amount necessary or sufficient to have a significant effect or to achieve a result. Fissionable means the act of cleaving apart or splitting into parts (DIVIDE).

Ron goes on to say that there is a time of fissionable material being poured into a mix causing division or separation until a massive chain reaction begins and is accompanied by a release of energy.

On February 13, I asked the Lord how I can fulfill the plan He has for me today. He said, Walk in loneliness.

This seemed out of the character that I thought was His. But He wasn't talking of a physical place necessarily, but of a spiritual place. I then asked Him if He has a scripture for me to back this up. He said, Roget's Thesaurus. How funny, I never used the thesaurus in my quiet time.

What I found has impacted my life profoundly and I hope I can share this with you for the tasting... :)

The title for loneliness was, 89. UNITY (state of being one). Unity is one of my favorite words. Jesus' prayer for us was to one with the Father and HIM and one with each other. UNITY is HIS heart and my GOAL! The power and presence of God engulfed me like a flood as I entered into this loneliness with HIM. I never understood we could get unity when we were divided... alone!

The words to follow in the thesaurus are: aloneness, loneness, loneliness; privacy, solitariness, solitude; separateness, aloofness, detachment, seclusion, sequestration, withdrawal; alienation, standing or moving or keeping apart, isolation, ... etc.

I realized I had always hated this aloneness feeling. Solitary confinement was never my idea of pleasure. Even though I take my share of alone time with God and know that is where HE is, I haven't truly rested in this place. This is the place were HE IS!

We can take this place with us where ever we go, who ever we are with. As I studied each of these words I found He was giving me the perfect plan for abiding in Him.

Most of us know to be aloof is wrong... right? Well the root of this word is luff - it means to face the wind. What's up with that? How does that correlate to aloneness? To face the wind may scatter us, separate us... blow away the chaff. The wind is the Holy Spirit, Jesus' Spirit. When His wind blows we may find ourself alone... with no sin warring in our members, no distraction, no needs other than HIM.

When we are separate unto HIM in a spiritual sense, only then can we come into unity with each other. SOME of us need more closet time.... most of us need more closet time in order to get to this place. I believe that is what the LORD is saying for this time.

His Spirit is wooing us deeper and closer to Him. Taking away the fear of loneliness and presenting it to us as the place to be...

From the list above, Sequestration - the root of this is - sequent, which means to follow. Consequent.

In this place of solitude in HIM, we will follow HIM. The root of solitude is sole - base, ground, bottom. The foundation of our walk in HIM, is in this place of solitude.

Truly knowing Him in this way will bring about the result of energy that will cause the chain reaction of HIS Glory to be seen in the earth!!!!!

I hope this blesses you.

I love you and may the LORD keep you in unity with HIM and each other.

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Prophetic Word Through Greg:
My people I am drawing you closer to Me with a fresh zeal to serve Me. The harvest fields are white with the harvest of souls, and truly it is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Many of you have backed down when I have called you to be 'fishers of men' because of what I would require of you. Many cower away at the thought of decreasing as I increase in your lives.

Beloved, for those of you desiring to be in ministry; are you willing to pay the price to be anointed vessels that I work through?

Many jump at the idea of a missions trip, yet are you willing to intercede for these nations?

Even so, do you not see your own nation in turmoil and sin, with the enemy having an upper hand?

Yes, I will send labourers into the field, but I am sending out those I have prepared in the wilderness, those that have abandoned themselves to My work, the work of the Spirit changing them and forming within them godly character.

My people ask for the nations. As My Spirit is moving to restore that which was stolen and to rally peoples from every tongue, tribe and nation to gather before Me, I am looking for those who will stand in the gap, those who will agree and call those things that were not as thought they were.

I am calling for My children to place themselves on My altar and give their all to Me. This indeed is true worship.

Prophetic Word Through Abby:
Come just as you are, and place yourself in My hands and know that I, the Alpha and the Omega, have all under My control and I know what I Am doing. Only I know the many tears you have shed and the heartache you have endured.

Aye, but through every ordeal and hoop, I saw you through. Through the trials you have endured I have taught you thanksgiving and trust.

Beloved, it is not how you "look" before man that matters, but that My anointing and power is evident in you, and how else except you be tried and tested and stripped of YOU as My character is forged in you.

When you are ready I shall release you into areas of service. You shall serve your brethren in power and mercy and the glory of the Lord shall be seen by all through you.

Many of you whom I have anointed to be leaders need to understand servanthood. For you cannot lead unless you serve.

Humbleness is not a weakness but a pure strength that submits to one another in love. Serve and love one another even as I did on the earth and have done for you, and watch as your wall of unity shuns the enemy and places him under your feet.

Be renewed in your mind with My word as you are washed with the pure doctrine of what I have spoken through the ages. Be ye not unwise, but understanding what My will is.

My will is to bless you and to give you abundant life. My will is to correct you when wrong and teach you wisdom and understanding. Is there anything I cannot do for you?

If not, then come. And I will fill you to the overflowing with a double portion of My Spirit.

Come, and I will give you rest as you rest in My presence and be refreshed.

Come, My people, simply come.
Blessings to you in Him,
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Severity

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Year 2004 - Severity

Those that call themselves Christians and don't obey Me are soon going to be thrown into the fire for the purpose of bringing them to repentance, to become the chosen of the Lord (Isa. 48:10). How can you obey My Word if you don't read it? If you love Me you will obey Me. You do NOT love Me because you do not obey Me. Why is that so? Ah, but you know not My Word.

The time will soon be that My disciples will once again shake the dust from their feet against you/cities that refuse their message of warnings and repentance, bringing a curse upon yourselves/cities. My people perish for lack of knowledge because when I sent My sons/daughters unto you to bring My correction and knowledge, you rejected them. Know ye not what a dangerous thing this is that you have done? I shall also reject you sayeth My Word (Hosea 4:6). There are those of you who aren't even offended by the ones that don't obey My scriptures. You are even yoked with them, but My scriptures say not to be unequally yoked; no, not to even eat with such a one that calls themselves brethren and are fornicators, covetous, idolators, railers, drunkards, extortioners (I Cor. 5:11; 6:14-18). How can I be a Father unto you? Ah, but you know not My Word. A little leaven leavens the whole lump. No more time to mince words â€“ now the boldness of the Holy Spirit will come forth out of the mouths of My sons and daughters of the Most High. (See study In His Image.) They will say it like it is, whether it is received or rejected, they shall speak. Even though you would try to hold back the rebuke of My Word, it will come forth as living waters from your inner most being. A sword cutting asunder the works of the flesh; exposing the works of darkness. Yes, the spirit of prophecy is subject to the prophet, but this is a work of the flooding of waters that will flow easily out of those prepared vessels; a living stream to bring forth repentance and a sword of judgment for those that won't repent. Those that have been in My refining fires, those that have been alone with Me in the wilderness, those that have been in preparation chambers of the prisons, those are the ones that I will bring forth as My sword.

Wives don't honor their husbands (see study Wives); husbands abuse their wives; the lifestyle of lesbians and gays don't offend you (Rom.1:23-32; Lev. 18:22), you even yoke yourselves with them, not caring for their lost souls, bringing them to repentance and deliverance; there is nothing gay about this lifestyle, sodomites they are called; idolatry is rampant among those that call themselves Mine (see study Idolatry) and because of these idols you will not win your battles against the dark ones in this coming evil day; you are not grounded in My Word (working out your salvation with fear and trembling; forming a solid foundation); some live in fornication (I Cor. 5:1-13; Gal. 5:19), you will not inherit My kingdom. Some are unclean, for they wash not themselves in My Word; defiled they are to Me. They have polluted My house, of which your body is (I Cor. 6:19). Have I not commanded that you must **not** make provision for the flesh (Rom. 13:14)? Then why do you live in the flesh and not the

Spirit? The traits of the flesh are written within My scriptures. Ah, but you know not My Word. Severity, severity to those that live by the dictates of the flesh. I **beseech** thee, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your **bodies** a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (Rom. 12:1)

Your symbolisms of Christianity are offensive to Me. YOU are to be the symbol that represents Me, the light in the midst of darkness, drawing the predestined ones (Eph. 1:5,11; Rom. 8:29,30) to Me. Where do I tell you to wear or display symbols? Ah, but you know not My Word or you would not display such a thing. You need no more symbolisms. You will know My disciples by their love/fruit, not by their symbolisms.

A year of severity for those that do not obey Me; individually and as a nation. A further dividing line will be implemented, heed My Spirit as He directs further separations, grace has been extended for a season. Now will be chastisement, for My love for you is great and I chastise those I love. There is no time to waste. You are to pray and help some through these fires but some you are not to pray for (Jere. 7:16), for they have hardened their hearts against Me. They shall be left to My discretion.

(January 1, 2004) As you see your city (Phoenix) covered with dark clouds on this, the first day of your new year, so shall it be for the coming date I have selected to shake your nation to its roots. Even those of darkness will be shocked at this demonstration that comes from My kingdom. Shaken you surely shall be! I am going to take this nation in My hands and I'm going to shake it so much that even the realms of darkness will be surprised. They think they are in charge. Ha. I'm going to demonstrate My powers. Hang on, you're in for a ride. From top to bottom, from side to side, you shall soon see My hand of shaking upon your defiled nation, but I will keep at perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Me (Isa. 26:3).

Those that are faithful to Me shall finally see the other side - the long awaited promised land - establishing My kingdom amongst the darkness of the earth. Many challenges await My family, blessings on one hand, challenges on the other. Remember My promise to see you through. No more time to waste. I'll soon bring forth demonstrations of power and strength. Gird yourselves up, make preparations for that day. Do not hesitate. No time for party and play.

Spiritual Fruitfulness

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Recently the Lord was speaking to me on fruitfulness. I had been barren for so long and he was trying to make me fruitful. Oh glory to God I am fruitful.

He drew my attention to 2 Peter 1: 5 - 8 and made me know that the keys to spiritual fruitfulness is diligence, faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, kindness and charity.

These are the 9 things we have to have in our lives to make us fruitful. God says its a year of fruitfulness. Its also a year of faithfulness. As you give diligence to what God has placed in your hands then he will make your way sure.

As you prosper spiritually so shall you blossom physically & materially and every area of your life shall be filled with his glory. God is going to fill you up to speak his word prophet. He is going to make you bold. God is going to give you boldness as a soldier of the Lord. He is going to make your way clear. Don’t do it for money. Don’t do what God has called you to do for money.

Ebenezer, up till now the Lord has been faithful. He cannot deny himself. He abideth faithful. As you keep my word he says I will give you plenty. I will make your way prosperous. Alleluyah. Amen

Sins Forgiven and Forgotten

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I Peter 1:19,23
But you were purchased with the precious blood of Christ the Messiah, like that of a sacrificial lamb without blemish or spot.

You have been regenerated (born again) (*re- "gene*"-rated), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God.

II Corinthians 5:17, 19, 21
Therefore if any person is ingrafted in Christ the Messiah he is a new creature altogether;

The old previous moral and spiritual condition has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come! The old spirit in us has died. The Spirit of Christ brought to us His new life.

It was God personally present in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting and holding against men their trespasses but canceling them and committing to us the message of reconciliation of the restoration to favor.

For our sake He made Christ virtually to be sin Who knew no sin, so that in and through Him we might become, **made** (endued with, viewed as being in, and examples of) the righteousness of God (what we ought to be, approved and acceptable and in right relationship with Him, by His goodness.)

II Corinthians 6:16
What agreement can there be between a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them and I will walk in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Hebrews 1:2-3
But in these last of these days He has spoken to us in (the person of a) Son, **Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things,** also by and through Whom He created the worlds and the reaches of space and the ages of time (He made, produced, built, operated, and arranged them in order).

He is the sole expression of the glory of God (The Light-being, the out-raying or ridiance of the divine), and He is the perfect imprint of and very image of (God's) nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His Mighty Word of Power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished or cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on High.

Colossians 2:9-10, 13-15
For in Him the whole fullness of Deity, the Godhead, continues to dwell in bodily form giving complete expression of the divine nature.

And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life in Christ you too are filled with the Godhead-Father, Son and Holy Spirit-and reach full spiritual stature. And He is the Head of all rule and authority o every angelic principality and power.

And you who were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh (your sensuality, your sinful carnal natural), (God) brought to life together with Christ, having freely forgiven us all our transgressions, **having cancelled an blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees and demands which was in force and stood against us (hostile**

to us). This note with its regulations, decrees, and demands He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to His cross.

God disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it (the Cross).

Isaiah 41:10-13
Fear not there is nothing to fear, for I Am with you; do not look around you in terror and be dismayed, for I Am your God, I will strengthen and harden you to difficulties, yes, I will help you; yes I will hold you up and retain you with My victorious right hand of rightness and justice.

Behold, all they who are enraged and inflamed against you shall be put to shame and confounded; they who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish.

You shall seek those who contend with you but shall not find them; they who war against you shall be as nothing, as nothing at all.

For I the Lord your God hold your right hand; I Am the Lord, Who says to you, fear not; I will help you!

Isaiah 53:3-6
He was despised and rejected and forsaken by men, A Man of sorrows and pains, and acquainted with grief and sickness; and like One from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth or have any esteem for Him.

Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows and pains (of punishment), yet we ignorantly considered Him stricken, smitten and afflicted by God (as if with leprosy),

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt and iniquities; the chastisement (needful to obtain) peace and well-being for us was upon Him, with the stripes (that wounded) Him we are healed and made whole.

All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has made to light upon Him the guilt and iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 54:17
But no weapon that is formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment you shall show to be in the wrong. This (peace, righteousness, security, triumph over opposition) is the heritage of the servants of the Lord (those in whom the ideal Servant of the Lord is reproduced; this is the righteousness or the vindication which they obtain from Me (this is that which I impart to them as their justification, says the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:34
And they will no more teach each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying know the Lord, for they will all know Me (recognize, understand, and be acquainted with Me), from the least to the greatest, says the Lord.

For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will seriously remember their sin no more.

Titus 3:5
He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but because of His own pity and mercy, by the cleansing bath of the new birth regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, which He poured out so richly upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Hebrews 8:12
For I will be merciful and gracious toward their sins and I will remember their sins, deeds of

unrighteousness no more.

Ephesians 2:5-10
Even when we were dead slain by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ**; He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him**, for it is by grace His favor and mercy which you did not deserve that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation).

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

He did this that He might clearly demonstrate through the ages to come the immeasurable (limitless, surpassing) riches of His free grace (His unmerited favor) in His kindness and goodness of heart toward us in Christ Jesus.

For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through your faith.

And this salvation is not of yourselves (of your own doing, it came not through your own striving), but it is the gift of God.

Not because of works (not the fulfillment of the Law's demands), lest any man should boast. (**It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do**, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself).

For we are God's (own) handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, born anew that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us (taking paths which He prepared ahead of time), that we should walk in them (living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live.

John 5:24
I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, the person whose ears are open to My words (who listens to My message) and believes and trusts in and clings to and relies on Him Who sent Me has (possesses now) eternal life. And he does not come into judgment, (does not incur sentence of judgment, will not come under condemnation), but he has already passed over out of death into life.

Galatians 3:26
For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.

Galatians 4:6-7
And because you really are His Sons, God has sent the Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts , crying, Abba (Father)! Father!

Therefore, you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then (it follows that you are) an heir by the aid of God, through Christ.

Ephesians 2:19
Therefore, you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God's own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God's (Own) household.

I Peter 2:9-10
But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, God's Own purchased special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Once you were not a people (at all), but now you are God's people; once you were unpitied but now you are pitied and have received mercy.

I Thessalonians 5:24
Faithful is He Who is calling you (to Himself) and utterly trustworthy, and He will also do it (fulfill His call) by hallowing and keeping you).

Ephesians 4:5-6
There is One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

One God and Father of us all, Who is above all (Sovereign over all), pervading all and living in us all.

Jeremiah 29:11-12
For I know the thoughts and plans for you, says the Lord, thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear and heed you.

Romans 8:1, 14-17
Therefore there is now no condemnation, no adjudging guilty of wrong, for those who are in Christ Jesus, who live and walk not after the dictates of the flesh, but after the dictates of the Spirit.

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

For the Spirit which you have now received is not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption (the Spirit producing sonship) in (the bliss of) which we cry , Abba (Father)! Father!

The Spirit Himself (thus) testifies together with our own spirit, (assuring us) that we are the children of God.

And if we are (His) children, then we are (His) heirs also: heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ (sharing His inheritance with Him); only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory. Fellow heirs means: one for Jesus and one for me, one for Jesus and one for me ….

Romans 8:31-39
What then shall we say to all of this? If God is for us, who can be against us? (Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?

He Who did not withhold or spare even His Own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all other things?

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect (when it is) God Who justifies (that is, Who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, Who acquits us?

Who is there to condemn us? Will Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually pleading as He intercedes for us?

Who shall ever separate us from Christ's love? Shall suffering and affliction and tribulation? Or calamity and distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword? Even as it is written, For Thy sake we are put to death all the day long; we are regarded as sheep for the slaughter.

Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain, surpassing victory through Him Who loved us.

For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending and threatening nor things to come, nor powers,

Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:11-13
The scripture says, no man who believes in Him (who adheres to, relies on, trusts in Him) will ever be put to shame or be disappointed.

The Lord is Lord over all of us and He generously bestows His riches upon all who call upon Him in faith.

For everyone who calls upon the Name of the Lord (invoking Him as Lord) will be saved.

Hebrews 9:12
He went once for all into the Holy of Holies of Heaven, not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves by which to make reconciliation between God and man, but by His Own blood, having found and secured a complete redemption (an everlasting release for us).

Hebrews 10:14,17
For by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made Holy.

He then goes on to say, and their sins and their lawbreaking I will remember no more .

Philippians 4:13
I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me (I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me; I am self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency.

Hebrews 8:12
For I will be merciful and gracious toward their sins and I will remember their deeds of unrighteousness no more.

II Corinthians 2:14
But thanks be to God, Who in Christ always leads us in triumph (as trophies of Christ's victory) and through us spreads and makes evident the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere.

I John 3:1-2
See what an incredible quality of love the Father has given (shown, bestowed on) us, that we should be (permitted to) be named and called and counted the children of God! And so we are! The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) Him.

Beloved we are even here and now God's children; it is not yet disclosed (made clear) what we shall be (hereafter), but we know that when He comes and is manifested, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him just as He really is.

John 3:17-18
For God did not send the Son into the world in order to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world , but that the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him.

He who believes in Him (who clings to, trusts in, relies on Him) is not judged (he who trusts

in Him never comes up for judgment; for him there is no rejection, no condemnation-he incurs no damnation);

but he who does not believe (cleave to, rely on, trust in Him) is judged already (he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence) because he has not believed in and trusted in the Name of the only begotten Son of God. (He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ's name).

Acts 17:28
For in Him we live and move and have our being: as even some of your own poets have said, For we are also His offspring.

John 14:12-14
I assure you most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

And I will do (I Myself will grant) whatever you ask in My Name as presenting all that I AM, so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in (through) the Son.

Yes I will grant (I Myself will do for you) whatever you shall ask in My Name (as presenting all that I AM).

Colossians 3:17
And whatever you do (no matter what it is) in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in (dependence upon) His Person, giving praise to God the Father through Him.

John 3:16
For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world He (even) gave up His only begotten (unique) Son, so that whosoever believes in (trusts in, clings to, relies on) Him shall not perish (come to destruction, be lost) but have eternal (everlasting) life.

God wanted the salvation He provided for us to be perfect and complete, so God Himself made us perfectly accepted, justified, loved, and redeemed. God was in Christ Jesus reconciling the world to Himself.

John 6:37
All whom My Father gives (entrusts) to Me will come to Me; and the one who comes to Me I will most certainly not cast out (I will never, no never, reject one of them who comes to Me).

Matthew 28:18-20
Jesus approached and breaking the silence, said to them, all authority (all power of rule) in heaven and earth has been given to Me.

Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the Authority (Name) of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, **I Am with you all the days (perpetually , uniformly, and on every occasion), to the very close and consummation of the age. (Amen) so be it.**

God is 100 percent honest, 100 percent pure, perfectly trustworthy, 100 percent faithful and true. There is no deception or falsity or misleading in Him.

Psalm 103:12
As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

God has given us His righteousness. He imputed righteousness to us. He bestowed it upon us. We are righteous in God's sight.

Matthew 7:1-2
Do not judge and criticize and condemn others, so that you may not be judged and criticized and condemned yourselves.

For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned. And in accordance with the measure you (use to) deal out to others, it will be dealt out to again to you.

Matthew 7:12
So then, whatever you desire that others would to and for you, even so do also to and for them, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

I Peter 4:10-11
As each of you has received a gift (a particular spiritual talent, a gracious divine endowment), employ it for one another as (befits) good trustees of God's many sided grace (faithful stewards of the extremely diverse powers and gifts granted to Christians by unmerited favor).

Whoever speaks, (let him do it as one who utters) oracles of God; whoever renders service, (let him dot it) as with the strength which God furnishes abundantly, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ (the Messiah). To Him be the glory and dominion forever and ever (through endless ages). Amen (so be it).

I Peter 5:1-4
I warn and counsel the elders among you (the pastors and spiritual guides of the church) as a fellow elder and as an eyewitness (called to testify) of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a sharer in the glory (the honor and splendor) that is to be revealed (disclosed, unfolded):

Tend (nurture, guard, guide, and fold) the flock of God that is (your responsibility), not by coercion or constraint, but willingly; not dishonorably motivated by the advantages and profits (belonging to the office, but eagerly and cheerfully;

Not domineering (as arrogant, dictatorial, and overbearing persons) over those in your charge, but being examples (patterns and models of Christian living) to the flock (the congregation.

And then when the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will win the conqueror's crown of glory.

God says do not judge men that are made in His image and likeness.

Your Faith is Equivalent to God's Power
Terry Suggs

Your faith is equal to God's power to create what you are believing for. The dynamic, active faith that we use or exercise is equal to God's creative, healing, and restoring power.

Hebrews 4:12
For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power (making it active. Operative, energizing and effective; it is sharper than any two edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life (soul) and (the immortal) spirit, and of the joints and marrow (of the deepest parts of our nature), exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.

Psalm 119:89-90
Forever, O Lord, Your Word is settled in Heaven (stands firm as the heavens).

Your faithfulness is from generation to generation; You have established the earth, and it stands fast.

John 1:1-4, 14
In the beginning (before all time) was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

He was present originally with God.

All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.

In Him was life, and the Life was the Light of Men.

And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we (actually) saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.

James 5:15
And the prayer (that is) of faith will save him who is sick, and the Lord will restore him; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Mark 11:22-24
And Jesus replying, said to them, have faith in God (constantly) or have the faith of God.

Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, be lifted up and thrown into the sea! And does not doubt at all in his heart but believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him.

For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe (trust and be confident) that is granted to you, and you'll get it.

Matthew 17:20
He said to them, because of the littleness of your faith (that is, your lack of your firmly relying trust). For truly I say to you, if you have faith (that is living) like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, move from here to yonder place, and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you.

Jeremiah 1:12
Then said the Lord to me, you have seen well, for I Am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.

Habakkuk 2:4
Look at the proud; his soul is not straight or right within him, but the (rigidly) just and the (uncompromisingly) righteous man shall live by his faith and in his faithfulness.

Romans 4:21
Fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised.

Luke 17:6
And the Lord answered, if you had faith (trust and confidence in God) even (so small) like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, be pulled up by the roots, and be planted in the sea, and it would obey you.

Luke 6:38

Give and gifts will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will they pour into the pouch formed by the bosom (of your robe and used as a bag). For with the measure you deal out (with the measure you use when you confer benefits on others), it will be measured back to you.

II Cor. 4:13
Yet we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, I have believed, and therefore have I spoken. We too believe, and therefore we speak.

II Cor. 5:7
For we walk by faith (we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk) not by sight or appearance.

Galatians 2:16
Yet we know that a man is justified or reckoned righteous and in right standing with god not by works of the Law, but only through faith and absolute reliance on and adherence to and trust in Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). (Therefore) even we ourselves have believed on Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law (for we cannot be justified by any observance of the ritual of the Law given by Moses), because by keeping legal rituals and by works no human being can ever be justified (declared righteous and put in right standing with God.

Galatians 2:20
I have been crucified with Christ (in Him I have shared His crucifixion); it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Galatians 3:11
Now it is evident that no person is justified (declared righteous and brought into right standing with God) (the just, the righteous) shall by and out of faith and he who through and by faith is declared righteous and in right standing with God shall live.

Colossians 2:10-12
And you are in Him, made full and having come to fullness of life In Christ you too are filled with the God-head – Father, Son and Holy Spirit-and reach full spiritual stature. And He is the Head of all rule and authority (of every Angelic principality and power).

In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, but in a spiritual circumcision performed by Christ by stripping off the body of the flesh the whole corrupt , carnal nature with its passions and lusts.

Thus you were circumcised when you were buried with Him in your baptism, in which you were also raised with Him (to a new life) through your faith in the working of god 9as displayed) when He raised Him from the dead.

I Thessalonians 5:24
Faithful is He Who is calling you to Himself and utterly trustworthy, and He will also do it (fulfill His call by hallowing and keeping you.)

Hebrews 11:1, 3
Now Faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things we hope for, being the proof of things (we) do not see and the conviction of their reality (faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses).

By faith we understand that the worlds (during the successive ages) were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the Word of god, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible.

Hebrews 10:23
So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His word.

Isaiah 55:10-11
For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

So shall My Word be that goes forth out of My mouth; it shall not return to Me void (without producing any effect, useless), but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Hebrews 10:14
For by a single offering **He has forever completely cleansed and perfected** those who are consecrated and made holy.

II Timothy 2:13
If we are faithless do not believe and are untrue to Him, He remains true (faithful to His Word and His righteous Character), for He cannot deny Himself.

Whosoever believes can do the miracles that Jesus did.

God perfected salvation for us.

He Himself made us perfect in Christ. He Himself made us perfectly justified, perfectly glorified, perfectly accepted, perfectly redeemed and loved.

II Corinthians 19
God Himself was in Christ Jesus reconciling Mankind back to Himself.

The only place we are 100 percent accepted is in Christ. Our only existence is in Christ after we accept Him as Lord and Savior.

Proverbs 18:21
The faith that we use is the same as the power of God or equal to the power of God. In the tongue is the power of life and death.

Faith is more powerful than any sickness or disease or situation that we encounter.

Mark 4:38-40
Jesus rebuked His disciples because of their lack of faith when they were caught in the storm on the sea. He let them know that they could have stopped the storm.

Mathew 12:36-37
But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have t give account for every idle (inoperative, nonworking) word they speak.

For by your words, you will be justified and acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced.

Here we see the power and the emphasis on, and the importance of our words. If it is only by our words that we will be judged, then how should we speak?

Faith that is rooted in the Word of God, which is rooted in us, is a creative faith.

The just shall live by Faith. This sounds like this is the only way we are to live.

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Stay Focused On Truth
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Stir up the gifts that are within you. Don't let any of them to lie dormant for this is the time for war. Every power and principality in the heavenlies have been charged to pull you down, but you must rise up and be determined to allow My Spirit to pull them down by you continuing to worship Me and keeping your focus on My truth alone.

Do not allow the enemy to sway you by the severity of the circumstances surrounding your life. You must rise up and believe that no weapon formed against you shall prosper. Keep believing that I AM faithful, and that I am in control, and that all things will work together for your good. Keep your armor on. Make sure that each piece is securely attached, and be determined to take your stand on My promises no matter what the enemy tries to say to you. Do not listen to anything that doesn't line up with My word.

You must walk in My light and My love. Don't allow any darkness quench the flow of My Spirit in you. Examine your heart to see if you are really ready to rise up and overcome. Have you allowed anything to stand in your way, or have you settled for less than My best for your life?

Watch your confessions when you are walking out physical trials. Never say that any illness or infirmity belongs to you, because I redeemed you from the curse of the Law. I have set you free by the power of My blood so that you may have an abundant life full of health and prosperity.

So when the enemy tries to attach to you his infirmities, do not receive them. They don't belong to you. And for those who have walked faithfully with Me but still have had to battle the enemy's tears upon your life, just know that these trials will end if you keep My promises close to your heart. You do have the victory, and My word is true no matter what your body says.

This is the day of the latter rain outpouring, and I AM preparing My bride. Everything you are going through is working in preparation for your stand in My army. Yes, I AM making you mighty warriors, and I AM using your trials to strengthen you and to purge you of all that would hold you back. I've called you My overcomers, and you will rise up against any hindrance the enemy puts before you, and you will continue to press in because you know My truth. Yes, I have called you to overcome all the snares of the fowler.

I've called you to truth and light and love. Put on your garment of praise. Do not be defeated by despair because things seem to be getting worse in the natural. Stay behind your shield of faith and use your sword to tear down the strongholds. Let out a mighty shout for the walls are beginning to fall. Be ready for it is beginning to rain, and My river will flow and mightily through My people for I AM faithful.

Follow A Godly Example
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Come unto Me and let Me share with you My heart concerning what is going on concerning Clinton, the former recognizable president of the United States. For I have given My wisdom to President Bush concerning what has taken place concerning the vandalism and theft in the White House. I have prompted him to let go of this and not give into the snare of the fowler and the spirits of vandalism and theft for this is the plot of the enemy to trip My people up by having them draw attention to the works of the enemy.

For My ways are not your ways nor My thoughts your thoughts. The way man would handle this is to prosecute and to draw attention and drain tax payers money on court trials that would only continue to give My people a bad name around the world. Let it go is My cry and My will. Start anew and start fresh with a new view on how to tackle the affairs of the country and how it will effect the world.

Seek My face and not My hand. Share My love. Seek ye first My kingdom and My righteousness and all these things will be added unto you and that is wisdom and understanding and knowledge of My will and ways. Forgive your debts, forgive those who trespass against you. Cover over the sins of your brother with a blanket of love. Seek only to edify and not to judge or tear down. Do good to those who despitefully use you and bless those who curse you.

Be My light in this world of darkness. Follow the example that I have placed in this mighty man of Mine. Yes, President Bush is a mighty man of high stature in My kingdom. I know him well. He is My friend and yes, I do commune with him often. So rejoice for the battle is Mine and, the victory is yours but maintain it, My children, by keeping My beloved, President Bush, covered with prayer.

Intercede with Me often for him for he needs to stay covered for these are treacherous times, and the enemy is looking for a way in to bring harm and to deter My plans. So keep him on your heart and pray for this is the time and the hour for war. Do not let down your guard. Seek to draw close to Me and always be willing to obey My will, says your God.

Return To My Safe Place
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Why do you keep insisting on wandering away from My intimate presence? Why is it that you do not stay by My side? Don't you know that when you walk close to Me that you are in a place of protection? Those who dwell in the secret place of the Most High are those who stay in a place of refuge and safety and are strengthened with My power and wisdom to do exploits. Those who are strong are those who stay in the center of My perfect will and that is in a place of close communion with Me.

I know that the enemy keeps attacking you with busyness and complacency, but you must rise up and overcome, and return to the place where you belong and where you long to be. I know that you are most blessed in your heart when you delight yourself in My presence. Yes, this is the place where you long to be. So I want you this day to be determined to not allow the enemy to rob you of those things that truly strengthen you and refresh you. Do not allow him to rob you of that secret place that you have with Me.

This is the day of salvation......the day where you need to make the choice of whether you want blessings or curses, life or death. For outside of the true vine there is no life. There is no life in that place of independence for truly it is a place of stubbornness and rebellion, a place of control, manipulation and idolatry.

So I AM calling you close and blessing you with the gift of repentance if you are ready to turn from your wicked ways. Yes, I AM coming on strong, but you need to know the way it truly is. You need to call things what they truly are. You need to return unto Me and delight yourself in My will.

Yes, refresh yourself by the streams of My living water. Refresh yourself in My word. Build yourself back up by praying in My Spirit. Worship Me in the beauty of holiness. You have no time to waste. Do not allow the enemy to overcome you, but rise up this day. Shake off the chains of bondage, and examine your heart for any unforgiveness or bitterness or any door the enemy can enter.

I love you, My children, but you must return. Don't allow the enemy to fool you by making you think being busy in things that appear Christlike is being in My will. Anything that is outside of spending time close to Me is outside of My will. I've called you to worship Me and to commune with Me. Return to your place of safety and that is under My blood dwelling close to Me in My secret place.

Shelter From the Beast

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Revelation 13:5-6

Jesus, You are my abiding place
You are my shelter from the storm
As I look to You
I know my heart will be safe
In You I'll be kept safe and secure.
As winds take flight
Stirred up by the night
In Your arms I know
I'm safe from the storm.

Hold me, my King
Remain here with me
Safe in Your love
Forevermore.

Jesus, upon my heart You dwell in strength
You rule upon my every desire
For Your names sake
You cause the heavens to shake
Removing all that keeps us apart.
Tender mercies
Arise from the deep
As You move in power
Upon my heart.

Hold me, my King.
Always, You proclaim
You will stay with me
Forevermore.

> *"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven." Revelation 13:5-6*
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> *"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent." Revelation 12:12-14*

If a man should find himself walking down a darkened street, unsure of his destination, confusion and fear setting his pace, if this man should call upon the name of Jesus Christ, God will be faithful to answer his call. Weakness and uncertainty are no match against the merciful, delivering presence of the Lord on high. God, who is faithful, stands ready to answer the man who calls upon His name for deliverance from out of suffering and torment, which has been brought about by unbelief, fear or lack of understanding.

A man, who would call out to Jesus Christ for deliverance from the destructive bondages that entangles him to fear and helplessness, does not need to trek across the country in hope of hearing from the One true God. He does not need to travel across vast oceans and barren deserts in hope of finding the One who is able to save him from emotions that cripple his ability to walk in wholeness of life. He does not need to go into the secret chambers in hope of looking upon a physical manifestation of God, so that he gains strength to look beyond his own shortcomings, and to see into the realm of God's power and majesty. Man does not need to look outward in hope of receiving and experiencing the glory and love of God. Today, God has made it possible for His holy presence to be established upon a man's heart, through faith in His beloved Son; "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

> *"Our fathers worshiped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:20-24*

The man, who has called upon the Lord most high, will receive through faith, the Father's gift of eternal life. Through the obedience of Jesus Christ, the Father sent down from heaven the Holy Spirit, the eternal gift of life, which will birth forth the righteousness of Christ within a man's life. The Spirit, which births forth God's life within the child, will reveal God's kingdom of glory and majesty, truth and righteousness. The Spirit of God will teach man how to live in humble appreciation of God's eternal kingdom of light. God's love, when shed abroad within a man's heart through the sanctifying presence of the Holy Spirit, will help man to understand the depths and heights of God's great love and longsuffering toward them. The hour has arrived where men proclaim the joy of worshipping the Father, no longer just in name, but in Spirit and in truth.

There is no mountain that God requires man to climb before man can partake and experience God's heavenly, divine holy presence. The man, who has been born again into God's eternal kingdom of holiness, did not do so through works of his own self-righteousness. The origin of man's new birth into the kingdom of God came, not through obedience to the law, but through the "hearing of faith". Man is welcomed into the kingdom of God's righteousness, not by standing under the shadow of the law, but through calling upon the Lord of His salvation. Faith that births forth eternal life is not built upon the law, but upon the solid, immovable foundation of Jesus Christ. To be positioned within the shelter of God's mercy and love, His "light", is obtained not through physical performance, obedience to the law, but through faith in the beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ.

> *"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel." Mark 1:14-15*
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> *"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Colossians 1:11-12*

"*The kingdom of God is at hand*." The unshakable, immoveable, kingdom of righteousness, love, mercy, holiness and truth is at hand. The sanctifying presence, God's breath of life, God's Holy Spirit, cannot be changed. He cannot deny Himself. God's truth cannot be shaken, rearranged or reconstructed; His truth will always reveal truth. But, unbelief, fear, worry, torment, discouragement, self-righteousness, all enemies to the goodness of God, can be shaken loose from their hold over a man's thoughts and beliefs. As the Holy Spirit moves in power within a man's life, these enemies must be shaken loose from their position of power, if the man is to live at peace with God. This is not to harm the man, but to strengthen the man, to help the man, so that the man may walk in holy obedience to the Lord on high, knowing and appreciating God's goodness.

To hear and believe in the message that Jesus Christ has spoken is to turn from the authority of the prince of darkness to the King of light, who is merciful and longsuffering. To believe in the message of the Messenger is to repent of trusting in the world of darkness, which is governed by the voice of unbelief, the devil. To believe and walk in faith is to turn away from walking in pride, whose foundation is built upon self-centeredness, which causes man to look away from God and His purpose for mankind.

In the fullness of time, God sent to the earth His only beloved Son to deliver man from believing in the vanity, of his own self-focused ideas. Jesus Christ came to deliver those who proclaimed they were as God, who think to determine and declare what will bring purpose, contentment and hope into their lives. Jesus Christ was sent in the fullness of times, to turn man "from the darkness to the light." To turn man from the darkness of unbelief, to the light of God's power, glory and love. In the fullness of time, God sent to earth the breath of heaven, the kingdom of light.

> *"So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness." Romans 8:7-9*

Thoughts and desires, which had been fashioned and formed within the night, are what guides men of unbelief in their journey through life. Before they hear the Word of God and believe, they walk unrenewed in spirit. They will walk alive, according to man's definition of human existence, but dead, their hearts hardened, unenlightened to the goodness, mercy and love of God. When a child hears the Word and believes, then God releases His heavenly nature, His breath of life, His great and unending love, the Holy Spirit, into their lives. Through the leading and teaching of the Holy Spirit, God will begin to reveal truth to the man's heart and mind. God will reveal the truth of His desire and purpose for man. Through the leading of the Spirit man will come to understand that righteousness is of God, and not of themselves. Their captivity to unbelief, mistrust, hatred, and unforgiveness, will be cast far from their thoughts, as God continues to reveal His holy nature to them.

> *"What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

Man, whose body houses the Father's heavenly nature, the Holy Spirit, is set apart for the Father's good purpose. Through the Holy Spirit, the fullness of God's purpose for man is released into the heart and mind of man, revealing the holiness, love and longsuffering of the Father. Man, who has been chosen of God, has been predestined to walk in holiness, as the Father is holy. Holiness will bring peace into a child's life, clarity, and strength to help others that God would lead them to.

Each man has constructed within his mind, ideas and opinions, which were not founded upon the nature and example of Jesus Christ. But when a man has partaken of the heavenly nature, love that surpasses the natural explanation of man, he will understand the importance of having all that is contrary to God’s nature removed and destroyed. As God begins to reveal His holy nature, His abundant love in greater depth, then man’s desires and opinions will undergo much reconstruction. He will become a new creation in Christ, whose nature reflects the holiness, longsuffering, forgiveness and mercy of God.

> *“Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more; but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.” John 14:19-20*
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> *“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.” Ephesians 3:17-19*

A man of faith, who through hearing believed the message of the gospel, will be filled with “all the fullness of God.” The Spirit of God, which dwells within the inner man, upon his heart and mind, will reveal the great love that God has extended toward His creation. Those who live in Christ, as Christ lives within them, will live according to a heavenly pattern. He will leave behind the old, the thoughts established in the darkness, as he learns the ways of the Father. He will leave behind the old ways, as the Father’s Holy, heavenly Spirit, guides him in newness of life, upon His path of righteousness.

To desire to know God’s purpose for mankind is to understand the foundation that has been laid through faith in Jesus Christ. It is through faith, that man will please God, and receive His abundant riches into their lives through the Holy Spirit. It is through faith that the fullness of God, the Holy Spirit, will come and establish God’s kingdom rule upon a man’s heart. It is through faith that the looming mountains of doubt, rejection, and fear will be cast out of the kingdom that God desires to establish within His children’s lives. It is through faith that a man will hear God’s voice speaking to them, “this is the path I desire you to take”, and be endowed with strength to follow.

> *“And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.” Revelation 13:5-6*

The beast, who rises up from the sea of mankind’s unrepentant emotions, has obtained his power and authority from the dragon. His message does not reflect the purposes of God. As he rises up from the sea exhibiting his seven heads, which is to declare that he speaks the fullness of God’s message to mankind, God continues to counter this understanding. God continues to proclaim, that this message does not originate from His Spirit of holiness and truth. The dragon thinks that, by exhibiting his ten horns, he will be able to convince man that all power and authority belongs to him. And the ten crowns, upon his ten horns of self-important authority, sum up the foundation of the beasts “truth,” which is, that relationship with the Father is through obedience to the law, and not through faith.

The beast looks upon God’s Word, limited in his ability to understand what is being said, because of worldly focus. He continues to look to the earth, which is governed by the dragon, in interpreting the Word of the Lord. This limited vision causes him to disregard the message that, through faith in Jesus Christ, a man will be filled with the holy, heavenly fullness of God. The beast cannot understand the ability of God’s Spirit to transform a man’s desires so that he lives in holy obedience unto the Lord. In his determination to establish order for the good of the whole, he disregards God’s message that the law made no man perfect.

The beast continues to look to the law to keep man in subjection to his truth. Yet, the beast’s version of truth continues to deny the purpose of Jesus Christ. The beast’s message of sanctification according to the law, requires man to sit in judgment of man, placing man in subjection to rules enforced by man. Yet God proclaims, He alone is good. And it is when a child receives the inheritance of great worth, God's Holy presence into his life, that a man will undergo the sanctification process. The beast continues to ignore the message that the heavenly breath of God is able to accomplish what the law could not, align a man's inward thoughts and emotions to the nature of the living God.

The beast cannot understand the value of the Holy Spirit moving within a man's life. He continues to discount this treasure of great worth, the Holy Spirit, and looks instead to a temple built by the hands of man. Within this physical temple, he has established his definition of what is of worth and what is not. He worships what he can see, and not what is unseen. To teach that a man who houses the holy breath of God, God's heavenly nature, could be considered a temple of more value than one made by the hands of worldly-focused man, is not a message of any great worth to the beast. To proclaim that the treasures that are stored up upon a man's heart could be of greater value than the gold laid upon the altar, in which the beast gives all honor unto, is, to the beasts worldly thinking, a message spoken by a fool. So the beast continues to confidently speak blasphemous words of contempt against the idea that a man's body could, by the breath of God, be fashioned into a temple of great worth.

Through disregarding the message of the Holy Spirit's sanctifying presence, His authority to teach, edify, and lead man on the path of righteousness, the beast speaks contempt, against the living God. The beast blasphemes God and his children, who are the living temples who house God's heavenly nature, as he disregards the message of salvation through faith. And for a season in each of God's children's lives, those whose eyes have been opened to the majesty of God's kingdom of righteousness, the words spoken by the beast will bring suffering into their lives. It will bring suffering as they are led of God, able to see His majesty and glory in all of life, yet through the Spirit, they are given a greater awareness of the suffering in which others are walking as they live under the authority of the beast.

Those chosen to partake of God's kingdom of righteousness and glory, understand that God has made a way, where man can dwell at peace with God. They also understand that the beast uses great swelling words to draw all importance to a truth, that places more importance on man, than on God. The beast, who mocks the idea that God has made a way for children to walk in honor and subjection to His eternal kingdom of righteousness, led of God's Spirit while they are alive upon the earth, has no problem with man bowing down and giving him their full honor and obedience. All men who are being conformed into the image of God, and hear the beast mock a relationship with God, where man is led of God's Spirit, will suffer. Suffering will be brought about as man listens to the voice of the beast discounting personal, spirit led relationship between man and God. But, God promises this is just for a season. As the fullness of God dwells within them, God will be faithful to lead them to their position in Christ, where they will receive peace for their souls.

The beast, who casts accusation against children who walk according to the kingdom of truth and righteousness, has a period of time when he will be able to bring suffering into a child's life. But one understanding of great worth has been placed upon the child's heart who walks according to God's Spirit - they must give up their desire to control their lives, and trust the Father to lead. They may not understand what it is that God is bringing to pass in their lives, but they have come to realize they must live in obedience to His leading. They have come to realize with every breath within them, that in God lies their only hope. If there is to be an end to what God has placed before them, if they are to receive full understanding of God's message to them, then they must follow Him. It is no longer possible for these children to walk in any form of obedience to the words spoken by the beast. God has called them, and they must obey.

Through faith in Jesus Christ, the fullness of God's purpose for mankind is received into a man's life. Yet each man, who is to receive their reward while alive, and to walk led of God's Spirit, must endure for a season, suffering. In each person's life, each child, who is to continue on with the Lord until the end, must endure his season of spiritual adjustment. There is a spiritual season of adjusting to the greater realms of God’s Holy Spirit, and suffering will be involved. But to suffer for righteousness sake, to be loosed from all that would bind a man to earthly desires, so that he can be wholly led of the Spirit, bears many eternal rewards. As man suffers for righteousness sake, he will more wholly place his life within the hands of the living God.

As children gain ability to walk in the fullness that God, in His mercy, has bestowed upon them, God will be faithful to protect them. During their season of adjustment, as they learn to live according to the Spirit and not to the flesh, God will become their safe habitation. They will find that as they turn to Him, they are protected from the beast. While those in submission to the beast may not understand a relationship with God through the Spirit, those who walk within the kingdom of God’s righteousness will discover a friend in God. God will become their faithful friend, who leads them to refreshing streams where their souls are nourished. There is now no condemnation for those found dwelling in submission to the leading of God’s Holy Spirit. And though the season of adjusting to the leading of the Spirit, may seem to continue on beyond a man’s ability to stand, in this season man will gain much wisdom. He will learn not to lean on his own understanding, but on every Word spoken by the living God.

> *“For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.” Galatians 2:19-21*

Straight From The Father's Heart

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(A Refresher in the Basics)

Apr 12, 2004Once again I draw you near and explain to you that it isn't what you say that is important and powerful, but the faith behind it that is powerful. Words are just empty if it doesn't carry the power or the "dunamus" that brings the thing said to pass. That is only in certain situations though. Because on the other hand if you speak in the negative of My promises, then the enemy automatically adds his power to your spoken words and brings them to effect. So I say to you this day to watch your spoken words!

Life and death are in the power of your tongue. So speak life and add My power to it by adding faith, and believe that what you say will come to pass. I know these are basic terms, but you need to be reminded. Faith is not just a formula, but true faith is a relationship with the One who died and rose again and now lives forever. Reach out and touch the hem of the Father's garment, because He longs to touch you and heal you and set you free. Bow down and worship the One who gave His life for you that you would reign victorious with Him.

Don't allow the enemy to defeat you and rob you of what is yours. Believe that the enemy is under your feet and that all My promises are "yes" and "Amen" to you. Have you ever wondered how your trials will ever come to an end when in the natural it looks like an impossible situation to complete? Well, that is My business to consider. All you need to do is to look to Me, the author and finisher of your faith. Just look to Me for I will keep My words to you. If what you prayed is according to My will, then I have heard you. And if I heard you, then you know that you have the promise that you requested.

In the meantime between the asking and the waiting, I want you to rest and believe that you have already received the answer. Now that is a pretty simple formula, but when the fire is added in the middle of the trial, you start to panic and why is that? Because the fire is sent to purge and purify My holy vessels. Its a good thing. So rest once again in Me.

This is the day of salvation. This is the day to count the cost and examine your heart whether you are walking in all the light. If your heart does not condemn you, then do not receive the enemy's report. Do not listen to his lies. Cast down the vain imaginations that are sent to destroy your faith. I said that you are to prosper and to be in health as your soul prospers. And if you spend your time delighting in My presence and walking in My will, then you will overcome in the onslaughts of the enemy. Yes, he has come to destroy you, but I have come to give you life. So stay on My side and keep My commands, and you will truly reign victorious in Me. For I have truly said it and I will bring it to pass.

Shout

Jasminka Diehl

20 Apr 2004

It is interesting how the enemy attacks are coming swiftly now and are increasing in its intensity ... With each one of us is different, but it comes from the same place ... Hell itself ... My eyes are wide open to the Kingdom Reality, perceiving the reason behind it, understanding the Time and the Season, and I can't help but rejoice.

With our hearts set firm on the things above, our vision is clear, our mind is sound and our ears are open to His Voice.

What is going to happen here, and IS already happening, beginning deep within us, is so awesome, and it lacks the words to describe it; for our God is indescribable ... The destinies of His people are being revealed, the true Purpose of Heaven's Realm is being manifested, and just having a glimpse of it makes me want to shout into the heavens.

And maybe, just maybe, we should ... Let our shouts of praise and victory reverberate through out the earth and into the sky and space, and all the way to the gates of hell itself ...

What if our shouts shake the gates of hell from its hinges? What if our shouts produce the resonating sound that is carrying the power of Holy Spirit to destroy every yoke, to set all those captives free, to bring the liberty to those that are bound by the power of the enemy ...

Have we ever thought of that???

To be so drunk of the New Wine, be so drunk on the power of His love, that the only way we could express it is to shout for JOY, shout in victory over ALL of our enemy!!!

Just maybe that is what the world needs to hear ... Just maybe that is what angels are waiting for ... Just maybe the CORPORATE shout of victory of His Body, of His Generation, is what will bring down and destroy the power of evil over our cities, over our regions, over every place that our voice is touching ... By shouting and declaring The Word, by speaking the Truth and Life, by loving even unto death!

The LOVE always triumphs and is always victorious - "...many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it ..." SOS 8:7a

As God is illuminating and bringing understanding of His Love, He is simultaneously binding our hearts with cords of that love that can never be broken. The Unity of His people is taking place and it is by His Spirit, and not by the futile attempts of the flesh, that we are coming together - the awesome Army of The Most High God is assembling and the enemy trembles .. For he knows that the Time is SHORT!

Have we ever thought of that???

SHOUT!!!

Jasminka

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." - Luke 4:18,19

Seeing Him Who Is Unseen
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The Lord asked Elijah, "What are you doing here?"

And he said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the sons of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, torn down Thine altars and killed Thy prophets with the sword. And I alone am left; and they seek my life, to take it away." 1 Kings 19:10

It can be a crushing experience to give your very best and still fall short. Elijah had been discouraged with God's people. Thinking he had failed, he fled Jezebel and begged God to take his life.

The Scripture tells us that "hope deferred makes the heart sick" (Prov. 13:12). Elijah desperately wanted to see the nation awakened in repentance, but he did not understand the role God would have him play. Perhaps Elijah's main mistake was that he was personally shouldering the burden of Israel's revival. Not knowing his own place, he assumed the place of God.

When the heart becomes sick with disappointment and discouragement, it is easy to lose perspective. We must remember, apart from the cooperating work of the Holy Spirit, no man can truly change another person's heart. Much of Elijah's discouragement came from the false expectations he had placed upon himself.

In his dejection, alone and hurting, Elijah withdrew into a cave on Horeb. For us, self-pity can also become a spiritual cave. It can trap us in a dark hole of loneliness and pain. In this place of isolation we fail to hear the encouragement of God; all we really hear is the echo of our own voice magnifying and distorting our problems.

Calling Elijah out of the cave, the Lord told him, "Go forth, and stand on the mountain before the Lord" (v. 11). As Elijah stepped out of the cave's darkness, an awesome event occurred.

The Lord was passing by! And a great and strong wind was rending the mountains and breaking in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of a gentle blowing. 1 Kings 19:11-12

A New Revelation of God

There are times when the Lord must expand our understanding of His will, actually liberating us from the container of our previous experiences. The Lord was passing by, but He was not in the wind, the earthquake or the fire, all of which were familiar symbols to Elijah. The Lord who caused these mighty manifestations was not in them.

For Elijah, mighty manifestations had been signs of God's approval. But something new was at hand that required a fresh submission to the living God. A new anointing - a "double portion" - was coming! This new work of God would eventually end the reign of Jezebel and destroy Baal worship. The distinguishing characteristic of this new anointing would not only be seen in supernatural manifestations but in greater wisdom and compassion.

As the last of the signs ended, we read, "After the fire a sound of a gentle blowing" (v. 12). This sound was not the voice of God; it was the prelude to God's Presence. Elijah recognized the holy silence and "wrapped his face in his mantle" (v. 13), lest he look upon God. Perhaps it was near this very site that Moses, 500 years earlier, hid when the Lord passed by. Now it was Elijah's turn. Entering this eternal stillness was the Person of God.

Seeing Him Who is Unseen

Earthquakes, fires and storms - the signs which accompanied Elijah - are the signs of our times as well. But to enter this new level, we must recognize God's nearness when there are no "earthquakes" or "storms" to capture our attention. He demands we enter a more refined relationship with Him - one that is based on His love and whisper of His word, not merely the issues of our times.

Thus, we must learn to hear the voice of Him who rarely speaks audibly and observe the actions of Him who is otherwise invisible. Elijah would gain the courage to endure Jezebel's wrath the same way Moses faced the rage of Pharaoh: "He endured, as seeing Him who is unseen" (Heb. 11:27).

We also endure by seeing Him who is invisible. But, before we can truly discern the Presence of God, we must recognize the gentle blowing that precedes His Presence. What is this spiritual phenomenon? It is the Holy Spirit subduing the activities of earth in preparation for the Lord's approach.

If we are to attain the power needed at the end of this age, we must learn to detect, without great signs, the still small voice of God. He will not fight for our attention; He must be sought. He will not startle us; He must be perceived. It took no special skill to "discern" the earthquake, the fire or the great storm. But to sense the gentle blowing of God, our other activities must cease. In our world of great pressures and continual distractions, the attention of our hearts must rise to the invisible world of God's Spirit. We must learn to "see" Him who is unseen.

A New Beginning

In the quieting of Elijah's heart, the Lord appeared. Again the Almighty asked, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (1 Kings 19:13) Elijah repeated his former answer: "I have been very zealous for the Lord . . . and I alone am left; and they seek my life" (v. 14). Restoring Elijah's perspective, the Lord assured him there were 7,000 Israelites who had not bowed to Baal.

A new commission was about to come. The Lord told Elijah to anoint Hazael as king over Syria and Jehu as king over Israel. He also was to train Elisha, who would be his successor (1 Kings 19:15-16). At Horeb, God released a "double portion" of spiritual power. Although God gave the anointing to Elijah, it would be Elisha who would walk in it.

Indeed, under this powerful new anointing, Elijah's successor, Elisha, would do twice as many miracles (2 Kings 2:9-14). More than a prophet of judgment, Elisha's works would actually resemble Christ's. Elisha multiplied bread (2 Kings 4:42-44); he captured an enemy's army with kindness; he established peace between Israel and the bands of Aram (2 Kings 6:14-23); he healed Naaman, a Syrian general (2 Kings 5:1-14); and anointed Jehu to destroy Jezebel and Baal worship in Israel (2 Kings 9-10). He also presided over the closest thing to revival the northern ten tribes would ever experience (2 Kings 10:28, 30).

Elijah did not personally bring national restoration. Yet, he did receive a greater understanding of his place in God. His call was to "go before" and prepare the way for greater things to come. Many of us are destroying ourselves trying to bring revival. Perhaps our call is more to prepare the ground for that which is coming after us.

Elijah was so successful at "preparing the way," his spiritual anointing was apportioned to John the Baptist as a herald to both Christ's first and His second coming (Mal. 4:5-6; Matt. 17:11). Ultimately, God brought Elijah to heaven in a flaming chariot and a whirlwind, which were familiar manifestations to Elijah's heart.

As this age ends, God's promise to us is that, like Elisha, we too shall receive a "double portion" (Isa. 61:7; John 14:12). What can this mean but that the Lord is going to reveal Himself to us in glories we have never known before. But first He must stop our unanointed activities and the striving of our flesh. He must bring us to the end of our strength and the beginning of His. As we cease trying to take God's place, we shall, instead, find our place in Him.

Even though the spirit of Jezebel has been blatantly manifest in our world, its days are numbered. Our task is to be still and know that Christ is God. He shall triumph over all His foes. He will be exalted in all the earth, and to abide in Him is to dwell in the Stronghold of God.

Oh, Master, how easily I fall into dead religious habits and spiritual dullness. Lord, I long to know Your ways, to have eyes that really see and ears that clearly hear. Teach me, Lord Jesus, the intimacies of God. Remove the mystery surrounding Yourself, that I might truly know You.

Forgive me for looking for signs instead of listening for Your voice. Oh, God, how I long to truly know You as Moses did, to abide in Your glory. Restore to Your church the double portion You have promised and guide us into the fullness of Your power. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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The Great "Pressure"

Jesus gave the last hours of this age a poignant headline. He called this period "The Great Tribulation." The word rendered "tribulation" meant "grievous affliction or distress; pressure or burden upon the spirit." As we move closer toward the end of this age, catastrophic distresses and pressures upon man shall increase.

If you are one who has stood unyieldingly against the increasing darkness, you know how intense and multifaceted the battle is. Whether you are fighting to heal your city's wounds or warring against abortion and pornography, barely do you make headway against one evil before it seems that ten others storm in.

Many Christians on the front lines are weary. A number are just going through the motions; still others have stopped fighting altogether. Daniel warned of a time when the enemy would "wear down the saints of the Highest One" (Dan. 7:25). To emerge victorious from this day in which we live, we must discover the stronghold of God that He has prepared for us.

Elijah: A Man Like Us

Elijah was a man with passions like ours, fighting in a war like ours. In his battle for the soul of Israel, he stood against the wiles of Jezebel and Ahab. Yet, his most intense battle was against personal discouragement.

As bold as Elijah was, he lived as a fugitive, moving in and out of places of hiding. Jezebel had murdered nearly all of the Lord's prophets, replacing them with the satanic priests of Baal and the Asherah.

A new initiative, however, had come from the Lord. Both Elijah and the prophets of Baal were to build altars to the deity they each served. The God who answered with fire would truly be Lord. King Ahab and all Israel came to the confrontation.

Try as they might, the priests of Baal could draw no response from their god. But when Elijah prayed, fire immediately fell upon his sacrifice. This was Elijah's greatest victory, and when the Israelites saw the display of God's power, they bowed to the ground saying, "The Lord, He is God; the Lord, He is God" (1 Kings 18:39).

But the Lord was not finished. After Elijah had the priests of Baal destroyed, he prayed, and the Lord brought rain, ending a terrible three-year drought. On this one day, both fire and rain fell from heaven! If this tremendous day had occurred at virtually any other time in Israel's history, the nation would have repented, but it did not. Baal worship should have ended, but it continued. Nothing changed. In fact, instead of a revival, the opposite occurred: An enraged Jezebel vowed to kill Elijah, and he fled until he sat exhausted and discouraged beneath a juniper tree in the wilderness. There, the prophet prayed, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take my life, for I am not better than my fathers" (1 Kings 19:4).

Have you said, "It is enough"? Perhaps you were frustrated by your own inability to truly affect positive change in your family, church, or society. Possibly you gave your all, but found little success. Disheartened and weary, like Elijah, you wished to die. You said, "It is enough! I have done all I know to do!"

Elijah laid down and slept; as he did, an angel touched him and told him, "Arise, eat." At his head were bread and water. Elijah, weary with life itself, ate and withdrew back into sleep. Once more the angel touched him, "Arise," he said, "eat, because the journey is too great for you" (1 Kings 19:7).

For all our visions, plans, and programs, God's will cannot be accomplished without His strength. The journey before each of us is also "too great." We need the strength that only comes from the touch of God.

Return to Your Beginnings

"So he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God." 1 Kings 19:8
The Lord gave Elijah strength, not to send him back to battle, but to bring him back to basics.

If, in seeking to fulfill the task God has given us, we sacrifice our daily devotional life, our lives will soon become dry and desolate. To restore our souls, the Lord brings us back to the essentials of our faith. He reminds us that our first and highest purpose is not to save our nation but to give Him pleasure. Without this focus we lose touch with the Presence of God; we are outside the stronghold of God.

Elijah was led to "Horeb, the mountain of God." In Hebrew, "Horeb" means "desolation." The barren environment mirrored Elijah's soul. This was not the first time the Lord guided a servant of His to Horeb. It was here, five centuries earlier, that the Lord appeared in the burning bush to Moses. In his zeal, Moses had tried, but failed, to liberate Israel from Egyptian oppression. He also had fled to Horeb. As a fugitive from Pharaoh, Moses lived forty years in desolation.

When the Lord brought Moses to Horeb, it was for two reasons: to reveal Himself to His servant and to initiate a new beginning based solely upon God's sustaining power. In the eyes of Moses, Horeb had been a time of desolation. To God, however, Horeb was a place where He prepared His servants for new beginnings. As the Lord had met Moses, He now would meet Elijah.

How Did You Get Here?

Perhaps Elijah's greatest virtue was his zeal. Indeed, we shall see that twice in his communication with God. Elijah speaks of having been "very zealous" for the Lord. But zeal, unattended by wisdom, eventually becomes its own "god"; it compels us toward expectations which are unrealistic and outside the timing and anointing of God.

To remain balanced, zeal must be reined in and harnessed by strategic encounters with the living God. Otherwise we become frustrated with people and discouraged with delays. We step outside our place of strength and spiritual protection.

Elijah had come to Horeb and lodged there in a cave. Soon, the Word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" (1 Kings 19:9).

This is one of the most important questions God will ever ask us: "What are you doing here?"
He may ask: "How did your service to Me become dry and desolate? When was it you left your first love?"

Stop and Look!

It is especially true in our times. We can become so consumed with the deteriorating condition of the world that we fail to see the deteriorating condition of our own soul. In His love, the Lord stops us and demands we look at our life. Is this existence which I now live the abundant life promised me from Christ?

We can be honest at Horeb. We have nothing to prove and no need to pretend. Here, at Horeb, the internal mechanisms of defensiveness and pride crumble. If we are disappointed, we are free to express it; if frustrated, we can admit it. We must simply and truthfully evaluate, without rationalization, our heart's condition.

In our transparency, the Presence of God draws near our hearts. Is not intimacy with God the very thing we have neglected? And is not the Lord alone our source of strength in battle? If the enemy can distract us from our time alone with God, he will keep the power of God from accompanying our efforts.

You will recall the story of Joseph and Mary after the Passover in Jerusalem (Luke 2:41-49). Supposing the child Jesus was with them, they journeyed home. But Jesus was neither with them nor with their relatives. Three days later they found Him in the temple.

Likewise, many of us have become so consumed with our battles that we fail to notice Jesus is not with us on our journey. Jesus' parents returned to where they had last seen Him; so also must we. To renew us, God is bringing us back to our most recent encounter with the living Christ. He is bringing us back to basics.

Yesterday's Anointing is Not Enough

As the pressures and warfare of this age continue to intensify, it is imperative we realize that yesterday's anointing will not suffice for today's battles. Like Elijah, we must return to the sacred mountain. Indeed, in order to fit us with a new mantle, God must dismantle our confidence in the flesh. For Elijah, the Lord was about to use the "loner" Elijah to mentor another prophet's life. The new anointing would ultimately release a "double portion" of power to his protégé, Elisha. Under this new anointing Jezebel would be destroyed and Baal worship crushed!

To reach this same place of breakthrough in our own times, God is bringing us back to the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ (2 Cor. 11:1-3). What seems like a time of desolation is more truly a time of preparation: A revival of great proportions is coming to our land! God has prepared a new beginning for you. Beloved, it is not time to despair, but prepare. When you return to the battle, you shall go with a double portion.

Lord Jesus, apart from You my life is dry and desolate. Forgive me for trying to do Your will without Your Presence. I desperately need You, Lord.

This day, I commit my heart to return to my first love. Teach me, Lord, to consider intimacy with You the greatest measure of my success. Let me see Your glory; reveal to me Your goodness; guide me, O Holy Spirit, into the Presence of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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The Converting Power of True Holiness
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One of the most common verses in the New Testament reads, "and great multitudes followed Jesus." The gospel of Matthew alone mentions over twenty distinct instances when vast numbers of people traveled great distances to be with Christ. People saw in Jesus meekness, unlimited power, and perfect love. If we would win souls, people must see in us this same Jesus.

When People Saw Jesus

"And Jesus called His disciples to Him, and said, 'I feel compassion for the multitude, because they have remained with Me now three days and have nothing to eat.'" Matthew 15:32

There were two occasions when Jesus fed the multitudes. The first event occurred in a desolate region of the Judean wilderness, and it lasted one day. During the second event, the multitudes had been with Jesus for three days without food on a hillside near the Sea of Galilee.

The impact Christ had upon the local Jewish society was unprecedented! Their entire economy stopped. No one picked over or sold vegetables in the marketplaces, goats were not milked, gardens were left untended, and relatives watching little children did not know when the parents would return! For three days nothing at all was normal.

These local communities left all when they heard Jesus was near. Without forethought, without packing a donkey, without so much as taking extra food or telling those who remained at home when to expect them, four thousand men, plus additional thousands of women and children, spontaneously followed Christ to a "desolate place." Perhaps ten thousand or more people left their villages, but we read of no one complaining that "the service was too long," or "the weather too hot" or "the message was boring." Whatever they lacked in comfort and convenience was overshadowed by the glory of being with Jesus!

How wonderful it must have been to be with Jesus! The first time Christ fed the multitudes, the people were so overwhelmed they conspired together to "take Him by force, to make Him king" (John 6:15).

Such was Jesus. But a problem exists among many of us. People who do not really know God's Son seek to represent Him to others. Instead of testifying of His wonderful works, they testify only of their religion. The unsaved do not see Jesus. They hear about church, they are told sin is wrong, lusts are evil, and drunkenness a terrible shame, but they do not see the wonder of the love of Jesus. Yes, these things are wrong, but people must meet the love of Jesus before they will abandon their love of sin.

Plainly, Jesus called a number of people to silence concerning Himself. There were some whom He told, "See that you tell no one" (Matt. 8:4, also 9:30, 12:16). Others He outright forbade to speak, even though what they spoke was truth (Mark 3:11-12). Still others He warned would be doing great works, yet He neither sent them nor spoke to them, nor did He ever know them (Matt. 7:22-23). Indeed, there were even those of whom He warned whose zeal for converts took them over "sea and land," yet their proselytes became "twice as much a son of hell" as they themselves were (Matt. 23:15).

It is not our goal to discourage any from witnessing, especially when the need is so great in our society. Still, we must realize that what we are routinely - in attitude and deed - is a living testimony that, without our premeditation, is "known and read by all men" (2 Cor. 3:2). A "witness" is not just that which is "said"; it is that which is seen. If we will draw men to Christ in heaven, they must be eyewitnesses of Christ in us. But, if we have flagrant sin or self-righteousness, our witness is non-effective.

Let Your Light So Shine

Light, in the Scriptures, symbolizes the outraying purity of the Holy God. When our hearts and subsequent actions are pure, the light of God's Presence shines through us into this world. It is with this in mind that Jesus tells us to let our light shine before men in such a way that they see our good works and glorify the Father (Matt. 5:16).

If good works glorify the Father, then bad works bring Him dishonor. Paul tells us that the "name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles" because of the sins of those who fail to represent Him (Rom. 2:24).

King David was a great witness of the Living God to his generation, but when David sinned his witness became a reproach. In the 51st Psalm, David's prayer reveals the right attitudes necessary to truly witness for God. He prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ...Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners will be converted to Thee" (Ps. 51:10-13).

You see, the credibility of our witness is lost when sin rules in our lives. The world has heard too many Christians give testimony to a life they are not living. They cause multitudes of people to think Christianity does not work.

How to Know When to Witness

"But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you...for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence." 1 Peter 3:15

Many Christians are told to witness for Jesus. Again, we would not discourage your witness for Jesus; rather we seek to encourage you to live for Him as well! Let people see Him in you before you testify. There are Christians who publicly sin in the work place: they lose their tempers and do bad work, they are often late or heard complaining about management and job conditions. Yet, they feel compelled to give their testimony. They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him (Titus 1:16). A "voice" in their minds compels them to "witness for Jesus." Sometimes that voice is the Holy Spirit, but more often it is not. Undaunted, they are sure it is from heaven, since they feel "guilty" until they witness and feel "good" afterward.

There is one sure way to know if the voice urging you to witness is from God: If the voice speaking to you is the audible voice of someone who has seen your good works and is asking about your way of life, that voice has been inspired by God. When people see Christ in you - in your patience when wronged, your peace in adversity, your forgiveness amidst cruelty - they will ask about your hope.

The Seed of Reproduction is in Your Fruit

If your conversion is genuine, you found a love for Jesus that is, in itself, a witness of His life. Unfortunately, we often seek to lead people into our religion instead of to Christ. How often we seek to convert our family and friends into a particular church structure. People must be led to Jesus, not merely to church.

Let us always remember, Jesus wants to reach people, not drive them away. How does God expect us to do that? First, let us make sure our conversion is real, that we have truly given over our lives to Jesus Christ. Then, determine to bear the spiritual fruit of love and humility in your life.

In the Garden of Eden the Lord placed trees with "seed in the fruit." Remember, beloved, the seed that has power to reproduce life is in the fruit. If you would like to see the life of Christ reproduced in your loved ones or friends, walk in the fruit of the Spirit. For the power of reproduction is in the seed and the seed is in your fruit. The fruit we must display comes from the Tree of Life, which brings "healing of the nations" (Rev. 22:2). It is not in the tree of knowledge of good and evil - legalistic laws, judging what is wrong in people.

Should you sin or stumble before them, which we all do at times, repent both to God and to those you have sinned against. A sincere repentance to an unsaved person is a sure sign that God is both real and in control of your life!

Parents: do you want your children raised for Christ? Do you want your words to impart eternal life? Walk in the fruit of the Holy Spirit. As your children are nourished by the fruit in your life, the seeds within your fruitfulness will reproduce in your family the same qualities. Would you convert your spouse? Your parents? Your friends? Walk in the fruit of the Spirit, in love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness. Those who know you will find your life very attractive, for through your life they will see the holy life of Jesus.

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Sonship Is More Important

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The Lord gave me a clear vision last week, the Lord finally spoke to me,

In this vision someone came to me trying to sell me a diamond and telling me its worth a lot of money, I looked at the diamond and it was a real diamond and large and cut proper, but looking into the diamond it wasn’t worth as much as I was told.

It was only worth $300 dollars and not thousands of dollars, then the Lord told me sonship is more important, having that quiet time in him and being led by his spirit. I get at least two dreams and visions every day and all day long the Lord directs me to someone and I tell people what the Lord is saying to them.

Sonship is leading people to Christ and showing others how to hear from God and be led by his spirit. Jesus said that we will receive the Holy Spirit and he will teach us and God would put his law in our minds and we would know him and be led by him.

We are at the end of the church age. For two thousand years God had the five fold ministry for the perfecting of the saints and to establish the church, and make disciples.

Now that after two thousand years of church the church back slid [apostasy]. A remnant was called out of the church unto him [Jesus] and that remnant are to be sons of God led by his spirit and doing the will of the father and only doing what the father shows them, sonship not five fold,

God will poor out his spirit one more time and draw many to him [Jesus]. The churches will get shut down and Satan will take over the churches and the remnant will be in the wilderness.

Remember the vision the Lord gave me of the church. I saw the sink hole and in the bottom of the sink hole I saw a building and nothing was salvageable. I saw a bulldozer and the bulldozer took the building down and the hole was filled with dirt and a new stone set on top of the dirt, a whole new foundation

Jesus said we will be priest and kings and rule and rain with Christ, the next move of God will be priest and kings and sonship which was founded on the five fold ministry, most of the true believers and overcomers will be in home cell churches and they will be led by the spirit and hearing directly from Jesus and being led by his spirit. there will be many saved by the sons of God and the book of acts will be played out all over again. But this time the believers will be chased by Satan and the Lord will lead them to places of safety in the wilderness. In the wilderness Jesus will be the head and the priest and kings will be in control being led by the spirit.

Paul said to Tim, that at the end of the church age the church will fall away and go into apostasy. Why will God restore something that didn’t work? During the 1000 year rain it will be the priest and kings and not the old church order that will be in control. The Holy Spirit will be in every one and Jesus will be the head and the Holy Spirit will be the teacher. Read the end of Eph 4, the five fold will be for the perfecting of the saints, Eph 4 13 is next and then 14 and 15. Eph 4 11 started two thousand years ago.

Now John 16 13 is happening. Jesus is doing a new thing we can't hold onto the old we must move on. I want to be a son of God and be led by his spirit, I'll spend 3 hrs in him every day and do what he shows me and be **spirit led** [that's sonship]. The babes still need to be shown the way. No new churches will be established, sonship will be established. The eaglets will become eagles and no more chickens pens telling them they are chickens and can't fly and the rooster lording over them]. How many people in your bible study dropped out because they didn't agree with you. If we spend more time showing people how to get connected to Christ and how to hear from God themselves, then they can be led by the spirit.

I have been under at least 5 apostles and they all believe they are right and even the apostles don't agree on all things, [confusion]
Read the book of acts. There was more dissention amongst the apostles, Peter was a trouble maker some apostles wouldn't go with other apostles. Isn't it the same today, how could God restore a mess unless he does a new thing and knocks it down and fills in the hole sets a new foundation stone, [priest kings, feast of tabernacles] A new age 1000 year reign with Jesus being King of Kings and priest and kings along side of Jesus,

We are about to enter into the tribulation. The Lord showed me the bible pages turning very fast, Satan is about to enter this world and set up his church and the true saints will scatter and be in the wilderness. God will do exploits thru his called out ones, the church age is almost over, let us all be part of the greatest move of his spirit and lead many to Christ.

Let's not come under disagreements and argue over some petty doctrine, trying to prove we are right, causing division. A house divided will not stand. Do you know how many apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers and pastors are waiting for God to poor out his spirit so they can get rich and famous, and have the largest following, full of greed, pride?

The real apostles and pastors and prophets and evangelists and teachers will wash peoples feet and become servants and lead all to Christ. They will not draw attention to themselves and will become priest and kings and will be rewarded by Christ and not by the people. I will sit at his feet and spend that quiet time in [Christ] and only be led by his spirit and only do what the father shows me and become a son of God.

Know Christ hear his voice and become his servant. Move when he says to move, sit when he says to sit and walk when he says to walk. Stand on the rock [Jesus] get your eyes off of man and put them on Christ. That is the purpose of the five fold ministry, so men and women can become sons of God and not pew warmers, Romans chapter eight,

Stand In My Joy

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My word is simple and it is true. My word goes forth and accomplishes all it said it would. This is My Word to My Faithful ones. Beloved, I have called you into a calling that *only you* will fulfill. You have answered the call, you have been obedient and I WILL fulfill My call on your life. I will do as I said ... Many are called, but few are chosen - I have chosen you.

Lo, My Beloved, I have not allowed a day to go by without a witness to you. I have used many avenues and ways in revealing My love for you and My hand has been upon you. My Word is true ... I will never leave you or forsake you. I AM a faithful God - faithful to My promises. I could have called anyone but I chose you!

Listen to your heart. Think not that it's your imagination. Know that it's the Spirit of your God speaking to your heart. You have asked to hear My voice, listen to your heart. You have said "Lord, time is passing by" but I say unto you it is not passing. I AM accumulating the time for time is in My hands.

You have said "Please, could I at least have something?" Beloved, you will be an example of one who waits on the Lord, does not try to exalt yourself but allowing your God to place you. Now you will see what your heavenly Father can do with a heart wholly yielded unto Me. I have more for you than you can ever imagine. The scepter has been granted. I WILL draw you forward ... I WILL anoint you ... and I WILL place you!

There is a new and fresh anointing flowing forth touching those I have called. It is an anointing that will empower you to accomplish all that I have called you to do. It is flowing from the throne and it is flowing with grace. My grace must accompany any word or ministry performed in the Name of Jesus. It is by My grace that all things will be accomplished. The time is nigh that you will go in My love, in My power, in My grace and In MY Name!

My Beloved, you have experienced things you never thought you would experience. Through it all, I have been preparing you to walk the path that I have prepared for you. This path is prepared for you but you will never walk it alone. I will be with you always just as I have never left your side through the preparation time although many times you felt I have. You are and you WILL experience this move of your God, one that none have ever known before. I will be glorified in this move and great and mighty things will be done by Me and you will be My instrument many times. You have taken up your cross to follow Me and the load has been very heavy at times, but I AM your portion and your help.

Seedtime and harvest. I AM harvesting the seed I have sown in your heart. You have watered and plucked the weeds that have tried to smother out the harvest. The weeds have been many, but you have been My faithful gardener through it all and now you will be the harvester and reaper. You will bring in the harvest from My barns. I have sown the seeds, now you will harvest.

Celebrate, I say celebrate! Celebrate the new beginning. The new beginning of a new life. I say celebrate the birthing. Make known to all around this new beginning. I AM calling forth a celebration. I AM bringing you out of your isolation and calling you to walk forth as a mighty warrior of God. Stand tall, My beloved, stand strong In Me. I want those around you to see My Glory in you. Many say, "Where is your God?" They feel that I AM not moving in you let alone bringing you forth. But those around you and the world and the church, will see that I AM alive and that I have placed My Glory and My Love upon you. You shall step out of hiding, so all can see Who I AM and what I can do. Though many have appeared to have forsaken you, will I forsake you now? NO ... so Rejoice, My child, I say rejoice. This is your time, you hour. You shall see the fulfillment of My plans for your life, the fulfillment of My promises. Open your arms and receive, do not allow anyone to dissuade you. Open your arms and open your heart to receive all that I have spoken and promised you. Beloved, there is no lack or slack in the promises I have for you. Open wide your arms and your heart for the bountiful, I say the full blessings that I have for you.

The day is dawning when all I have promised is fulfilled. You have waited and trusted. You have stood in times of rejection, even though your heart was breaking, still you stood In Me. Beloved, as the sun rises on the horizon, so is the fulfillment of My Word. I AM honoring your patience. I AM honoring your love for Me and your willingness, if necessary, to leave all for Me. The day is dawning, allow MY peace to be your substance. Now see Me move in a mighty way. Joy cometh in the morning and morning is here. I will fill you with My joy for it cometh and I say it cometh in the morning. No more shall you stand in uncertainty, no more shall you stand in the shadow of others. Stand, My Beloved, STAND IN MY JOY for marvelous are the works I AM doing in your life. STAND IN MY JOY, My Beloved, it is morning.

Expect My Word To Be Made Manifest
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Great and Mighty is the Lord your God and I AM doing great and mighty acts in your behalf! The I AM has been bridging the gaps with all the unknowns being bridged for you. There is no area of your life or calling that I have not moved in ... Now you will see each uncertainty becoming a certainty. You will see a moving as never been seen before as My plan unfolds before your eyes. All is being set in motion and the quicklies are beginning. Know that I AM in control and My Spirit has made all the preparations, therefore, EXPECT MY WORD TO BE MADE MANIFEST!

Have I not said it? Have I not proclaimed it? I have sent forth a proclamation on your behalf, sealed with My signet ring - therefore - it must be done! I have called forth My messengers and decreed all that I have proclaimed and all that I have declared on your behalf shall come to past and be accomplished. It is time for you to come forth and take your rightful place.

Be not afraid of what anyone may say... You are My child and you know My voice. Because someone cannot or does not receive what I give to you to speak does not invalidate that word. You have been faithful to speak what I have given you and those who could or would receive it did so... Beloved, know that there will always be those who will oppose you but conversely there will always be those who will receive. Even now, the accuser continues to try to dissuade you from what I have for you. Use the sword that I have given you and press on even when it is dark knowing always that I AM there with you just as I promised.

To My Beloved daughters, so many of you feel like a destitute woman in so many arenas. My child, you are not a destitute woman but a woman of power and authority and My wisdom and My Spirit are in you. Therefore, draw on My wisdom and hear My Spirit as I instruct you in ALL your ways. I AM giving you wisdom concerning your finances, I AM giving you wisdom on which way to move, hear My Spirit for your time of ministry is here. My Spirit is revealing things and instructions to you...listen to My Spirit, you are not destitute.

My daughters know that there is a revolution, an overthrow taking place in the heavenlies on your behalf. The King of Kings is in the foreground. He is rousting out the demon assigned to pull you down and to put you down. This one has been lying saying that you have been falling, going down but My truth says that you are going up and forward. The King of Kings has said enough is enough. Know that I will not let your life get out of My plans. You see promises and blessings as delayed but now you will see the results of what I said I would do in your life. I will not delay for I have the timetable in My hands. Take courage for My hand is upon you and My eyes have never left you. All else may fail in the world but I will never fail or forsake you. Listen to the Word of the Lord, your God. Speak the word ingrained in your heart and see My plan for your life come to past. It WILL be fulfilled for I have spoken it. The windows of heaven are opening, be prepared for the pouring out, this is your season and it is the season for My daughters to arise! EXPECT TO SEE MY WORD BE MADE MANIFEST.

To all of My Faithful Ones, the hand of your Almighty God is going before you... You do not see My hand or feel My hand but it is there. You walk by faith and not by sight and you proclaim my word. Beloved, I cannot lie. I MUST keep My Word to My covenant child. You will not go down but will be on top. This is also the way of faith. The I AM has been and is strengthening you in this walk. It lasts for just a moment and the test of your faith will bring forth the harvest, far above all that you can comprehend. Be prepared to receive the abundance coming your way into your hands. There are abundant blessings coming in all areas. Be prepared to receive!

It is time for breakthrough. I AM breaking through the walls, the strongholds, the devices of the enemy to keep My plan in your life from coming forth. As with Job, the enemy requested My permission to put your through the fire. He said you would deny Me and abort My plan for your life. Although you were weary, although you were tired, you never denied your God or lost the vision I had given you for your life and as Job you will receive back double for all you have lost for you remained faithful.

The Spirit of God is moving across this nation and across the world in a mighty way. I AM calling forth My mighty men and women of valor, those willing to give up all for My Kingdom and purposes. My call has gone out for Davids to face Goliaths. I have chosen you and have given you MY heart. Uncompromising hearts willing to hear ME and follow My instructions. You, My Beloved, have answered the call. A people to take a stand in these days. Willing to stand on My principles as though in a revolution as in the early days of your nations. Those who are willing to fight and stand for My principles, those willing to go as revolutionary soldiers.

My Beloved, get ready for your day. It is coming forth. Do not be consumed with the hour, concentrate on ME and the now. Follow the leading of My Spirit, follow the promptings in your inner most being as it is Me. I will take care of the hour - you follow the leadings. "There is a Quickly in this word" - This is the day that I have made .... rejoice and be glad in it and EXPECT THE WORD TO BE MADE MANIFEST!

Signs Of Restoration

Terri Jordan

The Restoration of David's Tabernacle

The transition has been long, but now I will do a NEW THING!

The old is truly gone and the new has arrived. This is more than stepping into a new season. This is restoration.

A better picture being that of seeing an old house restored to a new state. Having the same foundation, but so beautiful when restored.

Know that I am near and about to do something incredible. This year is just the beginnings of the restoration of many things. My tabernacle, (dwelling places) in the earth being the first and the foremost.

This work is the work of My hand and only I will do it by My Spirit.

The Restoration Of Relationships.

I will restore many relationships this year. Many that the enemy destroyed, and many that I chose to separate for seasons and even years gone by.

A Repositioning Of My army

This is a year of repositioning of My army. Much shifting is about to take place. Many things are about to happen in churches to reposition My people. A shaking and a moving . Some churches that have been full will be almost empty and some that have been almost empty will be full. My angels have been released on a mighty assignment for this to begin to take place. They are going to and fro making ready for changes. As I have already spoken to you that the changing of the guards has only just begun with well-known men , for many more that are finished in this earth will begin to be called out.

Double Portion

It is time very soon that the double portion anointing will be made manifest. Double, Double. Look for it! Believe for it! Double in the natural for my purposes to be fulfilled and double anointing, and many will be healed. It has already been released, and soon to be seen. My Bride is crossing over into her promised land. She must now completely consecrate herself, for tomorrow I will do signs and wonders. She will gird up her armor and become My warrior fire bride.

Prophetic Praise Released!

I am calling you into a higher level of Praise. The enemy even now is beginning to tremble because he is about to be forced to move out of the way as heaven invades earth. The first phase of release of jubilant rejoicing is about to be released. Praise as never before been on the earth. With this praise there will be a pouring out of new wine and the oil of gladness. Sorrow and sighing will break off of my bride. An increase anointing will rest on drummers and percussionist as they hear the new sounds that are about to be released from heaven. You will become violent for the Kingdom. The violent will take the land by force.

Prophetic Dancers Released!

The dance is also about to be restored. It will be the victory dance. The dancers are about to be released by My Spirit in full force. This is going to be such a big thing, and many will not understand, and will be appalled by what they see and unfortunately will judge wrongly. This year was a marked sign of the end of the years of Saul (Saul representing the old system of religious structure and bondage , the control of man, the quenching of the Holy Spirit.) and the beginning of the restoration of David's tabernacle.(David's tabernacle representing My radical, passionate lovers worshipping Me in freedom and joy as I dwell in them and manifest My presence among them. Just as David danced with all of his might before the Ark of My presence to bring it out of captivity, so will by bride dance as the Ark of My presence is even now once again returning. So lift up your heads and your hands that hang down, and praise Me as My presence is ushered in.

1 Samuel chapters 4-7 The Ark of God's presence was taken into captivity and ended up at Kirjath-jearim and for twenty years it stayed there. After the death of Saul , David returned to bring the Ark back with him , his first attempt angering the Lord because it was not done correctly, thus he returned a second time doing it the LORD"S way. 1 Chronicles 15:28-29 Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting and with the sound of the horn, with trumpets, with loud-sounding cymbals, with harps and lyres. And it happened when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and making merry and she despised him in her heart.

Acts 15:14-18 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, After these things (which was taking among the Gentiles a people for His name) I WILL REBUILD THE TABERNACLE OF DAVID WHICH HAS FALLEN, AND I WILL REBUILD ITS RUINS, AND I WILL RESTORE IT, IN ORDER THAT THE REST OF MANKIND MAY SEEK THE LORD, AND ALL THE GENTILES WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, SAYS THE LORD, WHO MAKES THESE THINGS KNOWN FROM OF OLD.

Restoration is the process of restoring and or Something being restored by rebuilding . Restore means to give back something taken or lost. To return to a former or normal state, position or use. Tabernacle in the Greek is Habitation. John 1:14 The word became flesh and dwelt or (tabernacled) among us. This is what our wonderful God still desires to do with us. Come Awesome Father God, Come Lord Jesus, lover of our souls, and come Sweet Holy Spirit. Have Your way.

Standing In The Victory Of Christ
Arlette Pollard

Revelation 15:2-3

In a world aligned with darkness
Who will raise God’s banner high
Rejoicing as they sing of His righteousness
While walking on troubled seas stilled by His voice.
In a world aligned with vengeance
Whose eyes will stay upon the Light
So that mercy and forgiveness
Bears a song to pierce the night.

Great and marvelous is the King
Whose message of truth forever rings
Upon the hearts of those redeemed
From the perilous depths of unbelief
Through the promise of God’s eternal love
Found in His beloved Son.

In a world distressed by worry
Who will claim peace in the Lord
Who will be released through God’s mercy
From the misery of grief raised by discord.
In a world violently tossed to and fro
Who will find comfort in God’s Holy Word
In whose life will Christ be known
As the trumpeter of truth who has been heard.

Great and marvelous is the Lord
Whose voice like a two-edged sword
Divides asunder spirit and soul
So thoughts hidden in darkness are made known
Bringing forth men equipped for the kingdom’s call
Who will walk in God’s strength and not their own.

> *“And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.”* Revelation 15:2-3
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> *“O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.”* Psalm 98:1

Great and marvelous are the works of the Lord; just and true are all His ways. God’s righteous works can be known when a man looks toward the Light of the world, God’s beloved Son, Jesus Christ. When a man looks toward Jesus Christ, he looks upon the righteousness of God. In Jesus Christ dwells the justice and truth of God’s mercy and longsuffering toward mankind. God’s beloved Son is a marvelous demonstration of God’s great and perfect work.

Though all men are born of the corruptible seed of Adam, God prepared a way for imperfect men to experience the righteousness of God, through faith in His beloved Son. Through faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ, the righteousness of God is shed abroad upon a man's heart and mind, so that God's truth and justice extends to the uttermost depths of a man's soul. Through faith in Jesus Christ, God breathes His Holy Spirit of divine righteousness upon a man's soul, so that a man is awakened to God's truth and justice.

Through faith in God's beloved Son, the Spirit of eternal life is given, which will transform a man's heart and mind, so that his thoughts and desires are aligned with the righteousness of Jesus Christ. A man born of the corruptible seed of Adam stands overshadowed by death and darkness, in servitude to the voice of the deceiver. But a man whose faith is turned toward Jesus Christ, the Word of God, will be born again, of incorruptible seed, into the kingdom of God's righteousness. The incorruptible seed, God's Holy Word, is planted upon a man's darkened heart, then watered by living streams, which is the Holy Spirit released from the throneroom in heaven, so that death, darkness and unbelief is swallowed up by life.

A man, who has heard God's trumpeting voice calling to him through the hearing of the Word, will be awakened unto righteousness, which is found in God's beloved Son. Jesus Christ who has been purposed of God to be the, "author and finisher of our faith", is prepared to move upon a man's thoughts, so that lies and accusations spoken against God are cast off the throne of a man's heart and mind. Lies and accusations against God were accepted by a man as he lived his days under shadow of darkness, in servitude to the deceiver. But as the Word is established in righteousness upon a man's heart, God's divine justice will be implemented within a man's life, so that freedom from the deceivers voice of accusation is obtained.

Each man who has placed his faith in Jesus Christ is to undergo a transformation process, whereby God's breath breaks asunder the chains that hold a man captive to the realm of darkness. Step by step, from glory to glory, the Spirit will continue to reveal greater depths of God's desire toward the man, so that he will understand the importance of his having no participation in the "unfruitful works of darkness." Jesus Christ, who is the Light purposed of God to bring life into the lives of men, will shine the truth upon a man's heart, so that he is awakened in his understanding of God's desire and purpose toward him.

> *"For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Ephesians 5:8-14*

Each man is born of the corruptible seed of Adam, and walks under shadow of darkness, influenced by the voice of the deceiver. Each man is born according to the Adamic nature, so that his thoughts are influenced by carnal desires, which seek to satisfy and comfort the flesh. A man who walks according the first Adam, born of corruptible seed, looks upon life through eyes that have not been awakened to the righteousness of God. Men, who walk according to the Adamic nature, will naturally be influenced by carnal desires, so that they live their days seeking to find purpose in life by satisfying the lusts of the flesh.

The carnal nature can be compared to the nature of a beast in the field, which looks to the earth in satisfying his needs and desires. The beast of the field is not able to conceive of a relationship with God, through the Holy Spirit, which is able to usher him into a realm where God's glory satisfies his needs and desires. A man who walks according to the carnal nature will not understand finding peace with God, in regard to his position in life, or with his neighbors near and far, until the day the Holy Spirit floods his heart and mind with God's love, mercy and truth.

The beast in the field cannot ascend to any greater height than what his natural five senses conceive as reality. A man born of the corruptible seed of Adam is similar to the beast, in that he cannot conceive of any greater realm of existence, where his needs and desires will be satisfied, than in the earth and all that it provides.

The beast of the field was not purposed of God to ascend any higher than in seeking to satisfy his physical needs and desires. But God did purpose that a man ascend beyond the beastly realm of earthly, carnally focused existence. God did purpose that, in turning toward Jesus Christ in faith, a man would find purpose in life so that he could look beyond the realm of darkness, past thinking that in satisfying the lusts of the flesh he would find happiness and security.

God did purpose that through Christ man could ascend into the realm of Light, where God's Word would shed truth into the inner recesses of a man's heart and mind, so that, like Jesus, he would realize that fulfillment and purpose in life is obtained when walking according to the will of the Father. A man was created to be filled with God's Spirit, which was released from God's throneroom in heaven, so that he could live his days led of the Spirit, and not of the flesh.

Though all men are born bearing the image of the first Adam, it is God's desire that men be born again of the Spirit, so that they bear the image of the second Adam, Jesus Christ. Men who bear the image of the first Adam, who are led of the flesh, and marked for the grave, if they should turn toward the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the second Adam, who became a life giving spirit, they will never taste of death. The grave will have no hold over a man's soul that bears the mark of the Holy Spirit, which has sealed him unto the righteousness of Christ, so that forever he will walk with the Lord on high.

Those who bear the image of the first Adam are counted among the number of those who have no inheritance within God's eternal kingdom of righteousness. Because they do not bear the seal that marks them unto righteousness, they do not understand entering into God's Sabbath day rest, which is found in Christ. They do not understand that "*the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost*." (Romans 14:17) But those who bear the mark and image of the second Adam, the seal of promise, God's heavenly divine Spirit, appreciate having entered into God's kingdom of righteousness, found in the Holy Spirit, while walking in mortal, fleshly bodies.

Those filled with God's divine nature, which is the Holy Spirit sent down from heaven, understand the value and importance of Jesus' words, "the kingdom of God is within." (Luke 17:21) The eyes of their hearts have been opened to understand the majesty and power of the Lord, who stands over the heavens and the earth. And when it is the time that their physical bodies, which are made of dust, are ready to return to the dust, the life giving, life transforming Spirit of God, shall ascend with them on high with the Lord over all creation.

A man, in whom the Light of glory has not yet opened his eyes to understand the power and authority of God's heavenly Spirit, will find it natural to judge according to the carnal nature, which seeks to protect its own. Because the righteousness of God has not opened the eyes of their hearts to understand that all men have sinned, and that it is only by God's grace that any man can be considered righteous, he will judge the world around him according to the truth perceived through his natural mind.

But a man who has partaken of God's Spirit, will understand the significance of God's mercy in pronouncing judgment unto righteousness over his life, through his faith in Jesus Christ. His eyes will be opened to understand that he did not deserve judgment unto righteousness, yet God in His mercy, extended His righteous right hand, and pulled him out of the pit that he had, in his blindness, called home. He will understand the intent behind the message that Jesus spoke, in which He proclaimed, "*Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again*." (Matthew 7:1-2)

A man born of the Spirit will be given a new nature, a new heart aligned with the purposes of God. And with the new nature will come the blessings of spiritual sight. A man born again of the Spirit, judged by God unto righteousness, will look upon others through the eyes of Jesus Christ. Their desire will be that others obtain salvation through Jesus Christ, as they have. They will cease from desiring vengeance according to the flesh. It will be their desire not to hinder any man from entering God's kingdom of righteousness by placing a stumbling stone of offence before them.

Those born again of the Spirit will come to understand that Jesus is the true, righteous judge. They will understand that Jesus is able to accurately determine another's relationship with the Father. They will come to realize that Jesus knows the beginning from the end. He knows who will turn toward Him in faith, and who will not. Those born of the Spirit will come to understand it is Jesus Christ who knows that today, a man may walk under judgment of condemnation, as they deny the power and authority of God, but that at another point in time, this same person will turn toward Him in faith, and in doing so will receive judgment unto righteousness.

> *"Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased; I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall show judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust." Matthew 12:18-21*

Behold Jesus Christ, God's beloved servant, in whom God is well pleased. God placed His Spirit upon Jesus Christ, so that judgment unto righteousness would be made available to the Gentiles. God placed His Spirit upon Jesus Christ, so that He could demonstrate God's power over sin, and that that through His life, death and resurrection, God's hand of salvation could be offered not only to the tribes of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who formerly had no right of inheritance into God's kingdom of righteousness.

Jesus Christ, "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." Jesus Christ, the spotless lamb without blemish, was purposed to take upon His righteous shoulders God's punishment toward sin. God's judgment against sin was death. But through the perfect obedience of Jesus Christ, a way was made available to men so that they could receive forgiveness of their sins, and triumphant victory over the world.

Through faith in Jesus Christ, God now sends forth judgment unto victory. Men deserving of death, when they turn toward Jesus Christ, receive forgiveness and an eternal inheritance in heaven. Through faith in Jesus Christ, victory over the beast, and his image, and his mark, and over the number of his name, is obtained. Victory over the beast, the fleshly, carnal nature, cannot be accomplished through works aligned with darkness, nor through obedience to rules and regulations, but only through faith in Jesus Christ. It is through faith in Jesus Christ, that man obtains the life transforming power of the Holy Spirit, who is able to awaken a man unto the righteousness of God. It is the Holy Spirit who breaks the chains that hold men captive to the earthly, carnal, beastly nature.

Through faith in Jesus Christ, victory is obtained as God's love and truth, released through the Holy Spirit, moves upon a man's heart and mind, so that a man's needs and desires are satisfied. Through faith in Jesus Christ, the troubled seas from which the beast rose up will be stilled. Through faith in Jesus Christ, God's Spirit will overcome thoughts aligned with unbelief, so that a man is able to live at peace with God. The troubled seas, the waters polluted by beastly, carnal desires that flow through a man's life, overwhelming his soul so that he falls into condemnation, will be quieted as God's voice continues to lead him into all truth.

A man whose soul has been stilled, as God's voice moves in power through the Holy Spirit upon his once polluted, troubled waters, will give thanks unto the Lord for His mercy, goodness and love toward him. He will give thanks as polluted waters are healed and restored within him by the Deliverer's touch. He will sing praises that the beast who rose up from the sea, has been brought into submission to the voice of God, who moves in mercy and love upon his heart and mind. A man's heart, when aligned to the goodness of God, will sing praise that the fires of condemnation and hell have been put under the feet of Christ, who dwells within them through the Holy Spirit.

The man who stands upon the seas stilled by the voice of God, will sing of the good work that God has done in his life. The man, who is able to stand upon seas once polluted and troubled by the beast, will give praise unto God for the victory that is his in Christ. He has been awakened to understand that all power and glory belongs to God. What man could not accomplish, in that the flesh was weak, is possible with God. Those who reach a position of faith, where they understand the depravity of their own flesh, and how victory over the flesh is only obtained through Christ, will sing of God's marvelous love and desire for them.

A man not awakened unto righteousness, does not understand that his emotions, which have been polluted by the enemy, continue to wash upon his soul, overwhelming his emotions so that he feels lost and dejected, and stands as easy prey for the deceiver's accusing voice of condemnation. He does not understand that in Christ is victory over the beast and over the fires of hell. Until he turns toward Jesus Christ in faith, he will continue to be overwhelmed by his emotions aligned with the beastly, carnal, Adamic nature.

Blessed are those who come in the name of Jesus Christ, bearing the gospel of peace to those overwhelmed by the despair fashioned by their own emotions. Blessed are those who continue to extend Jesus Christ's righteous right hand to those drowning in a sea of hopelessness and misery. Blessed are the feet of those who walk in the righteousness of Christ, who continue through all seasons, speaking of the mercy, love and truth that is found in Christ.

> *"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth." 1 John 5:4-6*

Straight Is The Way
Susan Cummings

Straight is the Way and Narrow is the path that I have called My People to walk upon, and few have chosen to walk upon it and to remain upon it. It is indeed a narrow path and it is available to every man, woman, and child. But few walk faithfully to remain upon it.

Many turn away from the path because it is not popular to walk against the flow of the world.

Many turn away from the path because it is too costly to their flesh.

Many walk away from the path because it is easier to go with the crowd than to fight the criticism and personal attacks that come with the narrow path.

Many choose to compromise their position to save their lives rather than lay their lives down for Me, and they settle for a stolen portion.

Many cannot die to their desires, and end up being enslaved by them.

The price for your redemption was paid, at great cost, and the price of your obedience is also paid by great cost. I loved you enough to die for you, and yet do you love me enough to die to everything of the world for Me?

The call has gone out.

The alarm has been sounded.

The response has been weighed and measured.

The Path is set.

-Susan Cummings
6-16-04
2:00 am

I Have Stationed You At Your Post
Susan Cummings

I have stationed you at your post. I have set you upon your watch and have established you upon the wall. There is nothing that you need to maintain your position, but to remain at your place. I have fully placed you in your place and will keep you in it.

Do not be weary of the assignment that you are currently in. You must remain watchful, for great change will begin to affect your area, and you must be alert. Do not think that it is as it will always be, for nothing will remain the same. I am shaking all things, and what currently is, will now be changed and removed from it’s place, and rearranged to My purposes.

Do not take this current situation lightly, or take it as final, as both are only an illusion of the temporal realm. It is always mans ways, to think they are permanent and set in stone, but nothing is forever. I alone, am eternal and forever. Everything else is as I choose and determine. Men must make choices in their lives in accordance to their seeking My Face.

Do not fix your eyes upon the situation or the events happening around you. Many get caught up in the trials and fail to look to Me and trust Me in them. There is much rearranging to come, and few have My Plan for their circumstances. This is not the end, but only the shaking and the beginning of the release of the woes that have been determined upon the nations. This is the time to watch and pray and seek My Face.

Do not listen to the bad reports. What have I told you? Stand upon My Word!

I have given My Plan to My Own, and they will not fear, but will be faithful in the storm, and they will stand and proclaim My Word in the midst of the woes. Walk in My Word! Keep the Word ever before you, and stand IN it! For it is your foundation. My Word is True, and will preserve My Own, for I Am Faithful!

Do not think that calling yourself My Own, will make you My Own, for I require holiness, and sincerity of heart, and absolute faith and trust in Me. No one who comes to Me, will remain in Me, unless he gives himself fully to Me, and walks with Me daily in accordance with My Word. I desire relationship, not lip service. The woes that now come, will totally and finally divide those who are Mine from those who are not. This will be the full and complete separation and will set into order My House. I will fully sift the complacent and the idolatrous. With this separation will also come the full transformation that I have been bringing them into.

All things are in My Order and schedule. I have things ordered according to My Word, and it will break forth as I have decreed it, even as I declared it from the beginning. Justice will be established once again upon the wall. For I will remove the unfaithful ones and bring down the liars and deceivers, and truth will once again be declared in My House. The wicked will remain outside the camp and in their place of darkness that they have chosen to trust in.

Woe to those who are not found to be IN ME.

Susan Cummings
6-12-04
6:51 pm

Sinless In Seattle

Bob Brasset

Sinless In Seattle
New Worship Revival Impacts The City Of Seattle
River Glory Church – Seattle, Washington
Speakers: Bob And Sue Brasset, Extreme Healing Ministries
January 9-11, 2004

This past weekend in Seattle, January 9 –11, Jesus did what He does best. He forgave peoples sins! He also healed peoples' bodies and He released people from demons. Sinners came to the meetings and Jesus made them sinless, spotless, pure and without defilement in the Father's eyes. Jesus did this by the working of His precious blood and " by the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand.."(Ephesians 1:19, 20)
Someone commented, "These ones that have accepted Christ and are now "Born Again"…they are now "SINLESS IN SEATTLE."…(only by the power of the cross of course).
What an amazing operation. How wonderful to see people go from death to life, from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God's dear Son!

A Cleansing Pool

Friday night, Bob prophetically designated a pool of cleansing, in a particular part of the church. This pool of cleansing was like the pool of Bethesda (John 5:1-9) where the "angel stirred the waters and people received healing." This "pool" became available for cleansing from shame, guilt, defilement, bondages, sin and sickness. People soaked, laughed, danced, wept and saw visions. They saw angels...They also experienced what looked like gold dust, diamonds, rubies., Oil flowing from their hands and glitter. This phenomena began to show up everywhere including on people, in the hotel where Bob and Sue were staying and in restaurants.
Some people have "collections" of these "diamonds". One man had one of his assayed by an expert diamond appraiser. The appraiser stated that the diamond, although small, was worth about $500.00..

Unusual Outpouring

What an amazing, glorious outpouring of worship and healing, miracles, salvations and cleansing from sin! It has a revival intensity. It continued non-stop all weekend. Deafness, partial blindness, crippled people, degenerative diseases, incurable diseases, functional illnesses, all these and more were the object of God's healing – delivering power. One woman with a broken back and a broken neck, on strong pain killers, came to the pool and for prayer. Jesus healed her –just like that. No fanfare , no hype –just a complete restoration. Then Jesus healed her husband. He had a chronic foot condition with great swelling and pain. Instantly delivered and healed. What amazement on his face as he realized that his shoes were much too small for him now.…
Another woman with 5 diseases including CREST syndrome, Systemic scleroderma,
Raynauds Disease, Esophageal Dysfunction etc. What a delight to see her expression as the symptoms disappeared , her body change before our eyes and to hear her testimony of healing the next night. Thank you Jesus.

Worship Opened the Door

Around October of 2002, a respected, accurate prophet was in North Seattle. While there, he prophesied that a new sound in worship would emerge in South Seattle. This worship impetus would grow into an actual worship revival. It would be simple, humble, joyous, anointed and would bring God's glory, which would dwell and remain. It would then go to the nations.

We feel that this prophecy has now come to pass at least in it's beginning stages. It is actually happening at River Glory Church in South Seattle area…a most unexpected place…. The worship is so pure, simple, intense, unsophisticated, God-honoring and joyous that the glory presence and glory cloud comes. The , the sanctuary, the people, the leaders are all enjoying this new level of God's power and presence.

Resurrections

On Saturday night Bob preached on Jesus power over death. It was prophetic and it was powerful. He gave numerous examples of present day resurrections – some from his own ministry, Extreme Healing Ministries. Here are three of the many:

1. Emtee Baatuma – Marshall Islands. It was a funeral and the casket was in the front of the church. The solemn ceremony was in progress. Emtee Baatuma walked to the front of the church, interrupted the preaching, stood in front of the open coffin and said, "Arise – come to life" in a loud voice. Nothing happened. Emtee put his head back and laughed a booming laughter. He reached out, took the dead woman by the hair, and shaking her head, said, "I said, arise – get up."
She rose up and got out of the casket…alive and well. People, terrified, screamed and ran out of the building. All gave glory to God.

2. A team from Dennis Brown's(A friend of Bob Brasset's) church in Grimsby, England was present at the Conference in Africa. Friends brought a corpse to the conference intending to get the team to pray over the corpse and raise it back to life. When they arrived they discovered it was the lunch hour. No one was present in the auditorium, not even the worship team. Everyone had gone to lunch. The friends left the corpse on the platform and went to lunch themselves. When they returned the 'corpse' was sitting on the platform, a little dazed, but quite alive! Someone said, "The anointing in the room was so strong, the worship had been so powerful there was enough anointing to actually raise this man from the dead even without anyone being there to rebuke death and command the person to come back to life. God did it anyway!."

Another conference – another corpse. Again, friends brought a corpse to the meeting for resurrection prayer and ministry. (Resurrections are expected in some parts of Africa – the revival fervor is that high.) The leader of the particular meeting met the friends carrying the corpse. He said, "There is an important teaching going on right now. I don't feel we should interrupt the speaker to do the resurrection. Your faith has made this man whole. Do what I say. Get a taxi, put the corpse in the back seat between you. Tell the taxi driver to take you to your address. Then, as you drive, every traffic light you come to, ask the corpse, 'are you hungry?' They obeyed. The driver's eyes were wide as saucers as they asked the corpse the question – are you hungry. You guessed it, after five times of asking him if he was hungry, he replied "yes!" He came back to life. The rigor mortis left and warmth and flexibility returned. They presented back to the parents a healthy son!

Jerry Kibarabara is from Nairobi, Kenya. Jerry graduated from the University of Export in London, England. He became a Christian businessman. His business began to grow and thrive. Married with a beautiful wife and children, he felt on top of the world. Little did he realize that world was about to come crashing down!

He was in Europe on a business trip when the news was brought to him. Your wife developed a sudden illness and most unexpectedly died. You must return at once! Jerry flew back on the first available flight. "Hours later", he said ,"I found myself in our bedroom. My wife's lifeless body lay on the bed. Her eyes were sunken in her head.

I gained courage and reached my hands toward heaven, "God of the living...precious Jesus!" I cried. Then I was in the spirit worshipping Jesus in spite of the circumstances. Twenty-five minutes later I came to myself. At that same moment my wife's spirit charged back into her body-Whoosh! I heard her sigh.
Then immediately her lips began to prophesy! "I have a word to you from the Lord: "Son, I am going to send you to many parts of the world. You are to tell everyone, without compromise ,that sanctification is not done when you get to heaven, but right here on earth."

I stared at my wife. Her soft voice held such power. Was God speaking through her even while she was dead?

She spoke again, "Son give my testimony. You will tell, without fear, that I am a God of miracles and that I can do anything for anyone."

My wife came back to me, totally healed, restored, as I had always known her. What happened to her, that day, caused me to lose any fear of death and to know, without any doubt, that the same God who raised Jesus, and my wife, from the dead is able to meet any need.

Conclusion

Jesus is the stronger of two men and Jesus continues to defeat the strong man through the glorious Gospel of the Kingdom. We heard it proclaimed with power this weekend. Someday satan will be totally banished from planet earth.(But that day is not yet.)

Between now and then you and I have a job to do.
We truly thank Jesus for what God is doing in River Glory Church in Seattle and through Bob and Sue Brasset's Ministry-Extreme Healing.

To find out more about this glorious Seattle worship revival, or to have this type of healing / prophetic glory meeting in your church or city, contact the following:

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Slow Down And Live

Becky McLendon

We plow we break up our fallow ground, so there is ground for the sower to feed. We are unseen but we are plowing. It is a life that takes its time in the Lord, and does not get ahead or thrust itself. He who waits on the Lord and KNOWS that is what he is doing is subject to the persecution of a beast system who shouts, “HURRY UP! HURRY UP! Be on the CUTTING edge of Christianity and HURRY UP.”

The unsaved get in a hurry. The unsaved cut short the plan of God in their own lives and in the lives of others. This brings death. No matter what judges say, if every woman really got saved, it would stop abortion. For that matter, if all who call themselves Christians and part of the church *really* got saved, there would be no SPIRITUAL abortions. By the grace of God we have survived spiritual abortion. That dragon is ever breathing right in the man-child’s face to either abort him or devour him. Jesus said, “If a man keeps My saying he would never see death.” So, if you keep His saying without aborting any of it, you will never see death.

There is much power in quietness and confidence. When He was reviled He reviled not again; He did not “get even.” We must not let reviling take away our quietness. Quietness brings on the anointing. The anointing makes Jesus lord in every thing. So, those that know their Lord shall be strong and do exploits. These will know to discern the times, the TIME to be still and KNOW Him, and the TIME to go ye therefore into all the world! They know the reality of "You shall go out with JOY and be led forth with PEACE."

There is a peace like a tree it grows and grows. In quietness and confidence this peace flourishes. There is much competition in this world and carnal ministry, but in Jesus it is life-drinking life from Jesus.

Haste makes waste; so don't be in a hurry about any thing. Therefore, in slowness i wait. Slowing down in HIM is trusting in HIM. He sends His angels ahead to accomplish what our HASTE messes up.

The Lord says, “you have forever, so slow down.” Slow down and LIVE! My, what a reward of waiting; the great anointing that comes from it! Think about foreknowledge of God and waiting for the promises of the Father. That waiting is the foreknowledge He has given us. I remember one time He said "Everything that happens from here on is in my foreknowledge.” Even the things that seemed "bad" that happened, He foreordained it to happen to bring us into His foreknowledge. So we slow down and LIVE.

The Lord could be saying, “slow down I want some one to do this with me", and we are saying to Jesus, "I will wait until we can do this together as one". It’s not enough to have His spirit on us. We must have His spirit in us and as a part of us, lest we be like the moon with no light of our own. Slowing down gives us rest, and when we rest we walk in his light. Slowing down puts the moon under our feet and causes us to be clothed with the sun, or better yet, clothed with the Son.

You know the old story where they preach: “our time is short, so we have to get out there and work, work, work, and fret, fret, fret, and beg for money to help us ‘get the job done as quickly as possible’ for God! However, without the Lord's help, they have to make a business out of it. Perfection wants what JESUS wants and quits there. Do we love the Lord enough to QUIT our "stuff," drop it, and love Him? Can we truly slow down and LIVE?

Blessings and shalom, Becky

Spiritual Miscarriage

Ryan Wyatt

I recently had an incredible prophetic experience with God where I believe He clearly spoke to me about one characteristic of the times we are living in. He was telling me that His eyes are roaming to and fro throughout the whole earth looking to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are completely loyal to Him (2 Chronicles 16:9).

Immediately after hearing this, a hand came from the heavenlies, pulled me upward, and sat me down right before the throne of God. I looked, in astonishment, at Father God sitting upon His throne, totally engulfed in the most brilliant flame. Hebrews 12:29 was immediately quickened to me, "For our God is a consuming fire."

The Father reached His hand out from the fire and began to caress my face. He began to speak to me about holiness and setting our lives apart unto Him.
For those who will set their lives apart unto Him in intimacy, He will experientially open up the heavens over their lives and manifest His glory upon them and through them. In this atmosphere of God's fire, the heavens truly did open and the whole atmosphere changed.
I wept for over an hour as waves of His glory came rolling through the RV I was traveling in. As I left the RV, I told the worship leader there was an open heaven in there and if she would just step in she would immediately enter into a visitation with God, and it happened!

We are in a time where God is looking for those who will lay their lives on the altar and let themselves be consumed by His fire. Only God can truly set us apart unto Him and make us holy. As we completely set ourselves apart unto Him then He will open up the heavens over us and show Himself strong upon this generation through awesome miracles, signs, and wonders.

CHRIST WITHIN

God is speaking clearly in these times to His people. God is looking for a remnant of people who are totally in love with and consecrated to Him that He might place His glory upon them and see Heaven brought to earth.

Earlier this year, I released a word about how to "Birth Manifestations of the Realm of Heaven on Earth," and since that time, God has brought more clarity to me on this subject. In that word, I spoke about how Mary was chosen to bring forth the Son of God into the world in human flesh. The Holy Spirit overshadowed her and Jesus Christ was conceived within her womb.
Jesus Christ was a living, breathing, move of God. Every place he went heaven was brought forth on the earth. The Kingdom of Heaven was truly "at hand" when Jesus was on the scene. A young, virgin girl was chosen to bring this move of God forth.
In the same way Jesus Christ was conceived within Mary, He was also conceived within every born again believer at the moment of salvation, and we now have a move of God living within us.

The task and challenge of the hour is for the people of God to come into a place of such union and intimacy with the Lord that "Christ within" is released and the Glory of God is spread on the earth.

A SPIRITUAL MISCARRIAGE

One day, while brushing my teeth, of all things, I began to ask the Lord, "If we truly carry Jesus Christ, 'the greatest move of God,' within us, then why is He not being brought forth through the lives of His people?"
Holy Spirit immediately answered me and left me standing at the sink, motionless, with my toothbrush still in my mouth. I stood there for quite some time as the Lord began to download revelation into my spirit.

The Lord responded with this: "It's a miscarriage! My people are suffering a spiritual miscarriage."

"But why, Lord?" I said.

CHROMOSOMES OF HEAVEN

He responded by telling me about chromosomes.
It takes 23 chromosomes from a man and 23 chromosomes from a woman to produce a baby. A miscarriage is where something in the chromosomes is off or maybe there is not a perfect number of chromosomes, and therefore the baby is not born successfully.
In Mary's situation, she had her 23 chromosomes within her womb, but Jesus had no earthly father, so where did Jesus' Father's chromosomes come from? THE VERY DNA OF HEAVEN! The DNA of Father God, Heaven's 23 chromosomes, was implanted within Mary when the Holy Spirit overshadowed her and the Christ Child was conceived!

So, if God's people are having a spiritual miscarriage, then somehow, spiritually speaking, there is a bad mixture within the chromosomes. I remember Bobby Conner saying one time that the Lord spoke to Him audibly once and said,

"I will pour out My Spirit without measure when I have a people without mixture."

This is one of the biggest problems facing God's people in this day. God was using the analogy of chromosomes to speak to me about the mixture within the Body of Christ.

GRACE AND POWER + CONSECRATION AND YIELDED-NESS

I've already stated that Christ was also conceived within our spirit at salvation in a spiritual sense, and He now lives within us. In a spiritual way, the very DNA of heaven has also been implanted within us, and our mission is now to bring forth the Son of God on the earth and reveal His glory.
This is Authentic Christianity: to live in intimate union with the Lord and, out of that relationship, destroy the works of the devil and manifest the realm of Heaven on earth daily.

I would liken heaven's DNA, or chromosomes, to "Grace and Power" from on high. All grace and power has already been made available to us and, in fact, already lives within us.
I would liken our chromosomes to "Consecration and Yielded-ness." The only difference between Jesus Christ in His earthly life and us is that He was completely yielded and consecrated to the Holy Spirit. When you have a perfect mixture of "grace and power" from on high and our "consecration and yielded-ness" then you have a worldwide move of God!
But instead, the church today is consumed with a mixture of the world and its systems in the midst of our relationship with God. If we can get the mixture of the world out and have clean hands and a pure heart then we will see the Lord and reflect His glory!

THE PRIESTHOOD

Many of us want to rule and reign as "overcoming kings" but, first, we must learn to be "consecrated priests."
The King is the one who administrates and wields the power and authority of the Kingdom. This would be the anointing for miracles, signs and wonders, and powerful decrees that shift and change things in the heavenlies and the natural realm. However, before we operate in the anointing of kings we must first learn to function as priests of the Lord.

The Bible says that we are both priests and kings.

1 Peter 2:9-10
"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own

possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

Revelation 1:6
"And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

I want to focus on the life of a priest for a moment, because I believe this is where the mixture is coming in.
The priests in the Old Testament were from the Tribe of Levi. The whole Tribe of Levi was called out and set apart by the Lord to serve Him as priests. The life of the priest was to look totally different from the lives of other people in Israel. When an Israelite came across a priest, they knew right away because their lives were so totally different.
We are now the royal priesthood of God, and our lives, in a spiritual sense, should line up with those of the Old Testament. I'm not saying we are to follow all the forms and rituals that Old Testament priests followed, but I do believe we are to have the same heart as the Old Testament priests.
The heart I'm speaking of is one of total abandon to the Lord, with no mixture of the world.

NO MIXTURE OF THE WORLD

The priests were to have nothing of the world in them. Their lives were to stand for "Holiness Unto The Lord."
Do you know what holiness means? It means set apart. We also are to have nothing of the world in our hearts.
Now, obviously, we live in this world every day so it's impossible not to be a part of it; but what I'm saying is that nothing of the world should have a place within our hearts and our relationship with God.
Look at this scripture:

1 John 2:15-17
"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

Notice this verse mentions three major sins: The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. I believe you can fit every sin of the world in one of these three categories. In the scripture above, John lists these three categories of sin as being totally of the world.

MIXTURE CAME IN THE BEGINNING

Before the fall, Adam and Eve were enjoying 24-hour God-consciousness in the Garden of Eden. They were living in the place of face-to-face relationship with the Lord. How awesome is that?
What did the devil do to come and ruin it all? He tempted them with mixture. Adam and Eve were totally satisfied with the Lord and His presence, and then Satan came in the form of the serpent and offered them some of the fruit of the world. He tricked them into taking part in the three sins of the world, mentioned in the scripture above in 1 John.

Let's read it in Genesis 3:6;

"When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate."

Eve saw that the tree was "good for food" which is the lust of the flesh. She saw that it was a "delight to the eyes" which is the lust of the eyes. Finally, she saw that the tree was "desirable to make one wise" which is the pride of life.

As soon as they took of the fruit and ate, the mixture of the world came in, and they lost their close fellowship with God. This is what is happening in the Body of Christ today. We want to rule and reign as overcoming kings with the power of God, but we haven't learned to live a life of intimacy, consecration, and yielded-ness as consecrated priests. We have too much mixture.

The priests were called to serve God with their entire life. They were not to wrap God around their lifestyles. God was to be their lifestyle!

TENDING THE FLAME

The priests were called to do many things in the daily duties of the temple and serving the people, however, I only want to focus on one of those things right now.
The priests were called to "tend the flame":

Exodus 27:20-21
"And you shall charge the sons of Israel, that they bring you clear oil of beaten olives for the light, to make a lamp burn continually. In the tent of meeting, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before the LORD; it shall be a perpetual statute throughout their generations for the sons of Israel."

Leviticus 6:12-13
"And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it. It shall not go out, but the priest shall burn wood on it every morning; and he shall lay out the burnt offering on it, and offer up in smoke the fat portions of the peace offerings on it. Fire shall be kept burning continually on the altar; it is not to go out."

Tending the flame is significant to us as the priests today, because I believe that, prophetically, it symbolizes tending the flame of our relationship with God daily. The two scriptures above speak of tending the lamp and tending the fire on the altar. Every morning the priests were to put fresh wood on that altar to ensure that the flame didn't weaken in any way but continued to burn bright. They were to keep the lamp burning continually and never let it go out.

This is part of our problem in the church today. Many Christians only tend their lamp and stoke their fire on Sundays when they go to church. But we're supposed to be tending our lamp and stoking our fire every morning and all throughout the day. This is the difference between wrapping God around our lifestyle and God BEING our lifestyle!

ELI VS. SAMUEL

God is raising up a people who will be totally consecrated and yielded to Him with their entire lives. The people of the world are yearning and looking for something real and supernatural in their life. The problem is that the people of the world are not coming to the church to experience it. They are throwing their money away to psychics and fortune-tellers just to fill that desire to hear and feel something from the supernatural realm. Every person on the earth was born with what I call a big, "God-shaped hole" in their heart, and people will search their entire lives to find something to fill that void. We were born with a desire to see the impossible in our lives be made possible.

We, as the Body of Christ on this earth, must take hold of our inheritance and share it with the world. Our inheritance is none other than God Himself (Ezekiel 44:28); and when we rise up and begin to live as true priests, with God at the center of everything, then we will begin to rule as kings and become carriers of God's glory!

The church today reminds me of the days of Eli and Samuel in
1 Samuel 3:1-4:

"Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD before Eli. And word from the LORD was rare in those days, visions were infrequent. And it happened at that time as Eli was lying down in his place (now his eyesight had begun to grow dim and he could not see well), and the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was, that the LORD called Samuel; and he said, 'Here I am.'"

In the days of Eli, the word of the Lord was rare and there was no widespread revelation. In other words, the priests were not hearing from God and therefore neither were the people of Israel.
Why were the priests not hearing from God? Because the mixture of the world had crept into the lives of the priesthood. Let me be blunt for a moment: Eli's sons were sleeping with the women of Israel right outside God's temple and Eli did nothing about it (1 Samuel 2:22).

All throughout the Old Testament we see God saying to Israel, ***"'You have played the harlot with many lovers; Yet return to Me,' says the Lord."*** **(Jeremiah 3:1b)**
We are to have only one Lover in our life and that is to be Jesus Christ! Yet, today, we still have the same problem as Israel did in the days of Jeremiah. God's people are settling for "lesser lovers" rather than fully embracing the One Supreme Lover of our souls!

MIXTURE CAUSES A FAMINE OF THE WORD OF THE LORD

This issue of mixture in the church is causing a famine of the word of the Lord in the Body of Christ. However, just as in the days of Eli, God is raising up the Samuels of today. There is a remnant of people who are not letting their lamp grow dim nor their fire go out. They are fully embracing the King of Glory as their one Supreme Lover and stoking that fiery love in their hearts everyday!
In 1 Samuel 3:3 it says that the lamp of God was just about to go out, and that is the reason why Eli was no longer hearing God. He had become desensitized to his relationship with God as a priest, called to keep the fire of love burning.
Samuel was just a young boy, but his life symbolized consecration. His mother, Hannah, made a vow before Samuel was ever conceived in her womb, that if God would give her a son she would offer him to the Lord to serve in the temple all of his life. God granted that request and raised up for Himself a man who would be totally consecrated as a priest, and, therefore, throughout Samuel's life, God let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground (1 Samuel 3:19).

God is again, today, looking for that remnant that will fully consecrate their lives to Him, in love. This remnant of overcomers will come into such a place of union with the Lord, that when they speak and declare a thing, it will be established and God will let none of their words fall to the ground because they are speaking His words. This is where God is taking us!

"CHOOSE THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE"

I believe there is a clear "distinction" that God is bringing to what I call, the "institutional church." My definition of the institutional church would include every denominational and non-denominational church anywhere in the world that claims to worship Jesus Christ as the Son of God.
I believe that within the institutional church there is a remnant of people that are truly born-again and serving the Lord. Many others have either never heard the gospel, because it's never actually preached in their church services, or they are just nominal people that believe they are going to heaven simply because they go to church on Sundays, or even just on Christmas and Easter -- or maybe just because their Grandma went to church!

There is a challenge being issued from the Throne of God in this hour much like Elijah's challenge on Mount Carmel. The challenge is: "Choose this day whom you will serve!"
The darkness and evil in the world is getting darker, so therefore the glory of the Lord and the light of

Heaven on the earth is going to get brighter! God is pouring out His glory and power on that remnant of faithful overcomers who press through the spirit of the world and truly touch God in supernatural ways.

We see this illustrated in Ezekiel 44:10, 13:

"But the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who went astray from Me after their idols, shall bear the punishment for their iniquity. And they shall not come near to Me to serve as a priest to Me, nor come near to any of My holy things, to the things that are most holy; but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed."

In the scripture above, we see a group of Levites, which were the priests, who had left the Lord's side. Actually, the truth is, these priests probably never truly served the Lord with their whole heart, because as soon as tribulation came, they went astray. And God says of these priests that they will not come near Him or near His holy things, nor into the Most Holy Place. Why? Because their hearts were far from Him.
Those who are not truly serving and living for the Lord in their hearts, but rather just living a life of lip service, will never actually touch the holy things of heaven.

ZADOK PRIESTHOOD

What are the holy things of heaven? Face-to-face encounters with the Lord, heavenly experiences, the presence of God, wisdom, secrets and mysteries of heaven made clear, the peace of God, and the power and glory of God resting on our lives, and much more...

However, during this time in Ezekiel's life, there was a remnant of priests, or Christians, that did not stray from the Lord but continued to press in and tend the lamp of God in their lives. These priests were called the priests of Zadok:

Ezekiel 44:15
"'But the Levitical priests, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the sons of Israel went astray from Me, shall come near to Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer Me the fat and the blood,' declares the Lord GOD."

God says that these priests will be the ones who come near to Him, minister to Him, and partake of the divine nature and the holy things of heaven. This is the distinction that God is bringing to His "Body" on the earth.
In these times, it will become more and more evident who the true followers of Jesus are, because their hearts will be awakened and a renewed passion will come upon them to seek God's face and touch Him afresh.

Look at what's available to these faithful priests:

Ezekiel 44:16, 24
"They shall enter My sanctuary; they shall come near to My table to minister to Me and keep My charge...And in a dispute they shall take their stand to judge; they shall judge it according to My ordinances. They shall also keep My laws and My statutes in all My appointed feasts, and sanctify My Sabbaths."

Zechariah 3:7
"Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will perform My service, then you will also govern My house and also have charge of My courts, and I will grant you free access among these who are standing here.'"

These priests are granted free access into the courts of the Lord. Where are the Courts of the Lord? God's courts are in heavenly places before His throne. For those who will overcome the spirit of the world every day and press into God, He will grant that they come into the courts of the Lord. Revelation

4:1 is a "now" word for these times as God is telling us to "Come up here" and meet with Him.

When we spend time standing in the council of God, in heavenly realms, we can then bring that atmosphere of heaven back with us and impact the people of the world with God's glory.

PRIESTS MINISTER PRECIOUS THINGS OF HEAVEN

Why does God grant free access to His throne to the priests who truly serve Him with all their hearts? For no other reason than to experience intimacy with Him! However, out of this heavenly lifestyle of intimacy with God, we get to carry the atmosphere of heaven to others that they might experience Him.

Ezekiel 44:23
"Moreover, they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean."

The presence of God that He wants to pour out on His people will convict others of their sin and draw them to Him. Only those who truly encounter God can teach others how to encounter Him.

THE FLOW OF HEAVEN MUST NOT BE HINDERED

God says that we, as His priests, are to teach others the difference between the holy and the profane, but he gives a condition with those instructions.

Ezekiel 44:21
"Nor shall any of the priests drink wine when they enter the inner court."

Leviticus 10:8-11
"The LORD then spoke to Aaron, saying, 'Do not drink wine or strong drink, neither you nor your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, so that you may not die -- it is a perpetual statute throughout your generations -- and so as to make a distinction between the holy and the profane, and between the unclean and the clean, and so as to teach the sons of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them through Moses.'"

Prophetically speaking, I believe the wine symbolizes the numbing effect of the world. I am not talking about the natural drinking of wine or whether I believe that's acceptable for Christians or not. I'm not even sharing my opinion on it but rather pulling out what I believe is the prophetic meaning. I believe "wine" here speaks of anything of the world that would numb us to the presence and voice of God.

God says not to drink wine, or in other words, "Have no mixture of the world in your relationship with Me, because it will numb you to My presence and My voice and therefore hinder heaven's flow in your life."

THE FIRE OF GOD

I am prophesying that in this next year and in these end-times God is going to send a mass baptism of fire upon His people. We will come to understand God's fire in a whole new way. We need the fire of God! In Hebrews 12:29 our God is called a God of consuming fire. God, in His very nature, is a consuming fire. When we touch God or are touched by God we are also touched by His fire.

God's fire comes in two forms: the fire of purging and the fire of love. You cannot have one aspect of His fire without also getting the other.
Believers have a really hard time understanding the God of the Old Covenant as opposed to the God of the New. In the Old Covenant we see this God of judgment and anger, but then we are supposed to see this God of love and grace in the New Covenant. We have to understand that, in the Old

Testament, God never intended to bring anger and judgment upon His people, but rather upon every "lesser lover" that hindered our love with Him.
God sees us as His wife, and when we choose the lesser lovers of the world, His judgment will come. If my wife were sleeping around with all the other men of our town, then I would want to bring judgment upon all those other men that distracted my wife from my love. This was always God's heart in the Old Testament.

We need God to touch us with His fire so that all our lesser lovers, secret sins, and idols would be consumed and all that would remain is a burning passion for Him!

FIRE OF PURGING

When God's fire comes it comes to purge out everything that hinders love.

Malachi 3:1-3
"'Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,' says the LORD of hosts.
"'But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. And He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the LORD offerings in righteousness.'"

We say we want God to touch us but "who can endure the day of His coming?" Our God is truly a refiner's fire and He's coming to purify the sons of Levi. Who are the sons of Levi? You and Me!

But, OH, how awesome it is when God's purging fire touches our lives. Look at the benefits:

Isaiah 4:2-6
"In that day the Branch of the LORD will be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth will be the pride and the adornment of the survivors of Israel. And it will come about that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy -- everyone who is recorded for life in Jerusalem.
"When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the bloodshed of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and the spirit of burning, then the LORD will create over the whole area of Mount Zion and over her assemblies a cloud by day, even smoke, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory will be a canopy. And there will be a shelter to give shade from the heat by day, and refuge and protection from the storm and the rain."

When we allow God's purging fire to touch us, He will place a covering of glory over our lives to protect us from the spirit of the world. There is a protection when we "live" in God's purging fire!

FIRE OF LOVE

The best part about God's fire is His fire of love. When we are touched by His fire, He not only purges the dross out of our lives, but He also consumes us with the fire of holy passion!

Song of Solomon 8:6
"Put me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death, Jealousy is as severe as Sheol; its flashes are flashes of fire, the very flame of the LORD."

This verse tells us that the fire of love is actually the very flame of YAH! Oh, how I cry out from the very depths of my heart to be enflamed with the very flame of YAH! I tell you, there is NO LIMIT to how much of God we can have and experience if we will just let Him consume our lives with His fire. God is looking to pour out His glory on the people that are consumed with one desire:

Psalm 27:4
"One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to meditate in His temple."

Song of Solomon 1:15
"How beautiful you are, my darling, how beautiful you are! Your eyes are like doves."

Do you know why the King in the verse above praises the shulamite? She is praised because she has Dove's eyes. Do you know what is so special about dove's eyes? A dove has no peripheral vision. A dove cannot see anything but what is right in front of them. Jesus was praising the shulamite because she had nothing in her vision or heart but Him and Him alone!

The people that let God touch them with His fire will be a people of ONE THING. This army of overcomers will press through the blockades of the enemy and take hold of their inheritance and manifest the power and glory of God on the earth!

EYES OF FIRE

In Revelation 1:14 Jesus is described as having eyes like flames of fire. I believe the Lord's eyes of fire are scanning the body of Christ right now. He is looking for those whose hearts are open and turned toward Him. We are in a time of 2 Chronicles 16:9:

"For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."

It's the little foxes that spoil the vine (Song of Solomon 2:15), and God is looking upon those who will offer their lives afresh on the altar as a pleasing sacrifice to Him. He wants to come and burn up all the things in His people that hinder love.
You might not be involved in what people like to call "major" sins, but you might have some idols in your life that steal your time and fellowship with God. It might just be an issue of your time, schedule, or priorities. Maybe you could just start giving God a tithe of your morning or a tithe of your evening.
Or maybe there's some stubborn secret sin in your life that you have not been able to defeat for years.

I believe we're in a fresh season of God's fire and there is a grace of God that is available if we will embrace His fire and begin to live on the Highway of Holiness. Place your heart before God now and let His eyes of fire begin to search your heart and your life. Offer up to Him everything that He reveals to you. Offer up to Him everything in your life that hinders love.

HOW DO I BECOME A PERSON OF "ONE THING"?

You don't become holy by obeying a set of rules. You become holy, or set apart, by drawing close to our God who is a holy, consuming fire! By His grace, He will burn up all the junk and all the filth of the world and set you on the Highway of Holiness. He will put you in a place where you can lift up your head without shame so that the King of Glory can come in. The King of Glory comes in on the Highway of Holiness!

Do you want to receive and minister the precious things of heaven? Do you want to rule and reign as a king, carrying the power and anointing of the Kingdom of God? Then you must first become a faithful and consecrated priest! Don't allow the move of God within you to be miscarried. Set yourself on God's altar today and allow yourself to be consumed by His fire of Purging and His fire of Love!

Father, we place our lives before you now. Search our hearts with your eyes of fire and reveal to us everything that hinders total consecration and love in our lives. Reveal the areas where the mixture *of the world has crept in. Come by your fire and burn out all the little foxes that spoil our vine. Burn out all the secret sins and burn out all the lesser lovers. Ignite us afresh with the very flame of YAH! May we burn for You. Set us on fire that we might run with the glory!*

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Smother Hats

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(dream/word for "some" of Lord's prophets / prophetic persons)

James 4:5-7, "Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, *"The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"?* But **He gives more grace**. Therefore He says: *"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.* Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

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Aug. 16, '04, In a dream/night-vision: At the first I saw a depiction of Holy Spirit as a human-like-figure,,, Facing me. Behind Him was a glorious white sand beach and a large blue sea beyond that. He lifted His right Arm and then pointed in * no uncertain terms of most serious concern*, directing me to 'look and see' this scene off to His side - which I then did with some trembling wonderment, due to HIS serious demeanor.

Here then, I saw many persons wearing sailor type watch-cap's of heavy wool, navy colored knit, but instead of simply protecting and warming these persons heads, these caps were unfolded, fully pulled down covering their whole faces, head, ears, eyes, mouths... even their breathing seemed labored due to this muffling of their noses and mouths.

These God' watchmen and women (wearing watch-caps) were all milling about on an outdoor veranda of a large beach house; A great large three sided deck, opened wood rail, which overlooked that beach and whole seascape (depicting: the place of prophetic vision) - but none of these persons could 'see', nor 'hear' clearly, nor 'speak' clearly, for their heads were completely covered up by their thick knit caps!

I saw so very many of these people there, packed together almost like sardines on this veranda. I say 'almost' like sardines, because each one had some small space where they milled, taking tiny blind uncertain steps this way and that, then turning and confused, mumbling quietly, trying to catch breaths through the hats pulled over their face, bumping into each other softly and then turning or spinning another direction all over again - almost like carnival 'bumper cars', I thought then, but a very sad softer version of confused humans milling and blind -- Sensory deprived they were, of all but their seemingly keen 'feeling'.

For me, it was too disheartening to see their small shuffling and bumping 'going nowhere' baby-like steps and useless milling on this deck of God' Vision .... HE made me to understand this scene; so too I was allowed to feel some of the serious Care of The Spirit of God Who knows the very Heart of God and searches men as well, as I gazed upon these sad useless ones, these watchmen and women….
"...; For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God." - I Cor. 2:10
Later, in my prayers and sad concerns due to this vision, and in my pondering with Lord I asked Him,

' Oh, Lord,,,,I am sick of heart to see this depiction of Your watchmen and women. Please tell me, is this You've shown me ***like*** *the scriptures where You stopped the ears, and covered the eyes of Your*

prophets ...?'

The Lord answered me in this way: '***Yes, and No.'***…… Yes, this was "like" those recorded biblical events, but I was to know that this depiction ,,, of "some" of HIS watch-persons present dilemma was **NOT** being done **by HIM** -- He spoke this clearly to me. Rather this, the 'pulled down hats', has been done by others not of HIS prophetic flock, Not of His' Spirit ,, done by ones of wrong spirit and of enemy spirits. Done also by some of HIS' own prophets, prophetic people, watchmen and women, doing this very wrong thing to one another, and some were even doing this……to themselves. - Wearing hats 'pulled down'.

Christ' enemy is "Pulling the wool" over some of HIS' prophets and prophetic people, over eyes and ears, mouths, noses, over faces and the whole heads (as depicted); Thus stopping hearts from being enabled to hear HIM, see what HE is doing, and to speak HIS' oracles and messages. This is being done and accomplished of enemy agencies.. .
The Lord's great concern in showing me this scene is the muffling of some of HIS' beloved friends, watchmen / women, by the enemy……
God is not pleased with this condition of some of HIS' watch persons. This is what I hear The Lord speak concerning this,

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"Some of My friends, My watchmen, must now choose to loose yourselves from these improper hats that have covered and bound your minds and faces.,,,, You must choose to tear out and away from enemy thick veils, even with force by My Spirit Who empowers you, and My Word of Truth. Come out and breath afresh. Time is short and I will move on soon. I have always given you choice -- I desire you to come with me.

See and recognize this thick veil that has been laid over your head by Our enemy.
Then, as you come and ask of Me, I will deliver you by My right Arm. I will loose your head and face and open your hearts again;
Culminating in your unveiled face restored, looking upon Me Your Lord to Live, breath and have being; To minister My Word and vision in health, My Health,,,,, enabling you to give out to the many who need to hear Me.

I ask you, will you tear this enemy cloud off your heads ? Will you loose and then step into this renewed restored health of My Spirit? ... Coming with Me into open Holy Spirit air of fresh breathing ?... Becoming once again My unpolluted voices of great heavenly gains delivered to men.

Heed Me, unto Our benefit and the benefit of My flock.
In My strong compassions I am jealous over you. Choose to come out from under this thick enemy misappropriated and mis-worn head-dress.
Come with Me, for the vision is large, and time is now even shorter than it was in your yesterday.
Hear Me, My watchmen, for I soon move on and I desire you to be with Me, following with Me as I move and go.

In My Love and by My Hand ,,, caste off the enemy-cloud, thus being enabled to see and follow My Cloud presence with OPEN FACES.

My watchmen hear this; I Love you. My flock and those coming in are in need, therefore servant friends, humble yourselves, loose yourselves, come into My health, follow Me in obedience. I move on soon. ”

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Mt. 18:4 “Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven”. -v. 12, “And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted”

Luke 4: 17-22 (*Matt. 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6*)
“…; And He (Jesus) was handed the book of the **prophet Isaiah**. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,
Because He has anointed Me
To preach the gospel to the poor;
He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives
And recovery of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty those who are oppressed;
To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."
Then He closed the book, and gave *it* back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.
And He began to say to them,
"Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."
So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. “

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"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord; As the waters cover the sea." -Hab. 2:14

South Africa

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South Africa, my beloved, I have blessed you again and again, but in the blessing, you grew fat like a stall fed calf and you have feasted on the souls of others. Now I will make you lean. You have had your fat years like Egypt did. But now there will be winds of adversity as you have never known, because you have hardened your hearts against MY will. It is MY will, that you repent of the wickedness of enslavement, rape, control, murder and thievery. Yet you would not return in humility. Instead, you continued willfully in your own ways. You have deafened your ears to the plight of the poor, so now I will turn a deaf ear to your pleas for help, unless you repent.

Some have prayed and repented, but in order for ME to bring the GRACE I want to pour out on you, I need you to humble yourselves and pray in UNITY that I might have mercy and RESTORE this nation. So I will bring famine and pestilence as you have not seen. If you want to see relief, you will have to come to ME and repent of the wickedness your ancestors have done and you continue to imbibe in, even these days.

Witchcraft is still exalted in the land and freemasonry has reigned. BUT I THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL REIGN AND RULE WITH A ROD OF IRON in the days to come. I have had My fill of debauchery and selfishness. I will not stand idly by any longer. You thought I would, so you are filled with apathy and complacency and content with your comforts. But I am NOT content when I see my children starving and dying, with no one to take compassion on them. You have enslaved, so now you will be the slaves of your own willfulness!

If you want blessing on the land, then you must HUMBLE yourselves and pray and repent of your wickedness, that I may come and have mercy on you. My mercy endures forever. But it is not given to the PROUD. They who humble themselves will be spared from My judgment. But the proud will be made stubble. My desire is to bless you.

Rev 3:17-22 NKJV
17 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing' — and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked — 18 I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. 21 To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. 22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.""

Dan 4:27 NKJV Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity."

Dan 4:28-33 NKJV   Nebuchadnezzar's Humiliation
All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. 29 At the end of the twelve months he was walking about the royal palace of Babylon. 30 The king spoke, saying, "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for a royal dwelling by my mighty power and for the honor of my majesty?"
31 While the word was still in the king's mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: the kingdom has departed from you! 32 And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen; and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses."
33 That very hour the word was fulfilled concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was driven from men and ate grass like oxen; his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair had grown like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws.

Ezek 21:26 NKJV thus says the Lord GOD: "Remove the turban, and take off the crown; Nothing shall remain the same. Exalt the humble, and humble the exalted.

Zeph 3:11-12 NKJV In that day you shall not be shamed for any of your deeds in which you transgress against Me; For then I will take away from your midst those who rejoice in your pride, and you shall no longer be haughty in My holy mountain. 12 I will leave in your midst a meek and humble people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

James 4:6 NKJV But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

James 4:10 NKJV Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Quench Me Not
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So many of My loved ones are finding a time of quietness and not hearing as much from Me and wondering what is going on in the spirit realm. I am training many to sit and wait, because many have been so busy. And for some, you are sitting and not hearing much, but it is doing something in the spirit that is opposite to all the busyness in the church. You are willing to wait on ME. You are willing to wait and wait and to stand in faith.

This is My will My beloveds, as there are so many who do not wish to hear from Me. There are many who shut Me up when I try to speak through My own. They want their order. They want only enough of me to make them feel good, but not enough of Me to have to change. Many don't want to hear My words spoken through you, because they are content with the status quo and not having things brought up that make them feel uncomfortable. So don't think that this waiting and resting is accomplishing nothing. It is accomplishing MUCH.

You know that true prophecy is from MY heart of love for My children.

Amos 3:7-8 NKJV Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. 8 A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?

Rev 19:9-10 NKJV And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

I have said, if you love Me, then obey Me. If you oh church will not listen to ME through whom I send to you, then HOW may you obey Me? Do you think that I don't see your hearts' motivations? Do you think I don't see the lack of reality in what you speak vs what you do? Do you think YOUR ORDER is more important than MY ORDER?

Do you think that I will do nothing forever? Have you become complacent in your hearts? You say, NO Lord, not us!? Yet you don't realize that your backsliding has brought you to deception. A backslider will be filled with his own ways! Just what does that mean to you?

Prov 14:14 NKJV The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways but a good man will be satisfied from above.

He who chooses to go his OWN ways will be given to deception and eventually great delusion, for he has made himself God. Surely you know the foolishness of this fate, when I have provided such a free gift by which you can make all things right!

Many of you will be so grieved by the losses you will see and witness in the days ahead. I want you to grow STRONG in My WORD and in the knowledge of ME and MY love and mercy, that you will also understand that My judgment is my love, greatly provoked to jealousy. Choose this day Whom you will serve, Me or mammon / self. For the love of many has grown cold, and escalation of lawlessness is evident is it not?

NT:3126 mamonas (mam-o-nas') or mammonas (mam-mo-nas'); of Aramaic origin (confidence, i.e. wealth, personified); i.e. avarice (deified): KJV - mammon

Matt 6:24 NKJV You Cannot Serve God and Riches "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

I, Your Lord will arise with HEALING in My wings and many will come to the brightness of My GLORY. So keep your eyes open and your ears tuned to the still small voice. Surely goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life if you will put the whole of your TRUST in ME!

My ways are higher than your ways, so open your ears My Sons and Daughters and shout from the rooftops, what you hear in your ears! Do not be ashamed of My voice, or I will be ashamed of you. Fight the good fight of FAITH, so that when I come, you will not be found wanting. For behold I come quickly and My reward is in My hands. I am eager to do My unusual work.

Trampling on Injustice
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Dan 7:7-8 NKJV "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.
8 I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words.

Job 5:15-17 NKJV But He saves the needy from the sword, From the mouth of the mighty, and from their hand. 16 So the poor have hope, and injustice shuts her mouth. 17 "Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects;
Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.

Jer 22:13 NKJV "Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness
and his chambers by injustice, who uses his neighbor's service without wages and gives him nothing for his work,

Mal 4:1-2 NKJV The Great Day of God
"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, and all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. And the day which is coming shall burn them up," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch.
2 But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out and grow fat like stall-fed calves.
3 You shall trample the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this," Says the LORD of hosts.

Men with certain influence have their agenda, but I have MINE. It has begun, and there will be more escalation in the process. I will use you to trample on injustice and all the wickedness of the world will tremble at My great army of warriors. I am making you strong as horses in battle, that have no fear. You will not back down at facing your enemy when I am through with you, because you will know the greatness of Your Lord, not just from the Word, but from experiencing My Might.

Those who are proud will be stubble, but those who humble themselves before Me and are willing to be changed will be robed in GLORY and will do great exploits for ME. Many will come to the Light of My glory. You will be overcome in your church halls, and homes at the numbers. So get your hearts ready for a great HARVEST. And fill up your storehouses with training materials…You will be overcome with demand. NOW is the time to prepare.

The greatest preparation I'm doing is in YOUR HEARTS My beloveds. The wicked one is coming soon, and I want you strong. So again I say, come and let me fill you with MY LOVE…MY compassion and MY ideas about JUSTICE.
Let me fill your mouth with TRUTH from My WORD, that you will be transformed and guided into preparation for what is to come. The time is short, and your rest needs to be in ME. GRACE, GRACE, GRACE will be given you. GRACE upon GRACE in order that MY will be fulfilled. I have called you and I will fulfill My promises. I am not a man that I should lie, nor a son of man that I should change My mind. I AM FAITHFUL AND TRUE.

I will pour out strategies through words of wisdom and understanding for the days coming, if you will take time to spend in My presence. Do not take our relationship for granted. Any husband wants attention from his bride.
He does not want to be kept at a distance! I have passion for My bride and I want to kiss you with revelation of My plans, and My love for you, that you may be as enraptured with Me as I am with you My love.

The coals are being stoked and I am turning up the heat, so that all will be fulfilled. Ask for grace to do what I want, and you will get it. You have only to ask. I am increasing your FAITH My beloveds in MY ability to be MORE powerful to bless you, than the enemy's will to curse you and steal from you.
I am standing up. I WILL perform My great and awesome act. The supernatural is invading the natural, so expect wonders! Expect great deliverances! Expect great healing and miracles! Expect provision for the building of MY Kingdom! Expect Me to give you witty inventions and wisdom for earning money! Expect FAVOR for humility! For I have made a determination to bless those who will pay the cost and who have paid the cost. FRET NOT! WORRY NOT! Scoff at the enemy's taunts. Tell him, you are MY BELOVED and there is nothing I won't do for you. Do NOT allow him to intimidate you anymore. SPEAK MY WORD and it will be established.

Abba

Lev 19:15 NKJV 'You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.

Re: the Levites
Mal 2:6-9 NKJV The law of truth was in his mouth, and injustice was not found on his lips. He walked with Me in peace and equity, and turned many away from iniquity. 7 "For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. 8 But you have departed from the way; You have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, "Says the LORD of hosts. 9 "Therefore I also have made you contemptible and base Before all the people, because you have not kept My ways but have shown partiality in the law."

True Moxie
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Main Entry: mox·ie Pronunciation: 'mäk-sE Function: noun
Etymology: from Moxie, a trademark for a soft drink Date: 1930
1: ENERGY, PEP
2: COURAGE, DETERMINATION
3: KNOW-HOW, EXPERTISE
I heard this true moxie and I had forgotten the definition, though I thought it had to do with courage. And I think it is sort of the English equivalent for chutzpah. Then the Lord began to speak:

"It will take moxie to forge ahead in the days to come. You must have determination and you must have COURAGE. I will give you the Spirit of Might if you ask for it! It is MOST necessary for you in the days ahead. For many will come in My name. Many pretenders will spew out false wisdom and false interpretations of what is to come. The antichrist spirit is already strong in the land. I have not given you a spirit of fear, but of power, of love, and a sound mind! [2 Tim 1:7] You are NOT to rely on your own courage, or your own determination and know-how, but to rely on ME to give you anything you need. I Am the Source of wisdom, understanding, knowledge, might, strength, patience, love, peace and joy and so much more."

Jer 15:19-21 AMP 19 Therefore thus says the Lord [to Jeremiah]: If you return [and give up this mistaken tone of distrust and despair], then I will give you again a settled place of quiet and safety, and you will be My minister; and if you separate the precious from the vile [cleansing your own heart from unworthy and unwarranted suspicions concerning God's faithfulness], you shall be My mouthpiece. [But do not yield to them.] Let them return to you--not you to [the people]. 20 And I will make you to this people a fortified, bronze wall; they will fight against you, but they will not prevail over you, for I am with you to save and deliver you, says the Lord. 21 And I will deliver you out of the hands of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the palms of the terrible and ruthless tyrants.

Hab 3:19 AMP The Lord God is my Strength, my personal bravery, and my invincible army; He makes my feet like hinds' feet and will make me to walk [not to stand still in terror, but to walk] and make [spiritual] progress upon my high places [of trouble, suffering, or responsibility]!

"Fear immobilizes you. It brings in heaviness and depression, defeatism and discouragement as well. Then will come complacency and apathy. So DO not give in to the fear of the days ahead. They will be glorious days for you if you will TRUST in ME and understand that YOU ARE THE APPLE OF MY EYE! Nothing can separate you from My love. Nothing can cause My Holy Spirit to leave you. My love is unconditional. I have asked you to lay down your life and pick up MINE however. This is a requirement for all who follow Me. If you want to follow self and all it has to offer, then you will be in opposition to My will.

I stand at the door and knock. I am ALWAYS there with you. I await for the door to be opened, that I may be asked in. But if you only allow Me to come in on your conditions, how can I be your Adonai? Am I not the Master of the Universe? Am I not He Who created the heavens and the earth. Did I not create everything you see around you? Do you not tremble at My name? When I come down the mountains tremble. If even the mountains bow at My presence, how much more should man who is made in Our image bow to the One Who created him, since he has intelligence and ability to think that other creatures do not all have?

Will you give your pet times and things you want to do, over to ME? Will you give up even that? Will you let ME order your day, your evening and your nights? Do you want to walk with ME? I am longing to be that closely heard and regarded! This generation of youth will walk with Me like Enoch did. Do you also want this privilege? Then you must give up YOUR WILL and be willing to do Mine.

Many will mock you for living and walking with Me. They mocked Enoch, and they mocked Noah who also walked with Me. So do not be discouraged or dismayed that they will mock you! They hated Me, so they will also hate you the more like ME you become! I only did what the Father showed Me to do. Are you willing to submit to Him, the way I did? Are you willing to lay down your life, that you can have My life within you more?

The only way you will be able to do this is by MY intervention. You cannot do it by your own efforts. You cannot be holy without My presence working it into you. I sanctified the first temple with My glory and I will sanctify the temple which is YOU, also with My glory. I am restoring the Tabernacle of David, so come and worship Me in Spirit and in Truth. and I will sanctify you with My glory. Lay down with ME and receive of My love and peace and all I want to pour into you."

Ps 108:1-5 NKJV Assurance of God's Victory over Enemies (Ps 57:7-11; 60:5-12) A Song. A Psalm of David. 1 O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory. 2 Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the dawn. 3 I will praise You, O LORD, among the peoples, And I will sing praises to You among the nations. 4 For Your mercy is great above the heavens, And Your truth reaches to the clouds. 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, and Your glory above all the earth; 6 That Your beloved may be delivered, Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

"There is a reward to those who overcome the self life in them. There is a reward to those who continue to seek Me so that they may share in My glory."

To him who overcomes: Rev 2:7 AMP To him who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant to eat [of the fruit] of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. [Gen 2:9; 3:24.] Rev 2:11 AMP He who overcomes (is victorious) shall in no way be injured by the second death Rev 2:17 AMP To him who overcomes (conquers), I will give to eat of the manna that is hidden, and I will give him a white stone with a new name engraved on the stone, which no one knows or understands except he who receives it. [Ps 78:24; Isa 62:2.]

Rev 2:26-28 AMP And he who overcomes (is victorious) and who obeys My commands to the [very] end [doing the works that please Me], I will give him authority and power over the nations; 27 And he shall rule them with a sceptre (rod) of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, and [his power over them shall be] like that which I Myself have received from My Father; [Ps 2:8,9.] 28 And I will give him the Morning Star.

Rev 3:5 AMP Thus shall he who conquers (is victorious) be clad in white garments, and I will not erase or blot out his name from the Book of Life; I will acknowledge him [as Mine] and I will confess his name openly before My Father and before His angels. [Ps 69:28; Dan 12:1.]

Rev 3:9-12 AMP Take note! I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say they are Jews and are not, but lie--behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet and learn and acknowledge that I have loved you. [Isa 43:4; 49:23; 60:14.] 10 Because you have guarded and kept My word of patient endurance [have held fast the lesson of My patience with the expectant endurance that I give you], I also will keep you [safe] from the hour of trial (testing) which is coming on the whole world to try those who dwell upon the earth. 11 I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one may rob you and deprive you of your crown. 12 He who overcomes (is victorious), I will make him a pillar in the sanctuary of My God; he shall never be put out of it or go out of it, and I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the new Jerusalem, which descends from My God out of heaven, and My own new name. [Isa 62:2; Ezek 48:35.]

Rev 3:20-21 AMP Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will eat with him, and he [will eat] with Me. 21 He who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant him to sit beside Me on My throne, as I Myself overcame (was victorious) and sat down beside My Father on His throne.

Showers of Blessings

Mary Clark

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I am sending showers of blessings to My beloved. I am raining down My loving power on those who are My own. Watch for this deluge of blessings, beloved. Watch for this wonderful display of My love as it floods your hearts, offering to you a new hope for your tomorrows.

I am beseeching My beloved to follow the course that I have set before you. I know that you are weary of waiting for the arrival of My wonderful promises, but know that I *am* making progress. Things *are* advancing for your good – for the good to My will to shine forth in your lives.

Let Me tell you something, beloved: The powerful demonstrations that are coming to you will be sent according to My will at the appointed hour. You will see the wonders of your God on display, and you will stand in awe at their magnificence. But know this: You are being prepared for that day by the work that I am doing in your hearts. This is a heart work. This is a heart work that will ready you for all that is coming your way. So be patient with Me. Look forward to all that I am bringing your way, and know deep within that I have made a proposal of sorts to you, and you have accepted. Now, beloved, look forward to seeing the fine work that is coming forth due to your willingness to comply with your God, accepting His proposal, and advancing into the things of your Beloved.

I want to tell you, beloved, that showers of blessings are coming your way. Prepare your hearts to receive by coming to Me in full surrender with thankful hearts for all that I am bringing forth in your midst. Prepare your hearts, and know deep within the joy that your Lord God Almighty has for one who waits patiently and willingly for Him to fulfill His will in that one's life. And know, beloved, that the showers that are coming your way will offer a new abounding hope that will enable you to display My goodness and openly declare your knowledge of the One Who was, Who is, and Who is to come. Shout, "Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come into our midst and display Your goodness – display Your wonders – display Yourself – that all may come into a realization of Who You are and what you have planned for those who willingly offer their services to You unabashedly!!!"

Gibberish

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gibberish – nonsense, rubbish, gabble, claptrap, baloney, garbage

In a vision, I saw someone scribbling. Then I heard the Lord say "gibberish." Here is what He has to tell us about this word "gibberish."

I am the Lord God Almighty. I sent My living Word that you might walk in newness of life. In these days, many are taking words and speaking them out in a way of authority. They are using words to confuse. They are using words to offer doubt to believing hearts. They are using words in ways that I consider nonsensical.

I want My dear children to listen to ME! I want you to NOT doubt My words of truth. I want you to declare My truth. I want you to turn aside from those who speak gibberish continuously and stand proudly as they do this in order to convince the hearer of their worth. Those words are rubbish in My eyes. Let them be rubbish in your eyes too. Pay those words no mind. Do not open your heart to them.

They can do damage even to a believing heart. They can open old wounds that I have closed. They can open old wounds that caused you much heartbreak. Pay those useless words no mind – no mind at all!

You ask Me, "Father, what kinds of words are you speaking about? Just what is it that You consider gibberish?" I will gladly tell you, beloved.

I consider words that are spoken over another person that would be detrimental to that person's walk rubbish.

Anything spoken of another that does not build that one up is rubbish to Me.

You see, beloved, I speak with a loving heart. I care about even those the world would look on with an eye to criticize – an eye to harm – an eye to deplete that one of his God-given right to draw close to the living God.

Any words spoken over another that are hopeless, I look on as gibberish.

I look on words that are used to hurt another in ANY way as rubbish. I want My children to use My words. Speak words to build up another. Speak words to encourage. Don't speak words to hurt or harm another. Speak words that will build up and encourage. Is this too difficult?

Be hearers of My truth. Embrace My truth. Listen to words that you KNOW are the truth of the living God. Others will have their own opinions, but I want you to pay their opinions no mind. I want you to know what I would say about another.

Ask yourself: Are these words true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, and of good repute?

Is there any excellence or anything worthy of praise in these words that I am hearing or saying?

Ask yourself these honest questions and then decide, beloved. Are the words that you are hearing or speaking good words that will build another, helping another in his walk? Then you decide? You decide if these are words that you wish to speak or hear. I will be watching and waiting to see what your decision will be. I will be waiting, beloved, to see you walk in truth – My truth – with the ease of the righteous.

I am eager to see how My children will handle the gibberish that is spoken in their hearing. I am eager to see My own turn away from speaking or hearing this kind of talk. I am eager to see you speak words in love and truth. If you do, beloved, you will know a deep, peaceful contentment in your heart.

But if you don't, you will know turmoil deep within, and this is not what I desire for you. This is not a part of My plan. Don't let the enemy hinder you in this way.

Give him back his words of rubbish, and seek to speak and hear My words of truth. They are everlasting gems.

They are eternal words that will live forever. They are words that will continue to encourage and protect those about whom they are spoken. They are words of truth that will enable that one to rise up strong in the things of the living God.

So follow My lead. Speak only those words of truth of which you have been endowed, and know deep within the peace and contentment of speaking those words. Know that My idea is to bless all. Let that be your plan too, beloved. Let those words sink into your heart, and know deep within that one who speaks the words of truth that I have offered will know a deep, abiding success and contentment.

That one will know Me better too, because one who speaks My words draws closer to Me, as he comes into agreement with Me. And that, beloved, is the place you want to be – in agreement with Me – in tune with Me – in harmony, as you lift your eyes of love to your Creator, knowing that He has spoken words of loving concern over you, and that He delights in hearing you follow His lead.

That is what I am asking of you today, beloved: Follow My lead on this issue and know My peace. For deep, abiding peace comes to one who speaks My words of truth – deep, abiding peace that will give you the stamina that you need to face each new day!

Insolent Words / Words of Life
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insolent – rude, cheeky, disrespectful, audacious, impudent, impertinent, impolite,

I want to speak to My beloved about words – words of life and words of death. Hear Me now, as I make Myself clear on this topic:

In this hour, I am hearing many of My dear children using words that I would call insolent. You did not hear these words from Me. Then where did you hear them? I will tell you: You are listening to the enemy. He is speaking these insolent words. He is speaking hurtful words and you are listening. I want you to know, beloved, that he seeks to harm you and those that you love. He seeks to see you defeated, while I seek to bless you, and bring you upright into the design of My will.

So hear Me this day, and know that the words that I speak to you are wonderful words of life. He is speaking words to harm. He is speaking words to defeat you. He is speaking words in your hearing to which you are listening and repeating. Many of these insolent words come forth from the mouths of My children and wreck their progress.

These words hurt and hinder the birthing of wonder that I am bringing forth.

Know this day that I am calling for a cessation of those insolent words – those disrespectful, rude and audacious words that are coming from the mouths of My dear children. Hear Me and know that they hinder My work in you, and in that one to whom the words are aimed. See them as I see them – destructive and ugly. Hear them as I hear them – disgusting.

And realize, dear child, that I have called you to come into a place of wonder in Me. I have called you to participate in a wonderful hour when you will rise up strong and see the enemy defeated soundly. Don't give him any ground in your life, dear child. Don't give him any ground in anyone's life by speaking words of gloom over that person.

Speak only the design of My will. And what is that? Blessings, beloved! Blessings! Blessings, blessings, and MORE blessings. That is the way I would like to see you handle this situation. That is the way to correct this barrage of words that are being spoken and rendering many hurt and wounded. Blessings, upon blessings, upon blessings. Yes! That is the answer. Yes! That is the remedy for this situation!!!

Something Big

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"I am doing something BIG! The weight of it is so BIG! It's massive. It's an earthquake. I am about to shake EVERYTHING bringing all to their knees.

Get on your knees! It is SO BIG what I am about to do. The world hasn't seen anything like it. I am answering your prayers. Make room in your life for Me!

Wait on the Holy Spirit and obey! Give My Spirit time. He is opening hearts.

My Spirit is bringing in the unchurched. The devil will be kicked out. Get on your knees! The water is waiting to break like a pregnancy; like a balloon heavy to burst, waiting for My Son Jesus to open your hearts.

My Spirit is bringing in the unchurched. People are coming into church that we thought impossible. You will burn with passion for those who don't know Me. Get on your knees!"

Look to this Fall look to Yom Kippur! It begins at sundown 9/24. He is really about to blow our minds with what He is doing! The power switch is about to be thrown. It hasn't been to date because we haven't been grounded properly.

But we are becoming rooted and grounded in love" [Eph 3:17].

We will shortly be moving from repentance through this current time of cleansing and soaking in His precious Spirit to a time of demonstration of His marvelous power. The church is just about to move into the fullness of His calling:

"And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give." [Matt 10:7-8]

These are the baby things we're to do. He says in John 16:12: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now." I believe He has much more in store than we can think or imagine. Like Paul [1 Cor 2:4], no longer will our speech and preaching be with persuasive words of human wisdom.

With what He is about to do, our speech and preaching will be in DEMONSTRATION of THE SPIRIT and POWER! Hallelujah! Signs and wonders are breaking forth even now as we write! Hallelujah!!! Praise His glorious NAME!

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father." [John 14:12] Hallelujah!

Sources Of Blessing
Susan Cummings

Child, even the roughest of places is the source of blessing, if you will see Me in them. I am always with you, and everywhere you go, is in My Purposes for you. So, look closer, and see the true purpose for why you are here.
Not everything is at it seems to you. I do all things well, and I know just how to weave all things together for you, so that you will both grow through this, but benefit and prosper. Nothing is ever without a reason. I won't always tell you why, but I will be with you, and share the process with you. For I have already walked it for you, before you ever arrived here.
So, I know what you will encounter, what will happen to you, how you will react, and what the result will be. So, trust Me. The chafing and rubbing you are feeling is only the polishing and positioning I am giving you. My Light is shining clearer through you than ever, because you have been responding to Me, along the way. Don't stop now.
Don't worry about the darkness, the roughness of the path, and the unclearness of the vision, just keep going. I am working it out as you take the next steps in obedience to Me.
I AM a continual source of Blessing for you, for out of Me, comes rivers of LIVING WATER to refresh you along the way.
My Grace is a Fountain that never runs dry, or becomes stale. I AM always fresh and new for you. So, drink deeply of Me, and partake of Me, and feed upon Me daily. I will sustain you and nourish you for the Journey.
-Susan Cummings
1-29-04
2:14 am
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Sin is Sin, and Holy is Holy
Susan Cummings

Today, the Lord has spoken to me, "sin is sin." Tonight he again said to me, "sins is sin….. and holy is holy"
Here is what He said to me about this:
Sin is Sin, and Holy is Holy. My people will either be Holy or they will remain in their sin. There is now no other option to remaining in Me. They will either serve me fully, or they will not be Mine. I cannot look upon sin, nor will My ears be open to their prayers anymore. For I will not allow sin in My House

anymore.
Black is black and white is white. For too long, My House has been full of lies, half-truths, and false teachings, and deliberate misquotes of My Word.
It is time for the Truth to once again be seen, and heard, and taught, and lived, in My House- by My People. No more will My Word be tainted and defiles by men and their flesh. My Word is a Living Word, and it is Holy!
It will not be Manipulated.
It will not be controlled.
It will not be marketed and merchandised.
It will not be mixed and polluted.
It will not be handled by the unclean.
It will not be used with irreverence.
It will not be used to beat my sheep.
It will not be mocked by the wicked anymore.
For I AM the LIVING WORD!!!
My Name will no longer be used for personal gain, power, or control.
It is Mine, and it is Holy!!!
My Word will judge all men, and expose their hearts, and they will give an account, and will reap as they deserve. For I have returned to My House and have taken MY Place among My Own, and will now be seen, and heard, and it will be known that there is a God in the Earth, and I AM now come!
I have started in MY House, and when I am finished it will be Holy, as I AM Holy!
Woe to those who come against Me, and My Word, and My Name, and MY People!
I Have Returned.
-Susan Cummings
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Sound Of Glory

Debra Westbrook

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2 Chronicles 20:21-30
After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever." As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.

The men of Ammon and Moab rose up against the men from Mount Seir to destroy and annihilate them. After they finished slaughtering the men from Seir, they helped to destroy one another. When the men of Judah came to the place that overlooks the desert and looked toward the vast army, they saw only dead bodies lying on the ground; no one had escaped. So Jehoshaphat and his men went to carry off their plunder, and they found among them a great amount of equipment and clothing and also articles of value-- more than they could take away. There was so much plunder that it took three days to collect it.

On the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Beracah, where they praised the LORD. This is why it is called the Valley of Beracah to this day. Then, led by Jehoshaphat, all the men of Judah and Jerusalem returned joyfully to Jerusalem, for the LORD had given them cause to rejoice over their enemies. They entered Jerusalem and went to the temple of the LORD with harps and lutes and trumpets. The fear of God came upon all the kingdoms of the countries when they heard how the LORD had fought against the enemies of Israel. And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace, for his God had given him rest on every side.

It is clearly revealed that the sound of war resides in the mouths of the true worshippers of the Most High God. Out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth surely speaks and in the declaration of the grandeur and splendor of our God, there resides a shout that will displace and dismantle demonic interference that seeks to destroy the people of God through confusion, unbelief, lack of trust and sure vision. Sing aloud to the King of Glory! Sing aloud and declare with sure prophetic words of declaration and in the singing there shall come the force of heaven released to back up the words from the throne of God!

In the singing, there shall come a release of spiritual ambushes set against the forces of hell that have come against those seeking their Lord with passion and purpose. This is the day and the hour to see clear strategies of warfare that reside in the purity of worship deep within the heart of the army of the Lord. Sure defeat in the plans and strategies of the enemy comes through the proper positioning of worship in each of our lives.

Psalm 149 tells us that the high praises of God are in our mouth and a sure edged sword in our hands. The high praises are those upon which God enthrones Himself and vindicates His people in His glory. The high praises agree with what is being said in heaven and what has been established in the Lamb that was slain before the foundations of the world.

Isaiah 42:10-13

Sing to the Lord a new song and His praise from the ends of the earth.
You will go down to the sea and all that is in it. You coastlands and you inhabitants of them!

Let the wilderness and the cities lift up their voices, the villages that Kedar inhabits.
Let the inhabitants of Sela sing.
Let them shout from the top of the mountains.
Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare His praises in the coastlands.
The Lord shall go forth like a mighty man;
He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war.
He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud,
He shall prevail against His enemies

The release of a new song, a song birthed in the eternal realm shall come forth from the hearts of true worshippers. This song, when sung, shall capture God's heart and capture His affection and attention upon His children. He shall go forth, on the sound of heaven coming from the mouths of worshippers, like a mighty man of war, to vindicate and act in justice on behalf of His people. We shall prevail against our enemies when the eternal sound of heaven comes from our mouths, eternal words, the Living Word, being sung in songs lifted up with a redemptive sound of glory that resonates on eternal notes in musical form.

Can anything be better than this? Whole services resonating with eternal songs from the throne room. We have yet to see this to the capacity that God desire us to see and participate in this but it is here surely as we enter a NOW revelation of worship.

About 7-8 months ago, God gave me a vision. I may have mentioned it once before, but it bears repeating. The heartbeat of Rivers of Eden is focused on worship and intimacy with our Lord. One day, while in worship, I saw song sheets on the heart of the Father, filled with prophetic songs still to be sung by those whom the Lord chooses who will simply respond with a willing heart. As the hearts of people were turned to worship, the song sheets were being ripped from the heart of the Father, by the Father Himself, and He was throwing them down to earth, where two or three were gathered in the name of Jesus. These people were in one accord, standing on the banks of a huge wide flowing river.

As they entered into worshipping atmospheres, people began to reach heavenward for the songs and as they did, they grasped the song sheets, lost their balance, and fell into this wide mighty river of God, releasing all control to be surrounded by the pure anointing of Holy Spirit. The current was seen flowing through the midst of God's people as song after song was being sung. As people responded to the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and opened their mouths, these songs began to be sung, originated and initiated in heaven and the atmosphere got thick with the glorious presence of the Lord. Words brought life, healing, deliverances, miracles and the very atmosphere of heaven.

So sing, people of God. Reach up and grasp the songs that are resident in the heart of God to bring forth victory in your lives and those around you.

In Christ
Debra Westbrook

Sonrise
Cheryl McGrath

Jun 11, 2004
G'Day Diggers,
There are two articles in this post. In the first article, "Sonrise", I am sharing a prophetic revelation given to me by the Holy Spirit very recently. This revelation came on many levels - as a picture, as a sound, and as a deep "knowing" as I sat with the Holy Spirit and allowed Him to impart to me what He desired me to understand about the current prophetic season. It is not so much a "word" as it is a proclamation. I am interested to know if this revelation witnesses in others and would be glad to hear from you if "Sonrise" also resounds in your spirit.

The second article is a repost of a message we sent out on Diggers on January 19th sharing details of a profound vision received around that time by one of our eldership here at GSLM. I am posting both these articles together, because I believe both these prophetic revelations are connected.

As a third installment of this prophetic trilogy, over the next few days I will be sending out a teaching article on the Revelation of the Sons of God, which the Holy Spirit has laid heavily on my heart this week.

My prayer is that the sharing of these will both encourage and edify all those who love His appearing.

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Sonrise!
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The Spirit broods over the earth. He is calling to the sons of God: "Awaken, Arise". A key word for this hour is "emergence". A season of emergence is proclaimed, as the sons of God awake to the Voice of the Spirit and begin to emerge upon the face of the earth. Those who discern the hour and are watchful of the seasons of the Lord are even now discerning with their spiritual senses a new and marvellous thing breaking forth. They are alerted to a changing of season.

It is a season that comes with little fanfare or celebration, yet it comes in the perfect timing and complete power of the Father. It comes like the rising of a new dawn on the earth; it comes with the brilliant light and glory of a newly created day emerging on the eastern horizon. As surely and as silently as the morning sun sends out her rays to kiss the darkened earth, so surely and silently does this season dawn with the Kiss of the Son upon the earth's weary, weeping face. And as certainly as each new day brings expectations of change, so this new season comes with expectations of great changes whose appointed times have come, and which will not be held back or delayed any longer. Yet few will notice, and few will comprehend the significance of this hour for which creation has yearned and Heaven celebrates.

Yes, the long-awaited Word has gone forth, determined from the dawn of time in the secret council of Elohim - flowing forth from the Son, approved by the Father, to be birthed by the Spirit - now carried forth by angels and declared with power. And once again, the Spirit hovers over the face of the waters. The waters are of nations, tribes and peoples, but these do not know or hear the song He sings. The song He sings over the earth in this hour is a song that brings forth a mighty awakening and stirs a growing restlessness deep within the spirits of those to whom it is sung. It comes even as a sudden gentle wind on a still day, fanning into flame the smouldering embers of fires long thought dead. It comes as a new, yet ancient tune, strangely familiar to those who will now be compelled to play it, sing it and dance to its beat. It comes from the deepest longings of the Father's heart, having been bathed in His own holy tears. It comes with a fearful shout of victorious triumph from the lips of the Son, startling His enemies into a frantic and final escalation of unparalleled wickedness.

And as this song of emergence, this creative call to resurrection life, arises in the spirits of the very sons of God, now and in the days that come, a responding sound will begin to rise from the earth. It is simultaneously the sound of war and the sound of heaven, appearing among men. It is the sound of resolute marching; it is the sound of clashing swords; it is the sound of many voices united together by the Spirit of Adoption, by whom they cry out as one "Abba, Father!". It is the sound of two kingdoms colliding on a scale not ever before witnessed by mankind!

And as this awesome revelation of sonship reverberates throughout all creation, the King's enemies will flee powerless and confused before those who carry it forth. Powerless, because death cannot defeat those who have already died. Powerless because there is no demonic strategy in the face of truth proclaimed by the Spirit of Truth. Powerless because as one mortal body is destroyed, many more shall arise in that one's place. Powerless because men, women and children will now walk the face of the earth in the stature and image of that Firstborn Son whose exploits are forbidden even to be spoken in the darkest, vilest haunts of hell.

And powerless because these ones know who their Father is and therefore know who THEY are! Having come forth from the dust of the earth, they have followed the Firstborn into their eternal realm, quickened by the Spirit and no longer bound to the earth from which they were formed. They have obtained the heavenly inheritance of joint-heirship with Christ and are declared to be the sons of God with power!

And so shall be the manifestation of the sons of God to all creation, the season of which we now enter. Let him who has ears to hear, hear what the Spirit decrees. It has begun!

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From The Cleft Of The Rock
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G'Day Diggers,

This vision was experienced by one of our team members during worship here at Great South Land Ministries on 19th December, 2003. The person who saw this in the Spirit wishes to remain anonymous, but is well known to me and extremely reliable prophetically. In seeking the Lord for further understanding of this vision, He gave Romans 8:14-19

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--

heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God." NKJV

VISION, 29/12/03

I could hear a sound in the spirit; it was coming closer and closer. I couldn't quite see who it was at first. At the same time I heard the Lord say, "In the beginning the Spirit hovered over the waters, now the Spirit is hovering over all nations of the earth." And as I looked I could see the Spirit hovering over all the nations of the earth in a brooding sort of way. Like an eagle sitting on a nest suddenly standing and gently flapping its wings to cool the young chicks on a really hot day.

I could still hear the sound in the spirit. It was a sound of someone calling, it was getting louder and louder and seemed to fill all the earth and spirit realm. I suddenly knew it was the Father calling out over all the nations of the earth, and at the same time I saw that all the nations of the earth seemed to be covered with what looked like fairly large oval egg like shaped things which were grey like in colour, translucent, yet not. There were millions of them covering all the nations, even the little tiny Isles. They all looked the same. Everywhere I looked I could see them. As I was looking at this amazing scene I could hear the Father's call coming closer and closer. The strength and the authority of the call was absolutely awesome. The Father was calling out over the earth saying, "Arise, arise." It was a sound, yet I could hear the words. As the call intensified, some of the egg shapes appeared to be cracking open but not all of them. There were only a few in small groups which were starting to crack. There were quite a few of these small groups scattered over each of the nations, both small and large. All the other egg shapes stayed totally unresponsive to the Father's call. Suddenly the Father started speaking, and at the same time all the egg shapes which had cracks in them opened up and there were people standing covered in blood. Each person had a scroll, although I don't know how they got the scroll. Each scroll was specific to each individual and was given from the Father. Each scroll had instructions and strategies on it for each person. Then each person stepped forth. The blood could no longer be seen, but rather each person was dressed totally in white which seemed to shine brightly. Each small group stepped out in perfect unison together, even though they had separate scrolls. It was the Father who called them out of the egg shapes and it was the Father who sent them forth. END

In after thought the word "shroud" came to me in trying to explain the egg shapes. Although I could hear and understand what the Father was speaking after the people rose up, I can no longer remember what was said.

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The Revelation Of The Sons Of God
Cheryl Mcgrath

[Part One]
Jun 12, 2004

Note: The words "son", "sons" and "sonship" in this article are used in the spirit of Gal. 3:28. In other words all references to "sonship" here are references to the Father-child relationship between God and His children, regardless of gender, race or age, and do not refer specifically to the male gender.

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. Romans 8:19

He that overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall by My son. Rev. 21:7

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. Song of Songs 2:11-12

The Call to Sonship

There are many in the church who aspire to mature sonship, but there are many less who have learnt the secrets of walking in it. All who enter the Kingdom are called as sons of God, but few are willing to meet the cost of becoming MANIFESTED sons. For those who object: "but sonship belongs to ALL believers at the new birth", I would agree and disagree. It is one thing to enjoy the TITLE of son and heir and the privileges that come with that position. It is quite another thing to submit oneself to the school of obedience and unjust suffering that produces within us the character of the Firstborn Son, to whose image all other sons are to be conformed. (Rom. 8:29) A wise father recognises all his sons as his sons, but also marks and celebrates the day of maturity when a son can be trusted with the responsibilities of a functioning heir. It is at that time that the Father's endowment of authority in that son becomes apparent to the world.

So we are talking here not simply about the inheritance of sonship through faith, but more specifically about the unmistakable MANIFESTATION of that sonship, here on this earth and in this mortal life, that must be witnessed by creation. Those who, in the coming days, will be revealed to all creation as "manifested sons" of God will be those who have yielded to the Spirit's training in ALL aspects of sonship, which includes the Father's discipline (Heb. 12:6-8), and the embracing of the Cross.

There is no mysterious exclusion zone surrounding this event the scriptures refer to as "the manifestation of the sons of God" (KJV). We should not be deceived into believing this company of sons who will be revealed are an elite group of super-saints, endowed with a level of holiness not available to the average believer. On the contrary, the invitation to walk as one of these manifested sons, whom the scriptures say the whole of creation is longing to see, is an open one, available to all born-again children of God. The scriptures also make abundantly clear, however, that attaining this measure of mature sonship will involve significant cost to the flesh for those who sincerely seek to respond to it.

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren... Hebrews 2:10-11

What form will this manifested sonship take when it appears? What nature of people are this company of believers we are told creation waits for with"anxious longing"? There is one thing of which we can be certain - as the revealed sons of God they will bear an uncanny resemblance to their elder Brother, the Firstborn Son!

In the World but Not of the World

That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.... Philippians 2:15

As has already been stated, we are dealing here not just with the concept of sonship, but with MANIFESTED, or REVEALED, sonship. A contemporary dictionary definition of the word "manifest" is this: "clearly apparent to the sight or understanding; obvious."

Jesus manifested His Sonship whatever He did and wherever He went. He didn't have to work at being different - it was clearly evident to all who crossed His path that He just WAS. His connectedness to Something or Someone outside the common understanding of this world was glaringly obvious and unquestionably uncomfortable for many. People were either drawn to Him or repelled by Him. His manifested Sonship flowed directly from the depth of His unbroken communion with His Father.

So shall it be with all those whose sonship will be revealed as they walk the earth. Who they are may not be understood or acceptable, but that they are not of this earth shall certainly be MANIFESTED in ways that are clearly and unmistakably obvious. Certainly signs and wonder, miracles, powerful delivery of the Word, great grace, joy, holy lifestyles and diversities of gifts and functions will accompany them. However, even more significant than these, manifested sons will EXPOSE peoples' hearts, motives and intentions. As the glory of the Father, the grace of the Son and the holiness of the Spirit are increasingly revealed in and through them, their very presence will expose all that is of a different spirit, and for this reason they will be severely persecuted. People will either be drawn to the glory residing in them, or, by the working of the antichrist spirit, they will intensely oppose them.

Prophetically Proclaimed, Yet Obscure

Just as the coming of the Firstborn Son was prophetically proclaimed, yet of humble and un-notable circumstances, so can we expect it to be with those who walk in mature sonship. Prophets had foretold the coming of Jesus and His birth was marked by heavenly signs which were observed by star-watchers far to the east. Yet, apart from the oriental Magi, some Hebrew shepherds close to Bethlehem, and probably some animals sheltered in a stable, few alive in Israel at the time of Jesus' birth were aware of the momentous significance of the time in which they lived.

John the Baptist was sent in the spirit of Elijah as a forerunner to herald this long-awaited manifestation of God's Son on the earth. For his efforts his life was cut short and his message silenced. Similarly, for some years now prophetic voices have been prophesying the imminent appearance of what has been called a "faceless, nameless" generation of holy people, who will move in the Spirit's power yet seek no glory for themselves. As with the Firstborn Son, the rising generation of manifest sons will arise from seeming obscurity and unexceptional beginnings. There will seldom be anything about their physical appearance, personality, or reputation that would cause them to draw the world's attention. In fact, we should expect the most notable aspect about them, according to worldly standards, to be their ordinariness! (1 Cor. 1:27-29). They will truly be examples of God choosing the weak and foolish to bring to nothing the wisdom of the world.

I believe that another reason these walking in manifested sonship will be "nameless and faceless" is because there will simply be too many of them for the world to create a celebrity class from them. Though the world may attempt to impose it's fame on some, they will shun worldly recognition and all that comes with it, just as Jesus did (see John 6:14-15). Their only motivation will be to be about their Father's business while walking as living witnesses of His love.

This is not to imply that men and women walking in manifested sonship have not been raised up by the Spirit at other times. Many names could be listed of those who have embraced this costly calling throughout Christian history, including more recent examples like John Wesley, Mary Slessor , Smith Wigglesworth, Maria Woodworth-Etter, Sadhu Sundhar Singe, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and countless others. However, these have been individual forerunners, making way for a greater company of manifested sons to be revealed by the Spirit when the appointed time arrived and creation's yearning should be fulfilled.

Driven into the Wilderness

We can expect that those walking in manifested sonship will have known times of deep loneliness, testing and hiddenness, or what is commonly called the wilderness experience. Jesus the Firstborn Son was not spared this experience, nor will His brethren be (Luke 4:1). They will most certainly have wrestled with the temptation to follow a more comfortable and rewarding life-path by the world's standards than the narrow, unrecognised path they've chosen. They will have experienced firsthand the pain of being misunderstood, misrepresented and written off by church associates, friends and even family. But they will also have learnt the secret of overcoming in such trials through the power of the Spirit and the grace of Christ. Therefore they will not display a victim mentality, whatever persecution or hardship they may endure. Though they may be dressed in rags, they will walk in the holiness of priests and the authority of kings which shall not depart from them.

Belonging to the Fellowship of Suffering

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8:16

The reality of the Cross and the fellowship of the suffering of Jesus will be more than theoretical concepts in the lives of these manifested sons of God. The scriptures leave us in no confusion or doubt over the fact that the path to glory and resurrection life leads through the Cross, not around it. Therefore they will know Jesus intimately in the place of suffering as well as the place of power. It is precisely because they have yielded to the application of the Cross in their lives that they shall be granted the authority of resurrected sons.

These manifested sons will engender great fear in Satan's kingdom because the fear of death will not have any hold on them. At the same time each one of them will be a living revelation of the reality of God's grace keeping and sustaining His own. All those who suffer for and with Jesus have a special kind of fellowship, not only with their Lord, but also with each other, that is unknown to those believers who choose to circumvent the Cross. This too will be a mark of these mature sons - they will know each after the Spirit, and not after the flesh, and consequently their fellowship with one another shall be deep and rewarding in a way the world cannot comprehend (2 Cor. 5:16). For this reason they shall be granted the sacrificial grace of the Firstborn, enabling them to lay down their lives for one another.

Naturally Supernatural

So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a lifegiving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. 1 Cor. 15:45-49

Manifested sons will have shed the Adamic earthbound nature of the man of dust and will therefore bear the image of the last Adam, the heavenly man Jesus, without any sense of shame. They will have truly become sons of heaven and will demonstrate through word, deed and lifestyle, the supernatural power demonstrated by the Firstborn. Many will display, when required, authority over nature and the created elements. They will fulfil the command given to Adam and Eve, to "subdue the earth" (Gen. 1:28). Having died to the earthly nature of the man of dust (or earth), with its natural limitations, and "put on" by faith the Heavenly Man, they will no longer be bound to the laws of nature that govern the earth. Rather, having indeed become raised up together to sit in heavenly places in Christ, creation will recognise and submit to them, even while they walk in mortal bodies.

Part Two to follow.

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Sons! Why Your Prayers Are Hindered

Carla Rickard

February 17 2004
See Here! The time has come for the sifting of faith. Some of you have already experienced the sifting while others have yet to experience it. Some of you are experiencing it now. I AM calling you to attention. There is no work that you can do that will please Me unless it is mixed with faith. I AM not a respector of persons but I AM a respector of faith. Faith works by Love. I have shed abroad in your hearts Love when I brought you into the new birth. You have all you need to walk in faith and love. I hear the frustration on the earth of those who feel they are not seeing the fruit of their faith.

When you pray I have said for you to pray in faith and forgiving anyone who has trespassed against you that your prayers in heaven will be heard. Husbands you have wondered why your prayers have been hindered. I have spoken clearly as in times passed, that if you do not honor your wives your prayers would be hindered.

1 Peter 3:7
Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not **hindered**.

I AM the God of Joy! I laugh! But how grieved I AM when I hear the poking of fun toward wives by husbands in the name of humor. How grieved I AM that this continues in my church. Marriage as ordained as holy and sacred unto me is being profaned by this activity. I command it to end now that your prayers may not be hindered. Wives do not retaliate with unedifying jokes toward husbands. These jokes bring division between you. It is not honor! It does not bring Joy! It is a trap set to bring hurt and division by the enemy. Why is there a need to poke at one another in this manner? Take note of your hearts

Luke 6:45
A good man **out** of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man **out** of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the **abundance** of the heart his m**outh** speaketh.

In all your speech be holy!
Colossians 4:6
Let your **speech** be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.
Do not fall into this device of your enemy. It may seem harmless and light hearted but it is not My Will for you. Build one another up. Let your speech be an honor to me and to your spouses that the glory of Your Lord may shine upon you.

Psalm 51:10
Create in me a clean **heart**, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.
I speak this to you now that you may have understanding. I see you as One Flesh, as I and My Father are One. Would I speak of My Father in this manner? Would I jest? Come to the knowledge of Me and let me heal your disappointments. Let me heal those childhood wounds. These are not Who you are in Me for you are righteous in Me. Come now and let us reason together for the sake of My Kingdom on earth. You are my ambassadors. Faith works by Love. You will see the work of faith, the unfruitful prayers turn around as you do My Word to you in this day. I have plans for you, I have things to accomplish in you, yield this day that I may do this work quickly through a willing vessel. Sons, if you hear my voice today, do not harden your hearts.

Titus 2
[7] In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
[8] Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

Sons Of Glory

Shirley Lise

Sons Of Glory Shall Walk In Resurrection Power That Overrides The Power Of Death And Deterioration

Great grace is upon you, grace that will carry you through. I have designated much to you. I have set aside much for you. Run the race undaunted. Do not bow down to the enemy and his attempts to side-track you. Do not give in to his schemes. I have called and destined you to walk with kings, to be instrumental in bringing in a harvest. I have called you to forewarn the people of My coming, to prepare the way for the King of Kings. This is no small task. I have, indeed, called many, but few are chosen, yet the few who have stood the test will carry the mandate forward.

I have assigned jurisdiction to you over multiple areas of influence and I am walking you into them one at a time. Do not be concerned that time is ticking on. Do not concentrate on the issue of time. Soon time shall be no more and its hold will be gone, so look to Me, the author and perfecter of your faith, and you will see marvelous things come to pass, things you never dreamed possible, and certainly not at your age!

I will "turn back the clock." I will increase stamina within you on par with a youth. I shall take your "older" body and revitalize it. What age has done will be turned back. I will prove to you, that I am over and above time and its effects, that I can, indeed, burn back the effects of age. You ask why would I do this? I am determined to have a witness in the Earth of My power, resurrection power.

This will become evident through the "turning back" of time. It will reflect the ability of the Lord to recreate. Though many have slighted Me as their creator, they will stand in awe when they see the revival that takes place amongst My Own. They will stand in awe when they see that the years the locusts have eaten are restored back to those who diligently seek Me. They will see and recognize that the Lord God has power over life and death, that He is able to recreate and reestablish, that it is not a difficult thing for Him to bring life abundant to those who fully turn to Him.

You ask why this mystery has not been revealed earlier? It is because the world has not been ready to receive it. But, in this day, the revelation will be released, and the promises of God will come to pass regarding these things. Understand that God is immortal and that He created man in His image, to live forever. And yes, it has been appointed once for man to die, yet in the restoration of all things, there will be no death, for life will flow forth, for the curse shall be lifted off of mankind and all things shall be restored to their former state. There will be no crying, nor sorrow, for these will flee as I take My Own into life abundant.

Yes, the healing virtue flowed from My Son, and multitudes were healed in His presence. How much more will His healing presence restore as He dwells within you? Unless a man has a revelation of Christ, he will perish. But the revelation will prompt him into receiving the truth. It was because of the fall into sin in the Garden of Eden that man was cursed with death, but I am removing the curse and man shall live a full life, for I am restoring all things to its original state.

You ask how I might do this, when, and what things will look like? Follow My word. It gives instruction in the process. Turn back to the books of the prophets and you will see that such a time was spoken of through the prophets, a time when all creation shall worship at the Lord's feet, when the whole Earth shall be filled with His glory.

When will that be and how will this be accomplished you ask? I have a plan to bring the nations into repentance. I have a plan to lead the people out of deception and into the truth. I will send My Son back one more time, and the whole Earth shall acknowledge Him.

How shall I do this you ask? I will come to those who are willing to forsake all to follow Me. I will anoint their eyes with eye salve and they shall see the truth. I shall impart within them the power to walk in authority over every enemy of the cross, and I am at work, even now, to bring these sons to glory, to bring these into the fullness of My Spirit. They shall walk upon the Earth in such authority that those around them will recognize that they have been sent from God.

The light and life of Christ shall freely flow from these and the hearts of men shall be turned to the Lord, for they shall walk in resurrection power that overrides the power of death and deterioration. They shall be brought into wholeness, health, and vitality. They shall exude the countenance of the risen Christ.

I Challenge You To Keep The Faith
Shirley Lise

Distance yourself from stress and distress. Rise up to greater heights. Rise up above the storm clouds. Come up high above the turmoil. I will take you up into the Heavenlies, into realms of glory. I will lift you up. Those things that rise up against you will be made null and void.

Haven't I promised you many things, great victory in a day of trouble? Haven't I birthed into your spirit hope of the future, life and liberty in My Spirit? Haven't I confirmed to you My word? Well, I am triumphing forth in this day to take down the kingdoms of men and to institute My kingdom in the Earth. False witnesses, false teaching, doctrines of men and demons shall be smitten as I come in glory to expel the lies of the enemy and to reveal Myself to those who would seek Me.

Vicious is the enemy, but I shall smite him and destroy his plans to hinder My people from moving forward into their calling and destiny. I will completely destroy the works of the enemy in your midst. I will dethrone him and establish My throne. Because you are willing, I shall come to you and assist you. I shall hear your cries of intercession and bring liberty. This is the day promised to you. This is the covenant that I have made with you. This is the promise fulfilled that you and your household shall be saved.

The power of God is able to destroy the work of the enemy and to bring the house into order. Do not doubt. Do not say it can't be done. I will do it. I will work a work in your midst that will cause you to stand in awe. I will move sovereignly to line things up with My heart's desire.

Your household shall experience the resurrection power of God. No longer will the enemy hold sway. I am breaking the strongholds of the enemy off your household. Trust Me to do those things promised you. Trust Me to keep the river flowing in your midst. Trust My every word to you, for I shall perform all those things I have spoken of. Timing is important. At the right time I shall release these things to you.

I challenge you to keep the faith, to keep believing everything spoken to you. I challenge you to be confident that it is I who has spoken. I will do such a work in your midst, you will know that I have moved in to take over.

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Spirit Of Prophetic Praise And Worship

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I saw a large winged figure, maybe like a seraphim, hovering over the sanctuary. It had many chiffon like wings that gently moved in time with the beat of the music. It was multi-colored, brilliant, …constantly flashing different colors in different areas, very, very beautiful. As we entered into high praise the colors would become more intense and brilliant. As various believers in sanctuary entered into high praise this Spirit would illuminate that worshipper with a color. Not all worshippers in the congregation would be illuminated with the same color. Some were a brilliant purple, others a different color. Those who were not worshipping were not illuminated. Every so often the creature would open his mouth and exhale a colored incense. I couldn't smell this incense but I felt the Lord tell me that this incense had a lovely fragrance, perhaps only the Father could smell it. The Lord told me that wherever His people are gathered, engaging in prophetic worship, this beautiful holy seraphim type spirit hovers over them.

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Season Of The Rain

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People of God, arise! Come forth into My presence, for this is the season of My glory, says the Lord, and I come as the rain upon you. I am now bringing the water of life to you. Drink, I say, drink and be full. In the drinking of My water you shall be refreshed. Your times of refreshing come from My presence. As the refreshing comes to you, then out of your innermost being that which has come upon you will come out of you, and you will be a refreshing stream to those around you. You will be a refreshing stream to those who are dead and dry, and an abundance of life will come forth. I, the Lord, have spoken; this is the season of the rain and the coming forth of My Church in faith and in glory, says the Lord. Come!

Marsha Burns
November 29, 2004: I speak to those who have been in the pit so long that you accept your position as normal living. But, I say, stop sinking into the mire of self-pity and condemnation. Look not to your circumstances as any measure of your worth or ability. Look up and behold My face, for I will draw you up and set your feet on a level path and give you new hope. Your worth is far above rubies, and you are precious in My sight. Trust Me, and I will deliver you from the enemy's hand that is stretched out against you, says the Lord. *Exodus 14:13 "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord."*

Signs Of The Times
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Do you not recognize the signs of the times My people? You can look at the sky and say it is going to storm, or it is going to be a hot day, but do you not see the signs of My coming judgments? I have said, "As it was in the days of Noah" people marrying and giving away in marriage, but they did not see the coming judgment because of their sin... Even so, shall it be in the days of the coming of the Son of Man! Do you not see the signs? States removing the godly judges from the bench, the TV industry okaying the use of the "F" word, blatant sexual perversion on the TV, the disintegration of the old line churches, the gradual encroachment of government in the guise of peace and safety. This people have stated their case against Me and have said that they do not wish to have anything of Me in the govt., and though My people fight to some degree, this thing must be, "For It Is Written; Every Word that I have spoken shall come to pass and not one jot or tittle of it shall fall to the ground, for My Word will go forth and accomplish that which I have purposed that it shall do... My beloved ones, this not only encompasses the many mighty promises that I have made to you, but it also encompasses the Words that I have spoken concerning judging the sin that is in the world!

Sin must reach its fullness just as Grace must also reach its fullness, then shall I come and set up My kingdom which is an everlasting Kingdom, without end! Yes, My people, you shall reign victorious with My Son! So rejoice and look up for your redemption draws near, but do not stop what you are doing which is to occupy till I come! Give no quarter to the enemy! I AM coming in My glory and splendor, but first, I AM coming in My people! Stand ready to receive Me into yourselves in a way that you have never experienced before! It will be a short work, a quick work, then shall I appear and the earth and all who are therein, shall moan and weep for they shall see the one who was pierced and crucified, and they will try to hide their faces from Me whom they rejected, but there shall be no escape for them! Rejoice My beloved ones, for you shall be with Me! FOREVER! Amen! So Let It Be!

A Work In The Youth
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Even today this word is now coming into it's fullness saith the Spirit of Grace. Yes, it has already begun just as I spoke it through MY prophets in time past! I AM doing a work in the youth of today that is eclipsing any that has been seen by man since the beginning of time. A move that will utterly astound, dumbfound and make jealous those who have been hanging back and not moving as I have commanded and encouraged in days gone by. Yes, even as MY prophet Malachi wrote in the in time past, I will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, I AM even now bringing this into its fullness saith the Spirit of Grace! Many are saying that you do not have the experience that we have, so you must grow as we grew, and go through that which we have in the years past... Behold! Did I not say that I

would perfect praise from the mouth of babes? Did I not say that in the last day that I would do a short work and a quick work? Do you think that I am limited by time??? I exist outside the realm of time and further more time exists in ME! Those that are looked upon as too young, not good enough and not from the right bloodline I AM picking up and I AM cleaning them up and putting robes of righteousness on them just as I did with MY High Priest Joshua! Yes, these are the brands that I have personally plucked from the fire and have made them MY messengers saith the MOST HIGH! Prepare yourselves, gird up the loins of your mind, receive those that I have raised up for they are of ME, they have MY anointing upon them, they speak MY Words and do MY Will and they have no fear of man for they have been born of MY Spirit and are totally sold out to ME! I AM sending them into the highways and byways and into the gutters and slums that man doesn't desire to go and they will bring in those whom I have sent the invitation to, to come and fill MY House saith the One who is Faithful and True! Yes, this is the time when the last invitation is going forth and the time of the second invitation is at it's completion!

Yet not all of these are the rejects but they are all who have a heart to know the Truth and wish for the Truth to set them free! They will be discipled by those whom I have foreordained to groom to MY specifications, while others I will simply anoint and they will go forth in the Faith of their Redeemer, even with the faith of a child! Many who are engrained in the "old system" will not receive these but this will not deter them from the mission that I have put within their hearts! I would say to those who have walked with ME for many years, to receive these I send their way and do not turn them away for you will be turning ME away! Even as it is written that you entertain angels unaware, so will you be turning ME away unaware when you turn one of these away!

This is the time to be led by MY Spirit and be MY Sons saith the HIGH and LOFTY ONE! Receive them, take them in, feed them, cloth them, and give them a drink of cool water and you have so much as done the same to ME! I AM YAHWAH!!! I AM THE YAHWAH ELOHIM OF ABRAHAM ISAAC AND JACOB! I AM THE YAHWAH ELOHIM OF THE LIVING!!! I AM YAHSHUAH HAMASHIACH!!! I AM THAT I AM AND I AM WHO I WILL BE!!! BEHOLD I COME QUICKLY AND I BRING MY REWARD WITH ME!!! AND THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY "COME!"

Malachi 4:5-6 Amplified
Zechariah 3: Amplified

Song Of The Thunderstorm
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This, my dear friends, is what the Lord is telling me this day, June 29th, 2004.

My husband, Eddie, who as some of you know, has Alzheimers, wandered in this morning to my office and said he just wanted to sit down with me. It touched me, and I asked him if he would like for me to read my devotional to him. He beamed and smiled, and said, "Yes, I would!".

First I read Isaiah 41 and that chapter really touched him, and he kept saying, "That is sure just for us today isn't it?" He especially liked the verses about "So do not fear, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed". and "I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand an says to you, Do not fear, I will help you", because we have talked about his and my fear of the future with this disease he has right now.

Then the parts that talk about "I will make rivers flow on barren heights and springs within the valleys, I will turn the desert into pools of water". oh he loved those verses and kept commenting on them being just what God wanted to say to us today (It has been raining for days in Texas and we are again under a flash flood watch here in the North Texas area).

Then I felt I was to read Psalm 29, since today was the 29th. When I read this, it just amazed him.... and me too!

Mainly it was because we were sitting there listening to thunder in the distance and watching the morning become darker and darker and then rain began to fall outside the window. He sat there, teary-eyed, saying, over and over, "God is so amazing. He just wanted me to hear that today! God is really talking to us, isn't he?".

Later he left the room and he was all quiet and calm and comforted. So was I.

When I looked up Ps. 29 in different translations it was so interesting. I never knew it was called the "Psalm of the Thunderstorm" or the "Song of the Thunderstorm" and also, "The Psalm of Seven Thunders": "the voice of the Lord" is repeated seven (7), it is so wonderful how God speaks. So if you are in that storm, then God is in it! And listen, because God may be speaking to you.

BUT, ALSO, YOU WILL SOON BE OUT OF IT AND YOU WILL HAVE PEACE!

Below is a short explanation of Psalm 29 taken from one commentary I read. It was the best one for me today!

BLESSINGS, LOIS

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David's twenty-ninth psalm has been called "The Song of the Seven Thunders." Nothing else among the psalms, nor in all of Scripture, for that matter, quite matches it for drama. So intense is the feeling that the description of this wild landscape leaves the reader almost breathless. So vivid is the imagery that one virtually hears the thunders-"the voice of the Lord. . . full of majesty," (Psalm 29:4)-as they come in a series of seven explosions.

We track the progress of the storm. It sweeps in from the sea. It crashes through the trees, The whole mountain shakes. Then, as suddenly as it appeared, the storm roars on out into the wilderness.

The poet begins this glorious song with a call to worship the Lord of the storm.

After the tempest passes over him, David comprehends even more of heavenly power. Enthroned on land and sea, God will strengthen and "bless his people with peace." (11 RSV)

While we often refer to His speaking with the "still small voice," we also need to be ready to hear Him in the voice of thunder. Herein, however, lies an amazing, divine paradox. The God of the thunderstorm is the one who brings His people peace!

God of the thunders, grant that I may account the storms in my life simply as manifestations of Your power to deliver. Herein, I pray to find Your peace.

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Ps 29:1 ¶ <<A Psalm of David.>>
Give unto the LORD, O ye mighty, give unto the LORD glory and strength.
2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.
4 The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars; yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.
6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf; Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.
7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire.
8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wilderness; the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.
9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to calve, and discovereth the forests: and in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.
10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood; yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.
11 The LORD will give strength unto his people; the LORD will bless his people with peace.

State Of The Union

Don Hawley

One of our best-known historians is Arnold Toynbee who wrote the acclaimed 12 volume *A Study of History*. He once declared, "Of the 22 civilizations that have appeared in history, 19 of them collapsed when they reached the moral state America is in today."

The shocking revelation is that Toynbee made this statement way back in 1975!

Would you agree that our nation's morality has significantly worsened since that time? My personal conviction is that our demise is long overdue.

However, for those who perceive correctly what the Bible has to say about conditions just prior to the Lord's return, this is a time of great hope:

In our day, the bad news is good news!

Those who now declare "peace and safety"--and that likely includes most Christians--are the ones who will be tremendously shaken by impending events.

Strikes On The USA

Mike Tucker

Major U.S. Explosion
05/2004 I dreamed the following:

I saw a woman talking on a phone. She was wearing pearls around her neck and a Southern style sun-dress. While she was looking out the window, an explosion went off in the distance. Her eyes were filled with terror at what she saw then her skin quickly melted and peeled away from her face (I could not bear to see more of this dream scene, somehow I was able to close my eyes).

Then I was taken to where the bomb went off. I stood next to the actual bomb and saw it sputter once (as if it might not go off) but then it fully exploded and formed a thin but high mushroom cloud. All around it, oil refineries and huge storage tanks went up in the explosion and added to the explosion.

Then I was taken to a warehouse at a port loading dock. I saw several cargo boxes being loaded at different times. In them, I was made to know that the parts of the above bomb were contained and concealed. And this is how it entered into our land.

Then the visual part of the dream ended, but this name was spoken three times with increasing volume and intensity, "Abu Muwahbe... ABU Mu-wah- be... ***ABU MU-WAH-BE",*** *and the last name was clearly pronounced syllable upon syllable.* Then I woke up.

Meaning: I believe the bomb was in fact a nuclear device placed near a major oil installation. The mushroom cloud and great care taken to smuggle the bomb in suggests it was not conventional. The woman was clearly in Southern attire and suggests that a Southern port city with oil refineries is the intended target.

I beg my Brothers and Sisters in Christ to pray that this event be put back and this Abu Muwahbe be revealed or captured.

A Foreign Ploy

08/2004 *I dreamed I saw a map of the Western U.S. coastline stretching from Alaska, Canada and to the continental U.S. coast. On the British Columbia coastline, I saw a large exclamation point.*

The next scene I was taken to that specific point on the map. Several men were unloading something from a boat. As I looked at the men, I was made to know that they were Russian (though they wore nothing to signify such a thing, they were quite ordinary looking). They unloaded a black raft with green camo covering it. As I looked at the raft and the bulk beneath the camo, I was made to know something very sinister was in the raft.

I believe this dream indicates that a Russian force (may or may not be government backed) will unload a deadly weapon in the U.S. through the Canadian border. The type of weapon was not revealed, but it was extremely deadly (Biological?).

The Lord God operates under love and mercy. These events do not necessarily have to be allowed. Let us pray this nation will turn from her ways and the church will wake up from its slumber before the day arrives.

Jesus is the Ark!

Stirring of the Waters
Mary Clark

I am about to stir the waters, beloved. I am giving them a good stir. When My beloved feels the stirring of these waters, you will be lifted up to a new place in Me – a new place of protection. Look forward to this occurrence, for it is surely on the way. It is most certainly just around the corner.

What do I mean when I say that I am stirring the waters in your vicinity? What good could it possibly do for Me to stir the waters? I will tell you: I am offering a new hope to those who will comply with My message. I am offering something that money cannot buy. Will you receive, as I do My masterful stirring in your vicinity? Will you receive the wonder of My most able hand?

Let Me tell you something more about the stirring of the waters that is coming your way soon. Just as in the days of old, I am opening new and wondrous vistas where you will see a certain wholeness shine forth in your life. You will know with a certainty that you have been touched by the loving hand of the Almighty One. You will identify this touch, and worship the Giver of good gifts. You will know a release deep within your heart that will enable you to move into a place of wonder in Me where you will see My most pronounced glory shining through your life to others.

I am taking all who will come into a new place. Presently, I am rolling up My sleeves. I am going to plunge My hand into the water in your vicinity, and begin a swirling motion with My hand. This swirling motion is going to pull those who are seeking after the Beloved into a new place. Come into My pool of love and delight, and know the goodness of the living God as it shines forth wondrous possibilities for your enjoyment.

I am about to swirl the waters, beloved. I am about to show the devil what for. He is anxiously wringing his hands, for he sees Me rolling up My sleeves. I am going to plunge My hand deep into the waters of your vicinity. Wholeness – a place of wonder – is coming the way of My beloved. A wondrous hour is going to take the place of the boredom. You are about to be caught in the swift current – the swelling current that is bringing all who have taken the plunge into the deep waters of My love.

The time is right! The hour is upon us, beloved. Know that the wonder of wonders is surely on the way. It is surely coming by the power of My Spirit to your vicinity, and when it does, beloved, relax and go with the flow. Just relax and enjoy My presence, knowing that I am touching you deep within your heart, and making you whole – making you sound in the face of the evil one's antics, and placing you securely in the river of My love. Let it wash over you, and know its sweetness, beloved – know its peaceful flow as it engulfs you – know the wonder of being caught up with Me in the rapture of My love. Know this – all of this – and take that walk of extremes in the path of My choosing. For truly, this is a time to move forward, and what better way is there to begin an adventure than being doused in the sweet, fulfilling presence of My love – being doused in the wonder of My power, and knowing deep within the loving touch of the One Who is Mighty – the One Who is Wondrous – the One Who is Love – Love at its finest.

The unequaled love of the Beloved! Who can fathom it? Well, beloved, you are about to understand a little more about it. You are about to receive a wondrous, loving touch from the Almighty, and when you do, kindly share this phenomenon – kindly share the wonder of this touch in order that others may decide to take the plunge into My river also – into the flowing, swirling river of My most exotic love. It is for you. It is for them. It is for US!!!

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Pastel Envelopes
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In a vision, I saw a letter holder hanging on a wall. It contained a few envelopes.
They were pink, yellow and blue pastel. What was in these envelopes, Lord?

Those envelopes contained words for a later date. Those envelopes contained words of love that I am longing to say to My beloved, but they will have to wait for a later day. You would not understand My language of love today, beloved. These words are for later after I reveal some things about My heart to you. So wait patiently for them to be delivered, and know that when they are delivered they will delight your heart and soul. They will delight the depths of your being. And sending them will be a delight to Me, too, beloved. Oh, yes. I am eager to send them to you. But I am a patient God, and they will just have to wait. They will just have to wait to be sent at the correct time. You know, timing is essential in everything, and this instance is no exception.

So let it be enough to know that I have some letters for you, written in a language you would not understand at this time. But the time is dawning when you will understand, and when you do, I will send them. I will send them, and let them thrill your heart as they thrill Mine. Just knowing that the time has come for Me to write them and keep them safe until that wondrous hour is wonderful for Me. I know that the time is almost here when I will send the letters to My beloved, and this thrills My heart. It thrills My heart knowing that the time is coming when My beloved will read these letters written in a language of love that will be most satisfying to read just as they have been most satisfying to write.

I say again, beloved. These letters will have to wait until the appropriate hour. But be that as it may, I would have you think on this promise – the promise that they will be forthcoming. Knowing this should thrill your heart, and offer you a new hope for tomorrow. And that is just why I am telling you about these letters – to give you another sign of hope for your tomorrow.

They will soon be delivered, beloved, and when they are, look up and know that your Beloved is coming for you soon. He is coming to take you to your heavenly home soon, and this is a fact that you may ponder also – the letters and My return. Now that should keep you busy – pondering those two events. Yes! That should give you something worthwhile to do until My return. And as you ponder, beloved, talk to Me, and tell Me that you are excited about My work, and oh so happy and excited about My return, because you will be echoing My thoughts, beloved. That way you will be echoing the thoughts of your Beloved.

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Mountain of Fire
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In a vision, I was looking up at a mountain that had carvings of huge heads like Mount Rushmore. I was looking at the heads, trying to identify them, when my vision zoomed in on the one at the very top that was silhouetted against the blue sky. It was a lovely face. I believe it was Jesus. In the next scene, I was exploring the rocky mountain. There was an outcropping of rock and I peered around and looked down a corridor-like indention. I could see a natural window in the rock at the end of the corridor, and a glowing fire was burning in the room behind the window. Why did You show this to me, Lord? What significance do these visions have in your plans for our future?

I am building My church. I am the head of My church. There is none other who qualifies for this position. Know this is a truth, spoken by the mouth of the living God – the One Who made you, and is taking you into a new place in Him. Let Me tell you about this new place:

This place is alive with the fire of the living God. The fire blazes high, lighting the way into the finest of hours. I want you, My church, to identify My will and walk in it with all that is in you – with all that I have put in you. I have certainly equipped you. I have certainly marked out your destiny on My very own blueprint – My faultless plan.

Listen to this wonder of wonders that I am about to tell you, beloved, and identify it as coming from the One Who made you and is seeing to it that you arrive into that place of wonder that is found in Me: I have established you in a place of My goodness for this coming hour. I have signaled to you My intent, and I have moved you in the direction of My will where you may look on the beauty of My face. You may see Me just as I am. You may identify My will, following after the way that I have laid before you. You may walk into a place of My supreme knowledge being made known to your heart.

Look on the power and majesty of the Almighty King, and know with a certainty that one who follows after Me – who follows after My truth – will never be disappointed. I am taking you into a glowing, new region. This region is HOT with My presence. My very presence in you will burn away the dross that has built up in your heart. My very presence will light the way into a future in Me where you will see My beauty up close and announce to others the wonder of the living God simply by the lives that you lead, the words that you speak, and the actions that you take on My behalf.

I am doing a red hot work in you, beloved – a RED hot work. Look on this fiery work and know that I intend to move you closer into the realm of My wondrous glory shining through you, and lighting the way for others to come into the realization of My truth.

I am turning the tables on the enemy. He thought that he had you in a headlock, telling you lie after lie after lie. But he is soon to see that the Almighty has him in the headlock, and I am about to cause that same fire that is burning the dross in My beloved to ignite the enemy’s coattail. He is not going to like it one bit. You see, this fire of Mine can either serve man or it can burn man. Man can be burned alive and made holy or man can be burned to death by this fire – this unquenchable fire.

I am calling to My beloved children. I want you to see Me up close. I want you to gaze on My beauty from a region you have yet to visit. I want you to behold Me and all of My majesty. I want you to know that I am moving you into a delightful new territory – a territory rich with My presence. I want you to know that I am doing a new work in your heart when you arrive into this fiery territory. I am burning away some things that have gotten in the way of My work in you. I am burning away some things that have hindered your growth in Me. Realize that this is a good thing – an eternal thing – a thing that is going to give you a BIG boost. But the enemy – now he is a different matter! I am going to burn him. I am going to burn him with an unquenchable fire, and send him scampering off into a region of deep misery.

You, beloved, will see as you arrive into this holy place of burning that I have singled you out for this hour to bless you mightily. You will see that My intent toward you is always fine – it is always My intent to bless you mightily. You will see that the work that I am doing in your heart is taking on a new life in Me – a new life of great wonder, and I am pronouncing on each of you something that can only be viewed from up close – up close to My face. So know that this is promotion – a gigantic promotion. You see, beloved, I am taking you to the top of the mountain. My holy fire burns brightly there. The air is rarefied there. The air is sweet and My presence is most pronounced.

So when you feel your ascent into this domain of wonder, call out to Me your wishes to advance into this place of holy burning, knowing that the hour has come for you to see – to view Me – with an eye of love and devotion you have yet to experience. Know that this giant promotion is brought to you by your Lord and Savior, and it is a final step into the virtue that I am offering My devoted believers.

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Spirit Of Unworthiness

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Spirit Of Unworthiness, Failure And Suicide - High On Hell's Agenda For 2004!
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In the Spirit I sense that the enemy for the past several years has been working strategically and patiently to wear down the saints. But he is not planning to stop there. I sense his past work is only to unleash something far worse this coming year. I sensed as this new year came in that he has unleashed something horrific against pastors and leaders.

In the Spirit I heard a heavenly decree going forth throughout the earth heralding a cry for intercession to increase immediately to fortify pastors and ministers. I saw a caution light flashing from the book of Nahum 2:1 "He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily!"

I sense many discouraged pastors who are considering giving up on their call and ministry will now be in for the greatest battle of their life - the will to live! Satan is now releasing a flood of unworthiness to convince many that they have failed the Lord and it would be hypocritical to try to continue on.
Hell's best offer will now become thinkable on the heels of depression - "suicide."
I then heard a cry from the battle field... "another soldier down!"
Do you know where your pastor is? Hug your pastor today and don't let go!

Signs Of What Is To Come

Stephen Hanson

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LK 21:25 "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. [26] Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. [27] At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. [28] When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

2TI 3:1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. [2] People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, [3] without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, [4] treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- [5] having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

"Out of the west will come a wind that will blow. This wind will stir up many things. I tell you that there will be atmospheric things seen in the skies. For this earth is going to be going through birth pangs. What are those birth pangs? I tell you that they are signs of my returning Son. "

These are the signs that you would observe:

1. Drought in some areas of the United States.
2. More fires reaping havoc.
3. Tornadoes and high winds
4. Lightning storms
5. Buildings collapsing
6. An earthquake of great magnitude
7. Tidal waves upon the coastlines

"I tell you that the signs in the natural come first; then the spiritual comes afterwards. There will be an "unsettling" of many people. For many will look to other beliefs at this time. The ancient practices of other religions will become prevalent. For they think that they will have found their answers there. These are the signs that will follow. Lean unto the rock of your salvation. Deep dig and you will find your resources in Me. "

Stephen Hanson

Spain

Catherine Brown

SPAIN - THE ANGEL AND THE BOULDER

"'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.' Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." Mt 21:42-44

GOD MOVES ON THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN

In prayer I recently saw a massive angel standing on a mountain in Spain. The angel was standing by a huge boulder, and suddenly a shout came from Heaven, and the voice of God said, "MOVE."

The word thundered, and the angel released the boulder. The boulder represents Christ as the capstone of the Church and points to the next move of the Holy Spirit in Spain. When the Lord spoke, His word released Dunamis power, and a massive spiritual shift occurred. God's glory began to break over Spain, releasing the Kingdom of God on the earth as it is in Heaven, transitioning the kingdom of Spain into revival.

ACCELERATION AND VISIONS OF GLORY

"I am about to release a move of my Spirit in Spain, which will have a massive spiritual impact on the nations. This next move of my Spirit will crush terrorism and religious facades. The continuum of my Spirit will birth a revival in this land. My word to Spain is 'ACCELERATION.' Rise up out of despair into your destiny. Rise up out of weariness and despondency. Rise out of passivity into passionate pursuit of your King and put on the garment of praise. I am on the move, and I am releasing an anointing upon your land to move with my Spirit. You will experience a quickening in your hearts as your ears are opened to this trumpet call from Heaven. And I say to you there is fresh grace in this hour to obey my Spirit and to run with the visions I will place in your hearts. Visions of glory, visions of fruitfulness, visions of reconciliation, and visions of peace.

RE-LOCATION TO SPAIN TO RECEIVE KINGDOM MANTLES

"For some time now I have been preparing your hearts, especially those who will lead this next move of my Spirit. This next move of my Spirit is a tri-generational move. Even now I am sending people into Spain to co-labor in the harvest. I am physically re-locating those who will help spearhead this move of God in your land. Some of them are traveling to be with you even now, and they will receive the fullness of their mantle when they touch down on Spanish soil. Receive them in love and resource them, for they hold keys to unlock the harvest.

24-7 PRAYER TEAMS SEED A PRAYER REVIVAL

"Those who are in their twenties will be highly impacted, and they, in turn, will impact Hispanic people across the globe. Watch out for the seeds of 24-7 prayer movements, blossoming with a suddenly. That which has been sown in love, will burst forth with a demonstration of my power. Prayer houses will continue to multiply at an ever-increasing rate. This is a direct result of those who have gone on summer expeditions and who have sown worship and prayer, many of them in the hidden place. The Lord honors those who have stayed behind to prepare a seed bed of sacrificial prayer and praise. The harvest is coming.

21st CENTURY ARTISANS WILL CLUSTER IN SPAIN

"There is an unconventionality to some aspects of this next move of my Spirit, for this next move of My Spirit is a mold breaker. With the new wine I am releasing fresh ideas. Do not fear the creative ways in which the Gospel will be spread. Some of what you see with your physical eyes will stretch your boundaries, but there are many ways to connect with lost souls, and I am creatively inspiring a new millennium artistic wave of wonder that is also a part of my harvest nets. Twenty-first century Christian artisans* will cluster in Spain. New centers will be built for artistic expression of worship under a powerful prophetic anointing. These creative labors of love will speak to and reach the lost and will break down barriers in societies, both within and beyond Spain. In Brazil, in Guatemala, in Honduras, in Argentina, and in many other places within central and southern America, I am going to seed creativity into my people and birth a body of prophetic artisans. For some this will be their tent making provision. Bless the work of the hands that serve me. I am calling for Christian marketplace ministers to help facilitate Christian business start-up schemes which embrace these artisans. This will break poverty on many of my people. I will give the necessary network connections and strategies to these modern day Josephs.

[*artisan - a skilled worker who makes things by hand]

"There is a bridge to be built through artistic expression business start-ups into Israel, and a connectedness with Israel that I desire to increase. I am calling for Spanish Christian leaders to bless Israel and build a bond of peace and trust.

VICTORY IN THE VALLEYS!

"There has been a stirring of your hearts and much has been done in the area of intercession and of demonstrating my love. You have shown willingness to be servant-hearted and to take my love out onto the streets. There are even those of you who have prayed in the valleys like Ezekiel."

The Lord would say to those who have labored in intercession, "You are weary, precious children, but you are not forgotten."

To those who have prophesied to the dead bones and heard the shifting and the rattling of the Body coming together, the Lord says, "Do not give up in your faithful intercession, for breakthrough is very near. I am sending you reinforcements from around the nations to stand with Spain in this hour of my glory and see revival birthed in this century. The next two years are crucial in the birthing and nurturing of revival in this land.

A DANIEL ANOINTING ON THE JACOB GENERATION OF SPAIN

"I am going to affect the students of this nation. I am bypassing man's intellect to reach straight into the heart, and this next move of My Spirit will be known as a revolution of love. Once hearts are won for my Kingdom, I will use their intelligence to my glory, for there is a Daniel anointing that I desire to pour out on the Jacob generation of Spain. With this anointing will come great favor, great wealth and resources, and a tremendous revelatory anointing, accompanied by wisdom and understanding. Like Daniel, you will know a fear and reverence of your God. Places of spiritual learning will be established. Swathes of training and equipping centers will rise from Spain. Even a tented community will be seen as a place of My presence and a place to meet with me as Joshua met with me in the tent. Expect the fire of my presence, for my fire is a place of refining and holiness. Trials will come to test your faith. Fear not, for the pure in heart will shine as their faith comes forth like pure gold.

SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENTSIA TO MENTOR SPAIN'S NAZIRITE ARMY

"Indeed, I have been preparing Christian spiritual intelligentsia to mentor this next move of young converts in Spain. These spiritual leaders have been seasoned in my virtue and will gird new converts with truth and wisdom. They have been anointed with my governmental authority and compassion. Indeed, some have already walked upon your land and released my decrees. Still more will come to your land as salt and light. I am raising up spiritual mothers and fathers for this generation of radical young men and women that will do great and mighty exploits for their God. They will volunteer to parent you, many from other nations. Conscription in Grace to the army of God is a call that will be heard in your land. It is a last-days calling for an army of Nazirites in Spain.

TURNING THE TABLES - SALVATIONS AND SIESTAS!

"For so long many have come to Spain to party and partake in the spirit of the world. But I am turning the tables, and I declare the Church will celebrate, and the world will take notice, and the partying on earth will be to a new tune and will be an echo of my angels in Heaven as they celebrate salvations. There will be a harvest of souls. People will come on holidays with no agenda for salvation, but instead they will have profound encounters with Me. I am going to meet with them, and the message of the woman at the well, John 4, is a promise for Spain. Signs and wonders will accompany the preaching of my word. The gift of the word of knowledge will operate in the public arena with tremendous accuracy and blessing, as will the gift of healing.

"There are many time-shares in Spain. I am going to touch a modern day Cyrus in this hour, and he will give a time-share complex for my Kingdom, and people will come and be refreshed and revitalized. This first-fruits offering will be seen in Torremolinos.

OPPOSITION OVERCOME THROUGH ADORATION

"This next move of my Spirit will be confrontational, for it will take place much of the time on the streets of Spain and also in seats of learning. Evil will be confronted in my goodness, and my Word will prevail. There will be opposition from within the Church as well as from without, but do not bow to intimidation, for I am raising a war cry in the heavenly realms against the false god of religion. I am causing this to topple and fall as my people come to worship and adore me.

"Seville is carrying an anointing for vitality in the Kingdom. I am releasing the sound of the pipes and the drum and the tambourine, and I am causing a coming together of the Celtic nations and the people of the Basque region. The sound of worship is being restored in, around, and for Spain."

THE GIDEON VICTORY SHOUT BREAKS THE YOKE

God calls the Church to release a great victory shout which reaches unto Heaven. This shout will release an anointing to break the yokes of the enemy. The Lord says, "Let your ole' (bravo) be unto the glory of My name, and I will shake the heavens and the earth and release my glory. You will feel the earth physically tremble under this anointing."

The Lord calls for repentance and reconciliation on the borders of Spain. Spanish, French, and Basque believers will gather to petition the Throne of Grace for mercy. This is necessary and a pre-emptive, strategic, intercessory assignment which must take place for the full weight of the anointing to be released on the victory shout.

To those who have been faithful with little, the Lord says this, "Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness. (Mt 25:21) Great increase is promised for those who are faithful to the King of Kings, and Portugal will share in the blessings."

Father we agree with your word and bless our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, and we join our hearts to theirs and cry out for the next MOVE of your Spirit in Spain. We receive this revival of love and prophesy the fulfillment of Kingdom-destiny for Spain in the mighty name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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Something Precious Burning

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I Think I Smell Something Precious Burning...

There was a shipwreck at sea and the soul survivor was a man who swam to a nearby deserted island. He took as much of the food from the wreckage that could be salvaged and put it in a pile and covered the food with the mast of the ship. He knew that when the food ran out, he would soon perish.

One day he took a walk to the other side of the island. As he was returning back, he saw huge flames shooting up out of the pile of food that was stored. He got so angry, he began beating his fists into the sand and started cursing God. As he was cursing God, he heard a sound... a foghorn in the distance. He looked up, and there was a big ship on the horizon of the waters. He watched as men began to climb down off this big ship into small boats and started rowing towards the shore. The first small boat to reach the shore had the Captain of the big ship in it. The Captain stepped out of the boat and walked up to the man on the island. The Captain said, "Mister, if you hadn't lit that fire ... we would never have found you! If you hadn't lit that fire... "

I sense there are many of God's people right now that for some reason the Father has allowed some precious things, relationships, and things you thought you couldn't live without to go up in smoke and flames. I sense many are bewildered and angry. The enemy is trying to convince many to blame God for what you have lost and turn away from Him. Many are so angry and bitter that they cannot really hear God at all right now. But I hear something for you. Listen very carefully. This is what I hear... mmmmmmm, mmmmmm. I hear a 'spiritual' foghorn in the distance... Jesus is very near!

The enemy is telling you to look at what you are losing. Jesus is saying, "Look at what you are about to gain! If you have lost something that you believe is God's will for you to have, then He is able to bring it back in His timing. Things that we think we can't live without are often very frail and combustible.

Fire often helps us to surrender those things that we are unable to give up on our own. God gives beauty for ashes.

Oh, Father, if You call us to the fire, You will not withdraw your Hand. We'll gaze into the flames and look for You!

I think I smell something precious burning...

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The Statue of Liberty Changing Her Apparel
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The Statue Of Liberty Changing Her Apparel -- Look Out Spider Man!

In the Spirit I saw the abbreviation of the state of New York - 'NY' lighting up, standing for "Now Yeshua!" It was as though Yeshua was coming 3-D technicolor to New York City! I saw a huge tallit (prayer shawl) coming down over the head and shoulders of the Statue of Liberty. She looked a little Jewish! I sensed the Lord saying. "This prayer shawl over her head and shoulders represents the urgent call for intercession for America and Israel.

I then saw the Hand of God replacing the torch in her hand with a shofar!

The Lord seemed to be saying. "The Spirit of Liberty that seems dead within this woman is being resurrected again and up out of her innermost being will come forth the very breath of God and this lady will blow the shofar and the blast of Liberty will be sounded and heard throughout this land bringing a release to America and touching Israel at the same time!"

I believe praying for Israel is going to pay huge dividends of favor from Heaven to America. We are going to start reaping from those prayers we are sowing and crying out for the Peace of Jerusalem.

Dear Spider Man, "Yeshua is still number one in New York City and America... Job 8:14 "Those who forget God, their hope shall be cut off, whose trust shall be a spider's web."

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Special Report
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Special News Bulletin
Revelation 3:19

Those whom I dearly and tenderly love, I tell their faults and convict and convince and reprove and chasten. I discipline and instruct them.

So be enthusiastic and in earnest and burning zeal and repent (changing your mind and attitude. Listen means to obey in the word.

Zephaniah 2:1-3

Collect your thoughts, yes unbend yourselves in submission and see if there is no sense of shame and no consciousness of sin left in you. O shameless nation (not desirous or desired).

The time for repentance is speeding by like chaff whirled before the wind!

Therefore consider, before God’s decree brings forth (the curse upon you), before the time to repent is gone like the drifting chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord comes upon you-yes, before the day of the wrath of the Lord comes upon you.

This is about the laws of this nation as well as our own decisions Concerning abortions and same sex marriages. The unborn babies Cannot defend themselves or speak out to say “you are hurting me” Or “don’t do this to me, I want to live”. They can’t call for their Mommy or daddy to help them. This abortion thing is very satanic.

Seek the Lord (inquire of Him, and require Him as the foremost necessity of your life), all you humble of the land who have acted in compliance with His revealed will and have kept His commandments; seek righteousness, seek humility (inquire for them, require them as vital). It may be you will be hidden in the day of the Lord’s anger.

Is this the kind of message that comes when men or a nation does not please God with their decisions and life styles? Is this something that we need to Seriously consider when we have partial birth abortions and same sex Marriages? If the law of the land is contrary to the word of God, then God will do what He says He will do in correcting the wrong decisions.

Luke 17:26-32
And just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the time of the Son of Man. People ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, right up To the day when Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed Them all.

So also (it was the same) as it was in the days of Lot. People ate, they drank, They bought , they sold, they planted, they built; But on the very day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. That is the way it will be on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. On that day let him who is on the housetop, with his belongings in the house, not come down and go inside to carry them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife.

These words are given in a most solemn warning to those that it applies to.

The Importance and the Power of Prayer

The disciples were watching Jesus every day. They noticed how He prayed alone and always early in the morning before daybreak. They noticed that He never prayed for sick people to be healed. He simply spoke to them saying be healed or touched them and they were healed or they touched Him and they were healed. They saw how it only took seconds to get them healed or to cast demons out Or work miracles.

Now they understood how He had this kind of power. They knew that it was Because of His prayer life. He prayed a very long time every day. But each Miracle or healing only took seconds.

They said to Jesus, Lord teach us to pray. They did not ask Him to
Teach Them how to do miracles, healings and cast out demons. This is the key to every one's Christian believer's life being made full And Enables us to do the works of the Lord.

Luke 6:17-19
Jesus came down with them and took His stand on a level spot With a great crowd of His disciples and a vast throng of people from all Over Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to listen to Him and to be cured of their diseases-

Even those who were disturbed and troubled with unclean spirits, and they were being healed (also).

And all the multitude were seeking to touch Him**, for healing power was all The while going forth from Him and curing them all (saving them from severe illnesses or calamities.**

Power was constantly flowing from the Lord during His earthly ministry.

This power was dynamic, moving, active, reviving, restoring, healing, creating, flowing, doing, gloriously resurrecting the dead and was always

Available to those that reached out by faith.

When we have a prayer life similar to the life that Jesus had that power will Manifest in us as well. I can tell you this by my own experience.

It is real and it does happen. Miracles happen. Healings happen. All the glory goes to the Lord Jesus. It is not us but The Spirit of Christ in us.

Terry Suggs

Another Wave is Coming!
Terry Suggs

The movie the passion of the Christ is being released on video. The kind of impact that this will make is phenomenal. A great tool for evangelism has been given to us.

I see a wave of new Christians coming out of this release as well as a number of individuals seeking answers. Pastors, teachers, evangelists please be prepared.

Natural Disasters and Shakings
Terry Suggs

Prepare now for the shaking that is about to take place. You must be prayed up and completely ready this time. It could possibly be much worse than I'm saying right now.

There is a great shaking coming soon. People of this world are already suffering in different places around the world. Now, it could get worse for them.

Please pray as if it is happening right now. Pray like you are in the middle of the worse disaster right now, because some of us don't pray for God to intervene until something major happens. Prayer can change everything.

Terry Suggs

Look Higher! Look Deeper!

Look Farther!

Jesus In Us

Terry Suggs

Because of the way we were taught the Word of God in the years gone by, we have a consciousness of inferiority and weakness and uncertainty. But Jesus spoke to us by His word and His life. He (Jesus) (the Son of God) lived as a man filled with the Holy Ghost, and born of God. As a man filled with the Holy Ghost Jesus came to restore the earth and the people of the earth. His acts of restoration were demonstrated in the times when He healed everyone that was sick. As a man filled with the Holy Ghost He opened blind eyes, He healed lepers, He raised the dead; as a man filled with the Holy Ghost, He walked on water and spoke to storms and made them cease. Jesus did everything by miracles or by just speaking. He spoke the Word only.

His words did the work. When He raised Lazarus, He spoke the word.

Before satan stole our position as the ones with authority over all the earth, Adam was doing the same thing. **Adam did everything by speaking.**

Jesus has restored us to our position.

Jesus always talked and operated on a higher level than man. His faith was perfect.

He spoke with authority and whatever He spoke came to pass.

He said to Peter to come to Him on the water, when He did this, He was saying: “you see what I’m trying to tell you. I want you to see that you are in authority and dominion over the earth. I’m here to show you that you can do what I am doing. I’m here to restore the position of man that Adam lost to satan. “When you are Mine and in Me, all things are possible; just believe.” As a man that knew Who He was and filled with the Holy Ghost, and full of power as well as anointed, and overshadowed with glory and honor, He healed the deaf and dumb, the crippled.

When Jesus lived as a man, He could only be in one place at a time.

Jesus said, “ I must go away to the Father, so that the comforter of Holy Ghost can come and live in you.”

In the last days I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. Now Jesus (all of God in His fullness) lives in the body of Christ. Jesus said; the just shall live by faith. Jesus said, if you have the faith as a grain of mustard seed, (speaking the word in faith is the same as sowing a seed in the ground), you can speak to a mountain and say be plucked up and removed and be cast into the sea and not doubt, you shall have, you shall have, what you say, what you say believing. The mountain will obey you.

Since now faith is the substance and the evidence, then today is the day for what you are expecting. You have it now, today.

Eternity is a place without time. It is the eternal now.

Whatever you are believing for is right now in the eternal now.

God’s word is His life. **His word is spontaneously creative**.

By His stripes you were healed. Believe in your heart and confess with your mouth and you shall be saved. Jesus and Peter were not limited by gravity when they walked on the water, because Jesus word was spontaneously active and Jesus had authority over gravity and water.

Jesus was not limited by weather conditions, by time, by space, or by man-made traditions. These boundaries were not boundaries to Him.

Jesus used two fish and five loaves to feed thousands and afterwards there were left- overs.

Jesus was not bound by anything in this physical world. He was not bound by natural laws.

Jesus was not bound by anything in this physical world. Jesus spoke with authority when He spoke to the tree saying: No man shall eat your fruit from this day on**. Jesus words carried so much power that what He said manifested spontaneously.** If Jesus had spoken in the middle of the night and said let it be daylight, the sun would have been shining in that instant.

Jesus is telling us that all the things He did, we will do and even greater works shall we do, because He went to the Father.

Faith dispels fear, faith makes you whole, it produces righteousness, faith justifies, it heals the sick and faith grows. Faith knows no defeat.

Jesus is operating in perfected faith. He has absolute confidence in His own power or being.

Jesus did not come to make you sick or condemn you. He said have Faith in God. Faith manifests substance and evidence. The faith of God is what Jesus used. He said to the disciples and to the believers, have the faith of God. Believe like God believes and have what God would have.

Nothing by any means can harm you. No weapon formed against you shall prosper. The enemy will come one way and flee seven ways. The word will never return empty. It will obtain and manifest what it was directed to and sent to do. He sent His Word and healed them.

Take no thought for your life; what you will eat, drink or wear. It is not by power or by might, but by My Spirit says the Lord.

Jesus is 100% honest, faithful, 100% trustworthy and pure in every aspect of His Being. Jesus is perfect love. Jesus is telling us to do the works that He did.

We have been restored to the Father’s household. We are the inheritors of all things. He held nothing back from us. If God spared not His own Son, how much more with Him shall He also freely give us all things.

Do you see what you were restored to? The kingdom of God has no boundaries. Jesus came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. Jesus came that our joy may be full.

In His Kingdom, that now is at hand, there is all faith, all healing, all grace, all love, all power, all wisdom, all spiritual blessing, all light, and all victory.

For the whole creation (all nature) waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God’s own sons to be made known (waits for the revealing, the disclosing of their sonship. That nature itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption (and gain and entrance) into the glorious freedom of God’s children. We know that the whole creation (of irrational creatures) has been moaning together in the pain of labor until now.

When we pray or talk to God the Father we are talking to the Creator of the universe and everything that lives in it.

When His Word is spoken it is like a missile launched to a target. Nothing can prevent it from reaching its intended result or accomplishing its objective. God fills all things and upholds all things with the Word of His power.

Look farther! Look deeper! Look higher! God is unlimited. Time belongs to Him. History belongs to Him. The universe belongs to Him.

God is in us as born-again Christians. **We have the more than a conqueror living in us.** Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. He is our righteousness, our wisdom, our provider, our refuge, our peace, and our strength. He is all and in all. Everything that there is in existence came out of Him. He is sovereign. **Our inner man is now the Spirit of the Lord Jesus making His home in us. We are filled with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.**

In the book of Ezekiel the 36th chapter, Jesus spoke of a new spirit that He is putting in us. Our old spirit has been replaced with the spirit of Christ.

It is Christ in you. If any man is in Christ, He is a new creation. We are being changed **from glory to glory.** We are delivered from being subjected to infirmity, from sickness, from diseases, from poverty, **from bondage**, from fear, from uncertainty, and the control of satan in our media, our political system, our judicial system, our business world, and the corporate world. The kingdom of God is at hand. The kingdom of God is in you now.

As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

Every empire that dominated the world outside of God’s control has failed and will fail.

They are designed to fail.

God’s word declared and established that, of the increase of the kingdom of God, there shall be no end. The kingdom of God is fail proof. It will never fail.

The gates of hell cannot stop or hinder the body of Christ as we operate in Jesus authority.

With God there is no time, so whatever you are saying in faith and expecting already exists. Like healing, and miracles.

We carry the same power and same spirit that Jesus carried on earth. We operate in His authority in this present world. His disciples demonstrated this in their lives after Jesus left.

We live beyond natural means of support.

God had us in mind when He gave His Son Jesus. The enemy doesn’t want you to know this. God so **loved** the world, that He gave His only begotten Son. Even the people that insulted Him, accused Him, beat Him, mocked and laughed at Him, God had them all in mind.

We are put in a position now where we are all facing the same principalities that Michael fought against in the book of Daniel.

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against demons of spiritual rulers of t he darkness of this world. There are principalities over cities and nations. In the book of Daniel Michael was one of the chief princes of God. He was one of many.

He was withstood or with it stood by another that was a prince over Persia.

For this reason we are to wear the whole armour of God. And we are to trust in the God of the armour. In Ephesians 6, w**e are individually wrestling against principalities and wicked spirits or chief rulers of the darkness of this world. We are all individually opposed by chief demonic spirits.** We can move these principalities with the armour of God and with our faith. The flesh profits nothing. The only effective method is by following the spirit of God.

Let us not cheapen true Christianity by not living in the fullness of what is given to us freely by faith through the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Some are standing on the outskirts of the real life of God. They are content in just looking at the truth from a distance. Maybe in Jesus day, some of the people were watching Him from a distance and were really not getting the message that He preached.

Let us not forfeit God’s best given to us.

Look Higher! Look Deeper! Look farther!

When we look into the scripture, we are looking into a spiritual mirror, we are seeing our inner man. The inner man is the very image and likeness of God.

Look to the hills from which comes our help.

Deep calls unto deep.

Set your affections on things above.

If you make your bed in hell, He is there. If you went to the uttermost or deepest part of the universe, He is there.

We are only at the edge of the glory. But it is beyond comprehension now. In this time in our human history, God is releasing a great increase of knowledge and glory.

Jesus said in John 16:33:

I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have (perfect) peace and confidence, In the world you have tribulation and trials and distress and frustration; but be of good cheer (take courage; be confident, certain, undaunted)! For I have overcome the world. (I have deprived it of power to harm you and have conquered it for you).

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The New Creature
Becoming the Word of God
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Look into God’s mirror (His Word) and see who we really are and what we really are. Look at Jesus’ life.

When It says that God finished His work in the book of Genesis. The only work that It describes was God speaking things into existence. By the creative word He brought everything into existence. Adam did everything by speaking. Jesus did the works of God by speaking and acting in the Father’s authority. We are doing the works of God by speaking to our circumstances and situations and diseases in the authority of Jesus.

Lean not to your own understanding. Go by what God says about you.

You are a new creation. The new creation came from God. Jesus was the first born of many brethren of this kind. We are born-again by the Holy Spirit entering our spirit after we receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior and Lord. We are also sealed by the Holy Spirit.

The new creation is superior to the devil in every way. The devil wants to deceive and blind us to this truth. Greater is He that is in you than He that is in the world.

There is no separation between God and us. We are seated in heavenly places in Christ. That is why we can lay hands on the sick and they recover. That is why we can cast out devils in the name (authority and character) of Jesus.

That is why we can speak to a mountain and it can be moved.

We are eternally new creatures with the ability of the Holy Spirit operating in us.

In Jesus life on earth He showed us what a new creature looks like. He said, these works and even greater works shall you do because I Am going to the Father.

Jesus raised the dead, healed every kind of sickness and disease. He cast out spirits of infirmity and demons that had possessed individuals.

Jesus talked to weather and changed it, and walked on water, having authority over the natural elements. He spoke to fish and animals and they obeyed.

I believe that God created Adam with everything that Jesus demonstrated. The first Adam lived in flesh, the second Adam (Jesus) lived in flesh.

Jesus multiplied food when there was not enough physically to feed thousands. Accept His Word as truth and act on it.

Jesus said that He that has seen Me, has seen the Father. He said I Am the vine and you are the branches. In these words, He tells us that we are connected to the Godhead. **There is no separation between us. The world needs to see us as God made us to be. The world may be laughing at us while we are following manmade traditions, ceremonies, and having Sunday programs, but when God gets into church (body of Christ), then the world and the devil will stop laughing.**

Don’t stop at where the senses and the natural stops. You can go beyond the natural and get resources that are not seen. You can get healing and miracles that are not seen. But they are there in the spiritual realm. Cause them to manifest by standing in faith and in the word.

Terry Suggs

Spiritual Abuse

Joseph McMaster

> *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:7*
> *The lips of the righteous feed many, But fools die for lack of wisdom. Proverbs 10:21*

The religious and political leaders of Jesus day were quite educated but Jesus still called them fools and blind ones (Matthew 23:17,19). In other words just because a man is educated doesn't mean he is not a fool especially if he doesn't acknowledge that "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge." Unfortunately for them even many of God's people are fools because they despise wisdom and instruction from others. They feel their special position as pastor, preacher, church leader, choir member or church usher has made above reproach and they are accountable to no one but God. Dietrich Bonhoeffer put his finger on one of the greatest dangers to the modern society including the church.

Every personality cult that is concerned with important qualities, outstanding abilities, strengths, and the talents of someone else—even though these may be thoroughly spiritual in nature—is worldly and has no place in the Christian community. Indeed, it poisons that community. The demand one hears so often today for . . . "powerful personalities" springs too often from the spiritually sick need for the admiration of people, for the erection of visible structures of human authority, because the genuine authority of service seems too unimportant (Life Together, p. 108).

The word of God encourages us to have the the attitude in ourselves Christ Jesus had including that nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind we are each to esteem others better than ourselves. And we are to look out not only for our own interests, but also for the interests of others. God's word is unchanging:

Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:1-11

Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice for man comes from the LORD. Proverbs 29:26

Spiritual abuse is quite common in many churches in America. When spiritual abuse takes place in any congregation it is time to go. No one should ever be spiritually abused. We all know of pastors who abuse and we know a lot of pastors who are emotionally and spiritually abused by congregations. And many righteous ones with the wisdom that God has given them have protested about spiritual abuse and the rights of the sheep such as Rev. Jack Cascione, The Voters' Assembly Is Invested With Authority from God, who stated:

'Thus writes St. Paul (1 Cor. 3:21-23): 'Therefore let no one glory in men. For all things are yours: whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come- all are yours. And you are Christ's and Christ is God's.' From this [passage] we learn that all things that even Paul and Peter had were only treasures from the jewel room of the believing Christians or of the church." ("Church and Ministry" C.F.W. Walther, 1851, CPH 1982, page 50)

"However, this equality of believers is abrogated and the church is changed into a secular organization if a minister demands obedience not only to the Word of Christ, his one Lord and

Head and that of all Christians, but also to what his own insight and experience regard as good and suitable. As soon, therefore, as adiaphora or things indifferent, that is things that are neither commanded nor forbidden in God's Word, come in question in the church, a minister may never demand absolute obedience to what merely appears to him to be best" ("Church and Ministry" C.F.W. Walther, 1851, CPH 1982, page 312)
"It follows from these statements of Scripture that the congregation of believers enjoys a sovereignty under Christ which are not to be restricted or limited in any way. Christians may not be made subject to a minister or a priest, because they are all ministers and priests in their own right who have the privilege of approaching God directly. " ("The Abiding Word", Alfred von Rohr Sauer, Volume III, CPH 1947 page 306)
"As such they (congregations) possessed all the gifts and rights of the Church which Christ has bestowed upon it. Specifically, the function of the Christian congregation is to administer the means of grace in its midst and to serve in this world for the conversion of the sinner to God. This is nothing else than the administration of the keys of the Kingdom. (Matt. 18:17-20; "Tell it to the church"; Matt. 16:19, John 20:22-23, "Whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.")....The church, therefore functions as the administrator of the office of the keys of the Kingdom." ("The Abiding Word", Richard Klan, Volume III, CPH 1947 page 383)

Yes, Christians may not be made subject to a minister or a priest, because they are all ministers and priests in their own right who have the privilege of approaching God directly. In the eyes of God and in the words of Jesus we are all brethren and no one except the Lord has the right to rule over another Christian. Chuck Swindoll, author, pastor, seminary president, once talked about the six traps in ministry being:

1)Authoritarianism is the lack of a servant’s heart. This is when the leadership has gone wild with a tyrannical, oppressive pride. Don’t suppress God’s people. Respect them and encourage them to be all God wants them to be. Don’t abuse God’s people. Christ is Lord, not the pastor or anyone else in His church.
2) Exclusiveness is the “I (or we) alone are all right.” “Only we have the truth, or the best program.” It constantly stresses the idea that we are the only people God uses. No one else is as good, doctrinally correct, blessed of God, filled with the Spirit, etc. God has blessed me, or our group as the elite Christians. The emphasis is on our distinctiveness, denominational pride, selective doctrine, a special revelation or anointing from God, etc. The leader promotes a clannish, cultic following, clicks, etc. The truth is in God’s grace there are no favorites. God does not play favorites with anyone. We are saved by grace alone. There are no second-class citizens in the Kingdom of God.
3) Greed is the money crazy theme. How much do you harp on money? What is your motive? Even building yourself a name for a church with a big budget falls prey to this abuse. As a pastor I don’t handle money. Let someone else do it. The church assigns a group of people to count the money, the treasurer writes the checks and an audit committee checks the books. Don’t even find out who gives the most or how frequently they give in your church. How do you handle money that people hand to you and say use it were the greatest need is? Do you continue asking for money after you know you have all the funds you need for a certain project?
4) Rationalization is the effort to justify wrong with a defensive spirit. Are you quick to gloss over personal sin, make excuses or lie about it? Are you over emphasizing or underemphasizing some area of purity? What areas and why?
5) Sensuality is how I handle sex. Treat all women in all purity. Stay away from any compromise or even the smell of smoke. Don’t become too familiar with the opposite sex, or your own sex. Stay away from all appearance of evil. Live a pure life.
6) Unaccountability is the idea I answer only to God and no one else. As a pastor and a member of my church I am always accountability to someone. I am accountable to the deacons, the deacons are accountable to the church, and the church is accountable to one another. Beware of the secretive, “I am accountable only to God and I answer to no one else.” No one is above accountability. Receive the confrontation of friends and mentors and remind yourself that only observed behavior changes.

The apostle in Philippians 2:5-11 is stressed the remedy to spiritual abuse in modern society. His emphasis was on the character of God that is seen in selfless service and obedience to Christ and others. Jesus Christ is our perfect example of obedient service. His attitude runs counter to the human tendency to dominate and control others for personal gain. “Think in this way,” Paul says, “just as Jesus Christ thought in this way.” That is the best safeguard we can have in the way we handle life. Follow the example of Christ’s selflessness, humility and obedience. On various occasions Paul has used Christ’s behavior as an example for believers’ lifestyle (Rom. 15:3-9; 2 Cor. 8:9; Eph. 5:1-2; Col. 3:3ff; 1 Tim. 6:13-16). Paul normally puts the emphasis on living the Christian life in the believer’s union with Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:1-14; 1 Cor.6:11-20; Col. 3:1-4; Rom. 8:1-17; Gal. 2:16-20; 5:16-26). But here he tells us not only to imitate the model of Christ. But “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.” We need to yield and submit to Christ and the wonderful Holy Spirit daily so that the life of Christ might be lived out through us and not our life.

J. Hudson Taylor English missionary to China and founder of the China Inland made the English term "exchanged life" popular through his testimony of how God made him a new man. (Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret, page 154.) The word "exchanged" is used to signify that God has made it possible for us to exchange our total insufficiency to live the Christian life for Christ's total sufficiency to live it through us. He did this by exchanging our old identity in Adam for our new identity in Christ and by uniting our newborn spirit with His (I Corinthians 6:17; Galatians 2:20). The term "exchanged life" is related to the believer's discovery of his identity in Christ: that is he is a new creation, one born of God, that he is not what he was before. It is time that we rediscover and practice the truth that “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” Yes, we are to let Christ live His life in and through us and we will not be foolish ones who die for lack of wisdom. God’s word is unchanging:
I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily. Colossians 1:24-29

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Spiritual Springtime
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I know many in the Protestant and non-Catholic world viewed recent scandals in the Catholic Church as a consequence of God's wrath. Indeed, the judgment of God certainly did expose perverse and deeply entrenched sin among certain leaders in the Catholic Church. While this exposing of sin is not yet over, the Holy Spirit has also been speaking to me about a special visitation that is about to fall upon many in the Catholic Church.

As I have known the Lord, His judgment upon what is sinful is linked to the release of mercy upon the righteous. Even in my personal life, when the Lord judged areas that were wrong in me, He hemmed me in so He could release me spiritually. I can say like the Psalmist, "We went through fire and through water; yet Thou didst bring us out into a place of abundance" (Ps 66:12). When I consider the dealings of God in my life, I can sincerely say, "It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Thy statutes" (Ps 119:71).

On a larger scale, the Lord exposes, judges and destroys the work of the enemy so He can reveal awesome wonders of His grace among the righteous. Indeed, Christ came to do two basic things: "to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God" (Isa 61:2). The outcome of divine vengeance is "comfort [to] all who mourn . . . giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting" (vs 2, 3).

Thus, what was a clear expression of God's anger toward certain Catholic priests was, at the same time, an act of mercy toward those oppressed by the sin of those in leadership. Additionally, those sincere Catholic leaders who have truly loved God are about to receive a visitation of mercy. This outpouring will bring healing and a unique sweetness of spirit among those Catholics who truly love the Lord. Indeed, the tenderness of God's love will bring a new spiritual beginning for many. Those who felt helpless and afflicted by sin in the church are about to enter a spiritual springtime.

"For He has brought low those who dwell on high, the unassailable city; He lays it low, He lays it low to the ground, He casts it to the dust. The foot will trample it, the feet of the afflicted, the steps of the helpless . . . Indeed, while following the way of Thy judgments, O Lord, we have waited for Thee eagerly; Thy name, even Thy memory, is the desire of our souls.

At night my soul longs for Thee, indeed, my spirit within me seeks Thee diligently; for when the earth experiences Thy judgments the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness" (see Isa 26:5-9).

Such has been the cry of a growing minority in the Catholic Church. God has heard and He is drawing near.

The Signature of This Revival: A Deep Love For Jesus

I do not think this move of God will fall upon the entire Catholic community; in my view, it will be limited to local churches in various cities. But where people are praying for healing, it will come. And it will be a true outpouring from the Holy Spirit that will touch thousands of congregations. Catholics will not cease being Catholic in a denominational sense, but the Lord will look past the doctrinal concerns many Protestant Christians have with Catholicism and, as the Spirit of God always does, He will see and respond to the cry of human hearts.

The centerpiece of this revival will not be signs or wonders; although there will be genuine miracles. Instead, the preeminent characteristic of this visitation will be a deep overflow of love for Jesus. God will raise up many among the Catholics whose lives will truly manifest the maturity and substance of Jesus Christ.

Many of these revived Catholic churches will be instrumental in reaching the poor and forgotten in the inner cities. Additionally, anointed Catholic priests will be accepted into many citywide church events that, in the past, were deemed off limits to both sides of the Christian divide. A new sense of unity, born of love for Jesus, will spread, even revitalizing churches that have no organic connection with the Catholic community.

I believe it is time to accept Christ's passion for all of His sheep, and to begin a focused prayer advance for the Holy Spirit to touch Catholics around the world. Surely this move of God will ignite Catholics from many nations. Yet, the Lord emphasized to me that this visitation would touch the Catholic Church in America in a unique way. As the passions of God are restored to His people, the Holy Spirit will use many fervent Catholics to change this nation. The impact will spread around the world.

As always, our call is to pray. Let us seek God, and join with those in Catholicism who are praying for a great, sweeping outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Let us also war against the sense of betrayal and confusion that seeks to imprison many Catholics, especially warring against discouragement in those in leadership positions.

The Lord said that if we would intercede for a spiritual springtime to fall and refresh Catholics, He would include us in it when it comes.

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The Bible tells us that every word should be confirmed by two or three witnesses, and it should be presented publically and to let the others judge. I know that many sincere Christians believe that God has shut the door on Catholicism. By way of reminder, the above witness is about prayer, not doctrine; it's about the mercies of God, not theology. Yet, we would like to hear your comments. Write us at comments@frangipane.org and tell us your thoughts, some of which we will post on a web page for others to read. We will not post your email address nor your full name.

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Spiritual Warfare
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"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places." -- Ephesians 6:12

May I suggest that we redefine our understanding of spiritual warfare? However, in order to bring clarity of definition in spiritual warfare, we must bring clarity of definition of the 'spiritual realm'. The word translated as "heavenly places" is epouranos in Greek. There is another word translated as "heaven" which is ouranos in Greek. You will notice that the difference between these words is the prefix epi, meaning superimposition or above. Keep in mind that when contrasting the second heaven (ouranos) and the third heaven (epouranos), this really has nothing to do with geography or physical altitude. Paul describes this as being outside of our physical time-space oriented thinking; "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven..." (2 Corinthians 12:2). At any rate, we know that the third heaven supersedes the second heaven, it is a higher realm (not necessarily in physical altitude). So, what on EARTH does this have to do with spiritual warfare?

It all has to do with location (not physical) or spiritual authority. Ephesians 1:20-23 speaks of this as it says; "Which He wrought in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and set Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places (epouranos), FAR ABOVE all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things UNDER HIS FEET, and gave Him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is His BODY (the Body has feet!), the fulness of Him that filleth all in all." So here we see that in spiritual authority, the third heaven (epouranos) is FAR ABOVE all governing principalities, powers, might and dominion. It is extremely important to note where WE are in this equation; "And hath raised US up together, and made US sit together in heavenly places (epouranos) in Christ Jesus:" (Ephesians 2:6) My friend, WE are FAR ABOVE all principality, power, might and dominion. We are seated in the third heaven, above the government of the second heaven.

Spiritual warfare is NOT a matter of us standing on the earth, our praise ascending to the heavens and piercing the spiritual darkness, casting out governing principalities and powers! Rather, it is much more a matter of US descending, bringing the GLORY of the third heaven to invade the second heaven, therefore DISPLACING principalities and powers!

I believe that at this point it may be helpful to gain a basic understanding of what I'm referring to as the 'third heaven'. We speak of the first-day experience, the Outer-Court, the first feast (Passover), and the first heaven; these are all symbolic of our initial salvation experience. We are now under the blood of the (Passover) Lamb, Christ Jesus, free from the sinful bondage of the 'earth realm', the emphasis on sacrifice and offering, and have gained a heavenly perspective (if nothing else, hoping to GO TO heaven someday). Then there is the second-day experience, the Holy-Place, the second feast (Pentecost), and the second heaven; these are all symbolic of our moving into the realm of the 'gifts' of the Spirit, prophecy, praying in tongues, the illumination (golden candlestick) of the Spirit, and becoming very aware of the governing principalities and powers of the second heaven. Then comes the third-day experience, the Holy of Holies, the third feast (Tabernacles), and the third heaven; these are all symbolic of our moving into the realm of GLORY.

In this realm it's not about US and our sacrifice and our salvation (first day, first heaven), it's not about US and our gifts of the Spirit and our revelations (second day, second heaven), it's ALL about HIM and His GLORY. The primary manifestation of the glory of God is His character, His nature, and the place His glory is manifesting today is IN US; "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the GLORY of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ IN YOU, the hope of GLORY:" (Colossians 1:27). The third-day experience, the third heaven is all about becoming ONE with Him, His nature, His Life manifesting THROUGH us... it's really all about INTIMACY. "...and they two shall be ONE FLESH. This is a great mystery (remember the 'mystery' of Colossians 1:27?): but I speak concerning Christ and the CHURCH." (Ephesians 5:31-32).

Now let's pay close attention here, if we can grasp it I believe this truth will transform our spiritual warfare: Just as the epouranos supersedes the ouranos, just as the third heaven supersedes the second heaven, INTIMACY supersedes second heaven government. I'm going to be redundant for the sake of emphasis; just as the third heaven supersedes the second heaven, INTIMACY supersedes second heaven government!

Let us explore a beautiful prophetic picture of this truth found in the book of Esther: * "Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus... That in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom... In the THIRD year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him:" (Esther 1:1-3) For our purposes here, Ahasuerus serves as a type of Jesus Christ seated upon His throne. Jesus Christ is in the THIRD millennial year of His reign, and has prepared a banqueting table for US (His princes) in the presence of our enemies (the power of Persia), the second heaven government of principalities and powers.

* "Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which belonged to king Ahasuerus. On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded... To bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the people and the princes her beauty: for she was fair to look on. But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by his chamberlains:" (Esther 1:10-12). In Biblical symbolism, the woman is symbolic of the emotions or the soul. There is a 'queen' in Churchianity today that is 'fair to look on', at least she looks good on the outside, but she is too busy feasting in the SOULISH things of religion, 'a feast for the women'. Indeed, the King's heart is merry in this seventh millennial day, for this is a season of His favor, but she is too busy with religious activities and false humility to come before Him in royal apparel.

* "Vashti shall come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal position to another that is better than she." (Esther 1:19) - Good news for the 'Esther Company' that God is preparing, bad news for the religious system.

* "And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful;" (Esther 2:7). Hadassah means myrtle in Hebrew. Myrtle speaks of the Feast of Tabernacles as Nehemiah 8:14-15 says, "the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month: And that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written." The Bride that is being prepared for our King has experienced Passover and Pentecost and is experientially entering into the Feast of Tabernacles. Like the priest Melchizedek, this 'Esther Company' has neither father nor mother, in other words, like Melchizedek she has stepped into the Life that is not bound by natural heritage or natural limitations.

* "Now when every maid's turn was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with other things for the purifying of the women;)" (Esther 2:12). The 'purifying of the women' speaks of the purifying of the SOUL (mind, will, emotions). "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the ENGRAFTED Word, which is able to SAVE your SOULS." (James 1:21)

Twelve is the symbolic number of apostolic order, and apostles are calling the Church to maturity, to lay aside the soulish life of carnality. Myrrh was used as an intimate perfume and used in embalming, six is the symbolic number of man, of carnality. The women would soak themselves in oil of myrrh, which was quite fragrant and made the skin soft to the touch. So when we read of 'six months with oil of myrrh' this speaks of the carnality of the soulish life being intimately exposed, reckoned dead, and 'embalmed'.

We then read of 'six months with sweet odours', which is incense. Gina Tanner describes this so well as she states; "In this time period, women would build a small charcoal fire in a pit in the floor. Incense would be placed in a cosmetic burner and heated in the fire (purification). The woman would crouch naked (totally exposed) over the burner with her robe draped over her head and body to form a tent (booth, tabernacle). As she perspired (ridding of self), her open pores absorbed the fragrance of the oil (Christ). By the time the fire burned out, her skin would be thoroughly perfumed! This is an incredible type of the purification of the Bride until it is no longer 'our' fleshy odor, but the very fragrance of Christ emitting from our being!" It is also important to note that in the Tabernacle, the incense played a very instrumental role. When burned it emitted a cloud of fragrant odor that provided an atmosphere for the presence of the Lord to DWELL; "...and he shall put the incense upon the fire before Jehovah, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy-seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not." (Leviticus 16:13) We are now His Tabernacle, and as our lives are heated in the fires of purification, we become a 'cloud' (remember the cloud of witnesses?) in which He dwells!

* "And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath." (Esther 3:5) Ahh yes, the story would not be complete without Haman. We too have a 'Haman' that is full of wrath, seeking to kill, steal, and destroy. Our 'Haman', the prince of the power of the air, operates in the governmental second heaven through principalities, powers, and rulers of darkness. Here we find Haman, just like the 'accuser of the brethren' (Revelation 12:10), involved in lots of 'political' jockeying with accusation and decrees against the people of God. This is where much of our energy in spiritual warfare has been focused. For the most part, we have engaged ourselves in the struggle of the second heaven, mapping, identifying and strategizing to deal with accusation and decrees against us. It seems there are so many 'prayer directives' focused on US DOING something to affect the second heaven government. I believe we may see a higher way in Esther chapter five.

* "...and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer... so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish." (Esther 4:14-16). There is an 'Esther Company' that is preparing for the King, knowing that they have 'come to the Kingdom for such a time as this'! Just like Esther, some are beginning to recognize that they have a personal destiny to affect the corporate destiny of nations, and have laid aside all self-interests understanding that 'if I perish, I perish'!

So, here we have it... the people of God are in a major crisis, things appear to be going from bad to worse, it seems that the second heaven government (Haman) has prevailed through "the handwriting of ordinances that was against us (them), which was contrary to us (them)." (Colossians 2:14). However, let us look closely at their strategy to overcome. They didn't involve themselves in that second heaven governmental arena at all.

* "Now it came to pass on the THIRD DAY, that Esther PUT ON her ROYAL APPAREL, and stood in the inner court of the king's house... And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained FAVOUR in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden SCEPTRE that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom." (Esther 5:1-3) My friend, we are living in the THIRD DAY and there is a prepared 'Esther Company' that is putting on her royal apparel; "...as many as were baptized into Christ - into a SPIRITUAL UNION and communion with Christ - have put on, CLOTHED yourselves with Christ." (Galatians 3:27 Amplified Bible) Like Esther, we must press in to 'the INNER court of the King's house' into the Holy of Holies, the place of intimacy where we bid the King to 'into-ME-see'. This is the place of FAVOR.

What happens then is so incredible, for the King extends to us the golden sceptre. Gold is symbolic of the divine, and a sceptre is symbolic of sovereign authority, the use of the sceptre originated in the idea that the ruler was as a shepherd of his people. So the golden sceptre speaks of divine sovereign authority! When we come before our King, as a Bride who is prepared and focused upon intimacy (into-me-see), I believe He will declare, "What is thy request? it shall be even given thee!" This is what my friend Wade Taylor calls Divine Intervention. Wade says, "Intervention is a state in which the Lord brings forth a condition or experience in the recipient through Divine sovereign power, which is independent of any ability that the individual may possess, to contact the power of God in order to bring these things to pass."

Can we grasp the difference between a spiritual warfare that is fought in the realm of governing principalities and powers of the second heaven, and a third heaven intimate relationship that bypasses warfare through Divine Intervention? This is US descending with the golden sceptre extended toward us, bringing the GLORY of the third heaven to invade the second heaven, therefore DISPLACING principalities and powers! Just as the epouranos supersedes the ouranos, just as the third heaven supersedes the second heaven, INTIMACY supersedes second heaven government. Intimacy splits the heavens wide open where warfare can have limited effects. This is the 'air assault' whereby governmental second heaven principalities and powers are displaced.

In saying this am I reducing intimacy to a mere 'strategy' whereby the enemy is defeated?... certainly NOT! Intimacy with Him, the one-flesh face-to-face relationship IS our VERY LIFE, not a mere 'strategy'. "I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege- the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth and supreme advantage- of KNOWING Jesus Christ my Lord, and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, of perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more fully and clearly... And that I may actually be found and known as IN HIM... For my determined purpose is that I may KNOW Him- that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly..." (Philippians 3:8-10 Amplified Bible) "And He ordained twelve, that they should BE WITH HIM..." (Mark 3:14).

My friend, it is time to heed the call to 'come up higher' than the 'second heaven view'! It is time to 'come up higher' to the third heaven! It is time to enter into another realm through the "door standing open in heaven." (Rev. 4:1) It is time to change our focus from sin and the church in the earth, and focus upon the Throne of God and the Glory of God. It is time we begin "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done..." (Isaiah 46:10)

Spirit Lands; Begins To Move

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The headlines quickly caught my attention, "SPIRIT LANDS; BEGINS TO MOVE." As I read the article further, it described how the spaceship named "Spirit" had recently landed on a hill on the planet Mars. The HOLY Spirit began to tap on MY spirit that there was something of significance in prophetic parallel and led me to Acts 17:17. Interestingly, the number 17 had been burning in my spirit for some time.

In Acts 17:16, we find Paul waiting for Silas and Timothy at Athens, and his spirit was grieved when he discovered that the city had turned their hearts to idols. Then in Acts 17:17 it says: "Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there." - Thus began Paul's famous sermon at a place (GET THIS!) called MARS Hill

GREAT MARKETPLACE OUTPOURING

I believe the Lord has truly been (and is) speaking about a great outpouring in the Marketplace. Many are recognizing this - I'm certainly not the only one! Bishop Bill Hamon of Christian International (www.cimn.net) has written an awesome book about it. So - what exactly is the "marketplace?"

The dictionary describes it as: "an open square or place in a town where markets or public sales are held; the world of trade or economic activity; the everyday world."

That's right - conveying to others and helping them get to know the God of EVERY day life personally; not just Sunday church! There are many who have caught the vision for "Marketplace Ministry" and have been seeking the Lord for their part in this.

In times past, there have been those with a tremendous Joseph/Daniel marketplace anointing who have ALSO felt the call to ministry, but argued with themselves because they thought they would have to give up one to do the other. On one hand, they couldn't justify tossing aside proper support of their family to do ministry, because the Word is clear that those who do so are considered to be "worse than a non-Christian." However, their hearts could not justify forsaking the call of God on their lives to spread the Gospel either! Therein lay the dilemma - "Business or ministry?" - "Ministry or business?" - And the answer is, "BOTH!"

The truth of the matter is, even as far back as this account in the book of Acts with Paul, the Marketplace has always been used as a means to pour out the Gospel. Take a look at most any great metropolitan city in our nation, and you will find a city where there has been a mighty outpouring. Even as recently as Toronto and Pensacola! And yes, Kansas City, too - where, praise God, "things" are beginning to take place once again!

Not that God has to "make sense" - after all, He is God! - But it stands to reason that we aren't going to reap much of a harvest of souls INSIDE the church walls, any more than we could catch any fish if we cast our fishing lines INSIDE of a boat!

The good news is, our God is about His business in this day, bringing forth a new "Gospel Ship" of LeaderShip that will look MUCH different from what we've so far known

I believe the Lord is speaking to the Church, just as He spoke to His disciples in Luke 5:5-6:
(5) Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net."
(6) And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking.

The Lord is speaking to us now - in PRESENT time and language - that it is time to "cast the net on the other side!" - In other words, OUTSIDE the church walls, and INTO the Marketplaces - the every day places - of the world.

By doing this, we WILL catch that "big haul" we've been promised was coming! To expect it to come INSIDE the Church walls is ridiculous! This truly is a time when the Lord is sending forth the "hunters and fisherman" to gather in the mighty harvest! - "Behold, I will send for many fishermen," says the LORD, "and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." Jer 16:16 (N KJV). Truly, a bountiful, net-breaking harvest IS beginning to emerge!

LET US BEGIN TO INTRODUCE THE "UNKNOWN GOD"

During the most popular Christian holidays, many people sing the songs of the season, and repeat the prayers they are led to speak. But as in Paul's day, they speak to an "Unknown God." They know "of" Him, but do not KNOW Him, intimately and personally.

Even on a daily basis, many seek "God" through a variety of "things." Of note about most any great metropolitan areas in these days is the tremendous amount of humanism, intelligence, philosophies, and a variety of religions and belief systems, from New Age to Old Age - Eastern religions to witchcraft and other cults! - With the birth of so many awesome cities having begun in the power of the Spirit, why would we try to turn to the flesh once established? This was the dilemma Paul faced at Mars Hill.

The philosophers and artisans of Paul's day were great "thinkers" and debaters, always looking for another "bright idea" to follow after. This was to Paul's advantage that day, for they were "ripe for the picking" to hear what he had to say. However, this following set of scriptures very well could be written and told about the day and time we currently live in! Our cities are full of ancient and New Age philosophies - all being sought after and researched as Mankind continues to try to "find themselves" or "find their way" in today's society. - As Paul did, let us help them to find their purpose and destiny in JESUS in Acts 17:

(18) Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection
(19) And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak
(20) For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean."
(21) For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

Notice that Paul did not "put them down;" rather, he met them on their ground, on a level where they could receive:

(22) Addressing the Areopagus Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious;
(23) for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the one whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you:
(24) God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.
(25) Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

(26) And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings,
(27) so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;
(28) for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'
(29) Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising.
(30) Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,
(31) because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."
(32) And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter."
(33) So Paul departed from among them.
(34) However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

A TIME OF RESPONSIBILITY

In this day and age the Lord has given to us a space of time to reach and save the lost. There will come a time, as the Gospel gets spread throughout the earth, when we arrive at a place of "no excuse," as it speaks of in Rom 1:20 to Rom. 2:1. But let us use this time as the Spirit of God is prompting and giving us this kairos moment, to bring in a mighty harvest!

PRAYER

Father, help us in this, your moment of anointing, when yolks are being broken and doors opened at the same time, to utilize what you've given us to give YOU to others. Amen

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Super Bowl 38

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Well, the Panthers won in the playoffs and are headed towards the Super Bowl! - YAY! - I say that as a happy Carolinian! - However, please note in advance, this "word" is not to make football into a god; it is simply meant to convey a means in which the Lord spoke to me prophetically through a natural event.

"38"
As you know, this is Super Bowl #38. Through it, I felt that the Lord had given me a word this past

week through Rev. 3:8, which was written to the Church at PHILADELPHIA - and as you know, the playoff was held in Philadelphia , PA, this past Sunday. Philadelphia is called, "The city of brotherly love."

Rev. 3:8 says: "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name." (Rev 3:8 NKJV)

Interesting also is that the player who did most of the work to win the game for the Panthers was number 17!! - And the Lord has kept on showing me 17!! - The Lord gave me these two verses regarding the number seventeen:

"....in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened." (Gen 7:11, NKJV)

"Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat." (Gen 8:4, NKJV)
The number seventeen in these verses shows both the severity and kindness of the Lord. The first scripture was the beginning of the flood, and the next speaks of a time of coming to rest on dry land. So whether you need an outpouring to get rid of your enemies or a safe landing on dry ground, He is the God who can handle it for you!

INTERPRETATION

One of the things I felt the Lord told me was that we (The Church - HIS "City of Brotherly Love") are coming into a time of restoration and open doors before us that no man can close. I believe when we realize that God really is ON OUR SIDE, we will realize that we CAN "win!" God loves us and has GOOD plans for us! (Jer. 29:11).

I believe there are also some lessons we can learn through the events of Super Bowl time. One is, "Don't be religious!" - Gathering together around a football game or similar activity can be more "spiritual" than attending a "religious activity!" Relationships can be built, the love of Christ shown, and bonding occur. - What an awesome tool of evangelism to invite our unsaved neighbors or co-workers to "huddle" around our TVs together than to "be religious spirited" about it and "trash" them for watching the game instead of going to church?! - In fact, what an awesome tool of evangelism for our churches to hold their own Super Bowl parties where the love of Jesus is shown!

There are also lessons the Lord can teach us through the TEAM-work that goes on in football. I don't 'totally' know the game, but below are some things I felt the Lord has shown me over the years that we can learn through football that I'd like to share with you....

THE WORD TEAM

I saw the word "TEAM" spelled out like it is below, and felt this was the Lord's heart for us to be doing these things as HIS TEAM in the Body of Christ:

T = Touching and Teaching

E = Encouraging and Evangelizing

A = Activating and Accentuating

M = Mentoring and Moving

TIME TO HUDDLE

I felt the Lord said that He loves for us to get in a "God huddle" with Him so that He can speak to us and reveal His thoughts, plans and desires to us and lead us into victorious "touch downs" in Him!

"For I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you," says the Lord, "thoughts and plans for welfare and peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome." (Jer 29:11, AMP)

TIME TO GET SIGHT OF THE GOAL

Some of us have loss sight of the goal, and it is time to LOOK UP and focus on Him and get sight of them once more!

Some have not even set goals. For you, He gave me Habbakkuk 2: 2 & 3, "Write the vision and make it plain that they may run who read it...though it tarries, wait for it: Because IT WILL SURELY COME and will not (forever) tarry." - Since we are supposed to "Press towards the mark," it might be good for us to first find out what that means so that we can better position ourselves to move towards it. (Phil. 3:12 & 14)

Let's set ATTAINABLE goals, find and get into our proper position, and play like it is the playoffs! Life is an ACTION word, and to get something out of it, we must put ourselves into it! - Having both faith AND works! (James 2:14-26)

TEAM WORK NEEDED

Just like football, we need team work in life.

Someone once said that it takes a village to raise a family. - - But it takes the CHURCH to raise up the village! It is time to get off the bench and be a WORKING, LIVING PART of it! - As the Lord told me, "It's time to do more than just survive; It's time to TRULY LIVE!"

Ephesians 4:16 says, "...the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

We NEED each other and what EACH ONE brings to the Body is IMPORTANT!

I Cor 12:12-27: 1 Cor 12:25-27
(25) ...there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.
(26) And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.
(27) Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

One of the neat parts about football is the teamwork involved. I love what happens when a game is won and a player is being interviewed! They always say something like, "Man we couldn't have done it without everyone working together!" - Then they begin to name the other players and talk about how great each one is and the awesome things they did! This is the type of attitude the Lord wants us to have about each other in His Church!

HEALING AND STRENGTH FOR PAIN

Some of you have had injuries in previous "games," and have had losses or fumbled and made mistakes. You got benched. Then you got comfortable on the benches. To you, He says, "It is time to rise, be healed, and get back into the game of life!"

Some of you have gotten the wind knocked out of you. Something hit you and knocked you down, and you feel like you just want to be hauled off the field on a stretcher. To you He says, "Lift up the hands that hang down, straighten the feeble knees, make straight your path!" (Hebrews 12:12 & 13) - And He doesn't say that with a pointed finger! - As He says that, He is lifting your arms, massaging the legs and setting you on a lighted path! - And reaching forth His Hand to help you up, just as He did to Peter when He lifted him from the sea, to walk on the water with Him once again! (Matt. 14:29-31)

Then He whispers to you as He strokes your hair, "Be only strong and very courageous!" (Joshua 1:9) - Again, He does not do so with a pointed finger! But as He says, "Be strong!" He puts a handful of strength into your belly! And as He says, "Be courageous!" He puts a handful of courage within you! - For we can do nothing without Him!!! (John 15:5)

Remember, "Not by might or power, but by His Spirit!" (Zech. 4:6)

NOT ENOUGH TIME LEFT?

One of the things that bugs some of us women about football is that the clock can say there is only one minute left, so we think we'll soon get the remote back - but then it can take nearly an hour to play that one minute!

Through that, I felt that He showed me that there are those of you who feel that you have messed up so bad and so long that you don't feel that you have the time left that you need to accomplish what you were meant to do.

To you He says, "I will restore to you the years that the locust and worms have eaten!" (Joel 2:25)

Remember, a day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as a day! (2 Peter 3:8) He can take your remaining time and fit it all in! And He can even extend your time as He once did for a King. (2 Kings 20:6)

"FALL FORWARD"

I have heard it said that, When we fall, we (like football players) need to learn to "fall forward," gaining a few yards in the process. I feel that there are many of us that also need to see that we HAVE done that, and to get off our own backs about our mistakes and fumbles.

QUESTIONS

Have you...

* Lost sight of the goal?

* Not made a goal?

* Been hurt in the game?

* Gotten the wind knocked out of you?

* Lost a game?

* Does winning look impossible?

He wants to huddle with you - to have tabernacle time - and to release to you His healing, hope, peace, joy, strength and victory!

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Rom 15:13, NKJV)

PRAYER

Father, in Jesus' name, I lift these up those who this may mean something to, and I ask that you touch them with your love and renew a right spirit within them. Please give them healing, hope, strength, courage and encouragement, and show them their spot! Let this year be their year to win THEIR "Super Bowl." As their bowls of incense - their prayers - come up before you today, may they be a sweet savor to you and may this be the day they come out from behind; their day of turning, restoration and victory!

In Jesus' name, Amen.
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Shepherd's Rod 2005
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I awoke from a dream on Saturday, September 25, 2004, and through that, as well as several other things He spoke to me throughout the week before and after, felt that perhaps the Lord had given me a Shepherd's Rod this year. I kept it to myself, just praying about it, and seeking the Lord about it. Then on Wednesday, Sept. 29th, 2004, had a meeting with Bob Jones, and he asked me if I'd had a dream, and what the Lord had been speaking to me, and confirmed to me that I'd been given a Shepherd's Rod for 2005. Part of it was personal, and is not contained, but the other is below:

DON'T GIVE UP ON THE BRINK OF YOUR MIRACLE
I heard the words to an old gospel song from the 80's being sung, and the Lord showed me that there are many who have been going through much, and have been ready to "give up." However, what they didn't know or see is that they are right AT the turning point; on the verge of breakthrough and victory. If they quit now, it would be tenamount to the Israelites stopping just before going into the Promised Land.

Heb. 3:15, "...Today if you hear His Voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Ezekiel 12:21-28:

(21)
... The word of the Lord came to me, saying,
(22)
"Son of man, what is this proverb that you people have about the land.... which says, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision fails'?
(23)
Tell them therefore, 'Thus says the Lord God: "I will lay this proverb to rest, and they shall no more use it as a proverb..." But say to them, "The days are at hand, and the fulfillment of every vision."
(24)
For no more shall there be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel.
(25)
For I am the Lord. I speak, and the word which I speak WILL come to pass; it will no more be postponed; for in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word AND perform it," says the Lord God.' "
(26)
Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,
(27)
"Son of man, look, they are saying, 'The vision that he sees is for many days from now, and he prophesies of times far off.'
(28)
Therefore say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "NONE of My words will be postponed ANY more, but the word which I speak WILL be done," says the Lord God.' "

It is NO mistake that you have gone through what you have experienced. You have been building areas of authority that no demon can defeat. Satan is defeated by the Blood of the Lamb and word of your testimony (Rev. 12:11), and you will comfort others with the comfort the Lord has given to you (2

Cor. 1:4). This is NOT a time to back down or give up, but a time to PERSEVERE.

To PERSEVERE means: to persist in a state, enterprise, or undertaking in spite of counterinfluences, opposition, or discouragement. Remember, "He who endures to the END will be saved!" (Mat. 10:22 & 24:13, and Mark 13:13)

This is a season when we will see that those who have persevered and entered into the rest of the Lord, trusting Him to fulfil what He has promised, will experience a remarkable thrusting forward, in the midst of seemingly "impossible" times and circumstances. But it is also a time of great tribulation. Therefore, we must remind ourselves that, although the going may be tough, we need to BE tough and GET GOING.

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?
Just as there was a Hurricane Ivan, and two Kings named Ivan - there was an Ivan the GREAT and an Ivan the TERRIBLE...Truly, this Day we are entering into is both a "great AND terrible" Day in the Lord.

As I saw the many recent storms, I heard an audible voice say, "CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?"

Last year the Lord spoke to me that "There are some "bad" things I sense, such as in increase regarding severe natural disasters - earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, tornados, volcanoes, etc., because the earth itself is groaning for the sons (i.e., male AND female) to take their rightful place (Romans 8). Additionally, the enemy is escalating as well. However, God is greater, and this newsletter will focus primarily on what I sense the Lord doing."

(Excerpt from: "WHAT'S AHEAD FOR 2004 (Part 1 & 2)" - Joni Ames
Dec 30, 2003 at http://JoniAmes.InJesus.com). I sense that this is a continuing word for the coming year as well.

Many have been looking for what the Lord was speaking through the recent barrage of storms, and truly there is a sensing among most that it has been the blowing of the winds of the judgment of the Lord. This is very true. But God's judgment IS merciful - it comes to expel the enemy. And He spoke even through the names of the hurricanes - Frances, meaning "freedom" and Charley, meaning "manly" were led on a path over areas where gay pride and fantasy have been saluted; Ivan, meaning "God is merciful" and Jeanne, meaning "God is gracious" both made circles in order to totally get to where they were sent.

I saw Florida as a big foot, at the base of the nation, and that the Lord was washing the feet of our nation, and then on up the Eastern Coast - Eastern Gate - of our Land, with His judgment, cleansing, mercy and grace, preparing her for what lay ahead. The judgment, mercy & grace of the Lord is entering our Eastern Gate.

And NOW, as the winds have calmed, THIS is a time for each of us to listen for the small, still voice of the Lord, as in I Kings 19:11-13:

(11) Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; (12) and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. (13) So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him.... (I Kings 19:11-13)

Let each of us, His Sheep, hear His voice during this time. "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice." (John 10:4)

REPENTANCE
As I awoke one morning I heard:

(1) The Body of Christ can no longer negate the nudges of conscience. It is a time to respond to the nudges of correction the Lord brings, so that we can go forward into the maturity that The Church needs to walk in during this time in order to effectively minister to and bring in the Harvest.

(2) The days of a passive aggressive, high maintenance church are over.

Passive-aggressive is defined as: displaying behavior characterized by expression of negative feelings, resentment, and aggression in an unassertive passive way (as through procrastination and stubbornness)

High-maintenance is means: costly and time consuming to keep up.

The sensing I got was that the Lord is insisting on our maturity.

"THE CHALLENGE: TRANSFORM OR DIE"
As I walked out of the post office, the headlines jumped out at me: "THE CHALLENGE: TRANSFORM OR DIE."

This is a time when we can no longer negate the promptings of our conscience, and a time when we must take to Him ALL that is not of Him and which does not glorify Him in our lives.

TIME TO PERSEVERE

It is time to PERSEVERE! - And NOT negate the call of God upon our life!

Throughout the year the Lord has said, do NOT acquiesce! Acquiesce means to " to grow quiet, without a fight and to accept, comply, or submit tacitly or passively."

It is time to pursue the passion of the Lord that He has placed within us, with every fiber of our being, and to make our lives count for Kingdom purposes.

NO PARKING SIGN

I saw a NO PARKING sign in the spirit, in front of a church and I heard, "Let this be a sign to you....NO PARKING!" - NO parking INSIDE the Church - it's time to GO TO THE STREETS! I saw an ARMY being sent to the streets to bring in the lost. The Lord is bringing in the long talked of "Dread champions" who will lead MANY to the Lord and into dynamic relationship with Him. Get ready to see those you have been crying out for to come in, and to do so FULL THROTTLE! And believe me, they will not park inside the church! They will take the Kingdom by force! "....The kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. (Matt. 11:12)

"MY HUSBAND"
Hosea 2:16: "And it shall be, in that day," Says the Lord, "That you will call Me 'My Husband,' And no longer call Me 'My Master.'

Women - including single mothers and grandmothers - who have learned the true meaning of these verses will emerge as dynamic forces to be reckoned with! Count on it! And there will be no holding them back by religious yolks of bondage that some like to put women in. They need to read, "Ten Lies The Church Tells Women" by J. Lee Grady from Charisma magazine.

"GET YOUR PASSPORT"
I heard, "GET YOUR PASSPORT," and sensed the Lord was saying that He will be opening up the Nations for our inheritance this year, and opportunities will come as "suddenlies."

"Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession." (Psalm 2:8)

THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY
The incredible journey has begun. Be a part of it.

"The whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." (Ephesians 4:16)

EVERY part is needed. We must not acquiesce and deny someone else of THEIR destiny by not fulfilling OURS to reach them!

PRAYER
Lord, help us to do and be all you have paid for. In the power of Jesus' name, and blood. Amen.

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Day of Atonement — September 25, 2004

Part One— Blood and Fire

These are incredibly pivotal days! A clear biblical and strategic blueprint for this season of the Spirit is emerging from God’s heart. This year, as in prior Shepherd's Rods, our intent is to convey the insights that were given in a clear and concise manner.

Much elaboration could follow the revelations. However, we have resisted the propensity to include substantial teaching and limit this booklet to a prophetic outline.

We have always been greatly encouraged at the many reports that we receive from pastors and leaders who take these revelations and broaden the base of understanding through their spiritual gifts.

These insights include much allegorical and symbolic language. Many of the things the apostle John saw in his revelations were prophetic portrayals of great spiritual truth. The Lord Jesus also utilized parables to convey the message of the kingdom; those anointed with spiritual eyes to see and ears to hear could readily apprehend His message. It seems the Holy Spirit continues to utilize this means during the revelations that come on the Day of Atonement.

Theme for 2005— Blood and Fire

The church is entering an age of militancy and spiritual confrontation. The "end of days" is characterized with great conflict. The struggle between "light" and "darkness" will escalate. We are entering days that will introduce amplified revelations of God's kingdom and Heaven’s spiritual economy. The Bible plainly foretells this battle as violent and spiritually bloody.

The Kingdom of Heaven truly suffers violence and God’s army must take it by force. As was prophesied, “the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.”

Our adversary will not willingly hand-over his influence in this earth without conflict. We may as well come to an understanding of this reality and accept it as a part of our generational calling.

Redemption was purchased in a most violent way. The shedding of the Lord's blood was brutal and unattractive to the natural eye. Nonetheless, it was the greatest demonstration of divine love ever expressed.

The innocent blood of Abel cried out from the ground with a prophetic voice of recompense. Jesus is the mediator of a new and better covenant; His blood speaks better things than that of Abel.

No generation has yet entered the fullness of the new covenant. We have only seen isolated forerunners who introduced the more excellent way. A new day is upon us! This divine Life is in the blood of Jesus; our quest is for a more comprehensive apprehension of its power.

Moving to Maturity

The victory has already been won; it is now our place to appropriate it. This process is necessary for our spiritual development and maturation to rule and reign with Him as priests and kings. It would be quite simple for the Lord to eradicate every evil influence standing in our way. However, it is His desire to achieve it through us in a series of victorious battles that bring us to spiritual maturity.

These will be days of "blood and fire." Greater appreciation of the redemptive virtue of God's blood and fiery conflicts between good and evil will prevail in coming days. Something truly noteworthy has been imparted into the spiritual DNA of this generation who qualify as overcomers— they are jealous for God in a militant way.

The Lord is a Warrior and those joined to Him share in His warlike attributes. His ministers are as a flame of fire and the angelic host assigned to co-labor with us are as winds that fuel the fire. This anointing will begin to address the “lukewarm” condition prevalent in much of the Western Church.

Great warriors will emerge in this hour. The Holy Spirit is preparing a body of people to expose spiritual gates and open everlasting doors that the King of Glory may come in. He will reveal Himself as the awesome man of war Who is strong and mighty in battle.
(Psalms 24:7-8)

Many of them will be young worshiping warriors and powerful praying women. This company will be ferocious in the spirit...holy terrors identified by Zechariah 1:21,

Then said I, What are these horns and smith's coming to do? And he said, these are the horns or powers that scattered Judah so that no man lifted up his head. But these smith's or workman have come to terrorize them and cause them to be panic-stricken, to cast out the horns or powers of the nations who lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it. (Amplified)

Substantial authority will be given to this warring band to sever the head from spiritual influences that have successfully stolen the inheritance of God's people. According to Psalms 74:14,

You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces, and gave him as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

When this victory is achieved, the very influences that had stolen our birthright become the “sustenance” to release us into greater measures of anointing.

Many gifts of God have been delegated to this generation but never sanctified. Someone may possess a tremendous gift of music but utilize it for selfish gain or spiritual perversion.

Once that person is saved and the gift sanctified, then it becomes "food for the people of the wilderness." The gift then provides a source of spiritual nourishment as it was originally intended. This will be a common pattern in the coming days.

God intends to retrieve His precious gifts and the vessels to whom they are entrusted. These days will see many who are leaders of wickedness become vessels of light and righteousness. This is true in both the natural and spiritual arena. God is able!

This year will see substantial spiritual and natural fire. Intercessors must take authority over the natural fires that will be evident in the coming season.

A Salvation Army

Part of the mandate for this generation is to recapture and restore to the Church our lost heritage. Many forerunners and pioneers obtained a testimony from God and blazed a spiritual trail that left an indelible mark upon their generation.

There were Heavenly commissions given that carried the authenticity and weight of Heaven. Many of those mantels and mandates can be recovered today.

One such individual was William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army. This distinguished organization is quite different today than its early history. The beginning years were marked with supernatural power encounters and waves of evangelism.

Great healing evangelists such as Smith Wigglesworth discovered God in awesome ways during the late 19th century through the Salvation Army.

In the 1885 publication "All About the Salvation Army" it is written that—

"General Booth became a minister of the Methodist New Connexion and traveled in a great many parts of England, seeing great success in winning souls, until the year 1861, when he resigned his position as a regular minister, and gave himself up, with his wife, to evangelistic work. After this their labors were very largely owned of God, thousands being received into the various churches as the result. In the year 1865, Mr. Booth was led, by Province of God, by no plan or idea of his own, to East of London, where the appalling fact that the enormous bulk of the population were totally ignorant and deficient of real religion, and altogether uninfluenced by the existing religious organizations, so impressed him that he determined to devote his life to making these millions ***hear*** *and* ***know*** *God, and thus save them from the abyss of misery in which they were plunged, and rescue them from the damnation that was before them.*

The result of this vision was the East London Christian Mission, which in 1978 became the Salvation Army. At the meeting where the change took place, Booth and his colleagues announced—

The Christian Mission has met in Congress to make war. It has organized a Salvation Army to carry the blood of Christ and the fire of the Holy Ghost into every corner of the world."

This commission echoes the heart of God that has been released during this Day of Atonement revelation. The Lord is looking to enlist an army to carry the His salvation through the proclamation of His blood and blazing Holy Ghost demonstrations of power.

Without the shedding of blood there would be no forgiveness of sin or end-time plan of redemption. (Hebrew 9:22) This empowerment will likewise be carried to the four corners of the earth. They will be a "salvation army."

The enthusiastic preaching of Christ's shed blood will be recaptured in the Church. Great revivalist in the order of John Wesley and George Whitefield will emerge. Pastors and teachers will discover notable anointing on messages that stress the importance of the Lord's sacrifice and the great price of redemption. The movie, "The Passion of Christ," is only the first in a series of forums to once again bring this truth to the forefront of the Church.

God is about to download, through his governmental design, messages that teach and preach Calvary's cross in profoundly powerful ways. The Body of Christ has scarcely touched the great redemptive truths of the cross; these will prepare the bride for her union with the Bridegroom.

The Lord is coming with the now "opened" book of redemption in His hand. We are called to "eat it" and prophesy great mysteries of the Kingdom to every nation, tongue and people. (Revelations 10:8-10)

As in all wars, liberty and freedom are acquired at a cost. These realities will be imparted to those willing to consider the cost and pay it freely. We pay the price by allowing the pruning of the Holy Spirit so we may know Christ, the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings. There is power in the blood of Jesus Christ.

There is Power in the Blood

Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you over evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide;
There's wonderful power in the blood.

There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow.
There's wonderful power in the blood.

There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb

Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

There is power, power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

Part Two— A Call to War

A Man Called David

In his visions, Bob saw a man called David who appeared to be just under 30 years of age. This young man was obviously a great lover of God with notable tenderness for God and His Spirit; yet, he also bore a continence of resolve and tenacity. This prophetic image was a representation of David, the son of Jesse, in his younger years.

It was clear that he had not yet been recognized as king of Israel. This symbolic portrayal represented the days immediately prior to his coronation as king. It was the season while he and his band of mighty men sheltered themselves in the cave of Adullam. That is presently where a spiritual army is stationed today.

Adullam was a town of the Canaanites allotted to Judah lying in the lowlands, southwest of Jerusalem. Adullam means, "justice of the people." It is interesting that the name Laodicea also means “peoples rights” or “justice of the people.”

The day in which we now live can appropriately be called the Laodicean age identified in Revelations 3:14-21. Sadly, this is a far cry from the justice of God. While the spirit of this world declares human rights first, Heaven declares ***divine justice*** and the Biblical rights of God. A great confrontation between these two spirits is under way.

It is impossible for justice to be rendered by mere human hands; the heart of humanity is exceedingly evil. The Laodicean church age completely counters the Lord’s justice He desires to demonstrate through His people. God overflows with equity, impartiality, and truth.

However, there is an absence of true fairness in the heart of humanity, except when the Holy Spirit imparts it. Almighty God is perfect in His justice, while the god of this world is the epitome of injustice.

The analogy of David and his brave warriors in the cave of Adullam portrays the mighty army of spiritual warriors who have been hidden in the midst of the Laodicean church age. Now is the time for them to surface and begin to execute God's agenda for this generation.

This company will not be able to tolerate lukewarm Christianity; their passion will be burning hot. They will not be content to simply remain in a justified state. Their destiny is to achieve spiritual maturity. They will demonstrate the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and fulfill the promise of John 14:12. It would be awesome if all God's people become mighty warriors for His sake!
The attributes we find in Scripture involving David's hidden years, also provide insight as to where we have been in God's preparation. Righteous decisions he made in the wilderness sowed into his future as king.

David honored God and His anointed vessels despite their failures and misguided perspectives. He demonstrated spiritual and personal integrity that qualified him as God's champion.

Birthing Supernatural Wisdom

In the prophetic vision that Bob saw, David was holding a baby boy over his chest. It was his desire for the prophets to pray for the young lad. David also desired prayer for his company of mighty warriors, signifying a commissioning for battle.

The young boy is representative of birthing a new generation anointed with the spirit of wisdom. Solomon was the son of David endowed with a special blessing of favor because of the faithfulness of his father. God gave Solomon supernatural knowledge, wisdom and very great discernment.

This portion of the revelations centered around God's desire to release special bestowals of grace and favor upon today's "Solomon's." The spirit of wisdom has never been more needed. We simply cannot accomplish God's purpose in this generation without supernatural impartations.

Gifts of revelation and power must be apprehended for the temple to be built according to the Heavenly model. (We will address this arena more extensively in our elaboration of Psalms 105:17)

In addition to the young boy, "David" also requested prophetic blessings upon his mighty band of warriors. Clearly, in this analogy David is indicative of the Son of David. The "mighty men" portray the militant army being assembled in this generation who are fully yielded and loyal to their "David." They love not their lives even unto death.

A special emphasis was also placed upon the word "band" in reference to these warriors. It was literally pointing to a special and greater anointing that is now accessible upon praise and worship "bands".

Many of David's "mighty men" will be musicians and singers. Worship teams will see a militancy enter their music in the coming days. An anointing of power and authority will come upon fully yielded vessels that will open the heavens and displace God's enemies usurping the land of promise.

The Heart of David

The "heart of David" will be imparted this year to awesome worshiping-warriors who are totally abandoned in their extravagant devotion. Notable prophetic anointing will come upon this company to declare the times, seasons and strategy of Heaven.

This band will consist of mighty men, women and young people who do warfare with the enemy. Many in the visions were children under the age of 15 who are to be powerfully anointed with the Spirit of God that rested upon David.

The "Samuels" of this day, representing the apostolic/prophetic offices, will release horns of anointing upon this new breed. The Scripture declares that Samuel,

> **took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the**

> **Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. And Samuel arose and went to Ramah. — 1 Samuel 16:13**

In 1973 abortion was legalized in this nation. Every Christian born since then has a unique calling that can be depicted by David and his mighty warriors. Naturally, this quality is not limited to any specific age group; nevertheless, that season marked a notable transition into the release of this generation’s "deliverers."

David was a man of blood. He was a warrior wholly devoted to the Lord. He eradicated the enemies of God and His covenant people.

The church can no longer afford to be a "bloodless" affiliation. We cannot escape the redemptive virtue of the Lord's blood and our call to spiritual militancy. Our conflict is not with flesh and blood, but with spiritual influences in heavenly places that hate God and His people.

In this day we must preach and teach, with renewed vigor, access granted to the Holy Place by the blood of Jesus. A fresh and new perspective of the Lord’s sacrifice and the shedding of His blood will emerge.

Any individual or fellowship unwilling to preach the blood of Jesus could disqualify themselves from participation in God's end-time army.

Through sin man was driven out of God's Presence and away from intimate fellowship with Him. Now, through great mercy, His blood has inaugurated a way to restore the broken fellowship once enjoyed in the Garden of Eden. That is the full message of the cross and the complete power of redemption.

We are to draw near and contend for this place of habitation. It is the high calling of Heaven—the place where God dwells. The tabernacle built by Moses under the old covenant was a natural sanctuary for worship; whereby, we have access to the Heavenly Mount Zion under the new covenant.

Baptisms in Fire

John baptized in water but the Greater One who followed him baptizes in the Holy Ghost and fire. (Luke 3:16) This will be the season of "baptisms in fire” The Spirit of Holy Fire will come to the church and especially first nations people. There will be a pronounced admonition for the prophetic church to confront false spiritual influences, as Elijah did at Mt. Carmel.

Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that You, O Lord, are God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.
Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in
the trench.

When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, "The LORD, He is God; the LORD, He is God." —1 Kings 18:37-39

The emerging spiritual army will be anointed with boldness and courage to challenge spiritual atrocities. This will be especially true among those with “first-nations” heritage. This unique group will be anointed to address ancient diabolical strongholds that have deceived many generations.

It is the year of the warrior. First nations people have a heritage as great warriors. The Lord will anoint that generational attribute.

The Spirit of Truth will visit these meetings with power to enlighten our eyes and dispel fogs of deception and confusion. False fire will become clearly apparent in the atmosphere of those anointed with Holy Fire.

The counterfeit is always made evident when exposed to the genuine. As Elijah admonished the covenant people of His day, “If the Lord is God, follow Him.”

Isaiah 22:22 Company

We recently released our latest book entitled, "Books of Destiny", in which I share many of these perspectives involving the uniqueness of this generation and its revolutionary calling. Special and greater capacity for God is being allotted in the hearts of those responding to this call. I will include an excerpt from the book in hopes that it will further explain the message we perceive the Holy Spirit releasing in this Atonement season.

From Books of Destiny—

Secretariat's twenty-two pound heart could prophetically represent the generation soon to emerge with a commissioning from Isaiah 22:22:

Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, When he opens no one will shut, When he shuts no one will open.

The key to the house of David signifies a governmental people who, like King David, will be anointed as both worshipers and warriors. David is regarded in Scripture as a man after God's own heart. He possessed a special capacity in his heart for God and His Kingdom revelation.

So shall the emerging generation of radical worshipers and warriors, who in a day unprecedented in history will champion fresh standards of excellence and victory.

David's heart prophetically portrays the nature of the Lord’s army of champions. The forces of darkness dread them because of Christ’s victory that they convey— they are God’s dreaded champions. As the Psalmist recorded:

Once you spoke in vision to Your godly ones, And said, "I have given help to one who is mighty; have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found David My servant; With My holy oil I have anointed him.”---Psalm 89:19-20

God gave David the power to become a champion of Israel and exalted him as a hero chosen from among His people. The Holy Spirit anointed him with holy oil. David was a conqueror for Israel foreseen and identified by the prophetic voice of that day. We are called to be more than conquerors through Him that loves us.

There have been forerunners and prototypes in years past; but now an entire body of people is being groomed for this lofty purpose. This great and weighty mystery is the hidden truth of godliness. In the Lord Jesus, God was made visible in human flesh, vindicated through the Holy Spirit and preached among the nations.

The Living Word or Bread of life once again desires to be made flesh through a body of people joined with Him in a holy consummation. As we live not by natural bread alone but by the living Word proceeding from the mouth of God, the bread of abundant life, even so the hidden truth of godliness will become part of our spiritual DNA.

Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, nor has yet entered into the human heart, the great blueprint of Heaven, the Lord desires to reveal to His people.

Mysteries reserved deep in the heart of the Father, locked away in the mind of Christ, and dispersed by the Spirit who searches the deep things, await the passionate embrace of a latter-day company of overcoming, holy, victorious ones. Abba, His Spirit, and the Bridegroom say, “Come.”

End Excerpt from Books of Destiny—

Color for This Year—Crimson/Red

The color for this year is Crimson/Red. This is a representation of God’s dual desire for us to apprehend greater understanding of the Lord’s sacrifice and the full redemptive power of His blood. It is also a symbolic portrayal of a present call to spiritual war. The “promise land” must be contended for.

A greater understanding of the divine life provided through the Lord's blood will be deposited in this army. We have scarcely touched the redemptive virtues provided through His sacrifice. The spirit of revelation will be imparted to this company, not only to understand, but also embody spiritual excellence.

They will be the virtues of the overcomers.

And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. — Revelations 12:11

Victory is achieved through the blood of Jesus and the application of it to our spirit, soul, and body. Clearly, our adversary does not understand the mystery of God. If he had, he would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Now, there is to be an army of people who embody the same life that the Lord Jesus demonstrated in His earthly ministry. Life is in the blood! Our Lord has provided a new and living way to reconcile the breach that has existed between God and man since the Garden of Eden.

Our testimony is derived from what we both see and hear. We can only testify of our personal experience through the Lord's redemption. A true testimony is given from what our eyes see and our ears hear. Anointed eyes and ears comprehend the Truth.

When we fully yield our will to the Father, we in essence demonstrate total selflessness; we die to our own ambitions and agendas. In these days greater comprehension of our citizenship in heaven will be realized than our natural life on earth. That is how the fear of death relinquishes its hold on this company.

The ones who experientially apprehend this reality will be a dangerous army typified in Joel 2. That is the mystery of God that our enemy did not comprehend through the Lord's death, burial and ultimately His resurrection. A grain of wheat went into the ground and perished—the Lord Jesus. Multiplied grains of wheat like the original seed will now be harvested— Joel’s Army.

This reality is what our enemy has so ardently opposed and attempted to keep veiled from the eyes of God's people. The Holy Spirit is releasing revelatory insight into this destiny and its end-time resolution.

There is a more sure and excellent way to access this prerequisite. It is through sharing in the Lord's love for people and ministry to the poor and lowly. Both of these ministries will become a priority initiative and integral part of our commission.

Pure and undefiled devotion in the site of God consists of care for widows and orphans and separation from the corruption of this world. (James 1:27)

Naturally, we cannot accomplish this directive without initially achieving the first commandment to love the Lord with all of our heart, soul and strength. This is the great and foremost commandment. Then we are able to love our neighbor even as ourselves. From this perspective are we able to minister with a Kingdom mind-set to overcome and be victorious.

Red War Horses

One of the symbolic meanings for the color red is to communicate war or spiritual conflict. The Lord is exceedingly jealous for natural and spiritual Jerusalem and Zion. The prophet Zechariah was given a prophetic vision portraying the Lord's heart for His people, following 70 years of Babylonian captivity.

The Lord expressed His anger at the nations who were at ease while he was only a little angry with his people; but they furthered the disaster. (Zechariah 1:8-14)

As a consequence, a spiritual confrontation is the result. In the Lord's jealousy, He will wage war against the forces that have attempted to overrun His people. Power and authority will be given to this army to overcome the spiritual pressures attempting to prohibit the fulfillment of God's plan.

Matthew 13:41 recognize angels that gather out of God's kingdom every stumbling block that stands in the way. There are special angelic assignments coming in this hour to help us in the removal of every hindrance and obstacle prohibiting the full revelation of the Kingdom mandate.

This extraction will take place by spiritual conflict through the apostolic government coming to its place in the Church. They will both pluck up and destroy the false while planting and building the Kingdom pattern. (Jeremiah 1:10)

Daniel prophesied of a future generation of strong spiritual champions who would know God by observing and experiencing Him and will do mighty exploits to His glory. (Daniel 11:32)

This prophetic portrayal is very powerful in the Hebrew language. It means to be strengthened with might in order to prevail. It conveys the manifestation of supernatural endowments to be strong and courageous with a resolute countenance.

In ourselves we do not possess these qualities. God’s courageous and warlike attributes come by spiritual impartation, through spending time with Him in personal fellowship.

The promise for this season of the Spirit is a release of Heavenly virtue to empower us in this way. Our call is to humbly present ourselves with emotional and spiritual integrity. This will begin to qualify us to be enlisted in this army.

Part Three— Spiritual Integrity

Minutes Before Midnight

At 11:55 p.m. on the Day of Atonement the Lord spoke and said, "integrity is vital.”

Possessing integrity applies to both the arena of the soul and the spirit. The soul consists of our mind, will and emotions. Exemplifying integrity in this dimension comprises a personal sense of "wholeness" derived from attributes of honesty and uprightness of character.

The integrity of the spirit is derived through the promise of 2 Peter 1:4 and our access to the divine nature and holy character of Christ. In this place we are free from the corruption of this world and its lusts. According to Peter the Lord has granted to us,

His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Maintaining these qualities will be essential in the days ahead. On the night of the Lord's crucifixion, He announced to His disciples that the ruler of this world was coming to Him but had nothing in Him. (John 14:30)

This meant there was nothing in the soul of Jesus that agreed with the nature of Satan. There were no seeds of corruption in Him into which the adversary could sink his hooks.

For this generation to fully achieve its mandate we must be endowed with substantial deposits of Heavenly power and authority. History has proven this virtue can corrupt if the issues of the soul and spirit have not been properly dealt with at the cross.

We must be free from the seeds of corruption so there is nothing in us that agrees with the god of this world. We die to self and live to Christ!

We have been given an opportunity over the last several years to allow the nature of Christ to be developed in us with the extraction of the tares of our soul that can corrupt. Our daily prayer must be for the continual overshadowing of our nature to become compatible with the Lord's.

A Call to Change

This aspect of the revelations was a very unusual admonition. It is dealing with the development of character in God's people who received as beneficiaries, ministries or churches from their forefathers.

Some who inherited their spiritual forum from their parents, whether natural or spiritual, but never grew in character are being called to evaluate their leadership style and allow a Christ-like standard to prevail.

The guidance and oversight of a New Testament church should not require the use of a control spirit or manipulation by leadership for it to function. These are in direct contradiction to the standard of the Holy Spirit.

People will follow character. Leaders are called in this day to lead by example. In that place, control, manipulation and political spirits are not needed or welcome.

An impartation of God is coming to help us in this regard. All of us as part of God’s leadership need His help. David was mightily supported by God as we need to be. The Bible declares that the Lord,

chose David His servant and took him from the sheepfolds; From the care of the ewes with suckling lambs He brought him to shepherd Jacob
His people, and Israel His inheritance. So he shepherded them according to the integrity of his heart, and guided them with his skillful hands.
— Psalms 78:70-72

We must contend for the faith that was once and for all delivered to the saints. Many ministries are built from the ground up through forerunners and pioneers mightily anointed of God. Others are handed down through spiritual forefathers as benefactors. Very often when this happens the life and vitality of the church is lost in the transition.

Ultimately, many who are handed their inheritance squander it for lack of character. In many ways, this has also transpired in both the natural and spiritual arena. The Lord desires to remedy this. Our prayer should be,

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. Examine me, O LORD, and try me; test my mind and my heart. For your lovingkindness is before my eyes, and I have walked in your truth. —Psalms 26:1-3

For the sake of the faithful forefathers, God desires to restore the glory of the prominent years. He will visit places that once experienced notable expressions of His Presence and power if the people will build a platform for Him. There will be a recapturing of promises that were once given but have seemingly been lost. He will do this in those places, but He is requiring integrity and uprightness of heart.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you. Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles. — Psalms 25:21-11

The Holy Spirit is addressing the character issues resident in those who inherited that kind of ministry so that He can revisit them and bring restoration. The Lord is simply identifying this as an area of emphasis in order to recover the lost vision and also carry them to next level of anointing that is coming.

As we travel all over this nation, we encounter fellowships that once experienced wonderful demonstrations of revival that were somehow lost. Most are desperate to see it return.

We are living close to “midnight.” There isn’t much time left but we have much to accomplish. A redemption of time will become evident. We will see in these days an escalation in divine purpose.

Even so, integrity and personal character are a prerequisite.

Integrity in the saints will deliver them from much evil. Even through extreme difficulty, Job maintained his integrity. Joseph endured incredible oppression through his prison experience; yet he sustained personal character that qualified him for the throne.

Build According to the Heavenly Pattern

At 3 AM the Holy Spirit announced, **"'SEE', that you build according to the pattern of Heaven."** The emphasis on this portion of the revelations centered on visionary clarity! There is no place for the “leaven” of human reasoning in the fresh revelations proceeding from God’s heart.

The Spirit is searching the depths of God to unveil the mysteries of the Kingdom that will prepare and purify the bridal company. (1 Corinthians 2)

There is a pure and perfect pattern in Heaven that we are to emulate on earth. Even as Moses was challenged to carefully build according to the Heavenly pattern, so are we. God, not man, is the architect. We dare not alter His example in even the slightest way or perceive that it can be improved upon.

The End-Time church is to be built after a specific pattern. There is a message and ministry that is divinely given. We depart from His plan only to our peril. The apostle Paul and the early disciples introduced the New Testament standard. They were a seed generation...we are now called to maturity and the harvest of all seeds.

Those embracing standards of personal integrity and righteousness will be allowed to “see” more clearly the Kingdom model to be demonstrated on earth. Part of the “redeeming of time” will be the economy of scales derived from doing things according to God’s ways.

We have been so captured by "doing" things for God that we have not functioned according to the efficiency of Heaven. Admonitions involving our personal and corporate destinies are being commissioned. We must first see clearly then begin to do what we have seen according to the Heavenly strategy most appropriate in the achievement of that destiny. The spirit of revelation is mandatory to accomplish end-time mandates. Our directive is to “SEE” then “BUILD.”

The message proceeding from God’s heart is directly related to the spiritual need of the hour. To be relevant in our generation we must present “meat in due season” that the Holy Spirit deems appropriate.

This is not the time for mechanical and repetitious articulation of doctrines and precepts that have little or no pertinence to this generation’s needs. Our call is to “come up here” and apprehend the blueprint of God. As we are informed in Hebrews 8:5-6,

But these offer service merely as a pattern and as a foreshadowing of what has its true existence and reality in the Heavenly sanctuary. For when Moses was about to erect the tabernacle, he was warned by God saying, see to it that you make it all exactly according to the copy (the model) which was shown to you on the mountain.

**But as it now is, He (Christ) has acquired a priestly ministry which is as much superior and more excellent than the old as the covenant
(the agreement) of which He is the Mediator (the Arbiter, Agent) is superior and more excellent, because it is enacted and rests upon more important (sublimer, higher, and nobler) promises. — Amplified**

If Moses was instructed to meticulously follow a specific pattern in establishing the tabernacle that was a mere type and shadow, how much more are we in the new and more excellent covenant!

This covenant was not secured with the blood of bulls and goats, but by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. We dare not alter His perfect standard! Thy Kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Pure Revelatory Perspective

Personal ambition and human agendas are the leaven that can distort our revelatory clarity. Our earnest prayer should be for the deliverance of our own perspectives in order to embrace His. Only from this posture can we fully apprehend the model that is in Heaven to be emulated on earth.

Our perfect pattern is the Lord Jesus Himself. The Father still seeks pure and unbridled obedience. Much of what is to come has not even entered into the heart of man. Therefore the spirit of revelation is essential for it to be birthed. We will do what we see Him doing and say only what we have heard in the Heavenly realm.

We are the beneficiaries of a new and higher covenant. Yet the directive is the same as the one given to Moses. We must see behind the veil to apprehend the blueprints of God. The strategy room of Heaven is now open for individuals, fellowships, cities and regions to apprehend the divine design for fruitfulness in the Kingdom.

There has been a very deliberate orchestration of spiritual outpourings over the last 100 years. God does nothing without a cause. There have been incredible supernatural expressions of God on the earth that are of biblical proportions. Much of this has been hidden from the awareness of the Church.

Nevertheless, there is another great awakening on the horizon to bring an army out of the wilderness. Their eyes will be illumined and their hearts enlightened to comprehend God’s strategy and apprehend the model of Heaven designed for the "latter days."

Daniel saw this in his visitation and wrote of it. However, His words and insight have been sealed from that day until this. The book is now open! The capstone generation is being prepared to be released with shouts of "grace-grace!"

Part Four— A Kingdom Standard

Uproot and Plant

This portion of the revelations continued with the theme of Heavenly justice. In many ways the scales have been unbalanced towards wickedness and human agendas. The governmental anointing now emerging will uproot many of those attributes! In its stead, the Kingdom of Heaven will be planted and established.

As I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to overthrow, to destroy and to bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and
to plant," declares the LORD —Jeremiah 31:28

At 4:35 AM the Lord stated, "I'm going to uproot and I'm going to plant." The spiritual authority that is been delegated will have a twofold application. Not only will it uproot and destroy things sponsored by realms of darkness but also build and plant from the Kingdom of light. John 4:35 states,

Do you not say, "There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'?
Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they
are white for harvest.

Sowing righteousness will reap a harvest of salvation. Our call is to sow spiritually in uprightness; that is from a posture of right standing with God. In so doing, we will reap according to mercy and lovingkindness. We are entering a season of harvest. It will be a harvest of “harvesters.”

What and how we sow will determine our harvest. We are to break up uncultivated ground.

Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

— Psalms 126:5-6

This is a call to go into previously uncharted territories. Like Elijah, a holy jealousy for God will overshadow God’s army. They will not be afraid to challenge the “prophets of Baal” who are deceiving many.

This will result in a wonderful harvest of gifted people who will be very fruitful in the Kingdom. They already have a zeal for spiritual things, it only misguided. Once they discover the truth, all their devotion and enthusiasm will be for Jesus.

Much prayer and sacrifice has already been invested in this day. Many seeds of revival and spiritual outpouring have been sown. We will now become the beneficiaries of a great spiritual inheritance, eating from vineyards that we did not plant. Even so, those who sow and those who reap will rejoice together.

A great company of spiritual champions who have blazed a spiritual trail surrounds us! They have sown into this day as righteous testifier’s waiting for us to become heirs of our prophetic destiny. In that, we will share the Lord's victory.

It is now a time to seek the Lord and inquire favor of Him until He rains righteousness upon us. Then the full measure of His salvation will be our inheritance. (Hosea 10:12)

The Object of Our Focus

We are entering a very dangerous season of Church and human history. We must be very careful about the object of our focus; the Kingdom of Heaven or the spirit of this world? Have we devoted our attention to the desire of God or the pursuit of our own ambition?

These are the pressing questions that must be truthfully confronted! We cannot afford distractions from the adversary; distractions can lead to destruction.

The highway in this season that will see considerable spiritual activity is— "Highway 435." There will also be a spiritual emphasis on the area surrounding the natural Highway 435.

John 4:35 will be a primary focus of the Kingdom mind-set. Many layers of understanding will be derived through teachers inspired by revelatory insight involving this important passage. A spiritual and natural harvest is at hand. The church is being poised to bring in a "harvest of harvesters." The Lord is symbolically stating that this "highway" will carry us to the place of our destination.

We have now entered a season of spiritual harvest. Seeds sown in prior generations have come to a place of maturity. Commissions, mantles and spiritual gifts can be apprehended that were previously worn by pioneers and leaders of the past.

The Lord, in this harvest age, will remember the prayers and sacrifices of prior generations. (We discuss this principle much more extensively in our book entitled Books of Destiny. See www.WhiteDoveMinistries.org)

The Power-Saw

We are promised a release of power from Heaven on an escalated scale. The purest form of harvest is through a demonstration of the Spirit and His power. In the visions, this release of power was illustrated through a tool called a "power-saw."

Carpentry work has been incredibly simplified since the days our Lord was a carpenter in the region of Nazareth. Modern tools, such as the power-saw, have made this difficult work much easier. Lumber and boards can now be processed quickly and efficiently with this mechanism. However, in the hands of careless and inexperienced laborers it can also become very dangerous.

The Holy Spirit is using this analogy to paint a prophetic portrait that can be readily understood. Workmen operating a power-saw carelessly or presumptuously can sometimes lose their fingers and hands. Prophetically, the hand is representative of the fivefold ministry.

The early apostolic church modeled God's design for unfolding the revelation of His Kingdom. What had previously seemed an impossible task, is made attainable by the Lord's power imparted through His resurrection. The Bible records that,

with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. — Acts 4:33

We cannot fully achieve our mandates without the spiritual government of God in its place functioning with authority. If used wrongly, the power of God can cut off our ministry. The hand of the carpenter only holds the saw in place.

History has clearly proven, the careless handling of God's power results in shipwreck. This once again points to the need for great integrity and personal character resident in us.
God will not share His glory with anyone. Our ministries must be galvanized with charity and cloaked in humility. The "power-saw" or power of God, will be utilized to tear down and to build. This is a duel commissioning. (Jeremiah 31:28)

In the hands of an experienced builder, the "power-saw" functions efficiently and beautifully. Gifted carpenters have great respect for the tools of their trade. Their livelihood depends upon it. Likewise, we are wholly dependant upon the Holy Spirit and should exercise extreme care in handling His gifts.

This is both an admonition and a warning. The Lord is letting us know that greater power is available and much needed. However it comes with a condition—proper stewardship. Presumption and distractions will results in grave danger.

The Blessings of Jacob

At 5:35 AM the Holy Spirit gave Psalms 53:5-6—

There they are in great fear where no fear was, for God has scattered the bones of him who encamps against you; you have put them to shame, because God has despised them. Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God brings back the captivity of His people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

It will be a very dangerous time to attempt to withstand God's hand. We have entered a "fullness of time" juncture of church history. There will no longer be delay for many of the purposes destined for this hour. To stand in the way of these mandates could be extremely hazardous.

When the day arrived for Israel's liberation from Egyptian bondage, the enemy could not prohibit the decree of God. Decrees from heaven are issued through angelic "watchers" that carry authority from God. Not even the Red Sea was able to stand before the achievement of that decree. Pharaoh's army was annihilated under the weight of this command.

So is it today! We are living in a day of restoration. The fortunes of God's inheritance are being replenished. Great will be the rejoicing of those ascending Mount Zion to experience the awesome spiritual blessings ordained for this day.

The Favor of El Shaddai

In Bob's experience he was informed that the "blessing of Jacob" is being released in a pronounced way. This was a very unique and supernatural experience that launched Jacob into his divine destiny. There is a profoundly significant attribute of God identified in this impartation of favor and grace. The Lord appeared to him as God Almighty— El Shaddai.

May God Almighty (EL Shaddai) bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings,

which God gave to Abraham. — Genesis 28:3-4

There are many divine attributes of the Father, all of which are revealed in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the express image of God and the exact representation of His nature. However, there presently seems to be special emphasis on His eternal quality as El Shaddai.

This descriptive expression depicts the Father as our “all sufficient One” providing all that we need. It oftentimes depicts Him as the “many breasted One” symbolized by a nursing mother providing all that an infant needs for growth, maturity, and protection.

In like manner, as we draw near to Him and rely upon His sufficiency, we will actually be drawing the very tissue of God into ourselves transforming us into an overcoming army who embody His qualities and attributes.

The Blessing of Jacob

In the book of Genesis we discover the Lord revealing Himself to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as El Shaddai. In each case, there was the impartation of this specific divine attribute essential for the patriarchs to become fruitful, multiply and occupy the land of their sojourning.

The Lord released this divine blessing upon Isaac. The result was so profound that the enemies of Isaac desired to enter into a covenant of peace with him because of the obvious favor of God.

In Genesis 26 we observe Isaac re-digging the old wells of Abraham. On the day that Abimelech chose to approach Isaac with a proposition of peace, a well was discovered that remains to this day. The well is called "The Well of the Oath" or Beersheba.

In December 2001, Wanda and I, along with a few close friends, had the privilege of spending an afternoon of prayer and proclamation at this well. It was a profound time to stand upon the very spot where so many significant biblical and historical events have taken place. We had an incredible encounter with the Lord while there.

It was the very place where Jacob received the blessing that opened the heavens and introduced a visitation from the Lord.

The Visitation of Jacob

Immediately following the release of this blessing upon Jacob, a subsequent open heaven experience was granted to the patriarch. The experience unveiled to him his divine destiny and that of his people. Upon departing Beersheba he traveled toward Haran. Desiring to rest he placed a stone under his head and encountered the Lord in a penetrating revelation of Kingdom purpose.

Presently, there are many who have been prepared by the Holy Spirit to encounter the Lord in such a way that Heavenly objectives are being revealed and imparted. Out of that we become fruitful and multiply and begin to occupy the land of our sojourning.

Jacob watched as angels ascended and descended a "ladder" linking heaven with earth and listened as a Heavenly promise was given.

Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it. He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.” — Genesis 28:14-17

There is something significant about the release of the El Shaddai blessing and the subsequent experience of Jacob announcing his covenant destiny and divine promise.

Likewise, as the Holy Spirit continually unfolds to us this aspect of the Divine attributes, we will begin to see open heaven revelations of our spiritual destiny and promise to become expressions of His Kingdom. Seeing His plans for us will cause us to begin to occupy, on His behalf, the land of our sojourning.

This blessing opened a gate of Heaven. Many storms and cataclysmic events have been occurring in recent days. We believe this is highlighting a place in which the Lord desires to open spiritual gates and everlasting doors. (Psalm 24:7-10)

Although we appreciate the understanding given to us by many authors concerning the definition of El Shaddai as "the all sufficient One" or the "many breasted One." We must also consider what many Jewish writers have suggested concerning this divine attribute. They find the name to be much more far-reaching than our present understanding discloses.

As one Jewish scholar put it *“It (the blessing of EL Shaddai) belonged to the sphere of salvation, forming one element in the manifestation of Jehovah, and describing Jehovah, the covenant God, as possessing the power to realize His promises, even when the order of nature presented no prospect of their fulfilment, and the powers of nature were insufficient to secure it. The name which Jehovah thus gave to Himself was to be a pledge...”*

Divine Intervention

One of the most profound promises in the New Testament is the precious and magnificent promise that we can become partakers of His divine nature and Holy character. This endowment of Heaven empowers us to escape the corruption of this world and its lusts.
(II Peter 1:4)

When this work is complete, we can then be entrusted with the power and authority of His kingdom to make it known in the earth and become the awesome army prophesied in scripture.

However, the fulfillment of this prophetic mandate seems distant and impossible from the perspective of our strength and ability. Like Abraham, Issac and Jacob the realization of our promise requires divine intervention to become reality— the intervention of El Shaddai.

The manifestation of God as El Shaddai overcame the deficiency and weakness of Abraham to do what he by nature could not. So is it with us. He is able to do through us what we are incapable of producing on our own. As we yield ourselves to Him for the extraction of the seeds of corruption from our soul, we then begin the journey to become partakers of His nature and escape this world’s impurity.

A Call to Maturity

The Holy Spirit is calling us to maturity. We must move beyond the elementary principles and become the mature sons and daughters who bear His image and express His power. By virtue of His impartation to us as El Shaddai, as was given to Jacob, we will begin to bear fruit that is recognizable and provide light and life.

There has been a divine discomfort that has been imparted to the body of Christ. In times past many have been content to sit in the pews of our churches and allow leadership and ministry teams do the work of ministry.

This year we will see a tremendous hunger imparted to the body to be prepared to fulfill Ephesians 4:12 and see the miracles, signs and wonders for themselves. This aspect of our development must take place to accommodate the great harvest in the years to come.

Those who will come with humble and sincere hearts will see notable spiritual fruit being developed within their nature and character. This will be necessary so that we can be entrusted with the power and gifts essential to do this all-important work.

The revelation and impartation of the blessing of Jacob will equip us to begin to occupy the land and become fruit-bearers with kingdom attributes. As we rest in this aspect of His divine name, we also draw virtue from Him as our High Tower and infinite source of strength.

The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe. — Proverbs 18:10

We have come to Mount Zion that is the city of the living God. In that place there are multitudes of angels along with the Church of the Firstborn who are registered as citizens of Heaven. In this place we discover God in his Justice and the spirits of the righteous and redeemed made perfect. (Hebrews 12:22-23)

These revelations will deliver many from their "comfort zones" but it will also release great spiritual inheritance ordained for the latter days.

Leaving the Comfort Zone

Dealing with our spiritual "comfort zone" will be a primary emphasis of the Holy Spirit in the coming season. This principle will be applicable both individually and corporately.

The Lord intends to develop maturity in a body of people to whom He can delegate substantial spiritual authority and power. For this to be accomplished, we must eliminate the parameters we have built around ourselves. During these days we will be challenged out of our “comfort zone” and into the place of supernatural faith. In this arena we will discover the "faith of the Son of God."

Individuals being groomed for positions of leadership will, by the Holy Spirit's direction, move out of the positions of their greatest comfort. Many are is a post that may presently be fruitful; but a greater place of fruitfulness and authority can be achieved that requires the supernatural realm.

God’s cloud is moving. His plan is unfolding. Our ultimate objective is to develop Kingdom credentials to faithfully steward what is to come.

Likewise, churches and fellowships may also find themselves extending their tent pegs and broadening their mandates for spiritual challenges from God. The Holy Spirit will identify the places in which He is genuinely Lord as opposed to man-made leadership following human agendas.

Another word for comfort zone is "lukewarm." The Lord has clearly defined His thoughts concerning lukewarm Christianity. He hates it!

So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. – Rev. 3:16-17

Many individuals and fellowships may perceive they are blistering hot for God. That is the dilemma the Bible predicts for the latter days. However, we must see things from His perspective. In the coming season, the Lord will send teams of people who are genuinely on fire for God to places that are living in a lukewarm atmosphere.

The zeal and affection for heaven these possess, will become infectious and expose places that are under the “lukewarm,” Laodicean spirit. Their burning passion for God will melt cold formal religious mind-sets.

The ones being challenged to leave their "comfort zone" are the very ones being identified for substantial spiritual impartation. Spiritual bravery and individual courage must characterize the emerging army of God.

Israel was directed to leave God’s Shepherding provision and care that they enjoyed following deliverance from Egypt. In order to possess the promise, they had to cross the Jordan as a militant army and contend for their inheritance. The Lord is admonishing us as He did Joshua saying,

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9

Pastors and the leaders will be challenged to speak God's truth with boldness and conviction. This will be true even if the message is seemingly hard and different from present understanding of doctrinal issues. There is fresh revelation coming from the heart of God. Man-made traditions will be eradicated through this emerging army.

Political correctness will have no place in the churches anointed with the mandate of Heaven. Only spiritual correctness will be the governing standard. The church will be challenged to take a stand to address socially difficult issues. Homosexual marriages, flagrant abortion and other such issues must the confronted. The church cannot remain silent. We must become the salt and light of this world by setting a lofty standard.

Outcry for Righteousness

For those willing to leave their spiritual comfort zone, a divine impartation will transpire. A holy desperation for the righteousness of God will be birthed in them. It will result in a divine disdain for the spirit of this world and the corrupt standard it flaunts.

Many Christians will find themselves offended at wickedness. Even those things seemingly tolerable in the past will no longer seem acceptable. We will come to hate those things that He hates and love those things that He loves. That will be part of the Bridal paradigm.

In a spiritual vision given to Bob, he was shown scales of justice made from that brass that descended in front of him. On one side were "wickedness" and the other "righteousness." Brass is commonly understood as an emblem of judgment. The altar of burnt offerings was constructed of brass/bronze pointing to the Cross, upon which the Lord sacrificially offered Himself.

The **Justice of God** is approaching. With it will come blessings and judgments reflecting both the kindness and severity of God!

From the appearance of the scales it was clearly evident that wickedness had exceedingly prevailed; corrupt standards were being exalted and righteousness was being mocked. However, a bestowal from God is being released to balance the scales.

The righteousness of God manifested through His people will begin to balance the scales with the justice of God. It is a time for righteousness to be heard in lieu of wickedness. The Lord is also promising that the righteous will be abundantly fruitful even in their old age.

According to the Psalmist,

The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. Planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

They will still yield fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and very green, to declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is unrighteousness in Him. — Psalms 92:12-15

Those unwilling to compromise their standards of righteousness will flourish like a tree planted in its native soil; however, the wicked will be cut off in their prime. These are the dual qualities of divine justice.

A multi-generational mandate is being issued from the heart of God. A notable promise is being offered to those willing to embrace it. The young can develop maturity at an unparalleled rate while the old can enjoy the strength and vitality of youth. Both come by the resurrection power of Christ!

Many secrets involving communion and the impartation of divine life will emerge in these days. Our spirit, soul and body will be fully sanctified as we enter union with Christ; these relate to our mind, will and emotions as well as our physical body.

For the righteous it will be a season of harvest. However, it will be a very dangerous time to flagrantly sponsor things contrary to the nature of God. A season of repentance will be offered; if perpetually rejected, a measure of judgment will be released. While in the prime of their lives, many of the unrepentant wicked will find themselves at great risk during this season.

It is always our hope and expectation to present encouraging messages that are a blessing. However, to be wholly honest and forthright we must also state that the justice of God has judgment in it as well. Justice will be blessings upon the righteous and judgment upon unrighteousness.

Incredible grace has been and will continue to be offered for repentance. As the apostle Paul challenged young Timothy, we should with gentleness and courtesy bring spiritual correction. It is our hope that perhaps God may grant repentance to the wayward leading to the knowledge of the Truth.

In this way, many will come to their senses and escape the snare of the adversary that has held them captive. (2 Timothy 2:25-26) Even so, correction must come but from the right spirit.

However, the continually unrepentant will be separated according to the parable of Matthew 25:32-40. The faithful sheep will be promoted to a place of blessing and favor. This will be accomplished through principles of the kingdom highlighting the Lord Jesus as the Just judge.

In recent days it has been apparent that many with evil agendas have been exalted while the righteous have been humbled. Now that spirit of humility has been established in a body of righteous believers, that trend will be reversed.

The righteous will now experience seasons of divine favor while many of the wicked will come under discipline. Evidence of this is already at work is portions of the national media.

Beams of Light

Different places in this nation will be identified as "lighthouses" of God. From them great beams of Light will extend to the nations of the earth. This impartation will be distinguished with great spiritual insight and divine revelation. God’s truth will begin to deal with false influences among His people. According to the prophecy of Isaiah,

Come, house of Jacob, and let us walk in the light of the LORD. For you have abandoned your people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled with influences from the east, and they are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they strike bargains with the children of foreigners.— Isaiah 2:5-6

Secrets and mysteries of God are poised to be released into this generation. Although three specific locations will be inaugurated in the coming days, this invitation is also extended to many others. Willingness to leave our comfort zone and embrace the impartation of Heaven will qualify those seeking to become God's lighthouses.

Many of the locations for this release will be totally unexpected. The Lord promises to visit whosoever is willing to humble themselves before Him. There may be spiritual streams that are entrusted with this endowment that will be quite surprising to many people.

In the vision, it was apparent that the beams of Light were coming from many different directions. However, three of those locations seemed to be significantly more brilliant. There will be three “hubs” raised up by the Holy Spirit to be delegated end-time "Light."

To these places, spiritual and natural provisions will be afforded for multimedia outlets. Radio, television and various mediums will be utilized to distribute the spiritual Light entrusted to them.

This directive was clearly presented as an invitation. Individuals and fellowships willing to respond to God's qualification can be utilized in this purpose. In a general way, it was clear that hubs were located in at least three places—the southern Gulf Coast region, the Northeast and the West. An emphasis was placed on the phrase "at least" three places. There can be more depending upon our responses.

We are called to be the light of the world. From our innermost being will flow rivers of living water that will be expressed as Light in dark places! A great responsibility will be placed upon the prayer ministries moving in revelatory prayer. A delegation of spiritual authority will come as “light” is shed upon ploys and schemes of the adversary.

Prayer can change things and expose devises of the evil one, including nuclear weapons enemies of God and this nation would like to discharge in America and Israel.

Part Five— Insight From Psalms 105

Psalms 105

In this year's revelations, it seems that Psalms 105 provided prophetic directives that characterize this era in God. As a result, we will simply present the insight that the Holy Spirit shared through prophetic "bullets."

Verse 1-3

We enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. John 13:31 and John 14:13. Let the heart of those rejoice who seek the Lord, for they will be contented. This will be a season for those who truly seek the Lord to find contentment.

Hope deferred makes the heart sick! There have been many heart-sick people in the church. However, we are now approaching a season in which promises, some of which were given many years ago, are about to be fulfilled. Hope will displace hopelessness.

Verse 4.

We have spent far too much time seeking the Lord's hand and not enough seeking His face. If we have His presence we have all that we need. Without question, the Lord desires to release to us His gifts and anointing. However, the main objective for this generation is to walk in the manifested Presence of God.

This is a season that we can ask of the Father and receive when we ask from a pure heart.— Matt. 7:7; Psalms 138. Luke 11:9-13

Verse 5.

The quality of our testimony is vital. The book of remembrance is being opened to inscribe the testimonies of the faithful. Malachi 3:16.

The Book of Remembrance contains the names of those who walk before the Lord in reverential awe and weep over the abominations being committed in the earth.

This sacred book is held dear by the Lord! It contains the names of those who faithfully join themselves to Him and carry His heart for their generation. According to the prophetic promises in Scripture, the end-time generation is identified as the harvest of the ages.

We are to carry the Lord's dominion over demons, disease, and death. Many names will be transcribed in the Book of Remembrance in this day; such people will enjoy the benefits of Heaven itself.

Verse 6-8.

The year of the blessings of Jacob. Abraham is the Father of faith. The faithful will receive the blessings of Jacob. (See section on — The Blessing of Jacob)

We are entering a season in which righteousness will be learned through expressions of God's justice and discipline. (Isaiah 26:9-10) (Much of this portion of the outline has already been addressed in prior sections of the Shepherd’s Rod)

Verse 9-10.

The Lord honors His word above His name. (Psalms 138:2) When God gives His word, He honors it. A promise was made to Abraham to deliver his descendants from the bondage of Egypt. When it came time for the promise to be fulfilled, a deliver was sought and found in Moses.

The Lord is searching now for "deliverers" through whom He can fulfill promises made in His word and to our spiritual forefathers. (Hebrews 11:33)

We are not yet Israel but we are at the river Jabbok where transition and transformation takes place. Jabbok means “emptying out.” We are being emptied of our own agendas, ambitions and opinions in order to acquire His. (See —The Blessings of Jacob.)

Those who overcome will be granted a white stone with a new name written upon it to reflect their change of character. Many saints are poised to have their name changed and inherent covenant promises. Upon them, angels will ascend and descend as they walk before an open heaven.

Verse 11-15.

The commissioning of Joshua was one of war. The land of Canaan is taken only through confrontation. Our inheritance is secured with violence. Our spiritual blessings are in Heavenly places. That is the same domain of the principalities, powers and rulers of darkness. Therein lies the conflict. In order to obtain the fullness of our inheritance we must overcome. We must contend for our birthright.

The remnant seed will be sown for harvest— sowing in the spring and reaping in the fall. Twelve spies ventured into the land of promise but only two returned with favorable reports. Each had equal opportunity to remain faithful to the Lord. Nevertheless, only a devoted remnant conveyed loyalty to God.

At the present time, there are only a few in number who have pressed through great difficulty to overcome. However, a wave of harvest is imminent to introduce this dimension to the corporate body.

Much of what we sow during the early months of next year will be harvested in the latter half. Those who seek will find and those who perpetually knock, to them it will be opened.

This passage is a representation of our call to the nations. Truth and power that is birthed in the coming season will be taken to the various regions of the earth.

Those who receive a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive the prophet's reward. A childless woman was kind to the prophet Elisha and received him as a representation of God. For that faithfulness, she received the desire of her heart -- a son. (2 Kings 4:13-17)

The prophetic voice will be speaking profoundly in the coming days. Those that embrace the Lord's message will receive rewards of favor.

It will also be a dangerous time to reject, ridicule and persecute the hidden manna that will be proceeding from behind the veil. The apostolic/prophetic voices will be sent to the places in which their words will be profitable.

Genuine prophetic messages will begin to emerge over the next several months and years. It will draw a line delineation that is easily recognizable between the Lord's voice and a counterfeit. Both the Church and the world will recognize this prophetic anointing resting upon God's people.

Verse 16.

At the present time we have not have a famine of revelation but of spiritual understanding. There has been a wave of revelatory insight that has come but very little perception has been joined with it. Comprehension of our revelations is as important as obtaining the revelation itself. Daniel received insight WITH understanding.
(Daniel 9:22)

There will be much stress in the world, both naturally and spiritually. Those separated from Christ and His canopy of protection will find a famine of peace and security. We will either have an abundance of faith, which separates us from fear, or a famine of faith, which amplifies fear.

Verse 17.

Many of those with the Joseph calling will now be elevated from the dungeon to the throne. The Joseph message has been heralded extensively throughout the last several years. There will now be a measure of release for this company of people with a very unique responsibility.

This season will mark the end of waiting for many. Their years of difficulty and hardship have prepared them for the notable authority and provision they must steward.

There will be great diversity inherent with the "Joseph" calling. It will be both spiritual and natural. This anointing will carry many people into the financial, political, marketplace and spiritual arenas. God's influence will be felt in each of these dimensions.

Anointing for creativity for this select group will flourish. The imaginations of this company will be anointed with the virtue of the Creator. These attributes will touch the arts, science and engineering. Many are already seeing by divine revelation new architecture and efficient building designs.

There will be a tremendous release of divine inspiration into the souls of this company. (Daniel 1:17) The word of the Lord has tested them and prepared them for this special calling. Both Joseph and Daniel portray extensions of this special mission.

This dimension of the Shepherd’s Rod revelations were also addressed extensively in “Books of Destiny.” We will include another portion of it with the hope of bringing clarity and understanding.

From Books of Destiny—

Supernatural Endowments

In many ways, Daniel and his three friends are representative of the manner in which the Lord will equip His people for the special assignments set before us. The Babylonian captivity of the Jewish people provides a prophetic portrait of the Body of Christ's condition and a hint of the Lord's promise of spiritual deliverance.

Daniel 1:17 describes the special empowerment from Heaven imparted to the former.

God gave them knowledge and intelligence in every branch of literature and wisdom; Daniel even understood all kinds of visions and dreams.
The Lord gave them revelatory knowledge and intelligence in various matters of writing and literature; bestowing by spiritual transference the blessing of unique knowledge and exceptional capacity in literature and all manner of written work.

The Lord quickened in them special skills to apprehend and articulate spiritual understanding and heavenly wisdom. Daniel was notably gifted with supernatural perception into all manner of visions and dreams. God had empowered them to excel in governmental scholarship.

This pattern will also apply in this day when the Lord discovers devoted obedient hearts of the spiritually strong. Then vast storehouses of revelatory insight and supernatural knowledge concerning Scripture, creation, science, the arts, and many other subjects will be entrusted to believers who follow the model of Daniel and his three friends.

These four young men provide a prophetic standard of those who know their God intimately and accomplish great exploits.

These friends of God will engage the revelatory realm of Heaven. They will be marked by their excellent spirit and granted acute perception and understanding to interpret dreams and visions, clarify revelatory experiences, and solve difficult and enigmatic problems.

They will be people who receive insight from the throne room and respond to God's invitation to be shown future secrets.

During a prophetic experience I had a few years ago the Lord told me that Daniel 1:17 was spiritually linked to Ephesians 1:17. These are parallel passages offering the same promise with different time frames. One is from the old covenant and outlines God's dealings with humanity during difficult times, pointing to a future day of supernatural intervention in the world. The other, expressed in the new covenant, records the heritage of believers.

Despite our perceived personal limitations or lack of educational opportunities, the Lord is a quickening Spirit. As our legacy, He has promised to impart life to our mortal bodies and to grant us the spirit of revelation to access mysteries, secrets, and revelatory knowledge.

In Roland Buck's throne room experience, two thousand Scriptures and references were immediately imprinted on his mind. Buck reported that the Scriptures were written on his heart and mind in a split second as a printing press inscribes information on paper. Numerous other testimonies exist of individuals who were supernaturally granted the ability to recall the entire Bible from memory.

Many who attended Maria Woodworth-Etter's meetings were caught up in the Spirit to experience visions and revelations from the Lord. In these supernatural encounters with God, some would be commissioned as missionaries to foreign lands; they would emerge from their vision capable of fluently speaking the language of the nation to which they were called.

The Father enjoys revealing His Kingdom to us and performing awesome deeds only He can accomplish. It was a small thing for Him to rejuvenate the bodies of Abraham and Sarah and quicken them with strength.

Even after Sarah's death, Abraham, well over a century old, continued in the strength imparted to him and bore many more sons by Keturah (Genesis 25:1). The Lord is more than able to equip us with the supernatural gifts needed to access the unfathomable treasures hidden in Him

As the Bible also promises, the Holy Spirit knows what is hidden in darkness and exposes deep and secret things. Light dwells with Him, bringing illumination to what has been set apart and reserved for the generation of destiny (Daniel 2:22).

God promised He would give us the treasures of darkness and the concealed riches of secret places so we would know it is the Lord who calls us by our name. (Isaiah 45:3)This divine promise supplies both the riches of revelatory insight as well as the natural provisions essential to fulfill the mandate of this kairos moment.

Even now, individuals are engaging the revelatory realm of Heaven and receiving downloads of insight into physics, light, sound, and spiritual colors. The apostle John's visit to Heaven's throne room outlined awesome sights, sounds, and vibrant colors surrounding God's seat of dominion and victory.

The more understanding we have of that realm, the greater our ability to cooperate with Heaven in demonstrating the Kingdom on earth.

Those being awakened to this realm and seeking understanding in science, physic, and the elements of creation are not super-geniuses with great scientific minds. Most are ordinary Christians who are tapping into God's heart as He releases His mind to the bride.

Much will be spoken and written in the coming days involving this dimension of our heritage. As with Einstein, an insatiable desire to understand creation and the Creator will flourish in the hearts of many Christians. Access to the spiritual books of Heaven will be granted in order to provide divine wisdom, revelatory knowledge, and supernatural strategy.

End Excerpt from Books of Destiny—

Verse 20-21

Unsaved people in positions of authority will recognize the favor of God upon this company and seek their counsel. Even more than that, these leaders and executives will ask for a blessing from this company. Heads of corporations will seek these "Josephs" for leadership positions to direct the future of their businesses. Though they will be in the world they will not be of the world!

The kings of the earth will recognize Heavenly wisdom and prophetic insight resting upon the overcomers of this day. They will embrace these specially prepared ones as Pharaoh embraced Joseph and Nebuchadnezzar exalted Daniel.

Many wealthy people will hire Christians so that their companies will prosper. In the coming days Zechariah 8: 20-23 will become a living reality.

Righteous will be delegated the power to bind and loose according to heavens design. They will bind ploys of wickedness and release standards of righteousness.
Matthew 16: 19

Verse 23.

As the justice of God becomes more apparent it will become increasingly important to be hidden in God. Egypt is a representation of the world while Babylon is a representation of spiritual confusion. Both of the natural and spiritual arenas will come under the justice of God. The righteous must be hidden in Christ as a form of Goshen to receive His canopy of protection. Isaiah 26: 20-21.

We must be hidden in God while indignation runs its course. It will be a stressful year but not for those in Goshen.

Verse 24

This is a portrayal of power evangelism. Judgment will always open the door for the release of righteousness and a wave of harvest.

Verse 25.

The carnal and liberal mind-set will mock Christians and hate them because the spirit of this world will not control them. The lifestyle of the righteous will be a reproach to the wicked. 1 John 3:13; Matthew 15:18.

The liberal political camps hate our current president because he stands for righteousness. It seems to stir something deep within the core of the unredeemed when a leader takes a stand against carnality and unrighteousness.

We should not be surprised or confused when we are hated to the wicked.

If the Church will take their stand and pray for our president then the liberal political machine will not have its way this election. The resulting backlash will be greater disdain for the Christian community and the conservative agenda.

Verse 26-27

Moses was a representation of God's government and Aaron was the appointed priest. It is now time of the apostolic leadership to emerge. Likewise, there will be a fresh and powerful anointing upon

God's people as a royal priesthood. The veil to the Holiest Place is now open for the royal priesthood to access; in that sacred place, discovery will be made of the hidden manna reserved for this day.

There will be great revelatory inspiration resting upon divinely appointed teachers called to fulfill their priestly role. Truth will be in their mouths and there will be no unrighteousness found upon their lips. The Lord's priests are called to guard and present, in purity, the knowledge of God. People should seek instruction from their mouths, for they are the messengers of God. (Malachi 2:5-7)

This will be a consolidation of governmental offices— the prophetic office combined with apostolic authority and inspired revelatory teaching. A new standard will be established by those entrusted with this duty. That is why the past season of preparation has been so intense. The calling is great!

The signs and wonders are to draw the unsaved in power evangelism. The time of debate concerning the validity of the apostolic office is over. It is now the appropriate timing for them to the revealed. This will introduce a fresh and powerful day for the Church.

This will be a time of darkness and a time of light. These days will be marked as a season of enlightenment. There has been a testing of the faithful; for them it will be a season to emerge in revelatory truth and spiritual power.

Verses 28-36— The Ten Plagues

The Holy Spirit has directed us to once again outline the ten plagues of Egypt as it relates to the spiritual climate of this day. We were first instructed to do this in 1998. A seven-year season has come to a completion. A renewed emphasis is emerging.

For us, Egypt has always been a representation of the spirit of this world. Babylon is a portrayal of spiritual confusion. One depicts the natural and the other the spiritual adversaries set against the covenant people of God and the harvest of souls.

Clearly, natural and spiritual indications can be readily discerned through our news media and the various reports continually being put before the people. Plagues, viruses, natural disasters, solar flares and other celestial events along with many other such occurrences all point to this generation of destiny. We must be awakened.

The Bible clearly announces that those without spiritual understanding will have the seed of destiny snatched away by the fowl of the air. Those with understanding will become fruitful fields producing thirty, sixty and hundredfold harvests. (Matthew 13:16-23)

A Call to Prayer

The intercessors are told in this year's Day of Atonement revelation, "File charges against mother nature". When Jesus and His disciples were crossing the sea of Galilee a storm empowered with demonic forces attempted to withstand them. The Lord stood in the boat and rebuked the storm. He expelled the evil power enforcing the squall bringing a calm to the Sea of Galilee.

In the same way, the intercessors are being challenged to stand in the authority of God's Word and rebuke the demonic forces empowering many of the devastating storms. The Lord is allowing many of the natural disasters that are coming to the earth. However, the enemy enters in to these storms and greatly amplifies the devastating effects. The amount of damage done by the coming natural disasters will depend greatly upon the willingness of the church to intercede and combat these forces on behalf of mankind.

The term "mother nature" used by the world is a reference to fire, wind, rain, flood, hail and other such storms. When the judgments of God were allowed on the nation of Egypt, culminating in the death angel passing over Egypt, the nation of Israel was given a covering to protect them from this judgment.

God covenant people were told to place blood on the doorpost of their homes. This act of obedience allowed the death angel to pass over His people; the Lord would not "allow the judgment to touch Israel".

When the Lord sees the blood of His Son on the house of faith, then many of these judgments will pass over the church. However, we must act in obedience to God's Word and intercede on behalf of the believing church as well as the world. The effectual prayers of the righteous will remove the amplified effect of the storms and their devastating results.
The first way to turn back the effect of God's judgments is through repentance. After repentance we then go to the courts of God to “file charges” against the evil that is being released in the earth bringing devastation. In essence, we are going to the Lord's courthouse in order to call upon the justice of God.

Plague 1 - The Blood (Exodus 7:19-25)

As a result of this miracle all the fish abiding in the Nile died. The fish perished because of polluted water.

The admonition to the church during this year is to be extremely careful of the water that we drink. Throughout the Bible the anointed Word is referred to as water. However, when that water has been polluted as described in Jeremiah 23, it then becomes unsuitable for drinking. Biblical teaching that has the precepts of man injected becomes polluted.

When people reject the revelation of the anointed word and continue to drink polluted water will not be able to function if God’s end-time blueprint. Without God’s great grace we will no longer be able to function and survive in the atmosphere that is coming.

Much of the common grace that people have been surviving by will be removed bringing great pressure to those who have not totally committed themselves to the Lord and to the revelation of His Word.

There is much witchcraft, idolatry, and sorcery that presently exists within the institution referred to as "the church". Those who have exercised a spirit of control over people will no longer be able to do so; but there must be a renewal of a "RIGHT" spirit according to the Lord's divine nature and His Holy Character.

The leaven of the Pharisees as described by the Lord is a reference to man-made teachings that pollutes the true revelation of God's Word. This admonition is a call for the removal of the leaven from the Lord's House.

The releases of the ten plagues of Egypt were like dominoes with one plague leading into the next. So shall it be in the coming plagues. One plague will actually set the stage for the release of the next. The blood also has the implication of the beginning of economic shaking. We will not see the collapse of the economy during this year but we will see considerable shaking that will erode the foundations of trust within people.

Those who have put their trust in anything other than the Lord will have those foundations shaken, thus setting the stage for a purging of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the boastful pride of life. (I John 2:15-16)

This will reveal what kind of water people have been drinking. If the church has been placing its trust and faith in the economy or in any other thing outside of the Word of God, then that polluted water will cause those areas of the people to perish. They must then purge themselves of these evil lusts and replace them with faith in God's anointed Word.

The bombardment of evil reports from the news media concerning events occurring in this country will continue to escalate. If a person looks at those reports without having faith in God then they will become neurotic and will look for something to calm them during these seasons of testing.

Plague 2 - The Frogs - EXODUS 8:1-15

The frogs also represented divinity to the Egyptians. This form of false god was revealed to be nothing more than putrefied flesh and the source of a fowl odor that covered the entire land of Egypt. So shall it be in the coming year with false gods that people have erected for themselves that will be unable to neither save them nor provide a source of peace during the coming tribulations. Even within the church there are many who have made idols out of images and other such false gods that will be rendered powerless and exposed for what they truly are.

Even as Israel had to endure the first three plagues of Egypt so shall the church experience the first portion of the judgments that are coming to the earth. Even though we will be experiencing tribulation and hardship, we are to be encouraged through Habbakkuk 3:16-18.

Though it is not an encouragement to hear that the church will endure certain trials during the coming season, it is imperative to know the mind of the Lord so that we can properly respond according to His Word. Even in the hardship and trials, **“yet I will exalt in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.”** When we obediently respond in this manner then the season of trials will come quickly to an end and the Lord will give us peace and joy in the midst of storms.

Plague 3 - Gnats - Exodus 8:16-19

This year will see a great shaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Men attempting to intellectually understand many things taking place this year will result in frustration and disillusionment. Their failed attempts will result in the admission, like the magicians of Egypt that this "is the finger of God". This is an indication of much insanity that will be seen during the course of this year and the time that follows.

The church will turn their eyes toward God and cry for help and the Lord will put a division between the church and the world when they do. This will mark a release in the demonic realm on a higher level that we have not been accustomed to before now. This release will take place in the "thought" realm against the mind and imaginations of man. The church should be admonished to "gird up the loins of her mind" and rest our hope fully on the divine favor that is to be brought to us at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (I Peter 1:13)

The gnats and mosquitoes represent aggravation, irritation, frustration, defeat and discouragement in a profound way. When a Christian experiences these emotions and allows them to consume their thinking, then they become unable to hear from God, allowing the enemy to successfully sidetrack them from the purposes established for them by the Spirit. We are instructed to rejoice even in the midst of these circumstances so that our minds can remain clear and focused upon the Lord in order to receive further instructions and clear discernment.

One thing that is certain, we cannot base our relationship with God upon our own works. It is not because of any merits of our own but because of His loving kindness and compassion that we stand. Those who base their understanding of their relationship with the Father on the works that they accomplish for Him will be sorely disappointed as they recognize the futility of their works. Doing things for the Lord in obedience is appropriate. However, the fullness of our relationship with the Lord is based completely upon His finished work at the cross and His divine favor.

The hoard of demons will do everything they can to rob us of our peace and get us into strife and will try our longsuffering to tempt us in impatience. They will try our faithfulness to see if they can keep us from doing the things that the Lord has called us to do. Instead of gentleness, they will attempt to force us to make rash decisions and instead of self-control, they will attempt to make us angry.

This is not a year that we will have our own way. The church and the world will not have its way this year. The Lord's ways are so much higher than our ways and His thoughts are so much greater than our thoughts that we must now lay aside our ways and our thoughts and take upon ourselves His ways. (Isaiah 55:7-9) Satan wants to replace good thoughts with seeing everything that is evil. He wants to rob us of the fruit of the Spirit.

The enemy wants to make us cruel to those around us rather than sources of blessings and sources of light that will provide illumination during this season of darkness.

Plague 4 - Insects - Exodus 8:20-32

The Lord is now going to bring a division between the church and the world. Many have observed that there is little distinction between those who are in the church and those that are in the world. These hardships that are coming will mark a true line of demarcation between that which belongs to God and that, which does not.

Even as the land of Goshen was set apart so shall the faithful believers in Christ be set apart during the midst of these hardships and tribulations. All authority has been given to Christ and He has delegated that authority to the church. It will now be time for the church to assume her rightful position of authority and intercede in a new spirit of unity.

Thus far, the enemy has been able to conquer through division as the church has been separated into many segments and streams of belief. However, history has proven that unity is always the end result of an attack by a common enemy. The church will now enter in to a new level of unity as a result of these things that are coming. The Lord will then loose His angels and His power to bring true separation between the church and the darkness of the world. This will result in tremendous torment and darkness for those apart from Christ.

The demonic opposition to the mind will become so great that those without Christ will literally become numb in their thinking and overwhelmed by hopelessness. In the natural realm we will see many blood infections and infectious diseases spreading on a new level. The El Nino' that is coming will release biological germs and infections throughout the foods that we eat and the weather patterns will result in increased spread of new diseases and infections that we have not known before. Man shall not be "at ease" but will be "dis-eased". (Leviticus 26:20)

Plagues of man, pestilence, famine, war and the wild human spirit unrestrained will result in the bank account of man being "sucked" dry. Even as the Ghad flies sucked the blood out of man so shall the substance of man be sucked dry.

It is recorded that the ghad flies were more numerous and annoying than gnats and when enraged fasten themselves to the human body, especially to the edges of the eyelids and become a dreadful plague. This represents the addictions that are the result of the "lust of the eyes and lust of the flesh". These addictions are the results of man's search for pleasure outside of Christ. The eye is the gateway to the soul and we must be especially careful of what we allow ourselves to watch.

Who among us can live with continual burning...he who stops his ears from hearing about bloodshed, and shuts his eyes from looking upon evil. (Isaiah 33:14-15)

We must flee to our prayer closet; for only there shall we find the rest of God. There our strength and substance can be replenished through the blood of Christ and His Holy Spirit.

Plague 5 - Pestilence - (Exodus 9:1-7)

The substance of the world will affect the stock market. Even as this judgment destroyed the livestock of Egypt so shall all that man places the "stock" of his life in be destroyed. This is primarily in reference to the stock market and the economic tremors that are coming. The earthquake itself will not come during this year but there will be many tremors.

Men's hearts will fail them because of the things that will shortly be coming upon the world. However, the church shall prosper and grow strong during this season. A clear line of distinction shall be seen between the church and the world. Whatever things the world puts their stock into, other than Christ, shall fail this year and the years that follow.

Plague 6 - The Boils - (Exodus 9:8-12)

As the judgments continue in a domino effect, the body is weakened from the diseases and viruses that are being released in the earth. Through this weakness in our bloodstream, sores will emerge both in the natural realm and in the spiritual.

Boils are extremely sensitive sores that create great pain when touched. So shall many of the elements of life that people have put their trust in be exposed as futility, which creates a very tender sore spot in the hearts and minds of people! However, those who respond in obedience to Christ during this time will be granted a spirit of repentance according to II Timothy 2:25-26. There is power in the blood of Christ obtained through heartfelt repentance and reconciliation.

There will be a genuine release of the spirit of repentance among the believers during this year and the time to follow. Many will "OVERCOME" this year by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. This year, we must choose whom we shall serve. The opportunity is given to return to Christ; yet if that opportunity is not taken advantage of, then there will be an increased hardening of the heart.

The spirit of repentance will set many free. The scriptures tell us that if we have love for the things of the world then the love of the Father are not in us. A great percentage of the church still holds to a love for the world. That separation will be taking place beginning this year.

Plague 7 - Hail - (Exodus 9:17-35)

The voice of the Lord will be calling forth the wind, the hail, the fire and the famine but the Lord is not in either of these. He is in the still small voice. He is going to speak in the still small voice as heard by the prophet Elijah.

I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the level; then hail will sweep away the refuge of lies and the waters will overflow the secret place. —Isaiah 28:17

During the course of this year the Lord is going to profoundly take issue with the doctrinal error presently in the church. Where doctrinal error once had a stronghold, the Spirit of Truth will now reign. The Lord is going to release like hail the Spirit of Truth that will bombard, shatter and destroy all strongholds of error that have been taught and embraced by the church.

This will be a release of the "Rhema" word— the God anointed and God breathed Truth by the spirit of revelation." The Apostle Paul once prayed that believers would have a spirit of wisdom and REVELATION OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST. It is this strong spirit of revelation that will be released bringing true light to the scriptures.

A vivid distinction will be made between the things that the Lord is supporting and those that He is not. That distinction will be made by the Spirit of Truth, which will guide us into all truth and reveal to us things to come. The spirit of error that has prevailed in the church is high on the Lord's target list and of a great priority to Him during this year and the years to follow.

The Lord is going to sprinkle clean water upon us that we may be cleansed of all filthiness and idolatry. Any form of false god embraced by people will be revealed for what it is. The Spirit of Truth will then cleanse those who embrace His judgments and His Word, in obedience, in order to receive a new heart and spirit. Then the Lord will impart His Spirit in us, causing us to live according to His statutes and His ordinances. (Ezekiel 36:25-27)

Even in judgment the Lord showed mercy to Egypt as He admonished the Egyptians to flee the fields to safety in order to alleviate certain death. Those who were obedient to this admonition survived and those that were not, perished.

Plague 8 - Locust - (Exodus 10:1-20)

The East wind is always a judgment wind. A spirit of poverty will be released to eat up the substance of the world. If you are a Christian, and the world is your source, then get ready for poverty. However, if God is your source then get ready for the storm shelter of God, which is the secret place of the Most High. That is not only a place of protection and fellowship but it is a place of promise. For it is written in the scriptures,

I once was young but now I am old and I have never seen the righteousness forsaken nor His seed begging bread. --Psalm 37:25

For thou hast abandoned thy people, the house of Jacob, because they are filled with the

influences from the east, and they are soothsayers like the philistines, and they strike bargains with the children of. — Isaiah 2:6

Spiritual famine is the result of mixing the true revealed Word of God with influences from the East or psychological teachings from far-eastern religions. Much of the philosophy and psychology that is counseled in the church is actually the result of many eastern influences. This will produce spiritual famine and death and must be alleviated for true spiritual growth. There will even be sorcery and divination masquerading as true prophetic ministry. Spiritual discernment is essential in the days to come.

This year will provide a great reward for those that are righteous and respond in humility to the Word of the Lord and the purging that is forthcoming. Great fellowship and provision are promised for those that respond in such a manner; yet hardship and tribulation for those who do not.

Everything the Lord has been speaking through these plagues and the promises that are given to those who obediently respond, are not limited to this country or a small geographic region. They are intended for the entire world and have international implications. As it is written in the Psalm the whole earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Plague 9 - Darkness - (Exodus 10:21-29)

The darkness that was brought upon Egypt was so great that they could not see one another, and no man arose from his place. The Israelites alone "had light in their dwellings" (verse 23). This does not refer to their houses but means that their part of the land was not visited by this plague.

If your god is not the Lord then get ready for great darkness. Depression, fear, and defeat will be your gods. However if the Lord is your God then be ready to dwell in "the orange light of the Lord". This, I believe is a reference to the companionship and intimacy that is available to those that respond in faithfulness and obedience.

The Lord is going to send people with a ministry like unto Joseph. Joseph was not only a prophet but he was also a deliverer who provided a source of plenty in time of famine. He is going to impart divine wisdom to certain people allowing them to be sources of plenty even during the seasons of darkness and famine.

Great darkness and famine will exist in the world while the land of the church will experience light and sources of plenty.

Even in the great darkness that will exist in the world, the Glory of God will be seen in the church. The purging, cleansing and purification through these judgments and hardships will be the preparation for the visitation of the Glory of the Lord. The Glory of the Lord will begin to be seen in the church in this season. (Isaiah 62:1-5)

Many of the things that will be initiated by the Holy Spirit during the course of this year will actually continue for the next seven years. We are entering into a new seven-year season of the Spirit that will see the unfolding of all these things. We must have the discernment of Elijah who was not moved by neither the earthquake nor the great wind, but responded with humility and discernment to the still small voice that produced the Glory of God.

Plague 10 Death of the Firstborn - (Exodus 11:1-12:30)

The human faith that has been placed in government and in science and our legal system will fail. The firstborn is considered to be the strength of a nation. Get ready for your strength to fail you if you do not have the blood of Jesus Christ on the doorpost of your heart. For through that blood the Holy Spirit will have access to come into His temple to instruct His people.

These things will be the sign of great deliverance for the church. To extract the humanism and Eastern philosophy that exists in the church. We must be filled with the obedience of a disciple. These are considered to be the friends of God.

Verse 37-38

The latter days will be marked by incredible restoration. This will transpire for the righteous in every arena of their lives. These blessings will include spiritual maturity, personal health as well as emotional strength. Furthermore, notable natural and spiritual resources will be delegated to this emerging army. The "fortunes of Israel," will be replenished in a multiplied fashion.

God's chosen people will now leave Egypt— the spirit of this world! There will be a separation in the coming season that is more notable than anything we have understood in recent years. This exodus will also incorporate the wealth of the wicked that has been stored up for the righteous. There will be a separation between those who have been sanctified in their spirit, soul, and body from spiritual corruption and those who sponsor it. Furthermore, the liberal mind-set will be glad of it, even as Egypt rejoiced at the departure of Israel.

Fear will be a great nemesis in the coming season. If we have not secured ourselves firmly in the faith of God, then we could be prone to be overcome by anxiety. People in the world will experience extreme pressure from the shaking that is now taking place and will escalate. Possessing peace in the midst of storms will be a great evangelistic tool. The lost will seek peace and those who carry it.

More natural and spiritual shaking is on the horizon. There is another El Niño being formed in the Pacific that will once again bring turbulent weather to this nation. In last years Shepherd's Rod (2004) there was an inverted 7 superimposed over this nation in one of the visions. This was to represent plans and devices of the adversary that are set against this nation. They are strategies of darkness that must be overcome.

Much of the disaster we have seen in this nation has been the result of this evil design. Many of the very places the Lord has identified for expressions of outpouring are the ones being smitten by storms, floods and earthquakes. In contrast, the Lord also revealed an upright "7" to indicate a work of completion done in the body of people prepared for notable anointing. This "7" began in the Gulf Coast region; the very place where four major storms struck this nation. It then went to the Northeast and made the turn across the northern part of the nation to Washington. We are watching carefully these regions.

Verse 39-41.

A cleansing fire is being released in the Church. There is a greater manifestation of the Holy Spirit that forms a spiritual canopy and source of purification. Isaiah 4: 4-6

There will be a release of strong spiritual meat coming in due season that will come on the wind of the Spirit. There is a present call to maturity that must be responded to. The hour has come and a fullness of time juncture in church and human history has arrived. We must become who we have been ordained to be at this crucial crossroad in God's blueprint. Hebrews 5:13-14; Hebrew 6:1

The quail for Israel was either a blessing or a curse depending upon the condition of the heart. The meat that is coming will strengthen some while choking others who have not cultivated a hearing ear and openness to the spirit of revelation.

Times of desperation and hardship will advance in this season; in them the "Joseph’s" and "Daniel’s" will shine most brilliantly. Each of these forerunners excelled in spiritual and governmental leadership during times of difficulty. Not because of any virtue of their own, but because of the spiritual endowments entrusted to them.

The Lord will be releasing spiritual water to dry and thirsty Christians and churches. The next season of the spirit will mark visitations from God in places that we least expect. A holy unrest has been imparted to a large segment of the church that has been unable to continue in former traditions. God will respond to their desire when it is presented in humility and honesty.

There are commissions and promises that were given to certain leaders and groups that have not yet been fulfilled. Some of these pledges go back to the early part of the century following the outpouring of Azusa Street. There will now be a recapturing of these promises and a return to former heritage.

Verse 42-45

God always honors His word. Former promises and bestowals of grace will be remembered and deposited into this generation. Abraham had been in Paradise for several centuries when the Lord remembered His divine promise to the patriarch. The Lord then began His search for the champion who would be the instrument of His fulfillment. In Moses, God found what He needed! If we, like Moses, possess meekness and obedience, we will likewise stand before the Lord as His representation on earth. Psalms 138:2

For the righteous there will be an abundance of blessings in the coming season. However, there must be proper stewardship. If we do not appropriate these blessings with a Kingdom standard, then we can likewise come under the justice of God and His discipline. (Deuteronomy 28:47)

We are to ask for the nations as our inheritance. With the promise and pledge for our birthright, there comes provision for the promise. Our main directive in this quest is charity! All that we do should be from a posture of passion for the Lord and compassion for people. The Lord will remove our stony heart as He sprinkles clean water upon us. He will then give us a heart after His own. The new heart will possess a desire for the Kingdom and willingness to live according to His standard. Ezekiel 36:25-27; Romans 13:9-10

Special Report On The Passion

Rick Joyner

January 9, 2004
Mel Gibson's, The Passion of the Christ is one of the most controversial films to be produced in a long time. There is a reason for this-it is one of the most anointed and powerful films produced in a very long time.

I watched it with a small group of invited guests a few weeks ago. It was by far the hardest movie that I have ever watched, but was also the most powerful and impacting. After watching great movies, I often wake up the next day thinking about them, and will often think about them for a few days afterwards. After watching, The Passion, it almost completely dominated my thoughts for days, and now that it has been weeks after I saw it, I still spend time each day pondering it. It touched something within me that deeply.

I don't think there is any question that this is the most accurate, honest portrayal of the crucifixion ever screened. The acting, directing, and overall quality of the movie is excellent, but there is more to it than that. There is an anointing on it. Even before I saw it, I knew it had the power to begin changing Christianity. I know this may sound like a wild exaggeration, but I believe it to be true. It is my earnest prayer that every Christian will see this movie.

It is graphic. It is like watching the torture of the One you love the most for more than an hour. Several times it was so intense that I was about to get up and leave the room, and then, with extraordinary timing, there would be a flashback to a happier time in the Lord's life. I was able to catch my breath, and then I was thrust back to the most terrible day in human history.

I watched this movie with what I thought would be a very tough audience. There were many entertainers, entertainment company executives, and accomplished artists present-the kind of people whose eye for excellence could not but help to cause them to catch every little flaw or mistake. I was stunned by the weeping I heard across the room. When the lights came on at the end, the entire group looked like deer which had been caught in the headlamps of a car. When it was over, Mel walked up front to answer questions, but it was a very, long awkward time before any one could say anything.

It was curious to me how the pope replied after he viewed it, basically saying, "That's the way it was." For one of the most articulate men of our times, who knows many languages, that he could muster only five words in response is in itself a major statement. This movie will probably leave you speechless for a good while.

If it is like this watching a movie, which was just an hour and a half, what was it like for His disciples, His mother, and the other women who stayed with Him when He was crucified? After having lived with Jesus for more than three years, coming to know who He was, loving Him, and seeing Him endure what He did for their sakes, was without question the power behind their radical commitment, giving them the willingness to suffer for the gospel that gripped the first century church. What Mel Gibson has produced is just a movie, but it may be as accurate as it can be in a movie, and it has an anointing on it that can help us in the same way. If Jesus did that for us, what must we do for Him?

When we showed a few clips from this movie at our Harvest Fest Conference last September, they were so graphic that I was concerned about having the children see them. Then I heard that after watching the clips, my eleven-year old son and his friends were crying almost uncontrollably. I was alarmed until I heard his response to why he was crying like that. He said simply, "I can't believe God would do that for me!"

I think that simple statement captures the most basic message of this movie and of the cross itself.

The cross has been sanitized and homogenized to the point of losing its power. The Lord did not just die for us-He submitted Himself to the most cruel torture of which demented human minds could conceive. Evil vented its rage on Him with all of the power that it could muster on that day. He took it all for us.

There will never be a more powerful demonstration of the love and character of God than what was demonstrated in the last twelve hours of the Lord's life on this earth as a man. This is why His highest title in heaven, and the one the Scripture implies that He will be called forever, is the Lamb.

We have been prophesying for more than twenty years that the cross would be popular again. The church is going to embrace the cross again. I Corinthians 1:18 says, "For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." Because the cross "is the power of God," when the church embraces the cross, it can be trusted with the power.

As Paul also said in I Corinthians 4:20, "For the kingdom of God does not consist in words, but in power." For the church to preach the gospel of the kingdom at the end as it is called to do, we must have the power. If we want to experience the power of God in our daily lives, we must take up the cross daily. Great power is coming to the church at the end, and it will come because the church has embraced the cross.

I would like to also say something about the opposition to this movie that has come. To date I do not think that anyone who has seen it has opposed it. The most influential leaders of the church from across the spectrum of Christianity have endorsed it. The fears that it will release anti-Semitism are completely unfounded. In fact, every one of the heroes in this movie are Jewish, as are almost all of the heroes in the gospels, and the entire Bible.

My greatest concern is the way that the extremists who claim to be defending against anti-Semitism are themselves driving many to anti-Semitism by their tactics. This extremist group comes across like the very embodiment of the spirit that hijacked the leadership of Israel under Rome, and was the greatest persecutor of Jesus Himself, just as it is in this important movie about Him.

It will probably hit the news at some point about the extreme things that this small group of Jewish extremists have done to try to keep this movie from being distributed. Their threats and intimidations are backfiring, but many Christians who have traditionally been true friends of Israel are already being tempted to become anti-Semitic because of the behavior of these extremists. We cannot let this happen.

These extremists probably represent less than 2 percent of the Jewish population. One of the worst deceptions that continues to bring much destruction to mankind is our tendency to judge others, or other people groups, by their most extreme elements. Let us never forget that our Savior was Jewish. The writers of the New Testament were Jewish, as were the writers of the rest of the Scriptures.

The Lord promised Abraham that his seed would be a blessing to all of the families on the face of the earth, and the Jewish people have fulfilled this-they have been the greatest blessing to every nation, people, and culture, and they still are. Their ultimate destiny, which is clear in the Scriptures, will ultimately make the Jewish people again the greatest heroes of truth and righteousness. Do not let a handful of radical extremists rob you of your support and loyalty for not only God's chosen people, but also for His purposes in our times that will be revealed through them.

Also, do not let them rob you of seeing this movie. It does have the power to begin a profound change of Christianity in our times-which is desperately needed.

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Paul Harvey Comments on "The Passion" by Mel Gibson

Paul Harvey's words:
I really did not know what to expect. I was thrilled to have been invited to a private viewing of Mel Gibson's film "The Passion," but I had also read all the cautious articles and spin. I grew up in a Jewish town and owe much of my own faith journey to the influence. I have a life long, deeply held aversion to anything that might even indirectly encourage any form of anti-Semitic thought, language or actions.

I arrived at the private viewing for "The Passion", held in Washington DC and greeted some familiar faces. The environment was typically Washingtonian, with people greeting you with a smile but seeming to look beyond you, having an agenda beyond the words. The film was very briefly introduced, without fanfare, and then the room darkened. From the gripping opening scene in the Garden of Gethsemane, to the very human and tender portrayal of the earthly ministry of Jesus, through the betrayal, the arrest, the scourging, the way of the cross, the encounter with the thieves, the surrender on the Cross, until the final scene in the empty tomb, this was not simply a movie; it was an encounter, unlike anything I have ever experienced.

In addition to being a masterpiece of film-making and an artistic triumph, "The Passion" evoked more deep reflection, sorrow and emotional reaction within me than anything since my wedding, my ordination or the birth of my children. Frankly, I will never be the same. When the film concluded, this "invitation only" gathering of "movers and shakers" in Washington, DC were shaking indeed, but this time from sobbing. I am not sure there was a dry eye in the place. The crowd that had been glad-handing before the film was now eerily silent. No one could speak because words were woefully inadequate. We had experienced a kind of art that is a rarity in life, the kind that makes heaven touch earth.

One scene in the film has now been forever etched in my mind. A brutalized, wounded Jesus was soon to fall again under the weight of the cross. His mother had made her way along the Via Della Rosa. As she ran to him, she flashed back to a memory of Jesus as a child, falling in the dirt road outside of their home. Just as she reached to protect him from the fall, she was now reaching to touch his wounded adult face. Jesus looked at her with intensely probing and passionately loving eyes (and at all of us through the screen) and said "Behold I make all things new."

These are words taken from the last Book of the New Testament, the Book of Revelations. Suddenly, the purpose of the pain was so clear and the wounds, that earlier in the film had been so difficult to see in His face, His back, indeed all over His body, became intensely beautiful. They had been borne voluntarily for love.

At the end of the film, after we had all had a chance to recover, a question and answer period ensued. The unanimous praise for the film, from a rather diverse crowd, was as astounding as the compliments were effusive. The questions included the one question that seems to follow this film, even though it has not yet even been released. "Why is this film considered by some to be "anti-Semitic?" Frankly, having now experienced (you do not "view" this film) "the Passion" it is a question that is impossible to answer. A law professor whom I admire sat in front of me. He raised his hand and responded "After watching this film, I do not understand how anyone can insinuate that it even remotely presents that the Jews killed Jesus. It doesn't." He continued "It made me realize that my sins killed Jesus" I agree. There is not a scintilla of anti-Semitism to be found anywhere in this powerful film. If there were, I would be among the first to decry it. It faithfully tells the Gospel story in a dramatically beautiful, sensitive and profoundly engaging way.

Those who are alleging otherwise have either not seen the film or have another agenda behind their protestations. This is not a "Christian" film, in the sense that it will appeal only to those who identify themselves as followers of Jesus Christ. It is a deeply human, beautiful story that will deeply touch all men and women. It is a profound work of art. Yes, its producer is a Catholic Christian and thankfully has remained faithful to the Gospel text; if that is no longer acceptable behavior than we are all in trouble. History demands that we remain faithful to the story and Christians have a right to tell it. After all, we believe that it is the greatest story ever told and that its message is for all men and women. The greatest right is the right to hear the truth.

We would all be well advised to remember that the Gospel narratives to which "The Passion" is so faithful were written by Jewish men who followed a Jewish Rabbi whose life and teaching have forever changed the history of the world. The problem is not the message but those who have distorted it and used it for hate rather than love. The solution is not to censor the message, but rather to promote the kind of gift of love that is Mel Gibson's filmmaking masterpiece, "The Passion."

It should be seen by as many people as possible. I intend to do everything I can to make sure that is the case. I am passionate about "The Passion." You will be as well. Don't miss it!

Mel Gibson's Passion For "The Passion"
David Limbaugh

How ironic that when a movie producer takes artistic license with historical events, he is lionized as artistic, creative and brilliant, but when another takes special care to be true to the real-life story, he is vilified. Actor-producer Mel Gibson is discovering these truths the hard way as he is having difficulty finding a United States studio or distributor for his upcoming film, "The Passion," which depicts the last 12 hours of the life of Jesus Christ.

Gibson co-wrote the script and financed, directed and produced the movie. For the script, he and his co-author relied on the New Testament Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, as well as the diaries of St. Anne Catherine Emmerich (1774-1824) and Mary of Agreda's "The City of God."

Gibson doesn't want this to be like other sterilized religious epics. "I'm trying to access the story on a very personal level and trying to be very real about it." So committed to realistically portraying what many would consider the most important half-day in the history of the universe, Gibson even shot the film in the Aramaic language of the period. In response to objections that viewers will not be able to understand that language, Gibson said, "Hopefully, I'll be able to transcend the language barriers with my visual storytelling; if I fail, I fail, but at least it'll be a monumental failure."

To further insure the accuracy of the work, Gibson has enlisted the counsel of pastors and theologians, and has received rave reviews. Don Hodel, president of Focus on the Family, said, "I was very impressed. The movie is historically and theologically accurate." Ted Haggard, pastor of New Life Church in Colorado Springs, Colo., and president of the National Evangelical Association, glowed: "It conveys, more accurately than any other film, who Jesus was."

During the filming, Gibson, a devout Catholic, attended Mass every morning because "we had to be squeaky clean just working on this." From Gibson's perspective, this movie is not about Mel Gibson. It's bigger than he is. "I'm not a preacher, and I'm not a pastor," he said. "But I really feel my career was leading me to make this. The Holy Ghost was working through me on this film, and I was just directing traffic. I hope the film has the power to evangelize."

Even before the release of the movie, scheduled for March 2004, Gibson is getting his wish. "Everyone who worked on this movie was changed. There were agnostics and Muslims on set converting to Christianity...[and] people being healed of diseases." Gibson wants people to understand through the movie, if they don't already, the incalculable influence Christ has had on the world. And he grasps that Christ is controversial precisely because of WHO HE IS - GOD incarnate. "And that's the point of my film really, to show all that turmoil around him politically and with religious leaders and the people, all because He is Who He is."

Gibson is beginning to experience first hand just how controversial Christ is. Critics have not only speciously challenged the movie's authenticity, but have charged that it is disparaging to Jews, which

Gibson vehemently denies. "This is not a Christian vs. Jewish thing. '[Jesus] came into the world, and it knew him not.' Looking at Christ's crucifixion, I look first at my own culpability in that." Jesuit Father William J. Fulco, who translated the script into Aramaic and Latin, said he saw no hint of anti-Semitism in the movie. Fulco added, "I would be aghast at any suggestion that Mel Gibson is anti-Semitic." Nevertheless, certain groups and some in the mainstream press have been very critical of Gibson's "Passion."

The New York Post's Andrea Peyser chided him: "There is still time, Mel, to tell the truth." Boston Globe columnist James Carroll denounced Gibson's literal reading of the biblical accounts. "Even a faithful repetition of the Gospel stories of the death of Jesus can do damage exactly because those sacred texts themselves carry the virus of Jew hatred," wrote Carroll. A group of Jewish and Christian academics has issued an 18-page report slamming all aspects of the film, including its undue emphasis on Christ's passion rather than "a broader vision." The report disapproves of the movie's treatment of Christ's passion as historical fact.

The moral is that if you want the popular culture to laud your work on Christ, make sure it depicts Him as an everyday sinner with no particular redeeming value (literally). In our anti-Christian culture, the blasphemous "The Last Temptation of Christ" is celebrated and "The Passion" is condemned. But if this movie continues to affect people the way it is now, no amount of cultural opposition will suppress its force and its positive impact on lives everywhere. Mel Gibson is a model of faith and courage.

The Greater Message
Rick Joyner

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Last week we discussed the basis of all true spiritual discernment. This week, as we begin our study of the most famous of all of the biblical prophecies concerning the end of this age in Matthew 24, we immediately begin to see why having discernment is so critical.

"And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, 'Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?'
"And Jesus answered and said to them, 'See to it that no one misleads you.
"'For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.'" (Matthew 24:3-5)

Many have interpreted this to mean that there would be many coming who would claim to be the Christ, and would therefore mislead many, but that is not what He said here. What He is saying is that many would come saying that He, Jesus, was indeed the Christ, and yet they would still be deceivers and mislead many. This has certainly proven to be true throughout history. Some of the most diabolical deeds in history were done by those claiming to be Christians.

It is also noteworthy that this is the first warning the Lord gives about the end of the age. As it has proven true throughout history, many obviously heard the warning, and did not believe everyone who came claiming to be a Christian. Even in the darkest of times there were many who remained faithful to the Lord and were not deceived.

Some have a hard time believing that one can claim Jesus is the Christ and still be a deceiver because of what Paul wrote in I Corinthians 12:3:
"...no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit."
This is true, but there is a difference between calling Him "Lord," and calling Him "Christ."
The Lordship of Christ Is the Basic Issue

"Christ" means "anointed," and many call Him "anointed" who do not acknowledge Him to be the Lord. Muslims for example, believe that Jesus was anointed, and even a prophet, but they do not believe He is Lord. That He is Lord is the true point of separation. Those of many other religions consider Jesus to have been anointed as a teacher or prophet, but they do not acknowledge Him as the Son of God, or as Lord. It is when He is acknowledged to be the Lord that we know the Holy Spirit has revealed Him to that person.

The Lordship of Jesus was the basic issue from the beginning of this age, and will be the basic issue at the end of this age. This is more than just acknowledging Him as Savior. Understanding the atonement of the cross, and acknowledging the salvation that we have through Him is crucial for salvation. However, the full revelation of Him by the Holy Spirit goes beyond the cross to the resurrection, and where He now sits - above all rule and authority and dominion. Jesus Christ is Lord! Jesus Christ is Lord of all. He is the King of kings. The King above all kings that ever were or ever will be.

This is why He says in verse 14 of Matthew 24 of this great discourse:

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come."

"Good News" vs. "The Gospel of the Kingdom"

Throughout the Middle Ages the gospel that was preached was basically the gospel of the church, which promoted membership in the church as the means of salvation. Since the Reformation began more than five hundred years ago, the primary message going forth has been the gospel of personal salvation through personal faith. This is certainly "good news," which is the meaning of the word "gospel," but it is still not the good news that the Lord said had to be preached in the whole world before the end came.

The "gospel of the kingdom" has not yet been preached in the whole world, and in fact has hardly been preached anywhere at all. As the Lord stated, this must happen before the end can come. So, just what is the "gospel of the kingdom"?

It is the good news that Jesus is the King above all kings, that His kingdom is going to come to this world, and His will is going to be done here just as it is now done in heaven. This is much more than just an invitation to "accept Jesus as Savior," as wonderful as that is, but it is the proclamation of Jesus as King - bow the knee! Whether voluntarily or involuntarily, all will bow the knee to Him.

The gospel of personal salvation is certainly too wonderful to ever adequately be expressed. We will be thanking Him forever for our salvation, and that will not be long enough! It is easy to understand how this would tend to overshadow almost everything else in the message that we present to the world. However, the "gospel of the kingdom" is the ultimate message that we are to preach in this world, and it has not yet been done.

No Other Hope Can Ever Compare to the Promise Given by the "Gospel of the Kingdom"

The "gospel of the kingdom" is more than just personal salvation - it is the salvation of the world! When Jesus comes to restore the earth, He will take away all pain and mourning. The lion will lie down with the lamb, and children will play with cobras, and no one will hurt anyone else in all the earth. There is no philosophy, no teachings on utopia, there is no hope given by any other religion, which presents a hope for the future that can ever compare to the promise that we have been given by the "gospel of the kingdom."

That gospel of the kingdom of God is founded on the acknowledgment of Who the King is - Jesus Christ! The "gospel of the kingdom" will certainly be the proclamation of His authority, and the command to bow the knee to Him, but it will also be the proclamation of the most glorious, wonderful hope that the world has ever been given.

This most brilliant hope will go forth during the darkest times that the world has ever known. Just as lawlessness is increasing to the point of anarchy, the greatest authority of all, the King above all kings, will be taking His seat in the hearts of many. The contrast of those who are in the grips of lawlessness, and those who have the law written in their hearts, will be apparent to all.

He Is Coming Again!

When the Lord comes, He will use His rod to smash the rebellious nations. Yes, there will be nations that continue to rebel even in the face of His glory and power. Just as Pharaoh so foolishly sent his army into the Red Sea to attack Israel, even after the overwhelming demonstration of the Lord's power, human arrogance and foolishness has proven utterly irrational in many. However, for the wise and the humble who do bow the knee before Him, His grace, mercy, and love will prove to be even more boundless.

In spite of the eschatology that many hold to, and the way many have taught on the Lord's return, He is not coming back to get even - to avenge Himself. He will destroy those who are incorrigible, but He is not coming back to destroy - He is coming again for the same reason He came the first time - to save. He did not go to the cross and suffer all that He did so that He could vent His revenge, but so He could save and restore.

The true "gospel of the kingdom" will go forth into all the world before the end can come. This will begin very soon.

Special Shirt

Vicki Camp

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In this dream scene, I was observing an unusual ... shirt! It appeared hanging in mid-air in front of me to observe, and 'see'.

This big shirt was largish block colored plaid in muted Autumn colors – very like a shirt my husband has that appeals to me - oranges, greens, golds, browns all quite muted and grayed down in his block-plaid real shirt.

The odd thing was that down the front of this dream-shirt, from neck to bottom, was this panel of black and white checkered material – about two inches to each side of the button placket., including the placket - black and white checkered. This whole middle section of the shirt front, about five inches width, was so odd to see,,, so different from the rest of the shirt .

Still in the dream itself I realized that the main colors in this shirt represented harvest time = Autumn. The black and white checkered front panel represented The Word of God (because this is often so for 'me' with black/white, in the way of God' symbol language to me).

I was made to know that I was being sent the material to make (sew) this shirt; To sew one just like it. So, in wondering I looked closer to see how the inserted front-center panel of this shirt, had been made – and as I looked I then realized it was not sewn in at all, but rather the material itself, the yardage, had been thread woven with these two contrasting; plaid and checkered material and patterns - as one piece! This quite surprised me.

I then began to wonder how in the world I would lay out a shirt pattern on the yardage I was being 'sent' -- to make this shirt 'just right', and I then saw myself (as in a separate vision within this dream) doing just that – struggling to lay out a shirt pattern and trying to 'fit everything' rightly on this special material-yardage I had been sent ……. So that it would end up put together exactly like the example-shirt.

The dream continuing, The Lord spoke calming me,

'You will be sent the material and the pattern. You must build according to the pattern. '

And with that, I knew that I knew I would be able to reproduce the shirt ... for I recognized my Lord's Voice instructing me, giving assurance, and then – I awoke.

*** The pattern is our written scriptures WITH Holy Spirit revelation – BOTH; For building (sewing and sowing), unto harvest. The dream may be pointing to our now season, Autumn in the northern hemisphere and spiritual harvesting time, and / or in the larger God' timing sense pointing also to HIS' final harvest in earth.

This is a special shirt-***mantle*** I was shown, that is to be reproduced 'according to the pattern', made and put-together via prayers / intercessions / anointed teaching / prophetic revelation, plus the more, I believe …

To Moses ,,,, he gave perfect heavenly instructions for the tabernacle and all concerning it ...

“... who serve the copy and shadow of the ***heavenly things,*** *as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle. For He said, "****See that you make all things according to the pattern*** *shown you on the mountain." – Heb. 8:5, & Ex. 25:9*

I am mindful too, that the checkered black and white pattern in that dream-shirt was like race-flag material used to signal the end of the race, thus to certify the winners.

"....... let us run with endurance (patience) the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith........" - frm. Heb.12:1,2

" I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." - Phil. 3:14

God has produced the materials, and it will be and is now up to many of us Believers to carefully fashion the garment for those 'special-ones' **who are to wear** this particular and unique harvest-shirt-cloak-mantle.

A few scriptures that speak to mantle and cloak,

“…and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he was with the twelfth.Then Elijah passed by him and threw his ***mantle*** *on him.”* – I Kings 19:19

“Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." - II Kings 2:9
“He (Elisha) also took up ***the mantle*** *of Elijah that had fallen from him,..."* - II Kings 2:13

"Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the ***tunic.*** *Now the* ***tunic*** *was *without seam, woven from the top in one piece*. They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots."* Therefore the soldiers did these things." - Jn.19:23,24 ref. -Ps. 22:18

This was a personal dream-vision given me from Lord, however as is often so with prophetic revelations ,,, it can include others, and so I share it in hopes it will instruct and encourage those who may read and can identify via Holy Spirit with it's message -- freshly given and as a remembrance piece -- for myself, and for those also whom this vision may speak to.

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"For the earth will be filled With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord; As the waters cover the sea." -Hab. 2:14

Smooth Sailing Ahead

Mary Clark

(A Prophetic Exhortation)

December 5, 2004

I want you to know, beloved, that there is smooth sailing ahead for one who identifies with My cause – *smooth sailing.*

Let Me tell you about My plans. Let Me open the eyes of your understanding to some wonderful truths: I, the living God, have made a way for you to walk in a rich discovery of My truth, and what I have planned for you. I want you to know that the hour is upon you when you will see My glory firsthand, walk in it in power and strength, and be living testimonies of the wonders of the living God, as He explodes into your presence and brings new understanding to your heart. I am equipping you to move forward with ease. I am equipping you to see My glory from a front-row seat and participate in all that I have planned. Yes! Audience participation is mandatory. Audience participation will enable Me to show clearly that your Lord God Almighty is ALIVE in this day, and is presenting His heart to all who will receive.

I am telling you, beloved, that smooth sailing is ahead, because I have made it possible. I am telling you that I have spoken My truth in your hearing, and it will be performed mightily according to My will – according to My promises.

Changes are looming ahead for the world-seekers. Changes that will *not* bring pleasure to their hearts! But to those who trust in the Almighty God, changes will come that will delight. Let Me compound that statement by telling you this: Changes are coming the way of My children that will thrill you deep within your hearts, offer you a wonderful new day, and entitle you to walk in a new understanding of Who your God is and what He has planned for you in this hour.

So don't be surprised when you see wonderful things occur, because I have told you thus. I have told you, and My words live on forever. Yes, beloved, wonderful things are in the offing for those who offer their serving hearts to Me, and they will live on forever. For I am a God Who does all things well, and in this present situation what I am doing will manifest the wonders of the coming hour, and they will last for all eternity. I am not giving you something that is here today and gone tomorrow, beloved – I am giving you an eternal gift, and it will live on forever in the hearts of those who have given their allegiance to Me, offering to Me all that they are, and all of their desires. I am the One Who will supply the wonderful essence of My presence to those who lay down their lives and follow the course of the Beloved.

It is *smooth sailing* ahead, beloved. Get your position fixed on Me, and know that onward you will march into the day of renown – the day when the Beloved collects His own to dwell with Him forever.

The hour is here! The time is NOW!!!

Savage Wolves
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Savage wolves are on the attack, beloved. Get yourself braced. Get yourself braced for Me to overtake them on your behalf.

I am calling to My dear children, telling you that I will fight your battles. Keep your focus on Me. Speak My truth over your situations and see results that will pay off in full.

The enemy is on the rampage. He is snarling and biting any who get in his way. Stay focused on Me and see the Avenger avenge. For just as surely as I have spoken My truth over you, I am directing you to a safe haven in Me. Those who willingly accept My plans will know a freedom from the enemy and his snarling ways. They will walk in a place of freedom and delight.

That is what I have planned for those who keep their focus on Me, and speak My truth over their situations. The enemy would like to ravage your life, beloved, but you don’t have to put up with His antics. You are equipped to kick him in the teeth. Just give him a swift kick by speaking My words of truth and know vindication that comes with serving the Almighty God. Yes, true vindication comes in following after My heart and pronouncing that I am your very own. And I am, dear child of the living God. I am your very own and you are Mine – you are certainly Mine!!!

avenger – to get revenge as for a wrong. To take revenge on behalf of, as of a wrong

Stay Connected

Mary Clark

In a vision, the Lord showed me a card on the computer screen that asked if I wanted to stay connected. The cursor went to the block that read “stay connected.” Here is what He has to tell us about staying connected to Him:

Do you want to stay connected, beloved? Do you want to walk in the hope and realization of Who I am to you on a daily basis? If you do, then I make these simple requests of you: Come to Me in the early morning hours. Present your heart anew to Me. Tell Me words that I delight in hearing – words of your loving devotion to Me. This, beloved, is the way to begin your day. This is the time to come to Me with heartfelt prayers – before you begin your day.

Later in your day, I would have you give Me some of your attention. I would love to hear simple words spoken to Me about the pleasure you find in knowing Me. I would love to hear you ask Me questions, and EXPECT to hear Me answer you. Will you do this, beloved? Will you devote your early morning hour to Me? Will you comply with My wishes and converse with Me during your day? If you will I guarantee you that something wonderful will happen in your life – something that will thrill your heart. But if you go about your day seeking your own way, beloved, you will lose out on something quite valuable – something that could aid your life in a wonderful way. You will lose out on getting to know Me – your Creator. You will lose out on My direction for you. You will lose out on knowing the One Who takes such delight in you!

So come to Me. Express your heart to me, and you will see that something of great significance is happening in your life. You will see that the Eternal One has blessed you and enabled you to grow stronger in Him. Now beloved, this is a place in Me that is filled with a rich quality of hope. It is a place that is etched out in My heart just for you. That is where I want you, and that is where you ought to be – in that special nook in My heart that I have etched out for you. Won’t you come? Won’t you surrender your time? Won’t you look to the Almighty One, your Creator, to sustain you every day?

I am asking something of you, beloved. I am extending an earnest plea to you. Come to Me. It will benefit you. It will benefit My kingdom. Many will rise up on that fateful day and call out words to Me about a relationship that they never had with Me. I will tell them that I never knew them. I will tell them that their hearts were far removed from Me. Don’t let those words be spoken to you. Come to Me.

If it has been a while since we conversed, let us renew that old relationship. Come to Me and I will draw near to you. I will move you closer into the things of your God. You will see My glory, and you will taste and dwell in My glory. But if you stand afar, looking at the world, concentrating on what the world has to offer, you will miss out on knowing My goodness. You will be left behind in the dust of My travels. For I am moving on, beloved, and I am taking My own with Me. Don’t be caught in the arms of another when I come for you. Don’t be caught up in the world when I make My entrance. Start now – today – by coming to Me and telling Me of your desire to enter into a deeper relationship with Me. That is the place to begin, beloved. That is the place to start this journey into this place of eternity – eternity in the arms of the Beloved. That is the place to dwell, and that is the place where you NEED to be – safe and secure – safe and secure – safe and secure in the knowledge of My love for you!!!

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A Big Sweet Heart
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I have a BIG heart, beloved – a BIG sweet heart, and I am drawing you into it. I want you close to Me. I want you hearing My voice with clarity – such clarity – a clarity that the world will look on as strange. But, dear one, you will embrace My voice – hold it close as I speak tender words of love to you. Hear Me now as I tell you something about My BIG sweet heart:

My heart is tender – so very tender toward you. It is a heart that can consume those things that are a detriment to your walk. Yes, dwelling in My heart can take those things that are a detriment and make them vanish – vanish in thin air. Yes, dwelling in My heart, looking intently into My eyes of love, remaining focused on Me, and hearing My voice in this most unusual way that I am proposing will certainly get a heart straightened out. It will get a heart squeaky clean for My habitation. It will not only get that heart squeaky clean it will give that heart a strength that it has never had, and enable you to walk in My truth in a way that you never dreamed possible.

In this hour I am doing a work in hearts. I am revealing some things about My heart to My dear children. I am showing each of you some things about My personality that you never dreamed it contained. I am about to show you a sweet side to My nature that you did not know existed. When I do, beloved, embrace the sweetness that lies deep in My heart. Embrace it and give Me a word of thanks and praise. Tell Me that you are delighted to know this aspect of My personality. If you will, I will tell you something else about My personality that you never realized. I will tell you words that will thrill your heart. So get ready to walk in a new understanding of who I am, and embrace all that I reveal to you. For this is the time when My children must sit up and take notice of the living God, embracing His cause with everything that is in them. It is the hour to embrace all that I am, and rely on Me to carry you through all that is coming up on the horizon. I truly have a plan for you, beloved – a plan to bless you mightily. So get ready to enter into a new hour, and know as you enter that you must leave at the door your old way of thinking, and embrace a new way of thinking – a new way of thinking about your God and His Big Sweet heart.
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Separating The Holy From The Profane

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LESS OF YOU AND MORE OF ME - That is what I am calling for in this day and this hour. Hear me now. My people are not taking me seriously. They want to dance and play when I am about to go to war. Very few have put their armor on and even fewer have a complete set of the armor, which is required to stand.

Eph. 6:10-18 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the darkness of the rulers of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.
Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shed your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, take the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.
And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayers and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for the saints. [NKJ]

Where are the breastplates of righteousness? I have called my people to be holy and set apart, a fit dwelling place for a King. Yet most of my people look at themselves, compare themselves to the world and are satisfied. They do not have a burning desire to be holy and set apart for me, but are constantly “dabbling” in the things of this world.

Where are the shoes for the preparation of the gospel of peace? One does not always have to give an oral testimony in order to have their shoes on and working. These shoes testify to your daily walk. Is it a walk with me or a walk without me? Am I a sidereal (side) thought or an afterthought?

Walking daily with me in humility and love is the best testimony you could possibly give – for a person’s actions and behavior far outweigh the words that come out of their mouth. The mouth can say anything, but in a person’s behavior are the things of the heart truly seen.
What is coming out of your mouth? Is it a gospel of peace and hope? Do your words draw others to my light or do they repel and push people away?

I am supposed to be living through you and I AM supposed to be seen in you. In fact, I want to take over! Yet so many are doing things in my name and saying things they think are “Christian” that have nothing to do with me!

My church, I am calling you firmly and distinctly. War is about to break out and you are not ready! You must know who I am and you must be hidden in me or you will be swept away. This will be Satan’s final hour and he will not go “gently into that good night.” He will indeed RAGE against the dying of the light.*

If you want to stand you must get serious. You must be dedicated and you must give your life to me – all of it, not just bits and pieces around the edges or the margins.

You can not hold things back because you are unwilling to part with them! Whatever you hold on to can become a dead weight to drag you down into a pit of destruction.

The day and the hour are at hand when those who have given their lives to me totally will begin to shine like the stars in the firmament. For I will shine through my beloved in a way the world has never seen before.

I want YOU to shine. I don’t want you to miss it or miss out. I can NOT shine through people that have pieces of their armor missing. For wherever your armor is missing, there is a spot the enemy can attack and he will. He is ruthless. He will attack without hesitation and he is as evil as I am good.

Repent if you are lukewarm and sitting on the fence. Repent if you are only choosing those portions of my Word that please you or inflate your ego.

Satan’s time is running out and he will fight to the bitter end. I am coming with a very big sword and I will divide the holy from the profane.** The holy I will set apart to myself, while the profane I will burn with fire.

Time has run out and the hour is upon you for the greatest “fireworks” in the history of the world. Will you listen to me or not? Your time to sit on the fence is over. You must make a decision and you must make it now, for the seas will roar and you will not be able to hear above the din.

Come out of the world before it is too late and you are sucked into a whirlpool that will carry people to their final destruction.

I Remain,
Your Jesus

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

**Dylan Thomas:*

Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

***Profane: 1. Showing contempt or irreverence toward God or sacred things: blasphemous 2. Vulgar, coarse 3. To treat with irreverence 4. To put to an improper, unworthy or degrading use; abuse*

Stigma

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stig·ma (st¹g“m…) *n.*, *pl.* **stig·ma·ta** (st¹g-mä“t…, -m²t“…, st¹g“m…-) or **stig·mas**. **1.** A mark or token of infamy, disgrace, or reproach:

Do you believe that the church as a whole walks in the forgiveness ***for others*** that has been shown ***them*** by God? Stigma, as given above, is defined as - disgrace, reproach. Interesting when you consider that we - as Christians - are called to extend mercy and forgiveness. But do we? If you are a member of a church that does, then you are to be congratulated! However, it has been my experience and the experience of many others that I have corresponded with, that the "ideal" the Body of Christ should aspire too has been lost in the rivalries, positioning, and politics of the local church. As a result, far too many hurting and lost individuals have been turned off and turned away from the institutional church altogether.

From childhood we seek recognition and acceptance. We **WANT** others to like and admire us. Most of us shun confrontation and will do just about anything to avoid it. Yet, if we define ourselves by what ***OTHERS*** think and say about us rather than what GOD thinks and says about us, then eventually we allow ***their*** perceptions to become part of our own reality***. In other words, we will LIVE OUT what others PERCEIVE AND BELIEVE THAT WE ARE!!*** Why do we do this? Because "acceptance" is our goal, whether we realize it or not. Humans are social creatures and we seek companionship. When God created Adam he was perfect. Adam enjoyed complete harmony within himself ***AND*** with his Creator. Yet God recognized that Adam was lonely and needed a helpmate! Was God offended that His "perfect" creation still needed companionship with someone of his own kind? In Genesis 2:22 we read:

And the rib, which Jehovah God had taken from the man,
made he a woman, ***and brought her unto the man***. (ASV)

So, God Himself brought Eve to Adam. In this passage we see displayed the omniscient of God. God **KNEW** that Adam needed companionship and was not offended by it. Therefore, we can **KNOW** that God created us to be "social creatures" ***who need*** the companionship of others of our own kind. But just as Eve as beguiled by the serpent, so we too are beguiled. The beginning of Genesis 3:1 reads:

> Now the serpent was more ***subtle***…

Strong's lists the word translated here "subtle" as also meaning cunning. The "subtlety" of how the enemy ***uses others*** to define "***us***," is what makes the detection of it so difficult. After all - being the social creatures that we are - we tend to make excuses for the behavior(s) of others, ***ESPECIALLY*** those who wear the “clothing” of a Christian, do we not? But Jesus warned us to be careful of those who "appear in sheep’s clothing," but are ***IN TRUTH***, ravaging wolves! In the end, Eve was ***sooooooo*** beguiled by the serpent and his twisting of God's truth that all of mankind fell as a result. Indeed, we must continually be on guard against the serpents wiles and the oh! so subtle ways he uses not only our own character flaws, **BUT** colors the perceptions of those around us to paint ***HIS*** **VERSION** of ***OUR*** **REALITY into their thinking AND eventually, even our own!**

HOW is this cycle broken? Who can "mend us" in the minds and thoughts of others of our own kind? *CAN AN INDIVIDUAL EVER BREAK OUT FROM SUCH A DIABOLIC ATTACK?* The answer is a resounding **"YES!"** but to do so, one must **FIRST** identify the attacks true nature and its origination point.

Have you ever had someone not like you on sight? What was your response to this apparent (at least to you) irrational behavior? Did you accept this persons dislike and ***NOT*** let it concern you? Or did you attempt to discover "why" the individual felt the way they did - i.e., discuss it with them? To try to define the "issues" that was causing the friction? If you were able to step aside and ***NOT*** allow the individuals behavior to affect you in any perceivable way, than you are to be commended. Most of us, however, would *ALLOW* ourselves to be hurt by the other persons response. We would review within ourselves our actions and words to see if we were somehow, albeit inadvertently, to blame. The truth is that we probably had ***not*** offended the other person - ***BUT***, that the enemy had subtlety "colored" their perception of us. Perhaps, before the two of you met, a mutual acquaintance had spoken of you in an unkind way - or mentioned something from your past that had already "colored" that persons perception of you. What defense do you have against that individuals prior perceptions? Innuendo is a powerful force, is it not? Taken to the extreme, it results in the "mob mentality."

God created us social creatures. Therefore, we will do just about anything to be accepted by those with whom we come into contact. If their actions towards us offends us in some manner, chances are we will overlook it to keep the companionship they offer. Yet the Word tells us that GOD gives us "unconditional love and acceptance," ***NOT*** just when we have become a new creation in HIM, but even died for us while "we were still yet sinners!" GOD OVERLOOKS OUR FLAWS AND LOVES US ANYWAY…. ***AND*** TOTALLY ACCEPTS US AS WE TRULY ARE, WARTS AND ALL. He does not wish for us to remain "sinners," but will love us ***the same*** whether we choose too or not! The Pharisees of Jesus' day thought themselves above the "people" they were suppose to serve. Self-righteous, sanctimonious and hypocritical to the extreme, they refused to accept Jesus as their Messiah even though His works were ***clearly*** of a Godly supernatural nature. They chose instead to attribute His works to Beelzebub. But Jesus told them that a "***house divided against itself CAN NOT STAND…."*** Words we need to keep in the forefront of our minds! We will **NEVER** be able to overcome the preconceived perceptions of others ***UNLESS*** we first realize that the members of our own body must be undivided and united in harmony with the Spirit of God. ***ONLY THEN***, will we too, be able to say as Jesus did that the enemy could find "nothing in us."

From a practical Christian standpoint then, what should be our response to the actions or reactions of others towards us? In the parable of the Prodigal Son the Lord tells us of two brothers. The younger son through riotous living squanders his inheritance but is eventually reconciled with his Father when he comes to his senses and returns home. However, it is the older brothers response to his return that provides one of the most interesting twists in this parable. His disapproval of his brothers' behavior and the Fathers joy at the young mans return lead him to react in anger and jealousy. Note the closing verse in the parable:

> ***But it was fitting to make merry, to revel and feast and rejoice,for this brother of yours was dead, and is alive again! He was lost and is found!*** (Luke 15:32 Amplified Translation)

The parable ends there - but does it? It is doubtful if the older brother who had not shared in his Fathers joy earlier is much swayed by his Father's statement. We are left to wonder how it turned out in the end. Human nature and sibling rivalry being what they are, the enemy was probably able to turn the animosity of the older brother into a continual flood of ill will and disharmony among the members of the household. And did the younger brothers previous actions permanently color the perceptions of the older brother? Wastrel, selfish and self-indulgent…would have been the least of the "stigmas" perceived by the older brother towards the younger. After the younger brother returned home his actions were, no doubt, continually carefully scrutinized by the elder brother, to see if any of the character flaws he had exhibited in the past were returning. And forgiveness? We have **NO** indications from this parable that the older brother ever **DID** forgive the younger, and there is certainly no indication that the older brother ever "forgot" what had happened.

Our Heavenly Father tells us that He not only forgives our transgressions but:

> ***As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us***.
> (Psalm 103:12 Amplified Translation)

Three predominant themes found in the Gospels are: the love of God, mercy above the law, and forgiveness. Jesus is our example. His ministry was based on God forgiving ***US*** - and that we **MUST** forgive others. ***What does it cost us when we DON'T forgive?*** Think about that question very seriously for the consequences could be grave indeed. Many would say, "Yes, but you don't know what that person did to me!" No, I don't. ***But GOD DOES KNOW and HE said you MUST forgive them anyway.*** One ***certain*** consequence of unforgiveness will be that you will be unable to achieve "harmony" within yourself. You will be "warring against the members" of your own body. Unity with *others* will be impossible because ***you*** are not in harmony!

Many years ago I had a friend - her name was Ann - who I felt extremely close too. Ann and I worked together and lived next door to each other. We often went shopping together, out to lunch, etc. Although I had several people warn me that Ann was not the loyal friend I thought her to be, I disregarded their warnings and it wasn't until circumstances arose that clearly shown that Ann had, in fact been unloyal to me, that I **DID** believe it. I was devastated! Hurt, angry, and bitter…. I wallowed in those feelings for about a month without let up. Then the Lord began to tell me I would have to begin to pray **SINCERELY** for Ann and for her family. At first I was incredulous! I could **NOT** believe that I, as the injured party, should in any way, shape or form have to pray for this woman who had so obviously betrayed our friendship, but the Lord was insistent. After grumbling and arguing the point for a couple of weeks, I finally gave in and began to do as He asked. Admittedly, my prayers at first were not all that sincere, but as I persevered, the prayers began to take on a life of their own and the ill will, anger and hurt I had felt within myself began to crumble. After a couple of months it was gone completely and I slowly began to realize that the real purpose of the Lord in having me pray for Ann wasn't so much *for her* - ***as it had been for myself.*** I discovered that it is ***IMPOSSIBLE*** to pray for someone sincerely and maintain any feelings of animosity towards them. The LOVE OF GOD begins to pour forth from His Spirit into yours and through that - into the prayers you speak. The New Testament clearly teaches that prayers offered up to God that are "HIS WILL" for our lives will be answered. Forgiveness of others is **ALWAYS** God's will!!

Remember Jeffrey Dahlmer? In case the name is unfamiliar to you let me give a brief description of who he was. Dahlmer was a young man from Chicago who murdered numerous other young men, hacked them to pieces and then froze their remains. He was eventually apprehended, convicted, and sent to prison. While he was there he reportedly became a born again Christian. Soon afterward he was murdered by another inmate. I bring this up because I was appalled at some of the "chat room" responses to the news of his death in a ***CHRISTIAN*** chat room one afternoon. Only myself and one other individual believed that Dahlmer had been entirely forgiven by God for his crimes and gone straight to Heaven after he was murdered! The rest were of the opinion that God could not possibly forgive such horrendous crimes and that truly converted or not, he was in hell. Although I am not denying the horrific nature of his crimes, the fact remains that ***"if"*** Dahlmer's conversion "***WAS"*** genuine (which only he and God alone could **KNOW**), God's word says that his sins **WERE** forgiven and that Dahlmer had become a "new creation" ***IN CHRIST***. God does ***NOT*** rank sin, ***man does***. **ALL SIN IS REPUGNANT TO GOD**… and although we prefer to think that someone who has committed murder or adultery is far less forgivable than someone who has stolen a loaf of bread or told a little, white lie, the Bible clearly teaches the opposite. OK, you're probably thinking, Dahlmer - well, maybe…. but what about an Adolf Hitler or an Osama Bin Ladan? Mass murderers both - no denying it. However, do you think that the blood of Christ is insufficient to cover their sins if they cried out from their depths of their being – in total honesty and sincerity, "Lord, Save Me?" It is impossible for us on this side of eternity to measure what one drop of His precious blood has done for ***ALL*** of mankind, including the Hitler's and the the Osama Bin Ladan's. ***Without His blood***, mankind **HAS NO HOPE - AND NO FORGIVENESS OF SINS**. The Word tells us that ***"ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALLEN SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD!"*** But, we continue to want to judge, classify and place on a shelf every other individual who "we feel" has fallen short, rather than judging "ourselves" has Paul tells us to do.

> ***For if we searchingly examined ourselves - detecting our shortcomings and recognizing our own condition - we should not be judged and penalty decreed [by the divine judgment].*** (1 Corinthians 11:31)

The truth is we **ALL** need a Savior, each and every one of us and **NONE** of us can hope for eternal life without one. Our righteousness is as rags before God and none of us can aspire to reaching His level of perfection by our own merits. The institutional church, as a whole, recognizes this "***in theory***," but "***in practice***" has fallen far short! The "stigma" of what we were ***BEFORE*** Christ came to live and reign in us, and/or even what sins we might have committed since, becomes attached to us and is almost impossible to overcome in the minds and perceptions of others! Like the older brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son, our Christian brothers and sisters weigh our actions carefully to see if past or current character flaws we struggle with might resurface. And even if they never do, their perceptions remain. Those who know they have been called by the Lord are often so demoralized by the actions and perceptions of their own Christian brethren, that the fruits the Lord wants to bring forth in and from them, are never allowed to reach full maturity. We read in Proverbs:

> ***For as a [man] thinketh in his heart, so is he…*** (Proverbs 23:7 KJV)

How long will it take for someone to become so bound by the perceptions of others that they become ineffective in the Body of Christ? How long will it take before the perceptions of others becomes that persons reality? In the Gospels we read of Peter who alone of the twelve apostles, verbally denied knowing the Lord ***three times*** the night He was arrested. Yet, interestingly enough, in the last chapter of the Book of John, it is to ***PETER*** of the seven apostles there that morning (John 21:2) that the Lord ***specifically*** calls to minister to His flock! What do you suppose the current institutional church would do to Peter? At the least he would be ostracized by others in his church and more than likely be deleted from the church rolls. The "stigma" of his act of denial would taint any further effectiveness he might have among that body of believers and **NO ONE** would trust Peter to mentor a young believer!

In Galatians 6:1 we read:

> ***Brethren, if any person is overtaken in misconduct or sin of any sort, you who are spiritual - who are responsive to and controlled by the Spirit - should set him right and restore and reinstate him, without any sense of superiority and with all gentleness, keeping an attentive eye on yourself, lest you should be tempted also***. (Amplified Translation)

Restore and reinstate him…. That is what the church is called to do - and not with an air of superiority, but in meekness and humility! Until we - as the Body of Christ - are willing to admit our failure in this area and resolve the conflict within ourselves in relation to how "our" own perceptions can color another persons effectiveness for the Body of Christ, we can not expect to move forward, but will remain as we are, stagnant and stale. If the Body of Christ wants renewal and restoration - than we must **FIRST** "renew" our commitment to each other by resolving those inner conflicts of what "we think, feel and perceive" to what God says that we are ***- IN CHRIST***. If we have been forgiven our sins as far as the east is from the west - why do we allow the enemy to continually bring to our minds our sins and past deeds? How can our body, soul and spirit be in harmony if there is continual conflict among them? The answer is - they won't be. **And *UNTIL* they are**, the enemy has effectively stopped us from being an effective servant of Christ.

Most of us can not imagine or comprehend the depth of enmity the enemy has for us or how truly evil - evil can be. Our finite minds can no more grasp this, than we can grasp the magnitude of the love and forgiveness of God or the uncharted vastness of the universe He created. Unless we have personally experienced evil on this scale, it is ***impossible*** for us to believe it! I know this to be true, because I **HAVE** experienced it. For many, ***MANY*** years I marveled and wondered at how the early church martyr's went to such horrible deaths - singing praises to God. Although I too love the Lord with all my heart, I'm well aware of my "pain tolerance" level and I could not imagine quite **HOW** they had endured the physical pain and agony to which they had been subjected. In April of 1999 I was privileged enough to find out. It was a Saturday night and I had turned my bedroom light out at about 10:30, rolled over and gone to sleep. An hour later I awoke with the most incredible sensations pouring over my body that trying to find the words to describe it is almost impossible. The closest I can come would be to tell you to imagine yourself under an intensely powerful, vibrating heat lamp. As this lamp moves, it sends radiating waves of exquisite sensations from the end of your toes to the top of your head, flooding your entire being, every nook, every cranny…. reaching a depth within you that you didn't even know you possessed! If that sounds as foreign to you as it felt to me, then you can understand how I had ***NO*** idea what was happening. I had ***NEVER*** heard of anything like this! I only knew that it was coming from the Lord. All I could do was hang on for the ride! These "waves of vibrating heat" would sometimes change directions, but they didn't stop. They continued for hour after hour - growing in intensity and power. At about three that morning I got up and walked outside. The sky was overcast with threatening dark rain clouds accompanied by a fierce wind westerly wind. After a few moments I began to sense an even darker, foreboding presence surrounding me…. So close and so potent that it felt like it inhabited the very air molecules I was breathing. The strength of the anointing I was under however was ***EVEN*** **STRONGER!!** This evil could **NOT** touch me - ***and I knew it.*** I literally laughed in the face of it, something no one in their "natural mind" would do when faced with such a malevolent presence. I further realized for the first time "***how***" Christian martyr's throughout the centuries had been able to go to their deaths singing, totally joyful at their impending release from this world. I ***KNEW*** there was no physical type of death that could even come close to touching this incredible anointing. That **NO MANNER** of death - no real physical pain would be able to touch the place where I now found myself. Being burned at the stake, beheaded, etc., nothing could touch "me" because I was completely and totally in His Hand and under His great power!

Although the Lord had called and told His purpose for my life a few years before this, this night - this incredible night - I was clearly and positively identified and targeted by the enemy. Prior to that night my life had, for the most part, been quite normal with few upsetting episodes. ***SINCE*** that night, my life has been one wild, roller coaster ride! Within two months the enemy would physically try to destroy me twice, and would make his third and apparently last attempt to kill me a year later. Failing all three times, he has since resorted to other tactics, which appear to be mainly psychological and/or emotional. He has made others as well as myself question the Lord's call upon my life and even my own sanity. The one thing the enemy has ***NEVER*** been able to do is to make me question what happened that "one night." It was entirely supernatural - and of God and although there have been days, weeks, even months since when I would have loved to have "thrown in the towel" and quit altogether, I can not because I KNOW - **that I KNOW** - ***THAT I KNOW*** that for such a night to happen in the first place, means that ***I AM A CHILD OF THE LIVING GOD*** and that no weapon formed against me will prosper - in the end. I look back upon that night and dream of a day when the Body of Christ can all move together as One under that same powerful anointing. No wonder the enemy fears us! For when "all fear" is removed there is nothing that will stop us from moving forward and retaking everything he has stolen from us.

What others think about me is immaterial! It is what GOD says about me and has said to me that matters…. What about you? Will you continue to allow others to color your perceptions of yourself – attach a “stigma” to your reality?

OR, will you remember God and what **HE** says?

What then shall we say to [all] this? If God be for us, who
[can be] against us? – Who can be our foe, if God is on our side? (Romans 8:31)

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Stay In Step

Aquilla Nash

The Spirit of the Lord would say, "Stay in step. Stay in step with that which I am doing in this hour and this day. Stay in step with that which I have chosen, the path that I have created for you to take. Stay in step with that which I have ordained and that which I have called from the foundation of the world. Stay in step with those things that I have planned and purposed for your life. Even as you walk with Me, I will take you unto high places and I will show you great and marvelous things. I will cause your eyes to be open unto greater truths and understanding. But you must stay in step with that which I have ordained.

If you go your way and do those things that you have planned and that you have purposed, you will not be in step with My plan. And when I begin to move concerning My plan in your life, you must be in that place and in step with Me. Surely as you walk with Me, as you allow the Spirit of the Living God to lead and to guide you, you will know of a surety that you are exactly in the place that I have anointed for your life. And you will be on time and I will be on time with those things that I have purposed for you. And you will come unto a higher realm and you will see things that you have longed to see and to hear things that you have longed to hear. Stay in step with My Spirit, with that that I have ordained. And it will be wonderful. It will be peace and joy everlasting triumph. If you will stay in step with Me I will lead you into the high places."

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Saved To The Uttermost

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"Wherefore also ***He is able to save to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through Him****, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."* Hebrews 7:25

What a savior! What a gospel! How can we neglect so great a salvation?

T. Austin-Sparks describes this savior and this salvation in a most excellent message "A Saviour to the Uttermost." He says:

"A saviour who never fails, who can never be confronted with a situation too difficult for Him, is a fundamental necessity to all who are seeking to live to the glory of God in an end time, and who are, therefore, continually meeting the fierce and unceasing antagonism of the forces of darkness. . .it is indeed "good news" for the sinner. No one, however sunken in sin, is beyond the reach of His saving power. He is able to save all who come, and to save them to the uttermost. . . No case is too hard for Him!. . .It is a glorious declaration of His saving power in relation to those who draw near to God, and is based not only on His death on calvary, but upon His upon His present life and ministry as the High Priest of His people. . .The more dire the need (and some of the Lord's people are in desperate need) the greater the comfort of the declaration. . .interceding for us at the right hand of Divine power, we have One Who, because He ever liveth is able to excercise saving power to the full range and depth of an uttermost need. . .To trust Him is to find salvation. . .

"To the uttermost. . .is a word with a big content. . . It speaks of His ability to save completely in the present need, however dire, and also for every future need to the end of our earthly history. . .Whether the problem be related to sin, self, the world, the Devil, or to death and him who wields it as a potent weapon, the power of an uttermost salvation resides in our Priestly Intercessor on the Father's throne. . .

"Death has no dominion over Him, nor can we be brought under the power of it while we keep Him in full view. . . Living, He is abundantly able to save."

What a savior! My savior can save me so completely that I can rest in Him and His power to do whatever it is to save me! This makes me WANT to be saved everyday! It drives me to His feet in repentance when I sin, and it lifts me to my feet to walk strong in Him, confident that He is sufficient!

Sufficient. The blood of Jesus is all powerful and sufficient to save us to the uttermost, if we draw near to Him.

"And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony; and they loved not their life even unto death." Rev. 12

Recently I sent a message by Bill Yount that stated the blood is still on the doorposts! What

a revelation to us who get bogged down with spirituality seeking and wander off the path into danger. The enemy comes and breathes threats, but HO! The blood is still on the doorposts. This is healing blood. This is living blood. This is holy blood and it is on the doorposts of our "house". When we capture this reality in our hearts, we overcome him (the enemy) by the blood of the Lamb. When we proclaim His salvation to the uttermost we overcome him (the enemy) by the word of our testimony.

T. Austin-Sparks says in another message "Because of the Blood of the Lamb":

"Give the enemy one little fragment of old Adam, of the flesh, of self, of sin, and he immediately takes the place of power and immediately brings you under accusation and begins to weaken both life and ministry. . .But stand continuously in the efficacy of that Blood, stand continuously in your receiving by faith of all that the Lord Jesus is made unto you from God, clear up everything concerning which the Holy Spirit speaks in conviction, clear it up in virtue of that Blood, and the enemy is ruled out, he is not in the place of power. . .the ground of the Blood is sufficient for this full-orbed, many sided, all-around victory. . . you and I can stand now in the presence of God as **sinlessly perfect, not in ourselves, but in Christ**, **as having absolute sinless perfection put to our account by God.**"

This blood is LIFE to us. This is the uttermost salvation. In laying hold of His blood and BELIEVING Him, we meet our savior to the uttermost! We get a blood transfusion, and that blood becomes our blood.

Amen and amen.

Change Not
Becky McLendon

We are being changed from our "Changeable state" to the unchangeableness of God. How? In returning and rest.

Two types of people say "I change not":

1. the **unrepentant and religious** who refuse to "change." They are "good enough" in their own eyes, and proudly boast, "I have no sin. God is pleased with me the way I am and with all I do." They lie.

2. the **repentant** who have laid hold of the Blood and the faith of God and His unchangeableness. These base their state of unchangableness upon Him and nothing else. They are powerless within themselves to say "I change not" as God "changes not". They stand solely on Christ the Solid Rock no matter what.

It is the latter who can testify of the power of the Blood of Christ and the work of the Lamb, for they have eaten of all of that Lamb.
And the spirit of God reveals who are His own. They can stand and say "I change not" and be accused of blasphemy, but their declaration is simply what God has said of them. The unrepentant and religious are judged for saying the same thing, because it is simply not true.

HE IS LORD and HE CHANGES NOT. Truth must be established in our inward parts for the "change" to "unchangeableness" to take place What He has said and what He has given cannot be altered, nor can it be stopped. May our salvation continue and find its perfection in that Unchangeableness.

Amen.

God Vindicates What Is His
Becky McLendon

"If **God has really given anything**, that will never be lost. Time will vindicate it. Sooner or later we shall have to come back for our very lives for what God has given. . .God vindicates **everything that he has done and given**. . .It is a principle, a law that **anything God does is forever and will be necessary**. . ." (T. Austin-Sparks, "The Peculiar Conditions of an End Time", emphasis mine)

Much has been gained for the Millennium. This is the "rest" that we wait for. Let's keep our eyes ever on HIM and HIM ALONE.

"For Thou shalt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." Isaiah 26.

We desire the pure silver and gold of God, therein lies His holiness. Therefore we present our bodies, a living sacrifice daily, we die daily, that we may live in the fulness of Christ. We submit to the fire on that altar daily, that the wood, hay and stubble is consumed and the sacrifice is consumed. What then remains is God only, His "tenth." His "tithe" that is brought into His storehouse.

Oh Lord, "You desire truth in my inward parts."

So be it!
Love and shalom,
Becky

Spend Time With Daddy

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Drawing Near To Jesus

Recently I had a beautiful experience with Jesus, which I would like to share as a blessing and encouragement to the Bride of Christ. In the morning I had spent an hour or so in prayer, expressing my heart's desire to be close to the Lord.

In the vision, I saw Jesus walking backwards towards the water's edge of a lovely expanse of crystal clear water. In His hands were small musical notes and hearts. One by one, the Lord knelt down and placed a musical note, then a heart, drawing me to follow him right up to the water's edge. It was like a game of follow the leader!

When He eventually reached the water's edge, the Lord beckoned me closer to join Him by His side. Jesus smiled at me and then took my hand and we began to walk on the water. With Christ leading, we skipped and jumped across lily pads that were placed upon the surface. The water was extremely deep, but I had no fear because Jesus was holding me by the hand. It was a joyous, exciting, and yet, equally peace-filled adventure as we ran helter-skelter across the top, skimming the water; hearts and hands united we giggled and laughed together. This was fun!

Just before the vision ended I asked the Lord if the ocean had a name. He replied, "Child this is the sea of Salvation. When my children worship me in Spirit and truth, and praise me with hearts filled with child-like trust and adoration, my joy and my glory are released on the earth producing the beautiful fruit of healing and salvations."

Without sounding demeaning the interpretation of this vision is extremely simple. As a friend of mine would say, "Catherine, it's not exactly rocket science." Which is just as well really, or I wouldn't have a hope of understanding (smile). Do you know what? I had almost forgotten what it felt like to run and skip and jump. Can you remember the last time you splashed in a puddle or spun around until you were dizzy or lay down on the ground just for the wonder of gazing at clouds scudding across the sky? Or when was the last time you picked up an earth worm, or made a daisy chain or sprinkled sherbet on your tongue just to feel it fizz, or flew a kite, or raced at high speed on your roller blades? Oh the joy of childhood, when we are innocent and desperate for all things new. Perhaps as the memories of childhood fade away with the passing of time, we also sometimes we forget how to be childlike and just enjoy the presence of the Lord. Could it be we are too busy being grown up at times to realize that the King of the Universe delights in us, simply because we are just that - His children?

The vision has a two-fold encouragement. One, it is a reminder that there is a child inside of each one of us just waiting to grasp the hand of God and run with him for the sheer joy of it. We may have many roles in our busy lifestyles, but let's remember the most important of all is that we were created for relationship and intimacy with Abba, our Heavenly Father.

Secondly, it is a call to the Bride of Christ to burst into new horizons of joy-filled worship and praise, trusting Jesus to lead us by the hand. God calls us to lay down tiredness, disappointments, self-condemnation and disillusionment and accept that Jesus loves us because He loves us. We are absolutely beautiful to him! We may be a work in progress, but we are earthen vessels full of His glory!

The symbolism of the hearts and musical notes, express the Lord's desire that his Bride would 'whoosh' into fresh depths of bridal intimacy and worship. It's the Lord who calls us and woos us with his amazing love. He just loves to pour out gifts on His children. We don't need to be all religious or pompous to get into His presence. We don't need to 'do' anything to win His affections. Whether we are peeling potatoes, writing a sermon, editing accounts, driving a truck, teaching, being a lawyer, whatever we may turn our hands to - we are lovely and loved because we are children of the Most High God. Our praise and worship can take place anywhere, and at any time, and it's always acceptable to God.

I was filled with fresh joy, peace, faith and hope as a result of this lovely spiritual experience. May you also know a fresh burst of Jesus-filled joy in your heart today as you reach out to praise our glorious Savior.

Of eternal significance is the name of the waters on which worship and praise were represented - the sea of Salvation.

In Acts 16 we read that when Paul and Silas had been stripped, beaten, flogged, imprisoned, and were undoubtedly wounded, exhausted and perhaps a little bit afraid. However, they chose not to focus on their circumstances, but rather to concentrate on praising Christ. The results were phenomenal - praise released all the prisoners bonds, and the jailor and his entire family received their salvation and were baptized that very night! Our sacrificial praise and worship today will release God's glory on the earth.

Beloved, the Lord calls us to receive His joy and to release it. Choose to praise Jesus today - because He's worth it!
Abundant blessings from an almost forty-year-old, mother of four, lay preacher, rejoicing in Jesus!
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Submerged In The River Of God
Musa Opiyo

April 12, 2004
Vision:

In a vision I saw someone on a riverbed step into the river. At first they had gone ankle deep, then knee high until finally submerging themselves into the river. The river then began to pick up speed which then swept the person away.

"I want a people that are submerged in My River", the Lord said.

Interpretation:

I believe for a long time we in the Body of Christ have been content to stay where we are, doing things in ways we have felt comfortable with. But I believe the Lord is calling us deeper. The River of God represents the work of the Holy Spirit. As we have been reluctant to go deep, we have experienced 'stagnant waters' in the work that he is doing in us. But as we, in faith, go past ankle deep and past knee high, past what we have felt familiar with, into the deep waters of his presence, we will experience a deeper closeness and oneness with him. As we leave what is comfortable and what we have known, into the work and the new move of the Spirit, we will experience also an acceleration in what he is doing not only in us as individuals but corporately as the Body. It will be a place where we will have no control over what he is doing. It is our choice to either "go with his flow" or go against what he is doing.

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I Came To Set You Free
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I came to set you free from all besetting sin. I came to restore your joy and give you renewed hope, knowing that I AM the I AM. You are free because I say you are free. Yet the enemy would tell you otherwise. He would rather see you bound to sickness. He would rather see broke and barely able to make ends meet. He would rather see you flee My presence through self condemnation. Yet even as this season is Passover I am passing over you at this very moment. My Glory Cloud is descending upon those who have cried out to Me in brokeness. I come to apply the Balm of Gilead to those places of hurt and pain. For I am your High Priest who has mediated and gone before you to make your paths straight. Would you now rather believe Me, the I AM or would you rather trust the one who lies by his teeth and comes only to steal, kill and destroy? The Spirit and the Bride say come. To him who is thirsty, I say come, for I will fill you with the Water of Life to bring refreshing to your soul. I am he who has come to set you free, says the Lord.

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A Call To The Marthas
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My Spirit calls out to My Marthas who have labored faithfully in My presence. You have been guided and allowed yourself to be guided by the Holy Spirit in your endevours and you have worked well. In fact, so well that the enemy in desperation spoke lies to you saying that you needed to work more. As you listened to his voice, you became convinced that your work was your identity and therefore have labored for things that have no eternal value.

Some of you have even forgotten why you are doing what you are doing, and much of your work has become robotic to where My Spirit is not leading you. Some are beginning to get stressed out and you are burdened down with this weight, yet under the justification that you are doing Me a favor. Have I not said that where My Spirit is there is liberty? Yes I have anointed you in the workplace, in your homes and with your ministries. You have been faithful in being My ambassadors. Yet some of you have been so burned out by your labors that you have not sensed My heart.

My Spirit longs that you enter My rest. Come spend time with Me. Have I not said that those who wait upon Me shall renew their strength like the eagle? As you wait upon Me and listen for My still small voice, My Spirit shall direct you on the things you are to do. As situations come up that need attending, I will say 'Yes' to some and 'No' to others, yet trust that I am God and know what I have called you to do.

The days ahead will call for strength and stability upon the Rock. Rest spiritually as well as physically is vital in this hour. The enemy would have you running around under the delusion to do, until when finally out of strength, he ambushes you with the intention to steal, kill and destroy. Rest in Me. I am in you as you are in Me. You are not justified by your works because if you were then My sacrifice on the cross was for nothing. You are My priests and Kings who shall rule and reign in My authority even as you carry My name throughout the earth. Be still and know that I am God.

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Suddenlies

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Num 16:41-43 NKJV   Now it happened, when the congregation had gathered against Moses and Aaron, that they turned toward the tabernacle of meeting; and suddenly the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared. 43 Then Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of meeting.

" I am escalating things in the world and there will be many suddenlies for many of you. Suddenly means that it is not something you can expect, but that suddenly it will just happen. I love surprises don't you ? And I have many surprises for My children. I have a whole storehouse of gifts waiting to be given out. I am a good Father Who gives good gifts to His children, am I not ? Remember how as a child you anticipated what you might get for Christmas ? That is how I want you to be – eager for the changes Your heavenly Father will bring ! I want you to EXPECT great changes and blessings commensurate with those.

I'm not saying there won't be a cost, but for many that cost has been paid, and you are just awaiting My timing. That timing is soon My beloveds so ready yourself for what is to happen soon. I also am eager to pour them out on you. But I see the beginning from the end. I see all the factors that you don't see. So My timing is always perfect. It is hard as humans to wait, but your waiting produces perseverance .

Persevere: to persist in a state, enterprise, or undertaking in spite of counterinfluences, opposition, or discouragement.

I am longing for union with you more than you are longing for it My beloveds.
I am here, and see the growth of wickedness every day in the earth, but I also see those who have persevered under great pressures and suffering and I am pleased with those who are My own. I am please when you persevere in believing in Me despite all the unbelief, mocking and skepticism around you.
I am pleased when you think of others and not just yourself. I am pleased when you continue to give to the poor, despite the pressures on your own life. I know that life is hard. My Son was One acquainted with suffering and grief. He suffered greatly so that you could live life in freedom to be and do all I've called you to be and do. Take up the shield of FAITH and quench all the fiery darts of the evil one. He is trying to take advantage of the hour and discourage and defeat as many as he can. So I am please when you resist the temptation to feel discouraged and instead turn on music, or play your guitar and sing praises to me and dance. Praise is a great weapon in My arsenal. I am raising up the tent of David so I WANT you to praise, and to sing, to worship , so that the enemy can have no hold on you. In ALL THINGS, praise Me and watch how the circumstances will turn. I have a few surprises for the enemy also ! And I am about to put them on display !
SUDDENLY I will come down and you will see the desires of your heart as you worship Me in the beauty of holiness. Tumultuous times are coming and they too will come suddenly in various areas of the world. So PRAISE ME and do not let up your guard. Put on your armor daily. The blood of Jesus is a standard of glory against all the strategies of the enemy. Speak the TRUTH of My Word . Use it as a sword to cut through the enemy's taunts.

I love you My beloveds and there is nothing I won't do for those who love
Me so long as your heart is melded with Mine. Take My hand as we walk through these days and times together. Like a good child, do not let go of My hand while crossing the roads ahead. I am

WITH you. I am EMMANUEL - God with you ! I will NEVER leave you nor forsake you ! No matter what happens, My love never fails. NO matter how you fail, My love does not fail you. I am steadfast and persevering in My love for you, and I never let go !”

Acts 9:3 NKJV As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven.

Num 12:4-6 NKJV Suddenly the LORD said to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, "Come out, you three, to the tabernacle of meeting!" So the three came out. 5 Then the LORD came down in the pillar of cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both went forward.

1 Kings 19:2-5 NKJV Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time." 3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there.
4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, "It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!"
5 Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, "Arise and eat."

1 Kings 19:13 NKJV So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

2 Kings 2:11 NKJV Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Other scriptures on Suddenlies:

Job 1:19 NKJV and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead; and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

Ps 6:10 NKJV Let all my enemies be ashamed and greatly troubled; Let them turn back and be ashamed suddenly.

Prov 29:1 NKJV He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, Will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Eccl 9:12 NKJV For man also does not know his time: Like fish taken in a cruel net, Like birds caught in a snare, So the sons of men are snared in an evil time, When it falls suddenly upon them.

Isa 29:5 NKJV "Moreover the multitude of your foes shall be like fine dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones like chaff that passes away;
Yes, it shall be in an instant, suddenly.

Isa 47:11-14 NKJV Therefore evil shall come upon you; You shall not know from where it arises. And trouble shall fall upon you; You will not be able to put it off. And desolation shall come upon you suddenly, which you shall not know. 12 "Stand now with your enchantments and the multitude of your sorceries, In which you have labored from your youth — Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail. 13 You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from what shall come upon you. 14 Behold, they shall be as stubble, the fire shall burn them; They shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame; It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, nor a fire to sit before!

Isa 48:3-4 NKJV "I have declared the former things from the beginning;
They went forth from My mouth, and I caused them to hear it. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass. 4 Because I knew that you were obstinate,
And your neck was an iron sinew, and your brow bronze,

Jer 4:20-21 NKJV Destruction upon destruction is cried, for the whole land is plundered. Suddenly my tents are plundered, and my curtains in a moment. 21 How long will I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?

Jer 6:26-27 NKJV O daughter of my people, Dress in sackcloth And roll about in ashes! Make mourning as for an only son, most bitter lamentation;
For the plunderer will suddenly come upon us. 27 "I have set you as an assayer and a fortress among My people, that you may know and test their way.

Jer 51:8 NKJV Babylon has suddenly fallen and been destroyed. Wail for her! Take balm for her pain; Perhaps she may be healed.

Ezek 9:1-2 NKJV The Wicked Are Slain
Then He called out in my hearing with a loud voice, saying, "Let those who have charge over the city draw near, each with a deadly weapon in his hand." 2 And suddenly six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which faces north, each with his battle-ax in his hand. One man among them was clothed with linen and had a writer's inkhorn at his side. They went in and stood beside the bronze altar.

Ezek 37:7-8 NKJV So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

Dan 7:5 NKJV "And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

Dan 8:5 NKJV And as I was considering, suddenly a male goat came from the west, across the surface of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

Dan 8:15 NKJV Gabriel Interprets the Vision
Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had seen the vision and was seeking the meaning, that suddenly there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.

Dan 10:10-11 NKJV Prophecies Concerning Persia and Greece
Suddenly, a hand touched me, which made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands. 11 And he said to me, "O Daniel, man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for I have now been sent to you." While he was speaking this word to me, I stood trembling.

Dan 10:16 NKJV
16 And suddenly, one having the likeness of the sons of men touched my lips; then I opened my mouth and spoke, saying to him who stood before me, "My lord, because of the vision my sorrows have overwhelmed me, and I have retained no strength.

Mal 3:1-3 NKJV The Coming Messenger
"Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek,

Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming, "Says the LORD of hosts. 2 "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Matt 3:17 NKJV And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Matt 8:23-24 NKJV And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep.

Matt 8:28-29 NKJV And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?"

Matt 9:20-21 NKJV And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came from behind and touched the hem of His garment.
Matt 17:5-8 NKJV While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!"
And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. 7 But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." 8 When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

Matt 26:51 NKJV And suddenly, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword, struck the servant of the high priest, and cut off his ear.

Mark 9:8 NKJV Suddenly, when they had looked around, they saw no one anymore, but only Jesus with themselves.

Mark 13:35-37 NKJV Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming — in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning — 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

Luke 2:13-14 NKJV And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Luke 9:38-39 NKJV Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, "Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child. 39 And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him.

Acts 2:2-4 NKJV And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 16:25-26 NKJV Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

Acts 22:6-8 NKJV "Now it happened, as I journeyed and came near Damascus at about noon, suddenly a great light from heaven shone around me. 7 And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?' 8 So I answered, 'Who are You, Lord?' And He said to me, 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.'

United We Stand Divided We Fall
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I was disturbed again by this whole issue brought up again tonight re: Andrew Strom and his attack on the Toronto/Kansas City movement...Not sure how he feels about Brownsville, but I am upset that people are willing to believe people without even knowing them. The Lord told us to judge the tree by the fruit. As I was praying to Father about it, I heard, " United we stand and divided we fall. I thought to a song from the 60's and then felt to look it up on Google.

UNITED WE STAND
(Written by Tony Hiller / Peter Simons)
The Brotherhood of Man
There's nowhere in the world that I would rather be
Than with you my love
And there's nothing in the world that I would rather see
Than your smile my love
For united we stand
Divided we fall
And if our backs should ever be against the wall
We'll be together, together, you and I
For united we stand
Divided we fall
And if our backs should ever be against the wall
We'll be together, together, you and I
And if the world about you falls apart my love
Then I'll still be here
And if the going gets too hard along the way
Just you call, I'll hear

Sounds much like a song that the Father could sing to His children right now? A spirit of division is the fruit of witchcraft. Derek Prince once said the extent you see divorce in a nation will tell you the amount of witchcraft going on…{paraphrased}.

So then I asked, “What do You want to say Father about this ?”

“The enemy who is the author of division seeks to destroy this next move of the Most Holy Spirit by bringing even further division within My church.
Do not give in My children to the spirit that wishes to divide and conquer.
For he wishes to subdue those who will move into greater authority and power than you’ve ever seen for many hundreds of years. There is nothing he can do to stop what I will do, but he will try. You can make your penance now for any ills done to you in the church or by the churched, or you can wait till I come. But I tell you the truth, NO ONE is above reproach. The moment you catch yourself looking at the faults of another, means your focus is off Me. Most people right now in My church need to be looking at their own sins.

It’s not that the church doesn’t have problems, but you must be above reproach yourself if you want to be part of the solution. No one can walk together unless they are agreed, and so many have parted from the buildings or from congregations because they have seen the hypocrisy and greed, and all the false teaching and stifling of My Spirit. But I tell you the truth, that you will weep and wail on the day I reveal your own faults to you, and I am coming soon to do just that, and to pour out My love. It will come however as a the Spirit of burning for Your God is a Consuming Fire and I will burn off all that cannot withstand the test.

It is NOT a waste of time to spend hours in worship to ME, or to speak My Word in prayer. I have many roles in My Kingdom and there are those who have given themselves fully to MY ideas for what they should do, that now are being shot at by others who are jealous and covetous of the positions and power they have, when they have not paid the same price as the others.
You cannot ascend to power and position unless I RAISE YOU UP.
You cannot make revival happen. That is the work of My Holy Spirit.
You cannot confront darkness when you walk in that same darkness in your own life. You cannot deliver others from bitterness and hatred, from resentment and covetousness if you have that same spirit working in you.
You cannot deliver from control if you are still controlling and manipulating yourself !

If PRIDE lives in you, then you are willing to look at the speck in your brother's eye without seeing what is in your own eyes ! Pharisees were always quick to point out the faults of others, and question what My Son did
when He was only listening to what I wanted Him to do, and obeying. There are many of My own in this hour who have the same thing happening to them for the same reasons. The pharisee's were jealous. There is much sibling rivalry in My house today, because there is so much healing and deliverance needed to the body. But how can I join you if you all have your own agendas ?

Words are twisted to mean something they are not. Lives are ruined because you bite and devour one another ! Blessing and cursing come out of the same mouths that claim to love Me in their worship and it should not be so ! There is much to be done to change the church. There will be confrontation shortly that will bring change. But it will come through those LEAST expected to do anything important for ME. And it will NOT come through those who exalt themselves or their own opinions above others, nor from those who have to tear down others to build themselves up. Those who do the correction will come out of the wilderness with a limp like Jacob.

For they will have been wrestling with ME in PRAYER and they will KNOW MY CHARACTER. They will know MY HEART. And MY heart is not one of condemnation and accusation. Have you forgotten that I said, that those who are lost are already condemned ? And if they are not lost, then they are to be corrected with kindness, and humbleness, recognizing your own propensity for the same sins. Will I not empower you to confront the church when it is time and will you not go in the POWER of Elijah ? I have not poured it out as yet, so how can you take up that mantle without ME ? You WILL know, and it will not because of some stirring in your fleshly heart. It will be in power and in authority - and with great consequence.

I am shaking and I am breaking down false foundations and I will rebuild them with new ones that will hold the building steadfastly. It will be built on TRUTHS, not half truths and lies. The apostolic will be loosed in HOLY vessels. I AM THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MAKE YOU HOLY. It comes from time spent seeking My face, and obedience to what I tell you to do. So many are still bound because the church has been weak and emaciated spiritually.
You, like iron, sharpening iron, are to also rub on each other. The one who inadvertently offends is often the vessel I have used to test you or to try you. Either way, it is because I am working MY CHARACTER into you. You cannot run from the process. Father knows best what you need to look like Me.

There are many stirred up in your hearts because you have seen the injustice. Then sow to the heavens, and sow in the opposites to those around you and watch what I will do. I will give keys if you ask to how to change the environment of your neighborhood, your church, your city. Ask and you shall receive. Knock and the door will be opened. For many of you, if I knocked you wouldn't even notice. There are many types of prophets in the bible, so don't think that just because your role is one thing,

that the others are not right. Ezekial had to lay on his side for over a year. Prophets today would have labeled him a lazy fool. I said to the person that calls your brother
fool, that he is in danger of hell’s fire !

Matt 5:22-23 NKJV But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire.

Come away with ME and buy from ME GOLD REFINED IN THE FIRE ! If you will spend more time in prayer praying for those brothers, without praying your own agenda, but blessing them and praying MY agenda, then perhaps if you BELIEVE, then those prayers will be answered, along with the prayer to make you ONE as WE ARE ONE ! Granted that many will fall away as predicted will happen. But right now in this nation, I am calling you to be ONE in ME. One in the Spirit. LOVE ONE ANOTHER as I HAVE LOVED YOU. I have been patient with you, so will you love one another ? If someone has done you harm. Will you pay in like kind or reject them, or will you do something kind for them, and love them anyway. I told you to love your enemies, to be kind to those who hate you, and to pray for those who spitefully use you. THAT is the standard I want you to aim for. I have been patient with you, have I not ? Who made you the judge ? And if you judge rightly, you have nothing to fear. If you are without sin, then you can cast stones.

Suddenly
Sandy Warner

Sep 22, 2004
A season of "suddenlys." Long you have waited for this fulfillment. Now you are confirmed. I have promised it, I AM doing it. Suddenly, all at once, what was not, is.

Have hope! Years of prayers are not lost. Why so long? Because the battle was greater than yourself. Great warfare has taken place in the heavenlies and worldwide strongholds have been broken. Your portion is coming. Give Me time to set things in order. Be prepared. Even now the prey is being divided and sent on its way.

Flood waters covered the land, but now they are receding. With each new day, new land is emerging. Inheritance free and waiting to be occupied. Yes. Go for it.

"...So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order. And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly." (2 Chronicles 29:35-36)

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Do You Need Surgery Or Favor
Sandy Warner

Sep 20, 2004?
When the enemy has made plans against you for your destruction, always remember that I hold the wind and the waves within boundaries. Sometimes I allow the enemy access to rebuke and chasten the ones I love who have burned their consciences and are blind to their own rebellions. Yes, a time of surgery is coming for those who are blind, naked and lukewarm. They have tested Me through their love for compromising worldly entertainment and fallen short. This has opened the door to embracing plastic counterfeit spirits into their lives.

Those of you who have yielded to Me in earnest repentance, those who are humble, willing, teachable and yielded to Me, you have nothing to fear. As you bow low before Me with fearful hearts, not because you fear the demonic plot, but because you want to please Me, I completely canopy you with My grace and favor. Anything the enemy says becomes a false alarm, for you are safely preserved. He may accuse you of being slimed from the counterfeit and the storm may appear violent but it will pass you without harm.

I do allow the wind and the rain to touch your soul and flesh. I will use the storms in life to draw out and separate that which does not belong to Me. I separate between the soul and the Spirit that My living water may run clear and pure without mixture in your life.

Yes I ask you to stand and say no to the enemy slime and uncertainties. Yes it is vital that you learn to read the signs of the times and stay within the boundaries of safety that I have prescribed. As you stand in the reality of My generous covering, you will find, dear one, that no matter what you see coming against you, it will turn to mere smoke that is swept right past you. Let Me carry you and your burdens. No matter what the alarm, do not worry precious one. It is your choice to rest in My favor and stand against the alarming signs of the times.

John 17:15 NLT
I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.

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Pray At Dark On Yom Kipper
Sandy Warner

Sep 24, 2004
Papa on the beginning of this holy night, I lay my heart before You and ask that the blood of Jesus cover us, our families and our loved ones. I ask for Your loving mercy to forgive our daily, hourly, moment by moment sins where we each have failed and fallen short of You. Not one of us are righteous or worthy.

I ask for Your mercy and the blood of Jesus Christ to cover us and keep us warm and protected as we each individually pass under Your rod and the inspections of Your all seeing eye. Lord Your eye searches to and fro to seek out those whose hearts are turned toward You. You listen to our thoughts and You separate our motives. You know our passions and where our treasures are.

Oh dear Papa, the Almighty One Who sits on His throne of Justice, I ask that You will allow us as a people to graduate to the next level of Kingdom authority, Kingdom movement and Kingdom plan. We have now come into the days of acceleration Lord. I thank You that delay is broken and Your divine time clock is ticking faster. I ask by a move of Your divine plan and hand, that You will thwart the plans of darkness and allow us all to graduate and move on past the years of hopeless delay.

I ask that we will together stay bonded as a corporate family and move into the awesome days You have promised. Lord I ask that those whom we have carried, who are rebellious and stubborn and still seek their own ways, that You will be gracious and answer the earnest prayers of praying parents and allow these to cross over with us onto the next level. We ask that in so allowing them to come, that Your dealings remain with grace, but that Your dealings will be accelerated and highlighted for a quick work to bring them to repentance. It is Your kindness that leads to repentance Lord. I ask that in Your kindness, we will not have to leave our loved ones behind on the other side of the dividing line, and because of the years of pain and delay in waiting, I ask that we will not have to stay behind with them as bridges and intercessors. I ask instead, that we will all be allowed to move forward as a corporate family in one unit. Here our cries Lord, coming from years of bondage, sin and decay. Visit us oh Father and move us forward away from captivity.

I ask that You will visit your prophets this night in holy communion and bring us Your living rhema Word for this next season in our life. I ask that Your Word will bring clarity, hope and deliverance for all who would receive it. In Jesus Name.

Prov 15:3 KJV
The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

Jer 17:10 NLT
But I know! I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve."

Heb 10:19-23 NLT

And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. This is the new, life-giving way that Christ has opened up for us through the sacred curtain, by means of his death for us. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's people, let us go right into the presence of God, with true hearts fully trusting him. For our evil consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

Recovering Family Time
Sandy Warner

Sep 24, 2004
My people have fallen into the pain of isolation and barricaded hearts due to disjointed and broken relationships. How I have grieved over them, that they might know the intimate comfort of belonging to My loving family!

The children look to their parents and wonder if the scepter of favor will be extended, so they may approach their parent's esteemed world. The parents minister through the constraints of need. All reach out through wounded arms and hands, having been burnt from their past disappointments.

Listen up, dear family! When I begin to draw you into the loving warmth of genuine relationship, do not run away. Do not fear. Do not go deeper into your safe and cold hearts, lest you die from freezing temperatures. I AM warming the hearts of My kindred heart family. I AM drawing them into a new place. It is there that the table of My Presence will be round, where all may sit equal distance and face to face. I shall link your hearts in common support and mutual pursuit of My Word. I shall bring you together into this new place where you shall discover that your lives are intimately joined at the hip like the puzzling together of My Word. From the youngest to the oldest, all shall know the purity of My love and the beauty of the unity of the brethren.

Ps 133 NLT
How wonderful it is, how pleasant, when brothers live together in harmony! For harmony is as precious as the fragrant anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And the LORD has pronounced his blessing, even life forevermore.

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Still Uniting Team Ministries
Sandy Warner

Sep 6, 2004
I have called many to connect in team ministries. These teams gifts shall weave in and out and bring forth My Word-pictures as signs to light the way. A little here and a little there, I shall delight all who participate in teamship, with confirmations and increased gifts as I shed additional light and understanding upon what I AM speaking.

Colossians 2:2 NLT
My goal is that they will be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have full confidence because they have complete understanding of God's secret plan, which is Christ himself.

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Yielding To The Natural Way
Sandy Warner

Sep 8, 2004
Precious one, how I love your tenacity to cling to Me and how proud I am of your stubbornness to resist enemy plots. Dearest, I have carefully watched you, and if you had to make the choice you would choose to go down with the ship, if that is what you believed was the right way.

There are times to stand for supernatural intervention and there are times to submit to natural wisdom. In all ways, I have asked you to occupy until I come. Sometimes, because of the timing of your waiting period, it is necessary for you to yield to the voice of wisdom that I have given to men who have gained expertise in their field.

I know this is not your highest choice or aim, all of heaven knows your strong stand of faith. But I am asking you to yield to Me in this matter and know that I also work through men. Trust Me to carry you through this. Remember it is I Who declares all boundaries. You have nothing to fear. Please trust Me to also take care of you in this natural way.

Job 38:8-11 NLT
Who defined the boundaries of the sea as it burst from the womb, and as I clothed it with clouds and thick darkness? For I locked it behind barred gates, limiting its shores. I said, `Thus far and no farther will you come. Here your proud waves must stop!'

John 17:15-16
I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one.

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Room For You At The Fort
Sandy Warner

Sep 10, 2004
Yes, My loved ones, I am making room for you. Even as Jacob traveled towards his beloved son Joseph, you have traveled far to be reunited with what you have lost. The world will grow colder, but there will always be warmth and ample supply in your spiritual Goshen. I have gone before you and prepared a place for you. Drive your burdens, families and promises right to the doors of protection. The watchmen will see you coming and swing them wide open. There's room for you in this safe place. There is much joy in the camp, for they have great anticipation for forthcoming family reunions.

Genesis 46:29-31
"And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, because thou art yet alive. And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and shew Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me.

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Spiritual Warfare 101

Bob Neumann

For the last few hours I should have been watching some really anticipated college football games. Instead I stayed in my place and waited. All I "got" was that the "SO CALLED SAINTS" have no real knowledge of "WARFARE IN HIS SPIRIT". TWO things should jump out at whoever reads this...."SO CALLED SAINTS"...."WARFARE IN HIS SPIRIT".

Let's take the first one..."SO CALLED SAINTS" which means that there are people out there who think they are SAINTS...those who have separated from the world and "are of THE LORD"....but are not. These are obviously the GOATS who will cry out "BUT LORD, LORD" and will be told by THE KING..."I NEVER KNEW YOU".

The second is obviously an overflow of #1. People who are in warfare but not in THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT. Which means the battles "they choose" is not THE LORDS... and what empowers them is not HOLY.

With all the experts out there writing books and giving seminars, and all the peoples who have gotten into "it"....why is the church in such a mess... why are so many "Saints" messed up and struggling all the time.

Now what I was given concerning this was just an old song....real old....

Psalm 18 1 I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. 2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. 3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. 4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. 5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE 101 is simple...it starts with I WILL LOVE THEE, O LORD. Awesome ain't it. And it only gets better...they acknowledge that THE LORD ONLY is MY STRENGTH. So peoples out there who are perpetual victims are those who still want to do things there own way. Why did THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT just give me the term "perpetual victims"? It is because GOD'S PEOPLE are supposed to be OVERCOMERS. Obviously they never got to verse 2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

If you are not looking to THE LORD in all these images you become vulnerable. If you do not live each and every day in verse 2, you will not find verse 3I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Now David had his troubles and they are shared with us in the next verses4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. 5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me. David only had three areas of trouble....DEATH, UNGODLY MEN, and HELL. They would be sufficient to make anyone realize that he David, THE LORD'S ANOINTED needed GOD. So we have verse 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears. The only ONE who could SAVE was DAVID'S GOD. So you have to ask...the "so called saints"...who or what is "their god"? Who or what do the worship?

I do not even want to touch this, but I have to. THE LAMB OF GOD taught us a person can not SERVE TWO MASTERS. THE SAINTS can not be double minded, in anything. Granted we are all "works in progress", but the times and seasons have changed and so do HIS SERVANTS. Because they wait upon HIM and HIM ALONE.

this is just the first lesson...
Selah
old dog

All Those Turkeys
Bob Neumann

Last night my wife asked what I wanted for Thanksgiving dinner. While turkey is traditional there are some choices. Cajun Deep Fried, Smoked Turkey, Roasted Turkey, Mesquite turkey breast..... and of course glazed spiral ham. I suggested how about "smoked turkey", and my wife commented "too dry". So I stayed silent...if I can not guess what my wife wants the first try....my second and third are always worse.

So I went up to the bedroom anticipating actually sleeping but just could not "get comfortable". So I got up and put an old ISRAEL'S HOPE cd on and just worshipped. When it got to the song that went "O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, CALL UPON HIS NAME...." I heard a most familiar VOICE ask a question. "REMEMBER ALL THOSE TURKEYS?". And I thought immediately.... remember all those TURKEYS?....how can I forget.

In the last week I have had my problems, we all have problems. Issues about MERCY and SUFFERING, TITHING and GIVING, WARFARE and HARVEST. This week amerika will celebrate THANKSGIVING. Basically what we have is a nice long weekend and lots of leftovers to devour watching football games. Few will remember the origin of this FEAST OF REMEMBRANCE...few will actually care in this "land of plenty".

It is easy to forget the BLESSINGS and GRACE of ABBA when things are going well. When things go bad, we are screaming and demanding quick response time. Sometimes you have to remember who your Daddy is.... and all that HE HAS DONE FOR US...

I remember the TURKEYS quite well. Mainly because it was the Thanksgiving after Hurricane Andrew hit us hard in southern Dade County. Over three months had passed and we still had our roof covered with plastic sheets and tarps. About 40% of our roof had been blown completely off and all the insulation had been sucked out and scattered all over the Everglades. So the slightly cooler weather was most welcome.

In previous years the hospital I worked for gave turkeys to all employees. This years rumors were flying about changes in management...bankruptcy.... and no turkeys. The hospital and the corporation were in serious trouble. In the next year the hospital would be sold to another corporation, so some of the rumors had some foundation. But I had worked there over 10 years...hadn't bought a turkey for thanksgiving in years.

And me being cheap...I mean a good steward...I knew there would be sales on turkey...and did not worry. Since Andrew I was averaging over 56 hours a week and the overtime jumped my taxes horribly...so I could afford to buy a turkey. But a few weeks before TURKEY DAY at a meeting of men's ministry we got into how THE LORD had done such great things for so many of us in this period after Andrew. And I mentioned that OUR GOD sees to our needs and will PROVIDE...MORE THAN ENOUGH. Of course I still had a job, my house though badly damaged was "livable"...(my opinion, my wife did not agree)....so I understood how many of these guys had been pushed to the breaking point and were barely holding on day by day.

So Tuesday morning I went from work to the local Winn-Dixie. I bought a turkey...real cheap...my wife was not happy because it was "too big" and not a "butterball". 16 pounds was the smallest of the cheaper birds they had left. So I made room in the fridge and went to sleep. Work that night was the usual and about 6am the hospital CEO came into the ICU. He had spent the night arguing with corporate types and found the other CEO's of the other hospitals in the corporation had chipped in and he got turkeys for all the employees.

Like I said I am cheap. And I had at home a near empty chest freezer that I had got all the mildew out of after Andrew cut out our electricity for 13 days. So I took it home. Went to put it in the freezer and found two turkeys already there. My wife did not tell me that her hospital decided to give out turkeys, they had never done it before and never would again. I worked there part time...so she got two turkeys....each less than 16lbs...no butterball... but they were free.

That afternoon I had a friend stop by. His church was passing out food baskets and he wanted to "bless" me because of the joint work several of our churches had done. I tried to refuse...and realized I would hurt some feelings needlessly. So now I had 5 turkeys. That evening someone else came by, from the church I attended ...he had spent hours delivering turkeys...he had two left and wanted to bless me..... I wonder if Trey remembers....he knew I had a near empty chest freezer. I had room for a few extra TURKEYS..... actually Trey supplied us with turkeys several times over the years...

Now I had 7 turkeys....the eighth came from my sister in law. She had been given a turkey from the hospital she worked for...several years later after much help cooked her first American turkey. She and her husband and son were going to eat with us...which is why I thought 16lbs was not too big....but her husband was invited to Orlando...soooo they went and left us their bird because they had no freezer space. By this time neither did we.

On THANKSGIVING DAY the year Hurricane Andrew went by I was sitting in front of the TV as my wife and kids headed out to see a movie. I was stuffed and turned off the TV at half time. AND I pondered...and I thought of an old Bing Crosby song about COUNTING YOUR BLESSINGS. So I started...missed the whole 3rd quarter. That night when wife Mila, daughter Jennifer, and son Andrew were all snoring up a storm I walked through the house giving thanks and worshipping. Telling my ABBA how wonderful HE WAS/IS/WILL ALWAYS BE. I thanked him for keeping my wife and children safe THROUGH THE STORM...thanked HIM for not knocking down the hospitals we worked at so we did not loose our jobs. Thanked HIM for toilets that flushed and for AIR CONDITIONING. Thanked HIM for all HIS SAINTS in my life and my new brother TREY HE had brought down after the STORM.

But I did ask HIM why all the TURKEYS....it had amazed me how they kept coming from all directions. and all I heard was "JUST REMEMBER".

But I had not thought about it in years. Funny how it came back now. So I actually had forgotten. I wonder how much we have all forgotten....until THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT brings things to remembrance. Selah old dog

Spiritual Warfare 102 - Revelation To Relationship

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The story of King David's life is a text book example of SPIRITUAL WARFARE. David's survival is spelled out in THE REVELATION he was given of his GOD. The reason why so many "so called saints" are in continuous turmoil in their lives is that there is no revelation. Without REVELATION there is no relationship. Without relationship there certain It is no covenant. David expresses his knowledge of just who his GOD is in Psalm 18 verse 2.

2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.

Count them, there are seven declarations here. If you look at this seven part PATTERN it is the CLASSIC MENORAH. The LAMPSTAND of the TABERNACLE which is referred to AS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. Following this pattern we can see that David's LORD was his ROCK, his FORTRESS, his DELIVERER.... and then DAVID SAYS HIS LORD IS HIS GOD........... now DAVID'S LORD is THE STRENGTH IN WHOM DAVID TRUSTS.... then DAVID'S LORD is HIS BUCKLER/SHIELD and the HORN/SOURCE of SALVATION. And Last, DAVID'S LORD is HIS HIGH TOWER.....the PLACE WHERE THE RIGHTEOUS RUN TO.

THE MOST HIGH GOD had revealed HIMSELF unto DAVID. How has THE MOST HIGH REVEALED himself to any of you?

Now that may not seem an important issue. Especially to those "so called saints" secure and safe within their personal deception. They may say this "stuff" is all over the Bible. The problem is that it is not. Not as David puts it. Nor is there anything like what follows after DAVID called out in his DISTRESS....and HIS LORD...HIS GOD...HEARD HIM

7 Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. 8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet. 10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. 11 He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. 12 At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire. 13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire. 14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them. 15 Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

Psalm 18 is repeated in 2 Samuel 22. What David accounts here is quite dramatic. More so because no one else were given anything near the level and clarity of vision. So the reason that GOD speaks of DAVID as being a man after HIS OWN HEART is this awesome level of revelation that births a relationship unprecedented.

Now David was not perfect. He just repented when faced with his sins. In Psalm 51 he begs that THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT not be taken from him. The COMFORTER that JESUS promised HIS FOLLOWERS was no stranger to DAVID. The last thing David wanted to happen was a loss of relationship..... of FELLOWSHIP with THE LORD HIS GOD.

Paul tells us to "put on the whole armor of GOD". FIRST THERE IS TRUTH.... FOLLOWED BY RIGHTEOUSNESS...Then comes the PREPARATION of THE GOSPEL of PEACE....THEN COMES FAITH, SALVATION, and THE WORD OF GOD. All require revelation to understand and to utilize... IF....IF....IF....you are to survive THE EVIL DAY.

Do you really know THE GOD DAVID SAW IN VERSES 7-15? THE GOD DAVID LOVED?

So what relationship do you really have.

Are you a VICTIM....or an OVERCOMER?

Do you really know?

Selah dog

Spiritual Warfare 103..... Divine Focus

Someone asked how relationship with GOD has anything to do with what is called SPIRITUAL WARFARE. The fact that someone need to ask the question made me realize that maybe I was barking up the wrong tree. In Ephesians 6 Paul gives an explicit account of who our opposition is. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Just the concept of "SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS" should make you look at this from outside the prospective of the natural. Likewise to assume that what Paul writes of was something new on this planet as the disciple went forth to preach the GOSPEL of THE KINGDOM is facetious. What we call the public ministry of JESUS was warfare against the "SPIRITUAL WICKEDNESS" wherever HE TRAVELED. So if you are honest you have to admit that David's battles were not just in the natural.

4 The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

Verse 4 speaks of Sorrows of Death and Floods of ungodly men. Now you can try and take it literally and say that David was afraid of natural death at the hands of human men. But verse 5 takes it out of the natural plain. 5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me.

Here David speaks of DEATH a second time. And the TERM "SECOND DEATH" should be familiar to the student of the BOOK of REVELATION. In the Letter to the church in Smyrna we are introduced to a new concept, "the synagogue of SATAN". JESUS HIMSELF has the answer on how to deal with this situation.

10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Death in the natural is anticipated, but the "overcomer" shall not be hurt by THE SECOND DEATH. David was fighting in the natural realm where his own courage and skill was a great asset. But when HELL and DEATH come together as they do in verse 5 and in Rev 6:8 we are dealing with something very Supernatural. And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed with him. So David needed someone far greater than himself to call out to. How did he figure out WHO he needed? James 4 gives us some valuable information.

6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Now David did not start Psalm 18 with a declaration of "submission", it was a declaration of LOVE. David was well into the drawing nigh. "I LOVE YOU" is a lot more emotional than "I submit to your authority". James is giving his readers a crisp scourging by addressing them as sinners and double minded sinners at that.

We all know that David too sinned, yet HIS GOD heard his call and acted. Once again we have a pattern. 16 He sent from above, he took me, he drew me out of many waters. 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me. 18 They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay.

Verses 16-18 addresses David's rescue from the flood of "ungodly men". The "waters" stirred up to destroy David were "many" but useless when compared to David's GOD. In verse 17 David acknowledges both the strength and hatred of those that sought to kill the shepherd boy. Verse 18 reinforces his dependence on his GOD. And it is here that things change.

19 He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. It seems that DAVID'S GOD was mighty fond of DAVID. GOD must have a reason. 20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

Look back at James' words. David's hands were clean...in GOD'S EYES. For which DAVID WAS REWARDED....GOD saved and delivered him from all his foes...natural and spiritual. And it goes farther....

21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. 22 For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me. 23 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity. 24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

Once again we have the clean hands, but what preceded it was clearly a single mindedness that I find worth emulating.

KEEP THE WAYS OF THE LORD! CLING TO GOD AND FLEE WICKEDNESS! BE AWARE OF HIS JUDGMENTS AND FOLLOW HIS STATUTES! WALK UPRIGHT BEFORE GOD ALWAYS! STAY FAR AWAY FROM INIQUITY!

All of this sounds sensible, even prudent. So why is this thing called "SPIRITUAL WARFARE" such a "BIG DEAL" in so many places?

Just maybe there are a whole bunch of "so called saints" whose hands GOD sees...and GOD does not delight in them as HE DID DAVID? Selah dog

Spiritual Warfare 305 - The Pathway To Victory
Bob Neumann

To comprehend the level of attacks that will befall the TRUE SAINTS OF GOD in these END TIMES/LAST DAYS all we need to do is look at David. Psalm 18 speaks of a two way relationship between David and HIS LORD. It speaks of David's revelatory knowledge of GOD. It also speaks of what HIS GOD does for him...and through him.

You have to remember that King Saul was the KING after the People's HEART. When the people went to THE PROPHET SAMUEL and demanded a king like the pagans had, Samuel thought they were rejecting his work. Only GOD corrected Samuel and explained that what ISRAEL was rejecting was GOD'S PLAN. David was the man GOD intended to bring ISRAEL to the level they failed to reach under Joshua and THE JUDGES. King Saul started with an anointing and prophesied. When Saul decided when and where to ignore GOD'S WILL, he fell and was given a SPIRIT to torment him.

Now GOD "sent" that spirit unto Saul. David's music held it at bay, until Saul started taking David's popularity personally. And we all know how Saul ended.

So back to Psalm 18 and the next turn it takes.....

33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places. The "hind" is an archaic term for deer. David is given swiftness and sureness of foot. Attributes quite useful in close combat. But then he speaks of BEING SET on THE HIGH PLACES. Here we have a classic double image. THE HIGH PLACES were a major place of idol worship. Of ASTROLOGY and DIVINATION. Of unholy rituals and debauchery to appease the "other gods" YHVH ADONAI had warned Moses and the children of Israel while still in the desert. It was this "worship of other gods" that brought trouble and misery to GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE. In Rev 13 we are told that the FALSE PROPHET that "looked like a lamb" but had "the voice of the dragon" will strive to get the WHOLE WORLD to worship THE BEAST. Here David is set upon THESE HIGH PLACES....you may ask why? The HIGH GROUND is the choice to fight a battle. Forces the enemy to attack running uphill. Places David in the superior position in several ways.

34 He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. All of this is so David could make war...against GOD'S enemies. Both in the natural world and the world of the SPIRIT. The terminology of "teacheth my hands to war" is most interesting. Easily you can take it that David was "taught" how to handle weapons. Sling, sword, bow and arrow were ancient weapons David would use. Yet the image of "to war" speaks of strategy... of command leadership...which brought David to a place people recognized. Yes, David was a great warrior, killing his thousands and ten thousands. Yet in the caves men came to him out of their own troubles and became the core by which the ARMY OF ISRAEL was established. The ARMY that David led to victory, that was the foundation that Solomon used to expand THE KINGDOM. No earthly army wanted to fight it, so they married their daughters to Solomon and established agreements for peace and trade. In the second part of verse 34 we have the aspect of supernatural strength to go with speed and maneuverability. Now these alone should have sufficed to assure David victory. Only David knew better.

35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

Long before Paul penned his letter to Ephesus David understood the images Paul passed down to us...and added to it. We are all given the SHIELD of GOD'S SALVATION... but DAVID acknowledges it is GOD'S RIGHT HAND...HIS MESSIAH...that holds him up. How did David see that 1000 years before the CHILD WAS BORN and THE SON GIVEN? Simple...RHEMA. Now Verse 35 ends on a different note...YOUR GENTLENESS has made me great. David's revelation of the GREAT AND TERRIBLE GOD is also a revelation of THE SHEPHERD and THE FRIEND....of THE ONE WHO CARES FOR DAVID....in spite of his sins and failings.

36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, that my feet did not slip. First impression is this is sort of

where we started....hind's feet....only it is not. Steps here is not where David places his feet...but on WHAT... STEPS are the means of climbing...going up.... Add to that David says that it was done so that his feet would not slip makes this important because it places David going UP. As in "LET US GO UP TO...." ....which is always the GOAL David desires, dreams of, sings about...THE HOUSE OF HIS GOD. Which is a strange way to end this section. Or maybe it is not. It all depends on what our purpose and reason for our belief systems is derived. What we desire to be....in HIS TIME. Selah old dog

Listening To The Wind Chimes
Bob Neumann

A SHORT VISION AND RHEMA... It is TUESDAY...It is DECEMBER 7th...I just got off the phone with my friend Harley. At the beginning of the conversation he mentioned just watching an EAGLE fly overhead. He mentioned the local squirrels and birds who usually were active at this time of day had all hunkered down until THE PREDATOR was no longer around. While we talked I could hear the wind was just tearing through the wind chimes on the front of the house. Continuously chiming for all the time we were on the phone. From the sound of the wind we were getting gusts of 40-50 miles per hour. As I sat and watched out the front of my house I watched the 3 sets of wind chimes spin and move with the wind. With each gust the chimes moved and the house creaked. And me being the perpetual optimist thought, HOW MUCH COULD THIS HOUSE TAKE? The thought centered around "wind". Throughout the time I was on the phone I had noticed two things. The gusts were definitely getting stronger, and the dog was not in any of her usual places. I found her in the bedroom on the floor with her head down and tail unmoving. My wife was pleasantly snoring away and oblivious to the wind or the dog's unease. So I left the two of them upstairs and went back to watch the wind.

So far today I have kept the TV off, ran two short errands and stayed still and quiet. Today is TUESDAY. It is also PEARL HARBOR DAY. As I pondered that I had a little journey. Where I had been looking through a large windowed vista, what was now before me was open. A strong cold wind was blowing as I looked out into a rainy, gloomy world. Like in my home, I was looking down. And instead of a road and other houses, all I saw was darkness.

What I was looking through was an opening in a stone wall. Over my head was a ceiling of sorts. So I was standing in a window of a keep or a well built walled area. My first thought was "interesting". Then I heard a shout.. "THE BARBARIANS ARE AT THE GATE".... My first thought was whether they "brought their invitations this time". At that time I heard running footsteps overhead. Obviously someone was awake and sober...and ready. It was then I heard a familiar voice ask a question: "WITH THE BARBARIANS AT YOUR GATES, WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE PSYCHOPATHS AND SOCIOPATHS INSIDE?"

You can plan to defend yourself from outside attack. But what do you do with the PREDATORS already inside? Harley's EAGLE soared overhead. Everything vulnerable found a bolt hole. When the EAGLE left the area, or found his dinner elsewhere, things would return to normal.

It all depends what NORMAL means.

there was a time where a people lived in PEACE and Safety. they worked hard and watched the world around them. some watched the events of the world and voiced their concern. some said if we stay out of other people's situations their problems would never concern us. they called themselves isolationists.

then one day word came that one of their cities had been attacked, their fleet was decimated, and war had come to them. FDR said that December 7th was a day of INFAMY....a day that should never be forgotten. later we found that THE AXIS nations had developed extensive networks for espionage and sabotage against this people who had been content to sit and watch.

I share this VISION and RHEMA with all who have eyes to see and ears to here. There is coming a time where we all will have to have an answer to HIS QUESTION. Selah bob, an old dog

Spiritual Warfare 444 - The Steps Of The Conqueror
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For years the AMERICKAN ANTI-CHURCH has made big money on their game of SPIRITUAL WARFARE. They have peddled their wares far and wide for years. Tens of thousands of people have taken courses and attended conferences. Yet after all that has happened the state of THE SPIRITUAL STATUS of the AMERIKAN NATION is abysmal. Crime is still endemic, Violence is everywhere, Drug use expands, IMMORALITY is everywhere.

Now TAKE THE CHURCH. Half is liberal humanist... Half is some type of moderate/conservative. In either half UNCLEAN and FAMILIAR spirits abide and prosper in either OPEN/BLATANT false doctrines and teachings, or HIDDEN/COVERT manipulation, control and seduction.

All of these crimes the ANTI-CHURCH and the AMERIKAN SOCIETY in which it sprang up has been INDICTED, shall now stand before THE JUDGE OF ETERNITY. IN HIS COURT THERE ARE NO PLEAS FOR LENIENCY BECAUSE HE JUDGES AND MAKES WAR IN RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Five times we have turned to Psalm 18 to understand how we, DAVID'S SEED can journey in his footsteps. Now this sixth lesson is actually the POST GRADUATE course of the curriculum. It is putting the first five lessons learned to actual use.

So we start with the next image in DAVID'S LIFE.... 37I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed. David came to a point where he left the caves and ATTACKED ISRAEL'S ENEMIES. Here he speaks of PURSUING his enemies...chasing them down, hunting them out. No longer is he "hiding" no longer is he in the defensive position. Simply withstanding the plots and attacks are enough. Now he is HUNTING DOWN...running down his enemies and eating them.... "till they were consumed".... DEVOURED.

38I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet. Here is an interesting image. David's foes were so badly wounded they lay helpless on the ground. Neither in verse 37 or verse 38 DOES DAVID SAY I SLEW MY ENEMIES....KILLED 'EM ALL....WIPED THEM ALL OUT. MAYBE IT WAS BECAUSE HE HAD ENEMIES THAT COULD NOT BE KILLED....because they were SPIRIT...and not FLESH AND BLOOD.

39For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

Once again we see DAVID acknowledging HIS STRENGTH is HIS GOD and not himself. He declares that THE GOD IN WHOM HE HAS PERSONAL REVELATION AND RELATIONSHIP subdued those who were a danger to DAVID.

40Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me. Imagine your enemy at your feet, neck exposed, awaiting the execution richly deserved. David found his enemies just that way. SO...they cried for mercy...

41They cried, but there was none to save them: even unto the LORD, but he answered them not. At this point DAVID had OVERCOME his FOES. He had complete victory. HE HAD CONQUERED. All because he had put HIS TRUST IN HIS GOD. Even "the fallen" called out to DAVID'S GOD...and GOD does not answer. "BUT LORD...LORD...."

42Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

BEATEN BADLY AND CAST OUT...sound familiar...

26His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: 27Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. 28Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. 29For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. 30And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The WICKED SERVANT gets the same treatment DAVID gave his ENEMIES....SELAH....AMEN

43Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and thou hast made me the head of the heathen: a people whom I have not known shall serve me. Now David speaks of the strivings with the people. Here David is talking of the NATURAL WORLD... David had defeated his foes in both THE NATURAL and the SPIRIT...because HIS GOD gave him the victory. EVERY KNEE BOWED TO DAVID...and HIS SEED.

44As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me: the strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

45The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places. They hear and obey. They accept DAVID'S AUTHORITY over them. They are submitted to HIM as GOD'S SOVEREIGN. Even strangers who have fled out of the land FEAR his dominion.

I wonder how fearful of THE ANTI-CHURCH are the POWERS OF DARKNESS? Do PRINCIPALITIES tremble when NICOLA TIN OVERLORDS try to shout them down?

35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VICTORY IN JESUS...TO OVERCOME...is wonderful.

BUT IS IT ALL WE ARE CALLED TO DO?

each SHEEP and each CHILD and each servant must choose for themselves.

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Spiritual Warfare in the Last Days
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My precious people...I wish to speak unto you today regarding Spiritual warfare and your need to become proficient in using the weapons of warfare which I have provided for you. Many of you are enduring many things that are coming against you...loss of jobs, of health, of finances, of homes and of children and you have not even thought of these disasters as being instigated by the enemy. Satan will try everything at his disposal to turn you away from Me and from the path I have chosen for you. Do not accept the trials that he is endeavoring to put upon you but rise up and use the weapons and power which I have given you, to defeat all his efforts. Become proficient in using all my weapons of warfare because, as tribulation increases in your world, you will encounter many times when you will need to go into battle against the enemy.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. (Ephes. 6:10-12)

So many of you, My people, ignore this portion of Scripture, thinking that the enemy will not come near you. Indeed, I say unto you, every one who has accepted Me as your Savior is prone to attacks by the enemy and needs to be protected and ready to go to war with him.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day , and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephes. 6:13-17)

My people, take heed to My admonition to daily put on My armor and so protect yourselves against anything the enemy might bring against you. I tell you, My precious ones, as these days of tribulation increase in intensity, the only way to protect yourselves from attacks of the enemy is to become proficient in using the weapons of warfare I have given you to come against him.

Another weapon I have provided for you is to attack the enemy with words of Scripture, declaring "It is written." The enemy cannot tolerate My Word and you will see him depart from you.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. (Rev. 12:11)

My people you cannot comprehend the power contained in My blood which was shed for you on Calvary. Proclaim it against the enemy and see him lose all power over you. Battle him also with the words of your testimony.

Beloved, as you are faithful in using My weapons of warfare you will find freedom from all areas that the enemy could attack and therefore freedom in serving Me. I am preparing you, My people, for your end time ministries for Me when you shall go forth with the power of My Spirit, to win your world for Me. Even in the midst of great tribulation as foretold by the prophets of old, shall you boldly go forth and minister salvation and healing to the multitudes.

As promised in My Word I shall never leave you nor forsake you as you are obedient to all I ask of you. Your ministries shall be far reaching and shall bring joy to your hearts as you fulfill My calling on your life.

Defeating The Enemy
Dorothea Monatgue

O, My people, I am speaking to you today amidst the persecutions and tribulations of the world. I have prepared your hearts to withstand the troubles of the world and you are not succumbing to the attacks of the enemy but standing strong for Me. Of course the enemy does not want you to serve Me so is bringing his weapons to bear against you. However, I admonish you to be in remembrance that, "Greater is He who is within you than he who is in the world." I say unto you, My people, as you are faithful in prayer and study of My Word, I shall make you strong and nothing shall be able to penetrate the armor I have provided for you.

I have been preparing you, My precious people, to battle the powers of darkness which shall endeavor to overcome you in these, the last days. You have been aware of My strength and My power being poured upon you in these days and you have felt all fear of the future draining from you.

I am raising up an army to serve Me in these days, a strong army which shall not be defeated. As you, My beloved, go forth to serve in My army you shall witness the defeat of the enemy on every side and you shall have the freedom to minister for Me wherever I shall lead you. I shall put in place powerful end time ministries amongst My people. I shall make you "fishers of men.

And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Matt. 4:19)

O, My people, these are times of harvest and even in the midst of great tribulation multitudes will be won for My kingdom. You will speak forth with boldness the words which I shall give you, to all whom you meet, which will touch the hearts of all who hear. You shall speak forth words of Scripture which you have never learned and they, too, will touch hearts and draw them to Me.

I tell you, My beloved, I am coming soon for those who are Mine so time is of an essence to bring in the harvest.

Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones shall perish. (Matt. 18:14)

Troubled times shall abound all over the world and I am preparing each of you to contend with every aspect of troubles and trials. I am pouring My strength upon you, My people. I am preparing you to minister in the supernatural where wonders and miracles shall abound..

My beloved, prepare in the Spiritual realm. Seek the infilling of the Holy Spirit and receive the Gifts of the Spirit. Do not fear to use the Gifts I shall give you as you minister to others.

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to *another faith through the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another interpretation of tongues. (1 Cor. 12:7-10)*

My precious people, I am calling you to seek Me for all preparation you will need to go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit to serve Me in these last days.

Stand Fast in the Faith
Dorothea Montague

My beloved people...

Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. Let all that you do be done with love. (1 Cor. 16: 13,14)

Yes, My people, stand fast in the faith, put your trust in Me as you face the troubles and trials of the world as it is in these present days. Do not waver in your faith, Stand strong in My Word and know that it is truth. Believe that every promise therein is truth and store them in your heart. With love in your hearts for all who cross your path testify to them of Me and of My salvation which is offered so freely to all. Timing is of an essence in these last days and I need you, My people, to bring in the harvest of souls destined for My kingdom.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. (2 Cor. 1:3-5)

O, My children, the world abounds with hurting, brokenhearted people and I am instilling within your hearts a great compassion for these people and you will begin to comfort them in all their troubles, even as I have comforted you. In doing so you will win many for Me.

I am instilling in each of your hearts a great compassion for those with sickness and disease in their bodies and you shall begin to pray for them with great power and see them healed. Be in remembrance that I took your diseases and infirmities on the cross of Calvary as well as your sins.

....Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness...by whose stripes you were healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

I not only died for the sins of the whole world that everyone who comes to Me might be saved but....

He Himself took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses. (Matt. 8:17b)

If My Word says that by My stripes you were healed, then you are healed for My Word speaks only truth. So many of you are crying out for My hand of healing to touch you when in reality you have received your healing. You need only believe that this is so and begin to praise and thank Me for your healing. So many of you, when yoyu pray for the sick are imploring Me to heal them when they are already healed. You need rather, to teach them the truth about healing so that their faith would arise and they would receive healing. Sometimes it is the faith of the one who is praying that brings healing to those for whom they pray.

O, My people, you need the infilling of My Holy Spirit and if you do not have it I would admonish you to seek it.

If you then, being evil, know how to give gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him. (Luke 11: 13)

You may be asking, "What can the infilling of the Holy Spirit do for Me?"

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

Do you not see, My children, how much you need the power of the Holy Spirit to help you to minister in these last days? When you speak to unbelievers in the power of the Holy Spirit they shall surely know you speak truth and they shall listen. I shall put into your hearts the words I desire you to speak to every person to whom you minister.

Go forth, My beloved in boldness and My power to bring unbelievers into My kingdom and to pray for the sick and see them recover, teaching them that their healing was accomplished on the cross of Calvary and that they need only believe and come to Me with their praises. I covet the praises of My people. You are seeing the evidence of the fulfillment of this Scripture.

And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. (Acts 2:17,18)

As I pour out My Spirit on all flesh in these last days everyone in the whole world will have an opportunity to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Of course many, even among My people will reject receiving the Holy Spirit but they do so to their own detriment, depriving themselves of great blessings for ministry.

Know always, My precious ones, that I shall be with you, guiding and directing your paths in whatever destiny I have chosen for you.

Show Your Scars

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Earlier this week I had an accident that left a long, wide and deep gash on my right hand. As the bandages have been changed, the thought occurred to me "This is going to leave a humongous scar." Father then began to speak....

MY BELOVED, I am about to give you new meaning to your scars. ALL scars - whether physical, spiritual or emotional. With the physical they are in plain view for people to see but with spiritual and emotional scars they are well hidden and you would rather keep it that way. Scars from friends who have proven untrue, scars from betrayals where you trusted, scars from emotional woundings that have wounded your spirit, scars of wrong decisions that deterred you from My path, wounded hearts full of pain. Your wounds have been red - long, wide and deep but with the touch of the I AM - you are healed. Men say to you "Cope with it" but the I AM says "I shall deliver you" --- with faith restored and trust renewed.

Every scar tells a story which is a testimony for others going through what you have experienced. If you haven't suffered pain how could you truly know My compassion? How could you reach out to others who are hurting in the same way as you have if you couldn't feel what they are feeling? To you, your scars are hideous and you would rather keep them out of sight hidden from all - but scars, My Beloved, are a sign of healing - a sign that the wound no longer exists and for those of you still wounded, now you shall see the complete Healing of Your Lord!

Scars, My Beloved, are not left to disable or mar you either externally or internally but to show healing has occurred. You see them as ugly but they are beautiful to ME. My Son, Jesus Christ, had scars on His hands, feet and side from the crucifixion. Why did I allow the scars to remain after His resurrection for I could have easily taken them away - for the very same reason as you, not to be a reminder of His pain but a sign of His healing. My Son reached out to Thomas and said "Touch My scars, Do not doubt but Believe In Me!"

So many painful memories, memories that have changed your lives but even with the healing of your memories you remain with faded scars. Scars imbedded deep inside you. It is time to allow them to be seen. Scars telling a story of how the wounds killed your spirit at times but MY Son brought you back to life. Be brave and courageous to speak of things you would rather keep hidden to those who 'need' to hear. I AM healing all of your wounds... yes scars remain - do not hide them but show them off proudly to suffering people everywhere of what your God can do! As I sought to help you, now you shall go forward helping others and they, as you, will learn to Touch MY scars and not doubt but believe In Me!

Vain Imaginations
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October 11, 2004
Many say they are walking for Me, talking for Me and listening for Me .... but I say many are listening to vain imaginations and thoughts planted by the enemy himself. For those who truly are walking for Me I will seal your ears from the vain imaginations of the enemy. But for those purporting to walk My desired walk, but who are not, I will continue to ALLOW your ears to be opened to those imaginations. I AM speaking to many of My own and deep in your heart you know who you are ...

My Word , MY TRUTH, is NOT anything for man to play around with or to add to - but unfortunately many are doing just that -- and the truth you are believing is the truth you speak and you are reflecting it in your life. Take heed !!!!! Do NOT! Do NOT twist My TRUTH to match your carnal thinking. As in everything you do, seen or hidden, the choice is always yours. Choose this day ... either your vain imaginations or MY TRUTH for ONLY MY TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE!

As I have great patience, Satan also has great patience. Why? In order to bring you down. He will take the simplest thought that you have and turn it into your own vain imaginations in order to fulfill your own desires and will - which in turn will take you down a path of destruction.

HEAR ME NOW, YOU WERE CREATED TO BE IN MY IMAGE, NOT ME IN YOUR IMAGE.

MY TRUTH IS MY TRUTH, not for you to twist to satisfy your own desires. MY TRUTH IS MY TRUTH and the I AM has absolutely NO TOLERANCE for incorrect positions of My own. I do NOT honor what you say or think, I do NOT honor your opinion, I ONLY HONOR MY TRUTH!

You have little time to respond to My pleas either for this or other matters I have brought before you for everything is set in motion and MY timetable shall stand! Search your hearts now and cast down your vain imaginations.

Systematic Dismissal
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The Lord said to me, “systematic dismissal”

Luke 2:25-35 NIV Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. 26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. 27 Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, 28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 29 "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. 30 For my eyes have seen your salvation, 31 which you have prepared in the sight of all people, 32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

“I am removing some great saints in the eyes of the people in the days ahead. Many fathers in the faith of this generation will come home to ME. They have seen the unfolding of what is about to happen and now I am calling them home that the next generations may fulfill the call on their lives. Do not be surprised by this event. Do not give credit to the enemy for what I am doing to assure the setting in place of those I am calling in this hour to step up in their places.

Do not either be dismayed as if there is no one to replace them.
I am your exceedingly great GLORY. There is NO ONE like ME. I am removing cause for idolatry to man in many ways at this time. For I will have a church in which MY SON is preeminent ! I will have a church that puts ME first and who loves each other. There is a time for planting and a time for harvesting what has been planted. I am calling forth HARVESTERS that will LOVE the lost and pour My compassion on those who are broken and hurting all over the world and who are willing to pay the price, even if their flesh is unwilling. If your heart is willing, then I will give you the GRACE to overcome your flesh !

HARVEST IS ON MY HEART and it is in this hour that a very great harvest will be reaped upon the earth. Nations will be converted and bow down and worship the King of Kings and the Lord of LORDS ! Be encouraged that the time of awakening is at the door. REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE.
PRAY FOR DIVINE APPOINTMENTS DAILY ! And I will give the lost into your hands. I will do miracles, signs and wonders if you will speak the word and pray for the lost !

LIVE the WORD that has been implanted in your hearts ! Do not just read it, but LIVE IT ! ACT on it. LOVE ONE ANOTHER so that the world will see that I am in you ! See how the church has done this thing to elect the president with one heart and voice. That voice in unison has thundered a message to the world that it wants morality more than anything to return to this nation. Even if all the pieces are not fitted together, nor the hearts of all concerned perfect. I can through this unity now MOVE into the heart of this nation and STIR the hearts of men and women, boys and girls to ME again. For where unity is, there is BLESSING. Now rise to the occasion when calamity comes to your door, and show the world that you can sacrifice things for the sake of the hurting, for each other. Lay down all selfishness
In your hearts, and show the world that Christians are not hate mongers and full of selfish ambition.

Show them the love that I have shown you and the GRACE I have given you even when you have failed. DEMONSTRATE My love and it will speak louder than words. Your actions will help others to realize the truth in many cases.
There will be always those resistant, so don’t look upon them with disdain, for they are already marked for destruction. Have pity on the heart that longs to do what is right, and wants TRUTH more than a lie. LOVE IS THE GREATEST. It is as strong as death. It will conquer all the resistance if you will learn to love as I have loved you, and ask for it daily so you are replenished to give it out. I love you as no other loves you. I will help you overcome with MY love and then you will help others overcome with the love I’ve given you !”

John 13:34-35 NKJV A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 15:12-15 NKJV This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

Rom 12:10 NKJV Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

Rom 12:15-16 NKJV Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Rom 14:13 NKJV Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

Rom 15:4-7 NKJV Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Glorify God Together - Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

Gal 5:13-15 NKJV For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Something You Would Never Believe

Mary Lindow

"I AM GOING TO DO SOMETHING IN YOUR DAYS THAT YOU WOULD NEVER BELIEVE! "

Acts 13:41 "Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you."

THESE WORDS THAT WERE SPOKEN OUT IN THE BOOK OF ACTS SEEM TO BE AS FRESH AND DELIBERATE FOR TODAY AS THEY WERE BACK WHEN ORIGINALLY SPOKEN!
Oh! How the Lord has been saying over and over again, "I am going to fulfill what I said I would do in this age!" And yet. Scoffers, and those still riddled with the leprosy of having worldly ambitions, and the smell of self promotion emanating from them ...still with smirks of doubt on their lips and eyes rolling in their head in mocking gesture, still...don't believe that the Lord will deal with such petty things as the little issues of personal secret sin!

THE LORD IS THE ONE GOD WHO HAS SUCH UNENDING AND VAST GRACE AND PATIENCE!

He urges, intercedes, and directly visits those who are living on the fringe of His best for their lives, trying to compel them to be honest before His throne! But at this time, many in the earth who claim to have a link with Name with the King of Heaven, are slipping into the outer "skimmings" of the camp of God! They live off of the "fringe" of all that God has to offer, because they have an evil blemish in their hearts that they refuse to examine or allow others to hold them accountable for. These individuals will listen to those who seemingly have a form of godliness, but whisper from outside the camp of God! They say, "Listen to this! God is moving here! Come over this way!" And, these voices will scoff and mock, tearing down the pathway that is yes! NARROW. They will offer a broad and fun pathway that appears to be so less difficult and without thorns or struggle!

THE LORD WARNS US AT THIS TIME. HE IS RAISING UP HIS CHAMPIONS IN THE EARTH WHO WILL NOT SWAY TO THE VOICE OF THOSE WITH SILK TONGUES AND WHAT APPEARS TO BE AFFLUENT EASE!

DON'T JUST "SKIM READ” AWAY WHAT I AM SHARING WITH YOU!

Read the following passage of Scripture! It strongly confirms what the Lord is sharing.

Psalm 1
1 Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or stand around with sinners, or join in with scoffers.
2 But they delight in doing everything the LORD wants;

day and night they think about HIS WORD!
3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank,
bearing fruit each season without fail.
Their leaves never wither, and in all they do, they prosper.
4 But this is not true of the wicked.
They are like worthless chaff, scattered by the wind.
5 They will be condemned at the time of judgment.
Sinners will have no place among the godly.
6 For the LORD watches over the path of His anointed
but the path of the wicked leads to destruction.

IT IS A SEASON WHEN THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN UNDER THE HEAT OF THE WILDERNESS ARE STILL BEARING FRUIT...
...EVEN WHEN IT'S NOT FUN.
They just kept digging deeper for the water from heaven. Answers and help from the Father.
Others, get impatient and start finding ways to make things happen on their own timetable.
These people begin to create a place of power for themselves, and out of a very shallow commitment to spiritual depth, paint a picture for other weak believers to follow. Sadly! It is nothing more than "mirage" in the dessert.

"WHEN YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE ON THE FRINGES OF WHAT GOD IS SAYING IN HIS KINGDOM, YOU ARE ALWAYS SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE
VOICES THAT WHISTLE IN THE PARCHED DESERT WIND!"

Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the
right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the City. *Revelation 22:14,*

IT'S TIME TO WASH OUR ROBES!
How? Well...soap gets out stains when combined with the friction of rubbing under pressure!
Let the soap of God's Word and you applying it, cleanse the spots and stains you have allowed through complacency, to stain your garment of praise!

We are not going to be able to effect our cities or make any impact on the lost if we try to enter the gates with the stains of sin and smell of slothfulness on our own clothes!

GET SOME MUSCLE BEHIND YOUR WORDS! STAND UP! PERSEVERE! SACRIFICE! DOWNSIZE! STREAMLINE!
HAVE A SPIRITUAL GARAGE SALE!
Move into simpler lifestyles, nearer to the fire of God and His Presence where the pillar warms in the night seasons and the cloud shields from peril during the day! When you are so consumed by the glory and presence of God that you must do everything you can to live in it and near it you will be a blessed person! Blessed is the man who..!

TO FLOURISH IN GOD MEANS TO HAVE NO OTHER LOVE FOCUS BUT HIS WILL!

And! No secret agendas or hope of personal greatness in reward for your efforts! The verse below tells of our deserved reward IF WE PERSEVERE!
Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. *-James 1:12*

THERE IS TIME RIGHT NOW, TO CLEAN UP OUR HEARTS
AND MOVE BACK INTO THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD!
Some may need to literally cut of friendships with scoffers and whisperers! Better to lose an evil voice than your soul! Some need to stop kissing the almighty dollar bill or currency of choice and, learn to share with others freely without feeling suspicious of them! Perhaps you need to examine your tendency to be harsh and over corrective of those around you in service? These are all stains needing to be washed out of our robes before we can enter into the city or "cities" of harvest God has waiting in such heavy laded expectancy!

LET'S STOP PONDERING THE THINGS GOD IS SAYING
AND BEGIN TO QUICKLY ACT ON THEM.
Little children love it when a loving Father promises a treat if they finish their task and assigned chores, because they know it is something special! Let us return as well, to that simple trust, as we obey the Father, and go about taking care of the little tasks of cleaning up our lives. in hope of a greater reward.
Restore to me again the joy of your salvation, And make me willing to obey you. Psalm 51:12

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Revelation 14:1

God's love shines down from on high
Declaring the glory of God's eternal Light
Still people proclaim
They know the truth, they know the way
As they refuse God's precious gift of grace
And turn their eyes toward open unmarked graves
Where so many have remained
Buried in the depths of pain and sorrow.

Who will arise in the glory of God's Son
Holy vessels reflecting His perfect love
Whose hand will refrain
From casting doubt on God's holy name
As they lay down their stones of accusation.
Who will arise in the glory of the Son
Who rose from the grave on third day's dawn
And move forward in the power of resurrection.

Abraham looked forward to the day
When the world would be delivered unto grace
When sin would be judged
And the righteous would shine as the sun.
Where men would rise from their graves
Bearing gifts of honor and praise
The reward of the faithful through all persecution.
Blessed are the precious first fruits of the resurrection.

From out of the ruins of the city of God
The land called Zion, or the city of David
Would arise a new city built according to love
So that saints kept according to faith
Would arise from their graves and proclaim
That God is faithful to every generation.
May God's saints of today
Join with saints of yesterday
Lifting holy hands to praise the day of their salvation.

> *"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father's name written in their foreheads." Revelation 14:1*
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> *"And I heard the number of them which were sealed: and there were sealed a hundred and forty and four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel." Revelation 7:4*
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> *"Tell ye the daughter of Zion, behold, thy king cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass." Matthew 21:5*

"Behold, thy king cometh unto thee." Jesus Christ, King of all kings, the bearer of mankind's salvation was born in the city of David, which is called, Bethlehem. God would cause a star to rise up from the east so that wise men would be led to the birthplace of the prophesied "Star out of Jacob" where they would behold their King. God created light to fall upon the wise men's path so they would be led safely to their determined destination. As the wise men beheld the small child, who would one day be "for the fall and rising again of many in Israel" they would fall down before Him and worship Him. The small child, Jesus, would grow up before men, full of wisdom and grace, and at the appointed day and hour, would be used of God, to put the enemies of sin and death to flight.

Sin and death came upon the world because of man's fall in the garden. Man, who was cast out of the garden by God, would multiply in great number. And as day faded into night, generations of men would be birthed and generations of men would die, each passing generation giving birth to the next. As man's voice was heard upon the earth, a man named Abraham would rise up who would be blessed of God. God made a promise to Abraham that "in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

From the seed of Abraham would come forth a man named Jacob. God would later change Jacob's name to Israel. From Jacob's seed twelve sons would be born. These twelve sons would become the heads of the twelve tribes of Israel. The tribes of Israel had the honor of knowing that God had established an eternal covenant for those called of His holy name and who obeyed His voice. They were to be a "peculiar treasure" unto God.

Under the covenant established according to the testimony of God's Word spoken to the tribes of Israel, they were to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation above all the people of the earth. For all the earth is the Lord's, and those who bore witness to the Word of God, were to bear the blessings of God. But, as the twelve tribes of Israel multiplied in number, so did their rebellion against God multiply. Instead of experiencing blessings from the hand of God, they encountered the wrath of God.

Repeatedly, throughout the generations of Israel, those called of God's holy name would be punished by God for their rebellion against His divine authority. God's hand of chastisement upon the children of Israel would cause some men to weep for the suffering their brethren brought upon themselves through their disobedience. Men, faithful unto the heavenly calling, having had the testimony of the Lord bound upon their hearts, would receive the seal of God's law upon their lives. But those called of His name, and who rebelled against the living God, were sure to, "stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken."

Many sealed unto the law, marked by their faith in God, would weep for their brethren, calling out day and night for God to deliver their brethren from the tribulation of sorrow and suffering that they had brought upon themselves. Those marked by their faith in God, would fall before God, repenting of their own sins, and for the sins of their brethren. God would give heed to their cries and show pity toward the remnant of men who bore the testimony of His holy name in honor and fear. For His name's sake, God would deliver those who bore the name of Israel from out of the hands of their physical enemies.

Through each generation God would keep for Himself a remnant faithful to the testimony of His Holy Word. Until the promised "Shiloh" was brought forth from the seed of Israel, who would gather all the faithful unto God, a remnant bearing witness to God's law would remain upon the earth. Through each generation, God continued to deliver the tribes of Israel from their physical enemies. But men continued to be undone by enemies of far greater power and influence than their neighbors near and far. The enemies of immense power and influence, which brought great suffering and chastisement upon the children of Israel, would be the enemies of pride and rebellion.

Pride and rebellion are enemies that can be compared to a deadly snake that has been kept hidden away in a pit, hungry as it waits for its prey to move into position. Once the snake attacks, it quickly releases its deadly poison into the victim's life so that it can kill, destroy and consume its prey. When the poison of pride and rebellion spreads through a man's life, he will find that his thoughts and actions are influenced by truths that do not reflect the holiness of the Lord. A man who is filled with the poison of pride and rebellion will not think clearly, and may turn away from the goodness of God. To turn away from God is to stumble through life, hungry and thirsty, without ever finding eternal sustenance to satisfy the soul. To turn from God is sure to bring destruction and eternal death upon a man's life.

Those of Israel, who lived according to the nature of pride, filled with a multitude of thoughts aligned to rebellion against the goodness of God, would continue to perform the outward rituals expected of the children of Israel. Outwardly, many professed to be descendents of Abraham, and of Israel, but inwardly, their hearts and minds revealed that they were children of rebellion. Because God looked upon their hearts and found only pride and rebellion, He took no pleasure in their keeping of the sacrifices, statutes, and rituals. God did not delight in their burnt offerings. Because God looked upon the hearts of those who walked apart from His full council, their outward performance, in keeping rituals, became an abomination in His sight.

As each generation lived upon the earth, God would mark His remnant according to their faith in His holy name. Some generations would pass and it would be said that only a few remained loyal to His calling. Yet, no generation passed from the earth without a remnant who would bear God's mark upon their heart, which proclaimed they were to receive the inheritance promised of the Lord. God promised His chosen an inheritance of eternal value, and He would be sure to keep His promise. Throughout each generation there remained a remnant of the seed of Abraham, who would faithfully carry the message of the promise God had given to mankind.

> *"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; for then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."*
> *Hebrews 9:22-26*

God's divine authority upon earth was ordered according to His established governmental authority in heaven. On earth as it is in heaven. But, until Jesus Christ ascended into the heavens to sit at the right hand of God, causing His precious blood to sanctify even the heavens, the brightness of God's glory would not shine upon men's hearts in the fullness of God's purpose and intent. Until the heavens were purified with the blood of Christ, men would not experience for themselves the fullness of relationship that God purposed in Christ.

The carnal commandments were to be used as a scepter in the hands of just men called of God, to lead, chastise and govern. But when the Scepter of Righteousness, Jesus Christ, ascended to the heavens, the gift of eternal life, the Holy Spirit, was extended to all mankind. So that the Light of God's glory could move in power upon the earth, redeeming men's souls, causing many sons to be brought into conformity of God's Word, even the heavens needed to be sanctified by the blood of Christ. What the law could not accomplish, the Holy Spirit would.

The world, ordered according to the carnal commandments, was kept under a shadow of the purposes God intended toward mankind. The world that was kept under carnal commandments experienced a foretaste of God's power and authority. But when Jesus Christ ascended to the heavens to sit at the right hand of God, His precious blood also ascended upward so that not only was the earth purified, but also the heaven's. It is the precious blood of Jesus Christ, which opened up the floodgates of heaven, so that the glory of God could be released upon the earth. It is the glory of the Holy Spirit that will move in power within a man's life, overcoming and destroying the sin of pride and rebellion.

The world, ordered according to the carnal commandments, would be rolled up like a scroll in the hands of God, as the new covenant was signed and sealed in the blood of Christ. The old world, ordered according to carnal commandments, would give way to the new world, governed according to the holy commandments of grace. God's Son, having paid the penalty for sin by the shedding of His precious blood, signified that the new world, ordered according to grace, would replace the old world order of carnal commandments. A new divine government was established within the heavens, as Jesus Christ sat at the right hand of God, which was then established upon the earth. Those, whose eyes are opened as the Spirit of God moves upon their hearts and minds, to understand the price that was paid so they could live according to the covenant of grace, will give God praise for His divine plan of salvation.

> *"Those all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful of that country from whence they came out, they might have had opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better country, that is a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city." Hebrews 11:13-16*

The covenant between God and the chosen tribes of Israel was a solemn agreement ordained for those who lived according to the governmental authority God established within the heavens. Those who were to receive the estate promised of God were those who remained faithful unto the heavenly calling. The land of eternal inheritance, where peace runs as a river through the city streets, and righteousness flourishes upon trees, which line the city streets, was prepared for the remnant who remained faithful unto God. Those, whose thoughts were governed by pride and rebellion, were those whose bones were not kept intact, but scattered as dust to the wind, so that they could not gain entrance into the heavenly estate prepared of God.

The eternal inheritance promised of God was purposed upon Jesus Christ. The rock of man's salvation, which is the foundation of God's eternal city, would be built according to the purposes found in Jesus Christ. To pass through the gates of praise and stand safety within the walls of salvation is possible only through faith in Jesus Christ and receiving the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the promised hope, which gains man entrance into God's eternal kingdom of righteousness.

Those, whose faith is built up upon Jesus Christ, will receive the promise of life unto eternal salvation, the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit, is to receive the divine council of God. The truths, established within the heavens that have been purged by the blood of Christ, will be revealed to the man who is filled with God's Holy Spirit. Though a man physically stands upon the earth, because he is joined to God through the Holy Spirit, God will progressively open the eyes of the man's heart so that he is able to rise up above earthly focus and perceive the majesty, power and love of God's divine council, which fills the heavens and the earth.

Through the Holy Spirit, God makes His home within a man's heart and mind. God's eternal home that is established in the heavens, is established upon a man's heart and mind through the infilling of God's Holy Spirit. A man filled with the Holy Spirit, which is the glory and love of God sent down from heaven, has partaken of the heavenly nature. The precious blood of Jesus Christ caused the heavenly realm to touch earth so that man could partake, and be conformed into the heavenly nature. Those who believe in the promises of God, who place their faith in Jesus Christ, are those who are called to be partakers of the heavenly nature.

> *“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” 1 Peter 2:5*

When a man is joined in holy union to God through his faith in Jesus Christ, so that he receives the Holy Spirit, he takes his position alongside others who love God’s holy name. As a man stands upon the rock, who is Jesus Christ, he himself will be built up into a living, lively precious stone. Because that which a man partakes of, will become the image he is transformed into, so that God is given honor and praise. As a lively stone, he is joined to others through the Spirit, who make up God’s heavenly kingdom that extends beyond the boundaries of time and the heavens. As a lively stone, a man becomes a living testimony to the glory that fills his life.

And though a man’s flesh may have returned to the dust, the Spirit that had given him eternal, resurrection life, continues onward within the heavens, reflecting the glory of God. A man filled with the living presence of God, which is the Holy Spirit, though his flesh may have been returned to the earth, his position as a living stone that makes up the spiritual house of God remains intact. Zion, the city of God, the New Jerusalem, which is founded upon the rock, Jesus Christ, is made up of spiritual stones, living stones. When a man’s flesh returns to the earth, his position upon the wall that makes up spiritual Jerusalem is not removed.

Though upon physical death, a man’s spirit may soar through realms unknown, his position as a living stone that makes up the wall of God’s eternal kingdom will remain intact. A man who is a living stone, neatly fitted together with others, creating the wall of God’s eternal kingdom, will remain intact so that the Lord’s election of grace will stand. God is the God over all living stones that He has placed into position within His heavenly kingdom. No man is able to annul what God has brought together. Those of the Spirit, while alive, reign in the same humility, compassion and love as their great high priest, who is Jesus Christ. And upon their physical death, those of the Spirit will continue to reign with Him. Those who are joined to the Father through the Son will remain joined to the Father upon physical death.

> *“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.” John 5:28*
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> *“And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, and came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.” Matthew 27:52-53*
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> *“And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred forty and four thousand, having His Father’s name written in their foreheads.” Revelation 14:1*

From among the twelve tribes of Israel, God found men worthy to be numbered among those who kept their first estate through faith in His holy name. As these walked upon the earth, enduring hardship and persecution, they did not turn back from following after God. “Those all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.” Those, who died holding onto hope in the promises of God while alive, were not forgotten of God. Those who died before the promised Holy Spirit was poured out upon mankind, were kept according to faith until the day of their redemption.

The remnant of the tribes of Israel, who died before the Holy Spirit was made available to all men, were kept according to faith until the day that Jesus Christ ascended on high. Those, who did not receive the promised Holy Spirit while alive, would receive the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, which is eternal life, as they ascended on high, with Jesus Christ. As Jesus Christ ascended on high, those kept according to faith would also rise from their graves, prepared of God to walk upon the streets of salvation that exists within God's eternal holy city of righteousness.

It was the Holy Spirit who would give life to men's dead bones. God opened the graves of the remnant who were faithful to the heavenly calling, who waited in hope for the promises of God to be released from on high. When God's breath, the Holy Spirit given through Jesus Christ, was breathed upon the dead bones of the faithful tribes of Israel, they would rise from their graves, never to be separated from God. The Kingdom that was made available through Jesus Christ would become their permanent habitation. The faithful remnant, resurrected from their graves, would be seen and appreciated by future generations, as a great company who helped make up the cloud of witnesses who bore the glory of the risen Lord.

Those of faith, who walk the earth today, are knitted together perfectly, through the Holy Spirit, with those who waited in hope for the promised Messiah. The eternal Holy Spirit, which lifts men today from out of their graves of sin and disbelief, unites those of the Spirit with those who have gone before them. All have been baptized unto the same Spirit through faith. All who are filled with the Holy Spirit have walked through the same gates of salvation into God's eternal kingdom of righteousness.

> *May all who love God's holy name, "…lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:1-2*

Turn To Me
David Haase

11-18-2004

My beloved children, My Heart bleeds for your loss, each and every one of you I have watched and know every hair on your head. I see what you could have chosen to become, but instead chose to walk away in sin, in self, your love of all things gratifying took you away from Me, Oh children if only you would open your eyes, your hearts, your noses to that place you now stand. You have chosen loneliness over Loving fellowship with your Father, you have chosen death over life eternal. How can you claim not hear to hear My Voice, I call you in everything that surrounds you. My voice is found on your lips in the morning just before you awake, My voice is found in the dew that greets the new day, My Voice is found in the songs you hear, the shows you watch, the games you play.

Each of you has heard me, each of you know of Me in your heart, yet you choose to walk away and not look back. My little ones have no one help wash them or show them how dirty they have become, for the hireling does not care for the lost sheep, he talks big, does little, only enough to keep his pay. I asked you to follow Me, where did I say your payment came from those I sent, When the hireling eats of the flock he is to protect what do you do with him, he is held accountable far beyond any of those who where lost. Oh children please turn back, turn to Me and I will show you Love and Mercy and Grace no matter what from the depths of My Heart of Hearts, to walk with you and show you the wonders I have in store for you, So much to share, so few come to be embraced, to be Loved by My Heart, if they only knew, if they only understood, what awaits them,

Through His servant in Christ Yeshua

Lima Peru
David Haase

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Standing in open vision in the middle of a large town center. The Lord fills me with that this is Lima Peru it is day time, in front of me is a old looking fountain, beyond that is a large tower/skyscraper. This city is set very high above the ocean behind the tower. >From the west a Large rock falls from the sky into the ocean, it causes a wave higher than the tower in front of me. This will be first of seven…

From The Whirlwind
David Haase

The Lord showed me that the invading armies (those who are coming to attack America) will forage for many of their needs like fuel and food.

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America is sleeping for I have allowed this. She will never see the attack coming, so well will the camouflage and misdirection be. Prisoners will not be kept, all will be killed. Her aircraft will be destroyed in the first moments of the war. Her ships will be cut off from their bases with no hope of support; these will be picked off until all are destroyed. Her allies will fade away in fear… none shall come to her aid. So complete will the destruction of the American army be that she will never again be able to protect herself, never again will she rise beyond the least of all nations. Only those whom I have called by name, who serve Me and My Son, will be spared the cruelty saved for those whom have chosen other gods to serve. Yet even here My hand will save those who truly repent and call on the name of My Son, for in Judgment I seek all to repent and turn My anger from them… yet so few shall heed these Words… so few…

The Two Veils
Milt Rodriguez

*"And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. And the **veil of the temple** was torn in two from top to bottom."* Mark 15:37, 38
*"Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness in our speech, and are not as Moses, who used to put a **veil over his face** that the sons of Israel might not look intently at the end of what was fading away."* II Corinthians 3:12, 13

These two veils represent for us the two main aspects of God's eternal purpose. The veil in the temple and the veil on the face of Moses only exist in the Old Covenant. In the New Covenant, they are removed. However, the sad fact remains that most Christians today are still living by the Old Covenant, and therefore, for them, the veils remain intact.

In order to see this, we must first understand the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. Then, we must see in what ways we are still living by the Old Covenant. And then finally, we need to see the way out of the old system and into freedom of the new and living way. (Heb. 10:20)

The Way of the Old Covenant

Even though everything we read in the Old Testament really happened and is recorded there for our benefit, we need to realize that it is all shadow, symbols, and types of what was to come. What the Old Covenant brings to us in shadow and type, the New brings to us in reality and fulfillment. The main relevance of the Old Covenant to us is that we can learn about the reality by looking at the shadow. There are many riches stored for us in those shadows.

The first thing we need to realize is that the Old Covenant was externally based. Everything happened on the outside of the believer. An external law was given to be obeyed externally. The ceremonial washing of hands is a good example of this. Jesus told the Pharisees that they washed their hands on the outside, but on the inside they were filled with all sorts of uncleanness. The Jews took the law and tried to obey it to the letter. Basically we are looking at a "book religion" here. Read the book, and then do what it says. Holiness and transformation are based upon how well you obey the rules. The problem was that no one could obey all of them. No one could be good, no not one.

The second main aspect of the Old Covenant is that there was no direct access to God. In a sense God was in a box! The Box was called the Ark of the Covenant. No one had access to the box except the high priest once per year when he would enter the holy of holies and perform sacrifices for the sins of the people. There was a veil separating the holy place from the holy of holies that contained the presence of God Himself. No one could pass through that veil except the high priest and he had to perform all kinds of rituals to prepare for that. Direct access by the people was restrictive and external.

Another aspect of the Old Covenant is that it was only temporary. Of course, this makes sense since it was the forerunner to the New Covenant fulfillment. This brings us to the second veil which is found on the face of Moses.

Moses would go up the mountain to meet with God. Being in God's presence would somehow affect the face of Moses so that it would actually shine or glow. Paul called this "glow" glory, which in the original language means: brilliance, splendor, magnificence, excellence, and beauty. The "glory" of God shone (or was expressed) on the face of Moses whenever he would meet with God. However, this glory would fade from his face after a period of time. The glory was temporary because it was external. So we can see from this that the expression of God would only come through meeting with God. But in the Old Covenant, both the meeting (or fellowship) with God and the expression of God were only temporary because of their **external** nature.

The New and Living Way

In the New Covenant we have the substance and fulfillment of all things that were shadowed in the Old.

Now, everything becomes **internal**. God comes to actually live **inside** of the believer. This is accomplished by something the scriptures call "spirit." God is Spirit and he puts a spirit into each one of us. Now when we receive the Lord Jesus Christ, He actually and literally comes to live in our spirits by means of His Spirit. The law is no longer an external set of rules that are written on stone tablets, they have all been fulfilled by a Person who has now come to indwell the believer. Now, it is the life of the Person inside the believer that fulfills every law, not the believer himself (Galatians 2:20).

Access to God has now become complete and intimate. The veil blocking the entrance to the holy of holies has been torn. But now, much more has taken place in our access to God than we could have ever imagined. Through Christ, our access to God is infinitely greater than under the Old Covenant. Not only can we be in His direct presence, now we can actually go **inside** of Him! Paul doesn't' speak of being in God's presence, he only talks about being "in Christ." The believer is now actually **inside** of his Lord! This is so much better than being in His presence. This is as intimate as you can get! When you are in the presence of someone you can only get to know them to a certain degree. The only way to completely know that person is to go inside of them to know their thoughts and feelings. That's intimacy! That's the New Covenant!

The expression of God' glory is now permanent because that glory resides internally. Fellowship with God happens in the spirit of the believer and the resulting outward expression is permanent. Paul said it this way: "Christ in you, the hope of glory!" We have no use for a veil because we know that glory will not fade.

Moving from One Covenant to Another

Like I said at the beginning of this article, most Christians today are still living as if in the Old Covenant. We are **in** the New Covenant, but we live out our lives as if we are under the Old. Please let me explain.

We practice our Christian faith, for the most part, in an external way. We feel that by using external means something will happen internally. Think about all of the things you are told to do to be a "good"

Christian. Read the bible, pray, go to church, give, worship, witness, etc. Those things are essentially all external and are not to be the means or engine that drives your life. We are still a "book religion." We read the bible and then do what it ways. We hear the Pastor preach a sermon on Sunday and then we do what he says.

We get to know God by getting to know the bible better. We still view God as being outside of us up in heaven somewhere. We have no Christ-in-you consciousness. We believe that Christ lives in us but we don't live like it. In summary, we don't live the Christian life like Jesus did. He lived His life by an indwelling Father. We live our lives by "religious" activities. We go to church meetings hoping to "feel" the presence of the Lord. We are waiting for Him to arrive, but He is already inside of us! We are still living behind the veils!

Paul said that when someone turns to the Lord the veil is removed (II Cor. 3:16). Brothers and sisters, we need to learn how to turn to the Lord who lives in our spirits.
written by Milt Rodriguez

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The Time for Favor has Come

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1. SCRIPTURE REFERENCES for the Favorable Year

Read all of Isaiah 61: 1 - 7 - especially:

Verse 2 - "To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn. . ."

Verse 7 - "Instead of your shame you will have a double portion, And instead of humiliation they will shout for joy over their portion. Therefore they will possess a double portion in their land; Everlasting joy will be theirs."

Compare with Luke 4: 16 - 21 as quoted by Jesus in the synagogue on the Sabbath.

2. I HEARD HIS VOICE - "The Time for Favor Has Come!"

As many champions of the faith have graduated on to their heavenly reward in recent months, so room has been made for the next generation of dread champions to arise! Recently, the voice of the Holy Spirit drew near to me saying, "The Time for Favor has Come!" Faith was ignited in my heart as His word exploded within my heart. Close your eyes and see this for yourself. Hear the word of the Lord coming to you, "The Time of favor has come!"

I have had repeated visions recently in which the King's scepter was lowered to His chosen ones. Like Esther make your urgent appeal before His throne. It is a Day when the King's Scepter is being lowered to His bride. His scepter is being lowered. Make your appeal boldly - He wants you to draw near! Many vessels have passed through His Fire. Now is the time to approach Father God for it is an hour of Favor!

3. WHAT IS FAVOR? WHAT FOLLOWS FAVOR?

- Favor is the grace of God being manifested in a specific situation upon a specific person for a specific task.
- Favor is the wagon that carries the cargo of faith.
- Favor is often preceded by acts of consecration and preparation.
- Favor is often followed by an increase of authority and power of God invested in and through an individual or collective group of people.
- Favor comes upon you and displaces shame and humiliation. Favor releases a knowing that victory is near.
- Favor results in the manifested presence of Jesus Christ being noticed by others in and through your life.

4. A REMINDER

I encourage you to believe the Lord for supernatural encounters. It is a season where the "light of God will shine on your life" and His favor will be manifested.

Luke 1: 28 - 30 recalls to us the words from God the Father through His messenger Gabriel, "And coming in, he said to her, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at this statement, and kept pondering what kind of salutation this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; for you will conceive in your womb, and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."

Expect the manifested presence of God to draw near to you in this holiday season. He is here. He is among us. His favor fell upon a young teenage woman named Mary. Are you one of the Mary's God is looking for today? Are you ready to carry His presence with you in new ways and give birth to His purposes and destiny for your generation?

In this season, both in the natural and in the spiritual, expect His favor to shine upon you and conception of fresh purposes to occur.

5. PRAYER PROCLAMATIONS For You to Make!

Make Declarations of Faith as an Act of Preparation for the New Year! Join me in Prayer Proclamations and Watch your Faith level Rise!

- I am anointed by the Holy One of God. I am His chosen vessel. His presence goes before me and dwells within me.
- Jesus Christ dwells in my heart by faith. Greater is He who dwells within me than he who is in the world.
- The favor of the Lord is upon me! He has anointed me to proclaim the Good News and to set captives free. My life is set apart to give God glory!
- The best is yet ahead for me and my family! God is for me - not against me. Together, we make a great team! His plan, purpose and destiny for my life shall be fulfilled.
- The enemies of my soul shall become like grasshoppers in my own sight. I shall enforce the triumph of Christ over the powers of darkness and Jesus shall be magnified through my life!
- The Time of Favor has Come!

Tabernacles

Howard Morgan

Sep 24, 2004

Life is temporary so relax and enjoy the presence of the Lord.

The festival of Tabernacles speaks to us of the gathering of the people of Israel together to worship the Lord. They were to gather in temporary make-shift dwellings or booths called in Hebrew a Succot.. These booths represented in the natural realm the temporary dwellings of the people of God as they made their way through the wilderness on the way to the promised land. This festival called the nation to gather in Jerusalem and spend a week living in these Succot's. This was intended to remind the people that their ancestors once dwelled in the wilderness in tents. They were to remember their past, so they would understand their present and have a prophetic comprehension of their future. God was insistent that they do this every year so that every generation would feel for one week what their ancestors felt like for forty years. God wanted them to have an actual experience of leaving the comfort of their own home and dwell in these booths. This was to remind them of who they were, so they would understand who they are, and be conscious that God had called them to Himself for a future purpose. This is very important for us today as believers. So many people do not know who they really are because they tend to forget who they were and do not see themselves as God has called them to be. Because of this they are unsure of where they are going and therefore live a life of spiritual instability.

Tabernacle's serves a reminder to us of the great deliverance that God wrought in our lives when he brought us out of bondage to sin and also to remind us of the transient nature of our life now. Spiritually we are all dwelling in booths. Our human Body is only a temporary dwelling place. Tabernacles reminds us every year that we are not to take the wrong things too seriously because they are passing away, and we are also reminded to take the right things very seriously. This temporary dwelling, our time in mortality, is for the purpose of tabernacling with God, to meet with God and to allow His purposes to work in our life.

If we only dwell where we are comfortable in the places of our own choosing we can very easily stop pursuing the purposes of God in our lives and readily get caught up in the cares of this world. They grow in such importance to us that they consume our time, energy and talents. We can get caught up in the illusion that temporary things are really more important than they actually are. Tabernacles reminds us that this is not true. Is serves to show us that life is temporary and that we should keep our priorities in order, that we should seek God's Kingdom and Righteousness first, because this life is as temporary as the booth is. Tabernacles serves to remind us that we should see all of life with its many problems and temptations, tests and trials, from this temporal perspective.

Another point of vital importance to us as members of the Body of Christ is that we are called to join with the rest of the Body in these booths. The picture we must see is the whole nation coming to

Jerusalem to worship the Lord and dwell in booths. The Body of Christ is called to an understanding of the fact that together we are only dwelling in booths, that we are to have eternity, and God's eternal purposes in our minds and hearts as we relate to one another. We should not take earthly offences to seriously and allow them to hinder our eternal destinies. I think that there are too many believers who are not dwelling in booths with other members of the Body because of past hurts and offences, disappointments and negative experiences, that forced them to break fellowship with other members of the Body.

Tabernacles reminds us every year that we are commanded by the Lord to come to his capital city and to worship him in these booths. We are called by the Lord to remember that our relationships in the Body of Christ are all about Him and His purposes. Our life is not about us and our happiness or our comfort or that which pleases us. If it was about our comfort we would be dwelling in our own homes and invite those to be with us that we liked. You cannot say to the Lord who He can or cannot bring into your life. You cannot dictate to the Lord who you might be in relationship with for a season.. All relationships in the Body of Christ are for a season as Tabernacles so clearly teaches us. Indeed Tabernacles reminds us of the temporary nature of all aspects of this life. We must have this understanding, and a heart for the purposes of God, so that we can say to the Lord and to ourselves, that those relationships which are not particularly comfortable have a purpose. God has caused us to dwell together, He has caused us to "tabernacle" together. So let us tabernacle with the Lord and with each other to find out the lesson God wants us to learn. Seasons can be of various lengths of time. But they are merely seasons. So rejoice in that. Let Tabernacles instruct you, do not get overly concerned. Just ask God what he wants you to learn form this time of sharing the "tabernacle" together.

Relax! Tabernacles is one of God's ways of reminding us that we have been invited to worship Him and to enjoy fellowship with Him. Indeed God is searching for us to enter into a deeper relationship with him. He wants us to "Tabernacle" with Him that is why Jesus came to "Tabernacle" with us. (John 1: 14)

It is very difficult to worry when you are truly worshiping God. When the anointing of the Spirit comes down, as it always does when we are truly worshiping the Lord, His sweet loving presence always speaks peace into our hearts. It lets us know every thing will be ok, that all things will work together for the good (Romans 8:28). So Relax, and enjoy your season of Tabernacling with God.

True Apostolic Brings Saul To Become Paul

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Jul 17, 2004

We are living in a day when radical visitation will characterize the season.

The Lord is going to blind some to show them a new dimension so that the unknowns can be bold enough to pray for what will be known and feared for being "hard nuts."

But the new boldness that is so far so rare a quality today, will come forth.

The established church will have not much to do with this new move.

For new radical and informality will characterize this new move.

But it takes an eye like that of Barnabas to bring out Saul to be Paul. We see Barnabas a man of faith and positive action. He knows of Saul's reputation, but he also sees the marks of the apostleship and brings him before the brethren.

There is a bringing out coming forth.

There is a keen eye needed in God's apostles.

There are many who are blinded even though they see, yet they CHOOSE TO BE BLIND, it is not temporary like that of Saul, rather it is a permanent choice.

They determine another's destiny and manipulate another's reputation, so that potential "Sauls" do not come forth.

That day is changing. There is the ministry of Barnabas going forth. He is the son of consolation.

He brings a new turning point, and this consolation has deeper connotations than we realise.

It is the same as the name Nehemiah in scripture, Noah too.

In the Hebrew they mean "God that consoles." This consolation is more than just a pat on the back.

Rather, it is a TURNING POINT, FROM RUIN TO REBUILDING, FROM DESPAIR TO HOPE, FROM REVILING TO REVIVING.

We also go to Luke 2, to a man called Simeon, who waited "for the consolation of Israel."

This hope brought him into the Spirit, so that he lived and moved into this realm.

Houses and prayer groups had arisen because a sense of the coming Messiah had come. Hope had arisen.

So when Simeon had walked so much in the Spirit denying the flesh and its dictates, so he was led to Baby Jesus, to recognise eternal and mysterious plans.

So consolation had come to him and Mary and Joseph.

Also the widow Anna who spoke with all those who waited with them.

So we come to the Church. Barnabas needs to come, to bring a turning point, so that Sauls can be revealed for who they are. In this way they take a backseat.

It is interesting to note that whilst Barnabas was the elder and more experienced, the Lord brought up Paul to a place where Barnabas was now serving his ministry.

How much more we need men of this calibre!

God bless you all and have a blessed weekend.
Shalom
Russell

The Antichrist Doesn't Wear Tights

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Recently the Christian world has been impacted by a rash of end-times novels and movies offering the same recipe:

1) The world is in a political and economic crisis; woe is us!

2) The Middle East is in conflict.

3) Suddenly all sorts of people are "rap-zapped" and disappear.

4) Kapoof! Mr. AC himself appears on the scene, dressed in red Spandex tights with horns and a tail, as obvious as a Christmas cracker. Well, I guess he wears an expensive three-piece suit instead of the tights, but you just know he's got them on underneath.

Mr. AC persecutes post rap-zap believers and requires everyone to get their hand stamped so they can get into Globaland. Finally he proposes his great cure for the world's ills, which - for reasons totally obscure to a thinking mind - are accepted universally without a moment's critical thought by anyone.

There's just one problem with this starched scenario: it lacks subtlety. The Antichrist doesn't wear tights and, traditionally, evil is far more clever and subtle than that. So much so that in the last century whenever it befell a church, the church never saw it coming, even though the clues were always there for anyone who cared to look.

No "world citizen" would ever buy into the things Revelation says will happen without being psychologically prepped for it ahead of time. Perhaps the greatest fallacy of popular "rapture reasoning" is that the Western church will be "out of here" before anything bad befalls it, and this philosophy has become a paralyzing narcotic in the face of rapidly encroaching danger.

Magnum Opus Malum1

Right now, Christians are witnessing a tremendous change in Western culture and belief, which is a harbinger of very troubled times to come. The battle for the West began in the wee years of the 20th century, when humanism seized control of academia and declared its goal of dethroning Christianity as the core Western belief system (see our articles in Personal UPDATE, March 1997 and September 2001 for background information).

The process continues today as atheistic humanism yields to global socialistic pantheism.2 The changes began first among philosophers and academics, moving into the arts, then into common culture and, finally, as the new disciples came of age, into the legal and political system. Now we are seeing the total conversion of Western society and a march towards a great utopian vision of global governance controlled by socialism. In reality, we are embracing ideas of the past which have resulted in much bloodshed and destruction of civilizations.

The Great Prepping Away

For the past 50 years, the West has been slowly unfrozen from its traditional belief systems and tricked into accepting a new belief system, without even realizing that the transition was taking place. We are now being refrozen in the new belief system, without realizing our core beliefs and values have been sacrificed, bit by bit.

1) The educational system has moved Western culture from a didactic, fact-based system of thought rooted in logic and absolute truth to a dialectic, feeling-based system of thought rooted in constantly changing, non-absolute values. The only mortal sin is failing to believe absolutely that there are no absolutes. (Note the inherent contradiction, but that doesn't seem to stop the politically correct.)

2) History has been rewritten so that people can't remember the lessons of the past or the greatness

of their own heritage (granted that no heritage is perfect). Good things have been called bad and bad things good. Westerners have been subjected to an ever-present demonization of their culture. The U.S. Constitution and its Bill of Rights, for example, are said to be the outdated product of dead white slave owners who also slaughtered Indians, rather than one of the most liberating documents of history, along with England's Magna Carta. The British, too, are trading in a 1,000-year tradition of freedom under law as they buy into another one of Europe's attempts at failed socialism.

3) Communism has been minimized or exalted (despite its being responsible for the slaughter of 100 million people in the 20th century). Capitalism is condemned as a great evil of rich men (despite its record of having provided the most prosperity and freedom for the most people in history).

4) Important distinctions between cultures have been minimized and all cultures are now said to be of equal value, and all beliefs are said to be of equal value with no way of discerning which values might be better or worse (although history teaches otherwise).

5) Tolerance has been substituted for love of neighbor and truth. A corollary is the switch from laws based on absolutes to more complex and nebulous laws, which float with current understandings of "good" or "evil," about which there is much debate among the "experts."

6) Religion has been forced into a corner, being told that it is a personal thing, and it has been prohibited from making any claim to absolute truth or the right to impose itself on the culture.

7) Science and science alone - with or without ethics and morals - is permitted to make any claim to truth. Science is said to be the salvation of the human race. (Tell that to those who died in the Holocaust's "scientific" gas chambers.)

8) Socialism has been substituted for capitalism as "democracy" and "free market" decried as evil. In reality this belief system is "Marxism lite," wherein virtually all the major English-speaking countries have accepted the major tenets of Marxism without a struggle, including:

Atheistic government with no influence from religion. Abolition of private property in the name of the common (read soviet or collective) good. This includes abolishing any rights of property inheritance. (This is underway in various stages and countries, utilizing various legal mechanisms. It is by no means complete, but the principle is growing in acceptance.) The populace must be disarmed (for their own safety, of course). Government must maintain control of education and what is taught. Heavy progressive taxation must be ever-increasing (Europe's VAT is perhaps the most abusive), so that government can... Maintain control over its citizens' lives from womb to tomb, including constant surveillance on their activities and private lives. In essence, law is becoming a means of defending government from the populace rather than the populace from government. Hostile, not Neutral

As we arrive in the 21st century, the prevailing Western paradigm is hostile to traditional monotheistic religions (Christian, Jewish and Muslim), being a mix of atheism and pantheism. It decries belief in absolute truth, including absolute law. It has set itself up as the determiner of "right" and "wrong," even though those change continually. Traditional religious beliefs are being labeled extremist and radical.

The new system views itself as utopian in nature, above any religion, viewing religion as a major cause of all the world's problems. If we really examine the emerging "new" system, it is merely a recapitulation of old, failed Marxist and occult beliefs with a generous dose of pantheism. Unfortunately we're about to do it again, only this time on a global scale.

What Does This Mean?

You have but to look at history to know where we will end up. Cultures rejecting God invariably degenerate into wickedness when left to their own devices without a counterbalancing force of religion to stop them.

The signs of rot are apparent. The West now routinely sacrifices millions of babies annually (to which the Church has voiced only a weak response) and the elderly are next as euthanasia becomes prevalent. Instead of valuing all human life, we will make decisions based on the "quality of life," which will most certainly be decided by persons other than you or I, and which will largely be determined by economic forces and how well your beliefs conform to the current norms. If your life benefits the collective (the "soviet"), you will be permitted to live. If not, adios!

In a Christian culture, people are generally self-governing, knowing God watches their every move and laws are merely a formal framing of what the people already believe as a group. But in a culture where there are no absolutes, everyone does what he or she wants as long as they can get away with it. This produces chaos. As the chaos brought on by the new belief system increases, freedoms diminish as governments attempt to deal with the chaos. They do this by becoming more and more police-oriented as a plethora of laws is emitted, designed to control the ongoing crisis.

As government continues to dictate its own atheistic, ever-proliferating standards of conduct and belief, many of these will be unpalatable to the beliefs of orthodox Christians, Jews and Muslims. There will be increasing pressure on Christians to conform to the new standards. This pressure will range from social pressure to formalized pressure in the job place, where it may mean jeopardizing a job or promotion to a steadily increasing series of regulations. Finally, as more and more people espousing the new paradigm gain control of the legal process, they will use the mechanism of law to impose their utopian vision on the churches that do not conform. This means fines, penalties, increased taxation or loss of tax-free privileges, even prison sentences - all designed to enforce conformity to the new wisdom, which is currently embodied by the push for the amorphous notion of "tolerance."

The Diabolical Choice

In the new system, there is a place for Christianity...as long as it conforms to the new values, which will be forever changing. Religions will not be permitted to: 1) claim they are the only way, 2) have absolute truth of any kind, or 3) attempt to force their belief and value systems on the culture at large (i.e., evangelizing is out!). Those minor considerations aside, religion will be permitted to exist in the new system as a "personal thing," as long as it yields to the prevailing political correctness, which if you hadn't noticed is growing more evil every day.

Traditionally, churches facing this dilemma have made one of two choices: a) loving defiance and paying the penalty, or b) continual compromise with the prevailing system until it is shameful to even call it a Christian church. As Sabine Wumbrand once remarked, "they are spitting in the face of Christ." In our next installment, we'll see how churches in similar circumstances lived or died.

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Notes:

Magnum Opus Malum: (Latin) Great Evil Work. A "magnum opus" in the arts usually refers to an artist's greatest work. Adding the word "malum" makes it the greatest evil work. "Global": The new government will be global governance. "Socialistic": It will not be representative in the way we have known in the past and government will control all. "Pantheistic": Religion will be tolerated as long as it conforms to all of the politically correct norms government dictates.

Truth And Error

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The Grace to Know the Difference

At last I've come of age you might say, but what you need to say is that you have finally gained enough maturity in Christ where you are able to discern truth from error. For so many in the body of Christ have given into every wind of doctrine just because it was spoken forth by a well-known prophet or teacher. This must not be. You must be like the faithful Bereans who search the scriptures comparing what they have heard with the truth of God's word.

This is the day of the latter rain outpouring and one of the weapons the enemy is using against God's people is deception and pride. Pride because of having an unteachable spirit in justifying the error even though they see it plain in the Scripture. Once you see the truth through the grace of God, just rejoice because I have said that the elect would not be deceived. Yes, maybe for a period of time, but they will see the light and truth and be set free made stronger than before able to show the error to others with such an anointing and grace enabling others to see the truth.

Halleluia! for I have come to set the captives free so that they might delight in My presence. Escape the clutch of the evil one and run the race unhindered by the traps of the evil one. Freedom is what I have called My people to be, and grace is to be their banner.

Love is to be your greatest weapon against evil for it is the only weapon strong enough to repel it. Don't fall into the snare of bitterness and retaliation when you find out that you have been ensnared by the enemy using man. For man is not who you are to come against. Bless those who have portrayed your enemy. Pray for those who use you.

Do all things in My name and for Me, and I will reward you if you have worked with a pure heart with motives of love to only please Me. Even when you tithe into My kingdom, do not worry about where the money goes or even if I get it. Just give and you will receive pressed down and overflowing. Yes, you will reap from what you sow.

This is the day and the hour where I will reward My people. I will separate the sheep from the goats, the men from the boys, the fearful from the faithful. And I will raise up My army of warring worshipers who will march across this land promoting grace and holiness. They will stand up for Me no matter what the cost for they have learned to love not their life unto death.

Yes, this is the final hour, and I AM cleaning up My bride. And they will be a people of truth and holiness, and they will be man enough to admit when they were wrong and strong enough to know when they have been given the choice to be set free. Yes, error and deception are a snare, but don't allow pride to keep you bound.

I love you and I draw you near. Resist the enemy and he will flee. Watch and pray and wait upon Me for I will pour out My burden of intercession upon you and even a greater anointing that you may worship Me in spite of the enemy trying to hold you back. I see that he has tried to greatly hinder you, but you will prevail for I AM pouring out greater grace. I just want you to be receptive and sensitive to My Spirit and never give up on My keeping my promises to you.

Yes, you will overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of your testimony as you love not your life unto death. Be ready for this is the final hour.

True And False Wisdom
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What kind of Wisdom are we exposing ourselves to week after week? Is it False Wisdom or True? What kind of fruit is it producing in our lives? Are we growing more worldly, carnal, and sensual as a result? Or are our lives exemplifying more godliness and holiness of living?

Jeremiah 8:9 - "The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?"

James 3:15 - "This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish."

James 3:17 - "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

The Prophet Jeremiah asked a most profound question about the leaders of his day - "The wise men...lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord, and what wisdom is in them?"

Today it would behoove us to ask the same question concerning our ministers and leaders. So many are swept away by the "smooth talk" of the so-called preachers. Just because a man carries a string of credentials from the most renowned Bible School does not make him a wise man. Just because he can sputter out a very impressive command of Biblical knowledge does not make him wise either.

Matthew 7:15-16 - The Lord Jesus warned us to "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits..." He sandwiched this warning between His teaching on the strait gate / narrow way and the discussion of the wise man / foolish man and their relationship to the Word of God.

What categorized the one man as wise and the other as foolish in Jesus' eyes? Their simple adherence to the Truth of God's Word made the difference.

The wise man heard the Word and obeyed it; the foolish man heard the Word and rejected it. Once again, we quote the Prophet Jeremiah - "...Lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord, and what Wisdom is in them?"

Are many preachers today as wise as we suppose? What would the Lord Jesus say of them? Would He commend them for their scholarly and charismatic ways, or would He call them "false prophets" and "foolish" because they hear the Word, know it, yet disdain it by breaking its commands and teaching others to do so?

They will not be governed by God's Holy Word, nor will they allow others to be governed by it. They refuse to follow its directions and keep others from following its ways. 2 Peter 2:2 - They are prophets - false prophets - "by reason of whom the way of truth" is evil spoken of. 2 Peter 2:15 - They have "forsaken the right way" - the strait and narrow way - and "are gone astray." 2 Peter 2:18 - They "speak great swelling words of vanity" which definitely are not the Words of Almighty God. 2 Peter 2:17 - Some are greatly impressed and affected by their marvelous display of "wisdom," yet in all actuality, they are "wells without water." They offer no sustenance to the people of God because they have rejected the Scriptures which are the Bread and Water of Life.

Whoever rejects the Word of God is not wise.

We see throughout the Scriptures that wisdom is the Word of God, and the Word of God is wisdom.

Wisdom without God's Word is like an ocean without water. It cannot exist as true wisdom.

James drew a marked distinction between true and false wisdom in his grand Epistle. In Verse 15, he mentioned the wisdom which "descendeth not from above." Then in Verse 17, he referred to "the wisdom that is from above."

Just as the Lord Jesus and the Apostle Peter distinguished between true and false prophets, even so did the Apostle James distinguish between true and false wisdom which, in turn, determines the true and false prophet.

We cannot be fooled by the display of so-called wisdom. James readily demonstrates that there are two kinds of wisdom. Not all of it comes from above, is from God, or coincides with the Word of God. We must examine what is being preached today and then make a judgment based on the Scriptures.

He gives us substantial criteria to use in our judgment. James 3:14 - After mentioning "bitter envying and strife," James 3:15 - he says - "This wisdom descendeth not from above..." Then in Verse 17, he contrasts - "But the wisdom that is from above is..."

We see that there is a false wisdom that does not have its origin in God. He is not the author of it. It may look and sound like wisdom. The Apostle James does not deny that fact. He simply warns us that its source is not God. James 3:15 - He uses three words to describe it - "earthly, sensual, devilish."

It does not come from above or from God. It comes from the earth or is derived from man's level. It is "earthly" - pertaining to this earth, intent on serving earthly purposes, and springing from earthly principles. Instead of men being governed by the Word of God, they now - under this wisdom - are governed by worldly maxims.

It is "sensual." It indulges the flesh and disregards the spirit of man. Its main objective is the gratification of the passions and lusts of the flesh.

It is "devilish." God is not the author of confusion. Nonetheless, wherever this wisdom springs forth, it leaves a trail of confusion and every evil work among His people. It produces strife and contention wherever it is found.

Jeremiah 8:9 says - "...lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?"

What about all the preaching today which pumps up man and appeals to his fleshly passions and lusts? It leads to self-conceit which - in turn - leads to envy, jealousy, strife, confusion, and every evil work.

The Apostle James points out - It is not from God! It is false wisdom! It is not based on the Word of God! It is "earthly, sensual, devilish."

How will we ever be able to recognize the true wisdom? Are there certain characteristics which distinguish the true from the false?

The Apostle offers us seven features as a possible gauge.

First of all, true wisdom is "pure." Its initial effect on man is to make him upright, sincere, candid, and holy. It is free from mixture...unadulterated...and produces purity in thought, word, and deed.

This "wisdom that is from above" is "peaceable." It makes a man peaceable whereby he will do whatever he can to preserve peace with others so that it may never be broken. Wherever peace has been lost, he will do whatever he can to restore it.

This true wisdom is "gentle." It produces mildness, moderation, and patience in all men who will receive it. It causes a man to be inoffensive. He is not rude or overbearing in conversation nor is he cruel or harsh in temper.

It is "easy to be intreated." In other words, it causes men to be willing to yield, be compliant, and be easily persuadable in any non-compromising situation.

This gracious gift from God is "full of mercy and good fruits." It transforms men whereby they are merciful and disposed to show compassion to others. It produces the fruits of righteousness - holy, godly, right, kind, just, and benevolent actions.

This wisdom which has an Heavenly Origin is "without partiality." It causes men to be impartial in their treatment of others. Those who obey it are not prejudiced or racist by any means. They are not influenced by worldly criteria such as dress, position, color, nationality, education, physical appearance, or financial status. They show kindness to all.

Lastly, this "wisdom that is from above" is "without hypocrisy." It produces sincerity in all whereby they are exactly what they profess to be. They wear no mask or disguise. Their utmost desire is to be real and sincere with everyone that they encounter in life.

Matthew 7:20 - The Lord Jesus warned us - "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." What classifies a man as a false prophet is how he treats the Unadulterated Word of God. He may display wisdom, but is it that which is based on the Word of God?

The Apostle James also admonishes us to be aware of the fact that there are two kinds of wisdom with distinguishable and differing results. That which appeals to the flesh and indulges the flesh is false wisdom. It is "earthly, sensual, devilish," producing "earthly, sensual, devilish" disciples.

On the other hand, the true wisdom produces holiness in heart and life. It is "first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

The questions we must ask ourselves are these - What kind of wisdom are we exposing ourselves to week after week? Is it false wisdom or true? What kind of fruit is it producing in our lives? Are we growing more worldly, carnal, and sensual as a result? Or are our lives exemplifying more godliness and holiness of living?

Just remember - A preacher who rejects the Word of the Lord is not wise. The Lord Jesus calls him a false prophet and a foolish man. He admonishes us to beware of such.

May we be sure to heed the Master's words to us today.
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I Send Thee To
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I Send Thee To...

When you think of ministering to others, what concept comes to mind? What is your definition of ministry? Does your conception include only positive encounters? In this message, we would like to look at the work and callings of three Prophets - Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Jonah - to get a Biblical perspective of what ministry oftentimes entails. May we have ears to hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying through the examples of these three godly servants.

1. The People

Ezekiel 22:2 - "...the bloody city..."

The Prophet Ezekiel was sent to pronounce the sentence of death over Jerusalem for their bloody crimes. Here was a city that was filled with murderers - a "city of bloods," if you will. As a result of their gross idolatry, innocent children were sacrificed to Molech - a false god. Life was no longer considered as a priceless treasure.

Jonah 1:2 - "...Nineveh, that great city...their wickedness is come up before Me."

Nineveh was one of the most ancient cities of the world. Located on the Tigris River, it was the capital of Assyria for over a century. It was noted for its great wealth, power, and dominion.

Its people were filled with pride, greed, brutality, and adultery. Their sins had reached the highest degree - were full to the brim, so to speak - swelled up as if to almost slap God in the face.

Isaiah 30:9-10 - "That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits."

These were God's chosen and separated people. Yet here they are referred to as being "rebellious." Through their sin, they had become profane and wicked in going against their own convictions and breaking covenant with their God. They made many promises to Him but never kept them. They proved to be unfaithful.

Their main objective seemed to be to blind and silence the prophets who were sent to warn them of their wicked ways and the resulting misery and destruction to come. They did not want to hear the law of the Lord. They had the "light" in their midst, but chose the "darkness" of sin. Hence, they violently opposed those who spoke plainly to them of their vices. They did not want to hear "right things," but rather "smooth things" - that which flattered them in their sin and was in accordance with their lusts, passions, and prejudices. They sought out preachers and teachers who confirmed their high opinion of themselves, assured them of their future prosperity and success, and left off the forewarning of judgment to come.

Isaiah 58:1 - "...My people..."

These Jews were extremely religious - zealous in outward performances but negligent when it came to personal holiness of living. They were filled with formality and hypocrisy. Due to their overall sin, they became insensible, dull, and stupid in the ways of God.

Ezekiel 2:3-5 - "...the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against Me: they and their fathers have transgressed against Me...For they are impudent children and stiffhearted...whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,)..."

Here, the children of Israel were referred to as being a "rebellious nation." This terminology was applicable to the pagans, yet we see it being utilized in reference to God's people. It implied a breaking of the covenant relationship between them and God.

They had become totally heathenized or wretchedly degenerate through their gross idolatries. Their hearts were hardened through sin, and their faces were stubbornly set against any change of habits or behavior or the turning away from evil practices. Their ears were not open to discipline of any kind. They refused to stoop or bend - they had become inflexible and incorrigible.

These Scriptures describe the type of audiences to whom these three Prophets preached -

"...bloody city"
"great city" whose "wickedness is come up before" God "rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits." "rebellious nation that hath rebelled against Me" "impudent children and stiffhearted"

This certainly depicts the world in which we are presently living.

2. The Message and Method

Ezekiel 22:2 - "Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt shew her all her abominations."

Isn't this method a bit strange? Here God is pleading with His Prophet to "judge" the people.

In response to this, some would retort with the Scripture - "Judge not, that ye be not judged..." (Matthew 7:1) - or with the argument which says that God does not call any man to "judge."

Is that so? Some need to have another look in their Bibles.

Indeed, this was the very method that God chose for Ezekiel to use. He was not only to "judge" Jerusalem but to graphically "spell out" - using "plain speech" - all her "abominations" or sins.

Jonah 1:2 - "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before Me."

From this example, we see that God does send one man or one women to "take on" an entire city.

Some would wait for Him to raise up a committee before answering the call. After all, they would say - it is a bit dangerous for one person to confront so many.

But contrary to popular belief, we see here that the Lord God called one man - Jonah - to "Arise" and "go."

This was a city that was notorious for its brutality and violence. Yet He sent His Prophet alone to "cry against it" - confront them for their abominable ways and sin and pronounce judgment on them if they did not repent.

Some would argue - Surely, the Lord God understands that we need to send ahead the "drama team," "rappers," sports and Hollywood "superstars," "motivational speakers," "Prosperity Preachers," as well as the "Christian comedians" to establish some sort of friendship evangelism.

No, He does not understand such methods. His ways are definitely not the ways of this world's system.

He wasn't trying to be "nice" with the Ninevites. He commanded His Prophet to "Arise," "go," and "cry" - rebuke them for their sin - and that is exactly what He expected Jonah to do.

Isaiah 30:8 - "Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever."

In this particular instance, God directed Isaiah to engrave on either a stone or wood tablet - "table" - a record of the rebellion and perverseness of the children of Israel. It was to be placed in a public setting as a constant reminder to the people of their wayward ways and also for the future generations to read and hopefully learn from their forefather's errors.

It was also to be recorded "in a book" - using a parchment roll - as a standing testimony that at one time these people did indeed break covenant with their God, turn their back on His Law, and attempt to silence or shame His Prophets who were sent to warn them to turn from their sin. Their descendents would be able to see and read of their evil dealings and the Faithfulness and Mercy of God in spite of it all.

Isaiah 58:1 - "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins."

God instructed the Prophet Isaiah to "cry aloud" - to cry out with utmost strength - with an open throat or full voice - so as to be heard by all. He was to "spare not" - in no way, shape, or form hold back or restrain his voice.

In fact, he was instructed by God to rebuke these people for their sins in such a demonstrative way that his voice would "boom out" like a trumpet - "lift up thy voice like a trumpet." The people were dull and deaf in the spirit. They needed something loud, full, and strong to rouse them from their spiritual stupor.

"Shew My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." - Notice that the Lord Almighty did not send Isaiah with the message - "Give your life to God. He has a wonderful plan for your life."

Not at all! These were His people, yet they were unwilling to acknowledge their wicked ways or to call sin what He called it - an abomination in His sight! They were willingly ignorant and blinded. Hence, He sent His servant to be plain and particular with them in showing them their transgressions.

Ezekiel 2:3-5 - "And He said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel...I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD..."

From this example, we see that God still sends Prophets to His wayward people - who in our case would include those who are compromising and worldly in the Church.

God said to Ezekiel - "...Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel..."

This particular spokesmen had a Word from the Lord - he had something to say to the people. Man did not give him the message to deliver - God did! Because it was a message for hard-hearted, self-willed, and brazen-faced rebels - it was necessary for it to be introduced with the words - "Thus saith the Lord" - in order to emphasize its divine origin. These rebels had to realize that if they rejected the Word of the Lord, they would suffer serious consequences and have to answer to God for it. In rejecting the message, they were not rejecting a man - but God Himself!

God has not changed. His methods are forever the same. What He required in the days of Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Jonah - He requires in our day as well.

"wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city? yea, thou shalt shew her all her abominations" "Arise, go to...that great city, and cry against it" "Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book" "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins." "Son of man, I send thee to.. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD"

Sin needs to be addressed - not in a quiet and sheepish manner - but in a bold and fearless fashion.

Has God called you to the ministry? Are you one man or one woman standing against the multitudes? Do you feel the calling to confront the sins of your city...community... denomination...church...or family?

Herein lies God's idea of ministry - calling a wayward people back to the Bible and a sin-cursed society to repentance.

And this should be our view as well.

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Awake sons of God. The call has gone forth to war in the heavenlies against the forces of your enemy. Your enemy is not the flesh and blood, but the principalities and powers and rulers of this dark age. Watchmen stand upon those walls and keep watch for the enemy is advancing to plunder the children of God, but I will not allow it says the Lord. I instead say turn the battle at the gates and in reverse, YOU plunder the enemy camp. Take back all the years the locust, the cankerworm and the palmerworm has stolen from you. This is the year to take back what the enemy has stolen. He has no more power except that which you give him.

Fear is one of the greatest weapons he has released in this hour to cripple My army and to render them ineffective, yet arise for I have not given you a spirit of fear, but power, love which casts out all fear and a sound mind. Do not retreat back like the children of Israel did for fear of the giants, but go even as Joshua and Caleb were determined to take back the land that belongs to you, for it is your inheritance says the Lord.

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'Faith sees the invisible, feels the intangible and achieves the impossible'

Through A Mirror Dimly

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Now We See Through A Mirror Dimly; Then Face To Face"

[12] Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. I CO. 13

I have thinking of the concept of how a mirror reflects our image as we gaze into it and look at what we see. Perhaps we don't always see what we want to see, especially as we get older. We are told in James that:

JAS 1. [23] *Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror [24] and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. [25] But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.*

We must remember who we are in Christ. It's easy to gaze into the mirror and either imagine who we "think we are," or even to diminish who we are because of circumstances and the trials of life. But we told above in 1 CO. that we only know in part now. We only prophesy in part. Everything that we do in this life is "in part." Nothing will compare to the glories and the life that is to come. To be sure, we have a "taste;" we can experience some of what there is to come, but not in completion. God knows us completely now and He sees us as "we will be." This is because He knows our frame and "sees us through the eyes of His Son who paid the price for us and completed the work." He sees the finished work. As an analogy, an artist works on a painting or a sculpture and while it is yet unfinished and is in the raw state of being worked on, he or she sees beyond this stage and sees the "finished work." It is said that Michelangelo saw the finished work of his marvelous figures in the stone before he even started on them. He said that he was just "freeing them from the stones themselves." God who is the great artist and creator, sees us in the same way. The image may appear to be fuzzy at times and unfinished, as we gaze into the mirror before us, but remember that on the other side of this mirror is One who sees us completely. He is beholding the same person, and yet He doesn't see the earthly image as we see it. We know that when people are being interrogated they are often in a room where there is a one-way mirror. Those that have been accused can not see the people who are outside of the room. However, the spectators can view the person from the outside and they see them. The difference here is that God sees us "as we are in Him." We are not prisoners or ones who are being interrogated, but we are His sons and daughters, and He sees kings and queens before Him. The only problem is that we can't see the image that He is seeing.

The time will come when we will see "face to face." We will look into the eyes of our Lord and we will see what He sees in us. The reflection will be true. It will reflect the "finished work."

So when you look into the mirror and behold the reflection that is before you, do not despair. Do not wish or imagine that you are someone else. You are known by Him who created you, and that reflection will one day be something where you can see on both sides of the mirror.

[2] Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. [3] Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. 1 John 3

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It Is By Grace
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[8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Eph. 2

RO 6:1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? [2] By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? [3] Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4] We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

"I have come to give my people a message of hope. I have come to tell them that all their long years of service have given them their "full rights to the kingdom of God." Service is something that I have asked you to do, but it is not a "saving thing." Have I not said in my word that "you are saved by grace?" No matter what you do, you are not a better person for Me. You cannot make your way more certain, and you cannot make me love you more by doing things. It is only through the work of my spirit. It is only through my grace that you are able to do these things. All the great things that you have done will not make you better in my eyes. It is GRACE, it is simply my GRACE. And yet, some have abused my grace. Some have continued sinning, knowing that I would forgive them. They have willfully sinned, knowing that it is provided for them. This is an abuse of my grace. You are forgiven, but do not be willful about your continued sinning. These are things that you should learn, and these are things that are important. So, there are two sides to my grace. You are forgiven, and it is only through my grace that you can do the things that you have done for Me. It is my strength, and not your own. When you know these things and you do them, then you will be blessed. "

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You Need Strength Of Faith For What Lies Ahead
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1TH 3:11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. [12] May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. [13] May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

EPH 3:14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, [15] from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. [16] I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, [17] so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through *faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love*

"This is the new era for my believers. It is a time of faith-building and renewal. It is a time to gather all of your faith and hope in Me. You may wonder why it is time for such things as this. I tell you it is because of the darkness that falls very soon. You need to gather these things unto yourselves in preparation for those days that lie ahead. For tragedies and disasters are coming. There will be tragedies in the natural and there will be tragedies in the spiritual. I tell you that earthquakes are set in motion for the western states. And these "rumblings" will signal the rumblings that are yet to come. "

(The Lord showed me an aerial view of the state of California. I saw the state clearly marked out. Above it I saw an angel who was blowing a trumpet. Right after this I was not permitted to see any more for a curtain was being pulled back in front of me preventing me to see anymore. Then as I continued praying, I noticed some things that were rising from the California area. They looked very much like bubbles. There were small ones and larger ones that rose into the air and some were drifting across the country into the east. I asked the Lord what these were and He said, "These are the prayers of my people that are rising to Me.")

"The days ahead will be difficult days; that is why I want you to form your faith. Faith builds upon itself. Faith is also contagious. Strengthen one another and encourage one another in Me. For the strength of your faith will carry you through. "

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The Altar of Surrender
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On Friday, while talking and praying with a fellow Pastor, I had a vision. On Saturday evening while at Intercession at our Ministry Center, I had the same vision. Then on Sunday, it came to pass fully.
I would like to share this vision with you…..

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The Vision:
I saw this altar. It was an earthen altar, and it had wood that was stacked upon it. It was ready for an offering. Then, I saw myself upon this altar, and the wood was lit and the wood began to burn. The flames that were burning were multicolored flames and were beautiful.

I could not see myself, as the flames were high and hid me in the middle of the altar. While I watched I could see an angel who stood by the altar, and he had a jar, and a spoon or scoop utensil of some sorts. He would reach in as it was burning, and pick up the ashes from the offering, which was me, and place it in this bottle. He did this many times as I watched the scene.

Then the flames began to die down. As they did, there was nothing left upon the altar, except this lone eagle. It was small, and gold/brown in color, and it looked around at me. Then it screeched and took off into the heavens, flying as it called out. It soared high and then it was gone.

I have been on a Journey for the last nine months. I have come to a place in My Calling that the Lord was separating me, and beginning to cause me to move forwards in Ministry and to begin to travel more. It has been a painful time, and a time of exploration as I sought out God's path for me, and our family, and where it would take us and it's bearing with my association with Broadcasters for Jesus Ministries.

On the Saturday, that is mentioned above, I saw the vision for the second time. I knew that God was calling me to lay down all that I had held dear and had known, and I wept with the pain of that loss, as it was precious indeed. I had labored for 7 years with them, and now God was calling me to give birth to something new. It was both a challenge and yet, a joy to release it all.

Then, on Sunday: Those who I am in Ministry with (Rev. Sharon Sours and Rev. Jean Clark), also had come to this point, and God led them to release me from the position that I held with them, and from My original Call to them. They initiated a Ceremony of Commissioning for me and Donald. It was a moment of tremendous pain, and I fell under the weight of it all. I could not stand as they released me before all of the people. The final death had came.

What I did not know was that God had also led them to commission our Kairos Transport Ministries to become an Associate Fellowship under their Ministry Canopy, as a full partner Ministry.

The Lord had not only removed me from being the position of Director of Foreign Missions within their ministry, but now had brought forth a whole new ministry, wholly standing upon itself, along side of them, to go forth as God had decreed at this time.

In the Commissioning Ceremony, they handed me my Legal Document of Fellowship and Ministry Recognition, but also handed me a key ring, and a gold coin. The key ring symbolized the release of my ministry to the Lord and that it would go wherever the Lord took it, and the gold coin had a woman and a new baby on one side, and an eagle on the other. They did not know of my vision before this time, so God was confirming this whole new release, as it unfolded.

This new commissioning has only just begun, and it will unfold before us as we walk this out.

What I want to share now, after laying this foundation above, is what the Lord said to me concerning the altar experience, as it is for all of His People who follow after Him…..

Each of My Children will follow Me as I direct them, and they will come to this altar many times in their lives. For at each altar it will be a death, and a new life. For this Altar of Surrender, is a yielding to Me of their mind, body, and spirit. It is of a true heart that you must climb upon this earthen altar and give yourself to Me.

The altar is earthen, because it is one that you must build to Me yourself. It is made from your earthen vessel, and your earthen works, and all of your future. Once it is built, then I call My People to Myself, and they can choose to let it all go, or to keep what they have.

Those who choose to let it all go, do so with a knowledge that there might not be anything left, or of value afterwards. That it is My Choice what will be their outcome and what they will become after the death of their vision. They give their future completely into My Hands with abandonment, and utter submission.

Those who choose not to climb upon their altar, do so with the knowledge that this is all they will ever be, and the thing they have erected in the flesh, will also die and become a snare to them. For what they hold to them will destroy them and control them.

The angel who stood by the flames and scooped up the ashes, was taking the precious offering of yours, and keeping it in a bottle of remembrance before Me. For the death of My saints is precious to Me, and none will be forgotten or denied. I see all things, and I see the death of My Children, whether it is a physical death or spiritual, they both are true deaths. They are precious, and I hold it as a treasure to Me.

My Book of Remembrance is kept on My Precious Ones.
Nothing given to Me is wasted or trivial. Everything I ask of My People, is of true importance and of true value. I count all actions done in My Name as a sweet sacrifice and I delight in the aroma of Love that is offered up to Me, in abandonment. There is nothing sweeter to Me than this.

My Son offered Himself upon the same altar, and made the way for you. My People can now ascend to My Throne, and partake of Me, and know Me. They can also know the Joy of Union with Me, and the Joy of offering to Me, their lives and futures.

I take the offering, and fashion it into a Glory and an Expression of Me, which is then released back into the person who chose to become that offering. They now receive a greater portion than they had before, and will walk in a greater intimacy with Me than before. For they have become a New Wineskin, into which I can be poured into.

You are that eagle, child, that I have destined to fly, from the creation of time itself, and you will indeed cry out, and soar in the Heavenlies, and will declare those things which I will show you. For I am releasing My Eagles, all over the land, to ascend to the Heavenlies, and to begin top proclaim the Word to My people in this Hour, from the Heights. It is a New Day, and you have only begun to see and to hear.

Now My Eagles will run and fly and begin to roar. For the Lion of the Tribe of Judah has already sounded, and now it will become louder through the Eagle’s Cry.
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The Pillar of Truth
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The Pillar of Truth - The Fountain of Living Waters

The Lord gave me a dream tonight, which upon my waking was still happening to me, whether my eyes were closed or not….. Here, I will share with you this experience…..

I am standing, looking at a very huge and glorious Pillar of Living Light. It is as a torch that burns brighter than any natural torch known to man, or seen upon the world of men. It burns with the intensity of the sun, yet greater than a thousand suns. It is as looking into the face of the Lord, and seeing Him.

The Pillar is so bright in it's intensity, that man cannot look upon it directly, but at an angle, and only for the brief moment that the Lord allows. It is of Pure Spirit Essence and is the visible expression of God. Only those who have been directly summoned by the Lord can stand before it without perishing and they come by the Grace of God.

It emits a very direct flow of Spirit that is so Holy that is seems as Light, but is actually the form and essence of the Father. It shines with His Holiness and Pure Love with such an intensity that all else pales in comparison with His Word, His Truth. His Word is living, and is ever creating, and is the Force of His Expression that moves eternally throughout all creation, revealing Himself to whoever would seek Him.

This knowledge floods me as I stand there. I don't understand how I am able to absorb this or to comprehend this, but it seems to just flow through me and I join with Him, and am able to grasp a portion of this Light, and it illuminates me, and I am able then to see the Lord in this form.

The Lord then compels me to step into the Pillar of Truth. I feel than I cannot move, as if I am constrained by the Glory of the Light of this Pillar, but as I think this, my feet are released, and I flow into the Pillar. The Pillar is alive. It is as if standing in the midst of Living Light, and it is moving all around you, and flowing through you, and filling you all at once.

It is the Fountain of Living Waters.
All of a sudden I understand this, and can see how the Living Word flows, and how it moves at the Will of the Father, and how it fills everything, wherever it is sent. The Pillar of Truth, is the Living Word, which flows forth, and is the Fountain of Living Waters that is sent forth into the realm of men, to illuminate and water those who would step into it.

It flows upward.
As I stand in this Pillar, this fountain, it flows upwards. The Flowing of Truth flows upwards towards the Lord, as He is the Truth. He is the Living Waters, and He is the Living Light. It is He that reaches out to men upon the earth, and then flows into and upon and through those vessels that embrace Him.

The Stream of Truth that flows forth from the Pillar, is a very powerful River. It is being released now, as a Fountain, but will soon burst forth as a Raging Torrent of Living Light, Truth, and it will explode in His People with His Glory.

The Father is permitting a knowledge of Him, a portion of His Form to be seen, at this time. He is calling forth to those who will step into Him, and will stand in Him, and who will be watered with Him. These will then flow with His Form, and partake of the Living Word, and it will transform them, and bring them to the depths of His Love. The knowledge of this Love, will then be released, and it will come forth from these vessels, and it will flow as that Mighty Torrent throughout God's House. It will sweep clean all of the remaining debris taught of men, and cause His People to shine with Him.

The Fountain is both full of His Light and full of His Glory, but also full of His Justice. For the Word judges all things. The Judgment of all things is left to the SON, and the SON is the LIVING WORD. The Sword of Truth. He is all and the One.
The release of this Fountain will cause true Justice to be once again delivered in God's House. For the hearts of men will once again turn to the Truth, and will embrace the Sword, and it will remain IN HIM.

Justice will no longer be held at the gates, but will be the gate through which all will enter in. For only the Love of the Truth will allow one to enter into the Presence of the Lord. Truth is the Plumbline by which all will be measured and will be found IN HIM. For the Light will once again be seen over His People, and within Them.

This understanding flows through me as this river. I can grasp it and feel it, and see it all at once. It is apart of me, and I am One with the Lord, the Truth. It is as if there was never any separation at all. This is the true position of His People. The relationship that the Father desires for His People. To be One with Him, and the Son. John 17. The Union.

Then we will walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, and we will be One, and will see Him, and know Him, and unite with Him. Jesus pierced that veil with His Own Flesh and prepared the way for men, that they might have access, and became the Living Way, the true veil, by which we might see the Lord, for no man can see the Father, but through Him. For they are One.

Now, the invitation is to whosoever will, to come and drink from the Living Fountain of Truth, to partake of His Living Light. Whosoever thirsts for Him, and forsakes all, will be satisfied and will thirst no more, but will be fully filled with Him, and know true Union. For the Lord has called to His People to come up here, and to see Him.

Now is the Father seen among men, and the Truth shining in the darkness, for all who would seek for it, and who would come to His Bidding. The Pillar of Truth has returned to the House of God and they will now feed and drink from Him.

John 1:1-14
Exodus 13: 21, 22
Psalms 51:6
John 14:6
John 7:28-38
Revelation 22:17
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The Arrival Of The Bride
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Rest in Me. Put your trust in Me. I am moving in your circumstance. I am lining things up with My will and purpose. Do not think that I have left you out, that I have not positioned you strategically. I have, and now is the time for My End-time plan to move forward. The End-time plan includes outreach to the nations, outreach to your own community and abroad. It includes whole households coming into order in this day.

You will see how I uncover My plan. I am raising up nobodies to do the work of evangelism. I am raising up those of no reputation to be on frontlines. How would I do this you ask? I have My hidden ones, Josephs, who have been wrongly accused and sent to the dungeon who are coming out of hiding. And yes, I am opening a whole new vista, a panoramic view of what I call My church. And I am birthing forth a revelation into the hearts of men, men of no relevance in the system of today's church.

I am shaking the pedestals of men and soon they will come crashing down. I am igniting a holy passion for the truth in the hearts of those who are open to the revelation. Some have said the church is sleeping. Others have implied that it is dead, but I tell you, My church is on the rise. It will rise up out of the dust and come to life, for I shall fill it with breath and life. So do not mistake what you see for what is real. Much of what you see stems from the heart of man and not God. What you see is a reproduction of the real, a counterfeit.

Do you think I would use one man out of multitudes to lead the way? Do you think that I need men to facilitate what I am doing? My ways are high above the ways of men and cannot be contained in the doctrines and teachings of men. They cannot be twisted and made to fit man's agenda.

I am at work throughout the Earth raising up the least expected from places least expected, those who have not been tainted by the religious systems of men. I am raising up My apostles and prophets, My End-time army that shall infiltrate the Earth and take it by surprise. Those least expected will be ushered forward into places of prominence. With them will come kingdom authority, not that which you see in religious circles, but from above, for I am releasing My authority into the lives of multitudes who have come through the trials and have been refined as pure gold. I am releasing power from on high into the lives of those who have disentangled themselves from the religious systems of men and who have enthroned Me in their hearts and lives.

The world has yet to see the true church arise, but in this day, it will be awakened by the arrival of the Bride of Christ. I am raising up a Bride who is spotless and the whole Earth shall marvel at her beauty, for she will not resemble anything the world has ever seen.

Picture this, the trumpet blast, and the whole Earth put on alert to the arrival of the Bride, prepared and ready for her Bridegroom... This is the picture I leave with you.

The Gospel Message
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Once Again The Truth Of The Gospel Message Shall Be Spread Far And Wide
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Many in My house are looking for wisdom from the wrong sources. They go to and fro trying to understand things from a human perspective. They encounter difficulties and run to the nearest comfort. They have not learned to seek Me, to seek My face and My counsel. They are a people who call themselves by My name, yet do not know Me. They think that if they keep the pattern handed down to them by their earthly fathers, they will be justified.

This is the dilemma My people face, they have traded a living, vital relationship with Me for the comfort of following the traditions of men. You ask why? It is because of unconfessed sin in their hearts and lives. They are able to excuse their sin thinking it is covered by My blood. But I tell you, that unless a man is purified by the washing of the water and the word, he cannot see God, nor can he enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

Write these words of encouragement to those who truly seek Me. Tell them that they shall surely find Me and shall be blessed of the Heavenly Father in ways unsearchable. Tell those who follow a form of religion, yet do not know Me, that the time is running out. Soon they will have to make a decision regarding whom they will serve, God Eternal, or the gods of this world. Will they seek wisdom from above, or the wisdom of men passed down through the generations?

It is a new day, and in this new day, I shall once again pour out My Spirit upon men. Either they will taste and see that the Lord is good, or they will run from My holy presence. Tell those who do not know Me that I am knocking at the door of their heart, and if they open the door to Me, I will come in and sup with them.

This is the message I leave with you today. Go and do the works that your Heavenly Father has prepared in advance for you to do and do not look back, for the time is coming when all of mankind will have to give an account of what they did with that which has been revealed through the Son. Jesus preached a new day to those who were steeped in religion two thousand years ago. The message is the same today. What will you do with the truth of which the Son of Man spoke and demonstrated to those who would believe?

Check your heart. Check it to see if you have truly grasped the message of the new day, or if you, too, are steeped in empty forms of religious behavior passed down through your fathers. I came to bring liberty, to set the captives free from the doctrines of men and demons. Who has heard the message and responded? Who has grasped hold of the truth and run with it?

Once again the truth of the gospel message shall be spread far and wide over all the Earth. Once again I shall display Myself in splendor and let the nations know that the Day of the Lord has appeared. Once again I shall rent the Heavens and make a display of My splendor in the Earth and all the nations will know that there is a God, for I shall shake the Heavens and the Earth as a sign of My coming. They will either fall on their knees in repentance, or cling to the old.

I am coming soon, and those who are Mine will rejoice. The clouds shall be rolled back and the angels shall descend. This is the sign of My coming.

The Activation of the Creative Word

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1.

Prophecy and prophetic revelation is the word of God from eternity into our time.
The foundation of true prophetic utterance or precept or premise is the eternal word, Logos. The creative dimension of prophecy is energized by the prevailing and undergirding force called, "The Word of God", the very same that was "in the beginning with God" who made ALL things; **and whose presence was required that things could be made!**

"All things were made by Him, and without him was not anything made that was made." John 1:3

Beloved, the presence of God is the overseer and active "project manager" to all that comes into being and reality through the spoken Word. The story of creation is the prototype, the model upon which present prophetic authority and power rests, and the foundation for His kingdom coming which even now is.

**"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said…" Genesis 1:1-3a**

Before God uttered a single word, **the Spirit moved.** God's presence is His Spirit! The presence of God is a force likened unto a wind that causes motion in the object of its attention. The Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
One would not be able to "see" the Spirit of God, but one would see the rippling of the waters affected by the wind of the Spirit. **It was after God's Spirit moved, that God spoke.**

My friends, if you want prophecy issuing forth from your life with creative power, do not speak until you have the **evidence of His Spirit, His Presence** with you because nothing will be seen or manifest or created , by a word void of the preceding presence of the Lord moving. That is nothing but an empty, powerless, off the top of your head, homespun idea concocted by your own religious intelligence!
(And when I say "you", of course, I mean ME, too!!)

God's divine order in creativity at the foundations of the earth sets the precedent for the fulfillment of that substance made, created, or formed by a creative "rhema word" from God.

The Spirit moved, God said, and then God "saw".

Dear ones, it takes the presence of the Lord, and a true word from God to "see".

"And God said, Let there be light and there was light. And God saw the light…" Genesis 1:3,4.

There is a **divine connector** between present prophetic power and authority within the life of the believer, and the eternal foundations which infuse the prophetic word with "life."

In Him was life, and that life was the light of men. John 1:4

What is that "divine connector"?

It is the **"will of God, begetting us with the "word of truth" that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures."** (James 1:18)

It is the reality that we are **born again, not of corruptible seed (life), but of incorruptible, by the "word of God" which liveth and abideth forever. (1Peter 1:23)**

It's God's will that we be created in His image specifically for the purpose that we should be a kind of "firstfruits of His creatures." In other words, there is no other creation or race afforded divine attributes found only within God, Himself.
Since He is the only, sole, express "Word of Truth" it is from Himself that the seed of the Word of God must come into our being.

The seed is LIFE, and the life is the "light"! It's the "seed-life-light" that translates and moves us from the dark womb of imperceptibility and mystery into revelation whereby what we see (the light) is greater than the darkness which previously engulfed us.

"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." John 1:5

The fulfillment of this progression from darkness into light is realized by us through the unveiling of Jesus Christ. This will be the prophetic spirit and reality of the kingdom of God.

God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets,
Hath in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;
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The God-life that impregnates us because we are born again by the
"incorruptible seed of the Word of God" enables us to
- **feel the wind of the Spirit**
- **to speak the Word of the Lord**
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because in being created uniquely after His kind, even as He, we feel, speak, and see!

There is a Bible story found in John 6:16-21 which demonstrates the "laws of Creation"
- **The Spirit moved**
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being worked out in the relationship between Jesus and His disciples.

"And when even was now come, His disciples went down into the sea.
And entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. John 6:16

And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. Genesis 1:2.
Our condition when Jesus has not yet come to us!!

And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. John 6:18

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Genesis 1:2
That "great wind" is nothing less than the Spirit of God moving!!

So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on

the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. John 6:19 (This reminds me of how Adam and Eve heard a
"voice walking" at the dawn of creation.)

But he saith unto them, It is I; be not afraid. John 6:20

And God said, Let there be light, and there was light. Genesis 1:3
The disciples were afraid in the dark, but when He spoke, the light
(revelation of who He is) came!

Then they willingly received him into the ship; John 6:21a

Of His own will beget He us with the word of truth! James 1:18
Oh to have His will merged into our will so that we gladly receive the word of the Lord into our vessel!!

**And immediately, the ship was at the land, whither they went!
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As God saw the light, they saw the results of an intended purpose.

Before the disciples experienced the good fortune of being where they desired to be, there was a willingness on their part to receive Him, His presence into their vessel. Notice, that prior to their receiving Jesus, they were afraid.

Whenever a word of the Lord comes that requires us to open our spirits gladly and willingly, there is a space of hesitancy, a reservation before we reach the place of willingness.

But the results, the solutions, the arrival at destiny and seeing and perceiving concrete evidence of a word spoken
because the Spirit moved, happens in the presence of receptivity.

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauty of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of youth" Psalms 110:3

Beloved, what is the **"day of God's power"**? It must relate to a time when things take place beyond man's ability. It's the day of the revelation of the force that causes creativity! And that power is RELEASED through willingness!!

My friends, our self-denial and crucifixion of personal will and desire builds great character, and qualify us as overcomers who will manifest God's purposes and judgments in the earth.

But when our will has been crucified and self has been denied, it's not time to morph into a morose and morbid world of monastic asceticism and "will" worship, taking great pride in our spiritual accomplishments. That is not the **"beauty of holiness" from the "womb of the morning".**

What is to be birthed out of the morning? It is the promise of a day that will increase in promises of productivity and brightness! What is the **"dew of youth"**, but renewed hope in that which the seed is capable of bringing forth! How will that child grow and mature into manhood and fullness?? Perhaps He will be the President, or a world-class surgeon, or a famed opera singer!

After we have denied the self, it's time to ACTIVATE the seed of the New Creation Man within us---that which **OF HIS OWN WILL He "begat" within us of the Word of truth!!** In the natural, we cannot "activate" a seed by the sheer force of our will or desire to see it grow. But we can do "the right thing". We can water it, and give it time in the sunlight. That which nurtures the spiritual seed is DESIRE. We grow by desire!! **"Desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby." 1 Peter 2:2.** Maturity will come through desire!!

It's time to let the will of the Almighty Christ come forth within us, to be so immersed in the JOY of the revelation of the will of God because HIS WILL has truly become OUR WILL! No more struggle! Complete rest in God, and
JOY UNSPEAKABLE and FULL OF GLORY!! There is a song that has the phrase, "out of the narrowness of self, into thy heights, into thy depths, lift us up into thy greatness, Oh Lord."

How many of us have been caught up in majoring religiously in the little phrase,
"out of the narrowness of self"…….ever with our eyes fixed upon the **price**, and not upon the **prize**. Beloved, if Jesus had that outlook, He never would have gone to the Cross! The Bible shows us very clearly in John 17 that Jesus recalled
heavenly glory with His Father! On the Mount of Transfiguration, He shared a little of it with Peter, James, and John. The writer of Hebrews tells us that it was because of the JOY set before Him that He was able to endure the Cross!

We've denied ourselves, and struggled to bring ourselves into conformity to the will of God. Now it's time to see the JOY and the GLORY that is set before us!!
Beloved, God's creativity, the activation of the CREATIVE SPOKEN WORD is going to be birthed out of the womb of the morning! The place of hope for God's New Day, God's new order where the atmosphere of heaven, that holy and lofty place where the perfect will of God reigns supreme permeates our personal earth.

What releases God- willingness within us? It is the perception of a need and the DESIRE to meet the need! In Creation, God saw the condition of the earth…..empty, form, without void, darkness upon the face of the deep! The Spirit perceived a need and MOVED, and God was willing to speak light and order into the creation.

This is the same God that anointed Mark to write these words spoken by our Lord Jesus:

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea and shall not doubt in his heart , but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.
Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. Mark 11:23,24.

We must compare spiritual things with spiritual, and the scripture alone has the ability to defend and interpret itself. This isn't a blanket statement of approbation on declaration and receipt of self-centered, self-ingratiating, consuming lusts and covetousness just because we give ourselves to avidly declaring and confessing what we want!

Reading the scripture in context pre-empts such a thought. Jesus had just cleansed the temple of the self-serving money-changers and merchants who thought they could make a profit off of poor people who had come from long distances and needed to purchase the proper animals in order to make required sacrifices. (Mark 11:15-17)

And then they came upon a withered fig tree that Jesus had cursed because it had not produced fruit! (Mark 11:20,21)

The groundwork Jesus laid for Mark 11:23 and 24 must have had those disciples walking softly and tip-toeing in His presence because those were days that He was showing unto them a side that demanded a reverence reserved only for God.

The Lord had just manifested His authority in a way that would tell those hearers, **Be careful what you desire!!** Don't be selfish like the money-changers and the merchants in the temple! Don't be fruitless like the pathetic fig tree!

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He had just gone to great lengths to bring them to a place where they were most introspective about desire! "Desire" had been purified!

Beloved, our faith, and the creative prophetic word will never conflict with our desires! We need to pine and yearn and hunger and long for the will of God greater than the insatiable dissatisfaction of things never satisfied! Meditate upon this verse in Proverbs, and let your desire for the will of God and for the Lord Himself surpass the relentless refusal of these things to find satisfaction! Let our inward cry ever be, I need MORE of you Lord, and a GREATER REVELATION of your will than what I presently have!!

"The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give. Give.
There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, four things say not, It is enough: The grave, and the barren womb; the earth that is not filled with water;
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We are created a "kind of firstfruits"……unique in that we have, by reason of Divine Impartation, the power of God within us to DISCERN A NEED, and to stir up God's Spirit within us to respond to the need, and speak a word, and see results!! We do not need to stay where we are! We need to cast off all fear and doubt and unbelief, receive Jesus **(His Name is called "The Word of God" Rev. 19:13)** into the ship of our lives; and experience the outworking of creative prophetic Destiny!! Beloved, when DESIRE is at the God-level, IMMEDIACY will be
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Increase in stamina. Come into complete health. Line up with My will and purposes and you will be on your way into your destiny.

Proclaim the gospel of Christ to a lost generation. I shall walk you out from the doldrums and into the land of promise. Know that I will never fail you, that My promises are true. I promise you, that though others refuse to believe, that I, indeed, will perform My wonders on your behalf. Hold onto every promise, every word assigned you and do not let go. I am moving My promises forward and I will take by surprise those who did not believe. I am coming to set the captives free, to loose the prisoners, and to proclaim the day of the Lord. I will define borders and make My ways clearly known.

This is the day of great grace. Grace be unto you. Grace is the substance that will carry you through. It will give you the stamina you need to press through. So rejoice, for this is the day of salvation, of whole households coming into salvation. Rejoice and sing, for I have intervened to make known My purposes and will. I will instruct and give counsel according to My good purpose. I will make an issue of grace in this day. All will know that it is not by the hands of men, by power or might that My purposes will be accomplished, but by the power of My spirit that is at work to bring all things into divine order. Even now I am working behind the scenes to bring justice to the poor and to oversee the work of My kingdom being established in the hearts and lives of your youth. I will grant favor to all in the house. I will trample underfoot all that aligns itself up against My perfect will. I will establish blessing in the household of God, blessing upon blessing.

Courage, take courage. I am leading your household on into the abundance I have in store. I am reimbursing those who have lost out in the past with new stamina, new credibility, new desires, new ambition, positive thoughts, progress in the direction of My choosing. I am filling them to the full with My counsel, with My word of truth that shall nurture and train them and bring them into maturity. So rejoice, for your whole household is lining up with My purposes, from the youngest to the eldest. This is the promise I make to you, that your sons and your daughters shall enter the land of plenty. Rejoice and sing, because I truly have blasted apart the roadblocks that had been set up to keep them from receiving all I have in store for them.

Monies will come rolling in to finance those things I am calling your youth to. A great abundance will be released to bless them and carry them on into training. You will see favor upon favor released upon your youth, for I shall, indeed, transport them out of hopelessness and into a hope-filled life of service to their king. I will bless them with every spiritual blessing in Heavenly places and I shall release to them the desires of their hearts. Know this day, that I shall carry them on My wings and transport them into realms of glory. I have My hand upon each one and I shall walk each one into their inheritance in Christ. Bountiful blessing awaits them. Pastoral care awaits each one, for I shall make a commitment to provide continued guidance. I will not let their foot slip. I will not leave them out in the cold, but I shall gather them in where it is warm. I shall cover them with My wing as a mother hen does her chicks. They shall rise high above the storms of life and experience safety as in the eye of a tornado.

I Am Moving Your Youth

Shirley Lise

I Am Moving Your Youth Forward In Time With My Will And Purpose
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Encounter greater satisfaction in the arms of your Heavenly Father. Come up higher, My child, high above the distractions. Know that I am your "daddy," your Father who gives you good advice.

I will counsel you and give you the answers to the dilemmas that you face. I will open wide My storehouses of fresh manna to enlighten you. Do not believe the ill report of what you see, but continue to believe My promises toward you and your household. You will see changes, great change in the heart and life of each of your children, changes in their behavior, and change in the structure that exists, for I am bombarding the gates to the city and releasing those who have been bound by the limitations put on them by the fleshman. I shall utterly destroy the power of traditional lines set.

I will destroy the limitations on the lives of your children and usher them into the fullness I have in store for them. Not only will they walk in the power of My Spirit, but they will walk into the work and areas of expertise of My choice freely with no opposition. This you will see as the fulfillment of My promises to you, your children walking in the authority of sons of God. You will see them "fill the position" I have for them in the workplace and in My kingdom.

No man is able to stop what I am doing. I am blasting apart preconceived ideas of what I can and can't do, and I am blasting away limitations erected by the powers that war against My will. I will utterly destroy the power that would hinder My chosen from going forward in the call upon their lives. Though men say "it cannot be done," I will prove that I am able to override the rules and regulations of men to achieve My purposes in the lives of those I am moving forward in this day.

Counsel given of men will be futile against the counsel of God that I am releasing in this day. I will counsel your sons and daughters. I will determine the outcome of events taking place in their lives. I will take the reigns out of the hands of men and guide and direct according to My good pleasure.

So rejoice, for I am moving your youth forward in time with My will and purpose.

Press In To My Promises
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Resist the devil and he will flee. I will give your grace to walk through the turmoil unharmed, unscathed.

Dream, dare to dream. Do not let your dreams be snuffed out. Open wide your heart to receive all I have for you. Gird up your loins, put on the breastplate of righteousness, and be led forward in the call.

Press in to My promises. Believe them with all your heart and do not waver. I am moving on your behalf. I am instituting My will and My purposes into your midst.

Extreme revelation is coming your way. You will walk in the extreme. Extreme power is resident in you and now about to break forth. You will see it move mountains on your behalf. You will see it bring forth counsel and admonition, hope, and health, revelation of kingdom living, living in the economy of God, without limits.

I will give you direction. I will lead the way. I have given you My promises and I shall walk them out in your life. Life abundant is promised to you. Joy unspeakable is in store. Yes, the attacks have been fierce and the shakings terrible, but I have sustained you through them all and I will continue to sustain you. I will propel you forward and give you grace to continue on in the call. I will carry you on and into your destiny.

The Agape Reformation

Ron McGatlin

The most powerful force for reforming the church and the world is agape' love. Gods love flowing in and through His maturing sons is the strength to move mountains and reform the landscape of our world. We are in the early stages of a long season of transition and maturation into a church and world based on the intimate love relationship of God and man. The Word by the Spirit is cleansing hearts and clearing the land for a new paradigm.

The greatest principle of the kingdom - the predominate force and most significant factor in the kingdom of God is the love of God.

Without the love of God, there would be no salvation for mankind. Jesus would not have come to earth. There would be no cross, no resurrection, no indwelling Holy Spirit, no righteousness, no peace or joy on earth, no forgiveness, no deliverance, no healing of the heart, no reason for living, no relationship between man and the living God, no drawing force establishing God's kingdom on earth. Apart from the love of God, there is no kingdom of God, from heaven, on earth. Yet, who can really describe what the love of God is?

John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Matthew 22:36-40: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Many people have known of the love of God, but there are many today who really know the love of God in a personal way. To know God is to know love. "God is love".

The spiritual union and intimacy of knowing (experiencing) the love of God is the greatest fulfillment in life. Earthly accomplishments and human desires all fade into the distance. The highest highs of life pale in the rapture of experiencing His love. There is nothing one would not do, nothing one would not give, to please Him. The only fear is the fear of disappointing Him. The heart's greatest desire is to hear His voice and to do His bidding; to be pleasing in His sight.

The intense love between a man and a woman is a natural parable of the love of God. In the Bible, the Song of Solomon is an expression of spiritual love in natural terms. Anyone who has ever really been in love with someone knows to some degree the feelings of experiencing God's love.

A man in love will do anything to be with the one he loves. When they are apart, a deep aching and longing fills his chest. Only embracing her and pressing her against his chest will stop the ache and fill the longing. Her every characteristic, even with her flaws, seem intensely beautiful and desirable to him. He will look deep into her eyes and say, "I will change the whole world for you. I will move the greatest mountain, defeat the fiercest enemy for you." They kiss and she melts in his arms and replies, "I am yours forever. I will serve you with my whole heart; only, please, never leave me nor forsake me." He promises, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

The world may have difficulty in understanding why one in love with God will leave the activities and things of the world to be with Jesus. Religious people, with their rules and strife, may demand for the person in love with Jesus to be more involved with their religious activity. They may never understand why their ceremonies mean so little to the one who is personally experiencing the loving presence of God.

His love motivates us to purity. Our desires are to be, to have, and to do, according to His will. No other needs drive us. He is all we need. His will and ways are always righteous obedience to the Father. The great mystery of love changes harlotry to purity. Love Purifies - Unlove Putrefies.

The love of Jesus can change a rebellious, adulterous bride into a faithful, purified bride without spot or blemish. Jesus, by the love relationship, becomes one flesh with His bride and is manifest in her so that His life becomes flesh on the earth. As His presence appears within us and is revealed through us, we become as he is in the world; we are purified.

Ephesians 5:25-27,29-32: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it that He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
Ron McGatlin

The Archway Is Opened
Sandy Warner

Jan 26, 2004
As I blow upon your heart with hope and commission, I will set job opportunities before you, whether part time, full time, or any time. For I have opened up the archway, that great door of hope - and you shall drive through to new roads. On the go, you shall visit My people far and near. I shall use you to blow the seeds of My Word upon them and My Spirit shall blow great refreshment upon many fainting souls. Through so much waiting and delay, many hearts are waning and about to faint. I will shore up and strengthen their walls. What took the enemy many years to canker, I can repair with just one touch of My breath. I will send you to them. Follow your conscience and the enemy will have no say in your life and I will bring you through the door of hope.

"I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope. She will give herself to me there, as she did long ago when she was young, when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt. "In that coming day, says the LORD, "you will call me `my husband' instead of `my master.'" (Hosea 2:15-17 NLT)

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Monarchs - The Egg & Caterpillar
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Adult female Monarchs lay their eggs singly, one egg on the underside of each milkweed leaf. The egg larvae feed on the milkweed leaves for about two weeks and develop into caterpillars. A caterpillar remains on the plant where the egg was laid and feeds. Caterpillars grow several thousand times in size, to about 2 inches.

The Monarch butterfly is sometimes called the "milkweed butterfly" because the only thing the larvae and caterpillar eats is milkweed. The milkweed has a poison that keeps this butterfly safe from predators. The toxins from the milkweed give the butterfly a natural defense.

PARABLE
Today Wayne heard the Lord say, "Potential." That was a confirmation to me because yesterday I had a children’s song repeating over and over again in my mind. (One of the ways the Lord speaks to us is through bringing a song to our mind.)

Children’s song:
"I am a promise. I am a possibility. I am a promise, with a capital P. I am a great big bundle of potentiality. And I am trying to hear God’s voice and I am trying to make the right choice. I am a great big bundle of potentiality."

Many times when the Lord plants His seed within us, it comes as a promise of what He is bringing us into. With His seed planted within us, we are a bundle of potentiality.

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA

HEARD POEM:
Come and dine on the Master's truth. Come and dine.
It's time to feast at My table. Yes, it's time.
Who is blind but My servant who thinks he really sees?
I AM opening your eyes to set you completely free,
With eyes birthed for now and eternity.
A "New Age" they say, from eyes too blind to see.
For what they say, can't be.
Because the New Age comes forth through you - by Me.
It's a seed I planted 2000 years ago.
A seed to whom I said, "Now grow!"
It's a mystery created in front of their eyes.
It's the story of the butterfly.
It's been a worm.
And in the cocoon it's had its turn.
Out of the darkness and into the light
Bursts forth My seed with glory bright.
This is the New Age and they will declare it.
Yes, Candle, I light your flame.
You, My Pillar, with a new name.
What's birthed, comes from afar.
My own ones to whom I have given the morning star.
Overcomers in every way,
All things they conquered to begin the New Day.
Birthed out of majesty, their words declare.
There is nothing, no nothing that will ever compare.

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER MY GOD SEED IS PLANTED
I planted My tiny God seed inside of you and carefully surrounded you with the milk of My Word. Slowly you grew to the place where you could crawl around in search for nourishment. All these years I have watched you eat and grow, eat and grow, then eat some more - and grow, grow, grow.

My seed in you may be very, very tiny, but what marvelous things I have in store for those that love Me! As always, each seed produces after its own kind and because I have planted the seed of Myself inside you, one day My very image shall reflect in all that you do and all that you are.

Someday you will no longer crawl like a worm within the limits of your planting, but you shall sprout wings of faith that will take you high above all circumstances. You shall overcome, against all odds and rise in newness of life. Do not worry, My love. You are safe in Me. You may feel small and overwhelmed as you see wicked adversaries press in, but they will not devour you. As you have fed upon My Word and My Word has sustained and changed you, this has also produced a toxin inside of you that is poisonous to your adversaries. What I have planted in your life shall not fail. You are My child, and you will have all eternity to discover what that really means.

Gal 4:6-7 NKJV
And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

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Wrapped In A Cocoon
Sandy Warner

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Within the amazing journey of the Monarch butterfly, when the caterpillar has eaten its fill and grown to about 2 inches, it attaches head down onto a convenient twig, then sheds its outer skin and begins the transformation into a pupa (or chrysalis).

The pupa or cocoon resembles a waxy, jade vase and becomes increasingly transparent as the process progresses. The caterpillar completes the miraculous transformation into a beautiful adult butterfly in about two weeks.

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA
HEARD: On wings of change. That's what it is. Tomorrow's fasting. Pretty soon this place is going to have a reputation for butterflies.

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"…When the Lord gets ready to do something, He does it in the heavens. In 87 this supernova came. It came on 2/20. You didn't realize it, but boy you were appointed to a death; that is Galatians 2:20. "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

"A death started working in you like the cocoon of the anointing. You were like worms that crawled around on the earth. You didn't get any higher than the plants you climbed on. But all of a sudden you began to get wrapped up in the anointing and you began to die. All of a sudden you were totally bound. You were totally restricted by the Holy Spirit. You didn't get anything you thought you were going to get. You had preset ideals of what you thought you were going to be. You stayed there in that cocoon and year after year went by. And what you haven't realized - You're not the same person that went into that cocoon. You did some dying in there and some changing.

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA
HEARD: The tomb, the tomb. Little one, you are in the tomb. All these things I'm fighting in the tomb. Loneliness, despair, hope deferred, sadness, grief. Fight back until they know the strength of your will. When it's no , IT'S NO!

Where is the Lord God of Elijah, Elohim my redeemer, my friend? Coming in enrichment, enlargement and glory. Stone rolled away from the door. Walk out of the tomb. New life. Metamorphose. Butterfly. A big one. Unfurling. Cocooned. (I literally sneezed as I heard this.)

VISION: I saw a blue butterfly. HEARD: Huge. Precious fruit of the earth. I'm waiting. The tomb of isolation. No more. Resurrection. Wait. Coming. Glare. Light. Blinding. Power. One by one come unto Zion. My blue butterfly.

Covered in your tomb. Warm blanket of love. Soon emerge. A blue butterfly edged in gold. Wait.

CONCLUSION

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WORD TO PONDER WRAPPED IN HIS BLANKET
I have fed and fed you when your ravenous appetite has yearned for My Word. Because I have brought you through many outward changes, your growth has been visible to all around you,

There comes a time when these outward changes lessen and I begin to work on the inside of you. During this time I surround you with a warm blanket of My love and I separate you unto Myself. It is like being inside a cocoon, as you cling desperately to Me, your Vine of hope. Yesterday's food grows deeper within you. The world does not witness what is taking place. I AM working many changes in this hidden place. I work upon your mind-sets, your will and your motives. I bring your soul, body and spirit into alignment with My Word, My mind, - the mind of Christ. The world sees little of this, but deep inside your being, these changes are lasting and sure, for I establish My own.

Dear one, you may feel isolated and separated as I do these inner workings within your soul. You may feel upside down. You may feel like you are the tail and not the head. The expectations of your promises are waiting to be fulfilled. Yes it is hard to wait, and wait, you have. Wrapped in the tomb of waiting, all you know is that I AM God and I AM in control. It is OK, precious, allow My anointing to have its way in your heart and life. Die to the idols of the soul and yield everything to Me. Nuzzle into My blanket of love. Soon you shall burst its seams in resurrection power. Do you know your tomb of waiting is really My womb of birthing? Break through is coming and you, My love, will be birthed.

Ps 42:11 NKJV
Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

Ps 49:15 NKJV
But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, for He shall receive me.

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Much Joy Is Coming
Sandy Warner

Jan 28, 2004
Precious one, I know your heart is so tired. I continue to say rest, but don't quit. Beloved, so much joy is coming your way. You think it will not be enough to fill the depth of the need. Yes it will, says the Lord your God. I AM coming with My manifest Presence. I will kiss My people with My love and with My power. I have heard their cry. I AM enough.

"I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy one to see corruption. You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy." (Psalm 16:8-11 NKJV)

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Teach Them How To Read The Water

Sandy Warner

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Sweetheart, My children are not able to maneuver in the river waters ahead nor carry their own gear, so I have placed them and their gear in your boat. Don’t worry about the strength to handle their weight while shooting the rapids. Because you are yoked with Me, it will be light and easy.

They are in the boat with you, because you have learned to read the water. You know where the rocky stumbling stones are subtly hidden under the white water, you know where the currents carry too swift a pace, you know where they slow into eddies. With one glance you can read the signs and know exactly where to go and how to maneuver the oars for a smooth ride. My children shall be safe in your boat, for I have taught you well. They shall learn from you merely by your example and one day they shall lead others into the land of fruitful inheritance. Teach them well, and your reward shall be great.

"Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers to give them, like the days of the heavens above the earth." (Deuteronomy 11:18-21 NKJV)

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There's A Whole Lot Of Plowing Going On

Connie M Giordano

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There's A Whole Lot Of Plowing Going On

The Bible is indeed an amazing Book. It uses the topic of plowing to teach us many truths. Let's study and see what it has to say on this particular subject.

Every Christian is called to be a spiritual farmer - whether it be in the cultivation of his own heart or in the hearts of others. Hence, throughout the Scriptures, we find terminology pertaining to plowing, threshing, harrowing, sowing, reaping, watering, and feeding.

Each saint of God is called to be a plowman. He has a job to do, and he must stay focused in order to accomplish it.

There are plowmen who are working toward a good end, while others are attempting to reach an evil one.

In this day and hour, there is a desperate need amidst the Body of Christ for a deep and thorough plowing to occur - which will render the soil of the hearts of the people fit to receive the Seed of God's Word without resistance or hindrance.

In this message, we would like to examine six different Scriptural illustrations for the plow. May we all be strengthened and edified in our study today.

1. A Picture of Repentance and Reformation

Jeremiah 4:3 - "For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns."

What is "fallow ground"? How do we break it up in a spiritual sense?

"Fallow ground" is that which had once been tilled but has long remained uncultivated. It is land slightly plowed and full of weeds and thorns.

This is a picture of many Christian's hearts who daily and weekly are trying to receive the seed of God's Word into their hearts. It is no wonder that - after a period of time - there is no marked change in their lives.

This ought not to be!
Especially when considering that the Word of God is full of supernatural power - it is living and active. It is capable of bringing about change in anyone's life.

So what is the problem? The problem lies not in the seed but in the soil which receives the seed. Many are sowing the Word of God "among thorns" - in "fallow ground" - ground that is untilled, unplowed, or unprepared.

The Lord Jesus, in Luke 8:14, gave us a perfect illustration of this - "And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection."

Here we have a heart that is "fallow ground." It is untilled, unplowed, and unprepared. It is full of "thorns" - "cares and riches and pleasures of this life." Just as the seed that falls into "fallow ground" cannot produce any fruit, even so the Word of God, falling on a heart that is "fallow ground," becomes fruitless.

This is the reason why the Prophet Jeremiah admonished the people to "break up your fallow ground." Even though they were the people of God - possessing the oracles of God - they were unchanged and acting like heathen.

Even so is the case today with many in the church. They appear as heathen. Their hearts are unchanged and unfit soil to receive the Word. Oh! At one time, they were ploughed and tilled through repentance, tears, godly sorrow, the Fear of God, and exposure to the rain of the Holy Spirit. But over a period of time, these same people allowed their hearts to become hardened through sin, worldliness, idols, compromise, complacency, indifference, and spiritual slumber. Eventually, the "cares and riches and pleasures of this life" grew and filled their hearts.

What is so desperately needed in the Church today is the hot and heavy, heart-searching preaching that plows deeply within the hearts of the people. It severely convicts any and all of sin and worldliness. It causes hearts to melt like wax before the piercing light of the Holy Spirit and rivers of tears to flow in godly sorrow for sin. It breaks up the soil, strips it of all weeds and thorns, and renders it fit to receive the seed of God's Word - which works effectually in all who believe and brings forth fruit even an hundredfold.

Oh! Where are the preachers who would dare to plow the ground of their people's hearts until every heart is fit soil to receive the Word of God and bring forth fruit abundantly!

What is also needed - in this day and hour - is for all Christians to plead with God in fervent prayers for the torrential rains of the Spirit of God which will pound upon their hardened hearts until they become softened once again in true humility. Also, that they would plead for the cleansing blood of Jesus to wash away all corrupt affections and lusts.

We make this song our earnest plea today as we seek for a fresh plowing of our hearts -

"Lord, send the rain,
Pour out your Spirit,
Let the fire fall,
Heal us one and all,
Fall afresh on me."

2. A Picture Of Peace and Prosperity

Isaiah 2:4 - "And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

A people who once walked in their own ways would now serve the Lord and follow His rule. God would be their judge. He would put an end to all contentions and strife among them. Nations at war with each other would be brought to peace.

The very instruments of war would be transformed into instruments of agriculture. "Swords" would become "plowshares." "Spears" would be turned into "pruninghooks" - a long piece of wood with a crooked knife attached to it, used in cutting the limbs of trees or vines.

The Gospel would act as a spiritual, farming implement to cut at the hearts of men, softening their spirits, and disposing them to be peaceable rather than at war with each other and God.

3. A Picture Of a Severe Course Of Affliction

Hosea 10:11 - "And Ephraim is as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn; but I passed over upon her fair neck: I will make Ephraim to ride; Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods."

At first, we have an illustration of Ephraim being as one broken in the yoke and tamed - "And Ephraim is as an heifer that is taught..."

She "loveth to tread out the corn..." Corn - in the East - was threshed by means of oxen trampling it out under their feet. They traveled in a circular fashion, drawing a cylinder containing an iron harrow which is a cultivating tool - containing spikes, teeth, and disks used in pulverizing the soil. The "heifer" loved to "tread out the corn" because she was not muzzled and could freely stop and eat.

The picture here is reversed however by the word "but..." Instead of peaceably treading out the corn, Ephraim would be made "to ride." God would pass "over her fair neck."

What does this mean? It signifies that Israel would come under severe afflictions, troubles, and punishment - "I passed over her fair neck." She would no longer be able to eat of the corn. She would be brought under a strict yoke. God would set a rider on her(Assyria) in order to master, tame, and bring her into submission.

"Judah shall plow" - Like Ephraim, she would be restrained from treading out the corn and receiving instant fulfillment. She would be made to "plow" - be placed under the yoke to labor and receive gratification only after the necessary harvest was accomplished - which was to once again come into subjection to God's rule and commands.

"Jacob shall break his clods" - "Clods" were lumps or masses of earth or clay which hindered the growth of the seed. Spiritually speaking, these were areas of their lives which produced hardness of heart and hindered any spiritual growth. They were broken up by using a harrow or plow.

4. A Picture Of A Course Of Sin

Job 4:8 - "Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same." Hosea 10:13 - "Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men."

To "plow iniquity" or "wickedness" is an apt illustration for pursuing a course of sin. Every day, sinners form plans and carry out sinful purposes for a harvest. As they lead their wicked lives, they are like farmers who prepare the groundwork for their ungodly projects by sowing wickedness and reaping iniquity - expecting some type of gain in the end.

They work hard at their unholy pursuits. They labor sinfully, taking great pains to accomplish their goals which are in total opposition to what God commands. With hearts that are stubborn and hardened, they pursue after lies and the false worship of themselves - "thou didst trust in thy way" - or "mighty men."

Just as God has His ministers who prepare the soil of the people in order to receive the Word of God, even so does Satan have his ministers who purposely harden the soil of the hearts through sin, rebellion, stubbornness, error, deception, idols, and distractions. These "ministers" preach that it is acceptable before God to sin a little every day in thought, word, and deed.

5. A Picture Of The Labor Of Ministers

1 Corinthians 9:10-11 - "Or saith He it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is

written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?"

The farmer who plows does so in hope of a harvest. He cultivates the earth with the main prospect of enjoying the fruits or success of his hard labor.

The Apostle Paul is making the analogy here between the farmer and the minister of righteousness who sows the seed of God's Word into the hearts of His people. Just as the farmer plows the ground and then sows the seed for a harvest, even so does the preacher labor for the Lord - expecting to reap a harvest.

Using the analogy of husbandry, Paul, in this entire passage of Scripture, deals with the fact that ministers of the Gospel are to be supported by the financial blessings of God's people.

1 Corinthians 9:9-11 says - "For it is written in the law of Moses, THOU SHALT NOT MUZZLE THE MOUTH OF THE OX THAT TREADETH OUT THE CORN. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith He it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?"

The ministers of the Gospel labor heartily - sowing "spiritual things" - the Word of God - unto the people of God. In turn, the Holy Ghost speaks through the Apostle Paul in saying that these preachers then should reap the "carnal things" or financial support of those to whom they minister.

According to the Scriptures, every minister who is touching the lives of God's people has a claim to their financial support. And this support should not be given grudgingly but should be considered as only fair and right as fruit for their toils.

We are not to give to a ministry out of obligation or pride. Many give to their churches not because the Pastor is preaching the unadulterated Word of God - causing them to grow spiritually and live victoriously over Sin and the world's enticements. They give because they want to make a good impression on others or because they sing in the choir, teach a Sunday School, or are on the deacon board and feel under a certain obligation to do so. None of these are Scriptural reasons for giving.

Then we have those who give to a ministry to get something in return. They are not being changed and established in the Faith by the Word coming forth. In some cases, it is plain error that is being preached. Yet, in spite of it all, they give out of a lust for an autographed book, a new Bible, or a trinket of some sort like oil from Bethlehem or Jerusalem. Again, this is anti-Scriptural reasoning for giving.

The only justifiable reason for the Body of Christ to financially support a ministry is because the Truth of God's Word is being preached and taught, and the people are being changed, transformed, established, strengthened, and edified by it. Any other reason for giving will be burnt up in the fire on Judgment Day.

Those ministers who are plowing are plowing in the hope of being rewarded for their labors. God has ordained that those to whom they minister be the ones to supply their "carnal things" which is among other things - financial support.

6. A Picture of the Continued Devotedness Required In Christianity

Luke 9:62 - "And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Every Christian is called to be a farmer who cultivates the soil of his own heart - keeping himself fit for work in the kingdom of God.

He has a very important mandate. He must solemnly and intently keep his focus on the goal that lies ahead of him - not veering to the right hand or to the left through the many distractions that lie along the sidelines.

He is called upon to love the Lord Jesus with all of his heart. At no time or under no circumstances is he ever to look back regrettably at the worldly pleasures, wealth, honors, pursuits, favor, and friendships that he relinquished in coming to Christ.

Isaiah 40:3 - The Prophet Isaiah prophesied of the ministry of John the Baptist when he said - "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

This same ministry is needed today. God is calling all of His plowmen to get busy. The day is coming when no man will be able to work.

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The Breaker Anointing

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The Breaker Anointing - A Holy Invasion where Eternity Breaks Through"

Micah 2:13 - ***The one who breaks open will come up before them; they will break out, pass through the gate, and go out by it; their king will pass before them, with the Lord at their head.***

What does it take for heaven to invade earth? It takes a breaker anointing! One of God's names in the Bible actually is the "Breaker." A breaker anointing is a catalytic deposit of the Holy Spirit where eternity breaks through into the natural realm. It is a holy invasion where the gates of heaven are opened!

This type of anointing will break through every obstacle and hindrance to the furtherance of the Gospel. It shakes every shackle loose that holds individuals and the Church back from coming into their destiny and inheritance. Jesus promises that "the Kingdom suffers violence and the violent take it by force." The breaker anointing is the core anointing of the apostolic church for advancement.

Warfare at the Gates

Today there is tremendous warfare at the gates of our cities; there is a contesting at these gates to shut down the supernatural. Demonic forces often control the entry way of God's presence. For example, you may feel a tangible heaviness, a ceiling or oppression in a service. It takes a breaker anointing to open up the spiritual atmosphere so heaven can invade earth.

When the breaker anointing occupies an area, individuals, churches, socio-political structures, and belief systems are revolutionized. The Breaker must come if we are to see the transformation of our cities.

A Fifty Mile Radius of Glory!

Let me offer you one of my favorite examples of one who carried this anointing. Maria-Woodworth Etter was a healing evangelist in this past century. She was such a friend of Holy Spirit (as you are learning to be) that for fifty miles around her, the glory of the Lord would cover that region. A glory cloud with a fifty mile radius surrounded her with signs and wonders following!

Do you want a breaker anointing? Do you want the fullness of the Holy Spirit? The Lord wants to once again manifest Himself as The Breaker. Get ready! Cry out for this anointing!

Prayer: Lord, I am going to press into this because I am hungry for all of You. What I have is good, but it is not enough. I want my life to carry a breaker anointing. I want my life to break out to touch people who are suffering so that they can experience breakthroughs in their own lives.. I want to contend at my city gates and bring heaven to earth!

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The Breaker Anointing
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Micah 2:12-13 "I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together like sheep of the fold, like a flock in the midst of their pasture; they shall make a loud noise because of so many people. The one who breaks open will come up before them; they will break out, pass through the gate, and go out by it; their king will pass before them, with the LORD at their head."

Jesus, the Lord of the breakthrough, is coming in this season to break through on behalf of His people. He is coming to give His people victory over those things that hold them in bondage, and God's people will pass through the gate of victory and go out by it. 2004 is the year of the open door (gate), and the Lord of Hosts is going to bring us out of the confinement that Satan has imposed upon God's people.

Isaiah 61: 1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

This is a word that the Lord spoke through me on June 13, 2004:
"I remind you that I am the Lord of the breakthrough. I say to specifically in these three months of June, July and August, you have the potential and possibility of coming to a great personal victory. I have already spoken to you that it will either be a turning point or a vanishing point. Some of you need a reference point for turning, and I say, is it not your faith? Is it not faith in Me? Am I not the author of your faith and the finisher of your faith? Am I not the Lord of Glory who always leads you in triumph? If you are to achieve that personal victory, you must turn to a position of faith. You must turn and cut off the defilement of the past and face the future. Face it in My face, for in My face you shall see My eyes that burn like fire, which produces the glory of resurrection power. I am bringing you to live in such a place, the power of resurrection life even in these days, says the Lord. You are a final and glorious generation, a holy priesthood, and My work is being done in you. All that I require is your submission to that work and your faith that the good work I have begun in you will be accomplished, says the Lord. This is a time to gird up the loins of your strength. Lift up the hands that hang down with infirmity. Strengthen your legs and knees and feet in the walk of faith that is before you. Learn to call upon the Lord in your time of need. Come with ears to hear and eyes to see, for I shall surely show you the way in this dark hour of the earth. Out of the gross darkness comes the greatest light, for I am the Light of the earth; I am the light of My Church; I am the light of the Temple. I will come and show you the way. If you will follow the path and believe in Me, then you shall see My glory. If you will believe, you will see the glory of this day, says the Lord."

I believe that most people who are seeking a breakthrough will have it in August. Many have experienced a breakthrough in their personal circumstances in June and some in July, but the majority will experience victory in August. The question is how can we position ourselves to have the victory?

The Breaker Anointing:
Isaiah 10: 27 It shall come to pass in that day that his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, and his yoke from your neck, and the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.

It is the anointing that will break us through and give us the victory. The anointing of this season is spikenard. Spikenard represents extravagant adoration and intimacy with Jesus, which will produce resurrection power. John 12:1-7 records the account of Mary anointing Jesus for His burial with the costly oil of spikenard.

The root word for spikenard means: having the power of persuading, producing belief (faith) and a faithfulness that can be relied upon. Anointing that produces the gift of faith. (1 Corinthians 12:9) The oil (spikenard) that Mary anointed Jesus with did not represent death; it represented resurrection power (victory over death, hell and the grave).

This Present Season:
The Church entered a new five-year season in which five oils would be given (one for each year). The revelation of the five oils and this present season is titled "The Eighth Year" and can be found at http://ft111.com/eighthyear.htm .

Spikenard is the anointing oil that we will use at our Where Eagles Gather Conference. We are believing, according to the word of the Lord, for a specific impartation for personal victory in August.

Purpose for Victory:
The purpose for these personal victories is to liberate God's people so that they can be used in the battle for the soul of America that will take place this fall. September, October and November will be an intense time of warfare for the election that is forthcoming. If ungodly leadership wins this next election more judgment shall surely come upon this nation.

These are perilous times that we live in, and God is preparing the warriors of the morning of the Third Day to wage war in the heavenlies against the thrones that Satan has established over this land. The battle is at hand, and the people of God are about to rise up and take the victory. The anointing of the breaker is upon us, and victory is assured.

May God give us this fresh oil so that His resurrection power may rest upon us. The battle is the Lord's, but we are His battle axes. Let God arise and His enemies be scattered!

Warriors Of The Morning
Bill Burns

July 5, 2004: Warriors of the morning, I call you forth into battle. You are a people the nations have not yet seen or observed, a people that the Church has desired and waited for, even the sons of the living God that are coming forth in the Spirit of God in these days who will change the spiritual atmosphere of the nations and bring forth the power of divine purpose. I call you out of dry and dead religion and out of self-serving. I whisper and call to you to come forth and stand fast in the liberty of the Spirit. Come forth and be inspired. Come forth with dedication and purity of heart. Come forth, for I have risen to be your Warrior King. I have a sword in My hand, and I go forth to do battle. Come, My people, and be empowered to join me in this battle of the end of the age, says the Lord. Let the warriors of the morning arise!

Marsha Burns

July 5, 2004: I have called you, My people, to rule and reign with Me. I have called you to be leaders in My kingdom and to rule by the power of My Spirit, for the rulership of the flesh breeds dictatorship. You are not to dictate but to lead by the contrition of your own hearts. Be contrite and bow before Me so that your relationship with Me is pure and holy, and then (and only then) I will raise you up to lead those around you. Otherwise you would become despotic. You are My people, My chosen people, My generation of people, and I will teach you to lead in righteousness, says the Lord.

The Blessing And The Breaking

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"And it came to pass, as He sat at meat with them, He took bread, and blessed it, and brake and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew Him" (Luke 24:30-31).

There is a simple truth demonstrated in this post-resurrection encounter with Christ. Can you see it?

I cannot think of a single Christian that does not desire the blessing of the Lord. We earnestly seek and desire God's blessings on our life. We want the Lord to bless our spiritual life, our home life, our children, our finances, our churches and our ministries. Is there anything wrong with that? Of course not. But the fact remains that we do not always get what we ask for.

What does it mean to be blessed? The common assumption, I believe, is that when God has blessed a person then they will enjoy physical health, financial prosperity, and a general sense of happiness and well-being.

I want us to see that when Jesus blesses something He breaks it. The blessing results in breaking. The prayer for "more" results in "less". The request for "increase" results in "decrease". The prayer for blessing results in brokenness.

Do you want to be a blessing to other people, or a burden? Most Christians would say they want to be blessing to others. So God blesses them and then breaks them.

What is going on here? Simply put, the blessing of the Lord is in being reduced to Christ. Who is blessed? Not the one who is rich in spirit, but the one who is poor in spirit. The poor in spirit possess the Kingdom. Those who are broken are blessed, and those who are blessed are broken.

The heart-cry of a disciple of "more of Jesus". How do we get "more" of Jesus? By getting less of us. With less of me there is more of Him. As I am decreased, He is increased. This is what it means to be blessed.

A brother in the Lord related the following experience to me. As he was watching television he says he came across a woman who was yelling, "Increase! Increase! God wants to increase you and all you have!" This brother says he staggered out of his chair laughing, and said, "Decrease! Decrease! Keep decreasing me Lord, till all there is left is YOU!" Friends, when we understand the blessing and the breaking then we will find ourselves responding the same way. What I love about this is the brother LAUGHED as he rejected the "increase" and embraced the decrease. This is what it means to take up the Cross.

We cry out for "increase" but God has already (past tense) blessed us with "every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3). We have the blessing already. What we are lacking is the breaking. We want the blessing without the breaking. But it is not that we need more of the Lord, because we already have all of Him; we just need less of everything else.

After Jesus blessed the bread, and broke it, and gave it to them, their eyes were opened and they knew Him. Until you have the blessing and the breaking your eyes will remain closed. Blessings alone do not open our eyes. Indeed, blessings by themselves tend to close our eyes. We do not come to know Him in the blessing, but in the breaking. Then what we already have in Him will be revealed. Our eyes will be opened and we will see that He has been standing there the whole time.

Do you want to know Him? Do you want to see Him for Who He is? Do you want to go deeper? Do you want to have your eyes opened? Embrace the blessing AND the breaking; receive them both. If you are a bruised reed or a broken cistern, take heart, because you are making progress.

THE NEED FOR BROKENNESS
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He Could Not Be Hidden
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"And [Jesus] entered a house and wanted no one to know it, but He could not be hidden" (Mark 7:24b).

The ultimate purpose and intention of God is to increase Christ and decrease everything else so that Christ may be ALL IN ALL. John the Baptist stated this quite succinctly when he summed up God's Eternal Purpose with those seven simple words: "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

We must see that everything God has done, everything God is doing, and everything God will do is for the purpose of INCREASING Jesus and DECREASING everything that is not of Him.

This principle is so powerful that it makes no difference if you agree with it, understand it, believe it, or like it. He MUST increase; therefore, He WILL increase and HE IS increasing. At the same time, I MUST decrease, therefore I WILL decrease, and I AM decreasing.

This is a spiritual law, and it is working as we speak. For the Christian who is seeking first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness this is wonderful news. For selfish, carnal Christians it is a frightening thing, this talk of losing your life and taking up your Cross and denying yourself. That is why you hear so much about spiritual power and so little about spiritual brokenness.

"He must increase." When we look at the earthly ministry of Jesus we see that He did not seek to increase Himself. He actually humbled Himself and tried to be inconspicuous. Even so, when He tried to hide Himself, He could not be hidden. I want you to think about that. When God was ready to reveal Him then He could not be hidden. He could not even hide Himself.

I tell you, this idea of Christ increasing is the most powerful reality in this universe! Nothing can stand before it, nothing can resist it, nothing can stop it.

Here is an amazing fact: the Bible says that we carry this Treasure (Jesus) within earthen vessels. In other words, the Living Christ indwells us now. We are His House, His Temple, His Dwelling Place, His Body. I doubt if we really comprehend that. Do we really know that we are in Him, and He is in us?

And this Jesus, Who lives in us, Who is ever increasing, cannot be hidden. Think about what that means.

Friend, I don't know how you first came to the Lord. It may have been a very solemn and peaceful event. It may have been a quiet, personal thing. A lot of preachers will say, "With every head bowed and every eye closed, if you want to give your heart to Jesus, quickly slip your hand up and put it right back down. Praise God, I see your hand! Yes! Yes! Way in the back, I see your hand. Anyone else? Let's all pray this prayer out loud together." It may have happened to you like that, and if it did, I am not demeaning or minimizing that at all.

Here is my point: you might have invited Jesus in through the back door of your house while everyone had their eyes closed, and He certainly accepted your invitation to come in. But dear brother, dear sister! He cannot be hidden! He must increase! He is increasing, He is expanding, He is enlarging Himself and stretching you, pushing you, making you more and more uncomfortable. What do I mean? I mean that His Kingdom has established itself within you, and the borders of that Kingdom are ever increasing. He cannot be hidden!

The subtitle of a book I read once is called, "The Illusion of A Manageable Deity." It comes against the idea of being able to control God, to manipulate Him with a certain way of praying or singing. It challenges the notion that God is an all-powerful good luck charm that we can put in our back pocket. It is an illusion, yes, and more than an illusion - it is a deception and a fantasy. He cannot be managed, He cannot be controlled, He cannot be contained, He cannot be hidden!

I am thinking of pastors who see the truth but are afraid to speak out because it will upset their congregation and cost them a paycheck.

I am thinking of those in leadership positions who see the truth but are afraid to speak out because it will cost them their place on the worship team, the youth group, the Sunday school, or the deacon board.

I am thinking of precious brothers and sisters sitting in church who see the truth but are afraid to speak out because they might be asked to leave and they think they have nowhere else to go.

I am thinking of apostles, prophets, and evangelists who see the truth but are afraid to speak out because no one will ask them to come minister anymore and no one will send them their offerings.

How long are you going to deny the truth and be in bondage to the fear of man? How long are you going to resist the Lord and His inevitable increasing? Deny the truth long enough and you start losing your ability to tell the truth.

There is only one thing to do: stop wrestling with God like Jacob and start cooperating with God like Daniel. If it means the lion's den then so be it. If it means the fiery furnace then so be it. "Our God is able to deliver us... but even if He does not, we will never bow down to your idol. Never! Never! Never!"

Nicodemus came to see Jesus at night. He probably thought that would be the wisest, safest thing to do. What if his colleagues back in the Sanhedrin found out? No need to risk being seen with Jesus during the day! Well Jesus, I know you're from God, and I know you're speaking the truth, but can we please keep our meeting a secret?

And then there was Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but "secretly, for fear of the Jews". He and Nicodemus (that other secret disciple we just talked about) came to get the Lord's body after He was crucified. Later we find all the disciples assembled behind closed doors "for fear of the Jews". Midnight meetings with secret disciples behind locked doors! That is how the Church started out. It doesn't sound very promising, does it?

I want you to know that Jesus just appeared right there in the midst of them. Had He knocked on the door they would have been too afraid to open it. So He just walked right through the wall. He cannot be stopped, He cannot be killed, He cannot be hidden!

"Peace be with you! Stop being afraid. Stop doubting. Believe! Do you understand that I cannot be hidden? I have not called you to be secret disciples. I did not give you Light to see you try and hide it under a basket. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. My Father's Kingdom is expanding, and I need you to go disciple the nations and prepare them for Heaven on Earth, a world where Righteousness dwells. Now go into all the world and bring them this message: I am coming soon!"

And so, a few weeks later, when Peter and John were told not to speak anymore in this Wonderful Name, they said, "We cannot HELP but speak the things we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Isn't that a miracle? What a powerful testimony. He cannot be hidden!

If God can find a man or a woman who will give Him the preeminence and will give Him the freedom to increase then there is no limit to what God can do through that yielded vessel. And if He can find a handful of people like that then He will use them to turn the world upside down. It has happened once before and I am positive that it can happen again.

The Father is seeking those who will worship Him in Spirit and in TRUTH. Has He found what He is looking for in you? Will you be the one? Will you be the chosen?

Jesus is Truth, and Truth is living, breathing, expanding, and growing. Once you open the door and Jesus enters your house it is only a matter of time before He is discovered. He could not be hidden then, and He cannot be hidden now.

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The Burning Bush
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Moses turned aside to look at the burning bush that was not being consumed by the fire. In this day, I want you to turn aside and look – look at the One Who is holy, righteous, and true. Look and tell Me what you see. Do you see the One Who is radiant – beautiful? Do you see the One Who is lovely and true in all of His ways? If you do see Me, beloved, then you are in for a special treat. If you cannot see My beauty – if you cannot see the One Who is righteous and true in all of His ways, I would have you draw closer. Just how does one draw closer to the living God, you ask? How does one get close enough to see all of His attributes? It is simple, beloved – quite simple: One draws near by coming to Me through his day, and looking for Me. One draws near by giving testimony to My grace by looking in the pages of My Word for Me. One draws nearer by listening for My voice and responding to My call.

In this day, many are hearing the voice of the Beloved. Many are drawing closer to that voice. Many are searching My word for the truth that lies therein. Many are eager to know Me – to draw close. I want you to know, beloved, that this delights My heart. It delights My heart to have you draw near to Me during your busy day. It delights My heart to see you turn aside to read My word, and search for Me in My Word. Yes, it does delight My heart. But I want you to know that I am requiring something in this day from you that you never dreamed that I would ask. I am asking that you return something to My possession. I am asking for your whole heart. Just how do you give that to the Beloved, you ask? You simply make a decision to give it to Me as I ask for it – piece by piece. You surrender during your day. You make that choice as I call for that certain piece that you are holding at the moment in your possession. You give it to Me and then leave it in My hands. You give it to Me as I ask, turning aside from it after you have given it to Me, and remembering no longer that you ever had it. Does this sound difficult? It does? Then let Me tell you what I am going to do for those who wish to give Me their whole heart, but are having a time with some areas. I am going to do something for you, beloved, to help you turn it over to Me completely as I require it. Would you like that? Would you like that help from your Holy Master? Okay then, get ready for Me to reach into your heart, and do a little turning in My direction. This will not hurt. It will actually feel good. You have asked for help. I am complying. I am going to do something for you, beloved, that will enable you to release that heart to Me – ALL of it – once and for all. Get ready for Me to maneuver some things in your life that will enable Me free access to your whole heart, and then get ready to have Me take that whole heart and turn it aside once and for all!

I am ready to do this. Are you ready for Me to do this? Simply respond with a nod of your head and a “Yes, Lord.” The fun is about to begin, beloved. The fun is about to begin for you. I am going to turn that heart over and look at the under- side, and when I do, you will never be the same again. You will never want to be the same again. You will remain in this state of wonder for all eternity.

I am about to burn something deep within your heart with My eternal heat. Get ready for a heart burning – a heart cleansing. Get ready to walk in an attitude for which you have longed, and know, dear heart, that the final decree has been handed down: You are totally Mine – heart and soul – you are totally Mine!!!

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Beginning Of The End
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It's the beginning of the end, beloved.
Brace yourself for the final act.

Get ready to explore the wonders of your God in a most satisfying way.

I am rendering some things inoperative in order to bring you this final hour. I am pulling out some stops that the enemy thought permanent.
I am about to show My beloved some things about the living God that you never realized.
Get ready, dear child of God.

Get ready to step into a place of exotic wonders, because just as surely as I spoke words of wonder in days of old, I am speaking them today, and they will come to pass.

They most certainly WILL come to pass!

Let Me tell you one more instance to which you may look forward: An hour is coming when you will take that step into the realization of My will for you in a most profound way.

You will realize with a certainty what I am requiring of you, and you will welcome My direction.
It will be precise.

It will be a direction that is just as plain – just as clear-cut as the nose on your face, beloved – as the nose on your face!

So get ready to walk in a ready knowledge of My will for you, and know deep within your heart the strategy of your God as it unfolds, offering new hope – new inspiration – a new place of most pronounced wonder in your very midst.

I want My beloved to know that the beginning of the end has arrived, and with it is coming a strong appeal from the One Who is love for you to step into your destiny with a willing heart.

This appeal is being spoken to you in a most earnest tone, for it is imperative that you take that step into this new place with a surety of Who you are in Me.

Remember, beloved: I am the all-powerful One Who has had a plan for you since before time began, and I am with you now and I will be with you as all unfolds in your midst.

So get ready to enter into an exciting hour, and know deep within your heart that I have tempered this hour with My great love, and nothing can stand in the way of My all-powerful love accomplishing all that I have spoken.

I have spoken it. It is truth, and it will prevail, beloved.
My truth will prevail. You may count on it.

You may look forward to it, and you may know it as is permeates your heart, offering to you a delight that will thrill you, beloved, from head to toe.

That, dear child of the living God, is how I operate.
That is how I do things.

Look forward to all that I am bringing with a confidence in the One Whom you serve – the Almighty, All-powerful One Who loves you, delights in you, and will carry out His plans in you and through you. That is a fact, beloved.

That is My truth ringing forth in the halls of heaven, announcing that a new day is here, and to put it simply it is the beginning of the end – the beginning of the END.

Gumming Up the Works
Mary Clark

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In a vision, I saw Someone using a sharp-pointed instrument. He was going along the cracks where two planks of wood joined and scraping out something white and gummy. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I want My children to know that I am at work in their lives. I am going deep into the crevices of your heart, and removing something that you have looked on as pure and holy, but I look on it as gumming up the works. Let Me tell you about this work, and what I plan to do for *YOU*!

I plan to go deep into those crevices and scrape and pick out every last vestige of religion. I plan to scrape and pick until I see no more in My body. How does that sound to you, beloved? Are you willing? You say that you are not only willing, you are eager for Me to get on with the process? Okay! I will do just that! Let Me start tonight. There is something that I would like to say to you that should get the procedure going along very well for us. Here it is:

I see My dear children going along in their lives in this so-called religious mode, doing things that cause Me to wince. “What are they?” you ask. I will tell you: The first thing that I see that I would like to rid My church of is the way you attack those who don't believe as you do. Don't do this! Leave them alone. I am in charge of that heart. Don't judge it. If a person is trying to walk according to My will, leave him alone. Don't try to make him see eye to eye with you. Leave Him to Me. I am the One Who works the changes. So I am saying to leave those alone who aren't like-minded with you. Leave them alone. If there is something that needs to be corrected or added, I will do it. I can and will bring that person into a new place with Me. Hands off, beloved! Hands off!

One other thing that I would like to say is this: I look on each of My children as very special. I want you to know that *you* are special, and that one that you are looking at with the critical eye is special to Me too. Don't judge that one, beloved. Leave the judging of that one to Me. Just leave it to Me!

I want My dear children to realize tonight that I am a God Who takes delight in His chosen. I long to see each of My children in a place of rest in Me. I want you to be kind, tender-hearted and loving toward your fellowman. You say, “Father, that is just not always easy.” I say to you, beloved, “Give it a try. Don't judge. Don't fault Him. Accept that person for who he is, and thank Me for doing a work in that one to purify and make him holy. Thank Me for working in mankind to bring him into that place of My glory. It is not My will that any should perish or be left out of My blessings. No! It is My delight to bless all – bless one and all, beloved – one and all.

Let Me end on this final note. I look on My dear children with My delight. Even the prospect of performing a cleansing task delights My heart, beloved, because I want to see you set free of so many things. I gave My life that you might walk in an understanding of My grace toward you. I gave My life that you might know Me and receive the hope and wonder that lie in knowing Me and being My very own vessels of honor. Look on one another in this fashion. Look on others as My vessels of honor, and know deep within the wealth of wonder that lies in this fact.

I am giving much in these days to those who will follow seeking after My heart. I am giving things to My dear children that they never dreamed of experiencing. Be of good cheer! You are Mine, and I am yours. We are coming together into a holy union of love. We are coming together to the delight of My heart. Know that this thrills Me right down to My toes. It *does* delight Me! So get ready to walk in a newness of life that you never dreamed possible, and know, beloved, that I am moving those of My children who will follow Me into an exciting new hour. I am moving those who will follow Me into a place where they will see with accuracy the plans of the living God. I want you there. I want ALL of you there. It is not My will that ANY should miss out on this final hour of wonder. So do Me a favor. Let Me go into those deep crevices and get all out that is gumming up the works, so to speak. Relinquish that thing that is keeping you from growing strong and gaining the power and strength of your Beloved. For in so doing, you will arrive into a place of glad tidings, and I, beloved, will be the One giving forth the plenitude of My divine will, showing you that the trade-off was well worth it. Yes! You will see that trading in those gummy works paid off in full, and you are rising to a new and holy status in Me. That is My plan. That is what I plan to do. I am hoping that you will respond to Me in the affirmative. Yes, I hope you will be as willing to let Me go deep into those crevices as I am willing to go, and that is pretty deep, beloved – that is *pretty deep*!!!

Taste-tempting Treats
Mary Clark

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The devil wants to offer My beloved some taste-tempting treats, but let Me warn you about these treats. They are deadly. They are pure poison. So pay him no mind when he walks your way with his tray laden with his poisonous treats. Do not give his tray a second look. He is up to something – something that will destroy My work in you. Pay him no mind, beloved. Pay him no mind at ALL!!!

I want My beloved to step into that golden place that I have for you. I want you to shed the old and put on the new. I want you walking clear of the upheaval that is coming to earth. I want you safe in the confines of My heart. He wants to lure you away from the path that I have selected for you. He wants to destroy you, beloved. He wants to see all of the plans that I have for you go UP in smoke.

But you, beloved, must pay him no mind. You must stay the course that I have selected for you. He wants you to grow weary in doing this. He wants you to throw your hands up and retreat into the place to which he is luring you. He wants to offer you some things that are not of Me – some things that will not only get you off track, but will destroy the work that I have done thus far.

So this is the plan that I have for you, beloved. This is a fool-proof plan that I am laying before you this day. Hear the word of the Lord God Almighty as He speaks His truth concerning the coming days, and the actions that I wish for you to take on My behalf: I am calling for My children to stay focused on My divine plan for them. I am asking that you seek Me, looking to Me during your day to steer you in the right direction. Come to Me with expectant hope in your heart. Should the enemy get your attention, it would be in your best interest to turn away IMMEDIATELY from the lure that he is dangling in front of you – IMMEDIATELY, beloved. *IMMEDIATELY*!!! Don't wander off in his direction. Don't give him a second glance. Turn your attention *BACK* on your Beloved, and advance according to My instruction.

Yes, there will be days when you will "feel" that you are getting nowhere on the path that I have selected for you. There will be days when you will "feel" that you have taken a giant step backward. But, beloved, I do not want you dwelling on these "feelings." I want you dwelling on *Me*. Looking in My word day by day will give you the needed strength to combat these "feelings."

Once again I say to you, beloved, do not go by your "feelings." Trust Me to deliver you to that place of My delight. We are nearing the end of a journey that will surprise and delight. So know this. Remember this, and keep your eyes focused on Me – on My word – and on My promise to secure you in a safe and wondrous place in Me. This is a promise, beloved. Hang in there with Me. Don't give up now. The dawn comes before the bright light of day, and the dawn is coming forth as I speak. Be aware of this fact. Trust Me, and see the coming together of My plans for you and others as you walk this road to deliverance – deliverance into a place of great wonder – great experience – where you will know the truth that will set you free to discover the wonder of your God in a magnificent way. Get ready for rich discovery.

Just be aware that the enemy has a tray laden with what may look like attractive "treats." They are poison, beloved. They are detrimental to your walk. They will bring only death to the work that I am performing in your heart. Don't sample his offerings. Don't give his tray a second glance. Turn *IMMEDIATELY* and look to Me to deliver you from that place of danger. Pay him no mind. Pay his wares no mind. Heed My instructions, beloved. I am asking that you HEED My instructions, and stay focused on Me – your Beloved – your Lifeline!

The Bride Coming Forth Part 2

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In the first part of this article, I dwelt on the symbolism in the feast of Pentecost or Shavuot and its relevance to the prophetic time in which the Church finds itself. We are now approaching the Jewish New Year, known as Rosh Hashanna on the 16th and 17th September and I would like to share some further insights the Lord has given me for this season.

Rosh Hashanna has many names and themes which give us great understanding into the times we are walking into. It is known as the Feast of Trumpets, the Coronation of the King, the Day of Remembrance and the Wedding ceremony. If Pentecost/Shavuot is a picture of the betrothal, then Rosh Hashanna is the marriage. From the understanding I had when I wrote the previous article, I spoke of the crowning of the head in the birth process of the sons of God as taking place during the Pentecost season. However I now see that this actually takes place during Rosh Hashanna when the crowning of the King or Head is believed to take place. So the time period between Shavuot and Rosh Hashanna is equated to the trip down the birth canal. Shavuot heralds the departure from the womb of preparation but there is still the birth canal to be negotiated before the coming forth is complete. This process is set in motion by God. It is His command that causes the waters to break and the contractions to begin. The baby then enters into a journey that is narrow, pressurized, uncomfortable and exhausting. It is completely at the mercy of the One bringing it forth and has no control over the length or strength of the contractions. It is upside-down and spiraling through a dark narrow passage to its destiny. Until the crowning of the head, it has no indication that the breakthrough it has anticipated will happen. Then light breaks through and once the head is crowned, the shoulder follows and the rest of the body exits easily from the birth canal.

Does this describe what you have been going through in the months between Pentecost and today? Have you been facing trials, pressure, disorientation and exhaustion, coupled with confusion because you rightly discerned the announcement of a new season in the spirit and a breakthrough on its way and yet there just seemed to be opposition all around you, darkness and resistance to you moving forward into your destiny? Well, rejoice, because you are right on track with the process of being brought forth into your destiny. Keep pressing through because Rosh Hashanna is on its way! The baby presses forward in faith without sight and so we too, in these months since April, have been persevering and moving forward inch by inch because we know in the depths of our Spirit that we have heard the Word that God has spoken over our lives and we, like Paul, press forward to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of us! The crowning of the head is about to take place and we will begin to possess the promised land of our inheritance in God. God’s timetable is moving forward and the manifestation of the sons of God is about to take place for He has promised in His Word:

(Isaiah 66:9 KJV) Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy God.

The first part of the body to appear after the head is the shoulder. This represents government and authority. As God reveals His sons, their areas of authority in the spirit will be evident and so they will be recognized for who they are in Christ and no longer recognized after the flesh.

The time between Shavuot and Rosh Hashanna is also a season of preparation for the wedding ceremony. Once the betrothal has taken place, the bride is focused on only one thing and that is getting ready for the wedding. Anyone who has prepared for a wedding knows that this is a pressurized time of separation, consecration and making ready. The Bride is ‘set-apart’ for this purpose. She can think of little else. There have been calls by many respected leaders in the Body of Christ in these days to set ourselves apart in a time of repentance and consecration and as one has put it, ‘ preparation for increase’.

The Jews undergo a thirty day period of repentance before Rosh Hashanna. The shofar is blown every morning and they examine themselves to see how closely their lives line up with God's Word. This is important because one of the other names for Rosh Hashanna is 'the Day of Judgment'. This is the day when the books are opened and men's lives are examined. Daniel describes seeing one such Rosh Hashanna:

(Daniel 7:9) I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.'

One of the books opened is the Book of Remembrance mentioned in Malachi 3. This is why we have been in a period of deeper consecration and preparation – because God is wanting to take us into a period of increase, a double portion of favour making the way open for us. However, this can only be for those who have set their hearts apart for Him alone; those who have said, "here am I, Lord, send me". This explains why Rosh Hashanna is also called 'the Day of Remembrance'. It is a two-way remembrance; we remember God and He remembers us. Just as God remembered Noah and brought him out of the ark and God remembered Hannah and she bore a child, in the same way God is not deaf to our cries. He has heard our prayers and the set time to favor and have compassion on Zion has come! The long period of being formed into a vessel fit for the Master's use is almost past and the time to arise and shine is upon us.

The Lord took me to Song of Solomon chapter 8 to teach me further on this wedding ceremony that is going to take place.

(Song of Solomon 8:4) ' I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please.
(Song of Solomon 8:5) Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I raised thee up under the apple tree: there thy mother brought thee forth: there she brought thee forth that bare thee.
(Song of Solomon 8:6) Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.'

Here we hear a warning not to stir up or awaken this bridal love until the Bridegroom pleases. We cannot force our way through to what we are wanting to experience. The awakening is according to the desire of God. The Hebrew word for 'please' in verse 4 actually means 'to desire, to favour'. So the awakening is brought about by His favour. One of the themes of Rosh Hashanna is 'to awaken' and it is sometimes referred to as the Day of the Awakening Blast! There is a night of trial and testing and there is a rising of the dawn which occurs according to God's clock. We can do nothing to bring the morning before its appointed time nor bring ourselves into our destiny before His appointed time. Like Jacob, we have been wrestling with God all night, getting our characters and names changed and now, praise God, we, like Israel, are about to walk forth with the light of His favor upon us!

(Genesis 32:30) And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.
And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him'

Remember in Zechariah 4 we saw how the headstone is to be brought forth with cries of, 'favour, favour'. This is the awakening described in Song of Solomon 8:4. There is an awakening to the beauty of sexual love that comes to a bride at the appointed time of her wedding. The fruit of intimacy will then be seen in the earth.

In Song of Solomon 8:5 we hear the Bridegroom's words of wonder at the beauty of His Bride. He is gazing upon her with His eyes of fire as He exclaims," who is this coming up from the wilderness, leaning on her beloved?" Her beauty and purity takes His breath away and He speaks of her awakening. He says, "I awakened you, I raised you up". The word 'raised thee up' is the same Hebrew word translated 'stir up' and 'awaken' in verse 4. So He is speaking of awakening her mature bridal love and he tells us this took place under 'the apple tree'. The Hebrew word used here means 'to breathe upon'. So as He breathes upon us, we are awakened to a new dispensation of intimacy. This same word is used in Ezekiel 37:9 when the prophet calls upon the Lord to breathe upon the dry bones that they may live. When this happens, then they stand up on their feet, ‘an exceeding great army’. This word for army is also translated ‘virtuous woman’ elsewhere in the Word where we are told that a virtuous woman is a crown for her husband! From this we can understand that the description in Ezekiel 37 pictures the Bride of Christ, the crown of her Husband, arising as an exceeding great army in the earth! The same thing is described in psalm 110:

(Psalms 110:3) Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning shall spring forth your young men who are as the dew’ (AMP)

Seeing that he crowning of the King and the marriage take place at Rosh Hashanna, it follows that this is the season into which the Church is about to enter. Songs 8:5 also tells us that it was during this experience of being breathed upon (the apple tree) that the bride was brought forth by her mother. We know from Zechariah 4:7 that Zerubbabel was the one who brought forth the headstone and that the root meaning of his name is ‘to flow, to overflow’ referring to a double portion anointing. Songs 8:5 confirms this understanding because being ‘brought forth’ is spoken of twice. There is a double anointing and a double bringing forth. The Hebrew word for ‘bring forth’ is chabal, which is translated:
to *wind* tightly (as a rope), that is, to *bind*; specifically by a *pledge*;also to *writhe* in pain (especially of labour): - X at all, band, bring forth, lay to (take a) pledge,travail.

There seems to be a description of vows being taken ,hidden in the folds of this verse. We are being ‘wound tightly’ to our Bridegroom by our pledge. There is a double pledging and double favour in this season when the King of Kings is being crowned by His Bride.

Songs 8:6 gives us further insight into this wedding as the Bridegroom instructs His Bride to set Him as a seal upon both her heart and her arm. So there is a double awakening, double pledging, double sealing in this time. The seal refers to being marked with His Name on both our hearts and our arms because He says, ‘set Me’ as a seal. This word ‘seal’ comes from the word for ‘signet ring’ which is something which bears the crest and carries the authority of the owner. The Lord is wanting to imprint the mark of His authority upon both our hearts and all that is sown and planted from our lives. When something is declared and sealed with a seal, then its purpose cannot be changed. It shall be brought to pass. God is not only wanting us to set Him as a seal on our hearts and arms but he wants to make this Bride that walks with a double portion of favour and anointing to be His signet ring in the earth! Then we shall declare a thing and it shall be accomplished:
(Haggai 2:23) ‘ In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.’

This verse in Haggai tells us that Zerubbabel came from Shealtiel, which means ‘asked of God’. Just like Hannah asked God for a son and God rememberedherso too those who have been hungering for this double portion anointing shall be released to operate in God’s authority in the earth.

God has a passionate jealous love for His Bride. He will not share her with another and he who touches her touches the apple of His eye. She is his peculiar treasure, His holy nation and He defends her and destroys all that would contaminate or defile her.
(Deuteronomy 4:24) For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.
It is the heat of this fiery love that makes us pliable enough to have the seal of His Name imprinted upon us.

Just as the high priest had to go through a time of consecration after which he received his priestly garments, so too we as His priestly Bride in the earth go through the same process. The Lord showed me there is a link between the sealing on our heart and arm and the high priest’s breastplate and shoulder stones. The high priest had the names of the tribes on Israel engraved on his breastplate, over his heart, and on his shoulder. These are the names which made up the bride that God betrothed to himself at Shavuot. Jesus is our great High Priest. Now it is time for the Bride to receive the seal of His Name on her heart and shoulder. This is an exchanging of vows, a taking of one anothers’ names. This is a wedding! There is a double pledging and a double sealing, an eternal wedding covenant set in place. This is why we are being asked to say, “here am I, Lord, send me” It speaks of a total surrender, a yielding to the will of the Bridegroom.

The description of the making of the breastplate and shoulder stones yields some interesting nuggets of understanding:
(Exodus 28:11) With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold. And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod for stones of memorial unto the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.'
Notice the mention of the signet! The Hebrew word translated 'ouches' also means 'the setting of a gem'. So we see here that consecration and setting in place are linked. The Lord is wanting to position His jewels in their places:
(Exodus 28:20) And the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be set in gold in their inclosings.

The stones of the breastplate were set permanently in their 'enclosings'; this word coming from a root word meaning ' consecration'. As we consecrate ourselves and bind ourselves by a pledge to the Lord, He sets us in place in His Bride as he sees fit. This is the position of our priestly office from which we will function in the power and authority of the King of Kings.
(Exodus 28:21) ' And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes.'

The word for 'names' in the above verse is significant as it conveys much more than the English word 'name' does:
A primitive word (perhaps rather from H7760 through the idea of definite and conspicuous *position*; compare H8064); an *appellation*, as a mark or memorial of individuality; by implication *honor, authority, character*: - + base, [in-] fame [-ous], name (-d), renown, report.
The whole breastplate in itself is a picture of the Bride of Christ worn over the heart of the great High Priest as a seal:
(Exodus 28:29) 'And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.'

It is called the breastplate of judgment and this word 'judgment' carries within it the idea of 'governing, to condemn or defend, to vindicate or punish'. This is how his Bride will rule in the earth, as described in Malachi :
(Malachi 3:17) And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.'

The verdict comes from the heart and is announced with authority from the shoulder which is why the breastplate and shoulder stones are linked by gold chains. God is wanting a Bride who will rule in righteousness and so he puts us through much purifying and purging to prepare us.

Lets go back to Song of Solomon and find out what happens after the vows!
(Song of Solomon 8:8) 'We have a little sister, and she hath no breasts: what shall we do for our sister in the day when she shall be spoken for?
(Song of Solomon 8:9) If she be a wall, we will build upon her a palace of silver: and if she be a door, we will inclose her with boards of cedar.
(Song of Solomon 8:10) I am a wall, and my breasts like towers: then was I in his eyes as one that found favour.'

It seems there are those who do not think their little sister has what it takes to satisfy the Bridegroom – she has no breasts! However she knows who she is in Christ and declares boldly, "I am a wall and my breasts like towers". She has structure and the ability to nourish many and so she finds favour in His eyes. This word 'favour' means ' to be safe, to make amends, to repay, perfect, prosper, recompense, make restitution, restore'! We are entering the time when we will receive double what we have forfeited and everlasting joy shall be ours. He will perfect that which concerns us. It doesn't matter what our older brothers in the church think of us, we know what our new name is, we are 'Mrs Lord of Hosts' and we walk in His authority! The word describing her breasts as 'towers' is interesting because it can be translated ' a rostrum, a pulpit'. There is a platform to speak from with power because we have the ability to nourish many and we go forth with a double portion of favour!

In Revelations John sees the Bride descending out of heaven covered in the glory of God with a light like a jasper stone. Jasper makes fire when struck with steel and is used to make seals! The wall of this great city is built of jasper and the bride in Songs 8 says," I am a wall" – this wall that is made of the same material as seals has 12 foundation stones and twelve gates and 12 angels at the gates. This Bride walks in apostolic authority. The wall is 144 cubits high (12x12) and in Revelation 14 we are told of 144000 standing with the Lamb, who have His Father's name written on their foreheads. There was one more place the high priestly garment carried a seal – on the front of the head turban over his forehead was a seal which read ' holiness to the Lord'. This same seal was given to the first fruits to God and the Lamb in Revelation 7 which marks them as functioning in a high priestly office and sets them apart for His service because they have no inheritance, the Lord is their inheritance. The bride in Song of Solomon says," my beloved is mine and I am His" and we say the same – He is our inheritance and we are His!

This sealing is one which keeps safe from the hour of trial that is coming upon the earth:

(Revelation 3:10) Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

Here we see the three names or seals. They are upon the heart, the arm or shoulder and the forehead. As we come up to Rosh Hashanna, we need to complete our consecration and preparation, knowing that God is wanting to release us into a whole new sphere of influence carrying His authority as never before. He wants to extend the scepter of His rule from Zion but first He will extend His scepter to us, just like Esther who received a double portion of favour from the King and was crowned his queen.

The season of purification and preparation will have been worth it for God has been removing all idolatry and uncleanness from our lives :
(Hosea 2:15) ' And I will give her, her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me Ishi; and shalt call me no more Baali. For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.'

The word 'Ishi' means 'husband' whereas the word 'Baali' means 'master'. That day in which the Lord will do these things is this day, the Third Day.
(Hosea 2:19) And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.'

This passage speaks of a returning to the Lord and entering into a covenant forever, now that all unfaithfulness and idolatry have been dealt with. The word 'know' can be translated ' to ascertain by seeing, to understand' and is the same word used when Adam 'knew' Eve and she conceived. It speaks of intimacy and the result of intimacy is fruitfulness as it goes on to say in Hosea 2:21
' And it shall come to pass in that day, I will hear, saith the LORD, I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth;
And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall hear Jezreel.
And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.'

The corn, the wine and the oil symbolize harvest increase and blessing and the word 'hear' in the above verses means 'to sing, to respond, to shout, to announce'. So what God is saying here is that in the coming season, the intimate marriage relationship which He will bring His beloved into, will precipitate a time of fruitfulness brought about by God responding to His spoken Word through us.

Jezreel' means 'God will sow' and comes from the same word as that for 'arm' used in Songs 8 where God sets Himself as a seal upon our arm. This means that he will work through us. God in us will sow by singing, shouting and declaring and because His Word never returns void, there will be a corresponding response from the heavens and the earth and the harvest will be brought forth. I see this bondslave Bride in the earth declaring the Word in power as God's scepter is extended from Zion. She is His wife, co-ruling with His authority, a plumbline of righteousness and justice for the world to see.

There are two interesting scriptures in Jeremiah which refer to the Lord's name, chapter 23 says 'he shall be called' and chapter 33 says 'she shall be called'. So we can see that a marriage is taking place and the Bride is taking on the Bridegroom's name:
(Jeremiah 23:5) ' Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Jeremiah 33:15) In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.'

(Jeremiah 33:16) ' In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.'

Let us approach these last few days before Rosh Hashanna with reverence and complete our consecration, waiting for Him to breathe upon us and raise up up. Let us be aware that The Lord is requiring of us a pledge and yielding of both our hearts and our arms (or ministries) so that He may in return set the seal of His kingly name upon them. Then let us rule with Him from the heavens in our priestly garments and bring forth His judgments in the earth that His glory may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea!

The Beast

Don Walker

"When my heart was embittered and I was pierced within, then I was senseless and ignorant; I was like a beast before You. Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You have taken hold of my right hand. With Your counsel You will guide me, and afterward receive me to glory.
Psalm 73:21-25

Throughout the Bible we encounter dramatic imagery which is designed to illustrate for us spiritual realities. One of these significant word-pictures is "the beast." The root of the fallen nature in mankind is identified as the nature of a "beast." The beast-image of sinful human behavior abounds in the Scriptures.

Beginning in Genesis we find Satan coming to Adam and Eve as a beast. "Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made" (Gen. 3:1). Through their disobedience to the Lord they exchanged the image of God, in which they were created, for the image of the sinful nature of the beast. This is illustrated by their being clothed by God in animal skins (Gen. 3:21). (This having the dual symbolism of falleness and redemption.) Man having yielded to the tempter became like him, having a beastly nature. This is why Jesus in addressing those who opposed Him said, "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies (John 8:44).

A beast is a predator. It is only concerned about itself. It hunts prey in order to feed itself through the death of another. Man in his fallen state is predatory, he is only concerned with himself, and like the Devil, goes about "seeking whom he may devour" (I Peter 5:8). Some are more direct in their predatory quest than others. Some are more subtle, cunning and deceiving in their approach. Some have even deceived themselves into denying their predatory nature. Jesus said that some dress up in religious garments but are inwardly predators (Matt. 7:15). The reality is that apart from regeneration and the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit, we are all predators.

Man tries to "cage" the beast that he recognizes lies within the human heart. Religion and social mores are designed to keep the beastly nature from rising up and revealing itself at inopportune times. Religion cannot "tame" the beast, only confine it with rules, all the time the beast rattles the bars of the cage seeking to be released. (See Col. 2:20-23) Jesus tested the religionists of His day, provoking them, so that their beastly nature would reveal itself. God wants to bring the beast in us to the surface to order to show us our need to rely upon Him for the transformation of our character. Ecclesiastes 3:18 states: "I said to myself concerning the sons of men, 'God has surely tested them in order for them to see that they are but beasts.'"

Man apart from God seeks his own way and in his pride ignores God. In Psalm 49:12 we are told that "Man in his pomp, yet without understanding, is like the beasts that perish." Man, ignoring the fact that he was created in God's image (Gen. 1:26), chooses to indulge and nurture his sinful beastly nature. God's intention was for man to have dominion over the beasts (Gen. 1:26-28), but man in his disobedience allowed himself to be taken captive by them. He worshipped the beasts and became like those that he worshipped. Paul described this process in the first chapter of Romans.

"For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God gave them over to the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever, Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions . . . And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful . . . . " **(Rom. 1:21-31).**

King Nebuchadnezzar is used in the Scriptures to illustrate the true beast-like condition of man resulting from his humanistic arrogance. (See Dan. 4:29-37) Jude in his epistle writes: "But these men revile the things which they do not understand; and the things which they know by instinct, like unreasoning animals, by these things they are destroyed" (Jude 10). Beastly behavior has become the "norm" in the world today. Like the boys in the novel, The Lord of the Flies, savage behavior is the ultimate result of moral darkness.

Salvation is not merely about the forgiveness of sin. It is not simply about pardoning the beast. It is ultimately about the transformation of the beast. We must face the reality that as believers some of the old beastly habits die hard. We are in the process of being restored to God's image, our beastly appetites still have a way of revealing themselves. Our hope rests in the words of Scripture: "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 1:6-7). Paul understood his ministry to be aiding the work of the Holy Spirit as a spiritual father to those given to him, "My children, with whom I am again in labor until Christ is formed in you . . ." (Gal. 4:9). It is in only taking up our daily cross and keeping our eyes on Jesus, allowing Him to put to death the beast, so that the life of beast is exchanged for the life of Christ.

The Community of the Beast
Don Walker

In the previous edition of Arrows of Truth, we examined the biblical imagery relating man's fallen nature to the "beast." We find this beast imagery, explicitly or implicitly, throughout Scripture. In this edition, let us look briefly at the corporate expression of the beast.

The story of the tower of Babel is an early example of the corporate beast. Mankind in its rejection of God, united in a determination to "make for ourselves a name" (Gen. 11:1-9). The proud arrogance of man is expressed in that statement. Because of this God intervened, confusing their languages and causing them to abandon the tower, scattering them throughout the earth. The capability of this "community of the beast" is such that God says, "nothing which they purpose to do will be impossible for them" (Gen. 11:6). The nature of the beast is horrible in an individual, but when men unite in a beastly union, the collective predator that emerges is terrifying. History is full of examples of this.

In the seventh chapter of the book of Daniel, Daniel is shown the future from his day to the time of Christ. God shows him four literal empires that would rule the world. These "four great beasts would rise up out of the sea" (Dan. 7:3). The "sea" is understood by most commentators to refer to humanity, i.e., "the sea of humanity." Therefore, out of humanity would come forth these corporate beasts. The nature of each of these empires was predatory. The fourth and most brutal was the Roman Empire, under which Jesus was born, lived, and was crucified. The Roman predator persecuted and brutally martyred many Christians. It is described in Daniel 7:19-22 and in very similar way in the book of the Revelation. *"And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names"* (Rev.13:1). Revelation supplies us with greater information and tells us that Satan gave his authority to this beast (Rev. 13:4).

The beast has the number of a man, 666 (Rev. 13:18). (In terms of the use of numbers in the Scripture, three is used frequently as the number of God or the "signature" (witness) of God, whereas six is used as the number of Man, three sixes speak of man elevating himself to divinity.) In Revelation, most commentators agree that the imagery of the beast shifts between what is called "generic" and "specific." Generically, the beast represents a kingdom. In some passages the beast has seven heads, which we are told represent seven kings (Rev. 17:10). In other passages the term is used specifically to refer to an individual, one of the heads. For example, John instructs his readers to "calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man" (Rev. 13:18). Most often when people speak of the beast they are making specific reference to an individual.

The Roman Empire, though centered in the Caesar (who claimed divinity), was a predator comprised of a plurality of human beings who have given themselves over to their beastly nature, becoming a collective pawn of their father, Satan. It was given to Satan to "breathe" into this beast, infusing it with his own nature – a demonic reversal of Pentecost. John further declares that, "I saw coming out of the mouth of the beast and out of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs; for they are spirits of demons . . . " (Rev. 16:13). The beastly nature of an individual man opens the door for a demon to make a "home" in him (Matt. 12:43-45). Demons also infest a collective beast, creating a beastly community, Nazi Germany being an example. A community of the beast is the collective expression of Satan's nature; this "body" is infested with demonic spirits and released to kill, steal, and destroy.

The motivation behind Satan's rebellion has always been an envy of God's sovereignty. The "image" of the beast is mentioned ten times in the book of the Revelation. God's purpose is to conform us as His children, into the image of His Son (Rom.8:29). Satan, as a counterfeiter, seeks to have his image formed in man.

John also speaks of believers who refuse to worship the image of the beast and are martyred. "And I saw something like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, standing on a sea of glass, holding harps of God" (Rev. 15:2). Here we have a different "sea of humanity," people who refused to identify themselves with the beast. They are holding harps indicating that God has appointed them as worshippers.

Revelation shows us that the "community of the beast" is overcome by the "community of the Lamb" (Rev. 17:14). Beastly empires rise and fall, yet the Kingdom of God continues to go forth. "The sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him" (Dan. 7:27). *This is the truth on which we stand.*

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The Beloved

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Where are your eyes
flames of fire
burning love desires?

I will rise and seek Y'shua
He will see me from afar
I will seek the One who finds me
through the city where I stand.

Have you seen the One I'm searching?
Pity me and tell me now.
I have sought to find Him early
but He waits still to be found.

What is He that we should notice
from among all those that pass
this our city in their journeying
what He's got to stand apart?

What it is that brings you wandering
torn the veil that in your flesh
once stood up between your longings
and this surrender that you make?

Cast you hair unto the wind
lift you face and let us see
if this Loved One that you seek now
is as lovely as you think.

Lift your face and let us see Him
by the love with which He loved
if it is as you have stated
if He is fairer to behold.

I am dark but became lovely
when His eyes were set on me
eyes that are like flames of fire
glance of love that set me free.

Free but hungry
free but thirsty
once I knew His love in Love
now I stand only to seek Him
calling, searching, pleading, waiting,
longing, standing hope in all.

Oh I know He is so near
I can smell His hair not far
I can feel His garment brushing
almost touching me like that.

I can almost feel Him smiling
I can almost touch His face
I can almost feel the cradle
of His arms of tender grace.

I just know He stand so near
but my eyes are blind to see
and my heart is agonizing
in the midst of pain and fear.

Lift right now your face and tell us
what it is that makes you search
one that is such painful sorrow
when He hides from your embrace.

My Beloved is so mine
that my arms have left with him
and my eyes are left without light
only tears are left in me.

He is the rising sun that makes
the earth wake to light and sound
through the darkness He is still reigning
death can not hinder Him now.

I am dying but I'm living
in the hope of Who He is
and His everlasting promise
still upholds me unto Him.

I have spread my arms before me
when my heart left after Him
no pretenses, no heroics
weak and trusting now I seek.

Set your eyes away from us now
we have seen Him glance within
in your yearning shines like fire
that constrains our hearts to Him

to behold in awe His beauty
or to dwell under such love
He is a strong tower and refuge
shelter to the weary soul.

You were dark but now you are lovely
since He set His eyes on you
thus revealing all things hidden
thus proclaiming all things new.

He is a living flame of fire
setting ablaze your love's desires.

Your servant in His love;
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The Best Is Yet To Come

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The other day an old Tony Bennett song kept coming to my mind as I was contemplating the contents of this book. The song was, "The Best Is Yet to Come". I then heard it several times over the next few days on the radio in my car and watching television. That was when I realized I was having a prophetic experience and the Lord was speaking and attempting to reveal things to me through this song. I searched and found the lyrics on the internet. Look and see for yourself:

The Best Is Yet To Come
Words by Carolyn Leigh - Music by Cy Coleman

Out of the tree of life I just picked a plum.
You came along and everything started to hum.
Still it's a real good bet the best is yet to come.

The best is yet to come and, babe, won't it be fine?
You think you've seen the sun but you ain't seen it shine.

Wait till the warm-up's underway,
Wait till our lips have met,
Wait till you see that sunshine day,
You ain't seen nothin' yet!

The best is yet to come and, babe, won't it be fine?
The best is yet to come, come the day you're mine.

Come the day you're mine, I'm gonna teach you to fly.
We're gonna taste of the wine;
We're gonna drain the cup dry.

Wait till your charms are right for these arms to surround.

You think you've flown before but you ain't left the ground.
Wait till you're locked in my embrace
Wait till I draw you near
Wait till you see the sunshine place
Ain't nothing like it here!

The best is yet to come and, babe , won't it be fine
The best is come, come the day you're mine.

While today the church isn't where it should be and is still inundated with Churchianity, what God is about to do could be appropriately entitled, "The Best is Yet to Come"! This is foretold in Isaiah 60:1-7: "Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. " For behold, darkness will cover the earth, And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you, And His glory will appear upon you. "And nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. "Lift up your eyes round about, and see; They all gather together, they come to you. Your sons will come from afar, And your daughters will be carried in the arms. "Then you will see and be radiant, And your heart will thrill and rejoice; Because the abundance of the sea will be turned to you, The wealth of the nations will come to you. "A multitude of camels will cover you, The young camels of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba will come; They will bring gold and frankincense, And will bear good news of the praises of the LORD. "All the flocks of Kedar will be gathered together to you, The rams of Nebaioth will minister to you; They will go up with acceptance on My altar, And I shall glorify My glorious house."

God is about to turn the church upside down, inside out and any which way He can! Why? By this shaking off of the old and the realigning back to Him, the church is going to gleam with the light and glory of the Lord! God will remove those things man in his own reasoning and ways has brought into the church that has removed the LIFE! Look at what the Lord was speaking through this song:

"Out of the tree of life."

For too many years recently, God has gotten a bad rap as represented by His church. Many in our society look to the church to find God and they see no life. In fact, they see death. As the world looks around, most of what they see in the church is more religion, rules and death. This is because the church is primarily no longer ministering life, but the knowledge of good. "And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die." (Genesis 2:16-17)

Good is the greatest enemy of the best. The church has fallen for this trap of telling people how to be good instead of how to come to LIFE! The knowledge of good is just as bad for us as a knowledge of evil, because both keep us from coming to Him. "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory." (Colossians 3:4)

"You think you've seen the sun but you ain't seen it shine. You ain't seen nothin' yet!"

We haven't yet seen the glory of the Lord revealed through His church! Healings, miracles and signs and wonders working through love are all about to spring forth from the corporate body. But it will only happen as we begin to grasp the revelation that only He is our life and that religion, activity and dead works only impedes the release of this glorious life from within us. Jesus said that this Kingdom was within. "Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:20-21)

"Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us." (Ephesians 3:20)

"I'm gonna teach you to fly."

"Yet those who wait for the LORD Will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary." (Isaiah 40:31)

God wants His church to begin to do the things only a supernatural people who know their God can do! We are to do exploits!

"Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is..By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world." (1 John 3:2,4:17)

The Bible declares a day when God's people will begin to see Jesus for who He really is and when that happens, they will begin to move into that supernatural realm of living that accompanies the revelation that we are "sons of God". The Bible even says all creation is longing to see that day! "For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God." (Romans 8:19)

That Greek word for revealing is the same root word that revelation comes from. It means: to unveil, uncover or to reveal something that is hidden. "For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has anything been secret, but that it should come to light. "If any man has ears to hear, let him hear." (Matthew 4:22-23) That same word is also found in Colossians 3:4. That passage makes a correlation between a believer who receives a revelation of Christ and who He is fully is actually working in him and the unveiling of the glory of God coming forth in that believer! "When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory" (Colossians 3:4) We see that WHEN Christ is fully revealed, THEN the glory of God comes out or forth in that person.

"Jesus even said those who believe could and would do greater works than the ones he did. "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father." And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:12)

For example, Jesus raised 4 people from the dead in his 3½ years on the earth. But there have already been several men and women of God on earth who have far surpassed that. Smith Wigglesworth, who lived during the early 20th century, raised at least 11 people from death. David Hogan, working in remote areas of Mexico, has seen over 220 raised from the dead through the prayers of faith offered by him and his team.

So many American preachers and theologians who were taught cessationism attempt to twist the meaning of these and other scriptures to mean they'll only be fulfilled when the believer gets to heaven. But Jesus didn't say that and He had much to say about what awaits the believer in heaven. No, their unbelief is masked by their attempt to change the meaning of the passage, but the bottom line is: Jesus said we would cast out demons, heal the sick, raise the dead and preach to the poor, PERIOD. There are so many passages that make this clear that to argue any other way only exposes that person's dogged unbelief.

"We're gonna taste of the wine;
We're gonna drain the cup dry."

The new wine that Jesus spoke of is coming and that new wine is going to be drunk in full measure by this generation who desire it. And He was also telling them a parable: "No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it on an old garment; otherwise he will both tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. "And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined. "But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. "And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good enough." (Luke 5:35-38)

The big danger when it comes is that the new wine cannot be stored or held in the old wineskin. Jesus said, if that is done, both would be lost. The old wineskin would be damaged and the new wine poured out. This addresses the principle involving the attempt of those with a new revelation attempting to fit it into an old structure, method or form. It's not simply the structure, but it involves more in what form Jesus is revealed to them in. Luke 16:12 tells us Jesus appeared in a different form to the two men on the road to Emmaus and the two could not see that it was Him till near the end of their journey he revealed Himself in a form they were familiar with. The Greek word comes from the same Latin word we get morph from. It literally means to change appearances like a chameleon, to morph to a different shape.

In each generation, the Lord reveals Himself in a form to that generation in a way they can relate to and understand. The way God chose to come and reveal Himself to the Woodstock generation would not necessarily be the same as how God reveals Himself to the Generation arising now. What worked in the 1970's will not work on today's kids. Most churches today resemble the youth ministries of 20-25 years ago. This is why Jesus said it is futile to attempt to put the new thing God is now doing in an old form or way. By doing so, both the New and Old are damaged and the new wine is even lost which is unproductive.

"Wait till you're locked in my embrace;
Wait till I draw you near,
Wait till you see the sunshine place,
Ain't nothing like it here!"

Wow! This is truly the best part. God's people are about to enter into a realm of rest and intimacy with God that will surpass anything yet seen or known before. While mystics through the centuries have had awesome encounters with God, their beliefs about God hindered them from truly experiencing the incredible riches of the knowledge of God. False understandings about God limited their ability to grasp all they could have. The best is truly yet to come as God will reveal Himself to the hungry seekers! As they return to the simplicity and purity and devotion to Christ they will come into a level of intimacy with God few have ever understood or experienced.

" But for you who fear My name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. " And you will tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing," says the LORD of hosts." (Malachi 4:2-3)

Many teachers and preachers have attempted to imply that this sun is really The Son of God. While that is a cool play on words, it can diminish the ramifications of what that verse actually is declaring. This passage is speaking of a new day dawning where righteousness is the light that brightens everything and exposes all wickedness, even as the sun now gives us natural light. It also speaks of healing and the defeat of the wicked being part of this generation's inheritance. When it says, "the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings.." its good to know what is implied by the term "in its wings..". The word there kanaph means edge or extremity and is easier to understand in the context of a bird's wingspan.

It is describing this sun rising as a picture of a giant eagle spreading its wings and within the breadth of this enormous wingspan, healing goes out even to the corners and edges! This is saying, even at the very edges of this sunlight that is dawning, healing and the defeat of the wicked will be found. This new day is dawning and is upon us even now.

The Birth Of A Reformation Is At Hand

Rex Burgher

The Birth of a Reformation is at hand!

There is something being birthed that will change the way we do church. Within the church there is a paradigm shift-taking place. God is letting us know that a reformation is afoot. A reformation within the church speaks of a radical change for the better in understanding of practices and doctrines we once held as unchangeable. We got by with these doctrines and practices because of our immaturity, but now that things are being put in order a new revelation is about to take place.

This reformation will change not only the way church is done but carry over and affect society as we know it. We are about to witness the collision of the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of darkness. It will quicken the return of the King. Prophetically the movie ‘Lord of the Rings’ ends the trilogy with the final battle called “Return of the King”.

There is taking place right now within the Kingdom of God a positioning of both individual and corporate ministries. These strategic alliances are being brought together to help propel the church forward during the battle that is about to be unleashed during the churches greatest hours.

The Apostle is coming back to the church and the Father is coming back to the family. There will be order, because DAD WILL BE ‘IN THE HOUSE’!!! A new foundation of righteous behavior and authority will be established.

Look for restoration of the eagles

Third is that the seasoned eagles are being restored and taking flight. With renewed supernatural strength and incredible eyesight these eagles will soar to places only seen by a few people during past moves of God. A fresh wind is about to blow from the throne room of God lifting us higher and higher into new realms of revelation.

Once we were only preoccupied with our own battles but now we will see and understand the greater vision of God. We will be lifted high above the valley floor, above the fighting to see over the mountains into other valleys and see the host that are coming our way to assist us. Allegiances called networks are now being formed that will be “Bands of Brothers” rather than denominations. These new allegiances speak of loyalty to a vision and a call so outside of themselves that they will be obedient to the ‘Return of the King’. A fresh new look is coming upon the church. In the past God allowed us to have denominations, which speaks of a class system of authority, it worked fine for the season but that season is about to change. There is a new scent in the wind, a new fragrance is settling upon us of things whispered long ago about ‘such a time as this’.

Because of this rise in height leading to increased vision, there will come greater authority. Old territories especially ‘the watchtowers’ once given over to the enemy will be taken back especially in regard to the families.

We believe these three messages are central to the new thing that the Lord is releasing upon the earth in 2004. Something new is being released from the throne room of God. We believe throughout the world God is birthing a revelatory message to the church in 2004. A new wave of Holiness and Integrity will be released to the church. To those who have fought over injustice look for wholeness, soundness, uprightness and honesty to be banners over the coming armies. Greater clarity in understanding will be released to these restored eagles.

Look for the convergences of different looking ‘networks’ or bands of brothers to start coming together. In the past it would have looked strange to see these brothers walking in unison but now it will make all the sense in the world as pet doctrines once held as unchangeable will be delegated to their correct importance in the scriptures.

Look for a new breed of leadership to emerge in the next couple of years.

I strongly believe that God is coming alongside many prodigals right now calling them back to him.

One thing we know is that God is very much into restoration. A calling back of things once discarded. Many prodigals have failed God and because of that failure they have gone back to doing what they formally had laid aside to follow God in the first place. Like Peter did in John 21:15-19 when he went back to what he previously had been doing, fishing. He had turned aside from what God's ultimate purpose and destiny had for his life. Others in the past several years have been chased into caves. God is bringing many out of the caves into a new level of intimacy and responsibility.

Holiness and intimacy will be the garments of these mighty men and women of God; lifting them into a place of authority few have seen or witnessed before. With this comes wisdom and understanding. Look for a great separation to occur between churches, ministries, and individuals. The Episcopalian church is a prime example of this separation. This new breed will not accept individuals and ministries that do not have integrity. This line of demarcation will frustrate some in leadership because they will come to realize that the respect shown to them in the past was respect for the anointing that God placed on their ministry with little respect for them personally because of their lack of character in ministry.

God is showing us that the anointing He has placed upon our lives for ministry must match up with character. I believe that He is jealous and will not tolerate us using The Anointing as an excuse for Bad Behavior. Because of the mature walk of these new leaders they will know how to handle the difficult character issues before the church. Remember the Fathers/Apostles are coming home and with them will be greater authority in areas of discipline with regard to holiness and integrity.

I see this year as a year of restoration to those who had given up hope. Those who were disillusioned thinking they had somehow blown it. Peter was the rock that the church was to be built upon, the rock of the second chance, the over comer. There is a new order coming through correct spiritual authority and discipline.

We are finding out that our strength comes from resting in Him. We are finding out that you only have authority over the storm you can sleep in. When Jesus was asleep in the boat and the disciples were fighting the storm they awakened Jesus to find him calmly standing to his feet and rebuking the storm. Your strength comes from your resting beside Him, this will be a central theme in this next move of God.

God desires Extreme Radical Christianity to come back into vogue. Look for those being raised out of the dust. Some asked if these bones would live! And behold they came forth. Out of the dust God is about to raise up an army. Poor, rich, young, old, fat, thin, short and tall God is releasing a wave of holiness and integrity and many will receive it for IT IS WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR ALL THEIR LIVES!

I do believe the next wave will be a wave of holiness and integrity. The manifestations of that wave will be mighty in that it will change the way the church will look and do things from that moment forward. There has been a season of grooming that has been taking place over the last couple of years in particular. Individuals and ministries that have consistently failed to make right choices of integrity/holiness may find themselves, like the Episcopal Denomination, having to make statements of faith concerning the reason for their choices or be labeled, not Christians!

Look out for an event! Suddenly it will happen!

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The Baptism of Fire
These Three Remain: Faith, Hope, and Love

There was a turning point in my life with Christ, where I was quite literally thrown on my face before the Lord and put into the fire. In this tribulation, I went through many "points of decisions" in my heart. I struggled with what is common to all of us, but in the fire, it is all compressed and made more intense. How we choose to react in the fire, and under the pressure, determines whether we will be transformed by it through walking in it and persevering and clinging to Him, or we can be destroyed and fall away. The transformation process that occurs in the fire, is akin to the metamorphic process that rocks undergo when compressed under tons of pressure from the layers of rock and earth, combined with the intense heat generated by underlying molten lava. As it cools it forms crystals. We call these changed crystallized rocks, "Metamorphical Rocks". Metamorphic means "changed".

During this intense time, I chose each moment to cling to my Hope in Christ, in His Mercy. Through the struggle between flesh and spirit, my flesh wanted to protect itself. My flesh was tempted to become rebellious and say "What good is being good when you are betrayed or falsely accused?" But my spirit was in a struggle, to hope in Christ's salvation.

Through Hope, I could trust Him.
Through Trust, I grew in Faith.
Through Faith, I learned to grow in Love.

During this lowest point in my life, I visited a pentecostal church. I grew up in a pentecostal church, so it's familiar to me. The church had a visionary pastor full of enthusiasm and energy. It is a church that has been building and growing, and has many ministries. It believes in the gifts and operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The worship and service was one of those clapping, joyful worship services... lots of talk about the "joy of the Lord". There was lots of pep talk of how they were building God's kingdom and about the pastor's vision for building the church. There was even a healing altar call. But in this low point in my life, I left that church feeling that there was no spiritual food to feed my soul... nor the poor, oppressed, and hungry. There was no spiritual power in those words to feed or heal a hurting heart. No wonder the homeless, oppressed and hungry don't feel comfortable in many churches today. I left there asking God to teach me His simple truths in such a way that they would be ingrained in my heart and spirit, so that I could feed the poor, oppressed, and spiritually hungry someday. I had already seen that His truths were simple, as He and His Word (scriptures) were my only life, and hope, and teacher, while I was in the valley of despair. It was in the valley of darkness that He had become my living bread and living water. (Rev 7:14-17; Isaiah 49:9-13)

Rev 7
14. And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
15. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them.
16. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.
17. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Isaiah 49

9. That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.
10. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.
11. And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.
12. Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.
13. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

We wonder why the lost don't come to Christ much in the churches? Because although many churches claim to have the power of God, they are powerless. I'm not talking about "power" to heal the body, nor power to cast out demons. Haven't we been taught by the apostle Paul that these gifts without love are dead and are nothing. We must seek God's heart, not just after manifestations of power, but after the power of God to Salvation! His power came to raise the dead. His power came to set the captives free. His power came to heal the sick! You want to see all these things done? Then start in the heart. You want to have power that gives life? Then examine your heart. The truths of Christ are so simple. And after 2000-3000 years we should understand them, but sadly I don't see that the "church" overall does.

Everything shall pass away, including prophecies, tongues, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we so covet. But there are only 3 things that shall remain: Faith, Hope, and Love, in and through Christ. (1 Cor. 13:13) If you are not building your spiritual house based on a Faith in Christ that endures, the Hope of Salvation, and His perfect Love, then you are building with sticks and stubble and your house shall be destroyed by fire.

Am I speaking against gifts of the Holy Spirit? By no means, as I also operate in the gifts. What I see however is our lack of understanding of what are the foundations of the Faith of Christ that we so freely say we know.

Have you seen "spiritually gifted" people devouring each other with their words and arguments? Have you heard "prophets" judge and condemn "sinners" in the house of God forgetting their own filthy rags are covered by Grace, not works? Have you heard people say "I won't pray anymore for so-and-so because God's judgment hangs over them?" Have you heard people refuse to pray for our nation because they think God's judgment is at the door? I have heard and seen all of these things. I tell you these believers who do these things are deceived and do know not what spirit they are of! (Luke 9:54-56)

If you value being right, over the soul and life of your fellow believer or enemy, then you are deceived. (Isaiah 13:18; Luke 6:27-36) If you value getting credit or being recognized for your spiritual gifts, more than you care about letting God's Holy Spirit work in others so that they can grow in their gifts, then you are spiritually puffed up and deceived. Remember, a little leaven puffs up the entire batch of dough. A little leaven in our heart defiles our heart and makes us wrong.

If you think that God's judgment is reserved for "them" and not for you too, then you are deceived. Judgment will begin at "the house of God"! (1 Peter 4:17)

There is a baptism of water, and a baptism of fire.

Many Christians think that the "baptism of water" is a physical baptism and that means their faith is affirmed in Salvation. They have stopped short of the meat and have settled for milk. (Hebrews 5:8 -

6:2) The "water immersion baptism" is a **symbol** of the true "baptism of water" that is the **immersion in God's Word**; **That is CHRIST**. God's word cleanses us, and Christ, who is the "**Living Word**", is also the **"Living Water**". He, The Word of God, cleanses us and baptises us. Let us renew our minds through the washing of water by His Word and scriptures. (Ephesians 5:26) Through Him we are made clean and we die to sin. (Romans 6:1-4)

All Christians must be purified by the baptism of water, **and also through the baptism of fire**.

Some think that the baptism of fire is the gift of tongues. They are mistaken, this is an **evidence** of a gift of the Spirit, but it is not "The baptism of fire". Christ himself spoke about having a baptism to undergo and he was distressed until he accomplished it. What was that "baptism"? It is the baptism of fire. (Luke 12:49-50) It is the baptism of suffering, of persecution, of affliction. (Mark 10:38-39; John 15:20; Acts 14:22) Through this baptism we are "made perfect" and "purified". Anyone who wants to live a righteous life will be persecuted. (2 Timothy 3:12) We are promised to share in His glory, IF we have shared in His sufferings. (Romans 8:17) The Israelites of old went through a baptism in the Red Sea, and we go through a spiritual baptism by God's Word and through the enduring and persevering in faith through troubles and persecutions.

Do not rejoice in your flesh, when you see someone in tribulation or persecution or afflictions, thinking in your heart that they are being judged or that they "deserved" it. For you are deceived and do not have understanding. (Job 31:28-30) You should rejoice when **you** are in tribulation and persecutions and afflictions. (James 1:2-4) For you are sharing in His sufferings and undergoing a baptism of fire. (Mark 10:38-39; John 15:20) You will also share in His glory, if you stand firm and endure. (1 Peter 4:12-19)

Many shall be purified, made white, and tested. (Daniel 12:10)

When your brother or sister is suffering, make every effort to build them up in the faith. Do not tear them down. "A foolish woman tears down her own house with her own hands." (Proverbs 14:1) Do not tear down God's house with your own words. You will be judged for this. But understand what the will of God is, and build up, and not tear down, bless and not curse. (Luke 6:28) For judgment belongs to God only. (James 4:11-12; Romans 14:4)

Each of us will give an account before God for our heart. If we have not purified our hearts we will be defiled and unholy before a Holy God, and will be rejected. (Matthew 5:8, Deut. 23:14)

As Samuel said, "I will not sin by not praying for you, O Israel." (1 Samuel 12:23)

There are only 3 things that shall remain: Faith, Hope, and Love, and the Greatest of these is Love. (1 Corinthians 13:13)

Let me show you the Most Excellent Way... the way of Love. (1 Corinthians 12:31)

1 Corinthians 12:12b - 13:13

12:12b... And now I will show you ***the most excellent way****.*
1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.
2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains but have not love, I am nothing.
3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love I gain nothing.
4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
7 It always protects always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.
8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.
9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,
10 But when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.
11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.
12 Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.
13 ***And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.***

John 15:12-14
12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
13 Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.
14 You are my friends if you do what I have command.
16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in My name.
17 This is my command: Love each other.

John 13:34-35 (KJ)
34. A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.
35. **By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.**

Love, grace, and peace in abundance, to my brethren,
in Christ Jesus who is our Salvation and Light.
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The Basics Of Holy Choices

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My people are wanting the rich butter of My anointing oil, but they have stopped short of separating themselves from evil. I AM growing My body into manhood, strong and able to defeat My enemies. Milk is a basic ingredient to raise children, but men need meat.

Living on milk does not train one to know the difference between the holy and the profane - knowing right from wrong. The profane includes all that is done in My Name that I have not authorized. I AM training My own to let go of their arm of flesh, and not trust in their own strength.

As they rely on Me, I will teach them how to overcome the stronghold's that imprison them, such as fear of men and an unholy thought life. They shall rise in newness of life and stop their circling of basic training as they release their old natures to Me and allow Me to do My cleansing work. I will teach them to discern what they hear and grow them up with solid food, enough to last their entire journey. As a result, they will have graduated past the basics and learn to flow in the anointing of My Spirit.

Heb 5:12-14 NLT You have been Christians a long time now, and you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things a beginner must learn about the Scriptures. You are like babies who drink only milk and cannot eat solid food. And a person who is living on milk isn't very far along in the Christian life and doesn't know much about doing what is right. Solid food is for those who are mature, who have trained themselves to recognize the difference between right and wrong and then do what is right.

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Spending Your Day

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How do you spend your day? I have placed a daily allowance in your bank account. I give you daily strength and ability, daily provision and sustenance, and 24 hours. There are many ways to spend your day. Always remember that your daily deeds will be judged, and whatsoever is done from love will be eternally recompensed.

"For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in our bodies." (2 Cor 5:10 NLT)

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The Book Of Life

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The Book of Life & the Names in It
Visions & Dreams
2000

My best friend LaShandra and I were at a farm somewhere in my dream when a tornado hit. It was very strong and it touched the ground two seconds after I moved my body from where I was laying. After it left, my cousin Demita was looking through old stuff in the barn, family pictures and such and I found a book. It was ancient looking so I opened it up and names were in it and some of these names were whitened out and other people's names were written over them. Then I woke up. I realized after reading the word, that the theory of once saved, always saved was not the case and that if you got saved and then turned away from God, never repent and then die, that you have forfeited your place in his Book of Life.

The Word of God

Thus shall he who conquers (is victorious) be clad in white garments, and I will not **erase** or **blot** out his name from the Book of Life; I will acknowledge him [as mine] and I will confess his name openly before My Father and before His angels. ***(Revelation 3:5)***

But nothing that defiles or profanes or is unwashed shall ever enter it, nor anyone who commits abominations (unclean, detestable, morally repugnant things) or practices falsehood, but only those whose names are recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life. ***(Revelation 21:27)***

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame *and* everlasting contempt.
(Daniel 12:1-2)

And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.
(Revelation 20:15)

And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, **God shall take away his part out of the book of life**, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book. ***(Revelation 22:19)***

Let them be **blotted out** of the book of the living, and **not be written** with the righteous.
(Psalms 69:28)

Let his posterity be cut off; *and* in the generation following let their name be **blotted out**.
(Psalms 109:13)

And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.
(Revelation 20:12)

He was further permitted to wage war on God's holy people (the saints) and to overcome them. And power was given him to extend his authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation, and all the inhabitants of the earth will fall down in adoration and pay him homage, everyone whose name has not been recorded in the Book of Life of the Lamb that was slain [in sacrifice] from the foundation of the world. ***(Revelation 13:8)***

In a dream that Dumitru Duduman had in August of 1991, “heavenly beings” gave him the same message about the book of life. Here is what was said,

“They said, ‘We are heavenly beings’. Their clothes were white as snow. They had eyes that were penetrating. There was a light in them so bright I could hardly look at them. Their hair was white as wool, and it was long, going down their backs. One of them had a book and the other had an ink well attached to his belt, and a large pen in his hand. There was an eraser on one end.

The one with the pen said, ‘I was sent to complete the book of the Gentiles. Do you want to see your names?’ I looked and saw that all the names of my family were written there, and they were circled. I asked why they were circled. He said, ‘The devil doesn’t like what you do and fights powerfully against all you do. I have circled your names so I can give you extra protection.’

He opened the4 back of the book and counted 4 remaining blank pages at the end. ‘When these are filled,’ he said, ‘the book of the Gentiles will be complete. Then I will return to my people. ***Some of the names that are listed here will be erased. I will erase the names of those who have mocked God and tested the Spirit of Grace. I will replace them with other names.”***

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A Crack in the Door leads to Deception
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The Whole Armor of God:

(Ephesians 6:11-18)

(11) Put on **the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**
(12) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the world's rulers, of the darkness of this age, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*.
(13) Therefore take to yourselves the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
(14) Therefore stand, having **your loins girded about with truth**, and having on **the breastplate of righteousness**
(15) and **your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace**.
(16) Above all, take **the shield of faith**, with which you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
(17) And take **the helmet of salvation**, and **the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God,**
(18) **praying always** with all prayer and supplication in *the* Spirit, and watching to this very thing with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Satan Raped The Church Through A Cracked Door Not Properly Shut
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Visions & Dreams

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I had a dream that a man was chasing me and so I closed the door behind me. The door had a crack in it and would not close all of the way. Then the man broke through the door, got a hold of me and tangled me to the floor. I was naked. Then it tried to rape me but I prevailed over it and shut the door. It changed forms from a man to a demon, a big one. I ran and grabbed a knife and cut it then it ran out. I looked around and saw that the windows were cracked and there were double doors on the second floor that was not closed all of the way. As I ran and told everyone to close the cracks immediately, some listened and some did not. Then I saw the group Destiny Child on the second floor by the doors and everyone went to see them perform, but there were still cracks in the doors up there. The leadership around me decided to get knives to fight the demons if they came through. But the demons did not show up yet, everyone was so busy watching the performance and entertainers and then I woke up.

God's message to the church:

We are too busy dealing with the things of this world, we will be caught off guard every time with the enemy until we have the knife, the word, which is sharper than any two-edge sword.

The leadership has to be bold and stop letting the masses run over them. Leaders have to take a stand and stop worrying about if they tell what God really has to say, who will get offended and stop supporting their ministry.

God is showing us that Satan has gotten inside of the church through a crack that was not properly closed up and that he has reproduced himself through demons of worldliness that has raped the church in America of her anointing to heal the sick, raise the dead and be prophets, proclaiming "Thus said the Lord." The church must repent of her sins and come back to God or those who continue to follow the world, leaving God's message and work behind will be like the foolish virgins who did not bring extra oil for there lamps. They must work because when the night comes, no man can work. The church must arise and listen to what God is saying or it will not be able to hear and be deceived when the enemy comes to rape them.

Time Travel & the Crucifix
LaTonya N Williams

Dream series
Visions & Dreams
May 2004

Introduction to these dreams:

I had been reading the word all week and it seemed like every time I went to sleep, I had a dream. Some of them I couldn't remember but I remember these two because they occurred back to back and they were so exciting to me. They are among my favorite dreams ever, so I listed them together to show the significance of each one in relation to the other. In the first dream, I time traveled to the days of the Old Testament, Sodom and Gomorrah, giants and sinners. In the second dream, I saw Jesus Christ on the Crucifix.

Series One:

Time Travel
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Visions & Dreams
May 2004

I had a dream that Jamerson, myself and a couple of more people were in some type of space craft or something like that in space. We were going to different places on earth to prophesy and tell people to repent. Then we landed in a place were we had on Hebrew garments, there was sand around us and cities from the Old Testament. We went through the cities telling everyone to repent and turn back to God. Then we were captured and brought before a King and his court. They were all drinking and marrying and dancing and having sexual orgies. The cups that they were drinking out of were golden and golden calves were everywhere.

The court had purple, green and blue silk around it. Everyone was laughing and in sin. There were giants around, women naked and having sex with everyone in the court along with midgets and jesters, men having sex with men. And then, we started to prophesy that the cities would be destroyed because the cry of sin had reached Heaven.

We prophesied that the time of destruction was now because they had not heeded to the word of God or his prophets and because they sought to kill us. Then one of the giants who were about to stone us fell down on his knees and repented. And then the ground shook. Fire and brimstone began to fall from the sky and everyone was being killed by the buildings falling on top them. The giant who fell got a chance to repent before he died. A couple of columns from the walls fell on him. Then we were taken up into the ship or whatever it was and there were two angels there with us to welcome us from our journey and then I woke up.

Series Two:

The Crucifix
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Visions & Dreams
May 2004

Later that week I had a dream that I was witnessing the crucifixion. I saw Mary and John crying. People were weeping and the Romans were there and the Pharisees and Sadducees. I saw the two thieves each on one side of Jesus. He was in the middle and all that He did was look at me. The look was intense. I can’t explain it. But it was a sharp look. One that said, “This is what I have done for you and for the world.” “Live for me and love me.” “It is finished.” “Love one another.” “Be bold”. And then I woke up.

Both dreams relate to each other in the since that before we were even born, God knew us and our calling. He uses us to preach His message. It has been the same message since the time of the creation. It is that God wants man to be in fellowship with him. He hates to see man in evilness and sin and it hurts His heart to see man go to hell in sin. He has always said, “Come, let us reason together.” “Come, let me love you and cover you in my wings.”

But we sin and turn our backs on Him. He has sent prophets and judges and they killed them. Then He sent His son. His son died for us and took on the sin of the world in our place. That is love. God wants us to repent. Some will only have time to repent before death. Others will repent and have their entire lives to praise Him and minister the word. But the ultimate thing is that He died for us and we should repent. It is never too late while we are alive. When man does not repent and judgment comes, God’s mercy and grace will run out. This occurs when man dies physically.

This is also what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah, to Israel when they got ran over by foreign powers and to the Kings and Princes who sat and drunk in sin right before God’s hand wrote on the wall. But even in judgment, we, Christians, are to come boldly to the throne of God asking for forgiveness and repentance because of what Christ did for us. He loved us and that is why we love Him. He is our advocate in front of the father. And most importantly, because of what he did for us, we should love one another, Jesus said, “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13) Love our enemies and those who persecute us and preach the gospel to even those in the most horrible sins; everyone should hear the gospel, whether we like them or approve of them or not and whether they will persecute us or kill us, we should be bold and do God’s will.

The Word of God

(1 John 4:7-19)

(7) Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone who loves has been born of God, and knows God.
(8) The one who does not love has not known God. For God is love.
(9) In this the love of God was revealed in us, because God sent His only begotten Son into the world that we might live through Him.
(10) In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation concerning our sins.
(11) Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.
(12) No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwells in us, and His love is perfected in us.
(13) By this we know that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.
(14) And we have seen and testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.
(15) Whoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwells in him and he in God.
(16) And we have known and believed the love that God has in us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.
(17) In this is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment, that as He is, so also we are in this world.
(18) There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has torment. He who fears has not been perfected in love.
(19) We love Him because He first loved us.

My little children, I write these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He is the propitiation concerning our sins, and not concerning ours only, but also concerning the sins of all the world.
(1 John 2:1-2)

And most of the brothers in the Lord, becoming confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the Word without fear. (Philippians 1:14)

But also suffering before, being insulted in Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much agony. (1 Thessalonians 2:2)

Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world according to the will of God and our Father, (Galatians 1:4)

And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. (Matthew 10:7-8)

Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves. But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, and they will scourge you in their synagogues; And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. (Matthew 10:16-20)

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. (Matthew 10:22)

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell... Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven . . . And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. (Matthew 10:28,32-33, 38-39)

Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for My sake. (Matthew 5:11)

But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who despitefully use you and persecute you, (Matthew 5:44)

Therefore, behold, I send prophets and wise men and scribes to you. And you will kill and crucify some of them. And some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city; (Matthew 23:34)

Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you have now been the betrayers and murderers; (Acts 7:52)

Remember the word that I said to you, The servant is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they have kept My saying, they will also keep yours. (John 15:20)

Desolation, Foreign Powers & the Revealing of the Anti-Christ
LaTonya N Williams

Dream series
Visions & Dreams
2002, 2003, 2004

Introduction to this series of dreams:

These dreams were given to me while I was seeking a deeper level in my walk with God. They show my hometown, Houston, Texas and how it relates to the end times. They also show America as a whole and the revealing of the Anti-Christ. The last dream about the Anti-Christ came to me a couple of days after I started to read about other people's dreams and visions on Bill Somer's website, "End Time Prophetic Vision". My mentor, Jamerson a.k.a. Eleazar the Last Testament told all of us months ago about the website and other sites that were dedicated to the end times and that we should visit them to get a glimpsed of the things that God shows other people like us. So after months of being too busy, I finally went on the website and there God had me in a level of consecration. Two days later, **September 11, 2004**, I had a dream about the Anti-Christ and then two days after that I was blessed with a job. I had been unemployed for seven months. Then right in the eighth month, I got a job. Only after eating and sleeping in the word, I finally got a job because I was literally fed on the word from sunup to almost sun up the next day. It is a time now that we discern the times and get with the program. America will be destroyed and you can either get right with God and repent or go down in the destruction. Just like in the book of Joel, God's message is the same for today:

Proclaim this among the nations: **Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up.** Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weak say, I *am* strong. Gather yourselves and come, all you nations, and gather yourselves together all around; cause Your mighty ones to come down there, O Jehovah. **Let the nations be awakened and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the nations all around.** Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, come down; for the press is full; the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the day of LORD *is* near in the valley of decision! ***(Joel 3:9-14)***

Series One:

Astroworld, Houston & the End times

Visions & Dreams
2002
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I had a dream that I was at Astroworld in Houston, TX and that I was watching people ride the roller-coasters. Suddenly a man fell from his seat and smashed into a part of the freeway. Then the ride broke and people were on the freeway stuck in traffic but no people were in the cars. The man that fell was dead and bloody but no ambulances came. Everything was desolate and nobody was on the rides anywhere. I had a sense that something was not right and that we were somehow in the end times because of the sudden desolation. Then I woke up.

Desolation of the Earth

I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* without form, and void; and the heavens, and they *had* no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. **I beheld, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.** I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* by his fierce anger. For thus hath the LORD said, **The whole land shall be desolate;** yet will I not make a full end. For this shall **the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black:** because I have spoken *it*, I have purposed *it*, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. **The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city *shall be* forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.** ***(Jeremiah 4:23-29)***

Series Two:

Poisoned Water Supply

Visions & Dreams
2002
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I had a dream that I was on my balcony talking to my dad. I was asking him what were they doing on the ground. Then the ground got larger and took on the form of a freeway. Many construction workers were drilling holes in the concrete of the freeway and cars were at a stand still in traffic. People were mad because they were late to work. Then all of a sudden, dark water begin to come out of the ground and everyone was walking backwards to avoid the water touching them. They knew that if the water touched them they would die. The cars saw the water coming out of the ground and they started to put their cars in reverse to drive away. People were scattering everywhere. The water came up slowly then fast and I saw that it was blood. The water of the world was poisoned with blood. It was in the pipes, in the oceans and seas. It rusted the pipes and made living things dead. Then I woke up.

(Revelation 16:3-7)

(3) And the second angel poured out his vial on the sea. And it became like the blood of a dead one, and every living soul died in the sea.
(4) And the third angel poured out his vial on the rivers and fountains of waters, and they became blood.
(5) And I heard the angel of the waters say, Righteous is the Lord, who is, and was, and who will be, because You have judged these things,
(6) since they have poured out the blood of the saints and prophets; and You gave them blood to drink, for they were deserving.
(7) And I heard another out of the altar saying, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* Your judgments.

Series Three:

Poisoned Water Supply Dream #2

Visions & Dreams

May 2003

My fiancée, Robert and I had a dream on the same night. We both saw that Pebbles our cat was dead and sift. In his dream he took her out of the water and her body was cold and pale and sift. My dream was the exact same. The Meaning in this was that the water is poisonous in the last days. It will bring death and desolation. The lead and other man made particles are in the water. The government conceals it like the A.I.D.S. virus. The water will kill you. Jesus said that He is the source of the everlasting flow of water. We will never thirst again. My mentor also had a dream about the water supply being poisoned. It was different from our dream.

Series Four:

Houston Overcome By The Chinese: America Implements Propaganda For The Army

Visions & Dreams

August 5, 2004

In my dream, a group of young people, including myself were in the area of the Astrodome and the new Reliant Dome. And then we looked up at the sky and there was a plane or a helicopter flying. I remember that I had some kind of watch on my wrist and it started to light up and when it did the plane that was in the sky stopped and then sent a missal towards my way. At the last minute we dodged out of the way and the bomb hit this box that was right behind us. So afterwards, I figured that the watch had something to do with like a tracking method or something, so I took the watch off and then threw it to my right somewhere. Once it hit the floor, it exploded. Then it was like we were walking to our cars when all of a sudden Chinese soldiers came up from everywhere with no warning. A Chinese girl, my friend in my dream was right next to me and the soldiers all took each one of us by our arms and the general said something to her in Chinese. She refused to say anything back. I believe that he asked her who throw the watch but since she didn't say anything quick enough, the general suddenly beheaded her right in front of me and then with bamboo sticks, they led us into a line.

Then the scene changed and we were in a jail. I said to some of the young people there that I would go and get help to get us out of jail, so I was somehow able to get out and with the help of two other people I never seen before, we began to travel through the woods. There was guns shots everywhere, sounds of terror and people being killed. Then the scene changed and we had to take a rest from our journey. We were at their little oasis like building and went to the restroom, got water and supplies. However, in the middle of us gathering supplies, we heard someone coming, so we hid in the closet. And thinking that we were about to get killed for escaping jail, we were trying to gather enough faith and belief that we will get killed, the door swung open. There, a member of my family appeared and asked, “What are you doing in there? I thought you were one of those trying to find out where we were hiding.” Seen apparently, we where not the only ones searching for other people to help out.

So he began to help us reload our supplies and then He told me that on the other side of his compound, government officials had set up this weird looking machine. So we went and saw it. It was a narrow jail cell like building that had six places for people to stand, three on each side, which contains helmets and arms braces. I wondered what it was. And as soon as I said that to myself, as if we were no longer present, people started to appear in the cell like building. They had the helmets on and their arms in the braces. They were telling each other that they were about to journey somewhere. Then as soon as they put the helmet on, they disappeared. Then seconds later on the opposite side of these machines, they reappeared. But they looked different. They had aged and brought things back with them. Everyone who got into these machines were young men, Americans. I even heard a few of them saying that they were going to time travel to go get there brothers and cousins to enlist in the army. The army was promising money for college and all sorts of things if this young people would join. The young people were so excited about joining the army; they didn't see anything else that was going on around them. They did not know that the Chinese was here already. All of these young men were voluntarily drafting themselves into a army that had no hope of winning. Then I woke up.

America and Her Sins

The first *was* like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. ***(Daniel 7:4)***

As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. ***(Jude 1:7)***

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.
(Revelation 17:16)

And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. ***(Revelation 18:19)***

Series Five:

The Revealing of the Anti-Christ

Visions & Dreams
Anniversary of September 11th Day
September 11, 2004 7:20am

I had a dream that me and my fiancée were driving along Houston on the 288 and 610 freeway and we got off onto the exit by our Astrodome/ Reliant Stadium. Just as we were at the stop light, a Mayan building block floated across the street and was going left. We then entered the freeway again and cars were suddenly crashing. There were about five cars just crashing out of nowhere so we exited the freeway again and took the feeder road a little closer to the Astrodome. Again a Mayan looking block with scriptures or some sort of hieroglyphics went by.

Then we looked up in the sky and in the middle of the day there were hundreds of lights in the sky. We did not know if these were UFO's, planes or spacecrafts. But the lights were scattered and they were white bright lights.

Then suddenly we were at my aunt's house, the place were I grew up. In all of my visions and dreams that mostly deal with anything the Lord shows me, I end up here.

I was in my aunt's house, me and my fiancée and only one aunt and one cousin were there. I was trying to figure out were my other aunt and other cousin were but they were no where to be found. And in my soul in my dream I knew something was not right and we, meaning me and my fiancée started to lock the doors and windows and anything that would let anything in. All of a sudden, I was outside on the porch and my fiancée was at the door of my aunt's house and we looked up at the sky and hundreds of black helicopters were circling, hovering, and just moving slowly in the air. There were so many helicopters that it was hard to see the sky at times. But it was mid-day and people in Houston were cutting grass and lounging outside and doing everyday things.

Next, as it seemed that the helicopters got a command, they started to form ranks and lines in the sky and then I saw from the ground but also in spirit that they were all over Houston and they started to drop bombs on buildings, churches, houses and the skyline of Downtown.

They did not do this to all of the buildings but only certain ones. And then suddenly I saw Black Jeeps and Hummers go through out the neighborhoods and they were stopping at all homes. After they left, some homes were bombed and caught on fire. Then one jeep came to my aunt's house.

I had no choice but to go see what they wanted because I did not want my aunt's house to be bombed. But I knew in my spirit that these men were not right with God. They were two Caucasian men in black suits and in the man's hand in the passenger side, he had little slips of regular notebook paper and on each slip were names, addresses and a census count of everyone who lived anywhere. They pulled out one slip of paper and gave it to me to right down my address and the names of all in house. I only wrote down four people present. And as if they knew my mind, they said "You are not telling us the truth, there are more." But I told them that we couldn't find the others. And then they looked at each other, the men looked like agents in the Matrix movie by the way. And then they looked at me and said, "Well, we are promoting this movie." And then they tried to hand me a VHS tape. I knew what it was and I did not want it.

See the VHS had a message about a man, one man who came to heal the wounds of the earth and united all men. We would heal the sick and give you whatever was needed if you took his mark. While they were talking to me, the spirit of God in me reminded me that I was sleep and that I seen this man on TV, in politics, in news, He was here. But in the dream, the dream was real as well, like another dimension. And then the men in the car told me the name of that man, The Antichrist. And I remembered also in the dream that I saw him on TV and my soul knew who he was.

They told me to take the tape and asked if I wanted to see it. Not wanted to say no because if I did, I knew that they would bomb my house right then and there, I used wisdom and told them that we would think about it and make a decision. They said that they would only give us a little while and that they would be back and then they left.

I went to the door where my fiancée was and immediately without looking at the tape, without saying a word, our spirit men took charge and talked with each other without saying a word and we woke my cousin up and I tried to wake my aunt up. She was so sleepy, physically and spiritually that it took a long time to get her up. I told her that the antichrist was revealed and that we must flee the home in order to save others and that nobody in this house was getting any mark today. And I grabbed her and her took a pair of pants and a shirt and she and I went into a room and I grabbed a blanket, pants and tennis shoes, knowing that it is the end time, we will not have time or need for food or anything else in this house, but wearing something that will be comfortable was wise. Then I grabbed the smallest bible I had and couple of regular bibles and ran outside. There, my fiancée and my cousin were in the car and me and my aunt jumped through the window in the car.

As we left the parking lot, it seemed as if God concealed everyone's eyes to us because a yellow sports car pulled up as we were leaving and it did not see us. A do not know who was in the car because we took off and as we approached the corner of my aunt's house, we saw that the two men in the Jeep did not leave us, but were hiding in the back of the house to monitor our activity.   They did not see us leave either and as we went down the street I did not know if they found out we were gone or if they blew the house up, but I woke up from my sleep.

This happened the morning of September 11, 2004. I did not even realize that my vision/dream occurred on the anniversary of the Twin Tower bombings until I woke up my mentor Eleazar the Last Testament and told him about it. He has had numerous dreams and visions about the end time and how God will destroy America for her sins and pride.

A Few Passages from the Bible that I thought about during this series of dreams:

The Anti-Christ

Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. ***(1 John 2:18)***

Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. ***(2 Thessalonians 2:3-4)***

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. ***(1 John 2:22)***

And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. ***(1 John 4:3)***

The Great Whore

And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: ***(Revelation 17:1)***

And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. ***(Revelation 17:15)***

And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. ***(Revelation 17:16)***

For true and righteous *are* his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. ***(Revelation 19:2)***

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Election 2004
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Election 2004: Bush vs. Kerry, Unleashing the Beast of the End Times
Visions & Dreams
October 1, 2004

In this dream, I was at my Aunt's house, a constant symbol to me for God is telling me something and safety. While I was there, my grandma was in the kitchen leaning over the kitchen counter telling me about the Election that is coming up. Whenever my grandma is present in my dreams, God allows me to see her as wisdom and she normally has a urgent message from God.

She told me how God was using Bush for his purposes, whether the people saw Bush as a bad person or not, God allowed him in office and that God's agenda, not Bush's or the Republican party's agenda, was being done. She said that every before the earth was formed, God knew the times that we would be born in and that Bush was born for such a time as this, so were you and I and the rest of the people on the earth today.

And then Bush appeared at out nowhere and he was glowing and smiling with a radiance of heavenly light. I was able to see the compassionate President that he was called during his last campaign and he was all sparkly with joy.

And then all of a sudden, the front door burst open and darkness filled the room. There was Kerry. He was a man but there was darkness about his face. He started to talk and was brilliant in speech.

Words flowed out so brilliantly but as he continued to speak, he opened his mouth and smoke came out and Kerry began to shake a little. His mouth opened up very while, wider than humanly possible and there in front of all of us, a big dark beast emerged from his mouth. It was horrible. It had a look of death on it. Kerry was happy with a straight forward face as he stared at Bush and at us.

My grandma began to warn us about Kerry and gave me tips on the election and what to do about the beast. Then as Kerry began to speak about America and his plans, the Beast spoke as well. And that is when I woke up.

I normally post bible scriptures along with my dreams but this dream, I do not have any as of yet that relates to it. The only broad thing that comes to me is anything in the bible that deals with the end times. I would suggest people to read all of it and pray, fast and ask God to reveal things to us.

As a reference, I did see this dream and vision on www.etpv.org, written by **Angel Dahilig** that was posted under the 2003 file, this dream refers to the same thing that I saw in my dream, except, my dream actually showed a person's name as the next evil President, if he becomes President at all. Here is the 2003 post:

The Last U.S. President - A Time To Flee, Angel Dahilig

Released August 17, 2003

> *Job 33:14-18:*
> *14 For God does speak -- now one way, now another -- though man may not perceive it.*
> *15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men as they slumber in their beds,*
> *16 he may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings,*
> *17 to turn man from wrongdoing and keep him from pride,*
> *18 to preserve his soul from the pit, his life from perishing by the sword.*

On the early morning of April 21st, 2002, I believe the Lord spoke to me in a dream.

I saw myself inside of the White House of the United States of America. I knew that President Bush had just moved out and the next President was to move in. I heard or knew that President Bush's presidency was represented by the color "yellow" (seems like I saw a pale yellow). I heard. ***"The tribulation has already begun, but some haven't recognized it as having begun yet."*** *I also heard,* ***"Some have wondered if President Bush is the anti-Christ, but he is NOT ."*** *and* ***"President Bush will complete out his term****." The next President was yet to move in, and I saw that his color was a drab bluish-grey, yet I was perplexed because if the new President hadn't actually moved in yet, why was I seeing the White House walls painted in this drab gray color already?*

While I was in the White House, I had the feeling of dread in my heart and I just wanted to get out of there and run, and ***I heard these words about the next President or Leader. "HE WILL BE DREADFUL AND FEARFUL. JOY WILL ESCAPE AT THAT TIME. IT WILL BE A TIME TO FLEE, TO ESCAPE."*** *I also heard that the next President* ***"WILL BE THE END."*** *I heard these exact words .* ***"WITHIN 48 MONTHS WILL BE THE END!"*** *(That was the timeframe I heard at the time that I had the dream, in April 2002.)*

But then ***I heard these reassurances from The Lord. "BUT, THOSE WHO LOOK TO ME, I WILL EXALT, I WILL KEEP."***

The Lord speaks to give warning to the erring and to give hope to the righteous. God's judgments always come with the HOPE OF REDEMPTION for HIS REMNANT, THE SPOTLESS BRIDE OF CHRIST. Soon it will be a time unlike any time known to us. IT WILL BE A TIME OF DREAD, AND JOY SHALL ESCAPE. (Isaiah 15-16, Joel 1-3, Isaiah 24-26, Jeremiah 48).

God's Judgment Preceeded by A Warning with A Timeframe
For those of you skeptical of timeframes, as I was. The Lord showed me Isaiah, chapters 15-16, which is about the judgement decreed against Moab. I saw correlations of what I heard in my dream and what is written in this passage of scripture. My eyes were opened with this passage:

*Isaiah 16:13-14 -- This is the word the Lord has already spoken concerning Moab. But now the Lord says: "****WITHIN THREE YEARS****, as a servant is bound by contract would count them, Moab's splendor and all her many people will be despised,and her survivors will be very few and feeble."*

I was praying about this dream in Sept 2002, when I released a first draft to a handful of people. That same week, I saw the headlines read "Thousands FLEE Isadora". Also, that same week, my 8 year old son brought me a book to read to him called The Trail of Tears, which is about the American Indians being forced to flee from their homes and land to reservations set aside for them by the American government. (He then fell asleep after I started reading it to him, and has never brought it to me again.) However, when the Lord showed me Isaiah 15-16, and specifically Isaiah 16:13-14, I learned that God does speak warnings with timeframes, in one particular circumstance.

What is the one circumstance found, in scripture, in which God gives a warning with a timeframe attached to it? . BEFORE HE BRINGS DESTRUCTION AND DESOLATION*, TO GIVE WARNING TO THOSE WHO WILL LISTEN.

Other examples of scriptures, ***where the Lord has spoken TIMEFRAMES BEFORE JUDGEMENT AND DESOLATION*:***

- *Isaiah 7:9b. "**Within sixty-five years** Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people."*
- *Isaiah 21:16 - This is what the Lord says to me: "**Within one year**, as a servant bound by contract would count it, all the pomp of Kedar will come to an end."*

This is very important to understand.

> *Every usage, by God in scripture, using the words "within ." And a given timeframe had to do with god's warning of pending judgment by destruction and desolation. In God's great mercy and grace, before the destruction, he warns the people, and even gives them a timeframe in order to get their lives and hearts in order before the day of his wrath upon them.*

**** Desolation -- to make the land forlorn, devoid of inhabitants.***

To those who will hear, I believe that this dream speaks a loud warning to the coming destruction and desolation of America.

Luke 21:34-36 (NKJV)
34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkeness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.
35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.
36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Let the Wicked Forsake His Ways

> *Isaiah 55:6-7 - "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon."*

After prayer, The Lord gave me this encouragement for His children:

> *Romans 8:17-39 (NKJV)*
> *17 And if children, then heirs -- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*
> *18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*
> *19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.*
> *20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;*
> *21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*
> *22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.*
> *23 And not only they, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*
> *24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?*
> *25 But if we hope for what we do not see, then we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.*
> *26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*
> *27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*
> *28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*
> *29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*
> *30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*
> *31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?
33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.
35 WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST? SHALL TRIBULATION, OR DISTRESS, OR PERSECUTION, OR FAMINE, OR NAKEDNESS, OR PERIL, OR SWORD?
36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."
37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,
39 Nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of god which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

Luke 21:28 (KJV)
And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Submitted, by the power of His Holy Spirit,
under fear and trembling,
yet looking upwards towards the hope of our redemption.

Angel Dahilig.

Released Aug. 17, 2003. (Vision & Dream taken from www.etpv.org)

So, after reading this dream and understanding that God is also showing other people the same things as I saw, I felt a little better about posting my dream. I am a Republican, sort of. I am a political science major at Houston Baptist University and when I studied politics, I saw my views as conservative and Republican. I am also Black, African American, so many Blacks normally tend to flock to the Democrat side for what ever reasons, they laugh and call me a sell out. But I have been conservative for almost five years now and I it is not really a politically thing, but a religious thing. I am 23 years old this year and I am young and modern. But I do not believe in all of the rights and freedoms that my generation is practicing and then they call it modern rights and “get with the times”.

Homosexuality is wrong. Abortion is murder. Freedom to molest boys in church is wrong. Gay pastors are wrong. The freedom of speech and religion has now turned into the right of atheists to take down bibles from courts, suspend judges from work if they support keeping a bible in there court room. Gays want marriage to also include them.

It is all crazy and it shows us one thing- that we are indeed living in the end times. Harry Potter and witchcraft is increasing popular yet it is not okay for football players to pray before games. This is all foolishness and God will judge America in her sins and the church for allowing it, never taking a stand, trying to remain neutral in isolation from the world’s problems. The church was meant to be a light, not sit down and let the world run over the ways of the Lord. So, of course God will judge us first and separate the wheat from the tares. It is all a shame, but the real remnant of the Lord sees these things, and knows to discern the times. Praise God for his remnant!

The Bordello
Luz Cintron

(a dream)

In my dream I found myself inside a church that was a bordello. There were two kinds of servants. The older ones were rigid in their ways and the younger ones not so set in them, more open and less prideful, there was still hope for them. Regardless the fact that both of them were pimps, I saw that the Lord was still using their service for His purpose. I went to them and started to tell them, "You know you have to leave this place because it is coming down. It won't be long, the Lord will tear this place down. You must come out and join those who are already out there."

They knew that what I was saying was true, (it was not new to them) they knew it was going to happen. The young ones were more open about it and they did not become angry at my speaking, but only some of them would leave the place. The majority would stay, because of what they thought they had to lose. They justified themselves saying, that there was a lot of people who needed the place open. The older ones became very angry against me and their anger turned to violence.

I asked the Lord "What words would you want me to speak to them? How can their heart be opened to you? The place will come down and bring them along into destruction. What else can be done to stop such a great loss?"

He spoke to me;

"My people go a whoring before my eyes, they ignore the Truth unveiled. They deceive themselves and others thinking they are doing what I have call them to do, but they stand far from it and do not allow others to enter or to see. I came to give life and life more abundant but it can not flow if the body is not united. They have reduced the communion of the saints to 2 days a week and there is no true fellowship among each other. They profess to worship me, but they come around to please man and promote the flesh of man. They profess to love but they neglect each other. There is no consolation to the one who weeps, there is no encouragement for the one who is broken, the widow and the orphan are plundered, the sick and the feeble are not tended to. They resent each other's burdens. They come and gather but I am not in their hearts and when they worship they mention my name but My ways they deny in their living. There can not be a gospel without the communion of the saints. I have called you to be one as we are one. They will gather together, I will make them one. They will gather willingly or I will gather them myself in my jealousy. I Am love and so intense that I Am also a consuming fire."

To the one who has ears let him hear.

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Cry Out Loud
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Cry Out Loud And Spare Not Your Tears

Funny! The other night I was changing channels, nothing worth watching and then I turned to TBN. There was a PTL thing going on and this brother was being interviewed. He said that he plans to "reach" to rich. That everybody reach out to the poor but nobody reaches to rich. He said that if anything just to have more to help the poor there should be an outreach for the rich. There was a tidal wave of applause from the audience.

I wanted to puke.

This is not about rich and poor. To the one who has ears let him hear. His sheep they hear his voice and follow him. If He does not gather in vain labor those that shepherd the flock. Does he have a voice for the rich and a voice for the poor? But we may end having two voices and two seats and two kinds of everything in order to accommodate the rich among us. If they have money, let them deal with the Lord who told the young rich ruler, "go sell all you have and follow me". Reaching to the rich with the whore mentality prevalent within this society and within the church that has copied the culture at the cost of her anointing to serve, will only mean trouble. We have worshiped man and their individualistic traits, there is a black church and a white church, a Hispanic church a gringo church, church for this and church for that and they do not mingle at all, but if they do they feel as if they had done a mighty deed. Don't they know that their very existence is a testimony of how we have divided His body? If we divide His body, what will be left for us then?.... How's that? Have we not heard that we are no Jew or gentile, no man or woman, no slave or free man, but all new creatures in Christ servants of each other?

Christ is one, and we are to honor His body and be one with each other as he is one with the Father. It doesn't matter what color you are, what language you speak, how much you know or don't know. If we reach to the rich we risk being bought to the one we will end selling our very souls. Preach the word at all times, if needful with words as someone said, and let the power of the gospel of Christ bring them in. But why should He bring anyone if the nets are broken and cannot catch fish? Mend the breaches on the wall, unite our hearts to fear His Name for His name is holy! Let us gather and confess our sin, let us repent and turn from our wicked ways, then.... let us search together after Him with all our hearts, in brokenness, in tears and in fasting and we shall find Him. That is His promise to us.

Anything else beside this is a delusion, vanity of vanity, deception from the pit of hell. We can package it and promote it, but it will not stand by itself because it is not. Its time to move from wishful thinking into faith

The day is coming and is now at hand, in which those who adore Him, will do so in Spirit and in Truth, loving not their lives to overcome by the blood and the Word of his testimony, all that opposes the Gospel of Christ in this society and with in the church, for He is Who He says He is.

Cry out loud and spare not your tears!

Rend your hearts and confess your sins! There is mercy and grace abounding still to be found in Him. Turn to Him that we may find favor to bring His harvest to His threshing floor. Why should the grain rot in the barn when Christ has been lifted? In Spirit and in Truth He has sought us, in Spirit and in Truth to set us free. Turn you hearts to Him for He is still waiting.

And ye shall seek me, and find [me], when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

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The Breath Of The Beast

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> *"They have sown the wind and reap the whirlwind." Hosea 8:7*

Now is the time and season to establish safe environments. A tempest is stirring in the second heaven that is the Breath of the Beast. This is not the materialization of the Beast of Revelation but is a clear sign that the Beast has entered our sphere and is drawing close. This breath has disguised itself for a full generation as a halcyon -- a seductive breeze from the south -- but is now revealing itself in its true nature.

Those who should be most concerned are the Samson generation -- Baby-Boomers like myself who came to the Lord during the Jesus Movement of the early 1970s. Having started in the spiritual many of us are now finishing in the flesh and are held captive by pornography, greed, and the pride of life. Our spiritual eyes have been plucked out and we are reduced to being the enemy's amusement. Yet, even in our bondage and blindness, my generation will be given a last opportunity to push against the pillars, and in death-to-self, destroy more of the enemy than we had during decades of self-ambition and indulgence.

It is a time for prodigals to return but it is not a time for prodigals to play with the idea of returning. The Samsons who will not strain against the pillars of their strongholds will find the fruit of their sin reaped upon their seed, namely their own daughters and grandchildren. This is the very vortex of the whirlwind. The daughters and sons of the Samsons are at risk, not due to the judgment of God, but through the dues Satan extracts when we sow to the flesh. But, again, those who arouse themselves to a final effort will strike against evil within its very courtyards.

> *"These speak evil of whatever they do not know, and whatever they know naturally, like brute beasts, in these things they corrupt themselves." (Jude 10)*

Mankind, having sown relativism and hedonism for many seasons, will further reduce himself to animalistic levels. Yet, in these tempestuous times many of the lost will say "enough!" and seek truth and salvation. They will wander from structure to structure seeking fresh air and life. Some will find religious structures to be as polluted as the environments they are fleeing and will escape to Cities of Refuge in the wilderness.

Others will find safe environments within established church structures, but the safety and purity will be maintained only by single-minded devotion to Christ, His Word, and the Holy Spirit. The Breath of the Beast will own some buildings and systems and the allegiance of the people will be severely tested.

As the Beast's breath strengthens respiratory illnesses will rise and many who thought themselves healthy will succumb to a heavy congestion in the chest and lungs. One illness will replace another, will replace another.

The Breath of the Beast would turn the heavens gray, a muddying of truth and error. But those whose principles are black-and-white shall behold great displays of atmospheric glory. Signs in the sky will merely be signs of increased corporate revelation. Dreams and visions will intensify in color. The spiritual world will so brightly shine that even fairest day will seem dim in comparison.
Supernatural provision will become common. Young people will pick up swords discarded by the Samson generation and advance without fear against the enemy. Their battle cry will be: "This is not a time for Hobbits!" -- a phrase from the third Lord of the Rings movie, "The Return of the King." And, indeed, this will not be a time for those who live in comfortable holes and seek only to fill their days with mirth and pleasure.

This will be a time of reaping what has been sown. Those who have sown for years, even decades, with little harvest will need help to gather in all that will be provided. The whirlwind that brings harsh judgment to some will bring great grace to others.

Now is the time to establish safe environments, clean dwellings, and fortified storehouses.

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Tabernacles

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> *Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:*
> *17 Which are a **shadow of things to come**; ….*

This is third in a series of articles on the major biblical feasts. It follows The Passover Pattern and A Few Looks at Pentecost; both posted earlier this year [2003].

We are going to cover the basic layout of the Feast of Tabernacles, and then focus on two major prophetic themes of this feast. They are The Revelation of Jesus Christ and End Time Revival and Harvest. Along the way, we will look at biblical events that took place during the feasts as partial fulfillment of their prophetic meaning. And we will examine the question: What exactly does it take to transform a believer into a totally obedient servant of the Lord?

The Feast of Tabernacles

The Feast of Tabernacles has a double meaning. It is often used in a general way to denote the entire group of fall feasts. Specifically it refers to a 7-day period from Tishri 15-21. This is similar to how Passover is used to mean the group of spring feasts, but the actual Passover is just one day of those feasts.

Tabernacles Ordinances

Here is the portion of scripture that lays out the basic ordinances of the fall feasts, or Tabernacles.

> *Leviticus 23:23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*
> *24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of **blowing of trumpets**, an holy convocation.*
> *25 Ye shall do no servile work therein: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.*
> *26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*
> *27 Also on the tenth day of this seventh month there shall be a **day of atonement**: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.*
> *28 And ye shall do no **work** in that same day: for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.*
> *29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.*
> *30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any **work** in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.*
> *31 Ye shall do no manner of **work**: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.*
> *32 It shall be unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth day of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.*
> *33 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,*
> *34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the **feast of tabernacles** for seven days unto the LORD.*
> *35 On the first day shall be an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work therein.*
> *36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: on **the eighth day** shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a solemn assembly; and ye shall do no servile **work** therein.*
> *37 These are the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, and a meat offering, a*

> *sacrifice, and drink offerings, every thing upon his day:*
> *38 Beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and beside all your vows, and beside all your freewill offerings, which ye give unto the LORD.*
> *39 Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: on the first day shall be a sabbath, and on **the eighth day** shall be a sabbath.*
> *40 And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days.*
> *41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations: ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month.*
> *42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths:*
> *43 That your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.*
> *44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.*

The Jewish Calendar

The Jewish calendar is a lunar calendar and each month begins on a day of the new moon. To even up the lunar calendar with our solar calendar, an extra month is added every 3 months or 7 times in 19 years according to Kevin Conner [*The Feasts of Israel* 1980 Bible Temple Pubs]. This is why Passover [and Easter], Jewish New Year and Tabernacles fall at different times of the year in our solar calendar. Passover comes in the first month of the Jewish religious calendar, named Aviv also known as [a.k.a.] Nisan. Tabernacles comes in the seventh month, named Tishri.

Here's a little chart of how the months run.

Solar Calendar	**Sacred Calendar**	**Civil Calendar**
March-April	Aviv or Nisan	Tishri
April-May	Iyyar	Heshvan
May-June	Sivan	Kieslev
June-July	Tammuz	Tebeth
July-August	Ab or Av	Shebat
August-September	Elul	Adar
September-October	Tishri	Aviv or Nisan
October-November	Heshvan	Iyyar
November-December	Kieslev	Sivan
December-January	Tebeth	Tammuz
January-February	Shebat	Ab or Av
February-March	Adar and Adar II	Elul and Elul II

In years where an extra month is added, the extra month comes at the end of the religious year. So in those years you have Adar I and Adar II. This means that there is a constant set of intervals between the Passover feasts and the Tabernacles feasts. And that Nisan is always the first month of the religious year, Tishri is always the seventh month of the religious year and the first month of the civil year.

If you think this is confusing, you're right.

I have found that many of the authorities, who are supposed to be experts on this stuff will give you differing dates for the feasts. [Authorities are like lawyers or economists, if you have three of them in the same room, you'll get 5 opinions.]

To make things more interesting, the Jewish calendar day changes at 6pm in the afternoon instead of at 12 midnight.

If you think this is confusing, you're really right.

The Layout of Passover

Here's an example going back to material from *The Passover Pattern*. Some authorities claim Passover falls on the 14th and some claim it falls on the 15th. The catch is that the day begins at 6pm in the Jewish calendar. So, it works like this.

On the 10th of Nisan, they take a lamb from the flock. It's inspected for 4 days.
On the 14th the lamb is killed and roasted, from 3 - 6pm.
At 6pm, the day changes to the 15th.
Then the lamb is eaten.
Also, on the 15th begins the first day of The Feast of Unleavened Bread. It runs for 7 days.
On the 16th is the feast of First Fruits.
The 16 is also the first day of the Counting of the Omer. This is where 50 days are counted off till Pentecost.

So as near as I can figure it out it works like this.

The 14th of Nisan or Aviv is called 'The preparation of the Passover'.

The 15th is called Passover and the beginning of Unleavened Bread.

The 16th is called First Fruits or day 1 of the Omer.

Day 1 of the Omer is the first day of the 50-day count leading to Pentecost a.k.a. Shavuot.

Pentecost falls on Sivan 6.

[Some authorities [Kevin Conner, in The Feasts of Israel, 1980] claim that First Fruits falls on the 18th as that is the day of Jesus resurrection. I use a Jewish Calendar Program that runs on Windows called Kaluach. You can down load it Here; it's about 400KB. This calendar shows day 1 of the Omer on the 16th, but it does not specify a day for First Fruits, [Bikkurim in Hebrew]. Eddie Chumney says, "Today, this festival is not observed in traditional Judaism." *The Seven Festivals Of The Messiah* Eddie Chumney http://www.hebroots.com]

Now here is the layout of the Fall Feasts a.k.a. Tabernacles.

Tabernacles Basics

1. Season of **Teshuvah**

   Meaning: A time of turning

   Dates: Elul 1 - Tishri 10

   Idea: This is a season of repenting in preparation for the High Holy days to come.
2. Feast of **Trumpets** a.k.a. Rosh Hashanah also **Yom Teruah**

   Meaning: Rosh Hashanah is Head of the Year, Yom Teruah is Day of the awakening blast [of the trumpet or shofar], a shout, or a War Cry.

   This is Jewish New Year, the first day of the civil year. In the religious calendar, it is the first day of the seventh month.

   Dates: Tishri 1

Idea: Blow a Trumpet in Zion, a Call for Repentance

3. Days of Awe a.k.a. Yomim Noraim

   Meaning: Fearsome or awesome days

   Dates: Tishri 1 - 10

   Idea: A period of even more intense repentance. These are the High Holy Days.
4. Day of Atonement a.k.a. **Yom Kippur**

   Meaning: Day of atoning sacrifice.

   Dates: Tishri 10

   Idea: Getting Right with God
5. **Tabernacles** a.k.a. Succot [or Succoth]

   Meaning: Booths

   Dates: Tishri 15-21

   Idea: Preparing a Dwelling, Time of Great Joy, Harvest
6. **The Eighth Day** or **The Great Day** a.k.a. Shemini Atzeret

Meaning: The eighth assembly

Dates: Tishri 22

Idea: Even more great Joy.

Rosh Hashanah is how most secular Jews refer to The Feast Of Trumpets. But it is not called that in the bible. All that *Rosh Hashanah* means is head of the year. We call it Jewish new years. We celebrate new years on January 1, there is also Chinese new years, and so on. But The Feast Of Trumpets is not just another day to celebrate. Observant Jews and anyone who understands the feasts know it as Yom Teruah, the day of the shout or awakening blast.

Eddie Chumney points out the importance of the idea of awakening.

> The theme of awakening from sleep is used throughout the Bible. It is found in John (*Yochanan*) 11:11; Romans 13:11; Daniel 12:1-2; and Psalm (*Tehillim*) 78:65. In Isaiah 51:9 it is written, "Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake as in the days of old, the generations of long ago..." (NAS). The arm of the Lord is used as a term for the Messiah in Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 53:1. The word *arm* is the Hebrew word *zeroah*. During Passover (*Pesach*), a shankbone, known as the *zeroah*, is put on the plate. So, "awake" is a term or idiom for *Rosh HaShanah*. In Isaiah (*Yeshayahu*) 51:9 quoted earlier, the awakening is associated with the coming of the Messiah. (Eddie Chumney)

A Pattern in the Fall Feasts

OK lets look at the ideas behind each element here.
A Season Of Repenting
A Call For Repentance
Intense Repentance
Getting Right with God
Preparing a Dwelling, Time of Great Joy, Harvest

Do you see a pattern here? First of all, we see Repentance, Repentance and Repentance. That's a great thing, you can't overstress it. It's like those other repetitive slogans: Location, Location and Location; or Prioritize, Prioritize and Prioritize.

And then what does repentance produce? Getting right with God of course!

OK so what does Getting right with God result it? It results in a great many things, and they are expressed in a great variety of ways all through the bible. Here we see three mentioned.

Getting right with God brings great joy. There is just nothing comparable to the Joy of the Lord! He says The Joy of the Lord is my strength.

Preparing a Dwelling speaks of dwelling with God and Him dwelling with you. It's entering in and dwelling with Him, in his Rest and his Peace.

Consider now that Tabernacles is the seventh feast and comes in the seventh month. It is a High Holy Day and a Sabbath [Lev. 23:39]. Entering in and dwelling with Him, in his Rest as we said above speaks of the Sabbath rest. In the quotes from Leviticus you can see a continual emphasis on doing no work. This is a time when we must stop all striving, struggling and trying to do things in our own strength. A time to give up what we have on our agenda and get with God's agenda.

As the Sabbath is the seventh day, it corresponds to the seventh millennium in God's prophetic week. This is a clue that the final fulfillment of Tabernacles is in this seventh millennium.

Now tabernacles takes place during the time of fruit harvest. [Passover is at the barley harvest, and Pentecost is at the wheat harvest, so the idea of harvest is always an element of these feasts.]

Getting right with God brings a great harvest into his Kingdom. This is also part of the Joy.

From this, you should be able to see elements of one of our two main themes: End Time Revival and Harvest.

Alternate Names of the Feasts

The Feast of **Tabernacles** was also called
The Feast of **Ingathering**, because in took place in the season of harvest
The Feast of **The Seventh Month**, because in took place in the seventh month
The Feast of **Dedication**, because Solomon dedicated the temple at this time
The Feast of **The Open Book**, because people were taught the Law at this time
The Feast of **Illumination**, because the temple was illuminated at this time
The Feast of **The Outpouring Of The Waters**, because they had a water pouring ceremony at this time. Each of these titles is also prophetic.

Hanukah is also called *The Feast of Dedication* and this is another source of confusion. The bible speaks of Jesus in temple during the Feast of Dedication, John 10:22, and some writers take that to mean Hanukah. Since Hanukah is not one of the festivals mentioned by Moses, I tend to think that the incident refers to tabernacles.

Prophetic Types

Earlier we quoted Colossians chapter 2:

> *Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:*
> *17 Which are a* ***shadow of things to come****; . . .*

When the bible says something is a shadow, it means that it is an image or figure; it is a picture. It is a type and in effect, a prophecy of things to come. This is why we study the feasts, not so we can impress people with our knowledge of Jewish practices.

Here is another way of explaining it.

In 1991 Destiny Image published a book by Lou Berthleson *titled Holiness for these Awesome Days.* Here is what he says in chapter one about the prophetic nature of the Feasts of the Lord.

> Our study of patterns will begin with the feasts of the Lord as set forth in Leviticus 23. The Jews saw these as appointments with the Lord Jehovah. They called the festivals Miqra', or **rehearsals**.
>
> In First Thessalonians 5:1-5 Paul addresses mature Jews about the "appointed" time of Jesus' return. He referred to the festivals, Sabbaths and new moons that were the focus of the Jews' religious calendar.

> The word "times" in First Thessalonians 5:1-5 is Mowed, which is translated, "a specific appointment in time, a particular time or appointed season." The seven feasts of the Lord were given as appointments or rehearsals. They were designed by the Lord **to foretell the events that would surround the coming of His Son** and ever point to the proper attitudes requited of believers.

A Bigger Pattern

Lou Berthleson also mentions a certain pattern in the events of the first feast of tabernacles that links it with the patterns of Passover and Pentecost. This pattern is also prophetic, and relates to the coming of the Lord. Here it is in part:
Moses came down from the mountain with the second set of stone tables on the Day of Atonement.

Now the questions this raises are several. What is the significance of Moses returning exactly on the Day of Atonement? How does this connect with Passover and Pentecost?

How does this fit in with the pattern of the fall feasts mentioned above? What does it have to do with the Revelation of Jesus Christ? And what is the connection to the coming of the Lord?

First of all lets look at a brief summary of the events in Exodus.

In the Exodus, Moses led the people out of Egypt at **Passover**.

Then they journey to Mt. Sinai and receive the law at **Pentecost.**

The Lord gives Moses the stone tables. Then after Moses breaks the first set of stone tables, he ascends the mountain again. He comes down again after some time with the second set of stone tables. He instructs the people to begin gathering the materials to build the tabernacle. This happened on or about the time of **Tabernacles**.

The tabernacle is completed 6 months later on the first day of the first month, just in time for the celebration of the **Passover**.

So, we can see that Passover is the beginning and the end. All of the feasts point to Jesus, our Passover, and all are prophetic.

> *Revelation 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.*

Each of the feasts has been partly fulfilled by Jesus, in the past, and awaits a further fulfillment to come. We are starting to see a connection with our other main theme, the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

This also brings up one more question, how did Jesus partly fulfill the feast of tabernacles? We can see that he fulfilled Passover in his death and resurrection. And we see that the coming of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 is a fulfillment of Pentecost. But what did he do that fulfilled tabernacles? Don't let me forget to come back to this question.

123 Days.

Now we just said earlier that Moses came down from the mountain with the second set of stone tables on the Day of Atonement**.** But in our short summary, all we said was that it happened on or about the feast of tabernacles. How do we peg this to be exactly on the Day of Atonement? Psalm 90 speaks of numbering days, so we'll do just that.

> *Ps 90:12 So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

We saw above that the day after Passover was the first of 50 days counting off till Pentecost. So, there is our connection between Passover and Pentecost. Using a handy dandy Jewish calendar we will find that from Pentecost to Trumpets is 113 days and to the Day of Atonement is 123 days

Moses Timetable

So, we need to look at Moses schedule after Israel received the Law on the first Pentecost. Part of it is found in Exodus, and part in Deuteronomy.

First of all, Moses goes up on the mountain for 40 days.

> *De 9:9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount* ***forty days*** *and forty nights, I neither did eat bread nor drink water:*

Then he has to hurry back down the mountain to find the people have been worshipping a golden calf.

> *De 9:16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you.*
> *17 And I took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes.*

Moses repents before the Lord another 40 days.

> *De 9:18 And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first,* ***forty days*** *and forty nights:*

Then Moses takes and destroys the golden calf. [The order of these events is not perfectly clear.]

> *De 9:21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.*

Next Moses makes an ark and prepares two more tables of stone.

> *De 10:1 At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood.*

Moses spends another 40 days on the mountain.

> *Ex 34:28 And he was there with the LORD* ***forty days*** *and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.*

Finally, Moses comes back down.

> *De 10:5 And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.*

There are three periods of 40 days here, allowing a day for destroying the golden calf, a day to make the ark, and a day to prepare the second set of tables, we get 123 days. This places Moses return on the Day of Atonement. This is not a precise proof since we are estimating the extra three days, but it all works out very neatly making the third 40 day period line up exactly with the season of Teshuvah. He that has an ear will hear.

So, Moses returns from the mountain on the Day of Atonement. What does this signify? If we ask why did Moses return on that day, the answer would be to set in place a pattern that points to future events relating to the coming of the Lord.

Moses coming down from the mountain speaks of the Lord coming down from Heaven. We can see this in more depth by looking at more of the details.

What do we know about the Day of Atonement? Among other things, special sacrifices were made that day. It is the day of atoning sacrifice.

In the book of Hebrews, we find this description:

> *Heb 9:1 Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.*
> *2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.*

> *3 And after **the second veil**, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all;*
> *4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;*
> *5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.*
> *6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.*
> *7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:*

The *tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all* is what we know as the holy of holies. The high priest would enter there once every year. This was on the Day of Atonement.

This description from Hebrews harkens back to Leviticus 16 where the Lord is telling Moses about the high priest burning incense and sprinkling the blood.

> *Le 16:12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it **within the vail**:*
> *13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not:*
> *14 And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.*

This is the context of Luke 1:8-11 when Zacharias goes in to burn incense and meets the angel.

Now a key verse to understanding what happens here is Leviticus 16:2

> *Le 16:2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for **I will appear in the cloud** upon the mercy seat.*

This is telling us that on the Day of Atonement, when the High Priest enters the Holy of Holies, the Lord Appears to him, in the cloud on the mercy seat, right on the top of the ark of the covenant. So Moses coming down from the mountain on the Day of Atonement coincides with the Lord coming down to meet the high priest on that day.

This is the one day of the year that the Lord appears in the temple. You could say that the Lord reveals himself in the temple on that day. Then you start to see a little more connection with the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

That is only part of the significance of Moses return. To comprehend the rest of it, we need to look at what else Moses does and what happens as a result.

Remember that the first time that Moses disappeared for 40 days, the people got restless and went into rebellion and idolatry. Compare that to the second time Moses came down, what happened then?

For one thing, he manifested the Glory of God.

> *Ex 34:29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.*

Secondly, the people experienced a Fear of the Lord.

> *30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him.*

Thirdly, He began to instruct the people.

> *Ex 35:1 And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, These are the words which the LORD hath commanded, that ye should*

> *do them.*

In the very next verse, Moses emphasized the Sabbath rest of the Lord and called for holiness.

> *Ex 35:2 Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.*

Then in Exodus 35:4 and following he commands the people to gather the materials for construction of the tabernacle. And instead of the usual rebellion and murmuring, we find willing obedience.

> *Ex 35:21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made* ***willing****, and they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.*

The people are described as willing five times in Ex 35.

What is it that made them so willing? To put it another way, what does it take to transform a believer into a totally obedient servant? Consider the following:

> *Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:*
> *32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:*
> *33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD****, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts****; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*
> *34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for* ***they shall all know me****, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.*

This tells us of a new covenant that the Lord intends to make with his people. He will write his law in our hearts. And we shall all know Him. This is part of the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Here is another description from Jeremiah 32.

> *Jer 32:40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from them, to do them good; but I will put my fear in their hearts,* ***that they shall not depart*** *from me.*

Here we see that this new covenant will make it so that his people will not depart from him. Ezekiel explains it this way:

> *Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*
> *27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to* ***walk in my statutes****, and ye shall* ***keep my judgments****, and do them.*

The Lord is promising that he will cause us to obey him! This will certainly do the job of seeing us become totally willing and obedient. It means getting right with God and staying that way.

Willing And Obedient

So, when Moses finds the people willing and obedient what does that typify? Remember what Moses brought with him on his return. It was the second set of stone tables. Symbolically the first set of tables was the first covenant, and the second set of tables represents this second covenant.

So now, we see some more significance in Moses actions. Moses coming down from the mountain with the second set of tables is prophetic of the Lord coming to his people and establishing this second covenant that Jeremiah and Ezekiel wrote about. The new covenant is what makes us willing and obedient.

Are There Two Second Comings Of The Lord?

In the Revelation of Jesus Christ, chapter 19 depicts the Second Coming like this:

> *Re 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.*
> *12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.*

But in Hosea, we read that he will come to us as the latter rain!

> *Ho 6:1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.*
> *2 After two days will he revive us: **in the third day** he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.*
> *3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and **he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.***

In Joel chapter 2 the same ideas is expressed.

> *Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the **latter rain in the first month**.*
>
> *28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit** upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:*
> *29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

So, we need to consider two comings of the Lord, one spiritual, and one physical or literal.

Hosea also tells us that this happens in the third day. Prophetically the third day is the third 1000-year period since Jesus first came and the 7th 1000-year period since Adam. This puts us in the seventh millennium or Sabbath Rest of the Lord. Earlier we said that tabernacles points to this seventh millennium.

So then, Moses return on the Day of Atonement is a prophetic picture of the spiritual coming of the Lord during the 7th millennium. Ezekiel 36:27 says *And I will put my spirit within you,* [this is a spiritual coming] *and cause you to **walk in my statutes**, and ye shall **keep my judgments**, and do them.* And this spiritual coming brings the new covenant with it. This is what it takes to make a believer become a totally willing and obedient servant.

Other places in the scripture tell about the people being willing. Notably Judges 5:1-5 and Psalm 110 which alludes to the third day as the Day of thy Power.

> *Ps 110:3 Thy people shall be **willing in the day of thy power**, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.*

Also compare Hosea 6:1-2 with this passage in Jeremiah 32, the same chapter we cited above concerning the new covenant.

> *Jer 32:42 For thus saith the LORD; Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have **promised** them.*

Earlier we said that our two themes are The Revelation of Jesus Christ and End Time Revival and Harvest. Well so far have we gotten two out of three. The coming of the Lord as the latter rain establishes the second covenant by putting his Spirit within us.

It brings the **Glory of God** to his people and creates the **Fear of the Lord** within them. This is nothing less than the **Revelation of Jesus Christ** and it is **End Time Revival**. Since we become totally obedient servants of our King Jesus, it is also the **Kingdom of God** in its fullness.

You can find other examples of how the Revelation of Jesus Christ transforms someone into a totally obedient servant, Isaiah 6 for example. The most notable of these is what happened to a man named Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus.

Harvest

Now what about harvest? What do Moses actions prophesy in the way of harvest?

Moses commanded the people to collect the materials for construction of the tabernacle. The work was finished and tabernacle was raised up on the first day of Nisan or Aviv. It was done in time for the Passover!

> *Ex 40:17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was reared up.*

And here we find our answer. Gathering the materials for the tabernacle represents the harvest. The Passover is the [physical] Second Coming of Jesus Christ! This means that Moses actions here are an allegory of God's entire end time plan.

Everything we have said about the feast of tabernacles relates to that end time plan.

God's Dwelling Place

So how does the gathering of the materials for the tabernacle tell us anything about harvest?

The **tabernacle** was to be God's dwelling place. Later a **temple** was built for God's dwelling place. David spoke of building him a **house** to dwell in. These three terms for God's dwelling all speak of the church, this is to be a spiritual dwelling, the house or family of God. [Note that the bible speaks of someone's family as being their house in many cases, as in house of Jacob, or house of Joseph.] There is also a connection between the idea of the house of God and the Body of Christ. They are ways of saying the same thing for a spirit can dwell in a body in the same manner as a man can live in a house.

> *Ac 7:48 Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,*
>
> *1Co 3:16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

So ultimately, God is not going to dwell in a physical structure at all.

> *Re 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

The materials of the tabernacle or temple speak of men, the souls of men, which are to be harvested in these end times. Peter uses this analogy to speak of us as lively stones.

> *1Pe 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

Being a lively stone means being a part of the spiritual temple. It is also to be a member of the family or part of the body. In Ephesians 2, these ideas are tied together.

> *Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;*
> *20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;*
> *21 In whom all the building* ***fitly framed*** *together* ***groweth*** *unto an holy temple in the Lord:*
> *22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*

We see here in this passage a mention of being fellow citizens, which would mean citizens of the

Kingdom of God. Next mentioned is the household of God, so we are part of the family of God. Also, we are built into a habitation of God, a dwelling, through the Spirit, that is the second covenant, his spirit in us. We are built on the foundation where Jesus is the chief cornerstone. In him, the building is fitly framed. That is the building or body if you please is properly assembled. And the building or body, once properly assembled, grows into a holy temple. So, we are to be built into God's dwelling place.

There are two very important points to notice here. One, the building or body is **properly assembled** in Christ; the phrase *fitly framed* is also sometimes translated as *rightly joined*. Two, the building or body then **grows**.

The same idea is seen later in Ephesians 4.

> *Eph 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*
> *15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:*
> *16 From whom the whole body* ***fitly joined*** *together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh* ***increase of the body*** *unto the edifying of itself in love.*

Here it speaks of **maturity** as growing up, that is growing up into Him, Christ, the Head of the Body. So that maturity is to be **in Christ**. Next, we see mentioned that the whole body is fitly joined to the head. And that this causes the body to increase or be built up.

Assembly And Growth

The two ideas here are **assembly and growth**. They relate very simple to our theme. Assembly is End Time Revival, and Growth is the Harvest.

In our case of Moses, we can see these two points clearly.

His coming down on the day of atonement and finding the people willing to hear the word of the Lord and obey speaks of End Time Revival, which means the proper **assembly** of The Body Of Christ. The gathering of the building materials then speaks of the **growth** of the body once it is properly assembled, in other words, the harvest.

An Illustration from Scripture

This can be seen illustrated in the story of the construction of Solomon's temple.

David had the desire to build a house or temple, but God only allowed him to gather some of the materials and plan for the building.

Solomon, Shelomoh in Hebrew, means peaceful. His name speaks of the time of peace or rest. The Sabbath rest or seventh day is when the actual assembly and completion of God's dwelling takes place. His dwelling is his rest or place of rest. Psalm 132 is a prayer for the Lord to come into his rest. This means to come and dwell in his resting-place. This resting-place is in his body, the church, once it is properly assembled.

> *Ps 132:8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest; thou, and the ark of thy strength.*

When David passed on and Solomon came to rule speaks of this time of rest. And it was Solomon who built the temple, which is a type of the place of rest. Solomon used the materials David had gathered but also gathered 10 times as much besides that, which also went into the temple building.

Now look at the ideas of assembly and growth. Solomon assembled the materials David gathered, and then he added another 10 times more. Comparing this to the end time revival it implies that the Body Of Christ will experience at least a 10 times increase in growth during the harvest, once it is revived [properly assembled].

Let's take this illustration a little further. David's rule represents the church from the time of Jesus till now. Just as David gathered building materials, the church has had converts all this time. David never actually constructed the temple. In like manner the church has never been properly assembled, at least that part of it that is on the earth. When Solomon took over all he had was a lot of building materials laying all about in no particular order. This is like the church of today. We have millions of Christians all over the world who are not rightly connected or assembled into a body. In many cases, they are actually fighting each other. Solomon starts to build the temple and put all the materials at hand to use. Likewise the coming of the Lord as the latter rain will put things in order in his Church, and establish his kingdom.

A Recap

What we've seen here so far is this:

We saw that the basic pattern of Tabernacles could be summed up like this. Repentance, repentance, repentance, getting right with God; followed by *the dwelling place* and great joy in the harvest.

Then we analyzed Moses' actions at the first tabernacles. We can see that this basic pattern is contained in Moses' actions and that our two main themes are present also.

Moses spends a second 40 days on the mountain. This speaks of repentance.

Moses coming down on the Day of Atonement points to the coming of the Lord in the end times as the Latter Rain. This is The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Moses teaching the word of God to the people points to Jesus who is the word of God. This is The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Moses' arrival brings the Glory of God, The Fear of the Lord and makes the people willing to serve. This points to End Time Revival, or in other words, getting right with God, which is a direct result of The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Moses instructing the people to gather materials and raise up the tabernacle points to End Time Harvest.

Everything Moses did points to what Jesus is going to do in the end times. It is all the work of the Lord.

In Zechariah 4, we see this verse speaking about Zerubbabel. He is also a type of Jesus, so as you read this verse substitute the name of Jesus for Zerubbabel.

> *Zec 4:9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you.*

This shows that the Lord begins the work and He is the one to finish it.

Partial Fulfillments Of Tabernacles

Like the other feasts the Lord established by Moses, Tabernacles has had several partial fulfillments. We're now going to look at a few.

Moses and the Open Book

In chapter 31 of Deuteronomy, there is a special mention of the Feast of Tabernacles and Moses actions at that time which relate to it as the Feast of the Open Book. The entire chapter covers this but the key elements are found here:

> *De 31:9 And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel.*
> *10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the solemnity of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles,*
> *11 When all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing.*
> *12 Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law:*
> *13 And that their children, which have not known any thing, may hear, and learn to fear*

> *the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.*

Solomon's Dedication of the Temple

When Solomon had completed the temple, it was dedicated during tabernacles. The Ark of the Covenant was brought from Mt. Zion where David had placed it and taken into the temple. The Ark of course symbolizes the presence of God. Once it was properly located, the Glory of God manifested as a cloud that filled the temple, much as the same glory cloud filled the tabernacle in Moses' day. This is a case of the symbol immediately followed by the reality.

> *1Ki 8:1 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.*
> *2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the **seventh month**.*
>
> *10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD,*
> *11 So that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud: for **the glory of the LORD** had filled the house of the LORD.*

Haggai's prophecies

In the Book of Haggai, the prophet's very name is prophetic. It means festive, feast, festival of Jehovah or born at the time of the festival. Haggai gives three prophecies, all having to do with the rebuilding of the temple, which he calls the House of the Lord.

All three prophecies are given on very specific dates. The first one comes on the first day of the sixth month, which is the start of Teshuvah, the season of repentance.

> *Hag 1:1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying,*
> *2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built.*
>
> *7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.*
> *8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and **build the house**; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.*

The second prophecy of Haggai comes on the last day of tabernacles proper.

> *Hag 2:1 In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai, saying,*
> *2 Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,*
> *3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?*
> *4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts:*
> *5 **According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt**, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.*
> *6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land;*
> *7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.*
> *8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.*
> *9 **The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former**, saith the LORD of hosts: and **in this place will I give peace**, saith the LORD of hosts.*

The third prophecy was given on the day before Hanukah, and speaks of further blessings to come. Hanukah was not established at the time of Haggai and significance of the timing is unclear.

Nehemiah and the Open Book

In the book of Nehemiah, there is a partial fulfillment of tabernacles. It's found in verses 7:73 through 8:18. Here we read of a solemn gathering of the people that took place in the seventh month, the time of the fall feasts.

> *Ne 8:1 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.*

Here in this verse are four things you should hear with spiritual ears. First, the people come into unity. Second the water gate speaks of the pouring out of the Spirit, Third, Ezra the scribe is a type of the Holy Spirit because a scribe is one who writes out the Law, and the Spirit is the one who inspired the writers of the bible. Fourth, the scribe brings the 'book of the law', this points to The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

This chapter goes on to describe how Ezra read from the book and taught the people to understand it's meaning. There are 10 or 12 references, depending on how you count them, which imply that the people received and understood the meaning of the word. This harkens back to the idea that Tabernacles is the Feast of the Open Book. And it also speaks of the opening of the seven-sealed scroll in Revelation. And of course opening the book that was sealed once again speaks of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Let's look at this in detail.

The Meaning Of The Scroll

Moses had a commission to tell the Israelites that God had sent him. 'Tell them I am that I am'. That I AM had sent him. He also had authority to pronounce judgments.

Jesus had the same commission to reveal the Nature of God to the people of God. And he had the authority to pronounce judgments.

In the End Times, it will be God's people in this role.

In Revelation 5, The Lamb who is worthy takes the scroll. Some claim that the scroll represents the decrees of God concerning the acts of judgment and redemption to occur in the last days. The seven seals represent the judgments and they are opened by Jesus, the Lamb, because he has the authority to initiate all the judgments to follow.

Other writers have claimed that the scroll is the 'title deed to planet earth' or a catalog of woe and sorrow.

Kevin Conner says:

> The opening of the Book in the Feast of Tabernacles is alluded to in the opening of the Seven-sealed Book in Revelation 5:1-5 and the opened little book in Revelation 10:1-11. The Book is God's Word, the Holy Bible, the Book of Redemption. [p. 92}

I too prefer to think of the scroll as representing the bible itself. The reasons for this are scriptural and provide a marvelous glimpse of the sheer genius of God in the construction of his word.

1. The Scroll is said to be written within and without or on the front and back side. Rev. 5:1

2. The stone tables of the Law given to Moses are said to be written on the front and back sides.

> *Ex 32:15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony were in his hand: the tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written.*

This identifies the scroll with the law, hence with the bible, and ultimately with the Word of God, Jesus. So, Moses coming down with the law is like the Holy Spirit coming to reveal Jesus.

3. Since part is on the back side, then clearly it's not all readily apparent. Some meaning is hidden. The sealed scroll clearly has only a part of the writing visible.

4. There are several references to books being sealed in the O T. [Isa 8:16, 29:11-12, and Dan 12:4] Daniel says they are sealed till the end. Here opening the scroll is the unsealing of the books.

5. Opening the seals means revealing hidden meaning in the Word. So opening the scroll is one of many illustrations of the key concept summarized in the opening verse of Revelation. The Revelation of Jesus Christ.

6. Jesus is the only one who can open the scroll. No man is worthy. This shows that God reveals himself. Man cannot learn of these things on his own.

7. Each seal that is opened produces a judgment, and this also speaks of the Revelation of Jesus Christ since as Ps 9:16 says "*The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth*: …."

So, the Lamb that was slain is Jesus Christ. The Scroll is Jesus Christ. Opening the Scroll is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The Judgments that come forth are the Revelation of Jesus Christ. And the book is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The Bible is The Revelation of Jesus Christ. In other words, it's all about knowing God.

Since the Feast of Tabernacles points to the opening of the Book, we may expect that God will reveal hidden meanings in the bible during the End Time revival. In fact, that's what is prophesied in Daniel 12.

> *Da 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.*
>
> *Da 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.*

Jesus' Fulfillments Of Tabernacles

In the gospel of John chapters 7, 8 and 9 all take place during tabernacles. The beginning of chapter 7 has a discussion with his brothers about going up to Jerusalem for the feast of tabernacles. He tells them to go but that he would not go up yet.

> *John 7:10 But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.*

Then in verse 14 Jesus suddenly shows up.

> *John 7:14 Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.*

Since this shows the Lord coming to the temple during the feast, it counts as a partial fulfillment of tabernacles.

Also it is a partial fulfillment of Malachi 3:1

> *Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and* ***the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple****, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Later on we read:

> *John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*
> *38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*
> *39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)*

Here also is a partial fulfillment in which Jesus also reveals himself as the source of living water, and speaks of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit. It ties in with tabernacles as The Feast of The Outpouring

Of The Waters. It's another case of the Revelation of Jesus Christ. Also, note that this happened on the exact same day as Haggai's second prophecy.

On the very next day in John chapter 8 we see how Jesus duplicates the action of Moses coming down from the mountain and teaching the people. Note also that he came into the temple. This is another partial fulfillment of tabernacles.

> *John 8:1 Jesus went unto the mount of Olives.*
> *2 And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them.*

Later in that same chapter, we see Jesus revealing himself again as the light of the world. This ties in with tabernacles as the Feast of Illumination.

> *Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

Acts Chapter 2

In the second chapter of Acts, the Holy Spirit comes upon the assembled group of disciples.

> *Ac 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come**, they were all with one accord in one place**.*
> *2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*
> *3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

This is generally regarded as the beginning of the church, the giving of the Spirit and the start of the New Covenant. This is partly true. It was a partial fulfillment for the building of the church, a partial fulfillment of the giving of the Holy Spirit, and a partial fulfillment of the New Covenant. These three ideas here are all roughly synonymous ways of looking at the same thing.

Verse 1 above says "they were all with one accord in one place." The idea here **is unity of the brethren**. So clearly, this is a also partial fulfilling of Psalms 133, which speaks of the **End Time Revival** in terms of the anointing coming upon the head and body of Aaron. It typifies the proper assembly of the head and body of Christ, for Jesus is our High Priest and in him is our place of unity. There we see the blessing come. That blessing is the Spirit, the presence and glory of God, life eternal. It is dwelling in the secret place of the most high as in Psalms 91, who is the way, the truth and the life.

> *Ps 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!*
> *2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;*
> *3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded **the blessing**, even life for evermore.*

In The Last Days

We said the giving of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 is a partial fulfillment. Peter in his sermon that day makes mention of the prophecy of Joel. He is telling the people that what they are experiencing that day is a fulfillment of Joel's prophecy.

> *Ac 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:*
> *15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.*
> *16 But this is that which was spoken by the **prophet Joel**;*
> *17 And it shall come to pass **in the last days**, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:*
> *18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit;*

> *and they shall prophesy:*

This is a reference to Joel Chapter 2:28-29.

We know it's only a partial fulfillment because the rest of what Joel has to say there still awaits fulfillment in the last days. Look at verses 30-31.

> *Joel 30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.*
> *31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.*

A Measure of the Spirit

The description of the coming of the Holy Spirit *as cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them* also indicates a partial fulfillment. It shows that each one received a measure of the Spirit. The had a small flame rest on them. The complete fulfillment will be intensely greater. It will be the Spirit without measure.

> *Heb 12:29 For our God is a consuming fire.*

The Pickle Recipe

As we are looking at the baptism of the Holy Spirit, a good way to explain this comes from a word study on baptism.

Some time back I copied the following definitions from the On Line Bible program. This definition of baptism came with a very interesting word study that illustrates what God is about to do in the Church. There are two words closely related to baptism; Bapto and Baptizo.

> **baptizo** {bap-tid'-zo}
>
> 1) to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)
>
> 2) to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe
>
> **bapto** {bap'-to}
>
> 1) to dip, dip in, immerse
>
> 2) to dip into dye, to dye, colour
>
> Not to be confused with baptizo. The clearest example that shows the meaning of baptizo is a text from the Greek poet and physician Nicander, who lived about 200 B.C. It is a recipe for making pickles and is helpful because it uses both words. Nicander says that in order to make a pickle, the vegetable should first be 'dipped' (bapto) into boiling water and then 'baptised' (baptizo) in the vinegar solution. Both verbs concern the immersing of vegetables in a solution. But the first is temporary. The second, the act of baptising the vegetable, produces a permanent change.
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> When used in the New Testament, this word more often refers to our union and identification with Christ than to our water baptism. E.g. Mark 16:16. 'He that believes and is baptised shall be saved'. Christ is saying that mere intellectual assent is not enough. There must be a union with him, a real change, like the vegetable to the pickle! Bible Study Magazine, James Montgomery Boice, May 1989.

The interesting idea here is that **union with Christ** is what He requires and when this is real, and not just a positive confession, there will come a real, permanent change in us. Like the vegetable is radically transformed, well so must we be transformed.

All the great moves of God in the past, including the book of Acts, have just been bapto's, temporary changes. The revivals of the past have had long term permanent effects of course but the awesome holiness, the irresistible power of the Lord has only lingered on for short periods.

Even this refreshing called the new wine or the river is just a bapto. A bapto is the ankle deep water of the river. the knee deep and waist deep, the chest deep water is still a bapto. At these levels, you can always get back out of the water. When it gets over your head, it's baptizo. See Ezekiel 47:1-5. When you can no longer go on your own way, it's baptizo. When you have to change from walking to swimming, never to go back it's baptizo. It's a permanent change. It's the kingdom of God come into your life and you entering into the kingdom. It's the manifesting of the sons of God.

Like the pickle is changed, we will take on the texture, the color, the taste and the aroma of the Lord God of Heaven. We will be like Him because we will see Him as He is. The world will forget what we were like before because they will see Jesus in us. That's what tabernacles is pointing us toward.

The Earnest of the Spirit

Another way to approach this partial fulfillment idea is to look at what the scriptures say about the Giving of the Spirit.

In Ephesians, it tells about being sealed by the Holy Spirit using the word *earnest*.

> *Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*
> *14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*
>
> *Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

Second Corinthians also mentions the earnest of the Spirit.

> *2Co 1:21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;*
> *22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.*
>
> *2Co 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.*

So what is an *earnest*?

Strong's lexicon gives this definition:

> earnest - a pledge, i.e. part of the purchase-money or property given in advance as security for the rest.

In other words, an earnest is a down payment. It's only part of the payment. And the early church receiving this partial payment in Acts 2 means that it was a **partial fulfillment**.

The word for earnest is translated *pledge* in the Old Testament.

> *Ge 38:18 And he said, What* ***pledge*** *shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him.*

Easton's bible dictionary says this:

> The Spirit is the earnest of the believer's destined inheritance (2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5; Eph. 1:14). The word thus rendered is the same as that rendered "pledge" in Gen. 38:17-20; "indeed, the Hebrew word has simply passed into the Greek and Latin languages, probably through commercial dealings with the Phoenicians, the great trading people of ancient days. Originally it meant no more than a pledge; but in common usage it came to denote that particular kind of pledge which is a part of the full price of an article paid in advance; and as it is joined with the figure of a seal when applied to the Spirit, it seems to be used by Paul in this specific sense." The Spirit's gracious presence and working in believers is a **foretaste** to them of the blessedness of heaven. God is graciously pleased to give not only pledges but foretastes of future blessedness.

Ephesians 1:14 describes the Holy Spirit as *the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession.* As we are looking at the earnest meaning pledge or down payment, this tells us that the rest of the payment will come at the time of the redemption of the **purchased** possession. This is speaking of the redemption of the church by the full outpouring of the Spirit in the last days i.e. the End Times.

> *Ac 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed* ***the church of God****, which he hath* ***purchased*** *with his own blood.*

The Double Portion

Now back in Joel 2 it also makes reference to the latter rain, which comes in the first month. This speaks of the time of Tabernacles.

> *Joe 2:23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.*

We saw something similar in Hosea

> *Hosea 6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.*

And in the New Testament, James mentions the same thing.

> *Jas 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.*

Each one of these verses mentions the former and the latter rain coming at the same time. Now the former rain is the spring rain, and the latter rain is the fall rain. [or vice versa depending on whom you consult.] But to have them both at the same time is a logical impossibility. The Lord is using this as a clue to show that he is speaking of the Double Portion. Which is to say the end time outpouring of the Spirit is going to be extra special, extra ordinary. The double portion is the inheritance of the First Born, The Lord Jesus Christ and those who are in him.

Tabernacles points to the Latter Rain - The Revelation of Jesus Christ

We have had a lot to say about the Spiritual Second Coming as the Latter Rain. We're going to list the various ideas mentioned so far and look at what else the bible has to say about it.

First, we saw that the Spiritual Second Coming as the Latter Rain is part of The Revelation of Jesus Christ.
It includes Showing forth the Glory of God, and experiencing the Fear of the Lord. These are a natural consequence of the presence of God.
It entails revealing the meaning of the word of God.
Holiness comes with entering into the Rest of God, i.e. the Sabbath.
It is the New Covenant making the people willing and obedient.
It is the End Time Revival, The Day of God's Power, The Coming of the Kingdom, and the setting up of God's Eternal Dwelling Place.
The members of the Body of Christ will come to truly be in Christ, as they are properly assembled or rightly joined into His Body.
This is also the temple building becoming fitly framed.
God's people will all come to know him intimately as they enter into the Kingdom, Family and Household of the Lord.
It means the Spirit in us, leads us to maturity of the believer, because His Law will be written in our hearts and his Love will be set in our hearts.
It's the brethren living together in unity, under the outpouring of the Spirit.
It means being in the secret place of the most high, the place of peace that passes all understanding.

There Is More.

The Baptism of Fire

Earlier we looked at Malachi 3:1. Let's note what it says in verses 2 and 3.

> *Mal 3:1 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts.*
> *Mal 3:2 But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for* ***he is like a refiner's fire****, and like fullers' soap:*
> *3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.*

Malachi here mentions being refined or **purified by fire**. The same idea is found in the gospels when John the Baptist speaks of Jesus.

> *Mt 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and* ***with fire****:*
> *12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*

> *Lu 3:16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and* ***with fire****:*

The point here is that the baptism in the Holy Ghost is the earnest, the down payment. The Baptism of Fire is the payoff. It's what Jesus will use to purify the Church.

> *Isa 33:14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall* ***dwell with the devouring fire****? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?*
> *15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;*

Purifying the Church

> *Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*
> *27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*

Going Up To Zion

Psalm 24 touches on purifying the church, speaking of the church as the city set on a hill, Mt. Zion, The City Of The Great King.

> *Ps 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?*
> *4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*
> *5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

The New Creation

Being In Christ is a great transformation. You become a new creature, carried by the spirit into the Kingdom of God.

> *2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be* ***in Christ****, he is a* ***new creature****: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

> *Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and*

> *of **the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the **kingdom of God**.*
>
> *Ro 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ** Jesus, who **walk** not after the flesh, but **after the Spirit**.*
>
> *Ro 8:10 And **if Christ be in you**, the body is dead because of sin; but **the Spirit is life** because of righteousness.*

Race, Gender, And Status Are Eliminated In Christ

The new man leaves old things behind.

> *1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.*

When we come into unity, the differences between us will be seen as childish things, left behind by coming into maturity.

> *Ga 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for **ye are all one in Christ** Jesus.*
>
> *Ga 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but **a new creature**.*
>
> *Eph 4:23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*
> *24 And that ye put on **the new man**, which after God **is created in righteousness and true holiness**.*

The Love of God

Being In Christ means having his Spirit in us, and his love.

> 1Jo 4:16 And we have *known* and believed the love that God hath to us. **God is love**; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.
>
> *Ro 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the **Holy Ghost which is given unto us**.*
>
> *Ro 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is **in Christ** Jesus our Lord.*

The Mystery Of God And The Hope Of Glory

The coming of the Lord as the Latter Rain will reveal mysteries.

> *Col 1:25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;*
> *26 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:*
> *27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the **glory of this mystery** among the Gentiles; which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory:*

Partaking in the Divine Nature: Holiness

The Revelation of Jesus Christ means we will have a greatly increased knowledge of him and understanding of his ways. We shall see him as he is, and become as he is.

> *1Jo 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that**, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.***
>
> *Ro 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to **be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

> *2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

> *Heb 12:10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be **partakers of his holiness**.*

Glory and the Unity of the Brethren

Part of the blessing that comes with unity of the brethren is the Glory of God. Jesus prayed for this unity in John 17.

> *Joh 17:20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;*
> *21 That **they all may be one**; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be **one in us**: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.*
> *22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:*
> *23 I in them, and thou in me, that **they may be made perfect in one**; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*
> *24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that **they may behold my glory**, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.*

> *2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass **the glory of the Lord**, are **changed into the same image** from glory to glory, even as **by the Spirit** of the Lord.*

Obedience to the Law in our Heart

In Psalm 40 we see a link between obedience to God's will and having his law in our hearts.

> *Ps 40:8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.*

The 176 verses in Psalm 119 are written from the viewpoint of the end time believer who is going through the baptism of fire.

Completions and Conclusion

We could go on and on exploring all the ins and outs of these themes. Another 20 pages of scripture quotes would still not cover everything the bible has to say about the Revelation of Jesus Christ and the End Time Revival. Hopefully we have shared enough to let you see the implications of the pattern established in the Feast of Tabernacles.

Moses actions at the first tabernacles led to completion of the tabernacle in time to allow a celebration of **Passover**. All of these features of the Latter Rain lead to Completion of The Spiritual Temple. This means completion of the Global Witness when the gospel is preached through all the world.

At some point the Great Harvest comes to an end, and the enemy has his day. This we can see in Revelation 13.

> *Re 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.*

This is another completion as it brings the fullness of the Gentiles with the number of martyrs being completed also.

It amounts to the destruction of the temple. But on that topic, Jesus had this to say:

> *Joh 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.*
> *20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?*
> *21 But he spake of the temple of his body.*

Prophetically he is speaking raising up the **Body of Christ**. This leads us back once again to the **Passover** and the Resurrection of the Saints.

The Butler

Judy Bauman

There he was standing in my kitchen dressed in a fine black tuxedo with tails, black tie, white shirt and gloves, and a regal looking face. He appeared and acted just as one would expect the finest and most refined butler to look and behave.

In his left hand he held out a very large silver platter covered by an exquisite dome lid. It was ornate around the edges, and he smiled as he held out the large, impressive, decadent piece. I leaned towards him in anticipation to see what was being presented to me under the dome. It was surely to be something wonderful. The distinguished man smiled as he slowly lifted the dome off the platter and presented it to me. I smiled back at him with eager expectation and looked intently under the dome at the contents of the fine plate.

What I saw so deeply shocked me that I gasped and stepped back. I looked up to take another look at the face of this man who at first seemed to be there to serve me. He stepped toward me and again presented the silver platter and beckoned me with his smiling eyes to take it. I took another step backwards and refused his offer. This was much too costly of a 'meal' for me! Then, just as quickly as he had appeared, he vanished (James 4:7). I pondered what I had just witnessed.

Under the dome lid on the silver platter was a 'kingdom' in all its splendor. The 'kingdom' that was under the dome was "Christian Fame." At that moment I realized that when Jesus was standing on the mountain being tempted by Satan *this* was one of the kingdoms presented to Him. (Matt 4:9) Because I have always thought of kingdoms as large areas of land with rulers and riches, this was a kingdom that I had never considered. I could see that it might have been the *most* tempting for Jesus, as well as to His church. The Lord showed me how this 'kingdom' is being presented to many Christians, and this meal is being prepared specifically for them according to the call on their lives. A short little scene was played out for me in my kitchen that day to illustrate how the devil uses 'Christian Fame' to lure many of God's children out of God's timing and will for their lives.

Understand clearly that this does not mean that persons famous in the Christian realm have taken the bait of Satan. God has called some to evangelize, teach, sing, prophesy, encourage, and gather financial support for orphans, homeless, and widows through television, radio, book writing, tapes, CD's and the like. However, there are many that the devil has come to holding out his silver platter and they are either not called to that arena or they get out ahead of God's timing.

Do not be misled by the teaching: "*God is no respecter of persons - He has to do for you what He has done for others!*" That is only a half-truth. (See Deut 10:17; Acts 10:34). Yes, God will not respect man because of position, skills, class, wealth and those types of things, however, God is **not** obligated to do for me what He has done for someone else. We have many examples of that in Scripture. Not everyone is called to be a teacher or a prophet. Not everyone is an apostle or a pastor. If I have the gift of evangelism, I can't stomp my foot at God and demand He make me a TV evangelist because He did it for Billy Graham. He may want me to evangelize in children's church, a prison, or in a nursing home. God made David king, but didn't permit everyone to be king just because He did it for David. David wanted desperately to build the temple, but was not allowed. Many times we are not permitted to do something we want to do, but we must trust God anyway. Unless God is the author of the vision then we labor in vain struggling to accomplish some thing He will never bless (Ps 127:1). My prayer is for you to *be* only what is shown to you by God's Holy Spirit, and not get poisoned by partaking in this fatal meal this *Butler* hopes you will eat. As 1 John 4:1 warns, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

To Build You Up

Sandy Warner

Dec 3, 2004
You have swallowed enemy lies to think that I would refrain from building you up in My love language to you. He accuses you of false pride to hear such things from My lips that build you up into your calling, and into your full inheritance as My sons and daughters. Yes, you have gone through a long season of stripping. And I do lower the mountains and make the crooked places straight. But I also raise up the valleys in your life. You have been over corrected for a very long time, and this has caused a wound. I AM trying to reach you through the many layers of false guilt and condemnation enshrouded and embedded into your heart.

The truth is that you have been so browbeaten with your own failings and the demonic accusations, that to add any rebuke from Me is totally unnecessary. My heart is to build you up, edify you, comfort you, strengthen you, establish you. I want you to intimately know and receive My greatest favor upon your life, that you will walk into your full measure of inheritance in Me, being given birthrights as My children. You are Mine! Would I not treat you as the jewel that you are to Me? Listen again as I affirm you and surround you in My language of love.

NKJ Song of Solomon 2:4-6
He brought me to the banqueting house, And his banner over me was love. Sustain me with cakes of raisins, Refresh me with apples, For I am lovesick. His left hand is under my head, And his right hand embraces me.

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To Restore Your Joy

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I love to delight you with tickles in your heart. I love to hear you laugh! I want to satisfy the very essence of your soul. I will restore your humor and bring you back to health. For laughter makes good medicine. Dear one, your body can only become as healthy as your soul. So take delight in the joys of each day and watch My repairs begin. It is a good work. I can hardly wait to see that bounce back into your step.

Prov 17:22 NKJV
A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.

3 John 2 NKJV
Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

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Claim Your Land
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Stretch forth your tent stakes and claim your land.
Take your ground and make your stand.
Beyond our limits, stretching beyond compare.
I know He is with us, I know that He is there.

Bought and won with great cost and great grace.
Burst forth from the birthing stall to run the great race.
The gates are now open to claim your place.
Go forth with power, as you seek His face.

It's the power of the gospel to change a life
To rearrange a heart and to still all strife.
To calm all the cares and the worries and fears.
It's the gospel in power as He draws so near.

Daddy says you all may prophesy.
To give Words of comfort, to build and supply.
To tell the secrets of the heart of men
To return to their Maker and His arms again.

The Word of God is a two edged sword.
To pierce and divide and declare He is Lord.
He's our Lover, but He's Lord and King.
Our hearts belong to Him, to Whom we sing.

He takes our lives as frail they may be.
Giving Him our best expecting victory.
Like the little boy's fishes and the loaf of bread
The weak and the foolish He empowers instead.

The force of His lightning rod to strike a heart.
To drive back the demonic and his fiery darts.
Be brave and be bold to declare His holy Word
Hold nothing back from what you have seen and heard.

Come Holy Spirit as we lean on You.

To perform what You've promised and to do what You do.
Come gentle Dove, light on me.
To release Your power and Your victory.

Gather in Your crops that are all so late.
Rake Your loving arms through the narrows and the straights.
Send forth Your reaping angels through the wide broad plains.
To gather every stalk that does remain.

Leave nothing behind that wants to come.
In the union of the brethren, to be one with the Son.
Drink of His cup and be made whole.
Prosper in your body just as your soul.

Rejoice mighty army that you may know.
His glory in the midst of His enemy foe.
That they may be one as We are one.
United together God's will is done.

With no big I and no little you
In a family of love with hearts that are true.
As bold as brass, yet gentle as a dove.
Go forth my family and dwell in love.

Heb 4:12-13 NAS
For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

The Case For Radical Repentance

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Gathered under a full moon, on the center mall at the University of Texas, nearly 300 students joined me for an evening of serious, biblical reflection on radical repentance. As hundreds of other students passed by, I spent nearly 90 minutes proclaiming a new perspective on the topic and then guiding the responsive "Prayer of Radical Repentance, which you'll find below.

A few paces from where we gathered stood a larger-than-life bronze statue of Dr. Martin Luther King, inscribed with these words: "If a person does not have something worth dying for, their life is not fit to live." That, I told the students, is half the call of the Gospels: to lose your life for Christ's sake and thus find it. But I suggested the reverse of King's statement is equally true: "If a person does not have something worth living for, then they are not ready to die."

So often we call each other to confess the sins that have broken God's moral laws, such as sexual impurity, arrogance, strife. But how often do we choose a repentance that comes to grips with how unwilling we are to die for Christ, how we retreat from serving Christ with sacrifice?

Mascot or Monarch?

For example, in how many ways do we diminish Christ, treating Him more like our evangelical "mascot" than our Monarch (the way royalty in Great Britain is mostly a figurehead)? What about the sin of manipulating Christ, using Him only as far as we think we need Him? Or hoarding Him by seeking His blessings with no real intention of sharing them with those who don't know Him? Or withholding our deepest affections from Him because we are afraid of what it might cost?

Put simply, should we not declare with
broken hearts all those "innocent" ways we have abandoned our passion for Christ, substituting it with fine "Christianly" endeavors performed in His name? Does our repentance praying ever get that radical? Is it true repentance if it doesn't reach that level?

I shared the same message with the **National Prayer Committee (NPC)** recently, taking them to Zech. 12:7-13:3 to make my case. From among the beautiful cascade of revival themes in that book, I focused on Zechariah's repentance, which he called "mourning" and "grief."

The brokenness portrayed in Zech. 12:10-14 is truly radical. A great sorrow rises up from every sector of the nation, because their Deliverer has been pierced-by the ones to whom He has come in glory (compare Rev. 1:5-7), by the ones He has come to save.No wonder the sound of mourning fills the land. The covenant people realize they have betrayed and wounded their Messiah (both His body and soul). They have grieved the heart of the only son, their only hope (Zech. 12:10). Enabled by the Spirit, tearful supplications surge like waves from one clan and tribe to another, from the least to the greatest. They radically repent, not over violating God's law, but over violating His Son!

A Revelation of God's Glory

In his booklet called "The Mortification of Sin," 17th century Puritan scholar and Oxford University dean John Owen wrote, "[Christi is grieved by our many lusts, as a tender, loving friend is grieved at the unkindness of his friend. He is grieved by our harboring in our hearts with Him His enemies, and those whom He came to destroy The Lord Jesus is wounded afresh by our betrayals."

Owen continues: "Look on Him whom thou has pierced, and be in bitterness. Say to thy soul: 'What have I done? What love, what mercy, what blood, what grace, have 1 despised and trampled on! Is this the return I make to the Father for His love, to the Son for His blood, to the Holy Ghost for His grace? What can I say to the dear Lord Jesus? How shall I hold up my head with boldness before Him? Do I account communion with Him of so little value, that for this vile lust's sake I have scarce left Him any room in my heart? What shall I say to the Lord? Love, mercy, grace, goodness, peace, joy, consolation-I have despised them all, and esteemed them as a thing of nought, that I might harbor a lust in my heart. Shall I daily grieve that Spirit whereby I am sealed to the day of redemption?'"

Now, that's radical repentance. Radical repentance revolutionizes mind and action in response to a fresh revelation of Christ's glory Radical repentance is an outcry not primarily over individual sins, but first of all over the grief I have brought to my Savior!

Biblical brokenness is really all about Him-about what we've done to Him. Yet so often we make it sound like it's mostly about us and how sin has affected us.

The ***"Prayer of Radical Repentance" below is a potent antidote for our lusts. More importantly it focuses on renewing great joy in the heart of the Master we've pierced so often. It's all about revival. Because His joy among us is the source of our renewal.***

A Prayer of Radical Repentance
We press into Your heart this day, glorious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
We celebrate all that Your precious Son is-who He is to us iand for us, over us and within us, through us and before us and upon us.

Before all heaven we proclaim:

- Christ is supreme!-He is sovereign, sufficient, and totally satisfying!
- Christ is our hope!-He is the summation of all Your promises, the source of all Your riches, more and more and more, for now and forever!
- Christ is our glory!-He is Alpha and Omega, the consummation of all Your purposes, for all creation, for all the ages to come! In Him our life is hidden with You, until the hour He returns in the final triumphs of grace and truth.
- Christ is among us!-He is accessible to us, in all of His fullness, here and now. He stands with us, willing and able and ready to act for us, and in us, and through us!
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SELAH: Pause for silent reflection

Therefore, we REPENT-individually and on behalf of all Your people:

- ***We* repent . . .** for how we have diminished Christ, regarding Him as our mascot rather than our Monarch.
- We repent . . . for how we have hoarded Christ, seeking His blessings for ourselves, with little though about bringing those blessings to others. We've assumed that He was there only for us. We've forgotten that He is Lord of neighbors and nations.

- **We repent . . .** for how we have avoided Christ, withholding our affections from Him because we were afraid of what it would cost us. By our lifestyles, we've denied that He's truly supreme and sufficient. In His place we've substituted creeds, and programs, and organizations, and causes-as well as our own feeble attempts to look spiritual. In doing so, we've abandoned the consuming passion for Him He deserves, as the Center of everything.
- *SELAH: Pause for silent reflection*

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Forgive us!
Cleanse us! ***Purify us!*** *Resurrect us!* ***Reconvert us!*** *Restore us!* ***Refill us!*** *Recommission us!* ***By the blood. Through Your mercy. O Lamb of God!*** *O Lamb of God!*

We are ready-Ready *. . . to revolutionize mind and action.* ***Ready*** *. . . to embrace the full extent of Christ's supremacy.* ***Ready*** *. . . to walk with Him for all He really is.* ***Ready*** *. . . to wrap our lives around Him, and the mighty advances of His kingdom.* ***Ready*** *. . . for this and for nothing less.*
So together, in brokenness and hope, here and now-*O God of our salvation-****we cry out for all to hear:*** *"Lord Jesus, Come and conquer us! Lord Jesus, Come and conquer us!* ***Lord Jesus, Come and conquer us!"***
SELAH: Pause for silent reflection
Wonderful Father: Standing at this crossroads
moment, we pledge to Your Son the words of Saint Augustine:
You
called, You cried, You shattered my deafness.
You sparkled, You burned, You drove away my blindness.
You shed your fragrance, and I drew in my breath.
Therefore, from now on, I will pant for YOU alone.
To that end, Father, visit afresh with Your Spirit every one of us. May He turn this prayer of radical repentance into a radical way of life, for all your people, everywhere. ***Hallelujah! AMEN! Let it be done!***
(This prayer is intended to be prayed responsively)

The Cross And Anti-Semitism

Rick Joyner

On Feb. 25, "The Passion" was released. This movie can change your life, and maybe even change the church. It has that kind of power. It can do this because it will help to restore the cross as the center of our lives—so central that we will begin to truly take the cross up daily and carry it with us in all we do.

What we are doing on this earth is not about us—it is about Him. We have been purchased with a price, the greatest price that could have ever been paid—the life of the Son of God. We are not our own. We cannot go on living for ourselves. Our lives must be centered around and motivated by the Lord and His purposes.

We must behold the cross, and the price that He paid which demonstrates like nothing else ever could just how much He loves us and how much sin cost Him. This movie can help bring this reality back to our lives and our message. There is no greater message than the cross. It is the foundation on which everything else must be built, and if it is not built on it rightly, then it is a weak foundation at best.

Also, if we are going to walk in truth we must be delivered from a great source of deception—the tendency to get our understanding from the secular media instead of seeing by and through the Holy Spirit. We must start being discerning enough to recognize that when something becomes controversial it is often because it is something of great importance from God.

It is the devil who operates through fear, innuendo, and hearsay; the Lord has more class than that. When such controversy has been kicked up about this movie, it is often (but not always) because there is something very important from God which the devil is trying to turn us away from. The controversy being stirred up about The Passion is actually from the same spirit that persecuted and crucified the Lord.

This is not to imply that this is something especially embedded in the Jewish people, but there are some Jewish extremists who are still subject to this, just as there probably are in every people group. The extremists who are attacking The Passion are motivated by the same anti-Christ spirit that persecuted Christ.

Some of the villains in this movie are Jewish, but so is the greatest hero in the movie, and in all of eternity. God came to us as a Jew! Not only was Christ Himself Jewish, the apostles, prophets, and everyone who wrote that which is now canon Scripture were Jews. All of those who were the greatest heroes in biblical history were Jewish.

Abraham was promised that his descendents would be a blessing to all of the families on the face of the earth. And they, the Jewish people, have been the greatest blessing to all of the families on the face of the earth. We all owe the Jewish people more than we owe any other race, culture, or people group on the planet.

We also need to understand that the Jewish people have been even more persecuted by Christians than any other religion—beginning with Peter the Hermit who led the first crusade, and formulated the diabolical doctrine that the Jews should be killed to atone for Christ's death.

For nearly a thousand years they were under a continuous threat of annihilation from those who called themselves Christians. They had their children and property taken from them, they were forcibly baptized, and if they refused, they were killed by those who called themselves Christians. Many credit the doctrines of Martin Luther for the Holocaust they experienced under the Nazis.

For this reason it is understandable that the Jewish people would have a knee jerk reaction to anything Christian, and especially anything that might again in any way incite the kind of persecution they suffered for nearly a thousand years. What Christians did to the Jews in the Middle Ages was far worse than the threats they now suffer from Islam, and in many ways worse than even what happened to them under the Nazis.

However, even though there is a need for understanding and repentance on the part of Christians for the way the Jewish people have been treated in the past, we cannot allow our own devotion to our faith to be controlled by this. Many Jewish leaders also understand that their best friends, now and throughout the Middle Ages, were Christians who were of a different spirit.

They know, but seldom fully understand, that these Christians were not Christians because of their association with an institution, but because of a deep personal devotion to Christ. Those Christians who have this devotion have always had a deep love for the Jewish people through whom their Savior came.

I know many true friends of the Jewish people, who are true Christians, and are being offended by the Jewish response to The Passion. Others are asking questions about the Jewish control of Hollywood, the news media, and other such things that seem to be used to attack Mel Gibson, and this movie. We must not let the reaction of the extremists on either side drive a greater wedge between Christians and Jews. Our goal should be to overcome evil with good. There are some practical ways we can do this.

One way to do this is to contact the Jewish people you know, or who you may not know but are in your community, and express your appreciation for them, and the great blessing that the Jewish people have been to us all. In spite of the terrible way that they have often been treated, they have tended to be the best citizens and best neighbors in every nation in which they have sojourned.

I think it would be appropriate to even send them a gift, or send an offering to the local synagogue. Also, if you have the opportunity, tell them you are sorry for the way they have been treated by those who have called themselves Christians—that you do appreciate the great blessing they are to your community. I have done this with remarkable results.

We also need to understand that it is the same anti-Christ spirit that worked through those who often claimed to be Christians, which have been seeking to destroy the Jewish people that also worked through the extremists among the Jewish people to persecute and crucify Christ.

The same spirit that sought to destroy Christ is so intent on destroying the Jewish people because he knows the destiny of the Jewish people at the end. They will not only embrace Christ but will become the “one new man” (Ephesians 2:15) that Paul wrote about which will reveal Christ so powerfully at the end of this age.

Because it is the same spirit that is persecuting both Jews and Christians, some estimates are that just as many Christians died at the hands of the Nazis as Jews. We do have the same enemy! For this reason the enemy’s greatest victory is to turn Christians against Jews, or Jews against Christians. Let us determine that regardless of what the enemy tries to do, we will not let this happen.

As we proceed toward the end of this age, there will be more and more things arising that will try to divide Christians and Jews. The devil is attempting to use this movie in that way. But its ultimate result is actually going to give Christians a far greater appreciation of the Jewish heroes of humanity. It will also give the Jews a far greater understanding of true Christians, not just those who serve an institution which claims to be Christian.

Let us learn from this lesson, and resolve not to respond, to react, or to be controlled by the extremists on either side. The Christians that are trying to use this present controversy to illuminate “Jewish control” of the media are the same voices speaking through some of the Jewish extremists, both of which are trying to cause a greater division.

Let us determine that we are going to use the whole thing to bring a greater unity. Let’s show our

Jewish neighbors the true nature of Christ, who loved both them and us so much that He went to the cross. That is how true disciples will always be recognized.

"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35).

Judgment Begins With Justice
Rick Joyner

February 9, 2004

We have been studying how racism will play a major part in the last days, as the Lord indicated in Matthew 24:7: "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." As we studied, the Greek word translated "nation" in this verse is ethnos from which we derive our English word "ethnic." This is speaking of ethnic conflicts being one of the major signs of the end times. We also examined some of the roots of this most tragic evil, and how we must be free of it if we are going to be a light in the midst of the coming darkness. Now we want to look at another aspect of this evil that will be increasingly important for us to understand as the future unfolds.

As we have also mentioned earlier, when the Lord said in Matthew 13:39: "the harvest is the end of the age..." this not only speaks of the greatest ingathering of souls into the kingdom, but it also implies the coming to maturity, and the reaping, of everything that has been sown in man, both good and bad. The light will be brighter and more glorious, but evil will also come to full maturity at the same time.

As Paul wrote in Galatians 6:7: "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap." This is a spiritual truth that gives us much insight into the things that are going to come upon the world at the end of this age. As I heard one man say, "I sowed a lot of 'wild oats' when I was younger, and I have been praying for a crop failure ever since." This is true of us as individuals, and as the human race. We need some crop failures, and the way to insure they happen is the cross. The cross of Jesus breaks this curse.

However, just as it would not have been of any benefit for the children of Israel to slay and eat the Passover lamb if they had not applied the blood to their doors, there are doors or gates to our lives that also must have the blood applied to them. It is not enough to just know that atonement was made for us-the blood must be applied. This is true of us as individuals, and as nations, or ethnic groups. The Lord does tend to see the nations as ethnic groups rather than just national borders, which politics and wars have drawn up. This is why we see in Matthew 24:7 that the Lord distinguishes between "nations" and "kingdoms." The kingdoms addressed here are what we tend to think of as nations. These are human realms of authority, which we will address later, but for now we are focusing on the ethnic groups, or nations.

If we examine the racial conflicts in the world today we will find historical roots to the contemporary conflicts. We often refer to this as "bad blood" between them. What they need is the good blood, the blood of Jesus, to be applied to them. Nothing else will heal the source of these conflicts.

Can we eliminate all of these ancient wounds? No. The Scriptures will be fulfilled, and at the end there will be conflicts between both ethnic groups and kingdoms, which are realms of human authority. However, we know that at least some of these conflicts can be reduced, and some can be avoided. One of the most dramatic of all is in the place that is now experiencing the deepest and seemingly most implacable conflict-the Middle East. This we see in the remarkable text of Isaiah 19:19-25:

In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord near its border. And it will become a sign and a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they will cry to the Lord because of oppressors, and He will send them a Savior and a Champion, and He will deliver them.

Thus the Lord will make Himself known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the Lord in that day.

They will even worship with sacrifice and offering, and will make a vow to the Lord and perform it.

And the Lord will strike Egypt, striking but healing; so they will return to the Lord, and He will respond to them and will heal them.

In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrians will come into Egypt and the Egyptians into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians. In that day Israel will be the third party with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth, whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."

The land of Assyria is included in what is now Iraq, and all of the land around Israel to the Sinai. This is a text that very few include in their end time teachings because they do not know how to make it fit with some of their other beliefs. Those who have addressed it have usually relegated it to the millennium, which could not be because there will not be "oppressors" then. This is a prophecy that has not yet been fulfilled, so we know that it must be before the end. And, as impossible as it may seem, there will be peace in the Middle East before the end of this age.

If this ultimate conflict which goes back thousands of years could be healed, how can we not have faith for others? The devil has been working overtime to sow his evil seeds, and water those which he sowed in man six thousand years ago. There will be great darkness and conflict at the end, more than the world has ever known before, but there will also be the greatest light, and some of the greatest victories, because the truth that God sowed in man will prove itself even greater before the end.

This does not negate the fact that if the Lord did not shorten these days there would not be anyone left on the earth. The devil is trying to destroy not only mankind, but the earth as well, because it is going to be God's dwelling place, and the witness for all time that truth is greater than the lie. Even though the Lord will intervene to prevent this ultimate destruction, when the end of the age comes there will be many triumphs of the truth, and witnesses of the ways that are true and right, which will be such witnesses for eternity. It will be the devil's desperation because he knows that his time is short which will bring about some of the most dangerous and deadly conflicts.

It has been one of the devil's main goals to wipe out the Jewish people since the Lord first gave His promises to Abraham. Regrettably, the devil seems to understand God's purposes with the Jewish people better than many Christians. The devil thought he could destroy them by scattering them throughout the nations. To his surprise, that did not work, and the Lord has now re-gathered them to their land "a second time" just as He promised.

The devil is now making every effort to destroy the Jewish people by destroying Israel, but it will not work. In fact, in due time peace is going to break out in the Middle East which is a greater peace than can be found between nations anywhere else on the earth. The devil will then rage against the rest of mankind, seeking desperately to destroy the whole earth. He will come close to succeeding, but the Lord will shorten those days.

Even through this great time of trouble there will be a number of other places where there will be peace between nations and kingdoms-those places which have bowed the knee to the Lord, just as we see in the text above happening in Egypt, who will then "worship (the Lord) with the Assyrians." How will the cross heal these ancient wounds between races? This is one of the ultimate questions that we should now be asking.

First, there is a misunderstanding with many that time will heal all wounds. This is not true of any wound. It may take time to heal them, but time itself does not do the job. For any wound to be healed it must be dressed with something to prevent infection and then closed. This is true of physical and cultural wounds. History testifies repeatedly that those who attempted to just cover up, or close a wound, caused deadly infections that allowed that wound to burst open again. For this reason the Lord made certain that the unrighteous wounds caused by His people were addressed before the issue could be closed, as we see in II Samuel 21:1:

Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year, and David sought the presence of the Lord. And the Lord said, "It is because of Saul and his bloody house, because he put the Gibeonites to death" (II Samuel 21:1).

David's administration was under judgment for the sins of the previous administration because there had been a major injustice done by his people that had not been addressed, and the Lord would not let it go. Our God is a God of justice, and every wrong will eventually be made right. This begins with His own household, but it will ultimately be true of the world when He takes His rightful dominion over it.

Because of this injustice David had to give Saul's sons to the Gibeonites, who put them to death as restitution for Saul's injustice. The reason David could only relieve this judgment by restitution to the Gibeonites was because this happened when they were under the Law, and under the Law there was only one way for these sins to be remitted... "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" (Matthew 5:38).

Now if the whole world was required to pay for all of its injustices in this same way, there probably would not be any people left. The cross of Jesus is the restitution that God made for the sins of the world, and when we turn to the cross our sins are remitted, forgiven, and cancelled. As we see throughout the New Testament, the gospel was not just to be preached to individuals, but to nations. The cross can also be applied to nations. The power of the cross can heal these national and cultural wounds, and it is the only remedy that can.

Just as we see at the end there being famines in diverse places, these too are being caused by covered up injustices that have not yet been healed, just as it was in the case with King David. This is why the reconciliation movements that have been raised up recently, which seem to be unique to our times, are so important for breaking the curses and saving many in the times to come as the seeds that have been sown start fully maturing.

Again, we are belaboring some of these issues because our goal is more than just knowing the signs of the times-we want to be prepared for them. There is a true apostolic ministry about to be restored to the church, and as with all true apostles, they will be proactive in engaging the darkness of this world, and the ultimate issues that keep mankind in darkness. In the greatest times of trouble the world has ever known, or will ever know, the church will shine in its greatest glory.

In Christ, troubles are turned into triumph, so in Him we look at what is coming as the times of the greatest triumphs the world has ever known! The conclusion of all things is that we win! The cross will prevail. This is the foundational truth that all of our understanding of these times must be based on. There will be no retreat in those who walk in the true light. When you open your shades at night, darkness does not come in and flood the room. Rather the light shines out into the darkness because light is stronger than darkness. The darker it becomes, the brighter our light will be. Where sin abounds, grace will that much more abound.

It is now time to understand how this is practically worked out, and how it fits with the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom to all nations. Therefore, we will continue this theme next week. Great victories are already being won, but this is a foundational issue in these times, and the work is really just beginning.

We have been made ambassadors, and given the ministry of reconciliation for this purpose. It is now time for the church to rise up and become the force that it is called to be in this. The time is coming when, if there is honesty in the Noble Peace Prize, it will go to Christians every year. Not that we would do it for this, but because Christians are going to become the greatest force for peace on earth among men, as the Lord originally intended.

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Liberty and Truth
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All of creation is a witness that it is fundamental to the nature of God to love diversity and creativity. He makes every snowflake different, every tree different, and every human being different. There are no two hills, streams, or lakes alike. This must cause us to ask another one of those ultimate questions: "If God so loves diversity and creativity, why is the church, which is supposed to be His representative on the earth, so boringly uniform?"

This reflects one of the great tragedies in how the church has come to misrepresent God on the earth. Where does this pressure to conform come from? Obviously, it is not from God. The answer is at least partly from spiritual racism.

What is "spiritual racism," and how does this differ from racism? As we have stated, racism is established on two of the ultimate evils of the human heart-pride and/or fear. This causes us to reject those who are not like us as either inferior, or to be feared. "Spiritual racism" is the same thing that causes us to be prone to resist or reject other Christians who may not see everything exactly the way we do, or serve the Lord in exactly the same way we do.

This goes with the understanding that for us to be Christians, we must agree on certain basic doctrines, and practices. However, it has been the bane of Christians for nearly two thousand years to agree on 98 percent and divide over the 2 percent on which they disagree. The overwhelming majority of divisions in the church have been caused by non-essential, peripheral issues. This has caused the church to look more like a Babel of confusion to the heathen rather than being the witness to the one true God, and His habitation that she is called to be.

We are spiritual racists when we think we are better than other Christians because we are part of a certain denomination or movement. We are spiritual racists if we are afraid to have fellowship or interchange with other denominations or movements that are different from us. The church is not only presently separated along racial lines, but we are divided in just about every way that we could be divided from one another. Someone once said: "Eleven o'clock Sunday morning is the most segregated hour of the week." This is probably still true, though it has been changing some. There is also a great deal of interchange and fellowship now going on between denominations and movements. There are few things that we could do to strengthen our own churches than this.

The Lord likened His people to sheep. Any farmer knows that if his heard inbreeds it will get weaker, and more prone to disease with each succeeding generation. The same is true spiritually. Every church, denomination, or movement that becomes isolated will become weaker and sicker with each succeeding spiritual generation.

God made His creation, both the old and the new, to require interchange for its health and well-being. If what we have been building on is so fragile and weak that we are afraid of interchange, then what we are building on is a foundation that will certainly collapse anyway.

If we do not think we need interchange because we already have all we need, then we are obviously already deceived and filled with a pride that has departed from God's grace. The Scripture is clear that "... we know in part, and we prophesy in part..." (I Corinthians 13:9). Therefore, if we are going to have the complete picture we must put our part together with the others.

Likewise, as this is a study of the prophecies concerning the end times, if we are going to have the complete picture, we are going to have to be open to those who have a different view than we do on these matters. We will find as we proceed that these different views really are not in conflict, but rather fit together to help complete the whole picture.

There are many teachers of eschatology that will shamelessly try to make everyone who does not see things exactly the way that they do, out to be a false teacher or false prophet. But, in fact, to bring that kind of division in the church will make one out to be a heretic according to the proper definition of the term. If we are going to have the complete picture, we are going to need both faith and humility to be open to those who see things differently than we do. We are going to have to resist racism in all of its forms. This is why Paul required that elders be those who were given to hospitality to foreigners, and even said that by doing this they would entertain angels at times.

To know the truth, we must have more faith in the Lord to lead us into all truth than we have in the devil to deceive us. We must also understand the ways of the Lord are higher than our ways. As someone once said, "He does not hide things from us; He hides things for us." He requires both faith and humility to find the real treasures of knowledge and truth.

In my pursuit of understanding the things that we are addressing in this study, I have found great treasures in almost every denomination and movement. That is, with the exception of those in the strongest prisons of fear and pride, which become almost completely isolated.

As we go forward, let us keep II Corinthians 3:17 in mind: "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." As we search for truth, and as we build what we may feel called to help build for His purposes, we must always resolve to protect one another's liberty in the Lord if we want His Spirit to go with us.

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Two Calls Coming

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Two Calls Coming to the Bride of Christ for This Day -- Mark Kaphaem

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I hear two calls coming to the bride of Christ for this day.

One is a call to enter into the "sanctuary" of His Love. The other is a call to enter into His dance.

The call for the bride to enter into the sanctuary of His Love is a timely one.

His Love is the "Ark", that will lift us above the flood that is coming upon the Earth in this day. He is calling His bride to enter into the inner sanctuary of His Love. As we enter into to this stronghold of His Love He will close and seal the doors behind us.

Having our identity firming rooted and grounded in the Love of the Lamb is essential as we enter into the days ahead. The enemy knows this and will be coming to challenge us on this ground.

Do not attempt to fight the enemy on this issue. As he comes with questions and accusations do not defend yourself. Instead bring all his questions and accusations to the feet of the Lamb of God.

This is how we enter the sanctuary of His love.

The other call to enter into His dance is all about leaning to move out of a place on intimacy with Him.

The Lord is looking for more than follower's in this day. He is looking for "partners".

He is looking for those who will follow His lead and then move in response to Him.

The Lord says His dance is not difficult to learn when you allow Him to teach it to you. Take your eyes off of your own feet and place them on His feet. He will start out with very simple moves but will have you doing beautiful, intricate dances in no time.

Many of you do not picture yourselves as dancers. Lift this to the Lord. His desire's is to romance you in this place. This is all about knowing we are beautiful and desirable to Him. It's about being in a responsive relationship where He touches our heart and we touch Him back.

This is the relationship He longs for with us.

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The Chapel

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A Vision of Personal Intercession BY Jesus for YOU!"

Years ago, I struggled through a depression for a period of time. Because of this, I cried out to the Lord for help. His answer came to me in a vision. I had recently gone through several traumatic events that left me feeling emotionally numb; I felt overwhelmed by the reality of the painful events that had occurred.

I knew that this was a time for me to experience just a portion of the pain Jesus Himself had endured on the cross. The Lord did not allow me to endure more than He knew I could handle, but it felt like much more.

The suffering I endured opened my heart and mind to experience so much more of God than I had previously known was available to me. I found, during this time, that God is truly on my side! And His love for me didn't stop with salvation, but He continues to save every day. He is on my side, and He prays for me.

"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

"Who will bring any charge against those who God has chosen? It is God who justifies; who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us." Romans 8:31-34

I had known from childhood that Jesus loved me. I was raised in the church and cannot remember not knowing the song, "Jesus Loves Me." However, there is a difference between knowing love and feeling it. I knew God loved me, but during this time I could not feel His love for me. I cried out to the Lord to show me His love...He did.

My Vision

On this day the Lord opened the spirit realm for me, and suddenly I saw heaven. There were rolling green hills with large beautiful trees that dotted the landscape. As I stood on top of one of the endless hills, I saw nestled in the valley below a small, ornate chapel. I knew in my spirit that I just had to be there, and suddenly I was there.

The chapel looked very old, but was obviously well cared for. Through the windows of the chapel I could see a light glowing inside; I was compelled to go in. I opened the door at the back of the chapel and stood there for a while absorbing the warmth from the light inside.

The chapel was empty except for one man who was praying at the altar. An amber glow filled the area where he knelt, and I had a forceful desire to see who it was. Instantly, I was at the front of the chapel looking at the man who was kneeling there.

He was crying and seemed desperate to touch the heart of the Father with his prayers. He prayed with such earnestness, that I was curious to find out what he was praying for. He did not appear to know that I was there, so I moved closer to him. As I saw his face streaming with tears in deep intercession, I heard him say, "Father, please help Victoria." I gasped. "He is praying for me," I thought.

It was then that I recognized who this man was...it was Jesus.

"Does He Really Love Me That Much?"

The man praying in earnest was my Lord Jesus and I was the subject of His prayers. He was crying and interceding for me. I felt the love He had for me and His desperate desire that I be pulled from the depression that had gripped my life.

I stepped back from the Lord to try and process all that I was seeing. I was completely stunned. Who was I that Jesus would intercede for me and with such earnestness? Was I really that special to Him? Did He really love me that much? Why would He take all this time by Himself, just to pray for me? It was difficult for me to fathom that His love for me was that great. But it was.

I sat for a while at the back of the church, watching Him pray. Suddenly, He stood up and turned and looked at me. He saw I was there and ran to me. Falling at my knees, He reached to embrace me, but I was still in such shock; I did not return His embrace. He looked at me with such love, that I was finally shaken from my numbness and became fully aware of the love I was experiencing.

My eyes were opened and now I could see and feel His love for me. I knew then that I was very precious to Him.

You are Very Special

Why is it that if you believe you are special to God, some accuse you of thinking too much of yourself? Are we not all precious in His sight?

If you were special enough for God to send His own Son to die for you, then you can believe that you are special enough for Jesus to intercede for. He gave Himself for you once in death, and He gives His life in intercession for you now. ***"He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)***

He is for you, NOT against you! He is the one trying to convince you that it is possible for you to do great things for His glory. And ***"if God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)***. The answer is: NO ONE CAN!

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?" Romans 8:35
"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

"Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them." Hebrews 7:25 (emphasis mine)

You Are His Priceless Treasure

He died for us that we might live, yet now He lives to pray for us that we would experience all of Him! He saves us completely, not just at our redemption, but He desires our complete transformation. He knows this is the only chance we have of truly living, to become one with Him in every aspect of our lives - giving our all to Him and watching Him transform us into His likeness.

That moment in my life, when I was permitted to see Him interceding for me, changed my life. And I hope that reading about this experience will also have an impact on yours.

You are very special to God and He wants you to know it. It is not presumptuous to think that you are special. You are not just another face in the crowd to Him. You are what He died for. You are His priceless treasure.
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The Choice

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There is a choice opened before pastors of His flock in general today and as I'm given to see it I also feel that the time is really short. It goes like this:

You can build the ministry or you can chose to build the people.

If you build the ministry all you will have is a ministry.

If you chose to build the people, they will be released in their service before and unto Adonai. Then there will be ministry but a faceless one that will not bear your name because it will be the manifest presence of Yeshua.

Its your choice. Always have been.

But you can not tend to the whole flock, or so some of you think. "Impossible to tend each family!"

That is why it takes the abolishment of classes within the body to bring the body together into its fullness. No clerics and laity anymore but priests and kings living in the "one another". That is the true release and empowerment of the five fold. I am not talking of anarchism. There is an order, but that order is not control (which is fear) and is not manipulation (which is control through flattery), it's order though the love first to the Lord and then to each other, it's trust to the Lord first and then to each other, it's submission to the Lord first and then to each other. Is the willingness to decrease so that He may increase. It's true trust which is faith.

Pastors are called and separated for the equipping and releasing of believers. To equip and **release** not to own. Even so I tell you, **in releasing you will own**. But whatever you may hold onto, will rot like yesterday's manna before His presence. This invitation, is also your release, from burdens not yours to carry, that have afflicted you in the past.

It is always your choice. To those who have chosen correctly let this be a confirmation, to those who have doubts let this be a witness and may the Lord bless you and comfort you in all that is set before you. May He grant all of you a deepening of the vision in understanding and strength in you heart to follow the One you love.

"Come up higher!" is the invitation that starts the book of Revelation. "Come up higher!" is also the call extended to a greater measure of intimacy through trust, right now. This trust which is faith will open the book of Acts to be finished by the same Spirit who started it back then. That is the heart of the choice.

Your servant in His love,
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The Chariots of God

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In my dream last night, my husband and I lived in a ground-level house on a flat plain with a clear view in many directions. There were awesome signs in the heavens for many days, including strange blue lights and spinning vortices. Nobody knew what was happening and there was great confusion.

One day we saw a tornado approaching from the distance. Although it wove some from side to side, it largely appeared to be headed straight for our home, so we took cover. When the tornado actually struck, I was not only preserved through it, but was swept up into the most realistic and loving encounter with the King I have ever known. I could actually SEE HIS LOVELY FACE for the fist time in my life an experience I have always longed for. Jesus and I spoke of our great love for each other, and then the tornado moved on, leaving destruction in its wake.

Next we lived in an underground structure, and our apartment was on the bottom floor. Each level of the building had an atrium in the center, with a boxed ceiling made of glass framed with gold. The purpose of the atrium was to let in light. Again we saw a tornado coming straight for our home. For some reason we cleverly took cover in our bed, which was on the lowest level of the building, right under the atrium! When the twister hit, every level of the gold and glass atrium ceiling came crashing down onto us. But I was again unharmed, and swept up into a loving, mind-blowing visit with Jesus.

When I woke up after this incident, I was lying prostrate on top of a table in a bustling fast food restaurant, totally dazed. Of course, this attracted some attention, but I seemed to be completely unashamed of my embarrassing situation. Someone asked if they could help me, and I managed to mumble that I had been swept up in one of the recent tornados. Of course everyone knew of these tornados, which appeared to be a terrible judgment upon the whole earth. The person began to console me, but I said, No, please don t feel sorry for me. Something wonderful has happened. Jesus loves me, and I have been visited by the King!

I don’t remember if I was in a house for the third tornado, I may have been outside. Once again, the twister seemed to seek me out specifically, but I was again preserved and swept up into a loving encounter. By this time I almost looked forward to the tornados, because although they caused great destruction all around me, they were a message of hope to me. This great majestic King of the entire universe seemed to be saying that he loved me and, in answer to my prayers, he was coming to release the earth from sorrows so that I could live with him in joy forever. The tornados were simply his chariots.

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The Church

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I am not a prophet and I do not claim to have complete truth. I write this article to express what I feel is something that God is trying to tell His people.

I see articles that are written of prophecies that are from God but the ones that prophesy simply do not grasp the full meaning of what God is saying or trying to say to his people regarding the church. Simply put, they do not differentiate between a denominational organization and the true CHURCH AGE Church.

The denominational church has so messed up God's meaning of the TRUE CHURCH and refuse to listen to His prophets trying to deliver a message to His people giving them divine knowledge regarding His will of His true church.

If the people ever come to an understanding of God's divine directive to HIS church, the wildfire of the Holy Spirit sweeping this world will truly make all revivals in history pale in comparison.

As most prophecy of today states it is prayer and intercession that will make this revival ignite in the hearts of God's people. It will not be a place of meeting or a name attached to a group. It will be in the prayer closet of a secluded individual heart crying out to God to dominate and consume that heart and being of that person. They will hear from heaven and know that it is in their self that the spark has turned into a burning flame fanned by the Holy Spirit.

They will then take hold of a neighbor who is in need of this fire that burns in their bones and that neighbor will be healed or filled with the Spirit or fall on their face before an Almighty God confessing they have need of His will or His truth revealed in their hearts.

This revival that we seen on the horizon is the CLOUD OF HIS GLORY. It is not to a building that claims to have the mind of God but to the heart of the hungry soul crying out to which this consuming cloud will come. It will have the WIND OF THE SPIRIT that is of such force that it destroys sin and the traditions of men.

All that will be left is HIS WILL and HIS WAY. The hungry heart will be consumed with the GLORY of

HIS COMING to their heart and they will take hold of another who is searching and waiting for his coming and the process will repeat until the fire is out of control. The enemy cannot stand, he will flee and the fire will consume all who will hunger and thirst after righteousness.

It will be as when Peter walked down the street and the people's needs were met. They were healed and clamored to know this God of which Peter preached. His ministry had little to do with a denomination or the temple. God was no longer desired in those places.

God moved HIS TEMPLE from the brick and mortar building to his own creation when he gave His only begotten Son. The resurrected Son testified of this when He said it was expedient that He return to the Father so that the Father could send his Holy Spirit to bring gifts to men. Not to a building or to an organization but to his sons and daughters. These are His church and THEY will be FILLED and THEY will SPREAD this REVIVAL FIRE.

UPON SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL HE POUR OUT OF HIS SPIRIT. And to them and to them alone will He pour Himself into.

And when they pray MY WILL they will fan the lame of the Spirit and none will remember the structure that man built called church that is classified denomination. It was a long run of denomination and they failed because they did not remember the God of their fathers and so I the Almighty have now decreed and end of the man church and now I AM is working in MY CHURCH.

To those who have an ear to hear let them hear......

I AM is pouring out now. Will you humble yourself to be the I WILL of MY WILL?

The Church Is Being Shaken

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Unless you have just arrived on the planet, you would be aware that there is a serious shake up happening in the church. It could well be described in the words of the New Testament:

25 See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? 26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." 27 The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken-that is, created things-so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our "God is a consuming fire."

Hebrews 12

It might sound surprising to those of us who live in a nation like Australia to think that the church in Australia is being shaken in a measure that may not have a historical parallel. There are still plenty of buildings around. There are still denominations and denominational conferences and activities. We can look at the amazing phenomenon of something like the recent Hillsong Conference and rejoice that a Christian gathering makes it to the national news editions of print, audio and video news. And the idea that a Christian worship CD outgunned every secular CD for sales last week is astounding (The Hillsong CD topped secular charts).

Moral Shaking At the same time, hardly a week goes by that we don't see another scandal involving sexual abuse somewhere in the church, every week the numbers of married people who are separating are almost the same inside the church as outside. Few churches are growing and more churches are declining in average weekly attendance. All in all the church, in the main, gets a big yawn from the community at large. It may be slightly less the case in rural areas, but the trend is exactly the same.

Theological Shaking When you put another overlay across that of the rank apostasy that we are witnessing in the church. It is truly a strange thing to see apostasy happening before our eyes. The divine nature of Jesus has been abandoned by much of the western church, the Word of God set aside for the dictates of current philosophical speculation.

Structural Shaking We have witnessed another kind of shaking going with church structures. Among the many ways in which the Pentecostal and Charismatic influences of the last century have impacted the church, we have seen the strong walls of denominationalism crumble. It means less to people which name is on the outside of a church. Individual congregations within any movement may identify with spiritual values that are not core values of their denomination. The fact that we are living in an era when denominations are becoming less and less relevant, doesn't necessarily mean that there is more unity, it refers more to the fact that the focus is shifting from national identity to local congregational identity. People today will generally join a congregation not because of its denominational name, but because of its own vision and values.

Shaking of Identity Interestingly enough, theological or spiritual identities are also diminishing. In the sixteenth century the Reformation rocked both church and secular society and spawned a whole raft of theological iconographies: look at the words that became famous over the next few hundred years: reformed, Calvinistic, evangelical, pietistic, pre-millennial, just to name a few. Add to that Pentecostal, charismatic, third wave. All of these have had their time in the spotlight. There is very little mileage in any of them in these days.

There are more organic gatherings occurring, driven by some reasonably significant decisions we have made. People have taken issue on some matters of conscience regarding what it is we belong to and what we don't belong to. We have risked the disapproval of people with whom we have had long term relationship. We have found ourselves at odds with the leaders of our denominations. We have decided to set aside some long term associations and have had to cope with another kind of identity crisis. We have gone from having a relatively well known "spiritual" identity to a virtually unknown one. Nearly all of us will have fielded the question as to what church we belong to and have responded by giving them our new name only to find that people have no way of placing that in any known category.

Without realizing it, we have actually joined a road by making these decisions. Regardless of whether people in our community understand what we are doing, we have made a decision to join a purpose that God has been working for a very long time. That purpose has to do with the kind of church God has purposed to build, or should I say restore. God is restoring the church and every phase of that restoration has to do with a measure of fresh revelation about the church - what God has designed it to be and become.

Up until the late eighties, there was no definitive collection of churches spawned by the Charismatic movement. Most of us stayed within our denominations. In my own view this was totally consistent with the character of God and could be attested down through the generations. God has always loved the church. While Jesus challenged the institutional "church" of his own day, he held out his hands to the end. It is God's way to provide a window of opportunity for the wider church to embrace what God is saying. That window is finite. It is open for a time and then it closes. We are witnessing the closing of that window. We have seen how the administrations of many traditional denominations have not only NOT welcomed the word of God through these renewal testimonies, but have become opposed to them. In their resistance they have even regressed more strongly into their own humanly contrived modes. As a result they have become prey to the enemy and have openly adopted positions of moral and spiritual compromise.

In the heat of all that foment, God has been working to testify to the things HE wants to build into the church. The important matter to focus on here is not whether we have risked friendships, caused some people to question our actions, stepped out of financial security or away from a familiar community identity. The issue to grab hold of is "What is God doing in the midst of all of this ?" And the answer to that is always going to be the same. He is shaping and molding the church. He is equipping it and empowering it to be the weapon of warfare it was always designed to be but often isn't. That pattern will always be Biblical and it will always be measured by the signs of greater Christlikeness and Christ- centredness and greater dependence on Him. That is, it will always be a church that loves and serves Jesus more. It will also be a church that more effectively achieves the purpose it was designed to achieve. The fruit will not be known in polished theological arguments and tightly defined structures but in its testimony to the power of God working in the theatres of war to gain victories that glorify him.

The opportunity we have before us is as unique as it is daunting. My deepest conviction tells me that we have an opportunity to make decisions of convenience but decisions based the call of God in this hour. If we can avoid a few infamous temptations, we can have the opportunity of building churches that declare the future in the present in way that is genuine Holy Spirit driven, missionally focused and authentically Australian. We can grow churches that impact their communities, not just their members. We can see a church emerge that will attract the presence of God to this nation like the nation has never known it ever.

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The Crash Of Two Planes

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Visions & Dreams
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I had a dream early in the morning that I along with my co-workers were in the military in Houston, TX and that we were in some type of camp or military post. It looked like the kind of set up that was on the television show M.A.S.H. were there was a hospital tent, a cafeteria tent and a bedding tent, etc.

We were outside talking and I believed we were given guns and weapons. Some people were gathered in different groups or clicks and were talking “in there own little world”.

Someone began to talk to me and as they were talking I looked up in the sky because I noticed a plane. Something about it was odd. It was low like it was going to land at a airport but it was staggering like a drunk person trying to walk. I told the lady that was talking to me that something was wrong with that plane and she said, “Nothings wrong, they are just landing.”

I said, “There are no airports around here and secondly it is too low to land that way and to low to fly anywhere.” And inside my spirit I felt as if that plane was going to crash. The dream began to move somehow into a slow motion dream. I was telling everyone to move and I began to run to take cover but some people were still talking and stayed were they were. Suddenly we were not in a military place anymore but in the middle of downtown next to a park or a open place that had grass. If anyone has ever been to Houston, they know that our landscaping goes from extremely tall buildings to parks and homes in a matter of seconds. So I was moving in slow motion trying to tell people to move but some were like “Nothing is going to happen, its fine.”

Now I am looking at this plane like how can they say nothing is wrong when this plane is low to the ground and it should be high in the air flying. Plus I was kind of upset because no one was listening. Then all of a sudden, after I was trying to warn the people around, the slow motion of my dream turned into regular time and I saw that plane turn towards us, I began to move out of the way and the plane began to fly towards us and it hit the ground at a high speed. It was like, during the slow motion part there was a warning to give, those who did not listen were caught off guard when it crashed and even when it first hit the ground, they continued to talk until a big mushroom cloud erupted exploded from the plane crash site and then the dream began to move back into slow motion. I saw the mushroom cloud expand towards the sky, it was so loud that it made no sound and then suddenly the radiation or dust, whatever the sides of the mushroom ball was, starting to expand on the sides to cover all the land. It moved fast like a plague and I saw people still talking and uncover get evaporated by the ash or whatever the sides of the mushroom cloud was. As I saw it move towards me I jumped up and supernaturally I was able to stay in the air for what seemed like 30 minutes to a hour as the cloud ran passed me. I was untouched. It was as if angels or something lifted me up or god let gravity not keep me down on the earth as this happened. I saw the whole city and then I gradually began to come back down to the ground from my jump. The city was gray where the mushroom cloud was and I looked to my left and right and the rest of the city was still green with a blue sky. That plane that crashed was red. And I also believe that I saw white on it as well, although I can not remember right off hand.

When I saw that both sides of the city were still in color I began to turn around to leave and go away I guess, the get away from what just happened. Immediately when I made an about face, there was a plane in the air, paused in gravity staring me in my face. The nose of the plane was in a downward motion and it was feet away from my face. It was as if I turned around and it was dangling from an invisible hand or string in the sky. I turned back around to where the first plane, the red plane had crashed, the site was still gray, people were dead in ashes. I turned as saw that on both sides of the site on the edges of the city of Houston that they were still green with blue skies and people were talking, having fun. And then I finally turned back around to face the second plane. I knew in my spirit what was going on now. So I moved out of its way and stepped to the side. As I stepped to the side, the invisible hand or string that was holding the plane in the sky left. As I moved my body in slow motion to the side, that second plane ran fast to the ground and hit at the same site that the first plane hit. But this time, whatever was not killed or dead by the first red and white plane, was killed or dead instantly by the second plane. All I did was watch the plane smash into the ground at a deadly rate. I was not harmed. The second plane was yellow and orange with a brown like color I believe. But I do remember that the second plane's color was kind of loud like and a different color that is hard to explain, but all three colors where there in one: yellow, orange, and brown.

Saints please pray for the meaning of this dream and the interpretation of the dream, the message, the colors, the plane crashes and the mushroom cloud. I believe that I do know more about this dream than I did at first as far as what God is trying to say to us. It does seem to me that this dream has a double meaning. 1) A spiritually warning to those who are sleeping on discerning the times and 2) a real time message or war and politics about America for the end times. Maybe the colors of the planes represent countries or governments like communism countries that will destroy America through terrorist or invasions like the other prophets have seen. If anyone has some insight please email me at thatpinkprophetess@yahoo.com or at my new website at www.visionsofthelastdays.com at kaoticgal@visionsofthelastdays.com.

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Be true to self and God.

The Coming Era
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> *2TI 3:1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. [2] People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, [3] without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, [4] treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- [5] having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.*

"The horizon has many things that it has looming upon it. I tell you that the coming election will signify many things. It will be a new era in the White House. It will be a candidate that I have not chosen. It will be one who will change the direction of the United States. There are times ahead that will call for strength. New policies will be made, and liberalism will take the front stage. "

(I then saw a scene of the Statue of Liberty, and saw that it was rocking back and forth. Eventually the statue itself toppled and fell to the ground. There was water all around and I noticed that a searchlight was looking in the depths of the ocean for it. It was dark all around and a small light was all that I could see searching on the ocean floor.)

"I tell you that many freedoms will be lost. Those things that you once held as sacred will be lost. These things will come and they will enter the world into the last stage. "

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The Sound Of A Lying Spirit
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EZE 13:10 " `Because they lead my people astray, saying,"Peace," when there is no peace, and because, when a flimsy wall is built, they cover it with whitewash, [11] therefore tell those who cover it with whitewash that it is going to fall. Rain will come in torrents, and I will send hailstones hurtling down, and violent winds will burst forth. [12] When the wall collapses, will people not ask you, "Where is the whitewash you covered it with?"

ISA 3:12 Youths oppress my people,women rule over them.O my people, your guides lead you astray; they turn you from the path.

MIC 3:5 This is what the LORD says: "As for the prophets who lead my people astray, if one feeds them, they proclaim `peace'; if he does not, they prepare to wage war against him.

"I tell you that a lying spirit is coming to America. Those who have claimed to speak for Me will fall prey to this spirit. It is very subtle and it promises many things. What can be done about this? I tell you.....forsake the love of money. I tell you that many who have spoken in this hour do so because of this lying spirit. I tell you that America is being led astray because of voices that lead her astray. I tell you that many of your prophetic gatherings fall prey to this as well.
Who can hear the truth and who would stand up for it? I tell you that many of your watchmen have fallen. They speak of prosperity and peace. You say, 'Let us go and hear these good things!' Who would lead and who would be the spirit of this age? I tell you that it would be better not to go and hear

these things. A delusion has set in. "

(The Lord now showed me a scene of an angel who was blowing a trumpet. This trumpet had a very large bell or opening, on the end of it. The angel who appeared to be an angel of light, was actually gray, or dark in appearance. This trumpet was set to the ear of a person, probably a watchman of some sort. This person then heard the "sound" of the trumpet that came forth from it. As the sound came forth, it first seemed very melodic and beautiful. Then it slowly changed and the sound produced a flower. This flower opened up to yet another flower, and this process continued for some time, with each successive flower opening up into another flower within it. Finally, at the end of this process the last opening revealed several bugs and insects crawling within the center of the flower. The flower itself withered and died.)

"I tell you that the message of many of these prophets will "wither." For this message has been polluted by the sound of a lying spirit. "

You Will Know The Timeframe
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> *ECC 3:1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:*
> *2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,*
> *3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,*
> *4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,*
> *5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain,*
> *6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,*
> *7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,*
> *8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.*

"I tell you that I have said again and again that a storm is coming. From the north it will come and descend. It will hit just certain areas, but then it will leave them devastated. There will be a sign given and then you will know when these things are coming. These things will come because this nation has not heeded my warnings. Many are saying good and sweet things in this time period, but I tell you that they are piping our a melody that is false. There is but two years before some of these things develop. The timeframe of the events that lead up to my second coming will be plainly seen. What can be done and what can you do to save yourself?--seek Me with your whole heart. Then when the deception comes and the devastation sets in you will be saved. Until that time you may hear of brighter things that are promised, and you may have a brief period of security, but it is but a veneer that is covering the underlying layers. I say that it is time to get your house in order. So, set your hearts on Me and do not fear, but be ready. These things will come and they will follow, and you will know the timeframe. "

Stephen Hanson

The Coming Fire
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I have been praying for the Church for some time and I have been asking for the Lord to do whatever it takes to deliver and set free the Church.

The thought occurred to me - Just as the fire loosed the ropes that bound the 3 Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, so the same would occur for the Church.

The time of the Lord's fire would loose the bonds, and set the Church free. It will seem to be a perilous time, but the result will be a glorious release.

Furthermore, this miraculous release would be so great that it would convert a nation, not only America ,but every nation on the globe.

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The Charge of Joseph

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Clinging to the Promises of God

Joseph is listed in the Hebrews 11 "hall of faith," making him a hero of faith. What mighty deeds did Joseph do that made him famous in God's eyes? What astounding works, what exploits of faith did Joseph perform in order to enter into this elite order*? "By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions about his bones" (Heb. 11:22).*

For years I read this seemingly bizarre scripture with only perplexity. As I was meditating on it one day, it hit me. Joseph's great-grandfather Abraham had been promised a rich land for his descendants - a land that was fully occupied by fierce inhabitants. And he had been promised that they would become a great nation, though they had entered Egypt as no more than about 75 nomadic ranchers. Yet now the promises were far off - they were in this rich, wealthy foreign land; they were multiplying and prospering; they were tasting of the "good life" as part of the greatest nation on the earth at that time. They eagerly partook of the riches, the cuisine, the art, the craftsmanship, the learning, the science, the government, the culture, and the extravagance of the Egyptian way of life - the most advanced and fabulous culture on the planet. It was clear why God has sent them here: to become strong, and to learn to build a great nation under the tutelage of the greatest nation yet perceived. But there was a problem: along with the greatness, there was sensuality and indulgence; the fabulous riches were seductive - they could forget who they were, they could forget the promises, they could forget the purpose for which they were designed; they could become comfortable and complacent; they could be *assimilated*. In his latter days, Joseph fell out of favor and the Jews were given hardship. This was God's mercy; they could grow strong and learn about nation building, but they would be safe from forgetting who they were.

As Joseph gave instructions for his bones, I can imagine his speech. "It is God's plan that we become a great nation in another land, as promised to our forefathers. There will be a day coming, some 350 years hence, when God will come for us to fulfill everything He has said. Until then we must make the most of this opportunity in Egypt. Though Egypt is our home today, it is not our destiny. Though we are here in Egypt, we must not become Egyptians."

"Soon I will die; and though I was great and wealthy in the house of the Pharaoh, though I have many friends here, this is not my true home. I place my bones in your care; place my bones in a box and take them with you when you leave this land. Bury them in the land God has promised. Though I will not live to personally see the day of promise, I will still participate in that great day."

By his astonishing declaration about his bones, Joseph proclaimed he lived for the promises, rather than temporal concerns; he refused to be identified with his accomplishments or the blessings on his life, but only with the promises. He proclaimed this Egypt was not his home (nor theirs), but the

Promised Land was; he and they were but strangers and sojourners in the land of Egypt. His bones became a "monument of temporality" to his descendants, reminding them this life was but a warm-up for the life to come, and their promised inheritance in that other life.

Most commentators agree that Egypt is a type of the world. Joseph is a type of the marketplace Christian, anointed to govern but in a foreign country. But while he serves, his eye is on another country; he lives in awareness of the promises, and he is steadfast in making sure his legacy is in the promises; not the foreign country. The coming exodus is a type of the Second Coming of Christ, when He will confront darkness and lead his people in great power and wonders. Like Joseph, we want to be a part of this great drama, even if it's only our bones. The Promised Land is heaven. We don't want to be forgotten in Egypt, our only legacy a worldly legacy, nothing more than a passing of dust. We want our bones taken to the Promised Land, where we want our true legacy.

The Danger of Being a Marketplace Minister

We live in the wealthiest, most seductive culture ever to exist on planet earth. We face the same dangers that the Israelites faced in Egypt: we are in *danger of being assimilated* by the world. Every day the pleasures of life, dissipations, distractions, and desires and pursuits of other things war against our soul, seeking to undermine the promises, making them distant, seeking to make us forget who we are, and seeking to make us forget our true purpose.

Joseph's bones are a "monument of temporality" to us as well. Where do we want our bones buried? Where do we want our legacy? Do we want our legacy to be rotting trophies, bank accounts, homes, boats and automobiles, passing pleasures, and the temporary glories and praises of man, which, when the promised land is our home, will completely pass from memory, and even become an embarrassment to us? Or do we want a heavenly throng to greet us at the gate, our Father to praise and affirm us, and Jesus to receive the full praise and glory for a life that only tried to love Him well?

We are instructed and commanded to live as "strangers" on earth in our earthly journey. "Strangers" meant those who lived among others but were not one of them; foreigners, sojourners, those just passing through:

"Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God" (1 Pet. 1:17-21).

"All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth" (Heb. 11:13).

***"Dear** friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul" (1 Pet.*

2:11).

We are to treat our earthly journey as those simply passing through; those who are *in* and *amongst*, but not *of* the world; those who are fully here, but who have a different inheritance, a different people, and a different land. Like ambassadors in a foreign land, we do not seek our reward in the land of our service, but in our homeland, and only in the eyes of our King. To seek our reward in the land of our service would be a betrayal of our King, because it is Him we are to be serving and representing. We know our service is short, and we must faithfully discharge the trust He has placed in us, representing Him and His wishes as much as we are able, not our own, until we return home.

The Purpose of the Wilderness

Many saints have experienced severe seasons of "wilderness" - seasons marked by hardship, trial, and testing. Through these seasons, many express hurt and frustration, not understanding the purposes of God in such seasons. But the scriptures clearly lay out God's intentions in Deuteronomy 8:11-18.

God takes us through the wilderness to "do good to us in the end." His goals are (1) to keep riches, comfort and ease from becoming pride; (2) to humble us, so that we are unable to trust in the strength, wisdom and will of man; and (3) to understand that God alone is our source and supply. These three truths God is committed to driving deep into our souls, so much so that He is even willing to cause us temporary pain and hardship. But to God, who sees the end from the beginning, it is a price worth the result.

John Wesley was a classical scholar; he had a love of books and learning; he also had a passion for art, especially music and architecture. Yet he spent his life in the saddle, and a strenuous life. Visiting the beautiful grounds of an English nobleman, he said, "I too have a relish for these things; *but there is another world*."

The Conversion of Kingdoms
Clo DiPilato

Dearest Friends in Jesus,

The Spirit quickened to me strongly two scriptures today that I feel are the word of the Lord for those whom the Lord wishes to advance even as the Josephs and the Daniels of our time. Listen my friends, as the chosen executors of God's righteousness into the earth, there has to be in place those not only that KNOW the will of God for a society, but those that
have power and authority to make inroads into the present systems and economy of this world during the process of conversion.......the very conversion taking place where the kingdoms of this world ARE BECOME the kingdoms of our Lord, and His Christ (His anointed.) See Rev. 11:15.

It's not enough to know things that are wrong, and contrary to the precepts of God's Word, and His holy commandments. Righteousness is not going to supplant wickedness simply because we've got a good working knowledge of the Word. We need to advance beyond knowledge into revelation whereby within us is birthed understanding that there is literally coming for God's elect **a lording over the houses of Pharaoh, a ruling over this world's substance**, **a binding of those (by the spirit) in worldly authority**, **and a TEACHING of God's wisdom to those in place in the world's systems.** (See Psalm 105:21-22).

God needs to change our mindset. And here is the first quickened scripture:

**And the Lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely; for the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light.
Luke 8:16**

We can no longer be content to let the children of this world in their generation be wiser than the children of light. Luke 16:8.
You may recall the Bible story, and if not, please read the context. A wasteful man had misused what was given to him. He rectified the matter, and made peace with the rich man by simply coming up with a plan to get the rich man's debtors to pay something of what they owed........the first step in making good on any debts. We don't know "the rest of the story", but I'm sure many of those debtors went on to pay their debts in full. Now, the editors of my Thompson Chain Bible label this the "parable" of the unjust steward. However, I question if this was just a parable, or the Lord actually relating someone's testimony because I've heard that some Bible scholars believe that when the Bible says "a certain rich man", it means that person was not just a storybook character but an actual person the Lord uses as an example whereby He can impart truth. So, if I believe this, then I have to believe that there was more to the story than the portion the Lord shared......some went onto pay their debts in full, some may have ended up in 'debtor's prison', some may have died and left their debts to their relatives. There is a mysterious "rest of the story" to this portion of scripture.

We got the part God wants us to have, though, for our own wisdom and instruction. The message is this: If you are going to outsmart the world, then you are going to have to beat them at their own game by being willing to understand, without fear that will rob you of your faith, where concessions can be made on the road to a victory. You are going to have to know how to "go to the table" to get something from the other side that will help you in your cause. We can get specific on all sorts of issues facing a holy Church of a holy God raging on the world scene, and especially here in America, at this time. The issue could be homosexual marriages, or abortion, or prayer in the schools, or ten-commandments in courthouses. We can march on Washington, or assemble in Alabama, or hand out pamphlets at abortion clinics. This can all be done with a determination NOT to back down, or give even one inch of the "barley patch" over to the Philistines. (Read 1 Chronicles 11:13 and 14)

But my beloved friend, there is a distinction to be made between taking a stand in the Spirit in the presence of Almighty God and the principalities and powers that are entrenched in the heavenlies, and engaging unnecessarily in contention with mere flesh and blood that may actually be TEACHABLE if God's people would learn to engage in a bit of strategic intelligence and savvy which would actually HELP THEIR CAUSE. We must learn to discern the difference between levels of warfare and understand the necessary arms to engage our strength to it's fullest potential. Why are we wasting energy fighting battles with flesh and blood?? Actually, if there is any wisdom to be derived from Luke 16, then the message is we are to negotiate with flesh and blood, not fight with them, and do the fighting and the wrestling on spiritual turf........that is, in the prayer closet on our knees, or as we are called to those holy times of a resolute "prayerful pacing" up and down in His presence.

(Have you had those times when you know the Spirit spoke to you to stay on your feet in prayer, and walk and walk and walk and NOT sit down , and you KNEW that something was being accomplished by the Spirit, and that truly, in doing so, you were even treading upon serpents and scorpions in His Name? At times, it may be at an actual strategic location, but at other times it will be in the privacy of our own home, or as a church meets for a "prayer vigil."

Oh, the miracles wrought just by being OBEDIENT in exactly how God tells us to pray, even when we don't understand the reasons. Recently I went through a strong prayer discipline where the Lord told me I was absolutely NOT to undress for bed until 2 a.m. He told me I needed to stay fully-clothed until 2 a.m., and stay alert, and I was not to get in bed before that time. One night, I said to myself, "I am so tired, surely the Lord could not have meant that I do this. I must be making this up from my own spirit." So, I got into my nightgown, and got into bed. What a rebuke I felt in the Spirit!! I knew I must IMMEDIATELY get out of that bed, and get back into my clothes!! And so I did just that.

I won't go into detail, but after a couple of months of having to do this, the Lord released me, and I experienced a deliverance and a victory in a certain area that I know was the result of obeying the Lord on that little matter of doing what He spoke to me to do in the wee hours of the morning.

Prayer is not just the petitions we make before God. It's the atmosphere of true obedience in which we can launch our prayers from a platform of true faith because we have a true peace that we are doing what He is requiring of us at a given time. **"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us: and if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him. 1 John 5;14, 15.** My friends, when we are doing what He asks us to do, it brings a confidence that we KNOW He is hearing us!! The heavens are NOT brass, and "confidence" IS faith!!)

The Bible says that the children of the world are wiser **"in their generation".** What does that mean? It means that in carrying out their personal agendas to advance their generational values and substance, (that which will be passed onto their children, and their children's children) they are truly more intelligent on the natural level than God's people!! Sad, but true!! Let's learn something from this portion of scripture!! Let's learn to be successful in seeing the conversion **whereby the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ**, we must KNOW how to "intercept that process" of worldly generation by the children of darkness!!

Let's also see that the unjust steward had enough of an inkling of the personality of the "rich man" to know what would put him back in favor with that rich man. If we truly know the Lord, we will know where we can "negotiate" in order to move along a righteous agenda without grieving the heart of God.

And at the very same time, all along **in the Spirit**, where the TRUE BATTLE lies, we can be as militant and as defiant of the powers of darkness as we dare to be!! We can choose to "march on Washington", or we can choose to "march against the gates of hell" through prayer and intercession and just watch those gates NOT prevail against the church of the living God!!!

Now, the next part of this article is something I am seeing by the Spirit, and I know it's one of those things that is only meant for those whom the Lord is truly calling to such a thing.

Not everyone will have "ears to hear", and not all are meant for this word. This is not meant to sound "exclusive" or "elitist" in any way. It's simply a matter of the Lord's choosing and calling. There are those reading who are going to know by the Spirit that God is truly speaking by His Spirit TO THEM, and it's going to be because God has already been speaking and dealing with you along these lines. When God speaks to us so specifically, we must be careful not to straddle others with burdens and convictions that are not theirs to have.

As God's elect, (by this I mean a prophetic people who have endured process whereby, even as Joseph, the word of the Lord has "tried them"...Psalm 105:17-19) I truly believe that this time of transition into a fuller unveiling of God's kingdom is coming in some measure through certain ones who have ears to hear, and a heart willing to be a part of a " not many wise, mighty, and noble" company of believers being launched from within the ranks of the weak and the foolish and the base and the despised, NOT to undermine how the Lord so wonderfully and miraculously works through a "peculiar people", but as those who can be a voice on the Lord's behalf into the systems of man where there would be no entryway, except for a people prepared for such a thing.

Consider Moses. What a process that man had to go through before he actually stood before Pharoah, and said, "Let my people go...." The most glorious part of that preparation was truly his "burning bush" experience, where he "turned aside" and saw the Lord in a burning bush, and received a revelation of "I AM". And there is no doubt that MUCH of the ways of Egypt had been purged out of Moses system through his personal dealings on the backside of the desert. And yet, the truth of the matter is part of God's process in order that Moses could stand before the king of all the earth at that time, was that he had been raised in Pharoah's house, had been part of Pharoah's army, as a prince had attended the very best schools Egypt had to offer. Moses did not go back to the courts of Pharoah as a stranger or a novice. God, through the circumstances of his life, had prepared him for the assignment in every way.

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty men, not many noble, are called:
but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty,
And base things of the world , and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are; that no flesh should glory in His presence.
But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption;
That according as it is written, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:26-31.

Notice, the scripture doesn't say there are NO wise men after the flesh, or NO mighty men, or NO noble men. It simply says there aren't very many of them!!
But beloved, I truly believe that I'm being quickened by the Spirit to hear that there are those who are presently being called out from the rag-tag, motley crew called "God's people" to levels of personal sacrifice and discipline that are going to be used of the Lord to be able to "go to the table" in the presence of earthly-recognized brilliance on behalf of the Lord's people, and His righteous agenda that will literally shock and stun the snobbery and arrogance out of the world's brightest and best in the courts of Egypt (worldly systems) and Babylon (religious systems.)

Beloved, I will tell you by the word of the Lord that God's people are going to start filling some of the most strategic and scholarly positions in education, media, government and on the commercial scene.......where ever there is INFLUENCE and a voice speaking into the hearts and minds of people because in the "conversion of kingdoms" there needs to be INTERCEPTION from the righteous to UNDO the "generation" of the children of the world who have until this time been "wiser in their generation" than the children of light. But , I declare by the word of the Lord, NO MORE!!

Within David's hold at the cave of Adullam, he had an army made up of the poor, the despised, the rejected, the outcasts, those who were in debt. But at this same place were also David's mighty men who were able to break through the ranks of the Philistines to get the king exactly what he wanted!! (In David's case, some cool, clear water from a favored well in Bethlehem, which he ultimately poured out before the Lord.) 1 Chron.11:15-18.

Beloved, God is going to raise up certain ones who are going to hear the clarion call of the spirit into their beings to prepare themselves to be the very best they can be, even as Daniel and the three Hebrew children excelled above all others in the courts of Babylon. Your grandma may have been a horse-thief, and your grandpa may have rode with Jesse James, and you may live in a shack on Shantytown and go to the church with the broken windows, shredding carpet, and falling-apart pews. But you may be that one whom God is calling to "get Him exactly what He wants, even as David's mighty men went to get him that water!!" You just may be one that God is preparing to "go to the tables of negotiation" where some debts are going to begin to be paid!! You may be one who is CALLED AND CHOSEN BY GOD to be instrumental in the "conversion of kingdoms". It's going to be a high calling, and a holy calling because you are getting the Lord what He wants!! He wants this world and it's systems BACK from the devil!! He paid an awesome price for our redemption, and He's purchased us with His own blood, and we truly are in the process of very fully becoming His, and His alone.

Yes, we ourselves , were part of the "kingdoms of this world", and our own conversion signifies that He is truly successful in the translation of kingdoms! But there is a day coming when ALL of the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Lord, even as the waters cover the sea! (See Isaiah 11:9) ALL that God does, He does through His people!! Through a people prepared, He will continue His process of "kingdom-conversion" until EVERYTHING that brings expression into this earth IS an expression of His praise and His glory!! Beloved, we might even think of this as part of the "restoration of ALL things." Whatever belonged to God, will be His again.

Read the history of the ivy-league schools of this nation. What were their roots? Most of them started as seminaries to train people for the work of the ministry. Read the story of Cotton Mather. You will literally go between doing cartwheels in the spirit for the JOY of the reality of the godly history of this prominent historical figure to experiencing this man's intense deep grieving as you realize the suffering this man went through in his own spirit because he constantly anguished and agonized over the fear that he might some how be missing or hurting the Lord by his actions. When I began to read his history, I had to put it down because it was more than I could handle. I suffered in my spirit as I read this book because it was as if the Lord let me feel every pang of grief and conviction that man went through as he worked his way through his salvation with fear and trembling. And this man was instrumental in the founding of either Yale or Harvard, I do not recall which one. After reading that history of Cotton Mather, not for one moment do I believe God is going to leave his legacy forever in the hands of godless secular humanists! NO WAY!!! The conversion of kingdoms: God is TAKING BACK that which rightfully belongs to Him, and RESTORING ALL that was spoken by the prophets!! Glory to His Name!!

Who upon this earth can readily and easily distinguish the part that God might do sovereignly from the part that is requiring obedience on the behalf of His people?? One thing I do know: if God is asking me to do something that requires obedience, then THAT is the part that NEEDS obedience in order that it might be fulfilled.

Someone reading this is being challenged by the Spirit to apply for a high-level position in a major teaching hospital in this nation. Someone is being challenged to apply for a scholarship to attend an ivy-league school that seems absolutely impossible for you to find favor for such a thing!! My dear friend, it's not for your own glory, but it's because the Lord is preparing a people who are not to be the offscouring or a laughingstock, but who are being prepared to find favor NOT for any personal advantage, but because they are being SET IN PLACE BY GOD to do that little part of God's "kingdom conversion" plan which will be accomplished through the **"not many wise, mighty or noble"** spoken of in 1 Cor. 1:26.

I do not even begin to think I have adequate brain cells to feel I qualify for such a calling myself. (And I certainly don't have the stamina.) But as the Lord's servant, I know YOU are there reading, and that you are being challenged in your faith to enter into that place of preparation for this calling, and if you already have been in that place of preparation, then, by faith, step forth into that which God is calling you to do!! Don't be fearful, and don't waver. You know that the rest of us, your friends in the faith, are standing with you in prayer, and we are truly your biggest fans and supporters as you are going forth in His Name to move into those strategic places God has called you to fill!!

We don't need more marches, more intercessory groups, more "grass-roots" movements. We need those who are called and prepared by obedience to the Spirit to move into position whereby they are INTERCEPTING the generation of the worldly. Beloved, you cannot begin to make this up if it's not your position to have. The spiritual forces in play are way too powerful and strong for anyone not truly called, and anointed of God.

Well, when I feel the unction on something I can go on and on, and I know I should now rest. I trust in the Lord that you have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying, especially if this pertains to you.

I know by the Spirit I have really been talking to some people today!!

Always in His GREAT Name, and Glorious Love,

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The Coming Move of God

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I believe that God is releasing in the earth a move of His Holy Spirit that will exceed anything and everything He has done up to this point. What I have experienced in the River of God has made me hungry for more. What I have heard the contemporary prophets declare has led me to seek after more. What the biblical prophets foretold causes me to expect more.

But what can we expect and what should we look for as characteristics of this move? It would be a repetition of the error of previous generations to so precisely define the parameters of the move of God that any departure from our preconceived construct would be dismissed. However, I do believe that there are some definitive discernible characteristics emerging as the prophetic puzzle comes into place.

*The coming move will be defined by a greater revelation of His Glory. The glory of the latter house will exceed the former.

*Jesus will be the focus of this move. It's all about Him. No other foundation can be laid than that which is laid which is Jesus Christ. As we behold His image revealed by the Holy Spirit we will be transformed into that image.

*The coming move will release a fresh outpouring of the revelatory gifts. Prophecy, words of wisdom and knowledge, dreams and visions will increase in frequency, accuracy and intensity.

*In the coming move His Word will come forth with clarity, purity and precision. As the Word becomes alive the Body of Christ will be equipped to use the sword of the Spirit with the purpose of God to reveal the motives and intents of the hearts of men.

*In the coming move many will be refined, purged and purified. The cleansing work of the Holy Spirit will produce a people of holiness and righteousness derived from nearness to His presence and not from legalism and human control.

*In the coming move there will be unprecedented signs, wonders and miracles on the earth and in the heavens. Greater works are coming as we allow the anointing to flow through the pure conduit of the compassion of Christ.

*The coming move will bring about a tremendous harvest. No region of earth, no tribe or nation will be left untouched.

*In the coming move God will use a remnant to reveal His Glory. As many, including myself, have spoken of the "nameless faceless army" that God will use there is a danger of discounting the roles of individuals in this move. God has always used people to accomplish His will on the earth. Rather than diminishing the role of His Body, we will be taken into the full revelation of His Body---The Church of Jesus Christ fully alive, fully empowered and fully functioning as one.

*As this move of God increases, so will wickedness, evil, false signs and wonders and false religion. Those who practice deeds of darkness will become increasingly bold and outspoken. The wicked will act wickedly. The contrast of the godly remnant in the face of the godless will justify the ultimate judgment that God will bring on all who practice evil and love darkness rather than light. Just as the religious system of Jesus' day was a cumulative personification of all the previous generations of religious disobedience, so will the godless now be revealed as the perverse generation that they truly are. The self seeking pride, overt merciless violence, wanton debauchery and unbridled greed of this generation in contrast with the pure spotless bride will set the stage for the vindication of God's judgment on the unrighteous and mercy on His chosen.

*The coming move will be a sovereign work of God. Not by might or by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord! He has declared it, He will do it!

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The Cry Of My People

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Now it has started. Last night the Lord visited me in my bed with a part interpretation of the coming cloud.

"Listen, and again I say listen." So I stood in the middle of a treeless plain and feared for my own life, for my own salvation as the many sins that I have committed passed before my eyes. "Can you bear it, can you face the coming shame associated with declaring my word, my name, for your sin as well as that of the rest of my people is now before me says the Lord, and your judgment is upon you as well."

Then I said then why do you show me these things?

"Because you need to be cleansed with the persecution of my people. For if you listen and remain quiet you can hear a hissing and a murmur, and the accusations of those who you have addressed, and will address. They will not hold back, but will publish to all your many indiscretions, for they are loathsome and full of revenge.

The accuser of the brethren is rampart among my people. They have yielded to his desire to twist the truth. They are totally without scruples as they destroy the innocent with their lips, with their words of deceit and lies. They have forgotten the Good Word that I planted in them and are intent on making My work their own. Indeed they have taken ownership of My house, and turned it into a den of secrecy and control. They have twisted My word and used it to defend their own deceitful actions saying; "I'm a pastor, a prophet, a sage sent from God, hear me."

Well they are not from Me, for their father has no compassion, no regard, only the protection of self interest and greed. And they are their father's children. So you must be aware that you will be attacked and brought low. Many will leave you and scoff, even good trusted friends will leave and write you off as a crackpot a false prophet, but I will speak to you says the Lord, and turn your weakness into strength. The old man will indeed be slaughtered, but the new man in Christ shall see life and rejoice.

As the cloud approaches you will despair at the apparent uselessness of saying anything to anyone as you witness the innocent and the aware being put down without cause, then will come a quietness and the leaves of the trees will hang limp and the singing of the birds go quiet as the cloud gets closer.

He who hears, let him hear.

Then shall the declaration of my word from these so-called temples of mine be more and more polluted with the filth of pagan practices, and that which is evil shall be called good. Acceptance, acceptance, shall be the cry, in the midst of my rejection of these pagan forms of worship and kingdom building, these blind self indulging prophets of prosperity and debauchery shall accept every false wind that blows being even more deceived. They shall become ever more boastful and declare to all who question their evil intent that they cannot be touched, for they have heard from God!!

And indeed the god of this world has truly blinded theirs eyes to the coming judgment. Listen, says the Lord, this is not the intent of my heart to see calamity and pain amongst my people, indeed my heart bleeds for my own, and they shall be saved, but these wicked priests shall not stand in the cloud of judgment, as it descends upon my body the church, their name and deeds shall not be remembered in the land for ever. Unless they repent! So go now and ring out your own fouled, polluted garments of sin and selfishness, put away your wanton desires and seek my face even more, and it may be that you will be remembered and forgiven when I purge the temple.

For purge it, I will. Indeed weep before me, for your sins are many, and you have said; "I'm forgiven!" But repeat the same offences before me without shame. Well, be ashamed and repent and bow before me and return to me the worship the honour and the regard due to me, and I will once again take you and wash you clean and change your filthy rags and put a new coat on your back and heal you and your family.

But be warned the cloud contains blindness for all who ignore it's approach. Rent your clothes and fear for the lives of your own blood as I purge this temple. When, you say to me, when? Could it be when you have forgotten the words that I have spoken to you this day, and passed it off as some vain imagination? Read my word, for in it is the answer to the question you ask. But be assured you have time to repent and redeem the time you have wasted in wantonness and greed.

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Feel free to forward this word on to anyone you like, the time is short!!

Bride or Whore
Lance Abernethy

A vision. A Warning. Time to repent. A question: Bride or Whore.

This is an account of what the Lord spoke to me in a vision that began in the truck coming home from Perth at 4AM. I have been praying about my reaction or lack of it to the recent negative events in my life, especially my dealings with others who would call themselves my brethren. The following is the answer, not to my specific situation, but to the current standing of the Body of Christ, the church in this country today.

As I was driving the Lord asked me to look at the carcasses of the dead kangaroos that litter the side of the highway. He told me that each one represented the many churches that have, and continue, to die after colliding with a road train of lies, deceit, adultery, fornication, idolatry, witchcraft, that is disguised as prayer, lust, the Cain spirit, the greed of Esau, the nepotism of Eli, the broken down walls of sound teaching, and the increase of mystics and soothsayers and pseudo prophets, of gatherers, of deceitful wickedness in the priesthood.

Then the next day He showed me the crows and eagles feeding on these carcasses, stripping the bones white as they gorge themselves on the dead flesh. He said these are they who wait to devour those mislead into error and confusion by the strong lights of the road train as it speeds towards them. Notice He said, how they jump from this side of the road to the other, not sure just what it is that is coming, and then too late.

This road train that hits them is the pseudo ministries that have, and continue to wander this land promising the prosperous abundant life of Christ, but eating and partaking of it's firstfruits themselves. They entice the kangaroo, [the church] to the side of the road with the promise of better feed and water, and when it is dead they strip it bare and get another church to come closer to the road, to see the big light and to be blinded by it and die. Then he said look at the horizon behind you. There in the distance on the flat horizon was gathering a storm cloud of judgment, not against the ungodly, but against this body, this church, this whore, this impostor, who flaunts herself as His bride. Who dresses herself up in His blessings, in His word, in His promises, and calls them all by a name of her choosing. Around her waist are the knives of gossip and backbiting with the innocent blood of those she has consigned to death by innuendo, malice, and ill will. Her dress is stained with the blood of those who have died of mortal wounds in her grasp as she has taken their sanity, sincerity, money, and heart for God and flung it on the ground in the name of Jesus. Come to me, come to me she cries. Be part of me. I'll show you heaven, worship my music, worship my preachers, pay homage with your tithes, give me a bigger building to parade myself in.

Then the Lord said "Lance you too have been part of that whore, that lustful wench, you too have wanted her goods, her acceptance, her charisma. If you don't repent, then you too will lay as a dead sinew, a dead bone, a dead stinking piece of rotting skin and flesh beside the road".

Then He said "your children, and the children who have witnessed the deceitful dealings of this so-called bride, in the lives of their families, and who no longer follow me, because of the forked tongues, the false witness, and charades played by their parents with the whore are safe. I took them out to protect them, and yes, they wander, but they shall return when I show them the truth that you neglected too. So write this down, and go all of you who hear the word of this prophecy and repent and seek God, or you will die in your deception and wickedness. Cease from all that is corrupt and a stench in my nostrils, and take heed to when you think you stand in your riches, knowledge and way of life, for without the mercy and blood of my Son Jesus you are but a fleeting irritant in my sight".

My God have mercy on all of us!

Lance Abernethy.
"It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God". Heb.10.31.

The Coin Purse

Mary Clark

The Lord showed me a coin purse. It was light blue and had a curved ruffle trimming the opening. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

I want My children to recognize My work in their lives. I want them to be grateful for all that I am doing. I want them to know that the time is coming when they will look on My work with new eyes, and when this time comes, I would be extremely grateful to hear exclamations of joy. Don’t hold back, beloved. Speak words of loving acceptance to Me for all that I am doing, and know that it delights My heart to hear those words. Yes, it delights Me right down to My toes.

A process is on the way in which you will see benefits arise in your life that will catch you by surprise. You will see your finances with a different view. No longer will you look on your finances with an eye to hoard. Oh, no! You will look on your funds with an eye to bless, and bless, and bless. You, beloved, are going to let the finances flow out of your heart and into the hearts of other. The flow from your heart to others will spill over into your view of your finances, and you will see that the more you give the more you will receive. It will be a constant cycle – a constant cycle where you will know beyond a doubt that your Lord has intervened in your life in an astronomical way. Yes, blessings, upon blessings, upon blessings are coming your way, because of your giving.

I am telling you, beloved, that your finances are about to take on a new look – a look that will surprise and delight. When this happens, I want you to know that it is My delight to bless you as you bless others. It is My delight to see your needs met far above your expectations. So get ready for something fancy to appear in your life – something that many will look on with an eye to correct, but you will know that no correction is needed. Your God is doing what He does best. He is multiplying the gifts that He has already given you. He is multiplying them triple-fold. Why? Because you, beloved, have taken on a new attitude – an attitude to bless and NOT hoard, and this is to the delight of your King. It is to the delight of My heart.

So accept the plenty that is coming your way. Accept it, knowing that I am giving to you that you may be a giver to others. I am heaping upon those who will be My conduits of blessings more than their hearts could ever contain. And know this, too, beloved: The container that these gifts will be coming in you will look upon as a bit extraordinary. I want you to know that the frills were put there by your King, and with every frill will come something that is guaranteed to bless – guaranteed to bless you and to bless those to whom you give. I am returning something triple-fold to those who will step out in the confidence of the living God and behold His goodness firsthand. Those who delight in the knowledge of My will in their lives will know something of great wonder: You have inherited something of greater value than you could ever have dreamed. You have inherited something of a value greater than you have ever had in your lives, and I am moving you forward into My plans, enabling you to manifest My giving heart to all who will receive. This is the hour for the most extraordinary. This is the hour for My goodness to manifest triple-fold in the lives of My chosen. Yes! This is the hour to open your coin purse, peer in and see the goodness of your God in a way you never dreamed existed, for I am about to cause an increase to flood through you to others. And when this happens, the world will see you with new eyes – inquiring eyes – eyes of envy – extreme envy, for they will know that you have been blessed – blessed beyond their knowledge, and beyond your expectations.

I am opening the gates, and letting the personal goods flow to those who will be My ready conduits, ready to give out more than their hearts can contain. I about to show Myself in all of My generosity. You, My beloved, are about to see an hour of benevolence unfold that will surprise you, but just keep this in mind: Did I not say that I am a benevolent King, willing that all should come into the knowledge of My love – willing that all should know Me and My provision? I am about to reveal that side of My nature in a most extraordinary way, dear child, and when I do, once again you will give a sigh of contentment – contentment in knowing Me – knowing Who I am, and resting in the sweet sensations of your God as He strokes your heart, introducing you to a final discovery about His love that will give you cause to wonder. But be at rest – rest in the knowledge that this One Who gave His life is still giving. He is giving more than you than you could ever hope. More than you ever suspected is being poured forth for the beloved – My bride – the one I have prepared to walk down the aisle adorned with the finest – the finest that this life could have to offer – the finest that the world will look upon in awe – the finest that could only be called ethereal. That is what you may expect, sweet and generous giver – the ethereal presence of your God, manifesting in your life and introducing you to a new day of fun-filled surprise, replete with My abiding glory – My sweet and affectionate love!!!

*ethereal – not earthly, celestial, heavenly

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The Coming Of The Lord

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When I was a boy, the cry of the church was, "Jesus is coming! Like a thief in the night, he will return when you least expect him. He'll come in the twinkling of an eye, with the sound of the trumpet. Be ready at all times."

Throughout my teenage years, this cry was heard at every Sunday meeting. Every evangelist who came to preach in my father's church had a stirring message about the soon return of Christ. Their cries are burned into my memory. And the message formed in me a godly fear and expectancy. I learned to live expecting the Lord to return at any moment.

This cry, "Jesus is coming", is seldom heard in the church today. I can't remember the last time I heard a message on the coming of the Lord. As a result, when I look at Christ's body, I see little expectancy for the Lord's soon return. Sadly, only a few righteous servants seem to yearn and look for his appearing.

In fact, there is a new mindset on this subject among many Christians. The thinking is, "Jesus isn't coming. We've heard that for years now. Of all the prophecies that need to be fulfilled before his return, only a few have come to pass. Why should we expect his appearing? Everything continues just as it has."

The Bible warned of this very mindset. Peter said scoffers would come in the last days, mocking the message of Christ's return: "There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation" (2 Peter 3:3-4).

Incredibly, many dread the sudden return of Christ. The very thought of their life coming to an end, and of having to face a day of judgment, is so frightening that they put it out of their minds. How could this be true of believers, you ask? According to Peter, their lives are dictated by lusts: "walking after their own lusts" (3:3).

Think about what Peter is saying. If you cling to a bosom sin, you want nothing to do with this message of Christ's return. The idea that Jesus will come and judge you is the most frightening thought any sinner could have. So you have to mock the idea of having to stand before God in your consuming lust and give an account.

Peter's message to us is clear: "Here is what's behind all the flippancy about Christ's coming: a mockery of God's law. It's a hatred for the Bible, a despising of the Ten Commandments, a contempt for the evangelical gospel. That's the cause behind all the lawlessness, the flaunting of sin, the powerlessness of the church. Mockers are preaching a new message: 'Christ isn't coming. There is no day of reckoning. All things continue just as they have for years. You don't have to fear a judgment day.'"

Just as Peter prophesied, those mockers are here today. And they're not mocking the law of the land. They're mocking the laws of God. We see it in the push to break down the institution of marriage between a man and a woman. Their focus isn't the Constitution, but God's Word. And these mockers are in high places: in Congress, in high courts, in colleges and schools, even in biblical seminaries.

Because of this rampant lawlessness, people have been plagued with a willful blindness. Mockers can be heard saying, "All things continue on in an orderly fashion. The sun will rise on schedule tomorrow, the seasons will come and go. All the warnings we heard in the past still haven't come to pass. So, let nothing disturb you. Indulge and enjoy yourself. Do whatever makes you happy."

I have to shake my head at this. How could anyone living today say that things continue as they always have? Think of the absurdity of this statement, in these terrifying times. Terrorists have destroyed the Twin Towers in New York. They've blown up a train station in Spain. And they're beheading people in the Middle East.

It has been said that a mass genocide like the Holocaust could never happen in our day. Yet 700,000 innocent Rwandans have been slaughtered by their own countrymen in a matter of months. AIDS is killing millions in Africa, China, India and other nations. Rogue countries with the hydrogen bomb are poised to hold the rest of the world hostage. And there is a rise of deadly new diseases, such as SARS and Ebola, that consume a person's flesh within weeks.

"All things continue as they have"? What willful ignorance. It should be clear even to the ungodly that the Lord is shaking everything that can be shaken. And what's coming in the near future is too dreadful even to think about.

Yet, as all these things happen, there is a mighty, unseen power at work in the earth. It's a power no man can evade or ignore. I'm talking about the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Christ's administrator on earth. He was sent to empower the righteous, and to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment.

The Holy Spirit knows exactly why Jesus hasn't come yet. It is because our Lord is longsuffering. He is patient toward sinners, willing that no person should perish. In his mercy, he's waiting for the vilest sinner to repent. And for that very reason, the Holy Spirit will not let up on his assignment. You can mock him or try to shake him off, but the Spirit comes again and again, convicting of sin and revealing the truth of Christ.

--- Although mockers will come, Scripture says the Holy Spirit will also come in the last days, being poured out on the earth. ---

This has happened, at Pentecost. And now, at the closing of the age, the Holy Spirit is making a final, midnight cry: "Jesus is coming." Islamics and Hindus will hear this cry. Atheists will hear it. Every sinner and saint, every Jew and Gentile on earth, will hear it. This truth will be proclaimed to the nations.

You may ask, "What kind of 'coming of the Lord' are you talking about? Are you referring to a secret rapture? Are you speaking of a pre-tribulation return, or mid-trib, or post-trib? Or, do you mean Jesus will come at the very end of time?"

Some Christians believe that Jesus will suddenly evacuate his people from the earth in what's called a rapture. Others teach that Christ will come midway through a period known as the great tribulation. This period will last for seven years, and will be marked by terror and chaos such as the world has never seen. Others believe Jesus will come at the end of this seven-year tribulation period. Still others teach that Christ will return at the very end of all things.

There are respected biblical scholars in each of these camps. Yet there is one thing every Christian can agree on: Jesus himself says no man knows the hour of his coming, not even the angels. And for the true lover of Christ, the timing of his return is not an issue. Such servants are ready to go at any time, whether through a sudden rapture or in the midst of tribulation. It doesn't matter to them whether they have to endure terrible trials and suffering. They trust that the same Jesus who carries them through each day now will see them through all things. They live in constant expectancy of his return.

No, there is a greater issue at work here. And that is the wicked thought that Satan has implanted in many who claim to be true believers. The devil is whispering a vicious lie into the ears of multitudes of God's people: "Christ has delayed his coming."

In Matthew 24, Jesus tells a parable about being ready: "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

"But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to smite his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, and shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 24:44-51).

Note that Jesus is speaking about servants here, meaning believers. One servant is called faithful and the other evil. What makes the latter servant evil in God's eyes? According to Jesus, it's something he "shall say in his heart" (24:48). This servant doesn't voice such a thought, and he doesn't preach it. But he thinks it. He has sold his heart on the demonic lie, "The Lord delays his coming." Notice he doesn't say, "The Lord isn't coming," but "he delays his coming." In other words: "Jesus won't come suddenly or unexpectedly. He won't return in my generation."

This "evil servant" is clearly a type of believer, perhaps even one in ministry. He was commanded to "watch" and "be ready," "for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 24:44). Yet this man eases his conscience by accepting Satan's lie.

Jesus shows us the fruit of this kind of thinking. If a servant is convinced that the Lord has delayed his coming, then he sees no need for right living. He isn't compelled to make peace with his fellow servants. He doesn't see the need to preserve unity in his home, at work, in church. He could smite his fellow servants, accuse them, hold grudges, destroy their reputations. As Peter says, this servant is driven by his lusts. He wants to live in two worlds, indulging in evil living while believing he's safe from righteous judgment.

--- Some claim that Paul warned against preaching that the Lord's coming is near, so as not to excite people. ---

Paul wrote, "We beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand" (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2).

Scoffers point out, "See, someone in the early church shook up believers with the message that Christ was about to come. And Paul told them, 'No, don't worry about it. Don't let it trouble or concern you.'"

But that's not what the original Greek reveals. The root word is "[be not shaken]...that the day of the Lord has come." What disturbed the Thessalonians was they thought Christ had already come, and that they'd missed it.

Paul reassures them in the next verse, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition" (2:3). Paul was only addressing their fears when he said, "Don't be worried, because two things have to happen first."

So, what was Paul's primary theology about Christ's return? We find it in two passages: "Knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, and the day is at hand" (Romans 13:11-12). "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand" (Philippians 4:5). Paul is crying, "Wake up! It's past midnight already. The Lord's coming is drawing near, so stir yourself. Don't be slothful. Jesus is coming for those who expect him."

Skeptics may ask, "But what about Paul's own words? He did say two things had to happen before

Christ returns. First, the Lord can't come until a great apostasy takes place. And second, the Antichrist has to rise up and proclaim himself God. We have to see the Antichrist sitting in the temple, demanding that people worship him, before Jesus will come."

First of all, you have to be willfully blind not to see a raging apostasy gripping the whole world. Unbelief is sweeping through nations, with believers falling away from faith on all sides. The apostasy Paul refers to clearly has arrived.

Note Paul's words here: "The mystery of iniquity doth already work" (2 Thessalonians 2:7). What is this mystery of iniquity? It is lawlessness. It's a spirit of chaos, with no respect for God's law. And it's the very reason why God destroyed the earth by Flood, because of man's violence and lawlessness.

If the lawlessness that Paul saw in his day has only increased, it's no wonder decent people today are alarmed and frightened by what they see happening. Laws and institutions that for ages kept society from falling into chaos are being torn down left and right.

Paul says of this, "He who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way" (2:7). He's telling us, "There is a restraining power at work, holding back the chaos. But that restrainer is about to be removed." The Spirit will always be here to fulfill his mission. But his restraining ministry will be "taken," or lifted, "out of the way."

I can think of no power that's able to restrain lawlessness other than the Holy Spirit. Think about what happens to a society when the Holy Spirit lifts his restraining power. Every institution, from government down to families, spins totally out of control. I can't imagine what New York City would be like without the Restrainer holding back wickedness from erupting. I wouldn't want to be near this city if the Holy Spirit weren't at work.

Yet we see a spirit of lawlessness at work all over the world. The Antichrist forces are already gathering and revealing themselves at high levels. Right now, the European Union is putting into place a Constitution that totally denies God. A Pentecostal minister in Sweden sits in jail today for preaching against homosexuality. That's just one sign of how the stage is being set.

You may say, "Yes, but Paul clearly says Jesus can't come until the Antichrist is in power." Yet, consider what Scripture says: "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son" (1 John 2:22). According to John, the Antichrist is anyone who denies the Father and the Son. Moreover, he says, the increase of such Antichrists is proof that we're living in the very last days. In addition, there will come a man who will embody the "name of sin."

In short, nothing is holding back Christ's return. Think of the worldwide terrorism, the deification of self, the blatant attacks on marriage and godly values. Think of Islamic brutality, militant homosexuality, the vileness of TV and movies, the widespread molestation of children. One Catholic diocese on the west coast recently declared bankruptcy, unable to pay the millions awarded to sixty childhood molestation victims by one priest.

Consider that all this has been under restraint until now. I ask you, what happens when God says to the One who has been restraining it all, "Lift your restraining hand. Let it run its course to the climax"? Paul gives us a picture: "(The Restrainer) will...be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed" (2 Thessalonians 2:7-8).

The Holy Spirit knows what is soon to take place, when there will be no more restraint. Every man will give himself over to his lusts. Every militant religion will force its gods on others. Every holy thing will be despised. Every law will be broken freely. And the backslidden church will preach the most corrupt, damnable doctrines of hell.

Everything is in place for this to happen even now. Great apostasy has covered the earth. Self has taken the throne of men's hearts. And in a very short time, when the Restrainer is gone, there will come what Paul calls a "strong delusion, that they should believe a lie" (2 Thessalonians 2:11).

What is this lie? It's the blind acceptance that anyone who comes in Jesus' name speaks for God. False teachers will arise who acknowledge Christ as a good man but not as God: "having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof" (2 Timothy 3:5). Those who follow these deceivers will be drawn to another Jesus, another gospel. The blindness will be sweeping, catching up multitudes, including those who were once on fire for the Lord.

Why is God going to stop the Restrainer? Because, Paul says, "They...believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thessalonians 2:12). Right now we're seeing the Holy Spirit's restraints being lifted a little more each day.

--- This brings me to the heart of my message: the heart-cry of the man or woman who is in Christ. ---

In Revelation, Jesus announces, "Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book" (Revelation 22:7). Five verses later Christ says, "Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (22:12).

Here is the cry of all who look expectantly for Jesus' return: "The Spirit and the bride say, Come" (22:17). This refers to the bride of Christ, made up of a worldwide body of believers under his Lordship. All these servants are born-again, blood-cleansed believers.

You may ask, "I understand this is the believer's heart-cry. But why would the Spirit also cry to Jesus, 'Come'?" It is because this is the Holy Ghost's last prayer, knowing his work on earth is almost completed. Like Paul or Peter, who were told by God their time was short, the Spirit likewise cries, "Come, Lord Jesus."

So, where do we hear this cry of the Spirit today? It comes through those who are seated with Christ in heavenly places, who live and walk in the Spirit, their bodies the temple of the Holy Ghost. The Spirit cries in and through them, "Hasten, Lord, come."

Let me ask you: when was the last time you prayed, "Lord Jesus, come quickly, come soon"? Personally, I can't remember praying this prayer. The fact is, I never knew I could hasten Christ's coming by allowing the Spirit to pray this prayer through me. Yet Peter gives us proof of this incredible truth: "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat" (2 Peter 3:12). In Greek, the phrase "hasting...the coming of (that) day" means "to speed up, to urge on." Peter says our expectant prayers are hastening, speeding up, urging the Father to send back his Son quickly.

Only one issue is holding up that glorious event. It is a single unresolved matter: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (3:9).

The Lord's merciful patience dictates the timing of his return. So, does this mean we shouldn't pray for his coming? Not at all. Christ himself tells us in Mark's gospel, "In those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days" (Mark 13:19-20). Imagine what might happen if, all over the world, Christ's bride were to wake up and pray in the Spirit, "Jesus, come."

Yet, if I believe the world is racing toward unrestrained chaos, and that Christ is coming soon, then my cry must be aimed at my unprepared family and friends. It would be hypocritical for me to pray for Jesus to come, and yet not intercede for my loved ones to be ready for that day. My prayer must be, "Come, Lord. But first, give my lost family and friends ears to hear. Save them, save the lost."

Paul wrote to his spiritual son, Timothy, "Without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day" (2 Timothy 1:3). Can you say with a pure conscience that you've prayed for your unsaved loved ones with such intensity?

--- Here is the heart of the matter. ---

For a moment, set aside all doctrines about Christ's coming. Consider this heart-cry of the man or woman who loves his appearing: "Then we shall see him face to face. We shall behold him" (see 1 Corinthians 13:12). Jesus' coming shouldn't disturb you. It ought to thrill you. If you truly love someone, you want to be near that person. Can you imagine what it will be like for Jesus to call your name?

Imagine a couple who's newly married, and the husband is called away for an extended period, perhaps on business or in the military. He tells his bride, "I'll be back, but I don't know when. Here's the address where you can reach me."

For the first few years, that bride writes to her husband often, with beautiful love letters. Yet she never says, "Please, come back soon!" Ten years pass, then twenty, and she writes him less and less. Still, she never says, "Come quickly, I beseech you. I need your embrace, I need to see your face. I'm praying for your soon return."

This is a picture of the church today. How can we tell Christ we love him and miss him, yet never pray that he comes back for us? How can we never express to him that he must return soon and take us with him, so we can be in his constant company? How can we not say, "I can't handle this anymore without your being here. I don't want to be away from you"?

In the midst of these times, I hear Jesus saying, "Surely I come quickly" (Revelation 22:20). And I hear the bride of Christ answering, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (22:20).

The Crack In The Liberty Bell

Bill Yount

In the Spirit came a vision of the Liberty Bell. My attention was naturally drawn to the crack in the Bell. I felt in my Spirit somewhat grieved to feel how it seemed to signify such a deep fatal crack in the true liberty and freedom of our nation. Could that breach ever be repaired? Why wasn't at least the physical defect of the Bell ever filled in with more metal? Would the Bell's scar be prophetic, representing our nation's fatal epitaph, unchangeable like the Grand Canyon engraved into Arizona. If only that crack was not there. I felt mesmerized by it. For the longest time my eyes could not move nor could my eyelids even blink...

Then suddenly as though in a twinkling of an eye, the brightest light pierced through that dark crack like a dam bursting. My head immediately turned away from the brightness emanating out of that crack. Instantly I had a knowing that this was the very Shekinah Glory of God. Looking away form its brightness, I saw a huge rope that was attached to the Bell. This rope appeared intertwined and braided. It appeared to be made out of the prayers and intercessions of God's people.

I then saw the Hand of the Lord begin to reach down towards this rope to get a hold of it. The Lord then spoke. "This Liberty Bell is going to ring again!" I then remembered the words inscribed on that Bell... "Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof." It was now a rhema word from Heaven.

In the Spirit I had a knowing that the Liberty Bell would be heard again spiritually throughout Philadelphia and across this nation. And the sound of Liberty, the Shekinah Glory of God would begin to rise up out of obscurity and be seen even in the gross darkest places of our nation.

Tradition holds that the Bell cracked while it was being rung during a funeral service in memory of a sheriff. Prophetically, it will ring again for the life and the Glory of a King who still lives in our land!

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Real Estate Angels

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In the Spirit I saw what appeared to be 'real estate' angels serving eviction notices to the enemy that seemed to have temporary ownership of much of the earth. The eviction notice being handed to the enemy was short and sweet... "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." signed, Jesus Christ; Lord of Heaven and Earth! (Past experience - 'Jewish Carpenter'

New vocation - 'Real Estate Business.')

At what seemed like a million eviction notices being sent out over the earth to principalities and powers that were clutching tenaciously onto portions of the earth such as nations, cities, stadiums, huge drug dealer mansions and properties. Jesus spoke to it all with one word to the enemy... "That's Mine! And I'll take those people dwelling inside those properties and lands with it!" I heard an angel choir singing over buildings, houses and properties. "Redeemed, Redeemed, Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb! The Kingdoms of this earth are becoming the Kingdoms of our God!"

I saw a strong angel setting up a huge real estate sign over the nation of Israel, reading... "Not For Sale - Never! Jewish Carpenter building on site."

Those two words from Jesus' lips, "That's Mine!" seemed to be amplified throughout the earth and were now reverberating inside the ears of the 'prince of the power of the air.' The powers of heaven were being shaken as angels proclaimed. "Earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord!"

Jesus read the fine red print to the enemy at the bottom of the eviction notice. "And those are My buildings, My houses, My cattle on My thousand hills and those are My fences around those cattle that belong to me!.... any questions, Mr. Devil?"

I heard a strong command given to the angels. "Tear those fences down and free My cattle for My Glory!"

It seemed like the season of 'retroactive pay increase' was in for many in the Body of Christ who had sacrificed many things in their walk with the Lord. Mark 10:29,30 was being activated in the Spirit. "And Jesus answered and said, "Verily I say unto you, there is no man or woman who has left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake, and the gospel's, (30.) But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time; HOUSES, brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and LANDS, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life."

If you have been praying about a house, a building or property, be very specific with the Lord of all the earth... He is now in the 'real estate' business!

The Day After Tomorrow
Bob Neumann

In 48 hours a new movie from Hollywood will begin it's "theatrical run". Almost a year ago I first heard the title and THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT prompted my attention to it's title. The title is "THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW". Now I am talking to you, people of THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT, about the title....not the movie. For right now that is...

As I said, it has been a year since I began to ponder this title. In that year the internet has carried forth thousands of "prophetic words", "dreams", and "visions". Certain common threads are out there for all to see. Judgment is a biggy. This includes earthquakes, nuclear attack, tidal waves, tornadoes, asteroid strikes, and invasion of the west coast by Chinese troops. Please do not limit them to these six events. Any one or more occurring will bring fear and pain enough to those in proximity.

Now there are many who have "shared" these images. Likewise there are those who come against them for many reasons. "Spreading fear" and "panic" is a major tool of the "nay sayers". And they usually follow it by a round of "GOD" is good, loving, merciful, and full of grace. Now that is indeed true, but they never mention that "GOD" is HOLY, RIGHTEOUS, and GREAT AND TERRIBLE. Those two seem to go together well. Ask DAVID....CLAP YOUR HANDS
ALL YEE PEOPLE....

THE MIGHTY KING over all the earth has this penchant of doing things HIS WAY. Which means it is to PLEASE THE FATHER. So you can ask why all these prophetic words, dreams, and visions especially now? I have an answer which many will not like, but that is tough on the mockers and the scorners. Scripture gives us a number of key scriptures that tell us both the HOW and the WHY these "IMAGES" have come forth over the last year....and even longer. It is these scriptures that I have pondered the last year. All who read this posting to the internet will probably be familiar with each of these scriptures. Whether you will have seen them in the context I will place before you may be the greatest challenge for you.

[27] And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.
[28] And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:
[29] And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.
[30] And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
[31] The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD come.
[32] And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

This of course is Joel 2. Peter quoted from it in Acts. We all love the image of "I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH". As we should. But after that we are told of "THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE DAY". Which is THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.

[6] Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it?
[7] Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.
[8] The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

This of course is Amos 3. Now Joel also spoke of blowing the TRUMPETS. So here we are given the simple point that GOD reveals "HIS SECRET" unto HIS SERVANTS....let me stop there for a short moment, please. There are many who use this scripture and there only focus is "the prophets". Shame on them. SERVANTS comes before prophets. At least in HIS EYES and in HIS WORD. So why so many negate this? The old testament abounds with FALSE PROPHETS. SELAH.

Onward....JOB 33....
[12] Behold, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee, that God is greater than man.
[13] Why dost thou strive against him? for he giveth not account of any of his matters.
[14] For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not.
[15] In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;
[16] Then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instruction,
[17] That he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man.
[18] He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.
[19] He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain:
[20] So that his life abhorreth bread, and his soul dainty meat.
[21] His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen; and his bones that were not seen stick out.
[22] Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave, and his life to the destroyers.

Many have taught that JOB predates all of the rest of scripture. I will not argue because to me JOB is a special book, and JOB 33 is profound...even if it comes from one of JOB'S FRIENDS. Here we are specifically told important facts.... THAT GOD SPEAKS IN DREAMS....NIGHT VISIONS...for the purpose of instruction. But we are told that GOD SPEAKS ONCE...YEA TWICE....yet "man" perceiveth it not. So if THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT speaks and it is sealed, what is missed? THE SECOND MEANING....or PURPOSE? This the reader must decide. Verse 18 is important....

[18] He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

See the word "AND"? It separates "his soul" and "his life".

[23] But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.
[24] The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.
[25] It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?
[26] Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.
[27] What I tell you in darkness, that speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, that preach ye upon the housetops.
[28] And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Now I could have used Matthew 10:28 to link with JOB 33:18, but then we miss the context. Which is simply persecution. Yet we are told not to fear the events to come. We are to FEAR GOD. HE WHO SITS ON THE WHITE THRONE.

So "we" have had dreams and visions. "We" have listened and obeyed THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT, have shared them on this thing called the internet, and face to face with many. Yes I have been told over and over that we "all see" through a "glass darkly". But is that the whole or only issue Paul was dealing with?

[9] For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
[10] But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.
[11] When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
[12] For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
[13] And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

To me Paul is saying that there will come a point in time where "that which is perfect is come". Few mention that point, do they?

We who have had dreams and visions, who have interceded, fasted and prayed, have shared what we "were given". But that is all today. The glass darkly I will concede. But what happen when "THAT DAY COMES"? When all that was warned by THE MASTER and the prophets takes place? What happens when the events of our dreams and visions begin to fall like dominoes? Prophetically the only TOMORROW we should be looking toward, shouting warnings of, preparing for IN OBEDIENCE is THE DAY OF THE LORD.

[12] And they told to Mordecai Esther's words.
[13] Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews.
[14] For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

For such a time as this...

Whether we like it or not, the times were set from the foundation of the WORLD. We look at today and worry and fret because of our misfortunes, our persecutions.

Yet were we not told...**Matthew 6**
[33] But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
[34] Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

We have enough "evil" today to deal with...tomorrow will come. But in all this we forget that truly there is a DAY AFTER TOMORROW...........

Revelation 19 But is all this sufficient to get us beyond the fears and evils of today to see beyond the events we are warned of? I regret to say most can not get beyond them. Maybe that is why so much of the WORD is "dark" in it's images. Maybe that is why so many "fear" judgment. Too many have been taught that judgment is wrath. But then again we have false teachers as well as false prophets...and false shepherds.... and false brethren.

All this I have pondered because of a simple movie title... THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW. but sufficient unto the day.... Selah Bob Neumann

The Day After Tomorrow....Present Images
Bob Neumann

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It's interesting when you see manifest in the natural what THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT has shown you in the VALLEY of VISION. For weeks the commercials for the movie THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW have been shown and even HBO has put out a 30 minute promo on the making of this film. So someone is sure trying to "sell it". But that is the purpose of mercantilism, isn't it? To make money from your efforts? Of course! But sometimes people forget little things like that. Instead I could wager that there are people out there pondering what great spiritual significance might lie behind this film at this point in history. And I know I would win whatever bet would be wagered.

Some may wonder why I might think this. Simply put, I remember the past. I remember how so many saw great revelations when the TITANIC sank. Likewise there was a big send off on THE MATRIX because of the names used by the characters. Did GOD use these movies to "speak to" individuals? Why not. Just because I got nothing from THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT on these movies means nothing. I have had my own share of "events" raised by THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT in the least likely of movies.

As of today, this movie has not yet opened to the public, so I have no idea whether this is a "good" movie or not. But let me explain how I "define" the term GOOD as in reference to a movie. First is it "entertaining"? Solid story, professional acting with intelligent dialogue, and a plausible plot. I also like a catchy tune and special effects. Now there are those who will place the term GOOD in this aspect as religious, or even worse, HOLY. In that aspect GOOD has a caveat. JESUS HIMSELF SAID....

Matthew 19
[16] And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?
[17] And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

So taking HIS WORDS to heart I want to share with you 4 IMAGES that THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT brought most strongly to my awareness when viewing the trailers and previews to this movie. Three are very visual, and one was audio. Again let me point out that this is what THE MOST HIGH has given to me to specifically share with all of HIS who may run into this post on the INTERNET. The fact that all 4 of these images also point to the "STATE OF THE CHURCH" as it really is today may be why I am writing this. How HE is SPINNING these multilayered IMAGES within my spirit man in itself intrigues me........ so let me start........

The first image is of a man at a meeting. A conference. And there is a map of the UNITED STATES. The man takes a marker and slashes a line on the map. The idea is that everyone NORTH of that line must move SOUTH or they will die. Simple MESSAGE! If this was some wild-eyed ELIYAHOO type they could have all picked up stones. Instead he is a scientist. So maybe stones will still work. But there are gainsayers all over, even here. Personally this image parallels a vision I had maybe 5 years ago when I lived in MIAMI, Florida. Heavy snow on the ground in AUGUST. It was published on the internet.

The second image was a satellite shot of a massive storm cell with a 50 mile wide VORTEX. The whole storm covered all of the UNITED STATES and CANADA. This also points to that SNOW VISION I mentioned above. But here THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT hit me between the eyes with..."YOUR LAND WILL BE COVERED BY MY JUSTICE." When I made note of this I was very aware of the TERM "JUSTICE" was used and not "JUDGMENT". When in prayer over this I was led to one specific chapter in scripture. Deuteronomy 28. More on this later.

The third image was the most intense to me. A TSUNAMI///TIDAL WAVE hits NEW YORK CITY....a wall of WATER six stories high crushes everything in it's path. Again the Hollywood images parallel too many visions I and others have had. To see in THE NATURAL what one has WITNESSED in the SPIRIT is intensely sobering. Granted this movie is not real. It is SPECIAL EFFECTS. Yet to walk in THE VALLEY OF VISION is not lessened at all by what man attempts.

A case in point was an "effort" by NBC....the National Broadcasting Company.......that aired in early May called "10.5". It was a dramatization of the anticipated "BIG ONE" which scientist have warned of and people have had dreams and visions of for years and years. Artistically....it was a BAD movie. Slow, dull, and amateurish. Add to that the science was way-off. But who cares. I have looked for several weeks at prophetic sites to see if anyone commented on it. So far I have not. Now everyone "knows" that someday the WEST COAST will be hit by a whopper of a geological event. Only when, where, and how bad are questions still relevant. When the prophets paraphrase the geologists I am not going to jump and shout on those issues.

But what I will JUMP AND SHOUT about was the fourth IMAGE...the ONE I HEARD. Is it in the MOVIE....I am not sure....but I SURE HEARD IT in my spirit. "SAVE AS MANY AS YOU CAN".

Now is this WORD for me....Bob Neumann....or is it for the people out there with EARS TO HEAR and EYES TO SEE.

This point I have pondered over a week now. I was getting no answers. Until I turned on the TV and found myself on TCM....TURNER CLASSIC MOVIES....as in TED TURNER of CNN, etc. They were having a marathon....of JOHN WAYNE MOVIES....in fact I give you.......FORT APACHE....SHE WORE A YELLOW RIBBON.... RIO GRANDE. All are JOHN FORD WESTERN.....UNITED STATES CAVALRY....based on stories by JAMES WARNER BELLAH. Mr. Bellah's stories were based on many actual events and published by THE SATURDAY EVENING POST...of NORMAN ROCKWELL fame.

Throughout these movies you will here BUGLE CALLS. REVILE, RUFFLES AND FLOURISHES, OFFICER'S CALL, and even TAPS. And in my spirit I hear JOEL calling to blow THE TRUMPET ON ZION....SOUND THE ALARM....ON HIS HOLY MOUNTAIN.

1 Corinthians 14
[7] And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?
[8] For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?
[9] So likewise ye, except ye utter by the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.

In my SPIRIT I am hearing a very distinct sound. A week ago I had a "TUNE" going through my head. Catchy and clear...without words. JUST MELODY AND CADENCE. The next day I kept hearing HAVA NAGILA. A joyful old tune of ABRAHAM'S SEED. It took awhile for THE LORD to show me what that first tune was...and from where it came from. The tune was played by a "hornpipe" and was danced to by sailors in a movie called HMS DEFIANT. At least that was the original name when released in England. The key to the story was the abuse of authority. Abuse of the people that that authority was placed over. like I said, all these images also speak to the church in North America. Which take me to Deuteronomy 28.

[1] If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.
[2] All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:
[3] You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

Stop right there. Something about "FOLLOW ALL HIS COMMANDS".....now the hard part....all there are 14 verse of BLESSING.... the CURSING covers verses 15-68. 40 more....40....anyone figure it out?

[15] However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:
[16] You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country.
[17] Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed.
[18] The fruit of your womb will be cursed, and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.
[19] You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out.
[20] The LORD will send on you curses, confusion and rebuke in everything you put your hand to, until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him.
[21] The LORD will plague you with diseases until he has destroyed you from the land you are entering to possess....

Try and read the rest without breaking out in a sweat. I can't. Now all of this and the previous post I send out not because of some movie. But from a WALK through the VALLEY OF VISION I took last Saturday Morning. I will share that next. But unless the scriptures of these two postings prompt or stir something within you, I wonder if a VISION will.

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But You...You My Beloved Have Chosen To Stay.
You have bound yourselves to Me...for life. Just as Ruth said to Naomi, *"Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. I will go wherever you go and live wherever you live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.*
Ruth 1:16

BECAUSE YOU HAVE REMAINED FAITHFUL, even in the face of many who are bitter and feel abandoned by me...

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I AM DRAWING YOU, yes leading you into a place where you will not only glean what others have dropped in hasty past harvests, **but I will instruct My servants of the hour, my angelic hosts** to leave in the fields of your labor, choice grain. Enough for you to see the pathway to My dream for you. I will provide you with cool spiritual drink to quench your dry and aching throat.

"Boaz said, Listen, my daughter. Stay right here with us when you gather grain; don't go to any other fields. Stay right behind the women working in my field. See which part of the field they are harvesting, and then follow them. I have warned the young men not to bother you. And when you are thirsty, help yourself to the water they have drawn from the well ."Ruth 2:8-9

Oh Yes! I Have Seen You! I Have Watched You And Your Excruciating Labor To Survive!

Then Boaz asked his foreman, "Who is that girl over there?"
Ruth 2:5

But Things Are About To Change For You.
When you as My determined and ever persistent faithful one pursue Me like you have been, all of those who mock, or misunderstand your pursuit of Me will be put to total silence.

No one can now call you, unwanted, unlovely, dirty, abandoned, shameful, impulsive! No One! Your private deeds have begun to publicly speak for themselves. You have honored Me and you have proved yourself faithful.
Under My Cloak You Are Well Protected And My Cloak Is A Place Of Covering, Safety, Provision, And....Promotion.

Boaz Said, “May the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully."
"I hope I continue to please you, sir," Ruth replied. "You have comforted me by speaking so kindly to me, even though I am not as worthy as your workers." Ruth 2:12-13

You Have Chosen To Come To Me In My Resting Place, My Secret Place.
I rest there, next to the thousands of seeds of harvest gathered in and ready to be turned into bread for those who are hungry.

After Boaz had finished his meal and was in good spirits, he lay down beside the heap of grain and went to sleep.
Ruth 3:7

You Did Not Come To Me Dirty from the labors of life and the heated weariness of this present day, but you have washed yourself, you came perfumed and sweet and clean. **You Made Yourself Ready.**

Now do as I tell you--take a bath and put on perfume and dress in your nicest clothes. Ruth 3:3
It's Just A Little While Now.
Just A Few More Steps In Your Journey.

You are broken yes, but stronger,
You feel small and insignificant, but cherished.
You are settled and focused upon the goal.

Step In! Step In! Step In!
The Doors Are About To Be Revealed.

Doors to pass through that no man can shut. Doors that open up into My heavenly Kingdom strategy. It may well feel as if in your process of growth towards bravery and boldness that you are now at that "midnight hour." When the day ends and begins again.

I Will Throw Over You My "Divine Cloaking" Device.
Under it no one can see you. For You are redeemed and covered under My love.
Beloved! I Will Be The Kinsman Redeemer. I Will Cloak You In My Divine Royal Acceptance...For You Are Indeed A Bride Prepared For Me.

"Around midnight, Boaz suddenly woke up and turned over. He was surprised to find a woman lying at his feet!
"Who are you?" he demanded.
"I am your servant Ruth," she replied. "Spread the corner of your covering over me, for you are my family redeemer."
"The LORD bless you, my daughter!" Boaz exclaimed. "You are showing more family loyalty now than ever by not running after a younger man, whether rich or poor. Now don't worry about a thing, my daughter. I will do what is necessary, for everyone in town knows you are an honorable woman (Bride).
Ruth 3:8-11
THE NIGHT IS NEARLY OVER!

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The Day I Chopped Down My Family Tree
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And loosed myself from the sap.
I Upset Tradition. I Became Free.
I Literally Bridged the Gap.
The chasm of years of differing views
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Past deeds that had damaged, marred my Soul,
Delaying my God Given Goal.
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"The Yokes of oppression and Bands of your neck are being lifted.
No longer shall My Anointed Ones be robbed, deprived or sifted.

Your days of living in the midst of strife I now will rearrange.
I Am Arising from within you in Stupendous Waves of Change:

To devastate unrepentant enemies who have plundered you.
I Reinstate your State of Grace. Renewing and Seeing you through.

From Pure Lips your Praise has ascended and accomplished a sure end.
Bondage Has Now Become Favor. Much more than you comprehend.

Not one inch shall be relinquished of Ground Taken and Occupied.
Enlarge your Tents. Prepare to Reign. Let My Glory in you Reside.

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"Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Instead, call me Mara,(bitter water) for the Almighty has made life very bitter for me. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me home empty. Why should you call me Naomi when the LORD has caused me to suffer and the Almighty has sent such tragedy?" Ruth 1:19-21

..I AM DRAWING YOU, yes leading you into a place where you will not only glean what others have dropped in hasty past harvests, but I will instruct My servants of the hour, my angelic hosts to leave in the fields of your labor, choice grain. Enough for you to see the pathway to My dream for you. I will provide you with cool spiritual drink to quench your dry and aching throat.

"Boaz said, Listen, my daughter. Stay right here with us when you gather grain; don't go to any other fields. Stay right behind the women working in my field. See which part of the field they are harvesting, and then follow them. I have warned the young men not to bother you. And when you are thirsty, help yourself to the water they have drawn from the well." Ruth 2:8-9

OH YES! I HAVE SEEN YOU! I HAVE WATCHED YOU AND YOUR EXCRUCIATING LABOR TO SURVIVE!

Then Boaz asked his foreman, "Who is that girl over there?" Ruth 2:5

BUT THINGS ARE ABOUT TO CHANGE FOR YOU. When you as My determined and ever persistent faithful one pursue Me like you have been, all of those who mock, or misunderstand your pursuit of Me will be put to total silence.
No one can now call you, unwanted, unlovely, dirty, abandoned, shameful, impulsive! No One! Your private deeds have begun to publicly speak for themselves. You have honored Me and you have proved yourself faithful.

UNDER MY CLOAK YOU ARE WELL PROTECTED AND MY CLOAK IS A PLACE OF COVERING, SAFETY, PROVISION, AND....PROMOTION.
Boaz Said, “May the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge, reward you fully." "I hope I continue to please you, sir," Ruth replied. "You have comforted me by speaking so kindly to me, even though I am not as worthy as your workers." Ruth 2:12-13

YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO COME TO ME IN MY RESTING PLACE, MY SECRET PLACE. I rest there, next to the thousands of seeds of harvest gathered in and ready to be turned into bread for those who

are hungry.
After Boaz had finished his meal and was in good spirits, he lay down beside the heap of grain and went to sleep. Ruth 3:7

YOU DID NOT COME TO ME DIRTY from the labors of life and the heated weariness of this present day, but you have washed yourself, you came perfumed and sweet and clean. YOU MADE YOURSELF READY.
Now do as I tell you--take a bath and put on perfume and dressed in your nicest clothes. Ruth 3:3

IT ‘S JUST A LITTLE WHILE NOW.
JUST A FEW MORE STEPS IN YOUR JOURNEY.
You are broken yes, but stronger, You feel small and insignificant, but cherished. You are settled and focused upon the goal.
STEP IN! STEP IN! STEP IN!
THE DOORS ARE ABOUT TO BE REVEALED.

Doors to pass through that no man can shut. Doors that open up into My heavenly Kingdom strategy. It may well feel as if in your process of growth towards bravery and boldness, that you are now at that “midnight hour.” When the old day ends and the new day begins again.

I WILL THROW OVER YOU MY “DIVINE CLOAKING” DEVICE. Under it no one can see you. For You are redeemed and covered under My love.
BELOVED! I WILL BE THE KINSMAN REDEEMER. I WILL CLOAK YOU IN MY DIVINE ROYAL ACCEPTANCE...FOR YOU ARE INDEED A BRIDE PREPARED FOR ME.

“Around midnight, Boaz suddenly woke up and turned over. He was surprised to find a woman lying at his feet! "Who are you?" he demanded.
"I am your servant Ruth," she replied. "Spread the corner of your covering over me, for you are my family redeemer."

"The LORD bless you, my daughter!" Boaz exclaimed. "You are showing more family loyalty now than ever by not running after a younger man, whether rich or poor. Now don't worry about a thing, my daughter. I will do what is necessary, for everyone in town knows you are an honorable woman (Bride). Ruth 3:8-11
THE NIGHT...
..IS NEARLY OVER.

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The Day Has Already Passed

Susan Cummings

The Day has already passed
And I am bringing My Plan forth
My Own have laid down their plans
And have come to know My Heart

The separation has been laid out
And the line will not be moved
My Trumpet has sounded the final call
To enter into My Chambers and rest

The Union of hearts is now begun
As I rise up greater within My Own
Never are we to be separated again
By the world, the flesh, or the idols of men

The Mocking and scorning has been given place
Amongst those who refused My Call
Fear and trembling will be the norm
Amongst the righteous before My Throne

I have risen up in the midst of My House
And many mock those who prostrate before Me
The Fear of the Lord will lay all bare
Showing the Light of My Truth once again

Many think they know My Plans
That they wield My Hand, and plan My Stance
When did they inquire of Me and cry to Me
Pleading for souls that have no way out?

The Sword of My Word is unsheathed
And goes to judge all that is not True
Great searching will come from the East to the West
As the fullness of My Wrath burns in My Camp

Never assume that My eyes do not see
For I know what lies in the bosom of men
Nothing but My Blood will atone
As the death angel passes over the land

The Trumpet was sounded
The Scales were many times weighed
The Hourglass turned till there was no more delay
Only the silence now cries out for release

For who among men knew the span of the Grace
Allotted to men to seek My Face?
Not many responded or cared to inquire
Why I now remove the hedge from the Fire

Rivers of Tears, Rivers of Fire
Flowing from the Throne to My House
Reaping each their precious treasure
Collecting to the final measure

Garments of sackcloth worn in My Presence
Covers the servants who pray for the races
From such comes forth the birth of the harvest
Cries for deliverance and salvation

Casting their crowns before My Throne
Willingly giving all to see My Love flow
For the sound of the Trumpet again will now blow
Accelerating the pace of the reapers

My Own will stand hand in hand
Joined together in Love’s Covenant Bands
Mercy extended in Rapid Progression
As the Fiery Stream consummates the Ages

The Day has already passed
Few have noticed the quickening blasts
Deaf ears and hardened hearts
Steals the inheritance and the vision

Never has it ever been My Plan
For men to walk away from My Loving Hand
To walk alone in the cool of the day
Without My Voice and My Embrace

I have birthed forth a people
In this last dark hour
Who have called Me their Own
And who know My Redeeming Grace

In the Furnace of Affliction
They stayed till the breech was mended
Now to rise up and stand in My Presence
Praying with the Final Hour Petition

Judge not the earthen vessels
But look into your own
For no man will be left standing
Who has not first fallen upon My Stone

The Day has already passed
And the Night will now rule for an hour
All things have begun to unroll from the scroll
For the final dance with men's souls

Rivers of Fire, Rivers of Tears
Flowing both ways till all is re-laid
Who among men will wear the mantle
Laying down their lives for the battle?

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The Divine Disturber
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> "Deep calls to deep at the noise of Your waterspouts: all Your waves and Your billows are gone over me." Psalm 42:7.

The Lord created within each of us a "deep" that is capable of responding to an eternal desire that is within the Creator. If we will become quiet and listen, we will hear this "Deep" that ever calls to the "deep" that is within us, seeking a satisfaction that can come in no other way.

Patiently, the Lord ever seeks to draw closer to Himself those whose hearts are toward Him, that they might commune with Him in personal intimate fellowship, and walk with Him in the outworking of His purposes.

As we respond, not only will we be blessed and fulfilled, but every aspect of our spiritual life and calling will be enhanced by these times of personal communion with the Lord.

A particularly important result of our spending quality time with the Lord is that He not only will take a singular interest in us, but He will convict us when we begin to stray, that we might draw yet closer to Him.

"All Your waves and Your billows are gone over me." Psalm 42:7b.

It is of utmost importance for us to understand that this "convicting presence" always leads toward "life," in order to bring us into a more intimate closeness to the Lord. In contrast, condemnation is from the enemy and will always lead us away from the Lord, toward death.

There have been times when I felt this convicting disturbance and misread it. Finally, I became aware of what was happening and turned to the Lord and there He was, "The Divine Disturber," waiting for my response.

When David recognized the source of the convicting presence that he was experiencing and turned to the Lord, the Lord met him in a profound way.

"For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me ... I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity have I not hidden. I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord; and You forgave the iniquity of my sin." Psalm 32:4a, 5.

"You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall compass me about with songs of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you in the way which thou shall go: I will guide you with My eye." Psalm 32;7-8.

The ultimate goal of this convicting work of the Lord is to turn our hearts singularly toward Him. Thus, the "result" of the chastening of the "Divine Disturber" is the blessing of "Divine Favor" obviously resting upon our lives. This speaks of the Lord's singular attention toward us, as though we were the only person in the universe.

"But you, when you pray, enter into your closet, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father which is in secret; and your Father which sees in secret shall reward you openly." Matthew 6:6.

This "open reward" is the result of His chastening hand upon us, which is intended to turn us toward the "door" that leads into the place of His intimate presence.

His "approbation" (divine favor) is available to each one of us, if we will turn aside to spend quality time with Him in His presence. In the passage above, the word "closet" is carefully chosen, for we all have closets in our homes that are always full. This means that an effort is required to make room, so we may be alone with the Lord.

When a young man "falls in love," the object of his love becomes singular. All other women take on a lesser role in his interest. He has a "single eye" toward one young lady. This level of relationship can be further cultivated. Notice that the Lord has committed Himself to respond to the expression of our love toward Him.

"I love them that love Me; and those that seek Me early shall find Me ... that I may cause those that love Me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures." Proverbs 8:17, 21.

"For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives." Hebrews 12:6.

On the human level, our ability to love is limited and fickle. But no matter how many reasons we may have as to why the Lord might not be interested in us, if we will consistently express to the Lord our love for Him, He will respond and take the initiative in bringing about changes within us.

"That I may cause those that love Me to inherit substance." Proverbs 8:21.

There are no exceptions to this experience of His approbation resting upon our lives; it simply requires of us a repentant heart and the continuing expression of our love for Him, in deed as well as in word.

Although these roles of God as a "disturber," and then as One Who can be cultivated as a "personal friend" may seem to be opposites, they are very closely related.

Chapter six of Isaiah records the experience of Isaiah when he singularly turned his heart toward the Lord. This account reveals the progression that will bring us into this special relationship with the Lord. As Isaiah turned his interest away from the throne of a human king, and lifted his eyes to the eternal Throne of the King of all kings, his life and ministry were transformed.

For Isaiah to experience this higher place, he had to be led into a time of darkness (in the year that King Uzziah died) in order to be released from all that he had relied upon.

We all depend on many things, which must be either dealt with or removed by the Lord. Yet the Lord does not harshly deal with us. Rather, He corrects or chastens us only to the extent that is necessary to lift our attention from the earthly to the heavenly.

"Does the plowman plow all day to sow? Does he open and break the clods of his ground? When he has made plain the face thereof, does he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cumin, and cast in the principal wheat and the appointed barley and the rye in their place?" Isaiah 28:24-25.

The plowman only does that which is necessary to prepare the soil to receive the seed, so the harvest might be abundant. So also, the Lord's interest is in the quality of our relationship to Him. Therefore, His chastening is limited to this purpose, and His corrective action only continues until the desired response is obtained.

There are those whom the Lord would like to chasten, but He is unable to do so because they are unwilling to unconditionally place themselves in His hand, in order to allow His correction to be fully accomplished.

During the time when I was a first year student in Bible School, I became so discouraged that I decided to leave school. I felt that the Lord had little interest in me, and that He had something special for everyone but me.

There was a group of married students who met once a week for a time of fellowship and prayer, and I came for what I felt was the last time. They were excited, sharing all that the Lord was doing in their lives. I sat there feeling sorry for myself, consoling myself with the fact that I was quitting the next day. Then I noticed an aquarium and began to observe the fish contentedly moving about within their environment. As I continued to watch, an intense presence of the Lord settled upon me, and suddenly I felt as if I were one of these fish, profoundly enveloped within the presence of the Lord.

As I sat there, immersed in His presence, it felt as if His approbation, or favor, was singularly upon me. I had placed myself in the corner of the room withdrawn from the others, so I could better feel sorry for myself. But now I was experiencing an unusual presence of the Lord, and it seemed that no one else was aware of this.

Instead of being preoccupied with quitting, I was now judging them for their lack of spiritual sensitivity, and the fact that they were not meeting the Lord as I was. Suddenly, one of these students left the table and handed me a book that was opened to a particular page.

It related a vision of three people standing before the Lord. He came to the first and made a big fuss over this person. He nodded at the second, and walked by the third. A bystander said, "I understand this. The Lord is very interested in the first person, slightly interested in the second, and not at all interested in the third."

To this the Lord replied, "You have it backwards. The first is weak and needs much attention. The second needs only to be reminded of My love from time to time, but the third is a trusted servant who knows Me, and whom I can implicitly trust."

At once, I felt His chastening presence, and I realized that I was the one who was weak, needing all the attention I was receiving, and the others were as the third. I had made a wrong judgment. I deeply repented and recommitted myself to finish school.

There are different situations and circumstances, which the Lord uses to disturb and provoke us that our self-centeredness, and our self-righteous attitudes might be dealt with.

Our part is to give "The Divine Disturber" permission to do so, and then to cooperate with Him, as He does. Those things that are buried within us cannot be dealt with, until they are first exposed.

Uzziah had been a good King and showed favor to Isaiah, but the Lord was seeking to bring Isaiah to a higher Throne. Many of us are satisfied with the good, when the Lord would have us seek the best. Therefore, the Lord will "cause" a situation, as He did with Isaiah "in the year that King Uzziah died," to call our attention to the fact that we have a need.

For those who are fully committed to the Lord, there are no accidents. Our lives are in His hand and He is actively at work in our behalf. Thus, above the Throne were Seraphim, each having six wings. These three sets of wings speak of "divine activity" in our behalf.

With the first set of wings (The Word and the Spirit), they covered their head (unconditional submission to His headship); with the second set, they covered their feet (walk where He would have us walk). Jesus is the Head and we, members of His body. To rightly function in this relationship, our head must be covered that His Head might be in control. Our feet must be covered so we can walk only as He directs.

Now we are ready to function in the heavenly realm. With the third set of wings, we are to "fly" at His command (lifted into the realms of the Spirit). Thus, in Isaiah 40:31, we are to "mount up with wings as eagles." This speaks of divine activity in every aspect of our being.

"And one cried to another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of His glory." Isaiah 6:3.

The Lord not only receives our worship - He works through our worship.

"And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke." Isaiah 6:4.

This "smoke" is His revealed glory, His approbation resting singularly upon us. The smoke is also like a mirror, in the reflection of which we see ourselves. It is only in His presence that we are able to see ourselves as we are, and become capable of a deep inner repentance.

"Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isaiah 6:5.

Although Isaiah had been ministering for some time, now in the reflection of the glory of the heavenly Throne, he saw the deeper level of his need and repented.

Sin is an action, a coming short; but iniquity is deeper. It is the "principle" that underlies the action. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus went beyond the "act" to the "intent" behind the act. Our sin can be forgiven, but it takes an intervention with "live coals from the altar" to deal with the principle behind the sin.

"I indeed baptize you with water to repentance: but He that comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and gather His wheat into the garner; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Matthew 3:11-12.

In this present time, the Lord is moving upon those whose sin, along with the underlying iniquity, has been dealt with, that He might have those whom He can fully trust for His end-time purposes.

"Then flew one of the seraphims to me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin purged." Isaiah 6:6-7.

The Lord will yet have a people from whom He has "burned" the very root of iniquity. The "Divine Disturber" is about to move in a visitation of "fire" in which all dross will be burned away and a people refined to the extent that the image of Jesus will be seen in the reflection of the "gold" they have become (not possess).

The Lord is beginning to get our attention. He is a "Disturber" who is seeking something higher. Pontius Pilot, looking upon Jesus said, "I find no fault in Him." So also in our day, when we are judged, may that same report again be spoken of us.

The Door To The Day Of The Lord
Judy Curmi

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The favor of the King is not something to be despised, for who is greater than the King of Kings? You are to follow me on the path that I have set before you. This is not a path like other people's paths, because I myself have selected and created this path for you.

You are to relax and rest in me. Am I not your beloved and the apple of your eye? Have I not called you to be mine, set apart from the world, both from the humdrum and the chaos? There will never be peace on earth until I return, for the Prince of Peace has been rejected by mankind on almost every side. [*Isa. 9:6-7*]

Those in authority may use my Name, but they do not obey me or follow my commands. Nor do they inquire of me, except to look good in front of men. None of this is your problem. It is MY problem and I will deal with it in MY timing and on MY terms.

Individuals who are in positions of authority have received that authority from me. Therefore they are supposed to be my representatives in the earth. Unfortunately, very few are. Instead they follow the commands of a kingdom I am going to bring down and dispose of.

Earthly might, power, brutal authority and the worship of mammon will not be allowed in my kingdom, for the might and power of unsanctified man is a stench in my nostrils.

The wisdom that flows from above will rule in MY kingdom. Its fruit is very different from that of those who are not redeemed and are not seriously seeking my face.

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then full of peace, and is gentle, obedient, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by the peacemakers.

Gal. 5:22-23 But the fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self-control; there is no law against these.

There is a day coming when every person is going to have to answer for their thoughts and deeds. Right now many make their secret plans and have their "dirty little intrigues". It has never entered into their minds that they are responsible for the plans they concoct and for the schemes in which they are involved.

Even though my Word states quite explicitly what pleases me and what does not, man goes on his merry way oblivious to my wooing and oblivious to the many warnings which are everywhere to be found. In the news, in nature…my warnings are everywhere. Yet the world continues to sleepwalk, mesmerized by all of the flash and glitz. The contrived news and entertainment, the false and the perverse, these are embraced, while the Truth is despised and hobbled at every turn.

You, Oh earth, have pushed open and walked through a door. I warned you about this door.* No one was watching or thinking. Instead you went through it like sleep walkers, willingly (like sheep), unaware of what was even occurring.

**YOU HAVE ENTERED A NEW ERA - A NEW DAY.
IT IS THE DAY OF THE LORD.****

I AM going to bring down the high and the lofty. I AM going to bring to naught and ruin grandiose plans that were made in total rebellion to me.

I will NOT be dictated to. I do NOT pander to sin or seek men’s approval, as men and women seek the approval of others. I will NOT bow down to man’s schemes, which are tainted with the smoke of hell. Instead I will have MY way.

It will not go as man is expecting. It will not go as the vast majority of my church is expecting. They are soundly asleep, like the five virgins, even though I solemnly warned my followers to stay awake and alert. [*Matt. 25:1-13*]

Who is awake? Who is alert? Who is standing guard duty, if that is what they have been called to do? *Most are not at their position or duty stations, hence they can not give the alarm even though it is greatly needed*. While the world sleeps I watch and wait. A few wait with me, although they do not know yet what they are even watching for. All they know is to be alert, for the times are uncertain and something is “in the air.” So be it.

The sabers of war are rattling. Plans are being made. Schemes have been devised and many will rise up for the part they are to play in the great End Times drama.

The actors are assembled on the stage and the curtain has risen, but who is even aware that this has occurred? You are seeing the beginning scenes of the last act. It is not pretty and this is just the beginning.

Man does not have time for his Creator and no desire to bow to anything, but his own wanton desires. Therefore, there will be consequences. Many will drop in the desert and many will drop on the seashore. Many will capsize in boats. Many will perish from a multitude of causes.

You would not have me, so I AM coming to establish MY reign. I will not ask your permission or your directions. Most will not be ready when I come, for they loved the world too much and would not let go, no matter what.

The Most High God

**This is a reference to a prophetic word I received on 9-25-2004, The eve of Yom Kippur, the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. The word was “WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE”.*

***On this date a suicide bomber killed 22 and wounded over 69 others, many critically, in a US Army mess tent in Mosul, Iraq.*

The Bible specifically warns in many places of “The Day of the Lord”. These are the Bible verses where this great and terrible day is specifically mentioned by name. Isa. 2;12; Isa. 13:6; Joel 1:15; Zeph. 1:7; Isa. 13:9; Joel 2:1; Zech. 14:1; Isa. 34:8; Jer. 46:10; Ezek. 13:5; Ezek. 30:3; Joel 3:14; Obad. 15; Amos 5:18; Zeph. 1:8; Zeph. 1:18; Zeph. 2:2,3; Mal. 4:5, I Cor. 5:5; 2 Cor. 1:14; I Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10

The Door For 2004

Theresa Dokes

I anticipate a great year of miracles, breakthroughs, and joyous rejoicing. For there have been many who have wept silently in their prayer closet and smiled in the sanctuary and in the presence of the brethren as they diligently upheld the light, but the Father says that He has kept record of those, by the script of His angels, who served even with a sick heart behind deferred hope.

I will bring the light back to weary hearts and forsaken dreams. I Am faithful at best and I will not leave My chosen ones to fail. They will rise up and take the land as I have given it to them. They will do many wonders, greater than to be expected.

However, it is my expectation, that they will EXPECT MORE IN 2004...And it shall no longer "BE" as it was in 2003. I expect that they will use the KEY of David and open doors that no one can shut and shut doors that no man can open......trusting that I AM with them and How shall death conquer what I have spoken life to? What ministry shall be demolished where the Spirit of the Lord is welcomed and given liberty to move as I desire? This is the year that you will be more than conquers through Christ Jesus!!!!! Believe that you receive and SURELY YE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN MY NAME!!!!

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The Doors Are Open
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The Doors Are Open: An Apostolic Calling

Jan 24, 2004
I AM calling forth those who are willing to forsake all in the way of comfort, pack their bags, and go where I would have them to go. Yes, I AM calling you forth to speak the oracles of God and to prophesy even to kings. Are you willing to pay the price to have My anointing flow through you freely? For I have taken you through the purging by the fire of My love in preparation so that I could pour out My glory in waves upon you. Yes, the healing power of My glory. And you will lay hands on the sick and watch them recover.

So many have obeyed My word with no signs following and never gave up that My word is true. And now is the time and the hour that I will use you and mightily, My people. Yes, this is the time and the hour that I will pour out My power and through you. So step up to the bat, and be yielded and willing, and you will see what I will do. Do not be concerned that you have never done these things before. What if it doesn't work? Well, what if it does? Don't be concerned with the outcome, just do it.

Don't be just a hearer of My word, but a doer of it. Watch and pray that you will be counted worthy of these things that you may lay hands on the sick, set the captives free, raise the dead. I need a clean vessel to move through. So watch your heart attitudes and your motives, and be willing to step aside and let Me take over. And yes, you are to be a nameless and faceless generation, a bride with boots on, one that will only promote My Son and His name. Proclaim the victory for this is the time. Lift up the King of Glory! Rest assured that He can handle any situation of hindrance that the enemy will try to bring your way. Just step out. All things will work out for good when you put forth My kingdom and righteousness.

So count the cost this day to see if you are willing to forsake all to follow the King in wherever He takes you. Count the cost to see if you will put Christ first above your agenda and even reputation. Are you willing to look foolish to have My glory flow through you? Do you call yourself prophetic people? Then examine the lives of the true prophets of old and the price they paid to be used. Even King David as he danced through the streets with all his might. Even Stephen dying at the hands of the mob seeing My glory and knowing he was a good and faithful servant. Forgive them for they know not what they are doing. Are you willing to even die to have My glory.

For these are the last days, and I promised you greater works, but it comes with the great price of forsaking all for the Kingdom. Yes, a great price indeed, but I guarantee you that these days you will be blessed beyond measure for I will prosper you enough to take care of others. I will move through you in glory, and give you your heart's desire to see Me more intimately. Yes, your quiet times will intensify with the power of revelation and discernment. And you will have My wisdom manifest in all areas of your life. You will know the snares of the fowler, and you will avoid them. You will know My thoughts for you have the mind of Christ with no hindrances. And, yes, you will move with My heart of compassion and travail. In your quiet times I will roar through you for My people Israel and for those I gave My life for, and you will see the multitudes set free. For this is the day of the latter rain outpouring. Yes, the third day of My glory, and I AM calling you. So be ready!

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The Door Of Deliverance Is Open
Sandy Warner

Apr 9, 2004
The door is open and you have escaped from the snare of the fowler. You are free, dear one, to soar like an eagle. Higher and higher your faith climbs, up, up and away. I have assigned angels to help you learn to soar and stay there and also keep you stable. You will learn to ride the wind of My Spirit. A great effectual door has been opened to you. Rejoice.

Ps 124:4-8 NKJV
The stream would have gone over our soul; Then the swollen waters would have gone over our soul." Blessed be the LORD, Who has not given us as prey to their teeth. Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.

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This Is The Way, Walk Ye In It
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[Close the Door to The Past]

TONGUE IN CHEEK PARABLES
Sometimes, the Lord speaks to us in strange ways. This was one of those experiences. Wayne and I were walking in the mall and he asked me if I remembered some quote about two men who were on the beach at night. One looked down and saw sand, the other looked up and saw stars. I didn't know any quote as such, so I answered, "No I don't, but I guess it would be good to have a balance of both, as well as to look straight ahead and not backwards."

At the moment I said that, a little girl in the distance looked behind her while she was walking and thus walked straight into a rack. This was so timely, Wayne and I just stared at each other with big eyes. We both knew the Lord must be saying something. I silently asked Him what He was saying, then I got lost in my thoughts as I was applying looking down and looking up. I thought about writing a new section in the 101 Ways God Speaks book on seeking His guidance by balancing His supernatural with our natural. I was thinking that if you only look down at the natural life, you'll miss the Lord's supernatural touch, and if you only look up, you'll STUMBLE being so heavenly minded you will be no earthly good. Then just as I thought that, the man walking toward me stumbled over his sandal! Talk about "walking" parables!

QUICKENED MAGNETIC SIGN: Sorrow looks back. Worry looks around. Faith looks up.

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER: KEEP YOUR FOCUS
The enemy wants to distract you from moving on, - moving forward into your inheritance. His ploy is to get you to look backward into the past and believe things will always be the same. He wants you to look at the old wounds and the old scars and remember.

I have placed you in a tight place, where you have no choice but to move forward and press into Me. Remember Lot’s wife, for this is a time when I am saying, "Don’t look back." Do not wish for yesterday, do not bear the misery of painful memories, do not even consider what used to be. When you look back, it crystallizes your mind and creates mind-sets or strongholds of old ways and set patterns. Dear one, your past is not before you, it is behind you.

I AM doing a new thing. For I know the plans I have for you and that is to give you a future and a hope. I will rebuild your life and do a new thing in a new way. As you feel the heat of tribulations pressing you, use it to run to Me, for I will catch you and surely I will keep you. Hold onto My Words and wait for Me. As you work through tough ground, I accomplish My purposes. You have nothing to fear.

You see yourself with such limits. I see only your potential. I am re-defining who you are in Me. You have My favor, My precious one. Now align with My Word, for I want to establish and confirm you. I will change your focus from life as it was, to anticipation with life in Me. I will move your perspectives from pessimism to optimism. I will balance your supernatural gifting with My practical wisdom and bring you into My healthy vessel. This is the way, walk in Me.

"But Lot's wife looked back as she was following along behind him, and she became a pillar of salt." (Gen 19:26)

"Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness And rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:18-19 NKJ)

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Weak And Groaning? Try Confession
Sandy Warner

Apr 5, 2004
Is your soul groaning and your energy waning? Try confessing your sins. Embracing compromise always causes spiritual blindness. Blind ones no longer abhor evil, nor turn away from it, nor weep over it. All men are blind in their own wisdom, therefore always acknowledge Me in this and I shall direct your ways.

As you fear your holy God, and depart from evil, this shall be health to your flesh and strength for your bones. Confess and turn from your compromise and hear My generous forgiveness with loving mercy. It is true, My good report makes your bones healthy. My pleasant Words are sweet to your soul and health to your bones.

Ps 32:3-6 NLT
When I refused to confess my sin, I was weak and miserable, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, "I will confess my rebellion to the LORD." And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. Therefore, let all the godly confess their rebellion to you while there is time, that they may not drown in the floodwaters of judgment.

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Water Finds The Lowest Spot
Sandy Warner

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[Open the Door to Humility]

REVELATION: One day I was thinking about the fact that moving water flows downhill, and the course of its flow depends on where the lowest spots are located. The movement of water connects the lowest places just like a line of flowing current. This was really quickened to me as an important parable since the scriptures speak about the river of God.

Rev 22:1-2 NKJV
And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

Ps 46:4-5 NKJV
There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High. God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;

To me, this means that if you want to experience the river of God, you must lay low.

LAY LOW IN MINISTRY
As I was pondering the above, the Holy Spirit brought back to me the many times I have heard Him say, "Lay low." There are many applications to this. One of the applications is to lay low in ministry and let Him do the establishing, His way and His time:

+ Lay low and let God establish your reputation. Do not build a name for yourself. Let God bring your promotion as He sees fit.

+ Lay low and be willing to become a transparent role model; one who knows pain and suffering and is vulnerable; willing to use it for God’s glory.

+ Lay low and do not lift your own hand to make divine connections. Instead let God bring them to you. Don’t push yourself to the front in order to be in fellowship with leaders. Contrariwise, if because of your circumstances it takes more humility to approach leadership, then do so if He is knocking on your heart.

+ Lay low and wait upon His timing to share Words to the corporate body. Let it unfold as a natural set of events.

+ Lay low and silently trust Him for provision and look to Him as your Source.

+ Lay low in accepting weakness, so that He will become your strength.

+ Lay low in loving servanthood and your heart will not deceive you with greatness.

LAY LOW IN REPENTANCE

[The following is quoted from the Quickened Word Newsletter, "The Spiritual Storm" - 2/18/02]:

LAY LOW
For many months now, I have been hearing the Lord say, "Lay low." As a Word by itself, it could be interpreted many ways. But after such a long time of waiting upon Him and hearing and seeing this Word come to pass in many ways, I understand that to lay low is to lay on our faces before Him in humility and repentance. (Isa 57:15)

Recently, prior to the storm, I had an unusual experience. I heard the Lord speak to me Jill Austin's name. As soon as I heard her name I had a picture vision of myself literally diving to the floor and laying prostrate before the Lord on my face. It was like I could not get there quick enough and it was almost like an urgent and desperate plunge to the floor. If you can picture what it would be like to stand in front of a bed and not fall flat onto it, but put your hands out and dive onto it… this was the urgent dive I took onto the floor. Now this picture vision startled me and I did not have the foggiest idea what it could possibly mean. I asked Him to send me understanding.

A few days later, in an invitation to one of their meetings where Jill would be ministering, Todd Bentley sent an article written by Jill. In the article, she shared the following vision.

(Todd's website: http://www.freshfire.ca) (Jill's website: http://www.masterpotter.com)

JILL'S VISION {used with permission} "A few years ago I was ministering in the nation of New Zealand and I was given an open-eyed vision that startled me, yet it has left a life-long impression upon my life. I saw an enormous fiery angel full of the glory of the Lord walking up and down the nation. He was brandishing a mighty sword that was beheading those who were standing tall in their own pride, egotism, and self glory. It was an attitude of their heart that the Lord was dealing with through this angel.

Those who were bowed low on their faces in a posture of utter humility were spared, knighted, and promoted. They were the ones God was raising up into a new place of leadership because of their meekness and humility of heart. The Lord was making a profound point about the importance of posturing ourselves in humility.

God requires and honors humility! James 4:10 (NKJV) says, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up." If you want your life to have significance, then position yourself at the feet of Jesus…." {End of Jill's vision and quote}

PROPHETIC GESTURE - BOW LOW
One time I was sitting in a meeting and feeling the Lord's Presence very strongly. Bobby Conner started to share that he saw an angel with a sword in his hand. Just as he started to express what the angel was going to do, I felt the Holy Spirit whoosh past me and I instantly cried out and bowed at my waist, putting my head between my knees. This was an involuntary movement, inspired by the Holy Spirit. I had no idea why I did this. The very next moment, Bobby described the whoosh of the angel's sword that was sent to cut off heads. I was overcome by His Presence and I continued bowing with my head between my knees. Bob Jones then said that the only way to escape the sword was to bow low.

QUOTE MAHESH CHAVDA
Mahesh's Website: http://www.watchofthelord.com/

"…God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. I feel that the Holy Spirit is going to fall upon the humble people. In a massive way. The next revival is going to come upon those who will humble themselves. Those who are stiffnecked with pride and think they have everything, will be missing the anointing that is coming upon the humble and broken people. Don't be surprised if God takes you through certain experiences and breaks you. As He breaks you, then He can minister His grace…"

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER - LAY LOW IN MY RIVER
The Presence of My Spirit comes upon those who are lowly in heart. They seek Me without an agenda. They have confessed and left their sins behind. They continue to walk in the fear of their Lord, lest they be cut off and left in the dark.

Watch the flow of My river and see that it touches the lowly and downcast. Those who walk in pride, who judge others, and worse yet who judge the river of God, will miss My refreshing touch. Those who scorn the lowly as they leap into My river, I too will scorn. Confess your sins and prepare your heart to experience My river. Remember My river flows and moves, be willing to travel to get to the river then don't hold yourself back from its flow. Jump in, dear one, jump in.

Acts 3:19 NKJV
Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord…

Ps 36:7-10 NKJV
How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness of Your house, and You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures. For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we see light. Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

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The Day Of The Eagle

Bill Burns

We are about to enter the fifth year of the Third Day Church. This will occur on September 16, 2004, at the Feast of Trumpets. Five is the number of God's grace (empowerment), and we are about to witness a changing of the guard within the prophetic community.

Many of those who had prophetic gifting are now under the control of a spirit of divination. This has happened because they got into self-promotion. They wanted to be known as prophets, and they sought after a following. These are about to be replaced with a contingency of young eagles.

These young eagles have been in the nest and have been raised up by those eagles who remained true to the Lord and His calling. We are now in a season of release for the young eagles. They have been in training now for five years and have waited patiently for the appointed season in which they are to spread their wings and take flight. These young eagles have the fire of the Lord upon them, and they are ready for the battle that is at hand.

I had a vision of the release of the young eagles on August 5, 1999, just before the birth of the Third Day Church. This vision is for the present season:

"The Eagle Cries"
August 5, 1999: Today, I have heard the cry of the eagle, not a cry in a high and lofty place. No, but the cry of One Lone Eagle over the face of the waters. Again, the Golden One cries out as he passes over the waters. Lower he comes now, and as the cry penetrates my spirit I hear, "Come out of her My people."

Again, now this the third time, the glorious Golden One swoops down over the waters, lower still--so much so that the tips of the wing feathers touch the water, each time the wings come down. Again, he cries out, the shrill cry of the Anointed One, and I hear, "Come now My chosen ones, for now is the time." And, as I watch this Glorious One, I see golden oil flowing from his head down to the wings, and each time his wings touch the water the golden oil flows upon the waters. As I watch, I see Him over the waters and now these twelve times he touches the water, and his oil flows forth.

Upon the waters now twelve pools of oil remain as the Glorious One flies upward into a cloud and disappears. As I watch this pure white cloud, it begins to grow darker, and I hear the voice of the Almighty as thunders come forth, "These are the times of great trouble upon the earth, but fear not, My people, for I have stirred the waters."

My vision returns to the waters over which the Golden One flew, and again I hear the roar of thunder. Now I see the lightning strike the water and the twelve pools of oil explode in flames of fire. Out of the flames I see the eagles rise, now twelve in all. Again, the voice of thunder comes, "These are My chosen ones upon whom the golden oil has been poured. Watch now the results." As I watched the twelve, they came in a perfect formation (side by side), and they too cried out, "Come out of her My people." And they too flew upon the face of the waters, and each one touched twelve times, and the golden oil flowed down and the thunder roared and the lightning brought forth the fire and the twelve each begot twelve and there were one hundred, forty-four.

This process was repeated, and the hundred and forty-four begot thousands. And then I watched the hundred and forty-four and the thousands as they mounted up together on wings of eagles, and they flew towards heaven to the Golden One who now rested on clouds of glory. The brilliance of the sun was upon Him, and He was transformed as His golden feathers were changed to a brilliant white.

As the hundred, forty-four and thousands joined Him, they too were changed into the image of the Holy One with feathers of white, likened to that of a dove.

Again the thunder comes and the voice of the Master echoes through my spirit, "These are My chosen ones, those who have answered the call of the Golden One. Who are they you ask? They are My divine government of these last days. They are the righteous ones of the church age. They have been given what you call apostolic authority. They shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father, and they shall lead My people into the final victory.

You have heard what the Spirit has spoken; now watch! As I turned my eyes toward heaven, this is what I saw: The Glorious One with the hundred, forty-four and the thousands mounted up on the wings of eagles, and they flew into the heavenlies to wage war against spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places. I can hear the cries of thousands of eagles in the heavenlies as they storm the gates of darkness. The battle is ferocious, but it belongs to the Glorious One and His own.

Some are wounded, but they are not weary, and they do not faint. The sky begins to clear, the victory has been won, the gates of darkness have not prevailed. The sky above is now filled with white feathers, those torn loose in the battle, and the voice of the Spirit speaks, "These (white feathers) represent the righteous acts of the saints, those who have fought the good fight, those who have followed the Lamb wherever He has led them."

Again, I hear the voice over many waters like the voice of loud thunder, "Can you hear the song of the redeemed? Can you hear the song of victory? Can you see them now as they mount up on wings of glory? Can you see them upon the Mount called Zion? These are those who came out of Babylon. These are those who are not defiled with the woman called the Great Harlot. These are those who stand before the throne of God."

Once again, I behold the white feathers coming down, and as they descend, a soft wind seems to bring them together, and shape them. The unseen hand of the Master now holds this garment before me, a beautiful garment, white and clean. He whispers ever so gently, "Behold the wedding garment." And the sound of His voice and the breath of His words and the love of His heart touched the beautiful garment. The feathers of white were blended together and became what looked like fine linen.

From above the garment, from Zion's mount, I hear this one last cry, "For this fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints, blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And the

Spirit and the Bride say come! And let him who hears say come! And let him who thirsts come. And whoever desires, let him take of the water of life freely." Amen.

We are in a battle for the soul(s) of America. The Prophet Joel foresaw these last days. Joel 3: 9 ¶ Proclaim this among the nations: "Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty men, Let all the men of war draw near, Let them come up. 10 Beat your plowshares into swords And your pruning hooks into spears; Let the weak say, 'I am strong.'" 11 Assemble and come, all you nations, And gather together all around. Cause Your mighty ones to go down there, O LORD. 12 "Let the nations be wakened, and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; For there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations. 13 Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow—For their wickedness is great." 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.

This is a word that the Lord spoke through me on July 10, 2004: You have entered into the season of the eagle, for I am raising up eagles (prophets) in this season. I will give them wings with which to rise up in the Spirit, and I will give them vision for the season that is before them. It is necessary that My people again have the vision of an eagle. I give vision to My Church and purpose to My people. Now, in this season, I am bringing forth the eagles who will begin to have vision, which will cause them to rise up from the earth and fly over the waters (multitudes) and cause the fire of My Spirit to break out wherever I send them. This is the purpose and the season that I have chosen to demonstrate the power of the eagle, says the Lord.

Today the Lord told me to re-establish the vision and to call to the young eagles who are resting on the Rock (Christ) in the hidden places. And so, I call to you, young eagles, and I say to you, "Spread your wings for the wind of God comes to lift you up into the heavenlies. It is time to leave the nest and enter into the service of the Lord. The battle is at hand, so let the fire and wind of the glorious One empower you and move you into His purposes. Arise!"

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The Door Of The Threshold Of The Final Hour

Susan Cummings

On Saturday, Dec.4th, 2004, I began to have a series of short mini visions. These were repeated several times during a conversation with a fellow minister on the phone, but each time, it came just as strong and real. This is the vision:

As we were talking, I began to hear the wind blowing. I could hear it blow all around and it was a wind that reminded you of a cold winters wind. I began to see a dimly lit area, where there was a door opened. The wind was blowing from behind the door. It was not easily discernable at first, as the only thing that gave its location away was the sound of the wind blowing.

The wind was like it was blowing after being pent up for a long time. The door was dimly lit, and it seemed that not many had come this way for a long time, or that many failed to use this door as it was not favorable to look upon, or desirable to enter through. The lighting was dim, and it was foreboding to draw near to the door. I could feel the wind blowing and hear it’s rushing as it moved in the area behind the door. I was hesitant to draw near and to see what was there in the wind swept room.

I related this vision to my fellow minister on the phone, and he felt that it was the Judgment Seat of Christ that had opened, and that the Righteous Judge was behind the door. It brought a sense of anticipation and holy fear to us as we talked about it.

Since that time, I have pondered this vision, and it’s repeated coming to me. The Lord has spoken to me about this door, and this is what He has said……..

“Daughter, I am opening the ancient gates that have been long closed to My People. There are many gates and each has awaited it’s opening and it’s entrance into the affairs of men. I have long held back many things, as I have spoken to you before, and in my word. There are many avenues yet to learn of through my word, and men think that they have long ago figured out my word and have it mastered and all planned out. But it will be seen, that very little has actually been given them to understand.”

“This door is the beginning of the end, and the end of the beginning. It is the Threshold of the Final Hour. It is the Way through which all men will walk and will come to their final destinies. I have always given men a choice, and I have always given them opportunity to walk in My Ways and in the Light of My Word. Each will make their choice, and will walk into the final hour with their fate sealed by their own words.”

“This door has been opened and will remain till the end, as the culmination has begun, as I have repeatedly told you it has. But men do not believe, nor do they care. For they only want their own way and not Mine. This door is dimly lit because it is the least desired of all doors. It is the door that opens up to the Judgment Seat of My Son. I told you that My Son would judge all things, and into His Hands have I placed that authority. It is time for all men to choose, to judge themselves, and to seek My Son.”

“The Threshold of the Final Hour is the final door that will open up all of the final events and judgments, and what was sealed will now be seen. What I told John and Daniel and others to seal up for the last hour, has now been opened. I have opened the way to all things, and it will come through My Son. There is no other way for men to be saved, except through My Son, yet few embrace My Son. Few embrace My Judgments. Few cry out for Holiness and Truth in their lives. They refuse to enter through My Gates and come before Me, so that I might judge them and cleanse them. Few desire the Truth, and shun My Gates.”

“So, I have opened the way, and it will now be released, and no man will shut it, or hinder Mine from coming to Me. But, know this, now that it has been opened, what was sealed will now rush through the door, and usher in the Final Hour upon the earth. For My Spirit has been brooding, and striving with Men, for generations, and no longer will I hold back. No longer will I brood, and strive over my creation, crying out to them to come to Me, for I now rush forth, and I will work My strange and awesome work in the lands. I will cause all men, women, and children upon the face of the earth to acknowledge that I am the Eternal God. For all will come face to face with Me and will choose their path."

"The Final Hour has come, and the Storm is at the Threshold as I showed you. All is in readiness, and now is opened. Woe unto those who refuse My Son. Woe unto those who go their own ways, and reject My Truth. Woe unto those who go out into utter darkness and who do not love My Light."
"The Way has been there the whole time, but men do not come. Now the Wind of My Spirit is blowing, and is moving in this Final Hour, and it will be just as you saw. It is indeed a dark wind that blows with full force. I am the Righteous Judge. I am blowing across the lands. I am bringing My Justice. I am bringing My Truth. I am bringing My Word to pass, even before all men. It is the Truth that will judge all men. It is the Word that they rejected that will bring them to the end."

"Either My Truth will set men free, Or the Lie will rule over them."

"For both have gone forth, and both will gather men in."

"Men have desired to see the Final Hour and have rejoiced thinking that the Day of the Lord would be a joyful thing, but they have not known the hearts of men, nor of the Hour of Trial that now is opened and is released, and they have not discerned the multitudes that are at the precipice. There is no joy in seeing My Creation given over to the lie, and to death, which was reserved for the devil. There is no rejoicing over the lost of Mine who walked away from Me. My Son gave His Life for each of them, but they reject the Truth, and so go forth to their final portion."

"What men have also failed to understand is the Glory of My Body that is also being released at the same time. I have wrought a great and glorious work in the earth, in the caves, and in the hidden clefts of the earth. I have fashioned a Glorious People, who have embraced My Judgments, and who have gave Me their hearts and lives. I have held them for this Final Hour. I have kept them and gave them My Glory.
They have awaited this Hour and have been content to be with Me."

"It is to these, that you have seen the release of today, as you have also been released, these have now come forth from the door. The Wind that you heard from behind the door, is the wind of the Spirit that blows through them, and that is now coming out from them, and out of the door. Come and see."

I walk up to the door. It is still dimly lit, and it is cold, and I feel afraid to touch it. I am shaking as I draw to the doorpost. I can hear the wind as it blows all around me, and as it rushes from within. I cannot see much, but the dimly lit area in front of me. I cannot enter in.

The Lord says," You could not enter in, because of the fear that you feel. It is right that you feel this, as it is My Holy Fear that you feel. I am the Righteous Judge, and the Fear of the Lord is now given to Mine, to rightly judge the Truth, and to reverence Me with. I want you to see what lies within the door."

I step into the door, and the wind suddenly stops. It is dead silent in the room. It is dark, and it is cold, and it is silent. I fall on my face, and cry out in terror. Lord, do not slay me, for I am wicked and am unclean before you. Grant me your Grace to stand and to behold your face." The Lord says to me, "Stand and receive My Grace."

I stand, and I look at the Lord who is standing before me. He is smiling. He points to His Left, and shows me what is around us. I look, and I see multitudes of people. They are standing in the darkness, the dimly lit room, and it is full of the Glory of the Lord. The people are emanating the Glorious Fire of the lord as a million Jewels would in a newly opened cave.

The People are standing together as one Body, and yet are individuals. They all seem to be thinking at the same time, and yet individually. I can sense their thoughts and their hearts. The Fire is burning all through them, and it burns with the Seven Spirits of God. All of the 7 Spirits of God can be seen upon them, through them, and within them. The Lord then says to me, "Why would they not be full of Me? I am full of the Glory of the Father, and the same Glory that I had, I have given to them. You also carry My Glory. All of Mine, will go forth, full of Me. For I am the Glory and the Covering over My People."

"My People will walk with the same knowledge of the Father that I have, as they are His Children. I have given them, all that I am. I told you this in John 17, and it is time for them to go forth, in that same power. For it is the Final Hour. The Hour that I will be Glorified in the earth and in My People.

"What you see are the Burning Jewels that I will now fully release into the Flaming River from My Throne."
I told you that Daniel 7 was opening before the earth. It is time. For I have now stood, and I am making My Judgments known and on behalf of My Own. I am releasing My Justice and My Judgments in the earth and in My House. Both will be seen."

I look back at the flaming people who stand before the Lord, and who emanate His Glory. I look down at myself, and see the same fire burning. The Glorious Fire of the Lord flares up all around me, and then it rises into a great blaze. We worship as the Glory of the Lord overshadows us and covers us.

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Be Faithful With What I Have Given You
Susan Cummings

Be faithful with what I have given you. For you have been given the seed of My Word. That which I have placed within you will live. For it is placed within you from Me, and as you allow Me to, I breathe upon it, and it becomes a living seed. It is your Faith IN Me, that activates My Word, the seed, and it then begins to take root, grow, multiply, and then spring forth.

It is your faithfulness that brings it forth, for each step that you take forwards, looking unto Me, causes it to break forth more and more. The time of explosion is at hand. The time of breaking forth has come. The time of release is now upon you. My Word is a Living Word, and it is Me that lives within you, and I have told you that I AM coming forth out of you. I have chosen you as My Vessel, through which I will live, and through which I will be released into the earth. You are My Expression, My Heart, My Voice and Hands.

Each of you will release Me, and will see Me, as you trust in Me. It is time for the Truth to be seen in demonstration again. It is time for the Living Word to be seen in My House. I am not a dead God. I am not a silent God. I am not an impersonal God. I am the One True God, who has always been, and will always be. I AM. The earth is Mine, and the fullness thereof.

Do not despair or be afraid of the days ahead of you. I have already told you of this day. I have already gave you My Word. I have already been with you from beginning till the end. I bring forth all things according to My Commands. Take no thought for your lives, for if they are truly given unto Me, then you will have no fear or distress, but your security will lie totally In Me.

I will teach you what you need to know. I will guide you along the way. I will feed you in your hour of trial and hunger and in your times of satisfaction. I will clothe your nakedness and in your abundance. I will ever be with you. Take nothing for granted but be ever vigilant to walk in My Ways. Give to those who have need and care for those who fear, and bring all of the outcasts unto Me and I will care for them. It is time for them to enter into My Chambers and sit with Me.

I have given to you to know the season and the hour. I have shown you the narrow way. I have brought you to My Throne. Remain faithful with what you have been given. For I am now releasing the golden seeds. The seeds that have remained for this hour. The golden seeds of My Word, reserved for this time. The revelation will now be released to the faithful. Great is the reward for those who treasure My Word more than everything else. For the precious seeds will be scattered and watered and spring forth unto the harvest, in this hour of travail.

Darkness has tried to choke the Word and to steal the life of the seed, but I say unto you, that I have hidden the child, and it has been kept unto this hour, and will now come forth endued with My Power. For the decrees have gone forth, the gates are in readiness and the breaking forth will come. The delusion has set in and many sleep and not many perceive the famine, but the ground is ripe and the Word will reap forth after it's kind.

Do not look down, and upon your earthly flaws. I have not called you according to your greatness, or your abilities, or according to your gifting or personality. I have chosen you according to My Will. I made you. I know you. I chose you. Walk in the knowledge of Me. Trust in Me. Remain faithful to Me. I have prepared the seedbed of your heart to carry My Word. It is I, that have watered the seeds, and have decreed that they live in this hour. It is I, that will bring them forth at this time, and it is I that will change you, so that you can release them and see it bear fruit for Me.

Cease from your labors. Cease from your fears. Cease from your struggles to change, and allow Me to come forth. It is I, that change you from within, and then I flow outward and bring the transformation. It is I, that bring you peace and freedom. It is I, that am God. Stand In Me. See what I will now do and bring forth from within thee. Be faithful with the little that is set before thee, and see how I will multiply it back unto thee, in this hour of great liberty.

-Susan Cummings
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The Door Of The Ark
Sandy Warner

Aug 2, 2004
After years of building a spiritual ark and waiting upon Me through the flood waters, I AM coming once again to remind you of your promises. This ark carried you safely through a long hard storm. You have come to rest, as the flood waters recede around you. And yes, you have sent out your prayer requests wondering if it is safe to come out yet.

Continue to wait upon Me for the sign of My dove. When My Spirit brings you the olive branch, which is a token of My peace, know that you may walk through the open door and out into the world. You learned to rest in the ark and trust Me to carry you. Now learn to go forth in that same rest. When you are able to walk in peace, you shall walk your way through your door of new beginnings. How shall you know the door? It is the door of love. Love will find a way.

Song 8:7 NLT
Many waters cannot quench love; neither can rivers drown it. If a man tried to buy love with everything he owned, his offer would be utterly despised."

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Faithful Parents
Sandy Warner

Aug 4, 2004
My dearest nurturing ones, you have built a stairway for your children to ascend higher than you were able to climb yourself. Your own plans and desires have become sacrifices laid at My feet, that you might bring those you love into their places. How beautiful is your sweet smelling aroma, your very life poured out! As you stand before the place to which your children have risen, I say to you, "Come!" The door is open and it is My pleasure to bring you into your own place. You not only built the stairway for your progeny, but you have also built the stairway to your own dreams. Yes you climbed and climbed believing Me all the way. Trust Me that I will bring you through this door of destiny and you shall not be left behind. Your sacrifices shall be known throughout eternity. Thank you, My faithful parents.

Hab 3:17-19 NKJV
Though the fig tree may not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines; Though the labor of the olive may fail, and the fields yield no food; Though the flock may be cut off from the fold, and there be no herd in the stalls -- Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills.

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Rise From Your Rest
Sandy Warner

Aug 6, 2004
Rise from your rest dear one, and go through the door. It is time to harvest your basket and bring the children with you. They shall sup at your table and keep My Word even as you have kept them. Multiplied over and over again, these My children of My Word shall follow you through destiny's door.

Deut 1:6-7 NLT
"When we were at Mount Sinai, the LORD our God said to us, `You have stayed at this mountain long enough. It is time to break camp and move on.

Deut 2:2-3 NLT
Then at last the LORD said to me, You have been wandering around in this hill country long enough; turn northward.

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Shiny Treasures in Small Packages
Sandy Warner

Jul 23, 2004
My Beloved one, I love to plant My special love gifts just to warm your heart. I will never grow tired of circling My Words to you. I rejoice in reaffirming your calling, My never ending love for you and My gratefulness that you love My Word so dearly.

All over the earth I have My sent ones, each a precious treasure planted exactly on the spot, exactly perfect for their mission. And each one of these "hidden in plain view" treasures have My Word tucked within them. As humble ones draw near to receive My Word, these glorious ones shall pour out like pennies from heaven, one little Word at a time. With each morsel of quickened Words and deeds, they pour My heart upon a world full of goods, but poor in humble pennies. Soon the whole world shall draw near for just one penny sent from Me. Sent ones, how wealthy you are!

Gen 41:38 KJV And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

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The Day Of The Lord

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The day of the Lord draweth nigh. Let us draw closer to God. We are the fore-runners of his coming and the generation of his seed and so we have to prepare for his coming and finish his work on the surface of the earth. The glorious church is appearing but the Lord is saying we must still make amends so that we would be perfect. I would love to share some prophecies and some of the requirements with you. Enjoy the message.

Olive Trees

We are olive trees before the Lord. The olive tree signifies worship. These are the days of worship when they that worship God must worship him in Spirit and in Truth. Lets press into the Lords fullness with all of our hearts. Lets be soaked in his mercy. Lets be like Elijah and Moses. Lets talk to him face to face and mouth to mouth

Maturity

There is a call to maturity in the camp of zion. Zion must arise. We must wake up to our call. We must go for the harvest. We must reap for the Lord gathering the fruit into the garner. We must be matured in Christ showing love to our neighbours and refusing every other standard but the standard of Christ. So that we may grow up in him in all things not being tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine, sleight of men and cunning craftiness.

Discernment

These are the days of discernment. God is releasing his discernment so that we may see and know the difference between good and evil. There is a separation in the army. God is separating his sheep from the flock removing the original from the mixture.

Its the 3rd day and the Spirit of the Lord is speaking. Lets hear what he is saying

Holiness

The Lord is coming soon for a church without wrinkle, blemish and stain therefore his church needs to be holy. We got to thirst for it. If we do this we shall be filled for it is written - Blessed are they that thirst and hunger for righteousness for they shall be filled.

Prophecy 1

Now you’ve known me intimately. Now you’ve seen me. You’ve seen me at the cross. But you only know little of me. Come to my understanding. Listen to my voice. Let those that comprehend God **sing** for joy. Let them bring forth treasures out of their hearts.

And the church replies - I will be still before you. I'll comprehend your depths. I'll love and not be ashamed for you've called me. You've ordained me. Therefore I will go and bring forth precious seeds into the harvest barns. I will gather till I am tired. Now I'll do the work of an evangelist.

Prophecy 2

People shall weep at my glory. They will weep at my manifest presence. As they behold the Son of God whom they murdered.
They pierced me, they took my robe away from me. I was stark naked. I bled and died. I was ashamed but I bore my shame.
I took away the pains and the grief of your heart at the cross. Don't be bitter towards any fellow. Learn to love for I bore your pains. I took your sorrows away. I did bare them.
Take my cross and learn of me. I am beauty. You'll learn well of me.
At the cross, I showed you love. When I bore your sins for you. I paid the price as I bled to die for you. I took the pain. I bled and died.
Look to me with a fervent heart. I will be there when you call. You'll call on my name and I will answer you. You'll pray and I will hear for I am wanting to know you. I'll be there to help you out of your difficulties. Don't be troubled. Be prudent. For I'll come in a time that you expect not. Therefore wash your robe. Make it clean lest I come and find you wanting.

The Father's Heart

The Father is seeking labourers in his vineyard. He is seeking men that will value the kingdom of God like the merchant who sold everything he had just to buy a pearl.
God is looking for prayer warriors who will be still in his presence and listen for his will
He is looking for men who will bear burdens in the kingdom and transfer the seed for others to follow.
He is looking for ark bearers and cup bearers who will persistently and consistently enter his rest.
Do not cry just shout unto the Lord. Look, Behold his face. Be still in his vineyard and let his aura rub on you. Behold his face and let him anoint you afresh.
Let his oil fill your cup and let it drip from your head to every part of your life.

A section of the body cries...

O Lord the church is waiting for you. Move once again. Fill the altars with salvation and let brethren come and worship at your feet with holiness. Deliver us from strange lips. For strange deceit has taken over us. False doctrines has entered into the church of Christ.
Help us O God for unto thee we cry.

...and the Lord replies

Once again I will visit my church. I will plow and I will make room for abundance of souls to be saved at

the altar. I will come in and take them captive that call upon my name in vain. I will discipline them for I have not sent them. Yet they ran. They will tell lies in my name but they shall not prosper for I have said a thing and it shall come to pass.
To that which I have said take heed that you may comprehend. In the last days you shall consider.

Word to the continents and nations

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Africa
A hour of change from the Lord. A season of refreshing is coming. Its her hour of Harvest.
Rejoice Africa for thy land shall be fruitful.

Asia
Breeze of revival is blowing across the continent.

Iraq and Iran
Iraq and Iran are going to rejoice for out of them will come forth victory.
They shall weep no more. For out of their fruitfulness will I bring delight unto all nations. They shall be called after my name. I will raise up ministers of the gospel who will spread the gospel through them.

Canada
Arise, Shine for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you - Is. 60:1

Thus saith the Lord - Canada will bear my glory. They will bear my name.
They will bear my torch for I will give them of the light of the nations and they shall bear my torch

The Dangers Of Throwing Rocks
Kathie Walters

I was taking a few days off with my eldest daughter, Faith, and two of her children in Chattanooga, Tennessee - it's nice to take a break sometimes - while my husband David took my other grandson, Zion, to Bermuda where he is doing a week long camp.

SOMETIMES, GOD INTERRUPTS YOU

As I was standing in the line at the IMAX theater, suddenly my right shoulder felt as if it went completely out of joint. Understand, it didn't really come out of joint, it just felt like that for a little while...long enough for God to get my attention. I started praying in the Spirit. "Whaaaat?" I asked the Lord, but then we went into watch a short movie about bugs.

When the movie finished we went to a nearby restaurant and the shoulder thing came back strong. It almost felt dislocated. I started praying again and the sky suddenly became very black. At the same time I had a vivid vision. If you don't have this kind of Seer-type anointing, don't worry about it, as it can be very inconvenient. The Holy Spirit doesn't seem to worry about the fact that you are in the middle of a good restaurant and eating your extremely nice dinner. By the way of explanation, the shoulder represents authority. The government is on the shoulders. The right shoulder represents senior leadership.

ROCK THROWERS

As I received this vision, the fear of the Lord came on me and the anger of the Lord was stirred within me. I saw in the Spirit, a man in a white shirt, a senior leader or Pastor. He had his back to a wall and was crouched over. There were some other men and a few women who were throwing some pretty large rocks at him. With his back to the wall, and obviously outnumbered, he didn't stand much of a chance of standing up for himself. It seemed to me that he had failed in some areas, maybe even morally. But this anger I felt was not directed toward this man, but rather at those who were throwing the stones and rocks.

GRACE

I thought about the word I had recently received about Niagara Falls and the move of God that is coming called "GREAT GRACE," and the revelation of the powerful, life-changing grace of God. (See this word entitled "God Is Coming Like The Niagara Falls!" on THE ELIJAH LIST at http://www.elijahlist.com/words/display_word.html?ID=2245.)

Just to remind ourselves of a few things, it was prophesied of Jesus that He will judge not by the seeing of the eye, nor the hearing of the ear, but He will judge by righteous judgment (see Isaiah11:3-4).

JUDGE OR NOT

Jesus warned several times about judging.

Matthew 7:1,2 & 3:

1) Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2) For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

3) And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

Is it our place then to judge one another? Or is it OK just to put up with anything?

Neither is correct; our position is IN THE SPIRIT and listening to the spirit and getting the mind of the Lord. The enemy or the spirit of religion would like us to get into the realm of judgment. If we do that, then we place ourselves over one another, forgetting that we are all ONLY kept by the grace of God, and His grace is poured out onto a humble heart.
"God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble" (1 Peter 5:5).

WHAT IS REAL HUMILITY?

People get confused about humility. Is a humble person someone who walks around bemoaning the fact that they have nothing?

Before I was filled with the Spirit, I belonged to a very, supposedly, spiritual group in London. In our prayer meetings, the person who could confess the longest about his poverty and need and tell how much of a worthless, wormlike sinner he was, was considered the most spiritual. I was never the star of these shows as I could never remember the right spiritual sounding words, and worms didn't do a whole lot for me.

We didn't have much of a revelation of what Jesus had accomplished for us on the cross of course, and that was really sad.

LEARNING HOW TO DELIVER A JUDGMENT-TYPE WORD

So let me explain to you about judging. If you have judged another brother or sister, church, ministry, or fellowship, you need to repent and release them from your judgment. You are kept ONLY by the grace of God.

A long time ago, before we moved our ministry to America, David and I were traveling in the Eastern part of the United States; in the Atlanta area we were due to minister among a number of house groups. We stayed in the home of an Elder there and on Saturday evening this man told us, "I am going to take you to meet another Elder whom you have not met before. As you will be speaking at his house church tomorrow morning, I will take you to his home now and introduce you."

Well, we went over to this man's house - myself, David, and a young lady, Sue, who was traveling with us. In answer to our knock, a nice looking man answered the door. As I shook his hand I was shocked to see a spirit of lust in his eyes. There are some things that are so blatant you don't really need much "discernment."

We went on into the living room. There were about ten young men and women there, standing around, talking and fellowshipping. Much to my surprise, a friend and Papa-in-the-Lord, Arthur Burt, was sitting right there in the living room, chatting away to a lady next to him. Arthur had been in the ministry a long, long time. I sat still, amazed at the blatant lust I had seen in this other leader. I sat staring at Arthur. "If Arthur is such a man of God, can't he see this spirit? Why doesn't he DO something?" My thoughts were all over the place. I was totally thrown. Sue was across the room staring at me much the same way I was staring at Arthur. She was thinking the same thing of David and I, as I was thinking of Arthur. "Why don't they DO something?"

After a while, Arthur put down the glass of orange juice he was drinking and gave out a very loud tongue (in the Spirit.) Then he proceeded to give the interpretation. It went something like this: "You have until tomorrow night about this time to uncover or be discovered by the Spirit of God."

Then Arthur picked up his glass of juice and continued his conversation with the lady next to him. The room was VERY quiet for a few minutes. You have to remember, this message came out of the blue in the midst of "chat."

"I COULDN'T USE YOU, BECAUSE YOU ALREADY JUDGED THE MAN IN YOUR HEART"

A little dazed by it all, we went back to the home where we were staying. I went immediately into the bedroom. "OK, Lord what happened with this situation?"

God spoke to me right away: "I couldn't use you, Kathie, because you already judged the man in your heart."

Then I saw how that was true; when I SAW WITH MY EYES that spirit of lust, I had judged him by immediately thinking someone should DO something, without asking the Lord about it. He gives grace and grace and then more grace, but we want to jump right in and straighten everyone out, don't we?

I realized that Arthur had been around a long time - I am sure he saw that lust spirit just as we had, but you see, he didn't know it UNTIL GOD TOLD HIM. He made no judgment in his heart like I did, and so when the anointing came upon him he just obeyed the Spirit and the Word of the Lord came out and did its own work. Arthur was detached from it and he was not personally involved in that way, although the man in question was an old friend. So you see, you can see but not know. You can hear but not perceive the truth. Only God can knows the heart; only God knows the thoughts and intents of the heart. The Word, by the Spirit, is able to divide the soul and spirit and thoughts and intents of the heart (Hebrews 4:12). We had a great meeting the next morning, and that evening, the elder in whose house we had the meeting, took off with another lady from the group and never did come back! The word that Arthur gave did its own work. It brought things to the light.

I want to tell you about one other situation.

WHEN GOD LIFTS HIS GRACE

Years ago, when we lived in Orlando, we had Arthur Burt minister in our church. After the service we brought Arthur and another young English guy, Jeremy, back to our house for some supper. During the conversation Jeremy interrupted and asked Arthur, "Oh by the way, do you know brother Stan Brown? " (Not his real name.)

"Yes, as a matter of fact, I do," replied Arthur, and he continued his conversation with someone else.

Jeremy was excited! "When this man was in the UK, he had tent meetings and that's where I got saved," Jeremy said. "Do you know where he is?"

"Well, yes I do," Arthur said, and turned away to resume his conversation. I thought Arthur was behaving a little weird.

"But Arthur, where is he (Stan)? I would love to contact him," Jeremy said, now a little impatient.

"If you must know, brother, he is in jail." Arthur again began to talk to someone else.

By this time, poor Jeremy was losing it. "What do mean 'in jail'? Why is he in jail?" A bewildered Jeremy was in shock.

"Well, if you must know, he is in jail for child pornography." Arthur looked at Jeremy now.

Jeremy couldn't understand it at all and was speechless. "How could that happen?," Jeremy asked. "Brother Stan was so anointed! He led me to the Lord, and there were so many people saved and healed in his meetings."

"Brother," Arthur turned to Jeremy, "When a man gets into pride, God lifts His grace and then he falls into the first hole that he comes to."

Well, we all got a revelation that night, but I have seen it happen again and again. "God resists the proud and gives His grace to humble." This evangelist got into pride in his ministry and God lifted His grace. He fell into the first hole he came to. "God resists the proud."

GREAT GRACE

The move of God is coming - it is GREAT GRACE - and we must have a revelation of the grace of God and understand that we cannot play God and judge one another. The promise is that if you make judgments, THEY WILL COME BACK TO YOU and stop you from receiving God's grace in your own life. We don't know the heart of another except God reveal it. I know many people in the ministry, and a lot of them have been in the ministry for a long time. I don't know anyone who has not said some dumb things, done some dumb things from time to time. If we judge by what we see and hear, guess what? You would write everyone off. You would be the only one in church on Sunday. Let go of your judgments now, don't hang on to them, they are hindering what God has for you. Release the people you have judged, then God's grace will fall stronger over your life.

Jesus once said a strange thing in Matthew 21: "If you fall on the rock you will be broken, but if the rock falls on you it will crush you."

The Lord showed me this rock once, and in a vision I saw myself fall on the rock and I had my arms around the rock and was weeping. "I don't understand about this rock," I said to the Lord.

"This is My grace, if you cast yourself on it you will be safe, but if you don't, the power of it will crush you."

GIVE GRACE - FOR YOU HAVE RECEIVED IT

Don't resist the grace of God; extend it and do not withhold it. For He freely gave it to you and He gives and gives and gives again.

The vision I saw tonight of the man with his back to the wall...it was real...those rocks were real, it was a real situation. The Lord's righteous anger was stirred up against the rock throwers. Be careful, my friend, of your judgments.

Does this sound like a hard word? It is not like me, I know, but God wants you in the flow of the move of God that is getting nearer every day. If you are moving in His grace, it will be wonderful; if not, it will be a judgment to you.

The goodness of God leads to repentance. What the man who fails does (like the man in the vision had failed) is between him and God; I will stay in the Spirit and pray. If God uses me that's great; if He uses someone else to help that man, that's OK, too.

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Total Destruction Of West Coast Of Canada
Joshua Taylor

Seven Open Visions-

Feb. 1988, Bangs, Texas - as seen by Joshua Taylor - First recorded from Memory, Sept. 15th, 1993, Jasper, Arkansas.

Prelude: Before sharing these visions, I feel led of the Lord to relate certain background information relevant to the comprehension and understanding of what shortly is to befall not only America, but Canada as well.

Up to this point in my spiritual walk, I had not experienced any open visions whatsoever, although the Holy Spirit had revealed various inner visions and other supernatural experiences needed for spiritual growth. Ever since my initial conversion in a conservative Christian Church in Regina, Saskatchewan in May of 1975, looking back, God surely had His hand upon my life. For the first six years, I listened and intensively studied the foundational teachings of the Word.

From 1981 until 1987, the Lord led me on various missionary journeys across my own country. During this second set of six years, God set me free from previous traditional bondage's, and set my feet on higher ground through a greater revelation of His Word. Above all, through my nomadic lifestyle, the Lord taught me to be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

It was toward the end of this second phase, in 1985, while attending a spirit-filled summer camp in Rock Lake, Manitoba that the Angel of the Lord first appeared to me. Unknowingly, God was preparing my soul to enter into the final stage of preparation. It was Gabriel who also appeared twice in these seven open visions. Up until this time, I knew in my spirit that the Lord had a call upon my life to serve Him. It was not until Christmas of 1988, that God revealed through the five-fold ministry, that I was not only called, but a chosen vessel as well. Chosen by His mercy! It was during this third set of six years, from 1988 until the spring of this year of 1993, that the Lord stripped me of all things allowing Satan to prove me that I might learn to be faithful. During this time in the wilderness, the Spirit of the Lord led me to seven springs of 'living waters' where I received various aspects of the deeper things of God. All seven of these 'Trumpet' ministries were formerly birthed out of the 1948 revival. After 18 years of preparation and testing, the Spirit of God anointed my feet to go forth to preach and to minister His word and power of deliverance. In my spirit, I know that these seven open visions will shortly come to pass. And when they do, America will be shaken as the great and terrible 'Day of the Lord' is ushered in! Although many details of my testimony have been purposely left out, I pray that what God has allowed me to reveal will set a foundation in which to better comprehend these seven open visions. May God receive all the glory and honor. Let each one lift Jesus higher, that the light of Christ will shine forth in newness of life. As of this moment, I had not previously recorded these visions given over five and one half years ago. A few details may be lost, but in the intensity in which I received this visitation of the Spirit of God will forever remain.

Update to Feb. 1988 After having resided for a season in Texas within a spirit-filled community, I was in the process of saying my farewells prior to departing back up into my own country, when the 'Spirit of the Lord' fell on me as it did Ezekiel. The home of the elderly sister whom I had the privilege to help build, was still a shell on the inside with sheets for walls. Early that morning in Feb. of 1988, I awoke at approximately ten minutes to six to use the restroom. My mind was yet half asleep as I felt my way back to bed in the pre-dawn darkness. There was no indication that God was about to move to open up the windows of heaven, to pour out seven open visions lasting for 45 minutes. These visions would not only affect my life in times to come, but would affect all of North America! It was precisely six a.m. as I lay back down on the davenport. To me, this was just another morning. Nothing unusual. As my body touched the bed, I instantly became slain as the Spirit of God came in like a wave with such force, that it caused my body to roll over on its right side! Unable to speak, or to move or even to think, with my eyes wide open, the Lord took my soul into a future time and place. God had not just opened a door that I might witness with the eyes of the Spirit of things to come, but He also quickened all my natural as well as spiritual senses of perception. I lived and breathed and felt all that was in and around me. Seven times the Spirit of the Lord came in like a mighty wave, causing my body to rollover from one side and then to the other. Each time one vision ended, another began. For a full year after having these seven open visions, I had to learn to live with what God had revealed in order to retain my own sanity and frame of mind.

VISION # 1 - In the vision, I had returned to Texas to fellowship with the brethren I had previously become acquainted with. For no apparent reason, God cut my visit short and opened up a door to return back to my own country. It was imperative to leave immediately! The next morning I remember boarding the ferry in Port Angeles just outside of Seattle for Victoria, British Columbia. I remember being very solemn as if I already knew beforehand what was to take place on this particular mission. The passage itself seemed to be in the cool of the year where a light jacket had to be worn. There was no indication of snow being on the ground or in the air. In my spirit it seemed to be about five a.m. The sun had not yet come up above the horizon. As to what season it was, it could have been early spring or late fall.

VISION # 2 - As the Spirit of the Lord came in for a second time, the force of it pushed me yet into another vision. Turning over on my left side, I could see myself leaving the ferry terminal. There was quickness in my walk. After what seemed to be five minutes or so, I remember entering the front doors of a newspaper office in the downtown part of the city. To the right of the counter in front of me, the wall clock showed the time to be twenty-five minutes past eight in the morning. The office staff seemed to be half asleep as if they just returned after having the weekend off. Two or three of the staff still had cups of coffee in their hands. Standing to the left side of the front counter, with my back to the street entrance, I remember being dressed in black with a large staff in my right hand. In the spirit, I could perceive them mocking me, as God had me to speak forth a warning to evacuate the west side of Vancouver Island. An earthquake measuring approximately 7.4 would hit twenty miles west of Victoria, causing a six foot tidal wave to come inland. I said that God's mercy would be in it, and that minimal damage would occur if the news media would warn the public to take the necessary precautions. The Lord had me to make it very clear that this particular earthquake, was a final warning in that the next quake would destroy all life along the west coast of North America! Later that afternoon, I found myself back in the same office. Standing there in silence, I simply waited for the hand of God to move. It was a few minutes before two-thirty when I glanced up at the wall clock. Suddenly everything became quiet and deathly still! Even the birds stopped singing, sensing what was about to happen. Within moments, the silence was broken when every phone in the office began to ring off the hook. A six foot tidal wave had been sighted heading eastward towards the city resulting from a 7.4 earthquake twenty miles out in the Pacific. It was not until recently that I realized that severe damage must have occurred knocking out transportation on the west side of the island.

VISION # 3 - Again the vision ended as suddenly as it began. Panic had already begun to sweep over the island as people prepared to evacuate their homes for the safety of the mainland. The roads leading to the east side of the island were rapidly being jammed with traffic. It was somewhere during this time, that I met a fellow believer in the Lord who helped me get to the Nanaimo ferry terminal. Hundreds were in the process of leaving for the mainland heading for Vancouver. I remember telling this brother to transfer all his financial assets 'off the island,' in and around the Hope area.. Otherwise he would lose everything to destruction. This man was extremely wealthy, and believed the word of the Lord. In the Spirit, I was lifted high above the Nanaimo terminal, and could see two and three lines of traffic had already backed up for what looked to be two or three miles in length. Extra ferries had to be called in to handle the enormous increase in both vehicle and foot traffic.

VISION # 4 - For the fourth time, the Spirit of the Lord came in like a wave and forced my body onto the opposite side. The scene of the vision changed, and I was once again back in my body. This time I found myself on the top rear deck of a ferry preparing to leave port. As I stood with many others on the rear of the passenger deck, I could see the boarding ramp, 'the walk ramp,' being raised up for departure. It was at this very moment that I instinctively turned to the south side of the ferry. The water in the harbor began to boil with much activity, as a huge forty-five to fifty-foot dinosaur suddenly stood up out of the water!!! The front claws of this huge prehistoric creature was no more that ten feet off the rear of the deck. His gigantic head was as big as a medium-sized car, with teeth that looked to be nearly two feet in length. I was close enough to feel the heat of its breath as it looked down at the people on the rear of the deck. Many on board the back part of the vessel were killed by massive heart attacks due to the fear of the creature that apparently was pushed up from the quake. Everyone except for myself was stunned and severely in shock at what was taking place. Walking up to this flesh eater, I began to communicate with it. Almost able to touch its claws, I told him that he had done a good job, and to turn around and to go back into the water. This giant could have easily damaged the ferry. Its great size was almost beyond belief!

VISION # 5 - For the fifth time the scene of the vision changed, and I found myself at the Horseshoe Bay terminal. The ferry was just pulling into port. It was apparent that news had already reached the mainland as there was much activity in and around the area. As the ferry backed up into the docking zone, I could see that many major news networks had jammed around the pre-boarding gates. ABC, NBC, CTC, all the big ones. For some strange reason, they were looking to me for answers. As I began to say something, the Spirit of the lord took me over. Still dressed in black and with a staff in my right hand, a major prophetic warning went out of my mouth for all people to evacuate the West Coast. Those who refused to heed this warning would not be spared. This was God's mercy not only to His own, but to all who would listen to His voice. This destruction that was foretold, was God's judgment upon the evil and unrighteousness not only in the Vancouver area, but south to Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Mexico, and on down to the southern tip of Argentina. God was angry, and was about to shake all the west coast beginning in Alaska. It was at this point in the vision, that the arc-angel Gabriel suddenly appeared on my right-hand side, and asked me: "Where can my people go?" In answer to His question, I pointed up North to a remote area outside the Prince George area. In the vision, I handed the Angel of the Lord a long white tube that held the blueprints for survival. At the time of the visions, the Holy Spirit had just begun to reveal these plans for the survival of God's people. It was not until the spring of 1993, that the first phase of these survival plans were completed.

VISION # 6 - For the sixth time, the scene of the vision changed, and I found myself lifted up in the Spirit on the west side of Hope. From this vantage point high above the earth, I could see many cars, trucks, trailers, etc., loaded down with all that they could carry, heading for the northern part of the province. It looked as if 10,000 vehicles or 10, 000 people had heeded this warning to flee the Vancouver area, that they might escape the judgment of God. In the Spirit, it felt as if seven to ten days had elapsed since the warning had been carried by the major news networks. At this point in the vision, I found myself back in by body, standing on the west side of Hope near the highway heading towards Vancouver. For the second time during these visions, the Angel of the Lord appeared on my right hand. Still dressed in black, Gabriel commanded me to take my staff, and to speak forth a major destructive earthquake out in the Pacific. As I did, and as my staff hit the ground, this awesome earthquake immediately took place. Although I did not see the earthquake, I did see the catastrophic tidal wave that stood up out of the water and began making its way towards the mainland. In the Spirit, I knew it was to be a quarter mile high. It washed over the mountains on Vancouver Island as if they were not even there. Within minutes, I watched as this gigantic wave of destruction hit Vancouver and the lower mainland. I saw the faces of three million men, women, and children perish with nowhere to run!!! There were no survivors within 40 miles of the coast. Burnaby, Port Moody, and the other surrounding districts of the lower mainland along with the city of Vancouver no longer existed. Even 90 miles inland, as I stood alongside the highway, water from the tidal wave forced its way up the Fraser River and touched my feet!!

VISION # 7 - For the last time the scene of the vision changed, as the wave of the Spirit of God forced me on my opposite side. God allowed me to feel what it was like if Canada was a living person. It was as if a leg or and arm had been cut off, leaving that person severely crippled. God had brought Canada to her knees in a matter of moments. No longer was she whole!! Judgment had come swiftly, and without mercy for those who disobeyed Hs warning to flee to safety. In my spirit I knew that much of the Alaskan and Californian coast had also been destroyed. Shortly thereafter, word had got out about me speaking this judgment against the west coast. In the vision, I was being blamed for all the destruction and forced to flee my own country. The brother whom I had told to transfer his assets inland, flew me across the border in his private jet. In the Spirit, I could feel the persecution and the hatred towards God's people. The denominational church was in shock as the so-called rapture teaching had not happened to save His people from the wrath of God!! Persecution began to rise up within the cities, forcing many of God's people into the country for survival. In my spirit, I felt as if the 'Great and Terrible Day of the Lord' had finally come upon the would, and the church people who called themselves born-again believers were caught in a snare!!! As fast as the visitation came upon me, it left. Looking at the clock on the sill of the window, it was approximately 6:45 a.m.

END OF VISION!!!

The Testimony Joshua David 'Emmanuel' (1974-2004) With winter setting in, I found myself back in Brooks, Alberta, in Lou of missing a court date in the Hat. While scouting for work in the local bar, the Lord led me to a man that night that He used to plant the seed of God in my heart. As court was remanded to Edmonton for the first week of January, I ended up staying at the single men's hostel, where a fellow believer introduced me to the teachings of Moses' David. Staying for a season, the

Lord led me East to Fredericton, N.B., the beginning of spring in 1975. Here, I entered into a time of intensive personal study and deprogramming from the Children of God movement. By semester's end, the doors opened up to return back to family in Regina, where a friend of my father's, an elder in the Church of Christ, baptized me by immersion. At the time, I had been studying the scriptures concerning this. Taking this elder's advice, I attended bible camps both in Edward's Lake and Prince George that summer, to rendezvous back in the Fraser Canyon. For the next seven years, the Lord settled me in North Bend, discipled under Dave and Mattle Foreman. Through these two precious jewels, the Lord gave me my foundational teaching concerning the coming of the Lord and the end times. After being laid off from the local mill in the spring of 1980, I ventured back to Regina to where skateboarding became my passion. Inspired by Terry Fox at the time, I left the shores of Jericho Beach the following summer to raise awareness for the mentally challenged. Ending in St. John's, Nfld., the spring of 1983, where I attended a Church of Christ that was spirit filled and into Keith Green. The wisdom of God was leading me out of my conservative upbringing. Leaving Newfoundland that summer to return west, I settled in with a Christian family that I had previously gotten to know in 1975. Inspired by an open vision to outfit a bike with signs against abortion, the Spirit of the Lord led me supernaturally on a second missionary journey, ending in Thunder Bay by Christmas of that year. It was here that the Lord introduced me to a group of believers who lived in community as did the early Church, who were part of the Sam Fife movement. Wintering in Winnipeg, it was my intention to resume the journey the following summer. However, this was not to be. Just as I was preparing to leave, I met a elder brother in the Lord whom God had raised from the dead that very morning. Teaming us up, the Holy Spirit led us to hijack a believer who had fallen prey into the hands of the craft. He was about to be sacrificed as this young man wanted out. As the noose was tightening, we left Winnipeg according to the visions the Lord gave to Noel. An all points was already in progress by the time we reached Portage, and it wasn't until we arrived in Prince George that the craft closed in using the local police force. The group of believers that I had gotten to know there feared any reprisal that might arise, and did not want us around. The Lord closed the door, and Noel took us to a farm that he had been to before in southern Alberta. While recovering from our spiritual wounds, the Lord appeared to me one night upon just entering the house in the cloud of glory. Settling upon my head, the Spirit of the Most High revealed three personal events that are just now coming to fruition. From that time forth, I had been given a gift to be able to discern the Lord's Body. With winter settling in, the Lord gave me my second open vision, this time to build a cross and to take a stand for Him. Inspired by Arthur Blessed, I left Lethbridge a few weeks into the New Year of 86, walking with the cross to Expo with the faith that God had given me. Arriving in Nelson, B.C., I met another believer whom stood before the Lord in death from a drug overdose. Art opened up his home to stay for a season, as this was the Lord's perfect will for both of us at the time. It was at this critical juncture, that another brother in the faith, brought over several prophesy tapes of David Terrel that would have a future impact on our lives in the years to come. This was also a time that the Holy Spirit was training me concerning the teachings of Maitraiya and his kingdom of Darkness. How Art ever had that book of Crème's in his library is still a mystery to the both of us! Shortly after leaving Nelson to venture west as winter was coming to an end, I was verbally assaulted by one of the craft affiliated with the high priest back in the Peg. God's grace was sufficient, and the Lord led me intuitively, safely to arrive at the Gates of Expo that summer. It was at the East Gate, that I came into contact with a small group of believers who followed David Terrel. Staying for a season, I headed back east to visit my family to rest up, and to seek the Lord's will. Still undecided, I left for Winnipeg to do a short walk with the cross. It was here that the Lord brought a handful of us together to spend one month in an upper room experience. Having all things in common, the Lord blessed our time together, and revealed to us visions concerning the future of Israel and the Middle East. We saw Tel Aviv hit by either a biological or chemical warhead, and in self-defense, Israel retaliated and destroyed Damascus. The U.S.A. was in a losing war and NATO had to be called in. A vision was also given of Bro. Terrel standing on the steps outside of a prison, waiting to be transferred. This was God's way of putting a hook in my mouth. Shortly after we all were arrested for propagating the gospel and the end times, the group disbanded. Being at a crossroads, in my spirit, I felt the leading of the Lord to visit this Sam Fife who lived in community outside of Thunder Bay. Within a short time after arriving, the Marshal's took me in, and asked me if I would help them drive a moving truck down to Missouri. Having raised their family in the community, they were returning back to their roots. Accepting the challenge, I stayed until my commitment was completed, and left for Texas in the spring of 87 where the Prophet of God, David Terrel was about to be released. For the next seven years, the Lord placed me under the mantel of this prophetic ministry. It was while in Bangs, that the Lord unveiled to me seven open visions concerning the evacuation and the destruction of Vancouver Island and the entire West Coast of North America and Canada in Feb. of 1988! And it was here, latter that summer, that the Lord put Art and I together to walk across Texas with the cross depicting the seriousness of the times. A few years prior

to this, the Lord had me to sit under the teachings of George Warnock in Cranbrook, and it was at the house meeting here, that I received my first work by C. L. Moore who was an elderly prophet at the time.
The winter of 1991 found me in Calgary where I met an individual who was about to take his own life. Putting us together, the Lord blessed us with a recycling business. It was at this time that I finally put the tract together concerning the destruction of the West Coast after having written them out five years after the fact. After our business came to an end, I returned south to attend camp meeting in Bangs, and spent the summer with the Marshals' in Missouri. It was at this juncture, that the Lord called forth a certain handmaiden to stand in the gap, and to birth a man child, making it clear that the time would come, that all things would be made plain, and the we would be ruling and reigning with Him. Returning back to Canada, I hooked up with James, my former business partner in Regina, and we picked up Art on the way, and headed out to Vancouver the winter of 1993. Unknown to me, the next seven years would become my wilderness experience and the dark night of my soul. Tired of jumping through government hoops, I started a contracting business again with James, to have it fall to the ground. Loosing the place where I was living, I pulled up stakes and moved to the Island the fall of 2002. Staying with my girlfriend, I helped her landlady dig out a basement, and by the following summer found full time work refinishing houses. -End of Testimony-

"Rise up, young people! For the Lord shall use this younger generation to carry His glorious gospel to the ends of the earth before the final end comes!"

Personal Update

At this juncture in my spiritual walk, the Lord is in the process of bringing me out of the wilderness experience to raise me up to work for Him. At time's I feel that I have failed God's call on my life as it has been such a struggle just to survive. In my spirit, I perceive that there is less than a handful of years remaining before we enter into an age of earth changes that will affect all on the coastal areas of the world. Especially here on the West Coast of North America. It is time for all whom call upon the name of Jesus to get serious and to turn our attentions fully to the Lord. There is no time to waste! "Last evening, as I was falling asleep, I had a dream of woman holding a picture frame that was covered with a red material. Like a display case. In the center was the imprint of a sword, and that it was being brought in to be cleaned. Then I saw the sword in my right hand, leading me upwards and onwards to land in a castle type of area. I knew that this place was a place of the Lord's royally, and part of what I saw made my spirit sick. The dream changed to inside the castle structure, and I saw another woman with shock on her face. She said that I had been restored and have been raised up to cleanse the abomination out of this high place."

It may well be that it is time for the House of the Lord to be judged in righteous judgment!

This morning, as I came out from the restroom, the Lord spoke to my heart to put a tract together concerning a walk with the cross across Vancouver Island. In my spirit, what the Lord revealed concerning the destruction of the West Coast must go forth, or else the blood of the wicked will be on my hands! This judgment cannot be averted, although it can be lessened in its severity if enough people repent and prepare, as did Noah. You intercessors out there, I would covet your prayers as I prepare to go forth on this walk with the cross to bring forth a message of repentance in this hour. As in various journeys in the past, I have always given a space of time for the Lord to bring forth a conformation or a word not to leave. This time, I feel led by the Holy Spirit to put this forth to His people, that this becomes a body ministry. If this journey be of the Lord, the timing of it is even more important. This mission cannot be done without the support of God's prayer warriors and intercessors to combat the forces of darkness. You can reach me at my e mail address:
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"Concerning the Wrath of God upon the West Coast, no year was given, although certain 'signs' were encoded within the visions themselves.'

Seasonal Indicators
As I boarded ferry in Port Angeles to go to Victoria, I intuitively knew it "to be 5:00 A.M."
As the ferry was pulling into port in Vancouver, the sun was setting upon the city in and around 9 o'clock. This would indicate that we were "shortly before the longest day of the year," and that there was "but a short space of time to leave the lower mainland!"
The water in Port Angeles was cold enough to have ice crystals upon it wherein a fall type jacket or

sweater had to be worn. Although the rising of the sun indicated late spring or early summer, the mornings were abnormally cold, while daytime temperatures were quite mild. These two indicators would suggest a "climate change' wherein extreme temperature differences between night and day.
A third seasonal indicator while speaking for the warning in the newspaper office in Victoria, was that the "birds were singing and the trees were full of fresh leaves."

Economic Indicators
It was apparent that "those who had money or the rich and middle class," were not spending! Money was tight and nobody was selling their homes hoping that conditions would improve. The nation was in a time of recession about "to be thrown into a global depression!"
In the visions, I was carrying cash, in particular US currency. "Cash was still king!"
Just as the evacuation of Vancouver Island was under way, while still in Victoria, I suggested by the Word of the Lord for a particular Believer who was extremely wealthy, "to immediately transfer his assets to the mainland." This would indicate, that "banks were still operational" and had not closed their doors pending a national and global depression.
Upon entering into Canada, "the National Identification Card had not yet been forced upon the citizenship of this country."
Canada was "severely crippled economically" by the destruction, bringing the nation into a state of "emergency and economic collapse!" "World-wide depression had come upon North America!"

Prophetic Indicators
As the visions ended, it was strongly evident in my spirit, that "the Great and notable Day or the Lord" was "fully ushered in!"
After the tidal wave hit and destroyed the West Coast, in particular Vancouver and Vancouver Island, word was out that I was "to blame for the destruction" and God had to make a way for my escape.
Within 24 hours of the destruction upon the West Coast, "I knew that a decree was given against all true believers, and that great persecution had begun."
This above declaration, I knew was made by the so-called "Antichrist" fore spoken in the Book of Revelations.
"While in the Spirit" high above Departure Bay in Naniamo, I looked upon the hearts of the people, and if there was a "revival," there was no longer any trace of one.
With the ushering in of "the Kingdom of God", also came the ushering in of the "Kingdom of Darkness" as foretold in Mathew 24!
"The 10, 000 fleeing into the wilderness", fully prepared in advance to start anew, strongly infers that "a remnant was spared and went into a place prepared by the Lord" according to Rev. 12.
This "Great exodus of Souls," could not have happened if there was not "sufficient warning for them to get ready."
The "beast rising out of the ocean" indicated that the "Beast of Revelations was about to rise up out of the sea of humanity!"
Because God did not remove the Christian out of this great judgment, "the Christians themselves were greatly perplexed, and knew that they had been caught in a snare!"
Immediately after the destruction of the West Coast of North America, "great persecution arose against the true Believers in Jesus Christ!
From all the above indicators, "we were yet in the time of the four horsemen!" where the Day of God's wrath is being ushered! The time of the Antichrist is at the same time "being ushered in at this time," just prior to the Man of Sin revealing himself "in name and number!" If so, "we are only years away from the time of great persecution against both believing Jews and Christians world wide!"

Personal indicators
Prior to returning back to my own country, "the Lord commissioned me with a prophetic mantle" by the hands of an older prophet in Texas, to carry out His commission of warning and judgment.
This "man of God, gave me a set of his clothes, and a large staff to speak God's word. He laid his hands upon me, and spoke God's blessings upon my life, and sent me forth in the name of the Lord."
In the visions, I was "walking in an unction of the fullness of the Holy Ghost. All spiritual senses were no longer in part, and the fear of the Lord was strong upon me."
In the visions, "the plans concerning the survival of God's people were fully complete, and handed to the Angel of the Lord!"

Physical indicators
As the first vision begun to unfold, I knew that "a major volcanic eruption was in the process" or "had just happened!" Maybe Mt. Rainer!

In the newspaper office in Victoria, great fear gripped the hearts of the women working there when I appeared in the front office. "It was apparent that I was not a stranger," that the media had been "previously aware" of my personal endeavors "in bringing forth earthquake awareness!"

By the expression on the faces of the office workers, it seemed that an "major earthquake had already occurred on the Island in excess of seven points."

In bringing forth the warning, the word of the Lord indicated that the earthquake would result in "a six foot tidal wave," and that "all vessels on the West Side were to be evacuated!"

The warning quake would "be a mercy quake," before a total destructive quake to follow!

The ferry that I was standing on in the vision, had both a "walk deck" that allowed passengers to cross over to the opposite side without having to go inside of the vessel. This particular ferry was different from the ones now in operation in Naniamo, and may be one of the super-class ferries used between Victoria and the mainland. Where I was standing in the vision, I could see the "bridge of the ship," and the fact that it "backed into Horseshoe Bay," would indicate this particular ferry class. In the Spirit, I knew that the Victoria ferry terminal was no longer operational!

In Conclusion

My personal e-mail is as follows: joshua_light03@hotmail.com.

If the Spirit of God puts it on your heart to open up a web page to help in getting this warning out to prepare and leave the West Coast, when the sign of the beast is given, please contact me.

Anyone that is let to share his or her vision, prophecy or dream concerning the coming preparation, evacuation, and coming wrath upon the West Coast, feel free to forward what the Spirit of God has given you.

I would ask that all intercessors of the Lord, pray that the Lord would hold back the full portion of His wrath, in order for His faithful, and those who believe, to have time to get ready. In Jesus' Name-

Joshua David [Donald Taylor]

The Day of Your Visitation

David Clements

I have been visiting many of you but you are not at home.

Home is where the heart is!

Many are missing the day of your visitation.

Nazareth missed her day. See what happened there.

Look at Shiloh and see what happened there.

Look at Jerusalem and see what is happening there.

Look and you will see.

Have you lost your sight?

Then ask for sight and I will give it to you.

Have you lost your covenant of hearing?

Then ask to hear again and you will hear the sounds of the covenant of Love.

What is it that you are missing?

Stop asking for the stuff of life.

Ask for my presence.

Ask for Me.

Then you will see.

I AM.

Do you want me to visit?

Then listen carefully for my knock on your door.

Look carefully for the light of my presence.

Open to my Love.

Unlock your home, your heart.

Take your focus off of your self and fix your gaze upon me.

Have you not heard that I would not leave you or forsake you, even unto the close of the age?

I AM there where you are, just open unto me.

Go further than my presence enter into me and allow me to enter into you fully.

Father make them one like we ARE.

Soon I will no longer strive with flesh…….

Wake up from you self indulgence Church and know that I AM.

Do not let your unbelief blind you as it did Israel for I visited and they missed their day.

I have come. I AM, and I will come.

Choose your time!

Now is the day!
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The Diamond and the Eagle
Sandy Mabee

18 Feb 2004

When I was in worship recently, I saw the heavens open and there appeared a huge diamond - brilliant and amazingly big. We were at the bottom of it where it came to a point. All of a sudden it began to spin - not very fast but it was in constant circular motion from that point on. There, in the background behind it - the Throne of God began to appear and He was sitting upon His Throne. Then the Glory that emanated from His Presence began to shine upon the diamond and the beams of His light would be captured by the prism and then would pass through it and come out of the bottom of the diamond - it would go through the heavens and finally came into the place where we were worshiping.

These beams of glory light would hit individual worshippers having been pre-determined by Him and would completely consume those things in that individual's life that were holding them back from stepping into fullness and maturity. They were so completely consumed that not even the ashes or the dust of the stronghold remained as evidence. And there was a sense of great joy and pleasure on the part of the Father's heart.

And the diamond continued to turn while the Holy Spirit was illuminating passages of Scripture, "May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." And I knew that God was actively involved in making His face shine upon us at that very moment. As He lifted up His countenance and let His face shine - once again the diamond picked up the Glory beams and transmitted them into the lives of the worshippers whose hearts were set on seeking Him.

Again I saw great beams and streams of light permeating and penetrating the people and the glory fell in such a way that transformed the people into vessels that were prepared and readied to be used in the next Move of God. As I lay under the power and in the Glory, I began to see the wheel within the wheel that Ezekiel spoke of. In all of its brilliance, it began to move very, very quickly from one place to another and I became aware that God was asking that we too move very quickly with Him in this next move of God - without question or hesitation but flowing as one - like the wheel within the wheel.

Suddenly, as if a fog began to clear up, another vision began to come into view. I saw a form - like a man but having wings and it began to turn at the same speed that the diamond had been turning but it was set very far in the background and was somewhat darkened compared to all the light that I was seeing with the diamond and the Throne and Glory of God - I saw that the form had faces on each side but I could not really make out whose they were. Then, it began to move closer and closer and finally it stopped and I was able to focus and zero in on what I was seeing. It was the face of an eagle and it stood perched over me, looking at me for quite some time, allowing me to examine it as if that was His purpose. First I was a little startled by it's strangeness, then I began to relax as it simple stood there looking at me and didn't seem the least upset by my wonderment and I felt free to examine and take in what I was seeing and began to understand that we are fellow servants created to fulfill the purposes of God and this eagle was there to accomplish a purpose of God. I began to feel very comfortable - happy, blessed and appreciative for what was happening in the Spirit until it finally disappeared. I can't say that I understood what I was seeing - only that I was seeing it.

It's hard to put these things into common words since the experience itself is so far beyond the ordinary. I hope you find this a blessing and of course, if you have any insight or revelations regarding these visions, please share!

Shalom, Sandy Mabee http://www.uptozion.org>www.uptozion.org

This Day We Fight
Francis Frangipane

It is time to throw off oppression and passivity and stand for your nation. I don't think I'm preaching to the choir when I write this, either. We are facing one of the most important and difficult conflicts since WWII, yet too many Christians are passively sitting on the sidelines. You see, there is a passive spirit that has attached itself to the soul of many in the church.

For many, a subtle malaise has increasingly settled, like a blanket, upon their devotional life. Yes, they remained heartsick about escalating terror in the world, but their voice of intercession has quietly diminished. Indeed, they were outraged that judges in the United States and other nations have sought to legalize gay unions, but their outrage has faded into a shrug of the shoulders and a sigh.

During the last two messages (The Bronze Bow and Breaking the Bondage of a Passive Spirit), we discussed using Christ's authority and receiving from the Lord an anointing for spiritual warfare. We considered that David did not just defeat his enemies, he "pursued" them "until they were consumed" (Ps 18:37). As a young man, while others trembled, David was ready and eager to face Goliath. However, once he killed the Philistine, he cut off the giant's head and took it to Jerusalem. David probably held the head of Goliath up before the Jebusites, who still ruled Jerusalem. As God empowered him against the giant, so in time he would drive out the Jebusites as well. David is a powerful example of a man after God's heart, who possessed no tolerance for evil.

But this study about David also provides an example for us of what happens to good people when a passive spirit immobilizes their will. For there was an occasion when David did not pursue his enemies. In fact, he allowed a passive spirit to subdue his will. "Then it happened in the spring, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem" (2 Sam 11:1).

David stayed at rest during a time of war. The king accepted a passive spirit into his soul. Soon, we find this great warrior king almost helpless to resist the unfolding spiritual attack.

"Now when evening came David arose from his bed and walked around on the roof of the king's house, and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful in appearance" (2 Sam 11:2).

The woman was Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah. From the moment David accepted the influence of that passive spirit, his resistence was weakened; a paralysis of conscience occurred. The scripture says, "when evening came David arose from his bed." Perhaps it was a custom to rest in the afternoon, but it strikes me as inconsistent for David to nap while his men fought. It is possible that this nap was not a response to a bodily need, but an expression of the slumber that gripped his soul. He was in bed until "evening."

This heaviness of soul resting on David was actually part of a larger, synchronized spiritual attack. The other part of that battle was the quiet, inner prompting that moved Bathsheba to bathe in a place where David could see her. Finally, unable to resist, and in defiance of all his noble characteristics, David "sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, he lay with her" (2 Sam 11:4).

Dear friend, remember, this terrible moral failure was not initiated by David's lust or flagrant rebellion to God; a passive spirit introduced David to his sin. The problem was simply that, in a time when the kings went forth to war, David stayed at home.

In Our World and Times

Beloved, we are in a time of war. The Spirit of God is calling us to fight for our families, cities and nations. Indeed, God's word reveals that "The LORD will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies" (Isa 42:13).

Is that fight in you? Is there a war cry in your spirit? If you are born again, that cry is within you, even if it's been muted by the lethargy of the passive spirit. You will never succeed as an overcomer without carrying in your spirit the war cry of God. We must embrace the call to prayer, to do spiritual warfare, and we must fight with all the weapons of our warfare for the sake of our children and the future of our nation.

On the one hand, this war is personal. The moment you accept a passive spirit, count on the fact that a temptation appropriate to your weakness is also just around the corner. It may not be Batheseba, it may just be pornography on the Internet, but you will find yourself wrapped up in something that can devastate you and your loved ones. (It's called the World Wide Web and many are they that Satan entangles in sin). It may be a co-worker who suddenly looks attractive; or it might be just giving in to a bitter hardening of your heart.

On the other hand, the battle is also international. Let me spell it out: There is an radical element in Islam that has launched what they call the "Third Great Jihad." (The first jihad came during the life of Mohammed; the second during the Ottoman Empire). Leading this current Jihad is Osama Bin Laden. His goal, together with all radical followers of Wahhabism (a radical branch of Islam), is to drive the West from Islamic nations, replace secular heads of state in Islamic nations with religious leaders; possess the oil wealth of the Middle East, destroy Israel, and obtain nuclear (and other) weapons of mass destruction.

They are willing to die for what they believe and will stop at nothing to obtain fulfillment of their dream. According to US government reports, worldwide there are approximately 20 million Wahhadbi Muslims. Not all are terrorists, but all have been indoctrinated to hate the West, to hate Israel and to be willing to die for their cause. (See http://kyl.senate.gov/legis_center/subdocs/sc062603_alexiev.pdf)

While Islamic terrorists plot to infiltrate and conquer the non-Muslim world around them, there is another conflict being advanced from within society itself: it is a war over the moral standards of each nation. This is very serious and we need to pray and exercise spiritual authority over the regions where God has us.

You say, "I want to pray, but there is an oppression on me." You might be fighting a spirit of heaviness. Isaiah 61:3 says the Lord gives us "the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness" (KJV). The NAS renders this enemy "a spirit of fainting." Whether we call this evil a spirit of heaviness, fainting or passivity, it is what keeps people from exercising their spiritual strengths. Indeed, it often sits on your upper chest, seeking to smother your spiritual energy and initiatives.

This spirit gains access to our lives through a number of means. Disappointment with loved ones will open us to this spirit. Or, it might infiltrate our souls if we repeatedly sin in a particular area. It is also an associate companion to condemnation and fear. Whatever the door through which it enters, you need to repent for any sin and then forcefully and vocally renounce it. This is not a time to pray quietly, but boldly and with your eyes open.

I hear the argument, "I can't pray with my eyes open." That is not true. You have often prayed with your eyes open when you drive. The point is that this passive spirit seeks to trap you inside yourself.

To conquer this enemy we first must submit our hearts to God. Forgive and release all areas of disappointment with people or discouragement with yourself. Renounce living with condemnation and fear. Do all this out loud as well. Since God gives you the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, aggressively recall the many blessings of God in your life. Put on that garment of praise. Pray with me, In Jesus' name, I submit to Jesus Christ, my Redeemer King and I command this spirit of heaviness and passivity to depart from me. I also pray for it to leave my loved ones and any members of my church it has targeted as well.

The Real Battle

The conflict before our generation is no less threatening than Nazism and Soviet Imperialism. Radical Islam is a demonic power that seeks world domination. We cannot lose the war against terrorism or morality. We must not open to fear or unbelief, for we were born to fight and win the battles of our times.

Again the argue arises, "I was taught that life is supposed to only grow more evil until Christ returns." Yes, such a day will come, but we must not assume that it has arrived. In every age God requires we walk as overcomers. The very fact that there are nations today that are experiencing great harvests and breakthroughs reminds us there is still time for our nations.

One of our readers sent us the following excerpt from Aragon, king of Gondor, in The Return of the King. The book's author, JRR Tolkien, an Englishman, denies his work had anything to do with the Great War. Yet, much of his manuscript was written during the height of WWII. The book is a metaphor of all the battle each generation must face to conquer evil.

Hopelessly outnumbered, King Aragon sought to inspire his men against what seemed like sure defeat against the swarming hordes of their hellish enemies. Riding in front of his gathered, but rather lowly army, he shouted,

I see in your eyes the same fear that would break the heart of me.
A day may come when the courage of men fails,
When we forsake our friends, and break all bonds of fellowship.
But it is not this day. This day, we fight!

. . by all you hold dear on this good Earth,
I bid you stand with me, men of the West!

Let us also put aside our fears and the burdens of a passive spirit. Let us take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And let us war on behalf of righteousness. A day may come when the world will succumb to the forces of evil. But it is not this day. This day, we fight!

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Breaking The Bondage Of A Passive Spirit
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I want to again discuss our need, as Christians, to exercise spiritual authority. The fact is, if we do not use the authority of Christ daily in our lives, no matter how hard we try, we will always be harassed by the demonic realm. And while prayer and repentance are irreplaceable stages of deliverance, they may simply not be enough if complicating your freedom is a unclean spirit. In truth, you may actually need to face your enemy and, in the context of your repentance, command that spirit to depart from you.

Indeed, we have accepted the idea that God wants us to tolerate oppression instead of conquer it. Fear, self-pity, anger, immoral thoughts or fleshly lusts will not go away by themselves. Your mind must be renewed through repentance and the knowledge of God's word, and if there is demonic activity exploiting your sin nature, that enemy must be confronted in the authority of Jesus' name.

You say, "I don't have a problem with an evil spirit; my battle is with sin." I agree, your frequent failure in a particular area might genuinely be rooted in the carnal attitudes of your old nature. However, if you have repeatedly repented and still cannot find lasting freedom, perhaps the issue is a combination of your sin and the devil's manipulation of that sin. You see, the real power behind your iniquity is often demonic in nature.

Even if you've embraced true repentance and found spiritual freedom, there is a time when the enemy tries to re-enter your life. Recall that Jesus warned, "Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places, seeking rest, and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came' " (Matt 12:43-44a).

Jesus tells us that, even if we have had a genuine deliverance from the hand of God, a time may still come when that "unclean spirit" seeks to return to the "house from which" it came. The "house" it seeks to re-enter is the darkness created by your pre-repentance thought-life, and the way it seeks to access your soul is to masquerade as your thoughts.

Jesus further warns that, when the unclean spirit comes back and finds our souls unguarded, it comes with "seven other spirits more wicked than itself" (Matt 12:45). First, the enemy will infiltrate your mind, seeking to plant a thought or seed an idea in your soul. Then, he will attempt to water that seed with a corresponding temptation. As soon as we discern the ungodliness of this thought, we can turn and take authority over it. However, if we fail to use our authority, if we sit down inside and allow it to grow, the enemy will then approach with a full scale invasion. Jesus says, "the last state of that man becomes worse than the first" (vs 45).

At the first stage of Satan's counterattack, we must use our authority in Christ and capture those initial, invasive thoughts. Do not let them multiply. Do not allow them to dwell in your soul for even a moment. Whether you are fighting fear, lusts, anger or any other sin with its corresponding demonic strongman, you are in a war for your soul and the primary battleground is your mind. To win, in the midst of all you do, you must guard your heart and mind from the enemy. To do this, we must exercise spiritual authority.

Pursue Your Enemies

God has called us to war. He, in fact, has anointed us with the power of His Holy Spirit. Our prayers are arrows in the heart of our King's enemies. Jesus has given us authority over all the power of the enemy (Lk 10:19). Yet, the authority of the Lord is not just for guard duty or defensive maneuvers. The Holy Spirit desires that, as we follow Christ, we take the battle to the enemy as well. In that same Psalm where David sings that he can "bend a bow of bronze," he also says, "I pursued my enemies and overtook them, and I did not turn back until they were consumed" (Ps 18: 37).

Let's make this clear: David was first a worshiper of God. He didn't pursue his enemies without first pursuing God. However, when the Lord led him into war, he thoroughly defeated his foes.

Unfortunately, I know many Christians today do not pursue their enemies. They would rather secure a little temporary relief than obtain an anointing in God that equips them as a warrior. The moment they finally receive a little peace, immediately they begin to beat their swords back into plow shears. They quit.

I will tell you a solemn truth: we either pursue our enemies or our enemies will pursue us. We must develop Christ's attitude toward evil. He came that He "might destroy the works of the devil" (1Jn 3:8).

The Bible says, "hate evil, you who love the Lord" (Ps 97:10). There can be no neutral ground.

Indeed, the Holy Spirit is looking for something in us that, like David, pursues our enemy until he is consumed. We are discussing spiritual authority and possessing an aggressive attitude of heart that causes us to grow into mature Christlikeness. Jesus could live with and forgive human failure, but He never allowed evil spirits to influence His life. He was aggressive toward His spiritual enemies.

Future Victories And Present Attitudes

There is a story in the Old Testament that captures well my concern with the effects of a passive spirit. Elisha the prophet was about to die and Joash, king of Israel, came and, in an unusual show of affection, wept over the man of God. Adding to the intrigue, the king then spoke the very words Elisha uttered to Elijah in the last hours of Elijah's life: "My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" (2 Ki 13:14).

It is possible that the king sought some special power or gift-anointing from the prophet before he died. Elisha, in fact, accommodates the king, yet he tests him, ordering the king to take a bow and arrows. He then told Joash, "Put your hand on the bow." Elisha then laid his hands on top of the king's hands. He said, "Open the window toward the east," and Joash opened it. Then Elisha said, "Shoot!" And he shot. Elisha then proclaimed: "The LORD'S arrow of victory, even the arrow of victory over Aram; for you will defeat the Arameans at Aphek until you have destroyed them" (2 Ki 13:15-17).

God was going to honor the efforts of Joash. The king had recognized the Lord's anointing on His servant. He had come to receive, by impartation, the prophet's blessing as it pertained to the need in his life. Elisha actually "laid his hands on the king's hands" (vs 16).

Yet, one more test was required. Elisha said, "Take the arrows," and he took them. And he said to the king of Israel, "Strike the ground," and he struck it three times and stopped. So the man of God was angry with him and said, "You should have stuck five or six times, then you would have struck Aram until you would have destroyed it. But now you shall strike Aram only three times" (2 Ki 13:18-19).

Elisha was angered by the passive spirit in King Joash. The prophet knew Joash did not possess the perseverance to pursue his enemies until he fully conquered them. Joash could possibly have been a great king. Yet Elisha's anger burned at the king's passive approach to God's promises: ultimately, many Israelites would die in the future raids of the Arameans because Joash would only defeat them three times.

Elisha's anger actually mirrors the Lord's displeasure toward the laziness of His people today.

You may argue, "God is love. Jesus would never be angry."

I beg to differ. Consider the Lord's word to the church in Laodicea, a church that was overly concerned with its own comfort and passive in its attitude toward spiritual realities. Jesus said, "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I would that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth" (Rev 3:15-16).

Jesus would rather we were hot or cold than lukewarm. Does He still love those He rebukes? Of course, but He calls us to change our attitudes. It's not that passivity or laziness are such terrible sins, like murder or adultery. It is simply that such attitudes create an psychological prison around a believer that actually holds us hostage to our other sins.

In our world, the spiritual passivity and indifference of God's people is one of the most difficult things for the Lord to accept. Indeed, we are daily threatened by the potential of serious terrorist attacks or the advance of perversion in our cultures, yet so many Christians remain prayerless and inactive. This is in spite of the Lord's promise that if we will come before Him, humbling ourselves in earnest prayer, He will empower us to pursue our enemies and defeat them. But instead of seeking God's face on behalf of the lost, too many of us are immobilized by the grip of a passive spirit.

The Lord is not pleased with our spiritual laziness. Elisha could see that King Joash was a quitter just by the unaggressive way he struck the arrows. I'm not talking about the level of our energy, but the level of fire in our obedience. Today many nations are at a crossroads: demonic initiatives have been successfully advanced that not only decriminalize sodomy, but seek to legitimize the union of homosexuals as another form of marriage. In many states and nations, homosexuals are already allowed to adopt and raise innocent children, and we are too passive to rise against this outrage!

Jesus gave us His authority to "make disciples of all the nations" (Matt 28:19). Our authority is not limited to our prayers against evil; God will help our efforts against wickedness as well. In America we have been asked not only to pray for our nation, but to take action. That action might be as simple (and important) as writing our senators and congressmen (http://www.afa.net/) telling them that we are against gay marriages. Or our actions might be to reach out to someone confused and deceived about their sexuality and seek to bring them healing. But if we pray and do nothing more, we might actually lose the soul of our nation, and I am not only discussing the USA, but many other nations as well. Our defeat might come, not because God's help wasn't available, but because we saw the advance of evil and did nothing.

Beloved, God has given us authority, He has given us the weapons of our warfare to help us, but we need to get up and fight. We need to repent of a passive spirit and stand with Christ's authority in this day of war and battle.

For maximum benefit, pray this prayer out loud: Lord God, I thank You that You have given me authority over all the power of the enemy. Forgive me for allowing my voice to remain silent and my will immobilized by a passive spirit. I realize to be an overcomer I must pursue my enemy until he is consumed. You have given me authority over the plans and works of evil. You have created me to be a minister of Your righteousness. You have filled me with Your Holy Spirit and with fire. This day I confront, renounce, and take authority over, the power of the enemy. I break the bondage of a passive spirit, in Jesus' name.

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The Bronze Bow
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A number of years ago, during a time of spiritual weariness and uphill battle, the Holy Spirit gave me a unique anointing to wage warfare. This special endowment of grace came through a dream, which began with me lying down in a house, resting. Suddenly, members of our church entered the home and told me that our enemies were returning and I was needed to engage this demonic horde in battle. I remember lamenting, "Why am I always picked to do battle?" Tired and weary, I stepped outside. On top of a distant ridge, sitting on horses, I could see rows of enemy warriors. Someone near handed me a bow and arrows, but my aim wavered and, due to the distance, my arrows all fell short. The depression upon me deepened as I could hear the mockery of the enemy warriors, scorning my attempt to hurt them.

Then, suddenly, the heavens opened and an outstretched arm handed me a shining, gold colored bow. Immediately, as I grasped it, the word of the Lord, as it might have come to David himself, rose within me and I proclaimed, "By my God I can bend a bow of bronze!" (Psalms 18:34 NAS). Instantly, divine energy flooded my arms, while confidence and courage filled my spirit. I was as radiant and strong as my weapon. I nocked an arrow onto the bowstring, aimed and fired toward the enemy. This time my arrows had distance, penetration and accuracy, and the enemy was routed.

That was the dream. But the Holy Spirit was set on confirming His word to me. Early the next morning, Saturday, I drove to the church to do some work. At that time, our mail came to a post office box and we rarely received personal letters at the church building. However, a letter was waiting in the mailbox. It was sent by a visitor who, after attending our evening service the previous week, felt compelled to send a prophetic witness. After a few words of greetings and encouragement, she wrote that the Lord gave her the following Scripture for me:

"For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God, the God who girds me with strength, and makes my way blameless? He makes my feet like hinds' feet, and sets me upon my high places. He trains my hands for battle, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze" (Ps 18:31-34).

Again, but this time fully awake, I felt the anointing of God's strength pour, like oil, upon my head and down through my body. There were other confirming witnesses as well, such as the preacher who visited our church that night. Quoting Elisha's word to King Joash, he spoke on "the Lord's arrow of victory" (2 Ki 13:17).

It was one of those God weekends that launched a new level of spiritual warfare. From that time on, the Holy Spirit began to reveal the works of the Jezebel spirit and the accuser of the brethren. I could discern many other spirits as well, as the Holy Spirit gave me grace. I don't mean to say that I never failed again. No, I had failings. However, I gained an anointing in revelation discernment. I also found a new confidence in spiritual authority over the demonic realm. But the key was, the Holy Spirit anointed me for battle. He "trained my hands" and gave me supernatural weapons with which to wage war. Beforehand, I could give you a fairly accurate theological explanation to define spiritual warfare; afterward, I had an anointing to wage warfare.

Within the next 24 months I wrote my second book, The Three Battlegrounds, which was a compilation of truths the Lord revealed about warfare and discernment.

He Trains Our Hands

In the above verse from Psalm 18, David reveals stages of spiritual development concerning war. We must fight in the strength of the Lord; we must also allow God to make our way blameless. We must not run ahead of God; rather, as the rear feet of the deer step into the exact place of the front feet, so we must learn to place our feet in the exact steps of the Lord, especially when He sets us "upon...high places." In that context, the Lord trains our hands for battle and gives us supernatural weapons against the enemy.

Indeed, one of the main sources of weariness in the church is that people to not know how to discern and then defeat their enemies. Instead of praying for victory, we settle for temporary relief. We pray that God will make the devil leave us alone, when the Lord is telling us to pursue our enemies and scatter them like dust. I fully believe in prayer and that we should be devoted to prayer, but there are other times when God commands us to turn and, in the name of Jesus Christ, take authority over the devil.

God calls us to be prayer warriors, not prayer worriers. One of the main reasons we began our online school, In Christ's Image Training (ICIT), is to impart this very anointing for warfare to others. Just as the Spirit of God trains, then anoints with power and appropriate spiritual gifts, so ICIT has been raised up, in part, to train the church and empower God's people to stand in the day of battle. Exercising spiritual authority over the enemy (and sickness as well) is part of the arsenal given us by the Almighty. The devil would like to take this world and spin it completely out of orbit, thrusting it into terrible darkness and chaos; we must resist him and use our authority to bind and cancel the demonic advances of the enemy into our world.

The Holy Spirit is our bow and our prayers are God's arrows. But we must pray with vision, courage and confidence, and with equal confidence take authority when the Lord calls us to stand against the enemy. The sad fact is, many Christians have been so conditioned by defeat they are fearful to exercise spiritual authority. They look at people moving in anointed spiritual authority over the devil as though there were something sinful or doctrinally wrong with Christians moving in Christ's authority.

Having confidence is not a sin. Exercising your faith is not presumption. Standing on God's promise when others flee is not foolish.

You might argue, "God hasn't called me to face principalities and powers." Fine, but I'm not talking about challenging world rulers of darkness. How about confronting that little demon of lust that keeps you shamed and condemned? Let's not start attacking the devil himself, just that spirit of fear that keeps whispering unbelieving thoughts into your mind. You see, for God's kingdom to advance, we must not only pray, but move in the authority of the King.

"Your arrows are sharp; the peoples fall under you; your arrows are in the heart of the King's enemies" (Ps 45:5).

God has given us sharp arrows that, under the Spirit's anointing, plunge deep into the heart of the Lord's spiritual enemies. You say, "But I have failed. I've suffered some very serious setbacks." So you lost a round or two. Is the whole fight over? Is that a white flag I see in your hand? Have you conceded?

Another responds, "I don't feel comfortable confronting evil. I just want to hide in God as His worshiper." No one is saying don't hide. No one is urging you to run into the night and throw hatchets at the moon. But if you are being harassed even after you tried to hide in God, maybe the Lord Himself is bumping you out of the next to turn and face your spiritual foes.

Sure the Lord can squish the devil, and can do so in a heartbeat. But perhaps it pleases Him more to "crush Satan under your feet" (Rom. 16:20).

I'm not saying, let's all focus on the devil, but let's focus on the anointing God has given us to stand against the schemes of the wicked one. Let's reintegrate divine authority into our prayer and spiritual warfare, taking up the "full armor of God," which includes the most power weapon in the universe: "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6). You see, the weapons of our warfare are mighty to the tearing down of Satan's strongholds!

If you are in need of a fresh anointing, let me present two important coming events. First, our In Christ's Image Training online school begins its next term July 2, 2004 (last day to register is June 28). This means there is very little time left for you to sign up for this next term. If you have been considering this, stop procrastinating and get onboard. The foundations we present are unique spiritual realities, each of which the Lord has provided us before we can persevere against the enemy. (Remember: before David picked up his bow of bronze, he secured himself in the Lord. God became his stronghold, his refuge and high tower.) The 44 teaching text messages we present in Level I (plus 39 audio messages) are those principle truths that have enabled me to stand against the demonic storms of life, and even advance and take ground from the enemy. All I can say is the things we present are effective and have come from an anointing from God to help equip His people. At the core of Level I training are four foundational values: pursuit of Christlikeness, humility, prayer and unity.

The second upcoming event is our on-site training which takes place July 8-10 at River of Life in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. This three-day seminar is restricted to our students. If you are a student of In Christ's Image Training, I am compelled to tell you that the Lord is planning to release a significant level of anointing during these days. These will be significant times of training and release, and I urge you to do all that is within your power to attend or at least purchase the audio series afterward.

No one will be refused registration to either event due to lack of funds. This is not about making money, but equipping God's people to stand in the day of battle.

Let's pray: Lord, You have not only called us to war for ourselves and our loved ones, but You have given us weapons that are mighty. Father, for everyone who has become spiritually timid or actually intimidated by the enemy, I bring them before You right now. I ask that You stir them from their fears and anoint them for this day of battle. Grant us all grace, blessed King, to bend a bow of bronze. In Jesus' name. Amen.

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The Entrance to the Kingdom
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As we covered previously, Psalm 89:14-15 states one of the most basic truths that we must understand about the Lord and His ways if we are going to be His followers:

Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Lovingkindness and truth go before You. How blessed are the people who know the joyful sound! O Lord, they walk in the light of Your countenance.

As we proceed toward the end of this age, and the ultimate conflict between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of God, these basic truths about God and His ways will be increasingly illuminated, and increasingly attacked by those who serve the evil one. To stand in these times, we must sink our roots deeper and deeper into these fundamental truths, both understanding them more and more, and walking in them more and more.

The first point is that righteousness and justice are the foundation of His throne. His throne is His seat of authority. It is the place where the kingdom is established and ruled from. His throne rests on two great pillars, righteousness and justice. Without both of these being woven together in our lives we will be imbalanced, and therefore easily knocked over. If we are going to know Him, and represent Him as He is, we must also have our lives built upon these two great pillars of His authority.

To walk in God's righteousness is to do what is right before Him. The famous "What Would Jesus Do" (WWJD) should be a guiding rule in our lives. We should mature beyond this to WIJD, or "What Is Jesus Doing," which means to walk in the light of His countenance, or His face. The ultimate goal of our lives should be to do all things in His presence, in fellowship with Him. However, this can begin with the pondering of all of our decisions with WWJD. If there is any question about what He would do, we should inquire of Him so that He might teach us His ways.

If we do walk rightly before Him, we will also begin to understand His justice. I have often heard Christians say that they do not want God's justice, but His mercy. In the sense in which they are speaking I would fully agree with this. I pray continually not to receive what I deserve, but what was purchased for me by the cross of Jesus-the mercy, the repentance that leads to redemption, the reconciliation, the restoration, and all of the benefits including now being a son of God.

In the above paragraph I say "the repentance that leads to redemption" because the two are always linked together. This does not mean we must be perfect before we are redeemed, as which of us ever perfectly repented? We usually start by just wanting to repent, and need His help to even do this. Even so, we should be maturing in all things, including repentance. The Scriptures are clear that true redemption is preceded by a true repentance.

God's grace is not just the forgiveness of our sins, but it is the power to overcome the sin as well. Though the redemption is instant, the moment we trust in the cross of Jesus, the repentance, reconciliation, and restoration can take a lot longer, even a lifetime. All of this includes the renewing of our minds so that we think like He thinks-hating sin and loving righteousness. One of the most powerful articulations of this basic truth in the Scripture which was covered previously, but is worthy of repeating again, is II Peter 1:2-11:

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.

For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins.

Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble; for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.

Because His grace includes "His divine power (which) has (past tense) granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness," if we are walking in His grace, His grace will be changing us in the step by step manner that Peter outlines. This is how the entrance to His kingdom is supplied to us.

Walking in His kingdom, and preaching the gospel of His kingdom, is our primary job at the end of the age. If we are doing this, we will represent both His righteousness and His justice accurately.

Now in all of these things we have discussed much more about His righteousness than His justice, for which we are still laying the foundation. Even so, they cannot be separated, as they are both foundations of His throne. And we clearly see that just as the devil has done his best to confuse the matter of holiness and righteousness, he has done the same with God's justice, which we began to address last week. So, we must understand that God cares very deeply when people are treated fairly.

To bring redemption and reconciliation the Lord went far beyond justice to reveal His mercy, and to extend mercy. We too began our life in Him because of His mercy. However, if we do not proceed from embracing His mercy to also embracing His righteousness and justice, we will pervert His mercy and His justice, and go on living in unrighteousness and presumption. Likewise, the Lord has extended His mercy to the world for nearly two thousand years, but it is about to experience His justice.

Again, His grace is not just the forgiveness of our sins, but the power to overcome the sin. We "have been given everything pertaining to life and godliness," which is God-like-ness. In His grace and His mercy, He knows our weaknesses, and gives us time to change. Even so, we must always keep in mind that these are given to change us, not just overlook our shortcomings and leave us in our present state. Such a belief, which theologians have called "cheap grace," is a diabolical perversion of the truth and is meant to lead to further depravity, not the righteousness and justice, the foundation of His throne, and therefore His kingdom.

As we are told in Romans 2:4, "...the kindness of God leads you to repentance..." It is actually His kindness that leads to repentance more than fear of judgment, but if we are really experiencing His kindness it will lead to repentance. Who can experience His great mercy and grace and not be convicted of doing the things that displease Him?

Therefore, to live in His kingdom, and represent it accurately to the world, we must fully embrace both His righteousness and justice, growing in the knowledge of both. This will mean for many, deliverance from some of the Dark Age doctrines concerning His judgment, and for others deliverance of the "cheap grace" others have promoted in an over-reaction to these extremes. These matters are not only worthy of a patient examination, they are essential for us to understand if we are going to have an accurate understanding of the Lord, and what He is doing in our times.

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The Nazis And The Antichrist

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Last week we reviewed and looked a little more deeply at how we recognize and enter the kingdom of God. We also looked at how righteousness and justice are the foundation of the Lord's throne (see Psalm 89:14). Therefore, we can expect to find these at the base of everything that God is doing in preparation for the coming of His kingdom. The wise will learn to recognize His righteousness and His justice, and only give themselves to building on the same.

This week we want to begin examining the foundation of the devil's kingdom in more depth. Basically, we can expect the devil's kingdom to be built on the counterpoints of God's kingdom-injustice and unrighteousness. This is true, but to identify his unrighteousness and injustice can be much more difficult, especially in its early stages of development. In fact, in the early stages, Satan's unrighteousness and injustice may seem more righteous and more just than true righteousness and justice. This is especially true if we do not have a sound definition of these based on Scripture rather than fallen human philosophies.

Again, we must keep in mind that the antichrist is not just against Christ so much as it seeks to be a substitute for Christ. Likewise, the devil's realm is not so much the exact opposite of what the Lord is doing as it is a parallel counterfeit. It may only be able to run parallel to God's kingdom for a time before its true nature will begin to show. Just as rat poison is often composed of 98 percent good food, and just 2 percent poison or the rats would not go near it, the same is often true of the devil's most deadly and deceptive schemes.

For this reason, especially in its formative stages, a realm, kingdom, or government that the devil is establishing may look more just and righteous than what the Lord is establishing. This is how Absalom seduced Israel to follow him in place of his father David. He sat in the gate day after day appearing more just, righteous, and sensitive to the people than his father David did. However, as soon as he gained power, his true nature started to come out. The same has inevitably been the case each time. What seemed right and just quickly turns into a profound and perverted evil and injustice as soon as power is gained.

Previous injustices, and the resulting resentment or self-pity, can be one of the biggest open doors for evil to build its authority on. As we covered previously, the devil often begins his deceptive advances by appealing to people's wounding. He will say, "You have not been treated fairly," or "No one understands you." Again, this is why he is called Beelzebub, or "the lord of the flies." Flies swarm to wounds and so does the devil and his minions. However, he does not heal the wounds-he just uses them. Just as flies often represent lies in dreams and visions, the devil swarms to the wounded with his lies in order to spread his deadly disease.

In time the true nature of the evil kingdom cannot help but to become obvious, but that is often too late to stop its intended oppression and destruction. By the time this happens, the veil of deception over people's hearts is usually so thick that they cannot see through it. Those who can see are often so bound by fear that they do not want to acknowledge what they see.

One of the most obvious examples in recent history of how the devil set up his kingdom is found in Germany in the 1930s, which allowed the Nazis to come to power. This is a crucial period of time for us to understand because in many ways it was the dress rehearsal for the way the devil is going to try and take over the entire world to thwart the coming of the Lord's kingdom. One of the great questions of history is: How did the German people, arguably the most brilliant and resourceful people on earth, succumb to such evil?

Most historians seem to agree that the overly harsh conditions imposed on Germany by the Versailles Treaty that ended World War I, which made it impossible for Germany to get back on its feet after the war, was the primary open door for Hitler and the Nazis to gain power there. This also became the main cause of World War II, and even more destruction.

There are other very important questions that arise from what happened in Germany during this period. Yet the lessons we should have learned from them are still not adequately answered, even though countless books have been written, and movies made about this time. Even more remarkably, the great voices of the church have not addressed them, which are called to be light of this world, and therefore have not had answers to the world's ultimate problems.

One of the most shocking facts about the Nazis rise to power is that they used the church as a springboard to achieve that power. It was not the only institution they used, but it is one of the great examples in history of how the devil can take his seat in the temple of God, the church, and make himself out to be God. How did the church fail to recognize the nature of such an evil movement as the Nazis? Why did some church leaders even call Hitler the second coming of Christ, and the Third Reich the beginning of the kingdom of God on earth?

The same patterns of how evil gains control of nations can be seen forming throughout much of the world today, including almost every "Western" nation. Some of the truly great nations seem to be falling the fastest into a repeat of some of the worst past historical mistakes. Just as Germany was one of the most learned and cultured nations on the earth at the time, it was very easily changed into one of the most cruel and diabolical of all time. The same could have happened in any nation, and indeed seems to be beginning again on an even larger scale. Is this the foundation of the devil's ultimate attempt to destroy humanity through the ultimate antichrist government? It is easy to understand why many think that it is.

I have spent a great deal of time in Europe over the last fifteen years, and I am still spending a lot of time trying to understand the trends there. Sometimes it is hard to believe that what I read and hear could actually be true. The old adage stating that "Those who do not remember history are doomed to repeat it," seems to have been especially spoken of Europe. The entire continent is now trudging once again toward a wide conflagration that is likely to be even more devastating than the last World War, and yet there does not seem to be a single public voice sounding the alarm.

By this repetition of history, I am not speaking of destruction coming through Germany again. In fact, I think Germany is likely to be the first nation that awakens to the impending threat of Islam, and is the greatest hope for Europe's deliverance this time. Germans are far wiser because of the Nazi era, but are still controlled and afraid to react to some of what they are perceiving because of their guilt over the Nazi era. Their neighbors in Europe seem more than willing to use this guilt for maximum effect for their own interests.

The other nations of Europe which should have learned so much from World War II, and should have a very different world view, seem even more blind to what is now coming upon them. It is remarkable how that part of the world which has for centuries been subjected repeatedly to the most diabolical forms of tyranny, seem completely unable to see the roots of tyranny beginning to sprout again. Even worse, they get downright belligerent toward anyone who would try to help them see.

Even though we can learn much from the Nazi period in Germany's history, we should not expect what is coming to be wearing Swastikas, or to even gain power again exactly like it did in Germany. The political and control spirits seem to gain entry into, and ultimately sidetrack almost every move of God, looking different in each movement. And, what is coming upon the world will not look exactly like it did in Germany, but there will be enough similarities for the knowledgeable and discerning to recognize if we are awake.

We must also consider how there were some German Christians and German politicians, who discerned the nature of the Nazi movement from the beginning. How did they do this? Even though these were some of the most heroic and noble souls of that period, why were they not successful in exposing the dangers of their times?

Though the Scriptures indicate that such a brutal regime which overtook Germany in the 1930s will at some time take over much of the known world, the Scriptures are also clear that it will not prevail everywhere, and it will not prevail long. There will be whole nations, and even whole regions of the world, that may be spared. How? There will be unprecedented darkness in some places, and unprecedented glory in others. What will make the difference? How can we be prepared for what is to come? These are questions that the wise are asking now.

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The Beginning of Judgment
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Last week we discussed how the primary way we will escape from the mark of the beast is to take the mark of God by becoming a true bond-servant of Christ. One of the principles of the last days that we have not yet discussed is how the judgment of God will come forth. A fundamental aspect of His judgment is to simply let us reap what we sow. In Galatians 6:7-8, we are warned about this:

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.

The choices we make every day determine most of the future consequences of our lives. If we are sowing to our flesh, we cannot expect to grow in the fruit of the Spirit, or to reap good spiritual benefits. As the apostle wrote, this mentality makes a mockery of God, and is a primary reason why much of the world thinks of His church as nothing but hypocrites. As we also read in I Peter 4:17:

For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

God's judgment will begin with His own household. How could He judge the world for its sin when His own people do the same things? This is why it cannot be forever tolerated. He is patient and He is merciful, far more so than we tend to be, but there are limits to both His patience and His mercy. When those limits are reached, He does allow the consequences of our own sin to come upon us. If that does not cause us to repent, then He goes further, until at the end, we see what happens as we read His explanation of the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:37-43:

"The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels. "Therefore just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age. "The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

There is a separation coming to the church. The pretenders or those who have become lukewarm, or have given themselves over to sin, will be separated from the true. His church at the end will be a pure, spotless, bride of which He is worthy. Along with the harvest that is now taking place, there is also a great falling away taking place. Many of these who are "falling away" may still go to church faithfully, and may even go on missions, but their love is growing colder, and their attachment to the world, its ways, and its sin, is growing.

If this has been happening to us now, it is the time to repent, to turn around, renounce the world and its ways, and give ourselves fully to do the will of the Lord. As stated, every Christian is called to be a bond-servant of Christ, but very few truly are. Most go on living their lives for themselves, and not for Christ.

This is also the product of a terrible perversion of the gospel that we have seen in recent times. It has been very basically changed from "He came to save us from our sin," to a gospel that says He came to save us from our troubles. As psychological studies have shown that the way a person is born in the natural can have an impact on their entire life, this is just as true in the spiritual—the way in which a person comes to the Lord can determine the quality of their entire spiritual life. Those who respond to a gospel that promotes self-centeredness and selfishness will remain that way. Those who come because of the deep conviction of their sin, and their desperate need for deliverance from their sin, which compels them to embrace the cross, will be different.

As stated in Matthew 24:12: "And because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold." Christians fall into lawlessness because the sin in their life has not been dealt with at the root. When the cross is preached, and people come to the Lord out of the conviction of their sins, and the desperate need for the atonement of the cross, it begins to deal with the self-centeredness that is the fruit of all sin. When someone comes to Jesus out of the desperation to have their sins forgiven by His grace and mercy, they are bonded to Him for their very life, and therefore begin to live for Him.

Also, when people come to Jesus for deliverance from their troubles instead of deliverance from their sin, when troubles come upon them they believe that the gospel does not work, and quickly fall away. Great troubles are going to come upon the world in these times. In Christ we do have the only true deliverance from the troubles of this world, but that does not mean we will not experience any troubles, but rather we overcome them through Christ.

The whole mind-set that many teachings promote, or at least imply, is that Christians should not experience troubles. This has already been the downfall of many, and it will increase as the troubles increase. This is a major root of apostasy, and the great falling away from the faith.

There is no more wonderful life that we could ever have on this earth than the true Christian life; but that life is a life of profound and daily sacrifice. There is simply no life more fulfilling than serving the King, but it is a life of serving nonetheless. This is not about what we want to do, or what we get, but what He wants us to do and how He benefits from our lives. We have been bought with a price and those who have been so redeemed no longer belong to themselves, but to Him.

For some, service to Him will require the ultimate sacrifice—martyrdom. As we get closer to the end of this age, this number will surely increase until it will likely be that a high percentage of all Christians will die for their faith. This has in fact been the case from the beginning. Throughout much of the world today, as soon as one commits their life to the Lord they know they will be killed. I have met Christians from the Middle East where anyone coming to Christ can expect to be killed very quickly. The elders in congregations there have often been Christians less than two years, but it is extraordinary how mature they can become in that time when they know every day may be their last!

Both the falling away and the increasing martyrdom that is coming does not mean the gospel will be losing, but that it will actually be prevailing. Like the cross, God's victories often look like defeats to those who do not have spiritual discernment. Just as the cross was the ultimate victory of the Lord, every time we lay down our lives for His purposes, it is a victory for us. If we have to make the ultimate sacrifice it will be the ultimate honor and victory. However, those who do not lay down their lives daily for Him are not likely to make that ultimate sacrifice when it is required.

Pseudo Christianity will not last long through the fire that is coming. Those who hold to the faith and emerge will be a new breed that are really of the original spiritual stock that beheld and carried the cross. They will be the most fearless people to walk the earth because they will not fear death, having already died to this world. They will also be the richest people on earth, having free access to the spiritual riches of the kingdom, having been proven trustworthy servants. These servants will have graduated to being friends of God, and from friends, to adopted children. They will be the kings in the age to come, but kings whose very nature is to serve their King, and those they are called to rule over. Authority in the kingdom of God is very different from fallen, human authority. Now is the time for us to build our lives on that kingdom, its ways and principles, so that our lives may be a demonstration of it.

We're In Hot Water
Rick Joyner

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Last week we discussed how the evil kingdoms are built on unrighteousness and injustice, but in the beginning they may appear even more righteous and just than God's kingdom. Without question, God's standards of righteousness and justice are pure, true, and right. They extend to the heavens and to eternity. They are the very definition and standard of these, and always will be. Even so, the devil usually sets the stage for his unrighteousness and injustice by at first seeming to be even more righteous and just than God. That is how he actually brought about the fall of man in the Garden.

In the movie, The Fellowship of the Ring, there was a very insightful discourse between Frodo and Strider, who was later revealed to be Aragon, when they first met. Frodo said of the disguised evil one that he had met, "He seemed fair but felt foul." Then he said of Strider, "You seem foul but feel fair."

Frodo's discernment was of course right. The first was trying to kill him, and Strider was trying to save him. Only the truly discerning will not be taken in this same way by what is to come. It will seem more fair than anything at first, but the discerning will feel the evil behind it.

The Lord Himself often comes across as harsh and far too demanding, but He is the most merciful and just of all. As stated, the evil one will come pandering to our wounds and hurts with great sympathy, but he will have no sympathy when he kills you.

When the serpent tempted the first man and woman saing, "Did God say that?" This could have been phrased, "Is that all that God told you?" He wanted Adam and Eve to think that God was withholding something from them, and that he, the devil, would not withhold anything from them. He basically sowed into their hearts idealism, which is the basis of humanism. This is really the ultimate presumption that man's wisdom and goodness is greater than God's. This is also the basis of the deepest darkness and depravity of soul. As this happens, even the most evil acts can begin to seem just. Let me give you an example from Nazi Germany.

Right behind the opera house in Berlin, Germany, there is a large plaque on the sidewalk that thousands of people must walk over each week, but I have never seen anyone stop to read it. It is a memorial to the first two hundred thousand people killed by the Nazis. These first two hundred thousand people killed were basically as overlooked as their memorial seems to be. They were not Jews, Christians, or political prisoners. In fact, they were Germans. They were called "the useless eaters." They were the aged, the weak, and the ill-those who had been deemed a burden to society. They could not produce any more, but only consumed. So these people were all killed, not by executioners, but by their doctors.

At the time this seemed both wise and just to the German people. By this time they had already been brainwashed by the Nazi spirit of National Socialism. Why should anyone be allowed to live if they could not produce for the people, but only consumed what rightly should be going to the ones who were productive? Does not even the Bible say, "If anyone will not work, neither let him eat" (II Thessalonians 3:10). Why had no one thought of this before?

Of course, what the apostle meant when he wrote the verse quoted above was that if an able bodied man did not work, let him not eat for a while and he would get hungry enough to work. Paul was not implying that if someone refused to work they should be starved to death. However, this is how the rigid and unyielding Nazis interpreted this because to them the meaning of life had nothing to do with worshiping God, but rather producing, for them.

When they killed all of the "useless eaters," they had established that those who were not producing were not worthy to live. It was then easy to take this one step further and begin killing the Jews, who also, according to the propaganda, were not producing for Germany, but rather becoming rich and consuming what the German's produced. Then it was easy to put the intellectuals into the same category. It was then easy to slip political opponents and other undesirables into the group of those who did not deserve to live. By then, the minds of the people believed the Nazis wanted what was best for Germany, and what was best for the Nazis was best for Germany. Soon it was easy to start looking outside of Germany. Certainly, the rest of the world should be producing for the master race....

It was said to be scrawled on a concentration camp wall, "When they came for the old and infirm, I was not one of these, so I said nothing. When they came for the Jews, I was not a Jew, so I said nothing. When they came for the communists, I was not a communist so I said nothing. When they came for the Gypsies, I was not a Gypsy, so I said nothing. When they came for the Catholics I was not a Catholic, so I said nothing. When they came for the Protestants..."

I have always marveled at crabs when they are boiled for eating. They must be cooked alive to be safe. Because the water starts at room temperature, the crabs seldom try to escape even though they are usually cooked in a pan in which they could easily escape. If one tries to escape, the others will reach up and pull it back down. Then the water is gradually heated until they are dead and do not even seem to realize what happened to them. Sometimes that is the same picture I get of people when studying history. That is the way the Germans were taken over. The water began feeling pretty good, and was warmed up so gradually that they were lulled into complacency until it was too late.

How many have noticed the continual meltdown in morality and integrity in the West? Not many.

Things that were too appalling to even mention in good company just a generation ago are now flaunted on the streets, and applauded by the media and politicians. In the name of "freedom" it is like they are saying that they have a right to stay in this water until it boils and with them to pull anyone down into it who tries to escape.

Has anyone noticed that the homosexual community, which is demanding the most tolerance from everyone else, is the most intolerant group of all? The perverted demand the right to teach their perversion to our children as acceptable forms of behavior, filling textbooks that have nothing to do with sex but with this perversion, all in the name of "freedom." Yet they want your child expelled if they even mention God. They demand their freedom of speech so that they will be able to say anything they want about their perversion. They want such things as the paragraph that you are reading declared a "hate crime" so that I can be imprisoned for saying something so politically incorrect.

The Nazis basically said, "If I want your opinion, I'll give it to you." Perverted, idealistic, humanistic "freedom" means that you are free to believe anything as long as it is exactly what they tell you to believe. We are headed there fast. The water is getting hotter by the minute. The end result of the kind of freedom that is now being promoted is the ultimate tyranny, and if we do not get out of this water soon, we are going to wake up dead!

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The Eagle And The Serpents
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This is the message God gave Michael Boldea through a dream while he was in North Carolina. Michael asked for a confirmation of this message and asked God simply to give him the dream again if it was from him. **The next night he had the same dream.**

America had many chances to repent and individually some people are still repenting and asking the Lord into their heart. We praise God for this. However, since 911 we can see many in America have disregarded the warnings from God and efforts have been made across this land to allow gay marriage, remove references of God from landmarks and buildings, and even the pledge of allegiance. America is on a collision course with judgment and this is why the watchman are blowing the trumpet.

Michael has spent 18 years traveling across America 12 with his grandfather, Dumitru Duduman, warning, sharing from the word of God, and speaking only what God shows him. May God give us all ears to hear this message.

(Hand Of Help Ministries)

The Eagle and the Serpents (The Angel said, "this has been revealed to you, that you may know, the first bite has been, the second is yet to come, and the third will be its destruction.")

Psalm 34:7-8, "The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him."

Upon my return to the United States in late August, I had a very vivid and troubling dream. I shared it with the staff here in Wisconsin, and with a few other brothers, but continued to pray and seek direction from God as to whether or not I should include it in the newsletter.

At the staff's urging, and feeling a release from the Lord, I have included this dream in this issue of the newsletter.

I dreamt I was walking through a sparsely wooded forest, and suddenly my attention was drawn to an eagle flying high above the tree line. It was a beautiful sight to behold as the eagle rode the thermals, flying in slow lazy arks across the blue sky. I began to quicken my pace, and keep up with the eagle's flight, all the while keeping an eye on it, noticing that it was slowly descending toward the earth. I followed it for a long time, its descend not being sudden but very gradual.

Finally I came upon a small clearing, where there were no trees, just some bushes on the edges of the green grass. The eagle landed in the clearing, and began to look around not seeming to notice me.

As I began to wonder what the relevance of this was, a man dressed in white, hands clasped in front of him, appeared beside me, and said, "Be patient, in due time you will see the purpose."

I was silent as I watched the eagle, and was beginning to grow somewhat impatient, when suddenly, it seemed out of nowhere, a brown snake lunged at the eagle, and bit down on its left wing. The snake's strike was very quick and very precise. The eagle reacted without delay, clawing and pecking at the snake cutting deep wounds in its underbelly, trying to defend itself and ward off the serpent. Just as it seemed the eagle was winning the battle, and the serpent was retreating, another serpent appeared, red and black diagonal stripes covering its body, and without hesitation struck out at the eagle's right wing, biting down, and refusing to release. After a momentary tug of war the serpent tore off flesh and feathers, leaving a large wound on the eagle's right wing. The second bite was much worse then the first, and for an instant the eagle was stunned. Then a serpent much larger than the previous two, made up of many colors, slithered toward the eagle, opened its jaws, and lunged, taking the whole of the eagle's head in its mouth before biting down.

The serpents retreated and the man who had been standing beside me, walked to the eagle, knelt down, picked it up, and held it in his cupped hands. The look of grief on his face was beyond any I have seen in my life. Just seeing the look on the man's face broke your heart.

The man continued to look down at the eagle, and with a pained voice said, "The true tragedy, is that at any moment it could have sought the safety of the above, it could have soared toward the heavens and would have found its protection. This has been revealed to you, that you may know, the first bite has been, the second is yet to come, and the third will be its destruction."

I watched for a long time as the man held the eagle in the palms of his hands, the pained expression never leaving his features. I was too stunned to speak, or ask any questions, what I had seen having seemed so real. The feeling followed me into my waking hours as well, and each time I closed my eyes I saw the entire scene play before my eyes throughout the day.

One thing that I feel I need to share with you is that the second bite seemed to come from an unexpected place. Although I have my own opinion concerning this, I choose to keep it to myself, because expounding on personal opinion is a dangerous thing when it comes to things that God reveals.

I was hesitant in sharing this dream, because I know some will perceive it as a reason to fear. It is not a reason to fear, but a reason to be stirred, and emboldened for the kingdom of God. The reality, is that these are the times we are living in, and I for one am thankful to God for his forewarnings, knowing that His children will never be unaware of what the future holds. All I can do is urge you to be watchful, and diligent in your prayers to the Father.

This nation, today, is more in need of prayer on its behalf than at any time in its history. It is the prayers of His children that compels God to relent, and tarry. Stand in the gap, you are precious in the eyes of God, and He hears your heartfelt supplications.

Joel 2:12-14, "Now, therefore, says the Lord, turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. So rend your heart, and not your garments; Return to the Lord your God for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness; and He relents from doing harm."

With love in Christ,

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The End Is Near

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The End is indeed very near and every Christian ought to pattern their lives according to God’s order and pattern for our lives. Very soon Christ will return and we would all be gone. The antichrist is just waiting for us to leave after we leave then he comes on stage.

Year of Fullness

2004 has been prophesied to be a year of fullness. This year the five- fold ministries would experience the fullness of God. The fullness of the anointing and the glory of God would be available 'cos God wants to complete his house.
We would have full prophets, full teachers, full apostles etc. Just like Kenneth E. Hagin prophesied it would happen and the glorious church would emerge.

Year of Grace

2005 would be a year of grace. We would experience God’s grace and we experience his rest. The man - child church would experience a total transformation. 2005 is the 6th year of the new millennium and in it the glorious church would assume its perfect state. Man was created and formed on the 6th day. So the perfect bride would see her total and perfect beauty in 2005.

Year of Surprises, sudden occurrences and signs & wonders

In 2006, strange things would occur. Many believe that this would be the year of our rapture. Spirit filled prophets have prophesied that the antichrist would show up this year.
Strange things would happen and men would begin to wonder.
Earthquakes, rumours of war and war would take place before the antichrist returns.

Message to the church.

Get prepared, for I’ll come in a time and in an hour that you do not expect. Therefore guard yourself and be thou alert always lest the enemy puts sleep on the way and you sleep off and the enemy plants tares in your hearts instead of the original wheat.
Get ready for my coming for I’ll appear soon.

The Elephant

Mary Clark

In a vision, I saw a huge, powerful elephant coming out of a thick jungle. Why did you show this to me, Lord?

Something very large and very powerful is about to be unleashed in your midst, beloved. Get ready to entertain it. Get ready to accept this wonder of wonders with open arms.

I am your Beloved. I have many wondrous things in the offing, which you will enjoy to the fullest. Be that is it may, the enemy would like to see you scrambling around in defeat. He wants you to look on My presentations and view them as scary, but they are not scary, beloved. They are BIG and they are powerful, but not scary to My beloved. My beloved knows the God Whom you serve, and you will realize something of great importance when these huge and powerful occurrences come into your midst. You will realize that your all-powerful God has shown His true colors and they are rich and vibrant. You will realize that I have looked on you with the kindest intent to bless you and move you forward into a place of great wonder.

So stand tall and look on the amazing facts that I am about to present to you, knowing that I have made an appeal to My beloved. I have called you to come with Me into a new arena – a new arena of delight, and there is nothing the enemy can do to stop your progress. Know also, beloved, that this is a place of quiet repose, where you will rest in the knowledge of My love, knowing full well that your God has seen fit to move you into a region that can only be called a region of the gladdest tidings.

I am your God. I have something rich and powerful for you, beloved. Get ready to receive. Get ready to walk in a knowledge of your God that will testify of His good will to you, and know, beloved, that the time is ripe for you to step out of the mundane and into the region of delight that I have prepared for those who are called by My name.

I exhort you, beloved, to keep your focus on Me, and bound into this place without even a side-long glance at the enemy, because this is a place of power and strength that will entitle you to a victorious season of splendor and great wonder in the power of the living God – the One Who has chosen to call you His very own.

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Landslide

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Landslide - total victory, massive win, complete success

In a vision, I saw a landslide and then heard the Lord say, “Landslide.” Here is what He has to tell us about this landslide.

Expect a landslide, beloved. Expect your most capable God to produce a landslide in your vicinity. You say, “But Lord, I thought a landslide was a BAD thing.” I say these words to you, beloved:

Of course, a landslide can be a bad thing, but in this instance it is a good thing. It is a good thing because it is going to take the props out from under the enemy. The enemy has wanted to keep My beloved from advancing. He has tried one tactic after the other. He is about to be carried off in a landslide. Get ready for this mighty display, and know that it came by the hand of your God.

I am your God. I created you to walk in My goodness. I created you to actually benefit from knowing Me. Many of you have drawn closer to Me. Many of you are eager for Me to present My mighty display. It is surely on its way, beloved, but first I want you to watch for the landslide, and when it comes, know that it comes by My hand and it is going to upset the work of the devil in ways you never dreamed. Just what does this mean for you and your loved ones? I will tell you: It means success in areas of your life in which you were bound. It means seeing the lost saved. It means seeing your children come into a right relationship with Me. And of course, beloved, it means seeing the enemy get “what-for,” and your Beloved rising high into a new area in the eyes of the world. Yes, all of this is coming by way of My landslide.

Consider this coming landslide a victory for your Beloved. Consider it a BIG success, and know, dear child, that when your God brings forth a landslide, it is to raise many up onto the plateau of the living God. It is to see many GROW mightily in My eyes. That is what this landslide is going to bring, beloved – victory for My dear children, victory for My kingdom, and a certain victory in every individual willing heart that will enable that child of Mine to stand fast no matter what calamity strikes. That is what it is all about, beloved: victory, success, and standing in the face of anything that comes your way.

Be a victor. Stand fast in the face of all that comes your way, and know, dear child, that when I send something to earth, it comes for a very good reason, and it produces ALL that I desire – ALL that a heart can contain.

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Ribbon And Lush Greenery
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In a vision, I saw sheer, white ribbon with gold edging, curling into some lush greenery. Why did you show this to me, Lord?

I want each of My children to take hold of this lovely ribbon, and follow Me into that place of lushness in Me. I want you to know Me better. This ribbon of truth will lead you deeper into the will of your God. You will gain access into places in My heart that you never knew existed.

In this day, I am doing a mighty work in hearts. I am about to cause a heart explosion that will alter the course of your life. So be prepared, knowing that it is surely on the way, and when it arrives you will know the tenderness and the strength of My heart.

I am calling you to come deeper into that place that is lush. I want you to follow My lead. I want to perform something in your heart along the way. Look forward to this work that I am doing for you, and know that it is being tempered by My loving presence – it is being tempered by My loving caresses. You will barely feel a thing, beloved – you will barely feel a thing as I go about My most interesting and beneficial work in your heart. Follow My lead. Follow hard after My heart, and know the true contentment found therein. Know the splendor of My goodness as it shines forth, offering to you a place of rest you have never before known.

I am eager for each of My children to follow Me into this place of rich lushness. It is a place prepared for you to grow mightily in Me. So get your heart ready to enter in, and know true peace and contentment as you follow along the way that I have prepared for you – a place alive with activity, lovely to the eye, and sweeter than any place you ever dreamed existed. That is where I am taking you, beloved. That is where you are to dwell in Me – a place very much alive with activity and filled with the lushness of My love for you!!!

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The Emerging Church

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Sheila and I attended a church yesterday. We have come to know the young pastor and his wife, and feel that God wants us to encourage and help them. While we were worshipping, I became aware of a distinct unease in my spirit. I began to hear a whispered, "This is not where I am." I also noted that Sheila seemed to be uncomfortable. I leaned to her and asked if she were feeling ill. She shook her head in the negative, but as the meeting progressed into the sermon, I realized she was becoming even more uncomfortable.

We took a long drive after church and stopped along the water. From our vantage point we could see the skyline of Seattle's waterfront, the white mass of Mount Baker appearing between sea and cloud, ducks "fishing" in the shallows before us, fishermen on the pier to our right, ship traffic plying the cold waters, and couples strolling along the rocky shoreline. It was there that I thought I heard a whispered “I am here” floating on the wind.

I again asked Sheila about what was wrong during the worship service. She said, "We don't fit." I pressed for more. "Church....like that....isn't it anymore. I almost feel guilty saying that, but it just isn't it." She went on, "If I had the financial backing, I'd find an old building, a house and convert it to a coffeehouse, meeting place, library, good music...." she continued describing and then said, "you know, the thing you've been talking about." "Oh," I said, "you mean a Harbor?" (Within the concept I have of Harbor is a "Harbor House:" Literally a house used for the purposes of worship, prayer, study, strategy meeting, communication, relaxation, counseling, resourcing, coffee, and whatever seems to come along and fit.

The Harbor House differs from the Harbor, since the Harbor MUST by definition be either a home where people actually live, or exist where people come together in a next-best-thing-to-home-facility).

The sun began to show its westward progress. Deep purples and oranges spread in reflection over the water. Just as it has since the first moments of time, the sun was going down to bring night to the circle of the day. Or so we think out of habit. In antiquity, generations of fathers taught their children this fallacy because in their limited understanding, reach and vision, it appeared to be so and was accepted and passed on to succeeding generations. Conventional wisdom and understanding were factually wrong, but culturally accepted because “it appeared t be so.”

In reality, the sun does not go down. We now know that. The earth merely turns on its axis, giving the appearance that the sun, not the earth, is moving. But we know the truth. Just as we know the earth isn't flat or even perfectly cylindrical. We don't live any longer by the old conventions that said if one continued far enough in a given direction, he would sail off the earth into the great unknown. So we have no misgivings about boarding an aircraft and flying 10,000 miles to the East or the West. We know we won't break free of earth's surface and spin into space

And so the day is dawning when we no longer live by the conventions of a traditional church that each succeeding generation has accepted and followed, simply because our fathers told us the story that way. There is a New Church, a New Representation of Jesus arising; emerging. Its structure is that of a living Thing and not the skeleton of a corporation or a government or an institution. Its soul is that of a breathing Thing and not the force of motivational thought, corporate synergy or institutional convention. Its heart is that of a Kinsman-Redeemer and not that of catchy slogans, statements of purpose or of constitutional amendment. Its hands are those of common men, women and children, translated and transformed by the power of a living Christ to become literally His hands, reaching, touching, holding, blessing, healing, restoring in the midst of the mainstream of life, and not in an isolated and concealed sanctuary.

The hope of our future isn't in a building made with hands, but it is in these "living stones, [that are] being built up into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Sheila and I attended a church yesterday. Near the Seattle skyline, fishing in the waters before us, we heard Him say “I am here.”

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The Emerald Rainbow

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“At once I came under the [Holy] Spirit's power, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne! And He Who sat there appeared like [the crystalline brightness of] jasper and [the fiery] sardius, and encircling the throne there was a halo that looked like a rainbow of emerald.” (Revelation 4:2-3 Amplified Bible)

To understand the perspective of these verses in Revelation chapter 4, we must back up to Revelation 1:10 as John says, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet...” I believe John is making a distinction from His regular ‘earthly’ experience as he declares that he was in the Spirit.

As he was now in the Spirit, John had come into a different realm. It is my belief that at this point John had ascended to the ‘second heaven’. I say this because of his perspective.

The second heaven, ouranos in Greek, is where principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, the governmental spiritual entities have their power. John’s focus appears to be upon the church in the earth as the Trumpet Voice has been declaring, “But I have a few things against thee...”

Of course, the ‘trumpet’ is symbolic of the prophetic ministry, and often the prophetic ‘trumpet’ is utilized to confront sin. I am by no means a proponent of the ‘sin-conscious’ mentality that religiousity tries to accost us with, however I do believe that the Father generally allows us an accurate view of who we are ‘in Adam’ before He shows us who we are ‘in Christ’.

That is why the Trumpet Voice has been declaring for the last couple chapters in Revelation, “But I have a few things against thee...” I believe this represents the view from the second heaven... and I believe that it is important that we have an understanding of this ‘second heaven view’... we just don’t want to STAY THERE! Unfortunately, much prophetic ministry in the Church has not progressed from the ‘second heaven view’.

I strongly believe that the call today is, “Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be...” (Revelation 4:1) Certainly there has been revelation in this verse that has been applicable throughout the centuries, but I feel a very definite ‘quickening’ of this verse for THIS TIME in history.

And to grasp the perspective, we must understand that this call to come up hither is a call to ‘come up higher’ than the ‘second heaven view’! This is a call to ‘come up higher’ to the third heaven! You see, John has just entered into another realm through this “door standing open in heaven,” his environment has entirely changed and I believe his focus has changed. His focus for the last couple chapters has been upon sin and the church in the earth, now his focus is upon the Throne of God and the Glory of God.

It is important to note that John says, “At once I came under the [Holy] Spirit's power...” The call today is for a people who, laying aside the soulish power of the self-life, have come ‘under the Holy Spirit's power’. It is only as we do this that we receive a clear vision of the Throne of God, and it is only as we come up higher than the ‘second heaven view’ that we can truly grasp the truth of the absolute sovereignty and authority of the Father.

>From the ‘second heaven view’ there appears to be struggle between good and evil that seems to be somewhat equally matched in power. How may sermons have we heard that could be summed up as ‘satan vs. Jesus’? Let’s face it, who wants to turn on the TV and watch a sporting event when one team totally dominates and defeats the other, without any contest?... sounds like a good time for a nap on the couch instead.

Unfortunately, we may bring that same mentality into our understanding of spiritual things. There is NO equally matched contest between Jesus and satan. When Jesus said, “It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost” (John 19:30), if there EVER WAS a contest, it was over at that moment! I, personally, do not believe there ever WAS a contest, as “the works were finished from the foundation of the world” (Hebrews 4:3) because “of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8).

Until we, like John, have come ‘under the Holy Spirit's power’ we will never have an accurate vision of the Throne of God and His sovereignty. “...and behold, a throne stood in heaven...” When we are truly ‘under the Holy Spirit's power’, all we can see is the Throne; “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the CALLED according to His PURPOSE... If God be for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:28, 31)

Let us turn our attention for a moment to this One who is on the Throne. “And He Who sat there appeared like [the crystalline brightness of] jasper and [the fiery] sardius...” Sardius is a red stone and was the first stone in the first row of the breastplate of Aaron, the high priest (Exodus 28:17).

Jasper was the last of the gems (the third stone in the fourth row) in the high priest's breastplate (Exodus 28:20), probably the green jasper. I believe that it certainly is NO coincidence that OUR High Priest, the One who is the First and the Last, the Beginning and the Ending (Revelation 1:8) has the appearance of the first and last stones of the breastplate.

According to Ephesians 6:14, the breastplate speaks symbolically of righteousness, “Stand therefore... having on the breastplate of righteousness”, and of our High Priest, 2 Corinthians 5:21 states, “For He hath made Him to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” When we compare those Scriptural truths, the meaning of the colors of the stones takes on great significance.

You see, red speaks symbolically of the shed Blood of Jesus and the fiery wrath of God that was poured out at the Cross as the Father literally “made Him (Jesus) to BE SIN for us.” Just as the red sardius was the FIRST stone, even so the very foundation of the new Covenant is the shed Blood of Jesus, the full judgment of God poured out at the Cross, in order that “we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.”

So many in Christendom today are still living under an ‘Old Covenant mentality’, expecting the judgment of God around every corner. ‘Doomsday prophets’ are a dime-a-dozen, and huge ministry ‘machines’ are built upon the dissemination of bad news!

Unfortunately, if you live on planet earth for any amount of time, something ‘bad’ will probably happen. That is simply the reality of living in a world that is in the process of being subdued as the kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of the Lord and His Christ.

However, may I declare to you today that God is not ‘mad’?! He’s not sitting around stewing over world conditions, anger boiling just beneath the surface ready to ‘blow’ at any moment like a spiritual Mount Vesuvius. He is not in need of any ‘anger management’ instruction... although perhaps there are some Christians who could use some ‘anger management’.

You see, the full weight of the judgment of God for sin was summed up and given full expression in the Christ-event (the crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ). The world has BEEN judged for sin, declared guilty, and the full judgment poured out upon the only Begotten Son.

“We did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted... and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us ALL.” (Isaiah 53:6) It is upon this basis of the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross that you and I can stand before the Father in RIGHTEOUSNESS, clothed with the breastplate of righteousness!

Jasper (probably the green jasper), an opaque variety of chalcedony (quartz), was the third stone in the fourth row in the high priest's breastplate (Exodus 28:20), the twelfth stone.

Green is symbolic of new life, resurrection life, fresh green oil (fresh anointing). Three is the number of resurrection life, of divine completeness. Four is the number of the earth and the creation (four corners of the earth), and the number of end times, as the fourth watch is the last watch. Twelve is the number of apostolic order that brings forth maturity (Ephesians 4:12-13).

I believe the jasper is symbolic of an end-time many-membered new creation man (Ephesians 2:15), walking in the maturity and divine completeness of resurrection Life! Jesus Christ was the prototype of this ‘people’, and He came to bring MANY SONS into manifesting His glory!

Can you see the picture?... Jesus Christ appears as the jasper AND the sardius. Even though He embodied the fullness of the Spirit, the divine completeness of resurrection Life (jasper), by His shed Blood He took the fiery wrath of God that was poured out at the Cross (sardius)!

It is in the light of THIS understanding that we then can see the significance of the emerald rainbow; “...and encircling the throne there was a halo that looked like a rainbow of emerald.” (Revelation 4:3 Amplified Bible)

Before we examine the significance of the color of the emerald, we must first look at this rainbow. “Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord.” (Ezekiel 1:26-28 Amplified Bible)

We know that the rainbow speaks of covenant (Genesis 9:13), and according to the passage in Ezekiel we just read, it speaks of the “likeness of the glory of the Lord.”

Likeness and glory speak of the character or nature of Christ. And according to Hebrews 10:16-17, the New Covenant IS the Father imparting the character or nature of Christ INTO US; “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.”

Given this understanding, I believe that the rainbow we read of in Revelation 4:3 speaks of a covenantal people, made in the likeness of the glory of the Lord, with the character and nature of Christ shining forth!

Keep in mind also that this rainbow is “encircling the throne.” Most of us think of a rainbow as an arch or semicircle, however in reality they are a full circle. We usually don't see the full circle because the horizon of the Earth is in the way.

However, from the high vantage point of a mountain top or an airplane, a complete circle of rainbow light can sometimes be seen. I believe that the Father is raising up a covenantal people whose ‘earth’ of the carnal earthen vessel is not ‘in the way’, thus allowing others to see the fullness of Christ.

Jesus often utilized word pictures (parables) to enhance the understanding of what He was teaching, and therefore I love the mental picture the following illustration paints for us.

In order to have a rainbow you need light and rain, and in order to have rain you need a cloud. I believe we can see this ‘cloud’ in the book of Hebrews as it states, “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses...” (Hebrews 12:1)

I believe it is through this ‘cloud’ that we will see the RAIN of God upon those who are ‘dry and thirsty’ to bring forth a harvest of reproducing Christ in people and establish the REIGN of God on the earth! “...He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.” (Hosea 6:3)

You see, when the ‘cloud’ (that’s US in Christ!) begins to pour out ‘rain’ in the Light of Christ, the world will see the most glorious ‘rainbow’ they’ve ever seen!

“I do set My bow (rainbow) IN THE CLOUD, and it shall be for a token of a COVENANT between Me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow (rainbow) shall be SEEN IN THE CLOUD.” (Genesis 9:13-14, my input in parenthesis)

Listen my friend, the Father has set His ‘rainbow’, His covenant, IN the ‘cloud’, IN US... and may I declare to you that He is bringing His ‘cloud’ (that’s US in Christ!) to bear upon the ‘earth’ of the carnal earthen vessel... and the ‘rainbow’, His covenant, shall be SEEN IN THE CLOUD!

Isaiah expresses it this way, “Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen UPON THEE... the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be SEEN UPON THEE.” (Isaiah 60:1-2)

Keep in mind that as we look at this prophetic picture of ourselves in the emerald rainbow, we must remember that the emphasis is ultimately on Him and His Throne! “Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him...” (Revelation 1:7) Yes, it’s ALL about Him and “EVERY EYE shall see Him...”

You see, the light of the rainbow is reflected to the eye at an angle of 42 degrees to the original ray of sunlight. Because the 42 degree angle is measured from each individual observer's eye, no two people see exactly the same rainbow.

Every person is at the center of his or her own particular rainbow. Remember, the Father has set His rainbow IN THE CLOUD... perhaps YOU are the particular ‘rainbow’ that your neighbor or coworker will see Jesus in.

I find it fascinating that the rainbow appears at a 42 degree angle, because the number 42 is very significant in Biblical symbolism. The number 42 is the number of the Christ, the number of His appearing in the ‘cloud’. Let’s look at this further in the book of Matthew.

Matthew 1:1 speaks of “The book of the generation of Jesus Christ...” Normally we think merely of genealogy when we read that verse, however the word translated as generation, ghenesis in Greek, means NATURE.

Obviously, Jesus was not married with natural children, so WHO exactly IS this “generation of Jesus Christ” that carry His NATURE? Well, Hebrews 2:9 & 13 is speaking of Jesus as it says “But we are able to see Jesus... Here am I, (Jesus) I and the children whom God has given Me...” (Amplified Bible- my input in parenthesis)

It is apparent that in the eyes of the Father, Jesus had ‘children’. However, Isaiah 53:8 says of Messiah, “...and who shall declare His generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living...”; in other words, He won’t have natural children because He dies.

We must then read on to verse 10 of Isaiah 53 as it says, “He SHALL see His SEED, He shall PROLONG His days...” That particular wording, “prolong His days”, is used throughout the book of Deuteronomy to speak of carrying on a genealogy in the land.

So, once again, WHO exactly IS this “generation of Jesus Christ” that carry His NATURE and carry on His genealogy? We can read of this ‘generation’ in Matthew 1:17 when it says “...from the carrying away into Babylon unto CHRIST are fourteen generations...” Get out your calculators (fingers and toes are acceptable also) and let’s count.

Abraham to David are fourteen generations. David to Jechoniah and Babylonian exile are fourteen generations. Here’s where it gets interesting. Start in verse 12 of Matthew chapter 1 and keep in mind that Jechoniah was number fourteen in the last group; Shealtiel is #1, Zerubbabel is #2, Abiud is #3, Eliakim is #4, etc... then Joseph is #12, and Jesus is #13. Yes, you counted correctly. Jesus is #13, and THE CHRIST is #14, the 42nd GENERATION.

Yes, my friend, Jesus is the HEAD, He has preeminence in all things (Colossians 1:18), and we are called the BODY of CHRIST, the 42nd GENERATION. Just as the rainbow appears at a 42 degree angle, the 42nd GENERATION is a covenantal people that carry His NATURE and carry on His genealogy!

Indeed, “He SHALL see His SEED, He shall PROLONG His days!” This 42nd GENERATION is the New Creation Man spoken of in Ephesians 2:15, “...that He from the two might create IN HIMSELF one New Man - one new quality of humanity out of the two.” (Amplified Bible).

How appropriate that this ‘rainbow’, the 42nd GENERATION, we read of in Revelation chapter 4 is a rainbow of EMERALD; “...and encircling the throne there was a halo that looked like a rainbow of emerald.” (Revelation 4:3 Amplified Bible) The emerald is a deep green variety of beryl, a very translucent (see-through) stone, in comparison to the jasper which was an opaque stone. Once again, the color green is symbolic of new life, RESURRECTION LIFE, fresh green oil (fresh anointing).

There is no RED in this ‘rainbow’, it is only manifesting the GREEN of RESURRECTION LIFE! That is because Jesus, by His shed RED Blood, took the RED fiery wrath of God that was poured out at the Cross, in order that the 42nd GENERATION would manifest only the GREEN of RESURRECTION LIFE!

The emerald is a very translucent stone, in other words you can see through it. This covenantal people is a transparent, translucent people... you can see through them to see the Throne of God in the MIDST of them! Remember also that this ‘rainbow’, this 42nd GENERATION is “encircling the throne.” They live from a higher dimension where ‘earth’ of the carnal earthen vessel is not ‘in the way’, thus allowing others to see the fullness of the One who is seated on the Throne.

My friend, it is time to heed the call to ‘come up higher’ than the ‘second heaven view’! It is time to ‘come up higher’ to the third heaven! It is time to enter into another realm through this “door standing open in heaven.” It is time to change our focus from sin and the church in the earth, and focus upon the Throne of God and the Glory of God. It is time we begin “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done...” (Isaiah 46:10)

“And it shall come to pass, when I bring a CLOUD over the earth, that the BOW shall be SEEN IN THE CLOUD.” (Genesis 9:13-14) Father, we stand in agreement that You are bringing Your CLOUD of witnesses, Your CLOUD of glory, to overshadow the EARTH of the carnal earthen vessel! And we stand in agreement that the RAINBOW, Your RESURRECTION LIFE, be openly SEEN and visible IN THE CLOUD, Your covenantal people!

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The End of Days

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> *"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man comes."*
> *(Matthew 25:10-13)*

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I was awakened last night at 1:39 a.m. The time was significant, because one, three and nine are all representations of the Lord God and it confirmed to me that it was Him who woke me up. I was having an open vision of the days to come. I am not one to preach condemnation nor gloom and doom, but this vision was startling in its reality and content.

I saw the end of days and the times we are currently living in.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away." (II Timothy 3:1-5)

We are seeing the unveiling of these times as corporate America is showing it's true nature in this last past decade, which was in actuality a fulfillment of the scripture above. Scandal after scandal on greed and covetousness is emerging and will only serve to continue to undermine markets. Satan and his minions are and have been plotting and scheming for millenniums for this last great collapse. The undermining of the integrity of the capital markets will cause an utter failure in investor confidence, which in turn, just as at the start of the past century with the technological boom of the industrial age associated with the Automobile and the resulting "roaring twenties" followed by the Great Depression, so shall we see the repeat of this cycle of boom and bust. Internet and technology (which is in actuality not real, but 'intellectual capital') and the boom and resulting bust, are going to lead us into a similar cycle of Recession and Depression. Depression is Satan's realm. We see the signs of the times in Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Palestine and Israel. We KNOW these are prophesied and coming to pass.

I saw extreme acts of violence, as the economy slips and slides. Hope will be lost as those who have trusted in riches and the god of this world - mammon and therefore Satan - realize that he has left them at the altar of the world. Their hope is gone and they become violent, excessively so. I was watching individuals in tractor-trailer trucks, berserk, running down others in rage. Police stood by as they could do no thing to assist, nor did they have any unction to stop the violence, knowing that they could not. I saw people crying out the Lord, but He did not answer, as His Presence had left and the door was shut. I saw ministers in the pulpit, paralyzed and deaf, as their denying of His Power and their lifestyles condemned them as the Lord's judgment fell upon them. I saw Satan's attack upon these so-called ministers with a rage and hatred we have only seen Hollywood replicate because he hates them even though they have done his work because some have come to Christ in spite of their lack of integrity, purity and holiness.

Hear O ministers of the Lord! You SHALL be judged with a higher standard!

I saw men and women fainting from fear as Satan unleashed his full attack with a fury not before seen. I wept as they cried out to God, but the ark's door had closed. They knocked, but the door had been tightly sealed. I saw people I knew that would go to Heaven and those who will not. I cried for an hour as my wife and I prayed.

Hear, see and know...these are the days of grace still, but the clock is ticking. Tell someone. Let them know - let judgment begin with the House of the Lord. Repent; be converted that times of refreshing would come in the Presence of the Lord.

Let us in humility plead with others to accept Christ. Let us share, care and love one another, for the enemy is about to roar and devour as never before.

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. Be blessed in the Lord Jesus today.

Todd Gross

The Eagles Nest

Deborah Gliebe

I saw this morning, in a vision, a large eagle s nest. It reminded me of the large eagles we had seen in Colorado flying up to the high place of their nest. I then heard the voice of God say, Tell my eagles to come back up to the eagles nest.

INTERPRETATION

The Lord revealed to me that He was about to release STRATEGY, DIRECTION and a FRESH VISION to the Eagles of the nations!

The prophetic voices must hear, with clarity, as never before. Just like tectonic plates shifting in the Earth crust, God is about to move the junctions of the Heavenly realms and it will shake in the physical as well as the spiritual. There will be monumental moves in the Heavenlies even as many nations will, over night, be announcing governmental changes.

PRECEDING VISION

In another vision, in April of this year, I saw a bride standing and the hand of God came down, over the bride s head and neck violently shaking, almost snapping, her neck up and down. I heard God say, I am about to shake violently my bride! I am about to reveal and expose inequities and buried woundedness in my bride, including family issues and relationships, to bring healing, deliverance and restored wholeness in preparation for the coming movement of the Glory during this emerging new season of signs, wonders and miracles.

PRAYER WARRIORS ARISE

It is imperative to intercede for national leaders, as well as spiritual eagles and heads of churches, so they will clearly hear what the Spirit is about to instruct.

WORD OF WISDOM

Set aside time and fly back up to the eagles nest to seek the face of God and heard the fresh instructions of the Holy Spirit. Any plans not birthed out of the heart of God, by the breath of His Spirit, will produce little fruit, if any, in this hour. Do not over book or extend yourselves at this time. Beware of distractions, harassments and mini-brush fires that constantly need your time and attention. Eagles do poorly on the ground!

FIREGATE PRAYER OVER THE EAGLES

Lord Jesus, we pray for all the Eagles that receive this email. That the anointing of the Holy Spirit will break forth over each one, now! May the power of God bare witness to you and prompt you to extend your wings, catch the currents of spiritual wind and take flight to the eagles nest. Remember, you will have far greater vision and intimacy in the high places of the Eagles Nest.

Father, return your weary army to a place of restored vigor, vision and instructions out of your heavens gates. Give them discernment of the traps of the enemy, let the blood of Jesus cover them, and their homes and put courage in the eyes of your eagles as they begin to take flight into the high place.

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The Eyes Of The Blind Shall See

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ISAIAH 35...”then the eyes of the blind shall see....”
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There is a message for the body of saints that must go out in these troubling times. Many have become complacent in their trusting the Lord, Y’shuah, for their strength during hardships. They are not reading the Word of God and asking the Holy Spirit to enable them to gleam from this Living Waters ...they are not growing in their walks. Many are hiding within the walls of their homes only communicating on phones and computers...missing the most important gift we have besides our Savior...the gift of sharing themselves with others. Fear has encrypted them like within “white washed” tombs of false safety, tricking them into “feeling” hidden and safe from the world.

There are others who, knowing that the Word is watered down and lacking, settle into a church of comfort, rather than seeking His face of truth and fully being fed. Their “pastors” are knowingly not being honest, fearing that honesty will scare their numbers and subsequently their income away! I didn’t know that being called into ministry by the Holy Spirit was a way to make money! I like what Paul had to say in Philippians 4:13...”I know how to be abased and live humbly in straitened circumstances, and I know also how to enjoy plenty and live in abundance. I have learned in any and all circumstances the secret of facing every situation ....14..”I HAVE STRENGTH FOR ALL THINGS IN CHRIST WHO EMPOWERS ME”!

The prophet Isaiah is steadfast to encourage us throughout all times to “be strong and do not fear”! We are told that our God comes in like a vengeance to protect his anointed children. We are forever covered under the shadows of His wings....and therefore nothing of the enemy can come close to our homes, hearts and families! Just think of this for a moment...the creator of the universe has promised to always and forever take care of us in all situations. We are told in Scriptures that to doubt the Word of God is to sin...like saying HE is not capable of carrying out HIS Word in our life. James said...1:6-7...”Only it must be in faith that he asks with no wavering (no hesitation, no doubting)...For truly, let not such a person imagine that he will receive anything (he asks for) from the Lord.” It is through FAITH that we have the spiritual power to call things into the natural. And then in Hebrews 11:1...”Now FAITH is the substance (assurance, confirmation the title deed) of the things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen”! To overcome fear we must have faith in the ONE who is able. It is through faith that we will no longer be blinded, we will once again run with life overflowing, our tongues will loosen to preach the Living Word with boldness, and the Living Water will forever quench our thirst to get closer to our Savior and Lord! But only if we decide to shed the cloak of fear and have faith in the One, True Living God, Y’shuah Hamashiah...Jesus the Christ!

The thread of not fearing but trusting is commonplace throughout Isaiah’s writings. In chapter 54:14...”you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; And from terror, for it shall not come near you.” But in verse 17 we are promised something so grand that it will take your breath away in wonderment! “ NO weapon formed against you shall prosper, and EVERY tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. For this is the heritage of the Lord, and their righteousness is from ME!” If we have faith and trust the Lord ,then the apostle John’s words, inspired through the anointing of the Holy Spirit rings with truth.....1John 4:4...”HE who is in you is greater than he who in the world”!

Today we take up the mantel of faith and trust in the One who will always be there with open arms. Have faith and run into these arms when life takes a turn and you are challenged! Let His blood wash away fear and allow the peace that goes beyond all human understanding to prevail in you life. Ask the Holy Spirit to live in your heart and lead you into the righteousness of Christ the Messiah! You are born-again and the old man has died…and you are now a new creation enabled to live in the shadow of the Living God!!

In His Love,
Joanna Silberman

The End of The Protestant Reformation

Ron McGatlin

The end of the protestant reformation is in sight. We owe much to the courageous men and women who have given their lives to the furtherance of the "great reformation". Now a new revolution is replacing the old protestant revolution that began midway of the second millennium AD and continues into this first century of the third millennium.

During the later centuries of the protestant reformation the church has been receiving layer after layer of restoration of the power and reality of God. The magnificent manifestations of the power of God in the first century church and in the Celtic church in the centuries before the reformation were lost and did not returned to the church in the early centuries of reformation.

The new revolution now coming forth is not a return to the pre reformation religion and not even a return to the first century church but does have some restored characteristics of the early church. Some of the supernatural miracles and spiritual manifestations of the first century church as well as the Celtic church of the pre reformation period are being restored. The mostly lukewarm powerless church that developed after the protestant reformation has in the past century received significant restoration of the gifts of God in portions of the church.

In the historical periods of supernatural miracles and spiritual power there was a common ingredient present that was not present in the lukewarm church. In a word it is intensity. In the new revolution, spiritual intensity is returning to people of God across the world.

The wooing of the intense passionate love of God is compelling the people of God. The manifest presence of God is a consuming fire destroying all of the other gods that the lukewarm church mingled into their lives. There is becoming a ONE GOD revolution. A move that places God far above all else in life; even life itself cannot compete with the awesome fire of the love and redemptive judgment of God.

Lukewarm has become as deplorable to many of His people as it is to Jesus. Worship, praise and prayer are all intensifying as the reality of the passionate love of God presence is destroying lukewarm living.

More Christians are being killed and severely persecuted than ever before. Serving God in many places across the world has become a very serious endeavor that requires a total commitment. The darkness is greatly intensifying and the light of God is shining more brightly than ever. Lukewarm has no place in intense times.

There is a revolution of intensely loving God with all our strength and mind and loving others with intensity that produces action. This revolution is changing the church and touching the world. The light of the manifest presence of the glory of God is coming upon a people who have nothing left to live for but His desires. This intense passion is the ingredient that was missing and holding back the supernatural miracles and spiritual power. The new church will look much different as this revolution of intimate passionate love produces pure hearted, holy men and women of God that will live in the world as the Body of Christ in reality.

There is an uprising among the young people of God and another uprising among the young people of darkness. The light will overcome the darkness as the people of God do not love their lives to the death and living a pure powerful testimony of the Christ in them - the Body of Christ in the world. Now is the time to ARISE!.

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.

"Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side.

Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. Isa 60:1-5:

Arise in His Love,

Father's Love Changing World
Ron McGatlin

What could not be done by the strength of man using force or intellectual and philosophical persuasion is being done by a most powerful force through a most unsuspected avenue. What couldn't be done through religious rules, and hierarchical organizations - through fascism, communism, intellectualism nor any other ideology, philosophy or religious order is being done by the power of passionate love. The manifest presence of Father God is bathing worshipers in overwhelming life changing love.

Some groups call it soaking in the presence of God but name is not the important thing. The truly important thing is that the Holy Spirit brings forth the manifest presence in a group of people. Some of us older folks have experienced awesome times of what we called prayer and meditation alone in our special place and that was great. But the awesome presence that can come forth in a corporate group who, in unity, ask the Holy Spirit to come is greater than our closet experiences.

Generally even unexperienced groups are overcome as the manifest presence of God shows up. The thing of having to say or do something is not much of a part of what goes on and may even distract from what is God is doing. On the floor or reclining in a chair just being completely attentive to the inner workings of God and communing with Him is awesome. God speaks to many in powerful prophetic visions that becoming life altering.

Experiencing the awesome love of Father filling our heart and submerging our soul is almost more than we feel our mind and body can tolerate. Brokenness and complete repentance over anything in our life that does not give Him joy is unavoidable. Hearts are changed, painful emotional wounds healed - bodies healed and love flows through us like never before.

Real holiness develops as pure hearts are formed through soaking in Father's love over time. Love flowing through a pure heart leads to changed lives. Lives of serving through love in every area of life will change the world.

The "Passion of Christ" movie is touching the world with the powerful reality of the love of God. The love of a Father who spared not His only Son but allowed the crucifixion to redeem the world is restoring an intimate love relationship with His people. The passion of God's love is manifesting upon the earth in the hearts and lives of those who are coming to Him with their whole heart.

This is not a time to debate doctrine nor to defend our traditions. This current move of God is not worthy of our wasting it with other matters. The urgency of the times and the presence of God call for us to lay down our lives that He may live and reign in and through our mortal bodies. The manifest love of God is changing our world.

Follow After Love - Be Saturated In His Love

More Love,
Ron McGatlin

The Undercurrent Move of God
Ron McGatlin

Just as there are rivers of current in the natural oceans there are undercurrents of spiritual movement in the vast ocean of churches and ministries. The surface of the ocean is the highly visible part of the churches and ministries. The surface rarely experiences times of placid waters and is most often covered with gentle waves of activities as the breeze interacts with the surface.

Occasionally the surface is greatly excited as strong winds create much dynamic activity. But even during the strongest winds there is an unbelievable calm below the surface. In the depths it is as if there was no turbulence. The turbulent scene of the visible surface is unheard in the depths.

Beneath the surface of praise and worship music in gatherings - below the dynamic ministry activities there is an awesome place of peace in God. In that place of peace the mighty works of God are effortless to us. It seems we are not in the reality of the things happening in the natural realm. We have truly come apart into a realm of peace beyond all understanding, as we observe ourselves move and speak effortlessly in the power and control of another. Miracles seem very natural to those who enter into the depth of the supernatural.

In this placid depth, movement does not readily appear to exist. But in reality there are powerful streams of current that are steadily moving without the noise and turbulence of the surface. In the natural world the climate and all areas of life that are affected by climate are changed by the movement of ocean currents.

So it is also in the spiritual. The unseen deep currents of God are flowing and bringing great change that is affecting the land and will bring significant change to all life. The world will not continue as it has been but must be reformed by the massive deep currents of God moving upon the earth.

Much of the surface may seem to some to be foolish or unnecessary frivolous activity as the Spirit wind blows upon the youth of the land. What may seem like silly manifestations are only the surface of the deep currents of God moving the world from a place of men's rule to the reality of the kingdom of God on earth.

The deep currents of God are moving us from religion based on the tree of knowledge to the tree of supernatural life by the Spirit - holy life in union with others and communion with God.

The world is being redeemed and through much tribulation we must enter the kingdom of God. The deeper currents are not always flowing through big name ministers. Often they are flowing deeper under the surface through relatively unknown men, women and young people who have given their all to carry the deeper current of the love of God to the nations of the world.

They go into the poor places of the world often to thrown away people - they pray weeping for sick children - they give and do all they can pouring out the love God has poured into them. In their passion God works miracles to feed the hungry - heal the sick and bring encouragement to the downtrodden.

Wherever these no name undercurrent people go the love of God brings healing into the hearts of people and the poor become rich with peace and joy. The hopeless become filled with the purpose of God and become powerful witnesses of the miracle working love and power of God that raises the dead.

These humble ministers don't need a title nor position. They are just ordinary folk who through much tribulation and brokenness have entered into the deep currents of God. Consumed by His love they become fountains of the liquid fire of God's love pouring out to the nations.

Look for the love - pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
Ron McGatlin

The Earth Was Having A Sonogram
Jana Alcorn

Leader, Creation groans, awaiting the manifestation of His manifest Presence in your life.

The impact of this month, November and December will be felt throughout eternity! Prioritize your life to maximize the Glory of God! He is faithful and He never changes. This is the season to align and to adjust for the harvest of the earth is ripe!

Even tho I usually do not share on this level, I feel that I must relate a dream I had this week.

This morning (Monday morning, October 11, 2004) I dreamed of a pregnancy. But it was a very strange and unusual pregnancy. This dream disturbed me because what was being birthed was so huge that it was disturbing to my natural mind.

This pregnancy was so extremely huge. In my dream, I tossed and turned disturbedly as I tried to figure out what this was and what it meant. It was huge; too big for a human to birth. It was like a human pregnancy, yet so very big. Seemingly too huge to be a human pregnancy. So in my dream, and even in the natural, I kept tossing and turning, being troubled and praying over and over. I was in earnest prayer as to what kind of pregnancy this could possibly be.

It was so gigantic, so mega, that it seemed that a human could not contain and give birth to something so large. As I continued to toss and turn, to pray, and to be troubled, I looked and saw the most remarkable sight and then I understood.

THE EARTH WAS HAVING A SONOGRAM!!!!! The whole earth was pregnant!!!

I woke up praying and God had Romans 8:22,23 in my mind and in my mouth.

Romans 8

22We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. 23Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Leader, I believe that the interpretation of this dream strongly suggests that this is the definite season for the "birthing" of all the prophetic words of God for our generation in the whole earth.

Let's take a look at the three groans of Romans chapter eight.

1. Creation Groans

All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. Romans 8:22 The Message Bible

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. Romans 8:22 KJV

2. The Spirit Groans

So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance. Romans 8:26 AMP

3. We Groan

And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. Romans 8:23 KJV

INSIDE THE SEED

Hebrews 7:25 -- Seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them. Make a demand on the intercessors of your ministry.

The Earth Was Reaped
Arlette Pollard

Revelation 14:14-16

Lord, I heard You say
That the night would pass away
When Your Spirit
Moved upon our heart and soul.
Lord, I heard You say
Men would rise up from their graves
When by Your Spirit
Broken bones were made whole.

Lord, lead us far from all condemnation
Help us walk united to the call
Let there arise a bold proclamation
As saints declare they live for You alone.
Help us see Your hand, God of creation
As You gather Your children, one and all
Within the secret chambers of Your salvation
As they sing of Your love that touched their soul.

Lord, I heard You say
We are gathered through grace
With faith yielding fruit
Unto the Kingdom of the Lord.
Lord, I heard You say
That You know each child by name
And the eyes of the King
Watch over the righteous, forevermore.

Lord, thank You for Your mercy unending
And that Your purpose for men is built on love
Thank you for Your Spirit who keeps extending
The message that faith conquers all.
Lord, thank you for shelter from the storms
Where peace is found resting in Your arms
For each and every day, as You clearly proclaim
You are the Lord who reigns supreme forevermore.

> *"And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a gold crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped."*
> *Revelation 14:14-16*

> *"The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in*

> *thy field? From whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, an enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." Matthew 13:24-30*
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> *"He [Jesus] answered and said unto them, because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given." Matthew 13:11*

"It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." While Jesus Christ walked the earth, He spoke in parables of the great mysteries that would be revealed to a man who partook of God's heavenly Spirit. Jesus Christ spoke of the mysteries of the kingdom of God, which those who had partaken of God's Spirit would one day be able to comprehend. He knew that when a man's heart and mind had been redeemed from earthly focus, by the Spirit, that he would be able to ascend beyond the realm of unbelief, where fear, doubt and accusation spoke against the perfect goodness, love, and longsuffering of the Lord. So in parables, Jesus Christ spoke to men about the relationship that would be established between man and God, through the Holy Spirit, which will reveal the mysteries of God's eternal kingdom.

Man, who partakes of God's Spirit of holiness, will be taken from glory to glory, wonder to wonder, joy to joy, as the Spirit reveals to his heart and mind God's purpose for the man, which is found within God's kingdom of righteousness. And the parables, which Jesus used to illustrate man's position within the kingdom of God, will be used, through the teaching of the Holy Spirit, to help man understand how God has personally been interacting with the man. As the mysteries of God's kingdom purposes are revealed, so that a man's heart and mind is able to grasp the depths of God's great love toward him, his soul will rise up rejoicing, eternally thankful for the day when he first believed in the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

In God's kingdom of righteousness, the glory of heaven, God's Spirit, releases truths into the man's life, so that the man is able to live at peace with God and his fellow man. As the Spirit of truth speaks to the man's heart and mind of God's great love toward the man, he will realize that in Jesus Christ is a safe habitation, where he will find rest for his soul. When the man stands upon the rock, who is Jesus Christ, and finds strength is in trusting in the goodness of God, the lies of the evil one will be stripped of its power to deceive.

To be led of the Spirit is to walk in God's kingdom without end, knowing of the mercy, longsuffering, and love of God. To walk in God's kingdom, which has come down from heaven through the Holy Spirit, will reveal to a man's heart and mind that many of the parables Jesus spoke were to help man understand that only in God would they find safety from thoughts and desires that cause man to live contrary to God's good purpose for man. To walk led of the Spirit is to be led by God, into a position where man is able to trust in God's love and appreciate God's desire to prosper the soul of the man.

As a man is led of the Spirit, according to the purposes of God, the scripture stating, "*He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God*" (Psalm 62:6-7), will clearly reveal to the heart and mind of the man, that safety is found only in trusting in the Lord most High.

Only in God will man find a pure and perfect love, which is able to bring hope and purpose into his life. Only in God is found a love so perfect that it will transform a man's heart and mind, so that darkness, where the evil one holds reign, loses all power over the man's life. To come to the understanding that, to trust in God is to find refuge from the lies and deceit that deny or distort God's purposes toward the man, will build up a man's spiritual strength, so that he is able to turn away from the voices that would distract him from following after God.

When a man comes to the realization that God is his safe refuge from the voices of doubt and accusation, he will clearly begin to understand that to look to other gods, or idols, for purpose, will leave him standing outside of God's protection, exposed to the terror that exists within the night. When a man has found that in God is shelter from thoughts of condemnation, accusation, unforgiveness, and anger, he will realize the destructive behavior of turning toward idols, and other gods. He will begin to understand that trusting in idols or other gods can be compared to a man who leaves a solid and secure path, so that he can take a chance in walking over a deep pit of quicksand. But he will find that, with nothing to hold onto, he may become afraid, struggle and drown.

God's heavenly Spirit, when established upon the throne of a man's heart and mind, will speak God's words of truth, so that the man is set free from the lies and deceit that deny the goodness of God. To be set free, from doubting God's love and good purpose toward the man, will help the man mature in his relationship with God. A mature child of God will understand that to run to Jesus is to turn away from all thoughts and accusations that deny God's love and concern for him. A mature child of God will know that God cares for him, and that His desire toward him is for good and not for evil.

A man who has matured in his relationship with God, so that he realizes that God has been his refuge from the destructive voices that cry out of the night, will find that he can personally relate to the words: "For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy." (Psalm 61:3). The man, who has matured in his relationship with God, will understand that God has been more than a teacher and guide, but that His great love toward him has been the shelter that provided safety from the assault of the voices that would try to rob him of his position in Christ.

Men, who have matured in their relationship with God, can be compared to a ripe field of wheat, which has been harvested and placed within the Masters secure storehouse. Because the good seed, which is the Word that was bound upon their hearts, had brought forth fruit worthy of the Master, the Master called for the harvester's sickle to reap the wheat, so that the crop could be gathered together and taken into the storehouse, where it will be used for the Masters good purposes. In the storehouse, the wheat is safe from the ravaging birds that seek to steal the good fruit. In the storehouse, the Master faithfully watches over His harvest.

There is a time when the good seed is sown within a man's life, and there is a time when the Master declares it is time to reap that which has been sown. Not to destroy the man, but so that the man can further mature in the ways of God. The Word is the good seed, which is planted within a man's life, able to bear fruit worthy of the Kingdom. Without the man's knowledge, the seed has grown up within his life, so that the Word brings comfort, the knowledge of God's love gives hope. And as the fruit grows up, a day may arrive when the Lord will look upon the man's heart and declare that it is time for harvest. So God puts in the sickle, so that the man is cut off from all earthly dependence.

The sickle is put in so that the man's reliance upon earthly situations to bring hope is severed. But at the same time that God puts in the sickle, severing man's dependence upon earthly situations to find hope, the man is taken into the Master's storehouse, (storehouse – inner room, secret chambers, closets) where his heart and mind will experience, in great measure, the power of the living God. As a man resides within the Master's storehouse, God's words, which once brought comfort to the man, will become a reality of existence that creates a firm foundation under the man's feet, so that he is able to walk led of the Spirit and not the flesh.

Others will reap the benefit of the man's stay in the storehouse, so that God is given all the praise and glory. The man who is brought into the Master's storehouse, held within God's secret chambers, where His love is revealed to the man in great measure, will find that the inner chambers of his heart is now more conformed to the perfect will of the Father. This man has been made ready to be used of the Master to help others grow and mature in the ways of God. The sickle is used of God to severe the man's dependence upon the earth to obtain salvation, so that he is led of the Spirit, with the knowledge that God alone is his place of refuge, his rock that lifts them high above the floods of sorrow, depression, violence and destruction.

> *"He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; the enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels." Matthew 13:37-39*

> *"In that he saith, a new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away." Hebrews 8:13*

When Jesus explained the parable of the sower to His listeners, He was preparing them for that which was soon to come. The day had arrived when relationship with the Father, which was revealed to man through the old covenant, was to "vanish away," so that man's relationship with the Father would be dependent solely upon faith in God's Son, Jesus Christ. The world, which had been under the government established according to the old covenant, was to "vanish away" as the government of God was placed upon the shoulders of Jesus Christ.

Through the mouths of many prophets, God had prophesied that the old was to give way to the new. But men could not fully comprehend God's message until the day when the heavens were rent, and God's heavenly Spirit was poured out upon the earth. Even as Jesus explained the parable of the "sower" to his listeners, they would not fully comprehend His message, until the day when the Holy Spirit was released from the throneroom in heaven. It was as men partook of God's heavenly nature, that the words Jesus spoke would no longer be a mystery to them, but a revelation of God's purpose for mankind.

The day of man's redemption had arrived. Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, the Son of God, was to lead captivity captive to the goodness of God. God had looked down from His throneroom in heaven, upon the earth of His creation, and declared the day and hour had arrived, the earth was ripe for harvest. God called forth His Son of righteousness to wield the sickle and reap the earth. Jesus Christ alone is worthy to redeem man from the world governed by God, according to the old covenant, so that man lives holy in God's sight according to the purposes of new covenant relationship experienced through the Holy Spirit.

It was the sickle of God's righteousness held in the hands of Jesus Christ, around 2,000 years ago, that was used to first redeem man from the world governed by God, according to the old covenant. And it is the sickle of God's righteousness held in the hands of Jesus Christ today, who redeems man from the earth. It is through faith in Jesus Christ that man is established upon better promises, where relationship with God is experienced through the Holy Spirit. It is walking filled with the Holy Spirit, so that man personally experiences the power of God's everlasting kingdom of righteousness, that will severe a man's dependency of looking to the earth, vain idols, or rituals established according to the old covenant.

> *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." 2 Corinthians 5:17-19*

When the day appointed of God had arrived for the earth to be reaped, those who loved His holy name would be gathered together as wheat, and taken into God's storehouse, through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would severe any dependency they had of looking to the earth for purpose or truth. All focus would now be upon God, through the leading of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit would severe any doubts or fears that God would cast them far from His presence, because He no longer dwelt only on high, in the temple set in heaven, but upon their hearts and minds. And because He had established

His everlasting kingdom, the heavenly nature, God’s glorious Spirit, within their lives, they could declare to others that their “body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God” (1 Cor. 6:19).

The Spirit of God drew these men and women close to the Father’s heart, so that they were perfectly trained in the ways of God. What they had experienced, while held in the secret chambers of the Lord’s presence, would be used of God, to lead others into the Father’s everlasting kingdom. These men and women could declare that God had made all things new. Their new relationship with God, through the Holy Spirit, would change the way they perceived the world, and the way they interacted with their fellow man. Their new relationship with God would forever keep them on the paths of righteousness, where their feet never would depart from the secure path, led of the Spirit.

These precious saints of the Lord, who had been redeemed of earthly focus and dependency, would speak the words the Lord had given them, so that others would turn toward the Lord, and sincerely call upon His holy name. Though a great harvest was reaped when the blood of Jesus purged the heavens, so that the glory of God was poured out in great measure upon the earth, there are still a great many men standing in the valley of decision. There are multitudes of people, waiting for the laborers to go forth who speak of the power and authority of God.

God’s laborers, who have resided in the inner chambers as God held them close to His heart, need to go forth and speak God’s words of life, so that men are released from faltering between two decisions. Today, there are many who need to hear from those whose lives are living testimonies, which demonstrate the power of God’s love, so that others will sincerely proclaim, “What must I do to be saved?” Today, there are many who need the presence of God’s power in their lives, so that the Spirit can severe all unbelief, all that would hold them in bondage to earthly lusts and to dependency on things that do not reflect the glory and purposes of God. Today the harvest is ripe, may the laborers go forth.

> *“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:37-38*

The Fields Are White With Harvest -- Now!

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"Do not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest?' Behold I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields for they are white with harvest." John 4:35

I saw a vision of fields and fields of all different kinds of crops -- wheat, barley, alfalfa, beets, carrots and corn. Every field was ready to be harvested. The Lord is saying, "LIFT UP YOUR EYES AND LOOK." As you go about your day, look for those that are needing encouragement. Look for opportunities to share Christ's love. Look for the Holy Spirit's leading. If you will look, you will see the harvest and you will see that it is ripe. Divine appointments are awaiting you each day. The Spirit of the Lord God is upon you BECAUSE you have been anointed to preach the gospel to the poor and the afflicted.

New releases of creativity

The Lord is going to be birthing new creative ways to reach the lost. When these ideas are acted upon they will produce fruit. An enormous release of laborers into the harvest fields is about to be launched. Many of these laborers will go in non-conventional and non-traditional ways. The workplaces, marketplaces, educational institutes and medical facilities will be visited by believers who are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Miracles will become common

Believers will be praying for the lost to be healed, delivered and set free as a normal part of their day. The Lord will honor their faith and miracles will take place. Many healings will manifest instantaneously amongst the unsaved, then they will be led to Christ as a result. Healing miracles in particular are on the increase. Many of God's children will be in awe of what He will do through them. Significant miracles will take place in very natural settings and many of them won't even seem to be that spectacular -- they will just feel "normal".

Increased presence of the Lord's Harvesters in Psychic Fairs

There will be an increased presence of gospel workers who set up booths that minister the "true prophetic" in the midst of the false. Christians will be interpreting dreams and speaking to the unsaved about their destiny potential in these fairs. Christians will be also sponsoring "spiritual healing" booths as they reach out to minister to the afflicted under the unction of the Holy Spirit.

Although there will be an increase of Christians at these fairs there will also be an increased resistance from the demonic realm. The organizers of such fairs will attempt to shut down the opportunities for the Christians. We will need to be as wise as serpents and as harmless as doves.

Musicians and artists will be powerfully used in the harvest

Musicians, artists, poets, dancers, performing artists and writers are going to be powerfully used in this season. They will be able to get into places where others cannot. The Lord is going to lead them into some dark places (immoral, idolatrous, violent) to manifest His presence. They will receive favor and many of them will be raised up in the public eye in order to be a voice for the Lord.

Miracles in the inner city

The Lord is calling many to the inner city. He will show His power through those who will go to pray for the afflicted and the downtrodden. Many drug addicts and prostitutes will be coming to the Lord. Inner city ministry is going to take on a new face and the Lord will raise up models for this. A new weight of apostolic anointing will visit inner city ministries. Miracles of deliverance and healing will be commonplace.

Increased anointing on media

The Lord is building a new wine-skin for Christian Television. Many believers will be called to produce programs for television, web, and radio. These programs will be used to capture the attention of the lost and to draw their souls to truth. God is raising up a media army who will confront those things that violate Kingdom values. His values will be established. A whole new look is coming to Christian television. Media will become one of the most powerful tools for the harvest.

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The Fall Feast of the Lord
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A Personal word by Edith Farmer:

It is a great pleasure for me to share about the Feast of the Lord ... which I have been observing for about 10 years. It all began as I earnestly craved to know the heart of God more intimately and intricately with a fiery and extravagant passion to walk more fully in all His ways. Holy Spirit began unveiling and teaching me some hidden secrets found within HIS festivals! Leading me through awesome divine adventures, through revelation of scriptures, prophetic words, visions and dreams to discover that God has a divine calendar with appointed days, weeks, months, years and seasons for me personally as the Bride of Messiah, for Israel, the church and the nations. In the honoring God's word to observe His appointed days, I have enjoyed the divine pleasure of walking and living in divine partnership with my Eternal Bride-Groom Lover in a richer, deeper and fuller daily covenant relationship! Doing what He's doing, walking where He's walking, going where He's going!! He is sovereignly ordering my life, my times, my every step, every circumstance in my life in every season according to His calendar. It has been an amazing and incredible divine dance to flow with My Beloved!!!

You can read in Scripture where God commanded His people to observe the festivals and how Yahshua kept all of the festivals while He walked on earth. Father, Son, Holy Spirit, all of heaven, the angels, and the saints gone on are all keeping all of the festivals now heaven. There are great celebrations going on around the throne!! If I'm in divine partnership with God and I'm the Bride of Yahshua and one with them and they are keeping them, then I will join with them in every way on all appointed days and in every season to bring His kingdom on earth as it is heaven!! And if I'm not in partnership with what they're doing, then I am simply out of step, out of sync to some degree with His appointed days and seasons. When I realized that and began to flow with God's divine river of timing, I began to walk more accurately in tune with the heartbeat of God — Discerning more clearly the signs of the times and the approaching King of Glory!!!

There has been such awesome revelation to me personally that has changed the course of my life in such powerful and wonderful ways that I can't help but encourage you to join in this divine partnership with Abba and all of heaven and participate with God's appointed days!! It is true freedom!!!! I am not doing this to be religious at all; I can't stand any form of religion because it is an enemy of relationship!!! To me this is true covenant relationship and partnership !! It's extreme pleasure and a pure delight! This is a new level of fulfilling God's word to worship Him in Spirit and Truth!! The more I intimately I hear and obey, the more I know Him and the deeper and more extravagantly I can abandon myself to worship with all that is within me ... from eternal realms to eternal realms!! From glory to glory!!

WORTHY, WORTHY, WORTHY IS THE LAME UPON THE THRONE TO RECEIVE ALL GLORY, HONOR, POWER, DOMINION, AND PRAISE FOREVER AND EVER!!

Following are some highlights of the Feasts, but I encourage you to get a book on the feasts which will give you more depth of understanding. It is so rich you will want to know more than I can possibly give you here.

I recommend The Seven Festivals of The Messiah by Edward Chumney.

HIS FEAST/ FESTIVALS
In Hebrew, the word for feast is mo'ed, which means "an appointment, a fixed time or season, a cycle or year, an assembly, an appointed time, a set time or an exact time!

The feasts are found in Leviticus 23. They were given to us by God to help us learn and understand God's plan of redemption for the world and the coming of the Messiah! Leviticus 23:2 says, "The feasts of the Lord, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are my feasts." Convocation in Hebrew is " a rehearsal." The feasts are to be yearly rehearsals, to be kept for perpetual generations, to be for all generations!!!

The Apostle Paul wrote in Colossians 2:17 that the feasts are a shadow of things to come to teach us about the Messiah, who is the fulfillment of the greater plan that God revealed and foreshadowed in the seven festivals. God gives the natural to explain the spiritual. In Deut. 16:16, God instructed the people to come to Jerusalem three times a year to observe the feasts — for Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot.

The first four feasts teach about the significant events in the first coming of Messiah: 1. Passover/Pesach, 2. Unleavened Bread, 3. First Fruits and 4. Pentecost/Shavuot.

The last three feasts give insight about the events concerning the second coming of Messiah: 1. Feast of Trumphants/Yom Teruah (or called Rosh HaShanah -- this year is Sept.16 & 17 and begins at sundown on the 15th), 2. Day of Atonement/Yom Kippur (this year is Sept 25th and begins on the 24th at sundown), 3. Feast of Tabernacles/Sukkot (this year is Sept.30 thru Oct. 5th and begins on the 29th at sundown). Then Shmini Atzeret on the 7th and Simchat Torah on the 8th.

Note: On the Hebrew calendar, the day begins at sundown and ends on sundown the next day. Sundown to sundown. Also, the Feast days start the day before at sundown on the calendar date.

The fall festival season begins with a 40 day period called Teshuvah, which means " to repent or to return." It begins on the sixth Hebrew calender of Elul, which began on August 17th at sundown. The shofar is blown to warn the people to repent and return to God every day except on Sabbath and the day before Rosh HaShana. The 40 days conclude on the tenth day of the seventh month, Tishrei, which is Yom Kippur, the day of Atonement. The ten days from Rosh HaShana are called the High Holy Days and the Days of Awe!! Five days after Yom Kippur is Sukkot/Feast of Tabernacles.

Following are some names for Rosh HaShana, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. Each will indicate a specific meaning and purpose of that day yet to be fulfilled and shows the importance of knowing its meanings and compels us to be the children of the day, not of the night. This means we should be awake, alert, tuned in, watching and praying, enlightened to God's timing, purposes and plans and partnering with Him in these days!!

Yom Teruah / Feast of Trumpets / Rosh HaShana — Names and meanings:

Teshuvah = repentance

Rosh HaShana = the beginning of the New Year, Head of the Year, begins the Hebrew civil new year, birthday of the world. "Shana Tovah" means Happy New Year!

Yom Teruah = the day of the "awakening blast," to awake the day of sounding the shofar blast. The shofar is blown as a wake up call to repent and turn.

Psalm 98:6, 89:15,
Zechariah 9:9
Zephaniah 3:14,
Jeremiah31:7
Isaiah 58:1
Joel 2:1

Ephesians5:14 commands us to "Awake sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give light on you!"

1 Thessalonians 4:16 teaches us about the resurrection of the dead. When Yahshua blows the trumphant, it will be on Rosh HaShana. The Word says we don't know the day or the hour, since our calendar may be off and we don't know the exact day of Rosh HaShana or when He'll blow the trumphant. We will at least know the right season; the Feast of Trumphets is a type and shadow of that DAY!! In keeping this feast, we know that we will be alert, repenting, watching and praying!

Yom HaDin = the day of Judgement

HaMelech = the Coronation of the Messiah

Yom HaZikkaron = the Day of Remembrance or memorial; God remembers us and we remember God

The time of Jacob's trouble/ the birthpangs of the Messiah

Note: With all the hurricanes, is the earth in travail with the breaking of the waters? The last time we had to evacuate with Hurriane Floyd was during the ten days of Awe. It was a sign in the earth, foreshadowing what will happen before Yahshua returns. It was a type of the birthpangs of Messiah, to warn and give a wake-up call to repent.

The opening of the Gates = When the Lord first taught me about the Feast of Trumpets, He gave me a vision (before I knew it was Rosh Hashana) of this massive gate in the heavens over me that was opened and I saw multitudes of people going through this gate. I found out the next day that is was Rosh Hashana.

Psalm 26:2 tells us, "Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith."

Kiddushin/the wedding ceremony = The wedding of the Messiah to His Bride!! The Bride and Groom are Betrothed to each other!

The resurrection of the dead =1 Corinthians 15:52 says that the resurrection of the dead will be at the last trump.

The last trump = resurrection of the dead

Yom Hakeseh/the hidden day = means to hide, conceal, cover, on Rosh HaShana, two days are celebrated because it is not known which day is the right day, is a type and shadow of the Day of Yahshua's return (which no one knows but the Father)

Yom Kippur / Day of Atonement — Names and Meanings:

Leviticus 16:30-31 & Leviticus 23:27-28, 31-32

"For it is on this day that atonement shall be made for you to cleanse you: and you shall be clean from all your sins before the Lord. It is to be a sabbath of solemn rest for you, that you may humble your souls, it is a permanent statute."

"On exactly the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement, for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement on your behalf before the Lord you God, You shall do no work at all. It is to be a perpetual statue throughout your generations in all your dwelling places. It is to be a sabbath of complete rest to you, and you shall humble your souls; on the ninth of the month at eveningm from evening until eventing you shall keep your sabbath."

Yom Kippur / The Day of Atonement = means the day of covering, canceling, pardon, reconciling; type and shadow of when YahShua the Great High Priest made atonement for us by sprinkling His blood on the mercy seat – not only covering our sin, but taking our sin away!!

The blood is a token of the New Covenant; it gives eternal life, brings redemption, makes atonement, justifies us before God, give us forgiveness, provides reconciliation, provides cleansing, and makes us overcomers.

Leviticus16:30-31 / Leviticus 23:27-28, 31-32

Face to Face = Before I knew anything about Yom Kippur, the Lord woke me up early one morning from a deep sleep and gave me a vision of Yahshua and I face to face and mouth to mouth. I knew He was saying something specific through the dream for that day. Later that day, I found out it was Yom Kippur and one of the terms for Yom Kipper is face to face. The Day of Atonement was the only day of the year when the High Priest went behind the veil into the Holy of Holies to make atonement for the peoples sin and was face to face with the mercy seat of God.

He then gave me this scripture in Malachi2:7: "For the lips of a priest ought to preserve knowledge, and from HIS MOUTH, men should seek instruction because he is the messenger of the Lord Almighty."

The Day / or The Great Day = It's the last day of the 10 days of repentance and the most solemn day of the Jewish calendar.

The Fast = The day is spent fasting and praying. (See Leviticus16:29 and 23:27.)

The Great Shofar = There are three trumpets blown with great significant meaning: The first trump is blown on Shavuot. The Last Trump is blown on Rosh HaShana. The Great Trump is blown on Yom Kippur. (See Isaiah 27:13 and Matthew 24:31.)

When the Great trump sounds on Yom Kippur, it is also the day that points to when Yahshua will come back to earth and set His foot on the Mount of Olives. (See Zechariah 14:4)

God divinely placed Yom Kippur, which is called "The season of our Joy," before the Feast of Tabernacles/Sukkot. The children of Israel and all believers in Messiah could only rejoice once they were redeemed and their sins forgiven.

SUKKOT: THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

Leviticus 23:34 - "On the fifteenth of this seventh month is the Feast of Booths for seven days to the Lord."

Deut. 16:13 - "You shall celebrate the Feast of Booths seven days after you have gathered in from your threshing floor and your wine vat."

Sukkot, translated as Tabernacles or festival of Booths, is celebrated for seven days. It is a quick transition from the high holy days of repentance and judgement to a holiday of rejoicing and celebration!!

The people are commanded to build a hut, or a sukkah, and to live in it during the festival. It is to remind them of when they left Egypt and lived in the wilderness in temporary houses called sukkah's on their way to the promised land.

The sukkah (a mishkan = a dwelling place, tent, or booth) is to remind us that we are but strangers and pilgrims on the earth and that this is a temporary dwelling place. The sukkah was a type of covering for the Israelites; the cloud by day and the fire by night was seen as a chupah, a wedding canopy.

Exodus 25:8 - "Let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." To establish the relationship between God and Israel, God instructed the people to build the mishkan/sukkah so He could dwell with His people.

Yahshua,became flesh and dwelt among us! (See John 1:14) 2 Corinthians 51:5 tells us that our earthly bodies are tabernacles. The tabernacle of David was a dwelling place.

Yahshua entered the temple on the Feast of Sukkot/tabernacles. (See John 7:2, 27-29) Yahshua was the true tabernacle of God. (See Hebrews9:11)

Names of Sukkot:

The Season of Our Joy = On no other festival were the people commanded to be joyful. As a result, Sukkot became known as the season of our joy! It was a time of great joy after the season of repentance and redemption of Yom Kippur. You knew that your sins were forgiven and you were walking with God, knowing Him and being obedient to His word.

Sukkot prophetically is the festival that teaches and points to the Messianic Kingdom, the Millennium and the joy of that kingdom yet to be fullfilled. In observing it year to year, it is a prophetic proclamation of the imminent fulfilment, walking out by faith, of the promised kingdom on earth as it is in heaven!

Luke 2:10 - "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy."

The Festival of Ingathering = Sukkot is the fall harvest festival and marks the time of the harvest, the final ingathering of produce before winter. This is the time when the produce of the field, orchard, and vineyard is gathered in. The granaries, threshing floors, and wine and olive presses are full to capacity.

This represents the end of the age when God will gather the Jew and Gentiles from the nations.

Revelation14: 14,15 - "I looked, and there before me was a white cloud and seated on the cloud was One like a son of man with a crown of gold on His head and a sharp sickle in His hand. Then another angel came out of the temple and called in a loud voice to Him who was sitting on the cloud, take your sickle and reap, because the time to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is ripe. So He who was seated on the cloud swung His sickle over the earth, and the earth was harvested.

The Feast of the Nations = Sukkot will be celebrated by all the nations on the earth during the Messianinc age, the Millennium. (See Zechariah 14: 16-19)

The Festival of Dedication = King Solomon dedicated the temple during Sukkot/tabernacles. 1Kings 3 tells us that this is why the festival is also called the Feast of Dedication.

The Festival of Lights = The scriptures seems to indicate that Yahshua was born during the festival of Sukkot, on the 15th of Tishrei 15, which is the 1st day of Sukkot. That is the 30th of September this year.

Yahshua was born in a sukkah on Sukkot/Tabernacles not in a manger on Christmas!!

Luke 2:12 says that Yahshua was laid in a manger and the word manger is the Greek word phatn'e. It is the same word translated as "stall" in Luke 13:15. Phatn'e is a place for hitching cattle. The Hebrew word for stall is marbek (see Amos 6:4 and Malaachi 4:2). In Gen. 33:17, it is written that Jacob journeyed to Sukkoth and made booths ... and booth means sukkah.

During the Feast of Sukkot, God required that all male Jews come to Jerusalem (see Deuteronomy16:16). That is why the city was overcrowded with people and would explain why Mary and Joseph couldn't find lodging in or around Jerusalem.

When Yahshua spoke again to the people, He said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." (See John 8:12) "I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness." (John 12:46)

There is more to indicate His birth on Sukkot, but is rather lengthy.

SEASONAL RAINS
One of the great truths of the Feast of Sukkot/Tabernacles has to do with the seasonal rains in Israel. Joel 2:23 tells us that the former and latter rain would come in the first month. Hosea 6:3 tells us that the coming of the Messiah will be as the former and latter rain on the earth.

God promised Israel that upon their obedience to the covenant He made with them at Mount Sinai (see Exodus 34:10 and Deuteronomy5:2) that He would give them the rains in their due season.. No rain was a sign of judgment and the curse of God on the land as well as on people.

The rain is a type of the Holy Spirit being poured out upon flesh.Yahshua is the rain that came down from heaven as well as the living water. He is the fountain of living water spoken of in John.4:4-6.

Rain also speaks of revival, restoration, and returning to God — as in repentance during Rosh HaShana.

The fullness of this feast will be experienced at the coming of the Messiah when He will rule and reign on the earth during the Messianic age, the Millennium. This time will be a time of joy and celebration in the Messiah and will be Israel's glory!!

The Fathers Heart

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In 1998 the Lord began to impress upon my heart that I was to begin to call Gatherings in South Africa as His desire was that His people would come before Him without agenda or speakers and wait upon Him. He said that many nations had their atrocities but He desired to heal them all on a biblical basis. He said that he had often revealed His strategies to his leaders but because they wanted to do it their own way, rather than at His instruction and timing, the enemy was able to abort His strategy of redemption and restoration, every time.

In November 2003 the Lord told us that he wanted us to have "The Gathering to the Fathers heart" - this time he wanted teaching and we invited Dennis Wiedrick, who ministers worldwide on the Father Heart of God, to come to South Africa and instruct us on the nature of true spiritual fathering. The conference was held in 3 cities: Durban, Johannesburg and Cape Town.

Report on the Gathering

>From the outset in the meetings it became clear that the Lord desired to build on the understanding of the true nature of the Father and our response as sons according to Malachi 4:5,6. We saw that the same word was not released in each city but rather, from city to city, the Lord added to His word and clearly had prepared His people at each venue for that which He was releasing. It was significant that the meetings began in Durban and the venue chosen by our hosts was the Jewish Club. We were humbled by the confirmation that the Lord gave to us of the importance of the turning of the hearts to the Fathers which this venue confirmed in that we belong to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The scriptures that guided the meetings were Psalm 24, Matthew 6:14,15 and Matthew 18:21-35.

The Lord revealed that everything belongs to Him but if His people would not forgive from the heart and unlock the prisons of unforgiveness that fathers and mothers have for sons and daughters and sons and daughters for fathers and mothers, both in the natural and in the spiritual, there would be no release from the orphan spirit that grips the nation and continent and finds its evidence in the overwhelming increase in the numbers of physical orphans through AIDS, famine and war which this nation and many others on the continent of Africa are experiencing.

The Lord revealed that we need to contend to be transformed into His image by the power of the shed blood of His Son rather than settle down and live side by side with the sin marred image of God, which cost Jesus His Life. (the day after this message was released the Lord confirmed through the secular newspaper a headline which read - "Trading Faces" - The Star Saturday 22nd November) The Lord also spoke of the great release spiritual fathers bring to the destiny's and callings of spiritual sons who's hearts are to honor and walk WITH their spiritual fathers.

The Lord revealed that the opposite spirit to the Fathers heart is one of control and manipulation which brings all things to serve its own purpose which was defined as the Pharaoh spirit. This "Pharaoh Leadership" produces slaves rather than sons and brings a conformity to its own "calling" controlling with the whip and emasculating its sons so as to keep them from following the Lord into Kingdom destiny. This Spirit produces a spiritual slumber on the hearts of Gods people while appealing to the intellect and bringing an intellectual response to its own purpose and destiny while keeping the "giant of the corporate heart" of the body of Christ - asleep. We stood in the gap and cried out for mercy for the leaders who have been seduced by this spirits lies and instead turned our hearts toward the next generation repenting for seeking to keep them within the grasp of this same spirit that generations have been enslaved by. We purposed to both arise personally and call forth the spiritual fathers and mothers so that the next generation would be kept safe and move with a far greater anointing and power than we ourselves had known to establish the Kingdom of God, by His power and through His strategy.

The Lord also revealed that the time has come when callings and anointing would not be enough to release His Divine Authority to walk in such a to time as this. He revealed that to rule and reign with Him meant that we should drink the cup that He drank which was handed to Him by His Father. Matthew 20:22 "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" Paul declared; " Oh that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings being conformed to His death" Phil 3:10. Many have taken the cup of suffering that the Lord offers as the only way to ruling and reigning with Him but after tasting of its bitterness have turned away and chosen to walk out their callings in presumptuousness and their own ability and strength. The Lord is calling forth a generation of those who will, like Jacob, wrestle with their own natures in the power of the cross and humble themselves to seek His face and be conformed to His Image in Spirit and in Truth.

The Lord revealed that when we bring accusations as orphans, and cry out "abuse" against the ways of the Father, the enemy has a legal right to separate the orphans from the Father Whose love alone is able to heal and restore. All those charges against the ways of the Father.."unfair..You don't listen...You don't do...You don't care...Your love does not work for me...You don't answer my prayer...you abandoned us during the apartheid years...etc., separate the orphans from a Loving Father by the legal enforcer of the law, the enemy, until the orphans withdraw the charges and the Father is permitted access to His children again to bring them into the Spirit of Sonship. We must withdraw all charges against the Father, both personally and nationally in order to break the enemy's chains with which he keeps Gods people bound to the orphan spirit. We stood in the gap in deep repentance both personally and nationally withdrawing all charges against The Father. (The following morning the Lord again confirmed His word in the front page headline in the Star and the Argus - "My Daddy" - Tuesday November 25th)

During one of the meetings in Cape Town the Lord released a significant key for the nation which we believe we must hold before Him in prayer as we seek the timing of its public release. Please pray with us for grace to serve His purposes within His timing.

Once again, with deep humility we honor the Lord and say" ... this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.." Matt 21:42b

We would like to close this report with a word that the Lord gave two weeks before meetings began. He spoke to Lauren and asked the question "Lauren, what time is it?" Two days later He spoke the following scripture, Romans 11:5 and 6 (Amp) - "So too at the present time there is a remnant (a small believing minority), selected (chosen) by grace - by God's unmerited favor and graciousness. But if it is by grace - His unmerited favor and graciousness - it is no longer conditioned on works or anything that men have done...otherwise, grace would no longer be grace - it would be meaningless."

Dear friends as we enter into a new year we need to be sure that which we are so busy with is not conditioned on the works of man. For now is the time for the remnant of grace to arise. Otherwise, according to this word, which we believe is a word that the Lord has given to His church at this time, we could find that all that holds our attention and occupies our time is meaningless. There is a generation that will arise..."the generation of Jacob, of those who seek Him who seek Your face" Psalm 24:6

The Fathers Heart (Part II)

Lauren Lok

Justify your forgiveness

During the afternoon session the Lord indicated to me that he wanted me to minister on Justification to follow forgiveness.

I ministered that the years of apartheid were 40 which is a significant biblical number. Demonstrating with Noah, the judgment and new beginning, Moses - protection and stripping of self dependence, Israel - provision, lessons in His character, a different spirit on a new generation, Jesus -temptation to stand against the enemy of His Father in a complete trust and affirmation of purpose and destiny in full assurance of His Fathers unquestionable love and goodness.

With Moses and Israel the Lord, within an unjust rule, kept a people unto Himself for to His own purposes. The demonstration of His Kingdom, His nature and His sovereignty were all dependant on His timing and keeping power, possibly in ways that we would not have considered to be "just" but never-the-less in demonstration of His inscrutability and complete Sovereignty and Lordship.

I suggested that it is possible that the Lord has kept for Himself a people in South Africa who can demonstrate His complete power over racism, which plagues the world, through love, forgiveness and Divine rest in the faithfulness of God in the midst of nothing but darkness. I suggested that only the custodians of the land could carry the key to Gods end-time purposes for that nation. "The sons of the soil" could choose to demand rights or they could acknowledge that within the injustice, God had a purpose, and in yielded trust and praise, in spite of the circumstance, nothing would stop His purpose.

Could it be that this purpose was to protect the custodians of the land unto the demonstration of His triumph and sovereign power over darkness in the great battle for the "souls of nations"?

There is an inheritance of power and authority that the Lord desires to release, to bring nations into their destiny which cannot be released whilst those who have been wronged, who are the true "sons of the soil", whom the Lord has ordained to carry end-time destiny and authority, look to any other authority to address. He, many times, brought disaster upon Israel in Canaan because they looked to Egypt, Assyria or others to help them in their times of trouble. Whilst we as the bride of the Lord Jesus Christ, look to others, He will allow us to have what we look for "but will send leanness into our souls" and into the collective soul of our nation.

"I the Lord your God will answer you according to the multitude of your idols." Eze 14:4

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury." Zech 8:2

I expressed the cry of the Lords heart, "Could there arise a righteous generation that would seek His heart, His Kingdom, before their own justice and vindication?"

Could they, as the "sons of the soil" those sinned against, declare in the spirit of the Lord,; "AS the wronged ones, we choose not only to forgive the injustices of apartheid, but to justify, declaring that justice lies in the hands of the Lord and that all things have occurred according to His timing and purposes?"

Gen 50:20; "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

Dennis Wiedrick came to the front and with the Fathers heart asked if the scales of injustice could be balanced if justice was not meted out. All replied that it could not.

He then asked that if there was debt of sin owed the Father, could we meet it?

We all agreed that we could not. He said that if we all agreed that the scales of indebtedness could only be balanced by the debt being paid, had that debt been paid?

We all agreed that it had and that we could not pay it.

He asked how those scales had then been balanced? We all responded, "through the blood of Jesus" He agreed that was correct.

He then asked us if there was a family debt against the Father, we agreed there was.

He asked if that debt had been paid, we said it had. "How?" he asked.

"By the blood of Jesus!" we answered,

He then went on to ask if our city had a debt. We said it had.

"Has it been paid?" he cried.

"Yes!" we replied.

"How?"

"Through the blood!"

He then asked was there a debt owed by the sin of apartheid. We agreed there was.

He asked; "Has it been paid?"

We said it had.

He asked; "How?

We responded; "Through the blood of Jesus!"

I then came forward and asked the predominantly black leaders (we had been hosted in a black church) if they would respond as there was a response that the whole of Heaven was waiting for. The black leaders (about 12 with their wives) went into a little huddle and spoke for a little while before coming forward and the pastor who had hosted The Gathering spoke.

He said that they were surprised that the Lord would bring this message to them through a white South African woman, but that they knew my heart and that they agreed that this was the truth. They then said that they would like to pray and sing in Xhosa, their native language, but before doing so had taken the decision that, in Cape Town the seat of the South African Parliament, they chose not only to forgive the sin of Apartheid but to justify it, declaring that the blood of Jesus was payment enough - choosing to let go of all seeking of compensation from man and rather to say to the Lord that they would, as the "sons of the soil", seek to receive His inheritance for His Kingdom purposes, so that the nation would arise into His preordained End Time destiny... for His glory's sake. They then began to pray and then sing in Xhosa.

A funeral for the past

During this time Dennis had a vision. The Lord showed him a coffin (casket) lying at the feet of these leaders. He watched them pick it up onto their shoulders and walk out through the midst of the place where we were and take it to a graveyard. As they were about to place it into an open grave, Dennis asked the Lord what was inside the coffin. The Lord told him to take a look. He said inside he saw "The shattered dreams of Apartheid, the broken lives of Apartheid, the destroyed destinies of Apartheid, the broken families, the destroyed hopes.." He then saw them place the coffin into the open grave and turn and walk away. As they did so he heard the voice of the Lord say;

"The debt of Apartheid has been paid... It is finished!"

As Dennis said this a white man from the back of the church approached and said that when the black leaders had come to the front, the Lord had told him to sing a song in Xhosa that he knew. He said it was a funeral lament and that the Lord said he was to sing it aloud. He responded that he was not at a funeral and that he did not want to offend the black brethren. The Lord asked Him again to sing it. He said that he finally did, but quietly under his breath, all the while they sang and prayed in their language and Dennis was having the vision. We wept and embraced one another. Suddenly Dennis spoke to me and said; "Lauren! What time is it?" He repeated His question... I did not understand. Then he pointed to the wall clock. It was five o'clock in the afternoon. Five is the number of grace.

The question that the Lord had asked me at the beginning of the preparation for this gathering had been "Lauren what time is it?" and then He answered from Romans 11:5, 6: "So at this present time there is a remnant (a small believing minority) selected (chosen) by grace, (by Gods unmerited graciousness and favor). But if it is by grace, it is no longer conditioned on works or anything men have done. Otherwise grace would no longer be grace (it would be meaningless.)"

The Flaming Heart of the Fire Bride
Michal Ann Goll

The fire bride is a bride who is on fire. What does fire do? It consumes. What does it consume? It consumes dross, chaff, and all things that will not stand the test. In the end, nothing of the flesh is left, and only God, our consuming fire is left. He is all that is seen, He is all that exists. The bride has become united, one with Him.

Is being on fire comfortable? Does it cause pain? Does a person readily submit themselves to the flames? The fire begins with love, and it works in us a calling, a wooing to come higher, closer to Him, to His ways. It's almost like the insects at night that are drawn to the light. They are drawn by a force beyond themselves, their own understanding, and this force brings about their own death.

What is "The Fire Bride"?

The fire bride is one who is aflame with God, in turmoil with her own shortcomings, her sins, her faults. Perhaps in her past she has played with fire, strange fire, the fire of idolatry. Surely she has struggled with different fires, fires of the soul, and fires of the flesh. How could God choose her, and forever set His seal engraved on her heart? Failings, disappointments, anger, jealousies try to interrupt the flow of love between them. If the bride could only understand - He knows and sees all this. All He wants is her love. His love is big enough to cover all her weaknesses, her needs, her ailments. He has already made full payment, full provision.

She sees, she begins to understand His ways, His love, and as the flame begins to burn more intensely within her, she runs to Him and cries out, "Help me, oh my God!" As she runs, the flow of the air feeds the fire, making it grow. The faster she runs, the intensity of the fire grows, causing the dross and chaff to be more quickly consumed. She is being burned alive!

The Heart Aflame

And then, a transformation begins to happen. She cries out, "More fire! More fire!" She is beginning to see Him like never before. Her heart cannot be turned ever again to the old enticements of her past. The intense heat of the fire has tried her heart. It is becoming transformed into gold, precious gold, a kind of enduring gold that will never be consumed by any other kind of fire. It is pure. It is holy. It is complete in Him. It is Him.

Her life, now, is completely lost in Him. Her heart is now not hers, but His. Her will is His. She is His totally and completely, forever.

He Has Rescued Us from Ourselves

There is a hunger arising in us today. We want to run to Him. We want to experience His fire, but we are afraid to run into His flaming arms. We are afraid of the pain, the process of getting there. There are things in our hearts that we want to hang onto. Will He ask this of me? Can I keep this? And as we ask these questions, we realize we have hidden treasures that should not be. We struggle with condemnation because we know we should not consider these things as treasures. We know we should want Him, want Him alone, and we don't, so we come to the conclusion that surely we don't "qualify". Hopelessness tries to take us on a downward spiral, but, something happens. In the midst of our struggle, our discouragement, a Man is standing in front of us. He is pure light, pure cleanness, pure sight. As He looks on us, He captures us with His heart, so tender, so huge with love. Our eyes are drawn away from our faults, and now, all we can see are His eyes, with His heart communing with us, through them. Ah, He has rescued us from ourselves. We begin walking toward Him. Walking becomes too slow...He is so wonderful! We begin running, the match is lit, and we become aflame with passion for Him. We become the Fire Bride!

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Quote - "As a face is reflected in water, so the heart reflects the person."
~Proverbs 27:19

Prayer –

Dear Papa! How we need you! We need to see Jesus like never before. We're asking You to come, and capture our hearts, capture our eyes. Enfold us in the deep pools of Your love! Take us into that place of transformation, where we see ourselves truly, as we are, but then also see ourselves, aflame with passion for You. Burn off the dirty robes of condemnation, sin, fear, and rejection, and clothe us with Your light of illumination! We are running to You in desperation! Light the fire in our hearts that will never succumb to any lesser flame!
In Jesus' Name – Amen

Applications –
This is where the rubber meets the road for each one of us! I encourage you to re-read this word. But I want you to stop when you come to the part that reads, "Will He ask this of me? Can I keep this?" Some of us will immediately know there is work to be done here, because that question has already been at work.
Compromise has been trying to gain entrance, and perhaps already has. This is where we need the help of the Father. To think there could be something that we would "try to make a deal" with God to keep is a stench! Ouch! That is the truth, and we all know it deep down inside. But, here is where the love of God enters. We need to bring these "deals" before God, and ask Him for His help. We need to repent, and ask Him to reveal to us more of His loveliness. The more of Him we drink in, our appetite for the "deals" will diminish, and we will come to hate anything that would stand between us and having Him fully and completely.

Don't give in to condemnation here. Let Him capture you! He is eager and longs for this to happen. It is so simple...just begin walking toward Him. Once you begin, you will not be able to hold yourself back - He is so wonderful! You will run, and you will be ablaze with a heavenly fire!

If you have been helped today through this word, consider printing out 5 copies to give to people who maybe don't have e-mail capacity, perhaps to some of our elderly brothers and sisters in Christ.

Be blessed and encouraged this day!

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The Fires of Tribulation

Dorothea Montague

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The Fires of Tribulation My beloved people, you are being tested in the fires of tribulation in the midst of a troubled world. You are being tested by family problems, by rebellious children, by financial problems, by unemployment, by sickness and by other problems. I would say unto you, My children..... *Fear not for I am with you; Be not dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. (Isa. 41:10)* Indeed, My precious people, I am with you constantly, in the good times and in the bad times, guiding you onto My path, blessing you and ministering to you. In the midst of your trials you have sought Me with all your hearts, you have turned away from worldly things, you have entered your prayer closets and spent much time with Me in prayer, you have come to know a yearning for My Word and have spent much time in study, you have learned to trust in Me with all your hearts, you are recognizing that..... *...you are a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Cor. 5:17)*

Now, My people, you are entering into a time of new beginnings in your walk with Me. You are feeling an urgency to enter into the ministries I have chosen for you. I have given you many talents and gifts and I shall bring each of them into being as you minister. My beloved people, I would say unto you.....you are living in the last days of time and there is much to be accomplished ere I come for My own. I need each of you and for long I have been preparing you to serve Me in these troubled times. I shall accelerate your special gifts and you shall go forth with My power and anointing to touch the lives of those in need. Of utmost importance is the need for salvation in the hearts of the multitudes. You shall speak forth the words I shall give you to all whom you meet and many will come unto Me. Countless numbers are suffering with disease and infirmity in their bodies and you shall go forth with My healing anointing upon you to pray for the sick and you shall see them recover. You shall see great miracles of healing take place when you pray...blind eyes opened, deaf ears unstopped, restoring their hearing, cancerous growths falling off people, limbs being replaced eliminating the need for operations and many other ailments healed. I shall guide you to the hurting and brokenhearted people around you and you shall speak My words of comfort to them and see their minds restored to peace and joy. *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. (Psa. 147:3)*

My people, I would say unto you today, you are standing on the verge of a mighty move of God, such as you have never dreamed possible. I am pouring out My Spirit on all flesh worldwide, in unbelievable power and through the prayers of My people you shall see....the destiny of whole nations changed, much poverty will be eliminated, some wars will cease and people will dwell in peace, cures will be found for many pestilences which are rampant around the world and people will be set free, food will be made available for the starving and needs the world over will be met. The war on terrorism will see victory and weapons of warfare shall be destroyed and more people will live in safety. O, My people, believe in the truth of My Word and receive all My great and precious promises.... *And all things, whatever you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive. (Matt. 21:22)*

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Rejoice in Your Youth
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I speak today to My precious young people around the world, especially to the youth who have committed their lives unto Me and accepted Me as their Lord and Savior.

I would say unto you, hearken to My Words found in the Scriptures....

Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth. Walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes. But know that for all these God will bring you into judgment. (Ecc. 12:l)

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come and the years draw near when you say "I have no pleasure in them." (Ecc. 12:1)

I have raised you up, My young men and My young women for just such a day as this, a time when strength, endurance, wisdom, power and anointing are needed for ministry in these days. These are days of great turbulence throughout the world and I need the boldness of the young to speak forth to the multitudes. Each of you has been aware of My presence with you, anointing you, teaching you and preparing you for the work I have in store for you.

Some of you I shall send forth into all the world to preach and to teach and to speak forth the words which I shall give you.

Then said I:
"Ah, Lord God!
Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth."
But the Lord said to me:
Do not say, "I am a youth,"
For you shall go to all to whom I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of their faces, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord. (Jer. 1:6-8)

My beloved young people, I say unto you, "Indeed you shall go forth even as I have commanded you, with the knowledge that I go with you and great blessings shall evolve as you minister."

Thus the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me, "Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant." (Jer. 1:9,10)

My young people, even as I prepared Jeremiah for his ministry so I desire to prepare each of you to go forth and touch people everywhere and to draw them to Me. You may be saying, "But how can I do this for I am unlearned?." My precious children, I say unto you, everything you need to know is contained in the words of Scripture. Search diligently for My words of truth and guidance...

These things command and teach...
Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in unity till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate on these things, give yourself entirely to them, that your progress shall be evident to all. (1 Tim. 4:11-15)

And now to youth worldwide, I would say: I have chosen you from the beginning of time to be My hand extended to all people everywhere as you go forth in these last days. Have no fear for I shall endue you with all that you shall need to go forth and minister with power. My words shall flow forth from your mouths, to stand before multitudes and preach...to teach in great seminars and conferences ...to bring forth powerful words of prophecy in your churches or elsewhere, to bless and comfort many. You shall operate in the Gifts I have chosen for you ...to heal the sick, to set people free and I shall give you great faith and you shall immediately know the needs of all whom you meet.

This new year is a new day dawning for young people and as you minister for Me you shall operate in the miraculous and see great wonders take place. You shall receive many mantles from those in long term ministries who know it is time to step down. I am asking you to fearlessly be what I want you to be, do what I want you to do, go where I want you to go and I shall sustain you in all things. As part of your instruction I would say unto you...

Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. (2 Tim. 2:22,23)

Go forth, My precious ones, seeking My will for you and trusting in Me with all your hearts and leaning not on your own understanding.

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"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law; justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone." -- Matthew 23:23

The Dream - When God needs our undivided attention, He will often send us a strong message in the form of a dream or vision. God has never spoken to me so clearly as He did recently in a dream that will forever change the way I think about the tithe.

In a dream, I was a medical doctor sitting beside a pregnant woman lying on an examination table. The woman had just consummated her marriage minutes prior to the examination. She was fully clothed with the exception of an exposed abdomen. I had an ultra sound device placed on her abdomen as we both observed the monitor. We watched the sperm (containing 23 chromosomes) fertilize the egg (which also contained 23 chromosomes). We both witnessed the conception of her child. She joyfully exclaimed. "There is my baby boy!" "There is my Matthew," she added. I woke.

Then I awoke to process the dream, realizing the obvious interpretation was Matthew 23:23. Here, Jesus is speaking to leaders:

"How terrible it will be for you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest part of your income, but you ignore the important things of the law--justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but you should not leave undone the more important things." -- Matthew 23:23 (New Living Translation)

The phase," You should tithe, yes." jumped off the page at me. I'm not sure I ever realized that Jesus commended the Pharisees for anything. Jesus actually recognized their tithing as something that they were doing right and encouraged them to continue tithing! Obviously they were lacking in justice, mercy & faith. However, Jesus was quite pleased with their tithing.

Dream Interpretation - As I read Matthew 23:23, my mind kept going back to the dream. I kept hearing the woman say, "That's my Matthew!" "This baby was a Man Child", I thought. Matthew means 'God's gift.' Soon, I began to see the message before my mind's eye like seeing a Polaroid picture develop.

This dream was about the conception of the Man Child "Matthew" God's Gift. Conception is what occurs in our mind when we conceive ideas and concepts, which are alive and able to reproduce a godly seed. God's Gift to the world is the Man Child concept. This cannot occur apart from justice, mercy, faith, and TITHING! Tithing is Giving 101. Tithing is basic.

Jesus is speaking to us today. He is the same yesterday, today and forever! I really believe we are coming up to a whole new level in understanding the awesome power of tithing. The kingdom of God is clearly the domain of King Jesus. He is the Word made flesh. As He is, so are we in this world.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." -- Hebrew 13:8

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." -- John 1:14

"As He is, so also are we in this world." -- 1 John 4:17

We have never "preached" tithing in our church. We have, however, modeled tithing and giving as a lifestyle before those in our congregation and community. We have given great testimonies of the blessings of being in covenant with God. We have never pressured people to give under compulsion. We believe that God loves a cheerful giver. We have encouraged people to imitate our loving Father God (The Ultimate Giver) as dear children. The apple doesn't fall far from the tree.
Lately we have found that few people understand the meaning of being in covenant with God. Covenant is most important to God. Anything that God considers important is worth taking the time to learn what it means!

Covenant -- Definition: A contract or agreement between 2 parties.

In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for covenant is berith. Berith is derived from the root, which means "to cut." In modern English we would refer to a covenant as " cutting a deal." The Biblical references refer to the dividing of animals into two parts and the contracting parties passing through them making a covenant. (See Genesis 15 and Jeremiah 34: 18,19)

The Corresponding Word in the New Testament Greek is diatheke. The King James Version of the Bible rendered the Greek word diatheke as "testament" when it ought to be the same as the Hebrew word berith, which means "covenant." Why is this important? A testament and a covenant are two entirely different words with different meanings. The New Testament is really THE NEW COVENANT, or a covenant involving 2 parties; God and man.

A covenant by definition is a mutual agreement of two or more persons/parties. Simply put, a covenant is a MUTUAL AGREEMENT! Being in covenant with God means we are in agreement with Him since He is the initiator of the covenant. He is not in our covenant, we are in His! In other words we are in agreement with God's stipulations of the contract He laid out in order that He could share His great treasures with us.

His covenant or contract is binding! We are bound to Him and His blessings as we walk out our agreement with Him! God makes certain promises and requires certain behavior from us in return.

Now, if Jesus said not to exclude justice, mercy & faith while tithing, this clearly means that God is in a binding contract to include His justice, His mercy, and His faith on our behalf. Involving God in the financial aspects of our life is a wonderful opportunity to move into a supernatural realm as it concerns our money and wealth!

Money is a sensitive subject. Most people, no matter how wealthy they are, feel constrained by the lack of it. In this situation, it is often difficult to assess how much of our scarce funds we should give for the work of the church. Fortunately, the Scriptures do give us guidelines to help us honor God in our contributions.

The most common pattern of giving associated with the Bible is the tithe, which literally means a tenth. The tithe is frequently held up as God's standard for giving, often by citing passages such as Malachi 3:10 -- "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the LORD Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Many have said in years past. " The Old Testament is the blue print of the New Testament." However, it is the other way around. We must rightfully divide the Word of God's everlasting covenant in light of redemption. Malachi alone will not make sense until we understand that it was written to the priesthood. Jesus, Himself is not only a priest, He is the High Priest! Jesus tithed.

Giving Beyond Tithing -- The Old Testament says quite a bit about tithing. However, the New Testament takes tithing to a whole new level. Tithing is where we start learning to be generous and faithful just as our Heavenly Father is generous and faithful!

The New Testament is also known as The New Covenant, which is a better covenant. Jesus, who is God the Son, gave the ultimate gift to redeem us. He set the pattern for giving by giving his life. What a privilege it is to have the distinct honor to support this message in the form of tithes and giving.

In recent years giving to Christian ministries has decreased. According to the Barna Research only 6% of born again Christians tithe and far less give on a regular basis. (source -- http://www.barna.org/cgi-bin/PageCategory.asp?CategoryID=36):

The proportion of households that tithe their income to their church - that is, give at least ten percent of their income to that ministry - has dropped by 62% in the past year, from 8% in 2001 to just 3% of adults during 2002 (2003)
In 2002, 6% of born again adults tithed. This represents an 8 percentage point decline from 2001, (14% of born again adults tithed) and a 6 point decline from 2000, (12% of all born again adults). (2003)
Nearly 9% of the evangelicals tithed in 2002 - roughly three times the national average. (2003)

While Christians are debating if tithing is "under the law" or not and or if we should tithe before or after taxes, Muslims and Mormons faithfully tithe and support their leaders, the poor, and missions. Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world largely due to the sacrificial giving to advance their beliefs. Mormons are the fastest growing cult in America; again due to the large percentage of tithing members.

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that shall he also reap." -- Galatians 6:7

New Covenant Giving -- New Covenant giving begins where the Old Covenant left off. If we have a new and better covenant, we should give more generously than those who walked with God under the Old Covenant. How ridiculous it would be to think we are exempt from generosity because of God's grace. That would actually nullify the covenant since a covenant is two sided. It takes two parties to form a covenant. Jesus obviously fulfilled His obligations. The ball is in our court now. He desires to take pleasure in our prosperity as we favor His righteous cause, establishing His covenant in the earth.

"Let them shout for joy and be glad, Who favor my righteous cause; And let them say continually, 'Let the LORD be magnified, Who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant.'" -- Psalm 35:27

Christians are not under any legal obligation to contribute to the needs of the Church. Rather, we are compelled by the love of Christ to give freely, as He freely gave Himself for us. On this basis, we are encouraged to give generously and willingly, in proportion to the blessings that we have received.

Our giving is in response to the needs of the Church. Those who minister the Word should be freed from the need for secular employment. In true Christian love, we are called to help those in need, both through gifts and other acts of kindness. Christian giving is an act of worship. We give because we have received more than we could possibly ever repay.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain', and 'The worker deserves his wages.'" -- 1 Tim. 5:17,18

23's in Scripture
I found a common thread while studying Matthew 23:23. The number 23 repeatedly occurs where the scripture is talking about prosperity, abundance, plenty or wealth. The prosperity might be

representing the wealth and prosperity acquired through diligent work or it might be the prosperity of divine grace: a free gift. More specifically the number twenty-three is often associated in scripture with life, prosperous life, abundant life, and fruitful life.

Psalm 23 -- The most famous of all the psalms is probably the best example of the significance of the number 23: "The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures: he leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul: he leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anoints my head with oil; my cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."

This psalm starts out with prosperity. Those who look to the Lord, who welcome Him as their shepherd will never want for anything. Verse four is the only one to mention death and then only in the context that the person who God shepherds need not fear death.

Joseph & 23 Verses -- Both Genesis chapters 39 and 40 contain exactly 23 verses. They are the first chapters in the Bible to do so. Genesis 39 is the story of Joseph's captivity in the land of Egypt. He rises in the service of Potiphar until the master's wife lies and has Him thrown in the dungeon. The last few verses then relate that he became the "ruler" of the dungeon, second only to the appointed keeper.

Thus the final few verses deal with prosperity, albeit under otherwise adverse conditions: "But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper." -- Genesis 39:21-23

In Conclusion, it is God's plan to prosper and grant health to us as our soul prospers. To those struggling with the fear of poverty and even the past abuses in the area of finances, I suggest a simple prayer of surrender. It is a prayer that will cause a maturity to awaken deep within refreshing the weary in heart: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me." -- Psalm 51:10

Traveling Feather Light
Sandy Warner

Apr 12, 2004
Let all the excess baggage go and learn to travel light. You will find that you will do nicely as you learn to lean on Me and on less elsewhere. Give your requests to Me and I will see to all your needs. Even as a feather floats lightly and is not burdened down with care, so shall you float as you trust in Me.

Ps 55:22 AMP
Cast your burden on the Lord [releasing the weight of it] and He will sustain you; He will never allow the [consistently] righteous to be moved (made to slip, fall, or fail).

1 Peter 5:7 AMP
Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

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A Matter Of Discovery
Sandy Warner

[Practical Teaching About Revelation]

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NOTE: When the Lord speaks to us, it is always in part. Once we swallow what little He has said, He builds upon it with another part. I apply this in a practical way by using the computer search features to find common words He had already spoken. For instance, at the time of writing this post, this first entry is what I heard:

HEARD [2/01/04]: I will go with you. It's a matter of discovery. Go gifted one. Soar.

SEARCHING FOR COMMON WORDS
When pondering the above phrase the word "discovery" was quickened to me. I typed in the word discover and the rest of these entries are excerpts of some of the things I had already heard about the concept. As you will see, each entry has a little more light shed on the quickened word "discovery." By the end, we have a fuller picture of exactly what we are discovering.

HEARD: Delivered.

ANOINTED HANDS: I opened to the scripture:

Luke 10:18-19 NKJV
And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Then I turned to 2 Words to Ponder with the titles: Ruling Authority and Fruit of Deliverance.

HEARD: Say now ruling hands. He brought me forth into a large place. Gifted. You have yet to discover how truly gifted you are. Personality. Rainbow. Instinct.

WORD TO PONDER: INCREASE A STEP AT A TIME
I AM constantly delivering you from a strong enemy, when you use the gifts I give. As you grow and grow in your gifts and authority, I will bring you into larger and larger territory. You have yet to discover how truly gifted you are. I have planted a great wealth of My anointing within you, and in the days to come you shall recognize it as "instinctive intuition" which is actually My Holy Spirit within.

"They demonstrate that God's law is written within them, for their own consciences either accuse them or tell them they are doing what is right." (Rom 2:15 NLT)

HEARD: It was a long war. Stand. Overcomer. Did you let it slide? Not at all. Resist. There's a change coming. Valiant ones. Kept My watch. Beauty for ashes. Equipped. Things will never be the same. I AM with you says the Lord. A new alignment. Broader, expanded territory. Front lines. Defeated. Move into your place. Be free.

I kept you. Strong, unyielding and resistant. A long war effort and then some. Neighbors "Intimidation and Bullying" towering over you. I took them. It's true says the Lord. Defeated. Penalty. I drew a line. A line that says halt. And now you have room to expand.

Test the waters. Sweet medicine. There's healing. Loose them. Dead ones on the cross. Yielded to Me. It's a sacrifice says the Lord. Willing ones. Erase your sins. Forgotten. I only see glory. My Love for you. Kept. Do you understand? You will. Let Me carry you to the finish line. Well done, My servant. Thank you. Let's see what we can do for her. She's Mine. She will shine. My glory in her midst. I laugh with joy. As she discovers.

VISION: I saw myself spreading my hands and then looking at my palms.

HEARD: I AM with you says the Lord. New beginning. Effectively immediately. Now begin. Rejoice. Such joy.

VISION: I saw my Beloved. He slipped in beside me and we did a little twirly dance together.
WORD TO PONDER: DELIVERED MY VALIANT ONES
My valiant ones, keeping My watch, you have been through a very, very long war lasting many years. You faced strong, unyielding forces. They towered over you in strength, intimidation and bullying. And yet you stood and did not give an inch of territory. Through it all, you yielded to Me, and became My sacrifice for whatever purpose I chose. Thank you, faithful friends.

The towering giants who were too strong for you, I have spoken against them and drawn a line. I said, "Halt, you can not pass My divine restraint." And now I AM removing them from your midst, so that you will have a broad and free territory in which to expand. These giants are like hewn trees in a forest, cut and stripped for a pathway out of the battle. I AM removing them with My mighty hand.

I know you are tired from such a long battle, but remember loved ones, expanded borders beckon. Yes, they are bought and won with a price. But oh what joys await you as you test the waters for yourself! Stretch forth your hands to heal. Shine with My glory. Dance and twirl with joy, for I AM delivering My valiant ones.

"I will love You, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies." (Ps 18:1-3 NKJV)

HEARD: It's a matter of discovery. Justice going to bat for you. Hold My hand, precious, we are going somewhere. Move you up a notch.

FINAL NOTE: As you can see by my search using the word "discover" there was quite a revelation of where we have been, where we are, and where we are going. This post is a relevant Word for us today, because I started with the most recent Word the Lord gave to me, then I circled around the concept to add further detail, then bringing it back to the last Word given in chronological order. In example, where we are at right now, is the God of Justice is going to bat for us! Praise Him!

If this concept of connecting words is new to you, it might take a stretch of faith to accept that all these specific entries with the word "discover" were meant by the Lord to join together. I have been keeping daily records for 20 years and have thousands of examples of Him joining common Words to pinpoint exactly where we are. He has thoroughly planted this as a foundation in my life in how He speaks. His Words and ways are very intricate, weaving in even the tiniest details. His works are a movement of His Spirit and not a skill of the mind or brain, however He gives us signposts to help us stay on track and confirm our journey along the way. These signposts are little common denominator words that continue to build revelation into an ever increasing and expanding circle.

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER: REVEALED AS YOU GO

Yes, your Lord God of Justice has gone to bat for you, dear ones! You have suffered so much at the hands of the giants. As you have yielded to your own personal crosses and died to self, this has touched all of heaven. A great expanse of territory has been bought and won with great price. You shall go forth conquering that which stands in your way. Go forth, My faithful ones. You will not go alone, no, - not ever. I will go with you. My light shall shine before you as you move forward. I hope you will enjoy your trip, for it will be a road of discovery. Wonderful healing is awaiting you in your new land.

Deut 29:29-30:1 KJV
The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Heb 11:8 NLT
It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.

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You Will Not Be Left Behind
Sandy Warner

Apr 14, 2004

Dear ones, I hear your deepest concerns as you watch others soar in their faith and operate in their gifts. You wonder what is wrong with you and if you will ever obtain what has freely been offered to all. At times you are desperate. Then you feel left out and wonder why you even try. The enemy is trying to undermine your faith and hoping that you will give up. However the opposite is true. His attempts only make you stronger.

I want you to understand this issue from My point of view. I AM building a permanent temple with living stones. Each stone is perfectly hewn for its place. Beloved, all the carving is done before the setting. Laying all issues aside except for this, I want you to hear Me very clearly. There is only one place for you.

No one can fit in that place except you. It is a place designed and prepared. Now why do you think I would leave you behind? You are vital to the placement for all those around you, and vital to those stones who will later be built upon the foundation I have laid in your life. I will not leave you behind. Do you understand?

John 14:18 NLT
No, I will not abandon you as orphans--I will come to you.

1 Peter 2:5 NLT
And now God is building you, as living stones, into his spiritual temple.

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Comfort Through My Creation
Sandy Warner

Apr 16, 2004
I gave you the sun that you would know the brilliance of My glory. I spread My clouds that you would know My covering and creative design in your life. I placed never ending waves in the ocean that you would know My everlasting faithfulness. I gave you the sunrise and sunset that everyday you would know I am the same yesterday, today and forever. I gave you My creation that You would know that I AM your Creator and I do all things well. You, My love are My crowning touch.

James 1:17-18 NLT
Whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God above, who created all heaven's lights. Unlike them, he never changes or casts shifting shadows. In his goodness he chose to make us his own children by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his choice possession.

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The Fullness
Sandy Warner

Jan 21, 2004
I AM opening a porthole, and from this beginning shall issue forth mysteries held since before the world began. Those who know Me in My fullness, shall experience the fullness of the Godhead bodily, even as Jesus did. These shall know Me even as I know them. My wife, we will be one in body as well as in spirit. You may be content to think of Me by your side, but I say, I shall be IN you bodily as well as spiritually and you in Me. Such a "one" has never been. My great treasure in earthen vessels. The ungodly shall quake and shake when I reveal the mystery of our union, on earth as it is in heaven.

"That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." (John 17:21 KJV)

"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power." (Colossians 2:9-10 NKJV)

"…that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height -- to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:17-19 NKJV)

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Bubble Protection
Sandy Warner

DREAM: I was moving back and forth through time, inside a large clear bubble. I was telling someone that we were moving back and forth in time, one time was during the war, and the other was life the way it was like after the war. Then I realized I could choose whether to walk back and forth in time, towards the war or away from it. The bubble wasn't carrying me, rather I was choosing with my will to walk back to the war. I could feel the pressure or resistance even through the bubble. The resistance was very strong and felt like walking through water, only more pressure. I had to walk very slow.

As I was pondering the dream later that day, I heard the Lord tell me that back in the war I was a soldier but now He would make me a doctor. I understood my role would change to help the wounded.

SANDY RHEMA
HEARD SONG: Like a bridge over troubled waters, I will lay me down.

HEARD: Bubble forth. Turn you around. I want to see Your face.

Hos 2:15 NLT
I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope. She will give herself to me there, as she did long ago when she was young, when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt.

SANDY RHEMA
I said, "I love You Lord." Then I felt myself inside a bubble. I felt so safe inside a bubble that I imagined the Lord coming to me and wrapping His big arms around this bubble and giving me a big squeeze. Then He said, "Wife!" He squeezed the bubble really tight and He gave me a big kiss. It popped the bubble and He put His arms around me, and then we were inside a bubble together. This was something that I was just thinking about and if I had placed a label on it, I would have called it my imagination and not a vision or anything inspired.

HEARD: Wife, bubble. Joy. It happened exactly as you said. Surrounded. Really did, literally happen. In your darkest hour. I meet you face to face.

VISION: I saw my wedding ring on my right thumb. [Lord why is my ring on My thumb?] HEARD: Because I chose you.

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Word To Ponder:
Bubbled Over Troubled Waters

Lay your head upon Me, dear one, as you seek your rest and refuge. Turn not to the world, nor to the right or left, but solidly and continually turn to Me. I AM the bridge that will bring you safely over troubled waters. I will carry you safely across even when you feel like you can no longer walk. As you lay your head upon My breast, I will refresh you in the night seasons and bring you lasting meat that will sustain you on your journey. So let the waters boil and toil under your feet, but let My living waters bubble forth within your spirit as you lift your face towards Me.

In the darkest hour, I am coming to embrace you with a face to face encounter of My love. I will place My arms around you and it will be like a warm bubble of protection. Although you will be able to see and hear great darkness on the outside of our bubble, you will know the depths of My love and our joy together as we look upon the world together. I have chosen you to be My bride; called, chosen and faithful. You are Mine.

"Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) are those who dwell in Your house and Your presence; they will be singing Your praises all the day long. Selah [pause, and calmly think of that]! Blessed (happy, fortunate, to be envied) is the man whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. Passing through the Valley of Weeping (Baca), they make it a place of springs; the early rain also fills [the pools] with blessings. They go from strength to strength [increasing in victorious power]; each of them appears before God in Zion." (Ps 84:4-7 AMP)

"When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek." (Ps 27:8 KJV)

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Go In My Name
Sandy Warner

Jan 23, 2004

Heaven's liberty bell is ringing, My love. Watch the ball swing like a giant pendulum. As it strikes the wall, the resounding freedom rings that I AM setting you free. I declare liberty to the captive. I set you free to free others!

You have waited and waited and much has been accomplished through your faithful service of waiting. Stretch forth your foot even now and press against the confirmations I AM sending your way. Let these be My signs to you that will anchor and cushion your faith and bring you the momentum to move on. Dearest love, I AM commissioning you. It is your birthright to be My light, My candle. Even as I liberate you, set the captive free. GO in My Name!

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, because the LORD has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 3 To console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." (Isaiah 61:1-2 NKJV)

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The Parable Of The Butterfly
Sandy Warner

Jan 22, 2004Years ago I heard the Lord tell me I was going to go through a process of change, similar to that of a butterfly. At that time, He quickened a children's book to my ears. Upon reading it the processes of a butterfly's growth were quickened to me.

The Lord is bringing all His people through these changes, so it behooves us to understand the metamorphosis of the butterfly and compare the spiritual parables of how they match our lives. The butterfly begins as a small egg. It grows into a little caterpillar who does nothing but eat, growing bigger and Bigger and BIGGER. Then it spins a cocoon away from the view of the world, and slowly is transformed. Suddenly it emerges with wings to fly.

The life cycle of the butterfly is called metamorphosis, which means change or transformation. I am thinking about the Monarch (king) butterfly, in particular, but all butterflies go through 4 separate stages in their life cycle: the egg, caterpillar, pupa (chrysalis), and the butterfly. The next few postings will search out these stages as to their spiritual parables. It is my prayer that we will be given greater understanding of where we are in our growth in the Lord through these postings, and thus be better equipped to face the day with increasing faith and inner strength.

METAMORPHOSIS IN SCRIPTURE
The Greek word metamorphose {3339} is used 4 times in the NT.

Matthew 17:2 KJV
And was transfigured {3339} before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Mark 9:2 KJV
And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and leadeth them up into an high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured {3339} before them.

Romans 12:2 KJV
And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed {3339} by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2 Corinthians 3:18 KJV
But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed {3339} into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

METAMORPHOSIS DEFINITIONS

The following number 3339 is taken from the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance Greek Dictionary. #3339 is from another word 3445 which is from 3444, and etc.

NT:3339
metamorphoo (met-am-or-fo'-o); from NT:3326 and NT:3445; to transform (literally or figuratively, "metamorphose"): KJV - change, transfigure, transform.

NT:3445
morphoo (mor-fo'-o); from the same as NT:3444; to fashion (figuratively): KJV - form.

NT:3444
morphe (mor-fay'); perhaps from the base of NT:3313 (through the idea of adjustment of parts); shape; figuratively, nature: KJV - form.

SANDY RHEMA

HEARD: The mind-sets of My people are being transformed. Metamorphosis. Hidden. Transformed. The gospel at the pace of walking. I AM with you. Transformed. I AM training you.

HEARD: Holiness is what You want from me. Take my mind and transform it. Take my will and form it to Yours. How long will it take? As long as you need. At last you're here. Humble beginnings.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Rom 12:1-2 NKJV)

GRANDMA ANNA RHEMA

HEARD: Some receiving now. Forerunners. One by one to Zion. Changed. Mind transformed. Not body, that comes later.

CONCLUSION

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WORD TO PONDER: CHANGING YOU

Just like the birthing of a butterfly, I AM changing you. I AM bringing you into alignment with My mind, the mind of Christ. Your mind, will and attitude will be transformed into the beauty of one who is meek, gentle and humble. I shall thoroughly prepare you to be among the living blossoms of glory and spread nectar to the world around you. You shall emerge with the full wings of faith and be a source of vivid, yet delicate beauty, displaying My glory and love.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." (Rom 12:1-2 NKJV)

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Don’t Settle For Less
Sandy Warner

Jan 19, 2004

Through exposure to others who have walked the path before you, I AM stretching your faith to break away from old mind-sets. Opportunities are coming to move you to another level.

If you listen to the voice of holiness, you will give more time to your relationship with Me and less time to carnal pleasures. If you listen to My voice calling you away from fellowship with the world, your faith will stretch to receive the callings and opportunities coming to you this hour. Do not miss this hour of visitation, for if you receive such, it shall become a foundation for even more yet to come. If you spend your time in the world, your faith will break down and this will cause you to settle for less. Leave your comfort zone and move forward towards Me, says your Maker. I shall be your Comfort.

"Now the LORD had said to Abram "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. " (Genesis 12:1 NKJV)

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The Ferocious Love of God

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Many years ago I endured a time of persecution by Christians in the church where my husband and I served in ministry at that time. I believe these dear people truly loved me, but were turned against me by one person's accusations and lies about me. So, believing the lies of another Christian in the church, they persecuted me. Their hatred for me was heated and their curses vile.

Because of all the gossip and slander that ensued, I came under depression. I felt emotionally numb and cut off from God. I knew in my mind that Jesus loved me, but I could not feel His love for me. Being so passionately hated by my brothers and sisters in Christ caused me to hate myself.

ENLIGHTENING DREAM

During this time of heavy oppression, I cried out to Jesus to show me His love for me. That night I had a dream:

I was in a beautiful garden with many different flowers and trees. The sun was bright and beautiful; it was a glorious place to be. But also in the garden were three demons. They talked amongst themselves until they saw me, then suddenly they attacked me.

They were all over me. One lunged at my legs, another at my chest and the third jumped on my back and was trying to choke me to death with his arm around my neck. I was startled awake by the intensity of the dream, but even as I woke, the dream continued like a movie in my mind.

The Lion Came After Me!

I saw the three demon spirits attacking me and could feel on my physical body the effects of their attack. I screamed out a rebuke in the name of Jesus. As I did two of the demons flew off of me, but the demon that was choking me remained.

I was terrified, yet I saw in the distance running towards me at a tremendous rate of speed an enormous lion. By earthly standards this lion was abnormally large. He was the height of a horse, but was much broader and his head was massive. As he bounded towards me his mane flew out from his face as his paws struck the ground. He was incredibly beautiful and was indeed an awesome sight. He ran so fast that the hair on his body appeared to make waves like a wheat field blown by the wind as he leapt and bounded towards me.

The sight of the lion was more terrifying to me than that of the demons. He ran towards me with such invariant ferocity that I was frightened. He was enraged, and his fury was terrifying.

The fierceness in his eyes sent a shiver up my spine... His eyes were very large and beautiful, but fierce. He heaved and grunted as he galloped towards me, much like a warrior in the heat of battle.

The fierceness in his eyes sent a shiver up my spine. I began to brace myself against his inevitable strike, but then I caught a glimpse of his eyes and saw that they were not focused on me. I was not the target of his rage, but his focus was on the demon that was on my back. All of his anger was aimed at the demon who was clutching my neck, whose grasp I could physically feel, though not see, around my neck.

As he approached in full gallop, I felt the ground shake as he landed again and again. In one final burst of energy he leapt high in the air, opened his mouth wide and lunged towards me. In an instant his mouth completely engulfed the demon creature, and then, as quickly as the lion had appeared, he was gone.

The dream was over, and I sat up in bed completely awake. I was sweaty and out of breath. I cried out to God, "What was that?" He spoke with the same fierceness as the Lion and said, "I love you ferociously!"

Your Enemies Shudder At The Sight Of Jesus!

I knew that I had seen the ferociousness of God. He was indeed, terrifying, but I had nothing to fear from Him because that terror was directed at my enemies, and His love enveloped me. My Jesus didn't just love me, but the driving passion He felt towards me was terrifying to my enemies.

Jesus loves you ferociously too, and your enemies shutter at the sight of Him! In Revelation 5:5, Jesus is described as the Lion of the tribe of Judah. Yes, He is the gentle Lamb of God who surrendered Himself for slaughter for your sake, but He is also every bit the Lion of God, and His enemies tremble at His approach. He is driven by an all consuming passion for His bride. You are that bride!

I believe that in the days ahead we will see much more of the ferocity of the Lion of God, but His wrath will be directed at our enemies. It is His love for us that forces Him to manifest His anger, and this same love moves Him to devour our enemies.

Dear God, I ask You to pour out Your ferocious love on all who read this testimony and set the captives free.

Love in Jesus,
Victoria

The Fall Of Jezebel

Pam Clark

I was at a conference a few weeks ago where a lady gave a prophetic word and part of that word was the exhortation that Jezebel has been quiet - but that she was not dead but just "asleep" and that she would rise again.

It does seem that we have had a reprieve of sorts from "the Jezebel focus." But when you realize that this spirit hates the prophetic and intercession, you can figure that the enemy wants to raise her up again if he can.

Jesus said that the spirit of "Elijah is to come" in the last days and we know that spirit was representative in His time through John the Baptist, who had a ministry of declaring righteousness and repentance and the soon coming of the Lord.

Elijah was a powerful man of prayer, even though he was of "like passions as us" or in other words, just as human as we are! But his prayers moved the hands of God in powerful and manifest ways.

So it only goes to prove that as the end of this age comes to a close before the great coming of the Lord that we will see many preachers of righteousness and prophetic signs and wonders and miracles. The enemy will seek to counter this in lying words, signs and wonders and miracles. We must know the character of God.

Jezebel was a queen of Israel who was inspired by Satan and who rejected the Lord and His ministry, prophets and people. She would use the name of the Lord to manipulate things in such a way to gain her advantage, but when someone else used His Name, she ignored it and did not consider it.

Because Naboth, a resident there, had a vineyard that was attractive to King Ahab but was the inheritance of his fathers, he refused to sell it or trade it for something else because it had special value to him beyond any price that King Ahab could give him for it. He valued his Spiritual heritage and so unlike Esau who sold his birthright for a meal, he refused to sell it just for it to be used for a vegetable garden.

Ahab was moody and began to sulk for this land and when his wife Jezebel asked him what was wrong, he complained to her about this. She said "No problem!" and went to work to destroy not only the reputation, but even the life of a Godly man, just so Ahab could enjoy having a vegetable garden near the palace.

Of course the Spirit of the Lord was grieved by this unrighteousness. But God does not always act immediately in justice like we would like Him to at times because (1) oftentimes we are the ones who need to do something in our God given authority to take dominion and subdue the earth by His Spirit as we were commanded in Genesis, and (2) God will wait for the full manifestation of the evil before He will supernaturally do something about it Himself, waiting for the sin to challenge Him to His Face. This will give man a measure of space in which he can repent.

Because Ahab and Jezebel were the rulers over Israel and could use the Name of the Lord of Israel who had a track record, they felt they could not be defeated. Every now and then Ahab would repent a little bit when confronted, but later he would change his mind to selfish ambitions again. We don't have a record of where Jezebel repented at all and it was Ahab's choice to marry her as the queen.

But the reality is that God held Ahab accountable for it because he was the king. He knew that his wife's works were against the Lord's ways and he allowed it to be so, and even enjoyed profiting from her actions. In essence, he was rejecting his own relationship with the Lord over this.

The Bible says in I Kings 21:25 "But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up."

God is long suffering with many because He wants everyone to be saved. He sent His beloved Son to die for that very purpose, to express His love for them. He also sent His prophet Elijah to this situation to confront Ahab but ultimately Ahab rejected the Lord.

When people love the Lord, it's hard for them to "understand" those who do not. Light and darkness do not comprehend each other. John 1:5 says: "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

Not only can darkness not understand the light (except through His grace), the word "comprehend" means: to take eagerly, i.e. seize, possess, apprehend, attain, come upon, comprehend, find, obtain, perceive, (over-) take. [ref: Strongs] So, darkness cannot extinguish or take over the light! What is in Christ will last!

Because it is the will of God for all to be saved, and Elijah loved the Lord and had His Heart, I believe Elijah was devastated when the awesome acts of God were displayed for Ahab and Jezebel and she still refused to come to the Lord.

It ~seemed~ her power was stronger when what was really going on was that she chose like Judas to have hardness and betray innocent blood and chose murder and betrayal over that which is right and good. Her words sent Elijah running but she ultimately came to her death.

Elijah, as a man, lost heart, but the Lord is faithful and He encouraged Elijah and gave him a supernatural food and a blessing way of escape from this present evil world when He caught Him up in the whirlwind to Heaven, after he had mantled and established a successor to the ministry according to God's will.

Through others, God dealt with Ahab and Jezebel. The Lord allowed the hedge of protection to fall because of his sins, and Ahab succumbed to lying spirits that led to his death in battle, thinking he was invincible. Jezebel was later cast off a balcony to her death and the dogs licked her blood as they had Naboth's, just as Elijah had prophesied.

Just as Jesus taught us that John had "the spirit of Elijah" so we also know that people can carry "the spirit of Jezebel" or "the spirit of Ahab" or "the spirit of David," etc. But the choice is ours. People can choose what spirit they want to live in or with by their own decisions. It is our choice.

Jezebel was an evil woman who despised the ways of the Lord. I have encountered this spirit, as have many of you, because this spirit hates the prophetic ministry and hates true intercession.

This spirit will manipulate, slander, murder, intimidate, mock and destroy those who choose the humility and petitioning of the Lord for His mercies and power. This spirit will conspire and set others against each other and come against the Lord's work for the sake of promoting their own causes. This spirit will engage the "new age" false life which is only a counterfeit of the real. (Now some people are ignorant, but some are not.)

There are no lengths (because there is no conviction) that this spirit will not go to to destroy the Lord's anointed. It can be very sneaky and will use flattery and smooth words, as Jezebel did. It will appear right when it's very wrong. It's not about her make up, unless the make up helped her cause for the trap.

Sometimes the anti-Christ spirit is so powerful in its position that all you can do is humble yourself and agree with the Lord and wait for Him to act in His vengeance. You may suffer or even die as Naboth did but the Lord does not forget. Since the Lord is the Resurrection and the Life, He can restore to a better life.

But He gives us all free will. There are people in intercessory ministry leadership who have taught us how to use Scriptures to pray in God's will. If we do not know that Foundation of Love, we can even use Scriptures to pray amiss if they are not properly balanced with the center cornerstone of the Love of Christ.

Through some teaching and prayers of others, I learned to declare my agreement that the spirit of Jezebel was cast down in my life and I saw changes accordingly. But when I heard this word that she would revive, I was petrified because that evil spirit almost killed me and most certainly shattered my heart, with a disbelief at the lengths it would go to come against good people and outright lie to have its way.

All I could do was run to the Lord for safety and cry out until He either equipped me or helped me to deal with it. Since things seemed to be going better in many ways and many things were restored even better in some respects, I had been feeling a rest, but I then ran to the Lord when I heard this word about that revival.

I asked the Lord what to do as I did not want to relive ANY of that evil again and He spoke to me to agree with Him for His will against "the spirit of Ahab." Ahab was destroyed because he gave license to evil and rejected the word of the Lord for repentance for right standing with the Lord. God offered His Love to them, with miracles, but both Ahab and Jezebel rejected it.

You can have false friends. Sometimes it's very sad to find out that those you love and trust really are working behind your back against you. We don't want to live a life of paranoia, but sadly, we all can be fooled that way. Jesus Himself is our testimony that it can and will happen, but we need to continue in our faith of believing in His Victory, even to the death, because He is the Resurrection of Life!

Athaliah was of royal lineage and when her son, a king died, she worked to murder all the rightful heirs to the throne so she could have that power. Like Absolom who came against his father David from anger, she tried to usurp the throne.

2 Kings 11:1 "When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the royal heirs." But Joash, an infant who was heir, escaped with his nurse and they hid. (v.3) "So he was hidden with her in the house of the Lord for six years, while Athaliah reigned over the

land.

Later the troops gathered and deployed and Athaliah was dethroned. We must be careful to be in agreement with the Lord's Spirit because some positions can seem real and not really be legitimate. The devil is a master con artist. Some people will con their authority and friendship but really be about personal gain and advantage with the Godly ones as the expense for it.

But I learned to declare that "the spirit of Athaliah is dethroned, and Jezebel is cast down" when dealing with some false friends and very evil circumstances. When I feared the "awakening" of Jezebel to wreak havoc, I went to the Lord who said pray in agreement with Him against "the spirit of Ahab," for that is what gives Jezebel the authority she uses to legislate evil decrees. When I did, I felt a great peace come over me.

Jezebel was not dealt with until Ahab was. She was under his covering by the choice of both of them. When Ahab was destroyed, Jezebel soon followed in the dealings of God and the land saw peace from its former terrors. Thank God for His mercies!

So I have learned to pray and declare according to God's word that "the spirit of Athaliah is dethroned, the spirit of Jezebel is cast down, and that the spirit of Ahab is destroyed by the sword (the word) of the Lord." I know I cannot come against these strong spirits in my own strength and sometimes it is very hard to find Godly agreement. But I can hide myself in His tower (His Word).

God wants ALL to come to His saving grace and find mercy and help in our times of need, but some just flat out refuse to and He will give space for them. But through our God we can do valiantly and win!

Once these spirits are dealt with by our agreement with God's Spirit, then seekers can petition God and have His rule and reign of righteousness and loving kindnesses and justice and blessings. He wants His Spirit in us in the earth. We must learn to stand in the will of the Lord through His Word.

The Fire Of My Love In You
Yolanda Ballard

Mar 18, 2004
My child, I have called you before the foundation of the earth, and I love you with a never-ending love. There is never anything you can do to separate yourself from My love for it is unconditional and it is lasting enduring any hardship, dismay, agitation or the like for I do not look upon these things. My love overcomes all things and it is in you, My child.

Yes, My love is in you and perfect love casts out all fear. Open yourself fully and completely to My love and receive not the torment that comes from the evil one. My love is pure and holy, and is full of goodness and graciousness and joy, and it is everlasting. Come into the deepest most depths of My love for I want to take you in deeply.

I want to transform you with the fire of My love and purge by the trials you have faced all dross, all that is not of Me. My child, I AM cleaning you up, and I AM baptizing you with brokenness with My fire, and you will not come out the same. Yes, I AM transforming you into My image by you not turning to the arm of the flesh and enduring the suffering of the crucifixion of your flesh.

You must quit striving to make it on your own, and yield completely to My will, which is to let go of all independence, and trust totally in My faithfulness to take you through. Unless the alabaster box is broken open, the sweet fragrance of My presence and the aroma of My love cannot come through. Yes, I want to engulf you with My love where it becomes a way of life to you, where no type of offense will ever take place in your life from man or beast, that is which is from the devourer, that is of the demonic realm.

No situation or circumstance created from the evil one will pull you down, because you are an overcomer, and I lift you up as one that carries the banner of My love, and one that carries the sword of My Spirit and shield of faith, one who uses your lance effectively consistently praying for all saints that I put on your heart. Above all you are covered with the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of My righteousness, prepared to minister My gospel, and loins girded and strengthened in truth and integrity.

Yes, you are an overcomer, and I lead you into battle. I AM your rear guard and I cover you completely round about as with a cloud, I AM your shield and your glory. I AM your captain. You will not go wrong with Me as your head leading you in the way you should go. And yes, I AM leading you and taking you through the fire, and I promised it would not burn you or your loved ones. Your family is covered with the precious and efficacious blood of the Lamb.

My Son Jesus Christ died to give you the abundant life of peace, joy, fulfillment, and happiness, full of prosperity, health, and every good thing, but promised with much tribulation, but I carry you through it. And I AM doing a good work in you. So rest and know that I love you and that you and your loved ones are in the palm of My hand for you are Mine, and I've called you and blessed you. With My name you will bring Me glory, says your God. And My love is lasting and enduring forevermore.

A Call To Intimacy And Holiness
Yolanda Ballard

Mar 19, 2004
Open up the door and let the King of Glory come in. All the futile attempts to please Him in the flesh be demolished, to be torn down completely. All the wastelands be cleared and built up to be fresh with the newness of the wine and manna, the Gift of Life which is in the Son. Jesus is His name. Yes, the Giver of Life is He.

All who are weary and are heavy laden come unto Him. For He will lift you up and take you into His glory, His eternal haven of rest. My most precious servants, come unto Me and rest and listen for I have much I would have to share with you. But you must come unto Me, and be quiet and still, and listen. Quit striving and running around, but settle down, be at peace, for I want to bless you with the touch of My hand alone. Yes, individually come unto Me and sup for I have much to bless you with, like nuggets of gold I want to pour out upon you.

You are My children, My precious servants, and I long to meet with you in the beauty of holiness, in true holiness and fellowship and commitment to My perfect will. Yes, My call is to holiness, a life of separation from the world and its ways, and intimacy, true communion with Me. Quit striving to make it on your own to build My church. Aren't I the Master Builder, the Chief Cornerstone? Didn't I say that all men would be drawn unto Me if you lift Me up? And how are you doing it being engulfed in busyness and striving after the wind, doing things in vain outside of My will?

Seek My face when I can be found. Not on the basis of your timetable, but by Mine. Early....put Me first on your list of priorities to meet with Me. Gather with the saints with the purpose of seeking My face, My presence, and My touch....to minister unto Me alone, and I will do the rest...... to pour out the latter rain as I promised; to prepare My people as the end time army I proclaimed; to do greater works through them, because I go to the Father. Yes, the call is to seek My face....to lay all upon the altar.....to proclaim the victory of the shed blood of the Lamb.....to pull down strongholds over the land and any evil vain thing.

For this is the year of jubilee, and I AM coming soon, says your God, coming for My bride for the Lamb is ready. The marriage supper of the Lamb is prepared. The table is set and the chairs are ready to be filled. Come unto Me, My holy ones, My called out ones, My remnant. Prepare your hearts for the time is at hand for the ultimate rapture of My love.

Deep calleth unto deep at the sound of thy waterspouts. Listen to the rushing of the waters ready to sweep you away unto the ecstasy of My love. Come unto Me, My good and faithful servants. Come unto Me.

The Forge

Bill Burns

Last Friday during a time of worship the Lord spoke these words to me, "Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain, which are ready to die, and hold fast what you have until I come." I then asked the Lord what things, and He said, "I have baptized My people in the fire. Do not let My fire go out." When these words were spoken I saw a vision of a blacksmith standing by a forge. The blacksmith was pumping the bellows, and the coals in the forge burned red hot.

As I was watching the blacksmith I thought of what the prophet Isaiah said.

Isaiah 54:16 "Behold, I have created the blacksmith Who blows the coals in the fire, Who brings forth an instrument for his work; And I have created the spoiler to destroy.

As I meditated on this scripture I could see that we are the blacksmiths that God has created. The forge would represent our hearts, and the bellows would be the Holy Spirit. So, when we stir up the Holy Spirit, then He blows (wind of the Spirit) upon our hearts and keeps God's fire burning within our hearts.

In 1 Kings 8:58 Solomon prayed that God would "incline our hearts to himself." The apostle Paul exhorts Timothy to "stir up the gift of God, which is in you." The Greek word that Paul uses for stir means "to kindle up." To kindle up -- as in blowing on the coals to restart a fire that is about to go out!

In Revelation 3:18 the Lord counsels us to purchase gold (heart faith) refined in the fire. If we will stir up the Holy Spirit who is in us and believe the prophetic word (on the baptism of fire) that Jesus spoke to us, then our hearts will be set ablaze like the two disciples on the Road to Emmaus experienced.

Luke 24: 30-32 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"

If our hearts (love for God) are set on fire, then we will bring forth instruments (weapons) to use against the destroyer (Satan). God's promise to His servants is recorded in:

Isaiah 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue which rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, And their righteousness is from Me," Says the LORD.

If we have had our faith purged and tempered in the fire of God, we will be equipped with spiritual weapons.

2 Corinthians 10:4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.

This is God's promise to the blacksmiths (artisans or craftsmen) -- NO weapon formed against you will prosper or be effective. And you will be able to break every curse spoken against you because you will have heart faith. Heart faith (not head faith) comes because you have stirred up the Holy Spirit who is in you. When the fire of God is burning within, you will have God's power (weapons) to defeat the enemy.

This is why the Lord said, "Hold fast what you have." This summer will be a time of intense spiritual warfare. We must not become complacent, nor should we become distracted with the issues of life. This summer will be either a time of great victory or tremendous setbacks for the saints of God. Isaiah prophesied that our heritage is one of victory. That is, if we blow on the coals in our fire. You might ask how does one stir up the breath of God to blow on the coals of our heart. Here is your answer:

Ezekiel 37:9 Also He said to me, Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."

You Will See A Major Breakthrough
Marsha Burns

I believe the Lord showed me clearly that we, His Church, will see some major breakthrough and victory by the end of June this year. Things that have been troubling for quite some time will come to a conclusion. This has been about a 4-year battle for many, yet for some this battle has been 8 years (two 4's), and the strength of the opposition has intensified in the last 2 years. But, that battle is about to come to resolution. And, the Lord says, I want My people to be free, but you must do your part to overcome the works of the flesh before you contend with the enemy. You are entering a season of war, and the results will bring victory and greater freedom than you have experienced for a long time. Do your part by rising up in the Spirit and overcoming the works of the flesh and the devil, and refuse the temptation to engineer the outcome of your circumstances according to your own desires. Trust Me to do this work supernaturally. Do not be afraid, for I am with you.

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June 18, 2004: Beloved, measure everything that comes your way by the truth of My Word. The enemy is doing his best to get you off course by causing you to be led by your emotions instead of being moved by the Spirit. The results could be disastrous if you do not take every precaution to protect yourself from this attack. Put on the whole armor and walk in truth, righteousness peace, and faith. Be on guard and persevere through this time of difficulty and you will be victorious.
Ephesians 6:11-18 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil

day, and having done all to stand. Stand, therefore, having girded your waist with trust, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for al the saints.

Lord Of The Breakthrough
Bill Burns

I remind you that I am the Lord of the breakthrough. I say to specifically in these three months of June, July and August, you have the potential and possibility of coming to a great personal victory. I have already spoken to you that it will either be a turning point or a vanishing point. Some of you need a reference point for turning, and I say, is it not your faith? Is it not faith in Me? Am I not the author of your faith and the finisher of your faith? Am I not the Lord of Glory who always leads you in triumph? If you are to achieve that personal victory, you must turn to a position of faith. You must turn and cut off the defilement of the past and face the future. Face it in My face, for in My face you shall see My eyes that burn like fire, which produces the glory of resurrection power. I am bringing you to live in such a place, the power of resurrection life even in these days, says the Lord.

You are a final and glorious generation, a holy priesthood, and My work is being done in you. All that I require is your submission to that work and your faith that the good work I have begun in you will be accomplished, says the Lord. This is a time to gird up the loins of your strength. Lift up the hands that hang down with infirmity. Strengthen your legs and knees and feet in the walk of faith that is before you. Learn to call upon the Lord in your time of need. Come with ears to hear and eyes to see, for I shall surely show you the way in this dark hour of the earth. Out of the gross darkness comes the greatest light, for I am the Light of the earth; I am the light of My Church; I am the light of the Temple. I will come and show you the way. If you will follow the path and believe in Me, then you shall see My glory. If you will believe, you will see the glory of this day, says the Lord.

The Fullness of Times

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The fullness of times are indeed come unto us. Unbelievable things are happening. Both good and bad and they are happening at unbelievable speed. We should therefore position ourselves as the Lord’s army lest we should fall short of the Lord’s plan for the moment. At this times there would be:

A release of the fullness of Satan’s wiles

The devil’s wiles are on the increase and we must be watchful. He is coming in through deception, lies, sexual immorality, lust, religion etc and his sons are increasing. We must therefore take heed lest we fall. It is increasing and very soon it would come to its fullness. We should be watchful.

A release of the fullness of God’s Spirit

Revival, sanctification, salvation, release of divine wisdom and knowledge is on the increase. God’s sons are manifesting. We should note and take hold of the season to develop ourselves and the part of the body to which we are connected to. Let’s release them. Let’s build up the body . Perfection is being released. Let us make Zion, the perfection of beauty.

The marriage of the antichrist

In the last days the man of sin would be manifested -2 Thes.2. and he would get married to the world. His mark and name is 666. Whosoever receives the mark has received him and has gotten married to him. It would take place on the earth. Christians are called to draw closer to God. The devil is just waiting for the church’s rapture before he brings his son on stage.

The marriage of Christ

Everything is being set for the wedding of the church to her Lord. We are being prepared for we shall bear his name. Let us therefore give ourselves to the Holy Ghost to do the work of purification he wants to do for the groom is indeed coming for a bride without blemish, wrinkle and stain. Let us be perfect and stay perfect for our LORD.

Prophecy

I am coming soon and every eye shall behold me and see me even as I am. Therefore prepare for that day is at hand. I am raising a people of purity who will match my power. They will be a people of glory who will carry my name. Come to me with a fervent heart and I will make you perfect. Be zealous therefore and draw near.

The Fast of Tammuz

Cathy Pribila

Jul 6, 2004
Today, July 6th, the Jewish nation observes the Fast of Tammuz. This is a solemn day of fasting and mourning marking great tragedies which have befallen the Jewish people. On this same day, throughout history, many devastating calamities have occurred. This day, which is the 17th of Tammuz on the Jewish calendar, also begins a 3 week period of lament and remembrance, which culminates on the 9th of Av, another terribly calamitous day in the history of the Jewish people.

On this date, Moses broke the tablets at Mount Sinai — in response to the sin of the Golden Calf.

On this date, in the First Temple Era, the daily offerings in the First Temple were stopped, due to the fact that, during the siege of Jerusalem, the Kohanim could no longer obtain sheep.

On this date, one year after the sacrifices were stopped, the walls of Jerusalem were finally breached after many months of siege by Nebuchadnezzar and his Babylonian forces.

On this date, Jerusalem's walls were breached, this time by Titus and the Roman forces, prior to the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE.

On this date, prior to the Great Revolt, the Roman general Apostamos burned a Torah scroll, an act which was duplicated by Hitler's forces during the Holocaust

On this date, an idolatrous image was placed in the Sanctuary of the Holy Temple by King Menashe - a brazen act of blasphemy and desecration

Three weeks from today, on the 9th of Av, the following events have occurred throughout history:

The spies returned, and gave a bad report of the Promised Land. The sin of the spies caused Hashem to decree that the Children of Israel who left Egypt would not be permitted to enter the land of Israel

The first Temple was destroyed after Jerusalem was breached by Nebuchadnezzar

The second Temple was destroyed by the Roman forces

The entire Jewish population of York, England was massacred on the 9th of Av in 1190

King Edward signed the order banishing all Jews from England on the Ninth of Av in 1290

In 1492, King Ferdinand of Spain issued a decree expelling Jews from Spain, setting Tisha B'Av as the final date by which not a single Jew would be allowed to walk on Spanish soil.

World War I – which began the downward slide to the Holocaust – began on the eve of Tisha B'av.

On the eve of Tisha B'Av in 1942, the mass deportation of Jews began, when the first railroad car left from the Warsaw Ghetto, en route to Treblinka.

As you can see, this 3 week period, which begins today, and lasts until the 27th of July, has been a time of heartbreak and anguish for the Jewish people throughout the centuries. It is a time of travail for the people of God. The fast of Tammuz is mentioned once in the Bible, in Zechariah 8:19, where the verse cites "the fast of fourth month....". This verse, however, speaks of how this fast will become "joy, gladness and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah…". This is very interesting, because though much suffering has occurred during this time period, it seems that one day this very same time period will be an occasion of joy and happiness! Most of the calamities that befell the Jewish people were judgments from the hand of the Lord for their idolatrous ways. We know that judgment must still fall on the nations in the end times, but the end result of these judgments will be a time when our "fasting" and mourning will be turned into gladness and joy, as we live together in the millennial kingdom, where we will be able to worship our King Yeshua in person!

It is significant for us today, I believe, that Ezekiel, a young man and an anointed prophet of the Lord, brought forth his prophesies about the end of days after he was taken into Babylonian captivity by Nebuchadnezzar during THIS VERY SAME TIME PERIOD so long ago. Ezekiel was called by God to rouse and revive the Jews in exile; to comfort them and assure them that God still had a plan and a purpose for the nation of Israel. He also had much to say about events that will occur in our day, or in the near future……events set to happen in the end times.

Perhaps some of these events will occur during this 3 week period that starts in July. Some end-time prophesies DO mirror incidents that have occurred during this particular interval of time, such as the antichrist desecrating the Temple with his image, just as King Menashe desecrated the Temple with an idol. MAYBE the restored end-time animal sacrifices spoken of in Daniel will once again be stopped during this 3 week period, possibly even on the 17th of Tammuz again!

We should be watchful and spiritually alert during this time. We should spend as much time as possible in intensive intercession for the Jewish people especially, and for the body of Christ generally. We must learn, and teach others, to be aware of this unique frame of time. It is a perilous time, spiritually, and we need to prepare our weapons, and be ready to boldly engage the enemy.

However, our beloved Father is always faithful to bring forth His purposes. Though the ending of the sacrifices was heartbreaking to the Jews, their Abba provided for them, and for all mankind a final and complete sacrifice...His own son, Yeshua, whose death FOREVER negated the need for a sacrifice. The Temples were destroyed as judgment for Israel's idolatry. Yet God, in a breathtaking example of His tender mercy, made sure that we no longer NEED a temple...if we accept His sacrifice for our sins, Yeshua, His presence will dwell WITHIN us! We must explain this to the Jewish people...that in the aftermath of judgment, God provides His best. In the aftermath of the Holocaust, God provided the Promised Land once again; in the aftermath of coming judgments, God will provide a new Temple, we will all worship together there in Jerusalem, and as Zechariah says, our fast days will become FEAST days, days of joyful celebration! Our mourning will be turned into dancing! In the aftermath of coming judgments, ALL ISRAEL will be saved!! Then, the word of the Lord will proceed from Zion, and Israel will at last fulfill her chosen destiny!

So as we enter into this intensive time between today and July 27th, let's heighten our awareness, and hone our warfare skills, knowing that, on some future day, the physical presence of the Lord of Hosts will once again hover over Mount Zion in a smoking cloud by day, and in a shining flame of fire by night (Is. 4:5). In the aftermath of coming judgments, we will once again SEE the physical presence of the Lord of Hosts, and the Shekinah Glory will cover Jerusalem like a hupah as we feast at the marriage supper of the Lamb!!

The Fear Of The Lord
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"Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours." (Ps. 128:1-2 NIV) Some blessings come by faith. Other blessings come our way because of God's mercy. But the greatest blessings of all are reserved for those who walk in the fear of the Lord. "He will be the sure foundation for your times, a rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the LORD is the key to this treasure." (Isa 33:6 NIV)

A revival of the fear of the Lord is returning to the church. In both the Old and New Testaments, the return of the fear of the Lord to God's people preceded unprecedented outbreaks of God's glory. Miracles follow the fear of the Lord.

When God reveals Himself, that disclosure is often more intense than casual Christians can handle. Our sin-prone flesh isn't equipped to live in light that bright! A revelation of God's holiness produces a realization of our sinfulness. We see our need of additional grace from God's throne. Humility is generated in us. Then, God's mercy transforms us and God's love embraces us.

When God discloses Himself, we get more than we expect. He shows Himself as both Savior and Lord. "Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God"

(Rom. 11:22). He is both the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. He is both the merciful and faithful High Priest and the soon-coming King Who will shake the nations. God reveals Himself as He actually is, not as we want Him to be. He is a sovereign ruler, not a cosmic Santa Claus. He is the Judge of all the earth, not an absentee landlord who never inspects His property. Indeed, He owns planet earth and His tenants are going to give an account for their behavior. Even now, the judgments of God are being released upon the earth.

The fear of the Lord has often come to God's people in times of crisis. Any Christian, church, or nation that lacks the fear of the Lord is deficient and will soon decline. We need God to give us the gift of holy fear so we can be fully formed as obedient children (See 1 Peter 1:13-17).

Apart from the fear of God, we will not pass the test of being true to His Word. Without reverence, we will not be able to take the land or withstand our enemies. The fear of the Lord is the final stage of maturity in Christ.

The fear of the Lord is an antidote to lawlessness and rebellion. King Saul is a biblical example of a man who did not fear God. His arrogance and presumptuousness disqualified him and he failed in his opportunity. David, on the other hand, so feared God that he wouldn't lift up a hand against God's anointed servant even when Saul was persecuting him. David passed the test of integrity of character and humility of heart because he knew the fear of the Lord.

The fear of God will preserve us from evil. The reverential awe of our holy God will cause us to make right decisions when pressure to sin or temptation to retreat comes against us. In the Bible, these times of testing were highlighted with renewed respect for God.

When God lets us see His glory, holy fear is the good result. An example in the Old Testament occurred when Joshua encountered the Lord after Israel crossed the Jordan River (Joshua 5). A New Testament example was when the early church was purified by the shocking, sudden deaths of two members (Acts 5). Fear of God, or the absence of it, can determine our destiny.

Prophets know the fear of God. They sense God's glory more quickly than other people. They tremble at His Word. Isaiah had an encounter with God that affected his life forever. He saw a vision of God seated on His throne with angels crying out, "Holy, holy, holy!"

A few years ago, as I was waiting to preach before my Sunday service, I began to see in my spirit this throne-room scene which is described in Isaiah 6. I was provoked to worship more intensely and began to say aloud, "God, You're so holy!" As I said this, I heard God clearly speak to me and say, "Yes, and I'm humble, too."

Instantly, repentance was given to me. Convicted by the light of His grace and glory, I began to cry out, "God, I'm not like You!" The contrast between my sinfulness and His holiness, my pride and His meekness, was more than I could bear. God had disclosed Himself to me. It changed my perception of Him.

God is holy. That means He is set apart. He is "other-than", not like this present world nor like our fallen human nature. God is not contaminated with sin or impurity. His thoughts and ways are high above ours. He dwells in a lofty place, but also with those who are meek and tremble at His Word. His holiness is accompanied by humility, therefore His power is never arbitrary or capricious. He is gentle in His love for His people, even while His holiness upholds His justice.

I wondered how God could be humble. This was such a new thought. Could it be true? Immediately I thought of Moses, the meekest man on earth. God said concerning Moses that He revealed Himself to ordinary prophets through dreams and visions. But not so with Moses. This humble man had face-to-face encounters with God. That's how much God values humility. I remembered the New Testament Scripture that said God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). Humility attracts grace. Pride is incompatible with God. I thought of Jesus, who said, "Take my yoke upon you, for I am meek and lowly of heart." Yes, God is holy and He is also humble. This revelation of God's nature caused me to fear Him in a fresh way.

How will the fear of God affect our lives? The first thing it will do is to cause us to turn away from sin. "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil" (Prov. 8:13). I know God is perfectly just and that He will cause me to reap what I sow, therefore, I fear Him. The holy fear of God is not the same thing as being afraid. I am not scared of God, but I fear Him. I am sustained by His unchanging love, but I am not casual about encountering His holy presence. The fear of God is clean. It is healthy for us. It is not a condemning, controlling, paralyzing fear.

The primary way the fear of God is shown in our lives is not with emotions, like being scared, but with obedience to His Word. In this way, the fear of God sanctifies us. Therefore, two forces drive us to obey God. Both are appropriate. They are fear of God, and love for God.

Jesus said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). We treat God's Word the same as we treat God. Either we respect it or we despise it. To ignore God's Word is to have no fear of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord is not a feeling, but a decision that leads to submission to God. The Scripture says, "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Eph. 5:21 NIV). The fear of God results in us respecting and receiving one another. This is a mark of Christian humility. It is a characteristic of living in community, of being in God's family.

In addition, all those called to leadership are to "be submissive to those who are older... clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..." (1 Peter 5:5 NIV). Humility has a profound affect on our lives. It connects us in righteous relationships. It causes us to submit to the spiritual authority of those the Lord has set over us in the church. Real humility honors God's authority.

After crossing the Jordan, Joshua encountered the Lord (Josh. 5:13). The Captain of the Lord of Hosts had showed up on the battle field with a drawn sword. Joshua bowed low and removed his shoes. He offered the salute of submission, awaiting the orders of his commander-in-chief. Because of Joshua's reverence, he was given a strategy to take the fortified city of Jericho. That strategy involved respecting holy things, God's offerings (Joshua 6:19). Joshua had the fear of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord gave the early church a respect for God's offerings as well. Revival was the result. A couple in the church lied about their offering (Acts 5). Peter said it was lying to the Holy Spirit. They died for their sin. Great fear came on the whole church.

The next thing that happened? An awesome wave of healing power broke out. Many people were saved and added to the church. Peter's shadow became an instrument for healing the sick in the streets (Acts 5:15). Miracles happened. God's glory is always manifested when His people worship Him in reverence and walk in the holy fear of God.

The Futility of Worshipping the Dragon

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Revelation 13:4

A master of deception
Steers a ship with sails raised high
Declaring safe passage
For those who join his journey's ride.
Over the seas they will go
None doubt a captain so bold.

Many are the travelers
Who have stood on board
The forbidden ship
Seeking the new horizons sworn
Yet have never seen the sun, rise or set.
Over the seas they have gone
From the safe harbor of home.

Up from the sea
The winds will roar.
Setting sails in motion
For the captain's course.
Deeper into darkness they'll head
Over the sea of dread.

The night is far spent
Will travelers repent
From trusting a captain
Whose heart of deception
Speaks words that abhor
The message of the risen Lord.

Or shall they bow down
Unadorned of a crown
To worship the serpent
Whose words of diversion
Obscures the light of the Son
From rising upon, a child's heart.

> *"And they worshiped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshiped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?" Revelation 13:4*
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> *"Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt: speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, my river is mine own, and I have made it for myself." Ezekiel 29:2-3*

Man, who has been redeemed, rescued by the hand of God from out of the turbulent seas of unbelief and disillusion, understands the perils of the deep. He understands the feelings of desperation that can be brought about by his own thoughts and emotions. Emotions, which were like a heavy weight upon his soul, dragged him deeper into the sea, deeper into the darkness of despondency. But man, who has been rescued from the murky seas of his own destructive emotions by the hand of God, knows what it is like to breathe the clean air in the land of the living. Man, who has been rescued and released from out of the depths of his own self-focused, life depleting emotions, understands well the difference between drowning in a sea of murky, polluted waters and partaking of the clean, pure waters that flow from God’s holy temple. The hand of God is mighty in reaching down and pulling a soul from the deep darkened seas that drown man in despair and disappointment.

To stand with God, as a devoted subject who bows in honor of God’s holy name, will help a man to gain true counsel with which to guide his heart’s journey. To stand with God, in submission to His authority, shall cause a man to stand in a position where love, holiness and hope are able to influence his thoughts and desires. He will observe life from a vantage point that was unknown while struggling in the sea of despair. To look upon life through Jesus Christ’s eyes of love, mercy and compassion, is to be able to soar to the highest heights, and look down upon the turbulent sea of his emotions, which once overcame him, and watch as they begin to fade from view. Emotions, which once were able to overcome man, dragging man down into great depths of despair, are transformed when touched by the healing hand of the One true God of mercy and compassion, and will lose power to control and influence a man’s life.

As God takes hold of a man’s hand and teaches him the way of holiness, he will realize that the path God has chosen for him, will lead him high atop God’s holy mountain. Upon God’s holy mountain, man will gain greater wisdom to understand what was accomplished through God’s Son, Jesus Christ. Wisdom will help man realize that love for God is what will set in order their spiritual house, their earthly temples that house the Holy Spirit. Those who have been welcomed into God’s eternal Kingdom of light, through their love for God, will continue to mature in the ways of God. Those under the governmental authority of Jesus Christ, who walk in the kingdom of light, will continue to mature in the ways of peace and mercy.

A man, whose heart and mind is governed by the Holy presence of the Lord, cannot submit to counterfeit gods who would try to establish authority upon his life. Because God sits as King upon the throne of a man’s heart, all others gods will be exposed as the counterfeits they truly are. God is holy, and all who He inhabits, will be conformed into His image. All that come under His authority will express and represent His nature. When God sits as Lord upon the throne of a man’s heart, He will send forth His healing waters to restore thoughts and emotions that had been polluted by the waters where the serpent freely swam. As God sits upon the throne of a man’s heart, His healing waters will restore and refresh a man’s soul so that God’s love will flow from the man, toward others. The love that flows from the throne of a man’s heart will be shared with those who are still floundering in the seas that the serpent rises from.

A man whose heart is truly given to the Lord, who has been lifted up by God, and who stands with God upon His holy mountain, will look upon life through eyes of compassion and mercy. He will appreciate that where once there was sorrow and sighing, instead, joy and gladness have sprung up. Where once ravenous beasts unmercifully attacked and brought suffering into his life, he now walks in peace. Because God has reached down and lifted him from the turbulent seas, and placed him upon His holy mountain, his eyes are continuously fixed upon the Lord. When the Lord has established his holy habitation within a child’s life, He will be faithful to come in vengeance and overpower any thought or emotion contrary to His holy nature. The Lord, Savior, Protector, is faithful to save man from the clutches of all beastly thoughts and emotions. God will be faithful to save those drowning in the sea of despair, who call on His holy name.

Man, who realizes it is not possible to climb God’s holy mountain in his own strength, but only in the strength of the Lord, will proclaim: once I was lame, but now I can leap as a hart. Man, who understands that God, has made it possible for man to stand from a vantage point of seeing the world through His eyes of mercy and compassion, will proclaim: once I was blind, but now I see. Man, who stands in the holy presence of the Lord, will feel his bound tongue loosen so that he can sing of God’s love, which flows in abundance from his heart.

A man caught in the sea of despair, which led him to believe that this was the natural reality of life, will give all thanks and glory to God, as God lifts him up and establishes him on holy ground. A man, who has been awakened to realize that life holds more than what those held in captivity to darkness have shared with him, will forever remember and appreciate walking in God’s kingdom of light and life. The putrefied waters, where the serpent swam unhindered, will be turned into a dried wilderness as the breath of God breaths upon them. When man realizes that God, in His mercy, has breathed upon the mighty sea that once enveloped him, he will live in thankfulness to God. Man is then able to breathe the clean air of peace and freedom. Man will bow down in sincere submission to the Lord on high for His mercy in dealing in kindness toward them.

After God has breathed upon the sea, and it has become a wilderness, the dragon, who had the ability to torment the heart and mind of a man, will lie dead among the reeds and rushes. The serpent has become a defeated foe because of God's goodness. When the dragon has been dealt a mighty deathblow by the breath of God, then man will realize that he is now walking in an unknown wilderness. Spiritually, he will walk through life on a path that he has never known before. But man does not need to fear this wilderness because as he continues on with the Lord, from out of the wilderness, springs of fresh water, holy waters, will flow and replenish the heart and mind of the man. The living waters will nourish and bring forth good fruit within the man's life, so that the man will live at peace with God and others. A highway of holiness appears so that man can walk at peace with the Lord, in newness of life.

The Word proclaims:

> *"For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth. Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou dist break the heads of the dragons in the waters. Thou didst break the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness. Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood: thou driedst up mighty rivers. The day is thine, the night also is thine: thou hast prepared the light and the sun. Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: thou hast made summer and winter" Psalm 74:12-17*

Through God's holy Word, God proclaims that He sits and reigns as King over all His creation. It is God who is able to bring forth salvation from the "midst of the earth". It is God who brings forth righteousness, and it is God who destroys evil. It is God who will provide fountains to nourish, and it is God who will dry up the mighty rivers so that wickedness is turned aside. But, men whose hearts and minds worship the words spoken by the great dragon, Satan, forgo the words of God, and claim authority over what God has created.

> *"Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt: speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, my river is mine own, and I have made it for myself." Ezekiel 29:2-3*

The dragon, Satan, who bears the image of unbelief, darkness, eternal separation from God, and hell, walks in self-focused pride proclaiming authority over the works that God has created. Man, who would follow after the nature of the dragon - "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do" - will experience, like the dragon, no sense of grief or remorse in proclaiming "my river is mine own, and I have made it for myself." Yet, the Father proclaims that He is to receive the glory due His holy name. God proclaims that He alone is worthy to be honored as King over the works of His creation. Man, who would hear God's voice, will realize the wretchedness that lies in proclaiming possession and glory over what belongs to God alone.

God speaks forth through His holy Word, that He is the One who has created the dragon, and He is the one who can destroy him. Because the dragon's strength and power lies beyond the realm of man's power and strength, it is God who must deal a deathblow to the serpent. Man, apart from God, does not posses an arsenal powerful enough to take down the dragon. There is no weapon formed by the hands of natural man that can shatter the dragon's heart of stone. There is only one who is able to destroy the dragon, and that is God. It is the Son who will rise up in glory, truth, and perfect love, and slay the dragon. Through the power of God's Holy Word, the serpent, who has caused man much sorrow and suffering, will be destroyed. It is God's Word, God's sword of righteousness that is able to pierce the darkness so that God's light and glory may shine in power within a man's life. All praise and glory to the Lord of all creation.

"*There is none good but one, that is, God*." God alone is good, and deserves the glory. It is God who will reveal the depth of this understanding to man. Satan would deny or distort this truth. The serpent will never encourage man to believe that God alone is good, and that God's desire is to accomplish His good purpose within a man's life. The serpent will encourage man to seek his own way through life, without being in submission to the Lord of creation. The dragon would deny the power of the Holy Spirit, who was sent to comfort those who dwell upon the earth. The serpent will be quick to call out to a man, who expresses a desire to understand his relationship with God, that he understands the ways of God, and that he will share with the man the full counsel of God's nature. But to listen to the dragon, is to listen to the voice of death and destruction.

> *"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son; in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." Colossians 1:13-14*

It is God who will deliver man from out of darkness of unbelief and wickedness and into the light of His truth, mercy, love and holiness. It is God who sent to the earth His beloved Son, making it possible for man to receive redemption from his sins, through the blood that Jesus shed upon the cross. It is God who has made available His Holy Spirit so that He could come into a man's life and establish his governmental authority upon a man's heart. It is God who will reveal His kingdom of righteousness, so that man will be set free from believing that anything of worth exists within the kingdom of darkness. It is God's Son who is "the author and finisher of our faith." It is God's Son who is able to complete the good work that He has begun within a man's life.

But the dragon, whose heart of stone is repulsed by any expression of holy love between man and God, does not desire man to be set free from his captivity in his realm of darkness. If man is to seek after God, then the murderer, the dragon will be sure to speak out words that would cause the "good seed" to fall by the way side. Without the seed falling upon the good soil, the serpent knows the fowls will have a better chance at devouring, and discounting anything of worth that man may have partaken of. The dragon, whose nature reflects the misery of hell, desires only the destruction of man's relationship with God. He has no desire for any man to be set free to follow God up His holy mountain, where man will be able to look through God's eyes of love, mercy, compassion and longsuffering.

The dragon, whose murderous heart would desire to kill and destroy any relationship man would have with God, will continue to speak words that will draw man away from God. Satan, whose personality is founded on pride, desires man to look upon him, and not upon God. His nature, which was on display in the garden, continues to be in evidence today. The serpent's desire is that no man climb God's holy mountain, because then man would stand in a position of being able to see life from God's vantage point of love and mercy. He does not want man to stand with God, able to discern light from darkness. The dragon does not desire that a child should be lifted from out of the turbulent, putrefied seas of discouragement, unrepentance, and confusion, by the hand of God. The dragon does not want to die. He does not want to lose power and control over a man's life.

The dragon will continue to call out to man in hope of distracting man from pursuing their relationship with God. He will find those who are willing to listen. He will find those who will walk in agreement with the words that he will speak. Those, who listen to the deceptive words of the serpent, will not realize that it is the dragon they are listening to, because the serpent will use pride to blind them to true understanding. To those who were seeking to understand relationship with God, the serpent will disguise himself as an angel of light, so that man will not understand it is the devil who is speaking. Man will not understand that it is the dragon whom they are walking in agreement with, who they are reverencing and giving honor and glory unto.

The "god of this world", Satan, is able to deceive a man's heart, so that man does not understand the wretchedness of what they are doing. Satan knows what was accomplished through Jesus Christ, and the power that was released upon the earth. He understands that restitution was made for man's sins, through the perfect work of Jesus Christ. And that restitution is not of works, less any man should boast, walk in pride, as Satan walks in pride.

Satan understands the life changing power that will fill a man's life, through receiving God's Holy Spirit. How the Spirit is equipped to search out destructive thoughts and memories hidden in the deep recesses of a man's heart. Satan knows the Holy Spirit will reveal destructive memories and behaviors, and apply God's mighty sword, severing all that would hold a child captive to carnality, selfishness, disappointment, discouragement, and darkness. He understands that God will then apply His anointed balm, and heal their heart and mind, so that man is able to walk in peace with God and others. Satan knows that for man to develop a relationship with God, through the Spirit, will reveal the liar and murderer that he really is.

But Satan continues to walk with strength upon the earth, as he entices men, through deception, to help him in his quest to keep man in bondage to his own desires. Satan entices man to help him keep other men bound within the sea of despair. Because, in the sea of despair, Satan still has control and power. In that sea, Satan is able to rise up displaying great authority, as he relishes the adoration and worship of others. His pride knows no boundaries. Yet, the words Satan speaks will never bring man to a place where they will find a safe harbor, rest for their souls. To listen to the serpent will draw man away from the true message that God desires to reveal to them. To listen to the lies of the serpent will lead man away from the comforting arms of the Father.

Man, who struggles in the sea of despair, will find it natural to give all worship unto the dragon, and to those who speak his message of deception. To a drowning man, any passing ship seems to be a place of refuge. But to listen to the deceiver's message, and get on board his ship, by living in agreement with the deceptive words spoken by the dragon, will lead man away from what God desires for man. To worship the serpent and to believe in the words he speaks, will cause man to continue in their search for purpose, for freedom from out of their suffering and disappointments.

But God is a mighty God; there is no weapon the dragon can form against Him, which God cannot overcome and destroy. God is still able to reach out to a child who calls upon His holy name, and to lift them from out of the sea where confusion and every evil thing has brought suffering into a man's life. Though the serpent "troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers", God is still able to spread out His net and lift the serpent from out of the sea. God is still able to break the bonds of captivity that Satan's words have held over a man's thoughts and emotions. God is able to slay the dragon, and cast his carcass to the earth, so that he can no longer bring suffering into a man's life.

Though many men still struggle in the sea of despair, God will raise up his humble servants and use them to help Him lift up the net that He has created to capture the dragon. God will use His faithful servants to set others free from the captivity of the serpent's words of deception and bondage. The hunter will become the hunted. The dragon, the deceiver, the destroyer who would mock the living God, who would cast accusation and doubt upon God's purpose for mankind, will become the one who is cast to the open field. All the fowls of heaven will descend and remain upon him. In the open field, the serpent will be exposed as the murderer and liar he is. When God sets a man free from Satan's realm of power and influence, death and hell will tremble as another child sings the praises of God's great love.

> *"Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord." Isaiah 54:16-17*

The Genuine Article

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I *am* the Genuine Article. I am the Authentic One. I am the Holy One you may look to in all of your trials and troubles, beloved. Your security lies in Me. Know this: I have made a way for you to enter into an exciting hour with Me. I have made a way for you to come into a new understanding of Who I am, and when you do, dear child, your heart will be thrilled.

I am the exponent of true happiness. I am the key factor in your life that offers many, many dividends – many, many blessings and much hope. Bear this in mind when the enemy tries to tell you differently. Yes! Bear this truth in mind. I am the God of the *whole* universe. There is no one above Me. There is no one like Me. There is no one who can witness to My goodness unless he takes the proposed gift of life that I offer. True life comes with coming into an intimate relationship with Me. True life is found in knowing Me – the Holy One. So bear these truths in mind. Keep them at the forefront of your mind, beloved – *the forefront*, because the enemy would like to thwart your progress. He would like to disable you. But I came that you might walk in My ways, know My truth, and advance into that place of great wonder where you will bear My likeness. Then you, too, beloved, will be known as a vessel of the Holy One. You will be known as a perpetrator of what is good and holy. You will stand fast in My truth and see My majesty firsthand. The enemy will not know how to handle you. His hands will be tied, because you, beloved, will bear My strength, My knowledge, My purity. You will have him where he belongs – tied up in a knot – a knot of his own doing.

Let Me tell you, dear heart, I have much awaiting those who follow after My heart with eagerness. I have much waiting for *YOU*! So look forward to the Genuine Article making an appearance in your life, and know that when I show Myself in this manner, that I have opened the coffers of heaven to pour forth those longed-for blessings – more than your heart can contain – more than your mind can conceive.

I am proud to call you My own. I am eager for that day to make its appearance. I am eager to see you stand straight and tall in the ways of your God. So know that each manifestation of My Spirit that is presented in your life is of My doing, and it is all a part of My flawless plan – My plan to draw you close, reveal My heart, and have you kick the devil soundly in his prideful ways.

He is about to know firsthand just what I have called My beloved to portray for Me. He is about to see the calamity of his life take on a new dimension, and when he does he will struggle and struggle and struggle, but you, Beloved, will have the upper hand – you will have him by the throat, and he will no longer be able to utter his lies in your ears. He will no longer be able to perform his antics. For what I am about to do is show him what the Genuine Article is all about, and when he sees all that I am about to do, he will be lifeless – lifeless in the face of My pure and holy triumph – lifeless in the face of the Holy One Who is the true Conqueror – the Hero of the World.

Yes. All of these words and more befit My title, beloved – all of these words and much more reveal My true identity. So get ready to see Me manifest Myself as the Genuine Article, and know, beloved, that the time of the Conquering Hero has arrived, and He is taking His place on the throne of your heart in a way that you never dreamed possible – you never realized could be.

This is a promise that I am making to those who have surrendered to Me. This is a promise that can only be looked on for what it is – the genuine article from the One Who *IS* the Genuine Article. The

Genuine Article of Love at its finest is calling to you. The Genuine Article that will portray My goodness, shining forth from your heart for all to see and know that you have truly been touched by the One Who is Holy and True – the One Who expresses Himself well – Who shows His light without a flicker – the One Who has taken the reigns from the evil one's hands, shutting his mouth forever. Yes! Silencing him forever – forever – never able to speak his words of lies again – never able to utter words of dishonor again to My beloved. This is what I have done for you, beloved. This is what the One with the title of LOVE has done on your behalf. Now, wouldn't you say that I am the Genuine Article – the Genuine Article of ALL time, beloved – the Genuine Article of *ALL* time???

The Sojourner
Mary Clark

May 9, 2004
Sojourn – to live somewhere temporarily, as on a visit; stay for a while … a brief or temporary stay; visit

You are My sojourner, beloved. You are taking a journey on earth, but you are soon to journey into My land – My land of wonder and great excitement.

I want to tell you some things about where you are about to enter tonight, dear child. I want you to know just where it is that you are headed. You are headed into a place where your God will be your number ONE – 24-7. You are to know My love down deep in a dramatically new way. You are to realize a power and strength that you have yet to feel. I am eager for you to arrive to this place, dear one. So eager, but in the meantime, I want you to rest in My love for you, knowing that I am moving you forward at My own pace, and you will arrive to this place of wonder in Me – this place of power and strength for which you long.

In the meantime, I would have you, My beloved, looking to Me to enable you to move forward. I would have you seeking My heart, telling Me words of surrender all of the way. I would have you eagerly anticipating My work in You, looking to each coming hour to bring you the great wonder in your heart for which you long.

You are My sojourner. You have entered into a state of resting in Me. Be confident, beloved, that I am at work. I am moving you forward, according to My will, to that new place in Me. You will arrive when the time is right, but in the meantime, beloved child, I want you to rest – rest in the knowledge of My love for you, and in the knowledge that I am moving you forward into that place of wonder for which your heart longs at My very own rate of speed, and that is a fact, beloved. That is a fact directly from My lips to your heart. Heed My example by waiting on instructions from your Father. Heed My example by trusting. Heed My example by taking those steps, as directed, into all that the living God has in store, as He tells you to move. You will know My direction posthaste, because the time is approaching. You will certainly know the time posthaste – rest in that fact, dear one. Rest in that *wondrous* fact!!!

The Green Bull
Glywn Mcinnes

My dream was that I was in a large room, lined with what looked like steel-sheeting,- painted black.

At one end of the room was a doorway, with sliding door- halves that were shut. I approached the door and slid the halves apart, opening a gap about 10 inches wide.

Through the gap I could see a bull and it had brassy-coloured horns;- the head was a blackish-green colour and its body was a dark emerald tone at the shoulders, becoming a brighter green towards the tail.

Widening the gap between the two door halves, I then reached through and grabbed the bull's horns, (one in each hand)- and led the animal through the doorway into the room.

Leaving it to stand in the centre of the room, I walked around it and closed the doors.-- the dream faded, - and I cannot say whether I was still in the room with the beast.....

Hours later, after much thought, and prompting from a letter sent by a friend, - the words, "take the bull by the horns", awoke me to the possibility that the Lord was wanting to urge more of the body of Christ to act, in standing against the enemy and his strategies!

Psalm 110:3a nkj ;- " Your people shall be volunteers in the day of Your power;".
Daniel 11:32b nkj ;-- "--- but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits." (rsv;- " shall stand firm and take action.")

" TAKE THE BULL BY THE HORNS! "

" Yes My people, you who say that you know Me!

You who say that My power resides in you!

You who know it to be true,- for you have experienced it in action in your own lives and have seen it in the lives of others.

You who have said, " Use me Lord! ", and have waited impatiently for this hour to come!

I, the Living God, do say to you now by My Spirit, " Take the bull by the horns, and take action;- do exploits!
Do not hesitate! -- Do not continue to wait for the conditions to be right in your own understanding ; but move into battle positions and take a stand against the enemy's sly and cunning ways;- NOW!

" Stand publicly, against all that he has built while the world has slumbered! "

" Speak to the edifices that he has built to mark out his 'territory',-- those palaces of false-hope and artificial-wonder that draw many in deception, to unwittingly worship him and give him the fruit of their lips! "

" Show your love to those who follow the evil deception in blindness, by reaching into the flames and pulling out the hapless victims of his deceit! "

" Stand against the flood of filth and degradation, that those in high places under the thrall of the enemy, produce from their deluded minds and present as new and freedom-giving laws and rules,- that actually mock and decry My Word, - the Word that I have established forever in Heaven!

" Through these workings of their minds, they spill innocent blood; whereas I have not commanded, or sanctioned it;- it had never entered My mind to do so! They call 'good' as evil, and 'evil' as good. They go backwards in their thinking!"

Stand, and speak MY Words into the situations of concern that lie before you! Make a sound of protest; a mighty sound towards the evil! And as you make the sound, know this, that your God will add His voice to the sound, and those in high places will hear and know that the Almighty has ruled against them and their erroneous ways! "

"So I reiterate! Become aggressive! Do the exploits that you know to be necessary! I AM WITH YOU! That is all you need! Take the bull by the horns! Take action now My people!

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The Shofars Have Been Blown
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"And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over ALL NATIONS "!

I would like to share with you an account of an amazing 'happening' that occurred today -10th July 2004-;- in the mid-afternoon-;- on one of the small volcanic-hills that make up the landscape of the City of Auckland - New Zealand.

I and some members of my family were invited to Auckland for an event to celebrate my mother's 88th birthday. A few days before, there came from my daughter, an idea that after the event we should go up this volcanic cone, so that my granddaughter, (eight years), and I could blow the shofar over the city, so today,- after a very pleasant interlude in party mode,- we did just that!

On the top of this mountain, named One Tree Hill, is a memorial, complete with a towering obelisk, and an enclosure of rock walls encircling it ;- and it was here that we blew. When we arrived up there, a few people were around,- several tourists of different nationalities - not a great crowd. A perfectly clear day, with a light breeze. An uninterupted vista of the whole city, both harbours , and the various islands in the Gulf .

We started blowing,- moving around the obelisk,- to blow in different directions, and the wind carried the sound well. A few more people arrived, and became interested in what we were doing. No negativity was displayed .

Jillian and I climbed over the low wall to the area where the tree that the hill is named for, used to be growing, (but has since been removed)- and stood where it had been, blowing towards the North, with our backs to the obelisk, and the wind. We blew for about five minutes and, as that seemed to complete the job, turned ready to go back to the enclosure;- and what I saw held me in the one spot for a time!

What was seen, were about one hundred and fifty people, lined up at the wall,- not moving, watching us! People from Asia; India; Italy; Pacific Islands; Holland and other places! Children, adults, teenagers, - all standing quietly and peacefully! Even the wind softened a little!

Then the spell was broken by a child's cry, and the people resumed their sight-seeing;- a large group of them climbed over the wall and stood on the place were we had been, several taking photos;- others came close and questioned us about the shofars;- a 'pleasant atmosphere pervaded the area; --- but where did these people come from ? My family had watched them come trooping up the steps to the enclosure, but had not noticed a tour bus or similar transport;- we finally decided that they had walked up the last grade, due to the impracticality of parking a large vehicle at the site. In answer to my questioning about the sudden appearance of so many people, my daughter replied to it that, " This is what 'blowing the shofar' is for, isn't it ? Calling people to gather to the 'sound' "-- And that got me thinking!

After arriving home, I've seen a connection with the above verse 7, of Isaiah 25, with what happened today,-- and my prayer to the Lord is that, those people who were there , - my family included;- will be impacted by that whole scenario,-- the 'sounding of the shofar;- the symbolic trumpeting of the 'Voice of the Lord' at that place;- and over the spiritual- atmosphere , wherever the wind took it;- and the large company of people that came to that place today!

I further believe, that the rest of those verses, 8-12, can be spoken, and taken as relevant to the times we are in at present,- and with faith, seen as the 'HERALDING' in of great and mighty moves of our God in the nation of New Zealand!

" BEHOLD, THIS IS OUR GOD; WE HAVE WAITED FOR HIM, AND HE WILL SAVE US. THIS IS THE LORD; WE HAVE WAITED FOR HIM; WE WILL BE GLAD AND REJOICE IN HIS SALVATION.-- FOR ON THIS MOUNTAIN, THE HAND OF THE LORD WILL REST,---- " v9 & 10a.

May ALL glory be to Him who rides the heavens, He is our God;- our AWESOME GOD!!

Blessed be the Name of the Lord! Amen.

The Giant Called Clergy
Sam Buick

David Will Slay The Giant Called "Clergy"! Jan 25, 2004

VISION: Today I was waiting on the Lord and pondering on things as the Lord by His Spirit gave me a vision of David and Goliath. David ran toward the giant and did not balk or waiver in his determination. David had heard the voice of the Lord and the inner witness of the Spirit. David ran to the brook and bent down and took up five smooth stones. David got up and put a stone in the sling and ran toward the giant. He stopped, stood his ground and the sling spun in the air, and then he made a declaration to the giant, "In the authority of the Most High, I release the people of Lord from your grip! You shall not rule of the Lord's people!" The stone flew in the air and hit the giant in the forehead and the giant fell over dead. Then David took the sword and severed the giants head. The vision ended: I asked the Lord what this was about:

1. David: David represents the PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS. David does not wear the armour of the king, because the king (Saul) and his armour are not what is needed. David has the anointing and equipping of the Lord.

The church is going to rise up as the sons of David, in the same Spirit that was upon David. There will be a new boldness to defy the giant, and this particular giant is "Clergy". The old armour, the old ways of doing things are not going to cut it anymore.

2. Goliath: Represents the system of control, domination, and manipulation, through the man made systems of government and administration. The system is the thing that has created the distinctions of "clergy" and "laity". The Lord is going to slay this giant, which will release freedom to the ENTIRE BODY OF CHRIST.

3. There will be no more fear and intimidation and torment from the man made religious system and structures which currently are a stronghold over the church.

4. The 5 smooth stones - The five stones are the five fold ministries which will explode in and through the ENTIRE priesthood of believers, and it is these manifestations of Christ in ALL believers that will slay the giant.

5. The brook: The brook is the River of God, in which for a long season, the five fold ministries have been prepared by the currents of God's Spirit. They have been smoothed, and the rough edges are off. They are ready to be released and used.

6. The release as in the sling, is a release through David's faith and obedience to the Lord, and not to men (King Saul). David faced the giant in the power and strength of God. The priesthood of believers will do likewise in this hour.

7. The release of courage and boldness: The priesthood of believers will be as David and will RUN TOWARD the giant face him face to face. The giant (clergy) is going to increasingly be faced with boldness from those in the Body who will declare No more!" to the spiritual abuse and no more to the pagan church system that has held back the church.

8. Severing the head. Through the Sword of the Spirit and the bold declaration of faith, the giant will

not only be slain by the five fold, but his head, his rule, his patterns of thinking, his control, manipulation, and ways of intimidation, are going to be totally CUT OFF! Severed! There is but One Head, and His name is Jesus!

Then the Lord gave this word to me. BIBLE: Acts 20: 26 Let me say plainly that I have been faithful. No one's damnation can be blamed on me, 27 for I didn't shrink from declaring all that God wants for you. 28 "And now beware! Be sure that you feed and shepherd God's flock - his church, purchased with his blood - over whom the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders. 29 I know full well that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. 30 Even some of you will distort the truth in order to draw a following. 31 Watch out! Remember the three years I was with you - my constant watch and care over you night and day, and my many tears for you. 32 "And now I entrust you to God and the word of his grace - his message that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself. 33 "I have never coveted anyone's money or fine clothing. 34 You know that these hands of mine have worked to pay my own way, and I have even supplied the needs of those who were with me. 35 And I have been a constant example of how you can help the poor by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Breaking The Stronghold Of Control

"Beloved, I have called you to that place of rest. I have called you to the calm of My waters of refreshing. I have brought you to the place of feeding and nurture. That place is only found in Me. You will not find it within a fold and with a particular shepherd. I am the Great Shepherd, and the sheep of My pasture, hear My voice. Hearken unto My voice at this hour. "Precious ones, there are many who gather you unto themselves. There are many whose only agenda is to fleece My sheep. There are many in positions of power and influence who simply are placed there by other men. Beloved ones, you are My sheep, hear My voice and hearken unto Me and the not the voice of the hireling. The hireling will not give his life for you, but will run when the wolf packs gather near My flock. They will hop the fence and run. For they are hirelings and that is what hirelings do. "I am the Good Shepherd, and I will care for you Myself. I have given My life for you, and I have laid down and sacrificed all for the sake of the sheep within My fold. Other men will fail. Other men will do what they know, and what they desire. I will do the will of My Father, and gather My sheep near the waters and the good pastures I will leave the 99 in the place of safety, and I will traverse through all obstacles and hindrances to find you and to bring you home. I will draw you close with the softness of My voice, and you will hear My voice and you shall find safety in Me.

The Curse Of The Hireling

"Precious ones be not dismayed for it is the nature of the hireling to be what he is. He will run in times of trouble and he will be self centred and self seeking. I will in this day, pasture My own flock. I will lead My sheep to My waters, and I will bring them to My pasture. I will use My rod and My staff and I will rescue My sheep and guide My sheep. I will do it! Not any man! I will guide and I will rescue My sheep. No longer will you be cursed by the hireling.

No King Over My People

"Just as there will be no hireling over My people in this day, there shall be no king over My precious people. In this hour the cry of the people has been heard in the court of heaven. In the very throne room of the Father, the cry of the people, My sheep, has been heard. "The children of Israel at the time of Samuel cried out to be like the nations, and desired above all else a king to rule over them. My very own people rejected Me, and turned to the rule of man. I warned My people then, and told them how they would be in bondage to the ones who would rule over them. I warned them that the kings who would rule over them would take their sons for their armies, to harvest their fields and make weapons of war. I warned them that the kings would take their daughters too, as perfumers, cooks and bakers. I warned them that the kings would take the best of their fields, vineyards and olive groves. I warned them that the kings would take one tenth of their seed and of their vineyards for their officers and men. The kings would take the best of their man servants, the best young men, the best donkeys. The kings would take a tenth of their flocks and require them to become servants of the kings. I warned My beloved people Israel, that they would cry out in that day for what the king they had chosen, instead of My rule, to rule over them, and what the king will require of them. I warned them that I would not listen to their cry, for they had rejected Me, and taken a king unto themselves.

The Rule Of Kings Over The Lord's Congregation Is Over!
"For centuries there was a cry for a king over the various fellowships within the church. They all cried to be like other fellowships and to have their "king" rule over them. They all wanted to be same in status and rank, and all wanted to fit in and be part of something special. To be like other orgnanized religions. Just as the Israelites did, many in the church called for a "king" to rule over them, and in doing so they rejected the leading and empowering leadership of the Spirit through the manifestation of the Son through the ENTIRE priesthood of believers. "In this day beloved ones, many within the church have chosen a king to rule over them. Many call them pastors and elders, and many have forsaken My rule over My Bride and over My Body. There are many such pastors who rule with the only methods and understanding they know. They have been afflicted with a foreign mindset and understanding. They have been cursed and afflicted for the last 1700 years with the rule of men and demons. "The government over My church has been the government methods and understanding of men, and not My government. People are crying out for the restoration, the full restoration of what was established through the Son when the Son purchased and redeemed a holy people in the Father's Kingdom. People have been crying out as in the days of Moses, crying out for the Deliverer to set them free from the bondage and oppression of Egypt.

The Church System Has Its Roots In Egypt And Babylon And Rome
"The cry of the heart of the people of God in the nations is for deliverance from the oppression of man made government in the church. Just as in the days of Israel, when the people desired a king, today the people of God desire the Lord to be their King and to restore His rule over His church. The desire the shackles of control and manipulation and self seeking agendas of leaders to be broken and that the Great Shepherd take possession of His flock! "Beloved the system that has been over My people is the system of man derived from the Egyptians, Babylonians and Romans. The ways and the means of rule in the nations, is the not the means of rule of God and God's household. Governance in the Kingdom is not about men ruling over other men as men do in your marketplace or military. My beloved Bride is not to be ruled by those who would rule as corporate and military men.

Divine Overthrow Of Man Made Structures Will Come
"The hour has come, and the Father has heard the cry of the oppressed and they shall be delivered. There will be those who will be elders, the older and more mature brothers and sisters who will love and serve the brethren. These beloved elders will not seek a following after themselves, but will be a company of brothers and sisters, a sweet communion gathered around the Son They will not oppress or manipulate and they will lay down their lives for their brothers and sisters rather than tolerate the domination of oppressive leaders and leadership models.

People Will Be Set Free From Slave & Master Mindset In The Church
"There will be an overthrow of the slave and master mindset that has caused many to cry out for their "king" to rule over them. The mindset of people who want to be told what to do and how to do it and who to pay homage to is now, in this hour beloved being broken. No more shall you be ruled by those who demand things from you in My Name! I will hold them to account. You are in My fold and you are My sheep. You hear My voice for yourselves. You need no man to tell you what you hear or how you

express My life flowing within you. You are My Body, and I will manifest My glory through My people.

The Sin Of The Label "Clergy/Laity"

"I am breaking of the labels that men have attached to My people of 1700 years! I am breaking in the power of My Spirit, the yoke of oppression and bondage called "clergy/laity"! I have one holy and royal priesthood, one holy nation, and all who are blood bought by the Son are joint heirs with the Son not only to the benefits of salvation, but to the full express of body life and communion of the saints. "There is only ONE head in the church and the Son is reclaiming His place and His authority over His body, the church. The will be no more "mini heads" or "mini kingdoms"! The rule of man of My people has come to an end! I am calling My people out from the bondage and affliction of Egypt and the rule and methods of human institutions. This sin of labeling and distinguishing My people and creating classes of people within the church is an offence to Me. It is a stench to My nostrils. It was fabricated in the hearts of men when they refused to be led by My Spirit. The only thing they knew how to do was to reflect the rule of the society in which they were in and incorporate it into the governance of the church. These human forms of government and administration were rooted in the paganism of Egypt, Babylon and Rome. When My Spirit was pushed aside by the will of man, man substituted My rule for their own forms and activities. They did these things and blessed them in My Name. They robbed Me of My rule and they robbed My Spirit of His activities in all the saints. They robbed My people of the sweet community in the Spirit, and robbed them of their source of power and life. "Even when revival and reformation has come, man has continually sought to channel the flow of My Spirit through what they already know, and have not waited upon Me to reveal to them what they ought to do. Renewal comes, and it gets channeled through a human funnel, to control the fall out and do "damage control". Man does not like what he perceives to be a mess or an out of control situation. Man cannot handle it when My Spirit takes over. Man always wants to touch the anointing and defile what I am doing. Man needs to get out of the way, and let My Spirit be sovereign. Man needs to surrender and let the flow simply flow. "Even in the promise of the restoration of the apostolic and the prophetic, the measure has been miniscule and the influence limited. Man seeks to make it fit what he knows and will not adjust to the reality that what he knows may need to be removed. Man tries to make what I reveal fit, just like a child attempts to fit a square peg in a round hole! It is one thing to hear what I speak, and quite another to ask of Me the understanding, and ask of Me to accomplish this and to give the blueprint, MY blueprint for its implementation. "I will institute My government, and it shall be upon My shoulders, not man's.

The Divine Institution An Rule Of God Being Restored In The Church

"At this hour beloved, many, many changes are coming. You have heard the cautions" of men. They are in fear and they know the hour has now come to be accountable for the bondage over My people. They will be held to account for relying on the methods of men, rather than upon My rule and My Spirit. I will restore the church. I will restore relational, redemptive, community, where all are one in Me. All will be at My table. All will be full participants in every gathering, in every nation. There is only one class within My Kingdom. There are no human made distinctions of rank or status. I will rule My church, and it will be a rule of love and affection, and I will restore and set in place that which will reveal My heart and passion for the wholeness of My people.

Do Not Confuse My Grace Gifts With The Right To Rule

"Precious ones, do not confuse the gifts I have given to you as the gifts of the Son (five fold) as the divine right to rule over My people. All those who possess the Son, possess a measure of these five grace gifts. All who are indwelt by My Spirit have a deposit and measure of these actions of My Spirit. My Spirit imparts at salvation the deposit, and sovereignly administers these according to My will over time in the lives of all believers. At various times the manifestations of these gifts will increase As the will of each person submits to My will, the increase of the gift will manifest and will let the Son manifest His presence in each situation. These expressions of grace are not titles or offices, but are the activities and functions of My Spirit in the lives of ALL who are within the priesthood of believers. Gifts are apportioned by My Spirit and are to be used from within the community of saints, to build up and strengthen the church and firmly establish the saints in Me.

Do Not Confuse My Grace Gifts As Status Symbols
"Precious ones do not confuse ANY person's gift as status or My acceptance of another. I look at the heart and the character of a person. Whether a person is within the Kingdom of not, they all possess gifts that can be applied to wherever they are. There are many who are not yet in the Kingdom who have a pastoring nurturing heart and care for other people. You will find many of these people within the health care field, caring for people and giving of themselves to others. These same people have the gift of nurturing and loving that you call "pastor". These gifts can be used for Me in the Kingdom and in the world. Do not look upon them as status. "I care about character. These gifts are not self gratifying flashy gifts to be used to lord yourselves over others within the body. Do not confuse the gifts as a sign of divine approval. Gifts simply reveal the heart of the giver, and not the one who receives it. The person's character and the resulting fruit in the use of the gifts will reveal much. Look and see, and be watchful.

Do Not Confuse My Grace Gifts As Acceptance And Worth
"Do not confuse My gifts as approval or acceptance. I give Myself to you and I do not withhold My hands from you. I give My grace and all that I have to you. This is not as a sign of acceptance, but of My love. I give to you out of love. I have accepted you and you are Mine. All that I give is the overflow of My love for you. Do not attach worth to the gifts. But I attach worth to you, to your heart and to your life. I find worth in you and the relationship we have. It matters not what you do for Me. What matters is you and your heart. I love you passionately. I embrace you and fill you with My life and My love. Embrace Me and embrace the overflow I have for you.

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"It is only by living completely in this world that one learns to have faith." Dietrich Bonhoeffer

The Great Divide
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The Great Divide

Matthew 24:30-44
Matthew 25:1-46

Proverbs 1:7-**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge**, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.

Goats or Sheep?
The left or the right?
In or Out?
Forgive or Unforgiveness?
Yes or No?
Believer or Unbeliever?
Past or Present?
God or Man?
Bound or Free?
Hot or Cold?
Anxiety or Peace?
Glad or Mad?
Unity or Division?
Lift up or tear down?
His Way or your way?
Temporal or Eternal?
Now or Now?

It is time to come out of the valley of indecision.(Joel 3:14)

Today, God is saying Choose this day in whom you will serve!!
(Joshua 24:15)

The Lord has revealed the **Great Divide.**

It is a narrow way, a difficult way, but the **only way** is the **Right way**, the way in which His blessings will overflow you through obedience to His word and His way. His love will love through you, His strength will hold you, His staff will guide you, His Holy Spirit will show you, His rod will disciple you, He will help you as you travel on the journey HIS WAY. Do not think it strange as the Lord begins the separation of many things, people and places from your path. He is aligning, directing, positioning you for greatness and destiny for His purposes. He may be separating you for rest, refreshing, repositioning, reconciliation, restoration or resuscitation. He is bringing forth this separation to bring you closer to HIM.

There are a people who have decided to be right with God. A people choosing to deny themselves so that HE might live in you and through you. A people who want to be standing on the **right side with the Lord**. Ones who are truly the sheep in the green pastures of our Shepherd. Psalm 23. The desire to stay in step where the staff and rod are ever so present. We must stay to the right and in the right so that we are not left. Working out our salvation day by day according to His will and in His strength. Letting HIS love work through us and in us. We must make choices this day answering only *"According to HIS will," praying "according to HIS will" and accomplishing HIS will with HIS life being evident through our lives.*

The Lord has revealed a great measuring line and a great divide.

Where are you? Where are you going? Where will you be?

Today we are clearly seeing how God is moving amongst His people. The "church" as we know it is being changed and transformed before our very eyes. We have come out of a day where it has just been something we do to say we did. This day God is raising up a people as He raises up His standard. There is a remnant that is being separated unto Him alone. A people such as Zadok the Levite in whom God was pleased as Zadok ministered unto the Lord; as in Abraham whom God called Friend and as Enoch who walked with God. God is calling you forth to walk with Him; the cost is high but the reward is HIM. He is calling us to come up higher and only then will He declare and show us these things that will come. There is a place in Him that is reserved for those who will choose to live true and holy unto Him by His grace and in His strength and show His love unto all men. Let us choose this day to be one with Him on the right side. For to be truly called a Christian is to be Christ like. One can be a believer and another a Christian. It is an honor this day to lift up a banner and represent Jesus Christ that the world would look upon us and say that is a Christian ...one who was Christ like, one whom the Lord Jesus Christ has revealed HIMSELF through a transparent vessel of honor. One who gave for another. One who is lifting up and not tearing down.
One in whom our Lord would say,
"Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

The Great Divide ....Let us be ready for our Lord that we would be placed on the Right side and be called faithful overcomer in whom He is well pleased.

I want to personally encourage you to be a blessing to GOD by being a faithful tither to your local church and cheerful giver in all areas to those who feed your Spirit. Pray for your pastors and those who have given their lives for God to breathe into your life with His word. God has given each a gift to be used in His Kingdom for His glory. Please remember fellowship amongst believers is vital to our walk with the Lord. It keeps you encouraged, spiritually fed, accountable and will help you in your walk with the Lord. Remember pride always comes before a fall and humbleness and humility can keep you balanced. I pray increase to your spirit today and pray God will give you all the desires of your heart as you walk in obedience to His will with your life. Go and Bear fruit and more fruit. ***Forerunners and Prayer Warriors, it is time to get back into place and not let anything move you. Do not be discouraged, God is listening and receiving every petition made unto Him. Trust Him. God is God. Look up, keep fighting in the name of the Lord.***

The Gift Of Discernment

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How to Understand the TRUE Gift of Discernment -- and How to Train Your Senses For It"
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TRAINING YOUR SENSES: THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT

As an American Baptist pastor, I was accustomed to being around hurting people. They wept in my office. They poured out stories of confusion, abandonment, and betrayal. As a pastor I longed to help, but often I could only refer them to therapists for counseling. Sometimes they got better. Sometimes, they didn't.

In the late 1980s the Lord began to re-shape our ministry. His call on our work and lives was to minister deliverance. But in the process, God dismantled our expectations, revived and renewed our understanding of spiritual gifts, and generally remodeled our theology and vision of the Body of Christ. As if the Lord had hit a heavenly switch, as we prayed for people, spiritual gifts lit up all over.

A group of earnest intercessors and prayer warriors came together. People reported strange, out-of-the-box experiences. Their theology was shaken in the presence of words of knowledge, visions, and prophetic words. The gift of discernment exploded, although we really had no understanding of the gift.

During ministry sessions, I asked team members to write down impressions, words, or visual images they received. Perhaps the Holy Spirit would confirm by giving the same revelation to more than one person.

All this time, I didn't feel, hear, or see a thing, spiritually. Nothing. Then I began to feel a peculiar pressure on my head during some prayer sessions. I approached a trusted friend who often saw physical manifestations of angels and demons. I told her I was feeling this pressure and asked what she saw.

She replied that she was seeing some demons. With that information, a slow process began by which the prayer team members and I grasped what was happening in us and our ministry.

Team members reported unusual, unexpected, physical sensations like nausea, shaking, pressure, pain, or tingling. Not everyone had such experiences and, among those who did, the reports were as varied as the people reporting them. I stumbled upon the realization that when prophetic team members said, "There's a demon here," I experienced physical pressure on a particular place on my head.

A GIFT BY ANY OTHER NAME

Most Christians have been taught that the gift of discernment allows believers to examine natural or spiritual actions, events, doctrines, or practices to determine whether they are good or evil. Most Christians have also been taught that discernment is the God-given ability to determine whether a spirit is godly or demonic.

Although these understandings are Biblically accurate, failure to address the means by which discernment occurs has left many believers to rely on an intellectual process of analysis and application of scriptural truths and principles. Within this understanding, discernment becomes skilled decision-making or the ability to weigh evidence and deduce answers.

In **1 Corinthians 12:7-10** discernment is listed not as a human ability, but a spiritual gift:

"Now to each one the manifestation of the spirit is given for the common good. To one is given...the message of wisdom...knowledge...to another faith...to another gifts of healing...miraculous powers...prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits..." (NIV)

The New King James renders this phrase "discerning of spirits." Elsewhere it is translated "discernment of spirits" (NRSV), and "distinguishing all spirits" (NASB). In the New Living Bible this text is paraphrased as "the ability to know whether it is really the Spirit of God or another spirit that is speaking."

I sought understanding of this spiritual gift. I received a call from Dr. Tom Hawkins, a scholar and Dallas Theological Seminary Ph.D. graduate involved in ministry to severely abused people. The Lord was about to explain to me a new understanding of His word.

THROUGH PRACTICE, THEY HAVE THEIR SENSES TRAINED TO DISCERN GOOD AND EVIL

Tom Hawkins told me that he had received a Word of Knowledge. He gave me the passage, **Hebrews 5:11-14**. He told me that he believed this was a chief passage for what was happening to me.

I opened the Word and read these words:

"We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's Word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with teaching about righteousness. *But solid food is for the mature who, because of practice, have their senses trained to discern good and evil.*" (NIV, Author's emphasis)

The final words, *"solid food is for the mature who, because of practice, have their senses trained to discern good and evil,"* shone like a floodlight. For more than a year I and the prayer teams had struggled with questions about physical sensations we had experienced. Why did one member's hands get numb when he prayed? Why did another feel pain in her chest? They'd experienced smells like rotting garbage, high-pitched shrieking sounds, heat, cold, physical discomfort, and even laughter. They'd asked the Lord more than once, What does this mean? They were on the verge of finding some answers.

The book of Hebrews says mature believers are ready for solid food of *"teaching about righteousness."* Verse 14 then describes one route to maturity, saying, *"the mature, who because of practice, have their senses trained to discern good and evil."*

Discernment is not child's play. It is a mark of the mature Christian. According to 1 Corinthians 12:10, discernment is a spiritual gift. But as the writer of Hebrews clearly teaches, this gift must be developed by constant practice. Only then will discernment become a sharpened weapon of spiritual warfare. Only then will God's people become acquainted with "teaching about righteousness" in this area of discipleship and training in godliness.

This made sense to me and the prayer teams. After all, teachers review notes and practice presentations. Everyone in every field gains maturity through practice. Why should we assume spiritual development is different?

DISCERNMENT THROUGH THE FIVE PHYSICAL SENSES

I addressed the prayer teams, "In the spiritual areas of life, we immediately assume if we can't do a spiritual activity correctly the first time, what we're doing must not be of God. Hebrews 5:14 says practice is necessary. We're to practice the use of our senses." The goal of this practice is to train our five physical senses to distinguish between good and evil.

Evangelicals commonly teach discernment as an intellectual process of analysis and application of Biblical principles leading to logical conclusions. The writer of Hebrews, it seems, flies directly in the face of that understanding. Discernment is described as a sensory rather than an intellectual process. How can this be?

Although some translations, including the NIV, render Hebrews 5:14 as train themselves, the Greek is most accurately translated as train (or exercise) their senses. The text refers specifically to the five physical senses of touch, hearing, smell, sight, and taste.

The writer of Hebrews is saying discernment operates through the physical senses. Discernment is tested with the mind by rightly applying Scripture. This insight completed the jigsaw puzzle of understanding for the prayer teams and me.

I catalogued their experiences, "Team members have had physical reactions to the presence of demons, angels, witchcraft, spiritual powers and authorities...They've smelled sulfur and rotting garbage...I have heard the Lord speak my name. I have worked with people who have heard the Lord speak audibly, angels sing, demons talk and laugh, and the sound of horses' hooves thundering by."

IS SENSORY DISCERNMENT SCRIPTURAL?

Throughout history, many of God's people have experienced both godly and demonic presence with their senses. Even a cursory reading of Scripture reveals a consistent pattern.

God's voice was heard by Adam and Eve in the garden (Genesis 3:8), by Abraham (Genesis 12:1), Moses (Exodus 19:19), Joshua (Joshua 1:1), and Samuel (I Samuel 3:4). After Jesus was baptized by His cousin John, how many people heard the voice of God say, *"This is my son in whom I am well pleased*"? This event was of such importance it was recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

When Jesus commanded demons to identify themselves in **Mark 5:9**, they said, *"My name is Legion, for we are many."* The text indicates the demons said. Therefore, it is logical to assume Jesus heard.

God's people see into the spirit world. God appeared to Moses in the physically real, though symbolic form, of a burning bush (Exodus 3:2). God used an angel to appear and speak to Abraham (Genesis 18:1-2). He showed himself to Joshua as an angel with a drawn sword (Joshua 5:13).

Scripture also records evil manifesting in physical, "seen" forms. In Exodus 7:12, wooden staffs were transformed into snakes both by God's power and Pharaoh's magicians' occult magic. God's power was good, and the magic of Pharaoh's servants was evil, but the results of both were visible in the natural world.

Both good and evil appear in visions. The prophet Isaiah saw the Lord in a vision rather than with his natural eyes. He described in detail, **"I saw the Lord seated on a throne...the train of His robe filled the temple. Above Him were seraphs, each with six wings. With two wings they covered their faces..." (Isaiah 6:1-2).**

As recorded in Revelation 13, John saw Satan (or a manifestation of the enemy's evil) in a vision. He described "the beast" in vivid detail.

TASTE

The following passages record experiences of taste from Biblical records. Ezekiel, and John the writer of the book of Revelation, each received a vision in which they were given a scroll to eat. Ezekiel wrote, **"So I ate it, and it tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth" (Ezek. 3:1-3)**. John received a scroll from an angel. He wrote, **"It tasted as sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it, my stomach turned sour" (Rev. 10:8-10)**.

SMELL

The Bible rarely refers to spiritual presences or realities being perceived through smell. Paul writes of the "aroma of Christ," the "smell of death," and the "fragrance of life" (2 Corinthians 2:15-16). Are these poetic metaphors or is Paul referring to actual smells with which mature--and discerning--believers were and should still be familiar? In addition, Chapters 5 and 8 of Revelation describe bowls of incense. The smell and visible smoke of incense appear to be a physical manifestation of the prayers of the saints.

TOUCH

Both good and evil are revealed by touch in Scripture. Peter saw, heard, and felt an angel. Acts 12:7 records that an angel, bathed in light, appeared to Peter. The angel "struck Peter on the side" to wake him and said, "Quick. Get up."

In I Kings 19:7, the prophet Elijah fled from Queen Jezebel. Hungry and despairing, he lay in the desert and prayed for death. An angel of God prepared food and touched Elijah to wake him from his exhausted sleep.

In Mark 9:20, evil manifested physically. A young boy was possessed by what Jesus named a "deaf and mute spirit." The moment the demon saw Jesus, it "threw the boy into a convulsion." This passage should be carefully noted. Western reasoning would lead to the logical conclusion that this boy suffered from a biochemical/neurological imbalance resulting in epilepsy. However, Jesus operated in discernment as well as human logic. Although elsewhere He recognized physical illness, here He named and took authority over demonic spirits.

The teaching of Hebrews 5:14, coupled with confirming Scriptures, established the foundation I and the prayer teams used to share, examine, and test their sensory experiences. Hebrews 5:14 became alive in our ministry. The "solid food" of discernment did produce fruit of greater maturity as the prayer teams grew in confidence, authority, and trust in the power of God's living word. As they began to understand and use discernment, this gift emerged as an important weapon in the battle for deliverance, healing, and spiritual freedom.

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The Greatest Love

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It is good for man to celebrate love. And it is good to commemorate the love you have for one another. Most especially, it is good to remember the love I have for you. Many get lonely and feel depressed around such holidays because they are all alone in this world. But you are NEVER alone with ME in your heart and Spirit.

The love that is celebrated is only a measure of the love that can be had.
The greatest love of all is ME. For I so loved the world that I gave My only Begotten Son to die for all of you! If I as Your Sovereign and merciful God, Who am the embodiment of true LOVE, can give this much up for you, then
surely I can change the hardest hearts and the most insolent rebels of this world by that very same love!

I am bringing the FIRE of My love to burn in your hearts in a way you have never experienced and in a measure you have never experienced. So open up the gates of your hearts and let the Son shine in! I am going to rivet you with My glory and you will be catapulted into a new era with ME. I have seen the plans of the wicked and I have seen the plans of those who wish align themselves with the antichrist. That is why judgment must come!
Time is escalating and there is no stopping the wicked without judgment!

Isa 26:9 NKJV With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Ps 119:52-53 NKJV
52 I remembered Your judgments of old, O LORD, And have comforted myself. 53 Indignation has taken hold of me because of the wicked, who forsake Your law.

As more judgment comes, you will need MY LOVE to motivate you. You will need My love and comfort to overcome, MY love to fulfill the call on your lives to bring in the HARVEST of all time! YOU will need MY love to endure the times and what your heart will see. Great power will also bring great opposition from the opposite powers. So cling to ME My beloveds. I am bringing you the GRACE you need to do just that. KNOW that I am with you, and will be to the end of all time. I will never leave you or forsake you.

Do NOT play with tormenting thoughts and temptations to your mind. Bring every thought captive! Rebuke the enemy and speak MY WORD to fight off the depression and discouragement he tries to bring. REMIND him of his end. Remind him of the truth! Do not allow him any inroad.

If you want mercy in these times, then you must also GIVE IT! Don’t think that if you are calloused and hard to others that you will obtain mercy when your time comes to need it! Open up your hearts to the poor sisters and brothers around you! OPEN YOUR EYES to see those who haven’t what you have! I will pour into your hearts all the love you need if you but ask! Ask and it shall be given to you! Lay aside all your doubts and unbelief in My mercy and power to overcome all obstacles! I am Jehovah Sabaoth…the LORD OF HOSTS and NOTHING is impossible for Me! Only BELIEVE and you will move mountains with your worship, prayers and proclamations!

James 2:13 NKJV
13 For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Ravaged by Love

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I looked at the clock and it was 4:44. Something You want to say Lord?
And He said, “ ravaged by love”.

Love is not envious. Love does not boast. Love is not puffed up. Love never fails. I AM the GOD of LOVE. My love never fails. I AM NOT ENVIOUS.
I AM NOT BOASTFUL. I AM NOT PROUD. I NEVER FAIL IN MY LOVE
FOR YOU!

I am coming to set some things straight. Behold I will make the crooked paths straight I said. I am JEALOUS over you, My beloveds. There is nothing that is too difficult for ME to handle. I am overwhelmed with love for My Bride and I will not allow her to be ravaged by wolves. I am ravaged with LOVE FOR YOU! I will no longer allow the contempt and hatred, jealousy and cruelty of harsh taskmasters to prevail. There are wolves in sheep's clothing a plenty. But I will bring the needed change. I am a GOD close at hand, and not afar off. I have seen the hardship of the daughter of My people in bondage. And I am not aloof to her needs. I am desirous to be
one with My bride. I am envious of all the things that have captivated her heart that are not of Me. I am luring her back into My arms so I can hold her and teach her all My ways…and fill her with MORE OF MYSELF.

Ezek 34:1-6 NIV
The word of the LORD came to me: 2 "Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock? 3 You eat the curds, clothe yourselves with the wool and slaughter the choice animals, but you do not take care of the flock.
4 You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally.
5 So they were scattered because there was no shepherd, and when they were scattered they became food for all the wild animals. 6 My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.

Ezek 34:7-13 AMP
7 Therefore, you [spiritual] shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:
8 As I live, says the Lord God, surely because My sheep became a prey, and My sheep became food for every beast of the field because there was no shepherd--neither did My shepherds search for My sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves and fed not My sheep--
9 Therefore, O you [spiritual] shepherds, hear the word of the Lord:
10 Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My sheep at their hand and cause them to cease feeding the sheep, neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more. I will rescue My sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them.
11 For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I Myself, will search for My sheep and will seek them out.
12 As a shepherd seeks out his sheep in the day that he is among his flock that are scattered, so will I seek out My sheep; and I will rescue them out of all places where they have been scattered in the day of clouds and thick darkness.
13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them to their own land; and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of the country

Ezek 34:14-28 AMP
14 I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be; there shall they lie down in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.
15 I will feed My sheep and I will cause them to lie down, says the Lord God.

16 I will seek that which was lost and bring back that which has strayed, and I will bandage the hurt and the crippled and will strengthen the weak and the sick, but I will destroy the fat and the strong [who have become hardhearted and perverse]; I will feed them with judgment and punishment. [Luke 19:10.]
17 And as for you, O My flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between the rams and the great he-goats [the malicious and the tyrants of the pasture].
18 Is it too little for you that you feed on the best pasture, but you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture? And to have drunk of the waters clarified by subsiding, but you must foul the rest of the water with your feet?
19 And My flock, must they feed on what your feet have trodden and drink what your feet have fouled?
20 Therefore thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I Myself, will judge between fat sheep and impoverished sheep, or fat goats and lean goats.
21 Because you push with side and with shoulder and thrust with your horns all those that have become weak and diseased, till you have scattered them abroad,
22 Therefore will I rescue My flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.
23 And I will raise up over them one Shepherd and He shall feed them, even My Servant David; He shall feed them and He shall be their Shepherd. [Ezek 37:24; John 10:14-18.]
24 And I the Lord will be their God and My Servant David a Prince among them; I the Lord have spoken it.
25 And I will confirm with them a covenant of peace and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land, and [My people] shall dwell safely in the wilderness, desert, or pastureland and sleep [confidently] in the woods. [Ps 127:2 b; Isa 11:6-9; John 14:27; 16:33.]
26 And I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing, and I will cause the showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing [of good insured by God's favor].
27 And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit and the earth shall yield its increase; and [My people] shall be secure in their land, and they shall be confident and know (understand and realize) that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them out of the hand of those who made slaves of them.
28 And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the earth devour them, but they shall dwell safely and none shall make them afraid [in the day of the Messiah's reign]. [Isa 60:21; 61:3.]

The Good Shepherd, leaves the 99 to search for the one who is lost. But My shepherds have gone astray and are no longer concerned about the sheep to really know them. They are more concerned with selfish ambition and making money. It is necessary to make money to help give to others. But the money and numbers have become an obsession. I never called you to count. I never called you to only care for the numbers. They are PEOPLE, made in the image and likeness of God! They are human and have needs just as you do as leaders. My heart is broken for the contempt and selfishness I see in the caring for the sheep.

How will they know My love, except that I TEACH THEM? For the teachers and men and women caring for them, do not exemplify My love!!! You need to teach by EXAMPLE. Do you care for them as you care for yourself? Remember that I said, LOVE ONE ANOTHER, as I HAVE LOVED YOU. And to treat others, as you want to be treated. Do you do that to your congregations, or those of you who believe, to your neighbors? When you go to have fun, or to eat out, do you ever think of those who can’t? Do you only think of your own life? Or have you answered the call to LOSE your life and find it in ME? So many are still clinging to their own lives, there is little love found in association with others. Insecurity runs high even in My church, and it should not be so. You are to be known for your love for ONE ANOTHER. When you learn THAT, there will be revival! Revival will come in the ONE ANOTHERS .

1 Tim 6:3-5 AMP
But if anyone teaches otherwise and does not assent to the sound and wholesome messages of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and the teaching which is in agreement with godliness (piety toward God),
4 He is puffed up with pride and stupefied with conceit, [although he is] woefully ignorant. He has a

morbid fondness for controversy and disputes and strife about words, which result in (produce) envy and jealousy, quarrels and dissension, abuse and insults and slander, and base suspicions,
5 And protracted wrangling and wearing discussion and perpetual friction among men who are corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, who imagine that godliness or righteousness is a source of profit [a moneymaking business, a means of livelihood]. From such withdraw.

The early church shared all that they had with one another, so that everyone was well taken care of. THAT is what I want for the church in this age as well. To learn to care enough for one another, that you don't just discard the needs of others to fulfill your own lustful desires. For where envy and SELF-SEEKING exist, EVERY OTHER EVIL THING ABIDES!

Are you ravaged with love for ME and My people as much as I am for you?
Haven't I shown you My grace, My mercy, My love? Now will you GO and show it to others, that they may see the real ME?

Abba

The Lord Rides Upon Majestic Hills and Mountains
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Ps 24:3-9 NKJV
3 Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully. 5 He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation. 6 This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him, Who seek Your face. Selah
7 Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in. 8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors

Oh you who say, I have no idols in my heart! Even you have made yourselves an idol in much of your life. Whenever you put YOU first above My opinion, and my will, are you not making yourself an idol? Who is it that gave you your wisdom? Who is it that gave you favor? Who is it that gave you your family? Who is it that gave you your education? Who is it that gave you your talent to achieve? Who is it that gave you your finances? Do you think YOU earned it on your own? If I remove My favor, what do you think would happen? KNOW YOU NOT WHO I AM? Know you not that I AM the ALMIGHTY ONE OF ISRAEL. THERE is NONE LIKE ME? Who are you oh man, that you think you can create in the image of Me?

You have built your nest high on the mountains of the earth. But who created those mountains? Who created the beasts of the earth, and the trees of the fields? I wish that it were not so among those who are called by My name. But even in My house are many who are thinking somehow, that their success is due to My approval, when it is due to their efforts and My love has not opposed them, for I was hoping for repentance and humility to come forth in process, but instead there is alignment with leviathan and greed. I would that it were not so in My house, but there has been wolves that have crept into My pastures and devoured the sheep. There have been spirits come in unawares because My people lack discernment.

Why do they lack discernment you may ask? Because they lack healing and because holiness is a rare commodity in today's church. You cannot live for your flesh and have discernment. You cannot strive, and be filled with envy and selfish ambition and pride, and expect to have discernment. Those who give in to pride are given over to delusion and deception to the enemy. And his forces continue to grow and multiply. So that now there is a great

chasm
between what is true and what is false.

Song 3:6-7 NKJV Who is this coming out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all the merchant's fragrant powders? 7 Behold, it is Solomon's couch, with sixty valiant men around it, of the valiant of Israel.
[Solomon here a type of the Bridegroom Jesus]

Who is this, that is coming to cleanse His house? It is Jesus, the King of Kings and the Lord of LORDS. He is coming to His house. And HE will take charge of His flock and restore good shepherds to the flock. Some will be healed and delivered. Others will be promoted to take charge of the sheep. But He will return to set in order what is not in order. All the fighting about the form will stop. Persecution is coming. I have ordained many changes that have come and will come. STOP using your swords to bludgeon those who meet together who don't have degrees and the honor of MEN! Stop using your swords against the Sauls in the Land! Forgive and you will be forgiven! I WILL WIELD MY SWORD against the SAULS and I will bring
MY order to MY house!

Song 8:5 NKJV Who is this coming up from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved? I awakened you under the apple tree. There your mother brought you forth; There she who bore you brought you forth.

The Bride is to lean on ME. The bride is being prepared and I am soaking you in scented oils and perfumes. Come and bathe in My presence to receive these healing oils! For I am longing to prepare you that you may not lack any good thing in the days to come which are growing darker. LEAN ON ME My beloveds! Depend on ME for all you say and do. Ask Me for the grace to do this and I will give it to you. I am longing to CONSUME you with My love.

Isa 63:1-6 NKJV
The LORD in Judgment and Salvation
Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, This One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength? — "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." 2 Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? 3 "I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. 4 For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come. 5 I looked, but there was no one to help, And I wondered that there was no one to uphold; Therefore My own arm brought salvation for Me; and My own fury, it sustained Me. 6 I have trodden down the peoples in My anger, Made them drunk in My fury, and brought down their strength to the earth."

[At this scripture I began to weep and sob deeply…the Spirit of intercession came upon me]

The day of the Lord is near My beloveds! Weep My priests between the porch and the altar. Weep for the lost of the earth. Weep for those who are misguided within My church. Weep now, and the weeping will be less later. Weep you women. Wail for the shepherds! Wail for the sons of men, for I am coming and My sword is on My side and none will escape it!

Jer 46:7-10 NKJV "Who is this coming up like a flood, whose waters move like the rivers? 8 Egypt rises up like a flood, and its waters move like the rivers; and he says, 'I will go up and cover the earth, I will destroy the city and its inhabitants.' 9 Come up, O horses, and rage, O chariots! And let the mighty men come forth: The Ethiopians and the Libyans who handle the shield, and the Lydians who handle and bend the bow. 10 For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, A day of vengeance, that He may avenge Himself on His adversaries. The sword shall devour; It shall be satiated and made drunk with their blood; For the Lord GOD of hosts has a sacrifice in the north country by the River Euphrates.

Do you see the signs? Do you hear the tumult of the nations? Do you see the plans of the wicked? Be

NOT AFRAID! For WHO IS MIGHTIER?
THE LION WHO DEVOURS OR THE LION OF JUDAH? Call for the mighty men! Wake up the sleeping servants! Call them to praise! Call them to worship Me! Call them to prayer and fasting! Awaken those who sleep! Speak My Word to them! Confront the spirit of APATHY, COMPLACENCY AND SOMNOLENCE ON THE LAND! Weep for the many who are suffering in the earth. I WILL ARISE TO RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION and I WILL ANSWER THE HEAVENS AS YOU LIFT YOUR VOICES IN PRAYER AND WORSHIP.

Ezek 38:8-9 NKJV After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely. 9 You will ascend, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your troops and many peoples with you."

I AM THE GUARDIAN OF ISRAEL AND NOTHING WILL KEEP ME FROM PERFORMING MY WORD! Call the widows to prayer! Call the children to join you in prayer and worship! Do not think they are too young to pray! Do not think they are too young to war. Their innocence is a great weapon! And many of them will give wisdom to YOU!!!!! PRAY AS FAMILIES! What is this, that you don’t pray together, yet you call yourselves Christians?
If there is no unity in your family…How can you be support for one another?
Worship together! PRAY together…One can set a thousand to flight…TWO can set ten thousand to flight! The lack of prayer in my church is an abomination to ME. How can you have an effect on the lost if you don’t even pray for them. Your authority will only follow your range of prayer. If you only pray for the church going, how will you have authority for the lost?

Obad 3-4 NKJV
3 The pride of your heart has deceived you, You who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; You who say in your heart, 'Who will bring me down to the ground?' 4 Though you ascend as high as the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, from there I will bring you down," says the LORD.

Do you think that because you have degrees and titles, that I will honor you for your achievements? What I honor is a contrite heart! I lift up the HUMBLE! So humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord as it says, and I will lift you up. But if you fail to ask for My humility, how will you stand in My presence when I come? Do you think I delight in your pride? Do you think I delight in judgment? The grief of My heart is overflowing. My heart is broken for those who are so alone, and there is no one to ease their suffering and pain! I see the pain of every child who is alone and hungry every day, day in and day out. There is nothing beyond my sight!!! I cannot close My eyes to it! I hear their groaning. I hear their cries. I hear the plight of the homeless teenager who is full of self destruction and self loathing! I see the pain of the one who has never been loved! I feel all their pain and hear all their thoughts and cries all the time!

How can I stay sitting without doing something to bring JUSTICE to the earth? I have given much grace, and I will give even MORE that My bride will be transformed to feel their pain too! That My Bride will be transformed to hear their cries and to execute My justice! I will not allow My turtledoves to be turned over to the wild beasts of the earth any longer without consequence! KNOW that My justice is invading the earth! Cry out for your loved ones! Cry out for the prodigals! Cry out for the weary and poor in spirit! I AM LISTENING. The Lord God of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps! I will bring all you need if you will but cry out and worship ME!
I am the Ultimate AUTHORITY WHO RULES and REIGNS and lays the mountains waste and exalts every valley!

Isa 33:20-22,24 NKJV
20 Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet home, A tabernacle that will not be taken down; Not one of its stakes will ever be removed, Nor will any of its cords be broken. 21 But there the majestic LORD will be for us A place of broad rivers and streams, In which no galley with oars will sail, Nor majestic ships pass by 22 (For the LORD is our Judge, The

LORD is our Lawgiver, The LORD is our King; He will save us);…….24 And the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick";
The people who dwell in it will be forgiven their iniquity.

Ezek 17:22-24 NKJV Israel Exalted at Last (cf. Ezek 31:1-9)
Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take also one of the highest branches of the high cedar and set it out. I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant it on a high and prominent mountain. 23 On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it; and it will bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar. Under it will dwell birds of every sort; in the shadow of its branches they will dwell. 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, have brought down the high tree and exalted the low tree, dried up the green tree and made the dry tree flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and have done it."

Come To The Light
Priscilla Van Sutphin

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Come to the Light, Come as you are,
You can be the friend of God,
Humble yourself, here in your heart
He will meet you where you are!
I'm standing here to testify, of all You've done for me!
[I heard these words of a song by Kevin Prosch]
In one of the refrains he sings…"Clap Your hands oh GOD!
Clap Your hands oh God!"

The Lord spoke:
I'm clapping My hands! I'm clapping my hands over you! I am putting an end to some of the warfare. There is a new warfare coming. But for this time,
I am making a way for those who are called to rise up in this hour and take the land to go forth. I am pouring out fresh wine and oil and I will make a way in the wilderness for those who have been in a desert time. I will give you fresh waters to drink from and you will be REFRESHED and RENEWED in your love for Me, and your love for what I am calling you to do.

The enemy has been busy causing discouragement and despair, and boxing in those whom he knows I will use in this hour. He has tried and tested, but now I will allow you to come forward and take a sheet of paper out of My hand. Written on this paper are your orders. And as you take them into your hands and HEARTS, there will come a commensurate anointing for what I am calling you to do. I am pouring MY LOVE and power into you so that you can do all things I put before you.

Now you know the enemy also tries to put things in your mind to do, so you will remain so busy as to not have fellowship with ME. But I will show you what is ME, and what is distraction if you but ask ME. Some of what he tries to set before you will sound good. But it will not yield FRUIT. It will be in opposite direction to My will. So you need to really hear MY heart.
He is busy trying to keep bound up My seers and prophets but know that
I am going to do such a change in My own, that he will be made a spectacle before you. If you are doing what I will for you…sometimes there will be opposition, but now I will overcome the opposition so that nothing can stop the flow of abundant LIFE from MY throne to those who are hurting and lost.

GRACE, GRACE, GRACE will come to you, and you will find favor in all you put your hands to when it is the route I've chosen! Do not think you can put My stamp of approval on things YOU plan. I am ADONAI. I am your Master and Lord, and only I know what is ahead of you. I know what is best for you. I am standing beside you, and have not, and will not go anywhere. I promised to NEVER leave you or forsake you!

Changes are coming. CHANGES ARE COMING! LOOK for them! Anticipate them! Surprises and suddenlies will overtake you! Nothing will ever seem the same again. You will see with NEW EYES, things your heart has longed to see. But without the right heart, I cannot let you SEE. For when you have a wrong heart, it skews what you see. You do not see it clearly, but it can be misinterpreted through a cloudy lens. I am closing the door on some
things you have done and opening doors in new things I have promised for you to do. BE ready for changes. Get ready to be apprehended in a most delightful way! I know how to delight My children, even as you like to delight yours.

When you feel like you don't know something, ASK. For I have all the answers you need. If you don't understand, I am the Spirit of understanding and wisdom. I will be pouring out MORE anointing from the 7-fold Spirit that will shock and amaze many! UNBELIEF will be dealt a death blow!
Speak the Word of LIFE and it will become LIFE! Honor ME, and I will honor you! Do not give in to cowardice and intimidation of this world, for
I am longing to demonstrate MY LOVE to a lost and DYING world! Be the salt of the earth!

REMEMBER every day, My LOVE for you my sons and daughters. DWELL in thoughts of that love. Meditate on My love! Do not give in to any deceit about Me cutting off My love from you. My LOVE NEVER FAILS!

The Great Miracle

Carla Rickard

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I tell you what you have been given is a droplet of Who I AM. You are in part. I AM WHOLE. I AM HOLY. I AM all you will ever need. I AM your POWER. I AM more than enough. I AM the author and finisher of your faith. I AM the Alpha and Omega. I am the Bright and Morning Star. I AM all things to those who believe I AM.

Exalt Me above your circumstance. That is changeable BUT I CHANGE NOT! Exalt me above your thoughts, My thoughts are greater than yours and My ways are Higher!

The time is now to let go of your preconceptions of Who you have created me to be so that you could gain a small understanding. I AM bigger than all you can think. I AM bigger than all you could hope. If I truly desired to destroy you it would have been done already. If I truly desired to forbid you to come, I would never have brought reconciliation by way of the cross. Toss these lies of your enemy out!

You are more than conquerors. I AM for you not against you! Do you still not see? Are you so busy with your doctrines that you forget THE TEACHER? I said call no man Father for you have a father in heaven. I also said call no man master. But you take some of what I say and not all of it and then make grand claims to have sound doctrine.

If you are In Me and I AM in you, then you will be led into all Truth. Overcome the lies with Worship. Speak forth My Word. I AM the Word. I change not!
I tell you for those who have come to know me, there is great release coming to you. Do not stand in the way of what I am prepared to do in this hour. The greatest of the miracles is about to take place. I AM about to answer your prayers and change YOU! I have set it in stone. I AM changing YOU! You will be prepared. You will not miss it. You will not fail. I know your weaknesses in your flesh. I know what you can and cannot do. But I have heard your cries for help. I have seen the depression of oppression, which causes you to believe you may never make it. But I tell you YES YOU WILL.

I have called you first to myself, then to others. Remember when you are spending all your time with me, the false ones cannot trick you. Stay close and get ready. I’m going to perform a miracle in your heart!

The Glory of God - It's Coming

Deb Okereke

"The GLORY OF GOD! It's coming. It's coming soon. Be prepared, be ready lest it sweep you away. I will fill this land with My awesome glory. I will fulfill that which was spoken by the prophets of old, I will fulfill that which is spoken through My prophets today. I will cover the earth with My glory as the water covers the sea. Blazing glory!! You will never be the same once you have truly tasted of My glory. Waves of My glory are going forth, touching first one place and then another. Note though because MY glory will cover, it doesn't have to leave one place to go to another, it can rest there and still continue on. Like a candle being used to light another candle does not lose any of its light, any of its flame but it doubles the light that is emitted. My glory will be released until the whole earth is covered. Can you not hear the waves of My glory lapping in the distance? Listen with the ears of your spirit.

This is MORE than the RIVER! This is MORE than MY ANOINTING!! I am seeking places, and hearts, I am seeking HOSTS where My glory can dwell, where My glory can rest, where it can remain. Where I find hospitality. Will you prepare a place for My glory to be deposited? I call unto you now to seek My Face, to long with unbridled passion for My Presence, to FOCUS solely on Me. The gifts from My Hand are yours My children, I withhold nothing from those who walk uprightly. But seek My Face! Seek to abide in My glory and those things shall be yours, but as byproducts and not as your objectives. Oh My Children, there will come a new ease to Kingdom work when My glory comes, you will not need even to pray for healing, for deliverance, for salvation. In the midst of the cloud of My glory these things will instantly come to pass. My glory will be unmistakable, you won't have to question whether that was the glory of the Lord. All will know, all will recognize. It will silence the scoffers and the doubters. It will be irrefutable.

And it is COMING! It is even now rising upon you. As the darkness grows darker even now My glory is rising upon you. (Isa 60) Never the same! Never the same! The world will never be the same once it has seen My glory. You will be humbled, it is a weighty thing My glory, you will fall on your faces in reverence, in holy fear. In the light of My glory you will see the hidden sin in your hearts, you will want to run from the brightness, from the relentless light upon your heart, but I say to you, DO NOT run from Me, run to Me. Throw yourselves upon the mercy seat and repent NOW. I would use you for the furtherance of My Kingdom, I will pull My glory out of you. I would that you would come face to face with your impurities and the filthy rags of your own righteousness and plead for and receive My forgiveness. The waves of My glory are being released. Feel them flow over you and through you.

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The Gospel Of The Kingdom Of God

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(A brief introduction)

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Introduction – God and His people

John the Baptist and Messiah Jesus first proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom to the Jews. The Scriptures they quoted were from what we call the Old Testament, revealing God as the creator, the Sovereign God above all gods, King above all kings, the God of deliverance from evil and the God of restoration.

These Scriptures tell of creation, Adam and Eve walking and talking with God in perfect harmonious relationship and how this relationship was shattered at the fall instigated by Satan. They reveal God's plan for restoration beginning when He told the snake He would give Eve a Descendent, meaning Messiah Jesus. "He will crush your head, and you will bruise His heal" (Gen3:15). They tell of Noah and Moses and Job. They show how God brought forth Israel as the nation of promise through Abraham and Isaac! and Jacob. God promised His people Israel the Promised Land (Gen 13:14-17; 26:1-3; 28:10-15) and a Descendant through whom the whole world would be blessed (Gen 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14).

The Law and the prophets reveal the Law given to Moses at Mount Sinai. They recount God's promises given to His prophets revealing the Messiah He would send as Deliverer from the bondages of the devil, the world and our flesh. They reveal the Messiah of the kingdom would suffer and die as the perfect sacrifice for sin, transgressions and iniquity. They reveal God would pour out His Spirit on all flesh. They reveal the King of kings and Lord of lords who will overcome and conquer all barriers to perfect harmony with God and will rule over His people on the restored earth forever and ever.

Messiah Jesus - the kingdom on earth

John the Baptist prepared the people for the Messiah's coming by proclaiming, "'Repent – the kingdom of heaven is near.' He was the one of whom the prophet Isaiah said: Someone will be calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord; make the paths straight for Him'" (Mt 3:2-3).
"I baptize you with water for a change of heart /*repentance*. But the One who is coming after me is mightier than I. I'm not good enough to carry away His shoes. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He has the winnowing shovel in His hand and will clean up His threshing floor. His wheat He'll gather into His barn, but the chaff He'll burn in a fire that can't be put out" (Mt 3:11-12).

God our Father sent His Son, Jesus the Messiah, to this earth. Just as He prompted the prophets of old to prophesy, the promised Savior /Deliverer, who is Messiah the Lord, was born in David's town (Lu 2:11). During His three years of public ministry on this earth, Messiah Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom with authority and power and established the kingdom on earth.

"Then He went around everywhere in Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and sickness among the people" (Mt 4:23).

Messiah Jesus boldly proclaimed, "'The Spirit of the Lord is on Me because – He anointed Me to tell the poor the good news. He sent Me to announce to prisoners, 'You are free,' to the blind, 'You will see again,' to free those who are broken down, to announce a season when the Lord welcomes people'" (Lu 4:18-19 / Is 58:6; 61:1-2).

At a mountain Jesus taught His disciples and a crowd the relational character of the kingdom. He began with what we call the Beatitudes:

“Blessed are those who are poor in spirit –
they have the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are those who mourn –
they will be comforted.
“Blessed are those who are gentle -
they will own the land.
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst to be righteous – they will be satisfied.
“Blessed are those who are merciful –
they will find mercy.
“Blessed are those whose hearts are pure –
they will see God.
“Blessed are those who make peace –
they will be called God’s sons.
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for doing right – they have the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, lie and tell only evil about you on account of Me. Rejoice and be glad because you have a great reward in heaven. That’s how they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Mt 5:3-12).

Years ago, I heard Jill Jackson aptly describe the root of the barriers to fellowship with God and one another as the Me Attitudes. Messiah Jesus wants us to have the Beatitudes of the kingdom, but we've got a lot of Me Attitudes of the church. In spite of this, we are doing much of what God has destined us to do.

When we follow Jesus as His disciples, our attitudes and actions reflect relational integrity with Messiah Jesus and one another. Beginning with the Beatitudes, Messiah Jesus taught these heart attitudes for His disciples in the kingdom of God:

Your calling - salt and light
The righteousness of the kingdom
Don’t murder
Don’t lust
Don’t swear
Love your enemies
Don’t blow your own horn
Pray –Our Father, Your kingdom come
Fast in secret
Store up treasures in heaven
Don’t worry – seek first the kingdom
Criticize yourself
Don’t throw your pearls before swine
Ask, seek, knock
Practice the Golden Rule
Go through the Narrow Gate
Beware of false prophets
Build on the Rock (Matthew 5 to 7)

After seeing Messiah Jesus preach the kingdom with authority, the Jews, including His disciples, thought He would then establish an earthly kingdom. They had preconceived ideas. He had instructed His disciples, “’Go to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, preach, ‘The kingdom of heaven is here.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out devils. Give these things as you received them – without pay’” (Mt 10:6-8).

When John the Baptist was in prison, soon to be beheaded, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the promised Messiah. “’Go,’ Jesus answered them, ‘tell John what you hear and see: The blind see, the lame walk, lepers are made clean, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor hear the good news /*gospel*, and happy is anyone who doesn’t turn against Me“ (Mt 11:4-5).

Messiah Jesus really hit a raw nerve in the Pharisees when He demonstrated His power over the devil by casting out a demon.

“At that time some people brought to Jesus a man who had a devil and was blind and couldn’t talk. Jesus healed him so that he could talk and see.

"'The people were all amazed. 'Could this be the Son of David?' they asked. When the Pharisees heard about it, they said, 'He can drive out the devils only with the help of Beelzubul, who rules over the devils.'"
"'Knowing what they were thinking, Jesus said to them, 'If one part of any kingdom fight another, it loses its people. And if one part of any town or home fights another, it will not stand. If the devil drives out the devil, he's fighting against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? Now if Beelzebul helps Me drive out the devils, who helps your sons drive them out? That's why they'll be your judges. **But if God's Spirit helps Me drive out the devils, then God's kingdom! has come to you.** How can anyone go into a strong man's house and take away his goods without first tying the strong man up? After that he'll rob his house.'"
"Anyone who's not with Me is against Me, and anyone who doesn't help Me gather scatters" (Mt 12:22-30 emphasis added).

All of this uproar should catch our attention. Here, Jesus was plainly establishing His kingdom. Some of today's scholars get real picky about the meaning of the Greek words indicating the kingdom has come, is in your midst, near you, or come upon you. The following Word Paul prays settles it. This is how God our Father transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves.

"**He rescued us from the tyranny of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves**, who paid the ransom to forgive our sins and set us free. He is the image of the invisible God, born before and above everything created, since in Him was created everything you can see and cannot see in heaven and on earth – thrones, lords, rulers, or powers – everything was created by Him and for Him. He was before everything, and He holds everything together. He is the Head of the church, which is His body. He is the Beginning, the first among the dead to become alive that He may be first in everything. God decided to have His whole being live in Him and by Him to reconcile to Himself everything on earth and in heaven in a peace made by the blood on His cross" (Col 1:13-20 emphasis added).

When they asked Him about His second coming, He told His own disciples to proclaim this gospel of the kingdom:

"You will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you don't get alarmed. It must happen, but that's not the end yet. Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in different places. But all these are only the first pains.
"Then they will hand you over to those who will make you suffer, and they will kill you, and all nations will hate you on account of My name. Then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. May false prophets will arise and lead many people astray. And because there will be more and more wickedness, the love of most people will turn cold. But endure to the end, and you will be saved.
"This good news of the Kingdom must be preached all over the world so that all nations hear the truth, and then the end will come" (Mt 24:6-14).
The big battle between darkness and light produces casualties. Following Jesus will bring persecution. We are to preach this good news of the kingdom. If we have discovered the kingdom is like a treasure hidden in a field, like a pearl of great price (Mt 13:44 – 45), we will preach it.

Continuing in the gospel of Matthew, we see Messiah Jesus demonstrating His authority by healing, casting out demons and forgiving sins. Then, He taught the parables of the kingdom. He concluded His teaching by revealing Himself as the Son of man, come to judge the world. In this revelation, He shows us how we are to love Him, how He will reward us and how he will judge the cursed ones.

"'When the Son of man comes in His glory and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His throne of glory. And all nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them from one another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will have the sheep stand at His right but the goats at His left.
"**'Then the King will say to those at His right, 'Come, you whom My Father blessed, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the time the world was made.** I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me a drink; I was a stranger, and you took Me into your homes; naked, and you gave Me something to wear; sick, and you looked after Me; in prison, and you visited Me.'

“’Then the righteous will ask Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You a drink? When did we see You a stranger and take you into our homes, or naked and give You something to wear? When did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?’
“’And the King will answer them, ‘Let Me assure you, anything you did for one of My brothers here, however humble, you did for Me.’
“’Then He will say to those at His left, ’Go away from Me, you cursed ones, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat; thirsty, and you didn’t give Me a drink; a stranger, and you didn’t take Me into you homes; naked, and you didn’t give Me anything to wear; sick and in prison, and you didn’t look after Me.’
“’Then they, too, will ask, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn’t help You?’
“’Then He will answer them, ‘I tell you the truth, anything you didn’t do for one of these, however humble, you didn’t do for Me.’
“Then these will go away to everlasting punishment, **but the righteous to everlasting life**” (Mt 25:31-46 emphasis added).

Notice, inheriting the kingdom prepared from the time the world was made is equated with everlasting life. “Come, you whom My Father blessed, inherit the kingdom … the righteous to everlasting life.”

When He was before Pilate, just before His crucifixion, Pilate asked Him if He was the King of the Jews. “’My kingdom is not of this world,’ Jesus answered. ‘If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight to keep Me from being handed over to the Jews. But now My kingdom is not of this world” (Jn 18:36).
Just as prophesied, Jesus was crucified, dead for our sins and buried and resurrected (Gen 2:17; Ro 6:23). Only the death of something or someone sinless can atone for sin (Gen 3:21; 4:4:3-5; Is 52:13 - 53:8, 9b, 12b; 59:2). “God decided to have His whole being live in Him and by Him to reconcile to Himself everything on earth and in heaven in a peace made by the blood on His cross” (Col 1:20).

“They came to a place called Golgotha, which means Skull Place. They offered Him a drink of wine, mixed with gall, but when He tasted it, He refused to drink it. They crucified Him. And they divided His clothes among them by throwing lots” (Mt 27:33-35 / Ps 69:21; 22:18).

“But Jesus called out loud again and gave up His spirit. Just then the curtain in the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, the earth was shaken, the rocks were split, the graves were opened, and many bodies of the holy people asleep in death were brought back to life; they came out of the graves and after He had risen went into the holy city, where many saw them” (Mt 27:50-53).
Jesus was resurrected from the dead as foretold by the prophets Lev 23:9-15; Is 53:10-12; Ps 19:9-11 / Acts 2:25-32; 13:35-37).

“’Don’t be afraid,’ the angel said to the women. ‘I know you’re looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He has risen as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying. And go quickly, tell His disciples, ‘He has risen from the dead’” (Mt 28:5-7a).

After His resurrection, Jesus reminded His disciples of His commission to them to preach the kingdom and make disciples. He told them, “I am sending you Him whom My Father promised. Wait here in the city till you are armed with power from above.”

“’I have been given all power in heaven and on earth,’ He said. **Go and make disciples of all people; Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy spirit, and teach them to do everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always till the end of the world**’” (Mt 28:18-20).
“’While I was still with you,’ He said to them, ‘I told you that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must come true.’ Then He opened their minds to understand the Bible. ‘This,’ He told them, ‘is what is written: The promised Savior will suffer, rise from the dead on the third day, and in His name you will preach to all people, beginning at Jerusalem, that they repent of their sins so that they will be forgiven. You will testify of these things.’
“’I am sending you Him whom My Father promised. Wait here in the city till you are armed with power from above.’
“He took them out to a place where Bethany lay ahead of them. Then He raised His hands and

blessed them. While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was taken up to heaven” (Lu 24:44-53).

The Holy Spirit helps us see and be born into God's kingdom
This brief introduction of the gospel of the kingdom just begins to scratch the surface. The whole Bible presents God’s plan to bring His people out of darkness into His marvelous light forever and ever (1Pe 2:9). As we saw above from Matthew 25, everlasting life in His kingdom is the blessing of the inheritance He has given us in Messiah Jesus. The vital part of everlasting life is to know and relate with God in perfect harmony. “This is everlasting life - to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ /*the Messiah*, whom you sent” (Jn 17:3).
Before we explore the gospel further, we must ask for the revelation of the Holy Spirit to open our eyes and ears. Most of us are familiar with John 3:16. But not many know what Jesus tells us just prior in John 3. Here, Jesus tells us the Holy Spirit helps us see and get into God's kingdom.

"'I tell you the truth,' Jesus answered him, ‘**if anyone isn't born from above, he can't see God's kingdom**.’ ... 'I tell you the truth' Jesus answered him, **'if anyone isn't born of water and the Spirit, he can't get into God's kingdom**. Anything born of the flesh is flesh, but anything born of the Spirit is spirit. Don't be surprised when I tell you, you must all be born from above. The wind blows where it pleases and you hear the sound of it, but you don't know where it's coming from or where it's going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit'" (Jn 3:3, 5-8 emphasis added).

If we don’t partake of the Holy Spirit, we can’t understand the gospel of the kingdom. "The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor 2:14).

With that, here is John 3:16. Jesus looking ahead to His crucifixion proclaimed: "As Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the son of Man must be lifted up so that everyone who believes in Him has everlasting life. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him might not perish but have everlasting life" (Jn 3:14-16).

We can see God’s kingdom. Here’s a glimpse: “You have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. Here are tens of thousands of angels, the whole festival gathering and church of God’s firstborn people with their names written in heaven. Here is the Judge and God of all. Here are the spirits of the righteous who have be! en perfected. And here is Jesus, who gave us a new covenant with God, and the sprinkled blood that has better things to tell than Abel.

“Since we have received a kingdom that can’t be shaken, let us thank God and so worship in a way that pleases Him, with fear and awe, because our God is a consuming fire” (Heb 12:22-24, 28-29).

In the parable of the Sower, Jesus shows us what happens with people who don't let the word grow in their hearts and what happens when we understand and let the word of the kingdom take root and grow in our hearts. This parable shows how God’s kingdom is extended to the whole world and the consequences of not receiving the kingdom.

“’A sower went out to sow, ‘He said. ‘As he was sowing, some seed fell along the road, and the birds came and ate it. Some seed fell on rocky ground, where it didn’t have much soil. Because the soil wasn’t deep, the seed came up quickly. When the sun rose, it was scorched, and because it had not taken root, it withered. Some seed fell on thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on good ground and produced grain, some w hundred, some sixty, and some thirty times as much as was sown.; You have ears then listen.’”
“’The disciples came to Him, ‘Why are You talking to them in parables?’ they asked Him.
“’You are given the privilege to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven,’ He answered, ‘but it isn’t given to the others. If you have something, you’ll be given more, and so you’ll get more and more. But if you don’t have what you should have, even what you have will be taken away from you. I talk to them in parables because they see and yet don’t see, and hear and yet don’t hear or understand. In them more and more Isaiah’s prophecy is coming true: You will hear but never understand; you will look but never see. These people have become dull at heart and hard of hearing and have! shut their eyes, so that their eyes will never see, their ears never hear, or their hearts understand, and they will never turn

to Me and let Me heal them.
“Blessed are your eyes because they see and your ears because they hear. Let Me assure you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see and didn’t see it, to hear what you hear and didn’t hear it.
"**Listen to what the parable of the sower means. When anyone hears the message of the Kingdom but doesn't understand it, the evil one comes and takes away what was sown in his heart.** That is what was sown along the road. In another the seed falls on rocky ground. He's one who welcomes the Word with joy as soon as he hears it, but it doesn't take root in him. He believes for a while, but as soon as the Word brings him trouble or persecution, he falls away. In another the seed is sown among thorns. He's one who hears the Word, but the worry of the world and the deceitful pleasure of riches choke the Word, and it can't produce anything. **But in another the seed is sown on good ground. He's one who continues to hear and understand the Word and so goes on producing good things, one a hundred, another sixty, and another thirty times as much as was sown**" (Mt 13:4-23 / v 14-15 from Is 6: 9-10 emphasis added).

The seed being sown is the gospel of the kingdom, the message our God reigns and we get to live in His kingdom. God has called us into His kingdom and glory (1 Th 2:12). God our Father's plan to deliver us from the tyranny of darkness (Col 1) and restore His people to harmonious fellowship with Himself and one another is well under way (Eph 1 – 3).

Paul told King Agrippa a little about his conversion and the commission Jesus gave him. “I will rescue you from your people and from the non-Jews to whom I’m sending you, to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light and from the devil’s control to God to have their sins forgiven and get a share /*inheritance* of what the people enjoy who are made holy by believing in Me’ (Acts 26:17-18). Somehow, somewhere, we who believe have had our eyes opened and received those blessings.

The Holy Spirit brings the kingdom to earth
Messiah Jesus delegated His authority for the proclamation of the kingdom to His 12 disciples. God’s plan for restoration would depend on this small nucleus of His disciples. He knew His disciples would multiply. His disciples hear and understand the Word and so go on producing good things, one a hundred, another sixty, and another thirty times as much as was sown. Disciples multiply because they love, relate with, and report to Messiah Jesus the King and because His Father sends the Holy Spirit to help them.
Messiah Jesus had previously told the 12 He would ask the Father to send the Comforter, the Spirit. The setting was when Philip asked Him to show them the Father.

“’I’ve been with all of you so long,’ Jesus answered him, ‘and you don’t know Me, Philip? If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe I am in the Father and the Father is in Me? What I tell you doesn’t come from Me, but the Father, who lives in Me, is doing His works. Believe Me, I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me. Or else believe Me on account of My works.

“I tell you the truth, if you believe in Me, you’ll do the works I’m doing, and you’ll do greater works than these, because I’m going to the Father, and I will do anything you ask in My name in order that the Son may glorify the Father. If you ask Me for anything in My name, I’ll do it.

“If you love Me, you will do what I order. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter to be with you forever. He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it doesn’t see or know Him. You know Him, because He lives with you and will be in you” (Jn 14:9-17).

A short time later, the Holy Spirit comes. “The day of Pentecost came, and they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like a violent blast of wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw tongues like flames that separated and one rested on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and started to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them the ability to speak” (Acts 2:1-4).

Peter reminded the Jews, “’This is what the prophet Joel spoke about: ‘In the last days,’ God says, ‘I will pour out My Spirit on all people. Then your sons and your daughters will speak God’s Word /*prophesy*, your young men will have visions, and your old men will have dreams. In those days I will pour out My Spirit on My servants, both men and women, and they will speak God's Word /*prophesy*. I will give you startling wonders in the sky above and marvelous signs on the earth below; blood and fire and a cloud of smoke; the sun will turn dark and the moon to blood before the coming of the Lord's great and splendid day. Then everyone who calls on the Lord's name will be saved.'" (Acts 2:17-21 / Joel 2:28-32).

Through the Holy Spirit, Messiah Jesus teaches us to relate in love through on-the-job-training with one another. As we get to know Him better, His life flows to us and through us with less and less restrictions. As we partake of the divine nature, we grow more and more in the things that make us useful and productive in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Through this regeneration process, God our Father enables us to love one another in Spirit and in Truth.

According to God's plan, we become increasingly useful and productive as we partake of the divine nature and mature in the character traits that under gird harmonious relationships in His kingdom. In the following Scripture, Peter exhorts us to partake eagerly and to look forward to the inheritance kept for us in heaven. We can encourage one another and grow to know God better, in accord with this Word from Peter.

"SIMON PETER, SERVANT AND APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST, to the people who by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ were given a faith as precious as ours: As you know God and our Lord Jesus, may you enjoy more and more of His grace and peace.

"By His glory and might He once gave us very great and precious promises and now has called us. When we got to know Him, His divine power gave us everything for life and godliness to help you escape the corruption that lust brought into the world and to share /*partake of* the divine nature.
"In view of that, try very hard to add to your faith
moral power
to moral power knowledge,
to knowledge self control,
to self control endurance,
to endurance godliness,
to godliness brotherly kindness
to brotherly kindness love.
"If you have these and they grow more and more, they keep you from being useless and unproductive in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But if anyone doesn't have these, he's blind, shortsighted, and has forgotten that his old sins were washed away.
"Be all the more eager, then, fellow Christians /*brethren*, to make sure you're God's called and chosen ones. If you do this, you will never fail. Then with rich gifts you will be welcomed into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 1:1-11).

The character traits Peter enumerates keep us from being useless and unproductive in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. These character traits of the kingdom are the stuff of harmonious relationship with God and our brethren. We can develop them because the Holy "Spirit Produces love, joy, peace. He makes us patient, kindly, good, faithful, gentle, and gives us self-control (Gal 5:22-23). The Spirit pours God's love into our hearts (Ro 5:5), gives us a new heart with the ability to know God, fills our hearts with the Spirit of sonship (Ro 8) and opens our eyes to help us understand the good news of His kingdom (2 Cor 3).

Paul succinctly sums up the kingdom mode in Romans 14, so we will follow his description to reveal our personal identity and purpose in the Messiah.
"**God's kingdom is** not eating and drinking but **righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit**" (Ro 14:17 emphasis added).

In view of what we have considered, look at the contrast between the kingdom of God and the tyranny of darkness. The devil destroyed harmonious relationships. In the Holy Spirit, in the kingdom, we have harmony – righteousness, peace and joy. This is just a taste of what is to come when Messiah Jesus conquers the last enemy.

The kingdom of God is in the Spirit. God has set us free to serve in the new way of the

Spirit. The gospel of the kingdom is beyond human comprehension. It is not a matter of academically reviewing the pertinent scriptures. The Holy Spirit awakens our spirit, gives us a heart to feel, eyes to see and ears to hear and quickens the gospel ! to our spirit. God our Father wants the gospel of the kingdom to dawn on our hearts. By creating us in the Messiah (Eph 2:4-10), God our Father enables us to relate in the new way of the Spirit. Through our Messiah's body at the cross, we died to the religious jot and tittle of the Law. This is part of what God has made us in Messiah Jesus. God set us free to serve Him in the new way of the Spirit. This is part of restoration and salvation from the tyranny of darkness. The Holy Spirit helps each of us discover the glory and freedom of this environment. We should encourage and comfort one another with this good news of God's grace. It is part of the inheritance our Father gives us.

"When you were slaves of sin, you weren't free to serve righteousness as your master. What was your advantage then in doing the things that make you blush now? Why, they end in death. But now that you've been made free from sin and servants of God, your advantage is that you live holy and finally have everlasting life. Sin pays off with death, but G! od gives everlasting life in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

"So you too, my fellow Christians /*brethren*, have through Christ's body died to the Law to marry Another - Him who rose from the dead so that we will produce good things for God. While we were living in the flesh, the Law stirred the sinful lusts in our organs into action to produce the fruit for Death. But now that we have died to the Law which bound us**, we are freed** from it, not **to serve** in the old way under the Law but **in the new way of the Spirit**" (Ro 6:20- 23; 7:4 - 6 emphasis added).

As part of our identity and inheritance, we new creatures are free to serve in the new way of the Spirit. Since we have through Christ's body died to the Law, the power of our flesh has been broken. Until God our Father made us new creatures, created in Christ Jesus, the Law stirred our flesh to produce the fruit for Death. The Law not only revealed sin; it aroused our sinful passions. The Law said, "Thou shalt not." Our flesh said, "Oh really! I want to taste the pleasure of doing the forbidden." Thus, the Law stirred our flesh and we produced the fruit for Death. We have been freed from the trap of sowing to our flesh and of our flesh reaping destruction (Gal 6:8).

Now that our Father has made our spirit alive unto Himself in union with Messiah Jesus, we can serve in the new way of the Spirit and reap life. We can break out of the darkness of our fleshly mindsets and conformity to the world and follow the Spirit. "**The Kingdom of Heaven is breaking forth, and those who are breaking out break out by means of it**" (Mt 11:12 *Understanding The Difficult Words of Jesus,* David Bivin and Roy Blizzard, Jr). (See Micah 2:12-13)

Messiah Jesus leads us by the Spirit. The new way of the Spirit is grace and truth in the kingdom of God. "The Law was given by Moses, but Jesus Christ /*the Messiah* brought grace and truth" (Jn 1:17). Messiah Jesus knows we need a lot of grace and truth. "He will not crush a bruised reed or put out a smoking wick till He has made justice victorious" (Mt 12:20). Even when we are a wick about to go out or a bruised reed about to break, He helps us grow in grace and truth.

The kingdom of God is righteousness. As Messiah Jesus' disciples, God made us servants of righteousness. In the timelessness of eternity and of the kingdom of God, our old self died with Jesus ! the Messiah when He was crucified. When God raised Him from the dead, He also raised us to new life, in union with Messiah Jesus and seated us with Him in heaven (Eph 2:4-10). Now, the kingdom power of His resurrection works within us. We are to identify, envision, and reckon ourselves as dead to sin and alive unto God, servants of righteousness.

"The Law came to multiply sin, but where there was much sin, God's gift of love /*grace* was so much greater that, as sin ruled in its deadly way, **so His grace is to rule, giving a righteousness by which we live forever through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

"What does it mean? Should be go on sinning so that God may love us all the more? Certainly not! We died to sin. How can we live in it any longer?

"Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus by our baptism share in His death? Sharing in His death by our baptism, we were buried with Him so, that as the Father's glory raised Christ from the dead we too will live a new life. If we were united with Him to die as He did, then we'll also rise as He did. We know our old self was nailed with Him to the cross to stop our sinful body and keep us from serving sin any longer. When we're dead, we're free from sin. But if we died with

Christ, we believe we'll also live with Him because we know that Christ, risen from the dead, will not die again. Death has no hold on Him any more. When He died, He died to sin once, never to die again, and the life He lives He lives for God. So you too, because you are in Christ Jesus, think of /*reckon* yourselves as dead to sin and living for God.
"Then sin should no longer rule in your dying bodies and make you do what they wish. Don't let sin keep on using your organs as tools for doing wrong. But as people who have come back from the dead and live, give yourselves to God, and let God use your organs as tools for doing what is right. **Sin will never rule over you, because you are not under the Law but under God's undeserved love** /*charis*/*grace.*
"What then? Are we going to sin because we are not under the Law but under God's love? Certainly not! Don't you know if you give yourselves to anyone to obey him as slaves, you are his slaves? Either you are the slaves of sin and will die, or you obey God and become righteous. But thank God! Although you once were slaves of sin, you have heartily obeyed the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted. **Freed from sin, you were made the servants of righteousness.** I talk to you in a human way because you are naturally weak. But, just as you once let uncleanness and wickedness use your organs as slaves to do wrong, so now let righteousness use your organs as slaves in order to live holy" (Ro 5:20-6:19 emphasis added).

Water Baptism confirms our baptism with Messiah Jesus in His death. It is a prophetic sign God gives us to confirm our old self died at the cross of Christ and God has made us new creatures, alive unto Himself.

We know Jesus died for our sins and God raised Him from the dead. But, few believers reckon themselves dead to sin and living for God, freed from sin by God's grace. If you haven't identified yourself that way, now you can. It's better than trying to work up enough human strength of character to overcome sin. Our lower nature doesn't have that strength. So, God made us dead to sin and gave us the power to kill what is left of the deeds of our old carnal self so we can let righteousness use our organs as slaves in order to live holy. (Also see: Ro 8:12-13; Col 3:5-10).

Even though we know this is true, we tend to live as though God has yet to make us alive with Christ. If we prayerfully and honestly identify in Christ, we know our fleshly mind is not totally transformed. Each of us has self-talk going on in our mind all of the time. Some of our thoughts are bad. As we grow up in the Messiah, more and more of our thoughts are in accord with God's love! .
"Love is patient. Love is kind. Love isn't jealous. It doesn't brag or get conceited. It isn't indecent. It isn't selfish. It doesn't get angry. It doesn't plan to hurt anyone. It doesn't delight in evil but is happy with the truth. It! bears everything, believes everything, hopes for everything, endures everything" (1 Cor 13:4 - 7).

Yet, we still fall into sin, thereby tyrannizing one another and ourselves, bearing the fruit for Death. Our relationship with God falls short of His love, grace, faithfulness and integrity, as do our one another relationships. That doesn't mean we have lost our salvation or that we are going to hell. It means we have to grow up into Messiah Jesus. Our Father in heaven made us the servants of righteousness. We can relate His kingdom way.

We have a ways to go. The damages of sin are readily apparent in Christianity today. There is much discord in our homes, workplaces, get togethers and amongst church leadership. Sin is destroying Christian relationships and lives (Jas 1:15). Sad statistics show the tyranny of darkness wrecks much havoc among us. Many believers fall into hatred, bitterness, fornication, adultery, divorce, abuse, teen suicide and other desolation.

In the face of this, our fleshly inclination is to beat each other over the head with the Law or shake some sense into those caught in sin. Such reactions are not motivated by God's grace. Still, they rise up in me. When they do, I repent and rely on God's grace to rescue us from sin and restore harmonious relationships.

God doesn't condemn us. He has freed us to serve righteousness in the new way of the Spirit. By His grace, He cleans us up and draws us closer. He shares His life with us, helping us live in His light (1 Jn 1). His kingdom prevails over sin and the power of the devil, and will prevail over death (1 Cor 15).

God loves us; even when we sow to the flesh and of the flesh reap destruction (Gal 6:8). When we hurt from sowing to the flesh, we can't point our finger at God or at others and shift the responsibility for our pain. God has liberated us from the things that enslaved, captivated and tyrannized us. He calls us to face our sin, confess it, ask for forgiveness and do what He has ordained. He made us alive; creating us in Christ Jesus to do good works and walk in them (Eph 2:1–11).. He calls us to sow to the Spirit and of the Spi! rit reap life (Gal 6:8).

The kingdom of God is peace. As Messiah Jesus' disciples, we have peace. A guilty conscience can drive us to religion or legalism and keep us from serving God in the new way of the Spirit. Ever since Adam and Eve sinned, natural man has had a guilty conscience. Just as guilt did them, it can drive us to hide from God or try to get right with Him by our own rationalizations and religious works. To hold His people together and to help them come near; God gave His First Covenant. Priests offered blood sacrifices and other offerings to atone for sins. These pointed to the New Covenant sacrifice Jesus would make. But, they didn't cure the guilt. So, people still did many religious works to try to get right with God.

The blood of the Messiah brought full deliverance and peace (Col 1). His perfect sacrifice purged our sin and cleanses our conscience so that we can do good works. The Cassirer translation makes this wonderfully clear.

"But now Christ has made his appearance, a high priest concerned with blessings already won. The tabernacle of which he made use was the greater and more perfect one, the tabernacle not fashioned by any human hand, that is to say, the one which does not belong to this order of creation at all. **Moreover, if he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, securing a deliverance which lasts forever, it was his own blood, not that of goats and calves, which was his means of accomplishing this.** And indeed, if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled upon those who have suffered defilement hallows them, so as to restore their outward purity, how much more effective will be the blood of Christ, who, by virtue of the eternal spirit which was his, offered himself up to God, as a sacrifice free from all blemish; **how much more effective, I say, will be Christ's blood in cleansing our conscience, so that we turn our backs on actions without any life in them and instead give ourselves up! to the service of the living God.**

"And so it is that he is likewise the mediator of a new covenant, or let us say, testament, the aim of all this being that, since a death has occurred to bring about deliverance from the sins committed when the first covenant was in force, those called by God might receive the eternal inheritance promised to them. And indeed, when it is a last will or testament which is in question, it is necessary first of all that the death of the testator should be established. For a will is operative only after a death, and it cannot possibly have any force while the testator is still alive. And that is also the reason why, even when the first covenant was inaugurated, this did not take place without the use of blood" (Heb 9:11-18 Cassirer emphasis added).

Now, by the blood of Messiah, we can come boldly to the throne of grace (Heb 4:6), as servants of our Father. Messiah's blood cleanses our sin and our guilty conscience. His blood enables us to receive the eternal inheritance. Now, we can turn from religious works "and instead give ourselves up to the service of the living God." As our Father's heirs, we can do good works and live in them, just as God ordained (Eph 2:1-11).

"Christ has freed us so that we'll be free. Stand firm, then, and don't get caught again under a yoke of slavery" (Gal 5:1). Messiah has freed us so that we'll be free. We should stand firm in Him and let the ! Spirit change us from glory to glory to be like Him (2 Cor 3:18). We're not to be babies anymore. We are free to "believe and know God's Son, reach a mature manhood, and grow to the full height of Christ. Let us tell the truth in love and in every way grow up into Him who is the Head Christ" (Eph 4:13, 15). Let us partake of His Spirit till Messiah is formed in us and we become thoroughly like Him.

The kingdom of God is joy. God our Father created us in Messiah Jesus and gives us the joy of the inheritance. Through the parable of the Vine and the branches, Jesus shows us how to relate in such a way that our joy might be full. He is the Vine. We are the branches. Jesus encourages us to be connected and to allow His life to flow in us and through us. He says:

"If you stay in Me and what I say stays in you, ask for anything you want, and it will be done for you. You glorify My Father when you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples. As the Father has loved Me, so I have loved you. Stay in My love. If you obey My commandments, you'll stay in My love, as I have obeyed My Father's commandments and stay in His love. I told you this so **My joy will be in you** and you will be very happy. This is what I order you to do: love one another as I have loved you. No one has a greater love than he who gives his life for his friends. You're My friends if you do what I order you to do. I don't call you servants any more, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. But I've called you friends because I've told you everything I heard from My Father. You didn't choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that doesn't pass away and to have the Father give you anything you ask Him in My name. This is what I order you to do: love one another" (John 15:7-17 emphasis added).

“I told you this so My joy will be in you.” Serving God by loving one another fulfills our deepest longings to be useful and productive in the noble things of eternal importance. Plus, we get to live and walk in the mutually supportive environment of good works that is created as we bear fruit. This makes our joy full. Plus, God will eternally reward us for the fruit we bear (Rev 22:12). Peter the former fisherman melts our hearts as he tells us about the joy that wells up within us (1 Pe 1:8) as we set our minds on the things that are above (Col 1:2).

The foregoing is but a summary of how God has set us into His kingdom that is and is to come. For a more complete picture, a word study on the following kingdom words would be very helpful. With the Internet tools today, you can very quickly view the specific Word for your instruction and edification. I use 2 different sites: www.blueletterbible.org and www.unboundbible.org. Here are a few kingdom words for your consideration: Father, Son, Messiah, Christ, King, throne, son, daughter, children, family, heirs, inheritance, eternal life, call, calling, walk, *shalom,* peace, citizens, holy people, foundation, Cornerstone, building, temple, home, Spirit, priest.

The kingdom coming to earth

It is the Father’s good pleasure to give us the kingdom (Lu 12:32). God has created us in Messiah Jesus (Eph 2) and destined us to relate in harmony in His kingdom. Right now, we relate by the Spirit In this phase of restoration, the kingdom of God is intangible and in the Spirit, but it works in our hearts and lives. For now, it is as intangible as relationships. Yet, it is more powerful than any other natural or supernatural force. The kingdom that is to come will be tangible heaven on earth (Rev 21).

Currently, God's plan for restoration to oneness, unity, harmony, shows forth through the church, revealing His manysided wisdom to the rulers and authorities in heaven (Eph 1-3). Even angels long to look into this plan of salvation (1 Pe 1:12). This plan will prevail over the forces of the ! kingdom of darkness. God our Father is so wise and powerful, the devil and his forces don't have a chance at winning the battle for restoration.

Most of the apocalyptic prophecies involving conquest and possession of the Promised Land the prophets of Israel foretold are yet to be fulfilled. The Jews were looking for these things at Messiah Jesus’ first coming. Looking at it from the perspective of all God in Messiah Jesus has revealed to us, we can see with 20/20 hindsight how they missed it. The same is true of us. Most of the many versions taught today about the restoration of all things in the apocalyptic events to come will turn out to be wrong. In that vein, let us consider Peter’s address to the men of Israel shortly after Pentecost.

“An now, fellow Jews, I know that like your rulers you didn’t know what you were doing, but in this way God did what He predicted by all the prophets – His Christ /*Messiah* had to suffer. Repent then, and turn, to have your sins wiped out that a time may come when the Lord refreshes you and sends Jesus, whom He appointed to be your Savior and whom heaven had to receive until the time when everything will be restored, as God said long ago by His holy prophets” (Acts 3:17-21).

“If anyone tells you then, ‘Look, here is Christ /the Messiah!, or, ‘There He is!’ don’t believe it, because false Christs and false *prophets will come and do great miracles and wonders* to deceive if possible even those whom God has chosen. You see, I’ve told you this before it happens. So when you’re told, ‘There He is in the wilderness,’ don’t go out; or, ‘Here He is in the inner rooms,’ don’t believe it. The Son of Man will come like the lightning that flashes from the east to the west. – Where the dead body is, there the vultures will gather.

"Right after the misery of that time *the sun will turn dark, the moon will stop shining, the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers of heaven* will be shaken. Then the sign announcing the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then *all the people on earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds in the sky* with power and great glory. And *with a loud trumpet call* He will send out His angels, and they *will gather* His chosen ones *from the north, south, east, and west, from one end of the sky to the other*" (Mt 24:23-31 cross reference Dt 13:1; Is 13:10; 34:4; Zech 12:10; Dn 7:13; Is 27:13; D! n 30:4; Zch 2:6, 38-39; Gn 7:6-7).

Looking ahead, Paul revealed the present and the future of the kingdom. First, he addressed the question of resurrection. If the Messiah didn't rise from the dead, our faith is pitiful. But, the Messiah did rise and brought resurrection. He must rule as King till He puts all enemies under His feet.

"If Christ is our hope only for this life, we should be pitied more than any other people.

"But now Christ did rise from the dead, the first in the harvest of those who are sleeping in their graves. Since a man brought death, a Man also brought the resurrection of the dead. As in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But everyone in his own group: first Christ, then, when He comes, those who belong to Christ.

"Then the end will come when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has put an end to every other government, authority, and power, since **He must rule as King till *He puts all enemies under His feet*.** The last enemy He will get rid of is death. You see, *He puts everything under His feet.* When He says: *Everything is put under Him*, this clearly doesn't include Him *who puts everything under Him*. But when *everything has been put under Him*, then the Son also will put Himself under Him who *put everything under* the Son so that God will be everything in everything" (1 Cor 15:19-28 emphasis added / Ps 110:1; Ps 8:6).

"I think what we suffer now isn't important when I compare it with the glory to be revealed to us. Nature is waiting on tiptoe to see the unveiling of God's family. Nature must waste away, not because it wants to but because its Master would have it so, but nature hopes it too will be freed from the slavery that destroys it, to share the freedom of God's family in glory. We know that all nature has been groaning with the pains of childbirth until now.

"More than that. Since the Spirit whom we have is our first taste of heaven, we, too, groan inwardly as we look ahead to have our bodies freed and so to be His family. We are saved, hoping for this. But if we hope for something we see, we really don't hope. Why should we hope for what we can see? But if we hope for what we can't see, we wait for it patiently" (Ro 8:18-25).

When Messiah Jesus returns, He will change us by giving us a glorified body (1 Cor 15:51f) and the inheritance (Mt 25), the kingdom, stored up for us. Then, we will know Him as He has known us (1 Cor 13), for He will marry us (Rev 19). Through Messiah Jesus, God will restore the heaven and the earth and make His home among the people on earth (Rev 20-21). By the faith God gives us, we hope for this deep and eternal fellowship in the kingdom that is to come. Let's get a big taste of this marvelous light from the following picture of our future from Revelation 21 & 22.

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, because the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. And there was no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down from God in heaven, dressed as a bride ready to meet her husband. (See Is 52:1; 61:10; 65:17; 66:22)

"'And I heard a loud voice from the throne say: 'Look! God's home is among the people, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, and there will be no more grief or crying or pain, because the first things have passed away'" (See Ex 37:27; Zch 2:10; Is 7:14; 8:8, 10; 25:8)

"He carried me */John* in spirit on a large and high mountain and showed me the holy city of Jerusalem coming down from God in heaven. It has God's glory and brilliance like a very precious s! tone, like jasper that is clear as crystal. It has a large, high wall with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates are written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There are three gates on the east side, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. And the wall of the city has twelve foundation stones, and on them are the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (See Is 52:1; 58:8; 60:1-2, 19; Ez 40:2; 48:31-35; Ex 28:21)

"But I didn't see any temple in it, because the Lord God, the Almighty, and the Lamb are its temple. And the city doesn't need any sun or moon to give it light, because God's glory is its light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations w! ill walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut any day, because there will be no night there. People will bring the glory and wealth of the nations into it. But nothing unclean will ever come into it, or anyone who does anything abominable or tells lies, only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. (See Is 4:3; 60:3, 5, 11,19; Zch 14:7; Ps 69:28; 139:16; Ml 3:16; Dn 12:1)

"Then He showed me a river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb and down the middle of the street of the city. On each side of the river is a tree of life, producing twelve kinds of fruit, for each month its own fruit; and the leaves of the tree are to heal the nations. There will no longer ! be anything that is cursed. (See Ez 47:1, 12; Joel 3:18; Zch 14:8, 11; Gen 2:9; 3:22, 24)

"The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship Him and see Him, and His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night, and they will not need any light of a lamp or of the sun, because the Lord God will shine on them, and they will be kings forever. (See Ps 17:15; 42:2; Zch 14:7; Is 60:19; Dn 7:18, 22, 27)

"'You can trust these words,' he told me; they are true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show His servants what must happen soon. Remember, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps */stores in his heart/* what the prophesy of this book tells him" (Rev 21:1-4; 10-14, 22-27; 22:1-7).

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The Corral And The Breaker
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During His 3 years of ministry on this earth, Jesus preached the kingdom and taught the relational characteristics and heart attitudes of the kingdom. Yet, even with the help of the Holy Spirit, seeing the big picture of the kingdom of God is difficult. Consequently, the church focuses on the King and neglects His kingdom and the cults focus on their kingdom and neglect the King.

It is time for prophets to proclaim, “Repent, the kingdom of God has come and is coming.” You are God’s kingdom people. He has destined you to love, know and see Messiah Jesus as King and to walk in the light of the kingdom as His disciples. It is time for a kingdom awakening.

Here’s the picture. By the Spirit, Messiah Jesus is calling: For the last century, My sheep have been circling in the corral. I have sent more and more of My Spirit to strengthen and liberate My church. And, My people have grown in strength and understanding. But, they are still in the corral. They have received of My Spirit time and time again. But, each time they have possessed it and made it their own. They have made it their own church movement, they have made it their own church revival, they have made it their own church government and they have made it their own church reformation. They have made it their own.

Here I stand at the gate to the corral. I have opened it. I have broken it open. For, I am the Breaker. And now, the gate is wide open. But, few of My sheep see it open and few go through. Now, the rams of My flock begin see Me and turn and go through the gate and My sheep follow. The rams follow me as their Head Shepherd, who is their King. The rams and you who have eyes to see your King follow Me and break out of the corral into My kingdom, for I have set you free. My prophets have spoken! of gates and doors. This is the narrow gate. This is the narrow door. God is calling you through it into His kingdom and glory.

You are alive unto Me. You are being transformed. For, I have liberated My people and you are being changed from glory to glory in My kingdom. The veil over your hearts has been taken away. I have liberated you to see Me as Messiah and King. From now on you will hear of My grace and My glory. For, by My Spirit, I lead you to be changed from glory to glory to be like Me. See Me as your Shepherd King. Walk worthy of your calling into My kingdom and glory.

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“This good news of the Kingdom must be preached all over the world so that all nations hear the truth, and then the end will come” (Mt 24:6-14 AAT).

“’I have been given all power in heaven and on earth,’ He said. Go and make disciples of all people; Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy spirit, and teach them to do everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always till the end of the world’” (Mt 28:18-20 AAT).

"'I tell you the truth,' Jesus answered him, ‘if anyone isn't born from above, he can't see God's kingdom.’ ... 'I tell you the truth' Jesus answered him, 'if anyone isn't born of water and the Spirit, he can't get into God's kingdom. Anything born of the flesh is flesh, but anything born of the Spirit is spirit. Don't be surprised when I tell you, you must all be born from above. The wind blows where it pleases and you hear the sound of it, but you don't know where it's coming from or where it's going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit'" (Jn 3:3,! 5-8 AAT).

"The natural man receives not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor 2:14 AAT).

"The Kingdom of Heaven is breaking forth, and those who are breaking out break out by means of it" (Mt 11:12 *Understanding The Difficult Words of Jesus,* David Bivin and Roy Blizzard, Jr. /Micah 2:12-13).

“But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. And all of us, reflecting the Lord’s glory in our unveiled faces, are changed from glory to glory to be like Him, as we expect it from the Lord, who is the Spirit” (2 Cor 3:16-18 AAT).

“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Ro 6:4 KJV).

“You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory” (1 Thes 2:10-12 NASB).

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Eph 4:1-6 NKJV).

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The Gift Of Tears

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There will be no public reaping without some public weeping. The greatest reapers in this world are the greatest weepers. ~

There is a gift that we need to ask God for in these days. It's the gift of tears. We need to come before the Lord, making ourselves available to Him in a deeper way. The gift of tears is more than a result of the suffering that comes from living in a fallen world. It flows from feeling the pain and the suffering that the Lord Jesus feels for us. He is our High Priest, touched by the feeling of our infirmities. We need to feel what He feels for America. We need to feel what He feels for the Church. We need to feel what He feels about sin and the abominations that are going on in the earth today.

We must have tears if we are going to see revival. If we have no tears it's because our hearts are parched. Lord, give us tears that we may see revival!

David said in Psalm 6, "I'm worn out from groaning all night long." How long has it been since you or I have groaned all night long? He also said, "I flood my bed with weeping and drench my couch with tears. My eyes grow weak with sorrow." Have you considered Jesus Christ as a man of sorrows? He's not known as a man of laughter. He's not known as a man of frivolous flippancy. He is known as a man of sorrows.

In these last days it's imperative that the Church become a partaker both of Christ's heavenly calling and His heavenly ways. Jesus Christ is a man of sorrows. What a privilege to share in the fellowship of Christ's sufferings - even, if necessary, to the point of death.

Our dry eyes reflect our parched hearts. The shedding of tears shows that the heart is engaged. Where are tears today? Ps. 56:8 says, "Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?" Did you know that God is saving up our tears?

I know theologians who are as dry as shucks. They never shed a tear no matter how emotional their text or subject. How can you preach the gospel, the death of Christ and all that happened on the cross without tears? If you look at the Son of God without tears to protect your spiritual eyes you'll go blind. Could this be what has happened to so many theologians? They look into the word but they never cry. They never engage their hearts.

What if all of us were called upon to accept God's gift of tears before He would ever consider giving His gift of revival? Would you apply for the gift? Would you seek for the gift? Would you beg for the gift? If you really want revival, I believe you would.

Until a situation really seems hopeless we won't cry. We won't employ tears unless it's really desperate. Don't you think it's about time we try tears? We may have had a little too much of the opposite in the Church. Let's try tears. Maybe we have too much "know how". Now it's time to have the "know Who', the Man of Sorrows. Let's try tears. I tell you, there will be no public, reaping without some public weeping. The greatest reapers in this world are the greatest weepers.

Ministry in the last days is worth everything. It will cost everything. Are you willing to pay the price in much tears, in much prayer and supplication? I pray a lot, but I don't supplicate enough. If necessary, I need to supplicate until I suffocate! We need prayer and supplication. We need to pray as Jesus prayed, with strong crying and tears.

Where are the tears today? This is what we ought to ask ourselves. Do we really know the heart of God? "Out of the heart flow the issues of life," Prov. 4:23 says. Not out of strategic meetings, planning committees, building committees, missions committees, not out of little weak prayer meetings, but out of intercession and prayer with travail.

I want my soul to be filled with tears, and rivers of living water to flow out of my innermost being, rivers that will water the seed. The seed of prayer produces little unless it is watered with tears, the water that nurtures it and brings forth a harvest.

So ask God for the gift of tears. Expect it - ask for it and expect it. I think the Lord is saying, "I want My Church to go from feasting and playing to fasting and praying. From laughing to mourning and then from weeping to reaping." From weeping to reaping - can you see where it will end? We must go from laughter to mourning. We have gone all out for hilarity. Now the party's over.

Oh, for prophets like Jeremiah, who cried out for his eyes to be a fountain of tears!

Prayer and intercession is our most important work. Let that be locked into your thinking.

Prayer and intercession is the most important work of the Church.

The next move of God will not be characterized by people falling on their backs and laughing, although that can be good. The next move of God will be known for people falling on their faces and weeping, weeping, weeping - all the while God is being magnified as the Church beholds His majesty, beholds His glory and becomes His glory.

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The Glory Of The Latter

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Hag 2:9 MSG "'This Temple is going to end up far better than it started out, a glorious beginning but an even more glorious finish: a place in which I will hand out wholeness and holiness.' Decree of GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies."

Hag 2:5-9 Webster "According to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, so my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not. (6) For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; (7) And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. (8) The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. (9) The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts."

Holy. Holy. The Lord has made a covenant with this Generation. I have made a Covenant with you O generation of Jacob. Be ready for I am shaking Heavens and I am shaking the world and I am shaking nations and I am shaking individuals. There is nothing that will stand in MY way, says the Lord. This House, My Temple will be great. No longer will you be the ridicule of the nations, no you are My royalty, holy. And what I have empowered you with, what I am sending you out with is this. For I Am a burning Fire, burning with holy love and jealousy for the nations, how I want you. Come to Me. Come to Me.

I see. I see. My children, you want revival, you want renewal, you want change, so go and do it. I have empowered you. The GLORY of the Latter is greater than the former! The GLORY OF THE LATTER HOUSE IS GREATER THAN THE FORMER. Go out. Change the world. I have empowered you. I see you. I see you. I see you. I see you. This is MY decree to the nations. You are shaking them up. You are shaking them up, they might persecute you, but you have shaken them O daughter of Zion. You want revival, I see, well get bold. Get bold. Go out. Nothing gets accomplished if you do not act upon the empowerment I have given you. The same Spirit that rested upon Elijah, Elisha, John the Baptist and Peter is resting on you. Is not Mine the treasures of this world? Don't worry how to do it, just do it. I have told you, and I will teach you. I do and I teach. Go out., The GLORY OF THE LATTER HOUSE IS GREATER THAN THE FORMER. GREATER, GREATER, GREATER, GREATER!!! I Am shaking the nations! I Am shaking the nations. I Am a Consuming Fire. Don't get in My way.

Behold I leave with you MY peace. My peace. Peace and goodwill towards all mankind. I want to show you My glory, ho. Cry out for Me to show My glory, for I desire a people who want Me. My GLORY is the essence of My being! My very ESSENCE is found in My Glory, cry out for it! FOR THE GLORY OF THE LATTER HOUSE WILL BE GREATER THAN THAT OF THE FORMER!
Get My heart.
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Then God Remembered Part II

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1st Samuel 1:5-6 "But to Hannah he would give a *double portion*, for he loved Hannah, although the Lord had **closed her womb**. And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the Lord had closed her womb."

As many may think contrary, the closed womb is not a bad thing. Another translation says "the Lord shut her womb." Which is the same as Noah being *"shut in the ark*" from Part I. And the people who have submitted to the "shutting in" with the Lord are the very people are also receiving a double portion, as Hannah also received a double portion.

Many of you have been in a spiritual state of a "closed womb" or in a "shut in". You haven't seen the harvest or fruit manifest in your life as you have so desired in your heart. You have looked around and have seen the other people that God has blessed their wombs, that God has poured out upon, that God has anointed with many giftings, and you have even at times compared yourself to these people, and thought of yourself as if there is something wrong with you, or that God may of overlooked you and the call that is upon your life and the desires of your heart. The desires in your heart are the desires that God has put there, for His purposes and plans for your life that will impact others. Many of you are in that state of when will these words God has given me come to pass? Where are you Lord? The thought of carrying what is in your spirit for another day has come to the point of "hope deferred" and distressing.

There are many that have been tormented in their minds and spirits concerning the future and their closed womb. You must know that this is a spirit that is trying to discourage you and lie to you concerning your destiny and purpose. Trying to get you to abort the call that He has given you and implanted in you. The only thing the enemy can't snatch from you (if you let him) is the Word implanted in you. Watch out for that, and cast every thought down that comes against the call and the Word that has been spoken to you by rhema and logos.

As Hannah prayed and cried out, so many of you have cried out to God to "not forget you" and to not overlook you, as the burning desire that resides within your heart is almost more than you can bare.

Vs. 11 "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."

As you have given the desires of your heart back to Him, as you have laid down your life for Him, God has surely remembered you today!

Vs. 19 "….and the Lord remembered her."

Hallelujah! God has remembered you! He has remembered and recorded every cry of your heart, every prayer of the righteous. He has not forgotten you, but He would tell you that your womb has been closed for purpose and destiny. In other words your birthing has been for an appointed time. Just as the vision is for an appointed time, so is your destiny and purpose. You have conceived in your womb, but yet to deliver.

*Vs. 20 "So it came to pass **in the process of time** that Hannah conceived and bore a son…"*

The manifestation of your destiny, call and purpose is always IN THE PROCESS OF TIME, in His perfect will and timing. The closing of your womb was and is a timing thing, and a preparation thing, necessary to bring about the perfect will of God in your birthing as well as your destination in the fullness of God, not the fullness of man.

SAMUEL HAD TO BE BORN AT A SPECIFIC TIME

Not a minute sooner or a minute later. Samuel, born of Hannah, had to be born at a specific time to bring back holiness and righteousness back into the kingdom and the house of God. So is your destiny, calling and purpose. There are specific results and events that God desires to bring about with great abundance and success that can only happen in the timing of your birthing that He has pre-destined since the foundation of the universe, since before you ever entered that womb! Glory!

YOU ARE JUST NOW BEING BORN MY FRIENDS!

Ecc 3:1-2 "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born…"

I tell you today by the Spirit of the Lord, that many of you are just now being born. For it is your time. God has remembered you. He has remembered all that you have done in His Word, staying obedient to His call, and His word. You have not seen the manifested results in these areas in your life, because you weren't born yet. You are just now being born. Let me say it again, you are just **now** being borrrrrrrrrn. You are just now birthing that destiny and call.

I cannot express enough the importance of the timing of your birth. Souls are hanging in the balance of the timing of your birth and birthing. You don't want to be born pre-mature, and you don't want to be born too late! Even Paul said, *"…as though I had been born almost too late for this." (1st Cor 15:8 Taylor trans) or another translation says "born out of due time."*

For many of you are carrying nations in your womb! No wonder you are so bloated! That is a lot to carry! Just as Rebekah carried two nations in her womb, so many of you are carrying nations. (Gen 25:23) The timing of these births are strategic and critical. Those of you carrying nations will see the birthing in this year of 2004. For the year of 2004 is an open door to the nations. God is using you to bring these forth in travail and prayer. I encourage you to pray these nations through with persistence, and be aware of distractions that would hinder you from this birth.

The Birth Canal

Its been hard for many of you to see the future and what God has for you, even though He has spoken many big and wonderful things to your spirit. It has been difficult to see to the next year, next month, next day…yet your destination is just around the corner! When you are in the birth canal my friends its tight and the sight is limited. (similar to being in that box as in part I) And with the enemy pounding on you about having a closed womb has not helped anything!

Vs. 6 Jerus translation "Her rival would taunt her to annoy her, because Yahweh had made her barren."

Your rival may be taunting you, but you can just remind that ol' devil that you are just now being born into your destiny, call and purpose and when you finally birth that Samuel, that devil is ejected out of your life. After Samuel is born you never hear of that devil bothering Hannah again! Glory!

The name Hannah means "favored" in the Hebrew, or "favor by petition". My friends not only has God remembered you, but you are highly favored by Him. You have stepped into a new level of favor that He has bestowed upon you for this birthing that is in process. Make your petitions known to Him again, make your requests to God without limit, and ask BIG of Him, for those big desires in your heart have been planted there by His spirit, and yet, He needs you to speak out those desires, purposes and call, so they can be birthed in His timing.

Psalms 81:10 (Har trans) "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: make your requests without limit and I will accede to them all."

For God will accede or "approve" of all your requests without limit! Hallelujah! Your destiny is limitless! Those of you who are in that area of not being able to "see" the end result or that manifestation you are looking for, is the area of "patience and longsuffering". This is what develops are faith and character. This is where we work to not grow weary, while doing good, so we will reap in DUE SEASON, if we do not lose heart. Be assured my friends when the Word speaks and says you can make your requests without limit and He will accede to them all, He will do just that in His due season.

Isaiah 66:19 "Shall I bring to the time of birth and not cause delivery?" Says the Lord. "Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?" Says your God.

The time of delivery is upon you for many, and soon for others. Rejoice and be glad for you are just now being born!

Remember: God has remembered you today!

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The Greatest Revival Africa Has Ever Had!

Davies Nderema

God is raising up a generation in Africa which will not be LIMITED by Denomination, Church, Country, Regional, Continent, and Economic Barriers. A generation that is not controlled by situations and problems but led by the Spirit of God. This generation is called to fulfill the mandate of becoming the Sons of the Kingdom of God. This Generation will break all the barriers and fulfill their divine purpose in God.

Africa has been regarded as a dark continent. You know when God created heavens and earth that includes Africa. There is only one earth and on this earth there are continents. One day in Johannesburg a friend of mine gave me pamphlet containing prophecies for each continent; when it came to the Continent of Africa my heart was broken because the prophecy was negative, blood shed, problems and I began to pray and asked God if He has anything better for this continent.

In Genesis 1:1-2 it says, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

The whole earth was void and formless. The Holy Spirit moved upon the whole earth. God created the whole and He said it is good - all of it. Today we might think only America and Europe is good. But God says, "No, even Africa and Asia".

When Moses sent twelve spies; they all saw giants, the wall of Jericho and a good land flowing with milk and honey. But they were divided; ten of them said we are not able to possess the Land, but Joshua and Caleb said we are well able to possess the land.

What was the difference? The first ten used their own eyes, Joshua and Caleb used the word of God and the Spirit within them, "Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." Num 13:30.

This generation will follow in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who is the first born among many sons of the Kingdom of God. Jesus fulfilled God's purpose during His earthly ministry before He went to heaven. This generation will fulfill God's purpose here on earth as Jesus did.

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. For the Father loveth the Son, and showeth him all things that himself doeth: and he will show him greater works than these that ye may marvel." JOHN 5:19-20

This Generation will do nothing of its own but what it sees the father (God) doing it shall do like wise. Jesus Christ, as the Son of God did nothing of His own but what He saw the Father doing. This Generation will see the Father doing and joining Him, doing what the father is doing. This Generation will hear the Father speaking will speak what He is speaking, it will not have its own message but speak message of the Father.

This is the generation for:

SEEING THE FATHER DOING AND JOINING HIM HEARING THE FATHER AND JOINING HIM

"Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. Peter and John answered for we CANNOT BUT SPEAK THE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE SEEN and HEARD." ACTS 4:18-20

RESTORATION IS COMING!

In Luke 15:11-32 we find the story of the Prodigal Son. I hear in the spirit that many ministers have been living like Prodigal son here in Africa. They have received their calling, gifts, anointing talents from God the Father. Many are operating outside God's presence like the Prodigal son who took his portion and went outside his father's presence. Some have come to the point of misusing and abusing what God has entrusted them with like the prodigal son.

Some are preaching and ministering without SEEING and HEARING THE FATHER. Ministering, preaching, praying, and fasting outside God's presence. But there is a restoration coming to Africa. This generation will minister, operate, preach, pray, fast, teach and go out in the presence of God.

WHY?

It is a generation of seeing what the father is doing and do like wise. It is a generation of hearing what the father is speaking and speak like wise.

Jesus Christ never operated outside the Fathers will. He was totally submitted and yielded to the will of Another. He never ministered outside God's presence. He said "My meat is to do the will of Him who sent me". (see John 4:31-34). Hebrews 3:1,2 says he was: "Faithful to the One who sent Him".

Nothing else will satisfy this generation (not even wealth, riches, money, fame, popularity, big congregations or a large crowd calling their name!). Oh but doing the will of the One who sent them! Yes that will make them run. This generation shall say, "my meat is to do the will of him that sent me and finish His work."

Let me finish by quoting the prayer guide line which Jesus gave his disciples and I believe if Africa can get a REVELATION from this, can be TRANSFORMED BY THE POWER OF GOD.

MATTHEW6:9-15 Our Father Which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

SONSHIP: THE GREATEST REVIVAL

Sons of God have to look to God as their Heaven Father.
Sons of God have to hallow the name of the Heavenly Father
Sons of God have to pray for the Father's kingdom to come down in Africa
Sons of God have to pray for Father's will to be done in Africa as it is in heaven.
Sons of God have to look to the Father as their provider.
Sons of God have to know that it is not by mighty nor power but by the Spirit of God therefore needs Father's protection from temptation
Sons of God have to know about true forgiveness and know that they have been forgiven by the Father
Sons of God have to worship God in Spirit and Truth not entertainment nor mere singing and dancing.

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Then God Remembered

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Many are called, but few are chosen. The "few" are the ones who "choose" the call. There is a remnant generation from the Church about to emerge from un-known places that have been hidden for many years.

These few are the ones who have been obedient to follow Gods ways, though not what they would expect, nor what they would have chosen for themselves. As a matter of fact these are the very people who are on the edge of their seat awaiting to see exactly "how" God is going to use them, and wondering "when" is that "set time" of God releasing them. For many the waiting has been almost un-bearable, and yet at peace with staying hidden, staying in God's perfect plan and will. They have been "**shut in**" so to speak, just like Noah was "shut in" to the ark.

Gen 7:16 "…and the Lord shut him in."

When God shut Noah in that ark, He shut him in for approximately a little over a year. That's a long time to be "sea-bound" in a big boat with the same people and a bunch of stinky animals!

The ark in Hebrew means "box"

Many of you have felt "boxed in", you have felt "boxed up" you have been confined to walls in your call. These are not bad walls, these are walls of protection, and preparation. For the ones who would not submit to God's box, as a set apart time to Him are missing what would have been the essence of the call, because its in that box where He can pour into you the mantles, anointing and giftings, and begin to grow you up solid in His word, where nothing will shake you or move you except the Word. It's in the box where God takes you to the next level in Him.

My friends it takes faith and obedience to all God to shut you in to the box, to go into the ark. Common', Noah had to be obedient to build a big huge boat when there was no rain, Noah had to be obedient and move by faith to go into the ark once it was completed, believing and trusting God would do what He said He was going to do. That God is not a liar and nor should His word return to Him void. God will do what He said He was going to do in your life and in your call! Glory!

So we have you and Noah traveling along in this box, the scenery is the same every day, water and more water for as far as the eye can see, a good place to have a chia pet! (just add water!) And you are wandering for months, and some of you years, when Lord? When is the water going to recede? Nothing seems stable in your life, as there has been no where to anchor your ship, your box. In the box is quiet, it's just you and God, with His still small voice. It's been many months now out on that water, and you are desperately searching for the sight of land, and still wondering "when Lord"? And not hearing anything back! After a while not hearing anything back on "when", one may tend to question the call, question if they heard God properly, question what is really ahead for them, and even wonder if God may of forgot them. Could God have placed you in the box and forgotten you???? I've got good news for you my friends!

THEN GOD REMEMBERED!!! Hallelujah!!

*Gen 8:1 "**Then God remembered Noah**, and every living thing, and all the animals that were with* *him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth and the waters subsided."*

My friends, then God remembered YOU! God remembered that He has predestined and fore ordained you since before you were in the womb! Glory!

Then God remembered that just as He chose you in Him before the foundation of the world that He will fulfill His word to you.

Then God remembered you were born for such a time as this!

Then God remembered the specific call and plans He had made just for you!

Then God remembered all the mantles, giftings and anointings He has placed upon you and in you!

Then God remembered that He has plans to prosper His servants, and not to harm them.

Then God remembered how faithful you have been in that box, He remembered how obedient you have been to follow His instructions and walk by faith and not by sight.

Then God remembered how instead of you choosing to be offended how you chose to practice mercy, grace and forgiveness towards others.

Then God remembered that you have kept His commandment to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.

Then God remembered how you sowed everything you had to follow the call of God upon your life, He remember how you have left all behind, how you have left the past behind, pressing towards the mark of the High call of God.

Then God remembered how you have persevered through many trials and tribulations.
Then God remembered His word to save your household,

Then God remembered He has called you to a super abundant life.

Then God remembered that you have been a tither and a giver faithfully unto Him.

Then God remembered you have been a God pleaser and not a man pleaser.

Then God remembered how you have not given up and have continually walked a life full of faith and obedience and He remembered when you failed in areas that you were quick to repent, and move on.

Then God remembered how you said, "Here am I Lord, send me!"

Then God remembered that He called you from darkness to light.

Then God remembered that He called you according to purpose, and divine destiny.

Those who have been in that box, surrounded by the waters and have been faithful and obedient to stay put where God has put them, God is remembering you right now! Glory! The waters are subsiding and He is getting ready to release you from that ark, from that box.

Remembered in Hebrew means "to mark".

For God has marked you this day! He has not forgotten you; on the contrary He has remembered you. You have caught His attention and will not go un-noticed or un-rewarded for those who have diligently sought Him faithfully and the winds of God are about to pass over you as the breath of God comes upon you.

Everyone has their own set-time to come out of that box, but when God says "Go out" its time to "come out".

Gen 8:16 "Go out of the ark (box) you and your wife and your sons and your sons wives with you.

When God releases you, and you come out of that box, you bring every living thing every living creature out with you! You bring out to the world, out to the body of Christ every living gifting God has given you in that box, every living mantle God has given you in that box, every living Word God has given you in that box, and you take those things and you are commanded to be fruitful and multiply, going forth to all the world making disciples unto all nations! Glory!

Gen 8:17 "Bring out with you every living thing of all flesh that is with you…and be fruitful and multiply on the earth."

The last thing you need to do when you come out of that box my friends is give God an offering! God doesn't command it, but I would strongly suggest you follow what Noah did.

Gen 8:20 Then Noah built an altar to the Lord…and offered burnt offering on the alter. And the Lord smelled a soothing aroma. Then the Lord said in His heart, "I will never again curse the ground for mans sake…"

Vs. 22 "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest…"

Noah's offering got God's attention…and God declared he would never destroy the land again, and God setup seedtime and harvest time forever! Noah's offering moved God to setup a system where as long as we sow, there will always be a harvest! Hallelujah!

Remember: God has remembered you today!

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The Grinch That Stole Christians

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Can we have a little family talk? For most of you, this won't apply, but the devil has some of us bound, where we are focused on issues that are not the real issue. What do I mean? A few Christians have been taught that, according to Jeremiah 10:4, God is against the use of Christmas trees. The text reads, "They decorate it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers so that it will not totter." Superimpose the image of our silver and gold Christmas decorations and we have a "revelation" that God hates Christmas (or at least Christmas trees).

However, if you read the entire chapter, it isn't talking about Christmas, but idols and people who worship them. So, if you are sitting at home reading this and it's prior to December 25th, you can get a Christmas tree. It's okay as long as you don't worship it. In fact, if you're reading this and it's past December 25th, that might even be better -- Christmas trees and decorations are very inexpensive after Christmas.

Been There . . .

Please don't misunderstand me or think that I'm condemning anyone for their faith about this. I'm writing as one who, for ten years, didn't allow my family to celebrate Christmas. I, too, had been taught this interpretation of Jeremiah 10:4. I thought I was suffering persecution for my faith when relatives or friends criticized our colorless, joyless, loveless viewpoint about Christmas. Their criticisms actually hardened my heart and made my "faith stand" more firm.

Avoiding Christmas wasn't easy. We had five children and a foster child. Each December the children had to listen as I explained theologically why the Christmas tree was evil and not celebrating Jesus' birthday was good. Finally, with childlike innocense and purity, my oldest daughter, who was nine at the time, asked why gift giving was evil if we were also honoring Jesus.

Suddenly, my heart melted. I saw how religiously unloving this doctrine had made me. We weren't being persecuted for our faith, but for my stubbornness and lack of love. I deserved to be criticized. So, I asked my family to forgive me and we decided to have our first Christmas.

We were quite poor at the time and couldn't afford a tree. However, there was an evergreen growing in the ditch along the road by our farmhouse that I cut down and dragged into the living room. It was an ugly tree with the kind of needles that fall quickly. But we had love and we celebrated the Incarnation of Jesus as a family.

Saturnalia

Perhaps the worse thing about not celebrating Christmas is the isolation; it cuts us off from a multitude of people whom we could reach during this season. People, in general, are more open to Christ. If I go into a mall for any reason in December, I *love* listening to songs about Christ's birth. Yes, I know "Frosty the Snowman" and "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" will probably be playing also. So what? It won't stop me from rejoicing when I hear, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!" or "Joy to the World." In my spirit, I agree with the songs.

Sometimes I actually sing along out loud. They are awesome songs. Other times I quietly pray for the Holy Spirit to fall on people as they listen to music that was inspired by people who sought the heart of God. Why be upset with that? Why not praise God? Why be so focused on what's wrong that we fail to celebrate what's right? We can be miserable, complaining, joyless, critical, loveless people sometimes, and then we wonder why God doesn't lead people to us.

Christ's Great Commission commanded us to "Go!" to where people are, not wait until they come to us. Paul said, "To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it" (1 Cor 9:20-23).

You see, the law or principle we follow is the law of love. Jesus said, "But give that which is within as charity, and then all things are clean for you" (Lk 11:41). Love sanctifies and redeems what it touches. Because of love, Paul was able to "become all things to all men." I have no doubt Paul would be at every Christmas gathering he was invited to, using it as an opportunity to win people to Christ.

And before you wonder how deep I was into this anti-Christmas mentality, yes, I knew the history of Saturnalia, and how in the third century the early church combined the celebration of the winter solstice (a pagan holiday time) with the celebration of Jesus' birth. Yet, I also know that the winter solstice happens to be that time of the year when daylight begins to increase, so it is not inappropriate to celebrate Christ's birth at this time.

I also understand that some may teach Jesus was probably born in October or April, depending on which basis of research one relies upon. But what difference does it really make? Hundreds of millions of people believe the Jesus was born on December 25th, and multitudes reflect on the mystery of the Incarnation at some time during this season. So why be uptight about the date, especially when arguing about it alienates you from the very people Christ calls you to love? Why get hung up on *when* the Incarnation occurred when we can experience the reality of the Incarnation right now and bring Him into people's hearts?

Finally

We, the Frangipane family, celebrate Christmas. We have a tree and ornaments. We are pretty low key about its size. Some years we buy a smaller, living evergreen and then replant it in the yard in the spring. But, we are not focused on peripheral issues; we are focused on Christ and celebrating Him with others during this time.

One more thing: The best way to win people to Christ is to simply enjoy them. Picture Jesus laughing, telling stories, enjoying people as He reached to them. Let's reveal Him, not the Grinch, this holiday season.

Then God Remembered Part II

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1st Samuel 1:5-6 "But to Hannah he would give a *double portion*, for he loved Hannah, although the Lord had **closed her womb**. And her rival also provoked her severely, to make her miserable, because the Lord had closed her womb."

As many may think contrary, the closed womb is not a bad thing. Another translation says "the Lord shut her womb." Which is the same as Noah being *"shut in the ark"* from Part I. And the people who have submitted to the "shutting in" with the Lord are the very people are also receiving a double portion, as Hannah also received a double portion.

Many of you have been in a spiritual state of a "closed womb" or in a "shut in". You haven't seen the harvest or fruit manifest in your life as you have so desired in your heart. You have looked around and have seen the other people that God has blessed their wombs, that God has poured out upon, that God has anointed with many giftings, and you have even at times compared yourself to these people, and thought of yourself as if there is something wrong with you, or that God may of overlooked you and the call that is upon your life and the desires of your heart. The desires in your heart are the desires that God has put there, for His purposes and plans for your life that will impact others. Many of you are in that state of when will these words God has given me come to pass? Where are you Lord? The thought of carrying what is in your spirit for another day has come to the point of "hope deferred" and distressing.

There are many that have been tormented in their minds and spirits concerning the future and their closed womb. You must know that this is a spirit that is trying to discourage you and lie to you concerning your destiny and purpose. Trying to get you to abort the call that He has given you and implanted in you. The only thing the enemy can't snatch from you (if you let him) is the Word implanted in you. Watch out for that, and cast every thought down that comes against the call and the Word that has been spoken to you by rhema and logos.

As Hannah prayed and cried out, so many of you have cried out to God to "not forget you" and to not overlook you, as the burning desire that resides within your heart is almost more than you can bare.

Vs. 11 "O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head."

As you have given the desires of your heart back to Him, as you have laid down your life for Him, God has surely remembered you today!

Vs. 19 "….and the Lord remembered her."

Hallelujah! God has remembered you! He has remembered and recorded every cry of your heart, every prayer of the righteous. He has not forgotten you, but He would tell you that your womb has been closed for purpose and destiny. In other words your birthing has been for an appointed time. Just as the vision is for an appointed time, so is your destiny and purpose. You have conceived in your womb, but yet to deliver.

Vs. 20 "So it came to pass ***in the process of time*** *that Hannah conceived and bore a son…"*

The manifestation of your destiny, call and purpose is always IN THE PROCESS OF TIME, in His perfect will and timing. The closing of your womb was and is a timing thing, and a preparation thing, necessary to bring about the perfect will of God in your birthing as well as your destination in the fullness of God, not the fullness of man.

SAMUEL HAD TO BE BORN AT A SPECIFIC TIME

Not a minute sooner or a minute later. Samuel, born of Hannah, had to be born at a specific time to bring back holiness and righteousness back into the kingdom and the house of God. So is your destiny, calling and purpose. There are specific results and events that God desires to bring about with great abundance and success that can only happen in the timing of your birthing that He has pre-destined since the foundation of the universe, since before you ever entered that womb! Glory!

YOU ARE JUST NOW BEING BORN MY FRIENDS!

Ecc 3:1-2 "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born…"

I tell you today by the Spirit of the Lord, that many of you are just now being born. For it is your time. God has remembered you. He has remembered all that you have done in His Word, staying obedient to His call, and His word. You have not seen the manifested results in these areas in your life, because you weren't born yet. You are just now being born. Let me say it again, you are just **now** being borrrrrrrrrn. You are just now birthing that destiny and call.

I cannot express enough the importance of the timing of your birth. Souls are hanging in the balance of the timing of your birth and birthing. You don't want to be born pre-mature, and you don't want to be born too late! Even Paul said, *"…as though I had been born almost too late for this." (1st Cor 15:8 Taylor trans) or another translation says "born out of due time."*

For many of you are carrying nations in your womb! No wonder you are so bloated! That is a lot to carry! Just as Rebekah carried two nations in her womb, so many of you are carrying nations. (Gen 25:23) The timing of these births are strategic and critical. Those of you carrying nations will see the birthing in this year of 2004. For the year of 2004 is an open door to the nations. God is using you to bring these forth in travail and prayer. I encourage you to pray these nations through with persistence, and be aware of distractions that would hinder you from this birth.

The Birth Canal

Its been hard for many of you to see the future and what God has for you, even though He has spoken many big and wonderful things to your spirit. It has been difficult to see to the next year, next month, next day…yet your destination is just around the corner! When you are in the birth canal my friends its tight and the sight is limited. (similar to being in that box as in part I) And with the enemy pounding on you about having a closed womb has not helped anything!

Vs. 6 Jerus translation "Her rival would taunt her to annoy her, because Yahweh had made her barren."

Your rival may be taunting you, but you can just remind that ol' devil that you are just now being born into your destiny, call and purpose and when you finally birth that Samuel, that devil is ejected out of your life. After Samuel is born you never hear of that devil bothering Hannah again! Glory!

The name Hannah means "favored" in the Hebrew, or "favor by petition". My friends not only has God remembered you, but you are highly favored by Him. You have stepped into a new level of favor that He has bestowed upon you for this birthing that is in process. Make your petitions known to Him again, make your requests to God without limit, and ask BIG of Him, for those big desires in your heart have been planted there by His spirit, and yet, He needs you to speak out those desires, purposes and call, so they can be birthed in His timing.

Psalms 81:10 (Har trans) "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt: make your requests without limit and I will accede to them all."

For God will accede or "approve" of all your requests without limit! Hallelujah! Your destiny is limitless! Those of you who are in that area of not being able to "see" the end result or that manifestation you are looking for, is the area of "patience and longsuffering". This is what develops are faith and character. This is where we work to not grow weary, while doing good, so we will reap in DUE SEASON, if we do not lose heart. Be assured my friends when the Word speaks and says you can make your requests without limit and He will accede to them all, He will do just that in His due season.

Isaiah 66:19 "Shall I bring to the time of birth and not cause delivery?" Says the Lord. "Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?" Says your God.

The time of delivery is upon you for many, and soon for others. Rejoice and be glad for you are just now being born!

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The Greatest Time In Human History
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There will be a great harvest of souls and a great release of power to do the work of the Lord.
Gen. 1:14 Man's days shall be **120** years. (120 jubilee years) 120 times 50 = 6000 years.
John 11:3-4
Therefore his sister sent unto Him saying Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, He said, this sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.
When He had heard therefore that He was sick, He abode **two days** still in the same place where He was. Lazarus was dead for **4** days.
II peter 3:8
If a thousand years is as a day and a day as a thousand years, then I believe Jesus was showing us a profile of the 4000 years from Adam to Christ that He would come and He would also resurrect all the spiritually dead believers.
There are 2000 years from Adam to Abraham. There are 2000 years from Abraham to Jesus. The total is 4000 years.
When Jesus arrived at the tomb of Lazarus, He commanded the men to roll the stone away. This stone could represent the law of God given to Moses on the tablets of stone.
II Cor. 3:6-7
The end result would not be death but would glorify God.
2000 years from Adam to Abraham, 2000 years from Abraham to Jesus, 2000 years from when Jesus ascended to heaven to now totals 6000 years.
In the book of Genesis, we see that God completed His work in **6 days.**
Luke 10:33-35
And when He saw him he had compassion on him, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine. And set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn and took care of him.
And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence (representing **2days** wages) and gave them to the host, and said unto him, take care of him, and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee.
The wounded man represents the church or body of Christ. The Holy Ghost and the In keeper are synonymous, two days wages for two days care represents the 2000 years until He returns. The good Samaritan is Jesus. What so ever more you spend implies unlimited support by the Lord, in the Anointing, gifting and finances to edify the body of Christ.
Jude 1:14
Noah had seven days to prepare and get into the Ark before the flood came. Mankind has 7000 years before the Great White throne judgment.

Matt. 17:1
After **6 days** Jesus took Peter, James and John his brother up to a high mountain apart and was transfigured before them. His face shone as the Sun and His clothes were white as the light and behold there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with Him.
I believe God is showing us is that the six days represents the 6000 years that transpire before the glorious appearing of Christ.
Hosea 6:2
After **2 days** will He revive us in the **3rd day** He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.
Genesis 6:3
And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh, yet his days shall be **one hundred and twenty years**.
120 jubilee years or 120 times 50 = 6000 years. The 120th jubilee is the golden jubilee.
II Chron. 3
Solomons temple for the Lord measured 60 cubits by 20 cubits in the main building. The porch was

20 cubits by 20 cubits. When added together the total is **120 cubits**. The porch was also 120 cubits high. The porch is the way to go when approaching the Lord's house. The 80 cubits represent the 80 jubilee years or (80 times 50 = 4000 years between Adam and Jesus. The 40 cubits of the porch represents the 2000 years between Jesus's leaving and the end of the church age.
The weight of the nails used in the temple was 50 shekels of gold.
II Chron. 5:12
120 priests sounded trumpets after the temple was finished.
The queen of Sheba was the first to show up when the house of God was finished. Sheba means 7for7 weeks of the great tribulation after the 6000 years end.
She brought **120 talents** of gold. The same number of priests and cubits.
In the same year, Solomon received **666** talents of gold. This represents the mark of he antichrist after the 120th jubilee or 6000 years ended.
John 4:1-4
Jesus was seen of the believers **40 days** after the resurrection of Himself then He was caught up to the Father's house. The 40 days here represent the 40 jubilee years of the church age, or 40 times 50 = 2000. No one knows the day of the hour that the Lord will catch away the church. But we are very near the time.
Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days.
In the bible codes using equidistant sequence lettering, found embedded in Exodus 19:16 in the phrase "and it came to pass on the morning of the **third day** " is encode the words "in the rapture".
Exodus 19:20
The Lord came down to Mount Sinai and called Moses up to the top and Moses went up. Moses represents those who are dead in Christ for the 120 jubilees. Elijah's name is encoded in the same passage. Elijah represents those who are alive when the Lord comes to catch away the church.

Exodus 24:16 & 18
The glory of God covered Mount Sinai **6 days**, and the seventh day God called Moses and Moses went up into the midst of the clouds.
The Lord wants us to know what time it is . He has given us clear profiles of this point in time. He is not hiding it.
I don't want to name any times or dates because nobody knows but the Father in Heaven.

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It Will Happen When You Say It
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God revealed Himself to us in Jesus to show us *who we are in Him* or who we are going to become in Him.
God's word is the same as His action in response to us speaking the word in faith. God has so much faith in His word, that when we use it, what we say will come to pass. It will happen. When we speak the Word of God we execute and exercise God's authority in this earth. The word of God is alive (quick and powerful). The word of God says that God breathed into man the breath of life, His life. All life came from God. The word of God is our spiritual food.
You don't just have a spirit, you are spirit, made after the image and likeness of God. You have an earth suit made of flesh and blood. The real you is spirit.
God was the Word, The Word was God, The Word was made to live in the flesh of Jesus. God used His Word to change things and to save men.
God has given us His Son to live in us.
Genesis 1:26 - Let us make mankind in our image and in our likeness.
Ephesians 4:23-24
Be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind. Put on the new nature created in God's image.
John 6:63

His words are spirit and they are life. Spiritual things are stronger than the natural things.
Psalm 29
The voice of the Lord is powerful. The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
John 4
The spiritual things have dominion over the natural things. **Jesus spoke to things**.
The word of God is everlasting. Heaven and earth shall pass, but the word of God will remain forever.
The word of God is the incorruptible seed.
I John 3:6
The seed of God remains in those born of the incorruptible seed.
II Corinthians 10:4
We use spiritual weapons to win natural battles.
Ephesians 6:17
The sword of the spirit is the word of God.
Proverbs 21:18
Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it (for death or life)
Matt. 12:37
For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced.
Colossians 3:10
Be constantly renewed and remolded into fuller and more perfect knowledge upon knowledge after the image (the likeness) of Him who created it.
Now you can call those things that be not as though they were.
The words of God that you speak are full of faith and creative power, healing power, deliverance power and miracle working power.
Romans 10:10 Confession is made unto us salvation, healing, deliverance, and deliverance from evil.
Exodus 16:5
On the sixth day they shall prepare to bring in twice as much as they gather daily.
Exodus 17:6, Numbers 20:8
Before Moses saw the glory of God, he struck the rock and water came out. After he saw the glory of God, he was to speak to the rock for the water to come out of the Rock.
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We Cannot Operate Without The Holy Spirit
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This generation is hungry for the living God. The Word of God and the Holy Spirit is the only thing that can quench this hunger of the souls and hearts of men and women. The music needs to have a message, no matter how it sounds. They no longer want music that will stimulate our flesh. There is a divine hunger for God placed into the souls of men.

The word of God says that no man can come to God unless the Spirit draws him or her. The Holy Spirit in us draws people to God. Spirit filled Christians creating music can draw men to Christ through their music.
II Corinthians 1:13
For we write nothing else but simply what you can read and understand (there is no double meaning to what we say), and I hope that you will become thoroughly acquainted (with divine things) and know and understand (them) accurately and well to the end.

It is a reason for pride and exultation to which our conscience testifies that we have conducted ourselves in the world (generally) and especially toward you, with devout and pure motives and godly sincerity, not in fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God (the unmerited favor and merciful kindness by which God, exerting His Holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, and keep, strengthens, and increases them in Christian virtues.

II Corinthians 1:18-20

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Acts 2:16-18

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The Greatest Teaching Ministry
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Possibly the most important teaching ministry is also the most overlooked--the teaching ministry of mothers. As the above text from Proverbs states, we should observe the commandment of our fathers and not forsake the teaching of our mothers. Both sources of training and impartation are needed to walk the path of wisdom. Behaviorists assert that our basic character traits are set by the time we are four years old. Because a mother's teaching has its greatest impact on a child during these crucial formative years, her influence normally will have the greatest impact on the course of her children's lives.

Is there any ministry more important than helping our children get off to the best start possible? Could there be a ministry more worthy of honor and support than the ministry of motherhood? If we really want to influence the future of the church and the world, this is where we must begin.

It is a popular cliche that "Behind every great man there is a good woman." Usually we consider this to be the wife, and often it is. But the wife's place is beside her husband, not behind him. In the lives of those who accomplish great things, we will usually find a mother who resolved, with strategy and vision, to give her son or daughter all the tools necessary to accomplish their purpose in life.

Solomon's Tribute to His Mother

King Solomon was the wisest man to ever rule on earth. After writing the book of Proverbs, the only book in the Bible devoted exclusively to wisdom, he concluded that this was "the oracle which his mother taught him" (Proverbs 31:1). The wisest man was taught his wisdom by his mother.

Bathsheba knew her son was destined to be a king. It must have been an awesome responsibility to prepare the future king of the nation. Even so, our children have a higher calling. They are called to rule and reign with Christ as kings and priests of a greater kingdom than Solomon's. Every mother of a Christian child is a true "queen mother" who deserves much more honor than the queen mother of an earthly kingdom. As Solomon acknowledged:

Go forth, O daughters of Zion, and gaze on King Solomon with the crown with which his mother has crowned him on the day of his wedding, and on the day of his gladness of heart (Song of Solomon 3:11).

Solomon was the son of David, the great king of Israel. He was heir to the throne because his father was king, yet he declares that it was his mother who crowned him. This is the honor which has been given to mothers, so weighty an issue that the Lord commanded us: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you" (Exodus 20:12).

In Ephesians 6:1-3, Paul emphasizes the ongoing application of this commandment under the New Covenant: "Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth."

During the nearly 30 years that I have been a Christian, I have heard a great deal of honor given to spiritual fathers, but rarely any to spiritual mothers. It seems that we are only complying with half of this commandment. If our days are going to be prolonged, we must give honor not only to fathers but to mothers as well. Could this be why very few moves of God keep moving for more than a few years, and then begin to fall from their initial spiritual vitality?

By obeying the commandment we are rewarded with longevity. Failure to honor our parents can range from indifference and unthankfulness to overt dishonoring and cursing. In just one generation, we have seen a rapid degeneration from indifference to blatant dishonoring. If this direction is not reversed in our country, we will soon be doomed, and the blessing of longevity will certainly be revoked.

The Law beckons us to honor our parents with the hope of a great promise. It then makes clear the severe consequences of disobedience. Exodus 21:15 declares, "And he who strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death." Two verses later, the principle is carried even further: "And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death" (verse 17).

Even though we are no longer under the Law for salvation, the Law nevertheless reflects God's standard of righteousness. It is plain to see that the Lord cares very deeply that we honor our fathers and mothers, as Jesus Himself affirmed in Matthew 15:3-4:

And He answered and said to them, "And why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? "For God said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother, let him be put to death.'"

Moses said that whoever curses his father or mother should be put to death, and Jesus interpreted "curses" as "speaking evil." The Lord did not command that people be put to death out of harshness, but in order to remove the deadly spiritual viruses of iniquity from the camp so that others would not be infected.

When He called Abraham in order to reveal the process of redemption, God established the integrity of the family. The unfolding of His purpose from one generation to another was a fundamental vehicle through which the truth of redemption would be revealed. Genesis 18:17-19 states:

And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, since Abraham will surely become a great and mighty nation, and in him all the nations of the earth will be blessed?

"For I have chosen him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice; in order that the LORD may bring upon Abraham what He has spoken about him."

We see here that Abraham was chosen so that he could command his children to follow the way of the Lord. The father of faith was to "command" his children. This relates to Proverbs 6:20--we are to keep the commandment of our fathers and the teaching of our mothers so that we will stay on the path of life.

Should Women Teach in the Church?

All of this brings up an important and controversial issue: Should women be allowed to teach in the church? First, let's look at the New Testament scriptures that seem to forbid this. The first is I Timothy 2:11-15: Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet. For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression. But women shall be preserved through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sanctity with self-restraint.

The second is I Corinthians 14:34-35: Let the women keep silent in the churches; for they are not permitted to speak, but let them subject themselves, just as the Law also says. And if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is improper for a woman to speak in church.

These passages appear so clear and straightforward--how could we possibly doubt a literal application of what the apostle wrote? The main reason why many sincere Bible-believing Christians have challenged the position that women should not teach in the church is that a strict, literal interpretation of these verses contradicts other Scriptures which cannot be overlooked.

A basic principle of biblical interpretation is found in Psalm 119:160: "The sum of Thy word is truth, and every one of Thy righteous ordinances is everlasting." If there is an apparent contradiction in Scripture, there is a reason for it. If we do not understand the reason, we must never base our doctrine on the one or two Scriptures that stand in seeming contradiction to the rest of the Bible; the "sum" of the Word should be our focus. Even so, this does not justify overlooking an individual passage of Scripture. The tension between different passages is meant to drive us to a deeper understanding.

Nowhere in the Old Testament Law does it say that women are "not permitted to speak." For that reason, there is a widely held view among theologians that in I Corinthians 14:34-35 Paul was actually quoting and replying to a letter or report from the Corinthians concerning practices they had adopted. These scholars consider the next verses to be Paul's response to the Corinthian practice of not allowing women to speak:

Was it from you that the word of God first went forth? Or has it come to you only? If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord's commandment. But if anyone does not recognize this he is not recognized. Therefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak in tongues. But let all things be done properly and in an orderly manner (verses 36-40).

While this may explain Paul's statement in Corinthians, it does not explain the verses in I Timothy. I have personally never heard an explanation for this passage that fully satisfied me. However, I do believe there must be an explanation, because it is in contradiction to other Scriptures and violates Paul's own practice. For example, Paul mentioned "Priscilla and Aquila" in Romans 16:3. Paul's mentioning Priscilla before her husband Aquila was a blatant departure from the prevailing custom in which the man was always named first. As such, it could be considered an intentional statement of liberation for women in the church.

In Acts 18:23-28 Luke shares an episode in which "Priscilla and Aquila" took the gifted teacher Apollos aside and "explained to him the way of God more accurately" (verse 26). Certainly this would not have been done if the first-century church had a clear taboo against women teaching men.

Silent Evangelists and Prophetesses?

There are many other ways in which both the Lord and the apostles honored and elevated the status of women in bold departures from the practices of the times. Jesus even chose women to be the first to see and declare His resurrection, the event which formed the foundation for the apostolic mandate. As was promised in Psalm 68:11, "The Lord gives the command; the women who proclaim the good tidings are a great host." In fulfillment of this Scripture, some of history's greatest evangelists have been women.

Another major theological problem with not allowing women to speak in the church is that women are identified as "prophetesses" in both the Old and New Testaments. This list includes Miriam and Deborah in the Old Testament, and Anna and Philip's daughters in the New Testament. We are also told in the books of Joel and Acts that when the Lord pours out His Spirit, our sons and daughters will prophesy (Joel 2:28). Would God give someone the gift of prophecy but not allow them to speak? A further problem which arises if we do not allow women to teach or speak in the church may be the most important of all.

Could there be anything more dishonoring to our mothers than telling them they are not allowed to speak in church? How could it be that those who have been our most influential teachers would be prohibited from speaking in church? These are the ones who not only gave life to us, but nurtured and taught us from the beginning. The Lord thought it was so important for us to honor them that He connected obedience to the Fifth Commandment with one of the greatest promises in the Bible: the promise of a long life.

It takes more bending of Scripture to hold to the doctrine that women should not be allowed to speak in church than it does to accept that they should. Even so, both positions do leave some unanswered biblical questions. I therefore do not believe that either position should be held so dogmatically that we allow it to divide us. And we must be careful to so esteem the Scriptures that we would never attempt to rationalize away a text that we do not agree with.

I am still searching for more understanding on this subject. However, having heard and read a multitude of teachings and examined the issue myself, I must base my doctrine and practice on what I consider to be the weight of the Scriptures. Yet I also intend to remain tolerant of those who disagree. I believe that most of those who take the position that women should not be allowed to speak or teach in church sincerely base their position on a devotion to obey the Lord and His Word. I will always honor those who believe this, even if I disagree with their position.

Spiritual Fathers and Mothers

One of the great problems that we have in the church today is that there are many teachers, but not many fathers. Most of those described as spiritual fathers are actually just old teachers. Often they have served faithfully for many years, but that in itself does not make them a spiritual father.

A father is not necessarily someone who is old, but someone who reproduces. A spiritual father thus is marked by the ability to reproduce his ministry in others. Most men actually become fathers when they are young, not old. Additionally, for a man to become a father, there must be a woman present ! A man becomes a father only when a woman becomes a mother. The reason why there are so few spiritual fathers in the church may well be because the women are not in their place.

We desperately need spiritual fathers, but we have just as much need for spiritual mothers--women whom the Scriptures refer to as "mother[s] in Israel" (Judges 5:7). We need to recognize and honor the women who carry the seed of the Lord through intercession and constant vigilance, and then nurture the young with words of life. Just as mothers are the best teachers of young children, these spiritual mothers will be some of the best teachers of newborn believers.

This is not to negate the place of the men, but God made men and women to be different and divided the labor required to propagate the race. He also divided the labor required for the propagation of the church between men and women, and neither of us are going to fulfill our calling without the other. The Lord does not want the differences blurred out of significance. Rather, we must begin to esteem and honor the uniqueness of each. There is probably not a woman in the world who would not delight in being a woman, if we as men would become who God has called us to be.

As we raise the honor of motherhood, both natural and spiritual, this esteem must include an open door for the teaching role of women to attain the great status it deserves. When this occurs, mothers will stop sacrificing their children on the altars of selfish ambition or giving their devotion to the false deceptions of our consumer-driven culture. Our children don't need more things; they need more of us. To be a mother is one of the most unique, glorious and fulfilling callings that a woman can have. We need to give this noble ministry the attention and resources that it deserves.

Let us also esteem the widows, the women who cannot bear children in the natural, and those who do not feel called to be married. Many of these are likewise called to be a "mother in Israel" as spiritual mothers in the church. The Lord said in Isaiah 54:1-5: "Shout for joy, O barren one, you who have borne no child; break forth into joyful shouting and cry aloud, you who have not travailed; for the sons of the desolate one will be more numerous than the sons of the married woman," says the LORD.

"Enlarge the place of your tent; stretch out the curtains of your dwellings, spare not; Lengthen your cords, and strengthen your pegs. "For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left. And your descendants will possess nations, and they will resettle the desolate cities.

"Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; neither feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced; but you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more. "For your husband is your maker, whose name is the LORD of hosts; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, who is called the God of all the earth."

Becoming a Light to the World

This has been only a superficial discussion of the role of women. Questions as to the role women should have in leadership and church government are outside the scope of this article. I have only tried to highlight some of the basic principles related to the teaching ministry of women. I have much more on which to base my position than what I have shared here, but I also confess a need to learn much more on this subject than I now know.

My primary goal is to bring this matter to the place of debate that it deserves. I believe we will be limited in our spiritual advancement until women assume their rightful role. This involves half the citizens of the kingdom, half the members of the body of Christ. Until women are allowed to function in the place to which they have been called, the body of Christ will be like a stroke victim who is half paralyzed. The church is called to be the light of the world. That implies that we must have the answers to the world's pressing problems. Paul proclaims that "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (II Corinthians 3:17), yet the church has not only consistently failed to lead the great liberation movements of recent times, we have often been their greatest enemies.

When we fail to lead with sound biblical truth, the enemy will fill the vacuum with every form of perversion. Many leaders in the church have mistaken the nature of those who filled the vacuum as the nature of the whole movement. For example, the primary reason why there are such perversions and extremes in the women's liberation movement is because the church did not take the lead in setting women free from the oppression. This movement should not be led by women, but by godly men who have the heart of God for His children!

We must rise up and preempt the enemy by taking the high ground on the important issues of our times. Even if we are starting late, as much of the church is doing in relation to the liberation of women, it is not too late to seize the high ground of sound biblical truth, take our stand, and push the darkness back. When the world sees the godly women of the church fulfilled to the uttermost because they are free to be who God made them, motherhood and womanhood will be esteemed as the glorious callings that they are.

The Lord wants to display womanhood just as He wants to display His bride, the church. The church is a bride--a term intended to reveal her feminine nature. She will never be able to fulfill that calling without women being in their rightful place.

We also need to understand that the bride is to be like "an army with banners," (Song of Solomon 6:4)--a phrase which reveals a masculine militancy. We will not be an army until men are in their place. These may seem to be contradictory natures, but the male and female aspects of creation were designed to perfectly compliment one another. The way that I become one with my wife is not by making her a man. Unity will only come when men are men, and women are women. Each must be allowed to be all that God created them to be.

There would be no Jezebels if there were no Ahabs. Until we are both free, neither can be free. When the Lord is finished with His church, the world will see in it the perfect glory of both men and women. Men will look at the men in the church and say, "That is what I am called to be." Women will look at the women in the church and say, "That is what I am called to be." The liberation God is bringing in the church will have a profound ripple effect throughout our entire society. Default version: NAS

The coming move of God is going to be a lot different than I ever thought—and I'm sure it will be different than you thought, too. The Lord is going to move in a completely new way, unlike anything we have ever seen before. It is good to look for precedents in Scripture and in church history, but many of the things that God will do in the days ahead are truly unprecedented. In fact, God has set somewhat of a precedent for doing unprecedented things. There never had been a precedent for a burning bush, but He used a burning bush as a powerful sign (see Exodus 3). Moses didn't have any doctrinal or theological foundation to prepare him for his encounter with this burning bush. God simply put His glory on a bush that burned without being consumed, and Moses turned aside to see.

Like the burning bush, the church will again shine with the glory of the Lord. Though the bush was merely an inanimate plant impregnated with God's glory, the church will be a living body that is glorious beyond description. Like the burning bush, we will be a sign that people will turn aside to see.

The holy radiation of God will drive out all kinds of illnesses in these last days, and it will be the number one cure for cancers, AIDS and all kinds of communicable diseases. God will once more do things that are unprecedented. He will do things that are different from anything He has ever done before.

In the day of God's unprecedented acts, we need to be careful about saying, "Well, that's not in the Bible." No one had ever experienced a burning bush prior to Exodus 3. Paul had no Bible verse directing him to go and stay in a certain house, nor did Ananias have a Scripture giving him revelation of the geographic location, street number or name of the man he was going to see. Ananias had no precedent to follow that would show him what had caused Paul's blindness or what God would do if he would go and lay hands on Paul. Although Moses, Paul and Ananias may have lacked scriptural precedents for how God was choosing to move in their lives, they had the witness of the power of the Holy Spirit and they obeyed when God called to them.

I do not know all the details of what God plans to do in coming days, but surely one of the key aspects is found in Isaiah 60:1-3: "Arise, shine; for your light has come, And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. "For behold, darkness will cover the earth, And deep darkness the peoples; But the LORD will rise upon you, And His glory will appear upon you. "And nations will come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising" (Isaiah 60:1-3).

Just as Jesus stood on the Mount of Transfiguration and his three disciples saw Him shine (Matthew 17:1-8), God is going to have a whole company of people who are going to shine. The world will see the light, and all the nations will come. It is going to be the light of "a city set on a hill" that "cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14). It is time for the body of Christ to arise and let her light shine forth for the world to see. A New Breed of Leaders

I see a whole new leadership and a whole new move of God for these last days. The Lord is going to speak mightily again, and He is going to cause heaven to touch the earth. It is not enough for the world to hear our teachings, our prophecies, or our expositions of Scripture if the heavens are not stirred to action. Multitudes of men and women might thrill at the words they hear, but it matters little if there is not a chain reaction of kingdom life on the earth.

The world is not so much questioning the reality of life after death, but rather it is watching us to see if we truly have a new kind of life after we receive Christ. Our inability to evangelize the world has been more the result of the world's skepticism about "life after life" than about life after death. Are we really saved? Do we really have new life? When we do, a heavenly chain reaction will follow. Life will beget life after its own kind (see Genesis 1:24).

I believe an awesome, reverential fear and respect is coming back to the leadership of the church. Losing her self-imposed restrictions and her imprisonment to human traditions, the church is going to regain her power and emerge shining brighter than the noonday sun. We are going to be called upon by heads of state and kings of nations. The Lord is going to give heaven to earth so that we can evangelize the world. In the condition we are now in, the church would never be able to fully win the world. But, thank God, she is about to change.

In order for the changes to occur, we, like Ezekiel, must "eat this scroll" that contains the Word of the Lord (Ezekiel 3:1). What does it mean to eat the scroll? It means that we have to digest His message to the point where we become the message. We will never be able to reach the world unless that happens. God gave John the Beloved similar instructions about eating a little book (Revelation 10:8-11) and, like Ezekiel, John was able to prophesy in a way that caused a mighty chain reaction.

When we eat the scroll and get His Word in us so that it becomes a part of us, the world will behold the glory of the Father. The nations will respond to this kind of word—not because God's servants are listed in Who's Who, or because they raise the greatest offerings, or build the greatest buildings. Rather, people will respond because they know that ordinary men cannot speak with such authority unless the power of God is in them.

True Seed Faith

One thing I am sure God will challenge is the idea of "seed money." God makes it very clear in His Word that His people are to be the seed that is planted, not the "almighty dollar." He distinctly shows us that we are to be the seed that is planted, and we are to be fruitful in the earth. Out of love for the Master they serve, God's true disciples are those who forsake everything (Luke 14:26). The teaching that one can grow financially prosperous by giving more to the church is a perversion of truth. We cannot be His disciples until all we have, all we are, and all we ever hope to be has been laid before Him. Only then can He do with us and through us all that He wants to do. "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me" (Luke 9:23).

This is what true discipleship is all about—the sacrificial life. The Lord wants the seed to be planted so that it can produce grain, but it must first be bruised and crushed before it can be living bread for the hungry (see John 12:24). Although the "seed money" principle may have filled the coffers of the church, it has left the ministry and the people sterile. There is no birthing. The womb is closed. Yet God is going to change all this. He is going to plant the right seed in the right soil, and life is going to come forth.

In the book of Acts, Peter and John were on their way into the temple when they saw a lame man lying at the gate. Fixing his gaze upon the man, Peter said, "Look at us!...I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene—walk!" (Acts 3:4-6). Then Peter took him by the right hand and lifted him up. Immediately the man's feet and ankle bones received strength, and he began walking and leaping and praising God. This is what the world is waiting to see.

The first thing Peter told the lame man was, "Look at us!" However, the world is not presently looking at the church. In fact, most unbelievers pay no attention to us at all. What is going to impress the world is the power and the character of God in our lives. They will take note when we are able to say, "What I do have I give to you"—and then do mighty miracles in Jesus' name. That kind of authority is going to be restored to the church.

A Heavenly Chain Reaction

There is going to be a release of power evangelism that will meet the needs of mankind. This will cause a chain reaction throughout the world. God is going to have a mighty army that goes into every place on the face of the earth, sharing this glorious gospel. The gospel of the kingdom is not just His Word—it is also His power. It is always associated with healing the sick and doing the works of God. This is the gospel that Jesus proclaimed and demonstrated, and He is about to do it again.

When heaven touches the earth, we won't have to twist any arms to get people saved. Jesus is the Lord of the harvest, and He has given us the opportunity to proclaim His life-changing kingdom. We won't have to strive in our own energy. We won't have to go out and evangelize in the energy of the flesh, knocking on doors in hopes that someone will get saved. As never before, lost people will come to us.

In this spiritual chain reaction of the last days, we are going to know the times, understand what God is saying, and then go do something about it. We will have life to pass on to those who will hear, and they will receive life to pass on to others. When heaven touches earth, the world will know that we serve an awesome, life-giving God. His glory will be seen throughout the whole earth!

Crossing Over
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As we have covered, one of the primary characteristics between those who serve the Lord, and those who serve the devil, will be distinguished by the respect for life. Jesus came to give life, and the devil comes to destroy. As we proceed toward the harvest, the full maturity of all that has been sown in man, the good and the evil, will be witnessed by the power of life and the power of death as never before,. Even so, life is stronger than death, and life will ultimately prevail. However, until the ultimate victory, death will fill the earth as never before. Therefore, those who are growing in their love for life, and growing in the power to impart and save life, must also learn how to cope with death.

I Corinthians 10:1-11 explains that everything Israel went through in the wilderness was a blueprint for us, as verse eleven summarizes: "Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come." Understanding this is basic to understanding biblical prophecy. One of the events that is especially timely for us now is the crossing of the Jordan River by Israel.

The church has been wandering in its wilderness for nearly two thousand years and is about to likewise cross over into its Promised Land. The prophetic events associated with Joshua's crossing are about to parallel world events as the church begins to cross its Jordan River. In Joshua 3:3-4 we read:

and they commanded the people, saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God with the Levitical priests carrying it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it.

However, there shall be between you and it a distance of about 2,000 cubits by measure. Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before."

These two thousand cubits represent the years that the Lord Jesus, represented by the ark of the covenant, passed through the Jordan or death, before the rest of His people. Note that it does not say this had to be "exactly" two thousand cubits, but "about" that many. Now it is just "about" two thousand years since Jesus crossed over. Some very basic things are about to start changing for the church, and for the world.

In verse 15, when telling of the priests entering into the Jordan carrying the ark we are told, "... for the Jordan overflows all its banks all the days of harvest..." (Joshua 3:15) In biblical prophecy, the Jordan River often represents death because it empties into the Dead Sea. John the Baptist baptized there, and the disciples of Jesus baptized there as well. Here we see that this river "overflows all its banks all the days of the harvest" as a prophecy of the way death will be overflowing all its previous limits during the harvest that is the end of this age. It will also be this way when the church is crossing over to enter into its Promised Land, which is to walk in all of the promises that have been given to it.

We see in verse 16: "that the waters which were flowing down from above stood and rose up in one heap, a great distance away at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan..." (Joshua 3:16). It is no accident that this city was called "Adam." When the Lord's people enter into their Jordan, truly laying down their lives for the Lord and His gospel, no longer living for themselves but for Him, then the river of death will be cut off, and death will be rolled back all the way to Adam, the one who released it on the earth in the first place.

In verse 17 we are told, "And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan" (Joshua 3:17). Just as Moses and Aaron had to pass away before Israel could cross into its Promised Land, there is a leadership change that must take place before the church will be able to enter into to its promises. In this I do not think it represents specific people of a specific generation, but of the type of leadership that the church has had for nearly the last two thousand years.

Moses and Aaron accomplished a great deal for the people of God. They delivered the people from their slavery in Egypt, and they got them through the wilderness right to the door of the Promised Land. These were no small accomplishments. However, it took a different kind of leadership to lead the people over the Jordan, and to possess their land.

A whole new type of leadership is about to arise that is different from the one that is passing. One of the first acts of the new priesthood was to carry the ark across the Jordan, where they "stood firm...in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on..." There will be a leadership that arises which will stand firm right in the midst of all of the death around it, which will enable all of God's people to cross over.

That they stand firm in the middle of the Jordan also means that they will stand firm on the cross, the death to ourselves, and all that the cross implies to God's people. It is when the priests of God take their stand on this that the waters of death will begin to be rolled back. Death is the path to live in Christ, just as Paul explained in II Corinthians 4:7-12:

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you.

Just as John the Baptist, the last of his order, was the greatest of them in many ways, the last order of leadership that will soon pass will be some of the greatest. However, there are great changes that are about to take place in the leadership of the church, and this will bring about great changes in the church itself. The first one will be that the cross will be the center again, and the coming priesthood will take their stand on it. They will lead the people through their baptism in the Jordan, a true consecration to die to themselves and live for the purposes of the Lord. They will stand on the cross until death is rolled back "all the way to Adam."

The most basic conflict is between life and death, and those who are given the power of life will have gained it by their own death to themselves, as Paul explained in the text above. There are other basic changes coming which we will discuss in some detail in the weeks to come. As the One who has crossed over before us said:

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it (Matthew 16:24-25).

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To Heal And Restore

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God has been speaking some things to me and He's making it very clear, so I will just write the things I'm hearing. Recently the Lord gave me a vision as I was praying and reading through 2 Peter 1:2-8

(2Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ).

This is what I saw in my spirit December 17, 2003, as I read the above scripture.

I saw in my spirit a beautiful beach setting, and a little boy sitting on the beach. He had a small bucket and shovel beside him. I noticed he had dug a very deep hole in the sand. The hole was not wide but it was very deep. I then noticed a set of waves out in the ocean approaching the beach. As the first wave hit the beach it was very forceful and rushed very fast up the beach surrounding the little boy, and poured into the hole. My attention then focused on the hole as water and sand began fill up the hole. Wave after wave continued coming in until finally the hole was completely filled with sand until there was no evidence that the hole ever existed.

The vision then ended, and I began to meditate on all this and how it relates to 2 Peter 1:2-8. The Lord then spoke to my spirit *"the weight of the ocean contains great power"*. I then began to see that the ocean represents God. The hole in the sand represents some hurts or wounds that have occurred in our past or childhood. The waves represent a progression of the knowledge and glory of God, which bring healing and restoration to our lives.

I believe that just like the waves brought in sand and filled in the hole, God wants to heal and restore old wounds, which have occurred in our past so completely that there will be no evidence they ever existed. Many people have been hurt in their past, and the devil is still using these things to stunt our growth in the present. It's time to let the past be the past, and receive the forgiveness and restoration of the Lord, and do not allow yesterdays wounds to define our tomorrows.

Verse 4 says that it is God's will that we all become partakers of God's divine nature. This means that all of the characteristics and qualities of God should become ours in increasing measure as we draw closer and closer to Jesus. The devil knows this as well and unfortunately he knows this better than most Christians, and that is exactly why the devil attacks us so intensely. He wants to keep the body of Christ in the dark and unaware of who we are and our unlimited potential in Christ. If he can keep us focused on all the nasty things other people has done to us, and on all the past mistakes and sins, then he knows that we will lose our focus on Christ. The moment we do that we are subject for a fall. I believe it was Pat Coking who recently said that there might be some leaders in the body of Christ who may experience some hard set backs in the coming year. This can happen to anyone, so the best way to guard ourselves against that is to progressively grow closer and closer to the Lord like those waves hitting the beach and like we see in the above scripture.

I am not trying to diminish or make light of anything that people have gone through, but the bible tells us that we're all called to be overcomers, that's part of who we are - its part of our journey. God wants us to know that these hurtful things can become stepping stones to walk closer to Jesus, so HE can turn these old wounds into strong points in our lives to help other people out of similar situations.

I also believe that many people (believer's of course and even non-believers) are becoming spiritually pregnant with God. And just as the virgin Mary conceived in her womb from the Holy Spirit and gave birth to the Word of God the Son of God, many are conceiving something from God and you are about to give birth to those things which God has planted in you. But before that happens we may have to endure more birth pains, and these will not be easy - they will be painful & difficult. So don't follow the path of the world - which always says to follow the path of least resistance; because in God's Kingdom the path of hardship always leads to the greatest reward. So we must learn to rejoice in trials and temptations, we must become more like Jesus - who the bible says learned obedience through the things he suffered. Begin to cooperate with God in all that He is doing, no matter how hard or crazy it may seem, because God wants to release into the body of Christ a greater understanding and revelation of the knowledge and Glory of God. He wants to take us into deeper realms of His Spirit, and inject His Divine Character into us. Which will in turn take us to that place of blessing where we can become partakers, and partners of His diving nature. I pray that the eyes of our heart will become open. We need to see with clarity, now more than ever!

Recently I've been hearing from several people, that this will be a year of freedom. I have to say that I agree with that, I think this will be a year of freedom. I believe the things that the Lord is showing me, is closely related and confirms this. I believe this will be a year that many people in the body of Christ are finally set free from the things that have haunted them for years. I say now; this will be a year of freedom. Many people in the Body of Christ will be set free this year from past wounds and mistakes. Many in the Body of Christ will finally be set free from the hidden sins of pornography, and drug and alcohol abuse. This will be a year that many in the Body of Christ will be at liberty so completely that they will no longer hide these sins, but freely expose them setting others free with their testimony. Many in the body of Christ will be healed so completely there will no longer be any residue from it. This will also be a year of release. Many people in the body of Christ will be released or birthed into the calling, which has been prophesied over them for years. Many will be released to walk out the impossible for they will now be united more completely to the ONE who makes all things possible.

Notice in verse 5, 4 little words. Verse 5 says "Add to your faith". This speaks of work, this speaks of action, and it speaks of our responsibility to God's will. Far to often we will hear a prophetic word, and go home all exited and just wait around for it to happen. This is a major problem in the Church today. People want the blessing of God but they're not willing to travel the road that will take them there. They're not willing to pay the price of prayer and intimacy with our King, which will posture them to receive His precious promises.

If you will notice in vs. 4 it says it is God's will that we become partakers of His divine nature, and in vs.

8 it is God's will that we are fruitful and full of the knowledge God. But how many of us can say that we're really living in this realm of the Spirit. Verse 5 tells us how to get there, we must diligently add to our faith. The Lord showed me that this progression in scripture (add to your faith - virtue - to virtue knowledge etc.) is like waves of the ocean. When these waves come, they bring healing to all our wounds and progressively takes us closer and closer to the Lord, until finally we are standing firmly in His love bearing no scars from our past. But in order to fully participate in His divine nature, we must position ourselves like a surfer in the ocean of God and ride his waves into reality. For those who know anything about surfers, your know that a surfer is passionate about surfing. They get up before sunrise to surf, lunch break their surfing, and just before sunset they're surfing. Let's become this passionate for God, and lose ourselves in HIM.

We must begin to do the things we know to do, and lose ourselves in God. We must begin to corporate with the Lord, and make a firm decision that this is the year we seek the Lord with everything we have. We must make the decision today to seek the face of God more than what He can give. We must seek God just simply to know Him. Because it is in the process of getting to know Him, that all these promises will become reality. But it will take effort on our part. It will not come just because we want it, and it won't even happen just because it's Gods will for us. We must be diligent and unwavering in our faith and pursuit.

I believe that this year can be the beginning of the greatest years of the history of the Church, surpassing even the 1st century believers. I believe we're entering the time prophesied in Isaiah 60, where the world goes darker, and darker, but the true believers, the ones who truly know HIM, will radiate with HIS Glory in ever increasing measure. There is coming a clear distinction between the people of God and the people of the world. Where do you find yourself? We can make the decision to be conformed to the world or transformed into the image of Christ. I pray we all make the right decision.

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The High Cost

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God is now in the process of recruiting an army with which He will shake this old world one more time.

By working through His soldiers, God will produce great miracles that will shake the established hierarchy of the so called organized religion that is in this world today.

These soldiers that God is now recruiting will demonstrate the power of God to a greater extent than did the disciples in the Pentecostal age.

Some will be even greater demonstrations than that of Elijah.

God's recruitment for this army has been going on for some time.

Some of these soldiers have been brought up to a certain level of faith and placed in a "holding" position where they shall remain until He has brought all the new ones up to that level.

Remember, the Bible says that He is the author and finisher of our faith.

It is going to be through the faith of the soldiers that God will demonstrate His great power.

As was stated earlier, for a long time He has been recruiting a few.

Now the recruitment has begun in earnest because God is about to perform the great miracles through His army that He promised us He would do in the Bible.

John the Baptist brought the spirit of Elijah into this world and he did not even know he had it.

He denied it, but Jesus confessed that it was so.

The purpose of that spirit was to make straight the paths of the coming of the Lord.

"I declare unto you that you the soldiers who are being recruited now to join with those who have been recruited in the past, will bring to this world the spirit of Elijah.

Again the purpose is to make straight the paths of the coming of the Lord for He is about to come again!

You that sleep, now is the time to awaken!

You that have been in that "holding" pattern for years, look up!

You're about to be put to work!

To the new recruit, I would say study the Bible diligently and seek the Lord's will in every aspect of your life.

Time is short for your spiritual training, but you will be used in ways you never thought possible if you seek the Lord FIRST in your life.

"You who are to be chosen will be the soldiers of the latter rain as referred to in Scripture.

This recruitment is for the end of the great revival spoken of by the prophet Joel and begun on the day of Pentecost.

The end time of that great revival is the beginning of the latter rain, so you must prepare for the battle with the discipline of a professional soldier.

"Know this also. There shall be a time or process of "culling" those who are not qualified to be a member of this "Gideon's" army.

Just as in Gideon's army in the bible, only a select few will be fit for service in the army of Christian soldiers the Lord will use in the battle of the latter rain."

Another thing that will happen is that the MANTLES OF GREAT MEN AND PROPHETS WILL FALL ON INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN HANDLE THE RESPONSIBILITY.

Expect people to start to operate in and under the power of God like a Jeremiah or an Isaiah.

In the midst of this fresh move, the church is going to have to discern which leaders to follow.

For there will be at least three kinds of leaders, the David's, the Jonathan's and the Saul's.

THE SAUL's leadership which is marred by envy and jealousy, seeking prestige and power and continually FEELING threatened by those along side or under them.

Frequently they'll use all kinds of religious gibberish to pull down the anointed.

Saul had all kinds of ideas on how David should go and fight Goliath, none were God's intended methods.

One thing which has had a negative effect/grieving the Holy Spirit recently has been the dusting off of old wine skins/old methods which never worked in the past and wouldn't work in the present.

Yet many have attempted to resurrect old concepts of church growth methods and have declared them to be fresh.

The army of God needs to smell out that which is truly fresh and that which is truly rotten.

There has been a genuine lacking of creativity in evangelism, relationship building and leadership.

These don't allow others to get close to them, they avoid any real accountability. They are a hidden danger to renewal.

THE JONATHAN'S leadership, a friend of renewal but at the same time attempting to keep one foot in with the Saul's.

Jonathan was killed with King Saul the same day, fighting a battle.

This style of leadership is to keep every one happy, the old guard and still dancing occasional in and around renewal.

While it appears to be safe, don't expect any mighty anointing, nor any great leadership.

One is going to have to check out who's related to whom. Birds of a feather flock together.

While many are attempting to develop strategic partnerships, very often it is just to create image, it's usually an indication of a lack of genuine vision and anointing to impact the enemies kingdom.

A soft or compromising leader is deadly in times of revival, identify them and avoid them.

DAVID'S leadership, examine his life carefully, He was a man not approved of by his brethren.

They even tried to saddle (burden) him with mundane responsibilities, looking after the sheep (1 Sam 18:28). "David your heart is filled with pride".

Don't expect any favours from the old religious guard who will have it's fair share of PROVE YOURSELF to me/us. [When you see it, you'll understand your callings].

As I shared in the past, This move is going to be a storm of the Spirit. The Glory clouds will roll in.

The lightning's of God are going to hit.

"The former and latter rain will be falling at the same time, and the winds and thunders of God will be heard."

We live in the era of the end times, and God has said through many prophets around the world "I am going to change the understanding and expression of Christianity in the earth in this one generation.

History has born record to those men mightily used in the past.

All were men who had "paid the Price", who had spent much time alone in secret with God, and often spent years in the "wilderness" before being anointed with power from on high and sent forth to loose God's people from their chains of bondage and sin.

Suddenly they arrived, as if from nowhere, utterly fearless and with a searing message that pierced straight to the hearts of their hearers.

As A.W. Tozer wrote "God has always had his specialists...who appear at critical moments in history to reprove, rebuke and exhort in the name of God and righteousness....such a man is likely to be drastic, radical, possibly at times violent.

His ministry is geared to the emergencies, and that fact marks them as being different, a man set apart for such a time as this.

The training ground for such men hasn't come because they have hung unto the leadership of others.

Their training ground has been deep in the "Wilderness of brokenness", nothingness and a death to self.

As the historian D'Aubigne wrote, "A great work of God is never accomplished by the natural strength of man.

It is from those dry bones, the darkness and the dust of death, that God is pleased to select as the instruments by means of which he designs to scatter over the earth his light, regeneration and life.

These David's will come forth manifesting a holy recklessness not confusion, They desire to display the Glory to a dying world.

These are men and women motivated by tenderness towards God and mankind.

Their prayers are filled with the heart-piercing pathos of the dying Jesus.

These folk have the burning flame, that interior furnace of throbbing love, one that sighs and weeps and break down under the shivering heat of all-consuming love.

These men and women understand the words of the Holy Ghost "Be ye tender hearted, forgiving one another."

Tenderness must be in the very nature, and forgiveness is but the behaviour of that nature.

Extract from the book "Placebo" by Howard Pittman. Mr. Pittman was a Baptist preacher who went into a near death coma and recovered.

Theme For 2004

Sam Buick

The Prophetic Theme For 2004: The Kingdom Will Be Forcefully Advancing & At The Same Time It Will Be Forcefully Attacked

1. Within The Church: Rejoicing And Rejecting

"There is much beloved ones that is now taking place and will increase that will bring much joy and rejoicing to those within the Kingdom. The Church, My Body, will about with much joy in the midst of hostility and persecution. It will marvel many within your societies that this increase in joy will accompany more and more opposition to My Kingdom There will be those within the Church however that will have much difficulty with the increase in hostility and many will reject what is coming simply because they cannot handle the rejection and hostility. Many will wax cold and many will compromise and many will be tempted to discard and walk away from the Wine they have tasted.
"Beloved know that as you embrace Me at this hour, there will be many whom you perceive and know who will reject what My Spirit is doing. They will have counted the cost and find it to not be worthy of their affection and desire. They cannot bear rejection and suffering and cannot bear the brunt of what is now coming. "Do not be overwhelmed with grief, for there are many who easily believed who did not count the cost who will now be challenged to the very heart as to where their affections lie. Know that I have overcome the world and that I have called you to be overcomers. You will overcome as I have overcome and you will taste the reward of faithfulness.

2. Outside The Church: Hope And Hatred

"Beloved, you will see that the very face of church life will change before you. You will see and find that the very essence of community will be transformed. As hostilities increase in the culture, the hatred that lies beneath the surface will raise its head and become more pronounced and more bold in its open hostility. This hatred will shock many of you, for the restraining that you once knew will no longer hold back the hatred. It will become virulent and more will come along and simply lay blame upon the Church for all the ills of society. Many will watch silently from the sidelines to see how many within My Body respond and how they respond to the abuse and hatred.

"Beloved as you return love for the hatred poured out upon you, and as you continue to give away what I have given you, you will see My Spirit draw many into the Kingdom. Many will be making decisions for eternity based upon how your respond in grace under pressure. How you live your lives in the year ahead will have a dramatic impact for the sake of the Kingdom. Close scrutiny and hostility will usher in many into the Kingdom.

3. Kingdoms In Conflict: The Clash Between Heaven And Earth

"Precious ones, know that in the year ahead the warfare will increase and intensify. The Kingdom will become more clear and more pronounced as hostility becomes more common and more volatile and expressive. There will be an awareness of conflict in the heavens and on the earth.

"The spiritual gifts will become more and more visible and more vibrant in expression in contrast the dead religiosity found in many church fellowships. There will be an increase in discernment and in intercession. The Body will become known as the "PRAYING ARMY PREYING ON THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS".

"The Body will become more militant and bold and very visible in the days ahead. There will come forth a humility with boldness to not back down from the vile work of the enemy as the enemy manipulates and brings forth violence against the Body of Christ in the nations. As the hostility increases, there will be thanksgiving and fervent prayer for boldness and zeal.

"Many religious buildings will empty, and many will be amazed at the love that abounds among those who are reviled and suffer rejection and abuse. Much grace will be poured out. As prayer and intercession increases, the love of God will flow in the streets. Boldness and zeal will mix with compassion and the life of the Son will be given away through signs and wonders and miracles.

"The hour will be great in annals of the history of the Church. The greater the rejection and hostility, the greater the expression of the Kingdom."
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The Birthmark
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Shalom Fellow Israelites,

What is it that identifies us as being of the progeny of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Surely there must be some birthmark that the scriptures point to, that reveals this biblical God-given relationship between this generation and the lives of the forefathers of 4,000 years ago! The covenants that YHVH made with our natural forbearers is that they would have multitudes of descendents like the sand of the sea, dust of the earth and the stars of heaven, too numerous to number. The prophets reiterated these promises of the multiplicity. How will we ever know how *“great the day of Jezreel”* (Yah’s sowing, Hos. 1:10), if the descendents are only a handful of Jews, in this generation, who are easily countable? Will there always be a suppressed doubt in the back of bible believers’ minds that YHVH was not true to His word and faithful to the covenant of multiplicity? Or will His Word be regarded simply as containing numerous figures of speech? These questions, although not at the hub of this letter, do raise another: who are to inherit all the blessings and promises that were given to these natural forefathers and to their offspring? The Abrahamic seed, that is Israel (both houses), has an inheritance to claim, and other promises from YHVH that specifically belong to them. But if we have lost our ancestral line, how are we going to claim those promises? What proof do we (Jews or Ephraimites) have that will allow us to possess the inheritance, especially at a time when there are other people groups who are contesting our rights vis-à-vis that inheritance?

The apostle Paul warns us that we are not going to be able to trace our ancestry through a biological tree of the generations, and if we try it will only result in strife and contention: *“…nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than godly edification which is by faith”* (1 Tim 1:4). And again, *“But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless”* (Titus 3:9). Is there any one on this earth who can trace their genealogy back 150 generations? There may be a handful of Jews today who can possibly go back 2,000 years or 50 generations, but still that is no proof. Of course an easy way out of this would be to just blurt, “God knows”, which is true - yet the ones who really need to know are the rightful inheritors themselves.

Let us see if we can find some scriptural ‘identification papers’ that are necessary to stake a claim on the inheritance, or the riches of the promises. The above quote from Timothy already gave us a clue.

What was inherent in the forefathers that marked them and set them apart, and made them special in the eyes of their Covenant Maker? They all seemed to have one thing in common - they believed YHVH, utilizing the ability that was in them called “faith”. However, even though this characteristic was in the life of the father (Abraham), it was not going to be made fully manifest in his offspring until after the redemption. *“For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel* [Judah-Israel], *until* *"the fullness of the Gentiles"* [Ephraim-Israel] (Gen 48:19) *be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, there shall come out of Zion the Deliverer [Yeshua], and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob"* (Rom. 11:25-26).

YHVH said, *"I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, for, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, yet shall not the least part* ["tz'ror"] *fall upon the earth"* (Amos 9:9). In other words, they (Israel) will be well mixed into the nations but YHVH will not lose track of any one "segment" or "part" (which is what that Hebrew word means in this context). YHVH was saying, then, that even though Israel will lose its identity and will be scattered in the nations, through divine providence they would somehow continue to remain in groupings of their own kin (as depicted by the popular cliché, "birds of a feather flock together"). Isaiah also prophesied that YHVH would *"cause them that come of Jacob to take root" and that, "Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit"* (Isa. 27:6).

"And he [Abraham] *received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all those who have the faith, though they be not circumcised"* (Rom 4:11). We know from biblical history that the ten tribes of the northern kingdom did not keep Torah and consequently were not circumcised. But yet the promises remain to all the seed, *"for the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith"* (Rom 4:13). Active faith, like that of Abraham's, seems to be the birthmark that we are looking for in order to identify the inheritors of the promises.

"Therefore it is of faith that it might be according to grace, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed [sperm], *not only to those who are of the law [the Jews, who have the faith, but in some, as is true of all Israel, it is still hidden], but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all"* (Rom. 4:16). *"Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham"* (Gal 3:7). *"And if you are Christ's [in other words, have the anointing of the Spirit of God], then are you [recognized as] Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise"* (Gal 3:29). Being anointed with the Spirit does not make you one of his natural offspring, because that interpretation would eliminate and make of non-effect all the prophecies and blessings from the Tanach. The Apostle, in writing to the Galatians, was not contradicting himself, but in fact was staying consistent with what he had written to the believers in Rome. His writings line up with many Old Testament prophecies about the Spirit of God anointing the Abrahamic seed. *"Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour My Spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon your offspring: And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses"* (Isa. 44:2-4). Here we see that the Spirit that was promised in the new covenant to the two houses of Israel (Judah and Ephraim), is given as an anointing ("Christ") to the believers, through the same faith that was in their forefather Abraham. This anointing is another of the identifying marks, or second witness if you will, to being of the Abrahamic seed.

Scriptures show that faith was always evident to some degree in the progeny (see Hebrews 11), but remained mostly dormant. It was not seen in the multitudes until after the redemption, at which time it came to the fore through the preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom and Yeshua as Messiah. *“But before faith came or appeared, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed* [meaning, the unveiling of its hidden presence]” (Gal. 3:23). The full potential of the seed is already inherent within it, but it has to “fall into the ground” and to receive a scent of water, before it can shoot forth. Faith was already in Abraham and his progeny, but it had to wait until YHVH would send His Son with His faith to accomplish redemption for His kinsmen from the Abrahamic family. Only after the faith of Yeshua was made manifest to His brethren, could the faith that was in them become evident so that they could receive the promises, especially of the Spirit.

"Moreover whom he did predestinate [sperm of Abraham], *them he also called* [Isaac/Jacob], *and whom he called, them he also justified* [those who have the faith of Abraham]: *and whom he justified, them he also glorified* [Israel]” (Rom 8:30). *"Sing, O you heavens; for YHVH has done it: shout, you lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for YHVH has redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel”* (Isa. 44:23).

Our father Abraham *“did not stagger at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform”* (Rom 4:20-21).

I pray that we, like our forefather, will not stumble nor stagger in unbelief, but be strong in the faith, especially now that we have been *“sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest* [or down payment] *of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession* [all Israel], *unto the praise of His* [YHVH’s Son] *glory*” (Eph. 1:13-14).

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

The City

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As I stood in the plain this morning I saw in the distance what looked like a town. Through the haze of the early morning sun I could just see the outline of its buildings. Then the Lord spoke to me again, and told me to go and visit this town and look at the abandoned buildings, as it was now nearly a ghost town. He said nearly, as there were still remnants of its former population still living there.

Upon arriving I was taken to what was the main street, it was pretty dusty and neglected and there had not been much traffic on it for a long time. Only the occasional tourist, or someone from the town's past taking a drive down memory lane. Then the Lord said to me that it had once been a thriving city, but those that had lived there had become complacent and uncaring about it's place in the earth, and as a result they had unwittingly elected a new Mayor and councillors who had no vision for the city, or for the reasons it was built in the first place. These new "city fathers" knew nothing of the towns history and the sacrifice necessary in getting it established. He said that the people had been concerned yes, and had grumbled to him and to each other but were to afraid of doing anything through fear, and so now they only have memories, and spend their time yearning for the things they had back then. These buildings he said, stand as a testimony in the earth to their fear and lack of faith. Each one has a word from me that now speaks out against those who let it fall into disrepair and neglect. "Come with me. Come with me, and I'll show you what I mean."

We then proceeded down the street to a building that had written on its façade, "Evangelism." Its doors were now bolted and huge heavy padlocks of fear hung on them. It's windows that had once been open all the time were also locked and boarded up. When He took me inside there were tables scattered around the room. Some had fallen over, while others were still upright. The ones that were upright had what looked like unfinished meals, indeed some of the meals had not been touched. He said the meals were originally meant for the lost to eat as they came in. Meals of salvation, healing, deliverance, and abundant life, but he said that the new owners had changed the recipe and they now represented lack of prayer, lack of holiness, lack of love for each other, and had become poison to anyone that ate them. These plates now had meals of modernism, philosophy, and new age thinking on them. They were no longer wholesome and sweet, but were meals of dissention and back biting, and their ultimate contribution was not to life, but to death. In the centre of the room was a water fountain. He said it still is full of the waters of salvation, of love and forgiveness. "It's waters used to flow out the doors and windows of this place, but the tap, that is, the unrelenting cry and concern for the lost that once was part of this place and the people in it has now rusted up, and the result is that no-one comes to this place for water, and if they do, they are given water polluted by the need to build a new city that is not of me. They are given directions to the new city, then shown the way out."

He then took me to a table that had men and women sitting around it. Their mouths were moving, but no words were coming out, their hands were pointing in all directions, but there was nothing to point too. Some of the men had women sitting on their knees with eyes full of lust and decadence. Others were counting money, and they too had eyes full of lust and greed. Still others were weeping and crying over the lost opportunities they had lost in their ministries. I then asked, "why are they still here?"

"They are testimonies to my anger against those who having been called to this work, never leave it's safety and go out into the street, but mouth empty words while partaking in all kinds of self indulgent wickedness within the precincts of it's walls."

As we left the building He showed me all the people walking were outside mocking the building and the sign on the front. He said: "These are not the lost, but the inhabitants of the new city that is not of me. They are my so-called new sons and daughters, but they are not a people with whom I can trust my word. For they have never been in the building you have just left, they have never tasted it's sweet waters of forgiveness and salvation as you have, for they are inheritors of what I gave their fathers, but now seek to build their own city of refuge. One that is full of all that is evil and wanton. They are destitute of feeling and are as brute beasts, robbing and looting all that is holy and just."

As we continued along the street we came to another building that looked like a school, it had Teaching written on its gates and appeared very run down. Upon entering it’s grounds I noticed all the classrooms, some were empty while others were full of people. We then entered a classroom that was full of serious learned people. They had divided up into groups and were studying books, hundreds of books. Every conceivable subject concerning the Christian life was being studied and written about. There were black boards, white boards, tapes recorders playing tapes, video tapes playing videos, men and women standing behind rostrums espousing the latest so-called, and thus far undiscovered truth about the scriptures. Along the walls were signs advertising the latest conference on healing the sick, church growth, missionary seminars and others. Then he said: “This is the infant section now. It used to be that faithful men and women taught the deep things of eternal life and holiness from my word in this place. This was a great field that I watered daily with my word, but now it has become a desert, full of false teachers who are in chains of foolishness and madness.”

Then I remembered that I had not seen a bible anywhere. I watched as the students that had been in the classrooms began to leave, they were hurrying off in all directions with their new insights and truths. Some had folders full of essays that they had written. These essays were marked not according to the truth, but with a mark that ensured the student was not completely discouraged and would return to pay homage to the new idea, the new concept, the new god. The god of the new age, the god of this world, the god that worships learning and broad acceptance of the new philosophy. The god that demands you come back to him again and again in order that you become wiser in the new revelation, the new word, while all the time the “Word made flesh, Jesus,” mourns for the lost.

As we left I heard Him ask me if I was wise, a sage, a teacher, after having been here, for if you think you are, then you too are confused and lost unless you also become simple in your faith. He said, “Know me and I will teach you the simple message of salvation for the lost and the church. This place of teaching was my idea, in order that my children grow into mature adults and become able ministers of my word.

Further down the street we came to a shop which had a sign saying, “Gifts.” As we walked in I noticed that the shop was divided into two sections. In one section were the five ministry gifts displayed, and in the other were the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit. Then I noticed a doorway leading to a room at the back, it had a sign saying, “Success in ministry gifts.” Then he pointed out to me that everything in the shop was free and available to all. When I asked where the shop keepers were, He said that this shop had never had any and that anyone who lived here could come and avail themselves at any time. “But no one comes here very much now. As you can see the dust is gathering on them, along with the instruction manual on their use - My Word.”

Then I heard a cry from beneath the floor and when I look down I saw a vision on the floor of all the people that had dared to continue to use the gifts they had taken from this shop. They were all now standing in a field surrounded by mockers dismissing them as fakes and frauds, and still others had whips of accusation and innuendo which they wielded over the crowd causing them to become more vocal and angry against these people. Then someone who appeared to be a very learned leader of the group accused them of not having the maturity to have these gifts, and of not having paid for them, and of stealing them. He then said that they should cease from using them any more. At that the vision left and I was once again standing in this shop. Now I asked if I could look in the room out the back. We then entered the room. As we entered, the room was filled with a dark cloud or mist. At the other end were men and women standing with their mouths open and this dark mist was coming out of their mouths.

They had offering bags full of money in one hand and in the other were airline tickets and travel brochures which were for sale. Then He said that the mist or cloud of darkness was false words from god, false prophecies, false endorsements of ministries, that were flowing out continually from this room taking the weak and ignorant captive, and causing great disruption and chaos in their lives, and in the church. All around the room people were on phones and emails, and gathered in small huddles whispering words from god to anyone who would listen. Then I noticed a bible on a table, it had finger marks all over each page so that the words were unable to be read. Then He said that this was because in their selfish haste to have something of mine to sell they have actually blotted out my word and now have turned to vain imaginations which bring only death to the hearers. So, He said: “You must leave now, and not enter this room again for there is a great judgment coming on all who partake of its ways.”

Still further along the street I came to a music shop. I at once noticed that I was now alone as I stood outside its door. Then a mocking voice came from within the shop using the words of a song that I had heard before on the radio; “I am music, and I write the songs.” Then an angel appeared before me, who at first I thought was an angel of the Lord, but then He spoke to me, and cursed God for bringing me to the shop, and told me that he was the lord of the music. He then went on and boasted how effective he had been in distorting the truth of the gospel through his music. I then went inside this shop and found a visitor’s book on a table. As I read through it I noticed it was full of the names of both secular and Christian songwriters who had been here. Along the walls were desks with typewriters and computers with people frantically writing songs. Then further towards the back of the shop was a group of people who were inspecting and monitoring each song as it was written. The song’s value was being assessed on it’s non-offensiveness and appeal to the masses, both Christian and secular. It was then graded on its capacity to earn money. When this group saw me standing there they were upset and told me on a note that I should leave. Then and only then, did I realise that they were mute and deaf. And that what they were writing and what they were hearing was in their minds, in their imaginations. Imaginations that were, for the most part influenced by the “Writer of the Music.”

As I left the building a voice from heaven shouted; “The greatest deception ever witnessed came from this shop, for the Lord He is Holy, and is to be praised in holiness and truth. Those who worship this music, it’s writers, it’s singers, and those who through this music scandalise the Holiness of our God through it shall suffer in darkness forever, for they dared to treat the praise and worship of His holy angels and saints, and all the hosts of heaven as something to be merchandised. Away with them says the Lord. Their false and degrading satanic music shall ring in their ears as a tormenting testimony against them forever.” On getting outside the Lord said to me; “Take heed and fear for your life should you ever entertain the thought of entering into the practises of that building.

Then as I stood in the street a spirit appeared before me, it introduced itself as Jezebel, and then proceeded to tell me how it had lived in this city for only a short, in fact a time appointed by the Lord. At this I recoiled from the idea that my Lord would do such a thing however, the Lord spoke to me and told me that he cannot defend a city that blatantly sins and commits all kinds of wickedness before Him in it’s streets and in it’s name. He then went on and told me that this spirit had taken advantage of that situation and that indeed would continue to do so while it remained unchallenged in it’s actions and deception which are currently being manifest through the gullible who adopt it’s evil ways and intentions.

At hearing this I laid prostrate in the dust of the street and while there my sins which I had committed while a citizen of this city passed before me. While there I saw the millions of times I had denied my Lord in front of others either by omission or commission. I saw them before my eyes on that day of judgment accusing me of not saying anything to them about the coming judgment. I saw the faces of the women that I had committed adultery with, both physically and in fantasy, and I feared for my life. I saw all the people that I had lied to deliberately in order to justify, cover up, or promote my self-image. In short the error of my ways was on display before my eyes in the street, in the city. I heard the cries of all that I had offended and let down through my selfish unrelenting need to be right about everything. I saw the faces of those who had, over and over again forgiven me not knowing that I had not repented on the inside. Then the Lord said; “Stand up! There is more I must show you.

Across the street from the music shop was a bank. As we entered I noticed that it was empty of people. There were no bank staff, there were no customers. The vault doors and cash registers were all open and empty. The benches and the shelves were covered in dust but the floor was clean and sparkling. Great cobwebs hung from the ceiling. The Lord said that the floor was clean as a testimony against those who rob my house before it even gets to the treasury. Then I heard a noise, very soft at first, but then getting louder and louder. It sounded like the marching feet of a great army coming towards me. And then when I looked up I saw a crowd of angelic beings dresses in rags and without shoes on their feet. They appeared hungry and very angry.

Behind them was a horde of people that stretched beyond the horizon. There were people of every tongue and nation and tribe, they were wailing with a loud voice of accusation against this city. Then one of the angels stood taller than the rest and spoke; “For the lack of money, our God’s money, these now stand in want, in illness, in starvation, in the cold, in the heat, in pain, without hope, without a message, without the good news, for this city has plundered our Gods treasury. Therefore, understand that your wealth and greed will testify against you on that great and terrible day of the Lord, and you shall go destitute before Him forever. Then the hand of God appeared before me and I felt the terror of the empty hand of God against those who rob Him. As we left the bank I nearly tripped on the body of a dead woman. She appeared to be very old and obviously was very poor. Then the lord told me to open her mouth. As I did a United States one dollar note slipped out on to the pavement, on it was written; “In God we trust.” Then He said; “My own people provoke me with their greed and arrogance. All who see her will remember and repent.

We then came close to the end of the street, to a small hill called “Gallows Hill.” Then he warned me saying; “Do not be arrogant but fear, for upon this hill, in this city have many of my messengers, prophets, healers, teachers of the truth, defenders of the faith been hung on the very words they have delivered in my name. Take heed to what you write.”

Then He said, “You have now seen but a part of the city that I have loved died for and wept over. This city that I have shown you is my Body, the church on earth today. It is like it is because no man lays to heart the death of my Son, for if they did they would rise up and question, challenge and overthrow these workers of iniquity that have destroyed and pulled down it’s testimony in the earth. There are those who have not bowed the knee to the false ideologies that pervade the body. Indeed the streets and lanes are full of the discouraged, the disenfranchised who once worshiped in her, but who now lament the passing of the truth and protection she once offered.”

To all that would truly see the advancement of my word and the saving of the lost the Lord asks; “Why do you continue to abide such arrogance, why do you still lay with this harlot who passes herself off as my voice in the earth. Repent and seek God and He will raise up those who truly love Him to do His work.

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The Temple Of My People
Lance Abernethy

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This morning as I lay in my bed I was woken out of my sleep by a hand slipping under my back and lifting me away from the earth. Around my torso were the five fingers of this hand and each had a ring on it, and on each ring were what appeared to be thousands of minute crystal clear translucent dots. Each dot was moving from side to side and what appeared to be minute drops of water falling from it. Then as I looked closer I could see that these dots were in fact eyes. Then a voice from beneath me spoke and said that these eyes were the eyes of those Israelites who had been blinded in order that God’s great work of grace, in bringing many sons and daughters to Himself from among mankind might be done. The tears, the voice said, was those innocents who had been martyred in order that this work of grace be carried out in the earth.

Then I heard weeping, soft weeping like that of a woman in mourning over the death of a child. The voice then told me that this was the weeping of the grief filled heart of the Israelites now dead weeping for those who having tasted the heavenly gift of the grace of God in Christ, but treated it as a cheap thing, a thing to be handled lightly and almost with levity.

At this I passed out. When I came too I was looking at a great temple. It was suspended in space between twelve great planets. As I approached, carried by this hand, I noticed that it had twelve great pillars that went high into the void. It had a great cedar door with gigantic door handles made from a metal that I did not know. This metal was red hot and gave off a scent not unlike the scent of lavender. There were twelve steps that were very worn and in need of repair. There was a moaning coming from them like that of someone carrying a heavy burden. This moaning never ceased, it just went on like a haunting sound in my ears.

Then the voice spoke and said: “the moaning is the intercessory prayers of those Israelites martyred for their God Jehovah, the king of the whole earth. Their moaning is because of the burden of the Lord that he has put on them for their brethren now held in captivity, who are soon to be released, but not yet.”

As I was carried up the steps the great cedar door began to open. At this I felt a chill down my spine and the skin on my face began to burn. I could hardly breathe as a sense of reverence unlike I have ever felt came over me. The sign that I had not noticed above the door then cried out; “The temple of the house of Israel, and of our God.” As I entered I noticed that the hand that had held me thus far put me on my feet and stood me upright, however, my feet did not touch the floor but were carpeted, as it were in a mist, a white mist, thick and dense. Upon noticing this I also noticed that the floor was white flawless marble with what appeared to be small rivers of blood flowing over it towards the altar and disappearing down a large golden grate in front of the altar. There were also flower petals laying and mingling in the blood. A voice came up form the grate saying; “Vengeance is mine, I will repay.”

Then a voice said that this blood was the blood of the innocents of the house of Israel who had died at the hands of those brute beasts, the enemies of our God and of His people. I then noticed that the blood was coming from thousands of what looked like tombs that stretched all through the temple towards the altar. They too were all suspended on the same mist as I. Each tomb was made of what looked like grey and emerald green granite. Each had a lid that was pure silver laced with all kinds of precious stones. The clamps that held the lid closed were alive. The voice told me that they were angel’s hands. The hands of those angels who the Lord had chosen to guard the tombs until the appointed time. All over the tombs, as well as the floor were flower petals, sweet smelling flower petals of every kind of flower in creation. They were continually falling from the ceiling high above and were the prayers of the righteous line of the house of Israel for the nations of the world who had murdered and put to death the innocents of that house.

I then said, “How can this be?” The voice that now spoke was softer and definite, it said: “A time and half a time, is the answer to your question. But you shall not speak in this place.” At that a hand hit my cheek and my jaws clamped shut so hard that the muscles ached continually. The breathe in my nostrils became very hot, and I thought my head was going explode with the great heat I could feel. Then the voice said; “Talk no more.”

Then as I looked up I noticed that the temple roof was hidden by what appeared to be fog. This fog was interrupted every now and then by a voice that simply cried out; “Holy.” The roof of the temple was supported by twelve large golden pillars which were inlaid with thousands of precious stones and each had the name of a tribe of Israel inscribed at it’s base. There were six pillars down each side of the temple and suspended between them was a flat granite like slab, each slab had one of the Ten Commandments engraved on it in gold. Ascending up each side of the slab were tongues of fire that reached to the roof and on each tongue was written; “Holy is the Lord.”

As I moved towards what appeared to be the altar I noticed that it had spread on it burning coals, thousands of burning coals, a coal for each tomb in the temple. From each coal was coming a fragrant smell not unlike the smell of the fresh morning dew on a field of hay. It was wafting up into a vault high above the alter. The voice then spoke and told me this fragrance was the continual prayers of those in the tombs. He said they were prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, prayers for the nation of Israel and it’s sons and daughters still living, and prayers of forgiveness for those who had taken their lives and the lives of their families. And then he said an amazing thing. He said; “These whose prayers leave this altar hold nothing against their enemies, but are now passed into the eternal inheritance of forgiveness of our God. They are free from the coming judgement of our God on those who carry out such wickedness on the earth, and they continually worship before Him now as free people. You should hear and understand these words, and accept the forgiveness of your God.

I then looked up and saw hanging above the altar a wheel. This wheel had twelve spokes, each representing the tribes of Israel, and attached to it’s outer rim were five large double bladed swords. Each sword had been engraved with one of the books of Moses. Each was very sharp. The wheel was rotating slowly in a clockwise motion. Then I noticed above the wheel a chain upon which it was suspended. The chain stretched high up into the vault above the altar and was connected in some way to a figure - the figure of a man. I could only see the bottom of his lower torso and legs as the top half was hidden by a great light to powerful to describe, attached to the feet was the chain made of the human figures all holding each other by the feet and hands. Some where likenesses of kings, others of priests, others nobles, and still others were dressed in ordinary clothes, all were weeping and offering intercessory prayers continuously. Then the voice spoke and said; “The chain that you see holding the five books of the Law of our God is made up of the lineage of the royal line of David. It shall be unbroken forever. Observe and understand.” But I didn’t understand at all!!

Then I looked and found that I was standing in front of this altar alone. I had a sense of my own sin and inadequateness in the midst of this place. Then a voice from high in the ceiling spoke and said; “What you have seen in this place is but an outer court in the kingdom of our God. Go now and repeat this scene, guarding your words carefully, for this what you have witnessed is Holy and you stand in peril should you not understand fully the scene you have witnessed. Cease from idle talk, from whispering. Let fear of man not be named amongst you and your people. Speak what you see and hear from me as a true witness of my power. For there is coming on the earth calamity that will test your memory of this day. Go now and warn your brethren to repent from the things that divide them. For I have shown you things concerning my Body that need not be punished.
Speak to my people, all you who love the Lord. Tell of his glorious love and splendour that out shines even this temple. Hold precious His word which is to be the very flesh on your bones, the breathe in your nostrils. Awake you sons of the Most High God. Repent, and I will cause you to fly like the eagle, sing like the birds. Till I bring about my will on the earth. Go now.”

With that I woke and felt a great urgency to write the account down. Please pray for us.

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The Dew
Kerry Knorr

"How good and pleasant it is when brothers live in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down the beard, running down Aaron's beard, down the collar of his robes. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore." (Ps.133)NIV

"The Lord says to my Lord: 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.' The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; rule in the midst of your enemies. Your troops will be willing [volunteers] on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth. The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind: 'You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.' The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. He will judge nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth. He will drink from a brook beside the way; therefore he will lift up his head." (Ps.110)NIV

There is something about the dew. Dew just; kind of 'shows up'. You can't look at the clouds and predict that there will be dew. It's the same way with volunteers or willing warriors on the day of your battle. They are provision from God and not the result of human efforts of persuasion, but come because of their own choice as led by relationship with God. There must be rain before there can be dew. Rain is brash; pounds and splatters, but dew accumulates in appropriate places and amounts that will not 'run off'. Dew seeks out and ministers in a specifically tailored place and provides nourishment there. Dew speaks of a timely word in appropriate quantity. Dew revisits you. Dew walks in the same kind of authority that David did when he wished for a certain well's water. 3 men risked their lives to get it for him; not because of obedience, but because of their love for him. The benefits of moisture from dew are long lasting and permeate deeply. Dew rises from beneath the surface of things. There is promise of support when there appears to none; in this thing God says about dew. There is a rising to the heights of the Mountain of the Lord. There is an activation of youth and youthful enthusiasm in adults. There is immunity from enemies who are right in your midst. There is soft and gentle healing in the place of harsh and ineffective efforts. There is royalty and a holy priesthood in the House of the Lord. This word punctuates unity and carries a context of Jesus' prayer recorded in John 17:20; "that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you." There is a settling, a resting at the right hand of God, standing like all the men of Judah with their wives and children before the Lord and hearing him say: "For the battle is not yours, but God's". (2Chr.20:13-15)

Dew speaks of an incredibly powerful correction to men and mankind's perception of his status as compared to God. It speaks of humbling even the mightiest of rulers. It speaks of provision during trial, a protection during discipline; as depicted by: the provision of manna (Dt.16:13-15), Nebuchadnezzar's being drenched by "the dew of heaven", and the remnant who do not wait for man or linger for mankind (Mic.5:7). Dew speaks strongly of provision from God in a place where there is nothing. It speaks of something completely new and unfamiliar to which we must adjust, much like manna in the desert. It speaks of God's direct speech, and dealing personally with his people as Father of all creation (Dt.32:1-7). It speaks of a remnant which God preserves as his own (Dt.32, Isa.26:16-19, Hos.14:5, Mic.5:7 and Zech.8:12

"That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat." (Ex.16:13-15)

"Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants." (Dt.32:2)

"You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like cattle and be drenched in the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over the kingdoms of men and gives them to anyone he wishes." (Dan.4:25 - see also Dan. 4:15, 23, 25, 33 and 34-37)

"Lord, they came to you in their distress; when you disciplined them, they could barely whisper a prayer. As a woman with child and about to give birth writhes and cries out in her pain, so were we in your presence, O Lord. We were with child, we writhed in pain, but we gave birth to wind. We have not brought salvation to the earth; we have not given birth to people of the world. But your dead will live; their bodies will rise. You who dwell in the dust, wake up and shout for joy. Your dew is like the dew of the morning; the earth will give birth to her dead." (Isa.26:16-19, compare to Eze.37:11)

"I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like a lily. Like a cedar of Lebanon he will send down his roots." (Hos.14:4-5)

"The remnant of Jacob will be in the midst of many people like dew from the Lord, like showers on the grass, which do not wait for man or linger for mankind." (Mic.5:7)
"But now I will not deal with the remnant of this people as I did in the past, declares the Lord Almighty. The seed will grow well, the vine will yield it's fruit, the ground will produce it's crops and the heavens will drop their dew. I will give all these things as an inheritance to the remnant of this people. As you have been an object of cursing among the nations, O Judah and Israel, so will I save you, and you will be a blessing. Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong." (Zech.8:11-13 and more through 23)

Recovery is a key word in this hour, recovery ministered like dew to parched plants. It entails not only recovery from deep spiritual wounding from abuses and tragedy, but also from substance abuse, intoxication from addictive substances and behaviors; intoxication from greed, sex and power. Not only victims can come to this place and receive healing; but also perpetrators can be healed in this place of correction by God who holds his people in the palm of his hands.

This dark speech about dew contains lessons regarding both authority and how the Word of the Lord works.

Children left in charge sometimes get arrogant in their role. The 14 year old determines that since he/she has been left in charge, they can decide that the children can have cookies despite the 5 year old's admonition that the cookies are intended for a specific purpose. What children will get into trouble for eating the cookies? All of them who eat cookies, including the 14 year old who is not immune from discipline. It is an issue of all the children being familiar with their Father's expectations. God is releasing understanding of submission one to another and adding dimensional qualification to leadership roles in perspective with children in his house.

Gossip is 'what people say', usually behind the scenes. Prophecy is what God has to say about the matter. Isn't it really better to repeat prophecy among ourselves? People say: "It's because they're motivated by such and such…". God says: "Behold I will do something new in the earth. Now it shall come forth to birth, will you be aware? I'll make you a way in the wilderness, a river in the desert; but do not remember the former things, do not remember the past." The Word of the Lord is multidimensional. It imparts natural things as well as spiritual and does give understanding to a degree. But it is in a language that articulates mystery as well as facts. It is best understood in layers by a childlike reception that believes while not fully understanding. Words of prophecy are what God has said about the matter, the bona fide thing that should be whispered behind the hand instead of 'what people say'.

'Manna words' are seeds that stimulate. 'Manna words' help you through the moment: "Casey is in trouble", "stop speeding", "the checkbook is on the table", "I want you to go to Nineveh". "Manna words' are for practice and honing our sensitivity to Father's voice. 'Seasonal words' are 'manna words' which give guidance and direction through pieces of your life. They usually include instructions to accomplish a specific task or mission. 'Manna words' are temporary and decay if not consumed in their time. 'Manna words' are direct provision from God while he is disciplining his children and recapturing their affection and attention.

'Universal words' are things that God whispers over the whole earth. His whisper is heard by prophets all over the globe, and this type of word is repeated often, for it is Father's will. 'Universal words' are also viewed as 'eternal words', for they have been, and will continue to be Father's thoughts on the matter from the beginning to the end. 'Universal words' have shaped your destiny since the beginning. They resonate within you and personally activate you. You must respond, because you hear something that you remember Father saying in heaven before you were born. 'Universal words' are the type of 'words' that we need to align ourselves with, because they are our best guidance. While 'manna words' are for practice; 'universal words' are 'for keeps'; they are a permanent thing that is being, and has been done by God.

One of many 'universal words' the Lord is speaking in this time; has to do with moving through a portal, door or gateway into a completely new perspective; one of adopted sons. He's calling forth his 'generation of people' who will honor him as God, and that he calls 'his people'. While schools and tutors do have their place in Father's house; the teachers are servants of royalty, masters of princes who will one day be kings. The objective of tutors in the House of God, is to produce mature kings and priests unto God, each suitably prepared to effectively move and act according to Father's will and instructions; prepared for assignments from the King of kings. There are many rooms in Father's house, a place for each one whom Father calls his own. Jesus is the head of the house, none other.

Another 'universal word' which has been heard around the world, has been: "I will join the old and the young, wisdom with vigor." When God speaks something universally like that, the whole word is true. We will see old giving the young wisdom and the young giving the old supernatural wisdom. We will see youth operating in vigor and the old experiencing supernatural vigor. Out of this 'universal word' has risen continued dialogue from God about an 'Elijah generation', one which is destined to defeat the 'uncommitted one' inside the House of God. In a whole generation of Elijahs, we must remember that for every Elijah is an Obadiah who has stashed 100 faithful ones and an Elisha to succeed him. For every Elijah, there are 7000 who have not bowed the knee to Baal (closely paralleled to sexually deviant behaviors, drug use and self mutilation in society today).

There is something about 'dew' that God is whispering across the earth today, a compassionate correction to mankind and confirmation of his sovereignty.
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The End

John Foster

A Most Revealing Revelation

As I was going about my daily business of work, ministry, and fun, the word of the Lord came to me concerning future events and the endtimes. Most of the time the Lord speaks to me it is a specific word concerning me or someone in my family or church. However this word not only gave me some much needed insight into the subject of end times prophesy, it appears to be a very timely word for the every believer who's interested in the subject of end time prophesy. So I will now share it with you: *Today, all the signs of the end as laid out in 2 Timothy 3:1-7 are rapidly being established. The presence of the "signs of the times" themselves will not predict when the end itself will come, they only tell you that the correct season for the end is present. Building theories of when the end will come based on the signs themselves or on intellectual interpretation of scripture will always be wrong! The end will only come when the Lord Himself moves to end this present Church Age. No man, no theory, no sign of the end knows the heart of the Father.*

With this word the Lord gave me a second word to go-ahead to do things I had desired to do, but had neglected due to the expectation of an immediate or near end of this world. There may be some of you out there who have dreams and desires, but have put them off in expectations of a near end to this world. Ponder and pray about this word, and please do not short-change God and yourself and your family and friends by not doing what God has put in your heart to do! The end may indeed come sooner rather than later, and there may well be world-shaking events in the immediate future, but do not neglect your daily affairs only to later regret it.

The Harlot
Don Franklin

by Don “Avraham” Franklin

My name is Gomer. I stand. Humiliated. One, of a group of women, hoping to be bought. To become the bride of someone that will love and cherish me. My youthful beauty has long vanished, leaving the tired, drawn, weathered woman that stands before the crowd today.

The bidding, loud and furious, echoes all around me. One by one the women around me, the young, beautiful maidens begin to disappear. It becomes clear that I will be the last. The one no one wants. Tears begin to fill my eyes. I have never known such complete despair. I am despised and mocked I can only stare down at my dirty hands. My clothes, torn and filthy, offer little protection against the blazing sun. My once beautiful hair, now matted and dirty hangs loosely around my face, the only cover I have hiding the faces of the men that laugh and scorn me.

I close my eyes and memories of the life I left begins to fill my mind. My heart cries out to return to the one who loved me. The one who cherished me. To return to the life that I threw away. If only I could open my eyes and once more see the face of my beloved Hoshea.

I had been a harlot. A whore. Common and despised. I brought nothing but great shame to my family. Then he came. The gentle, loving, prophet of Yahweh. Hoshea. Against all odds, this man of Yahweh desired me. My father, Diblayim, gave me to Hoshea, to be his bride, grateful, no doubt, for the chance to make an honest woman of me. Hoshea took me as his wife and loved me as I have never been loved before. Hoshea was a gentle man. Loving and gracious. He never mentioned my past. It was as though he had forgotten it. Hoshea loved me, for me.

In time we had a beautiful son. We named him Jezreel, which means “Yahweh sows” in Hebrew. It seemed that I had everything I desired. A loving husband. A beautiful son. A home, food, clothing. Everything I didn’t deserve. Things that were never meant for a women like me.

Again I gave birth. This time to a beautiful daughter. Hoshea was beside himself with pride. His heart seemed to burst with love for his newborn daughter.

Hoshea, desired to dedicate his new child to Father Yahweh. So he took her to the temple to ask blessings from the Father for her and to seek a name for his precious child. As he lifted her before Yahweh, the Father said, "Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have compassion on the house of Israel, that I should ever forgive them.”

Hoshea knew. I had been unfaithful to him. The daughter that he so loved was not his. I had taken a lover. My heart sought after the things that my new lover offered. I was drawn to the pleasures that he offered. I wasn’t going to be restrained by anyone. Hoshea was a good and decent man, but I wanted more. I wanted things my way. My greedy heart new no limits. I wanted it all.

Hoshea continued to love me. In spite of my unfaithfulness.

I had barely weaned Lo-ruhamah, when I again conceived and gave birth to a son. This time the Father said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not My people and I am not your Elohim."

Our third child was conceived with yet another lover. How it broke Hoshea’s heart. He had given me everything, asking only for my love in return. His love and compassion only seemed to fuel the rebellion in my heart. How could I be faithful to just one man? Why should I submit myself to him only, when I could have it all?

I began to openly seek after other lovers. My heart of harlotry knew no bounds. As expected, a great wall of division separated Hoshea and myself. He became a distant memory to me. The deeper I sank into my new world, the more I forgot about Hoshea.
His love and compassion for me seemed like a shadow. A veil that now covered my eyes.

Hoshea even sent our children to beg me to return and repent. He threatened to expose me to the world as a harlot. To strip me naked before the world and put me to shame.
But the worldly pleasures of my new life drove the fear of exposure from me. I felt no shame for my sins. I would have no part of repentance. I didn’t need Hoshea anymore. I had my new lovers. The gifts of fine food, clothing, jewelry, and fine wines.

Years past. I sought after my new life with unquenchable lust. I felt that I had found the way to contentment. Pleasures and possessions were the only way to go.

Day by day my youth began to slip away. My hard living began to take a toll on my body. My youthful lovers began to leave me one by one. Without my beauty, I was nothing to them. I soon found myself alone. The riches that I had accumulated vanished. I had been abandoned by all of my friends. Without someone to take care of me I would soon perish. In my culture, the only commodity that a woman has to offer is her body. I tried to find the men that had sworn to always love me, but they all scorned me. I no longer appealed to them.

Hungry and alone, I knew that the only way I was going to survive was to find a husband.
If only I could have my beloved Hoshea back. My life was so much better when I belonged to him. But that was long ago. I had heard that Hoshea had dedicated his life to the ministry. Surely he has forgotten me.

I decided to offer myself on the auction. Gentlemen with thirty pieces of silver come to buy wives at the auction. Gentlemen, seeking a bride to love and cherish.

Here I stand. Alone and miserable. All of the other women have been bought. I can see them smiling. Talking with their new husbands. Hope and joy on their faces. The pure, simple pleasure of being desired by someone. Belonging to someone.

I have given up hope. The day is growing long. The sun has made my dirty, leathery skin even more repulsive. Hope has left me. I realize that I am alone and doomed.

Then, the auctioneer points in my direction, “You, come. You have been purchased.” I strain to see the buyer among the crowds of people. I finally see a man approaching the auctioneer with his money in his hand. He pays the price for me and then turns his gaze towards me. My heart nearly stops beating. There standing before me is my beloved Hoshea. His eyes filled with tenderness, he gently takes my hand and leads me away from the awful site of the auction.

“Come home with me”, he whispers. “I forgive all that you have done. Return with me and be my beloved. I have missed you.”

The heart of a harlot beats in each of us. Every one of us has turned our backs on our bridegroom and sought after the things of this world. We have played the harlot, worshipping other gods. Bowing ourselves to pagan traditions, we have forsaken the commandments, the Torah of our King.

We have given ourselves over to lying spirits that have convinced us that Yahweh has abandoned His own Word. That Yahshua the Messiah came to separate us from the Torah and to start a new religion called Christianity. (Instead of True Worshippers Yochanan 4:19-24)

We have sought to do things our way. We have made ourselves out to be little gods. We tell the Father on what day we will worship Him. We tell Him what Feasts and traditions we will keep in His name. (Like this Pagan one called Valentines Day)

We have become that lonely broken harlot. Alone and naked before the world. The elaborate schemes that have been set in place by the adversary have blinded us to the truth of the Word of Yahweh. We have become mighty in our own eyes, yet we are blind.

Wake up! Remember the Name of Yahweh! Remember the life that we had with our first love. Repent and return to Him. He is waiting to forgive and bless us. We must turn away from the things of this world and give our hearts to Yahweh. We must embrace His Torah, as a drowning person clings to a life preserver. Forget the lies that have been taught and remember our loving Father, Yahweh, that led his children out of captivity. That gave His only son, Yahshua, that all men may be reconciled to him and become children of the King. Hebrew Israelites. The chosen children of Yahweh. Wake up you dreamers! Hear the voice of Yahweh calling you home.

Return now before it's too late...

The Heart
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

I trust that you had a good week in pursuit of the indwelling Kingdom and presence of the Most High. This week's theme is along the same lines as the past couple of letters: What did our Heavenly Father accomplish through the death and burial of His Son?

The prophet Ezekiel went right to the heart of the matter and spoke about Israel receiving a new heart.

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh" (Eze. 36:26).

As we can see from the beginning of man's cooperation with another spiritual kingdom, his heart - the most holy place within him - was contaminated by the nature of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. *"And YHVH saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"* (Gen 6:5). Obviously even after the flood man's heart had not changed. Jeremiah points out that *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?* (Jer. 17:9)

Yeshua picked up on this and defined the condition in precise terms: *"What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man"* (Mark 7:20-23).

The Hebrew word for heart is "lev" and it simply means a central place, like the heart of the city. If we look at our being as a tabernacle, it would be the innermost place called the Holy of Holies. But since it has been corrupted, it would be the "unholy of the unholies". We can see from the scriptures above that evil thoughts or imagination come out of this place and defile the whole person. It is apparent that in the beginning YHVH did not create man with such a heart condition. It only came in when the man and his wife received, or were married to, a spiritual presence that presented itself via the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The serpent gave Eve in marriage to another, the word in Hebrew being "hey-see" (Gen. 3:13, usually translated "beguiled").

However, when they ate of the fruit or seed of this tree they were impregnated with its nature and this spiritual influence took over the innermost place, so much so that it could now communicate to the mind of the soul its intentions, and thus the mind became defiled too. Satan's powerful desires (lusts) captured the will of man and brought it into submission to his wishes. Man's emotional function then responded in a way it was never meant to, causing it to deteriorate. Unfortunately the physical body followed suit and became diseased. Sin reigned unto death in every part of the human being.

As a result, the heart hardened and became like stone. It could no longer be a womb to regenerate life. This is why the Sovereign One had to remove it and give us a new heart; one that He could inhabit and impregnate with His Spirit life and nature. This means that a new genetic code (the Torah) could be written on its walls. The thoughts and imagination would no longer be evil, but would reflect the mind of Messiah as the spiritual nature that now occupied the heart would bring forth thoughts after its kind, of *"love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control".*

When did YHVH take out of us the heart of stone and replace it with a heart of flesh? Remember, all were in Messiah at His death and He tasted death for all mankind, therefore all are dead (refer 2 Cor. 5:14-16). Yeshua did not remain on the tree of sacrifice, but was taken down and put into the grave. Scripture tells us that once we recognize by faith and accept the Father's loving plan through His Son's death, we are reckoned dead and must be buried with Him. The Word does not tell us that all men were buried, but it does tell us that, *"we died to sin"* (and therefore can no longer live in that world). *"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Messiah was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life"* (Rom 6:2-4). It only stands to reason that before one is buried it would be good to make sure that one is 'good-n-dead'.

Before Yeshua came out of the grave the stone was rolled away. This rolling away of the stone may very well represent the heart of stone being rolled out of the way, so that the new creation man (that we are in Him and in His resurrection) might now be the life force that sends its thoughts and desires to an awaiting redeemed soul. The soul, having been contaminated by the spirit of this world, must be cleansed and purged of any remains of the power of sin.

"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of YHVH" (2 Cor 7:1)…*casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of YHVH, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Messiah"* (2 Cor 10:5).

The soul must cooperate through repentance, and yield itself in obedience to its new husband, Yeshua. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthian believers, concluded with this passionate plea: *"For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy as I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Messiah"* (2 Cor. 11:2).

"Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, oh virgin of Israel! You shall again be adorned with your tambourines, and shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice… "Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old, together; for I will turn their mourning to joy, will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow… " Set up signposts, make landmarks; set your heart toward the highway, the way in which you went. Turn back, oh virgin of Israel, turn back to these your cities. How long will you gad about, oh you backsliding daughter? For YHVH has created a new thing in the earth" (Jer 31:4; 13; 21-22).

Could that new thing be your "heart"?

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

The Kingdom Of God

Robert I Holmes

I was watching a BBC documentary on how the human being is constructed. The narrator was talking about the expansion of scientific research. Stellar physics exploring the curvature of time; quantum mechanics exploring the microcosm. Macro and micro, both trying to understand the way things are. Stephen Hawking expressed a similar notion in "A Brief History of Time".

The Kingdom of God is "already" and "not yet"; not fully, but really. It is macro and micro, both at once. Michael Sullivant has said, "The Kingdom of God was concealed in the Old Testament, revealed in the New, delegated in the church age, consummated in the age to come". Well put.

It is not easily, nor well understood. Those first souls to hear about it struggled. The risen Christ returned to His church and "for forty days he spoke to them about things pertaining to the Kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). Yet after all that (and how much was said?), they still asked "Lord will you at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?" Duh!

Envisage a series of circles in a row, overlapping a little at the edge. The first is your spirit, the next is your soul, then your body, your home/ family, your church/ synagogue, your community/ town, your society/ region, your culture/ nation, your world/ international and finally all of creation. Scripture speaks to the influence of the Kingdom at all these levels.

1. Your spirit, your heart

The Kingdom must be received inwardly to be received at all. The Kingdom comes by words, by proclamation but then it enters in like seed to soil and bears fruit (Matt. 13:20). It is received inwardly through repentance and belief springs up in the heart (Mark 1:14,15). The devil tries at this level to pluck up the seed, and spoil it through business and unrest.

2. Your body and soul

When a demon is cast out of a person, the Kingdom of God has come to them (Matt. 12:28). The physical needs of a person are then met, because they seek first the Kingdom of God (Matt. 6:33). This is the Kingdom working its way from the inside out. The devil tries at this level to oppress and inhabit a person through their sinful behaviour.

3. The home and family

A house divided against itself cannot stand, the Kingdom in a home brings unity and expels darkness (Mk 3:24). The Kingdom of heaven belongs to children, and those who trust with childlike faith (Matt. 19:14). The devil at this level tries to divide a family and home against itself. He brings children into rebellion, and causes parents to abandon, or kill their children.

4. The synagogue, the church

Every scribe brings out of his treasure things old and new concerning the Kingdom (Matt. 13:52). It is found in the established ways, and the new paths, the old shadows the new and leads to it. The church is also the expression of the Kingdom which brings shade and rest to the community (Mark 4:30). The devil at this level tries to get us to swap the traditions of men (religion) for the word of God.

5. Community and business

The Kingdom is present everywhere in our community, in every Christian person there. And like leaven hid in three measures, it makes the whole batch rise (Luke 13:20,21). David knew this, and for that reason appointed men to be in charge of "the businesses of the Kingdom" (1 Chr. 26:30). The devil at this level tries to bring compromise, temptation and strife to a community.

6. Society and the region

The Kingdom is present in society, the wheat and the tares growing together until the time of the harvest (Matt. 13:24-30). God affects the entire society, casting the dragnet wide and bringing in all manner of fish. But eventually they will be sorted out, one from another (Matt. 13:47). The devil at this level tries to bring premature sorting, judgementalism through pride, tribalism leading to war and anarchy.

7. Culture and the nation

Entire nations can accept or reject the Kingdom, as Israel did in the time of Christ (Matt. 21:43). This Kingdom and its king are taking over every other kingdom, one by one (Rev. 11:15). The devil at this level tries to affect leaders of the nations, rallying them against the Lord and his anointed. He tries to engender a spirit of lawlessness and move through legislature to bring national sin and openness to death.

8. The world and all creation

God wants His Kingdom to come, and His will to be done on the entire earth, as it is being done in the entire heaven (Matt. 6:10). Daniel saw this end time take over and said the Kingdom shall break into pieces and consume all other kingdoms on earth. All creation is waiting for the revealing of the sons of the Kingdom. The devil at this level is trying to increase the level of judgment the world will suffer through its disobedience to the King.

Ours is to seek the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness. Ours is to receive it into our heart, express it in our home, advance it through our business in our community, proclaim it to our culture, underwrite our legislature with its principles and manifest it to all creation!

The Spirit of Sonship
Robert Holmes

When I got saved, I responded to the story of Jesus Christ. The fact that God came as a man, as a servant, shared my sufferings and faced my struggles. This God-man, who laid down his life by choice. I was taken by the fact that he was also a son. John Alley has said, "God as revealed to us in the life of Christ is a Father-Son God, a God revealed in relationship, with submission and authority acting simultaneously". Jesus is our primary model for sonship.

Hebrews says of Him, "Jesus Christ was faithful to the One who appointed Him" (Heb. 3:1). All true ministers are appointed by the One. It is our job to remain faithful to Him. The passage goes on to call Him, "Christ as a Son over his own house". His authority was derived from his sonship - and this placed him over the house. All true ministers gain their authority from sonship, which places us over the house He decides to trust us with. The Son did only what the Father was doing, and said only what the Father was saying (John 5:19). He did not speak on His own initiative (John 14:10) and did not authorise His own ministry. All true ministers are the same, they are modelling their life, ministry and daily effort on what they are sensing the Lord saying.

It is at this point that some of the readers, having said amen, will disagree. Those who say, "Submission to God is enough" and "He is my head, I am His son" might then refuse to bow the knee to any human authority, or any human father (natural or spiritual).

Christ showed us the way. Heaven alone was not enough, even for the Lord. Jesus was obedient also to his earthly parents (Luke 2:51). He grew in wisdom and stature before God and man. Both realms must be addressed in our lives - submission to God, and to men. Jesus then submitted himself to John's baptism "to fulfil all righteousness" (Matt. 3:14,15). Sonship translates into three realms: to our Father in heaven, to our earthly parents, and to those over us in ministry.

Obedience and submission are learned in the natural, before authority is exercised in the spiritual. We must obey earthly authority (Rom. 13:1). Children must obey their earthly parents (Eph. 6:1). Employees must obey their masters (Eph. 6:5-9). But in the church we are implored to "recognize those who labour among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you" (1 Thess. 5:12).

True, these leaders must not lord it over us. They must not be tyrants, like the Gentiles. They must be among us, equal to us and labour with all servant-hearted humility. But regardless of their conduct, there are supposed to be people over us in the ministry.

Paul's example

Paul fathered the church in Corinth (1 Cor. 4:15). He rejoiced over his son Timothy, a true son of the faith (1 Tim. 1:18) and admonished Titus his son to use the authority Paul had given him, in Crete, over the church (Titus 1:5). Paul taught his disciples: "Imitate me as I imitate Christ" (1 Cor. 14:16). Jesus said that anyone who received his apostles, received Him. If they blessed the apostles, they blessed Jesus (Matt. 10:40). He has now appointed his earthly representatives.

Paul told the church about those who have devoted themselves to the ministry, "submit yourselves to such, and to everyone who works and labours with us" (1 Cor. 16:16). It is critical to our prosperity, our health and functionality to learn sonship. Not only to God in heaven, but also in our families, and in church.

Consider the quality

Not all sons are good sons. Not all sons become good fathers either. The prodigal has his struggles, wanting his money, his down payment before time. The older son had his issues too - labouring for reward and not for love. Both of them had to learn maturity through hardship and estrangement from their father.

Samuel was put into the care of a poor father, whose rebellious sons gave Samuel a bad example. Though Samuel maintained his personal relationship with God. His own sons turned out the same way as Eli's sons. Perhaps Samuel's feelings of being orphaned in his youth were not properly dealt with.

David of course, had to struggle with a destructive and abusive spiritual father. But nevertheless he managed to maintain his purity of heart and blessed Saul to the end of his life. One is left to wonder though, what kind of father David made, with two sons in rebellion: a murderer and an adulterer among his offspring.

Pursue the father

I think perhaps the best example of good sonship is displayed by Elisha. Willing to lay down his own path and profession, willing to serve many years in the most abased positions, yielded to his masters every request. Even when Elijah was trying to put him off, asking him to stay behind, Elisha pressed in. He refused to be put aside. When the father finally asked, "What do you want from me". Elisha said, "Give me a double portion of your spirit". Yes, his inheritance, his reward. At the end he was not crying, "my mantle, my ministry!" He was calling, "My father, my father". Do you have anyone you can call on for your inheritance?

My lesson

My first job out of school was in the hospitality industry, as a bell hop - in concierge. We learned all sorts of practical skills and industry lessons such as customer service, quality control and selling techniques. But one catch phrase that was drummed into us was this: "If you cannot serve the customer, then serve someone who can". You have two choices, serve, or serve. This went all the way to the top - demonstrated by our Chief Executive, who was seen waiting tables during the rush, greeting VIP guests at the door, checking them in late evenings and even collecting rubbish from the driveway. All this on a six figure salary!

I know a man, Michael Kongala, who epitomises the spirit of sonship. Michael is so good at serving, so good at submitting and yielding to the wisdom of elders that he has been put first. When I met Michael he had eight churches and eight orphans. In just five years he has grown to oversee one hundred and eighty five churches and two hundred orphans.

In those first few years the elders in this region recognised a faithful son, in whom there was no guile. Each of them had eight to ten churches. Over time, they came to yield their churches to him, until he oversaw about sixty five. When he served them as overseer, they all doubled. The elders gave him apostolic authority over their work, and each one prospered. But it was set in motion by Michael - submitted as a son first.

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The Encounter

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I was down with oppression when my king visited me. He sent for me and called me from the house of Potiphar. He called me by name and said - Are you there? but for doubt I asked saying - Lord could you be the one that called me? Then he answered and said - I am he, what are you doing there? I have opened rivers of living waters for you that you may know my name. Come out of your hiding place and let us talk about talks that will determine your future. Come let us reason together though your sins be as scarlet or as red as crimson I will make it as white as snow and white as wool.

I was as one oppressed, one battered, without comeliness and without shape then came he and took me out of the miry clay where there was no water. He enlarged my steps as he put me upon a rock where there was a fountain of living waters gushing forth. I remember him saying clearly - the victory belongs to God. Listen to my voice. I will make a way where there seems to be no way. I will make rivers in the desert and make ways in the wilderness. Let your heart follow me and your mind will obey. I have said this day have I begotten thee, thou art made a priest after the order of Melchizedek forever and that I will give thee the sure mercies and I have said unto you to give you the promise of the land flowing with milk and honey. Dont let it enter into your head, rather put it to heart to love me and obey me; keep my commandments and you will live then you shall ask and it shall be given thee; You shall seek and you shall find; You shall knock and it shall be opened unto you. Let your mind be settled and know that I am he that searcheth thee; I know the thoughts that pass through your mind, everyone of them. Love me today and you shall find rest for your soul.

Then said I to myself - surely on this day have I seen the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living and of his mercies have I received grace for grace.

A Call To Holiness

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Be ye holy as I am Holy -saith the Lord. I will come in a time you do not expect therefore wash your garments lest you walk be caught unawares. blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garment lest he walk naked and they see his shame. I will come as a thief in the night therefore seek my face and my face would be found by you when you seek me with all your heart. For I would be found by people who thirst and hunger for me. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled. I want to fill you up but you have to be holy as I am holy. You got to thirst for it. In your patience possess ye your souls. I know your name. I know all of you who seek me each day daily watching at my gates for i am your GOD. Ask me of things to come concerning my sons and concerning the works of my hands command ye me. I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hidden riches of secret places that you may know that I the Lord that calls you by name am your God.

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which art in heaven. Oh you got to be holy as I am holy because without it you cant see me; blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God; their age shall be clearer than the noon day. They shall shine forth. They shall be as the morning and they shall be secure because there is hope; yea they dig about themselves and they shall take their rest in safety

Arise! Shine! for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

The Light of my Purity is come! yea, the glory of my holiness is here! If you would partake of it for I am sealing my servants who would be heirs of salvation. I am making my jewels. I am gathering my army for I am coming soon. they that repent shall be restored and shall not be cut off. dare take of my fruits and eat. O taste and see that the Lord is good. I will be gracious to him that seek me and he that cometh to me shall in no wise be cast out.

I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth I have not spoken. I said not unto the seed of Jacob - seek me in vain. I the Lord speak righteousness. I declare things that are right.

Assemble yourselves and come, draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations for thus saith the Lord that created the heavens: God himself that formed the heavens: God himself that formed the earth and made it. He hath established it . He created it not in vain. He formed it to be inhabited. I am the Lord and there is none else.

Be Ready!

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...' be like men who are waiting for their master to return home from the marriage feast, so that when he returns from the wedding and comes and knock they may open to him immediately`...Luke 12:31-37

Ye are therefore pilgrims of hope that wait for your Lord. Be ye therefore servants and not masters. for masters look for gain but servants look for a reward.

Keep your loins girded and your lamps burning - Luke 12:35

And this know that if the goodman of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not suffered his house to be broken, you must also be ready for the son of man is coming at an hour and a moment when you do not anticipate it - Luke 12: 39 - 40

Be ye therefore rekindled in your faith and bear forth light for tomorrow no man can tell.

Be fervent in prayer, always ready to obey his commandments and seek refuge in the saints gathering. Always love your neighbours even though they don't deserve your respect. Love those around you and give freely. Freely you have received. Freely give. Distribute the needs of your fellow labourers in your vineyard. Be ye helpers of their faith. Not wanting anything from them in return. Encourage them in the Lord and you will repaid

The Song Of Life

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Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice and let men say among the nations - the Lord reigneth. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the fields rejoice and all that is therein. Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the Lord because he cometh to judge the earth - 1 Chron.11:31-33

Prophetic Word

In these days saith the Lord the whole creation will begin to sing the song of life. They will begin to move in order. They will begin to move in my spirit for i will pour out my spirit upon them and they will begin to sing with one accord.

The sea will hear and roar and the earth & the heavens will declare the Lord`s righteousness. Day unto day will utter speech and night unto night will shew knowledge ; and as the rhythm continues all the earth and the heavens will form coalition. the roar of it shall reach unto heaven and the angels will join them. The sons of men will dance unto me in myriads and this shall be the song they shall sing- the Lord reigneth let the earth tremble. He reigneth let the earth tremble. The trees will clap their hands and the doves shall be heard singing. All the birds of the air shall move together and this shall be the order of the day-unity when I shall bring my bride unto me from all the nations of the earth. All the sons of God shall shout for joy and there shall be joy in heaven and gladness on the earth.

The Next Generation

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I have already begun to raise up my Next Generation of Prophets, Teachers, Apostles, Pastors, and Ministers of All My Ways. Because this generation has been busy sleeping when they are not arguing amongst themselves who is right and who is who in Me, they have missed these young saplings being raised up in their very midst. They are already dreaming dreams, seeing visions, prophesying My Word.

One whole generation has fallen asleep. They have been complacent. They have not considered the children's spiritual well being but I have awakened their children. The children are slow to return but are returning. They are returning THROUGH THEIR OWN children.

This generation, the one that is now passing, is being raised up again in the Next Generation. The children's children will see My Move in a great way. They will be willing and ready to receive all I have to give through them.

I hear the grumblings of why not you. I offered this to you. You did not hunger for it. You did not thirst for it. You wanted your ways over My Ways. But I will not forsake you for I will bring it to pass through your children. They will lead you back into the fullness of my fold. They will show you My Truth. They will keep it simple. For they will be the ones that understand the simplicity of My Love.

You have complicated right and wrong. They have understanding of it

You have hardened yourselves under my corrective hand instead of repent so that I may heal your brokeness. But the childrens' children will not harden themselves because they will know my ways from a young age and will not depart from them. My Spirit has drawn them and they are responding! They will not wander nor harden their hearts. They will lead you into the promised land. My hand is still for you, join them! Do not discount them. I have called them to be ministers of Peace. My Peace not as the world gives peace.

Theomatics

Del Washburn

[Editor's Note: The topic of Bible Numerics has come up several times recently in discussions with some of our readers. I usually refer people to the Theomatics Web Site for further information. This article is excerpted from that site by permission. Bill Somers]

What is Theomatics?

THEOMATICS is a major discovery that was made during the year 1975, in Portland, Oregon (USA). Almost twenty-five years and literally thousands upon thousands of hours of comprehensive research, have since been invested.

Most all of this research has been done in private. It has received minimal publicity and exposure in the media ~ as compared to the recent "Bible Code" discoveries everybody is talking about.

Presently, there are two types of Bible codes. One is the ELS evidence (Equi-distant Letter Sequences), also known as "Torah Codes."

The other kind of code is "theomatics." The foundational basis for theomatics has been known for thousands of years, ever since the time before Christ. It is commonly referred to by the term *gematria*. It was in 1975 that this original code in the Bible ~ known for thousands of years but never deciphered ~ began to reveal itself in a major way.

Mathematically and scientifically, theomatics is a much more provable phenomenon. If both the secular and Christian worlds had any true comprehension of this discovery or its implications, it would change forever the entire scope of science and religion for the remainder of this earth's history.

In theomatics, people can learn how God has written His entire Word mathematically, because existing inside the Bible there is a mathematical design. This design is the *watermark* that reveals God's divine authorship. No other work of literature ever written, apparently, contains anything that closely resembles theomatics. It is totally unique to the 66 books of the Bible.

No existing word could be found to accurately describe this phenomenon in the Bible, so a new word was coined ~ *theomatics*. It is actually the composite of two words. The Greek word for God is *Theo*, and when combined with the suffix for the word mathe*matics*, the result is "theomatics." It means "the numbers or mathematics of God."

In 1978, Del Washburn co-authored a book with Jerry Lucas (of basketball and memory fame) entitled **Theomatics: God's Best Kept Secret Revealed**. The book sold almost 90,000 copies in hardback and trade editions (and is no longer in print). It was promoted heavily on the PTL television network, 700 CLUB, and TV across Canada. In 1994, ***Theomatics II*** (663 pages) was published. Just this year, the latest book ~ ***The Original Code in the Bible*** ~ was released.

Although mankind's knowledge of these recent discoveries may be as new as the word theomatics, its existence is as old and ancient as the Bible itself.

The Old and New testaments as we know them were originally given to us in Hebrew and Greek. In theomatics we discover how historically, "God" assigned each letter and in turn each word of the Bible with a number or theomatic value. Everything in the Bible was composed and written mathematically. (The next category on the home page ~ The Numerical Structure of the Bible ~ will explain more fully how Theomatics works.)

The implications of all this is staggering! It means that God the Creator, sometime in eternity past, orchestrated and planned every event mentioned in the Bible ~ right down to the most minute detail. Every single person that was to be born, what their names were going to be, and the precise time of their birth... the time and manner that everything was to happen... and what every word in the Bible would ultimately be.

Each and every word had to be spelled precisely so it would come out to its exact and pre-determined numerical value, and then be placed into the text in a precise location. All of this took place without mankind having any direct knowledge that behind earth's stage, Someone was pulling all the strings and manipulating the entire drama.

Even though the magnitude of this discovery is just starting to unveil itself, over the centuries thousands of people ~ Jews and Christians alike ~ have speculated, believed and taught that some sort of hidden and supernatural phenomenon existed underneath the original Hebrew and Greek text of the Bible ~ based upon the numerical values of the original Bible languages. They believed that a cipher, or key, that would unlock a deeper symbolic and spiritual meaning behind the literal words of the text, was placed there by a supernatural act of God, unbeknown to the men who actually penned the text.

Contemporary Bible scholars, and most all modern evangelical scholars, have either lampooned this idea or completely ignored the subject. As a general whole, modern Biblical scholarship does not even recognize the possibility that such a phenomenon as theomatics could even exist. This subject lies completely outside the realm of conventional knowledge.

Now what makes theomatics unique, is the fact that its existence can be scientifically proven in the laboratory, according to the highest standards of the scientific method. What that means is that individual people can perform unbiased and objective tests mathematically ~ by computer ~ that will prove convincingly that theomatics is valid, and that God did indeed place this supernatural phenomenon into the text. In other words, the numbers are not random but contain certain quantitative regularities. And there exists no natural cause or alternative explanation for this phenomenon. Only a divine Power and Mind could have placed it there.

> NOTE: It should be pointed out that it is impossible to scientifically prove the existence of God (God cannot be placed in a test tube and analyzed in the laboratory, obviously). The existence of God must be accepted by faith alone. The best that theomatics can tell us is that the mind of man could not have orchestrated and written the Bible. That being true, the only possible conclusion is that "God" must indeed exist. What other possibility is there?

Nothing before ~ ever in history ~ related to God or theology ~ has been able to make the claims that theomatics makes. But theomatics can back those claims up with hard core scientific evidence.

Apologetics (or the defense of the Scriptures) is a major subject of importance. Many things such as archaeological discoveries and fulfilled Old Testament prophecies, offer "proof" of the Bible's veracity. Yet nothing ever before in history can apparently offer proof at the intellectual level of certainty, that theomatics provides.

But not only does theomatics give us confirmation of the Bible's validity from an apologetic standpoint. **The mathematical patterns in the text will also reveal the fact that God never intended ~ in the eternal sense ~ that His Word be understood only by the rules of grammar and the facts of history** (the common grammatical-historical method that all schools of theology strictly follow). The words of the Bible and their literal meanings are only the outer shell.

What this numbering system that God has placed does, is bring forth the deeper meanings of scripture. In other words, God placed within the text of His Word a code or "hidden revelatory process" that will ultimately reveal the symbolism that exists in Genesis, Daniel, Revelation ~ and for that matter, the entire Bible.

Once all of this is understood more fully, we will for once and for ever arrive at determining what God's original intended meaning was. Theomatics takes nothing away from the literal words, but establishes the fact that God has protected His truth with symbolism, parables, and allegories. Theomatics completely destroys the popular fundamentalist/evangelical premise of trying to interpret everything in the Bible ONLY historically and ONLY literally.

There is a Divine and supernatural aspect to the Bible that has never been seen
or understood before now. What this discovery will clearly bring forth,
is the fact that there is a heavenly picture and meaning behind
the earthly events and stories that are mentioned.

God

has a much bigger picture
in mind than what
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The Numerical Structure

THEOMATICS is an extremely complex, profound, and intellectual subject. Yet the basic fundamentals of how it operates, are quite simple and easy to understand. In the recent books, **Theomatics II** and **The Original Code in the Bible**, we give a lengthy explanation and definition. Here we shall give the Net cruiser an extremely *abridged version* that will explain only the basics ~ without elaboration.

The Theomatic Number Codes

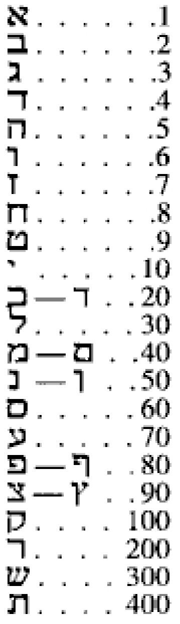
In our language, we have two basic ways of expressing ideas. If you look at a typewriter or computer keyboard, what do you see? Letters (the alphabet) and numbers. Just about everything we communicate in our language structure as human beings is with words and numbers.

The numbers we use (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,0) are called Arabic numerals. To us living today, we take the use of these symbols for granted. But here is an interesting fact. For centuries, mankind did not have any numbers or numerical digits in his language structure. Instead, early civilizations used the letters of their alphabets to express numbers. You have undoubtedly heard of Roman Numerals (I, V, X, L, C, D, M). This is the same basic concept.

Hebrew and Greek

This same idea or principle is especially true for the languages of the Bible ~ the Old Testament was written in ancient Hebrew and the New Testament in Greek. Take a look below and you will see both the Hebrew and Greek alphabets, along with the respective number values for each letter in those alphabets.

HEBREW ALPHABET



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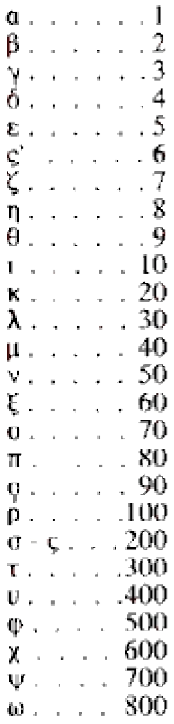
GREEK ALPHABET



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ξ	60
ο	70
π	80
ϙ	90
ρ	100
σ - ς	200
τ	300
υ	400
φ	500
χ	600
ψ	700
ω	800

The Greek number code as it is shown above, can be found in most editions of *Webster's Dictionary*. It has been in use since early times. The Hebrew number code was in use many centuries before Christ. If you were to look into a present-day Hebrew Bible, you would find the chapter and verse numbers given with the letters of the Hebrew alphabet.

The important fact to realize is that this standard has been in effect for thousands of years. Yet what theomatics is going to show us, is that God in His sovereignty, pre-arranged all this ~ long before the world was even created ~ and then "secretly" composed the entire Bible to operate on this numbering system.

Again, the fact that God did this can be proven in a scientific laboratory beyond any reasonable doubt.

Every Word has a Numeric Value

Now not only does each letter in the Hebrew and Greek alphabets have a standard and fixed number or numeric value attached to it, *but this same principle can be applied to words as well.* To illustrate, here are two words in Greek ~ the word for *Jesus* (pronounced *ee-ay-sooce*), and the word for *world* (pronounced *kosmos*). By following the chart for the Greek number code and adding the numbers for all the letters in these words, we obtain the following totals.

JESUS (Ιησους)			**WORLD** (κοσμος)		
Ι	=	10	κ	=	20
η	=	8	ο	=	70
σ	=	200	σ	=	200
ο	=	70	μ	=	40
υ	=	400	ο	=	70
ς	=	200	ς	=	200
TOTAL	=	888	TOTAL	=	600

But this formula is possible not only for the words Jesus and World. It also applies to every single Hebrew and Greek word in the Bible, which has its own distinctive number, or theomatic, value.

Phrases Also Add Up

Not only words, but also complete thoughts and sentences have number values. To illustrate, let's take the very first verse of the Bible: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Note: Hebrew is read from right to left ~ just the opposite of English.)

As you can see, the number that is the theomatic value for each word is directly above it. What we can do now is add all these numbers together (296 + 407 + 395 + 401 + 86 + 203 + 913) for a total of 2701. Thus, the theomatic value of the first verse of the Bible is 2701. So each and every word of the Bible has a theomatic value, and also each and every sentence or complete thought as well.

Putting it All Together

In order to perform the adequate research, massive databases have been created. The Hebrew Old Testament and Greek New Testament exist in printed interlineation (like the above example of Genesis 1:1). But most importantly, all this data has been programmed into a massive computer database along with complete research software. It would take too much time to discuss all of this here (See **Theomatics II** (appendix A), and **Theomatics and the Scientific Method**).

Theomatics: On What Basis?

A number of people have asked the following question: On what is all of this based? Beyond the historical fact that the ancients used letters to represent numerals, where do you get the proof that God had anything to do with the assignment of number values to the Hebrew and Greek alphabets ~ and then to the individual words of the Bible text? Where is the verse in the Bible that tells us there exists any such phenomenon as theomatics?

In **Theomatics II** and **The Original Code in the Bible**, these questions are discussed and analyzed extensively. Two things are worth mentioning here. The entire numerical system can be found in some of the earliest Greek manuscripts for the New Testament. In the papyrus documents, the many numbers mentioned in the text are actually given with these numerical values. For example, the well known number 666 from the book of Revelation (13:18), appears as the following Greek letters.

χ = 600
ξ = 60
ς' = 6

TOTAL = 666

But not only that, the most convincing proof is the fact that **the numbers specifically mentioned in the text, match up with the actual mathematical patterns that exist**

with the numerical values.
The Bible mentions hundreds of different numbers. Adam lived 930 years. Abraham had 318 servants. There were 12 tribes of Israel. Daniel's vision of the 70 weeks. Jesus healed a man who had been lame for 38 years. A woman is bound by Satan for 18 years. There were 276 souls saved on the apostle Paul's shipwreck. The number 7 is mentioned "54 times" in Revelation. The Lamb stands on Mt. Zion with 144 thousands. And so on.

Every number mentioned openly in the Bible is a key number for theomatics. It is as though God says, "here is the number to use!" In other words, the numbers that appear in the text are all intertwined with the numerical values for the words themselves. In fact, that is how theomatics was discovered.

In Chapter 3 of **Theomatics II**, it discusses the passage from John 21:11, where the disciples went fishing, and they caught 153 fishes. This bizarre passage has taxed the minds of many a Bible student. But theomatically, everything to do with fishes and fishing in the entire Bible is based on the number 153. Just a few examples. The following words and phrases have numerical values divisible by the number 153.

FISHES = 153 x 8
THE NET = 153 x 8
MULTITUDE OF FISHES = 153 x 8 x 2
FISHERS OF MEN = 153 x 14

> **NOTE:** Theomatics is not the very first time in history where the concept of the numerical values has been applied to Hebrew and Greek words in the Bible. (For example, the ancient practice of *gematria* and Jews with their *Kabala*).
>
> However, theomatics is: (1) the first time in history where the principles according to which this structure operates have been discovered and made explicable, and (2) the fact that God did this can be proven in a scientific manner that is both repeatable and predictable. Nothing before in history has ever operated on the *collective principles* demonstrated in theomatics. But the *basis* is historical.

Hebrew and Greek Grammar

The entire word structure of the Bible, was designed by God in a unique way so that theomatics could work. In other words, God specifically structured the grammar of the Hebrew and Greek languages so that all of the number patterns could fit and flow together. An amazing degree of thought went into it. Theomatics will answer many puzzling questions as to the why's of these two languages and their grammatical structure.

Multiples and Clusters

Without elaborating, there are a number of other principles that theomatics operates by. One is called *multiples*, and the other is *clustering*.

Everything in theomatics operates on the principle of multiples and multiple structures ~ based upon prime numbers and various factor combinations. This concept can become very complicated and involved. There are many aspects to multiples.

Clustering is the concept where numbers cluster around these large multiples. The theomatic hits fall within the range of one or two numbers surrounding the large multiple factors. There is an entire chapter in **The Original Code in the Bible**, which explains how clustering scientifically proves the entire existence of theomatics.

We have worked with the mathematics and statistics department of a major university, and the odds of the clustering occurring by chance is impossible. The evidence is positively overwhelming from a scientific perspective.

Theomatics and the Scientific Method

The multiple factors and the clustering is so consistent in theomatic words and phrases, that it boggles the mind. The major fact is that it happens so regularly, as to defy any mathematical odds. In other words, if theomatics was not true, if either man or God did not place this phenomenon into the text, then the numerical values for words and phrases would only produce "random" results. But the theomatic results are clearly not random.

And neither are the patterns a natural occurrence of the language structure itself ~ **they only occur within related theological meanings.** Computerized testing ~ comparing theomatic results vs. random results, will overwhelmingly prove that fact. Even the most cautious and astute of mathematical scientists, will be completely blown away when presented with the data. Those individuals who are skeptical will be completely befuddled and have no explanation for the results (see next page **Scientific Proof of the Discovery**).

Conclusion

This discussion has been very brief. There are **three books** (that consist of about 1200 pages total) that thoroughly explain all this. Also, on the home page, there are **four examples** of the theomatics phenomenon.

Theomatics and Eschatology

No aspect of theomatics research over the years, has elicited more interest and more questions, than the subject of eschatology. People want to know what this code in the Bible reveals about Bible prophecy and end time events. When is Jesus going to return to planet earth? What is going to happen after He gets here?

Much of what is being promoted today, in books and on television, is little more than fiction and fantasy. The discoveries that have been made in theomatics paint a whole different picture relative to this subject of Bible prophecy. Students of Bible prophecy have built incredible superstructures, most of them based upon false and untrue premises. They have presumed that certain things in the Bible should be taken "literally." But God may have something vastly different in mind relative to the books of Daniel and Revelation.

In both ***Theomatics II*** and ***The Original CODE in the BIBLE***, all of this is discussed extensively. Without elaborating, theomatics does not substantiate what is commonly known of as "pre-millennial dispensationalism." In fact, theomatics totally blows to pieces 90% of everything being taught today about so called, "end time events."

NOTE: Premillennial dispensationalism is the dominant position among American evangelicals ~ all those who teach that Israel returning to Palestine in 1948 is the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Dispensationalism teaches that God has two distinct bodies of people, Israel and the Church. There is a different plan and eternal destiny for each of these two peoples. The church's hope is eternal bliss in heaven. They will be taken out of this world and raptured to heaven before the "great tribulation." Israel's hope is an earthly kingdom. At the end of the "great tribulation," Christ will return in the clouds, and set up His kingdom upon earth that will last for 1000 years. The temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem, animals will again be sacrificed on the altars, and all of the Old Testament prophecies will be fulfilled literally. However, the Jewish people living in Israel today, will not become "Christians" until *after* they see Jesus landing on the mount of Olives. At that time they will all fall down and accept Him as their Messiah.

Just about everything being taught today in the Christian media about Bible prophecy, is based entirely on the above. Books by Hal Lindsey, such as ***The Late Great Planet Earth***, have championed this view point, as virtually all ministries on radio and television that deal with the end times.

What prophecy scholars have failed to recognize, is that God uses numbers symbolically in the Bible (especially in the Book of Revelation). People are trying to take things literally that perhaps God never intended. There is a deeper symbolical and spiritual meaning present. Many of these "prophetic" passages of Scripture do relate to this earth and its times and events. ***But they do so in a different context of meaning, than what just about everybody is looking for in the Bible.*** God may have a completely different picture in mind, something vastly greater and infinitely more precious than what just about everybody is trying to figure out.

Understanding theomatics will clear up many of the difficulties and much of the confusion that exists today among Christians.

Example #1

At the drop of a hat, literally hundreds of examples of the theomatics phenomenon could be shown on this Web site. We will look at just four. This will introduce you to the subject in general. The most impressive pattern is Example #2, which follows this one. You will not want to miss looking at that example.

As our web page, **The Numerical Structure** explains, the entire Bible was put together supernaturally by God ~ to operate on a numerical system or code. What we are finding and seeing right now with theomatics, are bits and pieces of that code coming to the surface.

Theomatics is positively enormous! The theological implications are staggering. It will take a concerted effort, determination, and enthusiasm, for a person to grasp the full meaning of what we are seeing here. It is impossible to calculate both the importance and significance of this subject ~ as it relates to man's understanding of God and the Bible. Only the Creator Himself knows how far He will allow man to look into, and subsequently run with this thing.

Both the numerical structure along with the theological concepts, are very sophisticated. **The Original CODE in the BIBLE** and **Theomatics II** go into great depth to explain various and important aspects of the structure. Here the presentation will be simple and straightforward, without too much elaboration. We are just beginning to see the far reaching implications of all this. The entire system operates on mathematical laws, rules and principles that are totally heavenly in nature. They defy human logic at every turn. Yet the evidence is clearly visible and verifiable, and mathematically irrefutable.

The following is one of the first examples that we discovered. We show it here on the Web, simply because people enjoy it and can easily relate to it. Statistically speaking, it is by no means the most impressive. There are many thousands of patterns like the following, some of them far more statistically significant.

The best way to illustrate this subject, the most effective approach to begin with, is by showing the reader how the same numbers constantly appear ~ over and over again ~ when various key words and phrases are examined.

> LAYOUT NOTE: In the following, you will notice that the Hebrew and Greek words and phrases from the Bible, have been interpolated with English letters. There are Hebrew and Greek fonts available on the Internet, but they would require you first to download them before you could see actual Hebrew and Greek characters. If you wish to have these examples with the original Hebrew and Greek, we can fax or mail copies to you. Cost is $2.50 per example faxed, and $4.00 by mail. Please email us for this request. Also, the straight Nestle Text (26th edition) is the default text used for the New Testament. If a Nestle variant is used or the Majority Text, it is indicated by (vn) or (mt). The Hebrew text is the Michigan text. Clustering is indicated as (') or (").

The Birth of Jesus and the Number 111

Over the years a large amount of scientific research has been done on *every single reference* related to the conception and birth of Jesus. There are approximately sixty references in the New Testament, and a handful from the Old Testament, that refer, in one form or another, to the conception, the birth, the babe in the manger, the child Jesus, etc. Virtually all of these references are saturated with multiples of 111. For sake of illustration, we are going to show only a limited number here. The mathematical odds of the following pattern being in the Bible by chance, are millions to one. It should be pointed out that the layout here is not in a scientific format, but the examples have been arranged so as to present an interesting flow to the reading.

As it was shown on a previous page, the name for *Jesus* in Greek has a numerical value of 888. If you cut 888 in half, it comes out to 444. If you cut 444 in half, the number is 222. And half of 222 is the number 111. This number 111 is very predominant in reference to Jesus. But it is by no means the only key number to do with Christ ~ there are many numbers that relate to all the names and attributes of Jesus and God. But the number 111, in some instances, is absolutely pervasive, especially in those references that speak concerning His conception and birth.

Let us begin with Matthew’s account. Here is the very first reference. The entire passage as quoted has a value of 111 x 66.

> "And Jacob begat Joseph the Husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ."
>
> > JESUS ... 111 x 8
> > Mt 1:16 Ihsouv
> > CHRIST ... 111 x 12
> > Xriston"

Now the second reference occurs in verse 18 of this chapter where the following phrase occurs.

> "Now the birth of Jesus Christ thus was: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be pregnant by the Holy Spirit."

THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST THUS WAS ... 111 x 49
Mat 1:18 tou Ihsouv Xristou genesiv outwv hn

> "... before they came together, she was found in womb having by the Spirit Holy."

SHE WAS FOUND IN WOMB BY ... 111 x 11
eureje en gastri ek

> (Note: The word "having" is not necessarily essential to the thought. Usually, the patterns are always present with words in juxtaposition or side by side. This here is a rare exception.)

Now let us look at verse 20. Here are the words of the angel that appeared to Joseph in a dream.

> "But as he considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a

> dream, saying, ‘Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for the one, her begotten of the spirit, is holy."

HER BEGOTTEN OF THE SPIRIT, IS HOLY ... 111 x 28
Mt 1:20 auth gennhjen ek pneumatov estin agiou'
HER BEGOTTEN ... 111 x 8 (888)
auth gennhjen'

> (Note for Greek Scholars: The little Greek word åí, can at times be translated simply as "one" instead of "in." See Romans 12:5 in Greek, and discussion of many forms used, by A.T. Robertson, Pgs. 282 and 584-589).

Now comes verse 21. It contains many multiples of 111. Here is just one of them.

> "And she will bear a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins."

AND SHE WILL BEAR A SON ... 111 x 11
Mat 1:21 tecetai de uion'

Two verses later, in verse 23, comes what has to be the most famous statement regarding the birth of our Lord.

BEHOLD, A VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON ... 111 x 27
Mat 1:23 Idou h parjenov en gastri ecei kai tecetai uion'

Two verses later, after the birth of Jesus took place, these words appeared. The passage as quoted directly below is 111 x 34. Here is a shorter phrase (without the word Jesus) which points directly at Jesus and the number 888.

"She bore a son and called His name Jesus."
SHE BORE A SON AND CALLED HIS NAME ... 111 x 24 (888 x 3)
Mat 1:25 eteken uion kai ekalesen onoma autou
JESUS 888 (111 x 8)
Ihsouv

Before we turn and examine the account in Luke, here is one reference from the Hebrew Old Testament that is probably one of the most famous passages in all of scripture.

> "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give unto you a sign: The virgin shall be with child, and will bear a son."

The Hebrew words "to you a sign, the virgin shall be with child" have a value of 888, same as Jesus.

TO YOU A SIGN, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD 888 (111 x 8)
Is 7:14 ' hrh hmlih hnh Tva Mk

Here are the most distinct words possible from the Hebrew word "and will bear a son." What is interesting to note is that the Greek words from Matthew 1:21, "And she will bear a son" has a value of 111, but in Hebrew just the one word "she will bear" has a value of 111.

SHE WILL BEAR ... 111 x 4
Tdly

Here is the first reference in Luke. This entire phrase as quoted is 888 x 8.

> "The power of the most high will overshadow you, and for that reason the holy offspring will be called the Son of God."

THE HOLY OFFSPRING WILL BE CALLED ... 111 x 20
|Luk 1:35 to gennwmenon agioin klhjhsetai"

An Important Comment

It should be pointed out here that throughout the phrases there are a many other numerical patterns also present, as well as the 111 pattern. All of these are working together. However, from a scientific perspective, what is significant is the fact that *there usually is always one very short segment of phrase that produces at least one multiple of 111.* This number appears far more often than what the laws of mathematical chance will allow. In otherwords, if theomatics was not true, we would not see this number 111 happening over and over ~ the multiples of 111 would only occur within the framework of chance expectation. But in theomatics, they occur with staggering consistency, but *only* on references to do specifially with the birth of Jesus (see page Scientific Proof of the Discovery).

Now here we are going to see something interesting ~ how theomatics may throw light on certain things. The next time it talks about a baby in Luke, is found in the story of Mary going to the house of Elizabeth.

> "And in those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a city of Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when

> Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, leaped the babe in the womb of her; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit."

LEAPED THE BABE ... 111 x 16 (888 x 2)

Lk 1:41 eskitrhsen brefov'

THE BABE IN THE WOMB ... 111 x 13

to brefov en koilia

The way the verse reads, it seems to indicate that the babe this verse was speaking of is John the Baptist (see verse 44). However, *both women were pregnant at the same time*. The babe that leaped could have been Jesus (notice the 888). Since John the Baptist was the forerunner of Christ, his birth may be signified by the number 111 as well. The important thing to notice here is that the number 111 is consistent through every passage to do with birth ~ just like clockwork.

In the verse that follows, Elizabeth then speaks to Mary.

> "And she called out with a loud voice, ‘Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb."

THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB ... 111 x 14

Lk 1:42 o karpov koiliav sou"

Here is the rest of what Elizabeth says. In this verse the unborn baby Jesus is called "the Lord."

> "And why is this granted to me, that the mother of the Lord of me should come to me?"

THE LORD ... 111 x 9

Lk 1:43 kuriou'

Now we jump to chapter 2 where it again talks about the birth of Jesus. In the nativity story, Joseph travels from Galilee to Bethlehem, with Mary.

> "And while they were there, were fulfilled the days for her to bear."

The words "were fulfilled the days for her to bear," actually read in Greek as "were fulfilled the days to bear her."

THE DAYS TO BEAR ... 111 x 5

Lk 2:6 hmerai tekein'

The next verse states that Mary bore her firstborn son.

SHE BORE THE SON THE FIRSTBORN ... 111 x 25

Lk 2:7 eteken uion prwtotokon

Right now I am going to quickly skip to the book of Hebrews, which is a perfect parallel to the above verse in Luke.

> "And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him."

THE FIRSTBORN INTO THE WORLD ... 111 x 29

Heb 1:6 ton prwtotokon eiv oikoumenhn'

The account in Luke continues with a discussion of the angels appearing to the shepherds.

> "And this shall be to you a sign. Ye will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

The words "Ye will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger," has a value of ... 111 x 41. Here is the most distinct portion. The following English phrase consists of only two Greek words.

THE BABE WRAPPED IN SWADDLING CLOTHES ... 111 x 21

Lk 2:12 brefov esparganwmenon'

And here now is verse 16. Here is what happened.

> "When the angels went away from them into heaven into heaven, the shepherds said to one another. Let us go unto Bethelem and see this thing having happened which the Lord made known to us. And they came with haste and found both Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger."

AND THE BABE LYING IN THE MANGER ... 111 x 22

Lk 2:16 kai to brefov keimenon en fathn

Now look at the following feature. After all the above comes this.

> "And when they saw it they made known the saying which had been told them concerning this child."

THIS CHILD ... 111 x 26

Lk 2:17 tou paidiou toutou'

The next reference to the child is down in verse 21. Notice the multiple of 888. The text states that He was circumcised on the eighth day. There is a whole structure in theomatics to do with circumcision ~ all based on a pattern of eights.

> "And when were completed eight days to circumcise him."

EIGHT DAYS TO CIRCUMCISE HIM ... 111 x 32 (888 x 4)
Lk 2:21 hmerai oktw tou peritemein auton"

And the text states that after He was circumcised on the eighth day, His name was called Jesus, which also, of course, has a value of 888.

> "And when were completed eight days to circumcise him, His name was called Jesus, the name called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."

The above is literally saturated with multiples of 111. Here is the shortest phrase.

JESUS, THE NAME CALLED BY THE ANGEL ... 111 x 22
Ihsouv to klhjen upo aggelou
THE NAME CALLED BY THE ANGEL ... 111 x 14
To klhjen upo aggelou

The above verse says that His name was called Jesus "before he was conceived in the womb." Look at just the following.

BEFORE HE WAS CONCEIVED IN THE WOMB ... 111 x 23
pro sullhmfjhnai auton en koilia
HE WAS CONCEIVED ... 111 x 19
sullhmfjhnai auton"

And of course as we saw earlier from Matthew, in relation to Jesus being conceived in the womb, the words "the fruit of thy womb" was also 111, and so were the words "the babe in the womb."

Now let us jump to a reference in Luke chapter 11. In this passage we read how Jesus was casting out demons, and a woman from the crowd of bystanders cried out the following words.

> "And it came to pass as He spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, 'Blessed is the womb that bare thee and the paps which thou hast sucked."

BLESSED IS THE WOMB THAT BARE THEE ... 111 x 13
Lk 11:27 makaria h koilia h bastasasa se"
BARE THEE ... 111 x 10
bastasasa se'

> We must understand right here, that the mathematical probability of these huge multiples of 111, occurring within these short explicit phrases, is naturally impossible. There is no way that this could happen by chance ~ unless somebody with intelligence, pre-arranged all this. We are witnessing here what may be the single most significant discovery in the history of mankind. Yet very few people will see or comprehend the significance of what we are witnessing.

Now right after the above verse that we looked at in Luke, the next words appear.

> "And when were completed their days of cleansing according to the law of Moses, they took Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord."

TO PRESENT HIM TO THE LORD ... 111 x 30
Lk 2:22 parasthsai tw kuriw'

Now here in this passage comes the next reference to Jesus, where He is explicitly called "the Christ of the Lord."

> "Now there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon ... And it had been revealed to Him by the Holy Spirit that He should not see death before He should see the Christ of the Lord."

THE CHRIST OF THE LORD ... 111 x 21
Luk 2:26 Xriston kuriou'
THE CHRIST ... 111 x 12
Xriston"

Simeon then took the baby Jesus in his arms, and said the following. Here Jesus is called "thy salvation."

> "For mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou didst prepare before the face of all peoples."

THY SALVATION WHICH THOU DIDST PREPARE ... 111 x 28

Lk 2:31 swthrion sou o htoimasav

But Simeon continued to prophecy over the baby Jesus. The following ten words are only 5 words in Greek.

> "And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel."

THIS CHILD IS SET FOR THE FALL AND RISING AGAIN ... 111 x 35

Lk 2:34 outov keitai eiv ptwsin kai anastasin

In light of all that we have seen thus far, the next result is almost unbelievable. No result could be more direct and impressive than the following.

> "And he came by the spirit into the temple, as the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law."

THE CHILD JESUS ... 111 x 12

Lk 2:27 to paidion Ihsoun'

Right now I am going to quickly skip to the book of Acts. Compare the next example with the above.

> "And signs and wonders are performed through the name of the holy child of thee Jesus."

NAME OF THE HOLY CHILD JESUS ... 111 x 28

Ac 4:30 onomatov tou agiou paidov Ihsou

In this account of Luke chapter 2, which continues on through many verses, there are a whole host of short explicit phrases, all in reference to the child Jesus, that are multiples of 111. I am going to skip over all of these and move on to the last verse in this story, which is verse 40.

> "And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

THE CHILD GREW AND BECAME STRONG ... 111 x 19

Lk 2:40 paidion hucanen kai ekrataiouto"

Now we are going to return to Matthew's Gospel, this time to the second chapter.

> "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the King, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, where is the one born king of the Jews."

IS THE ONE BORN KING OF JEWS ... 111 x 46

Mt 2:2 estin o texjeiv basileuv twn Ioudaiwn'

> "For we saw His star in the East, and have come to worship Him."

HIS STAR ... 111 x 16 (888 x 2)

autou astera"

The account goes on concerning wicked king Herod. He gathered together all the chief priests and scribes to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born.

> "They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And thou, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

OUT OF THEE SHALL COME A GOVERNOR ... 111 x 24 (888 x 3)

Mt 2:6 ek sou eceleusetai hgoumenov"

Herod then sent the wise men away with strict instructions.

> "And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child."

SEARCH DILIGENTLY FOR THE CHILD ... 111 x 32 (888 x 4)

Mt 2:8 akribwv peri tou peidiou"

> "And behold the star, which they saw in the East, went before them until it came and stood over where the child was."

IT CAME AND STOOD OVER WHERE THE CHILD WAS ... 111 x 28

Mt 2:9 eljwn estajh epanw ou hn to paidion"

The account continues with the wise men offering their gifts to the child.

> "And coming into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother."

SAW THE CHILD ... 111 x 11

(mt) Mt 2:11 euron to paidion'

Now at this point in the story Joseph has a dream.

> "Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take thou the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt."

TAKE THOU THE CHILD ... 111 x 4

Mat 2:13 paralabe paidion'

A number of years after Joseph and Mary and Jesus had fled into Egypt, the angel again appeared to Joseph.

> "But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take thou the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for have died those who seek the life of the child."

THE LIFE OF THE CHILD ... 111 x 21

Mat 2:20 fuxhn paidiou"

In the book of Galatians, there appears a very well known passage to the birth of Jesus.

> "And when the fulness of time had come, God sent forth his son, becoming of a woman, becoming under the law."

SENT FORTH HIS SON BECOMING OF A WOMAN ... 111 x 43

(mt) Gal 4:4 ecapesteilen ton uion autou gennwmenon ek gunaikov'

We shall conclude this presentation with three features from the book of Revelation that are absolutely mind-boggling. Three specific references to the child Jesus, short explicit phrases, all multiples of 111. This will put the icing on the cake.

Revelation 12 is the chapter that talks about the woman who gave birth to the man child, who is obviously Jesus. Let us look at those specific passages.

The following will show the logic of how this 111 pattern is embedded in the various thought segments of each passage.

> "A great sign was seen in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun… She was pregnant and she cried out being distressed to give birth. "

BEING DISTRESSED ... 111 x 4

Rev 12:2 basanizomenh

> "And the dragon stood before the woman about to bear, that whenever she bears the child of her, he might devour it."

THAT WHENEVER SHE BEARS THE CHILD OF HER ... 111 x 20

Rev 12:4 ina otan tekh teknon authv'

SHE BEARS ... 111 x 3

tekh

THE CHILD OF HER ... 111 x 16 (888 x 2)

to teknon authv"

> "And she brought forth the man child, who is to rule all nations with a rod of Iron."

THE MAN CHILD ... 111 x 8 (888)

Rev 12:5 uion arsen"

Both the expression "the child of her" and "the man child" are multiples of 888~the same as Jesus.

Finally, the last reference to Jesus appears down in verse 13. Here the multiple is of 7, the number of perfection.

> "And when the dragon saw that he was cast to earth, he pursued the woman who bore the male."

THE MALE ... 111 x 7

Rev 12:13 ton arsena'

Now for our last example, we will turn to the book of Genesis. The male child that the woman gave birth to, is the fulfilment of a prophecy given in the book of Genesis. Here is what Jehovah said to the serpent in the garden of Eden.

> "And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and between her seed; he will crush thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Gen. 3:14, 15).

The following four words in Hebrew are continuous without any punctuation or break in thought. The thought here is complete. "…and between thy seed and between her seed he will crush thy head." The numerical value here is the same as "the male" in Revelation.

AND BETWEEN HER SEED HE WILL CRUSH ... 111 x 7

Rev 12:13 ' Kpvwy avh hirz Nybv

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The Rock
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I am the Lord thy God, I am the rock of your salvation, whosoever believeth in Me will not perish but have everlasting life.

Though the mountains are moved out of their place, though the seas roar, your feet are upon The Rock; YOU SHALL NOT BE MOVED! I am a most gracious God to My faithful ones.

The unrighteous and unclean will no longer come near you. I will cause you to be the head and not the tail, above and not beneath. Those that have caused you much pain of soul, those who have unjustly judged you will be no more, as I raise you up in My glory. They will be ashamed, they will realize that they have not truly known Me, the Lord their God and not walked in My ways!

Deuteronomy 28:13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

Isaiah 52:1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

The just will do justly and the unrighteous will do even more unrighteously, LIGHT AND DARK, TRUTH AND ERROR WILL BE PLAINLY SEEN! Thus says the Lord thy God.

I Will Allow No More Mixture
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I send you forth with My light and glory. Do not say in your heart that this word is the same old story you have heard before, and seem to be waiting and waiting for these things to come to pass. I am aligning all things according to My purposes.

There are shakings going on in the lives of even those closest to you. I AM PULLING DOWN ALL WALLS OF SELF-PROTECTION, pulling the rug out from beneath them. THIS IS SO THAT THEIR FALSE FOUNDATIONS WILL BE EXPOSED AS FALSE FOUNDATIONS.

Eze 13:14 So will I BREAK DOWN THE WALL that ye have daubed with untempered *morter*, and bring it down to the ground, SO THAT THE FOUNDATION THEREOF SHALL BE DISCOVERED, and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.

My WILL, will be fulfilled; I WILL have a Bride without spot or blemish. Those I love I chasten, those I adore I break in pieces so that the oil of My anointing may flow out of them. The hotter the fire of refining, the purer the oil.

I cannot have vessels tainted with the world going out in the end times. I WILL have a holy people who bear My name, My glory.

Who can ascend My holy hill; those with clean hands and an upright heart before Me. For too long there has been mixture in My Body, perversion mingled with My Holy Spirit, a proud and haughty, unteachable spirit going forth in My name. This is to come to an end, I declare it!

Psa 24:3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? Psa 24:4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

No longer will My holy name be profaned in the world and in My sanctuary. NO MORE MIXTURE WILL I ALLOW. LET THEM NO LONGER CALL THAT WHICH IS UNCLEAN, CLEAN FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES.

Isa 48:10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. Isa 48:11 For mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake, will I do *it*: FOR HOW SHOULD MY NAME BE POLLUTED? and I will not give my glory unto another.

CRY OUT TO ME TO UNSTOP YOUR EARS, TO OPEN YOUR EYES OF WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN WALKING IN, CRY OUT TO ME FOR MY PURE, UNADULTERATED TRUTH AND THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE.

I will then, and only then cause you to ride the high hills, to walk in blessing, peace and prosperity, lacking in no good thing. Thus saith the Lord.

Jud 3:7 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgat the LORD their God, and served Baalim and the groves.

Psa 73:27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.

Hos 5:4 They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms *is* in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD.

Gal 3:3 ARE YE SO FOOLISH? HAVING BEGUN IN THE SPIRIT, ARE YE NOW MADE PERFECT BY THE FLESH?

2Ch 24:19 YET HE SENT PROPHETS TO THEM, TO BRING THEM AGAIN UNTO THE LORD; AND THEY TESTIFIED AGAINST THEM: BUT THEY WOULD NOT GIVE EAR.

2Ch 24:20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, WHY TRANSGRESS YE THE COMMANDMENTS OF THE LORD, THAT YE CANNOT PROSPER? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you.

Psalms 68:6 God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: BUT THE REBELLIOUS DWELL IN A DRY LAND. (DRY LAND – LACK OF ANOINTING).

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The Evils of Our Days

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During what was called the dark ages of mid-evil times, the people that lived during these days did all kinds of evil deeds. They had turned away from God. This was an era of darkness. Any time we turn away from God, we are going backwards. When we don't include God in what ever we do, it will always fail.

Even the law enforcers and police and the judges were evil. All kinds of evil and sinful deeds were rampant.

Now we have entered the gross darkness of the end times.

II Timothy 3:9

But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in), perilous times of great stress and trouble (hard to deal with and hard to bear). A time of terror will come upon the earth.

For people will be lovers of self and utterly self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate (greedy) desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters,

They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

They will be without natural (human) affection (callous an inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); (they will be) slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

They will be treacherous betrayers, rash, and inflated with self conceit. (They will be) lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

For although they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it (their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession. Avoid all such people (turn away from them).

For among them are those who worm their way into homes and captivate silly women and weak-natured and spiritually dwarfed women, loaded down with (the burden of their) sins (and easily) swayed and led away by various evil desires and seductive impulses.

These weak women will listen to anybody who will teach them; they are forever inquiring and getting information, but are never able to arrive at a recognition and knowledge of the Truth.

Now just as Jannes and Jambres were hostile to and resisted Moses, so these men also are hostile to and oppose the Truth. They have depraved and distorted minds, and are rejected as far as the Faith is concerned.

But they will not get very far, for their rash folly will become obvious to everybody, as was that of those (magicians mentioned).

Hebrews 13:5-9

Let your character or moral disposition be free from love of money including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions) and be satisfied with your present (circumstances and with what you have); for He (God) Himself has said, I will not, I will Not, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you without support. I will not, I will not, I will not in any degree leave you helpless nor forsake nor let you down relax My hold on you! Assuredly not!

So we take comfort and are encouraged and confidently and boldly say, The Lord is my Helper; I will not be seized with alarm (I will not fear or dread or be terrified). What can man do to me?

Remember you leaders and superiors in authority (for it was they) who brought to you the word of God. Observe attentively and consider their manner of living (the outcome of their well-spent lives) and imitate their faith (their conviction that God exists and is the Creator and Ruler of all things, the Provider and Bestower of eternal Salvation through Christ, and their leaning of the entire human personality on God in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness.

Jesus Christ (The Messiah) is (always) the same, yesterday, today, (yes) and forever (to the ages).

Do not be carried about by different and varied and alien teachings; for it is good for the heart to be established and ennobled and strengthened by means of grace (God's favor and spiritual blessing) and not (to be devoted to) foods (rules of diet and ritualistic meals), which bring no spiritual benefit or profit to those who observe them.

I Peter 1:13-16
So brace up your minds; be sober (circumspect, morally alert); set your hope wholly and unchangeably on the grace (divine favor) that is coming to you when Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is revealed.
Live as children of obedience (to God); do not conform yourselves to the evil desires (that governed you) in your former ignorance (when you did not know the requirements of the Gospel).
But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct and manner of living.
For it is written, You shall be holy, for I Am Holy.

John 13:34-35
I give you a new commandment: that you should love one another, just as I have loved you, so you too should love one another.
By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you love one another (if you keep on showing love among yourselves).

The Evils of Our Day are:
1 denominationalism (division of the body of Christ)
2 hypocrisy (being a Christian only on Sunday for 1 hour)
3 greed
4 lust
5 false religions
6 false doctrines
7 putting Christianity in the category of mere religion (Christianity is not religion)
8 selling the gospel for personal gain
9 making merchandise of men’s souls
10 ignoring the needy starving and suffering of our world
11 gaining fame and wealth by making vulgar and filthy movies
12 trying to bring God down to the level of a man
13 giving up something we like for a few days called lent to prove how much we love God
14 abortions (murdering defenseless babies)
15 speaking evil of and falsely accusing people of God
16 imprisoning innocent people through lying and deception
17 prayerlessness
18 trying to remove God’s Word from public places
19 trying to stop prayer in schools
20 committing adultery
21 committing fornication
22 idolatry
23 child abuse
24 forgetting the needs of the elderly
25 racism
26 double standards
27 drug abuse
28 alcohol abuse (drunkenness)
29 blatant disregard for the laws of God
30 Hate
31 coldness (not caring about anyone else)
32 thinking we are more important than others
33 Unthankfulness
34 Unforgiveness
35 preferring certain ethnic group over another
36 injustice in the court rooms and law enforcement
37 corruption in business
38 extreme violence
39 being prejudiced against someone not of your color

40 Homosexuality (God destroyed whole cities because of this sin).
41 No provision for the homeless
42 slavery
43 lack of parenting of children the biblical way
44 deception in Christian leadership
45 lying
46 manipulation
47 a departure from God's Word
48 demonically inspired movies, music, magazines, books
49 genocide
50 ethnic cleansing
51 terrorism
52 theft
53 ethnic profiling
54 having a form of godliness, but denying the power of true Christianity.
55 corruption
56 no family unity
57 murder
There is not one sin on this list that could have kept Jesus from going to the cross.
There is not a sin on this list that was not covered by the cross of Christ.
Jesus has paid in full the debts of our sins.
Here is an analogy that helps see what God did:
Once there was a King of great wealth and great authority. He had a son that shared in the ruler-ship position.
A sinful outcast came along and murdered the King's Son. The king did not get angry.
He found the murderer and forgave him. He then told the murderer that he could have his son's position and he gave the out cast murderer all the sons possessions.
This is a bit like what God did by sending Jesus to die for us.

Hebrews 12:7-17
You must submit to and endure correction for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his Father does not (thus) train an correct and discipline?
Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all of God's children share, then you are illegitimate offspring and not true sons at all.
Moreover, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we yielded (to them) an respected (them for training us). Shall we not much more cheerfully submit to the Father of spirits and so truly live?
For our earthly fathers disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them; but He disciplined us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness.
For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it (a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness- in conformity to God's will in purpose, thought, action, resulting in right living and right standing with God.

Christianity transcends religion.
It is not just performing rituals, ceremonies, programs, and going through religious motions.
It does not fit into the box labeled religion.
In Christianity God, our creator and maker of all things, dwells in the believer, and the same spirit life inside of Him is in us.
Whatever is true of Jesus is now true of us.

In Ephesians 2:1,5,6,10
It states that we are quickened (made alive through and in Christ, in union with Him)
We are raised with and in Christ.

We are seated with and in Christ
We are His workmanship.

Ephesians 3:6
We are fellow heirs with Christ.

We don't quite know the full magnitude of the position that we are in and of our salvation's full benefits.

When we get to the place that the Lord has prepared in Heaven for us. No one will be heard saying "look what I did" in boasting about their accomplishments.
Jesus did it all.
Our salvation is void of human effort. It is by grace through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus.

What He (Jesus) Inherited, We Inherited

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I Corinthians 3:22-23
All things are yours. And you are Christ's and Christ is God's.

His (Jesus) inheritance is our inheritance. Whatever is true of Jesus is true of us. What did Jesus inherit?

John 14:2-3,12,16
In My Father's House there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for I Am going away to prepare a place for you, And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I Am you may be also.
I assure you most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.
And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and standby), that He may remain with you forever.

Ephesians 2:4-6
But God- so rich is He in His mercy, Because of and in order to satisfy the great and wonderful and intense love with which He loved us.
Even when we were dead (slain) by our own shortcomings and trespasses, he made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; (He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's Salvation).
And He raised us up together with Him and **made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue or our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).**

Galatians 3:26-27,29
For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith.
For as many of you as were baptized into Christ (into a spiritual union and communion with Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah) have put on (clothed yourselves with) Christ.
And if you belong to Christ (are in Him Who is Abraham's Seed), then you are Abraham's offspring and (spiritual) heirs according to promise.

Galatians 4:1,4-7
Now what I mean is that as long as the inheritor (heir) is a child and under age, he does not differ from a slave, although he is the master of all the estate;

But when the proper time had fully come , God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to (the regulations of) the Law, to purchase freedom of (to redeem, to ransom, to atone for) those who were subject to the Law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us 9and be recognized as God’s sons).
And because you really are His sons, God has sent the (Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, Abba (Father)! Father!
Therefore you are no longer a slave (bond servant) but a son; and if a son, then it follows that you are an heir by the aid of God, through Christ.

Mathew 5:3,5,10,14
Blessed (happy, to be envied, and spiritually prosperous – with life-joy and satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the poor in spirit (the humble, who rate themselves insignificant), for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!
Blessed and happy and enviably fortunate and spiritually prosperous (in the state in which the born again child of God enjoys and finds satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of his outward conditions) are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake (for being and doing right) for theirs is the kingdom of heaven!
You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Mathew 25:33-34
And He will cause the sheep to stand at His right hand, but the goats at His left.
Then the King will say to those at His right hand, come, you blessed of My Father (you favored of God and appointed to eternal salvation), inherit (receive as your own) the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

Ephesians 1:11-14
In Him we also were made (God’s) heritage (portion) and we obtained an inheritance; for we had been foreordained (chosen and appointed beforehand) in accordance with His purpose, Who works out everything in agreement with the counsel and design of His own will.
So that we who first hoped in Christ (Who first put our confidence in Him have been destined and appointed to) live for the praise of His glory!
In Him you also who have heard the Word of Truth, the glad tidings (Gospel) of your salvation, and have believed in adhered to and relied on Him, were stamped with the seal of the long promised Holy Spirit.

That Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance (the firstfruits, the pledge an foretaste, the down payment on our heritage), in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring (complete) possession of it-to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 2:18-19
For it is through Him that we both (whether far off or near) now have an introduction (access) by one Holy Spirit to the Father so that we are able to approach Him.
Therefore you are no longer outsiders (exiles, migrants, and aliens, excluded from the rights of citizens), but you now share citizenship with the saints (God’s own people, consecrated and set apart for Himself); and you belong to God’s own household.
In Him and in fellowship with one another you yourselves also are being built up into this structure with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:3-6
And that the mystery (secret) was made known to me and I was allowed to comprehend it by direct revelation, as I already briefly wrote you.
When you read this you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ.
This mystery (secret) was never disclosed to human beings in past generations as it has now been revealed to His holy apostles (consecrated messengers) and prophets by the (Holy Ghost).
It is this: that the Gentiles are now to be fellow heirs with the Jews, members of the same body and

joint partakers (sharing) in the same divine promisre in Christ through (their acceptance of) the glad tidings (the Godspel).
In Whom, because of our faith in Him, we dare to have the boldness (courage and confidence) of free access (an unreserved approach to God with freedom and without fear).
May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the Holy Spirit Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality

That you may really come to know (practically, through experience for yourselves the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience; that you may be filled through all your being unto all the fullness of God and may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself!

John 10:27-30
The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to my voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.
And I give them eternal life, and they shall never lose it or perish throughout the ages. To all eternity they shall never by any means be destroyed. And no one is able to snatch them out of My hand.
My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater and mightier than all else; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.
I and the Father are One.

John 14:27
Peace I leave with you; My own peace I now give and bequeath to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. (Stop allowing yourselves to be agitated and disturbed; and do not permit yourselves to be fearful and intimidated and cowardly and unsettled).
No matter what happens around us we have the Lord's Peace on the inside of us. Receive it.

Colossians 1:11-14
We pray that you may be invigorated and strengthened with all power according to the might of His glory, to exercise every kind of endurance and patience perseverance and forbearance with joy,
Giving thanks to the Father, Who has qualified and made us fit to share the portion which is the inheritance of the saints God's Holy People in the Light.
The Father has delivered and drawn us to Himself out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, In Whom we have our redemption through His blood, which means, the forgiveness of our sins.

John 14:12-14
I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, he will himself be able to do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.
And I will do (I Myself will grant) whatever you ask in My Name (as presenting all that I Am), so that the Father may be glorified and extolled in through the Son.
Yes I will grant (I Myself will do for you whatever you shall ask in My Name (as presenting all that I Am).

Luke 10:19
Behold! I have given you authority an power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy (possesses); and nothing shall in any way harm you.

Luke 10:16
He who hears and heeds you hears and heeds Me; and he who slights and rejects you slights and rejects Me; and he who slights and rejects Me slights and rejects Him Who sent Me.

Acts 1:8
But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very

bounds) of the earth.

I Corinthians 4:20
For the kingdom of God consists of and is based on not talk but power (moral power and excellence of soul).

Psalm 16:5,11
The Lord is my chosen and assigned portion, my cup; you hold and maintain my lot.
You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

Ezekiel 44:28
This (their ministry to Me) shall be to them as an inheritance, for I Am their inheritance.

I Corinthians 15:27-28
For He (The Father) has put all things in subjection under His (Christ's)feet. But when it says , All things are put in subjection (under Him), it is evident that He (Himself) is excepted Who does the subjecting of all things to Him. However, when everything is subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also subject to (the Father) Who put all things under Him, so that God may be all in all (be everything to everyone, supreme, the indwelling and controlling factor of life).

II Corinthians 6:16
What agreement (can there be between) a temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in and with and among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Hebrews 9:15
(Christ, the Messiah) is therefore the Negotiator and Mediator of an entirely new agreement (testament, covenant), so that those who are called and offered it may receive the fulfillment of the promised everlasting inheritance-since a death has taken place which rescues an delivers and redeems them from the transgressions committed under the old first agreement.

Hebrews 10:10-17,23
And in accordance with this will (of God) we have been made holy (consecrated and sanctified) through the offering made once for all of the body of Jesus Christ (the Anointed One).
Furthermore, every (human) priest stands (at his altar of service) ministering daily, offering the same sacrifices over and over again, which never are able to strip (from every side of us) the sins (that envelop us) and take them away-
Whereas this One (Christ), after He had offered a single sacrifice for our sins that shall avail for all time, sat down at the right hand of God.
For by a single offering he has forever completely cleansed and perfected those who are consecrated and made holy.
And also the Holy Spirit adds His testimony to us (in confirmation of this). For having said,
This is the agreement (testament, covenant) that I will set up and conclude with them after those days, says the Lord: I will imprint My laws upon their hearts, and I will inscribe them on their minds (on their inmost thoughts and understanding),
He then goes on to say, and their sins and their lawbreaking I will remember no more.
So let us seize and hold fast and retain without wavering the hope we cherish and confess and our acknowledgement of it, for **He Who promised is reliable (sure) and faithful to His Word.**

Psalm 37:28-29
For the Lord delights in justice and forsakes not His saints; they are preserved forever, but the offspring of the wicked (in time) shall be cut off.

Then the consistently righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.

Psalm 82:6
I said, You are gods (since you judge on My behalf, as My representatives; indeed all of you are children of the Most High.
Adam did not have a natural father. God was his father.

Romans 8:9-11,14-17,32
But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit, if the Holy Spirit of God (really dwells within you (directs and controls you). But if anyone does not possess the Holy Spirit of Christ, he is none of His (he does not belong to Christ, is not truly a child a child of god.
But if Christ lives in you , then although you natural body is dead by reason of sin and guilt, the spirit is alive because of the righteousness (that He imputes to you).
And if the Spirit of Him Who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, then He Who raised up Christ Jesus from the dead will also restore to life you mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies through His Spirit Who dwells in you.
For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.
For the Spirit which you have now received is not a spirit of slavery to put you once more in bondage to fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption (the Spirit producing sonship) in (the bliss of) which we cry, Abba Father! Father!
The Spirit Himself (thus testifies together with our own spirit assuring us that we are children of God.
And if we are his children, then we are (His) heirs also; heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ (sharing His inheritance with Him); only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.
He Who did not withhold or spare (even) His Own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not freely and graciously give us all other things?

I Corinthians 15:51-53
Take notice! I tell you a mystery (a secret truth, an event decreed by the hidden purpose or counsel of God). We shall not all fall asleep (in death), but we shall all be changed (transformed).
In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the sound of the last trumpet call. For a trumpet will sound, and the dead (in Christ) will be raised imperishable (free and immune from decay) must put on immortality (freedom from death).

Hebrews 3:14
For we have become fellows with Christ (the Messiah) and share in all He has for us, if only we hold our first newborn confidence and original assured expectation (in virtue of which we are believers) firm and unshaken to the end.

I Peter 1:4
By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, so that through them you may escape (by flight) from the moral decay (rottenness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.

Philippians 1:11
May you abound in and be filled with the fruits of righteousness (of right standing with God and right doing) which come through Jesus Christ (the Anointed One), to the honor and praise of God (that His glory may be both manifested and recognized).

Proverbs 3:24-26
When you lie down, you shall not be afraid; yes, you shall lie down, and your sleep shall be sweet.
Be not afraid of sudden terror and panic, nor of the stormy blast or the storm
And ruin of the wicked when it comes for you will be guiltless,
For the Lord shall be your confidence, firm and strong, and shall keep your foot from being caught (in a trap or some hidden danger.

Proverbs 23:7
As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

Mark 16:17-19
And these attesting signs will accompany those who believe: in My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new languages;
They will pick up serpents; and even if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.
So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God.

I Corinthians 2:13
And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Holy Spirit , combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language to those who possess the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 2:9-10
But on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, all that god has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him (who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him an gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed.
Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the Holy Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God (the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man’s scrutiny).

Ephesians 5:5
For be sure of this: that no person practicing sexual vice or impurity in thought or in life, or one who is covetous (who has lustful desire for the property of others and is greedy for gain for he in effect is an idolater has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Luke 12:15
And He said to them, Guard yourselves and keep free from all covetousness (the immoderate desire for wealth, the greedy longing to have more); for a man’s life does not consist in and is not derived from possessing over-flowing abundance or that which is over and above his needs.

Acts 20:32-35
And now brethren, I commit you to God (I deposit you in His charge, entrusting you to His protection and care). And I commend you to the Word of His grace (to the commands and counsels and promises of His unmerited favor). It is able to build you up and to give you (your rightful) inheritance among all God’s set-apart ones (those consecrated, purified, and transformed of soul).
I coveted no man’s silver or gold or costly garments.
You yourselves know personally that these hands ministered to my own needs and those of the persons who were with me.

I Corinthians 6:9-11
Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality, nor cheats (swindlers and thieves), nor greedy graspers, nor drunkards, nor foulmouthed revilers and slanderers, nor extortioners and robbers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God.

Acts 26:16-18
But arise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, that I might appoint you to serve as (My) minister and to bear witness both to what you have seen of Me and to that in which I will appear to you.

Choosing you out for Myself and delivering you from among the Gentiles to Whom I am sending you, To open their eyes that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may thus receive forgiveness and release from their sins and a place and portion among those who are consecrated and purified by faith in Me.

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The Hour Glass and the Scales

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The Lord is standing in front of me. He is wearing a blue robe, with a white sash and belt. I have never seen Him wear a blue robe before with the white sash and robe, but I feel it is significant to the vision. He is standing and He is holding a scale in His right hand, and an hour glass in His left hand.

The scale is tipped with a heavy weight in the one balance, and the other balance has a lighter weight in it.

The Hourglass is empty on top. All of the sand is run to the bottom.

The Lord is standing there holding these two instruments in front of me. He is watching me to see if I comprehend what he is showing me. I wait, as I know that I do not trust my own judgment on anything. He smiles, and comes closer.

He says, “it is good that you do not rely upon your own judgments. Many of My People judge too quickly without waiting upon Me for understanding. They run ahead of Me, and decide to do things ahead of My timing, and often make great mistakes in the process. Never think that you know what I am doing, by just what you see and hear. Always inquire of Me first, before making any decisions, and before releasing what you think you understand.”

“If more of My Prophets did this, there would not be so much fear amongst My Own, or deception. Many of My People are fearful over what they see and hear, and they do not come to Me for confirmation or for understanding. They run to one another first. Then they wonder why they can’t hear My Voice. I won’t be a secondary opinion anymore. I won’t be second place. I will not hear those who cry out to Me, if they continually run to others for their wisdom and direction, without coming to Me first. Am I not their God? Can I not give them understanding of the things to come? Why do they not inquire of their God?”

“What you see in My one Hand is the Scales of My Justice. They are tipped and ready to be poured out. The lighter side of the scale is the prayers of the saints. The heavier side of the scales is the sins in My House. There has not been a full repentance or turning back to Me. My Remnant is praying, but where are the rest? Where are My other children? Running after their gods….. now it is too late. I cried out for prayer. I cried out for repentance. I cried out to My Own for them to fully turn to Me, and to serve Me alone.”

“The Scales of My Justice have been measured and have been weighed, and the cup is full. No more, will I cry out. I have reached out to a perverse and wicked generation who has wandered in the wilderness, and they do not want to come forth, but to remain in their state, so they shall. I will not strive with men. I will have My House full, and it is indeed so, for I have filled it with the outcasts and the lame and the weak and the servants. They are now My Possessions.”

“The Sand Hourglass in My other hand is the time is up. No more time. My Justice is now meted. It will now be reaped. I have delayed until there is no more delay, and it does come as a storm over the land. For the fury of My Father is great upon the wicked and the rebellious. Make no mistake, the wicked are those who know the truth, yet, don’t obey it, but shun it to go their own way. They are those who know the truth, but refuse to yield to it or be changed by it. The rebellious are those who say they love Me, but go and do their own thing, and think it’s okay and permissible because others do it and think they have time to change and get in at the last second. There is no playing with My Grace. Either you are fully Mine or you are not. Either you fully trust Me and live for Me, or you don’t.”

“I am judging all of My House. I am passing over each person in My House and all will be laid bare. Everything in your life not given over to Me, will be burned up in My Judgment. Many will suffer great loss. But I will have a pure Bride. I will have a clean House. I will not live in anything not pure and holy. There is no more delay or waiting. I am now pouring out My Justice.”

“Many think that I am judging the world at this time. I am judging My House. The world will mock, and scorn, and ridicule my judgments as I release them, and as My People suffer, but when I am finished with My House then, I will turn my wrath upon the world. My judgments are for My Own. My wrath is for the world.”

“My Remnant need not fear, for I have already judged them if they have embraced My Fires. I have given them their portion, and they did not refuse Me. My Healing Hand is upon them, and I will indeed raise them up in this hour of Judgments. For they will be My Voice and My Hands in the earth as I pass by. I will have a witness in the earth of My Grace and My Justice.”

“Rend your garments inhabitants of the land, while you can, for I am now passing over the land.”

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The Hungry Get Desperate
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The Hungry Get Desperate,
The Satisfied Become Apathetic

God is looking for really hungry people. He hopes to find them in the church, but if necessary He will bypass an entire temple filled with dainty casual nibblers just to find a few really hungry people on the street, in a bar, or on the wrong side of town. Really hungry people tend to be really desperate people (The God Catchers, p. 102).

I've heard it said that many Americans are starving in the land of plenty-not because of the scarcity of food, because we have plenty, but because of their choices of food. Unfortunately this statement applies to the church as well. As stated in The God Catchers:

Our problem is our diet. We like to stuff ourselves on spiritual junk food and feast on dainty bless-me treats. That is the kind of spiritual "food" that has all the form and outward appearance of godliness, but is a standing denial of its power. When the real meat and bread of His presence is placed in front of us, we turn away from His table of intimacy to look for another "quick and easy" flesh-blessing snack at the shallow-food bar. The unpleasant truth is that God is under no obligation to feed casual nibblers at His Communion table.

Do you view hunger to be your friend or your enemy? Hunger nearly always feels uncomfortable and even painful, but what role does it play in your physical and spiritual well-being?

People who aren't hungry can easily walk past a banquet table offering the finest and most expensive foods, delicacies, and refreshments available to man. Hungry people, on the other hand, may feel stomach pains at the mere sight of a picture portraying the potential of food! Satisfied Christians can attend a meeting where God manifests His presence and works miracles only to return to their homes unmoved and unimpressed with "the departure from the usual" in that service. Hungry God Chasers grow restless at the mere mention of a possible visitation by God, and the spend many of their waking hours anticipating the moment He manifests His presence once again.

Do you find it easy to attend worship services and leave without sensing God's presence? Does the mere mention of His possible visitation trigger spiritual hunger pains in your heart? Are you chronic and incurable God Chaser?

People who aren't really hungry, especially those who enter His presence fresh from the bless-me church smorgasbord, tend to sample a little here and snack a little there with extended pinkies in mock discernment. They appear to be looking for "just the right feeling" or "just the right song" to get in the mood for communion with God. … In the natural, true hunger can turn an honest man into a dishonest man, and it can transform a non-violent man into a violent maniac. True hunger will make you do things you never, ever think you would do (in the natural and in the spiritual realm).

Do you casually nibble and search for favorite portions of each worship service, or do you enter every gathering feeling the desperation and urgency of a hungry soul, wondering, "Maybe this is the day He will visit us again…"?

More Erroneous Assumptions, Presumptions and Misaligned Paradigms

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"Casual nibbling" is the trademark of someone who isn't hungry for some reason or another. We assume that God's grace obligates Him to feed everyone at His table. He does lay food on the table for all who would eat, but He does not prepare smorgasbord fare loaded with sweet but worthless delicacies for every finicky eater. Please mark "True" or "False" after each of the statements below concerning this passage from The God Catchers:

1. Casual nibblers tend to be drawn to the sweet "bless-me" treats, the personal benefits and emotional thrills of flirtation with Divinity. True or False

2. Casual nibbling allows us to lightly taste God's fare without making any commitment to complete the course and accept its obligations. True or False

3. Casual nibblers who have filled up with dainty bless-me treats instead of life-changing "bread of His presence" will have no strength to stand in times of trial and adversity. True or False

4. If the Scriptures are right, then the "real meat and bread of His presence" from His table of intimacy produces joy and strength in those who draw near (see Psalm 16:11 and Nehemiah 8:10b). True or False

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:20-22, where Jesus spoke directly to His disciples about the blessings in store for those suffering from heart hunger and spiritual thirst in the desolate and dangerous land of man's religion.

20 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed are you poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who hunger now, For you shall be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, For you shall laugh. 22 Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile you, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake.

Prayer Lord Jesus, my soul aches at the mere mention of Your name. My heart leaps with every rumor of Your coming, and each possibility You will manifest Your presence. I'm not satisfied with mere spiritual dainties-I'm ravenously hungry for You in Your fullness. I'm desperate to feast on the bread of Your presence and quench my thirst with the wine of Your Spirit.

Thick-Headed Or Thick-Skinned

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"Don't let today's refreshing become tomorrow's tradition!"

It was nine some years ago when the Lord first spoke those words to my spirit. I was at the height of my own personal Renewal experience. Life was exciting in those days, though terribly difficult, and my zeal for the Lord was at an all time high. It much resembled this famous quote from Charles Dickens in his novel The Tale of Two Cities.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven . . ."

Charles Dickens also said, "Minds, like bodies, will often fall into a pimpled, ill-conditioned state from mere excess of comfort." Thank God He's not allowing that to happen to us!

I can still see myself back then, getting crazy at some charismaniac blow out, hopped up on caffeine and the Holy Ghost, grooving on every manifestation the good Lord was willing to throw my way. But what He said stopped me in my tracks. "Don't let today's refreshing become tomorrow's tradition." The realization that this season of refreshing wouldn't last forever sobered me out of my Holy Spirit stupor (give me another drink . . . thank you Scott Underwood).

Then the Lord asked an unsettling question.

"When this new wineskin becomes old, will you be willing to let Me give you yet another wineskin? Will you allow me to stretch you and shape you and make you ready for what's coming next?" Somehow I knew that what was coming next wouldn't be the standard charismatic party.

You see something is coming next. Something big. I don't know if it's next week, next month, next year, or the year 2929. But I know something big is coming and the Lord is in the process of outfitting us with a new wineskin. Ouch!

My good friend Jacob Ray recently shared a vision (for this experience see below) he had of the new wineskin. The Lord spoke to me through the picture Jake shared and said, "I expect my people to be `thick-skinned'". I would like to share some thoughts with you on why this is important and hopefully encourage you in whatever situation the Lord has you placed.

Yes, there is new outpouring on its way. And those of us who want to participate in it will experience a lot of criticism from several camps. This is one reason we must be "thick-skinned." Many will think we are simply "thick-headed."

One more thing . . . I don't profess to know what the next outpouring will specifically look like. But I do feel the Lord has revealed some of its characteristics.

1. The next great outpouring will not be like anything this generation has experienced before. Though accompanied by signs & wonders, miracles & healing, there will be aspects of this move that many will find offensive. Even more offensive than what we called Renewal. We must be thick-skinned.
2. The next great outpouring will offend the Religious. That probably goes without saying, because every great outpouring in history offended the religious. Those with religious spirits will attack us without mercy. We must be thick-skinned.
3. The next great outpouring will offend the World system. Yes, many will come to the Lord because of it, but the system will rebel. Expect persecution from the government, in the workplace, and from the media. We must be thick-skinned.
4. The next great outpouring will offend the practitioners of "old-time renewal." This too is consistent with Kingdom history. Those who are unwilling to leave the past move of God will resist the next move. They will not realize their manna has become moldy and full of worms. Some of our biggest attacks will come from this camp. We must be thick-skinned.

Most will think we are just "thick-headed." When we put on the helmet of salvation we'll be considered thick-headed. When we take on the mind of Christ we'll be considered thick-headed. When we set our face like flint we'll be considered thick-headed.

Have you recently been offended? Are you struggling to forgive? Is the Lord challenging the man-pleasing spirit that still resides within you? Does it seem that no matter how hard you try, no one seems to understand your intention? Have you recently been betrayed? Does life seem unfair? Has the Lord placed you in an uncomfortable position, a place you've never been before?

Hang on. You're just being fitted with your new wineskin. And boy is that skin thick! The good news is that the training ground is usually more difficult then the actual event.

Remember this . . . one common characteristic that will be shared by all of us who participate in the next great move of God is the unwillingness to quit. Press on! Push through! Never quit!

Living In The Desert and Learning To Love It, Tim Meredith

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Shaking, Stretching And The Renewed Wineskin.
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This is the word as I submitted to the leadership of our local body. I left it unchanged so as to preserve the way it came to me. Though I won't say that everything in this word applies to the larger body of Christ (specifically the date portion of this word), I humbly submit this to you all, being convinced that much of what is contained in here is for many more than our local body only.

"I received this word Saturday night and shared it with Don Pike after the service in Albany. Please check the date and time with him if you want to. Considering all the emphasis on "shaking" that came forth Sunday morning I feel that I should submit this to you for your consideration.

I heard the lord clearly say that there was going to be 3 months of shaking, stretching, and pounding mixed with oil and water in order to attempt to prepare the wineskin of our body for His new wine. He said it would be hard but that it was necessary. In order to take an old wineskin and prepare it to receive new wine there is a process that must be done that includes oil and water being saturated into the skin and then you pound (which produces shaking) and stretch the skin into a pliable condition that is once again ready to receive new wine and not see it lost by a bursting (let's not even go there!! :-0).

I felt like I was to look at my phone for the date and do the math. 3 months from Saturday is July 17th.

I also felt that the Lord is going to do Supernaturally to our "wineskin" what is not possible in the natural and that is to add "new leather" to the existing skin in order to produce some changes that He has in mind. He did not elaborate much but I do believe that this speaks more directly to the Leadership team and I am expecting some "additions" as the Lord sees fit.

At first I was a little disheartened when I saw how much "shaking" was coming, but the Lord assured me that even though this will be hard (working leather is a very demanding, physical endeavor in the natural) that it's goal was of great benefit to us if we will yield to the full measure of what He is doing, not stopping short. I believe in your leadership my friend and I do not believe that you will let us stop short.

The up side to the shaking/stretching is of course the water and the oil!!! We get to be saturated in it WHILE the pounding/shaking and stretching is taking place. Yahoo!!!

Come saturate and permeate our lives Lord and go to work!! Make us ready to receive that what you have laid in reserve for us. Let us walk the path of Love, Forgiveness and Rest resulting in beholding the Glory of the Lord with unveiled sight in ever increasing clarity, thereby transforming us into your very image revealing the son's of God on the earth. All of creation is waiting for YOU in me!! So be it Lord Jesus!!"

The Highway is Here

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I was in worship one evening recently and as the praise and worship team began to sing, "Freedom, Freedom..." I had a strong revelation from the Lord.
I saw the ancient way of intimacy with the Lord being raised up in this day. There is a shaking occurring to bring a placing and establishing of His ways in our land again. There is a shifting and an aligning in this day... the foundations are being aligned with God's design. I saw the highway of holiness from Isa 35 being laid out like the portable roads the army uses for their equipment transport. It was literally being snapped into place to prepare the way of the greatest outpouring of God's Spirit our land has ever known. But it would not be without contest. The highway is here, beloved. The highway is here.

This highway of holiness will bring a restoration of God's ways to this nation leading to a release of freedom at the deepest levels. It will bring with it an outpouring of signs and wonders and healings--the blind will see, the deaf hear, spiritual and natural eyes and ears will be opened in this day. It will be for those who choose to walk in this way to see these things.

The word way in Isa 35:8 is the Hebrew word "derek". This word has many applications, one of which is courting and intimacy. The highway of holiness, separation unto the Lord is the highway of intimacy with Him. Those that despise wisdom, are quarrelsome and licentious shall not walk on this way. Indeed they cannot because it is the way of intimacy with the Lord. Only the redeemed of the Lord, the ransomed of Him, those who have been redeemed from death, bondage and exile shall walk in this way. The word used to redeem is the word that pictures the Kinsman-Redeemer come to exact vengeance on the enemy and buy back every bit of land that was stolen in our nation.

Church-- God is calling us back to intimacy with Him. He is calling us to restore the boundaries the enemy has torn down or moved back to His Word and His ways. He is calling is to walk with Him deeper and closer that we ever have. It is on this highway of holiness, this interstate of intimacy, this journey with Jesus we will see His glory revealed anew in this land. The highway is here.

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Take Heed Lest He Fall

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Move into the realm of the unexpected cautiously for one needs to know both My ways and the ways of the enemy to discern if what is about to happen is truly what you need to be a part of. For the enemy also moves in the realm of signs and wonders and also by an anointing, but it is a false anointing. So don't go by what you see or feel, but walk by the surely and trust of My written word, by the scriptures and by prophetic messages you know to be true.

For these are the end times, and the enemy is going about like a roaring lion seeking who he may devour. But those who keep themselves hidden in the secret place he cannot see, much less touch with his devices. So I AM calling you close to know My word and to know My ways and to draw close and listen intently to what I have to say for I AM preparing a people who will do great things in My name. Yes, they will go out and rescue the captives from the clutch of the enemy. They will heal those who had been ensnared by deception and restore them to spiritual health. They will open blind eyes so they can see truth once again. They will even loose the tongue of the dumb, of those who could not speak in My name because of fear. I will even deliver those of confusion so they will have a sound mind. Yes, they will have the mind of Christ.

For these are the called out ones who the enemy had carried away captive, because those who had been shepherds over them did not pay the price to keep them safe. They did not teach others to walk in love but to follow after signs and wonders and anointings. Yes, they were taught to follow after every wind of doctrine and not to pay the price to know My word. And now I will cause these unfaithful shepherds to repent of their complacency for if they truly delighted themselves in My word, there would be good fruit in the congregation of the saints. Yes, this is the day of the great awakening. I will use eye salve so that they can see the error of their ways and repent and come back stronger than ever. For their mistakes will make them more aware of the devices of the enemy. They were too confident in their spiritual stand, too trusting in man, and not aware enough of the enemy's plan to trip them up.

Draw close to Me and seek My face daily. Cry out for deeper revelation of My will and for holy boldness to stand for the message of the Cross which has become an unpopular message, but it is one of life and grace. Do not separate yourself from a message that will produce truth in others. What I say to you this day is to take heed to not become too confident in your walk for that is when you become careless and become independent and then you will fall.

1 Cor 10:12 - Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

I will deliver you from the snare of the fowler. I will sustain you and restore you to health. I will set you free from all complacency and deception. Be open and willing, and I will give you the fruit of the land in plenty. I will give you your heart's deepest desire to know Me more intimately for I will restore you to your first love when meeting with the saints was truly a place of refuge from the storm. But when you got your eyes off of Me and on to man, you became disappointed and discouraged. You lost desire for My presence, because you went your own way. If you return unto Me, I will restore your zeal and your fire for Me.

Trust Me and see what I will do for I will bless your step of faith in obedience. I AM calling you back to Me. Be one with Me and with My people. Set yourself free from the critical heart and the legalistic attitude. Walk only in My grace and truth, and let Me be the Head of the body. I started a good work, and I AM faithful to complete it. Return unto Me. Press into My intimate presence, and you will have breakthrough, and surely the plans of the enemy will be defeated!

The Holy Spirit's Call On Memorial Day

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LAY ASIDE WHAT DIVIDES YOU OR IT WILL CONQUER YOU!

Please set aside your religions, your genealogies, and politics-- listen to the higher call. Below this note, you will find a message from President George W. Bush, sent out from River of Revival Ministries, at inJesus.com. Thank you to Richard and Jeannette Elliott.

GOD PLACES LEADERS AND TAKES THEM OUT OF POSITION

President Geo. W. Bush is the man that God has placed in the highest office in the land of America-- the United States of America. The Bible tells us that we are to pray for our leaders in authority.

'EXCUSES, EXCUSES' or IS THERE MORE TO IT?

How rational is it when people say, "Well, I don't like Bush, what he does", and on and on ad nauseum. "I WILL NOT PRAY FOR BUSH." and "America is proud, disgusting, greedy--selling the souls of man, crushing and destroying weaker nations, murderers of babies, homosexual lifestyle, stinking of SIN, GROTESQUE SIN, so I will not pray for her!" How bizarre is that line of thinking? Where is common sense in this? Dear one, "If" you had been praying perhaps this wouldn't have happened, ALL of our GROSS SIN! Do we no longer understand the definition of COURAGE, BRAVERY, VALOR, or DUTY? Are these foreign words in America's vocabulary? How the mighty have fallen. Such a rebellious people, O YHVH, our God, forgive us!!!

REFUSAL TO PRAY IS DISOBEDIENCE

Beyond common sense [which is God given], refusal to pray as the Holy Spirit of God directs is disobedience!!! As though one would invite one's enemies into your home, giving access and entry and saying, 'Go for it, you come right into our house, steal anything you want, kill our kids, destroy our entire family, commit horrors, all with our assistance and welcome." SUICIDAL behavior!

WHY NOT PRAY?

Could one liken the behavior above to the Body of Messiah? "Ridiculous," you shout! Yet as followers of Yeshua (Jesus) we do it each day as we fill our lives with things other than God. We do not go to GOD in prayer. WHY? Perhaps as warned in the Bible, distractions and worldly cares have buried our first Love; maybe unbelief in God's Word; or even worse--ignorance of who our God is and HIS loving and faithful character, what HE requires of those who are called by HIS name, rewards that lie ahead in our future, magnificent and glorious.

As bratty children at a playground's merry-go-round, we ride this spinning thing called life. When we do not get our way with God, as charmingly spoiled miniature royals, we simply dismiss the Holy Spirit speaking to us and go our jolly way. We jump off the ride. Rather preferring to sit it out and harass, complain, wear out others actively involved in accomplishing the Lord's tasks at hand. We appear as overindulged kids in a candy store, ignoring God's practical instructions and eating all we desire...only to end up sick, hurting, rotted teeth causing enormous pain, rolls of fat hanging off our bodies slowing us down in the race. Could this explain the miserably thirsty and hungry creatures sitting in churches with horrid personalities searching for their next sugar high, gossip their tool. How many are the containers barely maintaining the form, while no life exists within? Just as 'dead as a door nail,' no Life. Choose today: "MY (God's) way or the highway," as we say in Texas. Terrifyingly, this glamorous, glitzy, glaring highway slides and slithers, hissing all the way to hell. Who is God in your life? Little time to decide, "Move it on out, rawhide!"

WE WHINE; THEY DIE!

In Messiah's Body are battalions of babies who continue to feed on the milk and cannot, NO, they WILL NOT EAT MEAT even when quite capable. Do we as professing followers of Yeshua (Jesus) eat up God-fearing servants, anointed of the Most High God--both men and women. Do we lure, 'feed 'em steroids to beef them up', hog tie and roast them, spitting out their carcasses depriving even the birds of the air? Do we devour as a beast the Lord's anointed ones sent from Heaven above? Do we cast the good shepherds aside as trash upon a dung heap as we finish them off with one last poison dart...not to even speak of our behaviors toward their precious wives and children, turned away from lack of any semblance of love, enslaved and conscripted for their entire lives. No thought of wrong by those who seek to be served. O, God, for these acts of murder in Your Body, FORGIVE!

So, too, our military families who must subsist on WELFARE, government hand-outs, inhumane struggles while expected to daily live in peril of life...Lord help us. We want to whine and complain and do not surrender nor give God sacrifice in prayer. We do not come humbly on bended knee before our Almighty God!

LAZINESS, FAULT FINDING INSTEAD OF FIXING (Repairing)

Nor do we want our righteous, 'lily white hands' to become defiled by working in a political system not perfect; YET FAR SUPERIOR TO SHARIA LAW!!! Ask anyone, anyplace where Sharia is instituted and enforced ... ENFORCED!!! Obey their demonic god or die by the sword, condemned by judges without mercy, their sentence -- "Stone them to death" or decree hand down to the offender --"Behead them, chop their heads, sever it from their bodies." These phrases no longer grisly story-book lore, but reality for the times in which we now live. All-powerful-one, forgive, defend and preserve us--O, God, help us!

WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

Some say, "Well, honey, we just don't feel led to pray!" My question to you is:

"So, what will it take for you to feel led?

Do you need to see enemies on America's soil rise up, your daughters and sons raped.

Do you need to hear their screams as they are repeatedly and mercilessly tortured?

Or for you adrenalin junkies --- Witness more beheadings?

All of our laws and seasons changed to Sharia Law (Islam)!!!

Massive amounts of blood spilled here on American soil?

Nuclear winter?

Tell me, "What"?

YESHUA LEFT US WEAPONS OF WAR TO FIGHT NOT TO POLISH!

Yeshua weeps! HE WEEPS! He watches as we have time for everything except PRAYER AND INTERCESSION---talking with him, asking of the Father through the Holy Spirit! He left us power and authority in HIS name to come against the powers and principalities of the air, deep darkness as evidenced in this world. Yeshua (Jesus) defeated the ENCROACHING EVIL filling the whole earth, as a black hole, devastating destruction beyond our comprehension. HE OVERCAME THE WORLD; WE ARE TO OVERCOME in and by the power of the Holy Spirit, the Word of God and our testimonies. The testimony of HIS BLOOD! We shall share in HIS Glory to the degree in which we die and suffer in our service for HIS Kingdom's sake.

IT IS WAR! WHERE ARE YOUR WEAPONS?

Yeshua (Jesus) tells us to be Light and Salt. HE left us not as orphans. WE need appropriate, take hold of, understand and use all the spiritual tools, weapons, strategies in HIS CORNUCOPIA OF GIFTS for us--The Bible, the Torah (HIS instruction), HIS playbook if you will, PRAYER, the Holy spirit, each other (we are gifts one to another from the Father of Lights), and so much more. All waiting for us to receive and utilize for HIS Kingdom! For HIS glory! For HIS name's sake! These gifts for our provision, protection and PEACE!

FREEDOMS HIGH PRICE; as some say 'THIS AIN'T NO TRIAL RUN!'

For Americans and Israelis, countries of democracy whose clarion call is FREEDOM---our path is littered with FREEDOM'S HIGH PRICE. The costly price paid daily by our young men and women, our children and our elderly, daughters and sons who are RIGHT NOW DYING, SHEDDING BLOOD, BODY PARTS BLOWN TO SMITHEREENS and even stolen by a barbaric people. Worse yet, some tortured by maniacs, even beheaded for all to see! O, YHVH [God} rescue now, forgive now, save now, we cry out to you. True and Living God, YHVH, Holy One of Isra'el, forgive us our multitude of SINS, forgive us and SAVE; HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL!!!

STOP AND THINK UPON SACRIFICES MADE TO KEEP FREEDOM

Memorial Day is set aside to honor and think upon sacrifices to protect and defend...those who are our countries heroes! --our military, our law enforcement officers, our first responders who save lives. Regardless of whether our wars, both foreign and domestic, are right or just in your view, they happened, are happening and will continue to occur until the Prince of Peace returns to rule and reign! Leaders are accountable before God! Would we not, at the very least, pray and lift them before the Lord that they might SEE, HEAR, and OBEY God and lead us by God's WISDOM!

SHOULD BRAVERY NOT BE HONORED?

The men and women who have given 'life and limb' to keep us FREE, SHOULD they not be BE HONORED on this day? The ones who are ALIVE, SURVIVORS of the horror of war SHOULD THEY NOT BE HONORED, ESTEEMED, AND COMFORTED with the Love of the Father from above? Just say "Thank you." These 'two tiny words' could deliver, set free and bring great healing.

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

Has America been castrated? Neutralized? Is our culture so fat in body, mind and spirit; so drug-induced that ignorance nearly reigns supreme? Are we being led to slaughter? Are we any longer able to THINK? God, forgive us our SINS and save! We cry out to you, for only You can SAVE us!

PRAY FOR LEADERS, MILITARY and LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AMERICA

Let us PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS and show support and honor toward the men and women who have served and are now serving!!! Drawn by purpose, brave men and women, who hear their country's call, who listen and obey, train and disciple their bodies and minds to work as a team under led by the authority of leadership. All this by their conscious choice as free-will volunteers who confront and defeat EVIL!

HE'S ALIVE! HE OBEYED!

Yeshua (Jesus) defeated the enemy of our souls. It was accomplished as HE obeyed the Father, died, shed HIS BLOOD, and AROSE! HE's Alive! HE LIVES! HE is our GREATEST HERO, Yeshua haMashiach (Jesus the Messiah). HE not only prayed for HIS friends, HE voluntarily gave HIS LIFE AND SHED HIS BLOOD for HIS friends and HIS ENEMIES alike! No greater love, no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. Do we remember this? 'FRIENDS and ENEMIES', he prayed, died and shed HIS precious, royal blood, that ALL who call upon HIS name might be saved! The name of Yeshua (Jesus), God's only Son, the Lord of lords and King of kings SAVES! Halleluyah!!!

GOD's GOVERNMENT--HE WILL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS!

SOON, our King, Yeshua haMashiach, returns to rule and reign forever as God sets up HIS government! The TRUE one world government, not the false we see coming together as puzzle pieces, devised by governments and men, satanically inspired and controlled! When the King of king, Yeshua (Jesus) rules, there will be No more wars, no more death, no more tears! HE WILL WIPE AWAY ALL TEARS!!! Sorrow will flee, just tuck tail and run! HE will wipe away tears of those who have been in wars, who have experienced horrors that some of us cannot possibly imagine and that many are unable to forget. HE WILL WIPE AWAY the tears of mothers, wives, sisters who still REMEMBER their loved ones lost. HE WILL WIPE AWAY the tears of the children who have never seen or known their dads or moms who were/are being killed upon war's battlefields. HE WILL WIPE AWAY the tears from those whose bodies and minds have been mangled in the wreckage of war. Let us not forget our P.O.W.'s. May we continue to pray for them until every one is accounted for, WE LEFT THEM BEHIND! GOD FORGIVE US! GOD FORGIVE US! GOD FORGIVE US! God IS WIPING THOSE TEARS AWAY RIGHT NOW!!! BE ASSURED, those who were followers of Yeshua (Jesus) who died are alive and well in heaven! And one day SOON, God is going to have the BIGGEST FAMILY REUNION WE HAVE EVER SEEN! We are going to celebrate ... Halleluyah!!!

PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY

With great privilege comes great responsibility, greater duty ... our first and foremost allegiance to God, Yeshua (Jesus) and Ruach (the Holy Spirit). As followers of Messiah Jesus, we are directed to pray for our leaders, and certainly for our own countries and families. Today, the Holy spirit of YHVH calls for the repentance of our SINS, sanctification, common sense to be restored to minds now awakened, obedience to the Word, the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and the suffering and sacrifice of prayer from broken hearts. Praise and true worhship on their heels!!! Our need does not move God's heart to intervene for us, only our faith. Will you come, will you bend your knee to El Gibor (Mighty God) and pray? The fields are white and ready for harvest... Where are the laborers? They are so few! Fewer still are those who have completely yielded hearts submitted without question to HIS command. Ruach (the Holy Spirit of God) calls. Listen, listen, do you hear the Wind? Do you hear HIS love whispering to YOU upon the Wind?

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Prayer for Peace, Memorial Day, 2004 By the
President of the United States of America A Proclamation

For more than two centuries, Americans have been called to defend the founding ideals of our democracy. On Memorial Day, a grateful Nation remembers the proud patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of liberty's blessings.

From the opening battles of the American Revolution through the turmoil of the Civil War, to World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam, to the Persian Gulf and today's operations in the war on terror in Afghanistan, Iraq, and around the world, the members of our military have built a tradition of honorable and faithful service. As we observe Memorial Day, we remember the more than one million Americans who have died to preserve our freedom, the more than 140,000 citizens who were prisoners of war, and all those who were declared missing in action. We also honor our veterans for their dedication to America and their sacrifice.

This year, we honor many heroes by observing the 60th anniversary of D-Day on the beaches of Normandy, and by dedicating the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. In a radio address on June 6, 1944, President Franklin Roosevelt described these service members as the "pride of our Nation," who struggled to preserve our civilization. The fallen from that fateful day and that war will always be remembered. They hold a cherished place in the history of the United States and in the memories of the people they liberated.

Today, all who wear the uniform of the United States are serving at a crucial hour in history, and each has answered a great call to serve our Nation on the front lines of freedom. As we continue to fight terrorism and promote peace and freedom-, let us pray for the safety and strength of our troops, for God's blessing on them and their families, and for those who have lost loved ones.

On this Memorial Day, we honor all of our fallen soldiers, their commitment to our country, and their legacy of patriotism and sacrifice. By giving their lives in the cause of freedom, these heroes have protected and inspired all Americans.

In respect for their devotion to America, the Congress, by a joint resolution approved on May 11, 1950, as amended (64 Stat. 158), has requested the President to issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe each Memorial Day as a day of prayer for permanent peace and designating a period on that day when the people of the United States might unite in prayer. The Congress, by Public Law 106-579, has also designated the minute beginning at 3:00 p.m. local time on that day as a time for all Americans to observe the National Moment of Remembrance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim Memorial Day, May 31, 2004, as a day of prayer for permanent peace, and I designate the hour beginning in each locality at 11:00 a.m. of that day as a time to unite in prayer. I also ask all Americans to observe the National Moment of Remembrance beginning at 3:00 p.m. local time on

Memorial Day. I urge the press, radio, television, and all other media to participate in these observances.

I also request the Governors of the United States and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the appropriate officials of all units of government, to direct that the flag be flown at half-staff until noon on this Memorial Day on all buildings, grounds, and naval vessels throughout the United States, and in all areas under its jurisdiction and control. I also request the people of the United States to display the flag at half-staff from their homes for the customary forenoon period.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord two thousand four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth.

GEORGE W. BUSH

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The Holy Spirit’s Touch

Gary Carroll

I am everywhere -- both near and far, in heaven and on earth. …
Jeremiah 23:23-24 (CEV)

An understanding of holiness plays an important role in receiving the Holy Spirit’s touch. Before we can find the Holy Spirit, we must learn to embrace the holiness of His person. Holding dear this characteristic of His nature will determine our approach to Him and whether we find Him or not. We must become sensitive to the holiness of the person we seek.

We must also recognize our lack of holiness and the sinful nature we are born with. Recognizing this about ourselves is equally important. Recognizing our insufficiency tells us what we must do to permit the Holy Spirit to visit us in the special way we desire.

Finding the Holy Spirit’s touch is dependent on our attitude and our approach to Him. We must become still and quiet to find the Holy Spirit’s touch. Our mind must become still and quiet. Our mind must have a focus only of waiting for Him. All our thoughts must be quieted. It is a time to be as silent and still as we can be. We must be quietly focused on Him coming to us. As we begin looking for Him to touch us, it is appropriate to extend our hands toward Him and then keep them still. As we begin looking for Him, it is appropriate to express to Him how welcome He is to be with us and then invite Him to be with us. After this time, we begin our wait for Him. We are still and quiet. We are suppressing our sinful nature with stillness and quietness. We are not allowing it to have power over us. We are placing the nature of the Holy Spirit above our own. We are approaching Him on His terms, based on His holiness. We are making it possible for our Holy God to approach us as we temporarily invalidate our sinful nature. This is where we make it possible for the Holy Spirit to visit us – as we nullify our flesh. As we over-rule our sinful nature, we remove the hindrance of our flesh to a Holy God who desires to come to us. We make it possible for our Holy God to visit us personally.

In the beginning, it can be difficult to keep our mind still and quiet. But practice makes perfect, and the more we exercise this while waiting for the Holy Spirit, the easier it becomes. The time required for us to wait for His touch also shortens as we exercise our approach to God. What once required thirty minutes of waiting may now take only five minutes to find Him. And before we realize it, our approach to God becomes a lifestyle. Our time of waiting for the Holy Spirit becomes a focus of life that holds great value -- because it is successful. We truly find God in our approach to Him and find that we cannot live any other way.

The Holy Spirit is always willing to touch us. The touch of the Holy Spirit is a literal touch that will be felt. There cannot be a more wonderful feeling than experiencing His personal touch. I mostly feel His touch on the outside of my right thumb while in prayer waiting for Him.

And of the rest of the oil that is in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering: Leviticus 14:17

The trespass offering of the Old Testament was a holy offering to God that was exercised in the cleansing of leprosy. A male lamb was slain by the priest and offered to God for a trespass offering. The priest would then apply the lamb's blood upon the leper to be cleansed. The blood was applied to the tip of the right ear, the thumb of the right hand, and to the big toe of the right foot. After this, the priest applied oil on top of the blood previously applied to the leper. The priest then made atonement for the leper to be cleansed before the Lord.

Bible commentaries portray leprosy as symbolic of sin. We can recognize the Holy Spirit's contribution in the cleansing of sin as we see the symbolism in this cleansing.

> The lamb was slain first and the blood of the lamb was applied to the leper -- The lamb's blood is symbolic of the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God. This is the blood Jesus shed on the cross. This is the blood of the New Covenant.
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> Applying the oil on top of the blood followed -- Oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. This is The Holy Spirit's touch.
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> The priest then made atonement for the leper. The result was a cleansing from leprosy. The priest is symbolic of Jesus, our high priest. He restores our inner man from the effects of sin. He restores our soul. He restores our union with Him.

As Christians, the New Covenant blood of Jesus has been applied to each of our lives. Now we need His Oil. We need the Holy Spirit's touch. We need His restoration from the effects of a sinful world. We receive His restoration when He touches us. His touch brings mighty strength and restoration to our inner man. The imparting of His Spirit is experienced and enjoyed. Spiritual waves and rivers flow into us when He touches us. His touch contains contentment, peace, strength and love. Fears leave. The worries of life leave. Our flesh is subdued. It cannot be in control. Any problem now seems insignificant. Our faith in God takes a giant step forward when He touches us. His touch is a very natural expression of His love and His concern for us.

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To Him That Overcomes

Chip Brogden

> "And they overcame [the dragon] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their Testimony, and they loved not their own lives unto the death" (Revelation 12:11).

Whenever I speak or write on the subject of the Overcomers I always preface my remarks by saying that overcoming is the normal Christian life. God has not created an elite group of super-spiritual people within the Church who have some special "anointing" or power. I am well aware that some people teach and believe that the Overcomers are a special class of people that will rise up and exercise great authority over the earthly kingdoms of this world - even over their spiritually immature brothers and sisters. We reject that on the basis that every believer, whether they know it or not, is already complete and is already blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ (Colossians 2:10; Ephesians 1:3).

I pray God will open our eyes to see that God's purpose for the Overcomers is not to establish an earthly kingdom, but to enlarge and increase a spiritual kingdom that is not seen outwardly, but is hidden within each believer (Luke 17:20,21). This is no earthly kingdom, for it is "not of this world" (John 18:36). When Jesus perceived that the people were going to take Him by force and make Him an earthly king, He left them and went up into a mountain, alone (John 6:15). When Peter drew his sword, Jesus told him to put it away. From these examples it should be obvious that overcoming is a heavenly reality, not an earthly achievement or accomplishment.

OVERCOMING IS THE NORMAL CHRISTIAN LIFE

God's purpose is for Christ to fill all things, beginning with each disciple, and then with the Church as the synthesis of all disciples. Only then will He be able to restore the nations of this world and the whole of Creation. We spend too much time trying to change things outwardly for others before we have truly appreciated what God has done inwardly for us. Every child of God should be a living demonstration of how God will sum up everything beneath the Headship of Christ. The world, the principalities and powers, and creation itself should be able to see in the Church a foreshadowing of what life will be like when Christ is "All in All" (see Ephesians 3:8-11).

Of course, we know that what we have today is an aberration from God's purpose. Even though He has put "all things in subjection under [Christ]", it remains that "we do not yet see all things put under Him" (cf. Hebrews 2:8). That is, looking around outwardly at the Church, the world, and the creation, we do not see the preeminence of Christ. We hardly see it when we examine our own lives. Is Jesus really Lord? Is God truly sovereign? Indeed. He is working "all things after the counsel of His own Will" (Ephesians 1:11b). Obviously this is a progressive thing. He does not suddenly take over the universe, no more than He suddenly takes over each disciple. Children of God are not born fully grown, and Jesus is not building His Church in one day. Instead, He works slowly, almost imperceptibly, increasing and enlarging, gently leading, gradually revealing Himself in a thousand small ways.

So who is an Overcomer? If the Overcomers are not earthly conquerors or crusaders, what are they? Overcomers are simply Christians who live the normal Christian life. That is, the normal Christian life, as God intends, is a life that overcomes. It is not a life that is defeated. So what is the "normal" Christian life? It is a life which demonstrates the preeminence of Jesus Christ over all things.

How do we measure victory or defeat? What characterizes one Christian as an Overcomer, and another Christian as defeated? In Revelation 12:11 we see exactly what an Overcomer is - someone who defeats the dragon. Obviously the dragon symbolizes the devil. We see three arenas of conflict in which Overcomers are made. There is the blood of the Lamb, the word of their Testimony, and "loving not" their lives.

In our article, "THREE ENEMIES" we identified these three areas of conflict as sin, self, and satan.

We do not wish to repeat ourselves again here, except to say that the blood of the Lamb overcomes sin, the word of their Testimony overcomes satan, and "loving not" their lives overcomes self. Whatever rises up to challenge us comes from one of these three enemies. They do not present themselves in any particular order, but they come continually. Of these three, I used to believe satan was the most formidable. I now understand that the most formidable enemy is not satan at all, but self, for satan's only strength is self's belief in satan's lie. I know people who are occupied with fighting satan day and night but they have never died to self, so all their fighting is for nothing. Their enemy is within.

Do you believe that Jesus is more powerful than sin? Do you believe that Jesus is more powerful than satan? Do you believe that Jesus is more powerful than self? Certainly Jesus is Lord over all these things. We know He lived a sinless life. We know He went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil - indeed, He was revealed in order to destroy the devil and his works (Hebrews 2:14; I John 3:8). We know that He did nothing for self, but always did His Father's will. So we can clearly see Christ has the preeminence over sin, self, and satan. Yet there are "realities" in this present universe which seem to suggest that Jesus is NOT Lord over sin, self, and satan. Now this brings us to the heart of what it means to be an Overcomer. The one that overcomes is the one that continually defeats the dragon by DEMONSTRATING the preeminence of Christ over sin, self, and satan. You see, this has nothing to do with electing Christians into the highest places of earthly government. That is a comparatively easy task. Here we are speaking of a spiritual conflict of cosmic proportions.

IS JESUS REALLY LORD?

Allow me to illustrate this conflict. What if I were to tell you that Jesus is not really Lord? What if I wrote an article which suggested that the Blood could not cleanse us from sin? Or what if I preached a message and proclaimed that satan is actually stronger than Jesus? Or suppose I sent you a letter in which I confided that the Cross has no power? Would you be upset? Hopefully you would label me as a heretic and would reject me and this teaching forever. You would categorically deny such a teaching in the strongest possible terms, and I would never teach such things anyway.

Yet the way most of us live our lives teaches the universe that Jesus is not really Lord. We do not have to actually SAY with our mouths, "Satan is more powerful than Jesus; sin is more powerful than the Blood; self is more powerful than the Cross." We say it with our lives - every time we willfully sin, every time we give satan an advantage over us, and every time we put self before Christ. Confessing or proclaiming the Truth means nothing by itself. When we do not DEMONSTRATE the Truth we claim with our mouths then we are actually teaching the opposite thing with our actions.

We are full of these contradictions. Let me take a very common and seemingly innocent example such as worry. Most of us, from time to time or nearly all of the time, worry about something - our health, our finances, our loved ones, and so on. Yet the Scriptures say take no thought for your lives and be anxious for nothing. Why is worry a sin? I know we consider it "only human", but worry really implies a lack of trust in God. It is believing a lie. Identify the lie and you can quickly discover the Truth. What is the lie? That God is somehow less than sufficient, that perhaps He will not come through for us. So you see, the enemy gets us to believe a lie, and then gets us to think that we are just being "human". So then we accept something less than the normal Christian life - overcoming - and think that is just the way it is. Remember: satan has no power apart from our belief in his lie.

Overcomers are learning to bridge the gap between what they SAY they believe and how they really LIVE. Now we are not criticizing or judging people for having anxious thoughts, for we have our share of them. We have not overcome in this area. We simply say this is one thing to be overcome, one of many lies which oppose the Truth. The one that overcomes is constantly challenging the lie of the enemy and demonstrating the preeminence of Christ over all things. When every lie is destroyed then the dragon is defeated, for it cannot control what it cannot deceive. Most of what we see and hear is an illusion. It is not the Truth, but a lie, a distortion. Our eyes and our ears cannot be trusted. We must have heavenly vision and heavenly hearing.

For the moment, however, we are confronted with a great disparity, a wide gulf, between things as

God intends for them to be and things as they appear to be. We could go down a whole list of items. God says He will meet our needs, but we look and we see that our needs are not met. God says He is the life of our body, but we cannot seem to shake off illness. God says He has destroyed the works of the devil in Christ, but we see the devil working as usual, seemingly unperturbed. And on and on it goes.

What does this mean? Well, it can only mean one of two things, so we have two options. The first option is to give up and just believe that God does not mean what He says. That is the most common response. The second option is to believe what God says regardless of whether we see it or not. We call this "faith". Faith is not a power we exert in order to change our circumstances, it is an assurance we possess inwardly whether our circumstances are changed or not. The ability to change my circumstances does not make me an overcomer, but to live independently of my circumstances makes me an overcomer. It is living according to "those things that be not as though they were" (Romans 4:17b). If they already "are" outwardly, then we do not need faith, do we (cf. Romans 8:24)?

In other words, if I have no provision, I still believe God is Infinite Supply. If I have poor health, I still believe God is the life of my body. If I am attacked by the devil (even if I am BEATEN by the devil), I still believe the devil is defeated. Yesterday I was thoroughly defeated, but today I say that Christ is Victory. This either makes me a crazy person or a disciple living the normal Christian life. How long will it take before what we believe inwardly is seen outwardly? We do not know. But a LIE is a LIE, whether it is told to us once or whether it is told to us a thousand times. It does not become more true with the passage of time. Here is the problem. We resist a lie the first few times we hear it (e.g., "God will not meet your needs"). But if things do not change we eventually accept the lie as truth (e.g., "Things are no better now than ten days ago, so perhaps God really has forsaken us"). How easy it is for us to believe in a lie - but it is as much a lie the first time we hear it as it is the hundredth time. So why would we ever listen to it later if we did not listen to it earlier? We MUST know the Truth. For the one that overcomes, what is seen OUTWARDLY neither helps nor hinders the TRUTH that has been seen INWARDLY. This is how the Truth makes us free (John 8:32).

GOD'S SOLUTION FOR A DEFEATED CHURCH

Now all of that leads us to this. The Lord says He will have a Church that is without spot, wrinkle, or blemish. A perfect Church. When was the last time you saw the Church, as a whole, anywhere close to this? There are many good brothers and sisters who can articulate what the Church is SUPPOSED to be. We can learn a great deal from them. Then there are many good brothers and sisters who can articulate what is WRONG with the Church, how it falls short of God's purpose. This is not difficult to do, and more and more, people are becoming specialized in this. But very few can take us from what the Church IS (outwardly speaking) and bring us into what God INTENDS for it to be. How do we span the gulf? How do we get from where we are to where God wants us to be? This is seldom talked about, and it seems to be a mystery. But the Book of Revelation is a book that reveals mysteries, and there we find the answer.

There is a principle of God's dealings that we need to recognize, and the whole Book of Revelation itself bears witness to this principle. It is this: whenever the Church is in decline, or is defeated, or is compromised, God has only one remedy, and that is, to bring a fresh revelation, a fresh unveiling, of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:1a). He is constantly re-centering us on His Son, because only ONE THING is needed (Luke 10:42).

The ones who overcome are the ones who see Jesus afresh, who keep the Heavenly vision in front of them at all times. The surest way to be defeated is to get your eyes off the ONE THING and get them onto the "many things". The Spirit of Antichrist does not require you to bow down to satan, it only hopes to cloud your vision of Christ. The problem with the Church today is that we lack this seeing of Christ. We have lost sight of Him, and in His place we have programs, church services, end-times predictions and interpretations, plus and a million-and-one other things that all add up to "zero" without Christ. Even worse, we think those things ARE Him.

In the Book of Revelation we see that Jesus walks IN THE MIDST of the candlesticks. This is important. So many people carry on the business of the Church as if Jesus left the whole thing to them to run while He simply stands on the sidelines, nodding His approval every so often. In fact, Jesus is not on the other side of the universe, but He walks in the midst of the candlesticks, building His Church, and to every one of us He says, "I KNOW your works!"

"I was on the Isle of Patmos... because of the Testimony of Jesus" (Revelation 1:9b). "They overcame the dragon by... the word of the Testimony" (Revelation 12:11ff). "The dragon... went to make war with the remnant... which keep the commandments of God, and have the Testimony of Jesus" (Revelation 12:17). "The Testimony of Jesus is the inspiration of all prophecy" (Revelation 19:10). We should see how this entire conflict evolves around THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS. It is the focal point between Heaven and Earth, Light and Darkness, Christ and Antichrist. But what is the Testimony of Jesus? It is the demonstration (not merely the proclamation) of the Truth concerning Jesus in all His fullness, in all His preeminence. It is showing forth the centrality of Christ in each disciple, in the Church, and ultimately, in all Creation. Overcomers SEE this in advance of its fulfillment, and they align themselves with this tremendous energy of God that is bringing ALL THINGS into subjection to Christ. They see this as a present Truth and not a future hope, and THAT is why they are Overcomers.

When we SEE an ever-increasing Christ Who is destined to fill all things then we will be delivered from smallness and narrow-mindedness. We do not overcome a thing by focusing our attention and directing our energies against that THING. "Things" will keep us busy from morning until night, and from night until morning. May God deliver us from "things" and show us His Son! We must learn to keep the focus of our heart on the Lord Jesus Christ, Who MUST increase. Then there is no room for "things" anymore. They are simply swallowed up in Victory.

Over six years ago I asked the Lord to teach me about spiritual warfare. God did not respond by teaching me about spiritual warfare, and praise the Lord that He did not. Instead, He simply revealed Jesus Christ to me. This revelation was, and is, sufficient. Seeing Him seated in the heavenly places, and me seated with Him (Ephesians 2:6), was enough to make me an Overcomer. Then I saw that who I am or what I know or what I can do means nothing, but Who He is and what He knows and what He can do is everything. The focus shifted off of "me" - my needs, my problems, my ministry, my spiritual warfare - and onto Christ, where it belonged.

Up until that time I did not know what it was to see the dragon defeated. When I read how the Overcomers would defeat the dragon, I thought how wonderful it would be in the future when that would be possible. But when the Lord revealed Himself to me I saw that He is not the God of "future-tense", but EMMANUEL, God with us, in past, present, and future. I suppose anyone can overcome after they have visited heaven, seen the angels, talked to Jesus face-to-face, and been clothed with their spiritual body. But Overcomers have glimpsed something of heaven already and are bringing it into this earth TODAY. "As in heaven, so in earth" is an everyday thing. Do we really understand the implications?

Many people write to me and ask how to deal with this thing or that, how to get the victory here or there. May I say that it does not matter what your need is, or what your problem is, the Answer is the same. Victory is a Man, not an experience. If you must fail a hundred, a thousand, or a million times in order to learn that lesson then it is worth it. It does not matter whether you understand it, agree with it, believe it, or see it yet. Indeed, everything else seems to say the opposite. But you will see, just as I have seen, that Victory, Grace, Strength, Peace, Love, Light, and Life are not "things", they are Christ, and having the Man, you have everything the Man is.

SEVEN LETTERS TO SEVEN CHURCHES

"Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter... The seven candlesticks... are the seven churches" (Revelation 1:19,20b).

Now that we have identified the role and the characteristics of the Overcomers, it would be inspirational for us to examine the several promises made "to him that overcomes". To do so, we turn to the second and third chapters of the Book of Revelation.

We are familiar with the seven churches of Asia: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea. These seven churches are a representative number, to be sure. First, they symbolize seven types of believers found within the Church at any given time. Second, they represent seven distinct ages of church history. Third, and most obvious, they represent seven actual assemblies that were in existence during the time John wrote his letter.

There were not seven distinct letters, each sealed in an envelope, and delivered to each church privately. We know (cf. Revelation 1:11) that the book was one letter which was written and sent to each church openly, along with the rest of the vision. As a result, a believer in Ephesus knew what the Lord was saying to Philadelphia, and a believer in Laodicea knew what was happening in Smyrna, and so forth. The point being that each assembly was incomplete without the other. They may have been distinct, but they did not stand alone. In each we see a piece of the puzzle, but we do not see the entire picture until we put all of them together.

To each church He says, "I know your works." Good, bad, or lukewarm, seven times He says, "I know your works." He walks in the midst, observing. And seven times He says, "To him that overcomes." The Lord still calls forth overcomers, and the promises (and warnings) are as applicable to us today as they were to them in their day. As we look at each promise, I pray the Lord will stir us up and draw us out.

THE TREE OF LIFE

"To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God" (Revelation 2:7b).

I have called these "promises", but a better word might be "evidences". We tend to see a promise as a future thing, something we have to wait for. I like evidences better, because if something is evident in my life then it is the demonstration of something which is mine already. The Lord says when we live as overcomers our lives will be characterized by certain evidences. By these we know who the Overcomers are, and we know if we are indeed living the normal Christian life - which is a life of overcoming.

The first evidence is that the Overcomers eat of the tree of life which is in the midst of the paradise of God. Immediately we go back to the Book of Genesis and see that Adam was originally driven out of the paradise of God, Eden, and no longer had access to the tree of life. The tree of life was blocked by angels and a flaming sword (Genesis 3:24). Because Adam ate from the tree of knowledge, he was prohibited from eating from the tree of life.

We should see that Christ does more than restore what Adam lost. He goes beyond Adam, offering the Overcomers fruit from the tree of life, fruit Adam knows nothing about. Obviously this is symbolic language, but what does it mean? The tree of life represents the Cross, for from that Tree the Lord yielded up His Life for us all. Those who overcome have learned that fruitfulness and life come from death to Self, and that is what the Cross means. The Cross is a tree of life to those who embrace it.

Like Adam, we can choose to eat from either tree, but we cannot eat from both. Adam sinned when he fell into the flesh and yielded to his Self-life. He rejected the tree of life in favor of something that was "good... pleasant... and desirable" (Genesis 3:6ff). The Cross does not look like a tree of life at all. It is neither good, nor pleasant, nor desirable. It looks like death. Perhaps this is why Adam did not eat from it first. But God's End is not death, regardless of appearances: God's End is life out of death, which is resurrection. To eat of the fruit of the tree of life is to glory in the Cross of Jesus Christ and find life out of death. It is becoming popular to preach and teach about the Cross these days, but how many are eating of its fruit? Can we really see the Cross as the TREE OF LIFE, and are we eating of its fruit? We will know a true disciple of the Lord, not by words, but by fruit (Matthew 7:20), and the Cross is the tree of life from which this fruit comes.

THE CROWN OF LIFE

"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life... he that overcomes will not be hurt by the second death" (Revelation 2:10b,11b).

The next attribute of the overcomer is Resurrection Life. Those who possess Resurrection Life cannot be hurt by the second death. What exactly IS Resurrection Life? It is life which has passed through death. Since it has already passed through death once, it cannot die again. When Death is defeated, there are no more enemies. And the only way to defeat Death is to die (cf. I Corinthians 15:26; Hebrews 2:14,15).

Practically speaking, Resurrection Life can be seen in our actions and in our words. When some people open their mouths you sense death. Their presence contributes nothing living. Instead, you have a hollow, empty feeling when you are around them. The words may be correct, but there is no life in what they are saying. It is as though you are handling a dead thing. There is no Spirit and Life.

On the other hand, there are brothers and sisters who are naturally very excited, bold, gifted, talented and persuasive. They seem very much "alive", but this is not Resurrection Life either. How so? They have not passed through death yet, and you cannot be resurrected until you have died. They do not have the imprint of the Cross on what they are doing. They have never been broken. They may be naturally gifted at whatever they are doing for the Lord, but they have not yet died. Outwardly speaking they may appear to be doing some good, but the issue is not good versus bad, but life versus death.

Paul says that he "dies daily" that the "life of the Lord may be manifest" (I Corinthians 15:31; II Corinthians 4:11). Thus, the Crown of Life comes to those who lose their life daily in order to gain His Life daily. Overcomers cannot be hurt by death because they have already died - not once, but thousands of times: taking up the Cross daily, denying Self, and following the Lord. Thus, the highest call is not to lay down our physical life as a martyr, but to lay down our Self life as a disciple. We can lay down our physical life in an instant, but to take up the Cross daily is the truest test, and much more difficult. It requires us to be "faithful unto death". This is the secret of the Overcomers.

THE HIDDEN MANNA

"To him that overcomes will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knows except the one that receives it" (Revelation 2:17b).

Here are two more evidences of an overcomer: the hidden manna and a white stone with a secret name. Before we get into a description of these two items we should first note that the manna is HIDDEN and the name is SECRET. The Lord is doing a work, but that work is, for the most part, hidden and secret. If we are always looking for something out in the open and in plain view then we will miss the deeper workings of God below the surface.

So what is the hidden manna? The manna was the bread which fell from heaven and fed Israel in the wilderness. You will recall that the Lord instructed them to put some of the manna into a golden pot and store it in the Ark as a permanent testimony (cf. Exodus 16:33; Hebrews 9:4). Centuries later, Jesus says, "I am the living bread which comes down from heaven... your fathers ate manna in the wilderness and died... but whoever eats of this Bread lives forever" (John 6:51a, 58b). Jesus is the Hidden Christ, bringing forth the Hidden Wisdom, represented as the Hidden Manna, and preserved forever within the Ark of the Testimony. When we speak, are we just bringing a message or a "word", or are we bringing the Lord Jesus Himself? The Overcomers eat of the Hidden Manna and touch Christ directly. The difference between the Person of Christ and a teaching "about" Christ is the difference between the Hidden Manna and the ordinary manna which soon turns to worms.

What does the white stone represent? In ancient times the judge would hand down his verdict by giving the defendant either a white stone (acquittal) or a black stone (condemnation). The white stone meant "life", and the black stone meant "death". The white stone meant "not guilty", and the black stone meant "guilty". Praise God that there is no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1). Now, anyone can quote that, but not everyone can fully appreciate it. Religion still condemns us and burdens us with a difficult yoke and a heavy burden. But the Lord says, "Not guilty! The Son has made you free, so you are free indeed!" This is the inheritance of all the saints, but it is actually demonstrated in the Overcomers.

Along with this white stone, Overcomers are given a new name that no one else can know. Our Good Shepherd calls each of us by name and leads us Himself (John 10:3). The Lord is fond of changing our name, not only to mark a new beginning, but to more accurately express what He sees us becoming. Abram becomes Abraham, Jacob becomes Israel, Simon becomes Peter, Saul becomes Paul. Each of us are near and dear to His heart, unique to His Purpose. So He gives each of us a white stone with a new name. But this new name is His secret - no one else can know it but you and Him. This speaks of intimacy. The Overcomers keep some things between them and the Lord. They do not tell of all they know. They keep back a portion that is not meant for anyone to know but Him. And so they dwell in the Secret Place of the Most High, treasuring in their heart the things they see and hear.

POWER OVER THE NATIONS

"To him that overcomes, and keeps My works to the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of My Father. And I will give him the morning star" (Revelation 3:26-28).

Remember we are discussing evidences of overcoming: not merely future promises, but present realities found in "the one overcoming" (literal Greek). We may overcome today. We need not wait for a future event. Of course, in some sense there will be a literal fulfillment of these promises some time in the future. But if we are not seeing them fulfilled in us NOW, at least to some degree, then we are not overcoming. Overcomers are overcoming TODAY, so if we are not overcoming then we are missing out on the present reality as well as the future promise.

These verses are rich, but I would like to especially focus on one thing: "To him will I give power over the nations." The language of this passage is identical to Psalm 2. The Father has said that the Son will rule the nations, and now the Son says the Overcomers will rule with Him. What a glorious thing to rule with Christ! But this certainly sounds like a future promise. How could we claim to have power over the nations today?

The secret is found in Matthew 6:10. Jesus says our daily prayers are to include, "Your Kingdom come, Your Will be done: as in Heaven, so in Earth." This is a revolutionary act. It is praying for the establishment of a Kingdom and a Will in which Christ has the preeminence as All in All. In this Kingdom there is no room for any earthly government, ruler, or king. In this Will there is no room for any human agenda. We know Jesus is Lord, yet we do not see all things submitted to Him (Hebrews 2:8b). So what do we do in the meantime? Overcomers do not just passively wait for Jesus to come back. They pray for His Kingdom to be established and for His Will to be performed. In this way they exercise power over the nations by preparing the way of the Lord. How? By raising up valleys, bringing down mountains, making the crooked things straight, and making the rough ways smooth (Luke 3:5,6). So this prayer is destructive in a natural sense, but constructive in a spiritual sense, for as the nations are decreased, Christ is increased (cf. John 3:30).

Just as Jeremiah was set over nations and kingdoms "to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant" (Jeremiah 1:10), so we have received this authority also. We do not serve in a governmental capacity, but in a spiritual capacity, praying for the Kingdom and Will of God to come forth. Such prayer is very weighty and universal. It is beyond the earth, and so it moves the earth. In addition to authority over the nations, we are given "the morning star". Christ is the Morning Star (Revelation 22:16b), the Heavenly Man, Who is higher than the nations and kingdoms of this world. The Morning Star gives Overcomers the heavenly authority which is beyond the influence of the earthly realm in which they must live.

WHITE RAIMENT

"He that overcomes, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels" (Revelation 3:5).

Another evidence of our overcoming is being clothed in white. Again, this may have a literal fulfillment in the future, but we need to see how it applies to us as present-day Overcomers. How does one become clothed in white raiment?

The Scriptures say that "fine linen, clean and white" represents "the righteousness of the saints" who have made themselves ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb (cf. Revelation 19:7,8). So we know that white represents righteousness. Now let us ask: how do the saints become righteous? What is righteousness? Is it the sum total of my good works? Is it performing many good deeds? Is it church attendance, Bible reading, praying, and witnessing? According to man's thinking these things may equal up to righteousness, but not according to God's Wisdom. Our own righteousness is as "filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6). So in the Kingdom of God we do not have a "thing" called righteousness that we can attain to. Instead, righteousness is a Person!

"But of [God] are you in Christ Jesus, Who of God is made unto us Wisdom, Righteousness, Sanctification, and Redemption" (I Corinthians 1:30). This verse does not say wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption are special things we must strive for in order to attain. It does not say they are gifts God gives to the faithful. Instead, it says God has placed us in union with Christ and made the Lord Jesus to be our Wisdom. He has made the Lord Jesus to be our Righteousness. He has made the Lord Jesus to be our Sanctification. He has made the Lord Jesus to be our Redemption.

So if white represents righteousness, we have the answer to our question of how we can be clothed in white. Paul says, "Put ye on the Lord Jesus, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof" (Romans 13:14). This is one of my favorite passages. How do we live righteously? Not by trying to do it in my own strength, but by putting on Christ; by clothing myself with the Lord my Righteousness. Since He is my Righteousness, I simply clothe myself with Him. When we have put on the Lord Jesus then there is no room for the flesh. Our capacity to enjoy sin is decreased until we quite naturally find ourselves living as holy people. This is the only way to overcome sin; thus, the Overcomers are clothed in white, and they have access to the heavenly places. This is why their names are in the Book of Life, and why they may stand before the Father and His angels and be acknowledged as sons and daughters of the Most High God.

A PILLAR IN THE TEMPLE

"Him that overcomes will I make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of My God, and the name of the city of My God, which is new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God: and I will write upon him My new Name" (Revelation 3:12).

Overcomers are pillars in the temple of God. Like Anna, they do not depart from the temple, but they minister to the Lord day and night (Luke 2:37). Here is what makes someone an Overcomer. It is not a question of how many times can we "attend" something, but whether or not we are abiding at all times. Pillars are an integral part of the structure; if they were to suddenly "go out", the building would collapse.

Too many people serve God according to their calendar. When the calendar says it is Sunday morning, or Wednesday night, or Easter, or Christmas, then they flip the switch and become "spiritual". They might attend a church service or meeting and sing a few songs in hopes of "coming into the presence" of the Lord. When this is over with they flip the switch and go back to their normal lives. The pattern repeats itself each week. This is one reason why churches must use "worship leaders" in an effort to induce people to do something on Sunday because it is totally foreign to them every other day of the week. They come in, and they go out.

What are we saying? That God's highest is not for us to come in and to go out, but to be a pillar. A pillar does not come in on Sunday morning and leave on Sunday night, but is always in the temple. And of course, we do not mean a physical building. Overcomers are pillars in the temple of God, and that is a heavenly matter. However you wish to interpret this, one thing is clear: they have learned how to minister to the Lord continually, regardless of time or place. It is Spirit and Truth worship the Father seeks, and they give Him what He is looking for. There is no holy day or sacred hour or special devotion. They do not have to "come into" the presence of the Lord because they LIVE IN the presence of the Lord continually. And so they overcome the earthly by abiding in the heavenly.

They belong to the Lord, hence, they bear the name of God, the name of the city of God, and the new name of the Lord Jesus. This, in contrast to those who bear the mark of the beast. To bear the Name is to have the Testimony. When the Name is written upon us then we bear the Testimony within ourselves. It is not so many words that are uttered, but a life that is lived as a pillar in the temple of God, no more to go out.

SEATED WITH HIM IN HIS THRONE

"To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne" (Revelation 3:21).

Remember that the one writing this vision, John, once approached Jesus with his brother James and asked if they could each sit on thrones next to the Lord in His Kingdom - one on His right hand, and one on His left. The Lord did not deny their request, but said that they did not understand what they were asking for. He then asked them if they were willing to drink of the cup that He must drink, and be baptized with the baptism that He must be baptized with (cf. Mark 10:35-40).

In Revelation we see that God's thought is not to place one or two special saints on His right hand and on His left hand. Then those positions would be limited to two, and just like the first disciples, we would all be competing against one another for that special place. Instead, the Lord says that the ones who overcome will sit WITH HIM in HIS throne. There is room enough in the Throne for the Father, Jesus Christ, and for every saint that overcomes. Hallelujah! Obviously this is symbolic language - or is it?

Paul tells the Ephesians that God "has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 2:6). This will not happen after we have died, but has already occurred. How did we arrive at the highest place in the universe, far above all principality and power and might and dominion and name (Ephesians 1:21)? It all begins with "I am crucified with Christ" (Galatians 2:20a). For if I was crucified with Christ, then I died with Christ. And if I died with Christ, then I was buried with Christ. And if I was buried with Christ, then I was made alive with Christ. And if I was made alive with Christ, then I ascended with Christ. And if I ascended with Christ, then I am seated together with Him in the heavenly places. It is not about me, it is all about Him! Our union with Christ is the way we overcome. There is nothing in me, personally, that overcomes: the secret is "not I, but Christ" (Galatians 2:20ff).

This is why the Lord says to take up your cross daily, and follow Him. The Throne is only for those who can drink of His cup and be baptized with His baptism - that is, be crucified, dead, and resurrected. We only see the cross, so we think this is terrible. But the Lord sees that the cross leads to death, and death leads to resurrection, and resurrection leads to ascension, and ascension leads to being seated with Him in His throne. It is impossible for us to take up the cross and not be resurrected. I am almost afraid to make it so plain lest we fail to appreciate its mystery, but it is all there in the Scriptures. We cannot ascend until we have first descended. Can we embrace the cross, and love the hands that nail us to it, and hold nothing against the One Who put us there? Can we commit our spirit into His hands and give up the ghost of Self, when we see the joy that is set before us?

Just as certainly as the Vine was crucified, dead, buried, resurrected, ascended and seated, so the Branches were crucified, dead, buried, resurrected, ascended and seated. The whole issue is: will we abide in the Vine and share in the overcoming, or not? Overcoming is bound up with abiding. The Lord says, "Live in me, and I will live in you" (John 15:4a). Now the Lord says that overcomers will sit WITH Him in His throne. How is that possible? Because we are IN Him, and He is IN us, so "he that is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him" (I Corinthians 6:17) and "the two shall become one" (Ephesians 5:31, 32ff).

AN ALL-INCLUSIVE INHERITANCE

"He that overcomes shall inherit all things; and I will be His God, and he shall be my son" (Revelation 21:7).

What is our idea of overcoming? Is it going forth as a conqueror, forcing the world into submission like a medieval crusader? Not at all. According to God's purpose, Overcomers will inherit all things, not overthrow all things. It is the meek (not the mighty) who inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5). It is the Lord Who gains the victory, and gives it to us. We do nothing of ourselves. It is He Who gives us our inheritance. We cannot do anything to obtain an inheritance. It is simply granted to us in the Will. If we are indeed sons and daughters of the Most High God then the inheritance is ours; and if so, then our life on Earth is not our real life, but a preparation for another Life. That is why those who are faithful with a few things HERE will be made rulers over many things THERE (cf. Matthew 25:21).

We know that God's eternal purpose is "that in the dispensation of the fullness of times He might gather together in one ALL THINGS IN CHRIST, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in Him" (Ephesians 1:10). We see the fulfillment of this in Revelation 21. We see a new Heaven and a new Earth. We see the Bride of Christ, the New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven in order to establish a place on Earth where the Lord may dwell with men. Interpret this however you like, but one thing is clear: the Lord's eternal purpose will be done. ALL THINGS IN CHRIST is not just a piece of poetry Paul employs to sound impressive: it is the aim, purpose, goal, and object of everything God has done, is doing, and will do. And the Overcomers are central to seeing this purpose fulfilled.

Here is what I want us to see: God's purpose is not accomplished in one grand stroke, but comes to pass in degrees: in each disciple first, and then in the Church, and finally in Creation. The reconciliation of Heaven and Earth, God and mankind, is foreshadowed in the Overcomers. In them we see Heaven coming down into Earth every day. We see a Remnant that lives, works, and walks in the Earth while maintaining a Heavenly communion, a Heavenly citizenship, a Heavenly calling, a Heavenly testimony, a Heavenly LIFE. As ambassadors for Christ they represent something foreign to the Earth, but maintain something for Heaven on the land in which they dwell. They already maintain a tabernacle for the Lord within themselves, so they "have no need of a temple" (Revelation 21:22). We see the New Jerusalem in them already, for the glory of God and of the Lamb is their Light (Revelation 21:23). They see His face already, and they serve Him continually.

The cry of the Overcomers is "Father in Heaven! May Your Name be hallowed, may your Kingdom come, may Your Will be done: as in Heaven, so in Earth!" (Matthew 6:9,10). This cry is the very essence of how and why they overcome. While Heaven and Earth are estranged from one another the Will and the Kingdom of God is not fully established. In Revelation we see the End of all things, for then God "will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the full-knowledge [epignosis] of the Truth [Christ]" (I Timothy 2:4); and, "they shall all know Me, from the least of them, to the greatest of them, says the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more" (Jeremiah 31:34b). Blessed are they who know Him now, and do call those things that be not as though they were.

A PRAYER FOR THE REMNANT

"And the dragon was angry with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the Testimony of Jesus" (Revelation 12:17).

Ah Lord God! Religion has kept us from seeing who we really are, and Who You really are. Religion has kept us comfortable, weak, and stupid. We have played "church" for so long. Reveal Your Son to us anew; give us an open Heaven, that we may ascend!

I pray that You will raise up Overcomers: those who will have the Revelation of Christ, and will bear the Testimony of Jesus; who will demonstrate the preeminence of Your Son over sin, self, and satan; who will defeat the dragon by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their Testimony, and by loving not their lives unto the death.

And now, Lord, I have committed this to Your Body. Supply, secure, and strengthen Your Remnant. Deliver us from evil. Deliver us from the natural, the carnal, the fleshly, the earthly, the temporal, the seen-and-felt universe. Even as you have already given us the Kingdom of Your Dear Son, now establish us in His Kingdom. Establish us in the heavenly, the eternal, the invisible. Open our eyes to see that we are seated with You in the heavenly places, far above every assault of the enemy, overcoming as You overcame.

Your Kingdom is an everlasting Kingdom, Your throne endures forever, and Your scepter is a scepter of righteousness! I thank you for decreasing us and increasing Christ. Now, "thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Corinthians 15:57). Grace be with all who love our Lord Jesus in sincerity. Amen. www.watchman.net

Two Is A Crowd

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Many a times we love to be in a company but there are times we love to be alone. These are times of total isolation and complete separation. This is when we have to look up to God, separating our selves and looking unto our maker. We have to understand that in the place of isolation two is a crowd. Pls read the following I pray it blesses you.

The Eagle

Have you ever seen an eagle before? You probably saw it alone without a second eagle by it’s side. The reason for this is because eagles love to dominate, they love to be secluded. My brother, my sister God is calling us to be like eagles. He is calling us to a solo run. A one on one encounter with him. As he met with Moses on the mountain top. He wants to meet with us. He wants to feed us with the manna from heaven. God wants to love us. But we must be separate. He says - be ye separate. We’ve got to soar on wings as eagles as our strength gets renewed each day we wait on him. We would rise and dominate the situations of our lives

Priest

As the high goes into the holy of holies alone. We got to press into his court alone but boldly unlike the high priest who did it with fear and trembling. The bible says in Heb.4:16 that we should come boldly. He wants to talk to us. He wants us to intercede on behalf of his people. Let us stand in the gap.

Messengers

As special messengers sent like the angels, we have to be separate. Moses stood there alone. We got to stay with God alone and watch to see what he would say and what we would reply him. Let us look unto God the maker and the finisher of our faith. He wants to build us up and show us a better tomorrow. He says - call unto me and I will show thee great and mighty things that you know not. Selah

There Is A Path Which No Fowl Knoweth

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There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen: The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it. Job 28: 7,8

Dearest Friends in Jesus,
In recent weeks, I have found myself much pondering these word from the book of Job:
7 There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:
8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it. Job 28: 7,8
As I'm sure may be the case with many readers of the Word, whenever pondering anything from the book of Job, we go back to see who was the "inspired" vessel speaking forth the text under consideration. Was it Job? Was it one of his "comforters"? It's too soon in the course of this unfolding for the appearance of another voice, the voice of Elihu, who comes later into this scenario with a different spirit and tone from that of the comforters. (This reminds me of how Jesus amazed the people of His day because He spoke not as the scribes and Pharisees, but as one having authority.)
Something within my heart leaped within me, as I realized Job uttered these words to three men who were trying to help him make sense out of his life by expecting that they could talk him into an understanding of all that had befallen him through protracted diatribes relating to their own personal knowledge of God and His workings.
There is probably not much at all wrong with what the "comforters" had to say, and in some cases, I think they've gotten a 'bad rap.' They were given Job "logos" when he really was much in need of "rhema". They had an "overall" knowledge of God, and some definite wisdom, but Job needed "thus saith the Lord" to get him through. When there is no true "rhema word" coming forth, I guess the logos is better than nothing because maybe we can pray some life into it, and see it converted to a rhema word of the Lord. We have to work with what's on hand. But Lord Jesus, help us NOT to settle. Help us to press into that place where the word coming forth from our lips is truly LIFE to the hearers, and health to all those who find it!! (Ref. Prov. 4:22)
I know there are times when in the spirit of human sympathy and from the wells of the milk of human kindness, I've searched within my own soul to find something profound to say to an individual who is enduring some affliction, something that will lift up their spirits, something that will cause a light to go on that will be as an inspiration from the Almighty that will help them to get their bearings in God, and go on another day, and even more than just one day. As one who is used of the Lord prophetically, I know when I'm speaking from that lower level of struggling to find a little bit of comfort to give a hurting soul, and when there is something coming forth with unction and with power out of the place of having gone personally into the depths of God to mine something as precious as pure gold, a true rhema word of the Lord, tried in a fire heated 7 times, and truly HIS word, a PURE word!!
And may I also say here, I ask the Lord for forgiveness when I've presented something as if it's coming from Him when it's just coming from my own tender feelings for a person. Things like that have absolutely no power, and no creativity, and actually probably do more harm than good, even when just trying to be comforting and helpful.
All this leads me to wonder what impacted Job to speak of a :
a path which no fowl knoweth
a path which the vulture's eye hath not seen
a path the lion's whelps have not trodden
a path the fierce lion hath not passed by

And friends, the more I meditate on the subject, the more convinced I am that one of the very reasons the Lord allowed Job to suffer the affliction he did was because he wanted Job to seek out this pathway, this particular place of living "far above principalities, powers, might, dominion, rulers of darkness, demons, devils, serpents, scorpions, all familiar, foreign and fallen spirits and all wickedness and every name that is named". He wanted Job to have a little foretaste and a true "revelation knowledge" of what it means to be seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus."

I often wonder if Job was ever permitted to see in the spirit the thing that actually transpired in the courts of heaven to expedite all that had come against him. The scripture is very clear that God was the one who pointed Job out to satan, and not the other way around. Once satan was made aware of this sterling saint, he went at him with all the artillery he had in his possession. Had not God brought Job's name up, though, satan may have never noticed. My friend, if the devil is opposing you, it's because God is proud enough of you to brag about you!! "Hast thou considered my servant Job?" Job 1:8.

But what was God's purpose in causing the devil to consider Job? Some have suggested it's because even though Job was righteous, he was also very proud, and needed to be taken down a peg or two. Others have suggested it was because God wanted to bless him even better than what he was blessed. From a mother's point of view, I am crazy in love with my children!!! NO new set of children, no matter how talented, beautiful, gifted, spiritual, etc........could ever replace the ones the Lord has already given to me!! Perhaps that worked to be a consolation for Job, but I firmly will tell the Lord "No thank you!"

This is a book full of mystery, and it's far too deep to grant any sweeping conclusion to cover it all, but after reading the scripture which is the basis for this article, I feel I want to throw in my little piece of the puzzle to help understand the book called the "book of Job".

Beloved, I truly believe that God wanted Job to come up to a higher place in Him where the enemy had no access. He wanted His people to know, via the sufferings and afflictions of Job that there is an escape UPWARD into God away from all trouble and sorrow and affliction and adversity!! The Psalmist called it "The Secret Place of the Most High God". The prophet Isaiah referred to it as the "holy mountain". In that place nothing can hurt nor destroy.

You see, there are realms in the heavenlies where satan still has access, but he does NOT have access to all of heaven's territory!! He got exiled forever from that highest heaven called *the most holy place, and he is no longer even so much as a memory there! To have to be reminded of the devil would make heaven less than a perfect place. No, I'm convinced in the most holy realms of heaven there is not even so much as an "amoeba's on fleas" worth of remembrance of that usurper!! (*Remember Moses had to go up into the mount to see the TRUE tabernacle which God built and NOT man ....so that he could build according to pattern.)

When the devil got banished out from the most holy place of our Heavenly Father which is the home and abode of true worship, in so far as THAT realm is concerned, he is and forever will always be a goner. He still can parade and huff and puff as the accuser of the brethren in some levels of the throne, but there is a place where he simply has NO access. When we can ascend into the holy hill of the Lord with clean hands and pure hearts, we are swaddled in that place of protection where we are so filled up with Jesus, and our thoughts of Him, and our affections toward Him, and our intentions toward Him---pure worship coming from our hearts---whether a lofty and holy thought that pleases the heart of the Father because it exalts the Lord Jesus Christ (one of God's very favorite things), or a love song sung to Him out of the deepest adoration within our souls, or a glad and joyous refrain of praise and thanksgiving----beloved, in THAT place, who is giving a second thought to the devil??

He is very much OUT of sight, and out of mind!! When my meditation of Jesus is SWEET and coming up as a sweet-savour unto the throne , my meditation of the devil is actually simply GONE!!

No, the fowl does NOT know that path!! Imagine that! One would think a flying bird would have a great advantage to be able to "know" just about anything going on as long as he can "fly around" and "pick up information" about the object of his interest. That devil that wants to discover what the word of the Lord is to your life so that he can snatch it from your heart and your mind like a filthy and vile bird lurking around your brain doesn't begin to understand the true "way in the Spirit", the true and holiest pathways close into the heart of God. When you get inside that pathway, and inside that place, he doesn't begin to know what you are doing and what you are all about.

The devil does not possess the attributes of God. He is a lesser being, and even though he was created in beauty and brightness according to the book of Ezekiel (Ref Ezek. 28), God took His servant Job through an awfully hard dealing and trial to let him know that there is yet intelligence beyond what the enemy of our soul knows, and how to get onto that path that the fowl does NOT know. Why?? Because he doesn't begin to know how to have "clean hands and a pure heart". Ref. Psalm 15, Psalm 24.

The vulture's eye hath not see the path!! What a powerful statement! An eagle is a vulture. Consider the "eye of the eagle". A dove has a "single eye", and is portrayed in Solomon's Song to convey the heart of singular and purposed affection toward only one.

But when one consider's the phrase, "the eagle's eye" it intimates the idea of very keen and all-encompassing eye sight. No other creature under God's heaven has been given greater vision ability than that of the eagle. And yet, there is a path that the "vultures eye" hasn't seen!

The Creator always reserves something yet for Himself, and there's a place where no diabolical onslaught of satan that wants to circle around about you to expose you to other vultures who want to feed on DEATH can ever discern. Beloved, do you know those who have a spirit of enjoying "feeding on death"??

The sadder the news, the better they like it. They run outside the house everytime they hear the fire engine. They stop at every automobile accident, and it's NOT to "render assistance". All bad news, any bad news is "music to their ears". It's the spirit of the vulture that likes to feed on death and negative things. When they get around you, it's not too long until you're feeling poor, sick, destitute and helpless and like the sorriest soul on the face of the earth because sickness, death, disease, famine and poverty just seems to multiply in their presence. That is a spirit, and they need deliverance. It's the spirit of the vulture. Always searching out what's wrong, what genders unto death, and never unto life. Well, there is a path that the vulture's eye has NOT seen, and where you are protected from that onslaught of the enemy to increase DEATH and to curb LIFE. It's the pathway into His presence, into the Secret Place of the Most High, into the Holy Mountain of God.

The lion's whelps have not trodden that path!! That word "whelp" is very telling. It means the young of a carnivorous animal. It's the off-spring of the beast that feeds on flesh and more flesh. All creatures bring forth after their own kind. Where as the vulture feeds on death, the young whelps are being taught and it's in their nature to tread the pathways of the wilderness seeking out a prey that they can sink their fangs deeply into the flesh and then tear it from limb to limb in order to facilitate an appetite that slightly satiates their own hunger until the next "hunt" while rendering the victim maimed and usually dead.

In the wilderness experience of your soul, you've always got to be careful to be aware of the beasts of prey. They seek to devour you from within and without. They could be hiding behind any bush or tree, or around any bend in the road.

But I believe these "lion's whelps" are like the "little foxes" that spoil the vine. They eat away at your devotional time, fill up on your faith, and devour your testimony if you'll let them. If a fox is as a carnivorous animal, then how would it "spoil the vine" which is NOT "flesh" but rather the food of the "herbivore". It's by "treading down the path". But there is a path as you get closer into the heart of God that the lion's whelp have NOT trodden!! Your devotional time is IN ABUNDANCE, your faith-level is on FULL, and your testimony is a WITNESS, and not a WASH-OUT!!

When poor Job was suffering such affliction, what a struggle it must have been to find time in prayer and in the word. He probably felt far too sick to even hold his Bible. And what a struggle he must have been having with his faith, even though he purposed NOT to sin with his mouth, nor charge God foolishly. And then, what a beating his testimony was taking. It truly looked like his God was failing Him. Until Job ascended UP into the heart of God where GOD vindicated him so beautifully, and let everyone know just what a powerful testimony he had with the Father!! God declared that it was JOB who was speaking things that were right!! (Job 42:7) But, oh what the man of God had to go through in order to get this understanding to pass onto the people of God!! There IS a path where the lion's whelp have not trodden!!

The fierce lion hath not passed by that path!! Beloved, we know that the Bible calls the devil a "roaring lion" seeking whom he may devour.

He's the father of those diabolical, demonic whelps mentioned in the preceding paragraphs. He's a liar, and the father of lies, and he comes with the purpose to rob, to kill and to destroy. That is his sole purpose and agenda: to rob, to kill and to destroy. As he traverses the earth knowing that his time is short, he's **seeking** whom he may devour.

1 Peter 5:8 ¶Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Notice that the devil is "walking" which intimates there is an act of patience on his part. He is taking his time, and waiting to strike. As long as you are on any territory that he can possibly access, he just might get to you and eat you alive!! We need to be always aware, and always alert of his devices. We need to be serious and sober and always considering that we could possibly be a target for his ravenous appetite.

And yet, Job found out that there is a path where the FIERCE LION has NOT "passed by". He has not discovered it!! It's hidden from him! It's the Secret Place of the Most High, the pathway into His Presence, the Holy Mountain of God!! When you get into that place, on THAT path you're SAFE from the devil simply because he does NOT know where you are!!

There was a man of God, Job, who suffered loss of loved ones , loss of property, loss of physical health, loss of situation in life all because God wanted to teach him that there is a HIGHER order of life, living in a place where the enemy of our souls simply has NO access!!

Dearest friend, when I read the words " **7 There is a path which no fowl knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not seen:**

8 The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it, it exploded into my spirit with all life and power because I knew I was reading the word of the Lord from a man of God who had paid a price to get something from God so that this little nugget of truth could be poured into my being!!

When Job said these words, it wasn't just some ethereal and dreamy declaration about "I've got a home in gloryland, somewhere way out there beyond the blue!" Job had to find that place in God for his very inner survival, and he found it!!

Nothing in the flesh may have changed at all, but I believe the spirit of life in Christ Jesus took over to help him to make it through. That's how he survived his trial! Also, pressing into that higher and holier realm, I believe he increased in his capacity to understand spiritual things in a way that would never been realized prior to his affliction. What a defying of the devil and all he had purposed in his heart against Job when Job simply uttered those powerful words,

For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:
27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me. Job 19:25-27.

What a death blow to satan's kingdom that when Job might have been cursing God instead he was prophesying about a glorious day in the end times when Jesus will again stand upon this earth, and that Job himself will be in the company of saints who return to help him set up his kingdom and it will be IN HIS FLESH that he would see and behold it!!

I think it was around the time of that declaration that Job must have really been getting something AWESOME from God that was more powerful than anything the enemy was doing against him!!! He was learning to live life in the Spirit in the place of the "secret place of the most high God."

Beloved, when we think of a "path" we think of something like a lovely little wooded trail that is inclined to take us to a destination by a beautiful route. It's not the superhighway between two points. It's the route where we want to "stop and smell the flowers" along the way. You may want to get "over the river

and through the woods" to grandma's house as quickly as you can on your snowmobile rather than on the "horse driven sleigh". The point I want to make to you:
the pathway is **a lifestyle** that we are to enjoy of being in His Presence in **increasing measures of proximity to our Lord Jesus Christ,** and with every turn that's "winding always upward" we know we are ever drawing closer to Him, and yet at the same time there are lessons learned to extend our hands to those who are coming up the trail behind us.
Job found that pathway. Trouble and affliction pressed him toward it. I believe that pathway has not to do so much with perfection on the natural plain, as it has to do with learning to live our lives IN THE SPIRIT far more so as UNTO HIM than unto the futility of the lower level of always trying to fix and perfect things on the earth realm, and according to the dictates of what will make flesh comfortable.
There is only ONE place in all of the created universe where the enemy does not have access, and it's right up close to the throne room, to the heart of God, the secret place of the most high God, the holy mountain of God, the holiest place of all. In that place He is all, and He truly become our all and all, and IS all and IN all!!
And as an Old Testament saint whose life is to be a prophetic testimony unto us of how to make it in the time of trial, I believe the word of the Lord to us through Job is that it's not having people talk us through our problems, pray us through our problems, or even prophesy us through our problems (even though ALL of that can be a GREAT comfort) that may always be the answer !!
Rather, as experienced by Job, I'm convinced God's purpose in trial and affliction is that we might find that same pathway, that secret place, that holy mountain and work our lives out on that level of spiritual existence. I believe Job had the honor of being "seated together in heavenly places" with Christ Jesus.
Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord!!
Always in the Love of Jesus,
Clo DiPilato
Herald of His Kingdom

This Is A Season Of My Mercy

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This is the season of My Mercy. In this time of Mercy I AM calling forth My angels to tend to your needs, even as you reach out to others to tend to their needs.

I will plant Myself in you and show Myself as true and Merciful . In this meandering of mercy you will be My true vineyard even as you show mercy. You are my vineyard that will never lack fruit.

I have placed the squeeze on the outer structure of that which appears to be your vision so that you can see if there is really juice in there. I AM the vine and you are the branches. I AM the Lord. In this season of Mercy I will show Myself merciful on your behalf.

In the season to grow I will cause to grow, and in the season to ripen I will cause to ripen, in the season to manifest I will be manifested as a most loving and gracious Lord, because I love you dearly. Will you receive this gift? Your Lord.

Isa 9:2-4 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; they who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, on them the light has shined. You have multiplied the nation. You have not increased the joy. They rejoice before You according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For You have broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his taskmaster, as in the day of Midian.

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There Is A Wind Blowing

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There is a wind blowing and there is spiritual knowing and the time is at hand for God to stalk through the land and He shall purge His body. He shall cleanse His temple and He shall cause a mighty fire to come in the heart of His people.

Know that the wind that blows across you tonight is only a foreshadowing of a mighty wind that is to come. Open your hearts.

The things you've been waiting for will open up to you. For the Word of the Lord has come to me and you must release the things of the mental realm, that which is natural and led by the senses, the touch, the taste, the natural physical realm. It is not in the hearing, but it is in the Spirit. It's in the receiving and the Lord is opening the door for each of you tonight.

It's a good door and some of you have knocked upon many, but refused to quit and, because of that, you shall have the door that God opens. For He is opening a door tonight. It will take several months for the door to be revealed to you from across the earth, but it will be revealed to you.

There are many things that God is saying tonight, but He wants you to know that He loves you and that around the world He has people just like you: People who are pressing in, people who have a hunger for Him, people who're thirsty and hungry for more of God and He wants you to know He's the answer. He's the answer. He's the answer.

This is your time. It's time now to reap like never before and the harvest and the increase and the abundance that you've looked for will begin to come in great waves and the earth will not understand why certain countries blossom and prosper and certain others wither and die. But iniquity, iniquity is being called to account and God will call it to account.

Righteousness, righteousness will be seen across the earth and the righteous shall reap great rewards and the unrighteous shall be in fear, because of the fear of what they see upon the earth and the inability to walk by the Spirit of God. But understand Me, press in; you're almost there. Press in, push. Just a little more of Me and just a little less of you will swing the door wide.

I desire that with all my heart. Understand Me. The time is now. You'll begin to see things change. Remember this night, because you were there ahead of time and you will see things that look fearful in the natural, but a supernatural peace will flood your being and, in the midst, when everybody is running around, you'll be steady and rock solid.

I have brought you to this point. Do not pull back. Trust Me, trust Me, trust Me, my children. Trust Me. The things of God are so simple, but I demand obedience. I demand holiness. Shun the wrong and do the right.

Begin to flow in the supernatural from this night. Begin to expect things to turn on your behalf. I speak to you now so you are more prepared.

The time is at hand and I am again going to move through the land and I shall touch every realm. I shall touch into the intellectual realm, those who not understand me or know me. I will touch into the economic world. I will travel the nations at the very presidential levels and you will see a strange thing happen, things that you never, ever thought would happen, will happen. Never, ever and they shall happen (snap) like that, because I deem it to be so. I change men's hearts in a second. I can make the worst man kind in a nano-second and I understand atomic better than the scientists do.

Everything is in the cleft of My hand and tonight you have become different people.

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The Institutional Church

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(Note – This article is the basis for a number of articles to follow. The first of these, "Show vs. Substance" follows this one)

….This is the saddest commentary on the current status of the "institutional church" for in its present form, humility is lost to stage presence, genuine Holy Spirit inspired revelation is lost to form and ritual and rhetoric has replaced the divine spark that ignited such a fire in the First Century that even the mighty Roman Empire couldn't extinguish it….

in[sti[tu[tion

n.

1 an instituting or being instituted; establishment
2 an established law, custom, practice, system, etc.
3 *a*) an organization, society, or corporation, having a public character, as a school, church, bank, hospital, etc. *b*) the building housing such an organization
4 a person or thing long established in a place

The Institutional Church

I have been contemplating a lot here lately "the institutional church," i.e., the "church" as it now exists. It is interesting to note that the definition for "institutional" (as above) begins with 1 – an instituting or being instituted; establishment…. The definition for institute is: establish, launch, initiate, start, open – in other words, a **BEGINNING**. If you return to the definition for institutional number 2 states – "***established*** law, custom, practice, system, etc.," - in other words – something that has been around long enough to be "in place… operational, - i.e., ***established***." Number 3 states an ***organization***, and a church is listed as one that would fit that definition for "institutional." Perhaps this all seems a matter of semantics, but it's not. Several days ago I was – again – mediating on the "institutional church," and as I was doing so I began to hear and see the following story:

There once was a man who thought he knew more and how to do things better than anyone else. One day he went to the bakery and began to tell the baker – who had been baking bread all of his life – what he was doing wrong. He told him that he was not using enough salt, among other ingredients, and that his bread was suffering because of it. The baker listened politely for awhile but when he realized that the man was not going to buy any bread – but only criticize him and what he was doing and had always done - he turned his back on the man and returned to his ovens. The man soon realized that the baker was not paying him any attention and so he left.

As he was walking he noticed that his right foot was beginning to pain him. He stopped, sat down and took off his shoe and noticed that the arch support in it was slightly "off-kilter." He put his shoe back on, got up and went to the cobbler's to have it repaired. He walked in, took his shoe off and explained to the cobbler what he had found. The cobbler took his shoe and began to remove the back sole to reach the arch support from the bottom – rather than the top. The man became upset because he was ***sure*** this was the wrong way to approach the problem. Shouldn't the cobbler be taking the arch out from the "top" of the shoe instead of the bottom? How was he expecting to fix the problem going about it the way he was? The cobbler listened quietly for a few moments and then replaced the sole he had already partially removed and handed the man's shoe back to him and said, "If you know so much about it, then fix it yourself." He turned away and resumed working on another shoe. The man left in a huff, sure that he had been right about how to fix the shoe and that the cobbler did not know what he was doing.

Eventually the man arrived at a large wharf. He was hungry from his long walk, and regretted that he had not bought any of the baker's bread, and his foot was throbbing because he had not allowed the cobbler to repair his shoe. He sat down to rest and then noticed that there were many people around and a lot of activity going on. Then he noticed a boat had arrived and that everyone had become excited because a very large net, so full of fish that it looked like it would break, was being moved from the boat by a long metal arm to fall into a large holding tank. But for some reason the operating arm released and opened the net too soon and instead of the fish landing in the large holding tank they fell out onto the wharf. One-third of them was lost immediately as they fell back into the water. Since others were in danger of doing the same all the people – including the man – grabbed large pails, quickly filled them with water and began to grab as many fish as they could and put them in their pails. It took several minutes to save them all because there were so many. Finally though every last fish had been thrown into someone's pail and then the people looked up towards where the boat had been - sure that they would see smiles of appreciation for their efforts from the captain and his crew for saving most of their catch. Instead, they were shocked to see that as they had labored to "save the fish," the boat, crew and its Captain had sailed away and were nowhere to be seen. They were left holding their pails – stuffed with fish – with no idea what to do next.

It took me several days after this to identify what I believe this story means and I will readily admit that there are probably aspects to it that still elude me. The man – who thought he knew more and how to do things better than anyone else – represents the "institutional church." The baker represents those – pastors, teachers, etc., - who are suppose to "feed the brethren." It is interesting to note that the man tells the baker that his ingredients are "off," that more salt is needed.

You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste – its strength, its quality – how can its saltness be restored? It is not good for anything any longer but to be thrown out and trodden under foot by men. Matthew 5:13

I interpret this to mean that the "institutional church," knows and understands that the food that is being produced – even though it may look good – is substandard; however, those producing it (in this story the baker) are unwilling to change the way they have always done things, and so the food continues to be produced in the same old manner and eaten as is, because nothing else is available.

The "cobbler" represents those who spread the gospel, pastors and evangelists – and also represents **ALL** of us – because we are all called to witness.

And how can men [be expected to] preach unless they are sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings! – How welcome is the coming of those who preach, the good new of His good things! Romans 10:15

Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach and publish openly the good news (the Gospel) to every creature (of the whole human race). Mark 16:15

We have openly been "commissioned" by Jesus Himself to "go and make disciples… to go and preach and publish openly the good news…." The man – the "institutional church" has a problem with his "arch support…" and walking (proclaiming) has become a problem. He goes to someone who is an expert in "shoes," and then proceeds to tell him how to fix the problem. I do not know for certain, although I suspect it's true – that a real expert in shoe repair probably would repair an arch support by removing the bottom of the shoe which would then allow him to remove the entire arch for either repair or replacement. This method would also ensure that the upper part of shoe would not be damaged by the repair. In other words – the repair would come from the bottom – up; not the other way around. The foundational part of the institutional church requires repair from the bottom – up; not the other way around, but the "institutional church" keeps insisting that the problem can be repaired by other means.

The man (who again, represents the institutional church) eventually reaches the wharf where he realizes 1) he is hungry and 2) tired and limping from his inadequate footwear and then suddenly, we have ***all those fish*** that end up landing on the wharf – instead of in the holding tank. After seeking the Lord I realized that while the people were more than willing to help, instead of picking up the fish and transferring them to the large holding tank, every one of them placed them tightly together in pails. The "pails" here represents "denominations." There were many pails – and there are many denominations. They concluded they had done a "good job," **ONLY** to look up from all their work and find that the boat, crew and Captain had departed and they were all at a loss as to what to do next. And so it is today - - with the "institutional church.." The Captain has departed and most continue to gather up their "fish" oblivious. When they finally do realize that He has left, what will they do? When the rubber meets the road – where will they stand? When persecutions and trials arise, where will they turn?

The story ended there but upon further reflection I realized that the story is – as in the definition of "institutional"- ***established***. Many have left the traditional – or institutional church because their needs are not being met. Christianity **IS** for the masses, but true individual Christian growth and learning is not… and the institutional church in its current form and format can not or will not provide for those who are unwilling to be satisfied with "pap" but prefer the "meat" and the solid foundational teaching that ***should be*** the stone placed atop the Cornerstone. The early church shared what they learned and heard. Each individual member was a vital link and no one took or had precedence over another. This is probably the saddest commentary on the current status of the "institutional church," for in its present form humility is lost to stage presence, genuine Holy Spirit inspired revelation is lost to form and ritual and rhetoric has replaced the divine spark that ignited such a fire in the First Century that even the mighty Roman Empire couldn't extinguish it.

We are, however, told by the Lord Himself that at some point -

But new wine must be put in fresh wineskins;
and no one after drinking old wine immediately desires new wine,
for he says, The old is good or better. Luke 5:38-39

Neither is new wine put in old wineskins, for if it is, the skins burst and are torn in pieces, and the wine is spilled and the skins ruined; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so *both* are preserved. Matthew 9:17

"New Wine ***MUST*** be put in fresh wineskins…" Some will understand this to mean – as I believe I have been shown – that something new – something better than the older, established forms that have allowed us to be comfortable and not challenged – **IS** on the horizon. These verses from Luke show us that not all will want those "new wineskins…" a "fresh approach," because they prefer the old and the verse from Matthew tells us that both – the old and the new – are preserved "***if***" the new wine is put into **FRESH** wineskins.

I believe, and I don't imagine I'm alone, that we are in the "end times…" Can any deny that a **FRESH** approach is needed to reach the lost before time runs out? Don't forget, in the story I was given – one-third of the fish were lost ***immediately***~! I believe the verses from Luke and Matthew strongly indicate that such an approach **WILL happen** and that it will not be the "denominational/institutional church" that are much more concerned about their "own little pails" that will bring about the greatest revival the world has ever seen. Not since the First and Second centuries have we seen a vital, vibrant ***ALIVE*** church that speaks His Truth - moves in His Power – and calls forth repentance, forgiveness and salvation in His Resurrection Power; but it's coming! A promise has been given to us that "new wine" a FRESH APPROACH will happen and I believe it is on the horizon. Those "established" institutional churches will still be allowed to exist, but it is debatable whether or not they will know if the real Captain of the ship is still there or has departed.

I wish I could tell you what this "Fresh Approach" is – but I don't know for certain… oh, I have had some strong indications that this will be the Manifestation of the Sons of Glory, but it is also possible that before that event, a "new wine" will be poured forth from heaven and that many will be allowed to partake of this divine drink.

A popular saying is, "What would Jesus do?" If you think about that in conjunction with this "new wine" – i.e., "Fresh Approach" for His Body I think you will begin to understand that the wine will not be a "church" as such, but HIS TRUE BODY OF BELIEVERS that He, Himself has united – with Himself as Head and Chief Cornerstone. That these believers are those who He, Himself has chosen to bring forth this "fresh approach," and ***how*** it is to be accomplished. The "institutional church" cannot address the problem(s) it faces, the King of Kings ***CAN and WILL***… He, alone is sovereign and He alone is due all honor and glory – not men, and not institutions. When we begin to become fully cognizant of **THAT** – we get the first inkling of how powerful this "fresh approach" really is, because "man and the glory of man" are totally left out of the equation, and what is left is **HIM**….. and **HE IS *MORE* THAN ENOUGH~!**

In His Love,
Mary E. Koons

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Dear Heavenly Father,

Father, I ask that you anoint this prayer – that you anoint everything contained herein…. Father, I ask that your wisdom, your mercy, your love manifest itself in this article. That Father, **YOU** speak to those people you want to reach – that ***YOUR*** **TRUTH** be spoken here! Father, may you reach out and speak to hearts, open ears that have been closed. Father may those who have seen through veiled eyes now have the veil removed so that they may see and understand what you are wanting them to know.

Father, we thank you for sending your precious Son… we thank you that **HE** was obedient so that you see us through the veil of His precious sinless blood. Father – may we too learn such obedience, may we too be obedient no matter what it costs us – even if you call on us too to be obedient, even unto death. JESUS, we give ***YOU*** all the praise, honor and glory for **YOU ALONE** are worthy – having lived as one of us – yet, without sin. Thank you Lord that you became sin for ***ME***, for ***US,*** so that we could be saved and be as **ONE** – even as you and the Father are **ONE**…. Father, forgive us – heal us – help us to understand, to learn, to gain understanding… teach us Father for we cry out to you for the revealed knowledge that comes from your precious Holy Spirit. Lord may you *come to us now and speak to our hearts and bring us* ***YOUR*** *TRUTH….*

In Jesus Name,
Amen
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The Institutional Church Article I

Show Vs. Substance

The Dream

A few nights ago I had a dream that I want to share with those of you who – like me – are crying out to God for greater understanding.

The dream began with me riding in a car. I was not driving, and I never saw the driver, although I knew that someone else was operating the vehicle. Ahead of my vehicle were a number of other cars and trucks and we were all in the process of crossing a bridge which spanned a river below us. At the end of the bridge the main road curved gently to the left, and a small paved country road led off to the right. This country road was snow covered and looked icy, although the main road we were currently traveling had neither. I had an excellent view from the passenger side of the vehicle I was in of the country road and noticed that a drab green truck, shaped like a postal truck but which had no insignia or signs on it of any kind – had shot off the main road and began to slip and slide up the country lane. I was immediately concerned that the driver of this vehicle was going to go off the road. I then noticed that this road went rather steeply straight uphill and then made a sharp “U” turn, going straight back down the hill, until finally it stopped as a “dead-end” in the river below. The truck slid dangerously first left, then right, back and forth, but somehow always managed to keep going upward until finally, the truck reached the top of the “U.” Now, I was really concerned about the driver because I knew that the way down would be extremely slick and it was highly unlikely that the driver would escape injury. I began to pray for the driver’s safety. As I did so – a man was thrown out of the truck and rolled about half way down the hill. As soon as I saw this man – I knew that he was a “Postman…” The postman’s vehicle, however, was not as lucky as he had been for it careened all the way down the steep slope, ending up in the river where it quickly sank. That was the end of the dream.

The following morning I told my husband the dream and we prayed. This is the interpretation:

The bridge represents “transition…” Those individuals who God has chosen to “go forward” at this time are in this transition phase. I was not the driver of the vehicle, because the Lord was in control, as He should be. The small, drab green vehicle represents the “old ministry methods” that we are all so familiar with. Remember there were no indications on this vehicle of just **WHAT** or **WHO** it represented. This particular ministry (which I feel is actually a composite for many current ministries) was careening dangerously, back and forth, slipping, sliding, but always with the “goal” of reaching the top of the hill, the “top of the heap,” so to speak. These individuals and ministries, however, appear to remain oblivious to the danger(s) involved in reaching what they would consider the “apex” of their careers/ministry. For as soon as they reach the top of the hill, this “apex,” their ministries – which are bound up in the doctrines of men” end up crashing below. In the dream I had, this is represented by my knowing that the individual thrown from the vehicle was a “Postman..” Postmen deliver letters, and letters are written by men. This individual was lucky, and perhaps by the grace of God he will be allowed to repent and move forward at a later date, for he was thrown “out” of the vehicle and although he rolled for awhile, he did not end up being injured or killed. His vehicle landed in the river where it sank.

For we know Him Who said, Vengeance is Mine – retribution and the meting out of full justice rest with Me; I will repay – I will exact the compensation, says the Lord. *And again, the Lord will judge and determine and solve and settle the cause and the cases of His people.*

It is a fearful (formidable and terrible) thing to incur the divine penalties and be cast into the hands of the living God! Hebrews 10:30-31

Children of God, please read those verses ***carefully***, ***thoughtfully*** and ***prayerfully~!***
It is not **HIS** desire that **ANY** should perish, but the day and the hour demands that we give up “playing church,” and begin to genuinely seek the Lord about what **HE** has called us to. What our purpose is in His Body… we need to **SETTLE IT** in our hearts, minds and above **ALL** – in our spirits. His Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we ***ARE*** a child of God, and His Spirit will also bear witness with our spirit as to “the purpose” He has brought us here for. We can no longer “play at being Christians!” Even the unsaved know and understand that this planet is on a very dangerous course although they have no idea how it will all end. **WE DO!**   We have a God who knows the “end from the beginning,” and we are bluntly told to be aware of the times in which we live. We can no longer choose the “show” above the “substance…” HE must always be first and foremost in our hearts and minds and His purposes must always take precedence over any situation, even if it costs us everything.

Several years ago I had many people tell me that I was a "great woman of faith.." I felt they spoke the truth – and they did, but what I did not realize at the time was the "faith" I had was "faith" in myself – in my gifts, my talents, my abilities. It has only been recently after having the Lord shaking "my faith" to its very foundations that I have realized that He has rebuilt it, but **THIS TIME** – ***my faith is in HIM***, in HIS GIFTS… HIS TALENTS… HIS ABILITIES, and not my own. I am nothing without HIM, and I can accomplish nothing for His Kingdom unless **HE** is at the center of it all… First and foremost we must recognize and acknowledge that what we can accomplish on our own, will – like that dangerous "U" in the country road – eventually take us careening downhill to a sure and certain crash.

I'm a tough case… It took the Lord a lot of years to fully convince me that when He tells me **HE IS FAITHFUL** – **HE IS**. I no longer even question whether or not I'll have a roof over my head, food on the table, or a place to sleep because over and over again HE has provided it all, even to the point of literally having food appear just because I "thought" something sounded good for that particular day… I didn't ask Him for it, didn't pray about it, yet, it still just "appeared…" ***GOD IS GOOD – sooooo good that we have a hard time understanding HOW GOOD and HOW FAITHFUL HE IS!***

I grieve though for those individuals and ministries who continue up the "hill" careening dangerously, not seeming to see or care that what they perceive as their goals, may not be the Lord's goal at all, and may in fact, be a recipe for disaster. Those ministries who have continued to preach and teach the doctrines of men, who maintain control of their flock by keeping them ignorant of God's desire for **ALL** to know and understand Him, who have fleeced His sheep for their own ambitions and personal gain, will find themselves "thrown out" of their vehicles (ministries) and their ministries gone in an instant. The "Y" in the road that I saw in the dream – the main road to the left, or the small country lane to the right that leads only to disaster, lies up ahead for many and I fear that many will – as the Postman did – take the wrong fork, oblivious to the disaster that awaits them.

I know many individuals – my husband among them – who exude mercy and love.
This wonderful man ***lives*** mercy and forgiveness (he just doesn't talk it) but recently the Lord cautioned Him that from now on, his mercy **MUST** be tempered with the knowledge he has accumulated through a lifetime of learning. Matthew 5:7 reads:

Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy.

Therefore, I believe that there are situations and individuals, and yes, even ministries,
where mercy **must** be given in light of revelation knowledge from the Holy Spirit, and even from the knowledge we have learned in our Christian walk. The Lord continually reminds me to "examine the fruit(**s**)…" ***PLURAL***… FRUIT-**S**. We are not perfected yet and we will make mistakes, however, it is the consistency of the fruits that we must examine. Look at a ministry's track-record… are they intent on building more buildings, or saving more souls for the Kingdom? I can assure you that God is keeping watch over where their focus really is. Want to know how I can be so sure of that?

Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven. *Many* will say to Me on that day, Lord, Lord, have *we* not prophesied in Your name, and driven out demons in Your name, and done many mighty works in Your name? And then I will say to them openly, I never knew you; depart from Me, you who act wickedly – disregarding My commands. Matthew 7:21-23

It's interesting to note that "he who does the will of My Father" – i.e., **obedience** is specifically mentioned in verse 21. Please note also that in verse 22 as these individuals speak in an attempt to justify themselves and their ministries, they ***never*** mention salvation or teaching! What **IS** mentioned is the **"show,"** **NOT** the "**substance**." A few more verses down we read:

When Jesus had finished these sayings [the Sermon on the Mount], the crowds were astonished and overwhelmed with bewildered wonder at His teaching. Matthew 7:26

In other words, the verses from Chapter 7 were **ALSO** given at the Sermon on the Mount, where a few chapters earlier the Lord spoke of the "merciful." God is long-suffering, but time is drawing short and the "church" as it exists today has not fulfilled the mandate it was given over two thousand years ago. Many believers have been called out of the "institutional church," and many more struggle over whether or not to leave because they know – from Holy Spirit revelation - this is **NOT** the way God wants it to be. ***WHATEVER*** you know the Lord is showing and telling you to DO – ***DO IT…*** eternity depends on it. Jesus was obedient even to death on a cross, we can be no less obedient.

I leave you with this somber warning from the Book of Revelation, in light of current world developments:

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] *the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God,* and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Revelation 20:4

May God speak to your hearts today and stir up within you those things that He would have you do in this day and hour for ***HIS KINGDOM*** – and not your own.

In His Love,
Mary Koons

The Intoxication Of The Gospel

Billy Humphrey

The Scripture is full of examples of Godly people who entered into the promises of God. When you consider the entire volume of human history there are a relatively small number of individuals who are mentioned in the Bible. In light of this it is important that we consider those who are mentioned and highlighted in Scripture. We should take special notice of the individuals to whom the Lord draws special attention. Mary of Bethany, the sister of Lazarus and Martha is one of these unusual figures. As I began to meditate upon the truths regarding the story of her devotion I literally sensed the presence of God begin to awaken my heart in a brand new way. I pray that as you read your heart would begin to soar with Him. The story of Mary of Bethany is recorded in 3 of the 4 gospel accounts; Matthew 26, John 12 and Mark 14. For our purposes we will primarily consider the passage from Mark.

Mar 14:3-9 And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. 4 But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? 5 "For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply. 6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. 7 "For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always. 8 "She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial. 9 "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her."

The Spikenard

The Bible tells us that the oil was spikenard. Spikenard literally means unadulterated, unmixed and genuine nard. The fact that she poured pure perfume upon Jesus speaks of the purity and beauty of devotion that was flowing from her heart to His. John 12:3 declares that the aroma of the fragrance “filled the whole house.” When worship and devotion is offered as Mary offered, with purity and beauty, it will literally affect and change the atmosphere in the place it is offered. This is the substance of true worship.

Costly Devotion

The value of the ointment was approximately 300 denarii’s which literally means three hundred day’s wages. This is equivalent to a year’s salary. If you consider how much this amount would equate to in modern terms in America today it would be approximately $25,000. This is an extreme cost for one act of worship.

The Mary of Bethany style of radical devotion is costly, yet the cost is unnoticed by the worshipper when it is offered from a heart that has been anesthetized in the experience of His love. There is literally a complete intoxication that is experienced when we intimately encountering Jesus. The depth of knowing Him has a completely mesmerizing effect upon the human heart. When you truly come to know Him as Mary did, your heart is captured and captivated in an absolute sense. You become fully overwhelmed with the God-Man, Jesus. In this experience of consuming love nothing is a sacrifice. NOTHING is considered a sacrifice. You simply desire to give to Him. The motivation to give is not in order to earn something from Him. The motivation is desire; because you have received so much from Him, you must give back to this Beautiful Man. You become so thoroughly whelmed, as Mary was, that you want to spend anything and everything you can upon Him.

She poured her worship upon Him in an answer to the utter fascination of her heart. Her absolute enrapturement brought her to a place where she must give a radical expression of worship to her king and bridegroom. It was never a matter of cost; it was a matter of a heart that was completely melted in passionate love toward the One who is Love itself.

Extravagance draws Criticism

Her extravagance caused the “well instructed” to criticize. They even called it a waste. Matthew 26:8 states that the disciples were indignant with her act of love. It was not the Pharisees that had a problem with her lavishness; it was those who were actually closest to the Lord. The lesson to be learned here is that no matter our position in our relationship to Jesus, it is possible for our hearts to grow cold and accustomed to Him. If this happens we will find ourselves criticizing, just as the disciples did, those who have a fresh touch and experience in the love of God.

Intoxication of the Gospel

The most unique feature of the story is that Jesus stated that her endeavor of worship and devotion is to be proclaimed throughout the whole world, “wherever this gospel is preached.” The thought that the Gospel is to be preached with the telling of the story of Mary of Bethany at first glance doesn’t seem to make sense. It is rare that you hear the story of Mary’s costly and sacrificial worship in the presentation of the Gospel. I, for one, as of this writing, cannot remember a time when I have given a gospel presentation and offered an invitation for people to receive Jesus while including the story of Mary of Bethany. As I was meditating on this scripture I began to see the value of her story as it relates to capturing a heart that does not know the Lord Jesus.

Mary is the example of what it means to live passionately. It could easily be argued that exciting and passionate living is the desire of the masses. Yet, everyday, people live lives searching and seeking to find the next excitement to make their heart race not knowing that the superior pleasures of life are not found in natural things but in spiritual. There are many pleasures to be experienced in this life. However, every delight that is based in earthly, natural experience is inferior to the enjoyment that is available in deeply encountering and authentically knowing the Lord Jesus.

The hidden revelation of Mary of Bethany that is to be commemorated at each sharing of the gospel is not simply that her devotion was costly. It is not solely that her worship was extravagant. Neither is it that her heart was untainted and pure in her love for Jesus. While all of these are true, I believe that the principle revelation of her elaborate expression of desire for the Lord is found in her motivation. What was the motivation of this abandoned act of love and worship? Her extravagant devotion was a testimony to the reality of the intensity of the captivating power of the love of Jesus. The hidden truth that Mary experienced first hand is that Jesus’ love is fully and completely intoxicating. When you truly come to know Him in intimacy it enthralls your entire being. You will be so thoroughly overwhelmed by Him that your heart will swell with ecstasy and satisfaction. You will encounter that for which you were created; the experience of the superior pleasure of creation, knowing Him. It was this reality that triggered the lavish encounter of adoration from this abandoned young woman.

When the gospel message is preached in context to this reality it will not only instruct sinners that without Jesus they are lost but it will also offer them a reality of pleasure that far exceeds any of the, so called, pleasures of sin.

The Full Gospel

Therefore, the full preaching of the gospel includes several facets. I am not proposing that these are the only facets or that this is an exhaustive list; however I believe that these truths need to be considered.

First, Paul declared that a full presentation of the Gospel includes a witness with signs and wonders in the power of the Spirit of God.

Romans 15:18-19 *For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient; 19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.*

Next, the gospel must also offer a revelation of complete loss and destruction without the holy sacrifice of the blood of Jesus.

2Th 1:8-9 … *in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,*

Thirdly, it must also offer the necessity of repentance in order to receive the promised free gift of sanctification.

Mat 9:13 *"But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance."*

Finally, as Jesus stated, Mary of Bethany's act of complete fascination is to be mentioned in the entire world whenever the gospel is preached. (Mark 14:9, Mat 26:13) The preaching of the gospel, therefore, must be offered with the reality of the intoxicating, exhilarating capability that intimacy with Jesus has upon the human heart.

Fulfilling the Song

Song of Songs 1:12 declares, "While the king is at his table, My spikenard sends forth its fragrance." Consider this; Mary of Bethany was a Jew, extremely familiar with the teachings of the Old Testament. It is very likely that as she came to the recognition of Jesus as the Messiah this verse in Song of Songs came alive to her spirit. In a moment of unrestrained affection she realized that she could actually live this scripture with the true King. What went unnoticed to everyone else became the defining moment of her life; the King was in her midst and she had the opportunity to offer to Him extravagantly, this reality compelled her. While Jesus the King was reclined at the table with His friends, she, having a revelation of the intimacy of being His Bride, literally fulfilled this scripture. It is stunning to consider that this young lady from Bethany through one act of sacrificial love is commemorated for all time in partnership with the story of God's ultimate sacrifice, the giving of His Son for mankind.

While Mary of Bethany lived the experience in the flesh it is not something that is unavailable for us. The very heart of intoxication in the love of God that Mary possessed is freely available to anyone who desires to know this burning Man, Jesus. I want to encourage you to run headlong into the knowledge of God. As you come to new places in the knowledge of Him, your heart will begin to swell with love. Soon you will find yourself captured and captivated by this Beautiful Savior. The power of the love of God upon the human heart is nothing short of mesmerizing, captivating, fascinating… intoxicating. It is available to you now. Delve deeply into the reality of His love and you will find yourself completely overwhelmed with desire for Him, this is the intoxication of the Gospel.

The Imperative Of Joy
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The Imperative Of Joy

Deu 28:47&48 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

1Ch 16:27 Glory and honor are in His presence; strength and gladness are in His place

Psa 16:11 Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

Psa 100:2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Isa 51:11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Zec 8:19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love the truth and peace.

Gladness, joy-- imcha'h
BDB Definition:
1) joy, mirth, gladness
1a) mirth, gladness, joy, gaiety, pleasure
1b) joy (of God)
1c) glad result, happy issue

After a long season of dryness and despair a wave of joy swept through the Church in the early 1990's. The 80's had been a decade of public humiliation for many in the Body of Christ as scandals revealed the depth of depravity within the leadership of several high profile media ministries. For hundreds of thousands of God's people the refreshing presence of the Lord brought back the joy or our salvation and renewed a right spirit within us. After a period of mourning our joy and been restored miraculously by a sovereign act of God through a mighty move of the Holy Spirit. We were caught up in a love affair with Jesus and it was fun!

This move of the Spirit came after an extended period of prophetic revelation about a fresh move of God that was coming. It came after years of emphasis on prayer for revival in the our nation (USA) and the world. And perhaps most significantly it came in an unexpected way. Even though it came after this long period of anticipation, because of the unusual aspects of this move (laughter being one of the chief concerns) many in the Body of Christ rejected or dismissed it as just another charismatic fad without understanding the depths to which many were being changed. The key element of this move was the restoration of the reality of the presence of Jesus; the effect was an outbreak of joy.

But why bring this up now in a "post-revival" climate? Well,excuuuuuse me, but God still wants a happy people! Throughout the history of Israel one of the chief complaints God brought against the people was their seemingly unending murmuring and complaining. In Malachi, the last prophetic word brought in the Old Testament period, the issue was still that the people of God were saying that there was "no profit in serving God."

John 15:11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

Jesus came to restore the joy that abides in the Father's presence: The atmosphere of heaven, the sound of rejoicing.... i.e., laughter, singing, celebration. This morning God woke me up with a flood of revelation saying He wants His joy back in His Church and it was no fad, it is His command that we be filled with joy. Repentance swept over me as I realized the degree to which I have allowed my joy to be robbed and snuffed out by the cares of this world and the ambivalence of the Church as a whole. "God forgive us. Have mercy on us and restore the joy of thy salvation. Once again renew a right spirit within us."

Vile Removal
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"Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me: and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: let them return unto thee; but return not thou unto them. And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brazen wall: and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith the LORD." Jer 15:19-20

There is a prophetic call going out from the Lord for His people to return to a purity that will release authority of the highest level. "if you remove the vile...you will be as my mouth"

But who can measure up? What we see all around us is the exaltation of self, manipulation and impure motives ..."and that's just in the Church! Our society is filled with corruption and our Churches are filled with puff. Yet God is still saying "if you." God desires to remove our thoughts, our words and our agendas from the flow of His revelation

True worthiness in the Kingdom is never dependent on our ability to keep the law, but on our willingness to hear and believe His Word and in obedience carry out His instructions.

God is issuing a call to deal with transgression through genuine repentance (change of heart and behavior) and to remove the offensive common every day stuff that has replaced His Word as the ultimate motivator and direction for our lives.

The promise that accompanies this call is that those who respond will become spokesman for His Kingdom and protected from all attacks that come from those who are challenged by the lifestyle of the pure and the Words of the Father.

I have noticed that there is an increase recently in what I call spontaneous salvations happening in meetings. Sunday I was leading a men's Bible study and 5 men interrupted the meeting to confess they were backslidden and that they wanted to return. Hallelujah! They were restored! God is at work .

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The Importance Of My Love

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Many of My people are devoid of My love. This is because many of you have believed a lie about yourself; whether condemning yourself for a past mistake or failure or whether through rejection of someone either close to you or someone you do not know very well. This has led many of you to believe that you will be accepted by your works. Is there any need to earn the love of God? Did I send My own son on the cross for nothing? Was it not that I loved the world so much so that I sent him to die in your place that the rightful relationship between God and man would be restored?

Man have accepted failure as part of their life. Some of you may have failed Me at one point and thought that you could be of no use. Am I not the Lord your Creator. Did I not form you out of the clay? Did I not call you by name? Do you think that I never knew that you would fall? Yet I sent My son and put him under the same pressure of being tested in the crucible. He is your High Priest who can identify with what you are going through. I have not called you to quit. In My Kingdom there are no failures.

Many more of you have closed the door of your hearts to My love because of some rejection your encountered. Have you not read that I will never leave you nor forsake you? Rejoice, for you are indeed sharing in My sufferings, for I too was despised and rejected by men. When was the last time you were hated by those you were genuinely trying to help? Yet I gave My life and took upon Myself your suffering, your rejection and endured at the cross. I have said to those who overcome, I will give them the right to eat the fruit from the tree of life.

You are not forsaken. Though man ma reject you, not so with Me, for I Am Love. Watch as I raise you up as a tree planted by My waters that will not dry nor wither when the drought comes. To you, many have not understood the work that I have been doing in you. Some have shunned you because of the anointing and the presence of My son living within you. Do not be surprised, for you live in a generation where very few who claim to know Me actually do. Do not give in to discouragement from the enemy. For when you do, you are agreeing with all the lies pouring from his deceitful mouth. He is a liar and the father of it.

I see many of My anointed servants who have become so preoccupied with ministry that they soon forget why they are serving. Many have become accustomed to the 'agenda of the world system' creeping in that it soon becomes a rat race instead of My servants working together to further My kingdom. To My servants I say, if you are not being led by Me, then expect frustration. If you are building and working according to your own agenda and mindset, then expect that work to crumble. Unless My love abides in you, you will not be empowered with My vision. My gospel is clear and is built on love, My love for the church and for the lost, your love for one another and your love unto Me.

Come unto Me and let My love impact everything you do such that you will go out in great power and authority. To My leaders I say that I have accepted you as you are. Feed My sheep even according to the love shed abroad in your hearts. You cannot give what you don't have. Accept My love for you and you will look through My eyes and not the eyes of the world. I am coming with compassion to ignite My love within My people. Prepare your hearts, for it is coming, says the Lord.
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This Is The Time And Season

Musa Opiyo

Behold today I quicken your faith for My healing gifts to flow. For in this year I am releasing my healing upon my people. Receive faith enough to say to your infirmity that by the stripes on Jesus' back, I am healed. This is the year for my miracles to flow. This is the year that I am releasing compassion on my saints to carry out my will upon the earth. This is not a time to move backward, not into old ways or old mindsets, but indeed a time for your mind to be renewed by My word as you let it saturate and sink in to your Spirit. Go through the open door that I show you, for I am with you says the Lord, and I shall instruct you and teach on the path that you shall go.

Great things are in store for those that love Me and do My will. As it is written, Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man the things that God has in store for those that love him. And indeed you are that people. Indeed I have called you out of darkness into My marvelous light. Truly you will not have witnessed before what I am about to pour on your midst. Get ready and prepare yourselves in the closet by seeking My face, and I will make My will known. This is a time for your faith to arise higher than the natural vision. For you cannot judge by what you see. You cannot place your trust on the natural senses but truly on the One True God, the Lord Almighty. Exercise faith in My word, faith spoken through My prophets and servants, faith that is focused and that knows that the Word of the Lord shall not return void. Yes this is that season, this is that time, says the Lord.

It is a time for many of My people to reach out and touch the hem of My garment as the woman with the issue of blood. Many of you will have faithfully have to push through the obstacles of men, mans opinions and motions and even the judgments of brethren to take hold of that which I have made available to you. Do not lose heart. For I have heard many of your cries and I say that this is indeed the favourable time.

This is a time that I caution My people and My servants to be careful and take heed when they think they stand, lest they fall. You are to be built on My foundation. For all that can be shaken will be shaken. The enemy is coming with a full force of his army to sway My people, but when he rises like a flood, I raise the standard against him. Stay in Me and stay in My word, for it is your solid foundation.
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This Is The Year Of The Open Door
Bill Burns

Apr 12, 2004
I call you to remembrance today that this is the year of the open door. What does that mean to you? I have opened a door in the heavenlies and have sent forth invitations to those who have ears to hear and eyes to see and a desire to come through the door. What is it that I will give you when you pass through this open door? I will give you resurrection life and an understanding of the life you live in Me and the power that comes with that life. I will give you understanding of My authority and power. I will give you understanding of your own life and purpose. I will give you the mysteries of the kingdom that are to be fulfilled at the end of the age. I have looked for those who are willing to be My servants. I have watched for those who desire to be My prophets. My eyes run to and fro over the whole earth looking for those who have a heart and a desire to serve Me, not according to their plans, but according to My will, says the Lord.

I also remind you that you are living in a time of birthing those things that I have spoken to you. The promise, which has been hidden, will come forth. Did you hear Me? It is a time of birthing. You must press in and push to bring forth that which I have revealed and spoken. Do not lose heart; do not give in to the lies of the enemy; do not be weakened in your resolve. There is a time from the conception of that which was spoken until the birthing. This is that time to receive the promise. Come through the open door and live in the abundance of My resurrection life. You are called to live in Me and I in you. I shall perform My will and purpose through you in this earth in this season, says the Lord.

Marsha Burns
Apr 5, 2004
Listen, prophets of the Most High, I have raised you up to bring a word in due season. I have anointed you as My special messengers to speak on My behalf. Yet, the enemy has sent out a special task force to cause you to doubt your gifting, and he has sent out an accusing spirit against you to bring discouragement so that your prophetic voice is silenced. Refuse to allow this questioning to shut you down and render you ineffective, and do not take criticism and judgment as personal rejection. This is a test, which you can pass quite easily if you will continue to walk in the Spirit and stir up the gift that is in you. Discouragement will kill your anointing faster than anything. Be encouraged in the purposes for which I have chosen you.

Marsha Burns
Apr 5, 2004
I, the Lord, am beginning to expose corruption and device, for I am separating the precious from the vile. The fires of purification are even now burning in order to bring forth a righteous people. Now is the time to repent and make adjustments and be done with all deception and depravity. I am calling forth My Bride clothed in the white linen of purity and righteousness. There is no middle ground. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. The choices that you make at this time will have deep and profound consequences. Be wise.

Isaiah 59:1-5 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from God, and your sins have hidden His face from you so that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies; your tongue has muttered perversity. No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth, they trust in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity. They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; he who eats of their eggs dies, and from that which is crushed a viper breaks out.

Marsha Burns
Apr 7, 2004

It is necessary that you maintain objectivity in making decisions at this time. Your tendency is to overreact and allow your emotions to get out of control because you are too close to the situations that you are now required to evaluate. Pull back and stabilize before you change direction or turn back. The fact is that you need to continue to move ahead, but you need to reassess your goals and purposes. This shaking will result in greater clarity and will simplify that which has become complex. Even this will work to your eternal advantage and strengthen your position if you will yield to the work of My Spirit in this test.

Marsha Burns
Apr 8, 2004

The enemy has sent a deluge of lies against My people, says the Lord. Measure everything that comes into your spirit against what you know to be truth by the Word. You will know lies from truth because a lie will bring confusion and fear; truth will produce life and peace. If you are unsure, step away from the issue and ask for clarity. Do nothing without confirmation and the witness of My Holy Spirit to your spirit. Be sensitive, and be on guard watching for this attack, for it shall surely come, but there is no need to fear. I will give you the discernment to know truth.

Marsha Burns
Apr 9, 2004

Distractions have kept you running in circles instead of making good, solid progress. This has been the plan of the enemy to keep you from being effective in what I have chosen and gifted you to do. Now is the time to re-evaluate your motives and purposes, putting away all doubt. Set your will to achieve all that I have given you the grace to accomplish. Take authority over hindering assignments that have been sent against you by the enemy. Speak to the mountain that has obstructed your view and command it to be removed. Prophesy to your dead bones, and watch new life spring forth.

Marsha Burns: Beloved, you are in the season of Unleavened Bread when you must search your own house in the light of My word for sin. Be done with all that is unrighteous, and refuse to be seduced into justifying an ungodly position in your own heart. I am purging the leaven of pretense and hypocrisy and that of religious exercise without the power of a living relationship with your Creator. I am cleaning My house to make it a holy habitation, a place where I can dwell among My people. Yield to this cleansing and purging, My people, both individually and corporately, for it will yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness. Matthew 23:25-28 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe to you Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness."

Marsha Burns
Apr 13, 2004

You are reaping the first fruits of the seeds that were being planted in October of last year. Remember, Beloved, that I spoke to you then to be particularly aware of the ground of your own heart and to make sure the seeds sown would bring forth the harvest you desired. Now is a time when you can evaluate once again the process of sowing and reaping. If you will evaluate your harvest, what you are reaping now, it will bring great wisdom, for you are once again entering a sowing cycle that will produce the next harvest. Be diligent to break up the fallow ground of your heart and plant good things. Be aware also that the enemy will come in times of darkness and plant tares if you do not set a watch and stand guard.

Marsha Burns
Apr 14, 2004

Quiet your soul, and come into the secret place of My presence, says the Lord. Rise up in the spirit realm and listen to My still small voice. Be aware that those things that have disturbed you and worried you are those things that you have not yielded to Me and trusted Me with. They are things that you still want to have control over, yet there is really nothing you can do about them. Come into rest and face squarely the issues of your heart in which I have brought conviction. Yet, if you do not heed My gentle correction; if you do not come to correction in the secret place, I will bring correction through those close to you. Do not dismiss a rebuke no matter how slight; if you dismiss these opportunities the darkness will deepen. Take time now to deal with all that is in your heart.

Marsha Burns
Apr 15, 2004

The current shaking is laying the foundation of your life bare and exposing that which has not been built on solid spiritual principles. These things are being revealed by fire and consumed as the chaff. Release everything that will not withstand this time of purging, and do not try to protect or maintain any position of ungodliness regardless of how insignificant it may seem to your own heart. This shaking will thoroughly cleanse My threshing floor, and then you must strengthen those things that remain. Do not resist this time of purging; it is a necessary prerequisite to prepare you for My coming, says the Lord.

Marsha Burns
Apr 16, 2004

Children, you have been worried and concerned about many things, and those issues have obliterated your view and perception of what is really important in your life. Release those things that have skewed your perspective, and enter into that secret place of communion with Me. I will remove the blinders and restore your vision. I will bring peace to your heart and assurance to your soul that all things are working together for your good. Come in full assurance that I am for you. I will lead you out of this valley of distraction and bring you to a place of clarity and eternal purpose. Trust Me, says the Lord.

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The Joshua Journey

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> Numbers 13:32-33 - *"And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, 'The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight.'"*

Are you the Moses generation or the Joshua generation?

Moses sent men to spy out the Promised Land, and they returned with a bad report because of their fear of the giants. Instead of trusting the Lord, their hearts shriveled and they saw themselves as grasshoppers. They had a leftover slave mentality from Egypt and even God's powerful signs, wonders, and provisions weren't enough for them to trust Him. Their grasshopper mentality resulted in their refusal to go to war and take the land. With the exception of Joshua and Caleb, who believed the Lord could defeat the giants, the rest perished in the wilderness, even though the Lord's plan had always been to bring them in!

Many times we base our confidence and faith on outward circumstances instead of on what God has told us He will do. We have to anchor our faith in who He is, rather than in what we can do in our own strength.

So what or who are the giants in your land? What are the strongholds that rob you of faith and enslave you to fear? We need to cry out for a fresh revelation of God's awesomeness. As you believe God and even take baby steps in faith, He will give you the key strategies to do the impossible. God never saw His people as grasshoppers. Rather, He saw the giants as grasshoppers!

God wants you to have faith to believe His promises and His unshakable abilities. The key to conquering new territory in the Spirit and taking out giants is to take the first step - to trust and believe that He is able to do it! Take that leap of faith and be a radical Joshua who will take out the giants in your land.

Prayer: *Lord, forgive me for taking my eyes off of You and looking at the giants. Help me not to have a grasshopper mentality and not to move in fear, but in faith. Forgive me for my unbelief. Even as the Israelites needed to go to war and trust you for the strategies, I also want to be courageous and trust you for the victories in my home front. I want to radically seize the territory that you have entrusted to me!*

> *Numbers 33:11 - "The Lord spoke to Moses face-to-face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, did not depart from the tabernacle."*

Joshua became Moses' successor. He was in charge of taking the Children of Israel into the Promised Land. How was he prepared by the Lord for this mammoth task? He spent forty years in the secret place - while in the wilderness! When Moses met the Lord in the Tent of Meeting, Joshua would stay around the tent and linger in the Presence because he loved the glory. Exodus 33:11b says, "Moses' young aide, Joshua...did not leave the tent." Numbers 27:18 refers to Joshua as one, "... in whom the Spirit dwelt."

The Lord made covenant with Joshua and told him, "Everywhere you put the sole of your foot, I will give it to you. Be strong and of good courage and do not be afraid, for I am with you all the days of your life. I am going to give you possession of the land" (Joshua 1:3-4). Then the Lord gave Joshua several instructions, which among them was the challenge to "determine to earnestly seek God's presence throughout your life."

God whispered divine war strategies to His intimate friend!

Joshua had to hear God's voice to survive as God's next appointed leader, and he did not underestimate the power of his prayers. Many of us look at prayer as a one-way conversation. But, Beloved, prayer is a dialogue in which God wants to download strategic war plans, blue prints from heaven, and keys to "open doors that no man can shut and shut doors that no man can open" (Isaiah 22:22). There is power in your prayers.

The hotter the battle, the greater the need is to stop, wait, and receive instructions. God wants soldiers whose every move will be an obedient act to their Commander in Chief. As Oswald Chambers wrote, "Prayer does not fit us for the greater works; prayer is the greater work."

Prayer: *Oh Lord, I know that you are calling me into the secret place. Teach us the power of prayer! Release a spirit of prayer and intercession so that we can go to the war rooms in heaven, get divine blue prints, and then win earthly battles. Teach us how to war in the heavenlies before we even battle here on earth.*

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The Josiah Generation

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The Josiah Generation - Freedom Fighters for Holiness!"

"Josiah was eight years old when he became king and he reigned in Jerusalem for thirty-one years. His mother's name was Jedidah, daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and walked in all the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left." 2 Kings 22:1,2

From being a young child of eight until the end of his reign at thirty-nine years of age, God used Josiah throughout his life to pursue and promote purity. Josiah was a type of child prodigy -- called from an early age to reign and rule as a Kingdom ambassador for God on the earth. Josiah ushered in a 're-birth' of holiness in God's people. He was a king (literally reigning on the throne as king of Judah); a priest (in his desire to minister to the Lord); and a prophetic 'sign of the times' in the way God used him to speak to and affect change in the nation and the church. King Josiah was eventually killed at Megiddo by Pharaoh Neco, king of Egypt, as he marched out to meet him in battle.

Today, Josiah represents those who will be used by God to usher in purity, holiness, and the fear of the Lord. This Josiah generation WILL include children and young people, but will not be limited to just the younger generations. The end time revival will be a holiness revival and the Lord will vindicate His holy name and reputation by rising up a 'Josiah type generation' who will be freedom fighters for holiness.

Love the Lord with ALL YOUR HEART, YOUR STRENGTH, and ALL YOUR MIND

Josiah loved the Lord with his whole being. **"Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the Lord as he did -- with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses." 2 Kings 23:25 (See also Matthew 22:34-40)**

"Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went up to the temple of the Lord with the men of Judah, the people of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets -- all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord. The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord to follow the Lord and keep his commands, regulations, and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant." 2 Kings 23:1-4

God says, *"I am rising up a 'promise keeper' generation that will joyfully obey My commands and decrees, entering into covenant relationship with the Lord their God in a profound way. As My children spend time in My presence I will reveal the power of My covenant keeping promises. I am birthing a fresh wave of love for right living by My commandments. All those who love Me and love My Son, will desire to live by My standard of righteousness. This will not be done legalistically, rather it will fulfilled through the Spirit of Grace outworking My Kingdom standards in My Body. I am raising leaders who will champion holiness."*

The Approach / The Gathering

Josiah was required to approach the Lord's temple (2 Kings 23:2), furthermore, Josiah went with all the people, the priests, and the prophets. In other words, Josiah was part of a remnant called out to live by grace. Josiah chose to draw near to God. James teaches us that if we draw near to God, he draws near to us. (James 4:8)

The Reading and the Renewal of Covenant

Josiah rediscovered the book of the covenant and read it in the presence of the people. Reading the word of God had a profound effect on the gathering, not least of which it led them to a place of renewed dependency on God and they were convinced that it was necessary to re-pledge their affections to God by renewing the covenant in His holy presence. **(2Kings 23:2,3).**

The Pledge -- Repentance and Confession

All the people pledged themselves to the Lord **(2 Kings 23:3)**. To pledge means to solemnly undertake to do or give something. A pledge is something given as a token of love, favor, or loyalty. God's people were re-affirming their heart affections to Him. They turned in a spirit of repentance from the world to God.

The Lord says, *"I am calling forth an emerging holy generation that will seek My face with undivided hearts. Pledge yourself and your affections to Me, for I have etched your names on the palms of My hands and love you with an everlasting love."*

The Burning

It was necessary that the temple be cleansed. All the cultic articles for Baal, Asherah, and the starry host were removed from the Lord's temple. Josiah did away with pagan priests, and ground the Asherah poles to dust. He tore down the quarters of the male shrine prostitutes, which were in the Lord's temple, and also where the women wove for Asherah. **(2 Kings 4-7)** The works of the people's hands and the affections of their hearts had been defiled. Through Josiah's radical commitment to the Lord, his heart burned for purity in his own life and in the lives of his people and he took bold action to remove from the Lord's temple the things that were idolatrous and impure.

The Lord says, *"I am seeking a Josiah mentality in My bride, desirous that she will turn from all that would defile her in the spirit of the world and be cleansed by My Blood. I am purging My church of spiritual prostitution. Throw away that which would cause you to stumble and fall into sin. Discard all detestable practices and pagan influences from your life. Devote yourself to spending time in My presence, to prayer, to fasting, to praise, and to My Word. Dedicate yourself to Me with fresh zeal. Pour your lives out as a love offering for the orphans and widows and keep yourself from being corrupted by the world."*

Spiritual Prostitution

Jesus once ate at a Pharisee's home, where a sinful woman (a prostitute) came and washed His feet with her tears, dried them with her hair, anointed Him with oil, and kissed the Lord profusely as a sign of her desperate longing and love for Him. Her heart motivation was pure and, in that moment, all she wanted to do was to minister to Christ. Because of this her sins were forgiven and she received new life in Christ **(Luke 7:36-50).**

To prostitute means to put to an unworthy or corrupt use for the sake of gain. Simon the Pharisee had abused the presence of Jesus. He did not treat the Lord with decency or respect. He did not revere the presence of Christ in his home. Is the church today abusing Jesus' presence? Are we, as believers, guilty of spiritual prostitution? Do we, like Simon, misuse and insult the Lord in our midst by ignoring or neglecting Him -- not treating the Lord with proper respect and reverence? Do we put other things before Christ rather than making the Lord our priority? Do we seek to impress man more than we seek to serve and bless the Lord?

May we attain the humility of the spiritually destitute woman and access the atmosphere of glory as we draw near to Christ, seeking Him with an honest heart. Despite, or perhaps because of, her lifestyle, the sinful woman sought Jesus with tears in her eyes and was found by Him. In such a place of brokenness she received personal salvation. If we desire to see many souls won for Christ, we must realize afresh our need of cleansing and humility. Confessing sinners and Jesus are always found near to one another. We are united in our humanity and as we honestly face our frailty and failings we are able to receive the divine grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the pathway of purity that leads to both personal and corporate revival.

Desecration of Idolatrous Shrines at the City Gates

Josiah was responsible in his generation for desecrating the high places and breaking down the idolatrous shrines set up at the city gates (2Kings 23:8). To desecrate means to treat a sacred thing or place with violent disrespect. Josiah violently disrespected the idolatry of Israel and the false idols and altars that stood as an affront to the Lord God.

I hear the Spirit of the Lord say, *"The Josiah generation of today will confront ungodliness in spiritual seats of power (city gates) and pull them down through anointed prayer and praise. This is the time for a resurgence of those who have and will yet embrace the heartbeat of 2 Chronicles 7:14. 'IF' is not a lost word to my children. IF you will embrace humility and holiness I will release anointed prophetic utterance, decrees of Kingdom authority, acts of love and humility, and unity in my body. By my Spirit I will dismantle the kingdom of darkness and the enemy's web over entire cities and nations. I will hear from heaven and heal your land. But, beloved children, you can only impart that which you have received by revelation and application of My cleansing word to your hearts. The warfare for purity must begin first in your heart. From this place of renewed holiness you will walk in My authority and affect the destiny of nations through your testimony and prayer and acts of servant hood."*

No More Child Sacrifice

Through Josiah, God drew a line in the sand and said an unequivocal 'NO' to the needless death of children, particularly in relation to child sacrifice to other gods. God cares deeply and profoundly for the welfare of children. He calls the church to share His heart for children, especially for orphans. We must pray protection on this end-time generation of valiant warriors for Christ, some of whom are as yet unborn.

"I am rising up a Josiah generation to stand in this hour against the enemy's plans to destroy the end-time army of children. Through murder, rape, abortion, war, famine, and every kind of abuse, the enemy has sought to destroy this end-time generation of children and Josiah's. But I have raised a mighty shout in the heavens and his plans will not prevail for I am a God of justice and My

righteousness shines forth like the dawn. I am causing my sleeping bride to awake and to stand to her feet and fight valiantly for those who have no voice, for the Voice of the Lord is powerful."

The Josiah generation represents an army of God's holy people willing to serve sacrificially with their lives. Ones who are willing to campaign and fight for social action and change, and to pray for justice from Heaven's courts to prevail on the earth.

The Lord says, *"Many despots and dictatorships will be deposed through the prayers and the righteous actions of the modern day Josiah generation. This holiness move is birthed in the throne room of heaven and has been prepared, for such a time as this, as an extravagant gift in the Blood of Christ. Now is the hour for my people to embrace holy living. Now is the time for the total abolishment of slavery. Now is the time to declare freedom in Christ to the multitudes. The time is short."*

Removal of Idols

"And when you look up to the sky and see the sun, the moon and the stars -- all the heavenly array -- do not be enticed into bowing down to them and worshipping things the Lord your God has apportioned to all the nations under heaven." Deuteronomy 4:19,20

Josiah pulled down, smashed to pieces, and threw away the rubble of the torn down altars from the roof to the temple courts **(2 Kings 23:11,12)**. He desecrated the high places Solomon had built and smashed sacred stones and cut down Asherah poles, covering the sites with human bones (2Kings 23:14). He demolished the altars and high places at Bethel, removing and defiling all the shrines and high places in Samaria (2Kings 23:19). Josiah slaughtered all the priests of these high places on the altars and burned their human bones on them (2Kings 23:30). He had the people observe Passover, a lasting reminder of the escape from Egypt and God's mighty deliverance (2Kings 23:21-23).

It was love for God that compelled Josiah and enabled him to be used to bring about a mighty purging and cleansing to the people and the land. Josiah confronted counterfeit spirituality and the spirit of compromise. There was no room for divination and false prophetic anointing in Josiah's kingdom!

"My people will rise up as a Josiah generation under a prophetic mantle and, in purity, they will confront and cast out all that has come into the church as the spirit of compromise, of deceit, of rebellion, and of witchcraft. I am tired of My children living corrupted lifestyles. I call My bride to the altar of faith, whereby there is forgiveness of sins and cleansing by My blood. I will not tolerate idolatry in My bride. By the Spirit of truth I am pulling down the strongholds of the enemy and, in this move of My Spirit, every deceitful heart will be exposed and every thought that raises itself against My sovereignty will be confronted, and every contrite heart received in grace and mercy.

"Children will speak with accuracy and authority in the word of knowledge, in some instances exposing decades of wrong living in individuals. In these cases, I will pour out My healing through the children to those who are willing to repent. Furthermore, I am birthing a fresh wave of discernment in My church to enable my believers to distinguish between that which is holy from that which is unholy."

Josiah Got Rid of Mediums, Spiritists, Household Gods, Idols, All other Detestable Things in Judah (2 Kings 23:24)

The Lord is exposing sinful fascination with corrupt, spiritual practices and is rooting out the spirit of the new age movement that has subtly entered the church and now masquerades as pseudo-spirituality amongst many believers. The Lord God of Hosts will not tolerate tarot cards, horoscopes, divination, and witchcraft in the church. It is time for these things to be purged from the Bride of Christ. No more!

We are to worship and serve Jesus only. Righteousness is characteristic of faith, whereas lawlessness is characteristic of unbelief. To be 'full of lawlessness' is to lead a life characterized by sin and wrongdoing. Lawlessness and sin is an act of rebellion against God, and this is idolatry. Idolatry is lawlessness and violates holiness. Sin cannot and must not be disregarded or trivialized. In His great Kindness, God calls us to repentance that we might have no regrets but only Life in him **(2 Corinthians 7:8-13).**

Only One Way is Perfect -- God's Way

"As for God his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is flawless." Psalm 18:30

It is love that compels a parent to direct their children on the straight and narrow path. There is no greater love than that of our Abba Father for His sons and daughters. The path of Life is narrow but is illuminated by the beauty and majesty of Jesus' holy presence (Matthew 7:13,14).

Let all who have an ear to hear listen to the Spirit's call to the Bride to purity and holiness. May we bow the knee today with contrite hearts and embrace the Spirit of Grace that cleanses us from our sins and unrighteous acts as we confess them to Christ. May each man, woman, and child be like modern-day Josiah's and faithfully pursue holy lifestyles in and for Christ.

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Talitha Koum

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Talitha Koum: Little Girl, Arise

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I have sensed the Holy Spirit whispering to me "Talitha Koum." I was familiar with the story in the book of Luke, where the young girl lay dead and Jesus raised her up. I sensed the message was for me personally, Talitha Koum, "Little girl, Arise," it is time to move on to a life of maturity, you can not die in spiritual infancy.

"Talitha Koum" the Holy Spirit would whisper.

"Yes Lord, I know, I heard you last time." I would respond.

After weeks, or maybe even months of this dialogue going on, it dawned on me that my revelation was incomplete, perhaps I should look up the story. When I read the passage, I realized that this was not a message just for me, but a prophetic directive for the church in this season.

Multitudes Waiting for His Appearing

"So it was when Jesus returned, that the multitude welcomed Him, for they were all waiting for Him." Luke 8:40

There is a feeling among many that we are at crucial place in our spiritual history. The majority of the church is waiting for Christ. Some are looking to a literal physical return, others, are anticipating a spiritual inhabitance, where He can be observed manifested fullness in His body, the church. Either way we recognize that the church at large is waiting with anticipation for Him to make an appearance in this generation.

" And behold there was a certain man named Jairus, he was the ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus feet and begged him to come to his house for he had an only daughter at twelve years of age, and she was dying." Luke 8:41-42

The name, Jairus means, "he will enlighten, " his name implies a prophetic vision and insight. The text says that this man Jairus was the ruler of the synagogue; he was one of the ones who spiritually sat at the gate. Jairus was waiting for the appearance of Jesus because he had a need; his twelve-year-old daughter was dying.

I want us to take a step back from the literal story in this text and look at the things hidden just under the surface. First and I know I am oversimplifying, but the woman, in scripture usually represents the church as bride.

Secondly, note that the number twelve plays a huge part in this portion of text, we need to look at it symbolically to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying in this day. The number twelve represents divine governmental authority, apostolic order and fullness. In this passage, Jairus represents the father's heart in prophetic- intercession. He is passionately concerned with a sick and dying, or dead apostolic ministry in his house (or sphere of influence). At twelve years old, this girl had not yet reached her place of maturity. Her fruitfulness had not yet had a chance to evidence. At one time, she was probably healthy rosy-cheeked, vital and full of destiny and promise, but unless the Lord intervened, those purposes would be unrealized.

Invite Him Home

Jairus fell at Jesus feet and begged Him to come to his house. Understand that when we invite the King to our house, and submit our "houses" to His sovereignty He will deal with all adversaries. It was important for Jairus to invite Jesus into his home, for it was the location of his greatest battle and greatest victory.

Many of us live compartmentalized lives. We allow Jesus to be King for an hour or two on Sunday morning, we give him ten minutes of our day as we "do" our devotionals. We allow Him to be King on our terms in the areas our lives that we have chosen to turn over to Him. To recognize His sovereignty in the face of our enemies or in the midst of our frustrations and weaknesses is another matter. To be an "overcomer," we must turn throw our crown at his feet and invite the King into our domain. Jesus will fight our battles, as long as we allow Him to be commander and chief and He will fight it His way not our way; He will not sign on as private to take our direction.

The heart cry of prophetic-intercessors, in this season, is to see Kingdom authority come into fullness in earth as it is in heaven. There is an immature apostolic ministry in the church that has not come into her purpose. She has not yet produced fruit, she has never had the opportunity to move into maturity and adulthood, and she lay dying before her time.

Jesus responded to Jairus. He joined this man, and walked with him toward his home and his sickly daughter. The scripture says, "But as he went, the multitudes pressed against him." The multitudes that had been waiting for Him had their own needs. They assumed they knew what Jesus would do when He showed up. In the face of their own personal needs and agendas, Jesus' choice to travel miles away to raise up a young girl, not highly valued in the society of the day, may have been confusing, even frustrating to them. The scriptures tell us they pressed against Him as He went.

Woman with An Issue

It was on the road to Jairus' house that we read about another woman, the woman with the issue of blood. She had been hemorrhaging for twelve years. (Notice the connection?) To recap, twelve means divine kingdom government and apostolic authority. We see a woman mature in age and experience, perhaps in her earlier years she had borne children but for the last twelve years she had been dealing with an issue that kept her barren, and deemed unclean by the rest of the (Christian) community. Because of her "issue," she was labeled, isolated, secluded from society, hidden in obscurity. To many, she may have appeared weak, anemic and maybe depressed because nameless woman was identified wholly with her "issue." She had fallen into a pattern of self-absorption and introspection that had caused her to be ineffective in other areas of her life.

This woman had spent all that she had, exhausting her resources, unsuccessfully trying to deal with her issue. The doctors of the day were unsuccessful. No amount of policy setting or ecumenical discourse has the power to heal these issues that separate.

When she saw Jesus in the midst of the crowd she knew, not only did He have the answer, He was the answer. She turned her eyes away from her need and onto the source. The issue that had kept her isolated for so many years was no longer there. She "had seen Him as He was," and instantly, in the twinkling of an eye, virtue was transferred as the dunamus power of Jesus Christ, permeated her very being transforming her to wholeness.

"and when the woman saw that she was no longer hid&" Luke 8:47

She knew she could no longer be hidden& in this day King Jesus is about to deal with the issues and instantly release the hidden leaders from their caves, and prisons. The "Hidden ones" are about to become the " Revealed ones" as they turn their focus to Him, and take hold of his mantle.

Little Girl, Arise

Jesus continued on his way to the home of Jarius. In the natural, it looked to be too late. The mourners were already gathered, the declaration had already been made. She is dead. Apostolic authority is a thing of the past. Not so, King Jesus made a proclamation, "she is only sleeping." He moved into the inner chamber of the home of Jarius, "Talitha Koum," "Little girl, Arise" into maturity and fruitfulness. "Little girl, Arise" into your manifested destiny. "Little girl, Arise" to the high calling of Jesus Christ.

"And her spirit returned, and she rose immediately; and He gave her orders for something to be given for her to eat. And her parents were amazed; but he instructed them to tell no one what had happened. Luke 8:55-56

To the parents he advised, "give her something to eat, and do not tell anyone about this." The Apostolic ministry of the church needs to be fed (eat the Lamb, eat the Book), equipped and built up for the purpose of releasing and sending her forth. As with the woman with the issue, this girl needs not to be announced for she will be revealed as she begins to function.

Put it Together

Together these two females represent an integrated picture of the apostolic ministry in this day. The first suffers sickness and death within the organized structure of the church, threatening never coming to her maturity. The second, resides on the fringes of the church, just outside the camp, separated from the mainstream by her issue. With the appearance of Christ, both are restored to health and vitality and a promise of fruitfulness.. Both have been properly aligned that they might be sent.

"And he called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to heal diseases. And He sent them to proclaim the kingdom of God and perform healing." Luke 9:1-2

This scripture follows on the heals of the stories described earlier. Again we see the number twelve connecting the incidences into one progressive revelation. After He raised up the twelve-year- old girl, and He restored the woman with the issue, He gathered His own twelve together for the purpose of imparting to them the kingdom authority and power needed that He might send them to fulfill His mandate.

Conclusion

I believe that this story is not a series of incidences in the human experience of Jesus Christ, but is a pattern for what is taking place in this season.

For the past twenty years, in particular, God has been calling spiritual Jairus's, the prophetic-intercessors motivated with the Father's heart to see an Apostolic ministry in the church raised up into maturity and fruitfulness. At the same time, there is an Apostolic ministry that has been relegated to function on the fringes of the church world, identified not by their anointing but their doctrinal issues. Their issues are about to become a thing of the past. They will be known as the recipients of impartation. There is something else happening, Jesus is gathering or networking His Apostolic contingent not for political agenda, but to deposit His authority and power that they might be sent as an extension of His earthly ministry.
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The Key to Revival and Intimacy with God
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Revival Starts with You

2 Chronicles 16:9 - *"For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him."*

Revival is not born out of mass movements, but out of a series of solitary decisions.

Over the last several years, I have traveled to more churches and nations than I can count. Many have gathered together and called others to pray, fast, and walk in unity. First, the meetings are packed by the mounting momentum of trying out the latest, greatest new idea. Then, slowly, the meetings dwindle down; one or two intercessors are the sole watchmen left on the wall. The faithful few glumly look around at the empty rows of chairs.

We get discouraged when we don't see others manifesting the same enthusiasm for revival that we have. We worry, *"How can our city be transformed unless the pastor of that major church is involved and all the meetings are filled?"* But I tell you, beloved, God is not focused on the empty chairs!

Rather, He is focused on the chairs that are filled.

You are there.

And He has drawn you there. He is going to begin His work with you. Revival starts today. Revival starts with you.
Intimacy is What Ignites Revolution

He has hand-chosen you, before the foundations of the world, to embark on a journey into the fullness of your destiny. Do you want to be His voice rather than man's echo?

If so, will you return to Him as your first love? Remember, God must first set our hearts ablaze with radical passion for Jesus. Intimacy is what ignites revolution.

Is the presence of the living God fully taking up residence in your heart? If that has not happened, then why are you expecting that to happen in some kind of public meeting? Revival starts with you! Personal transformation must precede city transformation. Let a revolution begin today - and may it begin with you!

Prayer: *Oh Lord, I ask that You would radically revolutionize my life from the inside out. Cause revival to burn so deeply in my heart that others can't help but be changed. Oh Lord, You are truly all I want! Tenderize my heart again so I desire to return to You as my first love. Where my heart has drifted and gotten lukewarm, return me back to You. God, I give you permission to do whatever it takes to make me wholly Yours. Set my heart on fire! Set my spirit ablaze today.*

Prayer - A Key to Intimacy with God

Jeremiah 33:3 - *"Call unto Me and I will answer You and show You great and mighty things."*

Sincere and passionate prayer is the key to unlock our relationship with Almighty God. Many struggle with praying because they feel that their intercession is not much more than empty cries to an invisible God who seems so far off or distant. We think that our prayers shoot only as high as the ceiling and then bounce back unheard and unanswered. But beloved, God loves communing with You! He promises that He will hear us and answer!

In fact, communing with God is the highest purpose for which you were created! *"This is eternal life to know Me."* (John 17) Our hunger for God Himself is what fuels our prayer life. When His presence is our passion and our hunger is for His heart, we can approach the throne of God boldly with the confidence that our Daddy loves our prayers, but having this first love is so important. As John Bunyan said, "In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart."

A key to prayer is listening: Remember, God has more to say to you than you have to say to Him! James 4:8 promises, *"Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you."* Drawing near to Him, free from distractions, with a heart to first worship and commune with Him is where we must begin. He holds the answers to all your questions before they are even on your lips. Listen for His voice!
The Power of Prayer

Another key in unlocking the resources of heaven with our intercession is to pray with the Bible! Like Jacob did in Genesis 32, we can remind God about what He said! God's Word does not return unto Him void, and if we remind God of His promises, we can have confidence that whatever we ask, according to His will, is heard and answered.

A final point of caution is that the ultimate goal in prayer is not to have our prayers answered, but to encounter God Himself. Fellowship and intimacy are not based upon the hours you spend in prayer. Rather, intimacy is the time you spend with God. Prayer cannot just be storming the gates of heaven with a list of requests as an empty exercise of words. Rather, our prayers must be desperate cries for encounter from our heart to His heart! Having the audience of God is not something to take lightly! It is an incredible honor to rest in the knowledge that the omnipotent, ever-powerful God of the universe has one joy above all else – and that is to spend time with YOU!

Prayer: *Oh Lord, I want to have a passion for Your presence. Dig deep into my inner soul and help me to not fear the setting apart with you. Oh, how I ache to know you more! Teach me to pray the prayers that stir Your heart. I want to minister to you with my prayers. I want my heart to bless your heart and give you the love that You deserve!*

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Is There a Cry in You for a Deeper Friendship with God
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Fresh Revelation Face-to-Face

Exodus 33:12-16 - *"Then Moses said to him, 'If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that You are pleased with me and with Your people unless You go with us? What else will distinguish me and Your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?'"*

After an incredible "mountain top" experience on Mount Sinai with a 40-day visitation, receiving The Ten Commandments, and having God inscribe the Law on his heart, Moses descended the mountain and was hit with heavy spiritual warfare. His people were entangled in blatant sexual perversion as they worshipped a golden calf. The Lord's jealousy burned and He released judgment, costing three thousand men their lives.

In total desperation, Moses cried out for a greater encounter with the Lord - a deeper visitation was needed! It was not enough to see a burning bush ablaze, or watch the Red Sea part, or even to see supernatural provision each day with the raining down of manna. He cried out for more! He wanted to see God's face. He would not take "No" for an answer. Total desperation, unquenchable hunger, and unswerving commitment to his people caused Moses to contend with God for His presence.

While Moses faced death and warfare, it caused him to press into God with a greater desperation! Do your trials cause you to run to God or from God? No matter what your circumstances, God is inviting you to come up higher. Don't live in the valley of death and destroyed dreams. He will give you the strength and the wings of an eagle to soar up the mountain to greater heights in Him.

God answered Moses' cry by letting His goodness pass before him. After Moses descended, the very glory of God rested on him, causing his face to shine. Moses even had to wear a veil to hide the blinding brightness of God's glory.

Have You Cried Out to See the Face of God?

Have you, like Moses, cried out to see the face of God? It is not enough to have a "mountain top" experience or receive fresh revelation as Moses did! Moses wanted more.

He wanted friendship. He wanted intimacy. He wanted God Himself. There is something greater than receiving life-changing prophetic words, attending the latest of conferences, or seeing God's power explode in signs and wonders.

Nothing is greater in this life than being His friend. Is there a cry in you for a deeper friendship with God? God is calling for us to meet with Him face-to-face.

Prayer: *Lord, the warfare has been so intense. In the storms of life, I want to run to you and not from you. What I have had before is just not enough. I need to see You face-to-face. I want to be Your friend and hear Your heart. Please encounter me, Lord!*

Running to Him...Not from Him: Godly Fear

Exodus 14:31 - *"And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in Him and in Moses, his servant."*

Fear, or reverential awe of the Lord, should help us run to God rather than from God. Moses' encounter with God on Mount Sinai is an awesome example of how encountering God causes reverence and elation, rather than fear of rejection and spiritual boredom.

Moses ascended the great mountain of the Lord, shielded from the glare of life's non-essentials. This was the place where God is all that exists and all that matters. After the lightning and the rumblings on Mount Sinai, Moses returned and told the people something interesting. He said, "God has come to place His fear in you so that you might not sin."

Encountering Him

Godly fear is a reverential awe. It is realized with an encounter with an another-world, extra-dimensional, supernatural reality. And in that place of realization, it empowers our hearts to not settle on the lesser loves of this world.

We find casual, routine religion to be convenient. We find it to be pleasant. But this kind of religion fails to provide the average American parishioner, week in and week out, with the kind of spine-tingling, seat-of-the-pants, edge-of-the-seat environment that delivers us from lesser distractions. I don't want to go to church when I can predict every moment of the service. God is radical and unpredictable. He wants to bring in the suddenly of His personality. He wants to be able to model church after Moses' encounter on Mount Sinai.

When Moses went up onto Mount Sinai, he didn't think that he was going to have forty minutes of worship, then some announcements, and then the timed message. When God is in the house, nothing is predictable! If His presence is there, you are on the edge of your seat and you forget your watch. You don't know how much time has passed. God is there and that is all that matters. Do not let your hearts faint if there is a holy dissatisfaction burning in you. For the most radical encounters that you will have will be in the privacy of your own home in the secret place. You must contend for that something more and let that hunger drive you into a deeper intimacy with Him. Let's all cry out for our own Mount Sinai encounters with the Lord.

We must have more of You!

Prayer: *Lord, I want to have a holy fear of Your awesomeness! Help me to climb the mountain, to encounter You, and not to settle for anything less than YOU alone. We welcome you back to our churches to ruin us for the ordinary. We must have Your presence or we will become dull and barren!*

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The Kingdom Age
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Do you not understand that I am moving you into the kingdom age? This has been My great desire even from the beginning. But, now I say to you that the glory of the kingdom shall be revealed as a witness to all before My second coming, says the Lord. I will have a bright and shining Church in the land, a glorious Church, a Church that moves like I moved, walks like I walked, preaches like I preached, heals like I healed, and delivers like I delivered, says the Lord. You are that people, the chosen generation of this age. You are the people of the morning light of this Day. You are those who have seen the morning star and its light and have arisen in the dawn to praise Me with all of your heart and with the sound of your voice. That praise becomes a habitation for My presence. I will pour out of My Spirit the rain that will fall upon you and bring forth My purposes, which shall be seen and known in the land, for I come to take a people for Myself, and you are that people!

If you will listen, you will hear the sound of the next wave. It is the wave of power and glory that comes. Be like the surfer who takes his board and goes out to meet the wave. You cannot catch the wave if your remain on the shore. You must get in the water and swim with all of your might to get to the place where the next wave is forming. You must be positioned to catch the wave and ride the crest and the glory of the wave. Do not miss it, for it will be the most glorious that has yet come to the earth and upon mankind. I come to cleanse the earth and empower My people to do that which I have called them to do, and you can hear the sound of it if you will listen. The wave is beginning to break. Get into the deep water, and ask Me for the strength to position yourself for the breaking of this wave.

Prepare For An Epic Battle
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August 13, 2004: I heard the Lord say, "Prepare for an epic battle." And, I saw in a vision the army of the Lord in extreme disarray. There were individuals who were sexually immoral and in great deception, a man cheating on his wife, business partners defrauding one another, a woman with a spirit of infirmity who had settled into her sickness to gain attention and escape responsibility. I saw a couple of women, who had once made a decision to serve God, getting drunk and laughing; one said to the other, "If my pastor could see me now!" There were people who were angry and offended, barely able to speak to one another, seeped in unforgiveness and bitterness. I saw hypocrites who pretended one thing while doing the opposite, insincere and unholy in their attitudes and motivations.

Although I observed only a few individuals in this vast army, I knew it was riddled with all manner of debauchery. Many of the people were wearing only pieces of their armor, and some were asleep. And, I thought to myself, "How are we going to fight this battle at all, let alone win?"

Then, the Commander in Chief called us to attention and asked us to prepare for the greatest battle of humanity. He talked to us about renewing our minds to understand the seriousness of the times and to renew our hope of salvation and be reminded of the price that has already been paid for our redemption. He called us to rise up in faith, to put off all unrighteousness, and to be cleansed and sanctified for this holy battle. He admonished us to be done with all deceit and to walk in absolute truth. He told us to rise up and proclaim His Word and to prophesy and proclaim victory over the land. He said, "Do these things in preparation, and you will win the battle without a fight!"

Thy Kingdom Come
John Martin

I was reading Revelation 4, 5 & 6 when the Holy Spirit caused me to notice something I had not seen before.

(Rev 5:8 NKJV) Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

At the introduction of the golden bowls of incense, being the prayers of the saints a period of intense worship ensued followed by an event that had been awaited for a very long time;

(Rev 6:1_2 NKJV) Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, "Come and see." {2} And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

A seal was broken and judgment was released on the earth. As I continued to read and came to this verse then I understood what the Holy Spirit was trying to reveal.

(Rev 6:9_11 NKJV) When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. {10} And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" {11} Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

These were not rebuked by the Lord for calling for judgment to come on the earth to avenge them and perhaps even others they did not know personally but understood that others beside themselves were suffering for Christ.

The following is what I believe the Lord wants to say to us about the prayers of the saints.

The words "how long" began to reverberate in my spirit as I prayed and waited on the Lord. The phrase is used 60 times in the New King James Bible and are primarily God speaking to His people saying "how long must I wait for you to do right" or the saints asking God "how long before you rescue us from the hand of our enemies".

I believe the Lord is saying to us at this time "how long before you will begin to pray my will?"

When the disciples ask Jesus "teach us to pray" His answer was a very simple one.

After our initial recognition of God as all in all and worshiping His holiness we are instructed to pray that His kingdom rule be brought to earth and divine order established so that earth would reflect His glory just as heaven does.

This would of necessity require some upheaval on the earth and I fear God’s people are reluctant to ask for divine intervention because they either do not want their peaceful lives disrupted or they have fallen pray to false teaching concerning the doctrine of "love". They are convinced that if we all love enough that the world will turn from it’s wicked ways and open their hearts to God. How long before we will become like Lot and call on God to deal with the out of control evil in our land?

(2 Pet 2:6_8 NKJV) and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; {7} and delivered righteous Lot, who was oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked {8} (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds);

I believe Lot daily cried out to God to deal with the wicked around him. He just didn’t know it would get so bad that he would have to risk his virgin daughters to turn away the wicked that surrounded him or he might have chosen to leave that city sooner. But even at the end it’s possible to see that he had affections in that city that made him not a little reluctant to leave. How many today are praying the prayer "thy kingdom come" but still clinging to worldly attachments.

We must pray with abandon to all our wishes, riches, possessions and desires "how long oh Lord will you watch injustice, let Thy kingdom come".

Are we to have a heart for the lost? Of course we must but let God decide how to bring the lost to Himself and simply pray that model prayer (The Lord’s Prayer) that is simple but covers the entire will of God for our lives. There is too much teaching today that runs contrary to the revealed will of God and distracts us from our actual responsibility to pray the will of God which does not take an apostolic anointing to understand nor a special gift if intercession to accomplish.

I believe the reason the poured out bowls of incense prayers immediately preceded the breaking of the seals was because the saints were finally praying God’s will.

Unless you are waiting for a pre trib rapture to whisk you away then you know that judgment must come first before He receives His bride for the consummation of the ages.

People today are mostly praying for God to stay His hand of judgment.

The saints are shown here pleading with the bridegroom to come and claim His bride. They are heart sick about what they see around them and are fearful for their loved ones and are love sick for Him. They have finally abandoned their earthly attachments and are ready for His will above everything else.

The problem we are facing today may be worse than many people think. Some think that if gay and lesbian couples get their way and are granted the right to get married and enjoy equal rights that they will leave the rest of us alone (as if we should be content at that)

This is not the case as they will never be satisfied. Homosexuality is only one expression of the spirit of lawlessness. Their particular agenda is to pervert the natural and profane the holy. They are not alone in this but are only a single expression of the deep root of evil that has it’s foundation in the Fall of man from union with his Creator.

In June 2003 when the Supreme Court struck down the sodomy law of Texas the Lord drew me to this verse,

(2 Th 2:7_8 NKJV) For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. {8} And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

I asked him how that could be when I did not see all the other things spoken of there happening. He said not to get all tied up in theological arguments about timing of events or chronological order but to know that indeed the "Restrainer" had been taken out of the way.

The absolute flood of filth to flow across this nation gives stark testimony to it’s confirmation.

When the saints fully discern the enemy, they will realize it is not homosexuality or any other specific sin that is the problem but rather the "spirit of lawlessness’ that is now unchecked and can only be stopped by the judgmental hand of God.

We need to de personalize our vision of sin and focus on prayer that calls on the Sovereign Lord to establish His kingdom and His will on the earth regardless of the cost.

(Psa 4:2 NKJV) How long, O you sons of men, Will you turn my glory to shame? How long will you love worthlessness And seek falsehood? Selah

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The Kingdom Come on Earth

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We stand at the precipice of the end of time. In that I mean – the end of time for MAN to rule upon the earth. Jesus will soon take to Himself all that is His and belongs to Him. When He returns the earth will be restored, but we are in process even now. As The Lord raises up the true structure “As it is in Heaven” we will begin to be acquainted with how His government will be, even before it will come in fullness, because He will raise up that form of Heavenly Government which is in Heaven and we will see it to some degree being raised up prior to His return. We have always thought or considered we would not see any form of it until He had set foot back on the mount of Olives, but He is actually bringing about the basis structure of it before He returns because there will be a “pre-transition” of the structure from the way MAN does it and the way it will be upon the Earth when Christ returns. There is The Father, then Christ to whom all things have been given, then there will be the 24 elders and then many categories and divisions beyond that. As we read in judgment – those who were faithful were given some 30, some 60 and some 100 fold. To some He will say – go then and rule over this city. Even as we see a structure in the earth today, Heaven on earth will have a structure. As we have a King and there are authorities delegated under Him there will still be such a structure, but it will be a HOLY structure. Remember, Satan only tries to copy – so much of what was set up on earth through men were satanic copies of things Lucifer took with him from Heaven to try make himself god here. The Holy Spirit is bringing forth revelation knowledge of the Governing Structure as it is in Heaven – prior even to the return of Christ. The knowledge, essence, and basic structure of the Kingdom will precede the return of Christ. False churches and cults throughout time have tried to emulate this structure and have tried to proclaim themselves “this structure” just as Lucifer tried to raise himself above god so have these false churches tried to raise themselves to be the “class of ruling stature of the Kingdom of God on Earth”. These were of course false prophets building upon a prophetic truth – that they day would come when such a structure from God would actually come – well, - this is to herald in the fact that such revelation and truth is now coming forth. We have seen and put up with the false prophets, but the real ones are coming forth and they WILL HAVE FIRE proceed from there mouth. That is to say, what they will speak will HAVE EFFECT. They will speak and THINGS WILL HAPPEN. They will be effectual. And if there come in their path an Ananias and Saphira again – these prophets will speak the word of God and they will fall dead as well. In a way – these shall prepare the way of the Lord and will proceed as Elijah as did John the Baptist. A note here: It was said of Jesus that John did come in the Spirit of Elijah and a rare insight is that Johns father took from the temple the mantle that was Elijahs and put it upon John the Baptist. The mantle had made it’s way to the temple where it had been kept and so, this mantle will again be taken from the temple and put upon the “Elijahs” of this day as they again make way for the coming of the Lord, but also in the “path clearing” coming along with these “Elijahs” will be true apostolic chosen vessels of God who will bring forth revelation knowledge of the governmental structure of Heaven and will begin to build upon that prior to the Lord’s return. There will have been laid a certain foundational structure that is of Heaven that Christ will return to and continue to build upon. It started with the Apostles of the first century, but it veered off course into what we now call “church” which is NOT the Kingdom Governmental Structure AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. Lord have mercy on us all if we had to spend Eternity dealing with the structure we know as “church” with all of the manipulation and control and self importance that all comes with it. NO! Governmental Structure as it is in Heaven – is “HEAVENLY”. The prophets have declared there is revelation knowledge that is coming forth and I am saying now that much of that revelation knowledge concerns KINGDOM STRUCTURE and order and that revelation knowledge is coming on the heels of these prophets being carried in the hands of the Apostles. They will be given “scrolls from God” that they will carry forward. They will unravel these scrolls and find they are “blueprints” to the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. As we have had gifts and offices on Earth they will continue into the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Apostles will still have authorities. Prophets will still proclaim the purposes of God. Evangelists of every generation will speak in the Kingdom of the continuing Good News that will ever proceed from the thrown of God. Teachers shall forever teach and expound on the more intricate details of the mysteries of God which are never ending and the Joy of every Pastor will be to serve up the food that will be eternally be given by God to eat of. “Thy Kingdom come, They Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven”. Taken from what we have called the Lord ’s Prayer – this time we are living in is the actual fulfillment and transition that is occurring and coming forth before our eyes.

In the midst of the Anti-Christ trying to establish himself there will be a “construction going on” underneath his nose that is the preparation for the one who will rule the Earth. I imagine that would be an irritation large enough to try to martyr all the believers.

Dan 2:31-35
31 You, O king, saw, and behold, a great image. This image, which was mighty and of exceedingly great brightness, stood before you, and the appearance of it was frightening and terrible.
32 As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of bronze,
33 Its legs of iron, its feet part of iron and part of [burned potter’s] clay.
34 **As you looked a Stone was cut out without human hands, which smote the image on its feet that were of iron and clay – the burned clay of the potter – and broke them to pieces.** [I Pet. 2:3-8]
35 Then was the iron, the [burned potter’s] clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, broken and crushed together and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors, and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. And the Stone that smote the image became a great mountain *or* rock and filled the whole earth.
(Amplified)

A “stone” cut out without hands”. When Christ said to Peter, “Upon this ROCK I will build my church” – Christ was not saying upon Peter He would build His church, but upon that ROCK of REVELATION which Peter had just revealed. This “stone cut out without hand” is, to me, that Rock of Revelation that comes from the Father. To say “Without Hands” is idiomatic to mean – NOT BY MAN, but by God. – therefore this “stone” will be cut out by God and will strike the feet of the image – which is representative of Mans’ rule upon the earth, but here we see “the stone that smote the image” became a mountain and filled the earth. This is the mountain of God. This is “Thy Kingdom come upon Earth as it is in Heaven”. And in this verse it depicts that the history of Man will fade away into nothing. This stone will smite the image and it will fall. Christ already smote the enemy on Calvary, but that “Rock of Revelation” continues to grow. It may still be that small stone, but as revelation knowledge and the power of the Kingdom is revealed and comes forth more and more it will grow larger and larger. In the sense that Christ conquered the enemy upon the cross the stone has already struck the image. We have thought to look forward to this as a future event when in some respect it already has occurred and the statement of Christ that “Upon this Rock He will build His Church” He is saying – this is the stone that will grow and fill the earth.

The time of the Gentiles needed to be fulfilled and the “six days of man to rule on the earth needed to be completed”, but that is where we are now at – so then, building upon this rock will take on exponential growth, because it is now time for it to come into the earth and to topple totally the image and to fill the earth. This is a process of some years we are speaking of, but as Christ chose His original apostles He already initiated the first elements of the blueprints for “The Kingdom Come”. Many churches of course have taken this upon themselves to say they are the fulfillment, but there is now coming a great deal more on the “blueprints of the Kingdom” as it is now close for Christ to return and rule.

These apostles that may bring revelation of such blueprints will be humble of heart and will be as servants. This does not mean they will be faint of heart and not bold in Spirit. What it does mean is they will not be like the false self proclaimed apostles we have seen rise up who did nothing more than manipulate and control the sheep and build kingdoms for themselves. As Christ said – if any among you desire to be great then let him be servant to all. This is a basic axiom to the structure of Kingdom Government. There will be no one in authority who does not have the heart of a servant to those God sends them. Although the “Elijahs” that are coming may speak with power to the world and bring judgment even they will speak correction to the church with a heart to see change – not destruction. Too many at this time who think themselves prophets are too hard hearted like Jonah who would rather see judgment come than see repentance, but – as they spend time in the belly of some great fish – they will have a change of heart. And to those many, many, all TOO MANY who think themselves prophets now – they will prove not to be. Scripture even prophesies that these many will be exposed and then people will come to them and say – were you not a prophet and they will say “I am not a prophet, I am just a businessman”. They are only in the prophetic now because, for them it is a “business venture”.

We have focused a little too much on looking to the sky to see the Kingdom come, when again the Lord said the Kingdom is within you. As we approach now closer to the rule of Christ coming upon the Earth we can expect a supernatural rising up of the Spirit within us bringing forth more reality as to how the Kingdom of Heaven is. While we have in some way been looking for the Kingdom to come out of the sky, what is happening is the Kingdom is rising up in us in a way which has not happened before. In a sense, “We are rising up to meet Him”. The Kingdom in us is rising up to eventually meet Him that shall return, but that kingdom we have been anticipating will be rising in our spirits. This has been happening to me. I have been feeling, to a small degree, this rising in my spirit of the person I am in Christ. When it does I feel totally myself and totally “at home” in the position I am in. I know who I am and I know what my job is and there are no questions and there is NO POWER PLAY or competitive attitude present what so ever – it simply is the KNOWING of who I am in Christ and what my function is – and that is the way the kingdom is going to be rising up in those who are HIS. The religious system will continue on it’s way and will increasingly be agitated at this “whatever it is” that is rising up and growing, but it is that “little stone” that will fill the earth.

Start looking to your inward spirit and be sensitive to that stirring and rising and that kingdom coming forth within you.

Many things will overlap in the transition of Man ruling the Earth and Christ coming to rule. The Harvest will transition through different phases as will the transition from the rule of Man to Christ taking ownership of the Earth to Himself.

Now, let me make clear and point out clearly here THIS IS NOT DOMINION THEOLOGY! That again has become a perversion and twisted false doctrine of this basic prophetic truth. Kingdom Government will come and will manifest in rising up within our own spirits and will come through chosen vessels who come with blueprints on how things are to be built, formed, founded and established. The Apostles will come to clarify that which is rising up in our spirits. I do NOT BELIEVE Christians are called to OVERTHROW the governments of the world so Jesus will come back. What I am speaking and saying here is that there will be rising up in believers the way it will be on earth AS IT IS IN HEAVEN and we will begin to understand that structure and to know what our position is and what we were created for. The whole mess with the fall of Lucifer and Man was based on wanting to become something other than or more than God created us to be. Positions in some churches and in cults are handed out like candy and also taken away as quickly if you fall out of agreement with those in higher positions. The Kingdom of Heaven on Earth will come more and more into play as we all become aware of the position we were created for and occupy that position and stop chasing after a position we think we would like or one we think would be interesting or would pay a good salary or get us the attention we may crave. To the degree that each person in the Body of Christ gets into the position for which they were created will be the degree to which we will see “Thy Kingdom come on Earth as it is in Heaven”. In Heaven each angel and each person occupies the position for which God created them and none are out of line. It is in the earth that anyone says they can have any position they wish. After all, we have to admit we have seen fools become kings, idiots become presidents and actors become governors – and it seems in all of their cases they are “actors” not created by God for the positions they are filling. By the way the word “hypocrite” is from the Greek word meaning an “actor”. When Paul spoke of being a “hypocrite” he was speaking of any who were acting out a role – whatever that role might be. For one to hold a position for which he was not created to have – he is defined as a “hypocrite” and it has always been the temptation of the enemy to offer to us more than we were suppose to have or something other than we were suppose to have. In the Garden to Eve it was – if you eat of the tree you shall be as God. Lucifer was the greatest of Angels and could have retained his position, but he “ran after” that which was not his place and sought to ascend to the throne of God. If you really look at the structure of this world it is very much about trying to attain to a position of power, wealth, fame or what have you. We were all created for a specific purpose and function and position, but we are so influenced by this world’s system to go after, what SEEMS TO BE THE BEST – when in fact it may not be. What is BEST for every creature of God is to find that position for which God created them to occupy. Anything else is out of God’s will and ends up being unfulfilling and a miserable place to be. So – what am I trying more to say about The Kingdom Come? It is to become aware of the position and place and occupation God has created for you to occupy and it is in that position only that you will find the fulfillment of your hearts cry and the communion with God you so desire to have.

We are going to be introduced to the way the Kingdom will be upon this earth as it is on its way

already through the revelatory efforts of the Holy Spirit by Jesus Christ who we will come to know more as the Revelator of the mysteries and the structure of the Kingdom of Heaven. This will all progress and culminate in the physical return of Christ. Many will be martyred and the whole planet brought to near extinction of all mankind if it were not for the return of Christ, but we will return with Christ (those who have died and were martyred) already having had, to some degree, instruction on Kingdom structure.
To quote***: "These will be the best of times, and the worst of times".***

Many churches and countless people think there are no more revelations to come forth. They say all revelation that is to be known has already been written ***and*** revealed in the Bible, and yet they bypass and disregard in Daniel 12 where God tells Daniel to "shut up the words of the book until the time of the end". Therefore: there is revelation that is to come forth at the time of the end - things that would be held hidden until the time of the end.

Daniel 12:3 (Amplified version) And the teachers *and* those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness – to uprightness and right standing with God [shall give forth light] like the stars for ever and ever. [Matt. 13:43] 4. But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro *and* search anxiously [through the Book], and knowledge [of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets] shall be increased *and* become great

Matthew 13:43 – Then will the righteous – those who are upright and in right standing with God – shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let him who has ears be listening, *and* consider *and* perceive *and* understand by listening.

I believe those as stated here in Daniel – those who are wise shall shine as the firmament. I believe there will be a company that will come forth having the gospel of salvation but also the understanding of Kingdom Structure will in fact have a Holy Shine upon them. Maybe some will see it, maybe some won't. Maybe there will be a few visible to all. I think those with spiritual eyes, born again by the Holy Spirit will indeed perceive this upon them. I was at several Kathryn Kullman services many years ago and I have related many times how I would, at times, lose sight of her as – to my eyes – she was covered in a light so bright I would lose sight, off and on, of her physical body as it was on stage. All I could perceive was a 5 foot pillar of light. I was once covered in the Holiness of Christ at a Vic Coburn service in the rear balcony in an auditorium – there were about 20 witnesses to this who said they had lost sight of me into a pillar of light and that was all they could see for about 20 minutes. So, I can actually point to instances of this I have already seen and experienced for myself. There are coming apostles, prophets, teachers, manifest sons of God – or whatever you may wish to call them who will begin to usher in the Kingdom Principles as they are in Heaven and NOT as they have been perverted by Men and false doctrines. The truth will return and God will establish on this earth His Government. Everything of the enemy is coming closer and closer to its end in all its forms. All those who have loved the ways of man and the way of the government of man will suffer loss if they do not let go of this system and embrace the Holy ways and system of God and His ways.

This is simply a proclamation the Spirit has given me today to send out as a heralding of what is being brought forth. It is a structure that God intends it to be. It is taking our place and occupying the place God created for us to occupy and there will come revelation from within us and it will come from apostles who will confirm and affirm in the Body of Christ those positions for which we were created and shall be established.

There will be more – much more to come. For now this is the word given me today to announce what is coming.

"Thy Kingdom come thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven".

I look forward to any replies or responses to this article. I feel there will be further details and issues that will be included later as I believe my wife Mary has significant insight and revelation to add to this as I feel others do as well.

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The Rock Of Revelation Knowledge
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God is a Spirit** (a spiritual Being) and those who worship Him **must** worship Him in spirit and in **truth** (reality). **John 4:24

*Pilate said to Him, Then You are a King? Jesus answered, you say it! (You speak correctly), for I am a King. – Certainly I am a King! This is why I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the Truth. **Everyone who is of the Truth (who is a friend of the Truth, who belongs to the Truth), hears and listens to My voice. John 18:37***

*I am the Good Shepherd and I know and recognize My own, and **My own know and recognize Me.***

The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice**, and I know them and **they follow Me**. **John 10:14, 27

However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say, it is profitable – good, expedient, advantageous – for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter **[*parakletos*]** (*Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthener, Standby) will not come to you – into close fellowship with you. But if I go away, I will send Him to you – to be in close fellowship with you. **John 16:7***

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God is a Spirit – we know that because in the first verse above – John 4:24 – Jesus tells us so. In the next series of verses we learn that Jesus is a King – and that He bears witness to the "truth" and that those who know him – know and recognize ***HIS*** voice and they follow Him.
The final verse in this series was also given to us by Jesus and in it He speaks of the "Comforter" – the parakletos - the Holy Spirit.

Strong's list the following as a description of the Greek word – parakletos:

1) summoned, called to one's side, esp. called to one's aid
a) one who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate
b) one who pleads another's cause with one, an intercessor
1) of Christ in his exaltation at God's right hand, pleading with God the Father for the pardon of our sins
c) in the widest sense, a helper, succourer, aider, assistant
1) ***of the Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after his ascension to the Father), to lead them to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and give them divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom***
The underlined section from Strong's description tells us that the Comforter – the parakletos – is to lead us into a deeper knowledge – revelation knowledge. How many of us are aware that "revelatory knowledge" is one of the primary missions of the Holy Spirit to believers? Most of us know and understand that He is here to comfort and strengthen us, but the fact that He is to "reveal" things to us I believe is not only widely unknown, but rarely taught. **WHY?** As we enter the time of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30:7) - shouldn't this primary characteristic of the Holy Spirit's mission on earth be heralded? We read in the Book of Daniel:

And the teachers* and those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness – to uprightness and right standing with God [shall give forth light] like the stars for ever and ever.

But you, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book until the time of the end. [Then] many shall run to and fro and search anxiously [through the Book] and ***knowledge*** [***of God's purposes as revealed by His prophets***] shall be increased and become great. ***Daniel 12: 3-4***
And in connection with verse 4 above – from Amos we read:

And the people shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord – inquiring for and requiring it [as one requires food] ***but shall not find it***. ***Amos 8:12***

Please note that Daniel 12:3 specifically says that "teachers" and the wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament. A "teacher" is a person who has knowledge and gives – ***reveals it*** - to others. In Daniel 12:4 we read that "knowledge" of God's purposes as revealed by ***HIS PROPHETS*** – shall be increased and become great. And finally, in Amos we read that although many will run to and fro seeking the "word of the Lord," ***they shall not find it.***

False prophets were the bane of ancient Israel. False prophets and prophecies are the bane of the modern day church. Utterances spoken "In the Name of the Lord," that are soulishly or even demonically based abound and when such prophecies fail to materialize the "modern-day" pseudo-prophets claim a "contingency" was attached and hence the person to whom the word was spoken "failed someway/somehow" to do his/her part for the prophecy to occur. In other words, the pseudo-prophets try to cover their false words by a false doctrine~! But we need to realize that God has told us **WHO** He will use to "reveal knowledge" to us – and through whom He will do so. Through teachers (Daniel 12:3), through the genuine prophets that He has chosen (Daniel 12:4) and through the Holy Spirit. Paul writes:

Yet when we are among the full-grown – spiritually mature Christians who are ripe in understanding – we do impart a (higher) wisdom [that is, the knowledge of the divine plan previously hidden]; but it is indeed not a wisdom of this present age nor of this world or of the leaders and rulers of this age, who are being brought to nothing and are doomed to pass away.

But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and ***now revealed to us by God; [that wisdom] which God devised and decreed before the ages for our glorification [that is, to lift us into the glory of His presence***].

Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through the His Spirit, for the (Holy Spirit) searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, ***even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God – the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny.*** **(1 Corinthians 2: 6-7, 10)**

There is a "hint" in the first verse – verse 6 – that this new impartation of Holy Spirit "revelatory wisdom" would not benefit the governments or leaders of ***Paul's time,*** but we might surmise that as events begin to unfold towards the "time of the end," (Daniel 12:4) this could well change. We can know for a certainty though that God **WILL** reveal them to those who are fully mature and spiritually discerning enough to recognize them…

And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the (Holy Spirit), combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the (Holy) Spirit]. **1 Corinthians 2:13**

In other words – those who do not have the Holy Spirit – aren't going to "get it…" And even some believers as Amos 8:12 bluntly states won't "find the word of the Lord." That begs the question, "Why not?" I believe the primary reason is that some believers will not be spiritually discerning ***enough***. The enemy has so polluted the waters that finding the **REAL THING** can become a full time pursuit all in itself – again, something that Daniel and Amos both told us **WOULD** happen. People like recognition – they like to be "noticed," it is after all human nature. But we as believers are to be servants and a true servant is unobtrusive, circumspect, loyal and trustworthy. Their master's wishes and desires come ***BEFORE*** their own – his wants and needs take precedence over their own desires and needs. Continuing on in 1st Corinthians:

But to each one [believer] is given the manifestation of the (Holy Spirit) – that is, the evidence, the spiritual illumination of the Spirit – for good and profit. **1 Corinthians 12:7**

So then, everyone who is born again – has the "spiritual illumination" but Paul does not tell us that everyone is going to take advantage of it. In fact, later in this same chapter Paul beautifully illustrates the true Body of Christ by equating it to parts of the human body, (verses 14-27). For the first time yesterday I "caught" that Paul through this passage uses the term Body of Christ, and does not use the word church until verse 28.

So God has appointed ***some*** in the church (for His own use); first apostles (special messengers); second prophets (inspired preachers and expounders); third teachers, then wonder-workers, then those with ability to heal the sick, helpers, administrators, [speakers in] different [unknown] tongues.

Are all apostles (special messengers)? Are all prophets – inspired interpreters of the will and purposes of God? Are all teachers? Do all have the power of performing miracles?

Do all possess extraordinary powers of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? **1 Corinthians 12: 28-30**

The point is so obvious that you wonder how so many could miss it ***– God has "appointed" SOME, not everyone*** - not everyone in the **church will possess** what Paul calls in verse 31, "the higher [gifts] and the choicest [graces]." Every believer is part of the **BODY OF CHRIST,** with their own job to perform**,** but not everyone in the **church** is called to the higher gifts… This may seem to fine a point of distinction, but it would certainly explain (at least in part) the present day "prophet mania" that pervades and (sorry, but truth is truth) even perverts the modern day **church.**

Now when Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Phillipi, He asked His disciples, Who do people say that the Son of man is?

And they answered, Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

He said to them, But who do you [yourselves] say that I am?

Simon Peter replied, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Then Jesus answered him, Blessed – happy, fortunate and to be envied – are you, Simon Bar-Jonah. For flesh and blood [men] have not ***revealed*** this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven.

And I tell you, you are Peter [Petros, masculine, a large piece of rock], ***and on this rock*** [petra, feminine, a huge rock, like Gibraltar] I will build My church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of the infernal region) shall not overpower it – or be strong to its detriment, or hold out against it. **Matthew 16: 13-18**

And on this rock…. what rock? The rock of "revelation knowledge" – a large rock - that had been given to Simon Peter by God. And upon the rock of revelation knowledge shall a "feminine rock," [a huge rock] – the Bride of Christ - shall Christ build **HIS CHURCH**… and the enemy will not be able to overpower it, overcome it, or overtake it. It is this ***ROCK OF REVELATION KNOWLEDGE*** – that denotes the true church, not the person – Simon Peter. And it is true revelation knowledge, given through the Holy Spirit – through God's chosen prophets – through Spirit filled teachers – that are the bedrock of the church, for Jesus Himself told us that "upon **THIS ROCK**" would He build His Church. The modern day church barely acknowledges the "revelatory characteristic" of the Holy Spirit, nor rarely allows such true God-given revelatory knowledge to be shared even when it is obtained. We can therefore surmise that the true church of Christ – the church that Jesus describes here, ***HIS REVELATORY CHURCH*** – has not yet been seen. But it is coming!! Before harvest, there **WILL BE** revelation, before anarchy – there ***WILL BE*** revelation. Revelation(s) such as we have never imagined – revelation that includes and expounds on "***the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny."*** The first step in its coming is recognizing the job the Holy Spirit does in this revelation process. That it is His character to "reveal" those hidden things to us. When we – as believers – begin to understand and fully appreciate this wonderful attribute of the Holy Spirit I believe we will begin to see "revelation knowledge" increase on a scale unprecedented. Revelations that will move God's people ever closer to knowing, understanding and moving in the divine will and purposes of God. We can't move if we have no "revelation" as to where we're going to go! Likewise we can't learn if we have no "revelation" of **WHOM GOD** has chosen to instruct us.

In closing, I would like to say that this "entire study" has been a major revelation to me in itself. I told my husband yesterday that for me personally, a Holy Spirit revelation is like having that "light bulb" turn on when attempting to grasp a complicated math concept. Jesus "talks" to me, the Holy Spirit "reveals" to me – there is a difference and we need to acknowledge it and learn to tell the difference. My prayer for anyone who reads this – is that the Holy Spirit begin to "reveal" to **YOU** those divine counsels and hidden things as you ask Him to do so in your own life and discipleship.

In His Love,
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Playtime’s Over
Mary Koons

Remember when you were a child and your father would walk into your room and tell you to “put those toys away – ***playtime’s over***?” Our Heavenly Father is saying to those of you who remain “playing with your toys,” that playtime’s over and it’s time to put away childish things and begin to move away from those things that have proven to have been untruthful and unedifying! Brothers and Sisters in Christ we can no longer ***afford*** to remain “stagnant” and lost in playtime when our fellow believers – and the unsaved continue to languish, unfed and untaught. Can anyone doubt that we **ARE** in the “last days?” and yet many believers have “circled the wagons” around the prophetic campfires and refuse to acknowledge that the current prophetic atmosphere promotes “individuals” and that those same individuals who have proven to be consistently inaccurate, or downright wrong continue to be “lifted up” by the Body. This same prophetic atmosphere promotes fanatic, frantic and even manipulative, controlling behaviors that are **NOT** consistent with the soft sweetness of the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, many believers ***listen rather than read***, ***believe rather than question***, and ***follow, rather than wait upon the Lord***.

If we are truly members of **HIS** Body we are told to question and “test the spirits….” We are told to pay attention to the fruit(s) that are coming from people who are suppose to be speaking in His Name. We do not have to be the blind following blind guides. When will His Body begin to turn from “playtime” and begin to really do the work that He has given us **TO DO**? Feed the hungry, clothe the poor, preach the Gospel and teach the untaught? Grow up and learn ourselves that it’s time to put away our toys – so that Our Father does not have to tell us to?

The “glitz” and the “glamour” that we currently find being promoted on television, at conferences, etc., were available when Jesus walked this earth. He chose **NOT** to associate with it – do we think we’re better than Him? His word tells us that it would be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get to Heaven, so how come suddenly it’s o.k. to promote or seek wealth? I’ve got news for you Church, “tithing” was an Old Testament law, and does not figure into the New Testament at all, unless of course you – or someone who is wanting your money - wants it too. ***His Blood WAS/IS SUFFICIENT*** – and if you’re being told by your pastor, a television show you watch, or any one else that you must tithe to be blessed, you’re being bilked. Jesus promised us a mansion in the hereafter, ***not*** in the “here and now!”

When was the last time you, as a believer, actually heard some good, solid – foundation based, structure oriented teaching? When was the last time you, as a believer, actually chose not to associate, listen or promote someone whom you knew to be teaching or prophesying inaccurately? To “not pursue” the latest prophetic listings to see if your name was listed? Or checked that same list only to find another “same-sounding” word from someone who, from past experience, you know to have been consistently inaccurate and incorrect? Recently, my husband told me of a well-known prophet, who has been consistently inaccurate, but who remains quite popular nonetheless, sending out an e-mail asking for money because he was going to Hawaii and wanted to take his wife along! Unfortunately, he probably got what he asked for… why? Because believers refuse to “look at the fruits,” and truly examine what this “so-called” prophets’ track record really is.

We must learn to sit still and listen for **HIS** “still, small voice,” for as He continually tells me, “**HIS SHEEP KNOW HIS VOICE,** and another they will ***not*** follow!” If **HE** is not telling you to “move,” than for Heavens sake – stay put! If He is not telling you to “prophesy,” than for Heavens sake – keep your mouth shut! If it is not His Spirit that is speaking to you through another person – than for Heavens sake - don’t hesitate to tell them so! Manners are one thing – but we are dealing with demonic forces here that could care less about “politeness” and good manners, recognize it as such! Don’t hesitate to call someone to task for speaking in Our Lords name, when you ***KNOW*** that they’re not. You are truly doing that person a favor, and saving them from a far worse fate than embarrassment!

The world has become a very scary place where anarchy reigns, and where terrorism and terrorists attempt to promote their cause through fear and intimidation. Do not be misled, the Islamic and Christian religions are diametrically opposed to each other. Historically, those who have refused to convert to Islam, were murdered. This new “battlefield,” has and ***will continue*** to pit those of the

Islamic faith against those of the Christian faith and we would do well to be fully cognizant of it. We can not "sugar-coat" it up by saying that ***only*** the radical element of the Islamic faith is to blame for the current situation(s) we find in the Middle East. Poverty and ignorance are the breeding ground used by radical groups for recruitment. We can see and understand this, but ***still*** fail to identify it in the Body of Christ. Spiritual poverty and ignorance have caused believers to fall sway to leaders who know this and use it to their ***own*** advantage. Will God hold them responsible for it? Yes, He will – but He will also hold **YOU** responsible for not knowing His word or listening to His voice..

BE AWARE CHURCH – still "attuned" to **His Voice**, and another you will not follow…. and don't be afraid to question, any one, any place, at any time!

PLAYTIME'S OVER – it's time to grow up!

Love in Christ by His Grace
Mary Koons

Thy Kingdom Come

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There is no greater power in the universe than when the children of God come together in the unity of the Spirit to pray for the will of God to be done, and for His kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

It is no wonder that the powers of darkness have used ungodly men to remove prayer from our schools, the ten commandments from a courtroom in Alabama, and are working overtime to keep church leaders divided, because Satan knows that a house divided against itself cannot stand.

It is amazing but true to think that an all powerful God has given the keys of the kingdom of heaven to the Church. If the Church doesn't pray, then nothing will change. If the Church does not bind the powers of darkness over a region, then they remain in control. If the Church doesn't loose men from the power of the enemy, then nothing will ever be loosed. Jesus Christ has given His power and authority to His Church that whatsoever the Church binds on earth shall be bound in heaven. The Lord has given us His name and the authority of the Church is in the name of Jesus.

Jesus taught us how to pray: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." There is no greater power that will affect change in this world than men and women that will get a hold of the burden of the Lord, and through travail and intercession, release this burden to the Lord. We must pray the Word of the Lord back to Him.

"The kingdom of God is not meat nor drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost." It is time that the Church begins to take back whole regions for the kingdom of God. World wide revivals have been the result of a few men and women that would not let God go, until the fire of God fell on their city or area. God is wanting to come down from heaven and give this country a visitation that will turn into a habitation. This is the will of the Lord, and His will is that the Kingdom of God would come to the earth. That the glory of God would cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The problems of abortion, pornography, and drugs are not going to be solved by politics, but when the kingdom of God comes in then men will be changed, and righteousness and truth will reign.

The fight that we are in is not against flesh and blood, but it against principalities, and powers in heavenly places. Our Lord has given the Church mighty weapons that will pull down the strongholds of the enemy. These weapons are activated by the army of God, when there is concentrated corporate prayer. This is prayer that is being made for a specific purpose, for a specific region. When these principalities and powers are pulled down over a region in accordance with God's will through prayer warfare then the kingdom of God will be established in that region. The kingdom of God is simply the rule and reign of Jesus Christ. The day will come when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and He shall rule and reign with His saints.

This prayer warfare must be under the direction of the Holy Spirit, and we must not be presumptuous, but we must know that the authority that the Lord has given to the Church is based on His victory over the enemy through His death and resurrection. His victory has become our victory.

Corporate praise and worship that ushers in the presence of God is a vital part of this warfare that will confuse and defeat the enemy. A victorious church is a church that has abandoned herself to praise and worship.

On May 6, Christians will be gathering in cities all over this nation to pray that the Father's will would be done on earth even as it is in heaven.

May the spirit of prayer get it's grip on our lives, so that we will get beyond the "Lord bless me" mentality, and desire to be a channel for the Spirit of God to intercede and pray through, because the Holy Spirit will always pray the perfect will of God, and that will is that the kingdom of God would come, and the will of God would be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The Knife

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Hebrews 4:12

In a dream, someone handed me a large knife. It was sharp on both sides, pointed, and had lots of irregular-shaped prickly places on the blade. I kept hurting myself on it, and I finally gave it back to the person who gave it to me. Why did you show this to me, Lord?

I want My beloved to see something of interest. My word is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. My word is EXACT truth. It accomplishes My will in My beloved. That is why I want you to read it. Let it do its masterful work in your life, bringing forth My will dynamically.

I am calling to My beloved. I am telling you that My words of truth will accomplish all that I desire. Stay focused on Me. Stay in My word of truth and see many signs and wonders develop in your life that you never dreamed would occur.

My word is not prickly. It is sharp. It does not prick and hurt. It is a healing, cutting away of those things that cause anguish. I want you to know this truth, and savor its meaning. I do not needle My beloved. No! I cut away, making a clean, clear cut which is both healing and purifying.

So be of good cheer. I have given you a wonderful tool – a purifying tool – that you can read and enjoy. Take it into your heart. Be nourished by its truth, and know this truth: The application of My truth does wonders in a life. If you are hearing words that cause you anguish and hurt, do not heed them. My words of truth may correct, but they cause no damage to the one for whom they are intended. They purify and strengthen. Feed on this truth today, beloved. Know that the wondrous words of life that I gave to you were given for a reason. The reason is to restore and place you in the center of My will. They were not spoken in haste. They are well, thought-out words from the *loving* mouth of your God. So feed on My truth, knowing that it is doing a purifying work within. Know that My words will guarantee you something of great wonder – strength in your walk with Me that you have never known.

So, beloved, stay in My word! Look on it as necessary food for your day. Savor it. Savor every bite, and know with every bite that you take, I am nourishing you within, and providing you the comfort of knowing Me and My will for your life!!!

Ascorbic Acid Vitamin C

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This morning the Lord said the words "ascorbic acid" to me, and this is what I found when I checked in the dictionary.

Vitamin C – occurring in citrus fruits, tomatoes, rose hips, and leafy vegetables and produced synthetically; it is essential for the building of intercellular material and a deficiency produces scurvy.

Scurvy – a disease resulting from a deficiency of Vitamin C in the body, characterized by weakness, anemia, spongy gums, bleeding from the mucous membranes, etc.

I am doing something new - brand NEW – in the world, My children. I want you ready to apply yourselves to My principles and stand up straight and tall in any adversity that comes your way. Hear the word of the Lord God Almighty:

I am doing a masterful work in these final days. I am bringing forth a sort of union of hearts – My heart to your heart – in a dynamic way. Many will look on this union with a scowl, but My dear children will look on it with much pleasure. Let Me tell you about it:

Just as you need certain vitamins to fortify the inner workings of your body, I am going to fortify you with My presence in such a way that you will grow mighty in strength and power. Just as the body craves certain vitamins and minerals to sustain its work, you will crave this offering that I am bringing to you – an offering of the living God within your heart in a way that will be satisfying, offering to you a new and wonderful hope for all of your tomorrows.

I am shining forth My glory in the coming hour. I am strengthening you within with My glorious presence. I am enabling you to gain on the enemy, putting him in his place. I am enabling you to rise up stronger in Me than you ever dreamed possible – EVER dreamed possible. So stand fast in this truth, and know that when you are stabilized in the Lord God Almighty you are deficient in absolutely nothing, and that is where I am taking you, beloved – to a place where you will be fortified within, and you will be deficient in absolutely NOTHING!!!

The Kindness of Christ

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"The Kindness of Christ is a Mighty Virtue Which Shatters the Kingdom of Darkness and Brings Healing & Wholeness"

Have you ever been close to completing something and then given up? I'm sure we all have at some point. Isn't it wonderful how even in our weakness, God gives us grace to press in for His breakthrough! Abraham's servant didn't give up and was rewarded for his perseverance and humility. He trusted God and fulfilled the task assigned to him. It sometimes costs to go the extra mile, but the effort is well worth it.

GOING THE EXTRA MILE

"'Drink, my lord' she said, and quickly lowered the jar to her hands and gave him a drink. After she had given him a drink, she said, 'I'll draw water for your camels too, until they have finished drinking.' So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough, ran back to the well to draw more water, and drew enough for all his camels." Genesis 24:18-20

Unbidden, Rebekah went the extra mile, showing great generosity of heart. Not only did she draw water for the servant, she also drew water for all his camels. She saw a need and responded in grace, not withholding in greed or selfishness. She was quick to empty herself out for another. There was no apparent incentive or promised reward. Her motivation was pure. Our calling as New Testament believers is to live a life of love.

"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us." Ephesians 5:1-2

When we reach out in selfless love, a little bit of heaven is released on earth as Christ's Kingdom comes with a demonstration of His compassion and power. The kindness of Christ is a mighty virtue which shatters the kingdom of darkness.

"Without saying a word, the man watched her closely to learn whether or not the Lord had made his journey successful. When the camels had finished drinking, the man took out a gold nose ring weighing a beka and two gold bracelets weighing ten shekels." Genesis 24:21-22

Rebekah was richly rewarded for her selfless act of humility. She wasn't looking for a reward, but it was given her nonetheless. The Lord is looking for our response today to those in need. He wants us to be His hands and feet, His eyes, ears, and voice to a hurting world. Heaven is watching and waiting with baited breath for our response. Our Father loves to pour out good gifts in abundance on His children. Abundance is a state of plenty. With God there is always enough. Abundance, either physically or spiritually, is often a sign of blessing in relation to a person's obedience and absolute surrender to the will of God.

Perhaps you have been struggling with a mindset of poverty, thinking God's richest blessings belong to others, but somehow you don't deserve them? Today, beloved, I break that lie in Jesus name and ask our heavenly Father to pour out a fresh impartation of blessing and favor upon you.

ALWAYS ROOM IN FATHER'S HOUSE

"Then he asked, 'Whose daughter are you? Please tell me, is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?'

"'We have plenty of straw and fodder, as well as room for you to spend the night.'" Genesis 24:23, 25

Isn't it wonderful that there is always room in our Father's house for us? His heart is always wide open, and His ear ever attentive to His precious children. Abraham's servant, having made his requests known, received a tremendous blessing as resources were shared and his needs met. Part of the blessing he received was the gift of hospitality. How wonderful to give and receive hospitality. I have often been overwhelmed by the kindness of believers as they have offered their homes as a haven of rest and peace. God has given us the gift of fellowship, kindness, and the opportunity to love and give of ourselves. May we, like Rebekah and her family, be challenged to love without expectation of recognition or reward.

PRAISE GOD FOR HIS LOVING KINDNESS

"Then the man bowed down and worshipped the Lord, saying, 'Praise be to the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who has not abandoned his kindness and faithfulness to my master. As for me, the Lord has led me on the journey to the house of my master's relatives.'" Genesis 24:26-27

We cannot help but worship our wonderful Savior as He pours out His kindness upon us. Let's remember to praise the Lord for all His goodness in our lives on a daily basis.

LIVES INTERTWINED

As I follow the story of Rebekah, her brother Laban, and, ultimately, her husband-to-be (Isaac), I am struck by the profound interaction of ordinary people on an extraordinary journey with God, and the manner in which their lives were intertwined and destinies shaped and woven as each person's act of obedience and love along the way helped to release another into the next phase of their God-given calling. God is a brilliant Master Weaver of Kingdom tapestry!

We are all on a journey with Jesus, our paths crossing, helping and serving each other, our destinies intertwined in God, people meeting, blessing, and releasing each other in the things of God. As God directs our steps, we are often unaware of how much our destinies are affected by those we meet. Each of us is necessary, useful, and worthwhile in God's sight. Lay down any sense of worthlessness or rejection at the cross in this moment and accept how lovely you are in Christ. How useful you are to the King of Glory because of your surrendered heart of worship!

BETHSAIDA - HOUSE OF KINDNESS

As I meditate on this Scripture, I am drawn to want to love the way Jesus loves. Our calling is to live a life of love. The pool of Bethsaida was where the crippled man was healed. Bethsaida means "House of Kindness." God's heart was kind towards the crippled man, and, likewise, His heart is still kind toward us today. He takes the things that have wounded and crippled us, and the places that have wasted away in our lives, and completely restores them. Whether it is physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual, Jesus pours himself into us and totally heals us. His compassion releases His glory for healing and wholeness.

Before we can show kindness, we first must receive it. I pray that even as you read this short devotional, that you would experience a fresh outpouring of the kindness of Christ on your own life, and, that through this, you will be healed and refreshed and blessed to become a greater blessing to those around you.

Beauty may be described as a physical or spiritual quality, which brings blessing to those who behold it. As Father looks at you, He sees Jesus, and great beauty is reflected and radiated in you. Child of God, you are beautiful because you are created in His image.

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The Kingdom Of God Is Preached

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"The kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Luke 16:16

Today, I felt strongly impressed of the Lord that I need to exhort on my "flagship" verse, "The Kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Luke 16:16.

Beloved, I will confess to you that I am one that feels a strong need to "press in". I am not just automatically "there", and I cannot just lazily take a stroll into His presence in some laid-back "kumbyah" style of a meeting while I sleepily, (yawn, stretching my arms) go off into some other little spiritual happy place where I have some "awareness" of good and tingly feelings.

That stuff all feels good to the soul. The soul, my mind and my will and my emotions, can find a sense of satisfaction in that lower religious realm of being satisfied with a form of an appearance of a relationship with Him, but until I have pressed through into God by the Spirit, I am not TRULY accessing His throne room, OR the realm of the kingdom of God!

I have heard of people speaking of "portals" whereby they have an entranceway into the heavenlies. Here's Merriam-Webster's Dictionary of the word "portal".

Main Entry: [1]porÂ·tal

Pronunciation: 'pOr-t&l, 'por-

Function: noun

Etymology: Middle English, from Middle French, from Medieval Latin portale city gate, porch, from neuter of portalis of a gate, from Latin porta gate more at PORT

Date: 14th century

1 : DOOR, ENTRANCE; especially : a grand or imposing one

2 : the whole architectural composition surrounding and including the doorways and porches of a church

3 : the approach or entrance to a bridge or tunnel

4 : a communicating part or area of an organism; specifically : the point at which something (as a pathogen) enters the body

I have not followed the "portals movement" closely enough to know exactly what these ones (whom I truly believe are holy men and women of God who have sought the Lord in a very diligent way that they might come into a greater manifestation of His presence and His power) are personally experiencing when they have these unusual times in the Spirit, but I do know that I have personally had some "out of the ordinary" times whereby I have had access to a very holy realm in God.

I have had one "open vision" in my life last year in the month of August. It was the true comfort of the Holy Ghost, and I shared it with a few, but it never went out to my whole mailing list as it simply was not the proper timing, and because of the components of it, it would take several articles to share what I saw.

In a nutshell, the Spirit implanted within my being that we are so fully created in the image of God, that not only does the "New Creation Man" created in the image of Christ Jesus look like Him, but HE looks like US!! In this vision, I saw Jesus as the Man of Sorrows, the Good Shepherd of a VAST MULTITUDE of Sheep, The Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the "joyful warrior", and as an ox, and as an eagle, even as Ezekiel beheld Him.

I saw much activity in the heavenlies, and a God, through the person of Jesus Christ, supremely and full possessor of a peace beyond human comprehension FULLY in control, and when I saw Jesus, my spirit was remarkably and totally satisfied that I was seeing God. I did not need to look for Another. I saw spirits in the form of animals rushed back and forth in the heavens with the extreme opposite nature of God. There was more, but I can't share it here and now.

For days following that vision, I felt so different.......like I had suddenly entered into another world, and I was very deeply affected by it. When I would travel the metro/subway into DC, I would look at all the people, and I was aware of God IN the people, and FOR the people, and I was more than ever, aware of God in me.

Some, I would tell this vision to, and I instinctively knew they thought I was making it all up. I drew it in a notebook, believing that someday I will have an artist paint what I saw. Others, who are desirous of the heavenly realm, and long to see things were eager for me to more fully share. It truly was a profound spiritual event in my life, and changed my understanding about the realm of the Spirit, and what takes place in that realm.

Note: I will tell you very frankly some of the frenetic and angry acts of militant warfare engaged in by some are so way off the mark I can feel nothing but utmost sympathy for the lack of true understanding because when you truly get into a place where you really see it for what it is, you come away knowing within every fiber of your being that THERE IS A NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME, and success in warfare is recognized and won by entering into the anointing of ascension whereby you are not wielding your sword upward beating the air, hoping you might chop off the head of some demon, but you, by the Spirit, are actually FAR ABOVE those things, and seated WITH HIM in heavenly places FAR ABOVE all principality and power and might and dominion.

Beloved, to behold TRUTH as it really is brings such an assurance of true spiritual authority and confidence into your being you can take up the weapon of your choice, whether it be the blast of a long and loud trumpet, or the faintest whisper of a ninety-year old Godly, dying woman on her deathbed, and slay dragons in the Spirit! God is not nervous or confused or offended by our "style" issues when we pray, and I would not dare tell you NOT to shout, or get very militant in your spirit if such an anointing comes upon you. While you are doing it, simply recognize your position. If you are seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus, the battle is DOWNWARD, and not UPWARD.)

The particular night that I had that vision, I had "pressed in" to God. I was in a place of much spiritual as well as emotional turmoil, and I had to meet the Lord in a special way, and I seemed to know that, but more important GOD seemed to know it. He knew I needed a touch from Him beyond the ordinary, and the deep cry caused Him to take note, and I had a special and unusual and unexpected visitation that night.

And I actually "saw" something. I saw it with my own naked, flesh and blood eyes. Not an impression in my spirit. Not a picture in my "mind's eye". Not the creation of a vivid spiritual imagination. I saw what I saw with the natural eye. I experienced something that I know many long to have happen to them. God in great mercy, allowed me to have that experience.

And yet, as profound as that vision was, I will tell you that when it comes to "pressing in", I have found there is something even greater than that.

There is a place, a situation, a spiritual event, where your spirit makes an "out of the ordinary" contact with the spirit of God, and there is a Spirit (the Holy Ghost) to spirit (your human spirit, regenerated by the power of God because of the blood of the Lamb) connection that there is actually a sense of a spiritual flushing of all that would impede the pure flow of Spirit to spirit, or "deep calling unto deep."

I have envisioned this spiritual work (a presentation to my spirit, NOT like the other vision I had) even like a cylindrical shaped object plunging down into the depths of a my being as if someone were taking a huge drill, and plumbing the depths of the ocean of my inward man. In those situations, I have been so immersed into the realm of the Spirit, but there have been no accompanying visions, or trances, or "transports", (except if such a thing happened without my natural knowledge). Instead, what there has been is an intense spiritual pain comparable to being operated on in your flesh with no anesthesia, only instead it's happening in your spirit, and I could not begin to describe this, and you'd only understand if you have had a similar experience.

The pain is like a baptism of fire, and maybe it IS the 'baptism of fire', as the experience is so deeply purifying and the presence of God so intense, that even absent visions and other desirable spiritual and heavenly manifestations, as painful as it has been, you come away from the experience KNOWING you have "pressed in", and longing for the experience once again.

Why? Because this "spiritual flush" brings with it a marked awareness and sense that you are being prepared for transparency. It's part of the process of being changed from "glory to glory" into His image, EVEN AS BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD.

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. 2 Corinthians 3:18.

Perhaps that cylindrical object plunging deep into my spirit causing me such intense inward spiritual pain was to be typical of that "glass" ?

It actually means to "mirror oneself." It means when I look in that mirror what I see looking back at me is not the "me" I know, but actually the glory of the Lord. The view of that glory may be distorted at first, but the more we are in the true presence of the Spirit of God, the more we are changed.

We have such an exorbitant appetite in these times to "see things" and to "hear things" that the church is even now overrun with a spirit of competition to top each other in the department of manifestations, demonstrations and visions. And to some, they seem to come as easily as falling off a log. And yet the Apostle Paul declared that it was through MUCH TRIBULATION we enter the kingdom of God.

Do you understand that even as the pearl in the oyster shell is formed by an irritating grain of sand, that the "gates of the city" are gates of pearl, those gates of tribulation by which we enter into the heavens? Think about it!! Since you've come to know the Lord, when did trouble and trial ever NOT press you into God in a greater way??

Beloved, "pressing in" is going to represent an element of tribulation and pain. Perhaps the intense pain I've felt in the Spirit the few times (it's happened more than once) that I have had the experience I shared was actually prophetic of the process we go through to enter the kingdom of God. The word "presseth" speaks of force and violence. Is violence ever without pain? That word "presseth" also means to "crowd oneself" or be seized.

When I experienced those times of a spiritual plunging, it was as if something of my own nature was being "roto-rootered" OUT to make way for MORE of the Spirit of God to fill the place that had been emptied by the way of intensely violent routing. And I was so aware of the presence and power of God. Every fiber of my being felt the pain of the process, but every cell of my being felt the power of His glory. This was greater than the vision I had with my natural eye.

Beloved, have you yet experienced the power of God that comes through a willingness to be poured out and emptied so that you feel like you have nothing, and like you are nothing?

Again, a religious confession will yield a pleasurable feeling in the soul realm (when the soul realm is yielded to the Spirit of God, it's a GOOD thing, and actually, it's in the realm of the soul that we qualify to be part of the Bride of Christ---another article), but once that confession is made, and God takes it seriously that we are truly willing, He will allow a deeper inward work of emptying us so that we become painfully aware of our inadequacies and lack before Him. Jesus summed the glorious results of the painful process of emptying in these words,

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3.

My friends, the kingdom of heaven, may truly be a geographical location "somewhere beyond the blue" that we will someday get to claim as our eternal home after we die. But, more than that, it is another realm, another dimension where LIFE and GLORY is even as molecules are to matter in the natural realm. When you press into the kingdom of God, when you're willing to experience the pain, the emptying, the transforming power of the Spirit of God that causes you to be changed from glory unto glory into His same image, you don't have to wait to die and go to heaven to experience heaven.

That spiritual realm, that realm of LIFE and GLORY can be your own personal reality in your atmosphere!! You may not get to see it with your natural eyes like that one day I had a glimpse into the heavens, and you may not wake up in the morning hearing the heavenly choirs of the redeemed.

But, I will tell you this by the promise of the Lord, Oh man or woman of God!! When you allow the deep works of God in your life, submitting to those painful processes of pressing in, your portion WILL BE the Manifest Presence of God. Do you really understand what the "glory of God" actually is?

It's the atmosphere that surrounds the Lord Jesus Christ, and goes before Him announcing His Presence. It's His "aura". When you truly know Him, you recognize His presence and would never be fooled by another spirit.

When someone comes into your home, before you see their face, you feel their presence in your home. The presence of a burglar in your home would provoke great uneasiness within you. Beloved, if Jesus coming to you feels like a "thief in the night", then you do not really know Him. But if you're one allowing transforming change in your life, even as by the Spirit of the Lord, then His coming to you is GLORIOUS, and you WILL see God, IN YOUR FLESH!! When you look in the mirror, you'll see GOD looking back at you!!

The kingdom of God is preached, and not every man will have dreams and visions and manifestations to glory in. But every man, woman, boy or girl who has a heart for God's kingdom to be actively manifesting in their lives can be PRESSING IN. Beloved, I'd like to have more dreams and visions, and heavenly manifestations just as much as the next person. But more than that I want the glory of His presence, and I want His glory to be seen IN ME!!

I feel the ongoing work of the Spirit of God even resident in this word, and it's hard to stop, but I will!!

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The Kingdom Of God
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Jesus made an incredible statement to the Pharisees in Luke 17:21 – "The kingdom of God is within you!" The Pharisees have received a lot of instruction from Jesus. There are times where He completely stood against all they taught and believed. There were times that He commended them on their diligence in keeping the law then in the next breath slap them down for being so legalistic.

Like so many of us, they had come to think that the kingdom was manifested in their actions. All the good deeds and kindnesses one could show was the kingdom under this mentality. This is also related to the false concept that our works produces salvation. In true kingdom living there is no amount of work we could do that would cause the Father to love us more than what He does at this moment. In fact, He loved us as an unbeliever as much as he does now that we believe. The difference is our reaction and pleasure in the knowledge and blessings of that love.

There are also those who point to the future. Many wait for the day Jesus returns and takes us with Him. But we were never told to just hang-on 'until He comes'. Jesus shared a parable in Like 17 of how the servants were instructed to 'occupy until I come.' These are the instructions for us in waiting for His return. To occupy is to busy oneself with the work of the Kingdom. The instructions make no provision for procrastination. It's no or never.

"Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." II Corinthians 6:2

Today is the day of Kingdom living. Everything the Father has blessed us with and promises are for now and tomorrow. We are in the Kingdom today. We are not waiting for tomorrow. 'The Kingdom is within us!' If Jesus would proclaim that to the Pharisees, it is a bigger truth for us as Believers.

If we would take to think of all that is within us as Believers we would find not only unequaled power but the most incredible catalyst of love and peace. We would also better understand John's proclamation of the inner strength we have:
"Ye are of God, my little children, and have overcome them:
because greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world."
1John 4:4

As Believers we have the Kingdom of God within us as we have read above. We also have the Holy Spirit indwelling us, I Corinthians 6:9. This article is not going to deal with those things that are a part of man, i.e. soul, heart, nature; we are talking of those things of greatest priority and power. All things are under the oversight of the Spirit. The Spirit and the Kingdom expresses the sovereignty that the Father has over us.

The very word 'Kingdom' expresses that this is the place where the King reigns. Within us is the realm under the kingship of our Lord. All that is within is either expressed outwardly or is changed into a fitting image to be expressed. Allowing the King of our life to reign gives us the strength and authority to overcome any and all attacks and trappings that come our way. In a Kingdom the King is responsible for all things for our life and righteousness; this is especially true in the Kingdom of God.
"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen." 1Timothy 1:17

"And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, great and marvelous are thy works, O Lord God, the Almighty; righteous and true are thy ways, thou King of the ages." Revelation 15:3

"These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they also shall overcome that are with him, called and chosen and faithful." Revelation 17:14

Whether we have admitted it or not; Jesus is Lord and King. Our admittance only affects the dealing of the Father with us. He is lord and King, our admittance allows the workings of the Kingdom to begin in us. These workings will eventually show in our life.
"But the things which proceed out of the mouth come forth out of the heart; and they defile the man." Matthew 15:18

The Kingdom within is not just of our spiritual life. It is within so that it will affect all that is us. The Kingdom is the priority for our family life, political life, occupational and every other aspect of our life. The Holy Spirit dwells here to do more than 'save' us. God is there to make His kingdom grow and be manifested in and through our life. That is why we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come...'

We are being changed inside out so that the Kingdom will shine. We are being changed in order to reflect him. The father has declared as our Sovereign Lord that we are to be changed and transformed into His image. The power is within us to make such work not only possible but guaranteed to be done. The Kingdom's worst enemy is our own unsurrendered soul, fighting the loosing battle against its King.

"6 Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves; 8 we are pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not unto despair; 9 pursued, yet not forsaken; smitten down, yet not destroyed; 10 always bearing about in the body the dying of Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh." 2 Corinthians 4:6 – 11

Each Believer needs to be encouraged to allow the King to have His way. Let us surrender our souls so that His Glory will show. As we rest in His Glory and stare into His face incredible changes happen in us. These changes make it possible for the Kingdom to manifest more in our life. It goes with the prayer of John the Baptist, "He must increase, but I must decrease!" The more He is in my life the more I hide in Him.

The Kingdom is within us and is ready to bust loose through us. In the Kingdom of God are all power, blessing, goodness, righteousness, and provision of all types. See what work He has begun in you, and see the work he will finish through you. It is not the work of our hands but the blessing of His presence.

Part 2

Matthew 6:9 after this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever; Amen.

In this prayer Jesus taught us to pray, 'Thy Kingdom Come'. It is obviously an important part of our Kingdom living. This prayer gets quoted quite often in many different settings but it does not diminish the importance of what Jesus was teaching. We are to ask for certain things to take place – 'Thy Kingdom Come!'

Praying 'Thy Kingdom Come,' may sound strange to the fact as we said before that 'the Kingdom of God is within you.' Is it possible for something to come to you whom you already have? It is like the prayer in many of the Revival/Renewal/River churches, 'Holy Spirit, come!' The reality is that the Holy Spirit is already there because He is in each Believer. It must be understood what is really being asked.

When we ask for the Holy Spirit or the Kingdom to come we are asking for revelation, manifestation and/or a new reality. It does not seem logical that Jesus would teach us to pray for something that would not become a reality to us. Our understanding of things needs to increase. He has told us:

Mat 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
8 for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

If we ask for the Kingdom then the kingdom will come. It is not for another time or place. It isn't something we work for. We ask and we receive. We know this because we are asking according to how he taught us and according to the will of the Father.

1Jo 5:14 And this is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:
15 and if we know that he heareth us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him.

We must prepare ourselves for the newness of the Kingdom. As much as we want to be ready for such things it can be a surprise. The kingdom, just like revival, may not match what our expectations of it may be. We have to set aside our expectations. We will have to set aside any preconceived notions of how it will happen, what it will look like, and the who that will make it happen.

Though at times we have had glimpses of the Kingdom and what a kingdom life could be; we have yet to see the unconquerable reign over a community in an everyday life situation. Our understanding and knowledge are incomplete to give a good enough picture of what it will all look like.

This we can be sure of, we will be changed. Our community will be changed. We will understand John the Baptist having prayed, 'He must increase, but I must decrease!' When the Kingdom manifests itself through us there will be no question of revival/renewal/reformation/river, it will be the presence of God beaming through us to a lost world through its power.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven... For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever; Amen. (Matthew 6:10)

How do we know when the Kingdom has come? That is a question that has been asked of me a few times. It is not really a question of when it comes but when will we live it?

As we have mentioned before, Jesus declared that the 'Kingdom was within us.' Luke 17:22. So if the Kingdom is within us then it doesn't have to come; it has to be lived. And so the rub begins. Many want to disagree upon how to live the life of a Believer. People have tried to make everything 'cookie-cutter' clean. The Kingdom is not that way.

Just read the book of Acts. Not everyone was doing the same thing the same way. There were those that believed some things differently than others. I know that goes against the grain of what we have been taught – 'there has to be doctrinal purity.' Why? The more we have indoctrinated ourselves the less we have looked like Jesus.

Jesus told Peter after His resurrection while walking down the beach of the Lake not to worry about John's future. John's path was between Him and John. John would do whatever was necessary and given to him. Jesus was dealing with individuals. Even in the book of Revelation, the epistles to 7 churches were to an individual first, 'the angel of'.

Things do not get accomplished unless we do what we are gifted and called to do. Always trying to be like someone else or doing someone else's job doesn't build the Kingdom. We are to be that part of 'the body of Christ' we have been created to be. Our 'function' is to wait upon the 'head' for what we are to do or to follow what he is doing. My stomach doesn't need to know when my legs have been told to move; my stomach just comes along and does what it does.

In another posting we will expand on the principle of obedience. Let it suffice to say that the Kingdom is about obedience to the Father's will. That is what we pray – "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done." So in order to see the Kingdom manifested we must be obedient to it. It may not look what others are doing but they are not you with your calling and gifting. They may not see or believe as you do but that is ok. It is not about us it is about Jesus. He went about doing good, no matter what the belief was. Sometimes He went to the synagogue sometimes he didn't; it was all dependent upon what He was to do.

There are a lot of 'Christians' doing this and doing that; they have yet to see the Kingdom of God within them. Doing as the Father shows us or tells us causes the Kingdom to explode on a scene. The colors and plans change with that explosion. People's lives become permanently changed and made whole.

You will see the Kingdom when you live it.

Part 3

"With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible" - Matthew 19:26

We all readily accept this as fact. Not just because it is scripture but that it is a major point to what separates man and God. Man is limited in all his capabilities and those talents that he has comes from God. So because of this we have a tendency to limit our experiences to just our experience. If we are limited we must be limited in all things. But that may not be as true as some would believe.

God's possibilities go beyond our imagination. The possibilities that God has is as His love for us, borderless. Paul in Romans 8:35 – 39 not only shows the power of the love of Christ but the limitless reach that this love has. He continues this theme in his prayer in Ephesians 3 that we may all 'know' the love of Christ in its depth, height, length, and width. We are being called to experience God's possibilities by going beyond our own impossibilities.

A Kingdom experience or lifestyle somehow can escape explanation or description at times. Some words that have been used in the past concerning those who have gone 'beyond' their own limits or at least attempted to are 'fanatic', 'crazy', 'immature' or 'inexperienced'. Words like 'devoted', 'spiritual giant', 'deeply committed', or 'person of faith' have been used but usually after their death and more revelation has come about.

There is a tendency to point to the fact that we have no example of anyone living to the full power of possibilities that is offered. We can always site many failures and close calls; but no one ever seems to come to mind, except Jesus, that lived to God's limitless possibilities. Is this really a strong enough argument to stop us from trying?

Or, how about the many cases of abuses or false teaching in the name of a 'deeper life' that we all could properly name; is there no value or lesson to learn from these? As Christians we will 'throw out the baby with the bathwater' quicker than learn a lesson from others mistakes. It is though we never grow out of our teenage rebellion; not learning from others but having to experience it ourselves no matter the consequence in a negative way. Yet when it comes to living for Christ we hesitate because the cost seems to matter now.

We forget the initial cost has been paid by another; we get to enjoy the benefits of his payment. He gave His life in death so we can live; we give our life in life to live even more for Him. The kingdom life is full of potential and all sorts of possibilities.

In Matthew 17; Jesus explains that if we have faith as the size and power potential as a seed of mustard we can move mountains. He doesn't stop there he also declares that all things become possible to us. All things within the Kingdom are within our grasp. All health, provision and grace of suffering are ours in order to be more like Him and glorify Him more.

Maybe our everyday life doesn't seem to be so limitless in Him. Our experience has become stagnated by the conflict. There is a conflict between our flesh and Spirit. Yet, Paul continues to admonish us to 'walk in the Spirit' over 'walking in the flesh'. Though the conflict will make the flesh life easier in ways; a 'walk in the Spirit' will build the endurance and faith needed to reach and live in the kingdom realm no matter what the soul may be doing.

Our thinking needs to make a change. Instead of thinking in terms of impossibilities we must think of the possibilities that God is opening to us. We need to renew our mind in the standard and ways of the Kingdom; the walking in the Spirit-type life. 'We have not because we ask not'; many interpret this to be talking about material goods; but that is only a part of it. We 'have not' of the full possibilities of God. We are not living up to the potential of our Kingdom lives.

In his book 'The Cost of Discipleship', Dietrich Bonhoeffer says the following in chapter 10: "Instead of trusting to the unseen, we prefer the tangible fruits of desire, and so we fail from the path of discipleship and lose touch with Jesus." I understand that is a bold statement for him to make, but do we realize the truth of it. In the Kingdom there is nothing or no one to put our trust in but in our unseen Lord. By faith we accept him there, but do we trust and believe totally in Him.

This great leap will take a step of absolute and immediate obedience. We must do as Jesus said He did; whatever the Father commended or showed Him to do, John 8. There is no time for testing or setting fleeces, just immediate and absolute obedience. At this point we will realize the infinite possibilities of the Father. Bonhoeffer, in an earlier, chapter states to us; "There is no faith without obedience, and there is no obedience without faith."

Are you ready to experience the true fullness of God and His love?

Many times the topic of obedience has been brought up in our discussion of the Kingdom of God. Many may take it for granted that obedience to the Father, our Lord and King, our Savior and God is an understood thing. But it is surprising the number of Christians who admit they have not obeyed at certain times in their life. I can hear it now, "Well, we can't be perfect!" Being perfect has nothing to do with being obedient.

When I was a child in Sunday School; I was taught that sin was disobedience to God. Yet, as I grow up I hear adults comment on their disobedience as weakness, stupidity, or human nature. How did sin turn to 'weakness, stupidity, or human nature' in the process of maturing? When did it become Okay to be weak, stupid, or undisciplined in our nature?

A bit harsh you think? Yeah, but it doesn't change the problem or the call. We are called to absolute and immediate obedience. The Kingdom of God is exampled and advanced by our obedience. There is no me, I or us in this; it is all about Him. We must remember Paul's encouragement from Romans 12 to be a 'living sacrifice.' We again find ourselves praying with John the Baptist that "He must increase, but we must decrease!"

Several times in the Gospels it is recorded how Jesus said, 'Unless a seed dies, there is no fruit.'

(That is my paraphrase.) The seed no longer has any say about what its fruit is. Death causes it to be fruitful as it was made to be. As you and I die to self and live to Him, we can no longer help but bring forth the fruit that He has called us to bear. A ready sacrifice can not help but to become ash, but out of the ashes of that sacrifice comes eternal life for many. Obedience is the costly sacrifice we all must make as Believers.

Yes, obedience costs us. Yes, Jesus paid the price for our healing and salvation; the restoration of the relationship we were to have with the Father. His payment brought the Kingdom bursting into our lives. Our continued participation and relationship in the Kingdom is paid for by our standard of a 'living sacrifice' so that it is not us they see but the Father they experience.

Obedience is an act of Faith. Everything becomes possible when we choose to obey absolutely and immediately. The explosion of the Kingdom into the now of our lives happens at the very moment of faith in our action of obedience. It is a choice. To choose to disobey could erase and/or cancel previous acts of obedience or related acts of faith. Each act of faith and obedience is a building block of our being made into the image of Christ.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said in 'The Cost of Discipleship, p 69 ...."For faith is only real when there is obedience, never without it, and faith only becomes faith in the act of obedience."

Obedience is not a question of doing or not doing...it is a question of trusting Him or not. We must realize that our Faith and relationship in the Father is a trust issue. To choose to disobey is to say, "I do not trust the Father and in any ability or knowledge He may have of the end results." An act of disobedience is a choice to remove ourselves from the sacrifice ashes and to stand on our own. An act of disobedience puts into question all previous acts whether of faith or not. It shows everyone especially the Father that our choice is to trust ourselves over Him. What do you think this does to our 'salvation?' This is why many come to question their own part in the Kingdom because of one act of disobedience.

We begin to operate in disobedience in search of self and not of Him. We work to preserve ourselves rather than trust the ongoing work of the Father on our behalf, Philippians 1:6. We no longer seek His benefit but only our own. Somehow we come blinded by our own 'glory' rather than healed and changed by His Glory, Isaiah 35.

To be obedient is to be clothed in His love. In John 14, Jesus said, 'If you Love me you will obey me.' (Again, my paraphrase.) This is not to say that we are to be involved in activity religious or churchy. It is not about activity, it is about obedience. It is about hearing and/or seeing the Father; then acting or reacting according to that word or vision. Not our interpretation or confirmation but pure obedience.

The story of Mary and Martha, one busying herself in the Kitchen the other at Jesus feet; is not about activity or non-activity. Jesus did not say that Martha was wrong in her activity. They each had a job to do at that moment. We need to be ready as a Mary or Martha.

The purest worship we can offer the Father is our obedience. His greatest pleasure is our simple acts of faith by our obedience. There is no room for compromise or doubt. 'No greater love has any man than He should down his life for a friend.' As a friend and joint-heir laying down our life in the act of a 'living sacrifice' should be easy not allowing any break in our relationship with the Father.

Part 4

There can seem to be so much to learn or do. Obedience, absolute and immediate, can be frightening for some. As a Believer, we must keep in mind that this is about Him and not about us. Yes, there is much to learn and do. We must be in a position to be who are to be before we can do the work properly. People of faith operate at a different 'level' or 'mindset' than others. We must trust and obey.

Obedience requires us to trust Him. If you have a problem with obedience you will definitely have a problem with the trust issue. Obedience at least gives you someone to point back at, "He told me too." Obedience actually gives you a reason for when those people look at you wondering what were you thinking.

Trust is too much like assumption in some people's mind. To trust someone that everything is taken care of is to assume that the person you are trusting in has done what is necessary.

There is no assumption with God. His promises are 'yes and amen'. His Word has never failed. As people of faith we know that what He has spoken will generate the life He has breathed through us. Yet, many times there is no record of the Promise. But we step out in faith anyway. That is what it is all about, stepping to the Father's heart beat.

As humans we put a lot of emphasis upon outcome. We are very much results oriented. So we want to know the full plan and being people of faith does not always give us that privilege. This is why it is so difficult for many and why this sets believers as people of faith at a different mindset. The end results or outcome is His problem; because the results reflect on Him not us.

Success is not measured by numbers or headlines. It is not measured by financial standing. Success is measured by the absolute and immediate obedience of the Believer. That one act of obedience; the one step of faith makes the difference in the plan of God. We have to quit assuming that if we fail God has a back-up plan; that there will be someone else to pick-up the pieces. God's success is wrapped up in your obedience. If you do not do it; the moment has passed that can never be returned. Time does not turn back or pause.

In being obedient your trust in Him to accomplish His plan leaves you vulnerable. You are vulnerable to the ideas and opinions of those around you. You are vulnerable to your own thinking and opinions. This becomes a test of whether or not 'He has increased and I have decreased.' The condition of our soul becomes exposed as we obey or disobey. The winner of the battle of our soul is revealed by our obedience.
There is an old hymn that was sung a lot in the church called 'Trust and Obey':

"TRUST AND OBEY FOR THERE IS NO OTHER WAY TO BE HAPPY IN JESUS BUT TO TRUST AND OBEY."

It may be old but it still has a message. Think on it – where are you in your ability to obey?

I am sure you have had conversations with someone a bit older than you and have heard them say, "That was the good ole' days!" Or something similar to that has been heard. Studying history can make those days sound adventurous and exciting; but I am not sure I would want to live then. Especially, if it would mean that I need to give up our modern conveniences that make life easier.

Instead of looking back, let's look at today or even tomorrow. This very moment is pregnant with possibilities. All hope and potential is seen in this moment. It doesn't mean we have everything we want or that everything is perfect. Yet, in the view of the Spirit we have everything we need for life and righteousness. This moment and the following fruit driven minutes can explode with adventure and excitement or we can miss it through a moment of self-actualization or stupidity.

As we have said before this has nothing to do with us but everything to do with Him. We are a part of the establishing of His Kingdom. We can try and make it about our needs, desires, gifts, or whatever; but all of it takes a second row seat to Him. It truly is about His needs, desires, gifts, and whatever.

This is why the emphasis upon obedience. Obedience is to be immediate and absolute. We would all readily agree that when it is our way something inevitably falls under the 'Murphy's Law' category. We might not feel the pain or be directly affected by our disobedience but someone will be. It is just like the decision to obey effects more than us. As an individual I know that my decision to pursue the vision has had an incredible effect upon my family and friends. The cost too many has been tremendous and I am not talking about financially only.

Instead of looking back let us look to now. If we would obey immediately and absolutely we would see a different community and world. The thing we always seem to forget as humans is that God sees the beginning from the end. There is a reason why He asks of us to obey. He shouldn't have to explain Himself. If we understood completely would we be more obedient?

The fact is we know enough---God is building His kingdom and we are a part of it. A living stone lay in place by His hand is what we are to be. Is that worth obedience? We may not see immediate results but God always plants for harvest. The part we play depends upon our level of obedience.

It is difficult to trust. But trust is what we have to do. We must trust that God being who He is knows what is going on and sees the plan perfectly so can best direct us. Our obedience is a sign of our trust in Him. This would then show everyone that God knows best.

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The Key of Knowledge

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> *Lu 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.*
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> *Ho 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, ….*

In Jesus' time the people known as lawyers were the experts on the Mosaic Law. This article will take a quick look at the *lawyers* of today. Not the experts in civil or criminal law, but the experts on the Bible. We will see what the Key of Knowledge is and exactly how today's experts have taken it away from great numbers of believers in today's churches.

Literalism Is The Problem

A great number of bible scholars and teachers tell us that the proper way to understand the bible is through consistent literal interpretation. This is expressed as The Law of Literal Interpretation. This law says:

> Always interpret scripture literally wherever possible.
> **"If the literal sense makes sense, seek no other sense."**

Now what's most unusual about this is that there is never any scriptural justification offered for adopting this principle. You will find many reasons offered, and all of them sound logical, but no bible verses. It's not so much what they are telling us to do, but what this law is telling us not to do? It's telling us not to seek; **seek no other sense**. That is not to seek any further than the literal meaning of scripture. But what does the bible say? It says just the opposite. It tells us to seek, long, hard and diligently. We must seek after wisdom with a passion.

Scriptures on Seeking

> *Pr 2:1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;*
> *2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;*
> *3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;*
> *4 If thou **seekest** her as silver, and **searchest** for her as for hid treasures;*
> *5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.*
> *6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*
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> *Mt 7:7 **Ask**, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*
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> *Lu 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*

> *Ps 27:4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I **seek** after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to **enquire** in his temple.*
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> *Isa 45:11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, **Ask** me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.*
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> *Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*
>
> *Pr 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

The Key of Knowledge

It's a simple matter to under stand what all these scriptures are getting at. We could write several more pages analyzing these verses, but it's pretty plain what they mean. The **Key of Knowledge is to seek for it.** But here we are being told by supposed experts **not to seek** after wisdom and knowledge. And this is exactly how the Law of literal interpretation takes away the Key of Knowledge, by teaching us not to seek for it. So the 'lawyers' who teach literalism today are just like the ones in Jesus' day. They don't acquire any knowledge themselves, and they hinder those who would.

> *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and **of Christ;***
> ***In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge**.* Colossians 2:2-3

Hidden in Christ [who is the Word of God] are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. This means deep revelation, rich understanding and mature insight await those who seek into the Word after it. The Bible says to seek after it. Literalism says 'don't bother looking', the literal meaning is all there is.

> *1Co 8:2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.*

So keep on seeking.

Truth, Love and Mercy Ship

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This is a vision I had towards the end of an intercessory prayer meeting on August 19th, 2004.

I was sitting on the most beautiful beach I have ever seen. As I turned my head left and right I took in the sights around me and realized I was on an island. Everything was perfect. The sand, the ocean, and the sky were all perfect. Everything I could see was astonishingly perfect. Every grain of sand was gleaming with the glory of Jesus, as was every wave that popped up and seemingly bowing down. The scene was breathtaking. Not only were the sights perfect, but the sounds were as well. The calming sounds of the waves breaking against the shore, the peaceful breeze coming from my right. All the sounds seemed to glorify Jesus. After taking in this incredible scene, Jesus came to me from behind me and sat down next to me. No words were spoken to me, but He placed His arm lovingly around my shoulders. There we sat, just my Savior and me, like friends, like brothers, like a father and son. I felt so loved.

After His peace washed over me, He stood up. He reached down for my hand and pulled me up to stand. As we stood on the shore just above the tide, I could see a massive, beautiful ship in the distance off to my right. We stood and watched the ship come closer to the beach. Jesus took my hand and began to walk out onto the water. As we walked toward the ship, on top of the water, I knew if I was to let go of His hand that I would sink. When we arrived at a certain spot, we stood and awaited the ship. It was much closer now and I could see that there were three giant sails on this ship. It was a beautiful ship. It seemed that there was not a single blemish on the ship. Then the Lord spoke to me and said, "This is the ship you have been waiting for." He pointed at the ship and said, "On the sails are written 'Truth', 'Mercy', and 'Love'". As He said that, I could see that the sails said exactly those things. He spoke again, "This is the ship I want to take you on." I could say nothing, but in my heart I was ready. Jesus spoke "The wind that guides this ship is the wind of My Spirit." He continued, "Though storms may come to send this ship far off course, My Spirit will go before you and calm the seas." So when the ship arrived to where Jesus wanted it to come, we got aboard. There were already many beautiful people on board. Every single person had a job to do in order to sail the ship. There was not one single person that didn't have a job. I could sense in my spirit that I would soon be put to work, but the Lord allowed me to see what was going to happen for a short time. The Lord took me up front after many people greeted Him with smiles and hugs and kisses.

The ship sailed on and everyone was back to work. Soon we came to another island that was much like mine and there was a person chained to the beach and crying. The ship stopped at this island and Jesus went down to the person and released them and after a brief period of conversation with the person, Jesus brought them aboard. This continued, island after island, person after person being released and brought aboard this ship. The ship never seemed to get crowded, and everyone always welcomed whoever came on board, never questioning the individual. On occasion I could see forward into the distance, a storm brewing right in our path. But when the ship would draw near to the storm, the storm would dissipate. But it was not like a normal breaking up of a storm. The storm would be completely and powerfully driven away by an unseen force. I just knew that all these things were to glorify God. Everything I saw glorified Jesus. The seas and the weather, and even the people all bowed down before the Creator of the universe. I was given a duty to help on the ship as was everyone that came aboard after being allowed to see the awesome splendor and glory of God.

The Land

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A Timetable for Possessing our Land
June 26, 2004

July 1st is the first day of a new season, the beginning of a new month of completion, the 7th month. The Lord is bringing to completion those things unfinished so there are no strings trailing our hearts as we step into the future. Hearts that have been torn in different directions will become whole hearted and single focused on new directions, new places and new ministry in a new land or field.

June is the 6th month and is a season of a closing of the door, a coming to the end of a season of man. There is a healing and restoration to many who have been wounded in the house of the Lord. As a result dreams and visions have lain dormant, dead, but they are about to receive a new breath of life. In this new breath of life, the wind of the spirit many will find themselves relocated to new surroundings and moving in new things that were the old things that were prophesied many years ago. We will begin to possess the land as we've dreamed.

August is the 8th month and brings with it a new beginning. It is a time of newness, a freshness of seeking His face, knowing His glory and a time of release of those things which have died. There is a new acceptance and a new ability to receive from the Lord and one another. There will be a grieving over what was, but there is an excitement being birthed in the spirits of many as their long awaited destiny begins to unfold. It is crucial that the old things be buried cleanly and we enter into the new land cleansed.

September is the 9th month and it represents a gestation period. Many of those things conceived in the spirit and carried in the womb of the heart will be birthed during this month. New gifting, new relationships and new ministries will be birthed this month and there will be a possession of the land of one's inheritance.

May was the 5th month. The enemy came in like a flood and tried to abort many from their calling and destiny, but the Lord's grace sustained them even though it felt as though all had died. The Lord has always reserved and preserved those who seek His face and desire to abide in His presence. He always has a remnant in the land.

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The Law And The Blood
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The Lord just gave me a very clear word for us that I am sending here. As I was just talking to Mary the Holy Spirit broke in and said "The separation that is going on now is between those who will remain dependant upon the power of the Blood of Christ and between those who will... instead return to the Law". This has become an issue between us. We are being sifted and it will show those who will stand for the Blood of the Cross and those who will again implement the law in some form,... and it does come in a great many forms. Those that stand upon the power of the cross and the shed blood of Jesus Christ are well aware of the reality that they are the scruffy, dirty, matted wool sheep that they are while having to contend with being hurt by those sheep who perceive their wool is white and fluffy and clean and they look so good as they pass us by - telling us, of course, that we are scruffy, and matted, and dirty and we should be as they are - and - they are more than happy to - "HELP CLEAN US UP" - wherein they usurp the office of the Holy Spirit and try be the Holy Spirit to other people. I am disturbed again as I see these hurts going on, but as I sat just a few minutes ago I felt my soul and spirit totally dedicate to the precept that the power of the Blood of Christ is SUFFICIENT AND NOT LACKING and that I stand in union with the likes of Spurgeon and T. Austin-Sparks when it comes to grace - I REFUSE TO REPLACE AGAIN THE GRACE OF GOD WITH THE LAW AND THEREBY CRUCIFY AGAIN OUR LORD. Our fellowship shall not hold together in love if we return to the law. The ONLY WAY we will be able to maintain a unity of spirit in love and humbleness is to continue to be conscious of the sufficiency of the cross and our VERY NEED FOR IT EVERYDAY. If we fail in this, then we will be pawns of the enemy to return to the law and be used to bring bondage to the multitudes that are already oppressed rather than bring salvation and freedom as was our commission to do. We were to minister what we have received and we have received salvation by grace yet we are swayed by the enemy to preach bondage upon those we go to rather than forgiveness that we ourselves received from the Lord when we came to Him. How in the world shall we walk in love toward each other if we pick up again the preaching of the law. And like it or not too much, far too much of holiness preaching is but a snare whereby we are again returned to the preaching of the law wherein we take away the freedom from each other that WAS OURS IN CHRIST (AND STILL IS IF WE RETURN TO IT). Holiness is by grace. It is extremely rare that we are so discerning that we are able to know what issues God wishes to deal with us on at any given time. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. As was the wisdom God gave me in answer to a man haranguing on me for my smoking - "When I am secure in the fact that my heart is no longer black, than I shall start working on the condition of my lungs" God had clearly, in that instant, showed me that His concern for me was that I keep a clean heart - as it is from the heart that we are defiled or not and NOT FROM WHAT GOES INTO THE BODY (Lungs or what may proceed from them). And my tirade again here is, in no way, about smoking or defending smoking - it is about defending what is the power of the Cross... it is the shed Blood of Christ for us and the sufficiency of it and the damage we do when we turn from that again to the law to place those burdens upon each other. "If we say - thou shalt not steal" do you then say you do not steal, because you are a liar if the answer is yes. If you say "Thou shalt not smoke" and say that you do not smoke - you are also a liar because you have come to the place of inhaling the smoke of corrupted doctrine to think our salvation rests upon what we do in the flesh. THERE IS NO EFFORT OF THE FLESH THAT CAN, IN OR TO ANY DEGREE ADVANCE US IN HOLINESS WHAT SO EVER. Progression of Holiness is an act of God and is a miracle and is ALSO, AS SALVATION, NOT OF OURSELVES, BUT OF THE WORK OF GOD BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I am adamant again this morning to note that as we are meant to work in the fields it appears to be such a great sifting going on to see who will be worthy of the hire. Those worthy of the hire to work in the harvest can ONLY BE THOSE who will preach the cross and the sufficiency of the Blood of Christ as it, and IT ALONE is the power unto salvation and redemption. I do understand, we all make the mistake of slipping back into legalistic ways in dealing with people. I just pray with all my heart we are given a sharper eye to NOT DO SO, because it does not draw men to Christ - it only drives them further away and toward the whole Pharisaic way of life... which is not life at all, but is death... and in it's fullness is a murderous spirit upon those who end up not measuring up.

If we do not live in the humbleness and knowledge of our own short-comings and need, daily, for the sufficiency of the cross then we will cease walking in love, unity and brotherly compassion toward each other. We will go the way of the law and of the Pharisees. Paul asked, "How is it you started off in your freedom, but have now returned to the bondage of the law". His effort was to try get them turned back around and that is the very same effort I am attempting here.

I had fully intended not to write anymore things and to stay out of ministry as I have become quite full of the vanity of too much of it, but... certain situations and the unction of the spirit as I received just a little while ago seems to have lit a fire under me that makes me rise up in strength and determination that I will defend the purposes of God in the face of and against this serpent that seeks to rise up and bring us under bondage again. GRACE, GRACE, GRACE ... MERCY, MERCY, MERCY. It is always so and is all we can put our hopes in. If we return again to place our hopes in the efforts of the flesh we walk fully into a trap and then are "TRAINED IN HOW TO TRAP OTHERS".

For any who think there is power in efforts of the flesh toward holiness than go for it. I have already been down that road and found no more than a very large and solid brick wall for which there was no passing. I shall sit where I am... scruffy, dirty with matted wool and see how far anyone else may get down that path.

I shall enter the gates of Heaven by Grace alone... or I shall not enter at all. I shall receive power to minister and a commission to minister to the multitude by the Grace of God or I shall not be worthy of the call whatsoever. May it fully come by the Grace of God for if it is not, I do not want it, because I am all too aware of what will come of the efforts of my own flesh.

To move in this manner, the law, is not humble it is not loving, it is not compassionate. It is none of those things. It is arrogant, loveless, cold, demanding, manipulative. controlling - everything you would expect the devil to be, yet it is done in the name of ministry and in the name of Christ.

I am sending this to those I love, respect and care about. This is a clear and very real sifting that is happening and those I thought would not fall into this have fallen into this - and, surprisingly some I thought would surely fall into this have not.

It is too much of a danger and an occupational hazard that once we seem to get "on a roll" in a ministry that what takes over so soon after is often this return to the law. Ministry puffs us up and once we are puffed up even a little, then we lose sight of the cross and we start preaching again the law and death. Seriously... can any "good ministry" come from a prideful heart. Can any good ministry come from any of us if we think we stand in a "presumed, more holy place than do our brothers". We all have faults and should bare each other up in such things instead of knocking each other to the ground again. We should have grown past these behaviors by now if we were and have been honest with ourselves and how really short we fall... but no... not some again... they are perceiving that they are progressing in "degrees" that are more than their brothers and sisters have. By the very nature of the thing it stops treating the brethren with love and one should know it has ceased to be a Christ-like thing. Get rid of the clubs and whips and the religious sharp tongues that have crept back into the camp and has been used to abuse each other again. This is something we have to keep a vigilant watch over... a daily watch over... that we always treat the brethren with the same grace God received us. Remember the man who owed much and was forgiven of it, but then went to the man who owed him but a little and began to beat him and the master who had forgiven him of much caught him doing so to the man who owed the "forgiven one little" and when the master saw that he ordered that one thrown into prison until the very last penny had been paid. Was this not the words of Jesus warning us that as we have received such grace from Him and been forgiven such a great debt that it is no longer our right to go to them that may owe us "a little" and beat them for it. How then shall the master find us doing so and how will we escape His anger if He finds us doing so? We will not... he promised we would suffer judgment if we are caught doing that. So - if we return to the law to preach that rather than the sufficiency of the cross, we now have a solid promise from Christ that He will judge us for it and we will NOT escape punishment. It is a somber thing and should be. We have no latitude to treat each other in any abusive manner.

In cases of those who are in consistent and insistent an unrepentant sin we can dis-fellowship ourselves from them without beating the crap out of them first. We can still with tender hearts seek to return them to fellowship - but be clear that fellowship should not be based on MEASURING UP TO THE WAY YOU LIVE YOUR LIFE AND TRYING TO GET OTHER TO BECOME IN YOUR IMAGE. We need seek to come into the image of Christ - our often downfall is that we engage in trying to get each other into the image we think of ourselves. One doesn't smoke so one seeks to make all others in his image. One does not drink so one seeks to make others in his image - they are not trying to help others come into the image and maturity of Christ - they are engaged in trying to clone copies of themselves... and this is not God, not Christlike, and IS, IN NO WAY THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

As always I would assume I could run on for pages and pages and pages making the same point and giving further examples, but... if my point has not be made clear by now then I am already preaching to deaf ears.

These things I see creeping into the camp again. It is not an article to single out or blast any. It is simply the unction and fire the Spirit lit under me this morning.

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The Lion And The Fire

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I had a vision that I would like to share with you all. It was a vision of a raging fire that seemed to be out of control. It was a fire that seemed to be consuming everything in sight. It was a fire that one could not see beyond or through, nor did it seem that there was any hope of it getting put out. There was a real sense of hopelessness and doom in the air. There were people crying and screaming everywhere for their loss and for their pain.

Then, in the midst of the fire I saw the head of a lion that seemed to grow as fast as the fire grew. This lion had a large sword attached to it. The lion seemed to be unharmed by any of the flames but yet grew more powerful and larger inside it.

I kept hearing the Lord say that this indeed was the lion of the tribe of Judah coming in the midst of the fire. I heard Him saying the following as the lion showed His head. He said,

"I will not allow the fire to keep raging and destroying in your lives. But look here, I am in the midst of the fire, I have not left you alone and powerless to be defeated at the hand of the enemy. But in this season I will arise and I will move in great power and authority.

I will bring restoration to that which has been destroyed. I am coming to take back all that belongs to Me and all the territories; yes, even land that belongs to Me. Do not be overwhelmed by the fire that you see and have experienced even in your own lives but know that I will rise up and I will restore and heal and be glorified in all things. My ways and My truth and justice will prevail."

"Abide in Me in this hour like never before, lean on Me for all your strength and hope. For truly then you will see the fire and see the sword but not be frightened or moved by it for you will see Me rising up in its midst, you will see My glory prevail and My healing coming forth. I am your lion of the tribe of Judah and you are My people! Know that I will move and act on your behalf and as you abide in Me."

The Last Day's Church
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30 Characteristics Of The Glory That Will Rest On The Last Day's Church
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GREATER WORKS
Isaiah 60:2 "For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you. And His glory will be seen upon you."

Recently, during a time of prayer, the Lord began to speak to me about the many characteristics that will mark the Glory of God on the Last Day's Church. So many times we read the book of Acts and marvel at what the early church walked and lived in. The level of supernatural activity seems to far surpass what we see in the church today. As I was pondering this the Lord challenged my heart with the prophecy Jesus shared in John 14:12:

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

Jesus prophesied that the church would not only do the works He did, which includes healing the sick, cleansing the lepers, casting our demons, and raising the dead, but even GREATER works. The works of the Holy Spirit through the early church are only the beginning of the wonders God wants to do in the earth. We are still writing the book of Acts today. The greatest signs and wonders are still to be seen!

Haggai 2:9 prophesies:

"The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former."

2 Corinthians 3:18 declares:
"But we all, with an unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

KEEP MOVING TO HIGHER REALMS OF HIS GLORY
Throughout the ages God has called the church to keep moving to higher realms of His glory. Not only does this scripture refer to our personal journeys in Christ of being continually more conformed to His image, but it also refers to the corporate Body being conformed to His image as a whole. With each passing generation the Church should be more closely conformed to the Lord in both character and power. Jesus is returning for a Church without spot or wrinkle (Eph. 5:27). With each generation the Holy Spirit is bringing us deeper into the fullness of the revelation of truth found in the Word, as well as experiencing and walking in that revelation. We can see this restoration of the fullness of Christ and His word throughout church history, from the Reformation under Luther with the 95 Thesis, to the faith movement with the truth of faith being brought forth in the church, to the prophetic movement with the restoration of the prophetic office, and now the apostolic movement. With each generation more of the fullness of Christ is restored to the church.

As we look at the world around us today we can become alarmed at the increasing darkness that is prevailing in society. But we must remember that when the darkness gets darker, the light and glory in the church will become more radiant!

Isaiah 60:2 "For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you. And His glory will be seen upon you."

The best way to expel the darkness is by turning on the light. We have Christians today trying to gain victory over spiritual darkness by expending energy fighting the darkness. Rather, they should focus

on getting their spirits, souls, bodies and minds so filled with the light of God's glory and word that spiritual darkness wouldn't even have a place to hang around. The more we allow God's glory to consume our lives, the more radiant we will become and the less warfare we will have with spiritual darkness within our own minds and souls. Our light will so shine that, when we walk into an area that is dark, the light of the glory of God will cause demonic power to flee! We'll be like Peter whose very shadow healed the sick. That's the measure of the glory I want on my life and even more!
"IT'S FOR US TO EXPERIENCE AND WALK IN NOW"

Paul shared in Philippians 3:14, "I press toward the goal for the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." This is an upward call! That means more glory with each passing day we walk with God. We keep going higher and higher and higher in character, revelation, truth, and power.

There will be tremendous glory on the Last Day's Church. And WE are part of the Last Day's Church. The Last Days began when Jesus was taken off the earth. What the Lord showed me through His word was not something for 20, 50 or 100 years down the road. It's for us to experience and walk in NOW. "The just shall live by faith." By faith and walking with God in a lifestyle of intimacy, holiness, obedience, and truth we can access the fullness of all God has for us now.

As I waited on the Lord He brought me through the Book of Acts and gave me 30 characteristics of the Glory of God that will rest on the Church in these last days. As we meditate on these characteristics may your heart be filled with faith to experience the fullness of all God has for you!

1. THEY WERE IN ONE ACCORD IN ONE PLACE
Acts 2:1 "When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place."
We will see specific geographic locations visited and transformed by the Glory of God. This type of visitation will occur among believers who are unified in heart and mind.

2. EVERY NATION AND ALL FLESH
Acts 2:5, 17 "And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven...And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh."
Every nation will experience the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. I believe this even speaks of a worldwide awakening of the Holy Spirit that will sweep around the globe touching every nation, tribe, and tongue. No one will be left out. All flesh will encounter His glory, including every race, tribe, tongue, gender, and age group.

3. SONS AND DAUGHTERS, ENTIRE HOUSEHOLDS
Acts 2:17 "Your sons and your daughters..."

Acts 16:15 "And when she and her household were baptized..."

Acts 16:33-34 " Having believed in God with all his household..."
Entire households will be saved. Now is the time to aggressively pray for household salvation. The moving of the Lord upon unsaved family members will become so irresistible that, where they have been able to fight and push away the promptings of the Spirit before, they won't be able to escape.

4. DREAMS, VISIONS, AND TRANCES
Acts 2:17 "Your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams."

Acts 10:3 "He saw clearly in a vision an angel of God."

Acts 10:9-10 "He fell into a trance..."

Acts 16:9-10 "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night."
There will be an increase in the prophetic. Both the old and young will receive divine revelations from the Lord through prophecy, dreams, visions, and trances. We will walk and live in the revelation of the heart and mind of God.

5. SIGNS AND WONDERS IN THE HEAVENLIES AND ON THE EARTH
Acts 2:19-20 "I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath."
There will be physical signs in the heavenlies, not just miracles and healings, but in the very physical elements of nature.

6. MASS SALVATION AND HARVEST
Acts 2:21, 41 "That whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."
There will be mass salvations as multitudes turn to the Lord and call upon Him for salvation, including the nation of Israel.

7, 8. WE WILL BE A CHURCH OF THE WORD AND PRAYER

Acts 2:42 "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers."

Acts 6:4 "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word."
We will be a praying church who is solidly grounded in the Word of God, not easily moved by passing doctrines, fables and teachings. There will be a great balance between the life found in the Word and the life found in Prayer. They are like two wings of an airplane that will keep the church on course and in balance.

9. INCREASE OF CREATIVE MIRACLES
Acts 2:43 "And many wonders and signs were done through the apostles."
There will be an INCREASE OF CREATIVE MIRACLES as they church walks in power.

10. HOLY FEAR
Acts 2:43 "Then fear came upon every soul."
There will be a HOLY FEAR that rests on the Church, causing many to walk in holiness.

11. DIVINE FAVOR
Acts 2:47 "...praising God and having favor with all the people."
There will be a DIVINE FAVOR placed on the church, not only with God, but with man.

12. GIVING THAT RELEASES SUPERNATURAL PROVISION
Acts 2:45 "...and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need."
The church will walk in the truth and revelation of GENEROUS GIVING THAT RELEASES DIVINE, SUPERNATURAL PROVISION.

13. LIVING STONES BUILT TOGETHER
Acts 2:46 "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house."
The move of God will be both in the TEMPLE (Church buildings) AND HOMES for we know that the true temple of God is wherever living stones are built together, including individual believers and groups of believers. God's glory won't be compartmentalized into "church life" and "regular home life." Even the homes will be filled with His presence and glory and will be places where Christians gather to share their faith with one another.

14. "CONTINUING" RELATIONSHIPS
Acts 2:42 "Continuing in fellowship..."
"CONTINUING" RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE THE STRUCTURE THAT HOLDS AND MAINTAINS THE MOVE OF GOD. God moves in the midst of community. We are a living temple built together stone upon stone, life upon life. There will be divine relationships established that will form a network that will be able to hold, maintain, and pour out the Glory of God into the earth.

15. OPERATE IN GOD-GIVEN AUTHORITY AND POWER
Acts 3:6 "What I do have I give you."
The Church will walk and operate in their God-given authority and power. We will know what we have

and give it away.

16. THE CHURCH WILL BE A PLACE OF WONDER AND AMAZEMENT
Acts 3:10 "They were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him."
God is restoring His wonder to the church.

17. PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL WITH SIGNS AND WONDERS
Acts 4:31, 33 "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and they spoke the word of God with boldness. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus."
The Church will walk in a supernatural boldness to proclaim the gospel with signs and wonders backing them up.

18. HEALING IN THE STREETS
Acts 5:14-16 "They brought the sick out in to the streets, and they were all healed."
There will be such a degree of power in the church that ALL WILL BE HEALED WITH SIGNS AND WONDERS BEING PERFORMED IN THE STREETS. God's glory will break outside the four walls of a church building and will be demonstrated in the streets where the lost, sick, and dying are.

19. ANGELIC ACTIVITY
Acts 5:17-19 "But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out."
ANGELIC ACTIVITY WILL BE COMMON FOR THE CHURCH. The realm of the Spirit and supernatural activity will be natural for the Last Day's Church. Visitations of angels will be understood and experienced in a biblical way.

20. GREAT JOY IN THE CHURCH
Acts 8:4-8 "And there was great joy in that city."
THERE WILL BE GREAT JOY IN THE CHURCH AS GOD'S POWER IS DISPLAYED, despite the increase of darkness in the world, along with possible persecution for our faith from those whose minds are blinded by the god of this age. Christians will live in a supernatural joy as they see the amazing miracles performed by the power of God.

21. SUPERNATURAL POWER AND ACTIVITY INCLUDING TRANSLATION
Acts 8:39 "The Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away."
Supernatural power and activity, including translation, being supernaturally taken from one location to another in bodily form by the power of the Spirit, will be experienced by the Church.

22. VISIONS OF THE LORD HIMSELF
Acts 9:3-4 "And suddenly a light shone around him from heaven."
These visions of Christ will even be given to those in the deepest darkness and will be a way the Lord reveals Himself. This will happen more and more in the Muslim world as well.

23. THE DEAD WILL BE RAISED
Acts 9:36-37, 40 "And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up."
The dead will be raised as a supernatural sign of the resurrection of Christ.

24. THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL BE POURED OUT ON ENTIRE GROUPS OF PEOPLE
Acts 10:44-46 "The Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word."
Including entire people groups, tribes, congregations, and denominations.

25. SUPERNATURAL DELIVERANCE WITH THE ACTIVITY OF ANGELS
Acts 12:5, 7 "An angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison, and his chains fell off his hands."
There will be supernatural deliverance with the activity of angels.

26. ONLY GOD WILL GET THE GLORY
Acts 12:23 "An angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give the glory to God."
God is jealous for the glory. He wants ALL of it.

27. COMMISSIONED THROUGH FASTING AND PRAYER
Acts 13:2 "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said 'Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'"
People will be commissioned into their callings and destinies through fasting and prayer.

28. THERE WILL BE THE OPERATION OF GREAT AUTHORITY FOR DELIVERANCE
Acts 16:18 "'I command you in the name of Jesus to come out of her.' And he came out that very hour."
Not only will the Church heal the sick and see mighty miracles, but we will also move in deliverance seeing the oppressed set free from demonic power.

29. UNUSUAL MIRACLES
Acts 19:11-12 "Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul."
There will be UNUSUAL MIRACLES that God works through His servants. Even prayer clothes will carry the tangible anointing of the Holy Spirit.

30. HOLINESS AND PURITY WILL MARK THE CHURCH
Acts 5:4-5 "Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things."
Eph. 5:27 "That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."
There will be no inward toleration of sin or hypocrisy. Ananias and Sapphira were judged for their hypocrisy, setting a standard for God's holiness in the Church. Remember, with great power and authority comes great responsibility. The greater the glory and power God gives us, the purer we must be to hold that power.

God has given us the book of Acts as the standard for the operation of the supernatural in the Church. In a way, we are still writing the book of Acts as we move in the power of the Spirit and perform the works Christ has called us to do. The glory on the Last Day's Church will be even greater than that on the early church. There are still greater works God has called us to do to see all the nations brought into His Kingdom and come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. Let's lay hold of the fullness of the Spirit by faith, step out and walk on the water! May God's glory fill your life with increasing power as you seek after Him.

The Lord Is Bringing In The Big Fish

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I was awakened by the Lord and experienced that sudden urge to get up and go into intercession. As I was waiting for the Holy Spirit to guide me how and what to pray, I was reminded about the story in John 21 which, in my Bible, has the heading, "Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish," where Jesus instructed His disciples after a very disappointing night of fishing. As they were coming back from shore, to throw their net on the right side of the boat, when they obeyed him, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

As I was pondering on this story, I felt the Holy Spirit bringing back to my mind the faces of powerful people in our society from our country that I have been led to intercede and pray for from time to time in the past. And suddenly I found myself prostrate before the Lord and crying out to Him, "Lord, we need You to touch these type of people quickly for the work of Your kingdom. Grant each of them a Saul (Paul) experience so that the same fire in Paul will also come upon them."

I began to visualize in my mind what impact it will make when these people in our society are transformed by God, just like Paul.

It was then that the words "I am bringing in the big fish" were impressed upon my heart so strongly and, with that, a desire to share with all of God's people this good news the words that I received from Him.

"Rejoice, dear ones, for I have heard your cries. Many of you have been faithfully lifting up leaders from your community and you have been beseeching heaven's door for My Spirit to touch them and to transform them.

"This day, I tell you all. Rejoice, for that day is near. You will see with your own eyes the answers to those prayers. You will hear of their transformation being heralded in the radio, newspaper, and television.

"They will come out openly to declare my glory. And I will use many of you who have been faithfully interceding for them, as My Spirit has directed you to be part of that transformation.

"Many of you I will bring to their homes to explain and make clear to them the meaning of their unusual experiences and encounter with Me. Many of you I will use to disciple their household. Many of you I bring into their homes, offices, factories, and workplaces to share with their employees the good news about the kingdom, as their employers will request."

"Rejoice, for this is a new day. I have distributed to my heavenly hosts a sealed envelope with their names written on it, declaring that harvest time is near.

"For all the people of the earth belong to me. Whether Kings, noblemen, businessmen, educators, scientists, great men of the academy, and the likes. These are the ones that you will catch as you throw in your net of intercession.

"Rejoice, for that day is dawning. You will see with your own eyes the unveiling of this event. I will not delay anymore."
Hallelujah!! Praise the Lord!!

Many of you are hearing the same message in your spirit. And this message is meant to be a confirmation to that.

Heavenly Father, thank You. That is all we can say. No words will be sufficient to describe the joy and release we felt in our heart. All glory and power and majesty belongs to You. Amen!

If God is speaking the same message to you, please take the time to encourage one another.

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The Least Is Greater

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Matthew 11:11

Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Speaking of those that are born of God and those that have received Jesus as Lord and savior of their lives.

Some of the great men born of women are: Moses, Elisha, Samson, Solomon, and David.

Exodus 14:13, 21-30(Moses)

Moses told the people, fear not; stand still (firm, confident, undismayed) and see the salvation of the Lord which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians you have seen today you shall never see again.

The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace and remain at rest

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night and made the sea dry land; and the waters were divided. And the Israelites went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Exodus 19:18

Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, for the Lord descended upon it in fire; its smoke ascended like that of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly.

As the trumpet blast grew louder, Moses spoke and God answered him with a voice. The Lord came down upon mount Sinai to the top of the mountain, and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.

Exodus 24:9-18

Then Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up (the mountainside).

And they say the God of Israel (that is, a convincing manifestation of His presence), and under His feet it was like pavement of bright sapphire stone, like the very heavens in clearness.

And upon the Nobles of the Israelites He laid not His hand (to conceal Himself from them, to rebuke their daring or to harm them); but they saw (the manifestation of the presence of) God, and ate and drank.

And the Lord said to Moses, Come up to Me into the mountain and be there, and I will give you tables of stone, with the law and the commandments which I have written that you may teach them.

So Moses rose up with Joshua his attendant; and Moses went up into the mountain of God,

Then Moses went up into the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

The glory of the Lord rested on Mount Sinai, an the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day (God) called to Moses out of the Midst of the cloud.

And the glory of the Lord appeared to the Israelites like devouring fire on the top of the mountain.

Moses entered into the midst of the cloud and went up the mountain and Moses was on the mountain forty days and nights.

I Samuel 17:34-37 (David)

And David said to Saul, Your servant kept his father's sheep. And when there came a lion or again a bear and took a lamb out of the flock,

I went out after it and smote and delivered the lamb out of its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard and smote it and killed it.

Your servant killed both the lion and the bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, (Goliath) for he has defied the armies of the living God!

David said, The Lord Who delivered me out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine (Goliath). And Saul said to David, Go, and the Lord be with you!

I Samuel 17: 48-49

When the Philistine came forward to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.

David put his hand into his bag and took out a stone and slung it, and it struck the Philistine, sinking into his forehead, and he fell oh his face to the earth.

Judges 15:14-16, 20 (Samson)

And when he came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him. And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon (Samson), an the ropes on his arms became as flax that had caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands.

And he found a still moist jawbone of a donkey an reached out and took it an slew 1,000 men!

And Samson judged (defended) Israel in the days of the philistines twenty years.

Judges 16:2-3

The Gazites were told, Samson has come here. So they surrounded the place and lay in wait for him all night at the gate of the city. They were quiet all night, saying, in the morning, when it is light, we will kill him.

But Samson lay until midnight, then he arose and took hold of the doors of the city's gate (approximately weighing 6 tons) and the two posts, pulling them up, bar and all, he put them on his shoulders and carried them to the top of the hill that is Hebron.

Judges 14:5-6

Then Samson and his father and mother went down to Timnah and came to the vineyards of Timnah. And behold a young lion roared against him.

And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he tore the lion as he would have torn a kid, and he had nothing in his hand; but he did not tell his father or mother what he had done.

I Kings 10:4-7,23

When the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom and skill, the house he had built, The food of his table, the seating of his officials, the standing at attention of his servants, their apparel, his cupbearers, his ascent by which he went up to the house of the Lord (or the burnt offerings he sacrificed), she was breathless and overcome.

She said to the king, It was a true report I heard in my own land of your acts and sayings and wisdom.

I did not believe it until I came and my eyes had seen. Behold the half was not told me. You have added wisdom and goodness exceeding the fame I heard.

Happy are your men! Happy are these your servants who stand continually before you, hearing your wisdom!

Blessed be the Lord your God, Who delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel! Because the Lord loved Israel forever, He made you king to execute justice and righteousness.

So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom (skill).

II Kings 1:10, 13-14 (Elijah)

Elijah said to the captain of fifty, if I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty. And fire fell from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

Ahaziah sent again a captain of a third fifty with his fifty, And the third captain of fifty went up and fell on his knees before Elijah and besought him and said to him, O man of God, I pray you, let my life and the lives of these fifty, your servants, be precious in your sight.

Behold, fire came down from heaven and burned up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties. Therefore let my life now be precious in your sight.

II Kings 4:32-37 (Elisha)

When Elisha arrived in the house, the child was dead and laid upon his bed.

So he went in, shut the door on the two of them, and prayed to the Lord. He went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands, and as he stretched himself oh him and embraced him, the child’s flesh became warm.

Then he (Elisha) returned and walked in the house to and fro and went up again and stretched himself upon him. And the child sneezed seven times, and then opened his eyes.

There were others that were great men born of women that did great acts with and through the help of God. Such as; Daniel, The three Hebrews named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

But of all men born of women, none were greater than John the Baptist.

But the Word of God said that the least in the kingdom of God is greater than John.

The least one such as the lazy, passive one or the one that doesn’t know who he is, is still greater than John.

The children of the kingdom differs nothing from anyone else as long as he doesn’t know who he is.

It is like a person that has inherited millions of dollars but is still living in a trailer park, working everyday doing work that they hate and surviving on sardines and crackers, because he doesn’t know that he has inherited millions of dollars.

The kingdom of heaven is now at hand.

Matthew 14:25-29,31-33

And in the fourth watch (between 3:00-6:00 a.m.) of the night Jesus came to them, walking on the sea.

And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were terrified and said, It is a ghost! And they screamed out with fright.

But instantly He spoke to them saying, Take courage! I Am! Stop being afraid! And Peter answered Him, Lord if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.

He said, Come! So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water, and he came toward Jesus.

Instantly Jesus reached out His hand and caught and held him, saying to him, O you of little faith, why did you doubt? And when they got in the boat, the wind ceased.

And those in the boat knelt and worshiped Him, saying, Truly You are the Son of God!

Jesus said something to Peter that lets us know that Peter could have continued doing everything that Jesus did, because Peter is a child of the kingdom.

Luke 9:52-56

And He sent messengers before Him; and they reached and entered a Samaritan village to make things ready for Him. But the people would not welcome or receive or accept Him, because His face was set as if He was going to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John observed this, they said, Lord, do you wish us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elijah did?

The ability to call fire down from heaven was a benefit to the children of the kingdom.

But He turned and rebuked and severely censured them, he said, you do not know of what sort of spirit you are, For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them (from the penalty of eternal death).

And they journeyed on to another village.

Luke 10:8-9

Whenever you go into a town and they receive and accept and welcome you, eat what is set before you; And heal the sick in it and say to them, The kingdom of God has come close to you.

Luke 10:16-19

He who hears and heeds you (disciples) hears and heeds Me;

And he who slights and rejects you sleights and rejects Me; and he who sleights and rejects Me slights and rejects Him Who sent Me.

The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord even the demons are subject to us in Your Name (Authority)!

And He said to them, I saw satan falling like lightening (flash) from Heaven.

Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy possesses; and nothing shall in any way harm you.

Ephesians 2:5-6

Even when we were dead (slain) by (our own) shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made

partakers of Christ's salvation).

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Ephesians 1:22-23

And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church (a headship exercised throughout the church), ***which is His body, the fullness of Him*** Who fills all in all (***for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete***, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself.

I John 4:17

In this union and communion with Him love is brought to completion and attains perfection with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment with assurance and boldness to face Him, because as He Is, so are we in this world.

John 1:16-17

For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favor and gift heaped upon gift.

For while the Law was given through Moses, grace (unearned, undeserved favor and spiritual blessing and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Revelation 1:5-6

And from Jesus Christ the faithful and trustworthy Witness, the Firstborn of the dead (first to be brought back to life) and the Prince (Ruler) of the kings of the earth. To Him Who ever loves us and has once for all loosed and freed us from our sins by His Own Blood,

And formed us into a kingdom (a royal race), priests and kings to His God and Father-To Him be the glory and the power and the majesty and the dominion throughout the ages and forever and ever (Amen) (so be it).

I Corinthians 6: 17

He that is joined to the Lord is one Spirit with Him.

This gives us His attributes and abilities. This makes us the same as He is inside our spirit.

Galatians 3:26-27

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God through faith. For as many of you were baptized into Christ (into spiritual union and communion with Christ, The Anointed One, The Messiah have put on (clothed yourselves with) Christ.

There is now (no distinction) neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is not male and female; for you all are one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 4:4-7, Romans 8:17-19

But when the proper time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born subject to regulations of the Law, to purchase the freedom of (to ransom, to redeem, to atone for) those who were subject to the law, that we might be adopted and have sonship conferred upon us (and be recognized as God's sons).

And because you really are His sons, God has sent the Holy Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying , Abba (Father)! Father!

We are heirs with Christ.

Acts 3:1-9

Peter and John used their son-ship rights and authority to heal a man crippled from birth.

John 11:41-44

Jesus demonstrated His authority and power to raise Lazarus from the dead after he was dead for 4 days.

Mark 4:37-40

And a furious storm of wind (of hurricane proportions) arose, and the waves kept beating into the boat, so that it was already becoming filled.

But He (Himself) was in the stern (of the boat), asleep on the (leather cushion; and they awoke Him and said to Him, Master, do You care that we are perishing? And He arose and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, hush now! Be still (muzzled)! And the wind ceased (sank to rest as if exhausted by its beating) and there was (immediately) a great calm (a perfect peacefulness).

He said to them, Why are you so timid and fearful? How is it you have no faith (no firmly relying trust)?

Jesus was saying that they did not use their own faith that was equal to His faith. Our faith is equal to the power of God to produce the desired result.

Jesus has given us the measure of faith. He has given us the power of attorney to act in His stead. He told the disciples to occupy until He comes.

The least in the kingdom of God in Christ Jesus is indeed greater that John the Baptist.

Our faith is superior to any disease, infirmity, demon, or any other situation or problem we face.

When we pray saying let thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; we are saying let the sick be made whole, let the poor be rich, let the heart-broken be healed, let the fearful be at peace, and let the weak be strong as it is in heaven, let the righteousness of God be established on earth, let the kingdom of God be established on earth, let God be sovereign on earth as it is in heaven, let darkness be dispelled, let satan be cast out as it was in heaven.

Let Thy Will Be Done On Earth As It Is In Heaven.

The words of Jesus were always words such as: Be of Good Cheer, Fear not, It Is I Am, Be Made Whole, Be Healed, Arise And Be Healed, Peace and Have Faith In God.

He raised the dead and forgave sins. He cast out devils. He went to those that were out in the byways and down and out. He fed the hungry. He cleansed the lepers. He made the sick whole. He healed memories of the past. He demonstrated the love of God in the purest way.

Before salvation, we were with out hope, powerless, fearful, uncertain about our future, broken-hearted, lost, without help.

The Lord is the same yesterday today and forever.

Jesus broke the ancient curse brought on by Adam.

When Eve was in the Garden of Eden, Satan came to her and told her that she was not complete, and that she was not what she was in God. He convinced her that she needed more from God than she already had.

Adam and Eve walked and talked with God everyday. He clothed them with glory. He was in constant contact with them. Adam was a mirror image of our Almighty God. But satan told them they were depraved and miserable.

But satan deceived them by the lies that he told.

And even now the bible declares that we are complete in Christ Jesus.

In Ephesians 1:22-23, it says that Jesus is the embodiment of the fullness of God. In the body is us, and we have the fullness of Jesus in us. When we walk, we walk in fullness. When we speak, we speak in fullness. When we pray, we pray in fullness.

John 1:17

Of His fullness, have we all received.

Romans 8:9,17

But you are not living the life of the flesh, you are living the life of the Spirit. We are joint heirs with Jesus.

Isaiah 62:1-4

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace and for Jerusalem's sake, I will not rest until her imputed righteousness and vindication go forth as brightness, and her salvation radiates as does a burning torch.

And the nations shall see your righteousness and vindication (your rightness and justice-not your own, but ascribed to you), and all kings shall behold your salvation and glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name.

You shall also be (so beautiful and prosperous as to be thought of as) a crown of glory and honor in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem (exceedingly beautiful) in the hand of your God.

You (Judah) shall no more be termed Forsaken, nor shall your land be called Desolate any more. But you shall be called Hephzibah (My Delight is in her), and your land be called Beulah (Married): For the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married (owned and protected by the Lord).

The least in the kingdom of God is greater than John the Baptist.

Matthew 17:20

He said to them, Because of the littleness of your faith—that is, your lack of firmly relying trust. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith (that is living) like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to yonder place, and it will move, and nothing will be impossible to you.

Luke 17:6

And the Lord answered, if you had faith (trust and confidence in God) even as a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, Be pulled up by the roots, and be planted

in the sea, and it would obey you.

Mark 11:23-24

Truly I tell you, whoever says to this mountain, be lifted up and thrown into the sea! And does not doubt at all in his heart, but believes that what he says will take place, it will be done for him.

For this reason I Am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe –trust and be confident-that it is granted to you, and you will get it.

This message is to those that don't know who you are. And this message is to this nation.

God says it is time for fullness to manifest.

There was an observation made from a man of God about how satan can see in the spirit realm a lot clearer than we can. This may give him an advantage over us. But the Holy Spirit lives in us and we are superior to satan now. He can only deceive us. We are the Heirs of God and Joint-Heirs of God with Christ.

The leading of the Holy Spirit is what makes us the victors in every situation. The revelation of the Word of God and the power of God in us gives us the victory over satan.

A short note about the new European common Market nations constitution. They are starting to look more like the One World government system talked about in the book of Daniel and Revelation, And what I believe will be the last world government to be ruled by satan during the tribulation period for 7 years. Be mindful of the laws that are being passed to take the crosses down and the ten commandments out of public places.

When this world was destroyed by God, one of the things that was said about the people was that they would not retain God in their knowledge.

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In My Image and Likeness
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What is man that God is so thoughtful of him? Why did God place such a high value on a man's life? Why is man so important? Why was God so concerned about man that He (Jesus, God's Son) got into a body, lived as a man, reconciled and restored man back to Himself?

Why did Jesus allow Himself to be beaten, mocked, humiliated, His bearded pulled out and then crucified? We know that He did this because He loved us, but there were other reasons as well. He wanted man restored to his original position that he had before Adam lost it.

Jesus is the value of man, for it cost His life to redeem mankind. It cost the life of God the Son.

It pleased the Father to bruise His Son.

Adam did not have a natural father. Jesus did not have a natural father. They were both born of God. They had God's characteristics and nature. Adam was created. Jesus was the only begotten Son.

Psalm 8:4-6

What is man that you are mindful of him and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than Elohim and you have crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him to have **dominion over the works of your hands**; you have put **all** things under his feet.

Gen 1:26

God said, let us (Father, Son, and Holy Ghost) make mankind in Our image, after Our likeness (Express image, mirror image), and let them have complete authority over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame beasts and over all the earth. So, God **created** man in His Own image, and **in the image and likeness of God He created him**.

Then Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath or spirit of life, and man became a living being (another speaking spirit).

He was first created by God then his body was formed and what God created was put into the body.

Genesis 3:8-10

God loves to fellowship with man.

Luke 3:23-38

Man is the offspring of God.

I Cor. 6:17

But the person who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with Him. Paul the Apostle was inspired by the Holy Ghost when he said that without Christ I can do nothing.

I Cor. 3:16-17

Do you not discern and understand that you (the whole church at Corinth) are God’s temple (His sanctuary), and that God’s Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you (to be at home in you, collectively as a church also individually?

If anyone does hurt to God’s temple or corrupts it (with false doctrines) or destroys it, God will do hurt to him and bring him to the corruption of death and destroy him. For the temple of God is holy (sacred to Him) and that temple you (the believing church and its individual believers) are.

As He is so are we in this world.

Acts 17:28-29

For in Him we live move and have our being, as even some of your own poets have said, for we are also His offspring.

Since then we are God’s offspring, we ought not to suppose that Deity (the Godhead) is like gold or silver or stone, (or the nature of) a representation by human art and imagination, or anything constructed or invented.

Man is much more than a physical being.

Man is an eternal creature.

Hebrews 2:6-11

It has been solemnly and earnestly said in a certain place, what is man that you are mindful of him or the son of man that you graciously and helpfully care for and visit and look after him?

For some little time You have ranked him lower than Elohim. You have crowned him with glory and honor and set him over the works of your hands.

For you have put everything in subjection under his feet. Now in putting everything in subjection to man, He left nothing outside of Man's control.

But at present we don't yet see all things subjected to him (man).

But we are able to see Jesus Who was ranked a little lower than Elohim for a little while, crowned with glory and honor because of His having suffered death in order that by the grace (unmerited favor) of God (to us sinners) He might experience death for every individual person.

For it was an act worthy of God and fitting to the divine nature that He, for Whose sake and by Whom all things have their existence, in bringing many sons into glory, should make the Pioneer of their salvation perfect (should bring to maturity the human experience necessary to be perfectly equipped for His office as High Priest through suffering.

For both He Who sanctifies (making men holy) and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren. For He says I will declare Your (the Father's) name to My brethren, in the midst of the worshiping congregation I will sing hymns of praise to you.

James 1:18

And it was **of His Own free will that He gave us birth as sons** by His Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of first fruits of **His creatures** (a sample of what He created to be consecrated to Himself).

Romans 8:29-30

For those whom He foreknew (of Whom He was aware and loved beforehand, He also destined from the beginning foreordaining them) to be molded into the image of His Son, and share **inwardly His likeness**, that He might become **the Firstborn of many brethren**.

And those whom He thus foreordained , He also called, and those whom He called, **He also justified, (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into rightstanding with Himself).**

And those whom He justified, He also glorified, raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition and condition or state of being.

John 3:17-18

For God did not send the Son into the world to judge (to reject, to condemn, to pass sentence on) the world, but the world might find salvation and be made safe and sound through Him.

He Who believes in Him (who clings to, relies on Him) is not judged (he who trusts in Him never comes up for judgment**; for him there is no rejection**, no condemnation – he incurs no damnation); but **he who does not believe** (cleave to rely on, trusts in Him) is judged already (**he has already been convicted and has already received his sentence)** because he has not believed in and trusted in the name of the only begotten Son of God. (He is condemned for refusing to let his trust rest in Christ's name).

Psalm 82:1-7

Man has a position as representatives of God, and a position of children of God.

God stands in the assembly (of the representatives) of God; in the midst of the magistrates or judges He gives judgment (as) among gods.

How long will you (magistrates or judges) judge unjustly and show partiality to the wicked?

Do justice to the weak (poor) and fatherless; maintain the rights of the afflicted and needy.

Deliver the poor and needy; rescue them out of the hand of the wicked.

(The magistrates and judges) know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in the darkness (of complacent satisfaction); all the foundations of the earth (the fundamental principles upon which rests the administration of justice) are shaking.

I said, you are gods (since you judge on My behalf, as My representatives); indeed, all of you are children of the Most High.

But you shall die as men and fall as one of the princes.

I Cor. 6:2-3

Do you not know that the saints (the believers will judge and govern the world? And if the world itself is to be judged and ruled by you, are you unworthy and incompetent to try (such petty matters) of the smallest courts of justice?

Do you know also that we (Christians) are to judge the very angels and pronounce opinion between right and wrong (for them)? How much more then (as to) matters pertaining to this world and of this life only!

John 5:26-27

For even as the Father has life in Himself and is self existent, so He has given to the Son to have life in Himself and be self existent.

And He has given Him authority and granted Him power to execute (exercise, practice) judgment because He is a Son of Man (very man).

Jesus as the son of man had dominion over everything in this world.

Psalm 115:15

The earth has He given to the children of men.

John 14:12

Jesus said, I assure you most solemnly I tell you, if anyone steadfastly believes in Me, He will himself be able to do the things that I do, and he will do even greater things than these, because I go to the Father.

A man in God’s image and likeness was to rule over the creation of God.

God’s first man failed to keep his position.

God’s second man Jesus restored man to headship.

Adam had dominion and authority over all the earth.

Jesus the last Adam has authority over heaven and earth.

Adam did not have a natural father.

Jesus did not have a natural father.

John 3:35

The Father loves the Son and has given (entrusted, committed) everything into His hand.

Jesus was called the last Adam. Adam operated on earth the same way that Jesus operated on earth.

I Tim. 1:9-10

Knowing and understanding this: that the Law is not enacted for the righteous those who are already made right through accepting Christ, (the upright and just, who are in right standing with God), but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinful, for the irreverent and profane, for those who strike and beat and even murder fathers and strike and beat and even murder mothers, for manslayers.

For impure and immoral persons, those who abuse themselves with men, kidnapers, liars, perjurers and whatever else is opposed to wholesome teaching and sound doctrine.

Hebrews 1:2-3

But in these last days, He has spoken to us in the person of His Son, Whom He appointed Heir and lawful Owner of all things, also by and through Whom He created the worlds and reaches of space and the ages of time He made, produced, built, operated and arranged them in order.

Jesus Is the sole expression of the glory of God (the Light Being, the out raying radiance of the divine and He is the perfect imprint and very image of God's nature, Upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty Word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the Divine Majesty on high.

II Cor. 5:17

Therefore **if any person is ingrafted in Christ** (the Messiah) **he is a new creation** (a new creation altogether), **the old (previous moral and spiritual condition) has passed away.** Behold the fresh and new has come!

II Cor. 6:18

And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

I Cor. 3:21-23

So let no one exult proudly concerning men (boasting of having this or that man as a leader), for all things are yours.

Whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the universe or life or death, or the immediate and threatening present or the subsequent and uncertain future, all are yours, and you are Christ's and Christ is God's.

II Cor. 19

It was God personally present in Christ, reconciling and restoring the world to favor with Himself, not counting up and holding against men their trespasses (but canceling them) and committing them to us the message of reconciliation (of the restoration to favor).

II Peter 1:3-4

For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that are requisite and suited to life and godliness, through the full personal knowledge of Him Who called us by and to His Own glory and excellence (virtue).

Now our minds have to catch up to where God has placed us.

I Cor. 2:16

For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide an instruct Him and give Him knowledge? **But we have the mind of Christ** (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

Philippians 2:5,13

Let this same attitude and purpose and humble mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus.

Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God (possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God, God, did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained.

For it is God Who is all the while effectually at work in you energizing and creating in you the power and desire, both to will and to work for His good pleasure and satisfaction and delight.

Ephesians 4:18-25

Their moral understanding is darkened and their reasoning is beclouded. They are alienated, estranged, and self banished from the life of God with no share in it; this is because of the ignorance, the want of knowledge and perception, the willful blindness that is deep-seated in them, due to their hardness of heart (to the insensitiveness of their moral nature).

In their spiritual apathy they have become callous and past feeling and reckless and have abandoned themselves (a prey) to unbridled sensuality, eager and greedy to indulge in every form of impurity (that their depraved desires may suggest and demand.

But you did not so learn Christ!

Assuming that you have really heard Him and been taught by Him, as all Truth is in Jesus (embodied and personified in Him).

Strip yourselves of your former nature (put off and discard your old unrenewed self), which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion;

And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind (having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude. And put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God’s image, (Godlike) in true righteousness and holiness.

Therefore, rejecting all falsity and being done now with it, let everyone express the truth with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one body and members one of another.

Ephesians 2:5-6

And He raised us up together with Him and made us sit down together (giving us joint seating with Him) in the heavenly sphere (by virtue of our being) in Christ Jesus (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Even when we were dead slain by our own shortcomings and trespasses, He made us alive together in fellowship and in union with Christ; He gave us the very life of Christ Himself, the same new life with which He quickened Him, for it is by grace (His favor and mercy which you did not deserve) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation.

Romans 8:17

And if we are His children, then we are His heirs also; heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ sharing His inheritance with Him.

Only we must share His suffering if we are to share His glory.

John 15:19

You are not of this world but only in it, no longer one with it.

John 1:12,16

But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in adhere to, trust in and rely on) his name.

For out of His fullness (abundance), we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing even favor upon favor and gift heaped upon gift.

I Cor. 1:8-9

And He will establish you to the end (keep you steadfast, give you strength, and guarantee you vindication; He will be your warrant against all accusation or indictment so that you will be) guiltless and irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

God is Faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promise, and He can be depended on); by him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I Peter 1:23

You have been regenerated (born again), not from a mortal origin (seed, sperm), but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God.

God seed or the Word of God is the incorruptible and indestructible seed. A seed will produce fruit of the kind of seed that it is.

We were born of the incorruptible, indestructible seed of God. It will produce sons and daughters of God. The incorruptible seed produces incorruptible fruit.

Ephesians 1:22-23

And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church, Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all (for in that body lives the full measure of Him who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself).

Ephesians 2:18,22

For it is through Him that we both (whether far off or near) now have an introduction (access) by one Holy Spirit to the Father (so that we are able to approach Him).

In Him and in fellowship with one another you yourselves also are being built up into this structure with the rest, to form a fixed abode, dwelling place of God in (by, through) the Spirit.

Ephesians 3:19

That you may really come to know practically, through experience for yourselves the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge without experience; that you may be filled through all your being unto all the fullness of God, may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself!

Religious traditions make the Word of God ineffective. No one can keep the law. But there are some still teaching a legalistic doctrine, because it lets them manipulate and intimidate their listeners. The law was given to show us that no one could possibly keep the law of God. Jesus is the One and only One that could fulfill the requirements of God’s law. He lived a perfect and sinless life.

He bestowed His righteousness upon us. He imputed His righteousness to us, It means there was a heavenly transaction when pour out His blood on the mercy seat, and cleansed the books and the sins of every man.

He obliterated our sins. He took them away forever.

Calvary covers every sin ever committed except blasphemy.

Ephesians 4: 12-13

His intension was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints (His consecrated people), that they should do, the work of ministering toward building up Christ’s body (the church),

That it might develop, until we all attain oneness in the faith and in the comprehension of the full and accurate knowledge of the Son of God, that we might arrive at really mature manhood (the completeness of perfection), the completeness of personality which is nothing less than the standard height of Christ’s Own perfection, the measure of the stature of the fullness of the Christ and the completeness found in Him.

Remember “as He Is, so are we in this world”.

We are born of the word of God. We are quickened by the Holy Spirit. We have the fullness of God inside our new spirit. ***The faith that we use is as powerful as the One we have faith in. The faith that we use is greater than any sickness or disease or situation or enemy.***

The Lion Of Zion 1-5

Rosie Lovejoy

Part I

January 4, 2003

By Rosie Lovejoy in Golden, Colorado

This is the vision I had during Praise and Worship on ***January 4th, 2003****, the evening we were praying for a Pastor and his wife's departure to Israel. I shared this vision with my sister, and she insisted that I write it down.*

I was dancing during worship, when the Holy Spirit told me to sit down. The saxophone player began to play (prophesy with his instrument), and the following vision unfolded. It took nearly twenty to thirty minutes altogether.

It began with a vision of a huge lion, about ten to fifteen feet high. He was suspended about two to three feet off the ground. He was not a "cute" lion, rather His mane was large and shaggy, and He looked very viral and powerful. During the entire vision He was walking levitated two to three feet above the earth.

The lion turned to me and thundered:

"DO NOT MY PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE TIME AND THE SEASON HAS CHANGED?"

(I remember thinking that His grammar was odd, and that is not how we usually say things.)

After thundering the question to me, He breathed, and flames of fire came out of His mouth. I heard the words **"LION OF ZION"** reverberate through my Spirit.

The lion began to walk, suspended above the ground, breathing fire. The fire that was coming out of His mouth was not the refining fire we have been taught about, rather a fire that destroyed and burnt up all in its path. I knew in my Spirit that it was a fire of judgment.

I next saw a view of a downtown business district of a large city. I think it was New York City, but I cannot be sure. I saw a building that resembled the Empire State Building, and a few buildings that surrounded it, collapse. The image was similar to the collapse of the Twin Towers. I screamed in my Spirit, *"No LORD!! NO!!!!!"* As I was screaming, I saw the rubble and smoke from the collapsing buildings arise into a cloud that resembled a mushroom cloud. I do not know for sure if it was a nuclear mushroom cloud or a cloud of debris from the building. I was horrified and weeping in my Spirit.

The lion reappeared and again turned His head and spoke to me. In a mournful voice He asked:

"HOW ELSE AM I GOING TO BRING IN THE HARVEST?"

(I instinctively knew that as a nation and people we are totally pre-occupied with our little lives and situations, and nothing short of calamity was going to bring us to question our existence and purpose for being. I knew it would take something of this magnitude to bring us to repentance.) The lion then spoke again:

"I HAVE USED BABYLON IN THE PAST TO JUDGE MY PEOPLE, AND I WILL USE BABYLON AGAIN TO JUDGE MY PEOPLE."

The lion began to walk, and I saw groups of people standing and talking, some were joking with each other. Others were buying new cars and houses. Others were plotting financial gains and what to do with their assets during these uncertain times. I knew that this was the Church in America. Most were erect and oblivious to the approaching lion. A few were face down on the ground weeping and interceding. They were each covered with a course, brown cloak. There were very few on their faces.

THE LION THEN ROARED, and flames came out of His mouth, and burnt up the Christians who were standing. They became ashes and were no more. Horrified, I realized that I was standing to watch the unfolding scene, and I dove towards the dirt, skinning my chin as I landed. I was immediately covered from head to foot with the same course, brown cloak the intercessors on the ground were covered with. I raised my head to look out, and witnessed more and more erect Christians being burnt to a crisp. It was clear to me that the only safe pace to be was on my face, in the dirt, interceding.

The Lion of Zion then turned to me again, and spoke.

"DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT I WILL KEEP MY HAND OF PROTECTION OVER YOUR NATION, WHEN IT IS WILLING TO DIVIDE MY HOLY CITY, JERUSALEM?"

I knew in that moment that YAHWEH was lifting His hand of protection from our nation, and that judgment had begun. I clung to the ground, as the lion walked over me, and those of us who were prostrate on the ground, still breathing fire.

By this time, the worship music had concluded and the Pastor's wife was speaking about the offering, and how giving our tithes and offerings was a joyful act of worship. Again the Lion thundered:

"ARE MY WAREHOUSES FULL? NO!!!! ARE MY PRIESTS TAKING CARE OF MY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS? NO!!!"

I then saw men I knew were pastors and priests, standing tall and erect. Some were standing in front of Mercedes, others in front of large, expensive churches. The Lion spoke again:
"MOST OF MY PRIESTS DON'T CARE ABOUT MY WIDOWS AND ORPHANS. THEY CARE ABOUT THEMSELVES, THEIR CARS AND HOUSES, AND THE CHURCHES THEY ARE BUILDING. THEY CARE ABOUT THEIR MINISTRY, NOT MINE."

"Oh no!" I thought. **"**These ministers are goners…" The Lion then opened His mouth and roared. Fire came out and consumed the "priests" who were standing beside their new cars and large, expensive churches. They became a pile of ashes on the ground next to their possessions. Many, many were consumed.

The Lion continued to walk, breathing fire. Anywhere Christians were standing, rather than prostrate on the ground in sackcloth, they were consumed and turned to ashes. It was a horrifying sight.

As the offering was being taken, I was watching the Lion prowl, and the ministers being burnt to ashes. When the pastor began to preach, the most terrifying scene of the vision began to unfold.

I saw a large plain, as far as the eye could see. Millions of people filled the plain in line after line. They were Moslems on the ground, bowing in unison to Allah. They were colorfully dressed, with turbans and veils, praying and bowing to the voice of their priests as they were called to worship. Their numbers disappeared into the horizon.

I was then taken to the front of their line. Above the heads of the first line of bowing worshipers was a line of demons. They resembled black, smoky skeletons of large bulls with some swine thrown into their shape. They were hideous! Their eyes were black depths of hatred. I could see no pupils. Black smoke was coming from their eyes, their nostrils, and their bones. They had horns like bulls, sharpened to rip anything that stood in their way to shreds.

I was then taken higher and saw that I had been facing one way. From above the scene, I saw that about twenty feet away, facing the Moslem assembly of millions, was another group of people. These were Christians. The first rows were made up of Christians on their faces, prostrate, weeping. They were covered in the brown cloaks I had seen before. These only made up about twenty percent of the

Christians. Behind the intercessors were Christians milling around, standing up, completely oblivious to the scene that was unfolding. They were buying and selling, being married, washing their cars, etc. I was sick at heart at the sight. These Christians were clueless as to what was happening.

Above the heads of the first row of intercessors, facing the Moslem worshipers and their demons, was a row of beautiful warriors, astride gorgeous white horses. The horses were pawing the air, snorting, and raring to charge the demons. They were being held back by the warriors who were dressed in armor resembling platinum or white gold. Light was bouncing off their shields and breastplates. Their visors were down, and long swords were held in one hand, while the other hand pulled on the reins of the chargers. It was a magnificent sight!

The two armies were facing each other, and I knew they were being held in check by Yahweh's timing. They were very close to each other. The demons were hissing and growling, the horses snorting and pawing the air.

Again I saw the Lion. He spoke again:

"DO NOT MY PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE TIME AND THE SEASON HAS CHANGED?"

The vision then faded away with the words vibrating in my head.

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The Lion Of Zion II
Rosie Lovejoy

"It Has Begun"
by Rosie Lovejoy

December 13, 2003

The LORD seems to speak to me the clearest during a time of anointed, abandoned worship. Tonight I attended a Regeneration Service, and as we sang and the anointing fell, this vision wove in and out of the music. I offer no explanation of what it means. To the best of my ability, this is what I saw….

I saw a golden menorah rise from below my feet (I did not see a floor) and suspend in the air at eye level. One by one lighted candles appeared in the menorah, until it was blazing and full. "Hanukkah!" I thought. This is about Hanukkah!" A blue Star of David rose from behind the menorah and was suspended in the air above the menorah of lighted candles. Both floated in the air, directly in front of me.

Then they disappeared and a lion appeared. I knew this lion! I was so happy to see him! He sat looking straight ahead, on his haunches. His eyes were piercing, but I felt only joy at seeing Him again. Soon a young sheep, not fully grown walked towards Him and nuzzled him, like it would its mother. The lion and the juvenile sheep nuzzled their heads together. It was such a touching sight, as the sheep was so small compared to the Lion. Soon the young sheep lay down beside the Lion and continued nuzzling his /her friend. Then the little sheep (it was older than a lamb, but still too young to be called a mature sheep) rolled over and began to frolic. The Lion rose and began to lick and clean the sheep just as a mama cat cleans her kitten. The little sheep was in ecstasy! The lion very thoroughly and lovingly licked and cleaned the entire sheep. Then they lay down together, in quiet repose. It was a very touching sight!

Next an image appeared that replaced the peaceful scene. The face of someone ***evil*** appeared covered in a gas mask with a tube attached [i]. The color of the gear was a steely gray. Hatred emanated from behind the dark glass eyes of the mask. The feeling of evil was so great I nearly sunk to the floor in horror and my stomach became nauseous. There was a stench of vileness about the person within the protective gear.[ii]

Next I saw a hypodermic needle filled with some sort of vaccine. I saw a hand squirt a drop or two of the vaccine into the air and then the needle was turned and inserted into a waiting shoulder. [iii]

Then the Lion appeared again, in an upright sitting position. Beside Him a gorgeous Red flag appeared. It was large with gold letters on it-Yod He Vod Hey – the Hebrew name for GOD (YAHWEH). The flag was fringed with gold, and gold tassels fluttered in the breeze. It was a very regal, very exquisite, very expensive looking flag.

Soon I saw a number of sheep appear behind the Lion, and He rose to His feet. The sheep came and began to make row after row of lines behind the Lion, each line being a bit longer than the one before it. Soon it stretched out and from the front looked like a solid V, with the Lion standing at the point of the V. The sheep looked quite dumb, and very content.

The Lion spoke to me:

"Did you think I would leave my humble ones unprotected during the times to come?"

Then I saw lava; hot, smoldering moving lava begin to cover the ground and slowly seep foreword. Ghastly demonic creatures rose from the lava, and were suspended above the lava. They were black and gruesome, with wings like bats. Some had long tails that they were whipping about. Some appeared to have horns. I was standing behind them so I was unable to see their faces. In front of them was the Lion and the sheep lined up behind the Lion. I knew that there was a stench about these creatures.

The contrast was startling. The lion and sheep were standing on emerald green grass with blue, blue cloudless skies above them. Putrid smells, and hot gases that rose from the lava surrounded the demons. The sheep were peaceful and serene; some were quietly chewing on grass. The demons were frenzied.

Then a huge, shinning sword appeared out of the sky, suspended between the two groups. The sword was the size of the Lion, and was doing movements in the air. It was razor sharp. Light bounced off of it.

From the group of demons a 5-pointed blue star appeared and rose over the demons. It began to spin clockwise very slowly, making the sign of a pentagram over and over again. As it spun, the demons became more and more frenzied. *(I knew that the spinning pentagram represented all the witchcraft that is now so much in vogue, and has become so popular through the New Age Movement (White Witchcraft), the Harry Potter books, and others. I knew that although people thought that what they were doing was good, it was in fact calling forth demons from the pit.)*

Then the sword swung and slashed the pentagram in half and it went spinning into the demonic hordes.

Then I saw a number of people in the same protective steel gray gear, covered head to foot with their own breathing apparatus, spraying something into the air and on the ground. It was at night and the scene was too dark for me to see where the spraying was taking place. It could have been anywhere.

Then I saw the demonic army again facing the Lion, the sheep, and this time two flags on either side of the Lion. One was the same red and gold flag with YAHWEH (God's Hebrew name) on it. The other was a deep royal blue with gold Hebrew letters on it. It, too, was fringed in gold. Both were fluttering in the breeze.

Then the sword started slashing away at the demonic army.

I heard the words,

"IT HAS BEGUN…"

Then I saw another hazy blue Star of David rise from below my line of vision and lift upwards.

The Lion Of Zion III
Rosie Lovejoy

"This Is The Year That I Will Roar"
January 24, 2004

I saw a deep, wide ravine with an old fashioned cable, swinging rope bridge going over it. This is the kind of bridge one imagines is found in the Orient. The bridge was moving about violently, almost as if a mighty force was shaking it. Soon the shaking ended, and my favorite **LION** appeared beside the bridge, levitated in the air.

I heard the urgent words:

COME! COME QUICKLY!
THERE IS NO TIME TO DELAY!
COME! COME QUICKLY!

I looked at the bridge and felt great trepidation. The ravine was very wide and very deep. The bridge was in excellent repair. The wood boards were all solid. The handles were strong metal cables, as thick as my thumb. I found myself asking*, "What is this bridge. What are the boards? Is it safe?"*

I heard the **LION** speak::

THE STEPS ARE 'MY WORD'.
THE HANDLES ARE 'MY FAITHFUL PROMISES'.
COME. COME QUICKLY!

I began to walk across the bridge, each step slow and deliberate. I found myself looking down. It was a fearful sight. The river was hundreds of feet below me. The sides of the canyon were jagged and sharp.

DON'T LOOK DOWN.
DON'T LOOK BACK! The **LION** stated.
THE ONLY WAY TO GET TO A NEW PLACE IS TO LEAVE THE PLACE YOU ARE AT BEHIND.
COME! COME QUICKLY!

I stopped looking down and began to stride more confidently across the bridge, grasping tightly to the two metal cables, which acted as handles. I found my fear dissipating as I got closer and closer to the other side. I could feel movement on the bridge, and turned around to see what was causing it to sway. I saw another person beginning their walk, and many, many more lined up behind him, waiting their turn to cross. There was an urgency to the movement. I knew that we needed to get across to the lush, tropical garden on the other side. I felt that there was no time to delay.

As my feet finally contacted solid ground, I felt a sense of great exhalation and joy. There was an angelic someone on the other side to greet me and the others, and I gave him a great big hug. He pointed towards a huge waterfall, and laughingly suggested that I might want to go and stand under the *GLORY FALL*. I ran, and thrust myself under the *GLORY FALL*. It was not water as we know it, rather liquid light, unlike anything I have ever experienced. *(Please see my dream following this vision.)* I was so happy and filled with joy that I felt that I would pop!

Soon others joined me and we frolicked under the *GLORY FALL*.

Then I heard two loud booms, like artillery or cannons or bombs coming from a distance. I left the *GLORY FALL* to investigate. I saw puffs of smoke on the other side of the gorge, and heard loud armaments. The **LION** was now pacing in front of the swinging bridge, guarding the garden entrance from any HE did not want to enter. HE was frightening and powerful and very much the King of the Garden. He spoke:

I WILL NOT LET THE PROFANE ENTER INTO WHAT IS HOLY.
I WILL NOT ALLOW WHAT IS HOLY TO BE PROFANED.

I heard soft voices whispering: "*Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh! Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh!"* (*Holy, Holy, Holy! Holy, Holy, Holy!*) The air was filled with the splashing sounds of the *GLORY FALL*, and the soft whispers of "*Kadosh. Kadosh. Kadosh*." The whispers were like a gentle breeze, dancing through the tropical plant life. "*Kadosh. Kadosh. Kadosh."*

The air was silky soft, yet electric and filled with joy and life. I felt so alive!

Soon I noticed that the **LION** was no longer guarding the entrance to the Garden. Where He had stood were two giant angels with flashing swords. "Just like in the Garden of Eden." I thought.

The **LION** was now once again levitated in the air beside the bridge, frightening away any that did not know Him. The only ones who dared flee the sounds of battle and cross the bridge were those who were well acquainted with the **LION**. To them, He was their friend.

The **LION** turned His head and spoke to me as I marveled at the two angels with flashing swords.

I NEVER TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT OF THE TREE OF LIFE.
I AM THE TREE OF LIFE.
DIDN'T I TELL YOU I HAD COME TO BRING YOU LIFE, AND THAT MORE ABUNDANTLY?

All around me the Garden was vibrant and alive with the soft whispered sounds of "*Kadosh! Kadosh! Kadosh!"*

Then the Lion joined the two angels and spoke.

THIS IS THE YEAR THAT I WILL ROAR.

He opened His mouth and roared, and the sound of His roar shook the ground and the garden and the land across the gorge.

I was so glad I had heeded His voice and come quickly across the bridge into the Garden where his GLORY FELL! I was so grateful I had obeyed His call to come away to the other side, and to leave what was familiar and comfortable behind!

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After writing this, I felt a movement in my Spirit, a sense that I had indeed experienced the ***living water*** *in the GLORY FALL before. I waited for the Holy Spirit to reveal what He wanted me to know. A few days later I was reminded of a dream that I had nearly six years ago. I believe the vision and dream are connected. This dream was one of the many dreams and visions that sent me off to school to be trained up in the Prophetic.*

Living Water Nobody Wants

A dream from July, 1998

I was at a church picnic high in the mountains. Tall pine trees swayed in the gentle breeze, and the perfume of their needles filled the air. The sky was a deep blue, with fluffy white clouds gently moving across it. Far off in the distance black storm clouds appeared on the horizon. Sounds of very distant thunder filled the air. The approaching storm was so far away that nobody was concerned.

The tables were filled with happy folks, eating baked beans and fried chicken. Ice chests were filled with various cans of soda, and pitchers of iced tea were sitting on the red checkered table clothes. Gleeful sounds of children playing filled the air. There were many Pastors and their families present.

The leader of the gathering got up and began to ring a bell. He is a well-known prophet that I highly respect. He asked the gathering to be quiet because he had an announcement to make. We all quieted down, and he asked us to look at the water spigot he was standing next to. It looked like a regular water spigot that one finds at public parks and campgrounds throughout the country.

Then he turned the spigot on and water shot out of it. He was so excited about it! It was unlike any water I had ever seen! Light shot out of it and through it! There was a presence to it. It was living!!!!! It was **LIVING WATER**!!!!!!! It was beautiful! I suddenly became very thirsty and ran forward to get some of that water.

The prophet smiled at me and handed me a cup. I drank my fill. It was so wonderful! So quenching! Quite simply beyond description!

I looked behind me and nobody had followed me to the spigot to get some of the **LIVING WATER**. It surprised me that there was not a line behind me. The folks at the tables had resumed their conversations, and once again laughter filled the air.

The prophet handed me an expensive lead glass, crystal pitcher and asked me to fill it with the water. As I obeyed, the light danced through and around the pitcher. It was a beautiful, breathtaking site!

I instinctively knew that I was to offer the **LIVING WATER** to folks seated at the tables.

I went around to tables as a waitress would. I joyfully asked each person if they would like a glass of living water.

Each one turned me down. One stated that they had just opened a can of their favorite root beer, and were very happy with it. Another pointed to a large glass of ice tea in front of them. Every one was very jovial and polite in refusing the **LIVING WATER** that had just come from the spigot.

The last person I spoke to was a pastor. When I offered him the fresh, **LIVING WATER**, he pulled a plastic gallon jug from off the ground next to him. He showed me the water in it. It looked dead and lifeless and had the smell of cheap plastic that has been sitting in the sun. It was yucky!!!

He proudly told me that this was last year’s **LIVING WATER**, and that he didn’t need any new water, as he still had plenty left. I was shocked that someone would choose stale, plastic-tasting water over the **LIVING WATER** that was being offered today.

I woke up with a feeling of exhilaration over the **WATER**, and mystified over the picnicker’s nonchalance and refusal to drink some of it. How could anybody not want the **LIVING WATER**?

It is my belief that the water coming from the spigot in this dream six years ago is the same water in the *GLORY FALL* of **THE LION OF ZION III**. I believe that the storm that was off in the distance in the dream will begin to break about us this year. And I believe that we each have a choice as to where we are positioned when the storm breaks.   I believe the LORD is inviting us all to go deeper into HIS

WORD, to hold tightly to HIS FAITHFUL PROMISES, and to watch HIS DELIVERANCE unfold.

Sincerely, Rosie Lovejoy

Lion Of Zion IV
Rosie Lovejoy

The Ark & The Betrothal
February 14, 2004

I saw a beautiful, scarlet red rose, flawless, with deep green leaves. The rose was three quarters open. It was a jewel among roses. The rose remained in my vision for over five minutes.

Then I saw a huge swirling bank of clouds. The clouds were white, with soft, multi-colored gray clouds intermingled. The clouds were swirling counter clockwise, like a mighty hurricane, slowly turning. Then the center began to rise into a tube of swirling white clouds and became a mighty vortex, like a tornado. The vortex then became a Torah Scroll, vertically swirling. One end of the scroll began to roll to the left, and rolled itself out to the end. Then the other half began to unroll towards the right, until it became totally unrolled. I could make out the Hebrew letters on the scroll.

Then a voice thundered:

THIS… IS… MY… WORD!!!!

Then the clouds continued to swirl, and I heard the words:

THIS YEAR MY WINDS WILL BLOW AND THE WATERS WILL RAGE.

Then I saw an old-fashioned brass doorknob and plate. It was suspended in the air, and was not attached to a door or anything solid. I looked a moment then reached out and turned the doorknob.

It was flooded with light as a long circular corridor appeared, with a blinding, blazing, gold light at the end of it. The light was so bright I could not look into it. There were no lights in the corridor; they were not necessary. The golden light at the end of the long, circular hallway was providing all the light the corridor needed.

Soon a large male sheep, with beautiful circular horns stood in the hallway, looking at me with tender, loving, infinitely deep compassionate eyes.

As I stood looking back at the ram, animals began to walk down the hallway two by two. It was if a silent voice was calling them, and they were answering the call. I saw elephants and cattle, horses and zebras, and birds of all kinds. There was row after row of animals, walking towards the blinding light.

As they were entering the light, I saw my favorite **LION** welcoming them. I realized it was **HE** who had been calling them.

Then the **LION** spoke:

WHEN NOAH WAS ON THE EARTH I TOLD HIM WHAT WAS COMING, AND I INSTRUCTED NOAH TO BUILD AN ARK OF SAFETY. AND HE DID. THERE WAS NOTHING TO SHOW HIM THAT A FLOOD WAS COMING. THERE WAS ONLY MY INSTRUCTIONS AND HIS FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE. EVERYONE LAUGHED AT HIM AND SCORNED HIM. YET HE OBEYED, AND BUILT THE ARK. WHEN HE CALLED THE ANIMALS, THEY CAME.

I HAVE BEEN CALLING MY PEOPLE AGAIN:

‘WILL YOU COME INTO THE ARK OF MY COVENANT WITH ME?
WILL YOU COME?
WILL YOU COME INTO THE PLACE OF SAFETY?

COME!! COME AWAY!! COME AWAY WITH ME!!

I AM CALLING MY BELOVED TO ENTER THE ARK OF THE COVENANT WITH ME.’

And I looked and the animals were coming in droves, but there were just a few people scattered among the animals.

Then I saw a large wooden cross sitting alone on the top of a high hill.

And I heard the words:

THE WAY OF THE CROSS IS THE WAY OF LIFE.

Light back lit the cross, and it glowed with the same golden light as the corridor. Behind it the sky had a glow like that of twilight.

Then a large, swirling object began to twirl through the air. It was miles wide, and light was bouncing off of it. It landed on the cross and I saw that it was a large, gold engagement ring, with a brilliant square solitaire diamond. The ring hung on the top of the golden cross, with rainbows of fiery light bouncing off the diamond.

It hung on the cross for a minute or so, then began to fly through the air, in a swirling movement.

Soon it paused, with the diamond toward the front, and floated in mid air. Then it swirled through the air again, and paused, diamond extended, over and over again. *(I now know HE was offering the ring to others unseen by me.)*-

Then the ring was in front of me. Brilliant rainbows of light were bouncing off the many facets of the large, square diamond. It was so gorgeous!!!!

A gentle voice spoke:

WILL YOU BECOME BETROTHED TO ME?

WILL YOU BE MY BRIDE?

My heart nearly burst with ecstasy!!!!! Yes!!!! Yes, LORD!!!!! I responded joyfully.

Then HE was standing there beside me, and HE placed HIS right arm over my shoulder. I felt a covering placed about me. It was a beautiful white prayer shawl. It was placed over me in a gesture of love and protection. We began to walk down the corridor towards the blazing light together.

I then found myself watching my movement with my BELOVED from outside the golden corridor. As I neared the light with my BELOVED, lovely white gossamer feathered wings came down and blocked the entrance to the corridor, shielding it from my view.

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The Lion Of Zion V

Rosie Lovejoy

"Jacob's Troubles Are About To Begin"

MARCH 13, 2004

I saw a stained, weathered looking gate. My first thought was that it could be either a door to a barn or outside building, or a gate to a garden. Soon a stone wall appeared on either side of the door. It reminded me of what a gate to *THE SECRET GARDEN* may have looked like. The gate was solid and strong, and unless opened, I knew I would not be able to proceed through it. As I thought about it's strength, and wondered at it, the gate began to swing open. I heard a voice, "**WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME IN?**"

I entered a walled garden and found myself following a curved path of round concrete stepping stones surrounded by fragrant thyme. I was unable to tell what kinds of vegetation were in the garden, as it seemed to be shrouded in a mist. The path was visible, so I curiously followed it. The path halted at a large, round, deep blue pool. The water was inviting, and steps led into it.

I was reminded of Jewish mikva pools, and longed to enter it and bathe and consecrate myself once again to my Savior. I walked down the steps and began swimming in the deep pool. I found myself swimming like a dolphin. I would swirl and dive, then come up for air. The water was cool and wonderfully inviting. I swam and swam with total abandon and joy. I did not get tired.

Soon there was a movement in the center of the pool and a fountain began to rise. It vaguely resembled a Fluor de lea, but soon changed into a cross. The cross rotated clockwise. Water was coming out of the top, sides and most of the water was spraying out of the center. I heard the words: **"ARE YOU SURPRISED THAT MY CROSS IS A FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER FOR THOSE WHO WOULD COME TO IT?"**

Soon I felt called to climb up on the pedestal of the cross/fountain. Then I was nudged to come up higher. I looked about and couldn't see how to do that.

Then my favorite **LION** was beside me and urged me to climb onto His back. I didn't want to, as I felt it was dishonorable and disrespectful to climb onto the back of **THE LION OF ZION.** He urged me, and I refused and struggled. **HE** let out a sigh, and asked if I would be willing to fly on the back of an Eagle? I replied to the affirmative, and a huge Eagle came and swooped me up. Soon I was riding on His back, hugging His head with both arms.

I looked down and saw the charred remains of a large city. It was a blackened and smoldering ruin. I knew it was one of our cities here in the US. I felt sick inside.

The Eagle asked me:

"DO YOU THINK YOU CAN WAGE WAR ON OTHERS WITH IMPUNITY?" *

As the Eagle flew me over the land I saw chaos and images of war everywhere. Our beautiful nation was on fire! The National Forests were on fire! The National Parks were on fire! Everywhere I looked our nation was black and burning.

Soon the Eagle swooped down into a deep, mountain valley where the trees were green, and signs of war were not evident. It looked like a valley in the Cascade, Sierra, or Rocky Mountains. The mountains surrounding this small valley were tall, jagged and snow capped. I asked, *"What is this place? Why has the war not touched it here?"*

HE replied:
"THESE ARE PLACES OF REFUGE WHERE MY HUMBLE ONES DWELL. THE ONES WHO DWELL IN MY REFUGES ARE THE ONES WHO HEARD MY VOICE AND HEEDED MY CALL. THEY DID NOT FIGHT WITH ME WHEN THEY HEARD THE SOUND OF THE SHOFAR. I WILL HAVE A REMNANT TO GREET ME WHEN I RETURN."

HE continued:
"LET ME MAKE PLAIN TO YOU WHAT IS TO SUDDENLY COME UPON THE EARTH. JACOB'S TROUBLES ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN…AND WHO DID I TEACH YOU JACOB IS?"

"Judah and Ephriam," I replied very soberly.

"NOW YOU KNOW…" HE answered me.

The Eagle landed and the **LION** was waiting to greet me. Once again **HE** urged me to climb onto HIS back. This time I was very grateful to comply.

"NOW DO YOU SEE THAT MY FAITHFUL AND HUMBLE ONES WILL NEED TO BE CARRIED IN THE DAYS TO COME?"

I had a thousand other questions. *What time framework are we talking about? Are we talking days, months, years, centuries?????*

There was no answer given to my questions, and the vision faded away…
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* ***impunity*** *– 1. exemption from punishment or penalty*
2. immunity or preservation from incrimination, regret, or the like; escape from what is probable, certain, or just

*** **Places of Refuge***
I received the strong impression that the Holy Spirit has been whispering to a number of wealthy Christians to buy land both here and abroad and make it ready for an influx of refugees. I had the sense that some had said, "Yes!" and were secretly going about fulfilling His request. They were stocking the Places with food, water, etc. I also sensed that many had said "No Way!" and those Places were not being prepared as the LORD had requested. I also seemed to know that some had prepared a Place of Safety for themselves, their families, and their friends, but were refusing to expend "their wealth" on those they did not know in the Body of Christ. I felt our Heavenly Father viewed their "partial obedience" as "disobedience". There was a very somber sadness around these impressions.

*These impressions were felt by me during the vision, but **not** part of the conversation I had with the Eagle.*

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i. The mask was gray, metallic, with round glass eyes and a tube, which most likely is for water intake. The ones I saw on the Internet were similar to ones created for military use – both Russian and US. I was amazed at how easy it is to buy this kind of gear directly from the Internet.

ii. I do not know if the protection was for chemical or biological agents. I do know this individual was up to no good.

iii. I did not feel that the vaccine was a good thing. It, too, felt sinister--as if the patient was either unknowingly part of an experiment, or the vaccine was purposefully infective rather than protective. I am reminded of US history when American Indians were given blankets belonging to people who had died of smallpox. The intent was to infect the recipients. I felt that a similar intent was behind this vaccine.

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The Lion Of Zion 6 -10

Rosie Lovejoy

The Lion Of Zion VI
June 4, 2004

“I AM SEPARATING THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS”

I saw the sword of the Lord of Hosts. It was a familiar sword, beautiful and deadly, with a jeweled handle and razor sharp edge. Then I heard the words:
“Are you ready to die for me?”

I gasped, and then replied, “Yes, LORD...”

The sword rose and was thrust into my heart by an unseen hand. I saw blood everywhere, and saw my heart ripped open and bleeding. I heard the words:

“You must exchange your blood for MY life giving blood. You must die in order to truly live for ME.”

(I found myself going back over my week mentally. It was filled with real estate events—houses and people and a market that is fueled by fear and greed and desperation. A week filled with craziness and exhaustion, and no time for the LORD. My heart had not focused on HIM all week… I had been eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, and not from the Tree of Life.)

Then I saw the LION. HE was facing me and looking piercingly into my eyes. I was so happy to see HIM again.

The LION faded away and a large, tiered wedding cake appeared, white and decorated with swirling, gooey, icing. Sitting on top of the wedding cake was a figure of a bride and a groom, very lifeless and ordinary, dancing in a frozen sort of a way.

I heard the words:

“Most of MY people see me as a lifeless bridegroom-just like this figure on the wedding cake. They do not realize that I am *living* and full of life, and that I require a bride who is also alive and filled with MY life.“

“I am now separating the sheep from the goats. IT HAS BEGUN!”

Then I saw a staff with an invisible hand directing it. It worked quickly, separating the sheep to one side, and the goats to the other side. Then I saw a bride and bridegroom, dancing joyously, and other members of the wedding party dancing joyously. They were clothed in rich, colorful garments. Everyone was exuberantly happy. The bride and groom were leading a joyous procession of dancers and well wishers. Then the bridegroom whistled and all the sheep came running and followed after the bridal party. It was a very colorful scene!

Then I saw the goats, mulling around, butting each other, and taking little nips out of each other’s fur. It was not a pretty sight.

And then I saw fire, red-hot flames, rising and blocking out my vision of the goats.

The fire was replaced by the LION’S head roaring and roaring and roaring…And then the words thundered from HIM…

“LET MY JUDGMENTS ROLL!

IT HAS BEGUN!”

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A few minutes later the LION reappeared. He was striding purposefully down a roadway. Following behind HIM on either side was a procession of flag bearers. The flags were huge (6 feet by 10 feet or so.) They were gold and a gorgeous deep purple. There was a gold flag, then a purple flag, then a gold flag, then a purple flag…The procession went on for miles, as the flag bearers followed the LION. The flags were whipping in the wind.

Then I heard a whistle, and I saw little lambs and sheep answering the whistle. They gathered in between the two rows of flags, and trotted after the LION.

HE led them out of the city and up a winding mountainous path that was wide enough for 3 or 4 sheep to trot abreast, as well as the flag bearers on either side. Every once in a while a sheep would break away, and trot out of place. The LION would turn around and sternly, yet lovingly, look at it, and the wayward sheep or lamb would trot back into place.

The LION climbed higher and higher, and the procession of flag bearers and sheep followed.

Soon they were led to a high mountain meadow, lush and green with wildflowers, mountain water, and perfumed breezes. The sheep gleefully entered the meadow, munched some grass, and laid down full and content.
The flag bearers circled the perimeter of the meadow with their gold and purple flags. The wind was blowing the flags, birds were chirping, and all felt peaceful.

Then the LION re-appeared from His position at the front of the procession. HE silently instructed the flag bearers to watch after His sheep. Then HE turned around and began to purposefully stride down the mountain path. HE looked like a LION with a mission.

Then I heard the words,

“I AM GOING TO WAGE WAR AGAINST MY SHEPHERDS WHO ARE WOLVES. THEY WORSHIP THEMSELVES AND WILL NOT BOW THEIR KNEE TO ME.”

The LION began to run as HE headed down the mountain.

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The Lion Of Zion VII
Rosie Lovejoy

The Ark And The Dancers
June 26, 2004
(Every one of the Lion of Zion visions has occurred during prolonged, passionate corporate worship and dance before the LORD. This was no exception. We were dancing with various colored flags, tambourines, and worship hoops. I felt that I may have been given a small glimpse of what occurs in the Heavenlies when we worship and dance before the LORD with all our might. I also was shown some of our farm animals as a teaching tool to me about (my) rebelliousness and disobedience to the King of Kings.)

The Cast of Characters

Miss Beauty—a full blood Arauchna chicken with beautiful black, brown, orange, and white markings who lays pale blue eggs. She is very wild and totally rebellious-- also very stupid. Her wings have been severely clipped because she is always jumping the fence and digging up our flowers and vegetables. She is always looking for a means to escape the orchard where she is safe and has plenty of room to roam.

Miss Green—was our very favorite chicken and former Queen of the Coupe. She was a Buff Rock, golden colored and gentle. She loved to follow us around and clucked to be picked up and petted. We loved Miss Green! When she was in charge of the chicken coupe, all was well and friendly. She died recently early one morning. She hadn't come when called the evening before, and we overlooked the fact that she was not safely in the coupe. A raccoon trapped her and ripped her apart. She was desperately trying to get into the coupe. I heard her screams in the pre-dawn and raced outside to see what had occurred. The raccoon fled the carcass of my favorite chicken as I raced to her rescue. It was very sad…

Miss Muffett—a half Arauchna and half Golden Comet chicken, she always tries to jump the fence, doesn't come when called, is stubborn and stupid and willful. She is mentally challenged. She is also very destructive and is always trying to get out of the orchard and dig up our gardens. Her wings have been severely clipped, as she is so destructive. She lays pretty green eggs.

I saw an Israeli flag fluttering in the breeze. The Star of David was large and beautiful, crisp and blue. As the flag fluttered, the Star of David faded and a blue pentagram superimposed itself in the place where the Star of David had been. *(I was shocked and very disturbed by this.)* Then the Satanic elongated head of a goat with curly horns superimposed itself over the pentagram. Instead of the Israeli flag, there was a white flag with blue stripes, and the satanic head of a goat.

(As I stood dumbfounded watching the flag changing, the Holy Spirit whispered to me that there was much witchcraft against Israel from all parts of the world. Israel was severely under attack by demonic forces. Many spells were being said against her. I was also told that there were times when secular Israeli leadership is unknowingly carrying the banner of Satan as they go about their attempt to secure the peace. Their actions are not inspired by the Holy Spirit, but by another spirit altogether.)

Then a lovely red dancing hoop covered the flag and the scene dissolved.

I saw **Miss Beauty.** She had flown out of the orchard and was digging in the flowerbed. She was ripping up the flowers by their roots and causing much destruction. She was oblivious to the bigger picture of our farm. She was not where she was supposed to be.

Then I was impressed with the following. "**Many in My church are pretty to look at by the world's standards. But inside they are rebellious and wild. They will not come when I call them."** *(I clearly got the sense that HE was referring to HIS direction and HIS call, not the direction of a church official. The rebelliousness was against HIS HOLY SPIRIT, not church leadership.)*

I then saw my beloved **Miss Green**. I was reminded that Miss Green's rebellion caused her death. Although she was loving and kind and generally very obedient, her one act of disobedience caused her literal death. I was shown that today many in the church are like Miss Green. They are loving and kind, obedient to the Pastor, and follow their church's doctrine. But when tested, their allegiance is not to the Holy Spirit and HIS voice. They will be outside the camp. Like Miss Green they will be outside YAH'S wings of protection when it matters most.

Then I was shown **Miss Muffett.** I was told that no matter how much Miss Muffett's wings are clipped, she still gets into trouble because of her stubbornness and refusal to follow direction. She thinks with her very limited chicken brain that she knows what is best. I was reminded that most of us are like that, too. We have no notion of the complexity of YAHWEH'S plan. Yet we insist on making our own plans, and rebel against the direction of the Most Holy Spirit when HIS plans vary with our own.

I was then shown the back of a shepherd. He whistled and all the little chickens and sheep and ducks came running and were leaping and dancing with joy as HE led them away.

I was told that that is how we are supposed to be—like the little animals that come running at HIS whistle, and follow HIM wherever HE leads. We are not to be like Miss Beauty, Miss Green, and Miss Muffett.

It was clearly impressed on me that there is a time coming soon when YESHUA will whistle, and we will need to follow like the little animals--follow instantly, joyously, and obediently. ***Our lives will depend on our obedience.***

Then I saw a mushroom cloud, and was told that much destruction was coming to the US, but in the midst of it YAHWEH was going to explode a golden bomb of HIS GLORY. No one would be able to deny the GLORY that was being shown in the midst of tragedy and terror.

Then I saw the Israeli pentagram flag again, and it was covered and dissolved by a golden kaleidoscope of various hues. I knew we are being called to Davidic worship and intercession for Israel. We are to pray that YAHWEH'S will be done, and that Israeli leadership seek after HIS WILL alone.

Then I saw my favorite LION roaring. Dancing before HIM were dancers in colorful dress, waving beautiful hoops and flags, playing tambourines. They were dancing in procession. Following the dancers were angels in white, carrying the Ark of the Covenant. (They were tall, handsome, luminous men without wings.) Following the angels were more colorful dancers with banners and hoops.

The sight took my breath away and brought tears to my eyes.

The vision ended with the sight of the procession of dancers, angels and the ARK as they went forth into battle.

There are two scriptures where the LORD whistles. They are: Isa. 5:26, and Zech. 10:8
Zechariah 10:8 reads:

> *I will whistle for them and gather them,*
> *For I will redeem them;*
> *And they shall increase as they once increased.*

Isaiah 5:26 reads:

> *He will lift up a banner to the nations from afar,*
> *And whistle to them from the end of the earth;*
> *Surely they will come with speed, swiftly.*

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The Lion Of Zion VIII
Rosie Lovejoy

"I WILL HAVE A REMNANT…"

July 4, 2004
This word came to me during praise and worship on July 4th. As we sang "God Bless America" I saw my favorite LION, the Lion of Zion. Large plump tears were falling from HIS eyes as we petitioned our Creator to bless our nation. This word came over a period of 40 minutes or so, as I worshiped the LORD.

> *I will have a remnant who will shine with MY glory-who will love what I love, and despise what I despise. They will do great exploits. They will love the poor, the sick, the homeless, and the hopeless. They will do what I love.*
>
> *You sing “God Bless America”…I have blessed and blessed and blessed and blessed your nation. I have been merciful and kind. But just as a Father disciplines His wayward son, so shall I discipline your nation and MY Church.*
>
> *I WILL HAVE A PEOPLE WHO WILL BOW THEIR KNEE TO ME AND ME ALONE. They shall carry MY banner into battle. They shall sing songs of praise to ME.*
>
> *Your flag has become a despised thing to me—for it no longer advances MY Kingdom and MY Will. I love MY children. Just as a Father confiscates matches from His children who are playing with them, so, too, will I move to take away the things that harm you.*
>
> *I AM coming soon, and I am dividing the sheep from the goats—for I WILL HAVE A REMNANT THAT DOES GREAT EXPLOITS IN MY NAME AND MY NAME ALONE.*
>
> *Have no fear MY child, for I will have a remnant that shines with the brightness of MY glory, and who will bow the knee to ME and ME alone.*
>
> *For I AM HOLY—High and Set Apart. MY ways are not your ways, and I love with an everlasting love.*

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The Lion Of Zion IX
Rosie Lovejoy

Kneeling Before My King

July 18, 2004
My vision was filled with my wonderful LION—the Lion of Zion. He was reposing in a lush, green meadow, with a gold, jeweled crown on His head. The jewels were multi-colored and varied. They were dazzling in the sunlight, and rainbows of light were bouncing off of them.

Kneeling before the LION, I was surrounded in absolute love. The meadow vibrated and pulsed with HIS love. It was sweet and silky in the air, with a soft perfume of mountain flowers in bloom. About me small birds were chirping in adoration.

I knew there were others behind me, but I could not see them.

Then I saw a long stemmed ruby red rose dancing in the air, twirling about towards me. A cross arose from a rocky knoll at the edge of the meadow, and the rose danced towards it. Soon the rose began to circle the cross and more and more blooms began to appear. It began to cover the cross with profuse, fragrant blooms, like a climbing rose covers a trellis. The air was perfumed and lovely.

There was so much love…..Kneeling before HIM was bliss…

Then I saw a trickle of water begin to flow from the base of the rose covered cross. It became stronger until it was a clear, deep, gently flowing river. I left my kneeling position before the LION and belly flopped into the river. I went down deeply into the water, and swam and frolicked, like a dolphin who is happy and playful.

As I tread water, I saw a huge Class F IV or V tornado approaching.

Then I heard the words: “**This is from me to awaken my children. It is not from Satan, as many will claim.”** *(I do not know if this is a real tornado, or a symbolic tornado that will travel through HIS church. I do know it was huge and left destruction and debris in its wake.)*

Then I saw an American flag. It was torn and tattered, still on the pole, fluttering in the breeze. And I heard the word: “
“***cleansing…”***

Through it all, the LOVE of the LORD was sweeter than anything I have ever experienced.

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Lion Of Zion X
Rosie Lovejoy

The Death Orb
August 1, 2004

All the Lion of Zion visions have occurred during prolonged times of corporate worship. This one is no different.

I saw a lovely pink rose bud that slowly and gently opened. Perfume from its center began to fill the air. It began to turn and spin and became the twirling pink skirt of a lovely ballerina. She was dancing before the Heavenly Throne, and her dancing was fluid and exquisite. Her movements were choreographed to the worship music that was rising about me.

Then I saw a very odd object, unlike anything I have seen before. It was metal and silver in color. It looked like the planet Saturn, with a ball of silver at its center, surrounded by a flat ring of silver metal, with a razor sharp edge. The ring was stationary. The ring did not appear to be attached to the metal ball by any kind of physical mechanism that I could see. Yet, it was perfectly centered and equally spaced around the circumference of the orb. *(I felt a primordial terror when I saw this object in my inner vision. Somehow I knew it was evil.)*

The ballerina approached this orb and continued to dance her dance of worship on the top of blade of the orb. *(At no time was there any sign of fear from her, it was simply another surface on which she could dance before her King.)* Her dance continued, and she stepped onto the edge of the blade and continued to dance, unaffected by its razor sharp edge. She worshiped through her dance, and completely twirled over the orb, the blade, the edge, and the underside of the blade*. (My heart was racing as I watched her fluid, joyous movements. I was frightened for her.)* Whatever this object was, she was fearless and unafraid.

Then I saw two large flags. One was a deep, royal purple, and the other a very bright white. The flags were whipping in the breeze and were attached to long poles that were held upright by angelic beings. I could only see their back sides, but the beings were masculine and strong.

Soon children dressed in their prettiest, most colorful clothing and adults festively dressed began to gather and line up behind the flag bearers. There was a feeling of celebration and joy! The flag bearers began to walk away from me, followed by jumping, dancing children, and the very happy adults with them. The procession became a large line of folks as they followed the flags.

The silver, Saturn shaped orb reappeared, and this time the ring began to turn, faster and faster until the blade was a blur or rotating metal. It was suspended in the air.

The dancer leapt from the object and joined the procession. The flag bearers led the procession away from this deadly object, and appeared to be climbing to some unseen destination. As the backs of the people began to fade into the distance, a large cross floated down and joined the procession at the very rear, like a rear guard, blocking any kind of attack from the rear.

Then the **Lion of Zion** appeared behind the cross, following the procession as it made its way up the mountain. He turned towards me, and then let out His mighty roar.

At once the metal orb began to shoot through the air. I saw people fleeing in terror before it. It smashed into a building and continued out the other side, unharmed. The building collapsed about it. It was not affected by any surface it came into contact with. I felt that it was being controlled remotely, and had been programmed for this destructive assault. I sensed that there were other death orbs at work throughout the land.

The vision ended with the scene of terror and slaughter before me. The scene appeared to be an American city, as the buildings looked familiar, and the people were dressed in our present day clothing.

I have resisted writing this vision down, as it was so terrifying. It seemed that I had been given a glimpse of a new type of weapon made with space age materials.
Its mission was to create terror, and it certainly did!

Like the parables of old, this one needs to be taken to our LORD in prayer.

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The Lord Of Armies

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Dear friends, we are at a new beginning in our war against evil, especially since moral values played such a big role in deciding the last election in the USA. It is my conviction and belief that, whether we are speaking in reference to our own soul, our families or our cities and nation, we can win the battle for the future.

I know some might say, "I don't get it. I don't understand this warfare, battle mindset. I just don't see it in the Lord or the Scriptures."

The fact is, the enemy has been very successful in blinding people's eyes both to the reality of Who Christ is in His righteous wars against evil and also to the authority we have to represent Christ on earth. Many nominal Christians unconsciously think of God like He was a combination of the chubby "Happiness Buddha" and a kindly Santa Claus.

I know we are not supposed to be fearful about heavenly things, but I will be the first to say, there are beings in heaven -- including God Himself -- who are absolutely terrifying. I did not say they were bad, but that they are terrifying. They are not trying to scare us, it just happens that when they reveal just a little of their power, most people instinctively pass out.

In the Bible we frequently read the Lord telling His servants, "do not be afraid." If you look at the context of His words, it's often just after one of His servants has seen Him and, in response, has fainted. Indeed, the phrase that describes the typical human reaction to the real God is not, "he felt goose bumps" but he was "like a dead man."

It's not just the Lord who is frightening, angels are also terrifying beings. Yet, the enemy has seeded false images of angels into our thought-life. Every winter millions pull out the Christmas decorations, take out the angel for the top of the tree, position it and plug it in: a beautiful white, blond woman with wings and a long dress lights up and the tree is complete.

But no where in the Bible are angels depicted as women. Nothing wrong with women, mind you, but angels were always revealed in a masculine form with masculine names. They are fierce warriors of righteousness. I've seen angels. First, they are ageless. Second, they are uncompromisingly righteous. Third, their energy level and intensity is terrifying. Fourth, they are not women or children. Fifth, they are not men either, they just appear in masculine form as a image of strength, but they are, in fact, without gender.

Just once some Christmas I'd like to see a real angel show up on top of the tree just as I plugged in the light -- bam! nuclear glory radiating, instantly frying the Christmas tree until it was just a little skeleton of smoldering sticks; everyone in the family slain spiritually, unable to move for hours under the weight of the angelic presence. A true "touched by an angel" episode and a Christmas to remember!

Perhaps, angels have actually appeared to Christians in a feminine, comforting form on special occasions, but there are no references to feminine angels in the Bible. Nor were angels biblically depicted like little Gerber babies with wings as part of an Italian fresco, which are as harmless as they are cute. The Cupid form of an angel originated in ancient Greece where he was known as Eros, the young son of Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty. To the Roman's he was Cupid, and his mother was Venus. This comes from Greek Mythology. Clearly, these images do not originate from the ancient Scriptures.

I don't know, but if I was in dread conflict with an evil principality or power and I called on the Lord and, in response, a Gerber baby showed up, I wouldn't feel much comfort. I don't care if he was 50 feet tall, if he's wearing a diaper, I would not be greatly reassured.

See, I want a real angel to show up, massive, terrifying, sword drawn, fire zooming out its eyes and hands, and six wings. Real angels don't wear diapers and they aren't women. They are warriors, and we need to see them as they are depicted in the Bible.

The Lord Himself

Just like the enemy has convinced people that angels are heavenly women or babies (or can dance on the head of a pin), so there is one major revelation of God in the Old Testament that also has been obscured. It is an aspect of the divine nature that is revealed in the "compound names" of God. Some familiar examples of these unique names are Yahweh-Nissi (The Lord My Banner) or Yahweh-Jirah (The Lord My Provider) or Yahweh Rapha (The Lord My Healer), etc. In revealing Himself via these names (about 30 different occasions in the Bible), the Lord unites His eternal nature to the human need of His servant.

Yet, one name is not included in the thirty. The use of this name occurs approximately 290 times in the Bible -- nearly ten times the sum of all other revelations! Additionally, the context of literally hundreds of other scriptures include the meaning of this awesome revelation of God. What is that name? Let me introduce you to Yahweh-Sabaoth, the Lord of Hosts. From the sheer number of references alone, we see that the "Lord of Armies" is the revelation of God most frequently unveiled to man in the Bible.

When we talk about fighting for our personal transformation or warring for our families, cities and nation, it is the Lord of Hosts we want to follow into battle. It was the Lord of Hosts who met Joshua on the plains of Jericho (Josh 5:14); and it was the God of Armies that led David into battle against the Philistines (1 Sam 17:45). Those weren't Gerber babies that sang around the manger the holy night Christ was born; those were mighty, warring heavenly beings singing in awe of the sacrifice of the great King!

If we are going to be successful in our warfare, we need to see the Lord as the great commander that He is, for it's Him we follow. He is commander and ruling master of the universe. He is the Lord of Powers, both on earth and in heaven: "and the armies which are in heaven [are] following Him" (Rev 19:14).

The Look Of Death

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When Their Eyes Don't Carry The Look Of Death

"LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN KEEP IT!"

I believe it was Benjamin Franklin, who came out of the building where the Declaration of Independence had just been signed, and a woman approached him asking him what they had just done. He said something like, "Madam, we have just given you a democracy...now let's see if you can keep it."

God has given us a chance that we didn't earn and don't deserve. It isn't so much the human, flawed vessel of George Bush, (trust me, he WILL let us down now and then...) but the "test", if you will, is something bigger.

"ARE WE CAPABLE OF SUSTAINED PRAYER?"

We truly are about to enter into a season of maturity and ripening in the Body of Christ like we haven't seen in our generation. The next four years will show what we are and aren't made of. Are we even capable of the sustained prayer necessary to uphold the move of God that we cry out for?

Well, He [THE LORD] heard SOMEthing! We got heaven's attention somehow, and managed to wrestle through phase #1. But honestly, I don't think we know what we've gotten ourselves into.

"I CAN HEAR IT TICKING RIGHT NOW!"

We've set something off.

I can hear it "ticking" right now. We are being watched, observed and weighed. We've earned ourselves a test. We've qualified for the right to be measured. We have won nothing but the privilege of heaven taking us half-way serious. (I don't mean that in a dishonoring way, He loves us so very much....but we have been crying out for a "more" from God, that I'm not so sure we've had the stomach to handle.)

"...WHEN THEIR EYES DON'T CARRY THE LOOK OF DEATH..."

The prophetic voice is about to change and the qualifying standard is about to go up. No longer will we look at "gifted" men and call them prophets, when their eyes don't even carry the look of "death" (Not the evil spirit of death, but the "death" that Christ spoke of, and the embracing of the cross.)

There will be such a grace and injunction to pray, and there will be such an authority revealed, that it can in no way be mimicked. We will see prophets and apostles firmly established where they belong--at the bottom of God's inverted ladder, and with great authority. The standard is about to be raised so much, that men who are not prophets will actually fear to call themselves such; and those who are prophets will walk in so much holy authority (whether we ever know their names, or whether they walk in secret) we will be amazed to look back at what we once called, "prophet".

There are some who say that there are no real prophets now. I believe there are and have been Prophets, or the church could never to any degree have been equipped at all, as it is the Prophets, Apostles, etc.--- that have been given to equip Her.

We've walked in the light we've been given, and to some degree have been faithful, or we wouldn't be at the threshold we are now.

But these are Prophets who have walked through fire, through the river of testing and the waters that didn't overcome them.

It will certainly bring a change in the way we see things and bring a halt to how easily we attribute an "office" to a gifted person.

MORE THAN ONE KIND OF "MARINE"

A man who has made it through the Marine Corp. boot-camp is now called a Marine. But a man who has served his four years, is another "type" of Marine. And a man who spent those four years in active combat is another "type" of Marine all together.

I believe up till now, we have seen "boot-camp" Christians and "boot-camp" prophets. (With a few dozen seasoned, well-equipped Prophets training us and showing the way. Trust me, we aren't out there training ourselves...There are and have been, --seen or unseen, real Prophets out there!)

SOME THINK THEY'VE ALREADY SEEN REAL COMBAT

Some of those "real" Prophets have just come through some very real combat and their "eyes" have been forever changed. We'll begin to see them soon.

Some with the "call" of prophet THINK they've seen combat, when actually they have just finished the "hell" of boot-camp.

Blessings to them!

However, once you have seen the battle-seasoned "Marine" Prophet, you may have very little tolerance for anything else.

ANGELIC INTERVENTION

Intercessors are needed now more than ever, and are themselves going through their "Gethsemane" Their work is not unnoticed by the Lord, and I believe a greater angelic intervention is coming for them.

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The Light of God Released

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I was at the In Christ's Image conference in Cedar Rapids earlier this month. It was during worship, when I closed my eyes and saw this:

There was a man standing at the foot of a stairway, short and wide, that led to a great doorway covered by a multi-colored tapestry placed there expressly to divide the people from the sanctuary. Violence of a cosmic force had ripped the hanging from top to bottom. He stood for a moment, enticed by the newly opened way into the forbidden chamber. Slowly he mounted the steps, one by one, apprehensive that at any moment, someone would call out, forbidding him to enter. No one came, and no one spoke. He stood before the great, torn veil, warp and woof waving gently in the breeze that came from within. Slowly, fearfully and not boldly, he pushed the shredded fabric aside and entered. As his eyes adjusted to the dim light, he saw an empty room, more like a mausoleum than a church. His heart cried out. Suddenly a light, bright as the sun, big as the universe, appeared, and pierced, like an arrow, the center of his heart. The light wound whirlpool-like, round until it was absorbed completely. And a voice said, "No longer shall my ark be carried on a cart with man-made wheels. But man will carry it and go to bless those to whom I'm sending it." For we have this treasure in earthen vessels.

And again I saw, and people flowed boldly from everywhere to come see the room on the other side of the veil, and when they arrived they were stunned and saddened for loss of what once was and now was not, until one spoke and said, "The light of God is in us all." And all took hands and light exploded from that place and all streamed forth to bring that light to darkening horizons. And as the sanctuary emptied and grew dark, the joy of the Lord increased and so His strength was revealed.

And again I looked and saw a people in the darkened room. They stood in awe and deep respect for what once was. Another entered to join in the work, but he heard a voice crying, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? They have all gone to labor in my fields. Go and reap what you have not sown, and receive the wages for which I destined you from before the dawn of time.

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The Language of Heaven

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There is a language that transcends all human understanding and intellect. It beats the best of human eloquence and wisdom. It is called the language of heaven.

In the Bible Paul said the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost and we know that this is nothing but the fruit of the Holy Spirit. We were also told that Love is the greatest of all and that therefore we should seek love for God is love. You see up there in Heaven everything vibrates with the love of God. There is no impurity there. All is clean as the angels cry Holy, Holy, Holy. The worship is perfect and the praise is awesome.

The language of Heaven is what its citizens do speak. They all speak the language of Love. Up there, there is no limitation. The angels, saints and God understands 'all things`. Even the atmosphere of heaven is full of the gifts of wisdom and revelation of the Son of God and his creation. The whole atmosphere is charged with love and the other parts of the Spirit's fruit. God, the angels and the perfected saints only speak one language -the language of Heaven but they understand all other tongues. Its like if you can speak the heavenly language then you can speak and understand all earthly languages without being taught. This is a mystery and that which I want to share. You see the gift of tongues can also be the gift of diverse kinds of tongues. When you speak it you speak the heavenly but God can manifest all and any of the earthly languages while you are speaking. That was what occurred in the day of Pentecost. The saints when filled with the tongues of heaven and they spoke earthly languages as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance.

Groanings, thunders and sounds are heard in heaven which no man can interpret. To Paul it was not lawful for man to hear it and to John it was too wonderful. Rick Joyner could feel the awesomeness behind perceiving the thoughts of our Lord and the saints as they reason. He stood there and knew their thoughts. It was awesome. Such fellowship is too great. Shalom

The Lost Heart

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Repentance, The "Lost Heart" of The Church

Repentance has become the "lost heart" of the Church today. One seldom hears messages on the need for personal or corporate repentance from sin. And yet, when we look at the New Testament there are some 58 references to the need to repent. "Repent" is the most frequent instruction given by the risen Christ to the 7 Churches of Asia in Revelation chapters 2 & 3 (occurring 6 times). Repentance is a matter close to God’s heart.

I believe God is about to make repentance from sin as important to us as it is to Him. I believe that God is calling His Church, particularly cities, into a season of prayer, fasting and repentance in preparation for revival.

When you and I stand before God on judgment day He will not ask you to give an account for anyone’s sin but our own. That sin or issue in your neighbor’s life that you thought was so terrible and which you believed cried out for repentance on their part will not even come up in the conversation. But God will ask you to explain the log in your own eye which you steadfastly denied was there and which you refused to repent over.

Repentance isn’t about any one else. It is about you and me. It isn’t about anyone else’s sin. It’s about yours and mine. It isn’t about what you might think God wants to do in anyone else’s life. It’s about what God wants to do in your life and in my life.

It isn’t about the Church calling the world to repent of it’s sin. It’s about the Church wanting to be holy before God and living out a life of humility and repentance before a watching world that has yet to see a genuine role model of repentance and forgiveness. Perhaps the world will consider the claims of Christ more seriously when it sees the professing Church living out a life of humility, forgiveness and holiness more fully.

I believe God wants to send Spiritual Revival and Transformation to our communities, and at this current point in time, particularly in the first six months of 2004, He is calling His available church to seek Him in humility, in fasting, in prayer and in genuine personal and corporate repentance, asking God to have mercy upon us and to pour out His Spirit upon us, our churches and our community.

This isn’t about a program, a crusade, or a festival. It isn’t even about particular pastors or churches or ministries. It’s about the heart and desire of God to visit our city, to pour out spiritual revival and transformation, and it's about the role He wants each of us to play.

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To Loosen The Loins Of Kings

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1-8-2004 When I give one of my people an assignment, whom I can depend upon to complete it? What a rare gift! Do you know how few of those who are supposed to be my servants are really dependable? Do you know how few are really faithful? I tell you truly, the answer is not very many.

The pull of the world and selfish self-centered endeavors are too strong. For the many, the work of my kingdom takes a distant second to their own personal pursuits. Whether they are in the pulpit or walking as sheep, it does not matter. The same lack of faithfulness still applies.

To those of you who are different, you delight my heart! I sing over you with songs of joy and devotion. Soon I will sing over you a song of GREAT LIBERATION. You have no idea. You have never seen what I intend to do with you and certain others that I have my eyes on.

These are my faithful ones. They have been willing to follow me, no matter what the personal pain or discomfort to themselves. Whether their personal plans for their own lives were disrupted or not, it did not matter to them. They did not count the cost, but were still willing to follow me.

SO BREAKTHROUGH IS UPON YOU!

BREAKTHROUGH IS IMMINENT!

As the earth is trembling for what is about to come upon it, the heavens are trembling with excitement for what I am about to release into the lives of my holy and set apart ones.

They have CHOSEN to be set apart. They have worked diligently to know me more intimately and remove the grime from their robes. There is a reward for this behavior, as continuing to "muck with the pigs" also has its own reward! I will separate that which is defiled from that which is not. Men cannot see hearts and truly do not know the clean from the unclean, but I do.

There are many in my church who are unclean. Some of these I will be able to cleanse and set apart in the days ahead, but many will resist me vigorously. They think they know me. They do not know me at all! Too busy, too busy, too self satisfied, too caught up in the things of the world; others in love with the control, blame or shame games.

You will never know me, if you do not set apart time to be with me. You will never know me if you have hardened your heart and turned your back on my truth.

As herds and packs of animals run together, so the defiled run together. The clean and the unclean do not mix. My servants can be found everywhere, but they do not hang out with thieves and liars!

WOE to those who are so sure I do not exist. Woe to those who could care less. They could not exist without the hand that created them, yet they scorn me, curse me and laugh at the absurdity of judgment or standing before me and giving an accounting of their lives.

As I have in the past unlocked the loins of kings, so these rebellious ones, unless they change their ways, will stand before me in terror, totally undone. [*Isa. 45*] Man has toyed with me. Man has not listened to me. All of my pleading, interventions and blessings have been discarded and ignored.

To the victor goes the prize. The victors will be those who have humbled themselves and pursued me diligently. Didn’t I say that those who knocked and knocked, who kept on seeking, would eventually find me? *[Ps. 119:2, Prov. 8:17, Jer. 29:13, Matt. 7:7, Lk. 11:9*]

If a man is searching for a gold mine, does he not continue diligently in his search? Am I not of more value than gold or silver or precious stones? So why won’t you pursue ME, Oh you of little faith?

You pursue the gods you have created with great diligence. You have built great structures to worship them and do not fail to bring them your offerings and your worship and adulation.*

WOE! WOE! WOE!

I will bring these false gods down and they will fall with a resounding crash. The thunder and dust from their fall will be like a shot heard around the globe! Right now, in this very hour, I am beginning to separate that which is defiled from that which is not. My hand is beginning to move – my hand of blessing and my hand of correction.

The rumble and roar will be great. There will be catastrophes and cacophony** as I move according to my sovereign will. Yes, it is at the door. Yes, it is at the door even now, Oh disobedient world.

My humble ones will do great exploits in my holy name. A coat of mail (armor) will be what my chosen ones will wear. They will be invincible, according to my Purposes.

But to the others I say - I will not contend with you forever. Have I not said that I will have MY way in the earth? And have I not said that every knee will bow to ME and me alone? I WILL LOOSEN THE LOINS OF KINGS AND THE HOUR TO ENTER IN * IS NOW. *4 I have spoken it, and so it will be.**

The Most High God

**Among the "great structures" I saw in the Spirit were shopping malls, sports stadiums and skyscrapers (signifying business and commerce).*

***Cacophony: jarring, discordant sound, dissonance, harsh or unharmonious sound*
****"To loosen the loins of kings" is an idiom describing such fear that one looses control of their bladder or bowels. It suggests total, uncontrollable terror.*
"TO ENTER IN" refers to the fulfillment of Isaiah 45 as well as the other matters prophesied here.
**4 Isa. 45 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have upheld, to subdue nations before him: I will loose the loins of kings, to open the doors before him, and the gate shall not be shut;*
I will go before you and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of brass and cut asunder the bars of iron; And I will give you the treasures that are hidden in darkness and the buried riches of the secret places that you may know that I, the Lord, who calls you by your name, am the God of Israel.
For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my elect, I have called you by your name; I have surnamed you, though you have not known me.
I am the Lord and there is none else; there is no God besides me; I have girded you, though you have not known me, that they may know from the rising of the sun and from the west that there is none besides me; I am the Lord and there is none else. I form light and create darkness; I make peace and create hardship; I the Lord do all these things.
Woe to him who strives with his Maker! An earthen vessel that strives with him who made it from the earth! Does the clay say to the potter, What are you making? Or am I not the work of your hands? Woe to him who says to his father, What are you begetting? Or to his mother, What have you conceived?
Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, the Lord of hosts is his name: Ask me of things to come concerning my children: and concerning the works of my hands, command me.
I have stirred man up in righteousness, and I will make smooth all his ways; he shall build my city and shall send my exiles back, not for a price nor for a bribe, says the Lord of hosts.
Thus says the Lord: The labor of Egypt and the merchants of Ethiopia and of Sheba, men of stature, shall come over to you and shall be yours; they shall come after you; in chains shall they come over, and they shall fall down before you, and shall make supplication to you, saying, Surely God is in you, and there is no other God. Truly thou art a shelter, O God, the God of Israel, and his Savior.
They who walk in confusion and make idols are all ashamed and confounded together. But the salvation of Israel is by the Lord, the Savior of the world; you shall not be ashamed nor confounded forever and ever.
For thus says the Lord who created the heavens (he is the God who formed the earth and made it; he has established it; he did not create it in vain, but that his creation might dwell in it.) I am the Lord and there is none else.
I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth; I said not to the descendants of Jacob, Seek me in vain; I the Lord speak righteousness; I decree things that are right.
Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you who are delivered of the nations; they have no knowledge who carry a graven image of wood and pray to gods that cannot save.
Tell and draw near and consult together; who has declared this from ancient time? Was it not I, the Lord from the beginning? And there is no other God besides me: a just God and Savior; there is none besides me.
Draw near to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am the Lord and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in
righteousness and shall not return, that to me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.
And they shall say, In the Lord is righteousness; even to him shall mighty men come; and all who reproach thee shall be ashamed. In the Lord shall all the descendants of Israel be justified and shall glory.

The Lion Of Zion XI
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Politics-A Trap

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We were worshiping at the local church I attend. It was slow and sluggish and not very anointed. Suddenly the Pastor arose from his seat and spoke into the microphone. His words began like this:

"I don't know what you people brought in with you this morning…We're here to worship the King of Kings…" He continued to speak about worship. At his words, "I don't know what you people brought in with you." the vision began to unfold.

I saw a small building that resembled a well house, something that protects and houses a well. The building was a dark brown/black color, with a rusted red metal roof. The door stood open. Demons were sitting on the roof, beckoning people to come inside. I knew the building's name was: **POLITICS.**

Instinctively I knew that the building was a trap, that people thought that they were entering a well house where fresh water was being pumped, but in reality it was a trap that led those that entered down a series of concrete steps into the fiery pits of Hell.

Then I saw a long line of people in single file. They were Christians and appeared to be sleep walking and were very zombie-like. They were walking very slowly on a gravel path that appeared to be going gently upward. The demons on the roof of the well house (**POLITICS)** were beckoning them to turn off the path and enter their "well house". Without any discernment or hesitation, they turned left from the upward path and entered the brown/black structure one by one. Their eyes looked vacant, like they had been hypnotized. I knew the zombie-like Christians were being led down into the pit.

As the praise in the Church continued, I saw a rusty red dragon, with 6 legs, flaying and fighting, trying to stop the anointed worship. It was huge, and was standing on the up-hill side of the well house.

Then another path appeared at the juncture where the Christians were turning off to enter the trap called **POLITICS**. This path continued straight ahead, and was not made of gravel like the other one. The path was made of light-- gorgeous, golden, glorious light. The light was bright and dazzling, too strong for me to look into. I saw a few Christians refuse the lure of the **political trap**, and continue up the path of golden light. I knew they were walking up the mountain towards the LORD OF HOSTS.

Then I saw another demonic creature, larger than the well house. It was on the downhill side of the trap. It was scorpion like, with a rear stinger and a stinger that came out of the top of its head.

As hordes of Christians continued to enter the trap called **POLITICS**, I knew that they were being used by the scorpion to say the things he wanted said. They thought their words were coming from the Holy Spirit, but they were not! The few Christians that resisted were steadfast in their devotion to reach the Throne Room and the One who sits on the throne.

Then my favorite LION appeared, and began to walk up the path of light with the few Christians who had **not** detoured and entered the building called **POLITICS**.

The LION OF ZION turned HIS head and said to me:

TELL MY PEOPLE THEY MUST CHOOSE!

TELL MY PEOPLE THEY MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN THE STING OF THE SCORPION OR THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD.

YOU CANNOT HAVE BOTH.

YOUR TONGUES CANNOT BE USED FOR BOTH!

CHOOSE TODAY BETWEEN THE STING OF THE SCORPION OR THE HOLINESS OF GOD.

CHOOSE! YOU CANNOT HAVE BOTH!

Then the vision faded away as the worship continued.

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The Lord Played The Cross

Judy Bauman

The Lord played the cross like an instrument. He played it like a violin.
A Dream

I was in a coffee house and sitting with a Christian friend, though I have no idea who it was, when we noticed that there were a number of men together at a table next to us. One of the men from another table came over and gave us each a pen with JESUS written on it. Then they gave us four more. I was excited and put them in my purse. Then they started singing some Christian songs that were very energetic. I knew them and sang along. This young man got up to preach, but said he was not sure if he was to give the message, and was waiting on the Holy Spirit. The Lord spoke to my heart and I said softly at first and then more loudly so they could hear, “The Lord played the cross like an instrument. He played it like a violin.” At this many of the people in the coffee house began to pretend play an instrument (like violins, flutes and horns). “He played the cross as a song for our salvation. He took what was a horrible death and played it for our benefit.” At this the people were applauding saying, “Yeah!” They played their ‘instruments’ and I continued to explain that His sacrifice thundered like a bass drum, it rang like a cymbal, it sounded like a group of (3) trumpets,” and so on. (With each instrument mentioned it was played.) The whole group of people in the coffee shop were all clapping and cheering for Christ and His victory at the cross.

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The Last U.S. President

Angel Dahilig

The Last U.S. President - A Time To Flee, Part 1

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Job 33:14-18:
14 For God does speak -- now one way, now another -- though man may not perceive it.
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men as they slumber in their beds,
16 he may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings,
17 to turn man from wrongdoing and keep him from pride,
18 to preserve his soul from the pit, his life from perishing by the sword.

On the early morning of April 21st, 2002, I believe the Lord spoke to me in a dream.

I saw myself inside of the White House of the United States of America. I knew that President Bush had just moved out and the next President was to move in. I heard or knew that President Bush's presidency was represented by the color "yellow" (seems like I saw a pale yellow). I heard. "The tribulation has already begun, but some haven't recognized it as having begun yet." I also heard, "Some have wondered if President Bush is the anti-Christ, but he is NOT ." and "President Bush will complete out his term." The next President was yet to move in, and I saw that his color was a drab bluish-grey, yet I was perplexed because if the new President hadn't actually moved in yet, why was I seeing the White House walls painted in this drab gray color already?

While I was in the White House, I had the feeling of dread in my heart and I just wanted to get out of there and run, and I heard these words about the next President or Leader. "HE WILL BE DREADFUL AND FEARFUL. JOY WILL ESCAPE AT THAT TIME. IT WILL BE A TIME TO FLEE, TO ESCAPE." I also heard that the next President "WILL BE THE END." I heard these exact words . "WITHIN 48 MONTHS WILL BE THE END!" (That was the timeframe I heard at the time that I had the dream, in April 2002.)

But then I heard these reassurances from The Lord. "BUT, THOSE WHO LOOK TO ME, I WILL EXALT, I WILL KEEP."

The Lord speaks to give warning to the erring and to give hope to the righteous. God's judgments always come with the HOPE OF REDEMPTION for HIS REMNANT, THE SPOTLESS BRIDE OF CHRIST. Soon it will be a time unlike any time known to us. IT WILL BE A TIME OF DREAD, AND JOY SHALL ESCAPE. (Isaiah 15-16, Joel 1-3, Isaiah 24-26, Jeremiah 48).

God's Judgment Preceded by A Warning with A Timeframe

For those of you skeptical of timeframes, as I was. The Lord showed me Isaiah, chapters 15-16, which is about the judgment decreed against Moab. I saw correlations of what I heard in my dream and what is written in this passage of scripture. My eyes were opened with this passage:

> Isaiah 16:13-14 -- *This is the word the Lord has already spoken concerning Moab. But now the Lord says: "WITHIN THREE YEARS, as a servant is bound by contract would count them, Moab's splendor and all her many people will be despised, and her survivors will be very few and feeble.*"

I was praying about this dream in Sept 2002, when I released a first draft to a handful of people. That same week, I saw the headlines read "Thousands FLEE Isadora". Also, that same week, my 8 year old son brought me a book to read to him called The Trail of Tears, which is about the American Indians being forced to flee from their homes and land to reservations set aside for them by the American government. (He then fell asleep after I started reading it to him, and has never brought it to me again.) However, when the Lord showed me Isaiah 15-16, and specifically Isaiah 16:13-14, I learned that God does speak warnings with timeframes, in one particular circumstance.

What is the one circumstance found, in scripture, in which God gives a warning with a timeframe attached to it? . BEFORE HE BRINGS DESTRUCTION AND DESOLATION*, TO GIVE WARNING TO THOSE WHO WILL LISTEN.

Other examples of scriptures, where the Lord has spoken TIMEFRAMES BEFORE JUDGEMENT AND DESOLATION*:

- Isaiah 7:9b. "*Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people."*
- Isaiah 21:16 - *This is what the Lord says to me: "Within one year, as a servant bound by contract would count it, all the pomp of Kedar will come to an end."*
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This is very important to understand.

> Every usage, by God in scripture, using the words "within ." And a given timeframe had to do with god's warning of pending judgment by destruction and desolation. In God's great mercy and grace, before the destruction, he warns the people, and even gives them a timeframe in order to get their lives and hearts in order before the day of his wrath upon them.

* Desolation -- to make the land forlorn, devoid of inhabitants.

To those who will hear, I believe that this dream speaks a loud warning to the coming destruction and desolation of America.

Luke 21:34-36 (NKJV)
34 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkeness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.
35 For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth.
36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Let the Wicked Forsake His Ways

> *Isaiah 55:6-7 - "Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will freely pardon."*

After prayer, The Lord gave me this encouragement for His children:

> *Romans 8:17-39 (NKJV)*
> *17 And if children, then heirs -- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.*
> *18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*
> *19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.*
> *20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope;*
> *21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.*
> *22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.*
> *23 And not only they, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.*

24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?
25 But if we hope for what we do not see, then we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.
26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.
28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.
30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.
31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?
33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.
35 WHO SHALL SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF CHRIST? SHALL TRIBULATION, OR DISTRESS, OR PERSECUTION, OR FAMINE, OR NAKEDNESS, OR PERIL, OR SWORD?
36 As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."
37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,
39 Nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of god which is in Christ Jesus Our Lord.

Luke 21:28 (KJV)
And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

Submitted, by the power of His Holy Spirit, under fear and trembling, yet looking upwards towards the hope of our redemption.

Angel Dahilig. (Released Aug. 17, 2003)

PART 2:
Answers to questions concerning dream "The Last President - A Time To Flee"

Written Dec 28, 2003.
By Angel Dahilig.

Since the time that I have publicly shared the dream called ‘The Last President – A Time To Flee’, I have had a only a few people ask questions as to it’s interpretation on various things. Many do not ask questions, nor respond in any matter at all, perhaps out of complete rejection that it is of the Lord, and that it must be the disillusions of a “prophet wannabe”, or perhaps rather taking a “I’ll wait and see if it comes to fruition” stance. I completely understand these thoughts, as I have struggled with these same thoughts at times myself. However, most of the struggling came in the season of time between the receiving of the dream and the public sharing of the dream. The reason for this is because I do not take lightly God’s commandment to “not take His name in vain.” And when we say that we have God’s words or we speak in the name of the Lord, we must be careful that we are not speaking out of or own understanding but rather what God has revealed by His Word and Spirit. I knew I would be judged by people for sharing this dream. Sometimes the fear of people's judgment can keep us from sharing the Lord with them or what the Lord has shown or revealed. We Christians (believers) say all the time, "The Lord told me…" when we are speaking about personal direction for our lives or decisions, but when someone says, "The Lord told me some of what is to come" especially when it affects others, then we don't believe them, for they must be deceived! Maybe because there have been too many who have gone forth, who have not been purged nor who really fear the Lord, who say that they speak in the name of the Lord, by their own human understanding. And maybe because God works in a timetable that requires patience from man to see the fruition of what he has promised or revealed, and man's way usually is not patient. Anyway, since making the decision to face the scorn of man and to declare publicly the sword which I saw coming, I now stand in faith until the accomplishment of what I have seen comes to pass. And if it does not come to pass, then I will declare that the Lord had not sent me with those words. But if they do come to pass, then may those who heard the words, and heeded them find mercy in the day of trouble.

There have been others who have commented with their interpretations of the dream, and I do not take credit for these interpretations, nor do I even understand nor agree with all the interpretations that I have read or heard. I can only attempt to answer questions based on what I believe that Lord has shown me, or laid upon my heart. I do not wish to add to what I have been given, nor subtract from it. Nor will I claim to have full understanding of everything that I have heard or seen in the Spirit… for example, I do not generally understand the symbolism of colors nor numbers. But I will attempt to explain what I do believe that I have understanding of, including answering questions about fleeing.

First of all, concerning American Presidents, I do not know their hearts, nor their relationship to Christ, nor do I claim to know who is going to be the next President (Note: I wrote this in Dec 2003), nor God's purpose for them, etc. But I do believe in my heart, based on what I believe the Lord has told me, that during the term of our current President, George W. Bush, this is our preparation time, for those who have ears to hear and understand. Although some prophets claim that God's mercy has left us, I do not believe that. I believe that God's mercy is still upon America during the remainder of President Bush's term. I believe that we should be praying for him. I personally pray for his protection, as well as for his family, for him to seek the Lord first, for the Lord to give him godly advisor(s), for the ungodly advisor's influence to be broken, for the snares of the enemy to be exposed, for God's protection and preparation for the remnant in America, etc. Yet, I believe that President George W. Bush will not be re-elected for a second term, but rather a new President will be elected. So the Lord has shown me a season, with President Bush's term and going out of office (in 2005) as a sign.

As for the anti-christ, I do not know who that is, nor do I claim that it is a US President. I do not know when he arises, or from where. I know some claim to know, but the Lord has not personally told nor shown me that. I only believe that God will lead me and his remnant through whatever times are to come.

As for the next president, I do believe what I heard in the dream, about him being "dreadful and fearful". However, I don't believe that he will seem dreadful at first, but I suspect he will be a deceiver, but not until later will his true nature or intent be revealed.

Now as for fleeing, I do not know exactly what all will be happening, but I have seen and heard various things, such that I believe there will be persecution. The Lord has repeatedly told me of coming persecution, yes, here in America. I believe there will catastrophes in nature. I believe there will be an economic fall. I have recently had a dream of black horses, so I am wondering if there is a famine coming to America (whether physical or spiritual, don't know yet)? I am still in prayer over this. I have seen chemical warfare (at least I interpreted it as chemical warfare(?)), others have seen fireballs. Regardless of the method, it comes out to destruction. Will these be times to flee for some? Yes, through all of these types of disasters, there will be some, and perhaps even many who will be forced to flee. Some will lose their homes, some are already losing homes due to economic hardships. Some may lose everything. Where will they go? I do not know. I do not believe this dream meant everyone was going to flee. I do not believe that it meant for us to plan to move to any other nation in order to escape. Rather, God will deal and judge EVERY NATION. No place on earth will be a place to hide from the judgment of God… yet this brings me to "Places of Refuge".

(Comment added Aug. 3, 2004: Recently the Lord gave me Matthew 10:23... about fleeing: "When they persecute you in one town, flee to another...". I believe the reference to fleeing in the dream referred primarily to the coming persecution in America.)

First of all, the only “safe” place is under the shelter of the Lord’s wings. He is gathering his people together, in the Spirit. I, and others, have heard and seen the shofar in the Spirit. Even if you haven’t seen it in a dream or vision, you have still heard it in the spirit if you have been drawing close to the Lord and preparing for his return during this time of preparation. The Lord is purging and refining us, and I believe it will continue. The Lord will guard the hearts and minds of His own during these times.

I do believe that God has and is raising up hidden physical “Places of Refuge” or “Homes of Refuge” also. I for one believe that I am a part of this. Does this mean that I understand everything? NO. Only by God’s spirit and his provision and leading will this happen. It cannot be done by man’s strength. And I for one feel like I have little strength many times. God will lead those who are suppose to be at one of these places there. How? I do not know. We have examples in the Bible of angels coming to Peter in jail and telling him to get up from his sleep, and leading him out of prison. I have even seen in a dream, His voice warning me of danger and telling me to leave the place I was at NOW. God will not forsake nor leave His own.

As for provision for His children during these times. We are to trust God. I believe he will care for His own. I also believe there are some who believe that they are (self)-righteous and will suffer, perhaps to become truly refined, perhaps as part of judgment, it is not our place to judge them, but there are also those whom the Lord will entrust to take care of others, whom he will bless with provision, because they will show mercy, these are those who have the Father’s heart because He has given this to them.

I believe that America will NOT BE UTTERLY DESTROYED, but quite nearly, yet God WILL LEAVE A REMNANT here. Yes, I believe that America will be destroyed, as we know it today, but God has established America to truly be a NATION UNDER GOD. We will be purged; we will be refined; we will be humbled; we will be judged; and we will then have a true king, King Yeshua, God. America will then truly become a NATION UNDER GOD, after these things.

I hope that I myself will be one who will make it through to this time of restoration of America. Although I believe that I have a calling for one of these “Homes of Refuge”, yet I am also ready and willing to give my life for Christ. I, in fact, would consider it a high honor to give my life for the testimony of Christ, or to “bear the marks of Christ on my body” for His testimony. I already have been through sufferings and fire, that I bear the marks of Christ in my heart, but I have not yet had to suffer to the point of shedding blood.

As for “places of refuge” I could share more of what I have learned and what God has put in my heart, but that is not for this writing.

And as for fleeing myself, I have prayed to God concerning this, and he will lead me in His will when the time comes. I believe that just like God warned Joseph to flee to Egypt to save the Christ child, he will also angelicly warn us when needed. I am ready to stay and be a place of refuge to all who are sent to me, and I am prepared to flee if God tells me to, and I am prepared to die for His testimony if he calls me to, or to live and be a Daniel or Joseph to save others.

God will lead you as you look to Him. He will prepare you for how he plans to use you in these days, as you trust in Him.

Love and blessings in Christ, Yeshua, our Lord.
Angel Dahilig.
Psalm 91
1 *He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.*
2 I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”
3 Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.
4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
6 Nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.
7 A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

8 You will only observe with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.
9 If you make the Most High your dwelling – even the Lord, who is my refuge –
10 Then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.
11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;
12 They will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
13 You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
14 "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
15 He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.
16 With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Psalm 37:34 – *Wait for the Lord and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.*

P.S. I recall that there was a dream/vision called something like "The President's Houses" by C. Alan Martin, that is very similar to my dream. If you are interested in reading it, and praying more about it, you can probably find it by searching the internet.

Part 3:
The Night Is Fast Approaching

January 31, 2004 by Angel Dahilig.

Ezekiel 33:2-4, 6-7 (NIV):

2 "Son of man, speak to your countrymen and say to them: 'When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman,
3 And he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people,
4 Then if anyone hears the trumpet but does not take warning and the sword comes and takes his life, his blood will be on his own head.
5 …
6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes the life of one of them, that man will be taken away because of his sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood.' "
7 "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me."

A while back I shared a dream called "The Last U.S. President – A Time To Flee". I have been a questioned about what it meant. I have learned that sometimes what seems obvious to me, is not obvious to others. I have received questions about what this dream means, and I have attempted to answer the questions based upon my understanding at the time. One comment I have made, was that I generally do not understand the symbolic meaning of colors or numbers. Anything I do not understand, I just leave up to the Lord to reveal the meaning of, when He thinks I need to understand. Sometimes, that can be years later. Some other people have attempted to give interpretations of the colors in my dream, but nothing really fit in my spirit. If you recall, there were two colors in the dream, and for almost two years, I have not understood clearly the meanings of the colors… until recently.

Isaiah 28:10 (KJV). *For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little*.

The Lord gave me the understanding, through a series of events that spanned perhaps a few days. One was a prophecy by someone else, that referenced scripture John 12:35-36. But, that by itself, was not enough to unlock the understanding of my heart. Within one day, the Lord used the evening sky to open my understanding, and it was like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle coming together to form a picture. As I was on my way home from work one night, I was driving North, and somehow my attention was drawn very specifically towards the color of the evening sky. Then, I SAW IT!, and the eyes of my understanding were opened to the meaning of those colors in that dream.

John 9:4-5 (KJV):

4. *I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*
5. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

John 12:25-36 (KJV):

35. *Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.*
36. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

What is the color of the sky (East sky in summer, NE sky in winter), when the day is far spent, and the darkness is falling (dusk)?

The color of NIGHTFALL is … a DUSKY BLUE-GRAY.

Conversely, what color do we think of when we say “bright and sunny”? The symbolic color of sunlight?

The color of sun light… which characterizes the DAY, is… YELLOW.

Genesis 1:3-5 (KJV):

3. *And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*
4. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.
5. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night….

I believe these colors represent a change in the SEASON… or we could say, a change in the DAY.

Matthew 16:2-3 (KJV):

2 He [Jesus] answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.
3 And in the morning, It will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?

As the light arose in the east and spread to the west, so does the darkness fall in the east and spread towards the west. (ie: corporate persecution)

Selah (something to ponder the meaning of).

This warning is not for the “unbelievers” in Christ… they are already in the darkness. But, this warning is for the “believers” in Christ… KEEP YOUR LAMP TRIMMED!

John 1:5. *And the light [Christ, Emmanuel, ‘God came in flesh’] shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

This is the time that we are to be[come] the five WISE VIRGINS.

Matthew 25:1-13
1. *Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.*
2. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
3. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
4. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
5. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. [My Comment: I BELIEVE THIS CRY IS GOING OUT NOW!]
7. Then all those virgins arose, and TRIMMED THEIR LAMPS.
8. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
9. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
10. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; AND THEY THAT WERE READY went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
11. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
12. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
13. WATCH therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

Matthew 24:27 (KJV): *For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.*

Matthew 24:33 (KJV): *So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.*

Matthew 24:42 (KJV) *Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.*

We do not know the day nor the hour of our Lord’s coming, but we know the season, for He has given us warning... a calling.

Luke 21:34-36 (KJV):
34. *And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.*
35. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.
36. WATCH YE THEREFORE, AND PRAY always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

Although the darkness shall spread, as from the East through the West, those who have trimmed their lamp when the shout went out, will not walk in darkness, for the Lord God himself will be their light.

Isaiah 60:19-22 (NIV):
19. *The sun will no more be your light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on you, for THE LORD WILL BE YOUR EVERLASTING LIGHT, AND YOUR GOD WILL BE YOUR GLORY.*
20. Your sun will never set again, and your moon will wane no more; the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end.
21. Then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever. They are the shoot I have planted, the work of my hands, for the display of my splendor.
22. The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I AM THE LORD; in its time I will do this swiftly.

We have no need to fear, for He has promised us that He will never leave us nor forsake us.

Deuteronomy 32:6 (NIV): *Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.*

Matthew 28:20 (KJV): “*Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”*

I would like to close with this:

1 Thessalonians 5:14-18
14 *…Warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.*
15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.
16 Be joyful always;
17 Pray continually;

18 Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

Love, grace, and peace in abundance, to my brethren, in Christ who is our Salvation and Light.

Angel Dahilig.

One-Third Of The Church

Angel Dahilig

Dream: Oct. 14, 2000
Released: Oct. 16, 2004

Note: I had this dream, while I was in process of buying the house that I live in now. The people, that I bought the house from, were in the dream. They are an elderly couple in their 80's.

I was watching this scene. There were no words spoken. Everything was viewed, and "known" and "understood" by me, as the dream unfolded.

It was nighttime. There was a seize or an invasion. The police or the military was coming to the house. I felt and knew that the elderly couple had previously worked-out an understanding that in this event one of them would lead others into hiding, and the one left behind would be there to meet the invaders when they arrived. And NOW it was happening. I saw the husband escape and go out a side/back door. It seems that now I was part of a small group of people that was "escaping" with the elderly husband. I was looking towards the door and I saw the elderly woman standing right inside of the back door, and the elderly man standing right outside of the back door. They gave each other their final good-bye kiss. They were prepared for this moment, although they hoped it would never come. They knew that they would never see each other again. Then without a word, she shut the door behind us. She would be the one left behind to meet the invaders, and hopefully give her husband and the others some time to escape. As the elderly woman shut the door, I heard the words "***ONE-THIRD OF THE CHURCH! ONE-THIRD OF THE CHURCH!***" Then I woke up.

Zechariah 13:8-9
8 "In the whole land," declares the LORD, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it.
9 This third I will bring into the fire [tribulation]; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold.
They will call on my name and I will answer them;
I will say 'They are my people,'
and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.' "

Matthew 13
In Matthew 13's "Parable of the Sower", it is explained that there are 4 types of hearts (represented by soils). One type was an unbelieving heart, but 3 types were "believers". Out of the three types, only one type was really fertile and became fruitful and mature. The other two types of believers either fell away or were stunted and unfruitful. Only one type of believing heart out of the three pleased the Lord.
This is one-third of the "church".

Other references:
These scriptures speak of giving the third part mercy.
2 Samuel 8:2
David also defeated the Moabites. He made them lie down on the ground and measured them off with a length of a cord. Every two lengths of them were put to death, and the third length was allowed to live. So the Moabites became subject to David and brought tribute.
2 Kings 1:13-14
So the king sent a third captain with his fifty men. This third captain went up and fell on his knees before Elijah. "Man of God," he begged, "please have respect [mercy] for my life and the lives of these fifty men, your servants! See, fire has fallen from heaven and consumed the first two captains

and all their men. But now have respect [mercy] for my life!"
[And their lives were spared.]

Admonition to Be Alert, in Faith, Love, and the Hope of Salvation:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (here I've shown vs. 3,4 6, 8-11):
3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," DESTRUCTION WILL COME ON THEM SUDDENLY, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
4 But you brothers, are NOT in darkness, SO THAT THIS DAY SHOULD SURPRISE YOU LIKE A THIEF.
6 So then, LET US NOT BE LIKE OTHERS, who are asleep [spiritually blind and deaf], BUT LET US BE ALERT AND SELF-CONTROLLED.
8 Bust since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, PUTTING ON FAITH and LOVE as a breastplate, and the HOPE OF SALVATION AS A HELMET.
9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
10 He died for us so that, WHETHER WE ARE AWAKE [alive] OR ASLEEP [physically dead], WE MAY LIVE TOGETHER WITH HIM.
11 Therefore ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER and BUILD EACH OTHER UP, just as in fact you are doing.

Psalms 140:7
7. O God the Lord, the strength of my SALVATION, THOU HAST COVERED MY HEAD IN THE DAY OF BATTLE.

Luke 21:34-36
34. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares.
35. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth.
36. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and TO STAND before the Son of man.

Proverbs 12:7
7. The wicked are overthrown, and are not: but THE HOUSE OF THE RIGHTEOUS SHALL STAND.

Daniel 12:10
10. MANY SHALL BE PURIFIED, and made white, AND TRIED; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

Scriptures about escaping or fleeing , for further study:

John 10:5
Matthew 24:20-22
Matthew 10:22-23
Luke 21:34-36
Romans 2:1-3
1 Corinthians 10:13
Hebrews 2:3
Hebrews 12:22-25

My ending note:

May the Lord lead you in understanding and open your heart to hear his Spirit, so that you will stand firm and endure to the end. Whether we live or die, we must stand firm in The Faith and in the Love that He has commanded of us, trusting in Him, and keeping our eyes set on His Salvation to come. If we do these things, He will cover our heads in battle, and we will be able to stand before

Him, because we have patiently endured and have been purified, and He will make us able to STAND FIRM IN HIM.

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The Lion Of Zion III
Rosie Lovejoy

"THIS IS THE YEAR THAT I WILL ROAR"

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I saw a deep, wide ravine with an old fashioned cable, swinging rope bridge going over it. This is the kind of bridge one imagines is found in the Orient. The bridge was moving about violently, almost as if a mighty force was shaking it. Soon the shaking ended, and my favorite LION appeared beside the bridge, levitated in the air.

I heard the urgent words:

COME! COME QUICKLY! THERE IS NO TIME TO DELAY! COME! COME QUICKLY!

I looked at the bridge and felt great trepidation. The ravine was very wide and very deep. The bridge was in excellent repair. The wood boards were all solid. The handles were strong metal cables, as thick as my thumb. I found myself asking, "What is this bridge. What are the boards? Is it safe?"

I heard the LION speak::

THE STEPS ARE 'MY WORD'. THE HANDLES ARE 'MY FAITHFUL PROMISES'. COME. COME QUICKLY!

I began to walk across the bridge, each step deliberate and slow. I found myself looking down. It was a fearful sight. The river was hundreds of feet below me. The sides of the canyon were jagged and sharp.

DON'T LOOK DOWN. DON'T LOOK BACK! The LION stated. THE ONLY WAY TO GET TO A NEW PLACE IS TO LEAVE THE PLACE YOU ARE AT BEHIND. COME! COME QUICKLY!

I stopped looking down and began to stride more confidently across the bridge, grasping tightly to the two metal cables, which acted as handles. I found my fear dissipating as I got closer and closer to the other side. I could feel movement on the bridge, and turned around to see what was causing it to sway. I saw another person beginning their walk, and many, many more lined up behind him, waiting their turn to cross. There was an urgency to the movement. I knew that we needed to get across to the lush, tropical garden on the other side. I felt that there was no time to delay.

As my feet finally contacted solid ground, I felt a sense of great exhalation and joy. There was an angelic someone on the other side to greet me and the others, and I gave him a great big hug. He pointed towards a huge waterfall, and laughingly suggested that I might want to go and stand under the GLORY FALL. I ran, and thrust myself under the GLORY FALL. It was not water as we know it, rather liquid light, unlike anything I have ever experienced. (Please see dream following this vision.) I was so happy and filled with joy that I felt that I would pop!

Soon others joined me and we frolicked under the GLORY FALL.

Then I heard two loud booms, like artillery or cannons or bombs coming from a distance. I left the GLORY FALL to investigate. I saw puffs of smoke on the other side of the gorge, and heard loud armaments. The LION was now pacing in front of the swinging bridge, guarding the garden entrance from any HE did not want to enter. HE was frightening and powerful and very much the King of the Garden. He spoke:

I WILL NOT LET THE PROFANE ENTER INTO WHAT IS HOLY. I WILL NOT ALLOW WHAT IS HOLY TO BE PROFANED.

I heard soft voices whispering: "Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh! Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh!" (Holy, Holy, Holy! Holy, Holy, Holy!) The air was filled with the splashing sounds of the GLORY FALL, and the soft whispers of "Kadosh. Kadosh. Kadosh." The whispers were like a gentle breeze, dancing through the tropical plant life. "Kadosh. Kadosh. Kadosh."

The air was silky soft, yet electric and filled with joy and life. I felt so alive!

Soon I noticed that the LION was no longer guarding the entrance to the Garden. Where He had stood were two giant angels with flashing swords. "Just like in the Garden of Eden." I thought.

The LION was now once again levitated in the air beside the bridge, frightening away any that did not know Him. The only ones who dared flee the sounds of battle and cross the bridge were those who were well acquainted with the LION. To them, He was their friend.

The LION turned His head and spoke to me as I marveled at the two angels with flashing swords.

I NEVER TOLD YOU NOT TO EAT OF THE TREE OF LIFE. I AM THE TREE OF LIFE. DIDN'T I TELL YOU I HAD COME TO BRING YOU LIFE, AND THAT MORE ABUNDANTLY?

All around me the Garden was vibrant and alive with the soft whispered sounds of "Kadosh! Kadosh! Kadosh!"

Then the Lion joined the two angels and spoke.

THIS IS THE YEAR THAT I WILL ROAR.

He opened His mouth and roared, and the sound of His roar shook the ground and the garden and the land across the gorge.

I was so glad I had heeded His voice and come quickly across the bridge into the Garden where his GLORY FELL! I was so grateful I had obeyed His call to come away to the other side, and to leave what was familiar and comfortable behind!

Rosie Lovejoy

After writing this, I felt a movement in my Spirit, a sense that I had indeed experienced the living water in the GLORY FALL before. I waited for the Holy Spirit to reveal what He wanted me to know. A few days later I was reminded of a dream that I had nearly six years ago. I believe the vision and dream are connected. This dream was one of the many dreams and visions that sent me off to school to be trained up in the Prophetic.

LIVING WATER NOBODY WANTS A dream from July, 1998

I was at a church picnic high in the mountains. Tall pine trees swayed in the gentle breeze, and the perfume of their needles filled the air. The sky was a deep blue, with fluffy white clouds gently moving across it. Far off in the distance black storm clouds appeared on the horizon. Sounds of very distant thunder filled the air. The approaching storm was so far away that nobody was concerned.

The tables were filled with happy folks, eating baked beans and fried chicken. Ice chests were filled with various cans of soda, and pitchers of iced tea were sitting on the red checkered table clothes. Gleeful sounds of children playing filled the air. There were many Pastors and their families present.

The leader of the gathering got up and began to ring a bell. He is a well-known prophet that I highly respect. He asked the gathering to be quiet because he had an announcement to make. We all quieted down, and he asked us to look at the water spigot he was standing next to. It looked like a regular water spigot that one finds at public parks and campgrounds throughout the country.

Then he turned it on and water shot out of it. He was so excited about it! It was unlike any water I had ever seen! Light shot out of it and through it! There was a presence to it. It was living!!!!! It was LIVING WATER!!!!!!! It was beautiful! I suddenly became very thirsty and ran forward to get some of that water.

The prophet smiled at me and handed me a cup. I drank my fill. It was so wonderful! So quenching! Quite simply beyond description!

I looked behind me and nobody had followed me to the spigot to get some of the LIVING WATER. It surprised me that there was not a line behind me. The folks at the tables had resumed their conversations, and once again laughter filled the air.

The prophet handed me an expensive lead glass, crystal pitcher and asked me to fill it with the water. As I obeyed, the light danced through and around the pitcher. It was a beautiful, breathtaking site!

I instinctively knew that I was to offer the LIVING WATER to folks seated at the tables.

I went around to tables as a waitress would. I joyfully asked each person if they would like a glass of living water.

Each one turned me down. One stated that they had just opened a can of their favorite root beer, and were very happy with it. Another pointed to a large glass of ice tea in front of them. Every one was very jovial and polite in refusing the LIVING WATER that had just come from the spigot.

The last person I spoke to was a pastor. When I offered him the fresh, LIVING WATER, he pulled a plastic gallon jug from off the ground next to him. He showed me the water in it. It looked dead and lifeless and had the smell of cheap plastic that has been sitting in the sun. It was yucky!!!

He proudly told me that this was last year's LIVING WATER, and that he didn't need any new water, as he still had plenty left. I was shocked that someone would choose stale, plastic-tasting water over the LIVING WATER that was being offered today.

I woke up with a feeling of exhilaration over the WATER, and mystified over the picnickers nonchalance and refusal to drink some of it. How could anybody not want the LIVING WATER?

It is my belief that the water coming from the spigot in this dream six years ago is the same water in the GLORY FALL of THE LION OF ZION III. I believe that the storm that was off in the distance in the dream will begin to break about us this year. And I believe that we each have a choice as to where we are positioned when the storm breaks. I believe the LORD is inviting us all to go deeper into HIS WORD, to hold tightly to HIS FAITHFUL PROMISES, and to watch HIS DELIVERANCE unfold.

Sincerely, Rosie Lovejoy

The Man Child

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The Man Child of Revelation 12 --- Who, When and Why?

The church must correctly identify the man child (male child) of Revelation 12 in order to correctly identify her end-times destiny and role in God's plan to restore His creation. Although many believe the birth of the man child is a sign of Jesus as an individual birthed 2000 years ago, there is much to suggest that he is a sign of Jesus --- not as an individual --- but as a portion of His corporate body birthed 3-1/2 years before the very end of the age.

If he is Jesus as an individual, that means one thing. But if he is a portion of the church --- in the form of the corporate body of Christ --- then we need to understand what that means for us who make up the body of Christ and who are alive at the end of the age. For without that understanding and vision, the church will be unaware of and unprepared for her glorious end-time calling.

1 A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars; 2 and she was with child; and she cried out, being in labor and in pain to give birth. 3 Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. 4 And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child. 5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne. 6 Then the woman fled into the wilderness where she had a place prepared by God, so that there she would be nourished for one thousand two hundred and sixty days. 7 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The dragon and his angels waged war, 8 and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. 9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. 10 Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, "Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death. 12 "For this reason, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has only a short time." 13 And when the dragon saw that he was thrown down to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child. 14 But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent. 15 And the serpent poured water like a river out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away with the flood. 16 But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and drank up the river which the dragon poured out of his mouth. 17 So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. (Revelation 12:1-17 NASB)

There are four main individuals or people groups in the great sign of Revelation 12: the woman, the man child, a great red dragon, and the "rest of her children". The dragon is identified for us in verse 9 as Satan. The "rest of her children" are identified in verse 17 as Christians, because they keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus. The woman is harder to identify, but she fits the description of those Israelites blinded for the sake of the Gentiles until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in at which time she will be grafted back in (Romans 11:25-26). That is why she (they) must be protected for 3-1/2 years so she (they) can survive to the end of the age.

Revelation 12:8 explains that there was no longer any place in heaven found for Satan. In other words, something had just happened which changed his position of authority. What happened? The man child had just been caught up to heaven. There followed a great war in heaven, and as a result Satan was thrown down to earth. It would seem that Satan being thrown down to earth is a direct result of the man child being caught up to God and to His throne. The phrase "to His throne" implies that the man child has assumed a position of authority in heaven. This suggests that the spiritual authority for throwing Satan out of heaven to earth has been delegated to the man child. And that is consistent with the authority that Jesus has given His church.

Jesus Authorizes His Church

17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. 19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. (Luke 10:17-19 NASB)

18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. 19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18-19 NASB)

Jesus can delegate authority to whomever He wants, since He has all authority on heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18). He has chosen to apply His authority over Satan through His corporate body. Jesus living in and through His people is a great and wonderful mystery. The crux of it is that it's still Jesus doing the work, but He is doing it through His body of saints. And if we refer to Ephesians 3:8-12, we see that it is through the church that God desires to demonstrate His manifold wisdom, which is His eternal purpose in Christ Jesus and the reason He created all things. So although He has delegated authority to His church, it is still Jesus doing the work, for He says, "Without Me you can do nothing."

Luke 10:19 indicates that Jesus has delegated all authority over the devil to His church. Jesus is now sitting at the right hand of the Father waiting until His enemies be put under His feet. In other words, He is waiting for the church to step into the authority that He has given her. And He's not going to take that authority back because the church has been slow to rise to the occasion. Jesus came to earth and did what He came to do, and now it is the church's turn to do what she has been called and delegated to do. This is the great testimony of the book of Revelation. The man child has authority to eject Satan from heaven to earth. The saints on earth then overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and by not loving their lives unto death.

When the disciples returned after their first successful missionary venture, Jesus rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and He saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. It was the first successful test of their delegated authority. And the test was satisfactory. And I believe that's why Jesus rejoiced. He knew it was the Father's plan to defeat Satan through the church, and Jesus came to put the Father's plan into motion. But did that fall take place 2000 years ago, or did He see a vision of something that would happen in the future in the same way John saw the future events of Revelation? Did He and John both see that event which would eventually take place in Revelation 12:9 at the beginning of the final 3-1/2 years of the age?

When does Satan Fall?

We are constrained to understand the "time, times and half a time" referred to in Revelation as a literal 3-1/2 years, as it is identified as equivalent terms of 42 months and 1260 days. At the beginning of this final 3-1/2 years of the age, the man child is birthed and caught up to heaven. He is birthed following increasingly intense events which Jesus describes in the gospels as "birth pains." If there are birth pains associated with the end times, then there will be a birth. Who or what is being born? It is obvious from a overall view of the book of Revelation that the man child and the glorified saints are the product of this birthing. The church is birthed in splendor as a bride without spot or wrinkle.

There are a number of clues that indicate his birth is at this 3-1/2 year point before the very end of the age. The famines, earthquakes, wars, and the persecution that Jesus describes as birth pains are events commonly associated with tribulation and/or great tribulation. The birth pains that Jesus describes did not take place 2000 years ago. They take place near the very end of the age. After the birth, the woman goes off into the wilderness to be protected for 3-1/2 years. Satan is then cast down from heaven to earth, and we know from other scriptures he then indwells the antichrist who is immediately revealed at this 3-1/2 year point. Jesus takes us back to the book of Daniel to point this out in Matthew 24:15.

There is a crisis of intense events that takes place at this 3-1/2 year point. These last 3-1/2 years represent perhaps the greatest time of testimony on the earth except for the time when Jesus walked the earth 2000 years ago. We remember the prophecy of Elijah when as a result it did not rain for 3-1/2 years. Scholars believe Jesus' time of public ministry was also 3-1/2 years. The two witnesses of Revelation 11 testify for 1260 days, or exactly 3-1/2 years. This last 3-1/2 years of the age will be an awesome testimony --- the final testimony before Jesus returns. Therefore the book of Revelation covers it repeatedly and thoroughly. It is the final lap of the race the church has been running for 2000 years, and it is the most crucial. It is described in detail that we might understand. One of Satan's ploys is to try to convince the church that she is not in view in these scriptures.

Approximately two-thirds of the book of Revelation is devoted to the last 3-1/2 years of the age --- from about the middle of chapter 6 unto the early part of chapter 20. This is an indication of the importance of what takes place during this brief period of time. The whole plan of God to restore His creation is brought to fruition. Satan is defeated. The church is brought to maturity and glory.

The Man Child . . . Why?

19 For the anxious longing of the creation waits eagerly for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and suffers the pains of childbirth together until now. (Romans 8:19-22 NASB)

All creation is eagerly awaiting the revealing of the sons of God, for it is the sons of God who will set in final motion the defeat of Satan and the restoration of all creation. If this seems like excess, remember that it is all God's plan. He will glorify Himself through His church. It's not that we in ourselves are significant in stature, it's that He has elected to work through the weak and foolish. It pleases God to do things that way, and whatever pleases God pleases the Son.

21 At that very time He rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit, and said, "I praise You, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, for this way was well-pleasing in Your sight. (Luke 10:21 NASB)

26 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, 29 so that no man may boast before God. (1 Corinthians 1:26-29 NASB)

Characteristics of the Man Child

I believe that Revelation Chapters 11, 12, 13, and 14 are all repeated looks at the final 3-1/2 years from different perspectives. At the beginning of Revelation 14, we see a company of 144,000 in heaven. I believe this is another look at the man child of Revelation 12 after he has been caught up to heaven.

1 Then I looked, and behold, the Lamb was standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps. 3 And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders; and no one could learn the song

except the one hundred and forty-four thousand who had been purchased from the earth. 4 These are the ones who have not been defiled with women, for they have kept themselves chaste. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. 5 And no lie was found in their mouth; they are blameless. (Revelation 14:1-5 NASB)

We need to carefully and prayerfully consider the description of this company. They are blameless without lie in their mouths. They are chaste. They follow the Lamb wherever He goes. They have been purchased from among men as first fruits to God and to the Lamb. They have applied the promises of God as described in 2 Peter 1:3-4 to their lives and have purified themselves. They have taken to heart God's commandment to "Be holy, for I am holy."

They are seen in heaven before the great tribulation begins. There is nothing that these saints needed to repent of. They are blameless. They had already washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb before the onset of great tribulation. They are contrasted with those of the church at Thyatira who were given opportunity to repent, but did not want to, and as a consequence will find themselves thrown into great tribulation. And during this time all those of the churches will find their hearts and minds searched and will receive according to their deeds. Notice that the man child of Revelation 12 and the overcoming saints of the church at Thyatira are both promised to rule the nations with rods of iron. The man- child company is clearly a portion of the overcoming church.

21 'I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality. 22 'Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. 23 'And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. 24 'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them--I place no other burden on you. 25 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come. 26 'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father; (Revelation 2:21-27 NASB)

The difference between those who achieve man-child status and those who do not and are thrown into great tribulation may simply be a matter of taking or not taking verse 21 to heart: "I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality." It seems clear that there is no victory over Satan short of achieving holiness. As long as he has something in us, we will be compromised and there will be no victory. We will not be a bride without spot or wrinkle.

There is still time --- as of this writing --- to make this decision. The whole church does not do so. For the man child is only the first fruits of the final harvest which takes place at the end of Revelation 14. Those who are not first fruits must go through great tribulation to the extent needed to wash their robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb. It seems we have the choice to purify ourselves now and avoid the need to be purified during great tribulation.

31 But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world. (1 Corinthians 11:31-32 NASB)

The Lord only disciplines those He loves --- if necessary.

6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; (1 Peter 1:6-7 NASB)

Consequently --- if necessary --- we will find ourselves entering great tribulation because God loves us and insists that we be found without spot or wrinkle when Jesus returns.

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "These who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 "For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and they serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. (Revelation 7:13-15)

Notice that these ones are before the throne, whereas those of the man-child company were caught up to the throne.

Discipline . . .

The Lord is increasing His discipline in these days that we might turn from our sins and our old ways of thinking to be filled with the fullness of Christ and to assume our responsibilities as ambassadors of the Kingdom of God in power. If the kind messenger is not heeded, then a harsh one will be sent, for God will have His church without spot or wrinkle. He is both kind and severe. To the extent we are not walking in holiness, the enemy will have access to our families, our property, our health, our finances, and our minds. When I fall short now in my striving against sin --- which is sometimes far too casual --- I pay a price. The principles of great tribulation are already here. To the extent we choose not to deal with our sins, we will be thrown into situations where the enemy has access to us. God is turning up the heat. The time is short. We must make a choice.

Father, discipline us as sons and daughters that we might rise to this call on the wings of Your mercy and grace. Prompt us to repentance as necessary that we might quality as first fruits of Your harvest and that we might wash our robes and make them white now, if possible, before the fires of great tribulation. But if that fire should be needed, then give us strength to endure to the end, that we might glorify You in the process, and that we might ultimately stand before You and hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servants."

For more along this line, readers are invited to visit the author's website at http://www.restoringthevision.com where an on-line book "Restoring the Vision of the End-times Church" is freely available for download or reading on-line.

The Ministry And The Marketplace

Ron Wood

Many of you know that there is a recurring theme, a thread of revelation that's surfaced in recent years. I've heard this move of God described as "an end-time transfer of wealth." The Lord has instructed me about Job and Joseph as end-time examples. The fact is- God is invading the secular arena. His kingdom is bigger than just the church!

While some people don't desire to deal with issues of money, our Lord Jesus didn't hesitate to address it. (Luke 19:11-27) It is a core issue to anyone concerned for being a disciple of Christ and it is a major paradigm shift if we are to walk in new apostolic ways.

God isn't broke! Indeed, there is plenty of money to fulfill the Great Commission… it's just in the wrong hands. But God has a program in place to fix it and to finish it! The good news is that fixing the problem involves great favor and blessing flowing generously to God's people!

I awoke one morning with these words repeating themselves in my mind, as though the Lord was instructing my spirit in the night. It's only two sentences but it discloses a divine exchange and it uncovers a devilish problem. (I reported this in an word last year called "Men with Money and the Mantle of God.") It seems primarily addressed to pastors battling old traditions or to apostles and prophets needing funding, but it also speaks to people with property or financial power who love the Lord.

"Either men of God will lay their ministries down at the feet of men with money, or, men with money will lay their resources down at the feet of men of God."

"If you trade your mantle for money, you get neither in the end. If you trade your money for the mantle, you will obtain both."

What follows is my consideration of these thoughts based on thirty years of being a pastor, of being on apostolic teams, of having prophetic insights, and also frequently being involved in the business arena. In all arenas of labor, leadership and resources were always critical issues. Anyone who has been a pastor for any length of time has probably had this experience: "Preacher, if you'll just handle the preaching and leave the finances to us, we'll make this church great!" In other words, yield control of the money to those who are not called or anointed by God to be church leaders.

Why is this idea problematic? From my experience, here is an undeniable fact: Whoever controls the money also controls the church.

Years ago, I came to the realization that the battle to succeed in the ministry is primarily over two things: the mantle (God's anointing, for example, Elijah's mantle- the grace of God in someone's life to give wisdom, knowledge, authority to build the church or win the war) and the money (financial resources- power to do things, affect situations, or support workers). Both these things empower God's leaders to fulfill their calling to make disciples, to bless the poor, and to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

I understood this word I heard to mean that if a man of God gives away his authority or anointing in order to be financed, then he forfeits the power to fulfill his purpose and thus becomes a hireling, someone no longer sent from the Lord to be received with honor, but rather, of diminished rank, merely hired by the people.

The anointing from the Lord rests upon the lives of those whom He sends. That anointing on their gifting and calling (who they are in Christ) is their mantle of authority, the divine grace that causes them to be effective in the work of the gospel. It is more precious than gold. Value your ministerial gift; stir it up; treasure it highly. It is the Lord working through you.

Why is there a conflict between money and the mantle? Ideally, there should not be any friction. But corrupt hearts can yield to temptation. Jesus said our heart cannot serve both God and mammon. The Spirit of God says, "Unto Jesus shall the gathering of the people be. At Jesus' feet shall the wealth of the nations be laid."

The activation of God's covenant to create wealth is part of the apostolic equipping for the end of the age. The end of the church will resemble its beginning as recorded in Acts. "…all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales and lay them at the apostles' feet…"
(Acts 4:34)

Not all preachers or pastors are apostles. Denominations have created unbiblical titles. The Latin word for missionary corresponds to the Greek word for apostle, but religious traditions have gutted its original meaning. Now, church groups often send someone out and call them a missionary, but in fact they are simply a deacon or a teacher or a preacher or a pastor who happens to have crossed an ocean. Crossing an ocean doesn't make someone into an apostle. Apostles are Christ's sent ones, sent by Him to a specific place, to a specific people, to accomplish a specific purpose. They have the fruit to prove their apostleship not only by the divine grace they embody but also by the credentials of signs, sons, and seals that testify to their being sent from God. (I hope to release more teaching on this topic soon in my study, Apostolic Career Mapping: A Matrix for Evaluating the Maturity, Ministry, and Mindset of Young Apostles.)

Anyone on an assignment from the Lord has God's help, but also the devil's resistance. Opposition is not an indicator that you missed God. In a dream, I once overheard two angels having a discussion. One asked, "Where do apostles come from?" The other angel answered, "Out from under great pressure."

The Opposition you face is proportionate to your degree of authorization. Your suffering is related to your assignment. The anointing attracts angels- of all kinds! So don't be surprised when resistance occurs. Open doors may be accompanied by peril and attack.

Don't be alarmed at fiery trials. Opposition to God's servants is ultimately from The Resistor. Satan, who hates the kingdom of light and opposes it at every turn. However, the devil usually uses ignorant or evil people to accomplish his wicked schemes. The devil employs untaught, misguided, or malicious people as pawns, making them think suspiciously or behave arrogantly so as to control the church's money and thus choke off the supply for fulfillment of the vision.

One tool he deploys is greed, inflaming men's hearts with lust for power or fame or money. Idols are usually silver and gold (Psalms 135:15) and all covetousness is idolatry. (Ephesians 5:5) To covet something is to grasp for or to be greedy for something or someone that is not yours to possess or was not given to you by God. "Freely you have received, freely give." Coveting is selfish while grace is manifested by gratitude, generosity, and releasing resources away from ourselves.

The apostle Paul associated the ability to give generously with great grace, and used the example of our Lord Jesus to illustrate this truth. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9 NAS) When did He become poor? Not while He walked the earth with His apostolic team, for He had many supporters and contributors Luke 8:3 shows us that many of these donors were women who partnered with Him in His ministry. At His trial and crucifixion, His garment was a seamless robe, very expensive. He gave away offerings to the poor and received expensive sacrifices of perfume. He fed and housed a traveling team of perhaps dozens of people.

When did He become poor? First, in His incarnation, when He stepped into our world of grit and grime and time-bound limitations, a dismal and bleak environment when compared to the eternal glory of His Father. Second, when He laid aside His divine prerogatives to exercise authority on His own volition and instead submitted as a man does to God and did only what the Father wanted Him to do. Third, when He absorbed every curse of sin and rebellion due to mankind as He hung naked and impoverished on the cross, exhausting the punishment due us for our lawlessness ever since Adam's fall.

But today, Jesus is not broke! He walks on streets of gold and wears radiant glory as a garment. Revelation 5:12 says, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing." (NAS) Jesus deserves dominion… He earned it!

While Jesus awaits His triumphal return to receive His kingdom on the earth, He has anointed servants of His kingdom who are preparing the way by extending the gospel to the end of the earth. That gospel of grace produces eternal life in those who believe. It also produces a new kingdom culture, a new lifestyle, a transformed people who not only worship God in church but also transform their education, their government, and their secular social order by responding to God's word. Those servants of Jesus are anointed in two primary areas: As Priests in the house, and as Kings in the marketplace. All of us are part of a kingdom of priests and kings (Rev. 1:6). All of us serve Jesus as Lord whether we are "on staff" at a church or on a payroll at General Electric.

In God's kingdom, all vocations are holy, although some workers are set apart by the Lord to be devoted to the Word of God and to prayer and should live off the tithe. The tithe is called in the Bible "holy unto the Lord" and is intended for God's servants. We are not to rob God's servants by defrauding them of the tithe. To do so invites a curse upon us. Every Christian should at least tithe and, by God's grace, give generously above the tithe. (For more on this subject see my book, "The Thief in the Storehouse.")

Ideally, men with money will adopt sanctified ideas regarding resources and will team up with men of God to advance Christ's kingdom. In the process and along the path of pursuing God together, these businessmen and land owners or wealthy people will also become men and women of God and become known in heaven as partners with apostles, fellow-laborers in the work. Just like we expect men of God with an anointing to have pure motives, likewise, the Lord is now expecting the same thing of those He has entrusted with financial resources.

Ultimately, it is a matter of resolving key issues of faith:

1) Do I have enough faith to trust this leader and to share or invest in his vision?
2) Do I believe that God really is the source of my blessings? Is there more to come if I give?
3) Do I believe that God has sent this person-- that the Lord has brought truly us together?

By picturing prosperous Christians teaming up with men and women who carry apostolic grace, I am not at all discounting the wonderful flowering of a new understanding regarding the majority of believers: that is, there are believers anointed by the Lord to succeed in the educational, financial, and governmental areas and they carry a similar anointing to that of apostles and prophets, those pioneers who can see the needed transitions and can build on new ides or principles of Godly conduct so as to become a blessing to many others.

For more insight on this pivotal topic, I have a new 60 minute teaching tape called "Outside the Sanctuary," which can be ordered by mail for an offering of any amount.

Because this subject is so important, I want to include a bibliography of related reading material produced by sound scholars which I have recently studied. Here is that list of books: Lasting Investments by Kent Humphreys (NavPress), Changing Church by Peter Wagner (Regal), Anointed for Business by Ed Silvoso (Regal), and Good to Great by Jim Collins (HarperBusiness). Jim Collins also wrote Built to Last. Both of his books address the issue of transforming our endeavors so as to succeed in our God-given mandate from one generation to the next. My wife and I have also been discussing an excellent book we read years ago but she is now re-reading, Managing Transitions, by William Bridges. It has profound insights into handling corporate changes and how it affects us personally. Most of these books can be order from our new on-line Christian bookstore: www.touchedbygraceministries.spreadtheword.com

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The Miraculous More in 2004

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At the beginning of the third millennial Church, I received the revelation that God was decreeing the release of miracles for all who would press in and practice the biblical principles that would produce miracles. We began preaching, writing material and challenging all of our ministers to start preaching on miracles until they fully believed their own preaching, thereby producing healings and miracles regularly in their ministry and local church.

Being raised on a farm I understand the principle of sowing and reaping. Garden vegetables take approximately three months from the time of planting until they are ripe for harvesting and eating. Nuts such as pecans and pistachios take from three to nine years before the tree matures until you can eat its fruit.

We started sowing the seed of miracles in the year 2000, and we continued to cultivate, water and spray against "insects" until miracles came to maturity for reaping. Three years later, in October 2003 at our 17th International Gathering of Apostles and Prophets, we reaped our first great harvest of miracles. At the Wednesday evening service Apostle Guillermo Maldonado preached on miracles and released them to the people. Numerous people were healed of many different sicknesses, ailments and afflictions.

Healing for Diabetes!

The most important miracle to "Mom" Hamon and I personally was her being healed of a long-standing sugar diabetes condition. Donna Walters, Mom Hamon's sister, saw her being healed and said, "God, if You can do that for her, You can heal me too." She also received her healing. Several others received healing from sugar diabetes. Numerous others received healing from lumps and cysts in their bodies and many other diseases and sicknesses. There was a great harvest of miracles for those who were in attendance.

Even some who were not in attendance received their healing. A couple who had a 13-year-old daughter at home with sugar diabetes saw Mom Hamon getting healed and immediately called their daughter on their cell phone. They told her that God was healing sugar diabetes right then. She tested herself and found that her sugar level had dropped one hundred points.

In 2002, my book The Day Of The Saints was finished and published. In it we make the statement that in the day of the saints every believer will manifest the supernatural. We give the four principles for manifesting miracles. (1) Thoroughly know and understand the biblical truth of divine healing. (2) Fully believe in your heart that healing and miracles are for you to receive and have. (3) Consistently confess with your mouth and decree with your words that you have received what you have been believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth. (4) Take corresponding action in agreement with what you have asked, believed and decreed to be a reality.

Believing and Receiving

Early in 2003 the Lord gave me a comprehensive vision of a gigantic room in heaven. In it were millions of packages with every saint's name on one. Each package represented the miracle that God had for each believer to receive in 2003. God wanted to give the miracle, but each Christian had to do some things in order to receive it. I saw that each one must ask in detail exactly what they desire, then go to the post office box, open it and take their miracle. But one had to know the combination to the post office box, which is believing and receiving.

Those who practiced the four principles and opened their box received their package-miracle in 2003. Do not despair if you did not receive your miracle in 2003 for there are more miracles in 2004. The year of miracles is not limited to a 12-month period but is a season in which the Holy Spirit is taking the Church. The Lord revealed that as 1947/48 was the year that God activated evangelistic miracles even so 2003-2004 is the time that God is activating apostolic miracles. The major difference is that there were just a few evangelists manifesting miracles then. Now apostles, prophets and every saint who continues to press in will receive their miracle. Not only will we receive miracles but we will begin to manifest miracles. All believers who are properly prepared to participate in Christ's designated "day of the saints" will manifest the supernatural as a way of living the Christ life.

Jesus has decreed that His kingdom must be demonstrated in every nation as a witness that He is the only true God of heaven and earth. The Holy Spirit has been placed on an intense search to find those who have a heart for glorifying God and demonstrating His kingship. Jesus also wants us to appropriate all that He suffered, bled, died and rose again to make available to us.

Receiving Forgiveness AND Healing

Jesus was beaten with 39 stripes for our healing the same as He shed His life's blood on the cross for the cleansing of our sins. We have fully accepted His blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Now let us receive fully His healing for our bodies. If we are not that concerned for our own healing and deliverance, then let us receive for Jesus' sake, just because He suffered those 39 stripes for our healing. Let us not allow His suffering to be in vain. If we will dare ask for miracles we will receive them. If we will preach the word of truth on miracles then God will confirm His word with miraculous signs following. This is God's kairos time for miracles. All who press in at this time will receive and demonstrate God's miraculous power.

At Christian International we are dedicated to teaching, activating and training saints and fivefold ministers in apostolic miracles, just as we have trained hundreds of thousands in prophetic ministry. We have developed teaching manuals and activations that are being used to activate the saints into the gifts of healing, miracles and discerning of spirits as we have activated prophecy, word of knowledge and word of wisdom. The Apostolic Reformation taking place right now is restoring the power gifts the same way the Prophetic Movement restored the activation of the vocal and revelation gifts. We must keep pressing in until miracles become a way of life for all present-truth, prophetic-apostolic Christians.
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The Mountains of God

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This says the Spirit of God to His people:
I gave My covenants from mountains. I proclaimed, decreed and ratified them from the hills. I chose the high places of the earth to deliver My Covenants – both the Law and later that of Grace.

On Mount Sinai, Moses spent forty days and nights with Me to receive the Law. The day I gave the Law to Israel, I set Mount Sinai ablaze with fire. I shook it with peals of thunder, flashes of lightning and the sounds of trumpets. This way I manifested My character to Israel. As a dire warning to her, I showed her the side of My holiness, My jealousy and My wrath

And later when the time came for Me to change the Covenant of the Law to that of Grace, I chose the top of a hill to proclaim My New Covenant. Jesus sat on a hilltop, on the Sermon Mount, and he proclaimed the percepts of the New Covenant. Dark clouds, flashing lightning and sounds of trumpet, I did not send that day. The New Testament was not a covenant of harsh judgment and jealous wrath, but that of grace and mercy to all those who believe in Jesus and repent of their sins. I used words that the wooed in love and attracted by the cords of mercy to establish Christianity. And later Jesus sealed and ratified the New Covenant with His own Blood, which he shed on a rugged cross set on a hill.

And today, in your day, I am inaugurating a new dispensation, a new covenant with humanity. I am proclaiming the words of the dispensation of the fullness of My Kingdom. In your times, I making the percepts and rules the fullness of My Kingdom dispensation made known. To proclaim this new covenant, I have again chosen mountaintops to address the people.

Where are the mountaintops from which our God's new covenant is being delivered to the world, you ask My people? Now stand, look and discern, what I am doing in your midst, these days. Have I not anointed and commissioned many prophets, seers and teachers to proclaim the new dispensation? Do you not see them and hear them as they speak words of revelation by the Holy Spirit about the coming Kingdom? But you ask Me, where are they? Where are then these mountaintops, Our God, is speaking about? Where are the chosen hills so that we should look up to them to hear His words of the Kingdom dispensation?

My people know this, this time I am not using literal hills and mountaintops to proclaim My covenant. The hill and mountaintops I am using in your day are metaphorical hills and mountains, says Your God. I am referring to positions of elevation, which afford My word high visibility so that the entire world can hear Me at the same time.

My people, I am speaking of electronic mountaintops and digital hilltops. These are the tall mountains of the Internet, of satellite TV and of the radio. These are My modern day equivalents of Mt. Sinai and the Sermon Mount. These I have chosen as My worldwide public address system. My Word is now flashing and thundering around the world from these digital mountaintops. Therefore, do not look for any literal mountain and hill to gather under to hear My covenant words, says the Lord.

On these electronic mountaintops, I have gathered My eagles, a company of prophets. I have assembled them in a holy convocation. I have established their feet with truth and grace; and they deliver My words of revelation, says your God. They communion with My Holy Spirit and not with their rational mind to bring you My words about My Kingdom.

Through the words of the prophets, I am establishing a covenant and a Kingdom on earth. I shall bless and judge the earth according to the words of My prophets. Through their words I shall overthrow the kingdom of Satan, and subdue all rebellion against Me. Through their words I will establish My Kingdom of peace and justice.

And to My chosen prophets and seers your God says this – stand firmly where I placed you on the mountains and hilltops. Do not waver and do not succumb to the threats of the enemy or to the tests of this life. I have placed you there for My purpose; therefore, strengthen your arms and strengthen your knees. Let not fear control your hearts to restrain your voices. Rather lift up your voices and declare to the whole world that I AM coming in justice and righteousness to establish the fullness of My Kingdom. I have chosen you to stand between Me and the people, and let the earth hear My words of the new order though you, says your God. Be faithful, be diligent; I am coming, and My reward is with Me.

Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news, Lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; Lift {it} up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, " Here is your God!" Behold, the Lord GOD will come with might, With His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him And His recompense before Him. (Is. 40: 9-10)

(Ps. 24, Ps. 68: 15-18; Is. 57:13, 15; Mal. 3: 1-5; Rev. 14: 1-5)

The Measure of a Man
Robert Holmes

Jammed in between key thoughts on Spiritual Warfare and false Apostles, Paul composes a thought about the measure of his ministry, the scope and boundaries of his calling. To Paul, this was central to maintain the protection of Gods grace, and remain true to his call. (2 Cor. 10:12-16).

Paul uses several key words in this passage:

Measure (metron):	metre, portion, degree
Sphere (kanon):	edge, boundary, mark, circumference, realm
Beyond measure (ametros):	outside the boundary Sphere of ministry

Paul states that he will operate "within the limits of the sphere which God appointed" vs 13 and will not go "beyond measure" vs 15. He knows the definable edge to his call, even though that may expand with the work of others. He knows where his boundary is. At times the Holy Spirit needs to remind him, and restrain him from going over that edge (e.g. Acts 16:6).

He says his measure will be "greatly enlarged by you within our sphere" vs 15, though he does not consider the work of others "on his behalf", nor does he "own" their work. His influence is enlarged, his fruitfulness multiplied by them. This concept is better understood when we take the whole letter as one. Earlier Paul says he does not have dominion over their faith, but considers them fellow workers (2 Cor. 1:24). The Corinthian believers were "an epistle, ministered by us" (2 Cor. 3:3). He wrote the book, but many are blessed by reading their lives.

In his letter to the Roman church, Paul says he preaches in regions beyond them and not in another man's sphere (Rom. 15:16). He is careful to give God the glory for this, and not boast beyond what God has done through him. He says he will not build within another man's sphere or upon another foundation (vs 20).

The Roman Index

The Book of Romans contains an index to this topic, insights into the mind of Paul. In Chapter 12 he expresses similar sentiment to 2 Corinthians. Do not consider yourself too highly, do not compare yourself with others. Be sure of God's good, pleasing and perfect will, and stay inside it.

Each person's sphere, or measure comes with the necessary resources to accomplish God's work within it. The Book of Romans gives us three measures, which define our over all sphere of ministry:

Faith: "God has allotted to each a measure of faith" (Rom. 12:3b).

Gifts: "We have gifts that differ" (Rom. 12:6a) "According to the effectual working in the measure of every part" (Eph. 4:16b KJV).

Grace: "According to the grace given to us" (12:6b). "To each one of us grace has been given as Christ measured it" (Eph. 4:7). "You have heard of the dispensation of grace which was given to me for you" (Eph. 3:2).

To each one has been given a measure of faith. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, and you know you are within your measure if faith has substance. Faith defines the operation of your gift and is enabled by grace.

God distributes gifts as He wills. He enables those gifts by his grace, and we operate those gifts by faith. We stir up the gifts that are within us.

God gave Paul a dispensation of grace for the Ephesian church, and also the Corinthians who were within his measure. Grace covers the operation of the gifts toward them. This is not saving grace, nor keeping grace it is divine enablement for the work of ministry.

Boundaries to growth

We are warned not to move the ancient marking stones, used to mark the border of a territory or the edge of a man's field (Prov. 23:10). The Pharisee enlarges his own borders (Matt. 23:5). Promotion comes from the Lord (Psalm 75:6,7).

We are warned to be careful not to overstep our boundary (kanon), and to work within our sphere. We must determine the three opposites of gifts, grace and faith. The unholy three are once again mentioned in Romans, chapter 3:

1. Thinking you are not saved by faith in the Son of God, but living in sin, for all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). Anything done without faith is sin.

2. Thinking we are not saved by the free gift of God, but trying to be saved by our works, through which no flesh is justified (Rom. 3:20). Operating outside your gifts takes you into the realm of works.

3. Thinking we are not saved by grace, but under the law which we must fulfill, which brings a knowledge of sin (Rom. 3:20). Operating outside your grace brings you under the judgement of the law.

Guiding lights and glaring examples

Jude 11 presents us with three men, who in some ways represent the unholy three:

Balaam, whose error (teaching) lead Israel into sin Cain, whose way (offering) was rejected because of works Korah, whose rebellion brought him under judgement (law)

These three come with men who represent the antithesis. Consider:

Phineas, who was praised for his faith Able, who was praised for his offering of a free gift Moses, who was praised for living under grace in relationship.

There are those who say, "prophets should not teach" (which is akin to saying teachers should not prophesy). They quote the mistakes of William Branham, and John Alexander Dowie. It would be more Biblical to say that some prophets may teach, and some teachers may prophesy. But we must know our measure - our metron. We look back over their lives, and we see they strayed, either into the error of Balaam, into sin (such as adultery, idolatry, theft). Or they strayed into the way of Cain (salvation by works, theology, sectarianism). Or they rebelled as Korah did (legalism, judgementalism, formalism).

Let us stay within the boundary of our call, like Leonard Ravenhill, Woodworth Etter and others. Showing forth the glory of a life devoted to the call, purpose and intention God laid out for us.

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The Move Of My Spirit

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This is what I perceived in the spirit over approximately a 6-month period. Initially it started with Florida and as I continued into this vision more of the picture was revealed. As I began to write and describe what I saw things began to increase in scope Although it began with Florida, which is the end of the vision; I will begin with the entire picture and try to put things in a sequence of order.

I ask that you seek His guidance about this vision and if it does witness to your spirit praise God. But if any part does not witness to your spirit or is a negative effect upon you, this word will have no affect upon you and will turn to dust.

Beginning

I saw the United States and Canada from above. High enough to see both countries, yet the states were outlined as on a map. The entire area was colored with a red dye.

I asked, "Lord, why are the countries stained red and where did it come from".

He responded, "the dye you see was the move of my Spirit over the nations, it was released in the United States and then taken to Canada were it went forth and covered all parts of the earth. From your position you can only see a small picture of its impact. But there is another move that is released onto the earth that will change the way my church thinks, order will be established, and will move them into the reality of who they are, In ME."

As the Lord spoke these last words they seemed to echo with a thunder that seemed to resonate into everything that I could see. His words came alive. It seemed to penetrate into my bones....

Continuing...

And throughout the area were campfires with 2, 3, and 4 people around them, to thousands of people around them. Some fires were very bright and some just barely lighting up the area. Some just glowing embers. As I looked more closely I noticed that the majority of the groups around the fires were distinct and separate from one another. They seemed to be keeping to themselves. Also, I noticed that the number of people did not determine the intensity of the fires. Some of the brightest fires had the least number of people around them.

I asked the Lord, "why do some of the smallest groups burn the brightest.

He smiled, His eyes filling me with the warmth from the fires,

'The brightest fires are those who are walking in their full revelation of who I am. The fullness of who they are in Me. As they realize what authority I have given them, and begin to walk in that authority, they begin to walk in My Light, the more they walk in My Light, the brighter My reflection is in them

Continued:

I then saw another translucent dye, red in colour, begin to cover the land, this had the added dynamic of tone, and had a purplish hue to it. Although it was translucent, it was magnificent in its depth of colour and quality of substance. As the dye slowly moved through the fires, it immediately began to ignite them into a blaze. It was like throwing magnesium powder on a fire. The fire transformed into the colour of the dye. Though more intense and dynamic in its range of colour.

The blaze subsided, but the intensity of the flame increased from its prior brightness.

Just staring at the fires and breathing in the vapors was rejuvenating. It seemed to give me strength and energy that I have not realized or experienced before. I wanted to get as close as I could into the fire.

Entering it seemed perfectly secure.

Continue...

Then my focus was directed to Florida. As I watched the dye move over the land the Lord began to point out things that I should make note of.

These seemed to be very important and more importantly, that I should have wisdom in understand what was taking place.

(The treasure of wisdom rests in the hands of the Father. It comes from above. Prov.2:6 James 3:17)

The first thing I noticed was the land, how the dye moved over the land and changed everything it touched. How the color changed, and things seemed to come alive.

He brought to my attention 2 kings chapter 2 :19 where the men of the city said to Elisha," please notice the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees, but the water is bad, and the ground barren, 21 then elisha went out to the source of the water and cast in the salt there and said thus says the lord I have healed this water from it there shall be no more death or barrenness.

This seemed to be the condition of the land before the effects of the dye. Things seemed pleasant but the water was bad and the land unfruitful. We were deceived about our position in Him and who we are. Our head knowledge, our reasoning, clouded our thinking to produce a false picture of reality, which seemed pleasant and was eagerly accepted.

The Lord said, "My people have accepted Me as Jesus, but have rejected Me as The Christ. The Lord saw my concerned confusion, knelt on one knee, placed His hands on my arms so I would be facing Him, looked into my eyes, and asked,

"What does My Name mean to you, John-Michael"?

I looked at Him, I felt his sadness rush through me for an instant, my voice cracked speaking softly, You're my Salvation.... my Power..... .my Authority. my only love, my best friend... You are the Anointed One who is One with the Father.

There was silence .... His eyes still fastened on mine....... looking deep inside of me

It seemed to last …a ….. long …….. time.

Still looking into His eyes, I softly spoke the words-one-at-a-time

You -have -given- me -Your -Anointing.!

The Lord spoke softly, His eyes beheld a quiet sadness, " They have accepted My gift of Salvation, but refused the gift of My Anointing".

Time passed.....

The Lord spoke, His voice echoed throughout the land, it seemed that all creation listened, I felt the words in my bones, "my church will no longer be deceived, Wisdom has been released from the least to the greatest. Wisdom will reveal their position in me, and they will move into who I Am, and realize who they are."

I saw how this dye united, connected the fires together and brought Life (Zoë) into their hearts.

I saw how there seemed to be connecting strands between many of the fires and as these strands grew, became thicker, stronger, the fires became brighter, more intense.

I saw how they responded to one another after looking into the flame and breathing the vapor.

I saw how their faces changed, how they radiated Life, which they received from the fire. I saw how important it became for them to accept one another. And I saw their focus change from their fires, to who could do the most to build up other fires.

And their measure of success was the brightness of the fires whom they have helped.

Then time passed………a change occurred……… It seemed that the map appeared to become a fabric, a tapestry, which appeared to be alive. It had life coming forth from it. It had a dynamic range of sound, which was totally absorbing. It had intensity and a dynamic vibrancy that seemed to have LifeBlood flowing through it……….

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Every Christian is called to the ministry of One-Anothering. We are to love one another, serve one another, submit to one another, instruct one another, encourage one another, help one another, forgive one another, and so forth. This is our spiritual service. This is your ministry to the Body of Christ and the basis from which every spiritual gift should operate. It would be profitable for you to do a study of all the places in the New Testament that mention "one another". There are a considerable number of references. You will immediately benefit by seeing that Christianity is not for hermits. There is no place for individualism in the Kingdom of God, for we are a Body of many members, each fashioned together into interdependence. You will also see that we are called to live very simple lives of quiet service to our brothers and sisters. It is neither complicated nor difficult.

People ask me all the time, "How do I know if I'm called to the ministry?" I answer by saying you are definitely called to the ministry. They think perhaps I am a prophet or I can see something that they cannot. Then I have to clarify it by explaining that all of us are called to the ministry of One-Anothering. No one is exempt. How that will eventually work itself out in your life is a wonderful mystery that you will have to discover for yourself. Only don't look to do some great thing to begin with, just find some brothers and sisters and begin your practice of One-Anothering.

Others will ask, "But how do I know if God is calling me to a full-time ministry?" My response is that He is calling all of us to the full-time ministry of One-Anothering. I'm missing the page in my Bible that talks about a part-time commitment. There's no such thing as a part-time ministry, a part-time minister, or a part-time Christian. It is either all the time or none of the time.

The problem with many people who aspire to some "full-time" ministry is they want to do some great thing, something immediately visible, appreciated, and recognized that will take up all their time and support them so they won't have to work at a "secular" job. They want to start up at the top with a title and a position but they don't know anything about the ministry of One-Anothering. They want to preach, or teach, or sing, or be up on center stage someplace.

I have counseled more than one young man who believes the Lord is calling them into some ministry. Certainly their motives are sincere, and they desire to do a good work. But upon close examination you find that they have a certain idea or presupposition about what ministry is. They imagine that having a ministry means people will come and hear them preach. They think about what it will be like to stand behind the pulpit and talk, hearing people say, "Amen!" and "Preach it, brother!". In some cases they are looking to me to wave my hand over them or speak some word to them which will confirm their calling and give them clear direction. Or they will talk about giving up their "secular" employment so they can be in the "full-time" ministry.

HOW TO GO INTO MINISTRY THE WRONG WAY

When I was twenty-three years old I sensed that it was time for me to take a big step and enter the ministry "full-time". I knew I was called to the ministry and I was already an associate pastor in our church, but I was impatient and anxious to devote all my time to what I thought ministry was all about - preaching and teaching. I thought going into the ministry "full-time" was some great event that would be accompanied by trumpets and heralds. I wanted to be sure of the Lord's leading so I fasted and prayed to see if He would approve of my plans (please note how I worded that). For three days I did not eat or drink. At the end of the three days I quit my job and announced to everyone that now I was in the "full-time" ministry.

After about three months of being in the ministry "full-time" I had preached in three churches and mailed out a newsletter so everyone would know where to send their money. It wasn't long before there was no food in the house, so we began visiting friends and relatives for "fellowship" in hopes that they would invite us to stay for dinner. We depended on the church to pay our phone and electric bills. About this time I found out that my wife was pregnant with our second child. Of course, we had no insurance.

When things were really tight I remembered a man who owed me money an hour's drive away. Since it was dinnertime I asked my wife to fix something for me to eat on the way to this man's house. She gave me a single Beef Jerky and a thermos of Kool-Aid because there was nothing else. Eventually I went to the food ministry our church supported and asked if I could help load trucks in exchange for one of the boxes of food. For the next few weeks we lived on microwave pizzas and frozen tortellini which we had to boil and learn to serve in a variety of interesting ways. I understand now how the Hebrews were able to complain about manna from heaven after eating it for so long. To this day I will not eat tortellini.

Eventually we had to leave our house since we couldn't pay the rent. We moved in with my wife's parents and lived out of a single bedroom. Since we had no money to put our things in storage, we wrapped them in plastic and put them in her parent's garage. Meanwhile someone had told me about a small church that was looking for a pastor. It paid the amazing sum of $100 a week, which sounded like a king's ransom to us at the time. So we went.

The church was able to increase our pay a little over time, but it was soon clear that I would have to leave the "full-time" ministry and go back to the "secular" job market to support my family. I remember when this first dawned on me, and how deeply my pride was offended. I remember praying as I drove over the Tar River bridge to get home, "Lord, I'll do anything if You will only let me stay in 'full-time' ministry." I didn't want to go get a job because I thought that would be interpreted as a lack of faith. The following week I was offered a job, and I took it at the insistence of my wife.

Why am I sharing this with you? Am I holding this up as a model of what it means to suffer for Jesus? Is this an example of what it means to be in the ministry? By no means. I was committed, no doubt about it. Somebody might say it happened that way because you didn't have enough faith. Maybe, but I bet I had more faith at twenty-three years old than you did. I could out-pray, out-fast, out-preach, and out-work anyone. As Paul said, "I labored more abundantly than them all." But as the saying goes, fanaticism consists of continuing to do something when you have forgotten why you are doing it.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRY IS PRACTICAL

I have since learned (after many more trials and tests) that the loftiest spiritual service will never cause us to neglect our most menial earthly duty. If you are not faithful with respect to earthly things, who is going to commit spiritual things with you? Paul's letters always begin with the spiritual reality and end with the earthly responsibility. This is why he urged people to remain where they are when they are first called. That is to say, if you are a husband, love your wife. If you are a wife, love your husband. If you have children, raise them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Be there for them. If you will not take care of your family, no matter what spiritual excuse you offer, you are worse than a pagan. And if you will not work, you will not eat.

BALANCE is the Holy Grail that we so desperately need to re-discover in the Church today. This is Paul's counsel, and it is sound. His example was to work with his own hands to provide his own support so he could make the Good News available without charge. Technically, yes he could receive support, and he did on occasion, but most of the time he chose not to do so. When he said his last goodbye's to the Ephesian elders at Miletus he could testify that in his three years of ministry in Ephesus he had coveted no one's gold, silver, or clothing, but had worked to support himself and those with him so as not to be a burden to the church. What a glorious testimony!

How different were the false apostles who followed after, claiming all the support they could muster and refusing to work, eating and drinking everyone else's groceries, robbing the widows and making merchandise of the Good News. Yet this is precisely what many who claim a "full-time" ministry do today.

Our idea of ministry is narrow and ill-defined. Most folks have one notion about ministry - preaching in a church. If I am preaching in a church, I am a minister. But if I am waiting on tables or washing dishes or working in an office or doing other menial, secular things I am not a real minister. This is the way people have been led to believe.

As a pastor I was supposed to attend ministerial conferences and gatherings. After the introductions, the first question we asked a new acquaintance was NOT how many in your church are growing in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, but rather, "How many people do you have on Sunday morning?" The second question we asked was, "Are you full-time or bi-vocational?" The size of your church and your status as full-time or bi-vocational helped establish the pecking order. I noticed the pastors with large churches and "full-time" ministries were typically selected to leadership positions within the denomination.

One of these successful pastors spoke once and "encouraged" those of us with small churches by saying, "God is with you, too."

But I noticed that whenever these pastors would gather together everyone would talk about how hard it was and how they were just trying to hold on for dear life. The bigger the church the more stressed out the pastor was. They were walking around with the weight of the world on their shoulders, trying to deal with so many problems. They were so enmeshed and caught up in themselves that they seemed almost catatonic. I would come home from these meetings depressed.

I began thinking to myself, what is wrong with this picture? Why am I aspiring to do this full-time? Why am I seeking to advance myself within this group of nervous wrecks? What do I stand to gain, but more problems and stress? How did we get so far removed from the New Testament? Why are we so concerned about numbers and size when we aren't faithful to what little we have to begin with? Why are so many pastor's wives taking antidepressants? Why are so many pastor's kids in serious trouble? What am I doing here? What will my family look like in twenty years?

This began a process through which God radically changed my perception of ministry. It was the beginning of the end of my career as a preacher for Organized Religion. I gave up my little penny-ante ministry and took my place with the One Flock under the One Shepherd. I do not regret that decision, for what I received is far greater than what I gave up.

THE LAW OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST

Friends, the situation as I have described it is not God's intention for ministry. I have learned that there is something called the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:2). I have seen this in operation and I know when it is at work in someone's life and when it is not. I can look within myself and instantly know if I am cooperating with the Life or not. I give thanks to God for teaching me this, and I pray He will grant all of us to see it, for it will set captives free. Let me explain how the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus relates to our work and ministry in the Lord. It is summed up in this maxim: God will not LEAD you where His grace cannot KEEP you.

That is to say, when we undertake the work assigned to us by the Lord we will find the Life of the Lord is present to give us all the inner spiritual strength to see it through to completion. I am not saying everything will go smoothly and you will never have any self-doubt or fear. Far from it. But listen to what Paul says:

"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed" (II Corinthians 4:8,9). His secret? "I labor according to His mighty power which works in me" (Colossian 1:29). Not I, but Christ. This is the secret to the Christian life and it is the key to all fruitful spiritual work.

The majority of people in Christian service are given methods, plans, formulas, books, tapes, seminars, conferences, education, and training in order to fulfill their ministry. There are currently more pastors than there are churches for them to pastor. These young people fresh out of college are sitting around waiting for churches to open up to them so they can come in and begin their ministry. They are looking forward to the day when they can put all they have learned into practice. What happens when they finally get elected to pastor their first church? They make a mess of the whole thing.

I worked with a fellow like this. I can truthfully say today that I love him, but at the time of our working together I came close to breaking his nose on more than one occasion. I'm sure he felt the same way about me! He was intelligent, articulate, and well-educated. He was committed to his idea of ministry. We cannot judge his heart, but we can look at the fruit of his pastoral ministry and see all the people damaged as a result of his best intentions and efforts. After driving off a sufficient number of people and putting the whole congregation and staff into an uproar, he came under such stress that his body rebelled and he was sick for three weeks. Suddenly he "felt called" to accept another church in another state, where we can only pray that he will not make the same mistakes.

What is missing? How has the Church reached such a pitiful condition? We give people a method, but God desires us to cooperate with His Life working through us. This is a spiritual matter. This cannot be taught in a classroom. People cannot pay a tuition and get a degree and say that they are now fit to shepherd the flock. A thousand times no!

BEGIN YOUR MINISTRY TODAY

When anyone comes to me now and wants my advice about "going" into the ministry, the first thing I seek to do is upset all their ideas about ministry and talk to them about being a servant, taking the back seat, being hidden from view, lowering yourself, and practicing the art of One-Anothering.

The ministry of One-Anothering doesn't require a platform, a pulpit, a building, a budget, or a Board. You can start immediately, with no training and with no experience, and you don't have to quit your job or do anything dramatic. You cannot be voted in, and you cannot be voted out. The Life you possess qualifies you to be in the full-time ministry of One-Anothering. Your wounds are your credentials. You can go to your brothers and sisters right now and say, "The Lord has called me to the ministry, and I am beginning it today." Love, pray for, encourage, and serve the saints. So many times we have observed individuals who claim to be called to some great work but they neglect the basic principles of One-Anothering. There is no competition for the lowest position, so let all who love the Lord go there first and become a servant.

So what if you can't preach, teach, or sing? Is that all there is to the Lord's work? Hardly. You could begin a ministry of affirmation. Just make it your mission to encourage everyone you meet, building them up in the Lord. Most people tear each other down, so determine in God that you will lift up and encourage the Church at every opportunity. Keep a list of addresses and every so often send them a little note. That is a simple way to start. The possibilities are endless!

You see, ministry is not some great, profound, extraordinary thing, but ordinary things done in an extraordinary way.

Whatever our age or stage of spiritual growth we are called to the Ministry of One-Anothering. It is a rewarding call. Only let us walk in love and work diligently according to the Law of Life (not in our own strength) and we will do well. Let us learn to buy up the opportunities and redeem the time. The servants are not greater than their Master, but the servants may aspire to be as their Master. I pray the Lord will raise up more servants as a result of these words. Amen.

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To My Obedient Ones, To Those In Brokeness

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The end of all burdens, the end of all heaviness; I have circumcised your heart till your will is as My will. I am well pleased with you My Beloveds. I will shower you the dew of My Spirit. I will refresh you every morning. You are being transformed by My glory. Your feet shall be as hind's feet, leaping from mountain top to mountain top, you are My over-comer. Blessed will be your goings out and comings in. Blessed will be your bread basket, you will suffer lack no more.

To My Beautiful Beloveds, I say the refining is complete, weeping has endured for the night, but now comes the morning fresh with the dew of My new anointing.

As you go forth the trees of the field will clap their hands, as I now start to reveal My Sons of Glory. As you walk the earth will be restored, all creation will be restored to Me, its rightful Lord and owner. Yea all peoples, nations and creation is to be restored to Me through the authority I have placed in you, My representatives on earth, My Beautiful Beloveds.

You have been through the refining fires, YOU DESIRE ONLY ME. Dross has been purged, the heart circumcised. You will do only that which I show you to do, speak only that which I give you to speak, A PEOPLE DEAD TO THEMSELVES AND ALIVE UNTO ME.

MY WILL AND PURPOSES FOR YOU WILL BE FULFILLED. It has been a labor of love that I have done these things in you, FOR YOU WERE CALLED BY NAME AND YOU HEARD MY VOICE AND OBEYED. YES IT HAS COST YOU MUCH, BUT I WILL RESTORE, o' you one that My heart adores!

I see you lying on your bed broken and spent, know you not THAT IT IS YOU I NOW SEND, FOR MY BEAUTY IS REVEALED IN YOUR BROKENESS!

I have seen how even family members have come against you and spurned you as one of no import, but they do not see you as I do, they do not see you as they ought!

Broken and tender before Me, no thought of self, only of My will for you. My Beautiful Beloveds, THE KING COMES TO RESTORE.

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The Mountains of Israel

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Shalom Fellow Israelite,

In the past few months, especially since coming back from the trip to the U.S. and Canada, the Spirit seems to be opening up again further understanding of our identity, our nationhood and the land of our inheritance. When we live in prosperity and comfort we can become complacent and believe that this is the way it will continue to be. The Jews of Germany before the Holocaust were an example of those who were convinced that their lives where safe and secure. However, YHVH sent His prophets with a word to leave and go back to the land of Zion. My feeling has been that the saved and redeemed of Israel need to be on the alert out there in the nations or in far countries and not be ignorant of what YHVH is saying, especially during the times of great material blessings and Spiritual visitations.

To the saved, redeemed and restored remnant of the lost tribes known by the name written on the second stick/tree “Joseph in the hand of Ephraim”, Peter writes: *“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own treasured people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; you who once were not a people [Lo Ami] but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy [Lo Ruchama] but now have obtained mercy”* (1 Pet 2:9-10). As we know, these words of Peter are quotes from the first chapter of the book of Hosea, the prophet who addressed the House of Joseph/Israel and prophesied their destiny. However, as we read the rest of the story of that house (as it is described in other parts of the Bible), we discover that these very ones are to be restored to their identity by their Messiah/Redeemer in the second and third day of YHVH’s time periods. *“After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight”* (Hos.6:2).

If a day is as a thousand years (ref 2 Pet 3:8), then we are in the third day from the time of the casting away (in 722 B.C.) of the seed of Joseph/Ephraim (and all the brothers attached to their destiny). Did Peter understand who these Gentiles were when he quoted Hosea 2:23? *“Then I will sow her for Myself in the earth, and I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; then I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they shall say, 'You are my God!' "* (Hosea 2:23).

The two stick/trees of Ezekiel 37 are seen as two nations: *"And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be* ***two nations****, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again”* (Eze. 37:22). The first of the sticks/trees to be gathered from the nations and to become a single nation again was Judah. Undoubtedly, over the last hundred years or so Judah’s prophetic destiny has been in the process of being fulfilled, as they are restored to their national identity and returning, as a remnant. to the land of their/our forefathers. As we know from Zechariah 10, this was to take place in the days of the latter rains. But in the same breath (Spirit) Zechariah continues identifying the second stick/tree of Joseph/Ephraim, declaring that they are the saved, redeemed and the ones to be brought back to the mountains of Israel. Interestingly, this text refers not only to the mountains of Israel that are in the present day nation of Judah/Israel, but also to the mountains that are in Lebanon.

“Ask YHVH for rain in the time of the latter rain” (Zech 1:1). Hosea confirms the time: *“And let us know, let us follow on to know YHVH: his going forth is sure as the morning; and he will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that waters the earth”* (Hos 6:3). It is during the latter days that the House of Judah is to be restored as a nation and become mighty in war. *“I will strengthen the house of Judah”* (v6) and “*They shall be like mighty men, who tread down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle. They shall fight because YHVH is with them* “(v5). At that time Joseph/Ephraim is to be saved, redeemed and gathered before their return: *“I will* ***save*** *the house of Joseph*… (v.6)… *I will bring them back, because I have mercy on them. They shall be as though I had not cast them off; for I am YHVH their Elohim, and I will hear them. Those of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man,*

and their heart shall rejoice as if with wine. Yes, their children shall see it and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in YHVH. I will whistle for them and gather them, for I have ***redeemed*** *them; and they have increase as they once increased. I will sow them among the peoples, and they shall remember Me in far countries; they shall live, together with their children, and* ***they shall return****. I will also bring them back from the land of Egypt, and gather them from Assyria.* ***I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon,*** *until no more room is found for them"* (Zech 10:6-10).

From the above scripture we see that the saved and redeemed remnant of Joseph/Ephraim is to return to Lebanon and Gilead (in such masses until no room is found for them). Why would these redeemed ones need to have their own piece of real-estate? Can't they just stay in the far countries as aliens or live with Judah? From the Ezekiel scriptures it appears that Judah and Ephraim are two separate nations for a time, until the Messiah Son of David comes and reunites them into one stick/tree and nation. A glance at the present map of Judah/Israel shows it to be much like a root and trunk (of the "first stick/tree"). Thus, the very shape of the territory that these two nations are to occupy portrays their destiny (as two trees being grafted together) in a very graphic manner. Hence, when the redeemed Ephraimites return to the present territories of Lebanon, Bashan and Gilead, that territory would constitute the independent and proverbial second stick/tree. Together, living side by side, they would be two sticks in YHVH's hand, waiting for the time when He will unite them into one, with one government on one united territory.

The prophet Micah confirms the area that the redeemed Israelites are to return to. Those of the Carmel (or wooded area) are to settle Bashan and Gilead in the days after sin and inequity are removed through the redemptive work of the Messiah: *"Shepherd Your people with Your staff, the flock of Your heritage, who dwell solitarily in a woodland, in the midst of Carmel [wooded area]; let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in days of old…Who is an Elohim like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will cover our iniquities. You YHVH will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, which You have sworn to our fathers from days of old"* (Micah 7:14; 18-20).

How has YHVH covered Ephraim/Israel's iniquities, and cast their sins into the depths of the sea? The answers rings loud and clear through the New Covenant (ref. Jer 31:31-34). The dry bones of Israel, which were buried in the graves of forgetfulness and iniquity, have been raised through the work of Messiah Yeshua son of Joseph/David. A redeemed remnant of this second house and stick/tree is waking up to its true identity. They are being gathered into little flocks in all the nations, and just as the sheepfold is called by the Shepherd's whistle at dusk, they too are hearing His signal to follow Him home to the pastures on the mountains of Israel before *"darkness covers the earth and deep darkness the peoples" (*see Isaiah 60:2).

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who dwell between the cherubim, shine forth! Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, stir up Your strength, and come and save us! Restore us, O Elohim; cause Your face to shine, and we shall be saved" (Psa. 80:1-3).

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

Team Ministry - The Mystery Of Grafting
Sandy Warner

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I have spoken in heaven and am performing a mystery on earth. It is time for surgery on old foundations and excessive top growth. This is to prepare My people for team ministry like never before. These faithful ones, who are yielded to My knife, shall be brought through to divine health. Body, soul and spirit. Even as in grafting trees, I will join hearts and lives and gifts and focus, and purpose. They shall become one as they learn the mystery of common union, that is holy communion while enjoying the most satisfying of fellowship as they follow the lead of My Spirit.

They shall be adopted into My family, bonded with My yearnings of love and will grow up into maturity, line by line, with manna from heaven. I will establish them and make them stable. I shall use these mystery joinings as launching pads where their authority is multiplied to chase thousands. They will learn to become right hand men, standing, supporting and fighting along side one another like never before. This is My team, and I will grant them a heart of one. I will give them My heart transfusion as I join them, even as we are one. My glory and My love are the same. They shall know and walk in both.

John 17:22-23 NKJV
And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

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A Heart Now Touched
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A HEART NOW TOUCHED
What joy I feel to witness Your acts.
A smile fills my soul stretching to its max.
Deep down inside
is like a bubbling tide.
With each answered prayer
I know You are there.

Thank You Oh Lord for giving me sight
To view Your great works, they are my delight.
Your touch to a heart, has made my joy full
As I witness a life no longer dull.
From once what was frozen from despair
Now beats with passion, I know it is there.

I can feel its surge growing
Like a candle now glowing.
You are alive, oh heart,
burst forth from your start.
Beat strongly in love
As you follow the Dove.

He is with you in life, He was with you in death.
You are now resurrected as you hide in His cleft.
His keeping power and all that it means
Is much greater than you know, much more than it seems.
This far and no farther, is His great command.
The wind and the waves bow to His Omnipotent stand.

So listen dear heart, and follow His ways.
As He whispers to you in the remainder of days.
Your valves swell with great anticipation
Your faith grows in earnest expectation.
His love is so full, so rich and so good.
You cant help but beat, I knew that you would.

In all that you do, choose life and not death.
He will be with you always, you will never be left.
Pump strong and stay healthy
And your life will be wealthy.
As you commit your pulse to Him
Your joy will be full to the brim.

Luke 12:34 TLB
Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be.

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Refrain From Dethroning My Word
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Even as I called upon Samuel when he was but a youth, I AM awakening My own ones to hear My voice. With great joy, I have granted their request for an enlargement. They shall know the voice of Jah, the Holy One.

My Word is Holy. As they become My witnesses of what they have seen and heard, I shall teach them how to refrain from dethroning My Word. Familiarity breeds contempt. My own ones shall learn the balance of walking in My anointing and not tainting My Words with their flesh. They shall learn the delicate balance of using their lives as an example and a testimony to back up My Word, but not to distract from it. I shall teach them how to refrain from adding carnal language lest it become a stumbling block to hearing ears. I shall teach them how to speak the simplicity of My Word and let the power of it speak for itself. As I have spoken through My prophets, I will give My Spirit without measure to a people without mixture. And thus, My Word will not be dethroned, but pierced with power, impact and authority. A new breed walks the earth today. They shall no longer be ordinary, but walk in My extraordinary ways, in the simplicity and power of My Holy Word.

1 Sam 3:10-14 NKJV
Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears." Then the LORD said to Samuel: "Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. In that day I will perform

against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them. And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

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To Be Kissed A Second Time
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I kissed My people long ago in the presence of their brethren. The breath of My Presence shook them to their very cells. In the past, the enemy shot them with all of his barrels and dimmed the light I had planted. Knocked down, but never out. This is the destiny of My overcomers. My candle in them is still burning.

I AM coming a second time to kiss My own with a surge of My passion. The awakening of My holy touch shall start as a slight tremble. The surrounding voices shall join in holy union as My power begins its journey from the bowels of their belly. As the voices grow louder with each wave of My breath, I shall bring My power like a molten volcano that bursts forth where nothing can contain it. Pure, raw power. Pure, raw love, with the passion of My breath as I reach down from heaven and kiss My people once again for the journey of their life.

Yes all things come to full circle. It is My way, I repay.

Isaiah 11:10-11 KJV
And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious. {glorious: Heb. glory} And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

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The Next Four Years And Beyond

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The past few months have been a "quiet" time for me. I "saw" and "heard" things, but they were not yet to be related openly. Also, some of the rest of what I was hearing was already being spoken about by others, so there was no need to send out the "Joni version!"

The other thing that was going on is that the Lord was doing a work in me, and had me in a time of "sabbatical" from writing and sending out words for awhile, as well as a time of introspection and change. - " However, the "quiet" season has seemingly come to an end, and I'm in a season when many dreams and other prophetic downloads have been unloaded in my direction. I believe they have to do with the next four years. Therefore, I submit some of them to you below:

Dream Re: The Next Four Years

This dream came to me in very a strong way. Even while receiving it, the thought came to me, "This dream is coming to me in much the way Daniel's came to him."

In the dream, I saw a man running in my direction through an open field, who then jumped forward towards me through a bush that separated the field from the area I was standing in. He then stopped and bent over and put his hands around his ankles, seemingly in a runner's pose, to catch his breath.

My attention was quickly drawn from him to what was now coming across the field behind him. Suddenly, a tremendous crowd of people were stampeding towards us, with a huge fire devouring behind them. I almost screamed to the man to "LOOK!" - but just as they got to the bush, they stopped.

Through the bush then began stepping a series of four animals. I knew in my spirit that each of them was one year old, perfectly formed, healthy, beautiful and that each represented a one year period that we were going to experience. First came a leopard, then a deer, a cow, and finally, a pony. However, I had no idea what they represented. All I originally got was "a leopard doesn't change it's spots." I also had a knowing in my spirit that what I saw represented the next four years, now that Bush has finished the race and won.

In the end of the dream, children were happily riding ponies all over the open field.

Interpretation

The dream was (and is) as vivid as it was when I had it. It stuck with me so strongly that I finally called a trusted prophetic friend, Bob Jones about it. The following was the interpretation:

BOB JONES: What you saw represented the next four years, now that Bush has finished the race and won.

JONI: Yes, that's what I felt. But I don't know what each animal represented.

BOB JONES: Well, a leopard doesn't change it's spots.

JONI: Yes, I got that, but what does that mean?

BOB JONES: Well, here in the next year, there's going to a time of decision for the ones that seemingly haven't made very much progress towards proper change - like the leopard that doesn't change its' spots. It's time to seek who will be served. A year in the valley of decision or commitment.

A call to repentance. A time for those in the occult to seek righteousness.

But then, the next year, the deer, well, that shows that we don't need to be discouraged, because they WILL come around, and they will have hinds feet to soar on high places.

Then, the cow, well, that's the sacrifice. And that speaks of offering up to the Lord what is His. The sacrifice of righteousness and praise.

And finally, the pony - like the donkey that Jesus rode on - Jesus will come on in, riding in the saddles of the youth's minds, and then there will be great celebration. The youth are going to come into their place, for you saw them riding all over the field and enjoying themselves.

JONI AMES: With that understanding, I then felt that this referred also to those in government that haven't quite decided to follow what God put them there for, and that they will eventually make it through their struggles and go on to do what He called them to. I was reminded of what Proverbs 29:2 says, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man rules, the people groan."

Additionally, I felt that the children riding in the field represented a turn in the abortion laws to protect the children, and allow the called ones to be birthed and come forth to ride with the Lord in their callings.

Earthquakes

One evening as I stood at my sink, it seemed that suddenly everything was shaking, and I heard, "Beware of earthquakes this coming year. Pray for the protection of the lives of those where they occur."

Emergency Broadcast System

Several times recently, I have heard what sounded like an emergency broadcast siren, and have seen "flashes" of explosions, people running, and have heard the excited voices of news media members who are covering the activities crying, "The United States is under attack! Get to a place of safety! We are truly a nation at war!"

I also heard the "buzzer" that sounds over a radio or TV station when a weather warning is released, and felt that there will additionally be atmospheric emergencies this coming year as well, and that we need to be prepared to respond in the safest way possible. Often the Lord gives warning so that His People will move to safety before His Judgment falls. - Such as with Lot and his wife. If He calls you to do that, don't look back. It sure didn't help Lot's wife to do so.

I also sensed that the "weather warning siren" warns us of stormy times to come economically, and that there is a call to "downsize, simplify, and be wise" in the area of finances.

Change In Office Of Vice President

I had an open vision while in church in the Spring of last year that there was a change in the vice presidential office while Bush is president. I dreamed Pres. Bush was having a press conference to announce it. I don't know if this in the natural (although I lean towards that), or if there is great change coming into the life of our vice president. However, I encourage all to pray for him regarding the heart problems he has had, and that he would either be totally healed, or able to withstand the pressure of his office, or would be wise enough to resign so as to extend his life by eliminating the stress and pressure that his office holds if it would do damage to him. Also, pray that if he leaves that office before the end of his term, the person who the Lord chooses to stand in that office, if vacated, would be in proper position to do so before any of these things take place.

Women Leaders
The Lord has been showing me that this is truly a time when women will be coming to the forefront as leaders in our nation. Expect to see it be the case more and more where politics, ministries, business entrepreneurs and office board rooms are concerned.

Increased Technologies
The increased technologies that are coming in this time and season will be both interesting and frightening. Even to technologies to develop weather pattern changes.

Beyond And Into 2012
I felt that it is imperative that we each purpose even more to begin to fulfil their callings and purpose between now and 2012, for the enemy will be fighting hard to even bring atomic disaster. Interesting developments towards 2012. Very important to begin now to bring in the harvest.

Pray For The Media
Pray for the news media. They need wisdom and direction as some of what is about to come takes place. And most importantly, more of them need Jesus, for some of them won't be able to handle some of what they are about to see without Him. But additionally, many of them are in place, "For such a time as this," to record HIS-story as Biblical Prophecy unfolds before our very eyes.

Prayer
Lord, we come before you and pray for your love to surround, protect and guide us in these times. We repent and turn from our ways and re-commit ourselves afresh to you and YOUR ways, Lord. We know that the Inner Court is the only safe place to be in these times, and ask that you show us the way in and help us learn how to stay there, beneath the shelter of your arms. We call in our loved ones and call forth for each of us to walk in the purposes for which you created us and paid for it with the shed blood of Jesus on the cross. Let us walk worthy of our callings in you and not be distracted so that we may be used to bring in the harvest. We also cry out for healing miracles this year, Lord. Our lives and times are truly in Your Hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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The New Leadership

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As we studied last week, the Jordan River, which represents death, will be overflowing its banks "all the days of harvest" (John 3:15). At the same time, God's people will be crossing over this death on dry land on the way to possessing their Promised Land. It is fundamental to God's wisdom that we love life, the most precious gift of all, and that we are devoted to saving and preserving it in every way that we can. However, at the same time we must learn how to deal with death all around us while keeping focused on our purpose and pursuing it.

We also briefly discussed how there was a change of leadership coming. This is much bigger than the change that takes place from one generation to the next. It is a far more basic change than that. As a prophet, except for the Lord Jesus Himself, Moses was without peer in giving the oracles of God to His people. He was likewise without peer as a teacher, helping God's people to understand the ways of the Lord like no one did until the Lord Himself came. In these things Joshua could not compare to Moses, but Joshua had a different purpose. His purpose was to help Israel possess its inheritance.

Likewise, the church has been blessed with some remarkable leaders throughout the church age. They have helped God's people understand how to enter into salvation, departing from Egypt. They have also helped the people understand how to walk in God's ways, and they have helped them to get across this great, nearly two thousand year wilderness. However, there is a new leadership about to arise that is not here to lay those foundations again, but they are here to lead God's people into their inheritance. The church must have a fundamentally different kind of leader to take it into the Promised Land. Just as Joshua was a military leader from the time he was first mentioned, the coming leadership of the church will not be administrators, but generals.

However, these will be different kinds of generals from what the world knows. Instead of taking lives for their conquest, they will give life. Instead of wounding, they will heal. Nevertheless, they will be intent on conquering, possessing lands, and people for the sake of the gospel. They will know how to use the divinely powerful weapons for the destruction of enemy strongholds. But instead of enslaving the people they "conquer;" they will be setting them free. Nevertheless, they will be spiritual warriors, and they will live to fight. They will know how to mobilize God's people into armies that are intent on a purpose. As these arise, the advancing church will take on a much more military feel to it. The church will become far more militant and aggressive, but for the sake of life, love, and healing.

We must understand this change is from the Lord. We cannot continue to wander in the wilderness. Any church that continues to wander will not last long in these times. We must move forward, with strategy and vision, but above all we must move forward. We cannot continue to just sit in our churches and sing songs and talk about the great things the Lord has done or is doing for us. We must go out and engage the darkness that is destroying this world. We have been given the power of God, the power of the truth, to defeat the darkness, saving multitudes from the destruction that is coming, and we must use this power.

There are different kinds of leaders who tend to excel in different situations. For example, a coach may be a great recruiter, great at motivating and training players, but not as good at drawing up a game plan, or coaching in the game itself. The greatest coaches will recognize their own strengths and weaknesses, and hire assistants that are strong where they may be weak, and they will delegate this responsibility.

Likewise there are military leaders who may be the best at training their troops, but are not as adept at strategy, or dealing with the fluid and usually confusing situations of battle. The same is true of business leaders. One may be good at discerning the market, attracting good people to their business, and developing the product, but weak in the actual marketing of the product. Therefore, almost every truly successful leader will excel the most important quality of the great leaders—building other leaders into teams.

This is why the Lord made His leadership for His church a team. The greatest leaders of all were not those who said great things, or even did great things, as much as they built great teams that helped turn the message into a tangible reality.

As we read in Ephesians chapter four, it takes apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to equip the people to do the work of the ministry. None of these alone can do the job, and actually no four of these will do it right. This is becoming an increasing realization across the spectrum of the church, and it is time for it. It is now seems to be taught and written about continually, but there still may not be a single place on earth where it has yet been truly implemented. However, it will not be long before it becomes a reality that is so powerful that every church on earth will be devoted to it.

Even so, just knowing the doctrine of good leadership will not necessarily make one a good leader. All true spiritual leadership comes from one thing—abiding in the One who is the Leader—the King of kings. It is not just a cliché, but a profound truth, that the greatest spiritual leaders are the greatest spiritual followers of Jesus.

The body that the Lord is building will ultimately be more perfectly formed and effective than any other body or organization on the earth. This is because He Himself is the Captain of the host who will do this. He will do it through His ministries that He has Himself called and trained.

We are coming to the time when we will see authentic apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers, like they have not really been seen since the first century. Then they will go to even new heights of effectiveness. This is not necessarily because they are greater leaders than the first century apostles, but because this is not the church coming out of Egypt, but the one coming out of the wilderness ready to conquer its inheritance. Therefore, our purpose should not be focused on trying to build another first century church, but preparing the twenty-first century church for her purpose. These things will become more clear as we begin this final phase of the church age.

Above All Get Understanding
Rick Joyner

What I am trying to accomplish through this Word study of the biblical prophecies of the end times is to not just understand what is going to happen, but also why. Then we will apply this knowledge to our daily lives so we can be free of the evil that will cause the wrath of God to come, as well as liberators of others. So, our goal is to always go beyond just understanding what is happening, and to be a part of God's solution to man's ultimate problems, which is one of the reasons for the church's existence -- to be the salt and light of the world. Therefore, an important Scripture for us in these times is Proverbs 2:1-12:

"My son, if you will receive my sayings, and treasure my commandments within you, make your ear attentive to wisdom, incline your heart to understanding; for if you cry for discernment, lift your voice for understanding; if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will discern the fear of the Lord, and discover the knowledge of God.

"For the Lord gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding. He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice, and He preserves the way of His godly ones.

"Then you will discern righteousness and justice, and equity and every good course. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; discretion will guard you, understanding will watch over you, to deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things."

Solomon referred to the man of sin as the "man who speaks perverse things," or the antichrist. My point here is that many believe they will be delivered just because they faithfully go to church or because they try to live right. But if we do not have a hunger for understanding, we are likely to fall into the traps that are coming. As the Lord Himself warned in Revelation 3, lukewarmness is the worst condition that we could fall into. Lukewarmness is an ultimate delusion. How can anyone have met the living God, the consuming Fire, and not be on fire for Him? It would only be if we have allowed the cares and worries of this world to choke out the seed of life in us.

What Value Could Possibly Be Put on a Single Insight into His Ways?

Those who have His fire burning in their hearts are passionate to get to know Him. They are the ones who, as we read in Proverbs 2, search for His wisdom, knowledge, and understanding as if it were the greatest treasure on earth -- because it is! What value could possibly be put on a single Word from God, or a single insight into His ways? Those who have this true wisdom, to give themselves to that which is truly valuable in this life, are the ones who will be preserved and delivered from the one who speaks perverse things. Their wisdom, knowledge, and understanding will guide them, and keep them from the perverse one, and the perverse things which are happening in the world.

Of course the Lord could come and deliver us from all of our problems, but He has never done that for His people, and there is no biblical evidence that He is going to do that at the end. I believe in what is now referred to as "the rapture," but there is not a single place in Scripture that states when this is going to come in relation to "the tribulation," or "the great time of trouble." It has always been the way of the Lord to use troubles to perfect His people, and the most perfect church of all will be the one perfected during the greatest time of troubles.

Those who have frivolously wasted their time instead of spending it getting to know the Lord are going to be in an increasingly difficult place. The lukewarm will be deceived. These are the ones who did not make their "calling and election sure" (II Peter 1:10). We are told that these are the ones who will fall away at the end.

"Building Your House on the Rock"

Those who have "built their house on the Rock" (see Matthew 7:25) do not fear the storms that are coming. They are not concerned about going through the great tribulation, because, whether they do or not, they know their lives have been built on a kingdom that cannot be shaken and will stand any shaking that is coming in the world. This is the confidence that every Christian should have in their life. The other is nothing but a spiritual cop-out which has compelled many to live lives of irresponsibility that will no doubt cost them dearly in the times to come.

Keeping our first love, the fire and passion that we had in the beginning, is crucial for every Christian. As the church at Ephesus was warned by the Lord, if they did not return to their first love their candlestick would be removed from its place, indicating that they would no longer be considered a church. Those who do not keep their passion for the Lord will be the ones who fall away from the faith. There is nothing more important for us than keeping the love for Him that we had at first.

Therefore, this study to understand what is coming upon the world in these times is even more devoted to provoking the devotion to the Lord and knowing His ways that will keep us, whether we understand everything perfectly or not. Above all things, let us pursue the Lord and the knowledge of His ways. Let us pursue it above any profession or other success. The greatest of all human successes will be to hear on that great day of the Lord, "Well done good and faithful servant..." (Matthew 25:21) The greatest success we could ever know in this life is to live a life of obedience and devotion to the Lord. Those who have this wisdom will be kept from the evil one, as the text in Proverbs declares.

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The Natives Rise Again

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Welcome to native North America! The lower 48 states have 545 recognized tribal organizations, Canada has 750 bands, and Alaska has over 400 native corporations and villages.
But don't go to church to find us. We're not there. Anecdotal statistics shows native church attendance in the 2 to 4% range, while the United States averages 40% churchgoers, and Canada, 25% of the population.
Don't get the idea that we hate God though. That would be far from the truth. We love God and need him more than ever, but the church, for the most part has been the stumbling block to the Gospel for almost 500 years.
But we are emerging – we are beginning to stand up on our own and be counted.
We are emerging –

As leaders from among our own culture rather than depending on non-native pastors,

As culturally relevant innovators, bringing Good News to our communities in ways the people can relate to,

As theologians, able to chart a course between Scripture, church tradition, native tradition, reason, mystery, and experience and colliding worldviews,

As respectful interpreters, bridging pre-moderns, moderns and post-moderns; embracing church and native cultures; teaching the true history to the church and the True Gospel to our native communities,

As sacramental artists, recovering our sacred celebrations through dance, ceremony, music, and instruments of worship, including the drum, flutes, rattles, clapper sticks and more,

As spiritual people, being recognized among the community as powerful in prayer, strong in love, generous to the needy, and walking in recovery.
We are still unsure of ourselves in a few areas. Emerging is a challenging act of engagement, whether as a newborn from the womb, a butterfly from a cocoon, or an inmate from a prison. We maintain our identities, true, but a seemingly alien environment surrounds us.
We just don't fit in. We are misunderstood! Yet we move ahead.

The church expects us to attend their Sunday morning services. Many of us, however, journey together in our own uniquely gifted sacred gatherings. The church is disappointed -- feeling rejected instead of recognizing a cross-cultural opportunity. We invite them to spend time with us, because relationships release understanding.

Some natives call us "sell-outs" and "traitors", because we make common cause with the church. Some churches call us pagans, "dogs who have returned to their vomit", because we make common cause with the natives. We invite them to watch us, then to study and pray and listen and learn – with us.

Some natives call us "syncretists", because we dare to follow Jesus without rejecting our native identity. Some churches call us "syncretists" because we dare to follow Jesus without rejecting our native identity. We invite people to explore the gift of cross-cultural service, and if they dare -- to walk with us. We have rental moccasins available.

Denominations expect natives to fit within denominational guidelines, which of course contribute to our rejection of churches. However, jilted denominations cast aspersions on our methods and beliefs.

After all, among the organized church, if natives reject the denominational structure, does it really indicate rebellion at best or heterodoxy at worst? We invite church leaders to learn our secret – there are no God-franchises. There is only one Creator and if our hearts are willing, we can follow Him together. Come, walk with us.

Borrowing Hope – Looking for Love in all the White Places

Of course we enjoy our own company. Gathering with friends, in places we know, with food and humor we bring – these things comfort us. But we also look to non-natives to teach us. Some of the surprises we like include:

Post-Moderns – people who love God but can't follow Him through the modern church culture. We have much in common with this searching crowd, not content to rely on well-managed churches to provide us with sanitized meaning. We actually WANT to do the hard work of living out our spirituality in community, rather than anonymity.

Home–Church Communities – those creative enough to risk community and live transparently. As natives, we are somewhat relieved to find that we are not the ONLY ones who feel uncomfortable in the church setting, but we see the house church people providing personal relationships and lifestyles worth modeling. This gives us the courage to gather on our own, without waiting for a building, a pastor, or a budget.

Celtic Christianity – St. Patrick's mission to the Celts gives us over 600 years of examples of ministry and community we can learn from. As Celtic communities and churches re-emerge today, we experience with them the many parallels between the Celtic Christian values and native spiritual values.

Blended Celebrations – for almost 10 years now, native and non-natives have been creating native-inspired gatherings for the public. In the United States the "Many Nations – One Voice" celebrations have been well received. They are hosted by a church, but celebrate in native ways and forms, including protocols of respect, music, dancing, and regalia. More recently in Canada, we see a similar approach with the "Gathering of All Nations" in Ottawa, and care is taken to have presenters for several countries and cultures, not native alone.

Tension Headaches We Wish Would Go Away

1. We fear the church's control. The church fears our freedom. As we demonstrate leadership, we will slowly merit the blessing of the majority church. Their blessing, or lack thereof, does not determine our capacity to bring the Good News to our own people. Approval is a "nice-to-have", but not a requirement for obedience to the Great Commission. To walk independently from the majority church could be perceived as arrogance on the part of natives. But then again, appearances can be deceiving.

2. The church's educational models are irrelevant to us. And we are still uneducated. As a whole, we are theologically unsophisticated, but then again, few highly educated pastors have made even a dent in native communities. Many of us in ministry today began with education and ministry in the white church, but as we raise up the next generation of leaders, we see that Bible college and seminary do not meet the spiritual needs of native communities. We are now, however, training ourselves. We have small schools, ministry institutes, online training, and an emerging bibliography of native-authored books and articles.

3. Some Indian churches are still at war with Indian culture. "Culture" is the enemy of the Gospel, at least for the first 500 years of missionaries. Our own native relations became the protégé pastors. Early on, native Christian leaders were led and trained and appointed to believe that Indian culture was not compatible with Christianity. And today, we reap the legacy of scores of native churches – but they are indistinguishable from any other church, and they pride themselves on being devoid of any evidence of native culture in worship, polity, theological values or ministry preparation. But this older generation will also pass away, along with the outdated racist notion that cultural assimilation is the key to native evangelism.

4. Indian leaders struggle financially. On reservations and reserves, it is even worse. We are self-

supporting, bi-vocational or marginally employed. Around larger cities, we can generally find jobs that allow us to do another 30 hours of "full-time" ministry. On reservations and reserves, however, unemployment ranges from 35% to 85% - Unemployment. No wonder few pastors serve on the reservations. Few denominations are interested in a community that is unable to support a "SAP" (standard American pastor). Some denominations are so intent on stable cash flow streams, they actually target "casino-enhanced" reservations. But we have learned to spread the work around so that we don't get to burned out and bitter, and we hope that the majority church will recognize the natives who have been left behind. The majority church has the resources to help us, but we don't expect it, but we are sure appreciative when we do get support.

How Can the 'Big' Church Help Us?

1. Invite us to your ministerial fellowships and ask us to explain our unique work and setting.

2. Convene native Christian leaders to meet with Bible College and Seminary professors to influence the curriculum to incorporate an understanding of native spiritual issues and effective cross-cultural service.

3. Initiate peer-to-peer relationships between your church and a local tribe or band. While the church exists primarily for the benefit of the non-members, it has yet to demonstrate this to most of native North America.

4. Learn about us from books and videos available from www.wiconi.com. Learn about us by joining online native ministry discussion groups. Learn by taking local workshops on native topics or study online at the First Nations Center.

5. Think economic development. Much of the native struggle is due to the lack of a functioning economy, especially on reservations and reserves. Meet with the tribal council and other leaders to become aware of opportunities to create business, services, self-sufficiency and income to meet even basic needs.

6. Eat with us. Join us at powwows, giveaways, memorials, dedications, canoe races, hunting parties and root feasts. Relationships formed around food often lead to permanent friendships.

7. Ask us what we need. We may surprise you. We already know the chances of getting our land back are pretty slim. But there are still ways to contribute to our restoration – just ask. It is much more respectful to do things with us instead of doing things for us.

8. Love us for who we are, as Jesus did when he laid his life down for the church. We are not just Indians, we are humans, fellow citizens, and blood-bought followers of Christ. We love you too – but is it safe to come out yet?

Take No Thought For Tomorrow

Susan Cummings

Take no thought for tomorrow. Take not your eyes from My face, but remain close to Me. I, alone, know what tomorrow will bring, so trust Me to bring you through it's course. It is vital that you remain close and listening to My Voice. So many of Mine, are running to and fro, with every news alert and fresh spin, to get their daily information. Why do they not inquire of Me, and ask Me what is needed for today?

There truly is a famine of the Word in the land, and so few come to Me to find the answers they need. So many no longer seek Me out or read My Word anymore. They no longer accept it as Truth, or as My Voice and My Plan for them, and only leave it on their shelves to decay while they run after men. So much is now brought to nothing, as they drink from clouded waters and broken cisterns that contain no life, but only carnal wisdom. Such is the folly of men.

Many cry out to Me, that they cannot hear My Voice, or discern that I am with them. If they came to Me, and spent time with Me, they would surely know Me. I never turn away from Mine who seek Me. Men turn to worshipping themselves and their works rather than acknowledging Me as their Creator and God. So, many perish from a lack of knowledge, and never fully enter in to a relationship with Me, and never become changed into My Image. So, they are like their father, the devil, whom they choose, when they reject Me, and go their own ways.

Take no thought for tomorrow.
It will surely come.
It will surely disclose all things.
It will surely reveal all that I have told you in My Word, and by My Holy Spirit.

All that I have shown you, and said to you, and prepared you for, will come. So many scoff, and say, where are the prophesied signs? Where are the disasters? Where are the upheavals and the trials? I say to them, where is your fear of Me?

I hear their hearts, and they have already determined their fates, by rejecting Me, my Love, My Longsuffering, and My Grace. I have said that the Day of the Lord would be a time of great distress and darkness and not to be desired. For the suffering will be great and the loss of life will be great, and multitudes will go to hell.

Men scoff and look for this all to happen and get mad when these things don't occur, and don't realize it is My Grace that holds back for my Children to come to Me, and they are without regard for their brethren, or their own souls, and never care for anything but their egos.

Where is the fear of Me in My House? It will now be manifested, for I am tired of selfish men dictating to Me how I will do things in the days to come, and when I will return, and how I will bring forth My Word. I will repay.

I will repay every scoffer, mocker, and devourer of My Word, My Name, and My People.

I hold every tomorrow in My Hands.

I will bring them forth as I have shown you in My Word. I will repay, and I will do so without further delay. I will bring justice amongst My People, and defend My Own. I will bring forth My Truth and My Justice, and bring all who oppose Me, down.

I desire Truth.
I desire Mercy.
I desire Justice.
I desire Holiness.

There is very little being shown in the earth. Men run after their gods.

Mine have run into Me, and will be rewarded for their desire to be as Me. For I am repaying all men for their deeds and tomorrow will show the results.

Today has passed and tomorrow now dawns, and men will account for their words and deeds, and bear the fruit of them swiftly.

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The New Temple of Babylon

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An Expose' on the Catholic Church And The End-Time Kingdom

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What I am about to share will be the first of perhaps a series of articles. Much more insight will be released on this subject in the coming days as it pertains to the welfare of Christ's Church. Admittedly then, I am not yet speaking out of the fullness of revelation, but simply seeking to lay a foundation for further and more precise revelations that will follow.

Well over a year ago I saw myself in a vision writing this very article. I saw in that vision that the revelation was not yet complete and that I must keep seeking the Lord for the full revelation of this message. Normally I would not seek to present a message that was not to my understanding, fully revealed, but in the vision, I gave the first part and waited for the rest of the insight in order that I might write line upon line until all might be declared for the sake of the Church's edification and protection.

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Angelic Visitation

A few years ago on November 8th, 1999, I was scheduled to do a long distance radio broadcast with two Pastors in Portland, Oregon. We were just getting everything ready to go when suddenly the Angel of the Lord came into my room in Fresno, CA. His presence was so overwhelming, that as far away in Portland the interviewer and Pastor who was sitting with him in the studio were also brought into the supernatural. I heard a sort of moan at the other end of the phone then everything went dead. I was looking at my new visitor and for a moment had not realized what had transpired on the phone. When I came to myself and knew that the line had gone dead, I hung up. Apparently, as I later learned, what had happened was that suddenly the studio wherein they were doing the taping of the show was filled with the Holiness of God to such a degree that even the phone went dead. For a moment everything in the sound room went dead. All I heard on my end was a moan that indicated they too were experiencing something as a result of this visitation. It was obvious that the Lord was attempting to get our attention.

A few moments later the phone rang. The Angel told me that it was the two Pastors from Portland and to pick up the phone, he was sent to speak to us. That interview which was aired all across the Portland area was done with the Angel as our instructor.

This is what he came to tell us; The Apocalyptic Horses represent the different aspects of the antichrist. History has already felt the scourge of his appearance and known the deafening effect of his influence and wept over the carnage of human lives that fell in his wake. But he is coming again. Each one of the horses has already been and will come again as the antichrist makes full revelation of himself in the earth.

The Bible says:

The Beast that you saw (once) was, but (now) is no more, And he is going to come out of the Abyss (the bottomless pit) And proceed to go to perdition. Revelation 17:8A

It is of this Beast that I am writing.

Revelation 6

Each horse is a face of the Antichrist who was and is to come, as seen in the Pope who is soon to arise.

Revelation 6:2 The White Horse goes forth conquering and to conquer. Incidentally, a huge statue of this figure sits on the lawn of the United Nations. Isn't that interesting? I have often wondered if by this incredible act of commissioning such a work for the UN, the poor world is in some absurd way prophesying to itself. This figure however, depicts the coming Pope as the geopolitical-religious leader, conquering as a man of peace. This soon coming Pope of the Catholic Church will enter visible center stage in the Geopolitical circles. His first attempt for world dominion will be through efforts of peace. I will expound on this again later in this expose'.

Revelation 6:3, 4 The Red Horse represents the Antichrist as seen in the Pope and his religious entity, the Catholic Church as a man of blood. The Civil/Ecclesiastical Powers found in the Pope of tomorrow will carry out much blood-shed against the true Church as he begins to reveal his true purposes for his multifaceted kingdom. Christians and Jews who withstand him will do it to their own temporal demise. There were over 68 million martyrs in the early life of the Catholic Church. Through this man's dominion, the world will see the same avalanche of criminality against the righteous once again.

Revelation 6:5, 6 The Black Horse is indicative of the time of famine in the earth. This famine however, is the famine of the Word of God, bringing about the worst dark ages ever known to man. The Pope's devilish purpose will be to spoil prayer (the Priestly privilege of every believer) by demanding penance and exercising his demands for absolute allegiance by worshipping the image of his own choice. He will attack the authority and privilege of identification with the Word of God by making it illegal to own a Bible. This is seen in the image of his selling the wheat (privilege of prayer) and the barley (the Word) for a meager sum. The only Bible that will be available in that day will be his perverted version of the true Word of God. He will not be allowed to touch the oil and the wine, which are the life of the Spirit and the stimulation of revelation, however. The divine protection of these two facets of God's goodness will be the only light among men.

Revelation 6:8 the Pale Horse reflects the antichrist of the very last days. In this horse we will see the Pope in his ultimate rampage against humanity. Death by sword, hunger, plagues, and beasts will follow him.

Today we might be tempted to look at the Catholic Church and its cardinal head, the Pope, as rather benign in character. It is not! We will soon see the four horses of the Apocalypse rise one after another until all that has been prophesied comes to fruition. This and much more was revealed to me by the Angel who visited me that day.

I want to mention here, that it is not my understanding from the Lord that this current Pope will be the end-time tyrant. I sense there will be one more amiable Pope who will be very agreeable to the great revival that will sweep through the Church. It will be the last Pope, the one perhaps following this second Pope that will be the downfall of humanity.

Recent trip to India

In December of 2003 I met with Sadhu Sundar and Vincent Selvakumar in India for a time of hearing the voice of the Lord together. Both of these godly men are prophets of the highest order in our day and time. I sensed that we were going to receive some important information from heaven during our brief time together. So, I had begun to prepare myself for this visit ahead of time.

We were not disappointed in our expectations. The first night I was in Chennai I was given a vision showing me that we would receive critical links of wisdom and understanding about the near future. The links I saw were many; therefore I knew we would not hear it all over the weekend but that we would receive the first of many that would follow after our mutual departure. Also, I saw the links dance around in the sky then dip in a pool of water which represented the Spirit of revelation. So my ears were perked to hear what I might hear for the rest of the weekend.

Spiritual Babylon:

While Sundar and I were in conversation about something of import regarding international issues, Vincent received a visit from an Angel. In this visit he was shown the following:

He was told: The now "Broken City of Spiritual Babylon" will soon be raised up. The government of this repaired house will be as follows:

Under the head will be 3 groups each containing 13 members.

The first group will be the most powerful group under the head. It will consist of 13 cultic world leaders such the Dalai Lama.

The second group will also containing 13 leaders will consist of mature seer-prophets from the stage of Christianity.

The third group will be made up of Priestly order workers, again coming from the sector of Christianity.

Under these three governing groups will be 169 leaders of lesser degree. These will carry out the instruction of the head.

Leaders who are ordained to be part of the top echelon of the new true Church government will by in large be approached by the Satanic Kingdom in hopes of gaining their allegiance with the New Babylonian Empire until their pre-determined government is in its place.

He was further shown something about the warfare that would be sent out against Christian leaders.

The Angel told him that Satan had his top witches praying against Christian Leaders world-wide. Where did Satan go to find these witches? To Africa! One of Nigeria's past leaders, a ruthless dictator sent word out across the globe inviting the highest people in the occult to bring their sorceries to Nigeria and to teach them to specified people who worked with him. Prior to this Nigeria had witches, but not the caliber of today. Nigeria now has the top witches of the world working within its shores.

Satan has three categories of witches working against global ministers.

The first is made up of 13 men, the second consist of 13 women, and the third is comprised of 13 transvestites.

Twice in the previous few months prior to my visit to India I had seen these three groups of witches in a series of visions. So, I knew immediately not only what he was talking about but who he was talking about. I had seen them in very clear visions. This work will continue against Christian Leaders until the end. During the initial stages of coming revival the work of the satanic kingdom will seem comparatively diminutive, but will nevertheless continue.

Several years ago the Lord spoke to me in a vision. I saw a huge one-story structure which had been constructed under the earth. In time a steam shovel came by and began to dig until it revealed this structure. In the next moment the building came bursting forth to the surface. It was filled with every kind of evil work and was ready to take the next step toward world dominion. I was told it was the Catholic Church.

In 1999 I was ministering in Portland. While spiritually preparing myself for the time of ministry I was given a vision. I saw a city that was seemingly perfect in every way. It reminded me of the old movie the Land of OZ. The clouds were perfectly hung. There was a beautiful rainbow arched in the sky.

Peace seemed to rule the city. Suddenly I saw an Obelisk come jetting up out of the ground and through the rainbow. As I beheld the new structure I became frightened as the presence of evil was so great. I asked the Lord what the vision meant. He said; This is man's purposes setting itself against the purposes of God. I knew in an instant it was the Kingdom of the antichrist.

Many years ago I was taken into a trance and saw a huge house built that was most magnificent and unusual. When the owner would be away, the house would close up and become a wall, when the owner would return the house would automatically be restored to a home. In time many leaders from all over the world came to look at the house and would stand in awe of its seeming beauty and architectural excellence. I looked carefully, watching leaders come and go. Soon I began to recognize Christian Leaders. Most of those who spent any time at all eyeing this innovative structure would end up buying into it, including Christians. I was aghast, but I didn't know what to do.

The Lord spoke to me telling me what I was seeing was Satan's "Sure House". At least Satan thinks this is a sure house. It is "The New Spiritual House Of Babylon."

All three visions carry the same meaning. They are all a picture of the New House of Babylon, which will be the New Catholic Church that is about to emerge from obscurity.

The Time of the End According to Zechariah

We find bits and pieces here and there in the Word about this formidable House of Deception. First, in Zechariah we see a sort of road map for its appearing. When I was visited by the Angel of the Lord in 1990, he told me to become familiar with this book as it depicts what is about to occur. In that visit, I saw him speak forth many things that are written therein. As a result many of the things I will mention are already en-route to the maturity of their time.

In chapter one we see that God is saying that He is jealous over Jerusalem, and He is very angry with the Nations who forwarded the afflictions of His people. Therefore He will rebuild His house in her midst with loving-kindness toward His people. He voices, His intentions to the prophet promising to restore prosperity to Israel, and judgment to the Nations that wounded His Nation.

Chapter two inclines our understanding to the fact that the Lord will once again call His people from the north and give them a home in the Land, which He is doing today. As the Nations are being emptied of Jewish people, we see a strong warning by this prophet. The day is coming when the Lord will soon judge these Nations now remiss of those who were a sort of protection against His eminent wrath. It is true the Lord withholds His justice because of His Church and His mercy toward the ignorant and the erring, but another important factor is the fact that Jewish people also dwell in these lands that are ripe for judgment, and God withholds His long overdue judgment for their sake as well.

Chapter three reveals the soon coming cleansing of the Priesthood of the Church and the Jewish Nation. He will stretch His arm out over the Priests of Israel to reveal Himself to as many as are willing to be cleansed before the great and terrible day of the Lord. He will also be coming as a Refiners Fire to the Church. My heart breaks for those who refuse to be touched by this mercy, as they will be the very ones who will be open targets to join ranks with the New House of Babylon.

Chapter four reveals that the ministries of Elijah and Moses will once again burn in the Church in full efficacy to establish the foundational government of the New House of Government and the foundation to the Temple of God. So, great will be this hour in the Church we may perhaps say there has never been its equal.

Chapter five unveils ?The Curse. This curse was released in 1990 through the Angel that visited me. It is being sent out over the whole earth, first touching the house of God, cutting off the hypocrites. Then it will continue its work through the unsaved. This work will continue to the time of the end.

Next we see in this same chapter, the House of Babylon. Verse five begins to relate the process of the building of this house. First, in this process we see the women with the wings of a stork carry an epha size container transporting the spirit of lawlessness and the spirit of harlotry to the Nation of Babylon. This has already transpired. We see the effect of this upon modern Iraq. But, we will soon see it in a new way within the New Spiritual House of Babylon, which in turn will become the New Catholic Church.

Chapter six the Lord will work a work of repentance and judgments among Nations that will for a time, quiet His Spirit of wrath. Then we see the Branch coming forth as Melchizedek to build the true Temple of God, distinguishing this Temple incidentally from the many Babylonian religions to be integrated into the New House of Babylon, the New Catholic Church.

Zechariah reveals more hidden mysteries about this incredible hour in which we are now living, but we will end our brief overview on it here. What we have shared gives us a little understanding of the things that will surround the workings of iniquity in our times.

The Beast

Many years ago I traveled to the Hawaiian Islands to minister. Little did I know that this trip would be met with an astonishing event. It occurred on the little Island of Lanai. I was suddenly thrust into travail while in the home of the pastor of the Church in which I was going to be ministering. While in travail I was taken out of my body and lifted into the heavens where I came face to face with a huge beast. I had met him one other time in the past so I recognized him immediately. He was the reigning Monarch over the global Catholic Church. I saw written on his chest the words: ?The Beast! Over his head the words were arched, ?Spirit of Compromise. He was looking over a cloud virtually directing the souls of millions holding little idols in their hands, straight to a huge hole which was the mouth of hell. He was enjoying himself.

When I realized what he was doing I was horrified. I immediately screamed out his name, and commanded him to release his captives. When I did this, he realized for the first time that I was there to intrude upon his workings. Up until then he was not even aware of my presence. When he looked up at me and realized I was serious, he became enraged, and then standing upright like a bear, he roared. That was when I realized how big this beast was. I was desperate to save the souls from his wicked treachery, so it somehow didn’t matter that he seemed as big as the world itself at the time, I had to stop him. So, I screamed again demanding him to release his captives. That began about a 45 minute battle in the spirit, the end of which resulted in a victory for the Lord. I came out of the room in which I had been wrestling and shared it all with the Pastor, who was by that time extremely concerned, letting them know that I would share it at the service that night. I had no idea that I would be speaking to a Church entirely made up of X-Catholics who refused to give up their idols.

When I shared my earlier experience at the end of my message, I found myself looking at a Church full of stunned faces. I then realized that I was talking to Catholics. I told them to go and get their idols and bring them to be burned. Everyone exited the Church, went home got their idols and retuned with them to be destroyed. The Pastor was delighted! This victory had been gained by my openly confronting ?The Beast!

As I previously mentioned, one of his names was ?The Beast! Before you ask; do I associate him with the Beast of Revelation fame? I will say quite frankly, he is one in the same. I meet him face to face each time I go to Italy. Sometimes he will show himself more than once. He is just letting me know that he knows I am in town. He has tried to hurt me twice. Once by nearly downing my plane, the second time by physically trying to stop my heart from beating. Since I could see his face both times I knew what he was doing and took authority over him. He was forced to stop.

Please remember what I have just shared with you, as it will be very important by the end of this expose.

The second member of this satanic trilogy is Ashteroth. Vincent, Sundar and I all have seen her. When

I saw her in the skies of Rome she was traveling slowly across the sky dressed like the statues of mother Mary. Out of her mouth were coming great blasphemies against the living God. Promises leading to peril were being uttered across the heavens as she was constantly telling the people that she would protect and defend them if they continue to worship her. The spirit behind the worship of Mary is Ashteroth. The Beast is the operative spirit behind the worship of the Pope as the Vicar. She and the Beast reside in Rome. There is another Spirit that travels with them. I do not yet know its demonic name. But, this evil ruler works with the other two and I suspect give voice to the false prophet.

Why am I telling you this? First, to let you know there is a trilogy of evil reigning Monarchs that reside over the Catholic Church today and whose names are inscripted in the sacred Scriptures for our warning. Secondly, because when Ashteroth approached Vincent and Sundar, she let it be known that she was recruiting the government for the New Spiritual Babylon about to be revealed. These three evil Monarchs will work together with the government of The New Spiritual Babylon, better known as the Catholic Church until the time of the end.

Revelation

The book of Revelation offers many details about this great deception that is about to be unearthed upon humanity in cooperation with the Beast, Ashteroth the Mother of Harlots, and the spirit of the False Prophet. Incidentally, Ashteroth is a figure that has shown up many times in ancient history in the Mediterranean as an object of worship. But, I think I can safely say that she found her greatest triumph early on in Old Babylon. Her name was actually inscribed on the entrance to the great Temple built by Nebuchadnezzar as a significant god. Later, she traveled to Rome to establish her new dynasty of human souls under the auspices of what would become known as the Catholic Church, and the Great Beast was a calculated move which gave her a great harvest of souls internationally. However, no move will have proven to be as great as the move she and her two colleagues have made to implement the worlds greatest deception, the global worship of ?The Beast under the umbrella of the New Catholic Church or as it is known in the underworld the -- New Mystery Babylon. What ever you may call it -- in the end it will be the temple of the New One World Religion now under construction.

Before we cover some contemporary items I want to give you a further picture as revealed in the Word. Please keep in mind that this is a brief expose on this subject, so I will not be covering it in an in-depth way as I would in a book.

Revelation 12

Revelation chapter 12 verse 5 reveals a Man-child company of overcomers, as is seen by the translation to the throne of God in heaven. This company will do great harm to the Kingdom of The Beast.

Verse 10 unveils the Melchizedek Company who having received the power of the Kingdom will do greater damage yet to the Kingdom of ?The Beast and who will bring the True Church to freedom and maturity.

Verse 13 exposes the persecution of the Bride by ?The Beast. Verse 14, the Church goes underground. And in verse 17, we see the persecution of the, by now, remaining purified Church.

Revelation Chapter 13

This chapter shows us the picture in a little different way. It exhibits ?The Beast now in his full glory demanding worship of the global peoples over whom he has dominion. The next several verses reflect the suffering of the saints in the war with the Antichrist, False Prophet and the system of The Beast.

Chapter 14

Here we are given a moment of hope by showing us the 144,000 reigning ones, who spearhead the greatest awakening the Bride of Christ, in the Spirit of Reformation, ever knew. Then we see the scourging of the Kingdom of ?The Beast by the hand of God.

Chapter 17

The scene now opens with us looking upon the perverted glory of Ashteroth as the Mother of Harlots. Again, she is one of the trilogy of demonic heads of the New Catholic Church which we are seeing here in its full splendor. The Kings of the earth love the system of the New Babylonian Catholicism because she helps to make them rich. Verse 16 makes us wonder if at some point in the distance future the One World Religion will be hated by The Beast who heads it, ruling Ashteroth and the Spirit of the False Prophet behind the scenes. At that point he will destroy the whole system and opt for direct worship of himself.

Chapter 18

The Heavenly Curtains open and sends us into the heavenlies reminding us that the Lord of Goodness is going to destroy it all, Ashteroth, The Beast and the False Prophet. Everything that constituted the evil of the world take over will be brought down, by His own hand.

We can look many other places in the Word and find hidden and revealed dialogue of what is about to occur, but again, this is not meant to be a book. It is a brief expose of the future of the world under the tyranny of The New Catholic Church, known in the underworld as the City or Temple of Mystery Babylon, and is currently being called by the Church, the New One World Religion.

Now for a few contemporary facts.

More than 200 Leaders from dozens of the world’s religions camped together around the theme of World Peace on January 24th, 2002. This unprecedented camp-meet was held in Assisi, Italy. Convened and Chaired by Italy’s illustrious Pope, the meeting was attended by zealous leaders such as those from: the Eastern Orthodox Church, Jewish Rabbis, Muslims, Imams, Representatives from Christian Fundamentalist, as well as Mainline Churches such as the Baptist, Lutherans, Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ, Mennonites, Quakers, Moravians, The Salvation Army, and of course the World Council of Churches. Also, the Pentecostals had their representation. From the occultic sector were seen: Gurus, Monks, Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, and Zoroastrians as well as Native Religions.

Remember what I shared earlier about the fact that the demonic kingdom is recruiting top religious leaders in the earth, both Christian and Occultic.

Another example: Mystery Babylon is a cumulative amalgamation of the pagan religions of the world with apostate Catholicism and Protestantism. If it is possible, one might say, the religious world is in worse shape than the political. Deception, compromise, false unity, and tolerance, are the basic motivations of the church. Denominations in the past have existed to sustain themselves and have directed almost their whole powers in self-centered pursuits. This is changing. Now, everything is centering on unity and ecumenicalism and all convictions and distinctions are giving way to total tolerance. It is amazing to watch as the Catholic Pope, the Dalai Lamas of the Buddhists, the New Ager's, and the Pentecostals / Charismatics, plus many other strange religious leaders, meet together to promote peace and world harmony. This is Mystery Babylon already uniting for her present and future role.

Earlier I asked you to please remember the things I mentioned about The Beast. This is why. First, although such meetings should compel deep concern in the heart of Christians, we must first understand that it is what is not seen that is far more serious. What is seen is the web being created by the spider hidden under a great cloak of deception.

Let me explain: one of the other names for The Beast is The Spirit of Compromise. We see in these meetings that are being attended by Christian Leaders The Spirit of Compromise in operation. Christians from every sect in the Church are only doing what they have given way to for nearly a hundred years. The World Council of Churches and The Charismatic Ecumenical Renewal are just two of numberless diverging streams of Christian Networks that are operating in conjunction with The Catholic Church. Many Bibles read by the Christian Church, have been translated and butchered by Catholic Priests and their Christian Colleagues. They are walking arm in arm with the enemy because a Spirit of Compromise has overtaken them. Major ministries are linking themselves with Catholicism in many forms. Then they present it to the unsuspecting Church and call it a good and righteous marriage. (Remember what the Bible says about NOT yoking ourselves with unbelievers.) Remember the magnificent house I told you about earlier. It was embraced by many Christian Leaders. It was the end-time Catholic Church, the New Mystery Babylon. Linking Catholicism with Christianity is to unite with the Spirit of Compromise which is none other than The Beast!

These lukewarm Christian Ministries have developed modern Christianity. It is in our face everywhere we turn. The Christian Networks have taught us a new spicy Hollywood Christianity. It is espoused in every Christian magazine I have ever seen. The Lord once gave me a brief rundown on Magazines He called Vanity Fair. At the top of the list was the ever-popular Charisma. We are told we can live for the world, keep up with the wealthy in hording material goods -- and that the Lord has no problem with this as long as we keep a good attitude and praise the Lord. We go to Church sing a few worship songs, listen to a good non-convicting message, give a small offering if it suites our purpose and go home feeling really blessed. If we are really fortunate we may go to a Church that is seeker friendly and never have to hear anything that would demand holy commitment. In this New Age Christian Church, we can also go to Church to learn how to wear make-up and to keep physically fit by learning aerobics on site. Further, we have fashion shows on site as well as our favorite Christian TV shows, so the Church can learn how to dress like the world. We can have parties at Church, send our teens on mission trips and let them top it off with a trip to Disneyland so they dont have to carry the burden for the needy home to their bedrooms and prayer closets. Who preaches against the lewd and unseemly TV programs most of the Church watches every day? Some Churches will bring Monday Night Football right into the Church so the men can watch it together, and together forget about the millions of perishing souls that are living right outside their doors. It is this milky spider’s web that is forming over the heads of would-be believers telling them peace and safety when we are about to have sudden destruction. This web of milky compromise blinds all who are enswathed with it from realizing that they are actually living in the claws of The Beast. Who put them there? Their compromising leaders.

The Angel of the Lord cried out in my hearing: Babylon is falling, come out of her my people. I heard him emphatically cry these words in the streets of Christianity. I saw his strong, handsome face aglow with the holiness of God, filled with compassion and care for the Church as he cried his uncompromising words to all who would hear. Jesus appeared to me last year while I was ministering in St. Louis and told me with tears in His wonderful eyes, these blind shepherds are leading the sheep to barren pastures that will be their graves in the days ahead. He told me to tell His people, come out of these Churches and find a Church that will teach them how to live the life of the Spirit of holiness.

Compromise began at the head. But, the Lord is going to bring the compromising head to judgment and lift up a headship that refuses to compromise. The true Bride will run from the profane and sink deep into the pure and holy when the Lord shows them where to go. Come out of Babylon My people, and be not contaminated with her sins. Touch no unclean thing! The Spirit of Pharaoh who incidentally works with the three ruling Monarchs at the top of the Catholic Church will release the pure and undefiled Bride. The Lord will not let him hurt her. He will plague the ungodly Kingdom that has been created over the Church to force this spirit to release His beloved one. But, those who insist on feasting at the table with those drunk with the wine of the world, will perish with the Harlot in her burning conflagration. This, the angel of the Lord spoke to John the Beloved and is recorded in the Book of Revelation, and the Angel spoke this to me in 1990.

The Priests of the Order of Melchizedek will arise in this hour in the Spirit of Reformation that has already been released and challenge the Catholic Church and its demonic head. It won’t be a man constituted challenge. It will be inspired, empowered and orchestrated by God Himself. Millions of Catholics will come out of her, as well as millions of Protestants who will recover from their poisonous deception of milky Christianity world-wide.

The first Reformation under Luther overturned The Established Church, and Worldly Governments. This current Reformation will do more than the first was capable of doing, to the glory of God and the security of the souls of multiplied millions.

Pray that the Lord will deliver all who will. Pray and watch that you be not deceived!

Yours in Christ,
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Two Nations Under God War of the Worldviews

Dennis Peacocke

As we all know, the United States of America, according to our Pledge of Allegiance, is declared to be, "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." As we also all know, our last two presidential elections have revealed just how divided we are as a body politic in terms of holding a unified worldview. Almost half of the voting public holds to a worldview which emerged with public conviction since the 1960's, and the other half holds to a more "traditional" view which reflects the Judeo-Christian values historically associated with what is called Western Civilization.

To simplify things, let us go to the heart of the "War of the Worldviews" issue, that is, do we live in a universe or multi-verse? Western Civilization since the fourth century or so has held to the concept of a "universe" which undergirded all dimensions of both private and public culture and institutions. A "universe" worldview essentially believes that there is One Supreme Being who created a physical-spiritual reality and the laws that govern that reality. And that creation reflects the Creator Himself and His intentional plans for His creation. In other words God the Creator is boss, in control, and blessing and prosperity are found only in discovering His will and laws and complying with them. While in this world there is "choice," that choice is ultimately only about compliance or rebellion.

To the "multi-verse" worldview folks, if there is a God, he, she, or it reflects what mankind wants he, she, or it to be like because mankind's thinking processes reason that this god-force reflects "reason" rather than a reality that stands outside of man's desires for himself. In other words for God to be God, God must be as man declares God to be. Following this logic, man's opinion is "God" and if God exists contrary to man's opinion, he, she, or it may be a god but not a god worth following. Hence rebellion is noble and courageous, and educated, intelligent people heroically demand that God either submit to mankind's wishes or suffer the consequences of man's legitimate rebellion. Poor God!

Now these "multi-verse" people don't say what I just said because most of them aren't either clear enough on the implications of their worldview or they haven't the courage to do so, or both. To do so would be "intolerant," "uncool," or not worth their time because we universe people wouldn't get it anyway. We are hopelessly lost and deluded in the simplicity of our single reality and its attendant absolutes. We don't admit to the true reality of many ways to many gods; the validity of all values and opinions (except our own); and the fact that the notion of absolute values of right and wrong steals from man his options of conscience-free choices. After all, each person's values deserve to be true simply because they are "ours."

Saying things like this makes the "multi-verse" people really irritated because it challenges their personal peace and even threatens the validity of their multi-verse educational systems which cost them big dollars and certified their correct worldview with a diploma. Rational or logic-driven discussions are difficult and therefore they usually end up with the multi-verse people calling the universe people bad names like "Nazi" or other tolerant words like that.
So what about "two nations under God?" We are here, more or less, and will likely stay here until one side or the other side's worldview proves itself grounded in more reality than the other and produces more conclusive results. The division won't quietly go away and it shouldn't, because this critical war of the worldviews holds within itself the possibility for the genuine renewal this nation desperately needs. Without tension there will be no passion; and without passion there will be no desperation; and without desperation the release of renewal is impossible, and that is the bottom line...

The New Wave of Revivalists

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The Revivalists of God's Apostolic Power and Authority

The Lord revealed to me that a new wave of revivalists has been launched and will continue to grow and multiply. The revivalists will emerge particularly (yet not completely) from the generation born between 1960 to 1990. They will be carrying powerful evangelistic, prophetic, apostolic, and miracle-working anointings. The sign of the raising of the dead will be performed through some of these revivalists.

The Revivalists of God's Holiness

The Lord is also going to raise up the holiness revivalists again in this generation. They will release and manifest the holy presence of God in such a way that the fear of the Lord will fall on the Body of Christ. This will not be holiness that is produced through man's agenda or through a code of law that attempts to produce righteousness, but that which comes through the Spirit of God, delivered in a spirit of grace and truth. Prayer will be needed for these revivalists and what they carry to be accepted. They will bring forth a new paradigm. Potential unhealthy conflict might arise if it is not prayed into.

High Levels of Honor Required

The various streams of revival are to work together for the sake of the gospel as each one carries a piece. The Lord is calling for high levels of honor among them. Competition between them and judgment and criticism of each other will not be tolerated by the Lord. Tensions between them will potentially bring about clarity and enlargement of biblical theological interpretation when processed in a spirit of humility and peace.

Infants, Children, and Young Teens

The Lord is imparting powerful gifting on the infants and young children and teens (ages 0-14). These will be in a generation who are highly sensitive to the realm of the spirit. Many of them will be strong leaders.

Conception

The Lord revealed that from the months of September - December 2004, there will be an unusual amount of conceptions in the Body of Christ. Many of these babies to be born between the months of June - September 2005 will be girls and will be named HARVEST. Their births and names will be a prophetic statement regarding the revivalists that are emerging to lead the Body into the harvest season.

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Toastmaster: one who presides at a banquet and introduces the after-dinner speakers [Merriam Webster]

"I Am the Toastmaster General. I Am in charge of the great banqueting feast in heaven and I get to say who sits where and who stays and who is
appropriately dressed for the occasion , and who goes.
It is not given to man to decide who should or who shouldn't be at the banqueting table. There are many who have been called, but refused. And there are many who are yet to be called who come from a variety of backgrounds.

There are some tough characters I'm going to call. Will you think that you have the mind to decide who is called or who isn't? I see many of you judging with disdain the worldly. But I am the True Judge and I alone see into the hearts of people. Don't assume My responsibility or job. Your job is to seek MY FACE and I will tell you who is worth spending time with and who isn't. It's not your job to decide who is or isn't ready. I will create the divine appointments if you will be open to do My will. And if you lean on Me for what to say, and who to say it to, then you will have fulfilled your commission.

There are many who you count as wicked who will come and bow down before me if you will listen to My voice and honor My will in the days to come."

I then thought of a story I'd read in Brother Andrews news one time of a young Chinese woman who'd been arrested and thrown into jail because of her faith. And she led the whole cell block to the Lord through her prayers. And later on the moved her to another cell block and again they were all converted, and even two of the guards came to the Lord through her prayers.

Again the Lord spoke:
" I am the Great Physician and I came to heal those who were sick, not those who were well. So go into the marketplace and the streets and be My ambassador. Carry My love , joy, peace, goodness and kindness and gifts to those in this season who do not know Me. Be generous in your heart where it counts. Give to those who cannot pay you back. Go the extra mile to be kind and demonstrate My love. If you want mercy, then give it! If you want love, then give love! If you want forgiveness, then give forgiveness. Don't only think about your own needs, but think of those on the streets who have no place to stay. Fix a warm meal for that one you see roaming the streets. Take the one, only at my leading into your home who has no place to lay their head for a night or two. Go the extra mile to take them to a place where they can lay their head down in peace!

Lay your hands on the sick when you see them in the stores. REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE and share what I have given you! Do what you can to DEMONSTRATE My Kingdom to those who don't believe in it! You don't need to preach with your mouth to demonstrate the gospel all the time.

If you will just listen to My voice, I will show you ways to make an impact.
But touch at least one other with My love. Pray for that one you touch, and watch what I will do! I am looking for those in My army who are available.

Only those available can be used. If you forget about ME as you busy yourself, then You might not think about what I want you to do. But if you keep your mind stayed on Me. I will give you My plan for the day. Listen for My voice. Open your heart to the possibilities, and when you pray for the lost, pray in FAITH. Remember it only takes mustard seed faith to move mountains! I am at the door, and I am knocking. Let Me in this season. For I am longing for union and communion with My beloveds, for I love you so much and want to use you to do mighty things for Me. Much Kingdom work is afoot! Keep your eyes and ears open to the Holy Spirit. It will be a time of WONDER!"

Eph 6:19-20 NIV Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

James 2:15-17 NKJV If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

1 John 4:7-8 NKJV Knowing God Through Love (cf. John 3:16)
Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. 8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

James 3:16-18 NKJV For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Purple Tapestry
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"I have a royal robe I am weaving together and it is a bright royal purple in color. Between the strands of purple are dark blue strands and scarlet will
also soon be woven in. I am the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, so the purple represents Christ Your King. The scarlet I'm going to weave in is the color of the price I paid to guarantee your freedom from the enemy. I SO LOVE the church I birthed through much pain and suffering. And the time is coming, and now is where many have been also suffering with ME for the sake of what is to come. Some of you have suffered greatly for your children. Many have children that have suffered and paid a great price for the ministry I will cloak them with.

They will receive glorious mantles in the days ahead. HUMILITY will be their greatest weapon, but don’t confuse humility with meekness. Humility is knowing Who I AM in comparison to you, and having the right perspective is important, so that you don’t diminish your own worth or Mine. But it is also casting all your cares upon ME, knowing that I care FOR you. It is by being DEPENDENT on ME that you demonstrate your humility instead of thinking you can handle everything yourself.

I am weaving together the generations of adults and youth and children, that you will no longer belittle each other, but work TOGETHER to advance MY agenda, and MY Kingdom. I also have many “coats of many colors” to give to those who are willing to GO for Us. I have mantles for those who are willing to lay down their lives and pick up Mine. I am going to use EVERYONE who is willing to pay the price. For there is a great and awesome HARVEST coming and My church will need every part. No one need feel left out.

I am also capable of changing even the hardest of hearts. So don’t get your eyes on what another is wearing. Just look to ME for what YOUR role is and obey Me when I tell you what to do. Each part is necessary – even the weaker ones. So do not dismiss the value of another. Do not be haughty and think that those who come in will take years to mature. I am doing a NEW THING. And I will use whomever I wish to bring MY KINGDOM to fruition in this hour. I WILL BE THEIR TEACHER if you will lead them to ME and to My Word. I will have a prophetic company of men, women, boys and girls who will ravage the camp of the enemy. I will turn witches and warlocks into prophets and evangelists, and I will take the mentally ill and reverse their captivity and use them to set others free. Do not LIMIT ME. I will do a MIGHTY WORK in this hour if you will only BELIEVE!

I am so eager to do this, but there has been a timing that is necessary, for I’ve been purifying My BRIDE, and testing and trials, rejection and suffering have been the means to more fruit in your lives, and for you to learn the lessons, you have needed to learn. FAITH is growing in those who are faithful. And it will take a HUGE LEAP when I do My awesome work! Come and seek My face and listen for My still small voice. I am healing you, and giving you directions if you will but come to ME. I am eager for union with you My beloveds. We are going to have an awesome time. You will have all you need to do the work. But do NOT focus alone on finances, for I am the LORD of the HARVEST, and I know all you need beforehand. I will do great and amazing wonders and you need not limit Your GOD for how and what I can do. ASK and you shall receive, Knock and the door will be opened! I am coming like a mighty rushing WIND!

Times of Change Coming

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There is a wind blowing and there is spiritual knowing and the time is at hand for God to stalk through the land and He shall purge His body. He shall cleanse His temple and He shall cause a mighty fire to come in the heart of His people.

Know that the wind that blows across you ... is only a foreshadowing of a mighty wind that is to come. Open your hearts.

The things you’ve been waiting for will open up to you. For the Word of the Lord has come to me and you must release the things of the mental realm, that which is natural and led by the senses, the touch, the taste, the natural physical realm. It is not in the hearing, but it is in the Spirit. It’s in the receiving and the Lord is opening the door for each of you....

It’s a good door and some of you have knocked upon many, but refused to quit and, because of that, you shall have the door that God opens. For He is opening a door .....It will take several months for the door to be revealed to you from across the earth, but it will be revealed to you.

There are many things that God is saying ... but He wants you to know that He loves you and that around the world He has people just like you: People who are pressing in, people who have a hunger for Him, people who’re thirsty and hungry for more of God and He wants you to know He’s the answer. He’s the answer. He’s the answer.

This is your time. It’s time now to reap like never before and the harvest and the increase and the abundance that you’ve looked for will begin to come in great waves and the earth will not understand why certain countries blossom and prosper and certain others wither and die. But iniquity, iniquity is being called to account and God will call it to account.

Righteousness, righteousness will be seen across the earth and the righteous shall reap great rewards and the unrighteous shall be in fear, because of the fear of what they see upon the earth and the inability to walk by the Spirit of God. But understand Me, press in; you’re almost there. Press in, push. Just a little more of Me and just a little less of you will swing the door wide.

I desire that with all my heart. Understand Me. The time is now. You'll begin to see things change. Remember this ... because you were there ahead of time and you will see things that look fearful in the natural, but a supernatural peace will flood your being and, in the midst, when everybody is running around, you'll be steady and rock solid.

I have brought you to this point. Do not pull back. Trust Me, trust Me, trust Me, my children. Trust Me.

The things of God are so simple, but I demand obedience. I demand holiness. Shun the wrong and do the right.

Begin to flow in the supernatural ... Begin to expect things to turn on your behalf. I speak to you now so you are more prepared.

The time is at hand and I am again going to move through the land and I shall touch every realm. I shall touch into the intellectual realm, those who not understand me or know me. I will touch into the economic world. I will travel the nations at the very presidential levels and you will see a strange thing happen, things that you never, ever thought would happen, will happen. Never, ever and they shall happen (snap) like that, because I deem it to be so. I change men's hearts in a second. I can make the worst man kind in a nano-second and I understand atomic better than the scientists do.

Everything is in the cleft of My hand and ... you have become different people.

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Threshold Of Desire

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Rev. 3:8
“I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.”

John 5:19
“Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say unto you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever he does, that the Son does likewise.”

John 5:30
“I can do nothing on my own authority; as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.”

John 14:12
“Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”

Beloved, do not look on the outward appearance to see what it is I do; do not look on the flesh and say it is Spirit; do not look at the mind and say it is Spirit; do not look on the heart and say it is Spirit. Be still, and know that I AM God. I AM coming to you shortly. I AM very near. I desire to comfort your heart in this current difficulty.

Behold, I lay before you an open door: what hinders you from crossing the threshold? Is it one lame foot, so that you cannot walk? Is it a blindness of sight that you cannot see? Have I left you lacking fundamentally in some way for the task that is set before you?

You wander around this room where your little strength is so apparent, entrapped by your own unbelief. I desire that you be released from this. Do you share this holy desire?

Quiet your heart and rest a little. You know that apart from Me you can do nothing. Then why are you still frustrating yourself trying to understand how you will accomplish My will?

The world seeks proof of your accomplishments, your ability, your achievement, your qualifications: but it is not so with Me. If you seek to satisfy the world and its requirements, you will always lack, because you are continuously pressed to look upon your ability, which you know is not enough to do the things I ask you.

But I have not asked you to satisfy the world, but Me. And what is it I ask of you? Do you know that my yoke is easy, and My burden is light?

I ask you to satisfy Me ONLY with your desire. I ask you to just want what I want. This you can do. This you are already accomplishing. It is only an “I will” away; only a “here am I, send me”. Unbelief, dear beloved, is not a matter of “I cannot” but of “I will not”. So you see how easy it is for you to put this right?

I have delivered you from the dominion of unholy desire, which is lust in its many forms. But I have been perfecting in you My holy desire, which is Love. My love is your aim and your destination, not your perfected ability. This is the threshold that I want you to cross. So that when you love the ones that I love, with the love that I give you, laying down all of your own desires to be one with My own, child, it pleases Me.

You have been faithful with that little matter of love that the world was not interested in: and I will entrust you with much for that faithfulness.

All you lack now is timing, which is Mine to give. Be patient. Don’t go on ahead without Me. I AM coming to you shortly.

I have promised.

Defining

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My child,

Let My light shine upon you so that you can see the truth. The landscape of your true self is not hidden from Me, it is hidden from you. There are peaks and valleys, weaknesses and strengths, sharp places, deep places, needs and desires, and changing seasons of colours that are you on the inside. Some of those places are not ones you care to look at. But I am calling you to do so as I gently lead.

Be comforted that I know you and I love you. I will not leave you unrescued. The pain in you is My pain also. The sin in you is covered by Me. I am calling you to look deeper. Define yourself. Be courageous. Be honest. Define yourself to Me.

You need to know that I AM the One who makes you whole. But I AM making you whole in Me. I am not ill-defined. The whole of creation proclaims My glory. I AM not a whisper or a vapour or a passing scent. I AM not a notion or a hobby or an excuse for you to be who you are. I AM your God. I am well-defined. And you are well-defined - in Me.

As you confess to Me who you truly are, so your needs become visible in My light. Your needs are a falling-short of wholeness. Even your highest thoughts are a falling-short of My thoughts. But I have given Myself - wholly - to you. So give yourself to Me. Just as you are.

Rejoice! As you express yourself like this, I will meet you at the point of each need. There is nothing insignificant about you to Me. When I meet you at each point, each peak, each valley and hill of the landscape which is you, I will make you whole. This is your testimony. This is how you proclaim My glory. I AM your wholeness. I AM your righteousness. I AM your hope. I AM your light.

Define yourself, and you will define Me.

I AM the answer to your heart's cry.

Terror on Every Side
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Isaiah 63:1-4 AMP
1 WHO IS this Who comes from Edom, with crimson-stained garments from Bozrah [in Edom]? This one Who is glorious in His apparel, striding triumphantly in the greatness of His might? It is I, [the one] Who speaks in righteousness [proclaiming vindication], mighty to save!
2 Why is Your apparel splashed with red, and Your garments like the one who treads in the winepress?
3 I have trodden the winepress alone, and of the peoples there was no one with Me. I trod them in My anger and trampled them in My wrath; and their lifeblood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I stained all My raiment.
4 For the day of vengeance was in My heart, and My year of redemption [the year of My redeemed] has come.

“Great darkness has come and lawlessness is increasing.
Have I not given you eyes to see and ears to hear ?
But in the midst of the darkness, I will be a great Light in you !
My light will SHINE in the darkness and it will shatter the dark places that have held the earth captive for eons. In the midst of the great darkness, My glory will increase in and on you that others might know that it is by MY HAND that deliverance comes !

The mouths of one prophet may be stopped, but another will replace him or her ! The mouths of My apostles will not be stopped. Many will be like John, who knew the LOVE of the FATHER so well, and leaned into it in times of trouble. They were not able to kill him till I DECIDED TO BRING HIM HOME !

Can you see the fire of My love in My Word. Seek it out. For I am full of love and compassion. My compassions fail NOT ! They are new every morning.

I love My own. In the midst of great darkness you will be lights to the nations. You will overcome by the blood of the LAMB, and the words of your testimony ! So testify My sons and daughters. TESTIFY, even in the midst of hardship, that I WILL UPHOLD YOU. I WILL SUSTAIN YOU.”

[I suddenly remembered a story of a little child in the holocaust days that gave testimony that in the midst of the last days of captivity, they had no food left, and the Lord sustained her for 30 days till the captivity was over !]

Isa 60:1-4 AMP
1 ARISE [from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you--rise to a new life]! Shine (be radiant with the glory of the Lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! [Zech 8:23.]
2 For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and dense darkness [all] peoples, but the Lord shall arise upon you [O Jerusalem], and His glory shall be seen on you. [Isa 60:19-22; Mal 4:2; Rev 21:2,3.]
3 And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. [Isa 2:2,3; Jer 3:17.]
4 Lift up your eyes round about you and see! They all gather themselves together, they come to you. Your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried and nursed in the arms.

“I WILL REND THE HEAVENS and I WILL COME DOWN ! My glory will cover the earth and there will be great healings and deliverances, miracles and creative miracles in these times ! You will understand things you have not understood before ! You will become adept more quickly with the sword of righteousness in your hands, and you will take the prey !”

Isa 5:29 NKJV Their roaring will be like a lion, They will roar like young lions; Yes, they will roar and lay hold of the prey; They will carry it away safely, and no one will deliver.

Jer 30:16-17 NKJV 'Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured;
And all your adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; Those who plunder you shall become plunder, And all who prey upon you I will make a prey. 17 For I will restore health to you and heal you of your wounds,' says the LORD, 'Because they called you an outcast saying: "This is Zion; No one seeks her."'

Ezek 34:28 NKJV And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid.

Ezek 13:21 NKJV I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

Isa 63:5-64:8 AMP
5 And I looked, but there was no one to help; I was amazed and appalled that there was no one to uphold [truth and right]. So My own arm brought Me victory, and My wrath upheld Me.
6 I trod down the peoples in My anger and made them drink of the cup of My wrath until they were intoxicated, and I spilled their lifeblood upon the earth.
7 I will recount the loving-kindnesses of the Lord and the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has bestowed on us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel, which He has granted them according to His mercy and according to the multitude of His loving-kindnesses.
8 For He said, Surely they are My people, sons who will not lie [who will not deal falsely with Me]; and so He was to them a Savior [in all their distresses].
9 In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. [Ex 23:20-23; 33:14-15; Deut 1:31; 32:10-12.]
10 But they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit; therefore He turned to become their enemy and Himself fought against them.
11 Then His people [seriously] remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people [and they said], Where is He Who brought [our fathers] up out of the [Red] Sea, with [Moses and the other] shepherds of His flock? Where is He Who put His Holy Spirit within their midst,
12 Who caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, dividing the waters before them, to make for Himself an everlasting name,
13 Who led them through the depths, like a horse in the wilderness, so that they did not stumble?
14 Like the cattle that go down into the valley [to find better pasturage, refuge, and rest], the Spirit of the Lord caused them to rest. So did You lead Your people [Lord] to make for Yourself a beautiful and glorious name [to prepare the way for the acknowledgment of Your name by all nations].
15 Look down from heaven and see from the dwelling place of Your holiness and Your glory. Where are Your zeal and Your jealousy and Your mighty acts [which you formerly did for Your people]? Your yearning pity and the [multitude of] compassions of Your heart are restrained and withheld from me.
16 For [surely] You are our Father, even though Abraham [our ancestor] does not know us and Israel (Jacob) does not acknowledge us; You, O Lord, are [still] our Father, our Redeemer from everlasting is Your name.
17 O Lord, why have You made us [able] to err from Your ways and hardened our hearts to [reverential] fear of You? Return [to bless us] for Your servants' sake, the tribes of Your heritage.
18 Your holy people possessed Your sanctuary but a little while; our adversaries have trodden it down.
19 We have become [to You] like those over whom You never exercised rule, like those who were not called by Your name.

Isaiah 64
1 OH, THAT You would rend the heavens and that You would come down, that the mountains might quake and flow down at Your presence--
2 As when fire kindles the brushwood and the fire causes the waters to boil--to make Your name

known to Your adversaries, that the nations may tremble at Your presence!
3 When You did terrible things which we did not expect, You came down; the mountains quaked at Your presence.
4 For from of old no one has heard nor perceived by the ear, nor has the eye seen a God besides You, Who works and shows Himself active on behalf of him who [earnestly] waits for Him.
5 You meet and spare him who joyfully works righteousness (uprightness and justice), [earnestly] remembering You in Your ways. Behold, You were angry, for we sinned; we have long continued in our sins [prolonging Your anger]. And shall we be saved?
6 For we have all become like one who is unclean [ceremonially, like a leper], and all our righteousness (our best deeds of rightness and justice) is like filthy rags or a polluted garment; we all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away [far from God's favor, hurrying us toward destruction]. [Lev 13:45,46.]
7 And no one calls on Your name and awakens and bestirs himself to take and keep hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us and have delivered us into the [consuming] power of our iniquities. [Rom 1:21-24.]
8 Yet, O Lord, You are our Father; we are the clay, and You our Potter, and we all are the work of Your hand.

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Part III

Matt 3:4 AMP This same John's garments were made of camel's hair, and he wore a leather girdle about his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. [Lev 11:22; 2 Kings 1:8; Zech 13:4.]

Lev 11:22 AMP Of these you may eat: the whole species
of locust, of bald locust, of cricket, and of
grasshopper. [Matt 3:4.]

2 Kings 1:8 AMP They answered, He was a hairy man
with a girdle of leather
about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.
Zech 13:4 AMP And in that day the [false] prophets
shall each be ashamed of his vision when he
prophesies, nor will he wear a hairy or rough garment

to deceive,
LOCUST
NT:200 akris (ak-rece'); apparently from the same as NT:206; a locust (as pointed, or as lightning on the top of vegetation): KJV - locust.
NT:206 akron (ak'-ron); neuter of an adj. probably akin to the base of NT:188; the extremity: KJV - one end ... other, tip, top, uttermost participle
NT:188 akmen (ak-mane'); accusative case of a noun ("acme") akin to ake (a point) and meaning the same; adverbially, just now, i.e. still: KJV - yet.

HONEY
meli NT:3192 occurs with the adjective agrios, "wild," in Matt 3:4; Mark 1:6; in Rev 10:9,10, as an

example of sweetness. As "honey" is liable to ferment, it was precluded from offerings to God, [Lev 2:11.] The liquid "honey" mentioned in Ps 19:10 and Prov 16:24 is regarded as the best; a cruse of it was part of the present brought to Ahijah by Jeroboam's wife, 1 Kings 14:3. (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words)

WILD - agrios NT:66 denotes (a) "of or in fields" (agros, "a field"), hence, "not domestic," said of honey, Matt 3:4; Mark 1:6; (b) "savage, fierce," Jude 13, RV, metaphorically, "wild (waves)," KJV, "raging." It is used in the papyri of a malignant wound. Note: In Rev 6:8 the RV renders therion (plural) "wild beasts" (KJV, "beasts").

If I had to depend on eating locusts and wild honey, guess I could do it, but I might starve if it depended on me putting my hand into a beehive to retrieve the honey. And I'd have to roast the locusts…sounds too crunchy for my taste. But you can do what you have to do. So you might ask WHY did John live this way. Was he lazy ? Why did he live dependent on God, and not on his own prowess and ability to gain money ? Wasn't it to PREPARE the way of the Lord ? And wasn't it that to be prepared, he like the apostles needed to spend time with GOD, learning His word, learning His ways ? He prayed for his nation. After all, he seemed a healthy fellow for just eating locusts and honey. He wouldn't do well in today's society that is so dependent on their own skills and have no need of depending on God for anything. And if he lived in LA, they'd probably shoot him or kill him for being homeless, or RELOCATE him somehow ! I know one thing, the church wouldn't listen a bit to his prophecies if he came RANTING into them with the kinds of things John spoke ! They'd have ushers haul him away immediately in the many "successful" big churches…as he might reek or disturb the all too fine ladies around him.

It is interesting that the same description is made of ELIJAH as is made of John, since later Jesus refers to John the Baptist as the Elijah that was to come ! There are many people today that are disqualified from having a say in the body because of their looks. She's fat, he's homeless, she's sickly, so you know she must be in sin. He is poor, and wears tattered clothes so he must be in sin. While the church gentry wears their finest and some even boast that Jesus' clothes were not poor, but wealthy, and so we should also wear our best. And anyone who doesn't isn't showing respect to God ! Yet Jesus said, Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lie his head ! We have a lot of things backwards in the western church. God so loves those who love to spend time with HIM. He is not ashamed of how they look. Nor does HE judge the way men and women judge by the outward appearances.

And when you spend that time with HIM, you become His friend. Just how many friends would you have if you never have time for them ? Jesus tells His secrets to His friends ! John the Baptist was the friend of God, and tasted of HIS HONEY, not only the earthly kind, but the heavenly honey, the manna that comes down from above. The sweetness of God is for Him to share His secrets and His love. Locusts are plentiful this year in northern Africa. I wonder if they will figure out that it is a plague coming from the hand of the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob ? Locusts would seem good to eat since they eat the crops of man. Seems a good thing to get rid of. I pray in the midst of their hardships, that the north of Africa which is covered by ISLAM will turn to the TRUE GOD and turn from Islam. Matt 6:25 NKJV Do Not Worry (Luke 12:22-31) "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

1 Cor 3:2-4 NKJV I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not carnal?

So it would seem from this that the carnal Christian is not mature in the WORD of the Lord, yes ? So the food that Jesus offers to eat is important to our growth in Him. His food brings life.

1 Cor 10:3-5 NKJV all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they

drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

In the wilderness the people of Israel complained a lot. That is our carnal nature. In the wilderness we tend to complain instead of Praise and soak in the Word. The wilderness is a time when you can lean on the ROCK that is higher. It is a time of great closeness and tenderness in having ability to feed from His table. Sickness, and restrictions can be opportunities that come like no other to be close to Him, and to eat of His food, and learn things we never knew.

John 6:35-38 NKJV And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. 36 But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. 37 All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.

John 6:47-51 NKJV Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and are dead. 50 This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

NT:740 artos (ar'-tos); from NT:142; bread (as raised) or a loaf: KJV –
(shew-) bread, loaf.
NT:142 airo (ah'-ee-ro); a primary root; to lift up; by implication, to take up or away; figuratively, to raise (the voice), keep in suspense (the mind), specially, to sail away (i.e. weigh anchor); by Hebraism [compare OT:5375] to expiate sin: KJV - away with, bear (up), carry, lift up, loose, make to doubt, put away, remove, take (away, up).
OT:5375 nasa' (naw-saw'); or nacah (Ps 4:6 [OT:7]) (naw-saw'); a primitive root; to lift, in a great variety of applications, literal and figurative, absol. and rel. (as follows): KJV - accept, advance, arise, (able to, [armor], suffer to) bear (-er, up), bring (forth), burn, carry (away), cast, contain, desire, ease, exact, exalt (self), extol, fetch, forgive, furnish, further, give, go on, help, high, hold up, honorable (+man), lade, lay, lift (self) up, lofty, marry, magnify, needs, obtain, pardon, raise (up), receive, regard, respect, set (up), spare, stir up, swear, take (away, up), utterly, wear, yield.

NT:2222 zoe (dzo-ay'); from NT:2198; life (literally or figuratively):
KJV - life (-time). Compare NT:5590.
NT:2198 zao (dzah'-o); a primary verb; to live (literally or figuratively):
KJV - life (-time), (a-) live (-ly), quick.
psuche NT:5590, the soul, or life, is rendered "heart" in Eph 6:6 (marg., "soul"), "doing the will of God from the heart." In Col 3:23, a form of the word psuche preceded by ek, from, lit., "from (the) soul," is rendered "heartily."

So Jesus is saying I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE: I am the SHEWBREAD that brings ZOE – life to your soul. The word for soul is also used for HEART. [Also note that some of us have been seeing the numbers 2222 and the above Zoe – is strongs 2222.]

Ps 104:15 NKJV And wine that makes glad the heart of man, Oil to make his face shine, and bread which strengthens man's heart. Ps 4:7 NIV You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound.

Jer 31:34 NKJV No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

This is part of a covenant relating to Israel. It is spoken to those He has already made covenant with: Israel. So God is yet to pour out His love on Jews everywhere who are marked for salvation. We have access to the throne room to hear His voice and ask of Him whatever we like. Jesus made the way so that there would no longer be a partition between God and us. And the verse above says that bread is good for the heart…even as His manna daily is sustaining to our hearts !

Mic 3:11-12 NKJV Her heads judge for a bribe, Her priests teach for pay, and her prophets divine for money. Yet they lean on the LORD, and say, "Is not the LORD among us? No harm can come upon us." 12 Therefore because of you Zion shall be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the temple Like the bare hills of the forest.

Ps 119:33 NKJV Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end. Ps 119:64 NKJV The earth, O LORD, is full of Your mercy; Teach me Your statutes. Ps 119:66 NKJV Teach me good judgment and knowledge, For I believe Your commandments.

The Holy Spirit is our Teacher and Comforter once we are born again. But we must spend time with him to gain access to that wisdom and understanding. I used to have to wait till late at night once my children were in bed, and husband and I had gone to bed to have my quiet times. I'd get up after he fell asleep and then have my time with God. And often He would wake me in the middle of the night when all was very quiet, and I could hear better without any distractions. Being a wife and mother makes it a bit difficult to have time to yourself, but with God all things are possible. I would take my boombox out to the laundry room with me and praise Him, no matter what I was doing…it helped the work go faster, and several times I got songs while in the laundry room !

Luke 11:13 NKJV If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!" Luke 12:11-12 NKJV "Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. 12 For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." John 14:26-27 NKJV But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Often times when I've been overseas, I haven't a clue what the Spirit wants me to say till I stand up in front of the crowd. I may have prayed and asked, but it isn't till up there that sometimes I would hear the still small voice telling me what to speak on, and not only that, but helping me with HOW to say it, to make it understandable to illiterates, and farmers. Many of the older villagers are unlearned. And the Holy Spirit would give me an analogy to farming they could understand or relate to. He is the Source for all we need.

1 Cor 2:1-5 AMP
1 AS FOR myself, brethren, when I came to you, I did not come proclaiming to you the testimony and evidence or mystery and secret of God [concerning what He has done through Christ for the salvation of men] in lofty words of eloquence or human philosophy and wisdom; 2 For I resolved to know nothing (to be acquainted with nothing, to make a display of the knowledge of nothing, and to be conscious of nothing) among you except Jesus Christ (the Messiah) and Him crucified. 3 And I was in (passed into a state of) weakness and fear (dread) and great trembling [after I had come] among you. 4 And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the [Holy] Spirit and power [a proof by the Spirit and power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them], 5 So that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men (human philosophy), but in the power of God.

In other words, Paul did not come with a prepared message like an orator in the theatre. He came dependent on the Holy Spirit to show him what to say, and in Holy Spirit power, leaning on His wisdom. He even admits to fear and dread. I have been there. A few years back I spoke at a conference and I was very anxious. I'd never spoken before a group of prophets before. But God had opened up the word and I knew as I delivered the talk on Pride and Humility, that I was just as accountable…and I FELT that same fear and dread…because it was so important for them to hear and understand what the Lord wanted. Could have heard a pin drop. But I have not yet attained to the measure of Paul by any means…but at that moment this exact scripture came to mind.

Acts 1:8 NKJV But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 4:31 NKJV And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Boldness comes from impartation of the Spirit of MIGHT mentioned in Isaiah 11…the seven fold Spirit of God. If you want boldness to preach, to share the gospel, to share His love…ask for the Spirit of MIGHT to increase in you. Note that when they prayed in UNITY…the place was shaken. That also happened to us in a women's group one night after 9-11….we all felt led to pray in the time we had together, though we had been studying Songs. And suddenly the earth was shaking…God is increasing signs and wonders in our time. We need to expect Him to do mighty things.

Acts 7:51-52 NKJV Israel Resists the Holy Spirit "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. 52 Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,

The WISDOM of man resists the Holy Spirit.

Acts 13:1-3 NKJV As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

The apostles were dependent on the food that the Holy Spirit gave them daily also. Having fasted and prayed and been in the word…the Holy Spirit gave them instructions then for how to proceed in the work HE had given them to do. This is why the apostles were to spend time in the Word, and not waiting tables too. They needed discernment and to hear from God. To hear from God you need to be in the Word, prayer, worship, meditation and listening.

1 Cor 2:13-14 AMP And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit]. 14 But the natural, non-spiritual man does not accept or welcome or admit into his heart the gifts and teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned and estimated and appreciated.

2 Cor 6:7 AMP By [speaking] the word of truth, in the power of God, with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand [to attack] and for the left hand [to defend];

The Word is our defense system ! See how he says for the right hand to ATTACK [with the Word] and for the left hand to DEFEND ! The Word of God IN US, is our immune system. So the more we get in us, we can use it to defend ourselves from the enemy, and to attack the enemy…taking back the land he has stolen in the lives of others.

1 Thess 1:5 AMP For our [preaching of the] glad tidings (the Gospel) came to you not only in word, but also in [its own inherent] power and in the Holy Spirit and with great conviction and absolute certainty [on our part]. You know what kind of men we proved [ourselves] to be among you for your good.

The WORD has power ! The Word is LIFE to our bones and health to our body. Here Paul is also sharing it has power to convict and to bring life to others if we will use it.

John 14:16-17 KJV And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:26 KJV
But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. John 14:26 AMP But the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will cause you to recall (will remind you of, bring to your remembrance) everything I have told you.

When I was a new Christian, I thought I must memorize scripture, but I had a hard time in school memorizing. It's a miracle I made it through nursing school and grad school ! I'd have to read something 30 times to memorize it fully….like literature. Did you ever have to memorize Chaucer or Shakespeare ? So I could see my ex could memorize like so easily…I would use him to figure out where something was that came to my memory…ie; where does it say this ? And then the Lord told me, that I didn't have to worry, because it says in the above verse…HE is able to cause you to recall ! If I would just eat the Word, then He could call it to remembrance…which took a big load off my back.

John 16:8 AMP And when He comes, He will convict and convince the world and bring demonstration to it about sin and about righteousness (uprightness of heart and right standing with God) and about judgment:

Eph 1:17-21 NKJV that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

That power that raised Christ from the dead is in us as we believe the WORD of God and use it for His glory !

Gal 5:18 NKJV But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Phil 3:3 AMP For we [Christians] are the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit and by the Spirit of God and exult and glory and pride ourselves in Jesus Christ, and put no confidence or dependence [on what we are] in the flesh and on outward privileges and physical advantages and external appearances.

When we put ourselves back under the law with striving, we open ourselves up to vulnerability to the wicked prayers of men and women. It is not by our strength that we have been saved, but HE is the One Who drew us. And it is not by our strength that we can do what we must do, but drawing on HIS strength. He is our strength. One problem people have who've been raised with perfectionism like I was…is to TRY HARD TO DO EVERYTHING so that we won't make a mistake. BUT TRYING HARD is striving…brings us back to the LAW…and under the curse ! Don't want to be there !

Eph 4:22-24 NKJV and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

We are renewed in our minds by the washing of the WORD. THIS is how we keep our minds stayed on Him as well. Peace that surpasses all understanding is ours.

Eph 6:19 AMP And [pray] also for me, that [freedom of] utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (the Gospel), It is the HOLY SPIRIT that empowers us to be witnesses for Him. It is HE Who gives us the wisdom, words of knowledge and wisdom we need to do what He has called us to do.

1 Thess 5:19 AMP Do not quench (suppress or subdue) the [Holy] Spirit;

1 Tim 4:1-2 AMP BUT THE [Holy] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares that in latter times some will turn away from the faith, giving attention to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach, 2 Through the hypocrisy and pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared (cauterized),

We can see this being done before our eyes now. Men with seared consciences have approved homosexuality in some parts of the church, as if it was not a sin. We are to love the homosexual. And to treat them with respect anyone deserves. But the sin is not something God condoned, anymore than lying, cheating , greed, pride and arrogance that is in the churched. And daily it seems now we are seeing compromises made.

1 John 4:6 AMP We are [children] of God. Whoever is learning to know God [progressively to perceive, recognize, and understand God by observation and experience, and to get an ever-clearer knowledge of Him] listens to us; and he who is not of God does not listen or pay attention to us. By this we know (recognize) the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error.

Those who love HIM, will listen to us. Those who are called to love Him, will listen to the TRUTH. Those who reject the truth, are already condemned, he said. John 3:18

1 John 5:6-7 AMP This is He Who came by (with) water and blood [His baptism and His death], Jesus Christ (the Messiah)--not by (in) the water only, but by (in) the water and the blood. And it is the [Holy] Spirit Who bears witness, because the [Holy] Spirit is the Truth. 7 So there are three witnesses in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one;

Jude 19 AMP It is these who are [agitators] setting up distinctions and causing divisions--merely sensual [creatures, carnal, worldly-minded people], devoid of the [Holy] Spirit and destitute of any higher spiritual life.

Watch out for the dogs Paul warned us…those devoid of the Holy Spirit cannot receive the things of the Spirit…and are carnally minded. This is part of the problem with the compromise. Those compromising are not being led of the Spirit, but out of fear and out of the flesh, and unsanctified mercy.

Rev 2:7 AMP He who is able to hear, let him listen to and give heed to what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes (is victorious), I will grant to eat [of the fruit] of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God. [Gen 2:9; 3:24.]

Rev 2:17 AMP He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes (conquers), I will give to eat of the manna that is hidden, and I will give him a white stone with a new name engraved on the stone, which no one knows or understands except he who receives it. [Ps 78:24; Isa 62:2.]

What is the hidden manna ? It is the rhema Words that God gives to you and the illumination of scripture that helps us UNDERSTAND what is being said, the application of that scripture. When the Lord says He'll give you a new name…it means He is imparting REVELATION to you.; A deeper intimacy of revealing His secrets.

Rev 22:17 AMP The [Holy] Spirit and the bride (the church, the true Christians) say, Come! And let him who is listening say, Come! And let everyone come who is thirsty [who is painfully conscious of his need of those things by which the soul is refreshed, supported, and strengthened]; and whoever [earnestly] desires to do it, let him come, take, appropriate, and drink the water of Life without cost.

[Isa 55:1.]

We don't have to PAY to hear the Word of God, and we don't have to PAY to get revelation of Him. It is a harlot church that participates in costly conferences that cater to the elite and rich, instead of sharing what was given them free. What can the poor do ? Think of it. Everyday the poor cannot afford CD's, books, etc that teach them or bless them. Yet we cater to those who have money. As if that was the motive behind the conferences and meetings in the first place. GREED has overtaken much of the church. There needs to be repentance for all the decisions motivated by making money. God wants a spotless bride who cares for the least of these like JESUS DID !

To My Hurting Daughters

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To My Hurting Daughters My Name Is Immanuel
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To My hurting daughters... I have seen your frustrations and I know your questions. My eyes have gone to and fro, looking for someone who was willing to put aside all things and you said "here am I" and then found yourself going through the fire and it's been much hotter than you ever expected. You have known what it is to be in need and you know the hurts of the outcasts for so many times you feel like an outcast yourself.

You have brought to My remembrance My many words and promises to you. My Beloved, I have heard your cries. Know that I have not gone back on My Word, I cannot because I Am bound by My Word. My hands have not been idle. I have been with you through every frustration and pain that has been inflicted upon you, for My Name is Immanuel.

Know, My daughters that I have and Am paving the way, the preparations have been under way for your breakthroughs. Be sensitive to My directions, even to the smallest insignificances, because they are vital! Do not fear that you will miss Me or My direction. You have walked many spiritual miles for Me and have fought many spiritual battles and I AM pleased that even through your own pain you have been there for another sister in need.

You have cried out to Me through your tears and pain telling Me that all seems hopeless in your eyes. Although it seems as though I have forsaken you, KNOW that I Am Immanuel. Although it seems My eye and My hand have not been upon you, KNOW that I AM Immanuel. ... Beloved, I AM aware of All your needs, My eyes are upon them and upon you. Now is the time to hold fast to My promises. Now is the time to hold on to your faith. Although it 'appears' the answers are far off, they are much nearer than you know! Continue to speak words of faith to My daughters. Continue to stand firm and rejoice in Me. My Beloved, I have breathed My breath into your lives and anything that I breathe my breath into - LIVES!!!! Know that even now, in your pain and even confusion, I AM breathing wellness into My willing vessels. This is the time that you must keep your focus and that focus is ME. Reserve your heart for Me at all costs, for the day is surely coming when those who have chosen to walk with their King through all adversities will see the might and Power of MY strong arm. My daughters, you will see Breakthrough in unprecedented ways and the time of your blossoming forth for ME is SURELY at hand. The time that you have awaited is SURELY upon the horizon in might and power.

You have been learning to rely on ME, and no other, for ALL things! You have been learning to rely on ME *for even your very existence* in your painful situations. And now, My daughters, "Watch ME move in a mighty way." Watch Me bring forth all those things that I have promised you. Provisions, needs met and your place in My plan. All are coming forth by My hand and because of My Word. I AM speaking forth these words this very hour. As I spoke the Word - the universe came into being. I AM now speaking forth the Word for you!

Behold the goodness of your Lord and Savior, for I can create out of the ugly and unseemly and create something beautiful. Await the appearance of My surprises that I AM placing at your doorstep. Be expectant of the gifts from the I AM launching you into going about your Father's business in a more productive way. Beware of those that tell you times are hard and you will never see the Glory of your God. Beware of those who discourage you from accepting My word into your heart, for truly, I HAVE SPOKEN and truly I will bring forth ALL I have spoken. Put not your trust in another but In Me. I have given you My Word and I have confirmed My Word. NOW, I AM FAITHFUL TO BRING IT TO PASS.

I AM not a man who would look down on His Beloved. Reach forth your hand and receive. Behold, I will give strengthening power to My chosen daughters and I will restore all that you have lost. Today, I AM calling for you to reach forth you hand and receive and as you receive give out to another of My hurting daughters. Give to those you see in need. Give to those who are discouraged. I AM calling for the process to go forth in My Name and by MY power and none shall stop it, for I AM IMMANUEL.

I want you to know these words are truly spoken by the voice of your God. Will you continue to give freely to others of My daughters in need, In My Name? Will you continue to offer a cup of living water to your sisters who are discouraged and are losing hope, even when you are feeling the depths of despair yourself? Truly you ARE receiving from ME, now freely give what you have received.

You knew that I had called you and to set your face as flint in that calling - a calling that is special and unique and one only you can achieve .... It is a high calling and one not to be taken lightly. The preparations have been intense and you have been trained in life's situations. These have not been easy and it has taken great faith. Do you hear me? You, my beautiful daughters, have great faith. My Word says that to those who overcome, I will give a crown of life and you are overcomers and you shall receive your crown. This crown will take many forms and your needs will be met and your calling sure.

My hurting daughters, ALL, I say ALL authority has been given to you. Get mean with the enemy. Do not allow him in the back door for He will rob you of the peace I have given you. You are Mine! My signet ring is upon your finger and My seal upon your forehead. Go - in the authority, GO - in the power of My Name. Let nothing or no-one come between My presence and you. You are mine and I AM jealous over you.

I AM calling you to walk forth as mighty warriors of God. Stand tall and stand strong in ME! I want those around you to see My glory in you. The world is saying , 'aha, aha, where is her God?' - but the world and the church shall see that I AM alive in you, they shall see My Glory and My love in you and upon you. They will see Who I AM and what I can do through My hurting daughters who I WILL bring forth In My Glory and they will see that I AM IMMANUEL in you.

You have waited and waited. You have wondered when will it happen? You have said "When Lord, When?" I say to you, my daughters, Now....now is the day. I AM giving you the desires of your heart and it will be a strong witness to many! You are a testimony and a witness... I AM Immanuel.

My daughters, what I have for you will be hard for you to contain. It will be like a mother giving birth. The blessings will cause you to forget these hard and difficult times. The blessings will be 100 fold, in every area and to those of whom I called you to, they will surely be blessed! You have sowed into My work and you shall reap the harvest. I love giving to My children, I take pleasure in giving to My own. Expect a harvest in all areas ... spiritual, emotional and physical.

I see faith arising in your spirit and it is your faith and trust In Me that will move mountains. Mountains are moving this day because of your faith. Debts are being paid and that which seemed impossible you will see as "possible" with your God. It is time for you to 'soar like the eagle', for nothing, I say NOTHING is impossible with your God. Rise, O' precious daughter of Mine, rise and see the impossible happen. Let no one dissuade you with their words or actions, no-one. Rise and soar O' Daughter of Mine. Let your faith soar for the day of promise is here. Give me first place in your heart always and know that I AM Immanuel, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.....

You have been in a desperate situation and time. You have tasted the mire and the desperation of many of My daughters. You have felt the desire to give up and you have experienced the feeling of going under. My beautiful servant you have tasted what many are living under....As MY SON took on the sins of the world, so you, My daughters, so you have tasted and taken on desperation... and ... just as you have experienced the desperation you will experience My deliverance. This is your testimony. You will see what I have been accomplishing on your behalf in the spiritual realm now touch you in the natural realm and you will say, Aha, My God was always with me.

My ears are listening for your shouts of joy that will arise for the gates of heaven are opening upon you. My daughters, I AM IMMANUEL!!!

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and they will call Him Immanuel, which means, "God with us." Matthew :23

The Outcome Of This Election And Mount Rushmore

Mark Kaphaem

There is a great change coming to the United States with the 2004 Presidential election. We are standing at a great crossroads. This evening the Lord came to me and showed me a picture of Mount Rushmore. I saw the faces of John Kerry and George W. Bush each in turn upon the Mount. The current men on that Mount are George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln & Theodore Roosevelt. What I feel the Lord is saying, is that the next President of the United States will have as great an impact on the Future of the United States as those four past President on Mount Rushmore did combined.

I also feel the Lord has given the outcome of this election to His church if she will rise up and take it. There has been a heavy spirit on the church but it is lifting this last week before the election. The Lord is giving strength to pray if we will rise up and receive it. Call out for truth to be revealed. For truth is our strongest weapon at this time.

Before the 2000 election I had a vision of a man kneeling over the city of Washington and praying. I saw him holding two plaques with the ten commandments on them and the likeness of George Washington standing behind him.

Who is the man I saw? Why was George Washington standing behind him? Why was he holding the ten commandants?

The Lord has given us great leaders in the past to help carry us through desperate times. We stand at a fork in the road. Our Nation is divided. Which way will she turn? What will it mean to her destiny?

We have been given a week to pray. Rise up bride of Christ.

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Torah and Spirit

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

Again, in the course of this week I received some mail that I would like to share with you along with some of my own comments. Someone had forwarded information about a new translation of the bible called *"Good as New" translated by former Baptist minister John Henson for the "One" organization, to produce… a "new, fresh and adventurous" translation of the Christian scriptures."* You can read about it on WorldNetDaily June 24th. After reading some choice excerpts, it appears that under the guise of bringing scripture 'up to date', this assemblage-cum-translation is nothing more than a bamboozling attempt aimed at sanctioning sin, or even worse, promoting it under scriptural auspices. The distortions offered by these texts made me realize all the more why the enemy of our Creator would steer the "church" as far away from the Torah as possible. This is most likely the reason why Yeshua is leading people out of the Torah-less or lawless institutions, taking the sheep back unto Himself and feeding them His word by the Spirit.

The following is a testimony of a friend who describes her experience regarding this issue:

"I believe what happened was that I had to be taken out of the things I had been in before, to start understanding the Torah, so I could understand the REAL workings of the Spirit. So much of the Charismatic movement had the real Spirit, and then it seemed that it got into something that really was not of the Father. It was a wonderful time for me back in the mid 90's because that is when I was baptized in the

Ruach, but as things went on, I began to see many things that seemed to be a counterfeit."

There are many others with similar testimonies.

In order to present and communicate the gospel of Yeshua, His disciples turned to the Torah and to the words of the prophets, as those were the only scriptural resources that they had. Therefore, how can we throw away those foundations and expect to mature in our spiritual lives? Instead of the Word becoming flesh in us, the flesh changes the Word, so that God's image is 'created' in the image of man. Just as Paul warned in his letter to the believers in Rome: *"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man…"* (Rom 1:22-23).

Because of this tendency to alter the original biblical text, we must try and stick as closely as possible to the Hebrew and Greek. We must be careful, as some of the modern versions alter and change words to fit a new or modern morality (if morality is what it is...). However I must say that although here in Israel we have many institutions studying the Torah, Prophets and Writings in the original language, yet sin still abounds in our midst. One would think that with the Torah being taught in the schools we would see a different society here. It is not hard therefore to put two and two together. That is, Torah without the New Covenant indwelling Spirit of Holiness results in the same sin behavior, which is present where the Spirit of Holiness resides, but without Torah. Now the question arises, what will happen when the New Covenant Spirit filled believers embrace Torah? Will they also compromise and continue in the ways of the spirit of this world, or will they become mature sons and daughters of the Living Elohim?

This brings me to another quote from another letter received this week. *"As we mature in the Messiah and learn to be obedient to the Spirit of Truth, letting Him operate His will in our vessels, the victorious life of abundance comes just as promised. But now, through further revelation, we know that this includes Torah obedience, we are on a less traveled road that was last traveled frequently by the Apostolic generation and early Believers.*

Now that the Ruach is taking us back to that trail, where the end-time saints will have the testimony of Yeshua and obey His commandments, as John tells us in the book of Revelation, we have a goal that inspires embracing His will for our lives. In other words, with the great war upon the Saints scheduled for the end of the age, the only way that any of us will be able to survive until the end is by being led by the Spirit, walking in the Spirit and letting Him through us comply with the Torah. After all, He cannot do anything that is contrary to the Torah because that would be sin and He cannot sin. If we have Him as the old four spiritual laws diagram put it, "on the throne of our life," then it is Him operating through us and we have submitted our will to Him. He must increase and we must decrease."

Yes, how do we live and walk in the Spirit at all times and in all places? How do we *"cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit"* (2 Cor 7:1)? How do we not become *"children who are tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine"* (Eph. 4:14)? How can we mature to become young men and women who have overcome evil (1 John 2:13-14), and then become mature spiritual fathers and mothers that know how to raise children in the nature of righteousness and holiness? This is the challenge and opportunity that YHVH is giving to this generation of the seed of Abraham. Will there be a remnant that will be an expression of maturity, perfection, wholeness and completeness as Yeshua's body, a truly New Creation (adult) Spiritual Man? I believe that it is possible by the obedience of faith and by the Word made flesh, as the Torah is being written on our hearts.

There seems to be a union, a marriage, taking place between the Torah and our New Creation person. What that will look like has yet to be seen, but it is developing and will have its day of full expression through a people, a nation, that has been predestined before the foundations of this present cosmos. Privileged, as we are, to taste of the power and glory of the coming age, we can have the same zeal as the early apostles: *"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Messiah Yeshua. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect [teleios – full age, mature, complete] be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you"* (Phil 3:13-15).

Have a restful day,

Shabbat Shalom
July 2,2004

To Remain In The System

Clay Sikes

To Those Who Desire To Remain In The System
Clay Sikes
Jan 29, 2004

Dear List Members,

This morning during my exercise time, the Holy Spirit fell on me with what I sense to be a strong prophetic word. I submit it and urge that you test it! It is not directed at to everyone, but to a specific group as the title indicates...Clay.

To Those Who Desire To Remain In The System (To Help Others Out) Prophetic Word Submitted By Clay Sikes January 29th, 2004

The desire to be the bridge for others to come out of the system can only be achieved after you have crossed the great divide. You yourself must first get out in order to be the bridge ACROSS that you desire to be. I see your compassion and concern for your friends and church leaders who are caught up in the system, but let all who have ears to hear, hear my words this day:

“You can never bring them out until you yourself are out. Only when you are out can you be the bridge across the troubled waters of the Harlot Church System.”

You cannot take people where you yourself have never been. You must first experience the liberty and freedom to be what I have called you to be, in order that they recognize something better waits on the other side.

You recognize your compassion, while yet blinded to the deception that this wicked system operates in, yet I have warned that in these times, even the very elect would be deceived were it possible. Awaken to the direction of my Spirit and hearken to the voice of the prophets. I am doing a NEW THING in the earth today. I desire to pour out the New Wine of this age, but I must build individual and corporate wineskins for the New Wine to flow.

Judging The Word - "Coming Out Of The System"
Various
Jan 30, 2004
Dear List Members,

To those of you who attend this list regularly, I posted a word relative "To Those Who Desire To Stay In The System To Help Others Out." As previously stated, this word was not for everyone, but specifically to a unique group. If you are not in that group, obviously it is not directed to you.

While the comments here are varied, the one common denominator between all of us should be 1) Test the word, and 2) Only use the word if it applies to you! The Spirit of God (in us) is able to rightly divide the word as to its application (or lack of) in our lives.

In conclusion, I submit the following to those who question coming out of "the system." It is evident to most all of us that God is indeed readying His Bride to a glorious return - to a Body that is without spot or wrinkle. For this to happen new wine must flow, and as we see in Luke 5:36-38, this new wine can only flow WHERE IT IS WELCOMED. As we see from these eye-opening scriptures, the new wine cannot (by choice) flow to everyone. See verse 39 - "AND NO ONE AFTER DRINKING OLD WINE

WANTS THE NEW, FOR HE SAYS, THE OLD IS BETTER."

Clay

Hi Clay:

Very timely word.

The house church network I was a part of the last four and some years blew up last week. It was partly due to what you are stating here.

You cannot mix the wines in the wineskin.

When we left our leadership role in the Vineyard, the Lord knit us to other wounded warriors. The Lord himself gave us the blueprint from the book of Acts for what He want, and that was relational, redemptive house church communities.

We CAME OUT of the SYSTEM, but you can often take people out of the system, and not the SYSTEM OUT OF THE PEOPLE! We discovered that over time, the greatest obstacle to what the Lord wants to do, this NEW THING, which requires NEW WINE SKINS for the NEW WINE, will require everything of us, including our affection for the SYSTEM.

Many within our HC network kept the relationships alive with people, as I did, to stay connected in a friendly relational fashion, but over time, those relationships for some included ties to the system and its tentacles of control and manipulation and the constant affirmation through works and ministry. Over time people got consumed with a variety of ministries, and methodologies, all from the system.

As well there were ongoing relationship issues, and instead of dealing with the situations and issues, the freedom we once had with "no hierarchy" was replaced with an eldership system. Whoever hosted and facilitated the house church gatherings had authority in their home and in what went on in their home. This evolved because there were people in HC who showed little respect for others, especially the hosts, and bullied and intimidated and controlled the gatherings and used them for their own agendas. The easiest way, not the wisest way, was to create an eldership. This was a grievous sin on my part, of which I have wept and repented over many times. It was the beginning of the end.

The enemy uses pride and position to hold back what the Spirit wants to do. It was no different here. In our situation, the elders more and more controlled the flow of gatherings, just the same way elders/pastors do in traditional church. Before long, the "cathedral had entered the bungalow"! Before long, everything, and all decisions were filtered through the few over the many.

What I am saying is that the SYSTEM has polluted our minds. The SYSTEM has had 1700 years to set in place a genetic deviation from what was the original blueprint, and most people cannot tell the difference.

Changing the wineskin, the place and locale of where the body gathers is not enough. The substance of the system is not the location of the church gathered together, but rather the SYSTEM if the religious structure and the ruling and controlling of what happens when the body gathers, be it in a house or in a cathedral. THIS IS THE SYSTEM, and it is part of our genetic code, even as unbelievers. Check it out with unbelievers, and you see just how imbedded the system is in the spirit and the psyche of people within our culture. THE "UNCHURCHED" is a misnomer! Most know very well the aspects of religion and faith that has been projected through the culture and through the media. We have been infected with a horrible GENETIC SICKNESS, and unless that SYSTEM is expunged out of the Body of Christ, there will be little worth redeeming.

The HC network I was a part of by and large not only reflected the system but has become a part of the system, and most of the people are blind to it. I have nothing at all in common with the system and organized religion. It doesn't matter if it is the renewal churches or various speakers on the circuit. They are part of the SYSTEM and it is self perpetuating and self sustaining. The SYSTEM is opposed diametrically with what you are speaking of.

I believe before long there will be great hostility to what the Lord is saying. People want the Lord, but they want their RELIGIOUS ADDICTION TOO! It is an ADDICTION TO THE SYSTEM!

May God deliver His people not only from the trappings of buildings, programs, and all the cultural religious attachments, but deliver us from the IMBEDDED SYSTEM that is rooted deep within our spiritual psyche! May God have mercy upon us.

Clay, there have been so many words about RESTORATION. I do not any longer believe in RESTORATION. I believe what we need is a REVOLUTION! What we need restored we could not handle, especially if it is NT Christianity. It would be so radical to our ways and means of thinking, that it could only be described as a revolution.

Sam

A Revolutionary in Canada, A pilgrim starting over, seeking deep passionate people who are passionate for relational, redemptive, revolutionary community.

Sam Buick
Waterloo, ON
Canada

"Sometimes God calms the storm. At other times, He calms the sailor. And sometimes He makes us swim."

"There really is no fun in fundamentals, no matter what the first three letters say." Pete Prisco, CBS Sportsline, Senior Writer

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Dear Clay,

That is amazing! this word was so alive for me it is unbelievable and so encouraging as yesterday I met with my x pastors wife and said these very things I said how my heart ached for the leaders but now it was time for them to 'wake up' and 'come out' this is no longer a time for indecision but for action.

What an encouragement that word you sent is.

Gail

Dear Clay

Would you consider that there is a difference between “in” the system, or “under the system”, and in attendance? Is this in agreement with your words today? Perhaps you have covered this topic- I am not well-versed in all your teachings, and if you don’t want to “go there again”, I understand. I have this question, tho….Is there yet the seven churches in operation – where those who remain are there with the purpose of overcoming…to the end…or do you “see” that that time has passed? I do not want to mix truth and error – and I know you do not want to either!

I resigned and am no longer “under appointment” in the denomination, yet I serve (for the past 8 months) with “one who is”… in a very small church. He is disillusioned with the denomination, removing himself from bondage of the directives and committees and plans and programs and numbers and success, and instead seeking the Holy Spirit – He is in agreement with the five-fold ministry and we believe God is bringing it about. Five of us gather in intense prayer and humility –gathered from other churches that we have left because of our own disillusionment and restlessness to “get out of there”, to this little church in the country…. wanting to be in the Spirit satisfied and not self-satisfied. We’re praying….healing… worshiping… waiting…sensing…. .longing….. confessing…… growing…. trusting… .willing….. and waiting……

I’m trusting God that He will lead you to respond to me, if that is His desire He will make it yours. If not – I still continue to seek “eyes and ears” to be transformed and renewed, to know what His good and perfect will is.

May He continue to bless you and reveal Himself to you, and through you.

Sue Simmon

Clay,

I have been feeling for the last, oh I don't know how long now, and this is in reference to my situation with Allenhurst Presbyterian for instance. I have come out of it (the Harlot System), but I keep stepping back into it mainly for the sake of FAMILY (appeasing my husband and inlaws) that still attends the Church.

For example, youth group and all of the "traditional" things they do (which in my "mind" was a "good" thing), church suppers, vacation bible school, Easter Sunday attendance, Christmas Sunday attendance and so on. I am feeling in my spirit that this is another compromise, that "C" word. I have stepped out, but I have kept my foot in the door for the sake of a few others. I have had no peace in this. And in saying what I am about to say let me make the point that it's not the people that I feel this way about but the system. It makes me cringe, literally want to jump out of my skin, every time I am apart of it.

Even in what seems like a small part like the examples I have listed above. I felt for a long time it was Satan trying to cause division in my home as well as with family.

BUT after reading this I feel the Lord is showing me the compromise I have made. IF HE wants me out, then I feel HE is saying ALL the way out. HE will appoint the time when I am to return to it and there may be times HE does. But it will be by HIS appointment and for HIS Glory, not because I feel it's something I should do to keep peace in my family or for the children to have part in something. I know that if the Lord is telling me to come out, not part of the way, but to come out, and in obedience I do, HE is faithful to take care of whatever adversity that comes my way as a result of it (family wise).

The Bible says either we are hot or cold. Being lukewarm in any situation is not acceptable to HIM. I am beginning to understand this but still have a long way to go. One of the reasons the Hebrews wandered in the wilderness for 40 years was because they did not come out of Egypt (all the way out) and missed the promise land as a result of it.

It is very hard when you have a husband in one direction and you are headed in another and children who are standing at this Y in the road. I just ask for prayers from the body.

In Him,

Lisa

Dear Clay,

I identify with this word.

Several years ago, when the Lord prompted my wife and I to move back to the mid-west from the Seattle area, the Lord gave me a dream, which I did not understand until after we had left the institutional church He sent us too.

In the dream, I was driving a white 1965 Mercury Monterey convertible with light blue interior. I turned the vehicle up to the gates of what looked like an old west log fort. The gates swung open, and I drove in. The church the Lord sent me to was near the back of the compound, and parked in front of it. I exited the car, and went around to the trunk to collect the gifts I'd brought for the church. From everywhere it seemed, child-like dwarfs emerged and surrounded me. As I began to show the gifts I'd brought, they began snatching the gifts from my hands, treated them disrespectfully, snatched gifts from the trunk and threw them back after handling them carelessly. Several were letting the air out of the tires on the car and kicking the side panels, and some were jumping up and down on the seats.

While I began taking the gifts back and tried to put them away and chase them out of the trunk and rest of the car, a slightly taller pimple-faced teenager was pressing into me waving a clenched fist in my face. Finally I spoke a few words in the Spirit directly into his face and he was 'blown' away. No sooner was he gone, than another appeared in his place, shaking a fist in my face and threatening to hit me. Finally my anger took over, and I seized him by the collar, and reared back my own fist to hit him. At that PRECISE moment, the pastor emerged from around the corner, and waving his finger at me he shook his head "NO". Then he called out "come on kids" and as fast as they had appeared, they disappeared after the pastor. I had collected all the gifts, closed the trunk, and I walked around the car and checked the tires – no harm was done. I then seemed to be faced with the decision to either join them in the building or drive off.

I decided not to join them and after pondering whether or not to do a 'donut' in their parking lot with my powerful car, I simply drove off, thru the gates and into the wilderness, which ended the dream.

At first I thought the Father sent me to that church FOR that church – to spark something, anything that resembled revival. However, they turned out to be resistant to all of it, preferring tradition to the Spirit. The dream it turns out was to show me how I would be received there, and my eventual decision to choose to follow Christ instead of man.

Three years after leaving that church, I understand that the Father sent me there to open my eyes, to break me of my addiction to religion and of my need for the approval of man. Honestly, I am still somewhat hurt by it, and at times I struggle to pray for them. Similarly, they seem to be hurt by our leaving. As often as we see someone from that church, they express their wish that we would come back. Yet not once has anyone ever asked why we left. We discussed our reasons only with the pastor on the day we presented our letter of resignation. And the pastor chose to keep it confidential which has only fueled the rumor mill about us. Lest anyone wonder whether we left out of anger, we remained for many months and sought the Lord's direction, until finally He said to us: "get out of the way and let it fail".

I have NO doubt that IF we returned to that church, they would feel better – that somehow having us there would validate their decision to remain there. Our return would in fact "enable" them to remain in a place that intentionally stunts their spiritual growth, and shields them from a genuine relationship with the Father. Lately, when someone admonishes me to "go to church", I have taken to simply challenging them to show me where in any of the 4 gospel accounts Jesus ever told anyone to "go to church". And I have reminded them that their church creed claims the Bible is the "sole basis" for everything they do and believe. Most shake their heads as if I am woefully deceived, though I still hope someday one of them will actually take me up on the challenge, and see for themselves that Jesus instructed no one to "go to church". Rather, He said "follow Me".

Therein lies the basis for the word you received Clay – “follow Me”. Christ is IN us, and lives THROUGH us. When Christ walked the earth, He walked OUT of the religious institution of His day and into the wilderness where He was free to teach and minister as the Spirit led Him. Christ IN us is STILL walking out of the institutions and into the wilderness where He commands our complete devotion. Though Jesus occasionally ventured into the temple and synagogues (which by the way He referred to as “your temple” and “your synagogues”), for the most part He remained in the wilderness, where He said “the Son of Man has no place to lay His head” (Matthew 8:20). No believer should “lay his head” at the feet of a false shepherd, which is precisely what they do whenever they subject themselves to the institution, and those who prosper from it.

I am reminded of an old Keith Green song, wherein he sings “I pledge my head to heaven for the Gospel”. There is a similar scripture in one of Paul’s letters I think, but I can’t find it right now. Fundamentally, I think the difference between being IN or OUT of the institution is as simple as the difference between pledging our head to men, or to Christ. You can not pledge your head to men, and be effective for Christ.

Jack Helser

Hi Clay,

I agree somewhat, but wonder: How does one get out of the system, and still honor the Word to "forsake not the assembling ..." ... I guess the question I have in testing your Word is this: "What is specifically meant by "get out"?

In Him, Jake

Dear Clay,

Just HAD to write you and say AMEN. In my time of worshiping and prayer last week on Friday, I felt the Spirit of God saying: It is time for the Consecration, time for the New Wine Skins so that I may begin to pour out my spirit upon those of my children who will stand in the fullness of Me. I am about to pour out New Wine into these wine skins. There will be such an overflow that will come out of them and they will begin to speak all that I have been preparing them to speak. But My children, the consecration that is coming will not be something that you enjoy. I will begin to tear off those things that you have not been willing to let go of and give to Me. IF you want to walk in the New Wine you must be willing to be totally consecrated to Me. There will be many that will fall away because the cost of what I am about to do will not be something they are willing to sacrifice. Let those who have ears to hear, hear what the Lord is saying.

So I believe that the Lord is beginning to speak very loudly and to those whom He knows will not be afraid to stand and speak what they hear the Lord saying for the hour we are about to come into.

Blessings and Praise Be to the Father in Heaven. May His Will be done upon this earth as it is in Heaven.

Connie in Ohio

Clay,

This word is right on target. I spent several years remaining in the system even though I was well aware of its problems. I didn't want to lose my friends, and I really did care about them and want to see them delivered, too. But I must confess that there was a part of me using my "concern" as an excuse not to make the changes that I knew had to be made.

I left the system several months ago. I've had to go through a withdrawal period to get over what I call my "church addiction". A few weeks ago I had dinner with some very dear friends from my former church. It was heartbreaking to see how blind they are to who God really is and what He wants to do in their lives. The real blow was the realization that I was seeing what I had been just a few years ago.

The Lord reminded me that they have access to the same Bible and Holy Spirit that led me to freedom. He is dealing with all His children.

Yes! This word is right on target and from the Lord.

Thank you,

Wayne

Comments and an exhortation from Rosemary LaVigne January 29th 2004

A true word to the above comments by Clay Sikes sent to me today from Lighhouse Prophecy injesus.com.....As the people stay in the systems of man's orchestrated and man's methods of their religious ways of doing things they are caught up in the sway of their religious works and will never fit into it once they truly and genuinely have a "clear" understanding and vision of the kingdom which is coming without observation.

The prophet Isaiah writes chapter 52:11-22 "Depart ye, depart ye go ye out from hence, touch no unclean thing, go ye out of the midst of her be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." Vs 12 "For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the Lord will go before you: and the God of Israel will be your rearward." And the apostle Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 6:14-17 "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: (wheat and tares) for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" Vs 15 "And what concord hath Christ with Belial what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? Vs 16 "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols ("idol" shepherds perhaps? See Zechariah 11) for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them. and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Vs 17 "WHEREFORE COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM, AND BE SEPARATE, SAITH THE LORD, AND TOUCH NOT THE UNCLEAN THING; AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU." Vs 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." This is quite plain if we have the ears to hear....

The Father's children must leave as he calls them ...and as they alone hear his voice to come out of her! Man cannot tell them to come out until they have the revelation of why they must come out...If they stay in that cage and the smooth words of man's delusions, their vision becomes blurred and their hearing becomes dull as the Lord has said and they are committing "spiritual" fornication with the harlot system. They are to come out of her as John writes in Revelation 18:4. And they do not hear and obey his voice once they hear it in their inner man of the heart, if they do not come out they will be caught in the plagues that will come on her.. And they will come, there is no doubt about that and very soon.

The prophet Micah writes in chapter 2:9-10 "The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses (Their God ordained places and "Houses" of ministry within the church organized system of man's order.) Vs 10 "Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because it is polluted, it shall destroy you, even with a sore destruction." The plagues that are coming on Her for Her unwillingness to take heed to the Lord and the Father's wise counsel.... See Deuteronomy 12:9; Leviticus 18:25; Proverbs 1:22-32; Jeremiah 3:2. "Whoredom and wine (the false wine of the harlot's house) take away the heart." The word heart here means understanding and when you have no understanding you are void of true vision. And as long as the Lord's own people stay in these harlots houses of "spiritual" prostitution they have no vision and that is seeing clearly and "Without a vision the people perish." Amen

Submitted for your judging the comments

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Thank you Clay,

My husband and I have discussed this exact subject at length. This, I believe is a Word in season, I was blessed to pass it on to him and his response was. ' WOW.'

He has always encouraged me to obey God as I hear him, but he has struggled to understand. He is now getting so excited about this move of God. WE have both been particularly encouraged by Chapter 10 of "The crucified ones", Old order/ new order. It is so on the button, with not a wasted word.

So much confirmation after a long period of being alone but desperate to obey.

Joy & Peace to you today
Bobsy

Everyone will be held accountable for what the Lord is telling them individually. I have seen Christians come out of the system only to backslide and turn back to their old sins. The babes in the Lord need the milk of the Word to grow, and at least they are getting that if they are in a Church where there is a true pastor who is teaching the Word.

I agree that those that are in the system and do not see that our allegiance is not to a man, or a denomination, or to a organization of any kind will be greatly limited in their spiritual growth.

I have read many of the writings by Brother Sparks and Watchman Nee who each had a tremendous revelation of Christ and the Church, and neither one of these Brothers ever told anyone to leave the Church that they were in. They did not believe in the Church as an organization or institution was of God, but they also believed that Christ, as the Head of the Church is able to lead and direct the sheep as He sees fit.

In His Love,
Mike

More Comments: Leaving The System
Various
Jan 31, 2004
Dear List Members,

I have stated many times that personally I believe that anytime we submit to “the world’s system,” unless we are anointed and directed of God to do so, we are subject to it’s influence; so whether you are “under it,” “in it,” or simply in attendence, my personal belief is that it has great potential to corrupt, the noted exception being UNLESS WE ARE DIRECTED!

I first saw this spirit "the world's system" in business, particularly in corporate America. The same spirit (the world's system) that drives many corporations drives many churches, but all are not equipped to see this. Most of what I write is directed toward those who “see” and “know” and are seeking confirming truth. Most of what I write here is not new to most who subscribe to this list, but often confirms the internal witness within. I always challenge readers to test what I write. I often get much in the way of confirmation, but also hear from those who violently disagree with me.

One of the great frustrations in these discussions is the seeming inability of some readers to understand what we are advocating here; separation from "the system," not from "the people" in the system. I have never ever made any statement here or anywhere else that proposes we abandon the people. It is for their sake that we separate ourselves from the delusion of the system, that we may clearly hear God's direction about building His Kingdom on earth.

Some are not aware that there are two competing systems, the world's system and the Kingdom of God that compete for our daily affection. Some are not aware that the anti-christ spirit is now sitting directly in the household of God; and that the world's system has made itself at home in the church, with its strong delusional powers. Lastly, some are so deceived as to willingly choose the old wine instead of the new (Luke 5:39).

Let me say it that it might be clearly understood by all who read this; in my opinion we are to UNSUBSCRIBE to the world's system, not the people. The Holy Spirit connects the Body, we don't! Many of us are bound with our soulish attachments and self appointed traditions, which make God's spoken word to us to NO EFFECT. Many of us still eat fruit from the Tree Of The Knowledge Of Good and Evil, and we choose who we are connected to instead of allowing the Holy Spirit to do so.

God is doing a new thing with His True Bride. The virgins who filled their lamps were prepared when the bridegroom appeared. Some will not be prepared when this hour comes; they will still be in their religious settings, making their religious statements and quoting scripture, and ever drunk from the old wine, not perceiving the times. I hear from these people everyday, accusing me of not walking in love, abandonment, hard-heartedness, divisiveness, etc,. There is also another common denominator with these religious folks; none believe there is room for the prophetic office in new testament times.

My comments, as with the comments of many others have been directed toward opening the eyes of the Saints to an awareness of the improprieties of "the system," its ability to influence and deceive, and greatest, its ability to separate man from his God.

The schemes of the enemy are predictable, and we are not ignorant of them. Often I hear the question about "forsaking the assembly." I have seen the enemy quote this scripture and hold people captive so many times until it is scripturally predicable as to what he will use to KEEP people bound. Is God not big enough to lead us to other LIKE-MINDED believers whose destiny is intertwined with ours, once we have obeyed and left the system? This question about forsaking the assembly always reveals the depth to which we routinely limit God with our traditions. Please read the opening Spirit led dialog on the Lighthouse Prophecy website, written over two years ago (www.lighthouseprophecy.com).

When we left (the system) a few years ago, like Abraham, we knew not where we were headed. We sat home for several weeks before a group of church refugees like us began to assemble together in our home. I have grown more spiritually in the last three years than the previous eighteen; The reason is simple; there is no separation between God and myself, there is no corruption of the word, nor is there the effect of the strong delusion of the system. We are warned throughout the new testament about the strong delusion, with such influence that the very elect be deceived were it possible.

As a result of obeying God's Spirit and leaving, we are enabled to help others as they come out and be a place of refuge and encouragement. In the process, we are seeing the full five-fold ministry establish itself and operate in power. Destiny and purpose is being established as the liberty of the Spirit is taking us to new places in God.

Undeniably, God is restructuring the wineskin in us, and hence the Bride is being made ready. The ingathering of God’s people, the assemblying if you will, is also being restructured, but this new wine will ONLY flow to where there are new wineskins to receive it. To my surprise, no one attached any significance, or at least to the point of mentioning it, to a scripture that was mentioned in yesterday’s correspondence. Dickie Welch, who I consider to be my pastor, read this to me yesterday, and I shared it in yesterday's posting.

It is the scripture found in Luke 5:36-39. As Dickie pointed out, verse 39 offers much explanation why many refuse to leave the system. I humbly submit that you ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through these verses. If indeed there is some application, I am confident the Holy Spirit will reveal it.

In Him,

Clay

Yes, I agree we have to come out of the system, but we should never forsake the people that are in that system. You and I know that the majority of the church (his people) have opted out as a body, as a family for some elect “clergy” or one man to do everything. Sounds familiar, “give us a king like everyone else”. We know that God's desire was that they would be under His direct leadership, but we also know He anointed the kings of old and brought the Messiah through the line of a king. So we should not write off the “ traditional” or “conventional” church, so quickly. God still has revealed Himself through those people.

But we also know that the “clergy” and “laity” separation that has taken place has removed the responsibility of co-servantship and love. It has done us great harm to forfeit our responsibility to each other to minister and love one another. We need to return to the simplistic nature of the church. The reason is love. The primary motivation of love always manifests as co-submission and abandonment of our own selfish motivations. Look at 1 Corinthians 14:27-40 they were to prefer each other over themselves. When we embrace and have true fellowship with our Messiah and Lord we will and should likewise embrace and have fellowship with each other. If this is not happening we need to question if we are truly embracing the Lord.

We who have a burden to see our brothers and sisters free from the trap that the church has laid in the past, must remember the essence of what Paul was saying in 2 Corinthians 12:15, "I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls. If I love you more abundantly, am I loved the less?" When Paul says "I will most gladly spend and be spent for your souls." He is saying this to a church that has almost rejected him. We have to ask ourselves, "How far does my love go? How deep does the Messiahs Love go in me?" “Do I love the Lords body-the church enough to say this I would most gladly be spent.... that is for their souls?” “Do I love them enough to see them through this mess we have gotten into?” “Am I willing to lay aside all comfort and self preservation for the sake of their souls?”

I am reminded of the kind of love that our Messiah commanded us to walk in, it’s found in 1 Corinthians 13:4-11 "Love is patient and is kind; love doesn’t envy. Love doesn’t brag, is not proud, doesn’t behave itself inappropriately, doesn’t seek its own way, is not provoked, takes no account of evil; doesn’t rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will be done away with. Where there are various languages, they will cease. Where there is knowledge, it will be done away with. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is complete has come, then that which is partial will be done away with. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child. Now that I have become a man, I have put away childish things."

Have we walked in that kind of love toward all His people? Are we willing to love even those who have been stooped in the tradition of opting out as a body, and looking to one man or “clergy” to minister? I think we have often been selfish children, which have clung unto what was in "our own best interest."

We need fight against bitterness toward the “organization” and those stooped in the tradition of man. We need to be careful not to separate ourselves, and not wanting to have anything to do with the “denominational” gatherings at all. We need to guard ourselves from not believing or seeing any hope for those who are so stooped and set in their ways. We often give off a air that we are better and more loved by God then the others, this is not the way of love.

Paul put away this childish way, and loved and spent himself for their sakes. Why did he do this? How did he do this? It was because of the great love the Messiah gave him. It was because of Jesus. This year is a year to spend ourselves, it’s a year to go and love. I am not talking about overlooking sin; I am talking about loving through error. Loving enough to stick around and to be apart of the solution. To me this error of having nothing to do with the people, is abandonment and smells a lot like a spirit of divorce. Would you leave your wife just because she didn’t always agree with you? What about rejecting your brother or sister because they didn’t understand what was revealed to you? The family of the Messiah is no less apart of you. We who think we are spiritual should do what? We should apply Galatians 6:1 “Brothers, even if a man is caught in some fault, you who are spiritual must restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to yourself so that you also aren’t tempted.”

We need to come and learn a little more about that better way. The better way is love. It is not going to be easy. Remember God's church are those who have heard and responded to His call "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened" Regardless if they are caught up in tradition of man or not. The question that comes to my mind is, "Will you be willing to lay down your life and be spent for my church even if they love you the less?" Just as there is a difference between being in the world and being apart of its “system” the ethics and values the world basis its life on. We who are “mature” or spiritual should be willing to lay down our own comfort and desires for the greater way, the way of love. He has not called us to isolate ourselves from the “church” which includes those who are still bound by mans ways. He called us to abandon ourselves and die! Its not our life to live its Jesus’. We must come out of the “system” of selfishness, we must be willing to die to false understanding, self-exaltation, and lording over the Body of Christ. It entails great humbling for all of us. We must be willing to take a deep look at our hearts and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us out of the captivity of the lust of the eye, (greed and covetousness), lust of the flesh (indulgence and selfishness), the pride of life (self-exaltation and prestige). To align ourselves into the correct structure, humility and servantship, the one Christ laid out.

As the scripture in Jeremiah 5:31 says “what will you do in the end?” Will we start loving one another and come away from the practice of opting out? And if we already have, then “will you love everyone else to see them through the mess?

God’s Blessings

Jeremy Ketner

Clay,

I found the word to be interesting and thought provoking. Carole and I have a ministry that allows us to minister in the religious system. It is true that most of this system is not of God, but the PEOPLE are. Jesus is the spirit of prophecy and how He talked in the Scriptures is how He will talk today and forever - He is the same. The true "Harlot" church is in the book of Revelation and will worship the Anti-Christ religious system. There are apostate churches, but even this is NOT a church that accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Those who are receiving prophetic corporate revelation from the Lord concerning HIS bride must understand that we are all sinners saved by GRACE. He chose us as His bride by nothing we did on our own. We cannot WORK a right system into place. It is about loving Jesus! I could give a flip where someone attends as long as they love Jesus. The temple in the time of Christ was built by pagan Herod! Yet Jesus still spoke of it as housing the presence of God. Why? Because people like Annanias, Anna, and the woman who gave her last coin were there. They same is true today. We carry the presence of God in earthen arks wherever we are! Look, the "system" is a man made tradition built upon the insecurities of man. This is not too big for Father to resurrect. Prophetic individuals must use wisdom or we will create another "system" because we have not been healed of past hurts, disappointments, and wounds that the church may have inflicted upon us.

Your brother,
Danny

Wow,

I didn't read them all ... but enough to see a lot of hurting people. I've met the type and even been there myself. Do I agree that the church as a body has problems.... certainly !

However, as you see in the letters, when people go to house churches .... they only take their problems with them.

As I see it, the 'distinctive' of the Body of Christ is not whether we have problems ... but the example we are to show in dealing with our problems. That is our 'uniqueness' .... in all relationships ... at church or at home. That's how we are 'salt and light'.

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Dear Clay,

I have come "out of the system", as you say, several years ago. I have found that by coming out of the system (likened to Egypt), that I have found time and great need to fellowship with the Master. I have not lost a "church", I have found The Church, the true Body of Christ. I have found that our Lord and Heavenly Father leads us almost daily to come together with other Believers and share and have true fellowship with one another. We are reaching out and helpings one another, exhorting and strengthening one another, and sharing what we have in excess with others that have not enough, and God is greatly blessing us. We don't always meet together, and most usually don't, in the same building or places, but as we meet, He is always there, in our midst..........teaching us and guiding us and building us together........one with another into His most glorious temple.

It is one that is not made with man's hands. It is being formed now, one of us as a "living" stone, joined with another living stone, and then another, and another. If you can let go of all that has been programmed in the mind in the past decades of what we know as "church", and take a good look at the church that He is building, you can see a beautiful, functional and alive Body that is being formed that looks like Him in nature, walk and actions. Folks, He is coming again in a way that the "religious" minds can not recognize, as they are not looking for Him, they are looking for a system, something that looks like the way the world would do it. He is not of the world and what He is doing right now does not look like and will not look like what the world builds. Come away with Him, Beloved, and sup at His table and taste His New Wine, as He makes in us a New Wineskin!

Chris W

To Russia With Love!

Robin Paisley

Sep 05, 2004

PERPETUA

"While I was still under arrest my father out of love for me was trying to persuade me and shake my resolution. 'Father,' said I, 'do you see this vase here, for example, or waterpot or whatever?'

'Yes, I do', said he.

And I told him: 'Could it be called by any other name than what it is?'

And he said: 'No.'

'Well, so too I cannot be called anything other than what I am, a Christian.'

Vivia Perpetua
beheaded March 7th 203 at Carthage, North Africa

It will be five years come this December since finding myself very broken at the feet of Jesus. One truly will find an open door to the Divine Creator when all other doors seemed closed. It is here in the bleakness of the night, in the quiet of the day, when no other touch will do but that of the Maker when we will have a close encounter with the King!

I seek the Lord day and night, all day I cry out to Him to answer me, to come and deliver me from the tares of this world. During the night I hunger for His touch that awakens me softly, whispers in my ear, divine dew from Heaven, honey from His Throne.

It seems of lately the visions He has given me speak much of the coming reformation and His women arising during the storm. There is never a storm nor thundering wave without the blessed assurance of His love, His peace that causes something deep within to begin to awaken, it stirs His desires within us, it gives birth to His voice. This isn't just a call for women but a call from the young to the old, man and woman, rich and poor to soar the heavens He has prepared for us and reach for that which is already ours.

Today I was taken by the Spirit of the Lord and flown to Russia, oh Russia the Lord has not forgotten you nor Has He forsaken you. I saw many women who are hearing the call of the Lord and they have created an atmosphere of His love in the most difficult of situations one can imagine, they are preparing the way for His Kingdom to come. The children who have lost their lives in Russia's latest tragedy have not died in vain, they have left behind many seeds of destiny to be fulfilled by those personally chosen by God.

The enemy's plans were exposed and no longer hidden from sight when the Spirit of the Lord took me by many more schools in Russia that are going to be the target of more terrorism. "He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. (Daniel 2:22)

This is a grand opportunity to thwart the plans of satan and bring God's Glory to their land in Jesus Mighty Name!

The Lord then extended His right hand out towards me and there in the palm of His hands was Russia and He did something that shook me to the core. He picked up Russia out of the palm of His hand and He placed her in His mouth and He began to speak. "My Words will not fall to the ground in vain nor blow away like the dust of the earth, but My Russia will stand during this time of persecution and from the bellows of deep darkness will arise My women, My children and My men who will know My voice and My sound. Tell My children to pray, to cry out to Me for Russia, for out of the darkness will arise My people who will carry My light throughout the Nations! ARISE!

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:28,29

Thoughts Of The Heart

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

The apostle Paul, quoting from the Psalms, states that there is *“none righteous, not even one”*. Apparently from YHVH’s point of view, no man is capable of being righteous as He is (ref. Rom 3:10, Ps 14:1-3). Therefore, *“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (Rom 3:23). No effort of man to ‘do good’ qualifies him to pass the test of the Father’s justice. Had there ever been a mortal who could have passed this test, the Father would not have had to have a Son born of His own nature and righteousness. This human would have become the hope of the rest of the human race, which is still trying to be “like God”. Is this why Yeshua exhorts to seek first the Kingdom of YHVH and His righteousness? Why, in particular, “His righteousness” and “His Kingdom” (the latter includes His righteousness)?

In the philosophies of humanism (which I studied many years ago), there is a built-in concept of reincarnation. In my experience I found that the adherent encountered endless obstacles that prevented him from accomplishing the desired state, in spite of his efforts to perfect righteousness through virtues. Thus, when frustration sets in, it is always possible to fall back on a ‘next life’ or ‘lives’, in order to advance to higher moral plains. In this system there are also “spirit guides”, or what are called “ascended masters” like Buddha, Jesus (not the Messiah), Moses, Mohammed, etc, to render help. Those spirits will take over one’s body, upon being granted permission, as supposedly they had achieved perfect righteousness when they were in an incarnated state on earth. All of these man-made efforts, along with their helpers (“angels of light”, see 2 Cor. 11:14-15) masquerading as righteous ones, only prove how impossible it is to reach perfection and actually confirm Scripture, that all men have fallen short of YHVH’s glory.

If our Creator created us “very good”, we must have started out with a heart condition that was just like His, full of love, joy, peace patience, kindness, goodness, self-control etc. This meant that Adam (they) could walk with Elohim and be in fellowship with Him, for sin had not separated them. But as we know, Adam and Eve lost this relationship through rebellion/disobedience, and came into relationship with another “god” whose nature was completely contrary to the nature that they had had previously. Right away their heart transformed to that of this new spiritual realm that they had come in contact with. Instead of light they had darkness, truth turned into lie, obedience to disobedience, faith became fear, wisdom became foolishness, love turned into hate and resentment, and so forth. Satan is known as the accuser, and Adam and Eve immediately began to live in that reality, as Adam accused Eve, and Eve accused the serpent. *“Although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools”* (Rom 1:21-22).

What does this darkened heart look like? Yeshua describes its nature as: *“For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man"* (Mark 7:21-23). Paul repeats the list and adds to it: *“Being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful”* (Rom. 1:29-31).

If this is the heart condition, or nature, from which the thoughts of the heart are communicated to the mind (with the mind translating them to words, and the words turning into deeds), what kind of world would result from the actions of the ones so disposed (i.e. mankind)? Just looking at the world as it is, is evident of the heart of man. Thus we are able to discern the thoughts of our heart, for they are exposed by our words and deeds.

The written Torah is the expression and reflection of YHVH’s nature of righteousness. In other words, it reveals to us His Son - the Word, and makes known His nature through His thoughts, words and deeds. Paul writes about this in his letter to the believers in Rome: *“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes [nature] are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made [by His Word], even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse”* (Rom. 1:20). YHVH’s Word came from His thoughts, which emanated from His life and nature. This is why everything that He brings forth is good, or very good, and explains how man (Adam) could be in YHVH’s image and likeness. Therefore, just as it is with our Creator, our nature (fallen or not) is also expressed through the same mechanics of thought, word and deed, revealing the true condition of the heart.

Recently I received the findings of an interesting study made by a young man. Sam examined scriptures with the words **“thought”** and **“way”**. For example: *“Seek YHVH while He may be found, call upon him while He is near; Let the wicked forsake his* ***way****, and the unrighteous man his* ***thoughts****: and let him return unto YHVH, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For My* ***thoughts*** *are not your* ***thoughts****, neither are your* ***ways*** *My* ***ways****, says YHVH. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my* ***ways*** *higher than your* ***ways****, and my* ***thoughts*** *than your* ***thoughts”*** (Isa 55:7-9).

In his letter Sam wrote: “God is calling us to perfection. He has asked us not only to forsake our way, but also our thoughts and to return to Him (that is repent), to learn to walk in his way (that is Yeshua), and to think as He thinks (that is to have the mind of Messiah Yeshua).”

Is it possible for us to abandon evil thinking if our nature has not changed? But if our nature has changed, where do the evil thoughts (that sometime plague us) come from? We have millions of thoughts every day. Do they all come from one source? We have noted above that thoughts do come from the heart and the mind. But can thoughts also come from an outside spiritual source? The scriptures indicate that the answer is “yes”. Satan can whisper temptation into our mind, hoping that we will not be discerning, nor be obedient to cast it down and that we will cooperate and allow that thought to become word and deed and thus establish his kingdom on earth.

During the time that we housed within our heart the fallen nature, our mind (a member of the soul) began to take on the thoughts from that corrupted heart. But now that a new creation spiritual nature has been given to us, and the old has passed away, why do we still think in the old thought patterns? Paul addresses this issue for us in Romans: *“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God”* (12:2). Here is the challenge that faces us today, the renewing of the mind. We know the Scriptures exhort us to *“bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of the anointing of the Spirit of Holiness that resides in our hearts”* (2 Cor. 10:5b). YHVH’s nature is resident in our hearts, (that is His kingdom, His righteousness through the Spirit of Holiness) along with His thoughts, but we must be able to discern the difference between that which comes from our old thought patterns and that which originates with His thoughts; that is, that which comes from our new creation heart. It is for this reason that we need to know Him and His righteousness. His thoughts will always line up with His nature and will be confirmed by His written Word (Torah).

Shabbat Shalom
23 July 2004

To Weep Again

Sandy Warner

Sep 15, 2004
I am melting the hearts of My people one layer at a time. So many have grown numb from years of suffering over the pain of those they care for. Out of mere survival mode, the hearts of these dear ones have turned deep inside in an effort to find a warm place, safe from the blizzards of disappointment. They too are in deep need of tender loving care and who will be there to warm their hearts? I have heard their prayers and will bring them back to life. I have wept tears in their stead, for their fountains stopped their flow and their tears dried up. I have felt the pain they no longer feel. The numbness that surrounds their very existence shall become warm to My loving touch. I will pursue these nurturing ones until their final facade melts away and their hearts have grown tender once again. When they feel the thaw, their tears will flow once again and I will stop at nothing to hold them in My arms of love…these, so close to My heart.

Ezek 11:18-21 NKJV
Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

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Sandy Warner

Sep 13, 2004
Even as you witnessed the date line up on 4/04/04, so I line up all things in your life with heaven's forecast. You may wonder about My time clock, but I work all things out and puzzle all together perfectly. Relax, dear ones, rest in this and find your joy. Just look at My timing, it's perfect in every way.

No matter what you need, when I send you supplies, you shall have enough with more leftover.

2 Kings 4:44 NKJV
So he set it before them; and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

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Do Not Swallow A Lie
Sandy Warner

Sep 17, 2004
Dear one, I know that circumstances have pressed in on every side and you have grown desperate for breakthrough. Did I not say you shall be carried through the midst of such? Do not curse yourself with unbelief and hopeless despair. Behold, I AM there and I have promised you that your next three years will be recovery. Trust My Word over your life and let the restoration begin. I will recover you from the inside out and even your habits shall be set free into liberty. Resist the lie and please trust Me.

1 Sam 30:8 AMP
And David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them? The Lord answered him, Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.

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To Whom Am I sent?

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> *"Then Jesus said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian'. So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way" (Luke 4:24-30, NKJV).*

In Scripture we find a principle that governs all spiritual work. This principle applies to anyone and everyone who undertakes to do something on behalf of the Kingdom of God, whether it is preaching, teaching, writing, prophesying, or planting churches. This principle even applied to the Lord Jesus during His earthly ministry. So it is critically important that we identify this principle to ensure that we, too, are cooperating with God as we go about the work He has called us to do.

THE CRITICAL COMPONENT: BEING SENT

When it comes to Christian work and ministry, many workers, ministries and churches are motivated by a perceived NEED. We feel there is a need for something, whether it be a specific ministry, a missionary outreach, a new church, or a Bible study; and so we rise up to meet that need. However, this manner of undertaking spiritual work is purely a human concept. It is of the flesh; it is of the world. It is the same basis upon which a business discovers a need and then creates a product or service to meet that need. The Kingdom of God, however, does not conduct itself according to the principles of business, economics, marketing, or salesmanship.

While teaching in the synagogue of Nazareth, Jesus perceived that the people expected Him to cure the sick and perform miracles just as He had done in other places - after all, Nazareth is where He grew up. However, Jesus did not respond to their expectation. Instead, He pointed out that there were many widows and lepers in Israel during the time of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. The widows needed food, and the lepers needed healing. Naturally speaking, it made sense for Elijah and Elisha to help those who were right in front of them. But Elijah went to a widow in Zarephath, and Elisha went to a leper in Syria, ignoring all the widows and lepers in their own nation who needed help.

How did Jesus explain this? The answer He gave is quite simple: "But to none of them was Elijah sent." The critical component was not the many who were in NEED, but the one to whom he was SENT. Although not specifically stated, the same principle applied to Elisha as well. Then, Jesus applied the principle to Himself, and refused to perform any miracles in Nazareth. Of course this angered the people, and their subsequent attempt to kill the Lord Jesus only demonstrated that they were, in fact, not worthy of Him.

So the question is not, "Who has a need?" but rather, "To whom am I sent?" Although the two sound very similar, in actual experience the difference is like day and night.

Responding To Need Versus Responding To God

"Early the next morning Jesus went out into the wilderness. The crowds searched everywhere for Him, and when they finally found Him, they begged Him not to leave them. But He replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other places, too, because that is why I was sent" (Luke 4:42,43, NLT).

If we are primarily motivated by what other people want, expect, and need then we will be tempted to stay longer than we should stay, or say more than we ought to say. When the crowd is begging for more, most Christian workers and preachers are only too eager to accommodate them. But Jesus had an acute sense of purpose because He knew to whom He had been sent. As a result, He did not bow down to the will of the people and go beyond the time and place appointed Him by His Father, even though they begged Him to stay. He was responding to what God needed, not what the people needed.

A Christian should realize that he or she is a unique member of the Body of Christ and not the entire Body all at once. We are many parts that together make up the whole. Each individual member has its own unique purpose, function, and role. The responsibility for God's work is divided among many members. We are not called to be all things to all people. We are not called to meet every need. God sets each person in the Body of Christ as it pleases Him, and He is the One Who sends us. We do not send ourselves. We do not determine what we would like to do. We do not analyze the situation with our limited understanding and come up with a solution. The Head determines what needs to be done, and the members simply perform it.

Speaking from my own experience, I have noticed three stages of development in my Christian work. In the early days of ministry I would seek invitations to speak. I let it be known that I would go anywhere and do anything. After I achieved a certain level of recognition I no longer had to seek invitations, I could simply respond to invitations as they came to me. I would go wherever and whenever I was invited. Certainly the Lord honored His Word and people were blessed. However, I recognize now that this seeking and responding is simply the striving of the flesh. For some time now we have been in quite a different season, a season in which we neither seek invitations nor go whenever we are invited. Sometimes we do indeed go when we are invited, sometimes we do not go. Once in awhile we go with no invitation at all.

How do we explain this? Simply put, the governing principle for us is no longer, "Who will have us?" Instead, the question is, "To whom are we sent?" It is one thing to accept an invitation, but it is quite another thing to be sent of the Lord. If I respond solely on the basis of someone's need or invitation then I cannot rest assured that I am being sent - I only know that I am going. Christians in general are much too casual in this regard. Without the definite sending of the Lord we are totally on our own, lacking spiritual discernment, power, and authority. On the other hand, if we are being sent, we are going in the Name of Jesus, and as His representatives, we enjoy all the blessing, power, anointing, and authority of Heaven.

There are three aspects of being sent: going only WHEN you are sent, going only WHERE you are sent, and speaking only to WHOM you are sent. We will look at each three more particularly.

Going Only When You Are Sent

"So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed..." (Acts 13:4a).

When Paul and the other Christians in Antioch gathered together there were many souls to be saved, many churches to be planted, and many disciples to be instructed. There was much work to be done, but instead of organizing the work according to the obvious need, they ministered to the Lord and waited until the Spirit gave them instructions. Only when the Spirit spoke and sent them forth did they actually depart.

In the New Testament we do not find a pattern for how the church should evangelize the world, nor do we discover a plan for reaching the lost, or a method for planting churches. Those who focus all their attention on patterns, plans, and methods fail to realize that patterns, plans, and methods are all subject to change and depend upon time, culture, nationality, people, economy, gifts, personalities, and a myriad of other variables. There is a maxim that says, "Methods are many, but principles are few; methods will change, but principles never do."

So the key is not trying to imitate a New Testament pattern from two millenniums past, but practicing a New Testament principle that never changes. What is the principle? Simply this: they were completely governed by the Spirit; and since we, too, have the same Spirit, we likewise may be led of Him. Undoubtedly the Spirit may lead us to do some similar things, but our commonality is not in what is being done, but rather, Who is doing it. Either we are going to come up with a plan and do it ourselves or we are going to let the Spirit do it through us as He sees fit. When the Day of Pentecost came the Spirit Himself filled them. From that day forward, it was the Spirit that anointed them, gave them words to speak, appointed elders, sent apostles, and raised up local churches.

In fact, the very word "apostle" means "one who is sent". According to popular teaching, someone who goes out to plant churches is an apostle. This sounds correct, but it is misleading. Ironically, an apostle is not simply anyone who goes, but someone who is sent. The one who merely goes travels on his own authority, but the one who is sent travels under someone else's authority. An apostle does not simply take it upon himself to go out and do something; he waits until he is sent. We have plenty of people who know how to go - what we need now is people who know how to be sent.

Going Only Where You Are Sent

"Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them" (Acts 16:6,7, NKJV).

Our destination, and well as our departure, must be governed by the Spirit. How intriguing that the Spirit actually forbade them to preach the word in Asia and Bithynia! This ought to be proof enough that "need", in and of itself, is insufficient guidance. The only thing that matters is being sent, and it is critical that we go only where the Spirit sends us.

The apostles were indeed sent forth by the Spirit, yet that same Spirit did not permit them to just go wherever they pleased. The Spirit prevented them twice before they understood that Macedonia, not Asia or Bithynia, was the intended destination. Later we see that Paul indeed went to Asia and a tremendous work was founded. This tells us that a "no" today does not mean a "no" is forever; nevertheless, when the Spirit forbids us, we dare not take matters into our own hands and go where we have not been sent.

Those with an evangelical mindset often assume that since Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" they do not have to pray, wait, or be led by the Spirit. Having this word from Jesus they go forth and blaze their own trail.

We must realize, however, that this general command of Jesus does not preclude the necessity to only go where the Spirit is sending us at that particular moment. Generally speaking, the Church is sent to the whole world; but we ought to ask ourselves, as individual disciples and members of the Body of Christ, "To whom, specifically, am I sent today?" It should be obvious that the Church as a whole is commanded to go into all the world, while specific members are sent to meet specific needs in specific parts of the world. God is not the author of confusion, but order.

Speaking Only To Whom You Are Sent

"Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them" (Acts 10:20, NKJV).

It was God Who told Cornelius to send for Peter. It was God Who told Peter to go to Cornelius. When God brought these two together, Peter had hardly begun to speak when the Spirit fell on those who were listening. It should be seen that the success of the mission to Cornelius' house had less to do with Peter's ability to speak and more to do with the audience's ability to hear. When we speak only to whom we are sent then we will see dramatic results. Trying to speak to everyone in general and no one in particular is a colossal waste of time and demonstrates poor stewardship. We ought not to give ten coins to someone who can only handle five, and we ought not to give five coins to someone who cannot handle even one. It is clear that much time is wasted trying to convince, persuade, plead, argue, teach, and help people to whom God has not sent us. If we will wait for the Spirit of God we will save ourselves a lot of time, effort and energy. A worker who indiscriminately throws precious seed on rocky ground and gives pearls to pigs is not being a wise, faithful, and profitable servant.

It is very difficult for younger believers to grasp this. They are filled with power, and knowledge, and zeal, and enthusiasm. Often they are very gifted and talented. Most of the time they have a genuine call from God. What they lack is the patience to wait for the Spirit to send them, and the maturity to know to whom they are sent. So when they see a need they move at once to fill that need, incorrectly assuming that it is their Christian duty and calling to meet every need around them. At times it seems as if God is blessing the work of their hands. At other times it seems as if they are running in quicksand. They work and toil and become weighed down with the meeting of many needs. Before long, the work of the Lord becomes more important than the Lord of the work.

Confronted with a nation full of widows and lepers in need, these young Elijahs and Elishas would no doubt begin to undertake the huge task of feeding all the widows and healing all the lepers, solely on the basis of what they think needs to be done. As a result, they may have some initial successes, but before long they are completely drained of spiritual power and must rely upon fleshly methods to keep everything going. The hasty and the impatient do not enjoy that inner strength that comes to those who only labor in the field that God has sent them.

Many churches, ministries, missionary endeavors, and outreach programs have been birthed, not by the Spirit of God, but by well-meaning "Marthas" who are "cumbered about with much serving." Before long the entire organization is filled with Christians who are "troubled over many things" and there are few if any "Marys" left who know how to sit at the Lord's feet and hear His Word. This whole situation can be avoided if we will stop looking at man's need and simply ask, "To whom am I sent?"

Summation

"Now as [Paul] reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, 'Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you'" (Acts 24:25,

NLT).

When the time is short we must make the most of every opportunity and waste nothing. Ordinarily if we speak the Word to someone and they send us away the best advice is to leave. Unfortunately, Paul was in prison and could not get away. Felix sent for him often but nothing ever changed. In this manner Paul witnessed to Felix for two years without any result whatsoever. Clearly this was a ruse of the enemy designed to frustrate the gifted apostle and sap his strength. Paul the prisoner had no choice but to come when Felix called for him; we who are free ought to be careful lest we find ourselves spending all our time talking to a Felix when there is a Cornelius praying to hear us speak the very words that Felix takes for granted.

Jesus says that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Often we take the easy yoke and the light burden of the Lord and turn it into a difficult yoke and a heavy burden. This happens when we go beyond the place God has appointed us and take it upon ourselves to do things He has not called us to do, go to places He has not called us to go to, and speak with people to whom we have not been sent.

We cannot afford to become narrow-minded and legalistic in this regard, however. Jesus clearly stated that He was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 15:24); but that did not stop Him from ministering to an occasional Samaritan woman or Roman officer. Jesus recognized that these, too, were part of the "other sheep" that needed to be gathered into the fold (John 10:16). How will we know the difference? We will wait for the Spirit to show us.

To whom are YOU sent? Once this issue is settled, you may then go forth in the power and authority of Christ and see His Kingdom increased. Until then, it is better to stay where you are. May the Lord lead us by His Spirit and preserve both our going out and our coming in. Amen.

Thanksgiving Our Weapon of Warfare

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This message is for God's people who are waiting on the Lord this season.

Elijah's Journey

From the moment Elijah gave the prophetic word to King Ahab (1 Kings 17:1), to the time where we find him on top of Mount Carmel bent down to the ground between his knees (1 Kings 18:41), His journey had taken many years. He had faced many challenges and difficulties. He had to wait, to hide, to run, to trust God for his provisions, to come face to face with his enemy, to stand alone.

Spiritual Parallel

Many of God's people, in their quest to follow and pursue God's call in their lives have had to walk the same path that Elijah took. Your journey too has been long and filled with many obstacles. Like Elijah, these past years you have had to learn to wait, to trust God, to wrestle with your enemy, to die to yourself, to face persecution. You have felt like everything within you has been sucked out from you, and there is no more energy left that you can give out.

"Don't Give Up"

Today as you stand on top of your own Mount Carmel, down on your knees, waiting for God to give you a sign, like Elijah who had to command his servant seven times before he saw a cloud as small as a man's hand rising from the sea, so the Lord is saying to you, "Do not give up."

Shifting To A Different Gear

I felt the Holy Spirit challenging us that this is the season to shift to the gear of THANKSGIVING.

"Dont Be Distracted"

No matter how things look outwardly. Even when the vision you've been waiting for seems farthest from you, even if everything around you is in turmoil, even when your own loved ones don't believe in you anymore, even when all things seem lost, God’s message to you this day, "Don't be distracted by them."

Focus On God Not The Circumstances

Let us use THANKSGIVING as a weapon of warfare. Let us continue to press in with a thankful heart as we wait for God to move on our behalf. Let us set our heart and mind on God, on His nature and His character, on His Power, His Glory and His Might, on His love and His compassion, on His heart towards us which is for good and not for evil.

The Battle Is His Not Ours

You've done your part. Now allow the Lord to do His part for you.

Thank Him, Thank Him For Our God Is Worthy

Like Job, let our heart’s cry today be "The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised.(Job 1:21) Though He slay me, yet will I hope in Him (Job 13:15)"

"He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God." (Psalm 50:23)

Blessings,
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The Purpose for Tribulation

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This is a chapter excerpted from Joe Ortiz' new book The End Times Passover

Chapter 21 - The Purpose for Tribulation!

In the last few chapters, we covered extensively those scriptural passages that deal with tribulation, trials, persecutions, etc., for the purpose of familiarizing our reader to a subject that many theorists choose to avoid while they build their secret pre-tribulation escape to heaven scenarios. Obviously they fail to address the subject of tribulation because it is their contention that the *Christian Church* will not experience persecution, in their staunch belief it will be removed from earth to heaven during the so-called Great Tribulation, therefore why even bother. But, God's word clearly tells us that we must experience much tribulation to enter the Kingdom of God.

After reading all of these verses concerning tribulation, the reader is probably tossing hands in the air and hopelessly lamenting, "Why become a Christian? Who needs all that suffering?" Life is bad enough as it is, why program us to a belief system that includes having to accept the fact that horrors loom before those that believe in Jesus Christ?" Agreed! There is much validity in those questions, if viewed solely from a secular or humanist perspective. True! Why become a Christian if the only thing immediately in store is trials and tribulations, persecutions from non-believers, which may include family, friends, fellow church members and neighbors, and the distinct possibility that we might even end up having to die for the cause? "Besides," say many Christians, "I thought that once I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I wasn't going to have to suffer any longer as I did in the past, but rather, as a new Born Again believer, the next thing in store for me is an any-moment Rapture to heaven to be with Jesus Christ, at least for a 7-year period of time before He returns back to reign on earth!"

These questions and comments are valid, if a secret pre-tribulation escape to heaven is what the Bible clearly teaches. But if a pre-tribulation escape is not in store for the *called out ones*, then what purpose is served by the *ecclesia* having to experience great tribulation?

Let's read two significant verses in the Bible to help us set the tone for this chapter. First, in John 3:16, Jesus is telling Nicodemus (and all mankind, too) that, *For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life*, (NIV). This one verse encapsulates the totality of God's purpose for mankind and the manner in which He accomplished His reunification program for His creation.

Most Christians know the basic history of Adam and Eve, their fall in the Garden of Eden, their separation from God and the chronology thereafter. We then see in the Old Testament where God chose a special person (the Hebrew Abraham) and a group of people (Israel) as His entity to reveal Himself and to fellowship with His creation once again, as He had with Adam and Eve. But many of the chosen descendants of Abraham rebelled against the laws and rulers He had provided for their own protection, and heeded not His words sent forth through His prophets. But yet (by virtue of His omniscient nature), God had a plan of reunification with His *called out ones* from the very beginning of time, knowing full well that redemption would be needed. He chose to step down from His majestic abode in heaven and took the form of man, offering Himself (in the person of Jesus of Nazareth) as a propitiatory sacrifice to pay for the sins of the world. All He asks is that, by faith, we should believe in the person of Jesus Christ so as to not perish, but have eternal life and fellowship with the Creator of all things.

Throughout history, God continues to reach out to mankind to accept this gift of salvation, but His creation continues to rebel, thinking of themselves as gods, rather than accepting this precious gift. The natural man, skeptical and not understanding the things of God, laments: "If man is fallen, why doesn't God simply wave His Almighty hand and remove all evil and restore His creation to Himself. Why doesn't God simply speak (as He did when all things were created) and bring in everlasting peace?" The answer is found in 2 Peter 3:9, the second significant verse, which reads:

> The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance**, (2 Peter 3:9, NIV). [Bold and underline is by the author, solely for emphasis]

True! Those who have already come to the Lord by faith know and understand the reality of the Gospel. They know that the only way anyone can become reconciled to God is by faith, and by believing that Jesus Christ paid the price for their fallen state. But millions have yet to see (or accept) this reality. Even more so, as the Day of the Lord approaches, mankind in general and even many of those *called out ones* (who should be trusting in Jesus for all things) are being seduced by power, money, prestige, greed, lust and the satisfying of self, rather than seeking meaning for the true purpose of life. Rather than seeking reunification and fellowship with God (which was His original plan and purpose for mankind), humanity has charted its own course, a course of self-destruction:

> The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. 26 **From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth**; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. 27 **God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him**, though he is not far from each one of us. 28 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' 29 **Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by man's design and skill.** 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, **but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.** 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead, (Acts 17:24-31, NIV). [Underline and bold is by the author, solely for emphasis]

Two important verses in this group of scriptures to note of their importance include verses 27 and 31. Verse 27 states that God established times and places so men would seek Him, and perhaps reach out and find Him, even though He is not far from each one of us. Verse 31 states that God has set a *day* when He will judge the world with true justice in the person of Jesus Christ, and He has proven this to all mankind by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Here is the purpose of life! God has allowed mankind to follow in its own footsteps, if for no other reason than to prove to it that without a personal relationship with God it is doomed to fail the human experience! Throughout the Bible, we see God forever exhorting mankind to return to Him, but yet, there is continued rebellion. But as we have seen, God does not give up on His creation, but continues to draw it back to Him through the agency of the Holy Spirit, and those who now believe. The most important task of those that now believe is to preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God so no one shall perish. But as we can see by the Book of Revelation, many will not turn to God regardless of the sanctifying power of the word of God, nor will they turn back from the results of the horrific atrocities that will befall unbelievers when God's wrath is poured out.

"But," the Christian says, "If I believe now, and I'm doing the work of a true Christian, is it also necessary for me to endure tribulation?" "Of course not," say theorists. "God is not a cruel God. He will Rapture you to heaven for seven years and spare you from all these things." Unfortunately, many Christians (and their leaders) still do not understand God's ways. Unfortunately, this escapist mentality is extremely prevalent in the evangelical community because theorists have expounded on it for so long, and so often, that they fail to see what God truly has in store for His *ecclesia*. Unfortunately, the Christian (leadership) of today has lost sight of what God wants to accomplish with His *called out ones* during the intensified period of tribulation that will precede *The Second*

Advent. Although it appears that God will accomplish many more tasks during and through the remainder of history, one of those tasks will be to bring many more people to His Kingdom before He pours out His wrath, and He will accomplish this goal by using His *called out ones* like never before.

How? Let's go back to the time (in Acts 26:1-29) when Paul was incarcerated and was brought before King Agrippa, which paints (through one of Paul's ordeals) a perfect example of Christian testimony that resulted in people coming to repentance and receiving salvation. The author is including the entire chapter in order that the reader may experience one of the greatest testimonies and sermons (along with Stephen's in Acts Chapter 7) of all time:

> Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You have permission to speak for yourself." So Paul motioned with his hand and began his defense: 2 "King Agrippa, I consider myself fortunate to stand before you today as I make my defense against all the accusations of the Jews, 3 and especially so because you are well acquainted with all the Jewish customs and controversies. Therefore, I beg you to listen to me patiently. 4 The Jews all know the way I have lived ever since I was a child, from the beginning of my life in my own country, and also in Jerusalem. 5 they have known me for a long time and can testify, if they are willing, that according to the strictest sect of our religion, I lived as a Pharisee. 6 **And now it is because of my hope in what God has promised our fathers that I am on trial today**. 7 This is the promise **our twelve tribes are hoping to see fulfilled** as they earnestly serve God day and night. **O king, it is because of this hope that the Jews are accusing me.** 8 Why should any of you consider it incredible **that God raises the dead**? 9 I too was convinced that I ought to do all that was possible to oppose the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 and that is just what I did in Jerusalem. On the authority of the chief priests I put many of the saints in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. 11 Many a time I went from one synagogue to another to have them punished, and I tried to force them to blaspheme. In my obsession against them, I even sent to foreign cities to persecute them. 12 On one of these journeys I was going to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. 13 About noon, O king, as I was on the road, **I saw a light from heaven**, brighter than the sun, blazing around my companions and me. 14 We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in Aramaic, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me? It's hard for you to kick against goads.' 15 Then I asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' '**I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,**' the Lord replied. 16 'Now get up and stand on your feet. **I have appeared to you to appoint you as a servant and as a witness of what you have seen of me and what I will show you.** 17 I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. **I am sending you** 18 **to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me**.' 19 So, then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from Heaven. 20 First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, **I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds**. 21 That is why the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. 22 But I have had God's help to this very day, and **so I stand here and testify to small and great alike.** I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen – 23 that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles." 24 At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense. "You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you insane." 25 "I am not insane, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is true and reasonable. 26 the king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, do you believe the Prophets? I know you do." 28 Then Agrippa said to Paul, "**Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian**?" 29 Paul replied, "Short time or long – **I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become**

> **what I am, except for these chains**, (Acts 26:1-29, NIV). [Underline and bold is by the author, solely for emphasis]

The author believes with all his heart that when tribulations become more intense than they are now, a myriad of Christians will be brought before various officials and other governmental authorities throughout the world. Like Paul our declarations of faith before these governing bodies will be similar testimonies that will have the very same results: bring more people to the knowledge of God's saving grace before the Lord's return! For those theorists who contend there will be a secret pre-tribulation escape to heaven, seven years before Christ returns, this last phase of history would then make any preaching of the gospel a virtual impossibility. Theorists who see only semi-converted Jews or genetic Israelites as being those persecuted, tortured, thrown in prisons, or even killed during the end times, miss one of God's greatest displays of witnessing and testimony that God's *ecclesia* could possibly be involved with. Let's read again what is stated in Matthew 24:

> **Then you will be handed over to the persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me**. 10 At that time **many will turn away from the faith** and will betray and hate each other, 11 and **many false Prophets will appear and deceive many people**. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but he who stands firm to the end will be saved. 14 **And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come**, (Matthew 24:9-14, NIV). [Underline and bold is by the author, solely for emphasis]

This is the same message that we find in Mark's account of tribulation at the hands of the antichristian forces. However, in Mark's account, we read about the beautiful power that the Holy Spirit will display through the Christian at that time:

> You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. **On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them.** And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. 11 **Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit**, (Mark 13:9-11, NIV). [Underline and bold is by the author, solely for emphasis]

This intensified period of tribulation immediately before *The Second Advent* will see some of the boldest evangelizing ever seen in the history of mankind. Matthew 24:14 clearly states, *and this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come*! Theorists, who merely see Jews as finally being converted through tribulation and or God's wrath during this period of time, miss the point. The tribulation at the hands of antichristian forces is not God's punishment or wrath for past transgressions. It is an opportunity for *called out ones* to make one final stand for Jesus, resulting in many unbelievers turning to God before the Lord's return. The great "testing" to come about during this period is not to see who can withstand the most *pain-until-you-repent*; but, rather, this testing through persecution will be to see who will remain faithful to Jesus and the power of His word to bring as many more people to the Kingdom of God before His return. The *man of lawlessness* will be keenly (and diabolically) aware of this effort by *called out ones*. Henceforth, he will pull out all stops to silence the *ecclesia*. Satan, knowing that his time is short, will do everything in his power to destroy Christians throughout the world. The fact that the Christian will be boldly preaching the gospel during this intensified period of tribulation is proof that the Holy Spirit could not possibly be seen as being removed before this period of time. This intensified tribulation will result in one of the most glorious manifestations of the power of the Holy Spirit that has ever been seen. Even though scripture (in Daniel 12:7) records that the power (the missionary undertaking) of God's holy people will eventually be shattered, shortly before the Lord's return, the intended works of the Holy Spirit through the saints (Daniel 12:3) will result in millions of people converting to Jesus Christ. Many of these *called out ones* will be martyred, but many also will be alive to see *The Second Advent* of Jesus Christ. Here then we have one of the main purposes for not seeing the *Christian Church* removed before *The Second Advent*.

It boggles the mind to see how theorists can argue for the removal of the *Christian Church* (and the Holy Spirit as well), and then see people heretofore uncommitted to Jesus Christ, all of a sudden turning to the Lord due to persecutions from the Beast (and or God's wrath) and then suddenly proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. If anything, it appears that those who have trusted and depended on their wealth and material goods (rather than God) will be more inclined to bow before the *man of lawlessness* when pressure is applied to them. If unbelievers have suddenly noticed that a myriad of Christians have been secretly Raptured from the face of the earth along with the Holy Spirit, the author is inclined to believe that their loyalty and allegiance will be more to the Beast system than to Jesus Christ. But yet, those true believers who patiently endure these trials will obviously be so convinced that Jesus will eventually rescue them, that they will joyously stand up for their savior under any circumstances. There will be many who will say they believe, and actually will call themselves *Christian* at that time (See Daniel 11:34), but will not have the power of the Holy Spirit working in them. In John 12:42, we see a perfect example of those who profess to believe in the Lord; however, they still cling to those things that they feel will bring them the security and the glory they seek for themselves:

> Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; 43 **for they loved praise from men more than praise from God,** (John 12:42, 43, NIV). [Bold and underline is by the author, solely for emphasis]

Matthew 24:9-14 and Mark 13:9-11 are portions of scriptures that are echoed in Luke 12:4, 5 and Luke 21:12-19; however, in Luke 21:12-19, we specifically see that *called out ones* will not experience these end-time tribulations as punishment from God, but rather, to be witnesses to the unsaved:

> But before all this, **they will lay hands on you and persecute you**. They will deliver you to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. 13 **This will result in your being witnesses to them.** 14 But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. 15 For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. 16 **You will be betrayed by parents, brothers, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death**. 17 All men will hate you because of me. 18 **By standing firm you will save yourselves,** (Luke 21:12-19, NIV). [Bold and underline is by the author, solely for emphasis]

In verse 15, we see once again the power of the Holy Spirit working as never before, providing the *called out ones* with words and wisdom that none of their adversaries will be able to resist. Even though this experience will be reason for great sorrow (especially in the knowledge that some friends, family, and even fellow church members will betray us), the Lord exhorts us not to worry beforehand because not a hair on our head will perish, even though some of us may have to die.

What a glorious period that will be. Not necessarily to experience death, but, if one has to face death, the author can envision no greater honor than to stand up and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, to be found faithful to Jesus, to face death squarely in the eye and say "*O Death, where is thy sting?*" Then, to look at our Savior's face and have Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant" as He hands us our *stephanos*, the martyr's crown of life! What great glory for God! To realize that, like Stephen, our death might possibly result in another person's salvation has to be the ultimate Christian experience:

> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "**Lord, do not hold this sin against them**, (Acts 7:59, 60, NIV). [Bold and underline is by the author, solely for emphasis]

In verse 60, we see where Stephen, in his last dying breath, was praying for God to forgive his enemies, a prayer the author believes God honored. Here we see a glorious picture of the disciple Stephen, preaching the word of God to the Sanhedrin, unto death, looking up to heaven and surrendering his God-breathed, life-giving spirit back to the Lord. The Greek word for *crown* is *stephanos*, and the author believes the word of God states that those who witness for the Lord in that period of time will receive a greater reward. Is this willingness to die for the Lord's glory being a "super macho Christian" as brother Hal Lindsey states? If so, then that is what the author is. If wanting to serve Jesus with such zeal and fervor is wrong, then the author stands convicted. If being a member of God's *ecclesia* means that the *called out one* has to *shrink* back from the face of death, then all that Christ performed on the cross has gone for naught.

In Revelation 12:11, it describes a loud voice in heaven speaking about those who were willing to give up their lives to preach the gospel of Christ. This is not describing solely those who will be martyred during the end times. It describes those who throughout history overcame the accusatory powers of Satan and times of great tribulation through the blood of the Lamb:

> They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; **they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death**, (Revelation 12:11, NIV). [Bold and underlines is by the author, solely for emphasis]

Back in Philippians 3:10, we see a clue from Paul's attitude toward death that should be the attitude of all Christians:

> **I want to know Christ** and the power of his resurrection **and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,** 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead, (Philippians. 3:10, 11, NIV). [Bold and underlines is by the author, solely for emphasis]

Was Paul being a "super macho Christian?" If so, then the author finds no shame whatsoever in being identified with Paul, Stephen, Peter and all the other *called out ones* who laid their lives down so others can have eternal life.

As the author concludes this important chapter, please indulge him to share a very personal message. On many occasions, one of the sermons that the author preached in various churches during his brief ministry as an evangelist, he used an extremely graphic example of how he saw himself drowning in a pool of filth before coming to Christ. He described a gory scenario that included them picturing a giant vat filled with decaying dead animals, mixed amongst rotten meat, mingled with live venomous spiders, scorpions and snakes, all floating atop a pool of bodily waste material, generating the most odoriferous stench imaginable. He used this graphic example in order for the audience to get a more profound picture of how decrepit the author felt about himself before turning to the Lord. He told his audiences how he once was down in the bottom of that vat, bound by alcohol, drugs, and illicit sex, almost to the point of suicide because he could not see any way out of the devil's trap. But, after it was explained to him that Jesus Himself became sin in order for all of us to have eternal life, when he finally turned his life over to Christ, he told his audiences that he could actually see Jesus Christ diving head first into the vat, becoming all of its content, just so the author could be set free. This was the only way the author could make his audience see and feel how the author felt as he turned his life over to Jesus. Make a mental picture of this scenario. Picture Jesus diving head first into that abysmal stench. Not only becoming all of the individual filth *you* have personally committed throughout your entire life, but also becoming the putridity of all of mankind's combined sins throughout history. This thought simply boggles the mind. But, yet, that's exactly what Christ did. He willingly leaped head first into humanity's vat of sin, not only drowning in it, but also becoming the despicability of humanity's waste.

The author has often wondered why Jesus Christ cried out, *My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me*, (Matthew 27:46)? Was it because the physical pain was too much for him to endure? Maybe that was a part of it. Death by crucifixion is known to be one of the most painful and heinous ways to kill a person. However, the author believes in his heart that the agony and despair Jesus Christ felt from God at that moment was due primarily because our sinless Lord was not only experiencing the sting of sin, feeling the horror and the anguish of the sins of all mankind consuming his entire human persona, He was also experiencing a separation from God for the very first time!

No Mr. Lindsey, we aren't talking "super macho Christian" here. We're talking about being eternally grateful for salvation. Eternally grateful for being rescued before the author experienced a physical and senseless death no one would wish on his worst enemy. Not only did Jesus Christ rescue the author from dying a disgraceful death, alone and separated apart from friends and loved ones, He actually brought the author back from among the physically dying and spiritually dead and into new life. How God could have such grace and mercy to not only restore this former decrepit soul back to life, but to even choose him to do this work (writing this book) is a mystery that will remain unsolved by this author until he sees Him face to face.

Therefore, being eternally grateful for this salvation, if the Lord tells the author that "not a hair on his head will perish," knowing that he will soon be spending an eternity with his savior, then dying a physical death for Jesus, as He was willing to die for the author and all of mankind, is not a thing to fear:

> Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – 15 **and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death**, (Hebrews 2:14, 15, NIV). [Bold and underline by author, solely for emphasis]

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The Prophetic Arsenal
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And when He had looked around at them with anger, being grieved by the hardness of their hearts, "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!... Woe to you, blind guides; Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?" Mk. 3:5; Mt. 23;15,16,33

Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, "I have compassion on the multitude, When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." Jesus wept. Mk 8:1; Lk. 7:13; Jn. 11:35

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Have you ever been perplexed by the divergent natures revealed through the words of the Lord Jesus in His ministry? These two sets of verses show the stark contrast. Jesus could be exceedingly angry. And He could be exceedingly tender. Many believers have been turned aside, not knowing how to relate to Jesus because of this polarity of heart. "How can a loving God speak with such anger?" or, "How can the true God evidence such emotional softness?"

As Jesus still speaks today, the same confusion and misunderstanding surrounds His word in the prophetic church. Many have stumbled regarding the prophetic through inability to perceive the valid differences in natures between prophetic words.

The Nature of the Prophetic Word: Tools, Instruments and Weapons

We hold a certain wonder and excitement over the reality of prophecy. And rightly so. It really is awesome to consider that God still speaks today to and through His people.

But beyond the awe, it's another thing to realize there is no "one size fits all" style or nature of prophecy. There are in fact many, many kinds of prophetic words, each one resonating a purpose of the divine heart. Here, let's briefly look at three general arrays of prophetic words.

Tool Words

Most readers are likely familiar with a construction toolbox. A toolbox holds many kinds of tools. Each tool is used to either construct a building or to break it down.

In the same way, there is a prophetic construction "toolbox" with many types of prophetic "tool words." These are prophetic words used to either construct or demolish organizational structures, whether they be governmental, societal or church ministry structures.

Jeremiah exemplifies a prophet using tool words. The Lord said, "I have this day set you; to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant." Paul also described himself as a "master builder" regarding the church. His ministry demonstrates the building up of the church as well as the tearing down of wrong church practices through exposure and confrontation.

Medical Instrument Words

Doctors and surgeons also have tools, though we refer to their tools as "instruments." Again, there is a wide array of medical instruments. Different instruments are used on various parts of the body. Some are used to examine and make determinations about health. Some are used to cut and slice open to prove hidden states of health and disease, to excise cancers, and to implant aids. Yet other instruments are designed to heal and ameliorate pain.

So also exists a prophetic "medical bag" filled with many different prophetic "medical instrument words." There are words for different parts of the body of Christ; some for obvious limb surgery, others for delicate brain surgery. There are words that measure and determine spiritual health. There are words that cut and slice open to reveal and remove cancers. And there are words that heal, mend, and ameliorate pain as well as maintain the body's health.

The Lord is described as one whose words both tear and bind up (Hos. 6:1). These are words with medical applications. His ministry to His Body is one of measuring, surgically exposing cancer and healing broken hearts.

Weaponry Words

Military personnel also use an array of tools, often on a belt, to conduct their trade. Their trade is called war and their tools are called weapons. There is an array of weapons. These fall mainly into classes of defensive and offensive weapons. Some are used to protect. Others are used to aggressively destroy. And within these are ranges of destruction from slight to devastating.

Likewise, there are prophetic "words of weaponry." These words serve to defend the Lord's people and to destroy His enemies. They are leveled against satan, his hosts and against associated men, leading to their spiritual and, in some cases, physical destruction. Weaponry words protect, deliver and expunge the church of imposters in extreme circumstances. They are the severest and deadliest words known to mankind in the prophetic arsenal.

Seeing as God is most often referred to as the Lord of Armies, it's no surprise that scripture is filled with words of weaponry. These words appear against both satan and men, both defensively and offensively, both spiritually and physically. Elijah called down literal fire on men. Revelation declares this will happen again, and can be understood both spiritually and physically. Peter decreed the death of Ananias and Sapphira. Paul directed the church to call for fleshly destruction of an adulterer and decreed satanic destruction toward Hymenaeus and Alexander.

Choosing the Tool / Knowing the Timing

There are many problems in the church regarding administration of the prophetic message. These problems are largely due to failure to grow in recognizing all the natures of the prophetic word given for the church's perfection, and to minister them in the Lord's time.

It's simply not enough to merely be "prophetic."

We must grow to know the right tool from the right prophetic tool array. Just because we have a real prophetic word doesn't mean it is the right word for a situation at hand. This requires growth through waiting on the Lord. (Listen, listen, and listen some more.) When Jesus rebuked James and John for wanting to call down fire on the Samaritans, what he was really rebuking them for was not choosing from the right prophetic toolbox.

But there is more. We must also know the right timing for giving the word. Proverbs calls this the "word in season." We may have the right word from the right toolbox. But we may not be in the place of right timing for speaking it. This is especially so of the "explosive" word, that word that just "can't wait" to be released. Again, we must wait, wait, wait on the Lord. The prophetic spirit must be subject to the prophet.

Understanding the Prophetic Problems - The Problem of Initial Vision

The first problem in prophetic ministry occurs among those newly exposed to and accepting of prophecy. As unseasoned embracers of the prophetic, we tend to be so enamored of prophecy itself as a phenomenon that we recognize whatever prophetic array we are first exposed to as the only nature of prophecy.

People new to prophecy tend to recognize only one or a very limited handful of types of prophetic words. They may perceive only toolbox words, or medical instrument words or weaponry words. Within a given type, they may only recognize one or two different prophetic tools, instruments or weapons. From here, they apply those one or two kinds to every situation.

Some people see only prophetic healing words, others only cutting words; some only see edifying words, others only tearing down words; and some see only defensive or offensive weaponry words. The resulting chaos in the body from this is understandable!

Problem of Limited Vision: the Reality of Prophetic Blindness

Because prophetic vision is limited, it must admit of blindness through incompleteness and must be humble enough to acknowledge its need to expand. The prophetic is all about spiritual vision. In the main, it's about what we do see.

When we first see, we are excited. And we should be!

But seeing must grow. And seeing can only grow by recognizing that seeing does not see everything - ever. In this sense, prophecy is as much a recognition of blindness as it is of vision. If we have vision, but don't recognize that our vision has limits and that we are blind outside our field of vision, it turns what vision we do have to blindness! This is the meaning of Jn 9:41 where Jesus said, "If you were blind [ie, If you would recognize your limits of vision], you would have no sin; but now you say, 'We see.' Therefore your sin [blindness] remains."

Problem of Prejudiced Vision: Rejecting A Particular Tool Array

Over time, if we don't grow in our perception of the Lord's various prophetic natures and tool arrays, we develop heart prejudices toward those outside our initial scope of exposure. That prejudice is unbelief and goes a long way to cancel out the otherwise true seeing ministry of prophetic people. Over time, prophetic prejudice leads to false prophesying.

Today, not just individuals and churches but entire prophetic streams have built in prejudice against certain types of words. Thus we have competing prophetic streams in the church. There are construction prophetic streams, medical prophetic streams and weaponry prophetic streams (mainly in the desert), all blind or opposed to the others, and opposed within themselves.

One common reason for prejudice is reaction to wrongly applied words from another array. If someone uses a word of weaponry in a situation that calls for a medical word of healing, the resultant emotional damage can lead the recipient to reject all words of weaponry as valid words from then on. The opposite is true as well.

Nonetheless, misuse or poor timing in giving a certain tool word does not invalidate the tool or its source array. Today the most abused and most prejudicially rejected word is the word of weaponry. But again consider. When Jesus rebuked James and John for wanting to use fire on the Samaritans, He was not invalidating that tool. Revelation makes clear that such words still exist today and will yet come. A time is coming in fact when weaponry words will be released in earnest as never seen since the early church or Elijah.

Overcoming the Challenges / Outgrowing Our Limits of Vision

In my early "burning bush" days as a wilderness prophet some 20 years ago, my prophetic arsenal consisted mainly of weapons. I wasn't particularly into "construction" or "medicine." In particular, I became very skilled at measuring and then hacking Pharisees to death. It took me time though to learn that not every person in a church is a Pharisee, or that not every soft and comforting prophetic word is a false word.

Some years later, after wilderness fatigue set in, the Lord planted me (kicking and screaming) in a regular (i.e. "carnal") charismatic church moving toward the prophetic. Here, in my own weakness and brokenness, I came to learn about the need for the word of building up and the instrumental word of healing. After a time, I came to a place where I was actually afraid to use a weaponry word any more.

But after still more time I had to learn further. For as life continued, even though there was no right place for weaponry words in the church I was in, there was still a crying need for the piercing word of surgical cutting.

I was afraid to recognize and issue surgical words of cutting because I had trouble discerning between them and the blasting word of weaponry, and was afraid I would end up using a weapon. But the Lord trained me otherwise. I began cautiously issuing words of penetrating cutting truth, with the grace not to "blow anyone out of the water."

Ever since, I have continued needing to learn from the Lord in the right perception and proper application of these and other tool arrays. This dramatically shortened excerpt from my own life journey offers a glimpse into the Lord's growth plan for those whose ultimate hunger is to overcome the contradictions and grow into the His complete nature. We want to come to the place where we can handle exposure to and use every kind of prophetic word given us for perfection; without fear, unbelief or resistance of any sort to the Lord's perfect will. I'm still on that journey, still learning!

Prophetic Growth Affects Prophetic Relationships

Growing in the use of new prophetic tools definitely affects our relationships, not only in the church at large, but in the prophetic community itself. Growth brings new people of common vision together for seasons, and then later separates them. We discover there is no one finally "right" prophetic tool, and there will never be a finally cementable prophetic relationship around any tool array.

This is true by design and for our good. The Lord is ultimately drawing us, not to one another around a set of prophetic perceptions, but to Himself. Seasonal divergence preserves this ultimate personal drawing to the Lord.

It's simply a fact of life that even among mature prophets, no two can forever see things alike or interpret applications and timing of prophetic words alike. When one calls for a medical word of cutting, another may interpret the same situation as needing a construction tool for building up. Our inability to perceive exactly alike forces us into ultimate accountability to the Lord for the validity of our vision and the justification of what we do with it.

In the 1980's, two prominent American prophetic ministers joined forces; one, a televangelist new to and embracing of the fire of prophetic weaponry; the other, a seasoned internationally recognized firebrand of many years. Their names are unimportant. Over time, they prominently shared appearances and writings in one another's publications.

But after a certain period of time, a perceived need for a "tool shift" developed in one of them. He became persuaded that; in their ministering to the American church; it was now time to move from the word of weaponry and surgical cutting to the word of medical healing. The other however did not see it this way, feeling it was still time to be thrusting the knife further into the church. And so, a parting of the ways occurred; one that I believe was accomplished amicably. And each has continued on in his own ministry development.

Handling Divergence: The Test of Agape

No matter then how mature we become in using all the prophetic tools, we must be prepared to handle divergence. This becomes a further degree of challenge and growing all in itself. It's not enough to be prophetic. And now it's not even enough to grow in using different prophetic tool arrays.

We must finally learn how to handle genuine divergence over those uses while preserving the basic bond of unity we have in Christ.

This is the "call of agape." It's a call that supersedes the prophetic itself (I Cor. 13). In the end, we will find that how we make our divergences with others over opposing prophetic revelation and truth will carry more weight than the fact of our faithfulness to adhere to what the Lord gave us.

So, in the course of maturing in the prophetic arsenal, a greater challenge lies before the prophetic community to handle divergences with as much grace as possible for preserving the bond of true unity. Admittedly, this is really hard to do for prophets, seeing how clearly defined the vision is to each man. Not only is one's own vision clear, but it is especially difficult to discern the different from the false outside one's own vision. Meanwhile, evaluating and exposing falsehood in our midst remains part of the prophetic commission. Agape does not shrink from this. How great then is our challenge!

But if we make all our evaluations in humility, and should we part directions due to opposing evaluations, and our parting is as gracious as truth permits, God will be pleased. Furthermore, we can count on it that, at the end, when all is said and done, He will have built His church to His specifications. And at the end we'll also find His reconciling and healing of whatever prophetic relationships in this life remained at cross points due to honest differences of prophetic evaluation.

Conclusion

Onward then to growing up into all the facets of the Lord's prophetic nature! Let's learn how to build and to tear down, how to tear and how to heal, how to protect God's people and how to destroy all who would attack to destroy them. Let's embrace the entirety of God's record through the scripture concerning His word. Let's develop in the complete arsenal of the Lord. Let us also develop in the grace of agape wherever divergences occur due to our faithful embrace of the entire arsenal.

And as we do, let's be blessed knowing we are obtaining not only our own perfection in the Lord, but are helping bring purity, perfection, and true unity to the true body of Christ.

Blessings to all the saints.
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The Party
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“THE PARTY” –
ELECTION DAY USA

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This morning, when I was leaving the polling area after voting in the USA Presidential election I heard the following in the Spirit:

“Today is the party.
Tomorrow the hangover begins.”

Then late in the afternoon I received the following message.

Just remain calm. Don’t get caught up in what is about to transpire, for my hand is beginning to move against ungodliness in all of its many and varied forms. The “party” has gone on for years. The people of your country are drunk with the “wine” of too much money. Whether that money has come in the form of personal wealth or as a drunken spending spree using credit and credit cards, it does not matter, for the results have been the same.

You have lived in dissipation and self-indulgence. You bodies have been “soft”, yet you have hardened your hearts to my words as a piece of granite. The drunken party is over. Tomorrow you will turn over a new leaf. Nor will you recover from the “hang over” that you have given to yourselves.

Soon you will stagger to and fro, not having a clue where to turn. As a dog returns to his vomit* over and over, so you (USA) have turned aside from my eternal truths to indulge the many lies you love so dearly. You have chosen these lies instead of my kingdom and my holiness.

You have squandered your inheritance in dissipated living, while the poor and the needy have cried out to me – while missionaries have begged me on their knees to help those in desperate circumstances around the globe.

Do you think I have gone deaf USA? Do you think I can not see or hear what you are doing? Do you think I can not possibly know what is going on in your hearts and your minds?

Tomorrow you will find out. It is the beginning of a very big surprise. Nothing good can come from returning to your vomit, for I am beginning, even now, to unravel all those things which are not of me, but which you hold so dear. You would not let go willingly, so I will take them away from you by force. How you will moan and complain. How you will weep and wail. You will stagger and fall,** for you did not have the right foundation to hold you up. Nor did you have the proper covering to protect you from the approaching storm.

This storm is of a magnitude you can not even begin to conceive. You will not be prepared and you will not be protected. Can a paper parasol protect you in a hurricane?

Watch and see what I will do. You have looked to man. You have not looked to me. It was the wrong thing to do, for no man can give you answers for the days ahead. I counsel you to buy white raiment. [Rev. 3:14-22] I counsel you to run to me as fast as you can. Aspirin and Tylenol will not help your hangover, nor will seltzer water or milk of magnesia.

The King is coming. He is going to turn everything upside down. If you are not on your face already, you will be when I am finished.

Your Abba

**Prov. 26:11-12   As a dog returns to his own vomit, so a fool repeats his folly. Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him. [NKJ]*

***Job 12:25   They grope in the dark without light, and he makes them stagger like a drunken man. [NKJ]*

The Passion Movie
Bob Lund

A charge to the Body of Christ in light of The Passion movie

I was able to attend a viewing of the Passion movie when I was at the National Religious Broadcasters conference in Charlotte, NC this last week. Though the movie is not, in a natural sense, super, if a person has a heart that Jesus can penetrate (i.e. prepared or prepared to be prepared), you will not be the same after seeing it. I do believe that we, as the church need to be in a place of praying over the theaters that it is playing at, so that the presence of the Lord can be there. Minus His presence, as in most things, the movie will just not have it s intended effect. I cried my eyes out, and for the 4000 or so attendees (many of whom represent the vast majority of Christian broadcasting media on the planet), there was an incredible sense of God's presence.

Every few years or so King Jesus decides to see if His people can handle a bit of the harvest; i.e. He foments situations that will cause the unsaved especially to be stricken with reality; realities of His great love. But, the unsaved don t usually respond to the goodness of God as expressed in His overtly kind actions (meaning, a better job, bigger house, more obedient kids, etc. all the things that nearly anyone on this earth would consider to be good.). Romans 2 says, don t you know it is the kindness of God that leads people to repentance.... My take on that is that God tries to communicate His love via playing the kind cards. If that doesn't work, then, BECAUSE of His great love, He turns up the heat a wee bit to try to get our attention. As C. S. Lewis said, Pain is God's megaphone to rouse a deaf world. Examples of this are seen in the entire journey between Genesis and Revelation. Certainly, even the spankings of God are driven by His goodness, though we often confuse them with attacks from the devil, or God s judgment. Of course, if people are overtly rebelling, the unsaved will sense His wrath (Romans 1), while the saved will sense His discipline and pruning (Hebrews 12 and John 15).

All the while, ALWAYS, at least these three things are going on:

1) God is trying to get the attention of the unsaved

2) God is wanting His people who are generally seeking first His kingdom (Matt. 6:33) to be ready to gather, clean, and prepare the unsaved.

3) God is trying to get the attention of those of His people who have not chose to posture their lifes focus on seeking first His kingdom.

Many, many examples and teaching of these are throughout Scripture.

I know it's kinda like a big, fat, DUH, but it needed to be said before I say the next thing.

In our lifetime, there are perhaps as many as a few dozen events on the micro (my house, my school, my sphere) or macro (world-wide or region-wide) levels that illustrate these points. World wars, Korea, the rise of local despots (Ceaucescu Romania; the school Bully my life in Junior High {he was a huge kid that loaded my hair fully of loogies [that s kid-speak for spit with PLENTY of bona-fide snot] }), the Jesus movement (70 s), I found It campaign (late 70 s), Jim Jones, Pol Pot and killing fields of Cambodia, the rise of an ungodly president (Clinton), roaring 90 s prosperity where we all got fat, Heaven s Gates/Hell s flames play where many tens of thousands have gotten saved but few were discipled, 9-11-2001 events, dozens of Billy Graham-like events that have produced millions of converts but very few disciples, Gulf wars 1 and 2, stock market and economical downturns, and now, The Passion. Certainly I have missed a bunch; but you get the point.

Taking the Heaven's Gates example... Wonderful play that illustrates heaven and hell by showing what happens to a car load of teens who die; some go to hell, and some to heaven. It's been used all over the world to help people in their initial conversion experience with Christ. I even have friends in Romania who have been the national directors of that play in that country, with much the same success as here. I have another friend who lived in the home town of where the play originated. He observed the following before, during and after the showing of that play in the home town: church attendance before the play was status quo, just like nearly any city in the U.S. During the height of the play, somewhere around 50,000 people made professions of Christ; as a result, many (perhaps most) of the churches in the area went from one to two to even more services on a Sunday morning to service the hoards of new Christians. This went on for a while, he recounted. But, about a year or so after the apex of the play, he observed a thing that made me both sad and very upset: most of the churches had dropped back down to a single service on a Sunday.

Selah?.........

Before I explain why I believe why, please hear this: I know that there are wonderful exceptions to what I'm going to describe below. But, they are exceptions; RARE exceptions. Please don't take what I'm going to share as an attack, because it is not. It is simply an expose of what is going on in the U.S., and other places that we have exported our systems of church to. Please understand that I am convinced that the finest hours of the Body of Christ lay before us! He will have a Bride that will be ready! But, we must face squarely the issues that beset the church today, because TODAY (that is, February 25th, we are going to be faced with another turning point moment&) we are going to be faced with some reactions to The Passion movie.

So, why did the vast majority of the people in the above paragraph quit going to church and stay home, sleep in, play with the kids, mow the lawn, and watch the game? Really? WHY? This question rattled in my brain for some time, though I feel that many people would have some intuitive understanding as to why. Simply stated, the Body of Christ was not ready. No doubt many people of those initial 50,000 had real encounters with Christ... and we must understand the application of the parable of the Sower and Seed here. Some will fall away, some will be distracted, etc.. BUT, just what happens to a new convert the Sunday AFTER their conversion? Why, they go to church, of course! And, as many have bemoaned, they sit, stand up when told to, sing some songs, put money in a plate, listen to sermons, get a handshake, and then go home. Monday morning comes as a shock to most. Now, along with the normal stuff they dealt with prior to conversion (you know, debt, lousy paying job, rebellious teens, lackluster marriage, temptations flying at them from every angle, etc.), they are on the devil's radar screen. So, along with the glow of realizing God s love and affirmation, they are targeted by the evil one. Most of them slug it out in the world from Monday through Saturday; then, they get the impression that they have to sit through a church service (what does service really mean, anyway?) acting as if everything is ok. On occasion, someone has a hiccup in church (whether it is an outburst or demonic manifestation, etc.), and they are whisked out... In reality they are a newborn, no? Yes. But, for hundreds of years we have expected people to sit in church services, largely mute, listening to sermons and singing songs (where are these things, in this fashion, spoken of, commanded, shown as examples in the New Testament church that is FULL of priests?!), and then, somehow (magically?) we expect them to pop out of that process 5 or 10 years down the road as a radical, healed, transformed, on-fire, reproductive disciple of Christ& Really? Yep, it's the good ole Big Bang theory of processing fish. One day, God will show up and Poof!, they will be mature, their kids will obey, their debts will evaporate, they will stop wanting to sneak peaks at porn, their TV will decay due to disuse, etc. Really? We really believe this? I doubt that anyone has actually formulated such a theology, but PRACTICALLY speaking, do we believe something different than this? Yes, I know, there are exceptions to this. But, try telling this to the vast majority of those who quit church whom I described above. You say that your church is different. I really believe you!!! But, where was your church when those 50,000 needed you? When I called and spoke to one person in charge of follow up for these meetings, they said that they weren't ready for the onslaught of all the people that came to Christ.

RIGHT ANSWER! But, then, when I asked, what they did to fix the process, they told me that they added some paid staff members and a discipleship meeting that went for some weeks. WRONG ANSWER! More below on what the new fish/babies/converts really needed...

Is this process why Billy Graham bemoaned the FACT that when his organization went back and looked at the statistics of how many people were at least in church a year or so after one of Mr. Graham's crusades, they found only TWO or THREE out of ONE HUNDRED initial converts? Yikes. What happened to the other NINETY-SEVEN? After months of nobody taking them in as family, not being affirmed in their new life, not being coached/trained/cheer-leaded/mentored in their new priestly role, not getting free/transformed from sinful ways& they did what you and I would do under the same circumstances, they quit.

Did they quit loving God? For some, yes, but many probably no.

Did they quit being converted? For some, yes, but many probably no.

Did they quit WANTING to grow in Christ? For some, yes, but many probably no.

Did they deny or renounce what really happened to them when they went forward to receive Christ? For some, yes, but many probably no...

They simply, as longing, clumsy, loud, messy newborns, wanted a mother and a father, and some helpful brothers and sisters. They wanted to cuddle with a mother as she gave them a breast. They needed the affirmation of a tender/strong father who loved them and provided direction/discipline.

Where are the mothers and fathers?

Is the breast the services that we put these new babies in. Sorry pastors, but your sermons, as wonderful, godly, and biblical as they may be, are not the best or only way to provide a breast to the newborns. To be sure there is milk in sermons. But, milk delivered intravenously is different that in a snugly, warm, relational way methinks... Having spun countless sermons myself, I understand the process well, and the results that followed. Having spun countless sermons myself, I understand the process well, and the results that followed.

More to the point... Who's fault is this? God's? The newly saved fish? The fish cleaners/preparers? The supervisors of the fish cleaners? Seems that Scripture is clear that fish-cleaner-supervisors (5-fold leaders?... a la Ephesians 4...) primary purpose for existence is to equip the saints for the work of service. The work of service? What s that? We have been led to think, more by default than by overt teaching,

These things take TIME.

These things take a heart that is oriented to larger realities that moving forward in the American, Christian Disneyland that many Christians have come to be comfortable in.

These things take LOVE.

These things take Matthew 6:33.

These things take a re-engineering of the thing that we call church.

These things take a re-orientation of our spiritual DNA; re-pointing it back to the heart of God, the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ (II Cor. 11:3, 4), and His simple plan for His church...

But, when, in the normal life of any given church found in the local yellow pages, do these newly caught fish get to experience the incredible benefit of having friends that are fish cleaners, the healing of life's past hurts, the breaking of past sinful choice/habits/sins, etc., the transformation of their bodies/souls/spirits/relationships/finances? WHEN? We know the answer. Three of the 100 decided to stay in church. But of THOSE 3, what percentage actually became radical Christians? Was it 3% of the 3%???

God is particularly interested in a couple of things for His people (existing Christians) when turning point events happen (the ones I described in the paragraph further up above):

1) To reckon with their own sinful, weak, immature selfs. (Revelation 3...)

2) To NOT go into self hatred or condemnation about #1

3) To learn how to have humble hearts to confess their own sins to one another and begin to build patterns in our lives to deal with our weaknesses, etc.

4) To build a small circle of friends (even if it is just one) to hold us accountable for our stuff...

5) To learn the difference between coddling and confessing (which means more than saying sorry means making policy decisions to actively seek God's ways and change, etc.) sin in our own lives, as well as our small circle.

6) To allow Jesus to come in once again; to our hearts, families, spiritual households (churches), communities, etc. Please check out Revelation 3 Laodicea, again. This is gentle, kind Jesus expressing his gentleness and kindness to a church that had chosen not to do the above 4 things as a habit.

7) To begin to re-engineer the way that we think of and DO church. Reformation?

8) Certainly there are many other things that God is doing/displaying when the events mentioned in the above paragraph, but the above items 1-7 are the specific church-view.

So that we can do the following:

1) Take care of the new converted babies who are simply babies that need strong familial help in order to mature

2) To BE the church instead of DO the zillions of things that we have historically done when Jesus is not present&

3) To then seek Him to strategize how to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth...

The buzz around those whom I talked to who have seen the movie or whom have not seen it, but think about it, is that it will be a great tool to get people saved. No doubt.

But...

...my fear is that the church (you and I and then them) is not going to be ready to actually care for these people. After Heaven s Gates (the evangelistic play) and 9-11, people streamed into the churches. Wow! Praise God. But, the churches are largely back down to the size they were before these events... Praise God? Hmmm....

What should are response be?

Shame on us. It should be driving us to cause there to be margin in our lives to allow the Lord to help us care for people... Period. Jesus back in first (Rev. 3:20...) then building strong, close bonds with our brothers and sisters, then reaching out to the world of new converts. If we are not willing to take a hard look at what we call church (all aspects of it, not just band aids here and there), then we are simply going to repeat some of the sad parts of history. As Andrew Strom said in his recent post on Rivermail and ANZAC, The people came flooding into the churches seeking a faith that could bear the weight of the momentous events unfolding around them. And they found we had erected a plastic imitation a shallow, lightweight Jesus complete with ambient muzak and mindless appeals for money. A comfortable Western counterfeit of the real thing. They did not stay for long. And why should things be any different this time?

We must allow the Cross of Christ refocus our lives. This means a number of things. Rather than trying to play Holy Spirit by listing things, I'll let the Holy Spirit speak to you.

Many have created a Jesus and a cross that fit our Laodicean lifestyle. The world is groaning as it awaits the real thing.

See the movie, but agree with the Lord ahead of time that you want your heart, your family, and your church prepared. Pastors, leaders, the Lord usually has a few words with us about those whom He has given to our care. If we have simply adopted the way we do church from the previous generation, without question, and have not been willing to consider much outside of our own denominational culture, what would we do if the Lord Jesus decided to do a church Audit, as He did to the Seven Churches in Revelation? Do we really think that Jesus wants to have another batch of newborns that end up on the trash heap of life because we were unwilling to re-examine our practices in the fresh light of Apostolic Tradition (1 Cor. 11:2, etc.). Please, in the name of the precious Lord Jesus, will you take a look at (and be willing to either repair or get a new one) the Wineskin?

Please receive the above in the spirit it was given. The BEST is yet to come! The Lord Jesus WILL have a Body that will take the gospel to the ends of the earth in order to disciple, not just convert, the nations!

YOU can do it! So let's roll!

Grace and peace,

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Response to Bob Lund from Rivermail

You got me to rethink some things that happened when I 1st. got saved. I wasn't saved inside a church. It was at home far out in the middle of no-where, I was all alone and sound asleep when God woke me three times and told me the all about Jesus and what I must do to be saved. I was born again and I ran all around the house with new eyes...Jesus eyes...and got rid of anything that wasn't part of the kingdom...piles of new age books, tapes, whatever. God and I cleaned house! I was so excited I rented the 10 commandments, with Charlton Heston and other movies like that and just wept and cried as I saw for the 1st time the truth. The only Christian music I had was Christmas carols that just about burst my heart for joy!

Then I moved to town to go to what I thought was a "good" church, but sadly my enthusiasm was met by alot of ho-hums and when you mature you won't be so happy. When I was baptised, a totally awesome experience!! When I told some "mature Christians" about the awesome presence of God and what it meant to me all I got were ice cold buckets of water!!

I did have one spiritual mother and she was so wonderful and happy for me and wanted to hear all about my experiences and told me all of hers and my Father also had the same heart as I do for Jesus and it blessed me no end. He always says its is the best gift he ever had to see my relationship with the Lord and he could never have wanted anything greater for his daughter. This is the milk you were talking about.

I have been a Christian now for 11yrs and I am 52yrs. I have been to 10 or so churches and very few of them have a real love for the Lord and very little love for the sheep. Most want the power of God and they beat the sheep trying to get them "Holy" enough for them to have the power in "their" church. This is so ill and it is troubling, I worry about all the new babes and where did they go, I try to keep in touch and build relationships, but there is a lot of confusion to gracefully explain concerning the sheep beating etc.

My hope is that many pastors will see this movie the Passion of Christ and the bondage of lukewarmness will be broken off and the Church will be in liberty of the Spirit to truly worship and serve with hearts over flowing with love for an awesome mighty powerful God!

PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS! Margie

The Passion For The Harvest

Chuck Pierce

February 24, 2004

Dear Passionate Intercessors:

I felt led to write concerning this week and The Passion of the Christ movie. The Passion movie will be very significant in determining a change in the course of Christianity in America. Cindy Jacobs spoke yesterday at Glory of Zion and said the following, "I get up each morning and ask the Lord, 'Where is my harvest today?'" This is a time that we are entering into a harvest season. Understanding the passion, suffering and love that Christ demonstrated for us on the cross causes us to have a heart for others. This is the passion that overcomes the strongman and unlocks the prison doors that he has held shut.

Passion is only used once in the King James Version in the Bible. Acts 1:3 says, "To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs …." This concerns the ordeal related to the cross and the suffering He endured for our salvation and the redemptive plan that God has for each one of us. Passion is linked with intense, driving emotions that are beyond our cognitive reasoning and linked with our deep internal conviction. Passion is a state or capacity of being acted upon by external agents or forces. We hear much about passion in the Body of Christ, but I think we have the reality of its understanding. Most of us complain about our sufferings rather than enduring them based upon our conviction that "if we endure till the end we will be saved". It's time for passion to arise in the Body of Christ.

Diane Fink, a key leader at Aglow International, sent me the following:
"I saw movie theaters all over the nation with people sitting in them apprehended by what they were watching. God seemed to draw my attention to the place -- the buildings, the theaters themselves. I prayed for a powerful anointing to draw people into those theaters -- agnostics, atheists, mockers, those who are just curious to see what all the controversy is about. Then I sensed that the theaters, the buildings, those places ("high places," if you will!) that the enemy has used to propagate his agenda against this nation through Hollywood, would be turned and filled with such an anointing and presence of God that the enemy's very own weapon would be turned against him. I thought of David and how after he slew Goliath, he took Goliath's own sword to cut off his head. The enemy has used Hollywood

as a sword in his arsenal to cut away the moral fabric of this nation. He has wielded it to deal a death blow to the very truths and godly principles this country was founded on. Millions flock to theaters, even like the sheep the Lord compares us to, to worship at the altar of ungodly pleasure and hold up as gods those whose images are reflected back to us.

With the release of this film, however, I see God dealing a death blow to the enemy's strategy using his own sword. Theaters will be places where God's presence will be so thick, through not only the depiction on the screen but also the anointing on the film, that in the dark, quiet, intimacy of the theater (though the theater can be filled with people, there is still a private intimacy about sitting quietly watching a film), they will be confronted with the question: Who do YOU say that I am?"

In The Future War of the Church, you will find the following, "This is a time of increase in God's Glory that will produce Harvest. When God's Glory manifests, Harvest is released… There is a mantle of increase and victory that the Lord is working to develop in His people. We have been like Gideon, threshing wheat in the winepress, but now is the time to move out and share our faith boldly with a world that is dying." The Lord is about to release an urgency within us to liberate those who are held captive. **Pray this week for an outpouring of His Spirit in movie theaters.** Declare this will begin to overflow and come into the sanctuary of God. God has raised up Mel Gibson like a Cyrus for such a time as this to cause the Body of Christ to return to an understanding of the cross.

Once we understand the cross, we will move into the power of His resurrection.

Blessings,
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The Patience of God’s Saints

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Revelation 13:9-10

Here is the patience
Of God’s saints
Find your rest
In the Father’s arms of grace
Hold on to God’s holy Word
It is your comfort
In times of peril
Sing psalms of praise
For God’s faithful name
In this you will find strength
To stand when you feel faint
Able to run with horses
When you feel weak.

Who can endure
When the world is so unsure
Those who trust in God’s Word
The foundation assured
To create a safe place
For mercy and grace
To perfectly adorn
The message that is worn
Upon a child’s grateful heart
To whom God has revealed
His divine, perfect will
To love one and another
As He does.

Here is the patience
Of God’s saints
Love one another
As the Commandment says
Then God will open wide
The heavenly gates
And pour out the blessings
Which abound in faith.
You will understand
The purpose of God’s plan
As you love one another
As He does.

> *“If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. Revelation 13:9-10*

> *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” Galatians 6:7-9*

Those who hunger and thirst, who feel deep within their hearts an emptiness, causing them to seek a greater purpose in life, will give praise for the Lord’s great mercy, when filled with the goodness of the Lord. When a man’s soul is humbled before God, so that he cries out to the Lord for direction on how to obtain purpose for his life, to this man God will be faithful to answer. To the one with a humble heart, will God lead to His banqueting table, where the cup will overflow and the bread that is broken shall bestow blessings of abundant revelation.

Man, who drinks from the Carpenters cup, will be filled with the unsearchable riches of God. No good thing is to be refrained from those who seek after God’s love. To partake of the table of the Lord, will bring joy to the one who is filled with God’s holy love. God, who blesses His children with sustenance that will not fade or perish with use, is able to satisfy the hungry soul, so that they will understand the futility that existed in seeking purpose in the waste places. Those who come to God’s table will feast upon spiritual food that will fill a man with eternal life. To partake of spiritual food will strengthen a man’s heart, so that he is able to fight the good fight of faith until the end.

A man who has partaken of the Lord’s table, who is filled with God’s great love, will be strengthened so that he is able to wield the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of the Lord, in righteousness. The sword, when held in the hands of a man who has partaken from the Lord’s table, will be wielded in mercy and understanding, which bears long with others. A man who has partaken of spiritual food, which through Jesus Christ’s faithful obedience has been made available to man, will receive the blessings of spiritual vision. He will receive spiritual sight, so that he is able to see and appreciate God’s great love toward himself and toward others.

As a man grows up in Christ, he will mature in the ways of God so that the sword, God’s Word, is able to bring about greater revelation in understanding God’s involvement and relationship with man. The Word, which is able to sustain a man, encourage him, correct him, and teach him the ways of holiness, will continue, as man matures in the ways of God, to reveal truths once unknown. What was concealed in darkness will be brought out into the light. God’s Word contains revelation, truth, wisdom and understanding that expand as far as the heavens. A man, who has partaken of spiritual food, God’s Holy Spirit, as he holds onto the Word, applying God’s message to his life, will gain even greater understanding to the immeasurable riches that God has prepared for him. This man will wield the Word according to God’s righteousness, in awesome reverence and respect toward the Lord on high.

A warrior worthy of wielding the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, is a man of many virtues. Moral excellence is learned as a man walks with God, is led of God through fields of adversity, and then comforted in God’s arms of grace. As God’s holiness continues to remove any deception that veils the eyes of a man’s heart, he will more clearly perceive the goodness of God. He will be given greater insight into God’s kingdom of righteousness. And as a man continues with God, he is certain to encounter many trials that will be used to test and try his heart. As man patiently and obediently waits upon God, these experiences, tests and trials, will be used of God to expand his vision to more fully understand the intent behind God’s Word. The Word will be understood with greater clarity so that man is able to perceive that his experiences are not limited to himself alone, but are common to all who love the Lord. Understanding will strengthen the man so that he can endure difficult situations. Knowledge and understanding will reveal that the Lord is able to use all situations to conform a man into the image of His beloved Son. Through these experiences, he will come to appreciate the far reaching virtue of patience.

Through revelation, the ability to understand God's Word spoken to man, the virtue of patience will be seen as a necessary step in maturing in the ways of God. To obtain victory over the enemy of the soul, unbelief, where every evil thing exists, patience must be learned and applied. Experience offers the perfect training field. As man, who stands filled with the Spirit, having partaken of the food of eternal, abundant life, holds onto the Word of God, keeping his eyes stayed on Christ, he will begin to realize that patience is wrought out within the inner chambers of his heart by the hand of God. And as patience does its perfect work, which is to bring man to a position where he understands the futility of leaning on his own understanding that was obtained in the darkness of unbelief, he will be more fully able to trust God, and rest in the knowledge that God is in control of his life. He will be able to rest in the knowledge that the good work, which God has started within his life, will be completed as he stays the course God lays before him. As he learns to trust God more fully, he will begin to rejoice in the understanding that God has slowly and steadily been chipping away at his captivity to darkness.

> *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Romans 5:1-5*

Through the virtue of patience, man will understand that tribulation, any position where he is found striving against the absolute goodness of God, can be used of God to bring about His perfect will in a man's life. To stand waiting patiently upon the Lord, through a period where tribulation is being experienced, a man filled with God's Spirit will most likely turn more diligently to prayer and the Word for an understanding of God's will and direction. As man waits upon the Lord, he will begin to realize that any thoughts, which may have remained positioned in the realm of darkness, unbelief, are steadily being brought into submission, taken captive, to the Word of God. As the Word continues to do its good work in a man's life, a more thorough separation of soul (self-focused thoughts) from Spirit will transpire.

A man who loves God, who through experience has learned to wait patiently upon God, enduring tests and trials, has come to realize that God is in control, and is able to use all situations to bring about His perfect will for each man. Through waiting patiently upon God, a man receives the blessings that are obtained through experience. As man patiently endures an uncomfortable experience, his own desire to be in control, to take charge of the situation through an understanding that was obtained in the darkness, will be replaced with the desire to submit to the authority of God. God, who is faithful, has and will continue to reveal that His ways are higher than man's. He knows the plan He has for each man. And through experience, man will come to rest in this knowledge, and learn to wait patiently upon the Lord for truth and knowledge; having hope in God because of His goodness toward man.

In patience a man will posses his soul. As a man patiently waits upon the Lord, Jesus Christ, submitted to the Spirit, thoughts that were held captive to the desires of the flesh will be brought into submission to the Spirit. Thoughts held captive to the flesh cause man to strive against the perfect will of God. But when the sword of the Spirit, the Word, reveals truth to the inner recesses of a man's heart and mind, fleshly, self-focused thoughts, that doubt the goodness of God, will be put to death as the sanctifying presence of the Spirit does its perfect work in a man's life. A man's soul will be brought into submission to the Word of God through patiently looking to Jesus Christ to complete the good work that God has begun within their heart and mind. The sword, the Word of God, when wielded in righteousness, will bring about God's good purposes for man.

The sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, when wielded in the hands of a man filled with the righteousness of God, will be used of God, to bring forth understanding, healing, and love in the lives of others. But when the sword, the Word of God, is lifted up, used of a man who is not filled with God's Spirit, their eyes being darkened to the reality of the transforming work of the Spirit, then death and destruction shall follow. A man who walks according to the teaching of the beast who rises up from the sea of the polluted waters of unrepentant, self-righteousness, looks to the letter of the law, in dictating truth and relationship with God. Not having partaken of the living waters, the Holy Spirit that flows from God's throneroom, they deny the power and authority of the Spirit. Because God's great love, which is released into a man's life through the Holy Spirit, has not broken upon the darkness that covers their thoughts and emotions, they deny the power of the Holy Spirit, and think to find revelation in God's message to mankind through the law.

A man who looks away from the Spirit, to the law, in understanding his relationship with God, will have heard about God's great love, but will not have personally experienced it. And because he does not truly trust in God's ability to deliver, or bring about a perfect work through trials and tribulations, this man will continue to look to the flesh, worldly, carnal attitudes, to find a way of escape. To tell a man, who is not filled with God's Spirit, to wait patiently upon God, so that he can see and experience God's hand upon the situation, will be seen as a sign of weakness. The world covered in darkness teaches a man to look to himself for strength in overcoming obstacles, never realizing the situation may change, but his heart will remain veiled in darkness. The light, God's great love, has not moved upon the darkened sea of his emotions that dictate and control his desires, so he will continue to miss the opportunity to experience and appreciate God beginning and completing any good work within his life.

The man who wields God's Word according to the dictates of the beast, who proclaims the law fulfills God's purpose for mankind, will never thoroughly and fully experience thankfulness toward God. Because their thoughts are darkened, never having had the light arise upon the horizon of their hearts, they can never fully appreciate what was accomplished through Jesus Christ. They have never fully understood, within the deep recesses of their hearts and minds, God's great love toward them, that He would send His Son to the earth, to accomplish what the law could not. The law was unable to bring man into alignment with the perfect will of God. But what the law could not accomplish, in that it is weak because of mans darkened, fleshly, carnal attitudes, could be accomplished through the might and power of God's Holy Spirit moving within and upon a man's heart and mind.

> *"The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh." Proverbs 11:17*
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> *"For as he thinketh in his heart so is he: eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee." Proverbs 23:7*

A man who is not filled with God's life transforming love, the Holy Spirit, has not experienced a change of heart in his relationship with God and with others. He may look upon the Word and the law, seeking to find truth, but this truth will be void of expressing a relationship that is brought together through love. Because God's Spirit has not touched his heart, he continues to look upon the Word with an unregenerate spirit. The old nature, the Adamic nature, carnal personality, influences his interpretation of God's Word. The man who wields God's Word, who is not filled with the Holy Spirit, will not be able to speak with God's compassion, with God's love and authority. Because his heart is still held captive to darkened, uninspired thoughts, he will continue to speak words that reflect his understanding. The words he speaks will not have the authority to bring people to a position where they understand that Jesus Christ paid off the great debt that had accrued because of their sins. To speak words of captivity, that lead people to believe they must continue to work off their debt through obedience to the law, will hold people captive to man's dictates and authority.

A man, "whose name is not written in the book of life" because he has not received God's eternal, life giving, Holy Spirit, will continue to wield the Word as a weapon of death and destruction. Because a man, whose name is not found in the book of life, has not taken hold of life, eternal life, it will be his nature to lead others into the same captivity that he is held in bondage to. If he is held captive to impatience, pride, un-holiness, a desire to be as a god in the eyes of others, then he will be sure to use the Word to lead others captive to his same ideology. For what a man thinks upon, what influences his thoughts and actions, will be what is shared with others. If a man, who is held subject to the beastly nature, whose power is derived from Satan, lifts up the Word, it will be his nature, it will be natural to him, to lead others into the same captivity to darkness that he himself walks in. It will be natural for him to use the Word as a sword of destruction, to lead people into captivity to condemnation, pride, and self-righteousness.

> *“He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.” Revelation 13:10*

The man who wields the sword, the Word of God, and proclaims that it is through the law that man will gain entrance into the kingdom of God, pushes himself further away from the Father’s arms of grace. In his belief that it is through obedience to the law, and not through love and faith in Jesus Christ that man will receive God’s Spirit of eternal life, he turns away from the Light of life who desires to usher man into God’s eternal kingdom. Instead of choosing eternal life according to the Spirit, a man who determines relationship with God is fulfilled through obedience to the law, is himself being lead captive to thoughts that belong buried in the region of death. To think of being in a relationship with God, which is void of love and power that exists only through the infilling of God’s Holy Spirit, is to exist in a relationship void of resurrection life.

When a man’s heart has not experienced the love of God moving upon his emotions, thoughts, and desires, he may place even greater emphasis on laws and regulations in hope of appearing righteous before man and God. But God is not deceived. For man to obtain a right standing before the Lord, a man must love God’s Son, Jesus Christ. It is through love and faith in God’s Son, that the Lord will send forth His heavenly nature, the Holy Spirit into a man’s life. It is through a loving relationship with the Father, that is obtained through love and faith in the Son, that a man’s desire will be for more of God, and less of the world. And as man filled with the Spirit continues on with the Lord, the influence of the world, and worldly thinking will begin to pass further away in its ability to influence his thoughts and desires.

> *“Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; who hath saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” 2 Timothy 1:8-10*

If a man stands before the Lord, and if his heart holds no love for the Son, then this man will be held captive to thoughts and desires that exist within the shadow of death. For man to be filled with eternal, abundant life, He must be filled with the Spirit of life, the Holy Spirit. And it is through love for the Son, faith in the Son, that a man will receive the gift of life, the Holy Spirit, and live eternally with God. For a man to think he can lift up the sword, the Word of God, and demand obedience to the law, “which was given through Moses,” while he “denies the grace and truth that came through Jesus Christ,” is to be led astray from God’s desire for man. To use the sword as a means to lead man captive to thoughts that belong buried in the valley of the shadow of death, is to thwart the good purposes of God. What a man thinks upon will take hold of a man and lead him captive. To think that the Word proclaims it is through the law that life is formed in the inner chambers of a man’s heart and mind, is to be led captive to thoughts that are able to separate man from God’s eternal love.

A man, who understands the sanctifying presence of the Holy Spirit, when he encounters another who looks solely to the law for justification before God, he will begin to understand the need for patience. When a man, whose heart is inspired by God’s great love for him, should be attacked and challenged by another who has heard of God’s love, but has never experienced it, he must remember in that patience he will posses his soul. Through patience, a man led of the Spirit will learn not to retaliate with the same cruel words and accusations that are spoken against him. This is a valuable lesson that must be experienced, so that man is better equipped to understand God's heart. And through this experience, as the Holy Spirit helps him to take his thoughts captive to God's Word, so he is able to fight the good fight of faith, he will understand the steps that are required of those who are being conformed into the image of Jesus Christ.

A man, who is to wield the sword in righteousness, must never forget: "he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." Love will work no ill will toward another. When God's love is shed abroad upon a man's heart and mind, through the Holy Spirit, many changes in his relationship with the world will transpire. But he must never forget the Lord's mercy as He reached out and delivered him from the turbulent sea of unbelief. For he who has been forgiven much, may his thoughts be held captive to God's Word, which asks that he forgive others as he has been forgiven. In this understanding, may a man patiently wait upon the Lord, and know that God is able to execute His perfect judgment upon the earth.

> *"For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls." 1 Peter 2:20-25*

The Prophet And The Supernatural

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Several years ago a high-profile prophet appeared on a hot day wearing a heavy overcoat. When questioned about his strange attire, he predicted that in the near future it was going to snow on a particular day. Since snow just didn't appear at that time of year in that area, it was easy to write him off as merely eccentric. However, it *did* snow on the set day that he had prophesied.

Later, when planning a trip to the West Coast, this same man predicted that the day after his arrival there would be a significant earthquake in California. And the earth *did* quake.

So, we have a true prophet, right? Maybe. Maybe not.

Lives in peril

The Bible records a fierce storm on the Sea of Galilee, one that threatened the small boat containing Jesus and his disciples. The Lord was sleeping peacefully in the back of the boat, but his followers awakened him in terror.

"When he woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the water, 'Quiet down!' Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm."
Mark 4:39

The disciples were in awe. "Who is this man, that even the wind and waves obey him?"

No ordinary storm

Those tough old fishermen had been raised on the shores of Galilee, and many times they had ridden out heavy gales. But that was no ordinary storm. It was supernatural in nature.

Question. Did Jesus whip up this special storm so that he could show off his divine powers? I don't think so.

Then who did orchestrate that fierce weather phenomenon?

"You used to live just like the rest of the world, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air." Eph. 2:2.

The storms that churn around the world on a daily basis originate in the atmosphere, the air. And the devil exercise his power in that arena, as he did one night on the Sea of Galilee.

Can Satan also produce earthquakes? I'm sure he can do that as well--and does. Since the dawn of time the devil has delighted in taking away thousands of lives through tornadoes, hurricanes, and other forces of nature that ignorant people call "acts of God." However, his power has always been held somewhat in check, otherwise he long ago would have completely eliminated the entire human race. Just prior to the return of our Lord the "winds" will be released in an unprecedented way, and multitudes will perish as recorded in the book of Revelation.

How then shall we judge the prophets?

Are supernatural forecasts, then, the proof of a true prophet? Obviously not. Then if we can't even trust our own senses in this regard, how shall we judge? Are we at the mercy of false prophets? Not at all.

"Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep, but are really wolves that will tear you apart. You can detect them by the way they act, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit." Matt. 7:15, 16.

If we have opportunity to observe the life of one who professes to be a prophet of God, we may be able to determine the truthfulness of their profession by the way they live. But what if we truly are a poor judge of character, or we don't live where we can observe the life of the professor? Is there another way to discern? Yes! Our Lord has made special provision that we shall be able to ascertain truth. Jesus said:

"It is actually best for you that I go away, because if I don't the Counselor won't come. If I do go away he will come because I will send him to you . . . When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth." John 16:7, 13.

We are moving into an era when Satan will work with unprecedented guile and deceit.

"For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great miraculous signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chose ones. See, I have warned you." Matt. 24:24, 25.

But we have an indwelling Spirit whose work it is to guide us into right paths. How important that we establish, and maintain, an intimate relationship with him, so that we recognize his quiet, protective voice.

The Prodigal Church Generation

Dave Bodine

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For the Lord would say that the mature generation of the Church has entered into a time of mourning. They are mourning the lost years. The years wasted serving religion instead of following after me with hot passion. Their desire, in the prime of their youth, was to follow after me with reckless abandon and pursue me with all their love for me. But, along the way, they were enticed by the generation before them that trained them in the ways of man and in religious protocol. In time, they abandoned their zeal for me. The left behind the excitement of their first love and traded it for form, pomp and circumstance. And now they look at their lives and wonder where the mighty exploits went that they saw in visions and dreams of the fulfillment of their calling. And now they mourn. They mourn what they have lost. They mourn what they can never recapture. They mourn a life of passion wasted on the traditions of man.

But I say to the mature generation that I have shown you these things because it is your hour. It is your time. It is the season that I have preordained to break the yoke off your neck. I will break this yoke, says the Lord, if you submit all your ways to me. I will break the yoke if you give yourself to me just as you did once when you were young. I will break the yoke, if you release to me your anger and hatred and frustrations that have besieged you. I will break the yoke of religion off your neck and set you free. I will set you free to pursue me with all the passion, fervor and excitement that you once felt. I will lift off the heavy burden. I will open the gates and release you into a freedom that you once had as you pursued the visions and dreams before you were taken in to captivity. I will release you into a new found freedom to fulfill the call upon your life.

In doing so, I will also release you to raise up the next generation in freedom. Many of the next generation are standing far off from the Church. They see inside and do not like what they see. Their eyes are open and they see with spiritual eyes. They see your bondage and they see you beckoning them to come into the presence of the Lord . But they see your bondage to the traditions of men and religion. They see Me. They know Me. They are passionate about Me. They are excited about the visions and dreams I have given them to show them what I want to do with their lives. But, they see your bondage. They see many teachers but they seek fathers and mothers in the faith that will walk with them and answer their questions about faith. The desire to have a deeper experience with Me. They yearn for Me. They do not know how to fully come into my presence. It is because they see you and your bondage and they say NO!

I say to the mature generation to go out and find the next generation. They are standing outside the Church. They are waiting and yearning for Me. I say go to them in brokenness. Show them the calluses and scars of the yoke that were upon your neck and arms. Show them how I have set you free. Show them how to avoid the yoke. Point them in the direction of freedom. Release them as only fathers and mothers of the faith can release them. Release them as you wished you had been released.

I tell you truly that the season of yoke breaking freedom is now upon you. I call to the prodigal Church and say to you, let me break the yoke. Let me set you free. Let me bring healing and freedom into your life. Let me send you to the next generation so that they may be released into their destiny in Me.

The Perfecting Of The Saints

Chip Brogden

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"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13).

For what purpose did God give apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers? Verse 12 tells us they are for "the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ". This, of course, does not mean that the saints are supposed to be perfect in the sense that they never make a mistake or can do no wrong. "Perfection" here means "maturity", and it would be good to simply remember that whenever we see the word "perfect" used in this context we should think "spiritually mature".

The perfecting of the saints means the maturing of the saints, the process of bringing the saints out of spiritual immaturity and into spiritual adulthood. This is the purpose for the ministry gifts. We are not born fully-grown; we must "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18a). In Biblical language, to be "perfect" is to be fully developed. For instance, "My strength is made perfect in weakness" (II Corinthians 12:9ff). What does this mean? "My strength is matured through your weakness, and is fully developed in the one who comes to the end of his natural strength."

After more than twenty years of Christian experience, Paul explains that he has neither attained, nor is he already perfect (cf. Philippians 3:12a). Clearly he expects to be perfect one day, but he has not yet attained it. But to what is he attaining to? Sinless perfection? No. He is striving for spiritual maturity, which he defines as an experiential, intimate, fully-developed relationship with Jesus Christ ("to know Him"). Then he says everyone who is perfect (that is, spiritually mature), will be like-minded in their pursuit of knowing Christ.

Paul says he preaches Christ: "...warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Colossians 1:28). This, in essence, is the purpose of all ministry, whether it is the ministry of an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher. It is to preach CHRIST, and to bring all men into a spiritually mature relationship with Him. Christ is at the heart of everything; He is at the center of all activity; we begin with Him and we end with Him.

When we are introduced to a new ministry and we wish to test its authenticity and spiritual value, we need only ask ourselves two questions: is this ministry centered upon Jesus Christ, and does it bring people into a deeper, more experiential knowing of Him?

If we wish to evaluate someone who claims to be an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher, we can apply the same test: is this person centered on Jesus Christ? And when they do whatever it is that they do (preach, teach, prophesy, sing, plant churches, etc.), does it bring people into a deeper, more experiential knowing of Him?

Some may think that kind of test is too severe. Why, if we applied this criteria to every minister and ministry in the world (they say) then we would probably disqualify a majority of workers and works that are doing the Church and mankind a great service. Yes, we probably would. Yet in terms of value to the Kingdom of God, if the work is not Christ-centered and does nothing to bring people into a mature relationship with Him then it has no value to God and is worthless in His sight. If we are not preaching Christ then we are preaching something or someone else; and if we are not bringing people into the depths of Jesus with our life and work then we are either leaving them as they are or leaving them worse than when we found them. We become a distraction and a hindrance to the spiritual growth of others.

If the minister or the ministry does not preach Christ, and does not bring people into spiritual maturity, then they fulfill the opposite of God's intention - they make themselves the center and make the people dependent upon them, guaranteeing the spiritual immaturity of those affiliated with them. A congregation that is dependent upon its pastor to hear from God for them, deliver a message to them, pray for their needs, and take responsibility for their own spiritual growth is doomed to infancy and spiritual immaturity. If the pastor accepts this situation then he reinforces the congregation's dependency upon himself. Instead of pointing them to Christ as their Shepherd and getting them to stand on their own, he becomes their surrogate mother. Unfortunately, this is precisely where many churches are today. "We leave the spiritual work to the pastor, while we attend the services."

The prophetic ministry is just as guilty. The "prophet" or "prophetess" and their "word" becomes the focus of everything; and instead of bringing people to Christ and teaching them how to hear from the Lord on their own, they take responsibility for giving them messages from God. So now people are passively depending on the prophetic ministry for direction, instead of growing up into Christ and developing their own discernment and ability to hear His still, small voice. I read recently of a "prophet" who claimed to give personal words of prophecy to over five hundred people in the course of a week. I do not have to know what was said to know that this person's idea of a "prophetic ministry" will only keep people spiritual dull and incapable of hearing from God on their own. Why should they develop any kind of spiritual sense when they can have a "prophet" come and give them a "word" whenever they like?

Just because we CAN give a word does not mean that we SHOULD give a word. The goal is not to give people a word, but to give them CHRIST as their Word. Or to put it another way, the goal of ministry is not to give people a loaf of bread every day, but to show them how to obtain all the bread they wish in CHRIST who is the Bread of Life. Do you see the difference? If my entire goal is to give people a sermon every week or a prophetic word every day then both I and they will fall far short of God's Purpose, which is spiritual maturity and knowing Christ experientially. If the crowd is coming to me for a loaf of bread every time they get hungry then they are dependent upon me to feed them. This is only acceptable so long as they are children who cannot feed themselves. But if I show them where to get bread on their own then they will not have to come to me anymore: and THAT is the goal. Then they can get nourished directly from the source, Who is Christ Himself. The truth is that selling loaves of bread is big business, and a ministry whose survival depends on selling loaves actually WANTS the people to come back to them over and over again to be fed!

May we see before God that CHRIST is the object and the reason for all ministry. Our goal is not to see anyone become dependent upon us, our ministry, our work, or our word; our goal is not to give them a loaf, but rather, to encourage them to go experience the depths of Jesus Christ experientially and personally - to show them where the Bread of Life is. **www.watchman.net**

Till We All Come
Chip Brodgen

When Sunday Morning Kisses Aren't Enough

"And He gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:11-13). Many people question whether or not apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers are for today. We wish to emphasize a relational Christianity. We hope to do away with the artificial distinction between the professional clergy and the non-professional layman. We want to ensure that Christ is the Head of His Church, and not some man or woman who holds a title, position, or office. We desire to see a priesthood of believers functioning within a community of like-minded brothers and sisters. Naturally, this causes some people to wonder how the ministry gifts fit into this model of Christianity. Does Ephesians 4:11 apply to us today? If so, how?

If we truly understand the purpose of these ministry functions then the problem of their relevance today is solved. Paul tells us exactly how long we will need the ministry of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher. These ministries will continue "till we ALL come in the unity of the faith, and of the full-knowledge [epignosis] of the Son of God, unto a perfect [mature] man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

Let us simply observe the Church of Jesus Christ today and ask: have we all come in the unity of the faith? Have we all attained to the full-knowledge of the Son of God? Have we all, as the Body of Christ (not just individually), grown into the fullness of Christ? The key word here is ALL. Some may have, but it is clear that all have not. So the answer to these questions is no. Since we, as the corporate and universal Body of Christ, have yet to reach the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, we still need the ministries of the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher.

According to God's thought, those who are called to serve the Body in these functions are supposed to be part of the SOME who have already entered into the unity of the faith, the full-knowledge of the Son of God, the fullness of Christ. Who is qualified to function as an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher? It should be those who have walked with the Lord Jesus for some length of time and know Him to such a degree that they are more conformed to the image of Christ than their less experienced brothers and sisters. Having established a mature relationship with Christ, they can now turn their attention to serving and helping others to come to that same maturity.

I have qualified my words by saying "should be" and "supposed to be". I am expressing the ideal. We know that everyone who uses these functions as a title or office for lording over others are not who they claim to be. They can be quite gifted but remain spiritually immature and completely ignorant of what it means to bring people into the depths of Christ if they have yet to experience those depths for themselves. If a so-called ministry does nothing to bring people deeper into Christ then it really is not a ministry at all, and it is worthless insofar as the Kingdom of God is concerned. We might as well lay the axe to the root, chop that tree down and throw it into the fire. It is wood, hay, and stubble. Go ahead and kill it right now because it is dead already.

(I will go further and say if you claim to be a Christian but you do not perceive yourself becoming more and more centered on Christ then I wonder if you are really even saved at all - because you have missed the whole point of Christianity. For the Christian, Christ is increasing, Christ is becoming larger and larger, Christ is becoming the focus. It is quite simple to see who is, and who is not, living up to this standard. The more spiritually mature a person is the more Christ-centered they cannot help but become. This is the unavoidable and inevitable consequence of becoming a Christian, a disciple of Jesus. This is how the Holy Spirit leads each and every true believer, and there are no exceptions to the rule. It is as predictable and certain as the sunrise following after the darkness of night. If the Son of God is not rising higher and higher and shining brighter and brighter in your heart then stop fooling yourself: you are still in the dark.)

Now, a novice is primarily concerned with his or her own spiritual training, whereas an elder is primarily concerned with the spiritual training of others. You have to be a student before you can be a teacher. One does not just decide one day to be a teacher and start a class. To be a teacher requires many years of going to school and being a student. Only after they have mastered their subject are they qualified to teach others.

Likewise, before you can disciple and teach others and serve them in any kind of ministry capacity (and I am using the word "ministry" in its purist Biblical sense, not in any institutional sense), you have to first be discipled and taught yourself. I mean discipled and taught by the Holy Spirit, growing in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. I have never seen the inside of a seminary or Bible college. I have never taken a course in theology (although some of my greatest critics fervently wish I would take a few). I have no certificates, diplomas, or degrees to speak of. But the Holy Spirit Who teaches me and leads me into all Truth has made me wiser than all my would-be teachers. It is not I, but Christ. This Wisdom comes from above; it is not of this world. It is Spirit-and-Truth revelation, not flesh-and-blood knowledge. One is not qualified before God on the basis of theological training, leadership ability, charisma, Bible-knowledge, spiritual gift, congregational vote, or credentialing authority. These count for nothing in terms of whether or not a person has experienced the depths of Jesus Christ.

In the Church that Jesus is building, an older person is not necessarily a spiritual elder. We do not look to the age of a person's physical body when determining their spiritual maturity. Of course, we owe a certain amount of respect to the aged by virtue of their seniority; but they may not necessarily be our elder in the things of the Lord. One can be older chronologically and be quite immature in spiritual matters. Likewise, a relatively young man or woman can have a deep relationship with the Lord and be light years ahead of those two or three times their age. A young man or woman who knows God is more elder than a senior citizen who does not know God. We cannot judge by the flesh, or we will be misled.

If our desire is for maturity, that is, if we desire to come to the full-knowledge of Christ and grow up into Him in all things, we should naturally pay attention to those who are elder in the Lord. But being an elder has nothing to do with leadership ability, filling an office, having a title, or performing some ministerial duty or sacerdotal function in the church. The elders are simply those who are older in the Lord. It is quite simple. My elder brother, or my elder sister, has walked with the Lord longer than I have. The implication is that they are more conformed to the image of Christ than myself; they have experienced a deeper work of the Cross than I have; thus, they have more practical wisdom than I do, they have something to teach me, and I need to hear Christ in them so I, too, can grow. It should be obvious to you who is, and who is not, your elder in the Lord. And, it should be plain to see that not everyone who is older is necessarily elder. If you say you are a believer but you live no differently from the world then you can be as old as Methuselah yet you are certainly not an elder.

What am I getting at? "The fullness of Christ." That is the goal. But you cannot presume to bring people into a fullness that you have not experienced yourself. Common sense tells us that true apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers have to be spiritual elders. They must be walking in that fullness of Christ if God would use them to bring us to that same fullness; how could it possibly be otherwise? We have no business being instructed or discipled by someone who is not our elder in the Lord; what can they possibly add to us, and how can they possibly bring us higher or deeper?

So each of these ministry functions fulfill different roles, but their purpose is the same, and that is, to bring ALL of us into that same fullness, that same spiritual maturity, that same experiential knowing, which the elders themselves enjoy. Thus, He gives SOME, till we ALL... SOME, till we ALL... SOME, till we ALL. Do you see this? And He will continue to give SOME till we ALL. Once He has ALL then the work is complete and these ministries will no longer be needed. Until then they ARE needed, and they are critical to God's Purpose.
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The Power Is Coming

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First, my prayer for you this coming year is that it will be the best one you have ever had in the Lord. I pray that you will draw much closer to Him this year, and come to know His ways and His voice much better. I also pray that you will be changed more into His image by seeing more of His glory with your own eyes. His glory is going to be seen by His people this year.

I would also like to thank all of you who sent cards, encouraging words, and even gifts, all of which were very special and meaningful. Thanks.

By the end of this year we will have covered many of the important biblical prophecies of our times. However, this particular study is designed to unfold in a systematic, methodical way that will probably sift out the impatient. This is done for several reasons. The first is found in Hebrews 6:11-12:

And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end,

that you may not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Our primary goal is more than just knowing the things that are going to come to pass, but to "realize the full assurance of hope until the end." Hope is the foundation of the true knowledge of prophecy, not fear. We will take the time to lay a solid foundation of hope that is based on the nature of God, and the clear, biblical teachings on the plan of God, in which a true hope must be based.

Our next goal is to build in our lives both the "faith and patience" that will enable us to "inherit the promises." Not only will the impatient mishandle the knowledge of these things, but they will also miss out on inheriting the promises. Our goal is not just knowledge, but actually walking in the promises of God, and having a life that is light in our times.

Any eschatology that focuses on doom instead of the glorious promises has fundamentally misunderstood the prophecies of the end times. Certainly there will be troubles, even the greatest time of trouble that the world has ever known. Even so, troubles are not the main point! They are not even worthy of a sideshow. We are coming to the time of the greatest revelation of the glory of God that the world has ever known. This is the main point.

Christians are not doomed at the end of the age. We are coming to the time when Christians will prosper as never before. They will walk in the power, provision, and glory of God in a way which is so spectacular that Israel's deliverance from Egypt was only a "shadow" of the reality which is to come. There will be a distinction made between those who live in "Goshen" and those who worship the idols of this world. Just as Israel left Egypt with its treasures, the wealth of the wicked is being stored up for the righteous.

However, just as Israel was not immediately taken to the closest shopping mall to spend their new found wealth, but rather into the wilderness so that they could use it to build a dwelling place for God, it will be the same for us. The wealth of the nations is not coming to us so that we can live luxuriously, but so we can build God a dwelling place to live among us. This is for the building up of the body of Christ, His church, and His dwelling place. The presence of the Lord among us is a far more wonderful thing than all of the luxuries of this earth could ever be.

As we have for weeks been seeking to lay a foundational understanding of God's heart for restoration, we know that His first priority is the restoration of His temple, the church, so that He can dwell among us. However, the church is not the whole purpose of God, but it is a means, the vehicle through which He intends to restore all things that were lost by the fall. The earth and all it contains is the Lord's, and will be restored.

The Nature of Discernment

One of the main goals of the knowledge of the times is for the purpose of our growing in discernment. The true gift of discernment is a gift that we are certainly going to need in the times ahead.

Many years ago a prophetic friend of mine sat with the then President of the United States and about fifty of the most visible leaders of the church in our nation. My friend was marveling at the wisdom that was present, and how even the President was listening to them. Then, to his surprise, the Lord spoke to him about something he was not expecting to hear. The Lord told him that not a single one of the Christian leaders in that room had the gift of discernment-that this was the gift we were going to greatly need in the times ahead. He wanted to give it not only to His leaders, but also to every one of His people.

My friend then began to perceive that this President was not really listening to these Christian leaders, but was setting them up to use them politically, which is in fact what happened. When my friend related this to me, he said the main concern was not that these men were being used in this way, but that the leadership of the church is so devoid of true discernment. He said this was going to lead to some of the greatest problems the church would face in the days ahead, which has certainly come true.

The Lord was not necessarily using this to reveal the nature of the President, who was only doing what politicians do, but that the men present did not discern how they were being set up to be used was the concern.

It was very soon after this that another prophetic friend of mine said that the Lord had told him that the church was being continually misled by "a false gift of discernment." He said that a "spirit of suspicion" was masquerading as the gift of discernment in the church and hardly anyone recognized it.

This friend of mine then said that the Lord told him the true gift of discernment could only work through compassion. He had given him Philippians 1:9 as the Scripture for it, "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment." The Lord went on to tell him that "anything but love will distort discernment."

My way of thinking at the time was that "love is blind," and more prone to cloud your discernment of a person rather than help you to discern accurately. However, the Lord said that the opposite was true. As I sought the Lord on this matter, He showed me over and over how suspicion had caused me to misunderstand many people, and how I had often missed His will in matters because of it.

The Nature of Spiritual Authority

It was at this time that the Lord began to speak to me about how all true spiritual authority is founded upon love. We see this in the Lord's own walk on the earth. It was when He had compassion for the sheep that were without a shepherd that He became their Shepherd. It was when He had compassion on those who sat in darkness that He became their Teacher.

I was then told that I would know when He was sending me because I would feel His love for those to which I was being sent. I would know I was being sent to a church when I started to feel His love for that church. I would know I was being sent to a ministry when I started to feel His love for that ministry. The same is true for a city, country, culture, or a people group. It was only through this love that I would be able to discern the roots of their problems and bondage so that I could help them.

Truly loving someone does not mean you will only see the good in him or her. It means that you can see them as they are and only seek good for them.

It is for this reason that Paul wrote in II Corinthians 5:14, "For the love of Christ controls us..." This leads us to one of those ultimate questions. What would we be like if the love of Christ was controlling all of our thoughts and actions? Then add to this the power of Christ abiding within us to do the works that He did, and even greater works. What would our days be like if this were true?

There will be a people, whom this will be true, who will walk the earth before this age is over. They will have His love in them and will therefore walk the earth like He did. As we will see, this is sound, biblical prophecy concerning the end of this age.

Because our goal for knowing the Lord's will is to be prepared so we can do His will, let's get even more practical. What would you do today if His love was controlling you, and His power was in you? Who would you heal? What devils would you cast out? For whom would you multiply their food? To whom would you preach the gospel of the kingdom?

We might also add some other practical questions to this. Would we have watched the television programs we did in the past? How much gossip would we have even listened to, much less helped to spread? Would we have become angry with our neighbor over such a small thing? Would I have gloated over the misfortune that struck the person I may have disliked?

The most important eternal truth will begin to be restored to the church this year. This is going to happen in powerful and dramatic ways. This truth is the truth of the power of the cross. This is going to change everything. It is even going to change us.

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The Pit of Destruction
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Last week we discussed how crucial it is to esteem the value of life. It is the reason why this was the first test of Solomon's wisdom, as it is a value that is fundamental to wisdom. However, history teaches us that this is a value that gets harder to hold on to the more difficult the times become. At the end of this age, during the greatest times of trouble that the world has ever known, the devil, the one who was the murderer from the beginning, will be unleashing his last and most desperate fury upon the earth in an attempt to kill all that he can. The result will be that those who are controlled by him will casually kill multitudes. They will seemingly have no pang in their conscience, but rather will be rewarded for their deeds, as those who kill the most will become the most celebrated. As mankind falls into its deepest darkness and depravity, this will be measurable by their lack of esteem for life.

The Nazi regime degenerated to the point where whole families, and even whole neighborhoods, could be wiped out at the whim of a relatively junior officer, while some of the most brilliant minds were devoted day and night to determining how they could kill people more cheaply. It was just a foretaste of what is to come. In contrast to this, those who grow in the true wisdom of the fear of the Lord will also be growing in their esteem for the value of life. These will be given increasing power to give words of life, even resurrection life, as they grow in this true wisdom.

For this reason we should all be devoted to imparting the words of life every opportunity we can. That words can give life is one of the great marvels. Let us determine every day to sow seeds of encouragement, hope, and faith. We should recognize the encroachment of discouragement and hopelessness as the beginning of enemy strongholds that must be resisted. Above all, we must value the most valuable gift that has been given to any-the value of life.

Again, as we proceed toward the end of this age, one of the most prominent, distinguishing characteristics between those who serve the Lord and those who serve the devil will be the esteem for life. One of the primary entry points for the spirit of death into Nazi Germany was through the medical community. We can expect the same for what is to come. When this profession, which is supposed to be fundamentally devoted to the preservation and protection of life, starts to be used to kill, it will eventually open the floodgates of death.

Before developing this theme further, please allow me to make an important observation about our present, American, medical community. What I am about to say applies to different degrees to other countries, especially Western nations, but it would be too much of a generalization to attribute it to all of them. First, we should all keep in mind that if we are alive today we probably owe this to at least some degree to the medical community. If it had not been for the advances they have made in medicine, the world would almost certainly have suffered plagues such as were released during the Middle Ages many times over. We should also be very thankful for the quality of life and even life itself, which has resulted from the medical community's devotion, diligence, and brilliant use of the gifts and talents that God gave to them. For this reason we too should be devoted to encouraging doctors and any other health industry workers for their work.

However, there are some very dark practices already gripping modern medical science-the very ones that preceded the turning of medicine in Nazi Germany into one of the most diabolical tools the devil ever had in his hands. If they are not addressed and reversed, we can expect the same results.

The fall from grace in medicine usually begins when it changes from being a calling to being a business. There are still doctors who are true healers, whose devotion and fulfillment comes from seeing the sick made well. However, these are increasingly rare. Too many doctors today are just professionals, and their practice is a business more than a calling. To them their patients are more like commodities than people. Hope is still the most potent medicine ever devised for any disease. One of the greatest tragedies of modern medicine is that doctors have, to a large degree, been deprived of being able to administer this medicine for fear of potential lawsuits or other consequences to their business if anything goes wrong.

It would not surprise me if 99 percent of physicians are ignorant of what I am about to tell you, and would dispute it, but the cure for cancer could have been found a long time ago, and would have been found if cancer was not such big business. The same is true of almost every other degenerative disease.

The chemicals that are used in chemotherapy cost about ten dollars, while they are sold to patients for fifteen hundred dollars or more. When you are mostly dealing with professionals instead of true healers, who are running a business more than a true hospital, there is really no incentive to find a cure for cancer. Where is the incentive for the pharmaceutical companies to find such a cure, especially if it turned out to be an inexpensive cure? I personally have become convinced that such is in fact the case.

Everyone has cancer cells in their body. A normal healthy immune system will eradicate them easily, keeping them from gathering to become a tumor. However, the chemotherapy that is used to fight tumors attacks the immune system, making future tumors inevitable. Alternative medicine has found ways to eradicate tumors while strengthening the immune system instead of destroying it. Why are these not more widely known or used by "traditional" medicine? I honestly believe that 99 percent of doctors and most people are ignorant of these facts because a system has evolved that is so self-interested and so devoted to self-preservation that it resists and attacks everything not coming through it. Sound familiar? Sounds like many church institutions, does it not?

This is why many of the great advances of the gospel have had to come from outside of the church institutions. Some great revivals and advances of the gospel have come out of denominations, but they are now rare because it is hard for such to maintain the ability to take risks, which is required to walk in faith.

It is not likely that many doctors have even thought through these things, even those who are true healers that are trying to do the best they can. They are just doing the best with the knowledge that they have been given, and within the system as it is. They can draw from the encouragement of many patients that have truly been helped, at least for a time. However, the plot of the movie The Fugitive is more prophetic than many supposed. A doctor who discovers the fraud in medical research will be deemed far more dangerous than any mass murderer by that establishment.

This is not to imply that such a diabolical fraud is to be found in all medical research, or even most of it. Probably, the majority of doctors and researchers are sincerely trying to do the very best they can. It is the system, which has an entity behind it that is bigger and more powerful than any individual. When you start touching, not just a multi-billion dollar business, but a multi-trillion dollar business, it will get very dangerous.

In this format of the Word for the Week, I do not have time to back up and establish some of the statements that I have made in a way they deserve. I am not a doctor or an expert in this field, and many who are have been addressing them. I believe it will become a major issue in the future, even affecting presidential races. In spite of what I have said, I still believe we have the best medical system in the world. It has cancers within itself, and they must be addressed or soon the whole body will die. The answer is to get rid of the cancer, not kill the body.

I think the legal system in America likewise has some very deadly cancers growing within it that will soon have to be addressed. Even so, having traveled throughout much of the world, I think it is still one of the best legal systems there is. The world is the world and we should not expect perfect solutions in this world until the King returns.

Even so, I have talked to too many doctors who are genuinely horrified at what is happening and for these things to continue much longer without being exposed. A growing number are already sounding the alarm. Those who know me, and my message, know that I am not given to paranoia or conspiracies. Even in this I am not ready to put the blame on any individual, as I know that we are not warring against "flesh and blood," but against higher spiritual powers (see Ephesians 6:12). There are probably some individuals who know what is happening, and have given themselves over to evil. In general, I do not believe that this is the case. I think the system has taken over the people instead of the people running the system.

Again, even though more doctors are seeing what I am describing, greed is driving much of the medical industry. The warnings are presently being treated the same way that they were in Nazi Germany. The momentum of a dark and deadly evil is permeating the medical industry. It is growing in power and is already dominant. There are some who are being salt and light, but not enough. The medical system is headed to the place where doctors will decide who should live or die, not by whether they could be treated or healed, but by the patient's usefulness "to society." Remember the "useless eaters." That is how it began in Nazi Germany, and this same philosophy is now growing in even the most advanced, free nations.

Abortion is the biggest gate of hell, giving hell entry into the medical community in a way that will make it one of the enemy's most powerful fortresses for his evil devices. It is the snuffing out of life at its most vulnerable stage. Almost any beast that is a mother would willingly sacrifice its own life for the sake of its young. When we sink below this to even casually killing our own unborn children we have in some basic ways fallen below the beasts. This is ultimate depravity, selfishness, and darkness of soul.

Jesus came to save "the maimed, and the halt, and the blind" (Luke 14:21 KJV). He came to save sinners. His grace is more than enough to forgive those who have had abortions, and heal them of even the emotional scars. Some of these, who have experienced firsthand the horrors of abortion and the destruction of a precious life within their own bodies, are becoming the greatest champions of life. Others have had their consciences seared by the experience, and will not live as they could have, neither feeling, loving, or experiencing life, because of their moral and spiritual callouses. Every abortion also kills part of the mother like few other things could.

Those who serve the "Prince of life" will love life. They will esteem honor and protect it, even at the risk of their own lives, just as our Savior gave His life so we could live. The Reformation that released the great increase of knowledge that we are now experiencing (see Acts 3:15), began on the foundational principle that salvation was individual, not corporate, and that there had to be personal faith, not just membership in an institution, to be saved. This gave infinite and eternal value to every individual, regardless of what condition their body was in, because they had a soul that could live forever. This was the foundational belief that gave birth to democracy and free enterprise. For the last five centuries, if you look at where freedom and true, lasting, prosperity spread, it was where these great Reformation truths were spread.

As II Corinthians 3:17 declares, "Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Freedom is a basic characteristic of anything that God is truly in. The most basic freedom of all is the freedom to live. One of the devil's ultimate strategies is to take our lives away. To do this, one of his most basic strategies is to take our freedom away so he can give the power of life and death to his followers who are under his control. We will address this issue in more detail in the coming weeks, but for now we must set in our hearts that death is an ultimate enemy, and to love, esteem, and protect life is a fundamental characteristic of Christianity.

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This Place

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All of us look forward to when we will live in heaven. Of being released from a sinful nature we do not want and finally being who we really are. A place of abundance in Him.

Jesus has prepared such a place like this here for us before we reach heaven. A place of abundance. The difference is that in heaven, the self nature we have here is gone. But before we get to heaven, we must die to our selfish nature here. And when we do, we can enter into a special place that we never want to leave. A place He created for us. And a place the outside world cannot see or grasp. It is drab in appearance, even to us. The outside world sees no value in this place. And at times, we do not either. But this place is an answer to where we long to be. Nothing in life could be better than living in this place.

I've been to this place a few times over the last few years in my dreams. When I am there, I never want to leave. It feels that nothing would be more enjoyable than living in this place. A week ago, I went there again in a dream and found out where I had been visiting.

I had a dream, but it was more than that. It was like I went to this place. I've been here before in previous dreams. It is a place I have yearned and ached to go back to, it's a place where I want to stay. The place is enormous. It is all rooms. And all underground. It was under a $200,000 home. The owner of the home was seen, but he did not appreciate or care for this place. He reluctantly acknowledged this place under his home.

I was sitting in a huge stadium underground, I saw a playing field in front of me. But there were no players on the field. The lighting on the field was somewhat dark. As I looked to my left I saw a few people, maybe eight but that's all I saw. They were sitting in some bleachers above me. They were very friendly and I could tell they liked being here too.

I went for a walk through this place with my father. Although this place was kind of dark and dreary, I loved being in this place. I went through the main section and it all looked familiar. I had been here before. As I walked forward I saw huge rooms. Huge bedrooms, huge kitchens. I remembered a bedroom that I had seen here before. An open-air bedroom built on a mountainside, just one big bedroom with the bed at the top. It was a masterpiece just to see it. As we walked. my father had a pistol strapped on his side, one you might see in the Old West. I was completely protected here even though I felt no fear from anything, only peace and contentment. I wondered again what this place was.

I wanted to go to another level of this place. I had been to that level before. It is underground even deeper. I went down into it and then started walking across the expanse of it. It was quite a bit darker here although I could still see. Like you could tell for sure you were deep underground. I saw a room with a man lying in bed there. It was like he was dead, but there was no fear at all in what I saw. It was as it should be. I stood still and watched him for a time. I did not go any farther into this section of this place.

My father and I then went to the upper section of this place. We climbed up to the top and then to the edge of the developed area with all the rooms and looked over into a vast dark area that was undeveloped. There was nothing built here, just a dark mountainside. It was undeveloped and my father was not pleased in seeing this. There was space here for many more rooms, but there had not been a reason to build any more rooms, additional rooms were not needed. And then I realized the Lord was beside me. I asked Him where was this place. He said this was a place He made for His own to live in who die to themselves. He said He created this place for His servants.

The Plea of My Friend

Luz Cintron

I have a friend whose heart was set to love.
One day he went to a far city where saw an orphan girl.
His heart leaped in him as he behold her.
He worshiped her,
but when he laid his hand to touch
the beloved of his heart,
she hid from him in shame.

Still he loved her and continued in his love for her.
He went back home and open the treasures of His house
to sent her garments, and oils to perfume and oils to cleanse.
After many days he came back to her
She was clean, she was pretty in his garments
cleansed and perfumed with his oils
she smelled like home to him
though she did not know it.
To her it smell like him.
He showed himself to her once more
but when he stretched his hand to touch her
she recoiled in fear.

Still he remained loving her.
He went back to his house
and now he sent horses galloping in strength
they knocked the doors and torn the fences
they pulled down walls and laid bare everything
within the city of his love.
The strenght of the city was reduced to ruins
She laid there in its midst
covered only by her fears
as lonely as before.
The heavens were dark
the moon and the stars did not have light to give her.
She sat in darkness, in the open field and wondered of him.

He came to her once more and saw her from afar
as she laid in the open field.
As a refuse she laid
as something left to rot.
With a heart of compassion he longed for her.
He loved her still, maybe even more,
and drew near her
in the field as she stood alone.

From a distance, still hidden from her sight
he sung her song.
She heard him and her heart started to beat its wings
not being able to take flight for she could not see him.
She cried tears of impotence.

He stood afar and spoke to her tenderly in poems from his heart
She heard him and called to Him
because she could hear him but could not see him.
In his undying love he worshiped her with new resolve
he spoke to her in grace
and send his words to her in fireflies
in the middle of the night.
They touched her hair and kissed her lips
they rest around her as she stood in their light.

This is the light that is when all is dark.

She remembered his hands stretched to her before
and their plea pierced through her heart.
She was convinced she had missed it, she had failed
and cried hot tears of repentance.
She wished deep and long for him there.

His voice would come to her every so often
now carried by the breeze
almost a tender and caressing touch
that woke her heart to love.
From where it came she could not see
but oh! how she longed!
There he spoke to her sweetly, in the midst of the open field,
after she had been covered with darkness like a cloak.

She looked to the stars, they were not shinning,
she looked for the moon and it had hidden away.
She looked to the ground and knelt to behold her beginnings
her tears mixed in with it and formed clay as she held it in her hands
and she remembered the hands that formed her shape,
the lips that touched her nose to give it breath.

He rose from his hiding place to meet her.
He came to her once more.
Perhaps it was their first encounter
as it was meant to be from the very beginning.
Who knows? He did not say a word.
He looked into her eyes
and took her hands dirty with clay
he laid them in his hands and kissed her tenderly.

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The Passion Movie

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I was very inspired and touched by the blockbuster movie "The Passion of Christ." I have been praying for and anticipating this movie for over a year, and I was not disappointed. Although it is a true work of art, you are not thinking about the good cinema quality as much as you are transfixed on the man Jesus Christ and the forgiveness and love of his character. What a man! What an awesome God! While other religions often require YOU to sacrifice to gain their god?s approval, only Christianity offers a God who sacrifices His only son so that we can know Him.

I am sure everyone gets something different out of this movie, but what struck me personally was the message of Jesus the chief apostle, because I believe our generation will see the anointing of apostles restored to the corporate "body of Christ." In the early church everyone knew who and where the apostles were, but this is not the case today. Often times, our many denominations and institutions hinder true apostolic anointing working in the region wide body of believers. However, this seems to be changing with prayer, and this movie may very well help the cause of uniting the city wide local body under true apostolic authority.

Just one example of this type of unity happened here in Huntsville on the day that the movie opened. A group of 12 local pastors were in the middle of a four day / three night prayer summit retreat in order to pray for the city and get to know each other better. They all went to see this movie together and as a group were very moved by what they saw. I was told that they all left the movie theater without saying a word to each other during the entire ride back to the retreat lodging (quite a miracle for preachers :-). Although these pastors were all from different denominations and backgrounds, they found common ground with this movie, and it helped their focus for the remainder of the retreat.

The kingdom of God is much bigger than the church. Here is a movie produced by one of the greatest stars in Hollywood that will probably do more to promote the sacrificial character of Jesus than hundreds of church institutions combined. I believe this type of breakthrough will start happening in other fields of service like business, science, education, government, etc. The church was never meant to be an institution, but rather a living example of Jesus on the earth during every day life. Life is really about relationships: first with our creator God and then with one another. Deep and lasting "father/son" type relationships will become the backbone of this apostolic revolution.

Jesus is the chief "apostle" which simply means a "sent one," and so His life & death is the example of all apostles. Paul in the new testament was also a great example of the gift of an apostle and he wrote, "I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." That is what this movie is all about ? Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Jesus died to "self" every day of His life and not just at the cross. Likewise, the apostle Paul wrote, "I die daily" - This heart attitude is resident in all apostles. When discerning true apostles, this type of humble character is more important than gifting or miracle working, and even Jesus refused to perform a sign when religious people required it from Him.

It was truly Jesus? passion to endure the cross with the longer term vision of a harvest of souls for the kingdom of God. Likewise, all future true apostles of the Lamb will have this same gentle, humble attitude of laying down their lives for the sake of others. This was the message of the cross and the obvious focus of this movie.

If the terror attacks of September 11th 2001 was a wake-up call from hell, then the release of The Passion movie is a 911 wake-up call from heaven. I pray that this alarm will wake up a slumbering generation to take up their crosses and follow Jesus. He is our only hope, and only those with Jesus' character and self-sacrificing attitude will bring the kingdom of heaven to this earth. "Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done!"

The Power Of A Seed

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May 10, 2004 was the election day for our country, the Philippines. And in the past months of the campaign, we have been bombarded with different kinds of information coming from all avenues. Many issues were brought forth, debated, shared, and discussed. Many sectors of society, including the believers, got stirred up to participate, for they truly desire to see change happen to our country.

Now that the election is over and we await the results, what's next for us to do? As I was pondering upon this matter, the Lord brought back to my mind "the power of a seed," and how often we failed to grasp the full implication of this and end up missing a lot of opportunities to affect change in our midst.

A Seed Produces

A seed, of whatever variety, is often small. But once it is planted, well taken cared of, and given time, has the ability to multiply and to grow beyond any measure we can imagine. This truth applies not just to a physical seed, but also to "spiritual" seeds that God has given specially to His people.

We long to experience positive and meaningful changes in our lives, our families, our churches, our society, our cities, and our nation. And oftentimes because of the magnitude of the problems we face daily, we begin to feel desperate and, at times, just surrender to these feelings, thinking that nothing will ever change, forgetting that we hold in our hands God's seeds which has the power to change the situations around us.

Today, let us remind ourselves once more that God has given us all the seeds we need to start sowing, seeds that will one day grow into mighty trees. Trees that will one day benefit not just the sower but many others as well.

What are we facing today?

Is it financial distress? Then let us sow seeds of "giving." Let us give of our time, talent and, yes, finances.

Is it emotional coldness or apathy by those around us? Then let us sow seeds of "love". A kind word, a smile, a gentle touch...these little acts will help melt the coldness around us.

Is it fear and despair? Then let's begin sowing seeds of "praise & thanksgiving." Let's start to look for the positive in people instead of the negative. Let us begin to thank our children, our friends, our leaders for what they have already done instead of complaining about what they have failed to do.

Is it doubt and uncertainty? Then try sowing the seeds of "speaking forth God's promises." The Bible is full of them. Let us begin claiming them one by one.

Is it greed and dishonesty in society? Then try sowing seeds of "integrity and generosity". Let us practice speaking the truth always even when it hurts. In our work, let us become good stewards of all things entrusted to us, whether small or big. Let us not be afraid to go the second mile.

I am confident that whatever the need is in our midst today, God will abundantly provide us with the right seed to sow.

We Can Be Assured

What we will be led to do today may seem immaterial, if compared to the circumstances and challenges we are facing whether as a person, a family or a nation. But as we start sowing where the Lord leads us, we can be assured that one day, whether in our lifetime or our children's lifetime, these small sowing actions will reap many beneficial changes.

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter or purpose under heaven. A time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted. He has made everything beautiful in its time."
(Ecclesiastes 3:1,2b,11a)

"And let us not lose heart and grow weary and faint in acting nobly and doing right, for in due time and at the appointed season we shall reap, if we do not loosen and relax our courage and faint. So then, as occasion and opportunity open up to us, let us do good to all people [not only being useful or profitable to them, but also doing what is for their spiritual good and advantage]. Be mindful to be a blessing, especially to those of the household of faith [those who belong to God's family with you, the believers.]"
(Galatians 6:9-10)

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"To Give Oneself Up Into The Power Of Another"
Lately, I have been meditating on how I can love God with ALL my heart, mind, soul, and strength. What does that really look like? Is it possible?

That would mean that everything in my life would take second place to my love for God. EVERYTHING. Wow!! What a thought.
I asked the Lord how I might obtain such a love and I felt He whispered to me, "Surrender."

According to the dictionary, the word surrender literally means:

1 a : to yield to the power, control, or possession of another upon compulsion or demand <surrendered the fort> **b :** to give up completely or agree to forgo especially in favor of another
2 a : to give (oneself) up into the power of another especially as a prisoner **b :** to give (oneself) over to something (as an influence) intransitive senses **:** to give oneself up into the power of another **:** YIELD

Now, that is powerful -- "To give oneself up into the power of another." That is just what Jesus did for the Father and for us.

The Safest Place To Be

There is no more secure place to live, than to give our lives up to the One who is the essence of Love itself and gave Himself up for us. The One who made us and only has our best interest in mind. Our Destiny Maker, our Path Creator, our Heart Transformer, our LORD.

Romans 12:1-2
"I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Surrendering to the Lover of our souls is a very safe place.
Proverbs 18:10
"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe."

Surrendering Our Ways

We know that His ways are above our ways and His thoughts are higher than ours. As we place ourselves back on the potter's wheel in this season of transformation, we will find that God wants to reshape our hearts and minds so we aren't hindered in the coming days by our own expectations or comfortable ways. His skillful shaping and molding in our lives only gives way for greater fruitfulness in His kingdom. He is the MASTER potter.

Seeing what lies ahead, He takes us and transforms us into a vessels of honor to be used by the King.

Surrendering Our Hearts

God can do much with a surrendered heart. A heart that will be made tender by His love. A heart that is quick to forgive, patient, and looking for the good in people. This kind of heart is willing to undergo that "circumcision" or "cutting away" of any hardness that has formed on it because of hurtful times. The Surgeon of the "circumcision" always gives a Holy Ghost anesthetic, when such a procedure is

required.
This heart-tenderizing transformation produces strength to move forward in overwhelming compassion, creating an atmosphere where miracles can flow. It's what Jesus experienced when He healed people oppressed by the devil. This tender heart hears God's heart, and God's heart is for the lost and dying world.

Surrendering Our Lives

Galatians 2:20
"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me."

Recently, I was in a conference where the leadership was talking about our need for change in our churches. It seemed so evident to all, but in the elevator I overheard one of the pastors express an unwillingness to change.

The comment went something like, "...That would strip away my whole identity. We are fine the way we are."
There is a danger sign when our "identity" is wrapped up in how we do things, how we function, our gifting, or our callings. We must be careful that we don't lose sight of the One who gave us these things. What if the Lord wants to use us in a new way? It is more about who Christ is in us than who we are in Christ.

The Powerful Results Of Surrender

A surrendered life produces great freedom to new expressions of the Spirit. This must have been what the people felt who were gathered in the upper room in Acts 2. They began to have a POWERFUL encounter with the Holy Spirit and the result didn't just affect their lives, but the whole city and region, IMMEDIATELY.

Surrender is what Mary chose in obedience to a request made to her by God. Until that time, such a request had been unheard of; but the result of her surrendered heart caused Jesus to be born through her. Mary LOVED Jesus, with all of her heart, all of her mind, all of her strength, and all of her soul. This love is the result of SURRENDER.

Giving God Free Rein In Our Lives

As we enter into this season of harvest, where spiritually hungry people are looking for the true "Bread of Life," let us keep a surrendered heart so Jesus can be birthed through us and then in the ones we meet.

Let us set aside these next few days and weeks to surrender to God and let Him transform us -- according to His plan for our lives -- for the upcoming season we are entering into. Let's give God free rein in our lives and ministries to add to or to take away anything He sees would not be useful for the upcoming days.
Surrender to the King of all Kings and WE'LL GIVE HIM ALL THE GLORY...CHRIST THE LORD!!!

Have a very blessed Christmas.

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The Preaching of the Cross

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The preaching of the cross is the power of God, and the enemy hates the cross of Christ, because it is through the death of Jesus that the one who had the power of death was destroyed. Jesus Christ paralyzed the principalities and powers and made a public display of them, putting them to an open shame. This was done on the cross, because if the prince of this world would have known the result of the death and resurrection of Jesus, he would have never crucified the Lord of glory. (1Cor.1:18), (Hebrews 2:14), (Colossians 2:15), (1Cor.2:8).

The blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on Calvary's cross has secured for the believer a right standing with God. It is through the blood of Jesus that we are redeemed, sanctified, and overcome the wicked one. (Ephesians 1:7), (Hebrews 13:12), (Revelation 12:11.)

Jesus Christ said that "if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." (John 12:32.)

It is because of God's great love for sinful man that He has brought forth a movie on the crucifixion of Christ, so that men and women who would not ordinarily set foot in a Church will be greatly moved by the Holy Spirit as they view this movie. The inevitable question that must be asked is why did He suffer and die such a horrible death? The answer is that "God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in Him would not perish but would have everlasting life." (John 3:16.)

There are many pastors and well know prophetic men that have viewed "The Passion of Christ" and have said that it is scripturally sound. Yet is seems that the powers of darkness are vehemently against this movie going forth. The opposition to this movie Going before the public is a sure indication that God is in it. The gospel of Jesus Christ is being presented in this movie, and the gospel of Jesus is the power of God for salvation unto all that believe. (Romans 1:16.)

May our prayer be that God would use this movie as an evangelistic tool to bring many people all over the world to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit draw the unsaved to the cross of Christ.

The Passion Of Christ Worldwide
Charles Carrin

"Yasser Arafat and his entire PLO Cabinet watched the movie, The Passion Of The Christ,"-- that was the news R. T. Kendall called to tell me the day after his return from Israel. R. T. personally took the film to Israel and sat next to Yasser during the entire showing. Only God knows what effect the viewing had on these men but R. T. observed that Arafat and the others were visibly shaken by it. Pray for the salvation of the PLO leadership and the end of terrorism! Pray for Dr. Kendall's witnessing to them. Remember that Saul of Tarsus was also a terrorist before his conversion.

Two missionary-friends in the Muslim nation of Qatar wrote separately about the movie and I quote from each. The first one said: "Today very possibly was the most significant day we have seen in nearly 12 years of living in the Middle East. To everyone's shock and surprise, "The Passion" was released here in Qatar ... You have to realize that until now we have only been able to show the 'Jesus' film in Arabic to a handful of Qatari in the secret of a home setting. In the coming weeks, potentially 10's of thousands of Arab Muslims will see this powerful portrayal of Christ's suffering and death."

The other writer tells, "Yesterday I took two Palestinian Muslims and one European Christian leader to see the film The Passion Of The Christ. The theatre was packed with what I would estimate to be an 80-90% Arab Muslim audience. ... You should have seen the sea of thobes and gutras (their white robes and head-coverings). The movie is a missionary's dream with perfect Arabic subtitles--leaving in all the 'Son of God' and 'Father' terminology. The film is being shown 19 times a day ... One of the Palestinians sitting next to me was completely OVERWHELMED with what he was watching. Many times he just put his face in his hands sighing and shaking his head ... He works for one of the local Arabic newspapers that had run the review of the movie the day before. He told me before the film, 'EVERYBODY is talking about this movie' ... After the film, I told him in Arabic, "Jesus loves you so much and did all of it for you!"

Part of the reason Muslims are flocking to see the film is that they heard American Jews objected to it. Since Muslims hate the Jews, they were eager to see the movie for themselves. Thank God! Jewish opposition was needed to get Muslims world-wide into the theatres. Theology in the movie forces a soul-search upon Muslims. The Koran denies that Jesus was the "Son of God," denies that He was crucified, denies that God is a "Father." The movie further challenges Muslims' hatred for Jews by Jesus' cry for mercy, "Father! Forgive them! They know not what they do!" The Koran offers no such kindness.

The missionary continues: "The 'Passion' shares the Gospel in 2 hours more powerfully and clearly than any of us on our team have in our whole time in the Gulf--or ever would be able to!!! Hallelujah! It is such an unbelievable dream come true; we still have to slap ourselves to realize it is happening!

Recently, I spoke at Victory Christian Center, Boca Raton, Florida, and met a young Israeli Christian girl who grew up in Israel and speaks Hebrew. She told me that a Hebrew-speaking Israeli website took a poll, asking Jews in that country if the film should or should not be shown. 95% of them voted "yes"--show it. Many wanted to see the film for themselves. Recently, according to public TV, two men, one, a bank robber and the other, a murderer, saw the film, were convicted of their crimes, went to the police station and turned themselves in. That is a "first" for a Hollywood film.

In a TV interview, Mel Gibson, the Producer-Director, said he prayed for Jews and everyone else world-wide that they would "have their names in the Lamb's Book of Life." Pray for this man! Pray that he will be directed to produce other genuine "Jesus" films.
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The Power Of God

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The real issue is not whether or not we want the power of God, but do we really want the presence of God in our lives? God is seeking to build character in us, the character of His Son! This is not instead of His power, but because of His power. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is not just a one time touch, it is a transformed life a life that is yielded daily to the Holy Spirit’s control. As the apostle said in Galatians 2:20:

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

This is our calling, that we not just live for ourselves, but that the Lord might live His life through us. Moses knew the only thing that would make us different and unique from anyone else in the world would be the manifest presence of God revealed in our midst, as he stated in Exodus 33:14-16:

And He said, "My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest."

And he (Moses) said unto Him, "If Thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and Thy people have found grace in thy sight?

Is it not in that thou goest with us? So shall we be separated, I and Thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth."

It is not just knowing about Jesus, but having Him present with us that is essential. The presence of the Lord is not an occasional touch from Him, with which so many Christians become satisfied—it is the presence and power of Almighty God in our daily lives—it is a continual filling of the Holy Spirit so that we abide in Him each day. This is the only way that true Christians can be distinguished from all of the other religions on the face of the earth. Christianity is not just knowing or trying to live by certain doctrines—it is becoming the temple of the Holy Spirit.

This is revealed again in the example of Peter and John standing before the council in Acts 4:13:

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

It was not Peter’s and John’s intellectual ability that caught the attention of these men—it was that they had been with Jesus. There is a noticeable quality in those who have been in fellowship with the Lord.

Being Filled With The Spirit

Ephesians 5:17-18 states, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." The Greek word for "filled" is pleroo, which literally means to be "continually filled." This is not a one time experience. You must be filled with the Holy Spirit daily. Each day we need to submit to the Spirit’s control and guidance.

What Is The Anointing?

The anointing is the manifested power of God’s Holy Spirit to accomplish and perform the works of God. Psalm 92:10 states, "But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil." One translation reads, "But my authority shall thou exalt like the strength of a wild ox." In those days the ox was considered a personification of strength— this Scripture speaks of our having God’s strength to do God’s will.

How do we transfer the power from Heaven to earth—from God to man? The apostle Paul said "For the word of the cross ... is the power of God" (I Corinthians 1:18). Matthew 28:18 states, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, ‘All power is given unto me, in heaven and in earth’." We must never forget Jesus Christ is Lord of all and He possesses all power, in heaven and earth. When we receive Him we receive the power of God.

The same Christ that we read about in the Gospels lives in us, with the same power that He demonstrated in the Scriptures. Christ has power to stop and still the storms in your life, today! He has the power to heal the sickness in your life, or to reach through you to heal the sickness in others. His power was not limited with His resurrection—it was expanded! He is not less today than He was then, but even more! As Psalm 115:3 states, "But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased."

The Holy Spirit is the power agent of God active in the earth today. Power and the Holy Spirit are inseparable. We cannot have "spiritual power" without the Holy Spirit, and we cannot have the Holy Spirit without having His power, as is stated in Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..." Notice that this is a personal promise, "but you shall receive power." And it does not say that maybe you will receive it! The Lord would never mislead us—Christ gives us a promise of the impartation of His mighty power. The Book of Acts is the testimony of what life is supposed to be like for Christians.

On the day of Pentecost, when Peter rose up to preach the first gospel message of the new church, he quoted Joel 2:28-29, "And it shall come to pass afterward (Literal "in the last days"), that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit." Here he is stating that prophecies, dreams and visions, which are supernatural revelations of God’s purposes, will be common in the last days when the Lord pours out His Spirit.

Why do we need the power of God’s Spirit in our daily lives? When the Lord prayed for His people on the night before His crucifixion, He explained, "As Thou (Father) hast send Me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world" (John 17:18). In Acts 10:38 we are given a brief statement of just how Jesus was in the world, ". . . God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." He has sent us just as He was sent, to do good and heal all who are oppressed of the devil.

In John 14:12 the Lord declares, "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to My Father." If anyone else except Jesus Christ, the Son of God, had said these words I would never have believed them. Yet, He stated emphatically: "He who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also."

Now let us be sure that we understand that Jesus is speaking of the works of miracles, signs and wonders, and not redemption. There is only one holy, true Redeemer—Jesus Christ. Never could a man make atonement for another man’s sin. The Son of God alone is our Redeemer. Only the blood of Christ saves. But Jesus declares, these works which He did we will be given power through His holy name, by His Holy Spirit, to do. The works Jesus did yesterday, He still does today. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8).

Let us review some of the works of Jesus. Matthew 4:23-24 says, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them."

1. Jesus went about all Galilee. Jesus was mobile—he went about. We must be ready to serve Him anywhere, anyplace, anytime.

2. Jesus taught. To be "the light of the world" means to give enlightenment. We must always be willing to share the light that we have been given.

3. Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom. He proclaimed the authority of God.

4. Jesus healed all types of diseases. He did not condemn the sick; he had compassion on them.

5. Jesus set the demon-possessed people free. Jesus looked every day for a way to destroy the works of Satan.

As we have already read, He sent us out to do the same things that He did, and He gave us His same power with which to do these works. II Corinthians 5:20 says, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ." The Greek word translated "ambassador" here is presbeuo, which could have been literally translated "representative with senior authority." The Lord has given us His authority to represent Him. This is the most sacred and honored trust that any human being could ever receive. Should this not be given the very highest devotion in our lives?

Luke 10:19 records the Lord’s exhortation, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." It is contrary to Scripture for us to fear Satan. The Lord knew that if we feared him we would not be able to destroy his works. Therefore, He gives us His personal promise, that when we are sent by Him, as these were that He was addressing in Luke, nothing will be able to hurt us! When we are sent by Him, as His ambassadors, we are given power over all the power of the devil! This should be enough to compel every Christian to be utterly devoted to doing His will.

Authority And Ability

In the passage quoted above, Jesus uses two different Greek words for "power." In the first He says, "I give unto you power," which is the Greek word exousia, which literally means authority. He gives us authority "to tread on serpents and scorpions." "Serpents" speak of the crafty, devious ways of the enemy; "scorpions" speak of the things that pierce us. Then He continues, "and over all the power of the enemy." Here He uses the Greek word dunamis, which speaks more of the dynamic power, or ability. In this He is saying that we have been given both the authority and the ability to tread upon and over all of the power of the enemy.

Let’s look at a few more Scriptures that encourage us to overcome the enemy and live above the evil powers of this age.

And (the Father) hath put all things under His feet, and given Him to be the head over all things to the church (Ephesians 1:22).

And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly (Romans 16:20).

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31).

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world (I John 4:4).

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:37,39)

The Lord delights in showing his power through His people, as He declares in II Chronicles 16:9: "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him..."

The Real Church

The biblical pattern is for the church of Jesus Christ to be a powerful prophetic force in the world, not a puny, pathetic one. The Lord has sent us to do the same things with the same power that He did, as it says in Mark 16:20: "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following."

We must be doers of the word, and not just hearers who may love to listen to the stories of the way it used to be, but have none of the reality in our own lives. Hebrews 2:3-4 warns: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?" If we do not walk in the Word of God we are neglecting His great salvation.

In I Samuel 15:22-23 we are again warned, "And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry." The Lord did not call us to just go to church, or to even give big offerings—He called us to be His temple on earth through which He could live His life. He is not looking for those who will just make sacrifices, but those who will believe Him and obey Him.

As James 1:22 & 2:18 exhorts, "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. .. But someone may well say, ‘You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without works and I will show you my faith by my works.'" Christianity is not just believing certain facts in our minds—true Christianity is living by our beliefs. If we really believe, we will do the works. If we do not have the works to go with our faith, we do not really believe.

However, if we do really believe, the Lord promises to do the same works through us that He did when He walked this earth. We do not have to just yearn for the old days, and how wonderful it must have been to witness the great works of Jesus and His apostles. He is the same "yesterday, today and forever" and He is still, today, doing the same works through those who believe in Him.

How Do We Get The New Testament Anointing?

The FIRST step to receiving the anointing is to humble ourselves and confess that we have fallen far short of His New Testament example of Christianity. This begins with humility because He "gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6). We must begin by humbling ourselves and realizing how inadequate we are and how greatly we need Him. As David wrote in Psalm 42:1-2, "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God."

We must become discontented with our dry, dead, empty form of religion, and get desperate for a move of God in our lives. We must confess that if our church life is not like that which is described in the New Testament, then we have that far yet to go, and we must determine that we will settle for nothing less than this as a reflection of true Christianity.

The SECOND step to receiving the anointing is to live a clean and holy life before Him. This is not righteousness by works, it is the fruit of the true righteousness that is imparted to us by faith. If we really do believe in Him we will obey Him and live properly in His sight.

As the Psalmist declared, "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully" (Psalm 24:3-4). Isaiah also exhorts, "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord" (Isaiah 52:11).

Someone might say, "Those are Old Covenant Scriptures when they were under the law, but we are now under grace." Well, the New Testament is even more forthright.

For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit,

For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace (Romans 8:5-6).

Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are (I Corinthians 3:16-17).

There are many more, some of which should be even more disconcerting for those who are prone to justify their continuing flirtations with sin. It is true that many, in pursuit of holiness have swung to the extreme of legalism, but many others in overreaction to this, have swung back to the tolerance and license of sin. As the writer of Hebrews exhorted, "Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord" (Hebrews 12:14).

Let us never forget that our God is a holy God, and if we are going to serve Him we too must be holy. There is a difference between pursuing holiness in an effort to establish our own righteousness, and pursuing it because we so love the Lord and want to please Him in all things. True holiness is the result of a bride that is so passionately in love with her Bridegroom that she gives her whole heart to being ready for Him in body, soul and spirit.

The THIRD step to receiving the anointing is simply to ask our Heavenly Father for the anointing to boldly testify of His Son with His power and Spirit. This is what the apostles themselves did, with spectacular results as recorded in Acts 4:29-31:

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

By stretching forth shine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

We too need this kind of shaking! They asked for boldness and for signs and wonders. Many have been fooled, and robbed, by the accuser, because they were told by him that to seek such things was prideful. This is not prideful, it is humility, declaring that we know we cannot accomplish anything without the anointing and power of the Holy Spirit.

We do not need to know some special secret formula, but rather to seek a greater intimacy with, and obedience to, God. He is the One who does the works; we are only seeking to make ourselves more open and responsive to Him. Jesus promised in Luke 11:9-13:

And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent?

Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

As Paul said in I Corinthians 2:4-5, "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God" People must witness the power of God to build their faith in it. We cannot do this work without a manifestation of His power.

This is not something that the Lord will begrudgingly give us if we lift ourselves up to a certain level of faith and holiness. Remember, that the apostles were cowering in the upper room when they were first given the Holy Spirit, and they were obviously recognizing their fears when they prayed the prayer above for another filling of His Spirit and boldness. We are exhorted in Hebrews 4:16 to: "Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need." We come to the throne of grace because we realize that we have need.

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts:

and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6-7).

The "wicked way" that many of us have been treading is to try to accomplish the work of the Spirit without the Spirit. This is a most terrible presumption, but if we confess our sins He will forgive us, and delight to give us His Spirit in fullness, as He promised in Isaiah 58:11: "And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

The Lord promised that those who believed in Him would have rivers of living waters flowing from their innermost beings which would be endless. If we have not had this continuous flow of living water, it is because we have not really believed Him. However, as the text in Isaiah promised, He will satisfy our souls in drought and make us like watered gardens with waters that do not fail. Let us humble ourselves and seek Him until this is a present reality. As He promised in Psalm 107:9, "For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

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The Promise of Heaven for This Young Generation

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Bob Jones had an experience many years ago and received from the Lord a personal promise in a face-to-face encounter. The Lord pledged to him that he would live to see a generation of youth emerge in great power, purity and authority.

On August 7, 1975 Bob was shown an incredible vision that illustrated the escalation of homosexuality and a deadly disease that would be communicated from it. Furthermore, the vision also illustrated how the act of abortion would develop to such a degree that science would eventually develop a pill that a woman could swallow that would abort the child. These revelations were quite profound for the mid-70s.

The day following this incredible insight, August 8, an evil spirit appeared to him. The wicked messenger threatened to release the spirit of death against Bob if he shared publicly the demonic plans of the future that he had received from the Lord the day before. Initially, Bob did not believe the evil spirit would have the authority to take his life. Therefore he immediately prophesied the revelations concerning these two vital spiritual issues. Surprisingly the evil spirit made good on his promise. The spirit somehow touched Bob's body causing, what the doctors believed, was the rupture of an artery.

Bob began to profusely hemorrhage from his mouth and nose. The lower part of his body hardened as it filled with fluid creating incredible pain. The prognosis from the doctors was not good. They prescribed medication to help relieve the suffering and agonizing pain. Bob lay on a bed and covered his face with a towel to help capture the blood that was pouring from his mouth.

Suddenly the pain lifted. However, he soon discovered that it wasn't because of the medication. He had passed from this life into the eternal realm.

A Visit to Heaven

Bob found himself in a tunnel of light with the angel the Lord to his right. He looked at his garments and discovered that he was wearing a sparkling clean white robe. It was at that point that he realized the evil spirit had taken his life. There was a great sense of relief and joy at the realization of his pure heavenly garments.

The gladness turned to a brief moment of grief as he was allowed to watch other people who had perished in precisely the same moment. Unfortunately, they were not shrouded in garments of light. Instead, he observed as 97% of the people who had died descended into the bowels of hell. Each was somehow clothed in the things that had been their god on the earth. It was a devastating sight.

The Door of Heaven

There were three people with Bob as they ascending toward a great Light that embodied the door of Heaven. He was the fourth in line and watched as they proceeded towards the Light that was above them. The prominent Light they saw was the Lord Jesus Himself present to greet the new arrivals.

The first in the line was a young 11-year-old girl who was filled with the love of God. It had been her lot in life to lie on her sickbed suffering from a terminal disease. However, she utilized that time to express the love of heaven through prayer and intercession for others. She entered the gates of glory with great reward. The Lord asked her, "Did you learn to love?" There was a resounding "YES" and she entered His heart to abundant blessings.

The next woman in the line to be embraced by the Lord and enter the gates of Heaven was a heavy black sister. She was surrounded by a large number of angels. Bob asked the angel of the Lord standing to his right why she had so many ministering spirits with her. He was instructed that she had been an evangelist on the earth. The messengers assigned to her co-labored in her ministry.

As she prayed and interceded for the salvation of others, the ministering spirits would be commissioned to go to those for whom she was praying. They were empowered with the mandate and authority of heaven released through her prayer to bring that individual into the kingdom. Great was her reward also. The Lord asked, "Did you learn to love?" Again, a hearty yes and she passed into His heart.

The next lady standing directly in front of Bob was a 93-year-old woman with the appearance of having been crippled with arthritis. Because of the hardships and failures that occurred in her life, the gall of bitterness had entered. She maintained her love for God. Unfortunately, she was not able to express the love of God to others. The root of bitterness had defiled her soul. Though she entered heaven as her eternal home, she carried no fruit or victorious testimony as her reward.

The Lord asked, "Did you learn to love?" She responded that she loved Him but that was all. She had not learned to love others. In that place it is impossible to lie. The only answer she could give was the truth. She entered but will no fruit to present to Him.

A Divine Pledge

Bob was next to join the Lord's heart and enter the gates of heaven. So he thought! The Lord pointed His finger at Bob and proclaimed, "You must return." Needless to say he was surprised that he was not allowed to enter as those before him. The Lord declared, "you have not completed your course and the enemy has violated the destiny of heaven created for you." Satan had intruded upon his life by prematurely attempting to cause his death.

The imposition of the adversary was not because of some rebellion or act of disobedience on Bob's part. Instead it was an unjust act attempting to abort the plan and strategy of heaven. It was a vile attempt to end a prophetic voice that would help prepare a righteous generation to demonstrate the kingdom of heaven on earth. Because of this violation, the Lord was now released in His justice to impart a great blessing. What the enemy had intended for evil, God was going to use for a noble cause.

Like those depicted in Hebrews 11 the hardship imposed by the adversary had allowed for the obtaining of a promise. In this face-to-face encounter, through his death experience, Bob was given a pledge by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. The Lord promised to demonstrate in unprecedented ways the virtue of heaven in a soon coming young generation.

The Lord said to him, "you must return to the earth to touch a few of my leaders and prepare them for the harvest that I am going to bring in the last days. I am going to glorify Myself beyond anything that has happened previously in the world. I am going to bring one billion souls to Myself and this plan of Heaven will begin in the year 2000."

The Lord specifically promised that end-time purposes would be launched in greater measure and accelerate at this strategic time. It would mark the beginning of a call to maturity of the body of Christ. The Lord continued by informing Bob that by the year 2000 there would be 5 million people dying of the disease that he had been prophesying. Furthermore, the Lord also instructed him that those numbers would exponentially escalate until there was sweeping repentance for this sin.

Returning to Earth

For the promise of spiritual awakening and the harvest of souls, Bob was willing to return to the earth and continue the prophetic ministry entrusted to him. The Lord instructed Bob that before his death he would see God's glory coming to the earth producing a harvest of souls in numbers difficult to calculate. He was told directly from the Lord that the incredible miracles, signs and wonders that we read in the Scriptures are only a tithe of what's coming. Every supernatural ministry, prophetic gift and heavenly endowment that we discover in scriptures will be functioning in amplified ways during this expression of kingdom reality in the earth.

Bob had obtained a promise from the Lord. Almighty God will faithfully see to it that the promise is fulfilled- He cannot lie. There are many like those who are among the "cloud of witnesses" pressing through the oppressions of the adversary to come before the Lord. To them pledges and vows are granted for revival, restoration and revelation of the glory of Heaven.

Resurrection Angels

There was a very interesting validation that was given to his death experience. As Bob was brought back into his room he observed his body lying on the bed covered in a bloody towel. The spirit of death was standing in the corner of the room. However, there were two angels adjacent to his bed. These were "resurrection angels." We likewise discover two angels at the tomb of our Lord at the time of His resurrection. When the Lord Jesus chooses to bring someone back from death, there is cooperation with heaven through ministering spirits who carry resurrection power.

Bob was allowed to listen as the two angels conversed with one another concerning future events. One angel announced there would be a meeting in Harry Truman Sports Complex of 50,000 Christians. The other responded that a larger gathering of saints would take place in Washington, DC. He affirmed the number to be brought together in Kansas City would only be a tithe of those to converge on Washington.

The angels specifically articulated that the first meeting would be held in Truman Sports Complex to honor this president for the position he took in the establishment of Israel as a recognized nation. That act captured the attention of heaven and pleased the Lord. Though there may have been many mistakes made by this president, that one thing was of monumental importance. Because of his willingness to stand with Israel, God honored his name and allowed a strategic meeting to take place at that specific location.

After gaining his strength Bob shared publicly on the following Sunday the things that were spoken to him in his death experience. He prophesied the meeting that would take place in Kansas City and the subsequent one to occur in Washington, DC. In 1977, two years later, the initial gathering took place to fulfill the prophecy and validate the revelations gained in the experience. The NARSC assembly in July 1977 in Truman Sports Complex was an initial fulfillment. The greater meeting took place in the 1980 Washington for Jesus rally. Approximately 500,000 people gathered to pray for national revival and spiritual awakening.

The Power of Holy Spirit

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The mighty creation flow of God is Holy Spirit.

Father speaks and creation exist by Holy Spirit.

From Genesis to Revelation Holy Spirit establishes Father's word. The empowerment of every work of God on earth is by the Holy Spirit of God.

The Spirit of God hovered over the void and formless earth to accomplish the word of Father. Immeasurable power flowed through Holy Spirit to cause light to be and to form the earth and all that is in it.

Gen 1:2-3: The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Holy Spirit overshadowed a young girl and Christ was conceived and formed in her womb.

Luke 1:35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.

All the works Jesus did when on earth in His natural body were done by the power of Holy Spirit.

Luke 4:1 Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, Luke 4:14 Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.

Christ Jesus was raised from the dead by the power of Holy Spirit. We who were dead in sin are made alive by the power of the Holy Spirit of God.

Rom 8:9 -11: But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Holy Spirit of God came at Pentecost to form Christ in His people - Christ is being formed by Holy Spirit in His Body. The empowerment of Holy Spirit to do the works of God is now a realistic potential to Christ abiding in many sons of God by Holy Spirit.(Heb 2:10)

The realistic potential of the same power that forms all creation and raises the dead is available to dwell in those who make room for Him. Every work God has done in the earth was and is done by the Holy Spirit. Supernatural empowerment is the way of Holy Spirit in those who are dead to the flesh and alive unto God, seeking God with their whole hearts.(Rom 6:11)(John 14:12)

Holy Spirit is forming Christ in His Body on earth, the people of God. The character and nature of Christ is perfect love and humility leading to purity and holiness. Holy Spirit power flows by love for God is love.(Gal 4:19)(1 John 4:16)

To exist outside the flow of Holy Spirit is to walk in death. There is no life of God outside the flow of Holy Spirit. Church activity without the flow of the power of the Holy Spirit is dead religion. Yet, some religious systems continue to deny the current supernatural works of the Holy Spirit. Without the supernatural works of Holy Spirit there is no reality of God. Religion becomes a walk of the living dead - a powerless existence of religious piety, a devout fulfillment of religious obligations.

Holy Spirit is hovering over His people now with fire ready to bring powerful outpouring of supernatural love and works of healing, deliverance, and raising the dead. He is poised to bring real life to the walking dead, those who have denied the works of Holy Spirit and been deceived by doctrines of demons and traditions of men - those who say "there is no more need to hear God directly today because we have the Bible -no more need for miracles and manifestations of Holy Spirit power we only need Him to illuminate the Word - we only need teaching pastors, evangelist and doctors, we have no need of Apostles and Prophets and they have all passed away when the Bible was completed."

For those who will receive the supernatural reality of Holy Spirit the Father's love is being poured out and Christ is being formed in His Body to do the works of God in bringing redemption, restoration, and reformation. For those who reject and continue to deny Holy Spirit the same love and fire will bring judgment.(Mark 3:28-29) Only in the supernatural flow of the Holy Spirit of God is there hope for reaching a world gone insane with delusions of self gratification and devotion to many gods.

We must walk in the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit. There is in this day a mighty potential to move out of this life and into a life of the supernatural love, power, and fire of God in a greater magnitude than ever experienced on earth. There is at the same time a great potential for destruction and judgment upon all that lifts itself against God than ever before seen on earth.

Pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love, Ron McGatlin

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The Peace Of Jerusalem

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Dream:

I was standing on a globe, directly on top of a map of Israel. I knew it was Israel, but the borders were wider then present day Israel. Each city was labeled, but I did not recognize the names of the cities in particular. However, under the name of each city, was a label that corresponded to the organs in a human body. They seemed to be more important. The city I was focused on was labeled "kidney". As I stood looking down upon this city, the kidney, I heard that Israel was going to give the land away. I said, "Lord, don't let them give the kidney away!" My heart was broken and I began to intercede for the kidney of Israel.

Insight from the Holman Bible Dictionary:
In the Bible, “kidney” is used both literally and figuratively. When the word is used figuratively of humans, KJV usually translates the term as *“reins”* (for example, Jeremiah 12:2; Revelation 2:23); NRSV uses *“mind”* (Revelation 2:23), *“heart”* (Job 19:27; Psalms 7:9; Psalms 16:7, Psalms 73:21; Jeremiah 12:2), *“vitals”* (Lamentations 3:13), *“soul”* (Proverbs 23:16), or *“inward parts”* (Psalms 139:13; but see Job 16:13).
The kidneys are often associated with the *heart as constituting the center* of human personality (Psalms 7:9; Psalms 26:2; Jeremiah 11:20; Jeremiah 17:10; Jeremiah 20:12; Revelation 2:23). Because the areas around the kidneys are sensitive, the Hebrews believed the kidneys were the seat of the emotions (see Job 19:27; Psalms 73:21; Proverbs 23:16). *The kidneys were also used figuratively as the source of the knowledge and understanding* (Psalms 16:7; Jeremiah 12:2).
Conclusion:
God's word instruct us to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. This dream appears to be a call to pray for Israeli leaders - that they will seek God's mind, heart, knowledge and understanding - not looking for the world's solution in matters of their land by giving away the "reins" of control.

The Precipice Of Love

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The Lord Jesus is one who has always come out of the wilderness and desires that we also come out of the wilderness leaning our beloved. Few disagreed with Bridal theology and seek to be 24/7/365 in His presence.

But what is our motive, the message, and the focus of our lives as we go to and fro from the wilderness? I believe the Lord has shown me an error in the Body of Christ, in particular in those who would win souls.

In **Isaiah 43:19-21** it says, "Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The beast of the field will honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen. This people I have formed for Myself; they shall declare My praise.

We see HE is still in the wilderness! He is working in the wilderness. He is giving water and rivers in deserted, dry, wilderness places.

We on the other hand, flee the wilderness. We decry these times in our lives. We do what we can to get out of trials as fast as possible and despise dry times.

Could we be missing the very heart of God in our desperation to remain on mountaintops?

How is it we make converts and not disciples?

Consider Matthew 10:24-27, “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master." Is this normal Christian living? How is it we generate praise for numbers and outwardly deny it? In truth, it is all about numbers and not taking the time to disciple those who come. We pray for more souls, but do we train those to disciple and mentor them, or do we spend the majority of our time praising the Lord?

Disciples are held to a much higher standard than converts. The Corinthian church was filled with converts, and the Apostle wrote his epistle that they might become disciples.

Disciples will go to the precipice of love and jump over. Disciples will offer themselves as living sacrifices and consider it their reasonable service. Disciples will not be conformed to this world or this world's religious system. Disciples will not play religious games. Disciples will steadily and pragmatically be transformed by the renewing of their minds. Disciples will prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God by laying down their lives and dying daily. Disciples will consider prayer seriously and die before they give up or give in.

The precipice of love is where Abraham found himself that day he was to sacrifice his son. Isaac too, was on the precipice of love as he submitted to an old man's wishes and lay still on the altar awaiting his Father's actions. As they jumped - the Lord Himself provided for them.

Can we go there?

Can we lie still on the altar?

Can we seek to die daily?

Can we do the WORK of the ministry and build disciples, not just converts?

Can we be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth?

Or do we - like so many - seek only the mountaintop and despise the wilderness, and the desert experiences? Do we hide from Him if He wants to invite us to be alone in the wilderness?

Will we see HIM giving drink those in the deserted wildernesses of life? Will we see Him among the people He has formed for Himself? Will we be among those who have a right to declare His praise by virtue of the fact we have done as Jesus did and do only what we see the Father doing?

Surely it is not an evil thing to be in a wilderness tested and tried, humbled before our God. He corrects those He loves.

If so, then we can expect an unprecedented revelation of His glory for He says in John 14:21 "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him." And nothing will separate us from His awesome all-encompassing magnificent Love.

Scriptures: 2 Corinthians 6:11-12, Isaiah 35:6-10, Isaiah 40:3-544:3, 48:21, 49:11-13, Deuteronomy 8:2,-3, 15-20, Romans 12:1-2, 2 Timothy 2:15, Romans 8:36-39, Mark 8:34-38, Jeremiah 2:2, 31:2-4, Song of Songs 3:6, Revelation 21:5-7

Bless You!

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Habakkuk 2:1 I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected.

The Power of My Word
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I heard the Word of the Lord speaking in my heart this morning.

I want you to take My Word seriously My People. I want you to speak only what I speak. I want you to say only what I tell you to say. My Word that proceeds out of my mouth is Spirit and Life to those who hear it. You have asked and I am answering you now. Do what I say and you will have what I say. What have I said? The promises of Your Lord are yes and amen. Are you still asking why it is not working? I tell you the truth. You are fainting in your works. You are speaking of your circumstance. You are elevating the pain of your problem over My Word. I see your bewilderment. You are asking yourself, " when have I done this?". You do it every time you have the choice to speak. Why do you give life to the enemy's plans by speaking of your difficulties? If you waver in your speech, if you waver in the Word, I have warned you that you will not have what I have told you that you could have, but you will be tossed to and fro as on a wave. You must meet each trial ONLY by the Word that proceeds out of your Mouth that I MIGHT FIGHT YOUR BATTLES WITH MY POWERFUL TWO-EDGED SWORD.

I hear what your heart is saying; " oh that is such an awesome Word Lord". I want you to stop right there. I do not want lip service to My Word. I want you to DO IT. Speak it forth without wavering. When I walked with you on the earth, I told you I only spoke and did what I seen and heard my Father in heaven do. I told you that you would be able to do all things because I was going to be with My Father in heaven. I want you to do as I say. This is not new to you. This is something you have already known. Listen and Do what I say. I say DO MY WORD. SPEAK IT; look neither to the right nor to the left.

You will have what you say. If you believe it is My Word and I am Truth, you will have either the promises of My Word, OR you will know the fruit of your lips from the turmoil of your situation.

My Word is Spirit and Life. My Word is Power to defeat the Enemy. This is the Battle that I win for you. It is My Word that proceeds out of your believing mouth that will bring it to pass.

The Power of My Word- Continued.

My Child I was not finished speaking to you about My Word. Settle yourself and listen for I have much to say in this hour to those whose hearts are tender and pliable in My Hands.
There are many now that concern themselves with the walk of others. I tell you the Truth, do not concern yourself with another’s walk. I will deal with them as I see fit. You do not know the heart of another, nor can you. Only I can. You may witness the fruit. I say do not eat the fruit of their tree. That is what I ask you to do. Do not eat the poison fruit that brings death and not Life. It is not your job to concern yourself with any one else’s walk but the one I have given to you to walk. Speak Word of Life and encourage others by your faith to rise up to the call of living for Me. Minister mercy and grace and it will flow like a river to you!
Eat only of the Tree of Life. It is the tree of Everlasting Life and bears Holy and Good fruit. You must come to realize that I have not set you up to save the world, to save your brothers and sisters. You are to BE My Witnesses: the Witness of My Love on the earth. My Love saves. Pay attention to your walk

with me. Now, I hear you wondering about the great commission, and I tell you the Truth. The great commission is what I have placed in your circumstances. Be real! Be who I created you to be. I am not asking you to be the famed prophet, apostle, teacher, and preacher. My how My People have idolized the title over the Most High Apostle, Prophet, Teacher, and Exhorter. You are not focused on Me when the title is greater than Your God. So that is why you see such emptiness around you.

I want to tell you in this moment, that I am calling you back into the power of the kingdom. The Word will prevail. I AM the Word.

You cannot speak My Word from your head. It will not work. You must head My Holy Spirit who resides in you. Pay attention to that still small voice in you that will lead you into all righteousness. Pay attention to the soft pleadings of My Spirit. I don't want to yell at you to get your attention. I desire the intimacy that pays attention to every little move as those who are in love passionately understand.

The more you speak My Word instead of your owns words, the closer we become. You release the Power of My Holy Spirit in you to change your heart towards Me.

How glorious your walk will be with Me when you consider Me first and not what others are doing. Do you really need to set them straight? I say only do so if I tell you to in that moment. You are only arguing against intellect, for those with My Spirit residing in them and who are actively in relationship daily with Me, will know I have sent you to them. They will know it because of the Love I have poured on you, and the Word that you speak will indicate it. I desire Mercy over Judgment. If I do, then you must also. You will reap what you sow. If you desire My Mercy, sow mercy into the most difficult! If you desire my Love, sow love in to the most unlovable. Listen to what I say because I want the very best for you. Do not put this Word aside. Consider it in your heart and be compelled to do this work of the ministry. You will see things you have never thought possible. Salvations that you have longed to see will be quick and glorious! I tell you this because I know you can do all things through Me. I enable you.

I want you to know it is because I desire you above all things on the earth, out of all creation, that I speak to you in great urgency to tend to your own affairs In Me. My plan for you is Love that is never ending. My plan for you is to shower you with good. My plan for you is to bring us into agreement that we may walk as One as My Father and I have walked.

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The Purpose Of Submissive Dependence

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"Who is this that comes up from the wilderness, leaning upon her Beloved?" Song of Solomon 8:5a

There is a particular quality about this "one" who is coming up from the wilderness that attracts special attention. She is "leaning" upon her Beloved. This position of leaning demonstrates the fact that she has become "dependent" upon Him. Something very special has taken place within her during her experience in the wilderness, which resulted in her becoming "submissively dependent" upon the Lord.

Our Lord intends each one of us who desires to be a part of this Bride to experience this change. We are to place ourselves in her "shoes" and then walk with the Lord through the wilderness experiences that brought her to this place of "dependent oneness" with Him.

Throughout Biblical history, the Lord often used a wilderness experience to "test" His servants, in order to perfect His desire or purposes for them. The wilderness speaks of a barren and desolate area, in which inner desires become intensified, but where there is no availability of the necessary means to satisfy these desires.

"And you shall remember all the way which the Lord your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, and to prove you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments, or no. And He humbled you, and allowed you to hunger, and then He fed you with manna, which you knew not , neither did your fathers know." Deuteronomy 8:2-3a

In the wilderness, needs can only be met through an external source, by intervention. Thus, the wilderness becomes a "set apart" time in which there is an intensified seeking of the Lord, due to an utter dependence upon Him, as no other means is available. "Fasting" also brings us into a dependent state, before the Lord.

In contrast to this barren wilderness, the Lord had planted a garden in Eden, which provided everything that could be desired. It provided an environment of both beauty and provision - complete beyond imagination.

"And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil." Genesis 2:8-9

Adam and Eve were placed in this garden and commanded,

"Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shall not eat of it: for in the day that you eat thereof you shall surely die." Genesis 2:16b-17

This requirement caused them to be dependent. There were two specific things to which they must submit; they were to eat of the Tree of Life in order to maintain eternal life (take ... eat, and live. Genesis 3:22), and they were to abstain from eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17). They had to believe the word of the Lord in order to remain saved, as we must believe His Word to become saved.

The only restraint to their eating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was the "word" that the Lord had spoken to them, telling them not to partake. This tree was in the midst of the garden and was both desirable and available. Eve had observed that the fruit of this tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes - and a tree to be desired (Genesis 3:6). Herein was Eve's problem; the fruit of this tree was appealing. However, she knew that God had said "no."

Therefore, when Satan approached Eve, he came against the word that the Lord had spoken by raising doubt; "Has God said?" In effect, he was saying, "Would God tell you to give up something that you like and really want?" Even though the Lord had said "you shall not," the attraction was so enticing, and the fruit seemingly so desirable, that Eve disobeyed and partook, and gave to her husband and he also ate.

Through this act of disobedience, Adam and Eve forfeited their position of "willing dependence" upon the Lord. They failed to "overcome" in the test that had been placed within the scope of their pattern of life, and were thus spiritually separated from God. As a result of this, the process of death entered, and they no longer "leaned" upon Him. Along with this, they lost all that would have developed, had they been obedient and overcome in this testing.

The Word of God is "silent" concerning what might have taken place in their relationship to the Lord, had they chosen to remain submissive and obedient to Him. The only clue we have as to what might have been is to consider the outcome in the testing of the "Last Adam," our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus took upon Himself, in human form, the identity of a new Adam, and then faced a test that was similar to the one which the first Adam had failed.

"And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a living (quickening) spirit." I Corinthians 15:45

Jesus, as the last Adam , overcame in every situation where the first Adam had failed. As a result, after paying the penalty for our sin on the cross, He was resurrected and then ascended to sit with His Father in His throne.

"Even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne." Revelation 3:21b

An "overcomer" is one who "submits" to the Lord, and then abides in a "leaning" position upon his Beloved. This is an indication of complete trust in, and dependence upon the Lord. It is the result of having become obedient and submissive to the will of the Lord. Being an "overcomer" means rising above all that is less than the Lord's best. It involves facing the test of the wilderness, and remaining dependent upon the Lord for provision.

Adam and Eve were tested concerning the possibility of their becoming overcomers. Because of their desirability and attraction to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they chose for their own seeming good, and failed to overcome. All spiritual gain must be tested, if it is to abide and become productive.

Adam and Eve failed their test while abiding in a perfect environment, and as a result, entered death.

Jesus, as the "Last Adam," had to face a similar test, in order to qualify for the place in life, which the "first Adam" had forfeited.

In contrast to the perfect environment of the Garden of Eden, Jesus faced Satan in the barren environment of a wilderness that provided nothing.

"And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward hungry." Matthew 4:2

In this wilderness, there was nothing available that could satisfy the intense hunger that Jesus felt. Then Satan appeared to Him and suggested that He turn stones into bread in order to satisfy this gnawing hunger.

There was nothing wrong with turning these stones into bread, except that God had not told Him to do so. Jesus refused to act on a word from Satan, and waited for supply from His Father. Had Jesus exercised His Deity in order to provide for His own need, He would have become independent. He qualified, by remaining in the place of total dependence upon His Father for provision.

This was exactly where Adam and Eve failed, for Satan had said to them,

"For God does know that in the day you eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:5

Satan told Adam and Eve that they should act independently from God, that they could decide for themselves what was right or wrong. Now, Satan was telling Jesus that He should act on His own to provide for Himself, just as he had told Eve to do.

Jesus confirmed His complete dependence upon God when He said,

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

He had refused to act apart from a "word" from the Lord and came forth from the wilderness in the "power of the Spirit" (Luke 4:14).

"And Jesus, being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness ... And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee." Luke 4:1,14a

As a result of His "willing obedience" by which He remained dependent upon His Father, Jesus is qualified to say to us, "To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne" (Revelation 3:21).

We also will be tested, as Jesus was, "if" we desire to come into this relationship of "submissive dependence" with the Lord, in His throne. Those of us who choose to abide in this position of "leaning upon Him," will then be led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness (a place of spiritual barrenness), where we will develop a great hunger (dissatisfaction), or an intense desire (frustration) in some area of our being.

Then, at a critical moment, when it (apparently) seems that the Lord is no longer interested in our problem, and that He is (wrongly) delaying His answer, the enemy will be "allowed" to come and tempt us. He will try to provoke us to act in some way to produce, or bring about, the satisfaction we desperately long for, which is presently apart from God's provision for us.

As we steadfastly refuse this temptation and persevere, in due time the Lord will feed (satisfy) us.

"But He knows the way that I take: when He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10

If we will be patient during our times of being tested, and "wait" for the Lord's provision for us, then it can truly be said,

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those that love Him." 1 Corinthians 2:9b

The first Adam failed and lost his place, or position, as an overcomer. This was regained by Jesus, who overcame as the last Adam. He was faithful in maintaining His place of dependence, and as a result, is seated with His Father in His throne.

Now, Jesus is offering to all those who overcome, a place with Him in His throne. These overcomers are the "one" who was seen coming up from the wilderness, "leaning on her Beloved."

There is no greater joy than that which comes from making a determined choice to become dependent upon Jesus, and then to faithfully abide in this new found place of "submissive dependence," until the greater day comes.

Then the Lord will be able to say to us,

"His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter you into the joy of your lord." Matthew 25:23
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A person with a satisfied heart is a person whom God can bless.

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

So often we can find ourselves wrestling with God instead of wrestling the mountain in our lives. We can, through our frustration, end up rebuking God, instead of rebuking principalities and powers. We can get caught in the complaint cycle and whine to God about how long it's taking Him to meet our need, instead of thanking Him for all that He has already done for us. Our need can continually drive us back to God, seeking explanations from Him, instead of thanking Him for the mountains He has already moved and the seas that He has parted to get us this far.

How soon we lose sight of all the miracles He has performed to bring us the blessings we have already been given. While waiting for God to do the "big" thing for us, we forget to be thankful for the little blessings along the way. I believe that the small blessings we receive from God are really a test for our heart. He wants to know if we will be thankful for even the smallest gift.

Satan wants us to become dissatisfied with the blessings God has given us. A dissatisfied heart is easy for him to manipulate. When we are frustrated, he can get us to do and say things we would not otherwise do. Attitudes erupt out of our dissatisfaction that we would not otherwise have. And, of course, jealousy and ambition are both rooted deeply in an ungrateful, dissatisfied heart. A dissatisfied heart is like a hunger that is never filled or a fire that never dies out. If you allow it, it will eat away at the enjoyment you find in this life.

The Safe Zone

Having a satisfied heart can keep us in a "safe zone." There is a place where Satan cannot gain access to our minds. That place is where we give thanksgiving and praise to God for all that He has done for us.

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I have a friend who is a pastor, and he recently went through a situation in his church where many people in his congregation left. Instead of becoming embittered about what he had lost, he made a conscious effort to thank God for the people who stayed with him. In a time of loss, it is easy to lose sight of all we still have! In all circumstances and at all times, we can always find something to be thankful for and remain thankful in the place God has put us.

When God graciously shows us something He wants to give us, and it does not happen right away, it is easy to become frustrated. If God has promised it, He will complete it. But we have our part to do and that is thanking Him in spite of how things look in the natural. Our frustration and anxiety will only serve to hinder God. Praise and thanksgiving proves we are trusting in Him to do what He has promised in His timing, in His way.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication WITH THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 (Emphasis mine)

The presence, the peace, and the power of God are gifts given freely to those who trust Him and do not allow anxiety to remain in their hearts. The peace of God will be a guard over our hearts, fighting against anxiety and dissatisfaction. Anxiety will erode our faith and trust in God, but the peace of a God that passes all understanding will produce a satisfied heart. I truly believe that a satisfied heart can touch God and experience His presence anywhere at anytime.

Adopting Ruth's Heart

In the story of Ruth, we see a picture of a woman who has not grown up in the Jewish faith. She has married into a Jewish family and has taken their God as her own. She, her mother-in-law (Naomi), and her sister-in-law had the rug pulled out from under them when, one by one, all their husbands died. Hearing that things were better in her homeland of Israel, Naomi decided to go home to her people. She urged her daughters-in-law to go back to their homelands, but Ruth refused to leave her.

"Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me." Ruth 1:16-17

Ruth stayed with Naomi as though she were her own child. Whatever would happen to them in the future, they would go through it together. Ruth took her hands off of her own life and let God have control of whatever happened to her. She trusted God to take care of her. She laid down her own plans and embraced God's plan for her. Ruth made herself Naomi's caretaker. She even gleaned the leftover grain that the harvesters left in the fields so she and Naomi could have bread. It was her decision to let God take over her life, even if it meant she became lower than a servant in Boaz's fields (see Ruth 2). The decision to follow God's plan eventually made her a very blessed woman indeed.

She was gleaning in his fields when Boaz spotted her and took care of her. Then he said to her: ***"Listen carefully, my daughter. Do not go to glean in another field; furthermore, do not go on from this one, but stay here with my maids. Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Indeed, I have commanded the servants not to touch you." Ruth 2:8-9***

Ruth couldn't understand why Boaz took notice of her, why she had such favor with him. But Boaz had heard of Ruth's faithfulness and loyalty to Naomi and because of it she found unreasonable favor with him. He blessed her and said, "May the LORD reward your work, and your wages be full from the LORD, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to seek refuge" (Ruth 2:12). Boaz saw Ruth's kindness to Naomi, and it drew him to her.

God did repay Ruth for her faithfulness, more than she could have dreamt possible. She eventually married Boaz and became the mistress of all he owned. But even more than that, she became the great-grandmother of kings. King David the son of Jesse was her great-grandson. And twenty-eight generations after her was born her very GREAT-grandson...King Jesus...the Christ!

God's Plans Are Greater Than We Can Imagine

Ruth had been satisfied to serve Naomi. She had given up her own plans for her life in order to serve another, and God blessed her with status and wealth. She took the lowly path and refused to leave her mother-in-law. She had no way of knowing what would happen to her, but she trusted God to care for her and was satisfied to glean in the field. She was satisfied with and thankful for the grain in the field. Her gratitude and loyalty pleased God so much so that He blessed her and raised her up and gave her more than she could have dreamed.

The way we treat the people God puts in our lives can be a testing ground for God to see if we are ready for greater things. So many are asking God to give them a ministry, yet they have neglected their first ministry, which is to minister to the needs of those God has placed around them. We learn how to minister to others by ministering to our family and friends. If we mistreat them, God will not put more people under our care because we would eventually mistreat them as well. We cannot possibly love others more than we love those who are dear to us.

We need to adopt Ruth's heart and live satisfied to serve those we love - satisfied to clean toilets, change diapers, or to change oil. All these simple tasks can be done as an act of worship unto God. When we learn to enjoy serving God through simple things, God will give us more important things to do.

Thank God today for all He has done for you. Trust Him for all that is to come and feel the peace of God that transcends all understanding fill your heart right now. You CAN trust Him...He IS good...He IS faithful!

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The Promise of Father

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Oh the voices of those now weeping!
Oh the voices of those now weeping!
Their tears shall be made into crystallized jewels.

Oh the tears of those now weeping!
Oh the tears of those now crying!
They are now the seeds of future joy!

Oh you feel like there's no harvest!
Oh you feel like there's no hope!
Oh you feel like there's no coming again.

Oh you wonder if I am listening.
Oh you wonder if I can stretch My hand
One more time into the storm.

This is for all of those Crying in the wilderness
This is for all of those crying out in pain

This is for all those wondering If anyone hears...
This is My voice whispering once again.

Oh I am here to see you! Oh I am here My child!

This is for all the tears, this is for all the sorrows
You are the jewels.
You are the jewels in My crown.

This is for all the wanderers
Searching for stars in the sky to guide them
This is for all the wanderers,
Wondering what I have for them

Behold I speak!
Behold I speak!

Wander no more… there's an open door
If you'll look, reach out your hand and grab the latch hook!

This is for all the ones’ who long
This is for all the ones’ who long to know Me.

This is the time for you to weep no more
This is the time to walk into the doorway of My singing
This is the time to come to the place, where I am new things bringing

There is a time for sorrow,
There is a time for a sorrowful season
A season to pass in the wind

This is the season for blessing, so open wide your arms
This is the promise, the promise, the promise of Father.

This is the promise
For all of those wandering
For all of those crying in the night.

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The Priests of the Lord

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What does it mean to be the Lord's minister? What is ministry? According to the popular definition of ministry I have actually been "in the ministry" for many years. I have always been in a state of either preparing for the ministry or performing ministry as I understood it. Of course, that means I have either been pastoring a church, teaching a class, or operating some kind of evangelistic or missionary outreach. This is what comes to mind when most people think of the word "ministry". It is the working definition I operated from for the majority of my life. Through a series of painful experiences the Lord brought me to a deeper understanding of what ministry to Him is. In this writing I would like to explain this deeper ministry. I have referred to it a number of times in other writings and in my spoken messages, but by the grace of the Lord I would like to take some time here and expound a bit on this perspective of ministry.

This ministry actually existed before anything else came into being, so it is not new at all, but it is certainly rare, so it may be new to us, though it is old. Simply defined, this is ministry that is directed TO THE LORD. Whereas typical ministry is directed TO man and FOR man, the ministry of which I am speaking is directed TO the Lord and FOR the Lord. There is a place for ministry to the saints, yet there are many instances and examples of ministry to the saints, and very few instances of ministry TO THE LORD ALONE. I understand that most people minister to men "for the Lord's sake" and see it as one and the same; nevertheless, I am speaking of a kind of ministry that is WHOLLY for the Lord, and not for man at all. Ministry to men is commonplace, but ministry to the Lord is on the verge of extinction.

Even as I write these words I realize that not everyone will understand or accept what has to be said. I am not trying to convince anyone to change anything. But I believe the Lord has always reserved for Himself people who will minister TO HIM, especially at this time when the Lord's need is so urgent. With a little light thrown on the subject you may at last hear the confirmation you need to be released into this fullness. So those who are meant to hear this will hear it, and you know who you are. The rest of you may take it as another "interesting study" and go along as before. But it is my prayer that as we consider the Scriptures together the Lord will use this to confirm what He has been saying to many of you already. He is indeed drawing many saints into this ministry. So let us explore it together with open hearts and open minds to see what the Lord is saying to us.

THE BASIS OF GOD'S NEED: A LOVE RELATIONSHIP

"This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:32)."

Before we go any further we need to stop and explain what is meant by "The Lord's Need". Some hear it for the first time and think we are suggesting that the Lord has some kind of a lack that makes Him incomplete, and thus, not all-powerful. That is not what we are saying at all.

We have to think about the Lord's Need, not in terms of His ability or omnipotence, but in terms of His heart's desire. I do not "need" my wife. I can dress myself, feed myself, and take care of myself just fine. I can exist apart from her. But in another sense I do need my wife, and I do not want to exist apart from her. From a relationship standpoint, from a love perspective, I need her. In the same way, God is God with us or without us. But from the point of view of a love relationship, God has a Purpose, a Desire, and yes, a Need. There is something that will satisfy His heart that only we can provide, and that something is beyond description, except to say it has to do with love. It has to do with our response to His overtures towards us. Proverbs tells us that love is too wonderful to understand or explain (Proverbs 30:18,19). In fact, the only reason why God continued beyond the creation of angels and animals, towards something closer to His own image, was to have someone with whom He could love (and be loved) on the same level as Himself, and that is only possible when He is able to fill that person completely. In other words, they must be made in His image, and they must be changed into His likeness.

It is all about relationship! Look at how Eve came forth from Adam. First, there was a need. "It is not good for Adam to be alone." Then, all the animals are brought to Adam, but a suitable help-meet was not found among them. Then, Eve is created out of Adam, and at last the need is met, for "she is bone of my bone, and flesh of my flesh" (cf. Genesis 2). Paul says this explains the mystery of Christ and the Church (Ephesians 5:30-32). How so? It is a pattern of the heavenly relationship. First, if we may boldly say, the Lord decided it was not good for Him to be alone anymore! We will have to explain that further as we go along. In any event, the angels and animals are created, but a suitable help-meet was not found among them. If they were suitable then He would have stopped there, but they did not and could not fully meet His Need or satisfy His Desire. Instead, God took something of Himself and created Man in His own image - someone who would be a little below the angels and a little above the animals. Now, we are "members of His Body, of His flesh, and of His bones (Ephesians 5:30)."

Did not Christ, the pre-existent Son, satisfy God's heart? Indeed. But if we look at the language of Genesis, we see, "Let US make man in OUR own image (Genesis 1:26a)." God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit together desired for companionship and communion with someone other than themselves. Hence, it was agreed to proceed with the creation of a being that would have the capacity for giving and receiving love in a way that is quite beyond the reach of animals or angels. And so we have the creation of Man. If we look back over the history of mankind we see the tremendous energy and exertion put forth by the Godhead to create Man, then redeem him after he sinned, in order to restore this rocky relationship. What a tremendous cost was involved! What an awesome price was to be paid! What plausible explanation is there to justify all the time, effort, trouble, and longsuffering God has had to endure in His dealings with Man? How are we to understand the willingness of Christ to die for us? The only thing which makes sense is totally illogical, yet understandable. Only someone IN LOVE would put themselves through such trouble. So in God's case it is LOVE, deeper than we can fathom, that motivates Him. Therefore, to meet the Lord's Need is to satisfy His heart's desire for communion and fellowship on a level that is beyond our own abilities. How then can we do it? Such communion can only truly occur when Christ has the preeminence in us, for He is the only One Who, AS A MAN, has ever completely met the Lord's Need and satisfied His heart. Others have come close.

"You cannot truly love until you know God, for God is love (I John 4:8)."

Imagine, if you can, what it must be like to have so much to give, so much to share, so much love to pour out, but no one around who can receive it, appreciate it, benefit from it, or even know that such love exists. God IS love. Can we imagine what it must be like to BE love, but have no one to love? An omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, eternal God Who is Love is in some unimaginable sense incomplete without someone who can represent the object of His love, adoration, tender mercies, and personal care. We talk about a God-shaped vacuum in every man's heart that only God can fill. Is it too much to imagine that perhaps there is a man-shaped vacuum in God's heart that only man can fill? If this is so, then union with God is as much about meeting GOD's need as it is about meeting MAN'S need.

If this seems far-fetched, consider God's initial reaction to mankind as a whole when it became clear that sin had consumed them all. Scripture says that when God saw that every imagination and thought of man was only towards evil continually, He was grieved in His heart (Genesis 6:6). The Hebrew word "grieved" here is a rich, full word which carries with it many emotions, including worry, anger, grief, and (here is what I want us to see) HURT. God was brokenhearted! From whence comes this flood of emotion? Of course, there is the obvious fact that men have fallen into sin and are killing one another. "God hates sin!" the preachers scream. Everyone knows that God hates sin - but WHY does He hate sin?

Here is a picture of what Sin really is. The Lord comes down to commune with the man in the cool of the day, as usual. But this time the man is nowhere to be found. So the Lord begins to call out, "Where are you?" The man, shaking and trembling in the bushes, is too afraid to come out and commune with God as before (cf. Genesis 3). The man has lost something priceless - but can you not see the Lord has lost just as much? Friends, THAT is what makes sin such a hateful thing to God. It makes people hide from God, so that God is left by Himself, calling out to people who are too afraid to respond. There are billions of people on the earth today, and most of them are hiding in the bushes while God calls out to them. Is this not a pitiful situation? Then what truly grieves God the most? That the ONE

BEING in all of creation with whom He may have a close relationship does not have Him in their thoughts at all; indeed, they are running in the opposite direction, quite oblivious to the Lord, quite apathetic to His desire towards them, quite complacent to seeking Him at all, quite afraid to even respond if they knew how.

If there is anything worse than having no one to love, it would have to be loving someone and seeing that love ignored altogether. This brings us to a very important characteristic of love: whenever we love someone, we essentially give them the power to hurt us. If you ask a parent what is their greatest source of pleasure and pain they will say it is their kids. If we dare to love someone, or care for them, or watch over them, or if we dare take responsibility for bringing life into the world, then we are making ourselves vulnerable to being hurt by the very thing we love. This explains why some people swear never to love again once they have been hurt by a relationship. If love is that painful, why love at all? Because love is so great that it is better to love with the chance of being hurt than to not love at all. It underscores just how risky love can be.

"We love Him, because He first loved us (I John 4:19)."

The problems of free moral agency and sin came into being precisely because of this love. In order for man to love God he must have the freedom to choose this relationship. If it is forced upon him in an involuntary way then it is not true love. In other words, I cannot "make" my wife love me. Any attempt on my part to force her to love me will result in something that is not love. When we fall in love with someone we cannot be absolutely sure that they will fall in love with us. So man must be free to love God or to not love God - again, one of the risks that love takes. With this freedom there is the possibility that man will choose to walk his own path away from God and fall into sin. As we all know this is exactly what happened.

So God took a huge risk in wanting us as the object of His affection, and from the very beginning we have failed Him. Of course, He already knew that we would fail, which is why He made provision for our sin before we ever sinned. But why pay such a high price? Why does He continue to love us? Why not just give up? Because unlike our best attempts at love, He is Perfect Love, and this Love eventually wins. This Love never fails. He cannot stop trying. If we would read the Bible, especially the prophetic Scriptures, and treat it as a love letter from a husband to an unfaithful wife, or a frustrated parent to a wayward child, we would begin to understand the Lord's heart. For six thousand years of human history the Lord has spoken, pleaded, argued, grieved, wooed, reprimanded, remonstrated, and reasoned with man in order to have what He has wanted all along - a relationship, a companionship, a camaraderie, a communion with those made in His image.

With all of this background, let us digress a bit now and observe how the gospel is presented to people today. This "gospel" only provides people with half of the story: the half that benefits them. How much effort is made to show people what the Lord has lost, and what the Lord stands to gain, by sinners coming to Christ, and by Christians growing up into the full-knowledge (epignosis) of Him? Very little attention is given to ministering to the Lord or meeting the Lord's Need (most have never heard about the Lord's Need, and those who have are still questioning it; we have a long way to go). Instead, the Gospel as it is presented today is primarily concerned with man and how to meet his needs - how to escape hell, go to heaven, be healed, be blessed, be victorious, be prosperous, be fulfilled, be happy, be anointed, etc. etc. ad infinitum. This has, of course, created a paradigm in which we see God as being there to meet our needs, minister to us, guide us through the difficulties of life, and prepare a place for us to go when we die. It is no wonder that few have ears to hear when we discuss ministering to the Lord. It represents something totally foreign to the Christian experience as they have known it and seen it up until now.

As "advanced" as our Western culture seems to be, this kind of one-way, egocentric, "what can I get out of it" relationship is not too unlike the relationship that pagans and heathens have with their animistic gods and idols. They keep their gods appeased, not because they love them, but because they have some self-serving need they want met, whether it is health, prosperity, rain, or protection from their enemies. How is this much different than the Gospel according to Churchianity? We pay tithes, apply the Blood, dispatch the angels, pray the Prayer of Jabez, and get the "Anointing" so things will go well with us, too. It falls way, way short of the mark. The model we give to people of "a personal relationship with Christ" is so dysfunctional and self-centered it would not keep a human marriage together for a week; so why do we keep relating to Him this way? "We LOVE Him," the Scriptures declare, "BECAUSE He first loved us." Real communion, real worship, real fellowship, real relationship with God is based upon meeting His Need, i.e., providing Him with heart-satisfaction by responding in kind to His overtures of love towards us. It says in effect, "How can I help but love Him, now that I see how much He loves me? How can I ignore Him any longer?" This is followed by, "You love me so much, You have done so much for me, that I am content with You, and I desire nothing else but You. You have satisfied my heart; now how can I satisfy Your Heart? How can I minister to You? What is Your Desire? Not my will, but Your Will. I love you, Lord!" Thus, we minister to Him, and after an eternity of waiting the Lord has finally broken through and gained the relationship He has for so long sought you out for. How refreshing, how delightful, how wonderful this kind of relationship is! Is there anyone who has ever lived liked this? YES! Let us look at some of them right now.

SAMUEL

"And the child Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days, and there was no revelation (I Samuel 3:1)."

The third chapter of First Samuel is so rich. If we want to talk about prophetic integrity, prophetic calling, and prophetic formation then there is no better place to go. In the beginning of the chapter we see that a true word from the Lord was rare in those days. We see Samuel ministering to the Lord as a child, and the Lord calling out to Samuel. After some initial confusion Samuel received the word of the Lord. There is the reluctance to give it, and finally the obedience of telling Eli "every whit" of what the Lord had shown him. By the end of the chapter the prophetic calling of Samuel is established, his words never fall to the ground, and the Lord reveals Himself to Samuel completely.

Can you see the progression here? We begin with no revelation, and we end with the Lord revealing Himself. We begin with the Lord closed off from man, and end with the Lord opening Himself up to a man, and by extension, to the rest of the nation through this man. We begin with a child, and end with a prophet. Let us look at the last verse of chapter three and quote it together with the first verse of chapter four: "And the Lord appeared again in Shiloh: for the Lord revealed Himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the Lord. And the word of Samuel came to all Israel... (I Samuel 3:21-4:1a)."

Notice the word of the Lord came to Samuel, then the word of Samuel came to Israel. I wonder if we can grasp the significance of this! The Lord has committed Himself to a man, and the man has committed himself to the Lord. Thus, the word of the Lord to Samuel becomes the word of Samuel to Israel. The Lord did not speak to Israel directly, but He spoke to Samuel, who then spoke in the name of the Lord to Israel. My point is this: what is the foundation upon which this close relationship is built? How did it get its start? "The child Samuel ministered to the Lord." Who is the friend of God? Who knows God? Who hears from God? Who speaks for God? The one who ministers to Him, who seeks His face, who is aligned with His desire, who seeks His satisfaction, who meets His need.

In every respect the times in which we live are comparable to I Samuel 3. A genuine word from God is rare, and there is no open vision. In other words, most of the people who see something do not have revelation to really know what they are seeing - hence, it remains closed, or worse, it is misinterpreted and becomes a delusion. There is an abundance of words, dreams, visions, and prophecies today, but I repeat: a GENUINE word from God is rare, and there is little REVELATION. Do you understand my meaning? And the priesthood as represented by Eli is old, fat, and blind: operating as always, still standing in the place of the priest, but already under judgment. What is the problem? No one ministers to the Lord. Everyone is for themselves. Except for one child who ministers to the Lord - and THAT is the one to whom the Lord revealed Himself. There is no revelation apart from relationship. I learned this the hard way.

DAVID

"The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart (I Samuel 13:14ff)."

"And the Lord said to Samuel, 'Why do you keep mourning over Saul? I have rejected him from ruling Israel! Now get up, take your oil, and go. I am sending you to Jesse in Bethlehem, for I have found Me a king among his sons... for the Lord sees not as man sees, for man looks on the outward appearance, but I look upon the heart (I Samuel 16:1,7b)."

Samuel is significant because the Lord uses him to locate and call forth another one who, better than anyone else, represents what it means to minister to the Lord. This man, David, was so determined to minister to the Lord that he invented musical instruments to worship God with. He wrote songs to the Lord on these instruments and was a zealous worshipper, and we still have a record of his writings in the Book of Psalms, revered by the Christian and Jew alike.

What I want us to see here is that the Lord is seeking out David just as much as David is seeking out the Lord. "The Lord has sought for Himself..." The Lord's Need is expressed very succinctly in this phrase. We should not imagine a passive God who sits benignly in the heavens, waiting to see if anyone is going to worship Him or not. This is a proactive God, Who seeks Spirit-and-Truth worshippers, Who seeks people after His own heart, Who draws people to Himself, Who reveals Himself insofar as we will allow Him, Who is ready to speak insofar as we will listen. What a mighty God! What an awesome thing this is: "I have sought for Myself a man, someone who will want Me for Who I am, someone who seeks what I seek, who will obey Me fully, who will love Me unreservedly, who will follow Me wholeheartedly, so that I can give Myself completely to him in return."

And what could be better than this? "I have found Me a king." The Lord has sought for Himself a man, and has found for Himself a king. The Lord has found what He is looking for, and as we follow David's path we find that David, too, has found a King. Look at the sensitivity of David in II Samuel 7. He wants to build a house for God, and God says He will instead build a house for David. As David ponders this we learn from the Psalms that the House is the Church, and the Son Who will reign forever is not Solomon, but Christ. Peter calls David a prophet who saw the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2:29,30). In fact, David clearly saw the incarnation (Psalms 8), the crucifixion (Psalms 22), the death (Psalms 88), the ascension (Psalms 68), the resurrection (Psalms 16), and the reign of Christ (Psalms 2). How deep was his revelation! How vast was his vision! The one who seeks the heart of God will see as God sees. Write it down and underline it: no relationship, no revelation.

ANNA

"And there was one Anna, a prophetess... a widow eighty-four years old, who never left the Temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day (Luke 2:36,37)."

While we have a full account of King David's life, we know very little about Anna. She was the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher, and lived with her husband only seven years before she became a widow. Now she is eighty-four years old. Perhaps the experience of losing her husband after such a brief time together helped forge the character of this prophetess. We have no way of knowing.

We have no record of any prophetic words or visions or dreams. How can you have a prophet who does not prophesy? Quite simply, because the prophetic ministry is something more vast than being able to give out a few "words" from God. The only thing we know about Anna's ministry is that it is primarily devoted to ministering to the Lord with unceasing fasting and prayers. We might consider this monastic, yet the Bible considers this prophetic. We are not suggesting that to minister to the Lord means to neglect people altogether. There is no need to force such an unnecessary dichotomy. But we maintain that there can be no real Spirit-and-Truth ministry to people until and unless we have first ministered to the Lord. For one thing, we cannot be motivated by man's need, but by God's Need, because often the two are in conflict. And, we cannot speak Life except by revelation, and this we can only receive from God. Unless we have invested a great deal of time in our secret ministry to the Lord then the shallowness of our public ministry will be very evident. Today it is abundantly clear that not enough time is spent ministering to the Lord, and way too much time is spent ministering to people; hence, most of what is done in the name of ministry is performed in a fleshly, human way which never bears any lasting fruit.

There in the Temple, Anna ministered to the Lord. She never wrote a book, never had a website, never conducted a meeting that we can tell. All in all it seems to be a very passive existence, the sort of "waste" that makes us want to criticize her for not being more useful. Anna the prophetess should be "doing" something. But how many of us consider prayer and fasting to be serving God? We cannot repeat often enough that for too many people, prayer and fasting is a way to serve THEMSELVES, or to get God involved in THEIR cause. We have a need, so we pray, and if the need is critical and we become desperate, then we will fast. This may be appropriate in some situations, but it is not serving the LORD. It may be done to bring about OUR will, but it is not necessarily motivated by a desire to minister to the Lord, to see His heart satisfied, and to see His Need met.

Now it is no coincidence that, in verse 38, Anna came "in that instant" and met Simeon, Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus in the Temple, and recognized Him to be the Christ. In response, she "gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all that looked for redemption in Jerusalem." Jesus is only a few days old here. There are no angelic choirs singing Hosannas, no shepherds bowing down to worship, no star blazing overhead. All the outward signs have disappeared, and this Baby seems to be no different in outward appearance than the dozens of other Jewish babies being dedicated in the Temple that day. But Anna knew the difference because she devoted her life to ministering to the Lord. What seems like a waste turns out to be the very thing that put her in the right place at the right time, while the more useful busybodies missed the entire event. Again, we find that prophetic things, revelatory things, are inescapably linked to ministering to the Lord. No relationship, no revelation.

THE TWELVE

"And Jesus ordained twelve, that they should be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach (Mark 3:14)."

I taught from this passage of Scripture at a minister's retreat once in order to demonstrate to them that whatever they thought their ministry was, be it as an apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor or teacher, their first calling was not to be with people at all, but to be with Jesus. How simple this is. Twelve men are ordained, or set apart, or selected. For what? To preach? Eventually, but not immediately. To save sinners? Eventually, but not immediately. To work miracles? Eventually, but not immediately.

The immediate Need was for those who would just BE WITH THE LORD. They were set apart to be with Him; their being sent forth (apostello) was of secondary concern. It would follow, but it was not the most important thing. The most important thing was that they BE WITH THE LORD. Where has "the ministry" failed? In putting people before the Lord, in making the work of the Lord more important than the Lord of the work, in being so busy with preaching and visitation and building programs and church administration and a thousand and one things that there is no time to BE WITH THE LORD.

I learned many years ago that it does not matter how busy I am for God, or how many things I am doing in the Name of Jesus, or how much I am able to bless other people, if I am not "with Jesus" on a continual basis. How easy it is to be absorbed, obsessed, and consumed with our little ministry, our little work, our little church, and forget that the whole reason we are called in the first place is to minister to the Lord, to be with Him, to love Him. Are we in love with the Lord, or are we in love with the Lord's work? Are we motivated by the Lord's Need, or by man's need? If the Lord told us to come aside for a year, leave our ministry alone, and just be with Him, would it bring us great joy or would we argue that we are engaged in such an important work that we cannot stop?

Is it possible that long ago we became so entrenched in the work of the Lord that He is no longer involved in what we are doing? Could it be that we are now proceeding in our own strength, in our own name, according to flesh and blood? The fruit of our labor (or the lack thereof) tells the whole story. If spiritual fruit is defined by how many people are saved, how many churches are planted, how many sermons are preached, then we can bring forth that kind of fruit and never involve the Lord at all. But if spiritual fruit is love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and self-control, then we must be with Jesus in order to bring forth this fruit, and no amount of WORKING for God can make up for a lack of simply BEING with Him.

THE CHURCH AT ANTIOCH

"There were in the church at Antioch certain prophets and teachers... and as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, "Separate for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work I have called them to do (Acts 13:1a,2)."

There is much to be gleaned from this passage of Scripture. The first thing that strikes us is that the prophets and teachers were gathered together to minister to the Lord. How seldom we see this today! In the first place, prophets and teachers are rarely able to get together regarding anything. The prophet thinks the teacher is too intellectual, and the teacher thinks the prophet is too ethereal. The prophet favors inspiration and revelation, while the teacher favors illumination and study. The two seem to naturally be at odds, and this is probably necessary to keep everyone balanced. The prophet needs the teacher, and the teacher needs the prophet.

But here we see that everyone has come together, not to have a prophets and teachers conference, but to minister to the Lord. They have not lost their first love! Prophetic things have their place, but there is a time when prophetic things must be put on hold. Teaching and instruction have their place, but there is a time when no one should be teaching or saying anything. There is a time when the saints should gather together for the purpose of ministering to the Lord.

The Greek word for "ministered" here is "leitourgeo", and we get our English word "liturgy" from it. It meant the performance of priestly or ministerial functions. Interestingly enough, it could only be used in connection with the Temple, since that was the only valid place a priest or minister could perform the functions. In Acts 13 we see the word used to describe the Church in Antioch. What does this mean? Simply this: we are the temple of the living God, a house of living stones, offering up ourselves as the sacrifices, ministering to the Lord as a holy nation, as a royal priesthood. Hence, we need no earthly temple or priest to represent us to God. We worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

The fact that the Holy Spirit moved and revealed the Lord's Need while they were ministering to the Lord is significant. How can we know the Lord's Need unless we have ministered to Him? Perhaps there were a dozen or so missions that might be done, and they could have fulfilled any number of needs and been considered good Christians. But the issue is not how many needs can we meet, but is the Lord's Need met? What if we meet everyone's need but the Lord's Need is not satisfied? Let us meet the Lord's Need first, and give Him His portion; then we are fit to stand before people and minister to them. This is the motivation for ministering to the Lord. People with no patience for these things will forge ahead on their own, see a need, and move at once to meet it, just like a good business person will do. But the Kingdom is not based on business principles. Our foremost concern is satisfying the Lord's heart, being with Him, meeting His Need. Ministry to men is founded upon ministry to the Lord.

NOTABLE WOMEN

"...Mary Magdalene... Joanna... Susanna, and many others, which ministered to Him of their substance (Luke 8:2,3ff)."

When the saints are gathered together, wherever such gathering may take place, there are two types of people represented. One type is there to receive, and the other type is there to give. Most people attend a meeting to receive something - a prophetic word, some encouragement, fellowship (e.g., social interaction with spiritual overtones), teaching, the laying on of hands, etc. This explains why meetings can be so dead and lifeless. Everyone is there to receive, and few are there to give. Hence, there is little Life.

But we have learned there is an additional thing to be noted when the saints are gathered together, and that is this: most of the receiving, and what little giving is done, is performed on a horizontal level. In other words, most are coming to receive, a handful are coming to give, but it is still, by and large, focused on meeting man's need. There is little vertical expression towards God, and what little vertical expression there is centers mainly around receiving. We may give Him some praise or some worship or make some prayer requests - we might even ask Him to bless our time together - but for the most part we have not penetrated any higher than the top of our heads. Praise, worship, and prayer must be part of the meeting for tradition's sake, but they are largely perfunctory, with no more spiritual import than reading the announcements. The meeting is, generally speaking, all about us. We are not saying man's needs should not be met in a meeting; we are saying that meeting man's needs ought not to be the highest aspiration we have when meeting together.

Without a doubt, Jesus wants to minister to you and to meet your needs. His earthly ministry demonstrates His desire to shepherd the sheep, to heal their diseases, and to bring them joy. We should never minimize that. But we should not overemphasize it either. When it came time to die on the cross, what happened to all those people who were healed and delivered and filled with joy by His presence? People will run to the altar when they have a need, then will disappear for six months - until they have another need, and there they are again, crying out to God as before. How quickly we fall away when we are trusting in the Lord for things.

It is clear from the Scriptures that there are two kinds of adoration. There is a mass of people waiting for Jesus to come and minister to THEM, and there is a smaller group of people who have devoted themselves to minister to HIM. We are not suggesting that it must be either one or the other, but we are definitely saying it should be both, and of the two, ministry to Him is the more important one. Perhaps it is acceptable to begin by seeking the Lord for what the Lord has, but we will never have a strong foundation if that is the only depth we know, and if we remain there for too long it demonstrates an immaturity in our relationship with God.

INTELLIGENT WORSHIP OR THOUGHTLESS HABIT?

"I beg you brothers, by God's mercy, to give up your bodies as a living sacrifice that is holy and well-pleasing to God, for that is your reasonable service (Romans 12:1)."

Since the Lord Jesus has completed His earthly ministry, we cannot minister to Him "of our substance" as Mary, Joanna, and Susanna. It is not money, food, clothing, or shelter that He wants from us. So how do we minister to the Lord today? Paul says as a nation of priests, we are to offer up our own selves as living sacrifices. God does not want our things, and in a very real sense He does not want our works. The Lord wants US. If He has US, does He not possess all our things and all our works? An alternative rendering of the verse above, instead of "reasonable service", is "intelligent worship." This is so important that I believe I must quote from Spiros Zodhiates on the word "reasonable", which is translated from "logikos" (logical):

"In Romans 12:1 the reasonable service or worship is to be understood as the service to God which implies intelligent meditation or reflection without the heathen practices intimated in I Corinthians 12:2 and without the Old Testament cultic worship which had become mere thoughtless habit."

In other words, "Spirit and Truth" worship permeates the Church that Jesus is building and characterizes the relationship that He longs to have with us. "Thoughtless habit" better describes much of what we see in Churchianity. Over 150 years ago, Soren Kierkegaard wrote: "By ceasing to take part in the public worship of God, as it now is (with the claim that it is the Christianity of the New Testament), thou hast constantly one guilt the less, and that a great one: thou dost not take part in treating God as a fool." How much more is this true today?

I seldom quote from others, so I think the point should be made that those who truly see these things have learned them in the crucible of their own experience, and not because they read about it somewhere. We do not need a Greek theologian or a Danish philosopher to tell us what we already know: they simply confirm what has already cut us to the heart. So what do we do about this? Is there anything that can be done? Thankfully, God is raising up more Samuels, Davids, Annas, Marys, and "Acts 13" believers who are determined to minister to the Lord. In addition to the living examples of those who sought to meet the Lord's Need, there is a prophetic and historical precedent for what we are sharing. As we move into part two of the series, we will examine this precedent and demonstrate its applicability to us today. May the Lord quicken this message to all who hunger and thirst for Him.
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Part 2

"They shall enter into My sanctuary and they shall come near to My table, to minister unto Me, and they shall keep My charge (Ezekiel 44:16)." In the first half of this series we established that the Lord has sought to secure for Himself individuals who will enter into a love relationship with Him on an intimate level. We described how the Lord has a "need" for man just as man has a need for the Lord, a void which is only satisfied when the two become one. We also touched upon the general failure of our current system of organized worship to truly satisfy the heart of God, and how the offering up of ourselves as living sacrifices constitutes ministering to the Lord in Spirit and Truth.

We saw that anyone who has ever been close to fulfilling God's desire or satisfying His heart has specialized in ministering to Him. We looked at some individuals whose lives are characterized by the fact that they ministered to the Lord, and we saw that the Lord revealed Himself to them in a mighty way. We even made the statement that apart from an intimate relationship with God, founded upon ministering to the Lord, there can be no revelation, no prophetic sense, no depth of knowing Him.

If we could sum up everything said thus far, it would read like this: you were created to love Him, and to be loved by Him. It is all about Him, and not about you or your needs. We are not the center of the universe, He is. He was not created for us, we were created for Him. This is the heart of the matter. When the Lord began to draw me even deeper into this ministry to Him, these are the words He spoke to me: "You were created to love Me, you were created to be loved by Me." This is such a holy, personal thing that I am reluctant to share it, but I believe it is an open invitation to everyone, not a special invitation for me alone. Even so, why does God want "me" to minister to Him? Who am I? What can I give the Lord? And how does this relate to everything else I am doing for God? I know what it means to teach and write and pray for people and pastor a church; I can get my hands on that, and I used to think that was quite enough. But this thing of ministering to the Lord is a depth that few know anything about. I know so little about it myself. But I do know this much: there is an ocean of difference between ministering FOR the Lord and ministering TO the Lord.

There are a handful of people who are being stirred up to minister TO the Lord. Please understand that WE are not calling forth a remnant of people who are to be more spiritual than the rest. We are simply acknowledging the fact that although many are called by God, few respond; thus, few are chosen. There is a reason why the sons of Zadok were permitted into the Holy Place to minister to the Lord, while the other Levites were to remain in the outer court to minister to the people. This is not happenstance. Some, even now, are hearing the call of the Lord and are leaving the outer court, pressing into the Holy Place to minister to the Lord. We need to understand why. We need to look at the outer court and compare it to the sanctuary. We need to compare the ministry to the people with the ministry to the Lord. The Lord has shared some of the greatest things with me when I simply asked, "Why?" If we know "what" then we know His Will; but if we know "why" then we know His Ways. His Will is His Desire, His Ways are how He goes about to secure His desire. We need to know both if we are to cooperate with Him. So let us examine His Will and His Ways together.

ORGANIZED RELIGION PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH THE OUTER COURT

"And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from Me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity. Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, having charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them (Ezekiel 44:10,11)."

The vision of Ezekiel's temple is symbolic of the Church. It is beyond the scope of our study to go through and develop that thought into detail, but I mention it so that we understand there is something here which is applicable to us today. If it is only applicable to the Israelites then it has little relevance to us today, but it is, in fact, highly relevant.

There is an outer court, and there is an inner court. There are those who primarily minister to the people, and there are those who primarily minister to the Lord. To begin with, we must look at the outer court so we can understand the inner court. So what is the outer court? It represents ministry to the people, the offering up of sacrifices. It is visible and public, full of action. Its ministers are in plain view and easily identified. There is much work to be done. Because it is public, everyone has access to it. This is where all the activity is. The Levites stand in the outer court to minister to the people.

But read our text again. Who is serving in this outer court? The Levites who went astray and worshipped idols. Part of "bearing their iniquity" is that they are forbidden from drawing near to the Lord in the inner court. They are forever bound to the outer court, the ministry to the people. They are not permitted to go any deeper. Is this not a tragedy? "They shall not come near unto Me, to do the office of a priest unto Me, nor to come near to any of My holy things, in the most holy place: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed (v.13)."

Here is the greatest single problem with Organized Religion: it cannot bring people any deeper into God than it can go itself. Its people are destined to remain in the outer court. Technically speaking, they are "in the sanctuary", but they are far from God, and cannot draw near to Him. It is better to be out of "church" and "in God" that to be "in church" and "away from God". How nice it would be to have both, but the reality is that God and "church" often contradict one another. Many have come to realize that they have to choose between the two. The ministers of the outer court are in love with their ministry to the people, with the elements and instruments of the work, and with their status and position in the outer court. They cannot lead us where they are unwilling to go. Of course, I am speaking generally. I think it is wrong to assume that anyone who pastors a church is part of this group. That would be incorrect. We are talking about an inward thing. I am not saying you must leave the outer court in order to obey God. But I will say this: if you are not willing to forsake the ministry of the outer court then you cannot minister in the inner court. You cannot stand in both courts at the same time.

MINISTRY TO PEOPLE, OR MINISTRY TO THE LORD?

"These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and they honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me (Isaiah 12a)."

Let me get right to the heart of the matter. What is it about Organized Religion that grieves me the most? I think it is this: the impression it gives that there is no inner court at all, that the outer court is all that there is. Everything centers around ministry to the people, and the ministry to the Lord is forgotten, or worse, is done in such a way that it deceives the people into thinking they are ministering to the Lord when they are not.

I wish a pastor could get up in front of the congregation and say, "It is good for us to be here, and it is right for us to fellowship, but you must understand that this is only the outer court. Everything we are doing is for ourselves. We have yet to touch God. There is an inner court in which we stop ministering to one another, and must minister to the Lord. That is where we are going. We cannot be satisfied until the Lord is satisfied." If this is the pastor's heart then praise God for it! But how many pastors have you heard say that? And how many, having said it and begun to practice it, would remain in the pastorate for long?

The ministry of the outer court is important, but we have made it important for the wrong reasons. Instead of seeing it as the means through which we enter the inner court, we have made it the entire focus. We are more interested in "curb appeal", making the outer court look good to visitors and meaningful for those seeking a "worship experience", while the Lord Himself stands in the inner court, forgotten and ignored. How we feel about the service and whether or not we got anything out of it has become more important than whether or not the Lord's Need is met. Can you not see how far we have fallen?

May I say frankly that the Lord WILL NOT come forth out of the inner court, out of the Holy Place, to meet you in the outer court, no matter how devoted, sincere, or zealous you are. The way is open in Christ, but you must go to Him, and to do so you must pass through the outer court to get to where He is in the inner court. Now just observe how we do the exact opposite. We gather together in the outer court and pray, shout, sing, worship, and expect the Lord to shower us with His presence or move upon us in a tangible way, i.e., "fall upon us" or "visit us" or "show up". From start to finish this process takes about thirty minutes to an hour, and sure enough, there is some kind of "manifestation" produced so as to make everyone believe that the Lord responded to them. Nonsense! He will not meet you in the shallowness of the outer court once a week for an hour or so at a time convenient to you and your schedule. You must enter the Holy Place of the inner court to draw near to God. The lesser approaches the Greater, not the other way around.

It may be helpful to go back to the time in my life when the Lord first began to deal with me about ministering to the Lord. Many people believe I had a falling out with the church, and have developed my particular philosophy since then. Quite the opposite, in fact. The Lord began to deal with me and show me things while I was still very much a part of Churchianity. Eventually, my decision to live according to the Truth caused me to have a falling out with the church. So the falling out was the end result of where the revelation brought me, and not the by-product of having been "hurt" or disillusioned (and I always have to emphasize that one can never have a falling out with the True Church, the Body of Christ, because that is not the same thing as Churchianity).

I was occupying my usual place in the church one Sunday morning, singing and worshipping the Lord, just as I had done for countless Sunday mornings my entire life. Nothing unusual or out of the ordinary was going on. It is difficult to describe what I perceived next, but I can only say that a sense of deep loneliness came over me, a sort of grief. Soon I stopped singing altogether and just listened to those around me. Then I opened my eyes and looked around. I had no reason to feel lonely; I perceived that this sensation was not mine, but the Lord was allowing me to share something which was coming from Him.

I realized that we were singing ABOUT the Lord, but not TO the Lord. We were talking ABOUT the Lord, but not TO the Lord. We have seen people do this with senior citizens, talking about them as if they were not present, thinking they do not know the difference, while they silently suffer the humility of being treated as if they are not even there. It was then that I understood that we treat the Lord the same way.

It was not as if this was a particularly bad service. I have been in bad services, and this one was pretty good! But that made it even worse. The better "our" service, the more the Lord seemed to be left out. It was like having a birthday party for someone and getting so excited about the food and the drinks and the music and our new clothes and the presents that we did not notice the person having the birthday is sitting over in the corner, alone. I saw that "our" service really was "ours" - for us, and not for the Lord. The singing, the praying, the preaching, the offering, everything was for us, and WHETHER THE LORD WAS SATISFIED OR NOT we would be there the next Sunday doing the exact same thing BECAUSE IT SATISFIED US.

I was so affected by what had been revealed to me that I sat down, took out a piece of paper, and wrote down these words so I would not forget that moment: "It is not what *I* need or what *I* want. I am come before you, Lord, to meet YOUR Need, to satisfy YOUR Want, to yield to YOUR Desire. I am not come to RECEIVE a single thing from You, but rather to GIVE all that I have and all that I am." I still have this piece of paper today. In some small way I felt that the Lord was satisfied with this simple surrender; indeed, satisfied and pleased in a way that could not be equaled with all the singing and praying and giving and preaching that we were doing. According to outward appearance, we were "on fire" and "alive", but I had seen things the way the Lord saw them: "You have a name that you are living, but you are dead (Revelation 3:1b)."

When we see things as God sees them it is a critical moment in our walk with Him. We can easily dismiss the experience and continued on as before. We can argue against it, rationalize it away, or forget about the whole thing. I am convinced that there are hundreds, if not thousands, of people who go through the same experience on Sunday morning but they choose to ignore it. The reality is too painful to deal with, too upsetting to question.

But as I continued to ponder this experience I realized that if what I had seen was true then much of what I had been doing in the Name of Jesus was a waste of time, was not pleasing to God, was not acceptable to God, and did nothing to meet His Need or satisfy His heart. It did, of course, meet MY needs and satisfy MY heart. How wonderful to be in front of the people as they listened to me preach and teach and lead worship! Sunday was the best day of the week, for it was then that everyone could appreciate just what an anointed man of God I really was! They were happy to let me lead them, and I was happy to be their leader, and so everyone was happy. Everyone, it seems, but the Lord, Who called to us from within the inner court while we played "church" in the outer court.

I learned that even something as spiritual-sounding as "wanting His presence" is tainted by the egocentricity of the outer-court worshipper. We want the "presence" so bad that we are willing to manufacture it and give the Lord credit for something which is fleshly and profane. What we really seek is not the "presence", but the "presents". As such, we have lost the ability to discern the difference between God and man, between Spirit and flesh, between holy and common. Every new thing which comes along sweeps us right off our feet, and later we wonder how we could have been so deceived, and why we feel so empty inside. We are chasing fantasies and illusions, meetings and manifestations, not the living God of the inner court.

THOSE WHO MINISTER TO THE LORD MAINTAIN THE SANCTITY OF THE INNER COURT

"But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near to Me to minister unto Me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God: they shall enter into My sanctuary, and they shall come near to My table, to minister unto Me, and they shall keep My charge (Ezekiel 44:15,16)."

Now that we have sufficiently identified the ministry of the outer court we turn our attention to the ministry of the inner court. Keep in mind that this is Ezekiel's temple, not the Tabernacle, and not the Temple of Solomon. It is different from all others. But we are not trying to identify each individual room or item, we are simply taking note of the difference between the outer and the inner. The outer court is comprised of many things, as is the inner court. But we are more interested in the ministry itself, and how the ministry to people is compared to the ministry to the Lord. These two are NOT the same.

What is significant about the sons of Zadok, and how is it applicable to us today? The sons of Zadok were selected to minister to the Lord because they "kept the charge" of the sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from the Lord and worshipped idols. In plain language it means this: when things began to decline and the temple was defiled, the sons of Zadok decided they would no longer try to keep the outer court sanctified, but they moved into the inner court and continued to minister to the Lord. When the outer court was defiled, they were determined to maintain the holiness of the inner court.

This is of extreme importance to us. It is no great thing to point out the many ways in which the outer court has fallen, although it surprises me that more people do not see it. Even so, being able to articulate all that is wrong is of very little use if we cannot with equal conviction state what our response to it should be. After we see the problems with the outer court, there seems to be only two viable options: stay where we are and try to change it, or forsake it and go deeper. It seems that all of us, at one time or another, have tried to "change the system" but sooner or later we have met with frustration and aggravation. Immediately when we receive light from the Lord we want everyone else to walk according to that light, but it does not happen. So the only real choice is to go deeper.

The sons of Zadok decided that the outer court was not worth saving, and they sought to preserve the sanctity of the inner court. They did not try to change the outer court, they simply left it in favor of the inner court. It was either that or lose the whole Testimony. Forced to make a choice, they decided to minister to the Lord. Eventually both courts were restored. The sons of Zadok are a type of overcomer, standing in the inner court, ministering to the Lord on behalf of everyone else, thus preserving both courts - even though to the people in the outer court IT SEEMS as if the ones in the inner court are doing nothing. Indeed, IT SEEMS as if the ones in the inner court have disappeared altogether, and they are, perhaps, written off as having "gone astray", when the exact opposite is true.

THEY WILL COME NEAR TO ME... AND STAND BEFORE ME... AND OFFER UNTO ME

"They shall come near to Me to minister unto Me, and they shall stand before Me to offer unto Me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord God (Ezekiel 44:15b)."

Ezekiel 44 illustrates for us what it means to be an overcomer. When the Church as a whole has failed to maintain the Testimony, God will raise up overcomers from within the Church who will maintain the Testimony on behalf of the others who are unable or unwilling to maintain it. People will ask, "Do you think I am an overcomer?" But what does it matter what I think? I know you are called to be an overcomer. But look to yourself and you will know instantly if you are an overcomer or not. Everyone is called to be an overcomer, but alas, everyone does not overcome. We do not overcome because we are overcomers; we are overcomers because we overcome. Read that sentence again very carefully: because being called as an overcomer does not make you one, but living as an overcomer definitely means you are one. There is nothing mystical about it. It bears repeating that the overcomers are no better than the rest, they simply rise up and fulfill God's original intention for them, while the others do not.

If you are an overcomer then the Testimony of Jesus is present in you. Now looking at things as a whole, while the Testimony may be present in some individuals, it is clear that the corporate Testimony is broken down today. God is not the author of confusion, but confusion abounds in our churches. God is not the author of discord and strife, but discord and strife abounds in our churches. So there is not a clear Testimony - it is, for the most part, unclear at best, and contradictory at worst. The Church as a whole has not fulfilled God's intention for it. That is another way of saying that the Lord's Need is not being met. His Desire is not being fulfilled. His Will is not being done. It is not enough for us to examine the outer court and make some cosmetic changes. If we have failed in the ministry of the inner court then we have failed altogether, and THAT is where the root of our problem lies.

Many people have come forward to give us a "New Testament" style or pattern for meeting together. Different forms of church government are being tried. Meeting in cell groups or meeting in homes is being presented as an alternative. The house church has at last begun to call itself a "radical movement". Before long it may very well turn into a sort of unofficial denomination. We do not want to question or criticize the motives of those involved, and some of these things are well and good, but we want to point out that all of these things pertain to the outer court. Very little if any emphasis is placed on the inner court at all. With some exceptions, there is little ministry to the Lord, no more or less than there is in a "regular" church building. Whether you meet in a church building or in a living room or under a tree, what difference does it make if you are, spiritually and mentally, in the outer court the whole time? It is not a new method or a new system or a new movement that we need, but a new heart that draws near to God to meet His Need in the inner court.

From the ranks of the outer court the Lord is drawing people to minister to Him in the inner court. We are not saying the outer court has no use. Again, we should see the outer court as a means to an End, as the path one must take in order to access the inner court. That is ALL it is, a path. The problem is when we become stymied in the outer court and take up our residence there, when the ministry to the people becomes more important than the ministry to the Lord. Worse, when THAT becomes the End, and we never go deeper, and still worse, when we prevent OTHERS from going deeper. The fact remains that some are discovering a deeper purpose for themselves in God than what lies in the outer court, and are pressing inward. It is not so much a matter of disillusionment as it is a matter of dissatisfaction.

So in the context of this passage, what must happen in order for us to minister to the Lord? It involves two preparatory things: "draw near" and "stand before Me". We cannot offer anything or do anything until we first draw near to Him and stand before Him. I wonder: how much time have we spent just standing (or sitting or kneeling or lying) before the Lord, just to minister to Him? Is this the foundation for everything we do, or is it an occasional thing we experience, as we try to fit Him into our busy schedule? The Lord of the work is more important than the work of the Lord.

What does the fat and the blood typify? It represents the presentation of our bodies as living sacrifices (Romans 12:1). This temple is unique in that the altar is the center of everything. This temple is a square, and in the middle of the square lies the altar, upon which those who minister to the Lord offer up the fat and the blood. Clearly, the altar represents the Cross, for to minister to the Lord in this way means a complete and thorough death to Self. You see, in the outer court you might be a "somebody", but in the inner court you are a "nobody", because in the inner court Christ has the preeminence as All in All. There is no room for your ego or your title or your position. You are shielded from the prying eyes of others, hidden from the praise and the criticism of men.

Another interesting feature is the clothing worn by the priests who minister to the Lord in the inner court. We notice two things: first, they must wear linen so as not to produce any sweat (vv.17,18). Sweat represents the works of the flesh. In the inner court one must learn to stand, not to strive. "Peace, be still" is the order of the day. What a contrast to the noisy activity of the outer court. To not do what the Lord has told us to do is sin, but to go ahead and do what we have not been commanded to do is sin as well. The second thing we notice (v.19) is that they must change their garments when they go out of the inner court, and they must put them on again when they return. They are not allowed to wear their linen into the outer court. Yes, there are times when the priests of the inner court must go into the outer court, and we will discuss that shortly. But the reason for the change of clothing is interesting: "they shall not sanctify the people with their garments."

In other words, those who minister to the Lord in the inner court are not allowed to impart anything of the inner court to those around them. Again, the God of the inner court will not come forth to meet us in the outer court, we must go to Him in the inner court and offer up the fat and the blood upon the altar by taking up our Cross every day. This simply means that each of us must learn to seek God for ourselves. I cannot carry your Cross, and you cannot carry mine. We cannot rely upon others to touch God for us, no matter how spiritual or holy they seem to be. For that reason, the ones coming forth from the inner court ACCORDING TO OUTWARD APPEARANCE seem no different than anyone else. There is no room for them to glory in themselves. If we are not careful we may disregard them as no different than anyone else, but if we look closely we will sometimes see them "changing clothes" as they pass from the outer court, into the inner court, and back again. This hiddenness is not only characteristic of those who know the Lord, it is absolutely essential. It will require a sensitive heart, a discerning eye, and a listening ear to recognize and learn from them.

THEY WILL TEACH WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE

"And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean (Ezekiel 44:23)."

If I may paraphrase verse 23, I take this to mean, "Those who minister to the Lord in the inner court are best qualified to teach others concerning what does and does not satisfy the Lord and meet His Need." It may be that we have done quite a number of things which are pleasing to us or to one another but they are not pleasing to the Lord in the slightest. Thus, it is profane, and it is unclean. It is a blemished sacrifice, and it is unacceptable. Again, in Romans 12, we see the terms "holy and acceptable" used in conjunction with the sacrifice of ourselves to God. The converse of that would be "unholy and unacceptable." Some people think God will just accept whatever we do in His Name. But we know that the Lord accepted Abel and his offering, but rejected Cain and his offering (Genesis 4:4,5).

Our inability to perceive, know, or discern the difference between what is and what is not pleasing to God will open the door to all manner of spiritual and religious deception. Abel knew that the Lord wanted "the fat and the blood", a life for a life, but Cain offered up something produced by his own sweat (good works) without stopping to the think if he was truly meeting the Lord's Need. In essence, Abel stood in the inner court while Cain stood in the outer court. Both offered sacrifices, but one was accepted while the other was not. I wonder: out of all the "sacrifices of praise" offered on a Sunday morning, how many are accepted, and how many are rejected? Listen to me! If only we would draw near to God and stand before Him to minister to Him we will come into possession of a remarkable sense of discernment as to the Lord's Purpose, His Kingdom, His Will, His Desire, His Need. Only then can we offer ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable to Him. His pleasure will be our pleasure, and His displeasure will be our displeasure. If we do not know what the Lord wants, how can we pray? How can we teach others? How can we obey the Master if we do not know the Master's will? And how can we know the Master's will if we do not know the Master? Only those who minister to the Lord can know the Lord.

I mentioned earlier that there are times when the priest of the inner court comes forth into the outer court. Here we see that though their primary ministry is to the Lord, they will on occasion have a ministry to the people. What do they do? They teach others the difference between the holy and the profane, between the unclean and the clean. They will demonstrate the difference between what Abel offers up and what Cain offers up. When the priests come forth from the inner court they teach people how to minister to the Lord, how to meet the Lord's Need, how to offer up sacrifices that are holy and acceptable to Him. The Hebrew word "teach" in this verse is interesting. Among other things, it means "to lay a foundation" or "to establish". The basis, the foundation of all ministry is to the Lord first. Learning how to meet the Lord's Need, and then doing it, is what it means to be a priest of the Lord; teaching others to do it is even more honorable. We are not saying there is no place for ministering to people, but we are saying that it is of secondary importance. If we make the outer court more important than the inner court then we have failed. If we have met everyone's need it means nothing if the Lord's Need has not been met.

The altar, the Cross, is central to Ezekiel's temple, because to devote oneself to minister to the Lord will require a death-attitude to everything outside of the inner court. The praise and the criticism of man, the expectations of people, the demands of family and friends, the many needs and opportunities which present themselves to us, our own aspirations and ambitions about what WE want to do or what WE are gifted to do, our own ideas as to what is holy and unholy, acceptable and unacceptable: all of it must go. Our fruitfulness is not what we are to one another, but what we are to Him.

SUMMATION

"I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession (Ezekiel 44:28b)."

What does it mean to minister to the Lord? It means...

- Not my will, but Your Will

- Not my Kingdom, but Your Kingdom

- Not my glory, but Your Glory

- Not my needs, but Your Need

It means that in times past we may have served the Lord with the expectation of a future reward, but now we serve the Lord with the realization that He is our Inheritance now. It means that it times past we may have viewed prayer as a way to achieve our own ends, but now we pray in order to ensure that the Lord's End is achieved. It means in times past we were obsessed with our needs and getting what we wanted, but now we are obsessed with God's Need, His Desire, and making sure He gets what He wants from us.

It means that in times past our greatest joy was to been seen doing something for God, serving in the outer court, busy with many things; but now, being dissatisfied with that and having discovered Him, our greatest joy is sitting before the Lord in the inner court, quiet and stilled as a child, that we may know Him. In a word, to minister to the Lord is to be content and satisfied, free of ambition, conscious of needing nothing, since He is All in All to us. We were created to love Him; we were created to be loved by Him.

O Lord, make us ministers and priests unto You first and foremost. Teach us to come into the inner court and meet You there. Teach us to seek first Your Kingdom and Your Righteousness, Your Desire, Your Heart, Your Need, Your Satisfaction, Your Glory. You are our Possession, our Inheritance, our Reward. May we never be satisfied with anything less. Part 2 tomorrow! www.watchman.net

The Prayers Of The People

Diane Czekala

I went to a conference this past weekend where John Sandford was speaking. He is the founder of the inner healing courses, Elijah House Prayer Training, I took and now am facilitating. He is the spiritual father of John Paul Jackson.

I never saw him like he was. He said he was taken up to the counsel of the Lord here in NY just Friday morning. (Oct. 15th) God asked him, like God spoke to Abraham about Sodom and Gomorrah.

The Lord asked him if He should take his hand of protection off America because of all the immorality here and bring America to her knees. Many would be killed. He knew it was an atomic bomb and it was way bigger than 9/11. Or should He give America more time. More time meant a lot of pain & suffering.

He thought about it and remembered that 9/11 had brought people to their knees but only for a short time. He chose more time. God said the cost would be great. When this happened to him in the past God confirmed his answer that he would give more time. This time it was not confirmed. He felt it depended fully on the prayers of the people.

I never saw John Sandford so humbled and shaken. He was so solemn and said he was shaking in his boots. I knew he had been through some experience. It brought us to tears & intercession. We have been spreading the word to people to pray, pray, pray! God is contemplating taking his hand of protection off America. It does not look good. Although I feel it is best that Bush is president.

Prayer is the only thing that will protect America. Even if we get more time God said there would be much suffering. Our hearts join God in grieving over the sin in the world. John said to repent, repent, repent for the sin of the world. one by one repenting for all the sin in our country.

It was comforting that Bush won because of values. I told God, see, there are more of us who want morality. Pass this word on. Does anyone know how close we are to some large city being attacked with an atomic bomb? The only reason it has not happened yet is because of our Good Lord! And many cities being effected by this, not to mention the fear in the whole country?

Pass this on to anyone. Either way our country is in for some judgment. But lets gather and pray that people come to Him by grace and not by a bigger disaster. This just happened 10/15/04 in Syracuse, NY!! For such a time as this. I am feeling lead to pass this on to as many as possible for intercession and repentance for all the sin in our country. Pass this on to anyone you feel lead to. I feel a great urgency in my Spirit!

Blessings,
In Jesus Name,
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The Prophetic Power of The Seer

James Goll

Two Streams of the Prophetic - An Analogy

The Nile is truly one of the great rivers of the world. Including its tributaries, the Nile is also the longest river in the world, running over 4,100 miles from its beginning in the heart of the African continent to its mouth in Egypt, where it flows into the Mediterranean Sea. For thousands of years, the waters of the Nile have sustained the lives of those who dwell along its banks and on its flood plain. Few other rivers have been as vital to the rise or fall of human culture and civilization along their banks as has the Nile.

As mighty as the Nile is, however, it begins its life as two rivers, rather than one. The White Nile flows from Lake Victoria in Tanzania, and the Blue Nile, from Lake Tana in Ethiopia. These two watercourses come together in Khartoum, in the Sudan, to form the Egyptian Nile, which then runs over 1,600 miles northward on its way to the sea. Two separate streams, each strong and significant in its own right, join together with each adding its strength to the other to form one mighty river that nurtures and sustains life along its entire course.

In the spiritual realm, the flow of the prophetic from Heaven to earth resembles the Nile River. Just as the White Nile and the Blue Nile join to create the greater river, two streams of prophetic anointing come together to feed the greater concourse of the mighty prophetic river of God on earth. We can call these two streams the stream of the prophet and the stream of the seer.

Another way to look at this is to turn it around and think of a great prophetic river flowing from the throne of God that breaks into two streams - the prophet and the seer - which then give different degrees or dimensions or facets of prophetic impartation. Either way, it should be clear that both streams are important for the full expression of the Lord's prophetic word to His people in our day.

What is the difference between a prophet and a seer? For now, let us say that all true seers are prophets, but not all prophets are seers.

The Operation of the Seer Anointing

Within the overall realm of the prophet lies the particular and distinctive realm of the Seer. The word "seer" describes a particular type of prophet who receives a particular type of prophetic revelation or impartation.

The Old Testament uses two words primarily to refer to a seer: ra'ah and chozeh. Ra'ah literally means "to see," particularly in the sense of seeing visions. Other meanings include to "gaze," to "look upon," and to "perceive." Chozeh literally means "a beholder in vision" and can also be translated as "gazer" or "stargazer."

With these definitions now in place, the distinction between a prophet (nabiy') and a seer (ra'ah or chozeh) becomes a little clearer. When it comes to prophetic revelation, a prophet is primarily an inspired hearer and then speaker, while a seer is primarily visual. In other words, the prophet is the communicative dimension and the seer is the receptive dimension. Whereas nabiy emphasizes the active work of the prophet in speaking forth a message from God, ra'ah and chozeh focus on the experience or means by which the prophet "sees or perceives" that message.

The first lays emphasis on a prophet's relationship with the people; the other, on their revelatory relationship with God.

The Power of the Seer Anointing

Everyone needs a vision to sustain them in life.

Proverbs 29:18 states, *"Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, but happy is he who keeps the law."* This verse in the New International Version reads: *"Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law."* Some other translations, such as the New Revised Standard Version, use the word "prophecy" instead of "vision" or "revelation." The point is clear: without prophecy, without divine revelation or vision, people will cast off all restraint. They will run wild because they have no guidance - no vision. The Word of God - His law - provides vision and guidance for living, and those who follow it are blessed.

As Christians, we are called to be a people of vision. We must learn to set a goal or target in front of our eyes to gaze upon. It is only when we aim at something that we have any chance of hitting it! The apostle Paul set his sights on knowing Christ, which he acknowledged was a lifelong process:

Philippians 3:13-15a
"13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude."

Like Paul, we need to be a people of vision. Let us set our sights on the Lord and aim at His goals. The seer will move your heart and stir up your hunger for intimacy with God, because "the seer's goal is to reveal the man Christ Jesus!"

A Change in Seasons - Here Come The Seers!

What is the purpose of the Seer? Like all true seers of old, we must reach high. We must look heavenward. We must think otherly. We must passionately pursue the God of visitation. For years, the Church at large has struggled just to believe and teach that God speaks today. But now, the Church is beginning to grasp the many ways God speaks, including how he speaks to the SEER.

Formerly considered "strange," the SEER anointing is becoming known as much more mainstream in the Church today. And that's good news for you. I can hear many of you saying, "Finally, they'll know I'm not crazy...in fact, I'll know I'm not crazy!"

Times are changing! The seers are being restored to their place of insight, counsel, and the word of the Lord! Here come the Seers!

If there are true seers today, and there surely are, then we must have our aim and focus clear. We must see Jesus! In all our seeing - let's be like John the beloved. Let's get in the Spirit and release the true prophetic spirit by revealing a testimony of Jesus (Revelation 19:10). He is the one I long to see. He is the one for whom my heart yearns and pants. He is the goal and prize of my life.

In all our seeing - let us see and reveal the man Christ Jesus!

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The Precious

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> *"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."* Ps. 116:15

Jesus asked one of his disciples, "… *Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake*?" (John 13:38)

In Mark 10:38 He asked "… *can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with*?

Romans 12:1 asks us to present our bodies, a living sacrifice.

1 John 3:16 tells us we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

In Rev. 2:10 we are told to be faithful unto death.

In Rev. 2:13 we are reminded of the faithful martyr Antipas.

Personally, I never expected to be caught away as an escape from persecution or tribulation. The Lord has told us to expect persecution and tribulation. These verses here are a strong indication that **He expects us to be ready to give our lives** for the Kingdom. After all we are not our own, but are purchased with His blood and must be at his disposal. If He requires our death, at any time, He should be obeyed without hesitation. We really don't even have the right to ask why! But there is a God in Heaven that reveals secrets!

As I said, I never expected to be caught away as an escape from persecution or tribulation, I expect that somehow, somewhere I would die in the persecution! In John 7:16-17 we read "Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." This implies that the Lord reveals his will to the willing. That He opens an understanding of His Word to those who are ready to obey.

Because of my willingness to obey Him in this, He has shown me something of Why the death of the saints precious to God? That is, that in some cases, **Martyrdom Contributes To The Harvest**. And of course the harvest is a major purpose of God. My first exposure to this idea came during a message I heard shortly after I got saved. Here it is.

Martyrdom in India

The following text is transcribed from a taped sermon given by T. George Koshy, an Indian national pastor. I hope you can excuse his awkward English, which I try to quote as correctly as I can. This was given at Reserve Church, Reserve Louisiana, Nov 17, 1985. Brother Koshy was preaching on Living in Holiness. The text was Daniel 9:20-23. This is how he closed his message.

"Brothers and sisters, circumstances which we are in, its not favorable for you and me to serve the Lord. But don't blame the circumstances. In the midst of the strained circumstances, you and I can take a stand for God.

I think 6 or 7 years ago, in a state in the northern border of India, that state passed a law against worship. That means if I convert a man from Hindu to Christianity, that means the government can fine me three thousand rupees and put me in the prison.

In that state an around 18 year old girl, a tribal Hindu girl, accepted Jesus as her personal savior.

Her mom, dad, brothers and sisters; all the relatives, all the tribe of people tried their best to bring her back to her old religion. She said "No, I'm not going to deny my Jesus, I'm going to serve Him!"

The entire tribe of people gathered in one open place and brought this girl. They tried to persuade her to deny Jesus. She said no. They hanged her upside down on a tree. They beat her up. Then her father, mother, brothers, sisters, everybody implored her, "Please! Deny Jesus!" She said "NO!"

They put enough wood and things underneath, and put the fire on that wood, while she was hanging, burned and give her life for Jesus.

It is easy for me to say that. If the same thing happened to me I don't know how I'm going to stand and face....

Brothers and sisters, the entire tribe is in Pentecost right now.

While she was burning, heaven will be calling her 'thou art greatly beloved.'

Brothers and sisters, take a stand. If you have to give your life, don't hesitate, don't turn back. Tradition says when they tried to hang Peter, he escaped. But then he came back and said, "Hang me upside down, let me kiss the foot of my master, and I'll die."

If that happened today, ... how many will say ... I'm going to give my life ... for the one who hanged on the cross ... and gave his life for me. And heaven will say, 'thou art greatly beloved'.

My prayer, ... there was a prophecy towards me when I received the baptism. 'God will send me around the world as a witness'... that happened ... and second, 'I'll be slain for the sake of the Gospel!' And I pray every day, God, if I'm going to go through that kind of torture, ... give me the grace not to deny ... but to give my life ...."

I have included some ... pauses ... in my transcription of the tape to indicate the emotional content of Koshy's closing remarks. All of us there were very touched by depth of feeling he showed.

One comment of his stayed with me, though he quickly passed over it. And it seemingly went unnoticed by the congregation. That was when he said, "Brothers and sisters, the entire tribe is in Pentecost right now." This is to say, they all have been saved and baptized in the Holy Ghost! How or why was never mentioned. Yet here is a case where martyrdom apparently contributed to a harvest of souls!

Ecuador

Jim Elliot and four other American missionaries were killed in the late 1950's on an outreach to the Auca tribe in Ecuador, South America. Subsequently, the entire tribe converted to Christianity. And the very first converts were the men who had killed the missionaries. These missionaries gave their lives in a futile attempt to evangelize a tribe of savages. Their mission was apparently a total failure! Yet their deaths contributed to a harvest, for that tribe totally converted to Christ! Now why or how does this happen?

Here is another case. From *Last of the Giants* by George Otis page 157

> **Divine Visitations in Algeria**
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> In the early 1980's, a truly remarkable incident took place in a North African village located some 125 miles east of the city of Algiers. According to testimony, on one unforgettable night in 1983 - with no prior warning and for no immediately discernible reason - God sovereignty descended upon this coastal township with gracious bounty. Moving from house to house, and communicating through a combination of dreams, visions and angelic visitations. He did not rest until every member of this Muslim community was properly introduced to His only begotten Son, Jesus. As might be expected, come daybreak, nearly every villager had a story to tell.
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> As the Holy Spirit lingered and these simple citizens managed to piece together the magnitude of what had happened to them, a sense of spiritual awe settled over the entire village. In the weeks that followed, their conclusions led to a dramatic wholesale conversion involving some 400 to 450 Muslim villagers - a nearly eighteen fold increase in the size of the Algerian national church!

> When amazed mission workers, who had had no direct involvement in this extraordinary development, began to investigate possible reasons for this sovereign visitation, they came across a stunning piece of information. It was at virtually this very site that, in June 1315, Raymond Lull, a Spanish missionary from Majorca, had been stoned to death by frenzied Muslims after preaching in the open market.
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> The blood of martyrs, it has often been said, represents the seed of the Church. Lull, who is generally considered to be the first missionary to the Muslims, certainly believed this. In his book, "The Tree of Life", he wrote that Islamic strongholds are best conquered "by love and prayers, and the pouring out of tears and blood." In retrospect, it appears that it was precisely this formula that summoned the recent supernatural events in Algeria. Falling into the ground on that summer day in the fourteenth century, the seed of Raymond Lull's poured-out life was subsequently watered by the tears of generations of pious intercessors.
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> Faithfully tending their cause, these saints waited patiently until, some time in the late twentieth century, the golden vials of heaven overflowed and God was released to summon forth fruit in its due season.
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> Adding even more luster to this marvelous story is the fact that it has apparently triggered a book of Acts - style revival throughout other parts of Algeria, which continues to this day. During the summer of 1990, I had the high privilege of meeting with several dozen former Muslims who had come to faith in Christ within the previous eighteen months. Nearly all reported some type of supernatural intervention. Churches are spreading like wildfire, particularly among the Habyle Berber people living in and around the Atlas Mountains. One recent Arabic speaking visitor described as many as several thousand new believers meeting for Bible studies and marathon prayer sessions in homes and on mountaintops.
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> On a recent trip to Rochester, New York, I spoke with a middle aged missionary who in the late 1960's led a team of young Americans in prayer on the very site of Raymond Lull's fourteenth century martyrdom in Algeria. Praying that God would redeem the seed of Raymond Lull's poured out life and send a move of His Spirit, the team helped to lay the groundwork for a sovereign outpouring of divine grace fewer than twenty years down the road. How and why does this happen?

George Otis's explanation is that "strongholds are best conquered "by love and prayers, and the pouring out of tears and blood."

In the late 1980's the Exodus II movement began under the leadership of Steve Lightle. One day in '88 the Lord showed him he would be involved with the harvest in Arabia!

I shared this one day with an Arab Christian minister from Kuwait. According to this prophecy, Steve Lightle was told he would one day preach the gospel in Mecca. Abdul Rahman (not his real name) told me that in the 1920's a Christian had penetrated Mecca and had actually gotten into the Kaba (a famous shrine) to pray. The Muslims found him there and killed him on the spot. (No further details were offered.)

I expressed a belief that the Lord would somehow honor that death and make use of it. He replied that the shed blood of the saints is never wasted.

Has this unknown 'Martyr of Mecca' become the seed for a future outpouring of the Spirit, following the same pattern as in the Algerian village? Do those who are interceding for the Muslims water this seed? Are both of these contributing to a future harvest, fulfilling the prophecy given to Steve Lightle? I believe so.

It looks like, whenever Satan kills one of God's people, it costs him something.

American missionary David Hogan, heading up Freedom Ministries, based in Laredo Texas, is a man moving in the anointing of a pioneer apostle. The Lord has used him, like Paul, in numerous miracles, especially raising the dead. Hogan in fact, claims to have lost count of the number of times he has raised the dead. His testimony includes an interesting incident related to our topic. While traveling on foot to a remote Mexican village his party was suddenly accosted by a pair of communist gunmen. His immediate proclamation went something like this. 'Devil, if you kill me, I'm claiming 100 more just like me to come take my place!'

The gunmen lowered their arms and disappeared into the brush! Every time the devil kills one of God's people, it costs him something. Apparently, in this case, being confronted first hand with this high cost, the devil backed off.

Jesus gave his disciples authority over all the power of the enemy. He gave us the power to bind and loose in spiritual warfare. Scripture teaches us to use the authority of His Name over the forces of Satan. Experience shows that this works, when the anointing is there.

Jesus also taught that when a strong man is bound his house can be entered and his goods taken. In the cases above, the Algerian village, the Hindu tribe and the American Indian tribe were all harvested. They were harvested in a total and dramatic fashion that indicates a spiritual breakthrough. These souls were taken away from the strong men, demonic rulers, who formerly held them captive. Somehow martyrdom contributed to these harvests.

We know that prayer can bind the strongman, but is there scripture showing that martyrdom can do so? We see that it is highly effective, even crucial in some cases. So how and why does this happen? My speculation is that the 'death of the saints', plus prayer, gives the Lord a reason to move. It provides justification for bringing judgment on the demonic powers. ("Ye shall die like men" Ps. 82:7). And clearly demonic powers have to be broken for this type of harvest to occur.

Suzette Hattingh (a teacher on intercessory prayer) gives the example of a policeman signaling for a truck to stop, as an example of authority in spiritual warfare. The prayer warrior, dressed in the armor of God, is like the policeman in his uniform. His authority is obvious because he is wearing the uniform. The Truck driver knows that he will be in a lot of trouble if he ignores the policeman and fails to stop.

Now consider what kind of trouble the trucker is in if he runs over the policeman and kills him! Every cop in town will be after him! If you translate this into the spiritual realm you can see what this means. This illustrates the power and effect of martyrdom. The Devil is in big trouble whenever he kills one of the saints. Whenever Satan kills one of God's people, it's going to cost him something sooner or later.

The scriptural key to the effect of martyrdom is as He says in Romans 12, "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather **give place unto wrath**: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but **overcome evil with good**." (Romans 12:19-21)

More simply put, Martyrdom gives place to wrath. And then eventually vengeance comes. And then harvest comes. "Vengeance is mine, saith the Lord, I will repay." This verse is so often taken as a warning to the believer not to avenge himself. But look to the second part, "I will repay" and see that as one of God's promises! HE WILL REPAY! Not he might, and not he ought to and not he'll think about it. He WILL repay! You know our battles are not with flesh and blood, our enemy is spiritual. It is the vengeance that the Lord executes in the spiritual realm that breaks enemy strongholds, and brings such glorious results.

And so this summarizes my understanding of how martyrdom contributes to the harvest. I am reminded of the words of Medhi Dibaj, the recent Iranian martyr who said: ***"It is a terrible waste for a Christian to die a natural death!***

The Precious: Part 2
by Bill Somers

This article is a short follow up to my earlier article, The Precious. That article forms a foundation for what I am saying here. [Also see the article The How and the Therefore.]

The Lord gives us instruction, 'line upon line, precept upon precept; here a little and there a little.' Each new insight becomes the foundation for something more yet to come.

So everything I've said so far is a preliminary. All this is the foundation for a word the Lord gave me in June and July of 92. A startling, exciting word, which he clearly spoke to me on two separate occasions. (The second time, he made sure I wrote it down.)

That the martyrdom of the church would allow him to break the powers that keep Israel in blindness!
Correspondingly, the martyrdom of a remnant of saints would allow him to break the powers that keep the church in blindness!

So what is this supposed to mean? Lets look at some scriptures relating to blindness of Israel and of the Church.

What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were **blinded***.* Romans. 11:7

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that **blindness** *in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in* Romans. 11:25*.*

These two verses from the book of Romans speak clearly of the blindness on Israel. The following passage refers to the children of Israel but can also apply to the Church

Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech:
And not as Moses, [which] put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished:
But their minds were **blinded***: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which [vail] is done away in Christ.*
But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.
Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. 2nd Corinthians 3: 12-16..

We find an interesting commentary on this section in Luke; it could even be inserted in the above text after verse 15. "... If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead." (Luke 16:31). And of course the one who rose from the dead is Jesus, the Jewish Messiah! We believe it is proper to speak about blindness in the church because Jesus does in the Book of Revelation. In his rebuke to the Laodicean Church, which is the church of today, He says:

Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and **blind,** *and naked:*
I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and [that] the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see Revelations. 3:17-18*.*

The above quoted passage from 2nd Corinthians applies to the Church for several reasons.
A. As Israel is a type of the Church, many verses that speak to or of Israel also make sense when applied to the Church.
B. The passage clearly speaks of a blindness in terms of a vail over the mind or over the heart.
C. The blindness is related to understanding of the scriptures, especially the old testament but also the new.
D. The mention of not being able 'to look to the end' speaks of not understanding end time prophecy.
E. The references to the vail say that it is 'done away in Christ' and 'when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away'. The vail is removed, done away in Christ, in the spiritual but in the natural it awaits the turning or returning to the Lord before it can be finally removed.

The vail of the Temple was removed at the death of Jesus. As Mathew. 27:51 says: "And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;".

The removal of these other vails will also require a death. What the Lord is saying is that the blindness, the veil, over Israel will be removed by a death, the death of the Church. The removal of the vail in Matt. 27:51 is a type. Just as Jesus death removed the vail in the natural temple, the death of the body of Christ, the Church, will remove the vail in the spiritual temple.

But first the vail blinding the Church must be removed. And then, when the fulness of the Gentiles [the Church] is come in, Israel's blindness will be removed.

When the Church *"shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be done away*." This will happen when revival comes. But it will require martyrdom, perhaps extensive martyrdom on the part of the remnant of the Church. That is the remnant that is praying for revival and discerning the times.

When the nation of Israel *"shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be done away*." And they will look upon Him whom they pierced and cry *"Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest*." Mathew 21:9

And so this concept is a key to the two major events of end time prophecy. The coming of the Lord and the coming of revival. The one event open and manifest, the other somewhat hidden in scripture.

To phrase it another way, the coming of the Lord, the Day of the Lord is the coming of the Lord for and with his church. The coming of revival, an invisible coming, is the coming of the Lord 'to' his church.

Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.
Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and **he shall come unto us as the rain***, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.* Hosea 6:1-3

The Passion

Richard & Holly Lang

As Holly and I went on our prayer walk this morning the Lord spoke to us about the movie, The Passion,

"When you have seen the movie, The Passion, are you ready to carry out the full ramification of my Passion in the way that I have intended it?"

"Surely I have borne your grief & pain and carried your sorrows & sickness. Was I not wounded for your transgressions? Was I not bruised for your iniquities? Hasn't my chastisement made you whole? By my stripes you are healed!" Is.53:4-5.

Remember: "As many who were astonished at me -- my appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and my form beyond that of the sons of men." Is. 52:14. "I had no form or comeliness that you should look at me, and no beauty that you should desire me."

"However, I have given you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven that your light might so shine before men that they might see your good works and give glory to their Father who is in Heaven."

Consider this: "I was oppressed, and I was afflicted, yet I opened not my mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so I opened not my mouth." Is. 53:7.

In your grief & in your pain. In your sorrow & in your sickness. By my stripes & by my Passion you are healed! In your transgressions & in your iniquities. By my wounds & by my bruises you are healed! **"By my chastisement & by my Passion you have been made whole!"**

"Psalms 103, A Psalm of David"

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name! [2] Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, [3] who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, [4] who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, [5] who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

[10] He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor requite us according to our iniquities. [11] For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; [12] as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Go therefore in holy agape love and in my Passion; heal the sick, cast out demons and evil spirits, raise the dead and proclaim the Kingdom of God with power and authority. Amen!

Sincerely In Jesus!

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The Invasion
Part Two Richard and Holly Lang

The Desolating Sacrilege Has Come
In The Year of our Lord, Saturday, March 06, 2004

Just ten years ago, I prophesied that the United States had been invaded and that almost no one had even noticed. It was, as it were, as in the days of Noah. An underground invasion of demons and evil spirits had swept over the land, and no one had given heed. The land had been polluted even as the Psalmist declared, “They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons {of drugs & narcotics}; they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols {witchcraft & fornication} of Canaan; and the land was polluted with blood.” Even as Jeremiah proclaimed, “A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they were no more.”

That which has been hidden has now come to the surface in an explosion, and the Lord has cried out, “Abomination of Abominations!” “Abomination of Abominations!” “The Desolating Sacrilege has been manifest!”

The abomination of abomination is now! The desolating sacrilege is now! Again: Let it not be as in the days of Noah. Remember: You are the light of the world, therefore let men see your good works: i.e. cast out demons, heal the sick, raise the dead, proclaim the Word with power and authority that men might give glory to your Father, who is in Heaven.

Finally: The only fresh, new word given to me, which has bugged me for the last several weeks, is this: The Lord has said over and over again, “Abomination of Abomination!” Tell my people that this is the day in which the Desolating Sacrilege has been manifest and it shall be manifested all the more as the future is revealed.

Sincerely In Jesus!

God love and bless you.

The Prophetic Savant
Chip Brogden

http://www.watchman.net/articles/savant.html

sa-vant' (n.): 1. a mentally defective person who exhibits exceptional skill or brilliance in some limited field; 2. a person who is highly knowledgeable about one subject but knows little about anything else.

"...the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad..." (Hosea 9:7).

"What then is genius? Could it be that a genius is a man haunted by the speaking Voice [of God], laboring and striving like one possessed to achieve ends which he only vaguely understands?"

A. W. Tozer

(*The use of the male pronoun in this writing is for convenience only. We mean no partiality to our brothers, and no disrespect to our sisters.)

The prophetic savant is a person afflicted with a heavenly autism, making him nearly incapable of normal relations with those around him. Accused of being aloof, cold, and distant, he is apt to hide himself from people, withdrawing into a world of his own. He never seems to be all "there". Even if he forces himself to come down to Earth for a moment, those around him may have the sense that there is an unspoken dialogue going on somewhere inside of him, a secret communion carried on beneath the surface that never allows him to be fully "in the moment".

How do we explain this? As a prophetic savant he sees, hears, and relates to the world differently than the rest of the population. They have not seen what he has seen; they have not heard what he has heard. And so he finds very little camaraderie, very little sympathy or understanding, no one with whom he can open his heart and share his soul, because he no longer speaks the same language, and they no longer speak his. Of course, he may have surface-level exchanges with anyone: he is approachable, not haughty, or high-minded. He may even be personable and likeable. Yet there is something so other-worldly in his demeanor that he is more often frightening than friendly, in spite of his best efforts. He is a spiritual autistic, and no matter how hard you try to know him, he is generally unknowable, and to a certain degree, he resists all attempts to know him.

If a prophet is anything, he is extra-terrestrial - above the Earth. He walks the Earth with others, but he is not of the Earth. He is from beyond; he is from above. If we trace his history we will find that he may or may not have had a normal childhood. He may or may not have come through extraordinary experiences. But at some point in his life, either as a child, or as a young adult, or as an old man, something from another realm broke through the thin membrane between Heaven and Earth and took hold of him. It may have been a burning bush, or a Voice crying out to him from beyond the veil, or a Heavenly Vision which brought him briefly into contact with something and Someone that he could not completely fathom.

However it happened, for one moment at least, the clouds parted and the veil was rent, and he saw something that is unseeable; he heard something that is unhearable; Heaven itself was opened up to him, and he saw into another world. The thing he saw and heard now burdens him like a mantle that has been draped over his shoulders. He feels its weight, for it is with him day and night, whether he is eating or drinking, working or resting. It is the impression that everything around him is a lie, and what he has seen and heard is the Truth, and this Truth is not static, but it is living, growing, and increasing within him from the day it comes to him in the form of a seed.

For a long time he struggles to find words and vocabulary to express the inexpressible. He cannot explain why he feels the need to try and express it, but for some inexplicable reason something drives him to open his mouth, or take up his pen, and make it known. Whatever it is, it will not permit him to savor it or keep it to himself, and it seems intent on coming to the surface and interrupting the normal course of his life. This process can be frustrating and painful, so much so that he may give up several times, content to simply walk in what he has seen and heard and leave it at that.

But try as he might, he cannot run away from what he has seen and heard, and he cannot deny the compulsion to bring it forth. On the one hand he cries out for a "normal" life, while on the other hand he knows he cannot deny what has been revealed to him. When he does achieve some modest success in articulating something of Heaven he is pleased for a time, but soon grows impatient with it, and eventually is dissatisfied with it altogether, because it cannot do justice to what he has seen and heard. And so the process begins again, the continual search for words to more perfectly express what he is trying to communicate (and a subtle fear in the back of his mind that he may never be able to adequately express it), which leads him to invent words which may have never before existed, or to look for Spirit-inspired words in some unknown tongue that can be translated into something others can understand.

The prophets of old correctly called it the "burden of the Lord", for it is like a woman who must live the rest of her life being in perpetual labor, delivering the same child over and over again. What relief there is only comes in discharging the burden, but that is not to say it ever really leaves: it merely allows the prophet time to catch his breath until the next contraction doubles him over again. The burden is with him the rest of his life, and he never fully discharges it.

Even when he tries to be disobedient to the Heavenly Vision and flees from the presence of the Lord he is pursued and hunted down like some kind of a wild animal who has gotten loose, knowing it is only a matter of time before he is captured again. The Voice never leaves him, the Vision never lets him go. When he refuses to speak then the fire which is already kindled only burns hotter, until he ends up doing what he has resisted doing all along, just to relieve himself of the unbearable tension and inward pressure. He cannot extinguish or quench the fire no matter what he does, he can only be obedient and find temporary relief, until the next word comes, and then off he goes. He may beg God to send someone else, and may protest his inability to speak, or to write. But he is already ruined for anything else, and even when he denies the Lord Who called him and returns to his former occupation, it is all dull and lifeless, and he meets with nothing but frustration and failure. There is no way to escape it. He knows he is called to something Higher, even when he is clinging with everything he has to something Lower.

Like a wild horse, he resists the dealings of the Lord and must be broken before he will obey. Eventually he learns not to resist the Lord, but to cooperate with Him. He becomes pliable and bendable in order to survive. His very life now is bound up with what he has seen and heard. He cannot be disobedient to the Heavenly Vision, and if it means he dies, then he dies. If it means a renunciation of everything he once believed, then he renounces it - reluctantly at first, then cheerfully. If it means suffering the loss of all things, then he lets them go.

Over time the one who has seen and heard becomes the very essence of what he has seen and heard. The Man becomes the Message. He bears the Testimony in himself, and becomes one with it. He needs no preparation to speak; indeed, preparation does nothing to help the message he brings, and it often gets in the way. His whole life is the preparation, and since he is the Message, it is with him constantly. He can no more separate himself from the Message than he can separate his head from his body. If there is an "On/Off" switch then it was long ago turned on and then disabled so that it can never be turned off again. After many seasons of God's dealings he finally perceives that this is what the Lord has sought for all along, not just to GIVE him a Message, but to MAKE him a Message; to gain for Himself a Messenger and capture him completely, embossing the Message into his very being.

And so he goes about his daily business, constantly haunted by that Voice, torn between the menial task at hand which calls for his physical and mental exertion, and the Higher Calling which seeks his undivided attention. He knows he should do all things, great and small, as "unto the Lord". But he also knows that Heaven and Earth are locked in mortal combat over him while he stands there in the middle, torn between the two, desiring to depart the Earth altogether and be with Christ, but knowing that it is more profitable for his brethren if he remains. Heaven calls him to rise up, but Earth tells him to keep his feet firmly planted. His heart is constantly breaking and longing to go, to ascend, to rise up, to stop seeing through a dark glass, and see face to face, without the distraction of the natural, the fleshly, the temporal, because he knows the Earth is not his home. Yet he struggles with the fact that Earth is where he must live and work. This accounts for why he may sometimes seem difficult to be around.

As a savant he possesses insight and skill which others do not possess. But it is a gift, not anything of himself, nothing of which he could boast of. If you were to ask him if he considers this to be a blessing, he would probably say it is more like a curse, because it sets him apart from others even when he tries his best to be hidden and to blend in. He cannot read the Scriptures as others do, for after only a few verses the Heavens are opened up to him again and he is lost in its depths. A single passage may keep him occupied for months as Heaven unfolds it to him, and he cannot tear himself away from it.

His preaching is affected, because he cannot decide in advance what he will say, and even when he would like to bring forth something new and exciting, he usually ends up saying the same thing, like, "Repent!" He often does not say what he wants to say, and does not say it in the way he would like to say it. If he wants to be serious, he finds himself laughing. And when he wishes to be friendly, he finds himself screaming at the top of his voice to a startled congregation of people, who wonder how this fellow was ever allowed access to their inner sanctum in the first place. When he leaves a place he almost never sees the result of his labor, and only eternity can reveal the true significance of what was said. For now, it is all hidden, and he has to live with the fact that his fruitfulness will never be measured in terms that human beings, including himself, can see and appreciate.

He cannot go through the motions of religion like most mortals. It is a dead, shallow thing to him because it cannot compare to the reality of what he has already experienced. He finds it difficult to listen to another person preach when he knows they have not yet ascended to the heights nor plumbed the depths that he has already navigated. And when he tries to lead them into these heights and depths himself he is often misunderstood or rejected altogether. So either he attends the meeting and suffers in silence, or stays home and suffers in solitude; but either way, he suffers.

His seeing is affected by a sort of "spiritual dyslexia". While others view things from a one or two dimensional viewpoint, he sees them through several dimensions at once - forward, backward, reverse, upside-down, right-side up: life and death, light and dark, Spirit and flesh, Heavenly and Earthly - which often puts him at odds with his more pragmatic and doctrinally-correct brethren. He is so at one with what he has seen that he speaks of it as having already happened, because he has, in essence, already experienced it and lived it. It is the Prophetic Tense, which calls those things that be not as though they were. In his world, the world of the Spirit, they exist already. We call it "prediction" because we cannot yet see it with our natural eyes, but he simply stands outside of Time and views Past and Future as one unbroken and continuous Present.

His hearing is affected so that he is increasingly sensitive to his surroundings, even though it seems as if he is not paying attention. He is listening, but he is listening inwardly. He no longer trusts his natural ears, because the Heavenly Voice and the inner witness are more reliable. Thus, he is able to hear God speaking, while the rest of the crowd says, "It thundered!" or "It was an angel!" He is also able to hear when God is not speaking, and does not get carried away with the multitudes who claim to speak, see, and hear things from God when they have not heard or seen anything from Heaven. He cannot bear to listen to them.

His concentration is affected in such a way as to make him appear obstinate and unyielding to others. The truth is that he is actually quite flexible and pliable before the Lord, but before man he is as solid and impenetrable as a rock. No amount of persuasion or argument from man will move him - but the slightest touch from the Lord will bring him to his knees. Having discovered the One Thing that is needed, he will tenaciously and ruthlessly shun the "many things" which crowd in to seek his attention, for he sees everything else as a distraction. Indeed, he is quite willing to sacrifice the good in favor of the holy. And when the Lord has him focused on a particular thing he is as a beam of light fastened upon a singular point until everything melts before it.

Even his praying is affected, for he can no longer pray as he wills and for what he wants. He seemingly has no will of his own. Instead the Heavenly Voice bids him to pray with a Heavenly perspective, and all too often the Heavenly perspective is at odds with the Earthly perspective. So when his brothers and sisters pray for blessing and increase, he finds himself praying for destruction and decrease; and when they are resisting and praying against something, he finds himself asking God to perform the very thing the rest of the world is against.

To the rest of the world, the autistic savant is a bit of a retarded genius, an unfortunate mixture of idiocy and brilliance, caught up in a world of its own. The prophetic savant bears a similar stigma. But if you engage him at all, you soon discover that he sees all of this as absolutely normal; the way it is supposed to be. He no longer wishes for a normal life, because the life he has now IS normal: he has lost his own life in exchange for a new life. He lives in the Heavenlies while he walks on the Earth. He does not think of himself as special, as anything other than a regular person, but often wonders aloud why others cannot see what he has seen when it is all so self-evident and plain. To him, maybe; but the rest of us are blinded by the Light he exudes without knowing it.

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The Pornographic Spirituality

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There was this famous "diva" in Argentina who conducted "almuerzos" (Lunches) on TV to which different personalities of the arts, and politics, or science were invited. The conversations although they tried to make it look or sound very scientific or high profile speech, most often edged the ridiculous. The conductor was not a knowledgeable person, and every other intervention she would say things or ask questions that were just laughable to say the least. However the audience was always high. Politicians would go lengths to be invited to one of these TV lunches because of the exposure they would get.

COROLLARIUM:

To either say the right thing or to be flatly ridiculous it was just a side dish; it did not actually matter if it was constructive or plainly surrealistic. What counted was "visibility". What people watched was the spectacular: the table settings, the silverware, the dresses, and the shining personalities; in fact what counted was the spectacular environment. For an hour and a half people would live vicariously as watching this program simply allowed them to "live" for some minutes a reality that was not theirs, so in the end everything was accepted or even permissible in the "ideal" environment of the "almuerzo" because it created a door to escape their own floppy reality.

OH, BUT WE DON'T DO THAT!

"Well", some would say, "we don't do that in our country, that was in Argentina." I have news for you: We not only do that in every country of the world, we also do it in church!

We do it when we go to conferences about intimacy with God but we never develop our own relationship with God. When we attend seminaries on Prayer and Intercession but we seldom dedicate time to prayer or to really intercede for others we are actually doing it again. When we go to a prophetic gathering just to find someone who can tell us our future instead of learning how to hear from God we are doing it again. When we go around looking for the most "powerful" meeting, or the most "anointed" preacher, or the most "accurate" prophet, then we are again living vicariously which in very plain language means simply to live "pornographically". A person caught up in real pornography actually lives his or her sexuality through what they see others doing. As rough as this may sound this is exactly what we do when instead of developing a powerful intimate relationship with God we go see others tell about it.

DIVAS OF MINISTRY

The needs are real. The desire to see a move of God is real. The desires for revival are very real; however there is something eminently wrong when we expect someone else to do it for us. When we put our focus on what this minister, or this teacher, or this revivalist, or this prophet can give me instead of focusing in the source of it all, the Holy Spirit that is available to all who seek Him, then we end up creating "divas" of ministry.

When we focus on the spectacular rather than on the reality, or when we look for the "power" not realizing that the power is to be found in the person behind the power, that is the Holy Spirit, then we are putting pressure on the ministers we go to see to have more, to show more, to give more, to be more spectacular, and we end up creating ministry entities of whom we do not see their flaws or clay feet because we are concentrated in the shiny surface and as long as it shines accountability is not a requirement.

THRIVING OUTSIDE STRIVING INSIDE

This leads us to be so dependant on others as the source for our spirituality that we risk having our spiritual lives entirely separated from our real lives, so much that our spirituality thrives when we are at a special meeting or conference, while at home where it really matters it only strives.

On the other side this putting the focus on the "diva" minister has a sad effect in that we seldom pray for them simply because in our eyes they are so perfect that we do not see the need to protect them in prayer. Also in this same line we do not consider it important that they be accountable to anybody; like the actress of my starting story we don't care much of what they actually say or do, as long as it is spectacular. Worse yet we might let things go unchecked in their lives because after all it is their private lives, ain't it? As long as we have the show, the make me feel good, the stamina emanating from them, we don't care much about their private lives.

PRESSURE FROM LUST

The pressures we put on them arise not from our real needs but from our lust. We lust for the shiny, for the show, for the best worship, or even for the "magic" of it all, for the knight in shiny armor, not realizing that this leads to an ever increasing race towards the spectacular leaving three casualties in the way: character is one, and the real supernatural power of God is another.

The third one is the "diva" minister himself whom we have helped create with our lust, with the pressure we put on them; we push them into a race into the spectacular that takes them to an even more spectacular downfall.

WHO'S TO BLAME THEN?

It is really saddening to see a servant of God fall in sin and entering into a downwards slippery road. Character and accountability are at risk when the show becomes the central point of ministry. We cannot blame the people for the sins of ministers; every one is responsible before God for his or her own sins; however we must realize that there are two sides to the equation: while each one will have to give account for their own sins, we need to make sure that we do not help create "divas" in ministry to whom we forgive everything as long as they satisfy our lust for more "almuerzos", and to whom we point with our fingers when they fall in that slippery road that we have helped them get into.

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The Power Of God

Luz Cintron

In solitude and silence
You have established the footstool of Your presence.
Simplicity has dressed Your Truth in power
to brake apart all our illusions.

It is not dressed with sounds of many words
nor is it hidden in eloquence of speech.

It is silence that speaks,
light dressed in darkness,
solitude that accompany the lonely heart
offering a place of repose,
brokenness that heals,
hope that embraces defeat
because it trusts...
reasons not argued or explained
because they are not
intellectual processes
but heart issues.

The revelation of Your power
is not in the sum of all Your mighty deeds,
nor is it revealed in the dark speech of wisdom.

What cost You to open the sea in two
and get Your people to cross
on dry land?
What cost You to drown the Pharaoh's troops?
What took You to crush the walls of Jericho
at the shout of trust of Your little ones?
There
You were just toying with Your power...

Tell me, what cost You
to brake the bonds of death
that had you in the dark and cold tomb for three days?

That was glorious indeed
but I do not find there the revelation of Your power.

I find it unveiled
when You took off Your power and Your glory
El Elyon dressed in clay
to be called Emmanuel.
When the sum of all fountains of life
surrendered Himself to become thirsty,
when You cried,
when You allowed your soul
to become troubled
willing to be touched
by all that crushed me.
When You, Eternal Life, embraced death
and death of a cross

in shame, rejection and defeat.

Which power there is
that can compare to Yours?

The meek and lowly lamb
that in silence,
comes down to bring
upon himself
the sin of the world to vanish it.

You came not only to perform redemption,
if that was the case You could have done it differently,
in many ways as Your creativity allows You
who created from nothing all that is.

Your eyes saw beyond
Your heart understood the root of our need
and knew all that it takes.

The fact remains that You have come
without fanfare or glory
just to sit down by the side of humanity
as one of us
to share our pain and sorrows
to partake of our few joys
to share Your life
with those dead
unaware of their death

For You came
to take and partake our life
to change it.

It is true
You sent Your Word and created all
and You renewed the face of the earth.

In this, the glory of Your power
is unveiled and sits in Christ.
In this we stand.

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Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. John 10:17-18

The Quest for Immortality

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Ever since the fall of Adam, man has always sought for a way to come back to his immortal state. He has tried science, witchcraft, religion and philosophy yet his quest for immortality is yet to be satisfied. What man seem not to know is that true immortality can only be found in Christ and he alone has the key to immortality.

Scriptures reveal to us men who tasted immortality but the door seem not to be open to everybody or every Christian. We got to persevere. It will not come until we see him. When we see him then we become like him. Then we will have what he has - an immortal body. Until then we must persevere. Our body longs for it, our spirit groans for it but we must wait for it. Job knew he would become immortal one day. Abraham had a glimpse of it as he longed to see the day of Christ. Adam, Eve, Enoch, Elijah, Christ and those that rose after his resurrection actually tasted it. They walked in it and all of them are still with it hitherto in heaven. These ones included the 2 olive trees and others that were in paradise in the middle of the Earth before the way to heaven was prepared for all.

In these end - time I believe we would be seeing lots of immortality signs and displays though the Church would never see it`s fullness until the day of rapture. On that day we would be changed and we would be one of the first set of people to see immortality and live it apart from the saints already in heaven . Every other human would eventually be immortal before the great judgment but some would come go to everlasting damnation. Every soul in Heaven now has an immortal body even those whose bodies are yet to be raised up. This is because in Eternity what is yet to happen has already happened and that makes those of them that are yet to be raised up to already have the resurrected body.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death. The fear of death has been abolished and so will death be. In the mean time we are to look unto Jesus (the author and the finisher of our faith who alone has the key of death and life) and to the father who alone has immortality.

Shalom!.

Transformations And Changes

Bill Burns

Jan 5, 2004
My people, hear Me. I am about to shake you from within and without. Many of you will go through radical transformations and changes, but if you do not approach this season and go through these changes with faith, you will be discouraged and shaken in your kingdom positions and even in your worldly positions and opportunities, and you will not receive that which I have for you because you will allow the shaking to bring fear and discouragement. I say to you, gird up the loins of your strength and approach this season in absolute faith.

I Will Open Doors

Marsha Burns

I had a mini-vision of someone fashioning something out of Play Doh, and when the sculpture was finished it was not satisfactory and all was gathered again in a lump and ready to be used again. And, the Lord said, this is true reformation. You, My people, are entering a season when you can reclaim old resources and modify your plan to achieve better results. I will open the eyes of your understanding and give you insight and revelation, which will serve to alter and improve your course of action. And, I will open doors before you and make a way for you to accomplish what is in your heart to do. Do not be afraid, but go forth with courage and boldness, for certainly I am with you.

New Infilling Of My Spirit

Marsha Burns

Ephesians 5:18 "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit."
Beloved, these are the days of a new infilling of My Spirit, a fresh baptism. Do not resist being filled to overflowing with the effervescent life that is now being made available to you. Allow Me to make you a new wine skin that is fresh and flexible in allowing the new wine of the Spirit to quicken you to vitality. Be willing to give up the mindset that causes you to stubbornly refuse to give up your position as a victim of life's circumstances. Let Me do a work in you that will remove restraints and bring you to spiritual freedom.

Because I Am With You

Bill Burns

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My people, I tell you to get ready for demonstration, for it has been written and the scriptures cannot be broken that I will raise up a Church without spot or wrinkle, a Church that walks in righteousness. The righteous acts of the saints shall give birth to the manifestation of My presence on the earth if you can hear the sound of My voice and come to Me in faith, even in small faith, even as the seed of a mustard tree. It is My desire to use each one of you to bring the demonstration of the power of My word and the power of My kingdom in these days, says the Lord.

Watch, for even My people shall be astounded. Watch, for those around My people shall be astounded. As you walk in faith My light shall shine upon you and there shall come an abiding grace, an abiding glory that will rest upon you. The mantle of My authority shall be placed upon your shoulders, and you shall know that I am with you, says the Lord. Because I am with you, faith shall be ignited to speak forth My word and do as I direct you. The glory and manifestation of My kingdom shall be in evidence in this season, says the Lord.

I will give you demonstration. I have given you My word and brought the prophetic word alive in you and have brought you to a higher level, a higher place. Not only do I give gifts and bring forth prophetic teachers in the land, but I will bring the demonstration of My power as confirmation to that word. Expect the manifestation of My power.

I shall make you overcomers, for I have overcome the world, I have overcome the power of the devil, and I have overcome all things. There is coming a famine in the church for the word, but the righteous who live in Zion shall have the word of the Lord in these days, for out of Zion the word shall flow forth from that place. I have found Myself a people, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, and I have come to sound the trumpet Myself and tell you that I am among you. Glorious and wonderful things I am doing, says the Lord. I am releasing the sound of the trumpet, the spirit of prophecy to come forth.

The Radical Forerunner
Jill Austin

Mary - The Radical Forerunner - A Tale of Hidden Testimony and Holy Fire!"

From her encounter with Gabriel to her experience at Pentecost, Mary's experiences parallel those of any woman who pursues God's promises for her life.

Mary knelt in the shadow of the cross, weeping in anguish as her firstborn Son hung above her, naked and bloody. The ominous roar of thunder was crowded out by His agonizing cry, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

She looked up through her tears. "Why?" she cried out in the deafening silence of her thoughts, "Why didn't you defend Yourself? I saw the raw power of God move through You. At Your word, demons fled, blind eyes were opened, lepers were cleansed. Why didn't You command the angels to save You? You were going to be king of the Jews. It was prophesied; I didn't make it up. The angel Gabriel visited me, and everything happened as he said. It wasn't suppose to end like this."

Most of us remember Mary as the 15-year-old girl who rode off on a donkey to facilitate the Christmas story. But her life was so much more. It was a tapestry of mysteries that unraveled, gradually, across the seasons of her years, bringing her ultimately to this scene at the foot of the cross.

On that day of the crucifixion, Mary's Son was not all that was dying, so were every belief and prophetic promise she'd clung to for 33 years. Perhaps you, too, have had your life turned upside down. You've seen your dreams die. The future looks bleak and empty.

You need to understand that your prophetic walk with God is a cyclical journey. Like Mary, you will have seasons of prophetic revelation; seasons of spiritual wandering; seasons of ordinary "ho-hum" life; seasons of effective ministry. All of them ultimately lead to the cross and to the death of all things you hold dear. But the cross is never the end.

Radical Visitation

"One night the angel, Gabriel, came to me. Me, a simple Jewish girl living in poverty in the little town of Nazareth. What did I have to offer anyone, especially almighty God?

"His voice filled the room, 'Greetings, you who are highly favored among women. The Lord is with you.' He told me not to fear and that I would give birth to the Messiah. I cried out, 'Yes, Lord, let it be done to me according to Your word.'"

Mary was a sovereign vessel chosen to be the mother of Jesus. Yet the Bible doesn't indicate that she moved in miracles. She simply possessed a heart of devotion and childlike faith. She said, "Yes, Lord, let it be unto me," and it changed her life forever. That is why we can all be like Mary!

The Holy Spirit overshadowed her and the new life that was birthed in her womb ushered in the Messianic Age. Do you cry out, "Lord, I want to be like Mary - radically overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, impregnated with Your purposes!"? Do you want to usher in revival?

Then know that there is a price behind the anointing! There is a stigma! Birthing the things of the Spirit is messy and revival is controversial. Are you willing to be a humble vessel, giving birth to God's purposes in an untidy stable, or will you say, "There's no room in the inn."

Spiritual Warfare

"In the middle of the night, Joseph shook me violently. He was terrified, crying, and ranting about Herod wanting Jesus dead. He said we had to leave town -- right away. He grabbed Jesus and was out the door before I could understand what was happening. We left everything behind that night -- no explanations, no goodbye. Life as we'd known it was over."

Satan always goes after a move of God in its infancy, when it's most vulnerable. King Herod diabolically ordered the slaughter of baby boys. But God gave Joseph and Mary divine strategies to protect their Son, telling Joseph in a dream to flee with his family to Egypt.

Are you under attack from the enemy? The greater your call and destiny, the greater the spiritual warfare you will face. The enemy wants to abort your prophetic promises. When the stirrings of revival begin to be birthed in you and around you, challenging the status quo, the demonic realm is aroused. Don't be afraid; God will be faithful to deliver you out of the enemy's hand.

The Wilderness

"Why didn't God remove Herod instead of us? It hurt so much to leave everyone behind. I kept thinking...if only my family and friends could see Jesus grow up. And why Egypt? Why did God send us to the land that represents bondage for our people? Are we going to die here or in the wilderness like our forefathers?"

Maybe you've had incredible, dramatic encounters with God. You've had multiple prophetic words recorded on tape and transcribed into notebooks. You're sure that at any moment now your prophetic promises will come to pass.

Mary also received prophetic words: Her Son would be the king of the Jews. So why were they banishing and suffering in an uncomfortable and foreign land? Mary didn't realize that the prophetic timetable for the fulfillment of Jesus' destiny would be a grueling 30 years long. You, too, will spend time in the wilderness seasons of barrenness. Are you willing to wait on the Lord's timing?

An Ordinary Life

"Finally, after several years in Egypt, God spoke to Joseph again in a dream. Herod was dead. This time it was I who grabbed Jesus and ran out the door with Joseph trailing behind. We couldn't get home fast enough!

"Things eventually settled down, but mothering Jesus was always a challenge. Once, when He was 12 years old and we were returning in a large group from the festival in Jerusalem, I realized He wasn't with the other children. We frantically returned to the city to look for Him in the temple. You know what He said? I should have known He was there! Oy vey! I wanted to ground Him 'til He was 21!"

Do you feel as if you're on a shelf, living an ordinary life? Are you changing diapers, cooking dinner, and dealing with the neighbors, while crying out in your heart, "Lord, have you forgotten me? Why don't people recognize my gifting? Don't they realize I had a radical visitation back in 1990?"

Mary had 30 years of obscurity to develop a hidden testimony -- a secret history with God. You, too, have an appointed time to build family, community, and greater intimacy with Jesus. In the midst of that time, you may feel like crying out, "What's taking so long? By the time my destiny comes, I'll be pursuing it in a wheel chair!" But seasons of preparation are important. These are the times when God works patience, radical passion, and deep devotion into your life.

Finally, Ministry Begins

"When I was 45 years old, life changed dramatically for Jesus and me. He started bringing home a ragtag bunch of fishermen to dinner. Then, at a wedding, He changed water into wine. From then on He moved in amazing signs and wonders, and a huge crowd followed Him everywhere. The excitement grew daily as Jesus walked among the people, bringing revival. But I still don't understand what He meant when He said, 'Who is my mother?'"

Mary had to relinquish control of her life and Jesus' life in the midst of an outpouring of the Spirit. In your life and ministry, you also have to let go -- of your plans, your expectations, your ways. Just as Jesus had to leave His home and follow the Father, you also have to relinquish control of your life and follow the Father, even if it takes you to the cross. And it will.

The Dark Night

"Why, God, why? Why have you forsaken Him? Why have You forsaken me? He was supposed to deliver us. He was our salvation, and now He's gone. If You really love us, why have You allowed this to happen?"

Jesus was in the prime of His life. The countryside was in the midst of a tremendous revival. But now He was dying on the cross -- and so was Mary. Overcome by feelings of abandonment and betrayal, she was in the middle of a crisis of faith.

When Jesus chose to go to the cross, Mary was compelled to go there too. The truth is, the cross is always being worked in our lives -- sometimes through the choices of others. Your daughter has an abortion; your son abuses drugs; your husband files for divorce. You never intended to go to that cross, but there you are.

You want to believe the Lord will rescue you at the last moment, but often His plan is to crucify you. Everything dies at the cross: relationships, ministries, agendas, reputations, finances...it's painful, but it's necessary. If you cry out to be part of the Bride of Christ, then you must be -- you will be -- identified with the sufferings of the Bridegroom.

Resurrection

"He's alive! I thought I'd cried all my tears on Golgotha, but when our eyes met, it was like a flood. As I ran into His open arms, He scooped me up and spun me around in joyous laughter.

"The times we shared after the resurrection were the most precious of my life. They made it easier to release Him -- again. As I watched Him ascend, I prayed again, 'Lord, let it be unto me according to Your word, for the rest of my life.'"

Out of great death comes great life. Mary's prophetic promises had been limited by her world view. In her mind's eye she had seen Jesus as king over the nation of Israel for the span of His lifetime. In reality, He was King of kings and Lord of lords for all people and for all time.

At the cross, God crucifies our limited view concerning the fulfillment of our prophetic destiny and resurrects it to His eternal view. The Lord revives our broken dreams -- and when they come to pass, they rarely look as we thought they would.

Carriers of Glory

"Explosions of glory! Now it was not just I who was overshadowed, but all 120 of us. Tongues of fire fell and we were gloriously baptized in the Holy Spirit. We couldn't keep the news to ourselves. We ran, pushing each other out the door and down the narrow staircase, to tell everyone!

"We gave ourselves to prayer night and day, sharing all we had, and loving each other. We grew from 120 to 3,000 to 5,000. Signs and wonders and miracles followed as we told everyone about Jesus!"

Mary and the other disciples were baptized in the Holy Spirit and the church was set ablaze -- just as the Lord wants your life to be ignited now. When the Holy Spirit moves through you, it's not just for your benefit; it's to bring conviction, salvation, healing, and deliverance to suffering humanity.

By the end of her prophetic journey, Mary had seen every prophecy she'd ever been given come to pass. Now she was a carrier of the glory of God. How about you? Are you willing to be a carrier -- to bring the glory of God to your family, your neighborhood, your workplace? Are you willing to embark on your prophetic journey and birth revival?
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Is There a Cry in You for a Deeper Friendship with God
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Fresh Revelation Face-to-Face

Exodus 33:12-16 - *"Then Moses said to him, 'If Your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that You are pleased with me and with Your people unless You go with us? What else will distinguish me and Your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?'"*

After an incredible "mountain top" experience on Mount Sinai with a 40-day visitation, receiving The Ten Commandments, and having God inscribe the Law on his heart, Moses descended the mountain and was hit with heavy spiritual warfare. His people were entangled in blatant sexual perversion as they worshipped a golden calf. The Lord's jealousy burned and He released judgment, costing three thousand men their lives.

In total desperation, Moses cried out for a greater encounter with the Lord - a deeper visitation was needed! It was not enough to see a burning bush ablaze, or watch the Red Sea part, or even to see supernatural provision each day with the raining down of manna. He cried out for more! He wanted to see God's face. He would not take "No" for an answer. Total desperation, unquenchable hunger, and unswerving commitment to his people caused Moses to contend with God for His presence.

While Moses faced death and warfare, it caused him to press into God with a greater desperation! Do your trials cause you to run to God or from God? No matter what your circumstances, God is inviting you to come up higher. Don't live in the valley of death and destroyed dreams. He will give you the strength and the wings of an eagle to soar up the mountain to greater heights in Him.

God answered Moses' cry by letting His goodness pass before him. After Moses descended, the very glory of God rested on him, causing his face to shine. Moses even had to wear a veil to hide the blinding brightness of God's glory.

Have You Cried Out to See the Face of God?

Have you, like Moses, cried out to see the face of God? It is not enough to have a "mountain top" experience or receive fresh revelation as Moses did! Moses wanted more.

He wanted friendship. He wanted intimacy. He wanted God Himself. There is something greater than receiving life-changing prophetic words, attending the latest of conferences, or seeing God's power explode in signs and wonders.

Nothing is greater in this life than being His friend. Is there a cry in you for a deeper friendship with God? God is calling for us to meet with Him face-to-face.

Prayer: *Lord, the warfare has been so intense. In the storms of life, I want to run to you and not from you. What I have had before is just not enough. I need to see You face-to-face. I want to be Your friend and hear Your heart. Please encounter me, Lord!*

Running to Him...Not from Him: Godly Fear

Exodus 14:31 - *"And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in Him and in Moses, his servant."*

Fear, or reverential awe of the Lord, should help us run to God rather than from God. Moses' encounter with God on Mount Sinai is an awesome example of how encountering God causes reverence and elation, rather than fear of rejection and spiritual boredom.

Moses ascended the great mountain of the Lord, shielded from the glare of life's non-essentials. This was the place where God is all that exists and all that matters. After the lightning and the rumblings on Mount Sinai, Moses returned and told the people something interesting. He said, "God has come to place His fear in you so that you might not sin."

Encountering Him

Godly fear is a reverential awe. It is realized with an encounter with an another-world, extra-dimensional, supernatural reality. And in that place of realization, it empowers our hearts to not settle on the lesser loves of this world.

We find casual, routine religion to be convenient. We find it to be pleasant. But this kind of religion fails to provide the average American parishioner, week in and week out, with the kind of spine-tingling, seat-of-the-pants, edge-of-the-seat environment that delivers us from lesser distractions. I don't want to go to church when I can predict every moment of the service. God is radical and unpredictable. He wants to bring in the suddenly of His personality. He wants to be able to model church after Moses' encounter on Mount Sinai.

When Moses went up onto Mount Sinai, he didn't think that he was going to have forty minutes of worship, then some announcements, and then the timed message. When God is in the house, nothing is predictable! If His presence is there, you are on the edge of your seat and you forget your watch. You don't know how much time has passed. God is there and that is all that matters. Do not let your hearts faint if there is a holy dissatisfaction burning in you. For the most radical encounters that you will have will be in the privacy of your own home in the secret place. You must contend for that something more and let that hunger drive you into a deeper intimacy with Him. Let's all cry out for our own Mount Sinai encounters with the Lord.

We must have more of You!

Prayer: *Lord, I want to have a holy fear of Your awesomeness! Help me to climb the mountain, to encounter You, and not to settle for anything less than YOU alone. We welcome you back to our churches to ruin us for the ordinary. We must have Your presence or we will become dull and barren!*

Transitions

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I heard the word “transitions.”
1 a : passage from one state, stage, subject, or place to another **: CHANGE b :** a movement, development, or evolution from one form, stage, or style to another
2 – not relevant
3 : an abrupt change in energy state or level (as of an atomic nucleus or a molecule) usually accompanied by loss or gain of a single quantum of energy.

“ I have catapulted many of you into a state of transition to ready you for what I am about to do in changing your lives, that the promises I’ve made, and the plans I have for you may be accomplished. Transitions are hard.
Change is hard. But if you will yield fully to the purging I am doing, and to My leading, you will be so elated at the final stage ! You have no idea yet the beautiful thing I am doing, or how much I love you. I am so pleased with My progress you see. I am causing changes that will lead to UNITY and LOVE being made paramount in the body of Christ.

John 17:10-12 NKJV
10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are.

John 17:15-26 Amplified
15 I do not ask that You will take them out of the world, but that You will keep and protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world (worldly, belonging to the world), [just] as I am not of the world.
17 Sanctify them [purify, consecrate, separate them for Yourself, make them holy] by the Truth; Your Word is Truth.
18 Just as You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And so for their sake and on their behalf I sanctify (dedicate, consecrate) Myself, that they also may be sanctified (dedicated, consecrated, made holy) in the Truth.
20 Neither for these alone do I pray [it is not for their sake only that I make this request], but also for all those who will ever come to believe in (trust in, cling to, rely on) Me through their word and teaching,
21 That they all may be one, [just] as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be one in Us, so that the world may believe and be convinced that You have sent Me.
22 I have given to them the glory and honor which You have given Me, that they may be one [even] as We are one:
23 I in them and You in Me, in order that they may become one and perfectly united, that the world may know and [definitely] recognize that You sent Me and that You have loved them [even] as You have loved Me.
24 Father, I desire that they also whom You have entrusted to Me [as Your gift to Me] may be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory, which You have given Me [Your love gift to Me]; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.
25 O just and righteous Father, although the world has not known You and has failed to recognize You and has never acknowledged You, I have known You [continually]; and these men understand and know that You have sent Me. 26 I have made Your Name known to them and revealed Your character and Your very Self, and I will continue to make [You] known, that the love which You have bestowed upon Me may be in them [felt in their hearts] and that I [Myself] may be in them.

I have told you in My Word, that if you come to know and understand the depth of My love for you, then you can be filled with the fullness of God !
(Eph 3:18) It is MY LOVE that leads to repentance. So as you pour out this love I've given you to those who don't know it. LOVE GROWS and is nurtured, and then they are able to receive it and give it. The Kingdom grows, because of shifts in belief. No longer will they believe the lies, because they will SEE and HEAR, and see DEMONSTRATED the LOVE of God that I have put in you. For love to be believed, it must be demonstrated.

If your mother or father constantly TOLD you they loved you, but didn't act like it. Would you believe them ? Wouldn't you doubt? And in fact many youth in this age feel a lack of love shown. Many others also are love starved. They need to have more than TALK. Talk does not convince anyone of love. It is self sacrifice and DEMONSTRATING IT, that influences change in people. People have had enough TALK. Empty talk has been quite prevalent in the church. I love you, God loves you, but no DEMONSTRATION. I still go home to my house and sleep quite comfortably while little children starve, while people are being killed. I sing and I dance, and celebrate, but where is the weeping ? Where is the rejoicing with those who rejoice, and weeping with those who weep ????
The world, and especially this generation which is the most knowledgeable yet, KNOWS WHEN PEOPLE ARE NOT BEING REAL ! THEY KNOW !

I want My church to reflect MY LOVE. NOT your own conditional love, but MY UNCONDITIONAL LOVE. I don't judge by the outside. I don't judge by actions even of others, but I LOOK AT THE HEART. I am WAITING for the church to RISE UP and call ME LORD of their lives ! I am waiting for the church to be perfected in love, so that unlike the priest and pharisee in the parable of the GOOD SAMARITAN, they will not pass by those who are in great need of healing and deliverance ! For some, I will just want you to be their friend, to show them love and care.

When you have MY LOVE, then you will FEEL the pain in others. You will see the pain and roots of pain, and be willing to lay down your life in the sense of praying with them, and helping them in whatever way I LEAD YOU TO DO !
You will follow ME and what I want, and not disdain those who are in need, because they cramp your style of living !

I am calling many of you to raise up houses and places of REFUGE for those who in the days ahead will need safety and security, and who will be used for harvesting. Do NOT listen to man, or to your own heart, but listen to ME !
Listen to how and where, and what I want to do. I will provide all that is needed for those whose heart is willing to serve, and not just be served.

The enemy is sowing seeds of doubt right now. He is trying to discredit many, to make them feel left out or confused about what I've told them.
DO NOT LISTEN TO THE NAYSAYERS, who say you can't do that ! THINK BIG My children. Do not think to LIMIT ME ! I AM NOT LIMITED. I CAN DO ANYTHING ! If I have told you something. WAR with that word ! Shout it from the rooftops and BELIEVE that I am ABLE to do what I tell you ! Just WAIT on ME for all the answers. I will not disappoint you. But you must not go ahead of Me, just wait on ME."

I've said that I love you with an EVERLASTING LOVE, and that My mercy endures FOREVER. Yet many think My mercy runs out. It never runs out for My own ! NEVER ! YOU are My favorites because you said YES to ME !
I will uphold all who are truly MINE. I LOVE YOU and I will not forsake My own children. I never CHANGE. My character remains consistent. MY LOVE NEVER RUNS OUT !

Intensive Care
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The Lord said to me: “ Intensive Care” and many years ago I worked in Neonatal Intensive Care as a clinical nurse specialist. I can paint a picture for you of such a recipient of care there.

Perhaps a tiny premature on oxygen through a respirator breathing for him, delivering not only oxygen, but forcing his lungs to breathe properly.
IV’s in a major vein so as to be able to administer lipids and regular fluids, and maybe antibiotics. All kinds of padding to keep him in proper position because he can’t hold his head in place to breathe properly. Maybe he has a collection device under his buttocks to be able to measure output of urine. Sometimes, for me, the infants I worked with were those with cardiac surgery. So there was special monitoring devices besides heart monitoring. Blood pressure monitoring, and oxygen saturation monitoring. It was a scary site for parents to see their infants that way. As I remembered picturing such a scene. I felt the Lord had something to say that applies to us as the body of Christ.

“ Some of the people who are going to come to you in this awakening will be those who require ‘intensive care’. Their hearts have been broken and their minds have been tormented. Many will need resuscitation of their souls. Many will have been annihilated almost by the enemy through various pain and trials. Some are self-mutilating and some are so tormented, they will not be able to do everything on their own. They will need respiratory assistance. They will need ME, the breath of LIFE. And they might need artificial respiration for a while. They may need you to pump them full of oxygen and you may have to pray for them continuously to get them through the critical period. You will need teams of people to do this. You will have to work together. You will have to learn patience.

Right now, I am cleansing and purifying so I can pour into you My breath of LIFE in a most wonderful way ! I want you FULL of MY LOVE and LIFE, that you can impart life and love to others. You can only get this by coming to ME, and sitting at My feet. I want you full of the WORD that you can teach it rightly. I want you FULL of My love, that you will speak KINDLY, and with patience to those coming. They may not be familiar with how you speak around other Christians, so they will need instruction. You have to be KIND and patient with them in order to get them to the place of knowing how kind and gentle I AM.

Phil 4:5 NKJV Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.
Phil 4:5 AMP Let all men know and perceive and recognize your unselfishness (your considerateness, your forbearing spirit). The Lord is near [He is coming soon].

Eph 3:17-19 NKJV ….that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height — 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Let Me breathe on you now, let My fire come, that I may burn off all the dross, all the mixture, all deception, all the hidden things that are left. Let me touch you and cleanse your hearts of all mistaken ideas about My righteousness and My faithfulness. Let me impart more love, that you would have a greater level of TRUST and FAITH in ME. I am here. I am waiting for you to still yourself. And to just rest with ME, and ask ME to come and bring My fire. For My fire will consume all that cannot withstand the test.

Jer 23:29-32 AMP Is not My word like fire [that consumes all that cannot endure the test] ? says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks in pieces the rock [of most stubborn resistance] ?

Ps 46:10 NKJV Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

Ps 4:4 NKJV
4 Be angry, and do not sin. Meditate within your heart on your bed, and be still. Selah

Speak the WORD over your circumstances, over your life and the life of your family and friends, and loved ones. SPEAK the WORD in prayer. SPEAK the WORD OF LIFE and it will bring LIFE to those you pray for.
PROPHESY the WORD and it will come to life ! Listen for what I want you to speak ! I am in you and will guide you as you listen for the still small voice of Your Adonai ! My WORD is LIFE to your soul and the souls of others.
STOP reacting to the arrows of the enemy and start STANDING FIRMLY on the WORD and the words of promise and hope I've spoken to you individually. Fight with prophecy. Speak the TRUTH and BELIEVE the TRUTH.

The fire of My love will cleanse, and heal and empower you to be all I want you to be. Don't be quick to remove yourself from My presence. TARRY a while and let ME touch you and hold you and renew your spirit, that you might gain strength for the day of battle. Let ME burn off all the flesh, so that what is left is a vessel purified as gold wrought in the furnace. Lay down all your concerns. Lay down all your fears. If I am for you, who can be against you ? Do not defend yourself against the arrows of the enemy through others by reacting in your flesh. ASK ME, and I will give you what to say. And I AM your Vindicator. I know when you need vindication, and I know when you need to just humble yourself and be quiet. For I know who is a fool, and who would trample you down. And I know who is worth speaking truth to.

Take the sword in your hands and use it to quench every attack of the evil one. And do not use it to beat up your fellow Christians. Use it to prophesy LIFE to the dry dead bones of the church. USE IT SKILLFULLY to help them to overcome. Remember that you war NOT against flesh and blood, but powers and principalities and spiritual wickedness. Your brother is not the enemy. It is what controls him that is the enemy. Encourage one another in FAITH. Stir up the gifts I have put in you ! USE THEM. Ask for those you still are longing for, and I will pour out My Spirit in you. "

Eph 6:13-20 AMPLIFIED
13 Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist and stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].
14 Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity and of moral rectitude and right standing with God,
15 And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace. [Isa 52:7.]
16 Lift up over all the [covering] shield of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].
17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God.
18 Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).
19 And [pray] also for me, that [freedom of] utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (the Gospel), 20 For which I am an ambassador in a coupling chain [in prison. Pray] that I may declare it boldly and courageously, as I ought to do.

Endorsement
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ENDORSE:
Etymology: alteration of obsolete endoss, from Middle English endosen, from Middle French endosser, from Old French, to put on the back, from en- + dos back, from Latin dorsum 1 a : to write on the back of; especially : to sign one's name as payee on the back of (a check) in order to obtain the cash or credit represented on the face
b : to inscribe (one's signature) on a check, bill, or note
c : to inscribe (as an official document) with a title or memorandum
d : to make over to another (the value represented in a check, bill, or note) by inscribing one's name on the document
e : to acknowledge receipt of (a sum specified) by one's signature on a document 2 : to approve openly ; especially : to express support or approval of publicly and definitely synonym see APPROVE

" I the Lord Your God do NOT endorse wickedness ! I do NOT endorse cheating, ridicule, prejudice, domination, control, humiliation of other human beings, abuse of others, murder, theft, or rape, whether physical rape, or spiritual rape, or emotional rape of other people ! This nation has proudly flaunted it's degradation in the face of all nations of the earth. You have sold pornography to the nations prostituting yourselves. And causing others to prostitute themselves ! What you need to do most is to REPENT and to HUMBLE yourselves in the eyes of the Living GOD.

When this nation went to war, one part against another many years ago, the president then humbled himself and called and established a day of prayer and fasting and THANKSGIVING ! THAT is true HUMILITY !

If you want to see the nations changed, then YOU MUST CHANGE ! YOU NEED REVIVAL IN YOUR OWN HEART if you want to see it in the heart of other nations ! I do not placate sin. I understand weakness. I understand the things that happen in people's lives that cause them to sin. BUT I DO NOT CONDONE SIN ! Even as you read this you will be offended at the word SIN because this nation has rationalized so much of it's SIN, in order to appease MEN with wicked hearts and minds ! Even many in my church have wanted to be politically correct !

This COMPROMISE has reached a place of fullness in My church, and it will be expulsed in the coming days. I WILL HAVE A SPOTLESS BRIDE AND NOT A PROSTITUTE ! Spiritually many are prostitutes because they are unwilling to confront the sin in their own church. Many will not confront pastors when they think themselves unworthy to even approach them, when they are just men like you, but have made themselves as more than men. In fact many have become idols to the people. And MY PEOPLE LOVE TO HAVE IT SO ! They continue to play the harlot with fear of MAN and IDOLATRY to man, such that it permeates many structures in the church of America. Your PRIDE has blinded you to the conditions in your hearts.

America the Beautiful used to be a revered song. But why do you suppose it is no longer revered My people ? Could it be because of SHAME that has filled the land for the harlotry that abounds in this nation ? Could it be that it seems inappropriate to sing about it being beautiful when it is full of shame and bigotry, greed, perversion, and murder ? You continue to murder unborn babies demonstrating you have no value for LIFE that I HAVE CREATED, then wonder why youth have no value for their own lives and murder each other and other people without thought. You teach them that they have no value eternally by teaching them evolution, then wonder when they are teenagers why they are depressed ! Many of them have been neglected by parents who are more concerned with their own careers and pleasures, and you wonder why they are ANGRY and rebellious ! People who call themselves by MY NAME do the same as those in the world. People who have no shame to parade themselves lustfully and licentiously on TV and videos, pretend to have relationship with Me, and get up in front of everyone giving thanks to ME, as if I wanted them to become self-idolatrous , as if I honored their lewdness and proclivity to wickedness and lust !

Men in pulpits, for years have denigrated themselves by belonging to freemasonry, while professing to serve ME ! Men in pulpits have purported to teach others righteousness, when they have committed adultery, and had homosexual affairs, and sexually molested children. And you wonder that other nations have no respect for you ! You wonder when other nations have no respect for you when your values have made a market in Thailand, for example, for prostitution with children, by visiting "tourists" and businessmen. You wonder why other nations hate you, when you have devalued things they value more, like family.

THIS DAY I am coming to you in a new way. Judgment begins in the house of the Lord. And I am coming to make all things NEW. I AM DOING A NEW THING in the earth. The bowls of wickedness are overflowing, and My judgments will come MORE swiftly to the wicked.

I am saying all this to impress you with the fact that you must have REVIVAL in your own hearts in order to see it in others. CRY OUT, SHOUT ALOUD ! REND YOUR HEARTS, and not your garments ! HUMBLE YOURSELVES that I can be PRE-EMINENT ! ASK and you will receive. KNOCK and the door will be opened. But if you resist My wooings and yearnings for intimacy, you will suffer consequences I would rather you didn't ! STOP and evaluate your own hearts. CRY out in prayer and I will meet you there !

CRY OUT FOR THE LOST and not just those in the church ! WHEN YOU LOVE others the way you love yourselves, then you will value what I value !

I LOVE MY PEOPLE ! BUT I CREATED ALL OF MANKIND. I WANT THEM ALL TO LEARN OF MY LOVE. How can they learn it when you yourselves don't even believe it ? How can they know it if you yourselves, don't even know how to stop and take time for the people you see every day ? REACH OUT TO OTHERS and I will reach out to you ! REVIVAL will come in the one-another’s ! PRAY for your leaders who have found that they are but men. PRAY FOR THIS NATION that people will humble themselves before they are humbled !

Transition Requires Boldness

Clay Sikes

September 19th, 2004
In late 2002, early 2003 we began to hear prophetically that we had entered a time in which Ishmael and Isaac could no longer live in the same house. We are watching a great separation take place in the Body of Christ worldwide. This separation produces a spiritual phenomenon: works of the flesh attacking works of the Spirit with a new level of intensity. As God's remnant Body moves into its call to "Sonship" (Romans 8:14), the attacks against this remnant will intensify, often coming from the most unlikely of sources - those with whom we have a close relationship. The initial thrust of the attack is to keep us from moving into the higher dimension. Its intent is containment. Containment will attempt to exploit any weakness in our spiritual makeup, often playing upon our fears, traditions, soulish relationships, and legalistic religious interpretation of scripture. When Satan cannot contain us with sins of the flesh, he moves into the subtle world of the spirit, keeping us out of God's divine destiny by playing upon our DOUBT! Doubt produces disobedience and disobedience is sin.

Those being prepared to breakout of the "old wineskin" in search of "new wine," will face much resistance, but "we are not ignorant of Satan's devices used to gain advantage over humans." Those who will make this break will be those who REFUSE to get their direction from the arena of logic and reason, who have learned to hear God and obey, and WHO HAVE COMPLETELY OVERCOME THEIR FEAR OF MAN. This writing is to encourage those on the precipice of a genuine breakthrough. A breakthrough will beget a breakout, and a breakout will produce destiny (Revelation 18:4). All breakthroughs require courage and trust (Read Joshua Chapter One). As my friend Robert McKnight often says, "You will always have what you have always had, if you always do what you have always done!" A God ordered breakout requires that you take a bold step. God will give you the courage and the ability if you will ask Him.

Have you felt in your heart that you were powerfully being led to something out of the ordinary for you - something so different that it produces spiritual excitement, and yet a form of fear in the natural? BREAKOUT! Your time to move has come. Your time to oppose those forces aligned against you is here. Take the step now without fear. "With wisdom get understanding." Wisdom is the direction of God, while understanding is the 'how to.' God will show you what to do and how to do it, but you must take that first step.

God is calling His Church to a dimension beyond the simple joy of being Spirit-filled Christians: He is calling us into the dimension of being Spirit-led Christians. As the prophet Joel so accurately saw, "His Spirit is being poured out on all flesh." For years I limited this prophetic scripture to a one-dimensional evangelistic view of many souls being added to the Kingdom, and I do think that to be so; but I now see an additional prophetic dimension that includes God's Spirit being poured out more upon my own flesh individually. We, as individuals, have more of God's Spirit available to us than ever, as our flesh succumbs to the power of the Holy Spirit.

As we grow in the things of the Spirit, so too will the things of the flesh come to oppose – this is as natural as a fish swimming in the sea, and this will be so until the end of time. Don't be caught unaware as to where this resistance can come from: expect this from your friends, expect it from your family, expect it from your pastor, or others from whom you least expect it. Expect it! Resist it! Overcome it! BECOME MORE THAN A CONQUORER! Move on up and into the higher dimension with God. Be Bold!

Everything Hidden Is Being Revealed
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For spiritual and physical reasons, Tracy and I, led of the Lord, decided our childbearing years to be behind us. As such, I recently had a vasectomy, a surgical procedure that prevents pregnancy. As I sat in the medical clinic awaiting the Doctor, a young nurse arrived and told me to disrobe from the waist down and climb up on a nearby table and wrap myself with a paper like covering. When she left the room I quickly undressed and got under the makeshift covering. When she returned she busily prepared the Doctor's tray with all the instruments necessary for the procedure.

When she had finished and left the room again, I remember thinking how glad I was in having some privacy. To my surprise she returned again shortly and directed me to put my feet in the stirrups at the end of the table. As I began to lift my feet toward the stirrups I stopped in mid air in fear that she (the nurse) might see my private parts. Again, she ordered me to put my feet in the stirrups, and again I was reluctant for fear of exposing myself. I had never imagined that anyone but the Doctor would be in the room, and even that was a bit disarming, but never did I anticipate that anyone else would be present. Retrospectively, I do not know why I thought this when nurses have been present in every hospital procedure I have ever been involved with. As with the inner private parts of myself (my heart), I simply never imagined having to be exposed.

Now, for the third time she directed my feet to the stirrups and since I figured she could not see me from where she was standing, I now felt safe to raise my feet as directed. As soon as I did, to my shock she approached the table and lifted the makeshift sheet and began to apply disinfectant to the surgical area, my most private of parts. Now I was totally exposed! Soon the Doctor entered the room, as did another nurse. Now I am out there for the world to see! I thought, "how humiliating can this get?" As I prayed, I felt God's peace descend and the nervousness leave. What an odd time to sense something prophetic, yet I heard His gentle voice say, "Everything that has been hidden is now being revealed. Just as your physical parts are being exposed, so too are the inner most parts of your being; those places that you deem the most private, those that you deem to never expose. If you will willingly expose these private parts (within you), they too will become infertile and unable to birth what is not of me."

Soon the procedure was over and I was home for a restful weekend. As I shared this experience in Church today, almost spontaneously, others began to reveal their inner most parts; elements of their makeup that their peers could not see. A purging took place in all who were there, and individually and corporately, we came away refreshed and cleansed. We denied the power that had worked against us to work against us any longer, because we exposed what previously had been hidden - what a powerful experience! What a revelation!

For the last several weeks God has repeatedly said to me "Everything hidden is being revealed." He has shown me things about myself that needed to be exposed and confessed to others, as well as things that I didn't even realize were there - they too needed to be confessed. As He revealed a deeper understanding of the "rest" of God, He showed me that which remains "hidden" in us robs us of the rest, which robs us of any form of restoration (Isaiah 30:15).

We have entered a season in which everything hidden is being revealed; a season in which God the Father is saying (to us) to open up the private parts of our hearts and expose them so that we may be cleansed and purged of all unrighteousness. Our willingness to expose these private parts (of ourselves) will purge us of the very things that hinder and hold us from our true calling and destiny. As Arthur Burt has said on many occasions, "We must own the truth about ourselves to disown it." God is telling us to reveal what is in us - the unclean, the unsightly, so He will not have to. It is far better that we do this on our terms rather than His, and if we are willing, He will see to it that a proper venue avails itself for just an occasion.

God has brought us to a place of purging and cleansing our hearts. For years we have hidden behind the moniker of Christian; and for years we have played the part; doing and saying all the right things (on the outside), while we struggled with major heart issues (on the inside). For those who will embrace this truth, deliverance is at hand. For those who continue to hide these heart issues, a major wakeup call is forthcoming! God is getting His people ready, and a major part of our readiness is getting the inside right. This word is especially true for pastors and church leaders who have remained in hiding for years.

We are called in this hour to openly expose the inside, in all of its rottenness, in order to be set free. Most of us have spent our entire Christian lives covering up the inside, the real us; yet now we are hearkened by the Spirit of God to openly reveal what is in us - selfishness, lust, greed, fear, vanity, jealousy, pride, etc.,

If you are a 'called' man or woman of God, I ask you to judge the prophetic timing and truth that "What has been hidden is about to be revealed." The necessity in revealing the truth of these hidden things is to render them POWERLESS and INEFFECTIVE in your life. As long as they are hidden, they are able to impregnate you with (their) poison and cause you to miss God's best and your destiny. Only pride and stubbornness will stop this revelation from producing the greatest liberty ever known to man. Layers of pride protect the most private parts of our being, yet these are the very parts that the Holy Spirit desires to expose by His Spirit. It will take courage and humility to take this next step, but FOR THOSE THAT WILL; you will be guided from the natural into the supernatural, and from the mundane to a life of destiny. For those who will not, "Pride comes before a fall."

As I am now infertile due to my exposure (vasectomy), so too will the hidden issues in your heart (be rendered powerless) when you humbly and courageously expose them.

Tremendous Change

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These are days of catapulting and launching into the times that will culminate the end of all time. You are about to be shaken and stirred, changed and rearranged.
Yes, I am changing the furniture around in My church. I am changing assignments with those I love. I am changing and rearranging so that all that I've told will be fulfilled.
I'm a Master organizer…I designed the heavens and the earth, so nothing, nothing, nothing is impossible with ME! NOTHING can stand in the way My beloveds of these days I have prepared for you.

You are coming out of the caves, and it is time to see the LIGHT of the SON! You are about to get a spectacular view of the things to come.
It will come in surprising ways, and you will wonder when you look back, that you could have doubted or considered My words to you as your own flesh.
What you will experience, is nothing that you can compare to anything.
So don't even try to speculate. It will come, and it will come swiftly and just on time. You will see the wisdom in all I have done, and your eyes will be more opened to the wisdom of what I am calling you to do, once I have helped slay the giants in your land; in your minds and hearts. Everything that is not of ME, will be laid waste in those who have been willing to count the cost.

Know that I am WITH you and will be with you MORE in the most wonderful way. Rejoice, and again I say REJOICE for what I am about to do, though you can't see it yet…Be filled with thankfulness and praise and spend yourselves on ME, that I may fill you up in the midst of the worship! I love you like no other loves you! And I am bringing to fulfillment many of your dreams and desires and the alignments that are important to fulfilling MY goals. Don't be afraid of the changes I call you to! Let ME take the helm, for I know what is best don't I. I know what lies ahead! Let go of all the control and TRUST ME with your lives. I AM ARISING IN YOU! I WILL BE SEEN UPON YOU BY THE MASSES! They may doubt now, but when I'm done with the finishing touches, My how you will shine and lay waste all the doubt of the mockers. Many will change and come to the LIGHT OF MY GLORY, but there will also be the stubborn, that though mountains fall in their presence, would not give in. I will separate the wheat from the chaff in your perception and vision, that you will know who to spend time on and who not.

You WILL increase in discernment again, because the old strongholds, and old fodder will be done away with, and you'll be able to see and hear more clearly. KNOW that I am in the still small voice! Not the voice of harshness, not to My beloveds. Remember those who stood with Moses wanting to hear for themselves? Remember how they BEGGED him to be their mediary, after they heard for themselves? For it was powerful and terrible to their ears. They only prepared 3 days…and then many ran away, unable to handle the presence and sound of My voice.

Remember Gideon, how when they shouted, the enemy's camp was thrown into confusion? Do not think I have not had a plan for all those who oppose me. YOU WILL DO GREAT EXPLOITS because I will be with you even MORE in measure and you will not look back except to laugh that you could have doubted My goodness towards you!

Flexibility is a tool of the great warrior, because a warrior must be prepared for changes in the strategies of the enemy. Flexibility will enable you to say YES, when I call for a dramatic change, without doubting! If I say go to the train station and take a trip from New York to Mexico, or a plane from France to South Africa, you will do it without hesitating. I will be giving you more specific directions. And nothing will be withheld from your hands as the GLORY of My presence touches you. Whatever your need, so long as you are willing to obey, will be met. Do not question, do not doubt!

Remember Zachariah, the father of John the Baptist, how he doubted, and then lost his voice? Keep your hearts from the things of this world. For they are all perishable. But YOU are My jewels and I will make you to walk on the high hills of the earth.

Authority is coming, a new authority, and a new HOLINESS, that will not be moved, that will not go backwards…that will not give in to the ploys of the enemy. I have golden scepters to hand out to many that will obey my command to GO, and you will see the things your hearts have longed to see, in greater measure than you've imagined.

Honestly come before ME and let ME take all the issues of your life and heal them and make you WHOLE! Come and behold My beauty, for I am Your King and Your delight and YOU ARE MINE! I will shower you with blessings and abundance, once I have purged My threshing floor, and you will go forth like prophets and apostles of old with courage and filled with My power to heal and deliver. Even if people forsake helping you, I will see to it that your needs are met.

Even the ravens fed Elijah, so keep your eyes on ME and your ears on My chest. Like My SON, you will not lack what you NEED, and power and authority will be given to those wanting HIS character, not just His hand.

Like My apostles, you will not go alone. Those who have been alone, will no longer be lonely. I will be with you, and I will yoke you with others that you may be MORE effective in all you do together. Wherever two or more are together, I am in your midst. Do not yield to competition and petty jealousies, for it will destroy those who yield to it now. Understand that My goodness is towards EVERYONE. I am not willing that ANY should perish.
All judging will be turned to LOVE! All suspicion and doubt will be turned to FAITH. All depression and sadness will be turned to JOY. I have given you BEAUTY for ashes, and the JOY of the LORD will be your strength. Come and rejoice at the adventure that lies ahead of you.

Glimpses Of Eternity
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When My Kingdom invades the present, there is revival. I am giving you glimpses of eternity in the things I am pouring out this next year. There will be a reoccurrence of the supernatural in powerful bursts of flames of living fire in My beloveds.

You will experience SURGES of My Spirit in waves like electricity, that will annihilate the strongholds of the enemy in your midst. Do not be remiss about keeping the disciplines of daily living. Wash your feet daily. Put on your armor DAILY. Do not forget the little things. The enemy seeks to take full advantage of the hour. Keep HIDDEN in ME.

Glory of enormous magnitude cleanses and delivers, but it comes as a sword, if you are not willing to be healed. For the one who opposes MY Spirit's work, will suffer terribly and be given over to a reprobate mind. My sword comes to deliver. My sword comes to heal and transform and to save. But to those who oppose me in their hearts, and pretend and lie, it will divide. I am separating the precious from the worthless. Keep your minds STAYED on ME. Keep your eyes and ears from perversion and destruction.

Isa 33:14-17 NKJV
14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites: "Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?" 15 He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, He who despises the gain of oppressions, Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil: 16 He will dwell on high; His place of defense will be the fortress of rocks; Bread will be given him, His water will be sure. 17 The Land of the Majestic King Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; They will see the land that is very far off.

You have cried out to have more of Me, and I am doing that, but it is painful to die. The flesh resists the death to self and fights. But I will help you if you remain in ME. I will do it in you and you will be freed to be all you desire to be.

Many of you will experience the beauty realm as never before and be taken into the halls of My Kingdom to see the treasures I have stored up for those who are faithful. Many who disdain the prophetic will be turned around sovereignly by MY hand to realize that they have believed a lie, and will repent and be filled with My Spirit and whole churches and movements will be affected.

Those who are in opposition again, will be judged expediently to keep My people from being discouraged from going into the harvest fields and bringing for in the sheaves. I am enabling the BODY of Christ to move and have their being in ME, that the LOST will be harvested. Many in the cults will be saved and transformed and draw others with them.

Remember to be patient with the new believers I will bring in and prepare your churches and homes to receive them as you would receive ME. They are precious in My site. They will need sound teachers, so I am now raising up those with teaching anointing to prepare them with the milk and MEAT of My word. I will give you wisdom and provision to clean the FISH that I bring in. Many will be harvested sovereignly by MY SPIRIT, and will have great need to understand and learn. So what I’ve told you to WRITE…Write and walk in faith! For I will bring the provision to publish and to secure all that is needed to advance MY KINGDOM.

Witches, Warlocks and Vampires
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Have you a heart for the forsaken and wicked that I want to bring into My kingdom? I am bringing you the outcasts of society and asking that rather than rejecting them by what they have done, and how they have dressed, to LOVE them with MY LOVE. I died for all sins, did I not? I drew to Myself, those who others did not care for. I did not mistreat them, nor did I reject them. Are you free yourself from all hatred, unforgiveness, fear, pride, control and unbelief, that you will be able to deliver those who are in bondage to these spirits? If you want authority over the darkness, that darkness must not be in YOU. Many who are schizophrenic and filled with perversion will come. But will you be able to overlook the sin, and love what I SEE IN THEM? Will you change your religious garments for garments of mercy and tenderness like Mine? If you will ask for MY EYES, MY ears, and My heart, then you will be able to see them and treat them as I would. Not by might, not by power, but by MY Spirit says the Lord! If you go by what’s been done before, you will fail. For the church has already failed to love the unloveable and outcasts. But if you will ask ME for new eyes to see with…I will anoint them with salve and I will purify your heart from the legalism and self-righteousness and give you new hearts to feel what I feel, and new eyes to see what I see….and new ears to hear what I hear.

If you can do this, then you will have the discernment to know when someone is unchangeable and reprobate vs transformable! But unless you give up your judging and accusations you will not have the discernment I give….because your opinions will be in the way.

The broken reed, I will not break. You don't heal a broken reed by breaking it further. You love on it…you nurture it, like a mother to a newborn child. You are patient with it, just like a growing toddler. You speak with love, and not suspicion and accusation. You trust ME with them. I AM ABLE to do so much MORE than you have given me credit for. I will be transforming people in a TOUCH! I am accelerating and I am anticipating that you will be willing to adhere to dependency on ME for all things…all knowledge, understanding and wisdom. In this way, you won't let your opinions get in the way. MERCY triumphs over judgment! With the merciful, I will show Myself merciful!

James 2:13 NKJV For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 3:17-18 NKJV But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Worship is the premier weapon against witchcraft that is arising in the earth. So yield yourself to worship in Spirit and in truth. Come and worship and bow down. I will keep you in the shadow of My wings. Be NOT afraid of those I send you. For if I am FOR you, who can be against you? Am I not much greater than all that opposes you? Lay down all your fears and put all your trust in ME.

I am a Warrior KING and I will take in hand all who have lifted their voices against ME. You are NOT alone in this battle. Greater are those who are with you, than those who are in the world. Whenever two or more are gathered in My name, I am in their midst.

A new government is arising, a new form, a new thing I will do! Radical changes are about to erupt. So fasten your seatbelt. I am taking you to new places in ME. The unity that comes with this move, will not be in the format, but in the hearts of men. You will know each other by the FRUITS of My Spirit. You will no longer judge as the world judges; by the external appearance of others. If you will look to ME, I will give you the love you need for those different from yourselves.

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The Red Horse
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"When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, "Come!" Then another horse came out, a fiery red one. Its rider was given power to take peace from the earth and to make men slay each other. To him was given a large sword. " Rev. 6:3-4

"How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it." Jer. 30:7

"This area in which you live is "on safe ground." The time will come when America will be attacked. Those things that many are planning to prevent these things from happening will fail. For plans are being made by those who wish that America would be abolished. I tell you that difficult days are ahead. These days will begin during the next year.   For surely , you will be attacked and others will enter into another war with you.   Those whose hearts are true to Me will be saved. Jacob's Trouble will begin soon after these things. "

"I will save my people and I will be there in times of trouble. Those who run to Me will be on 'safe ground' but those who continue to shut their ears to Me will be in for trouble. I tell you that the red horse has come and will continue to ride upon the land."

"*Focus On The Holy Land*"
Stephen Hanson

Nov. 13, 2004

“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death and you will be hated by all nations because of me.” Matt. 24: 9

“Now learn this lesson from the fig tree. As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. “ Matt. 24: 32-33

“I am the God of the past, present, and future. I am involved in the affairs of man. I am there in all of the dealings that you have in this life. Over the last few years there has been a movement afoot. It is a movement that would take all of your rights and privileges away. It is an attempt to take my place out of your life. It is an attempt to put government at the place of God. I tell you that there is a secret society at work attempting to do these things. What can be done, and how can these things be abolished? They will not be entirel y abolished for the time reaches forward to the prophetic table that underlines the events that will take place. For you will be hated by others and handed over to the courts. I have spoken of the fig tree and how when its branches get tender that it is soon time. I tell you that that time is approaching. The death of Yassar Arafat is a sign of some new developments in that land. For unrest will take precedence over national security. When you see a new leader come to the forefront then the prophetic timetable will begin there. There is much that is centered on the Holy Land. For over the centuries Israel has been my promised land, but when it is invaded then you will know that these things are taking place. "

"Soon And Coming Signs"
Stephen Hanson

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"For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?" 1 Pe. 4:17

"I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. " Matt. 24: 34

"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God...." 2 Tim. 1-4

"I tell you that the time is coming when men's hearts will fail them because of the things that are coming upon the earth, but those who are strong will shine like the stars in the heavens. You have heard that wars are coming, I am telling you that a great war is coming. I tell you that many in churches now do not believe that I am coming soon. They follow a prescribed belief that it is way off in the future. I have said that this is that last generation. Many have spoken of the birth pangs that have come upon the earth. I tell you that many have already come, but there is more yet to come. Some know that I come back to judge my church first. Know this: That I have been judging my church first over the last few years. I tell you that now it is time to begin judgment upon the earth. So what is the judgment that will come upon the earth? What are the impending signs that judgment has begun? You will see them because it will be so plain to your eyes. The whole earth will see these signs because of the media coverage of these events. The signs of wickedness will continue. Mothers will give-up their babies to trash collectors. ; Politics will take precedence over ethics. Riots will form-out in many of the streets of your major cities. The love of many will wax cold. There will be signs in the heavens and on the earth below. You will witness these signs as they flash across your TV screens. These signs will come and they will usher in the return of my Son Jesus Christ. "

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Time Restraints

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My children, stand and listen for I would tell you a thing that you have yet to consider. Quiet yourselves and listen, for I desire that you still your thoughts and still your hearts. It is not My desire that you run to and fro in anxious thoughts for I have told you that I have come to give you life and life more abundantly. I have told you that My peace have I given you, yet you do not walk in this peace.

Do you not understand that you cannot judge things according to your sight? Nor can you judge according to your understanding. My children, you say things like, "Why is God taking so long?" and "It will be too late if something doesn't happen soon!" But I would tell you that it is not so, for you have said in these statements that I am limited. Yet I say, nothing is impossible to Me, and through Me all things are possible.

Look and understand at what your words are saying My children, for in them you say that I am restrained and dictated by time, and again I say not so! Do you not really know and understand that time is not something that dictates to Me but is something that I dictate?

I am the Eternal God, the One Who was and is and is to come, and time itself cannot hold all of Who I Am. You know time as a restraint. Even in this I say you err, for each of you have been born into the generation that I have set for you to be born, and this is but one step in an eternal life that you have in Me. This life is not a restraint, but an opportunity to fulfill all that I have purposed and destined.

My children look at your lives and see where you have been. See where you have come to and know that I am not restrained in where you can and will go if you will allow it. These restraints are not the boundaries that I choose for you, they are of your own choosing and words. Look to Me, look to Who I Am and know that I stand outside of any and all restraints that circumstances and others may be trying to bind you to.

My children, I have said that I know the thoughts and plans that I have for you, thoughts of good and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Look at these restraints; do they testify of this? Or do they speak contrary to this? If so, then they are not of Me and you must not accept or embrace them. I am your creator and I alone know who you were made to be and all the potential and glorious destiny that I have for you. Still your thoughts, still your hearts, look not at the circumstances nor at time as a restraint to what I am doing.

Look to Me, My children. Look to the fact that even time must bow to My purpose and is only a vessel in My hand to do all that I purpose. My children, check your hearts and come to Me and ask for direction. Ask for wisdom and understanding, for I desire for you to be free from this limitation and restraint.

Oh My children, I desire so much more for you; you are created and you are destined for so much more. Lift up your eyes to Me, the One who is your help, and see with new eyes and new understanding. Do you see Me as the One who was and is and is to come? Do you see Me as the Eternal God, the One who stands outside of time? For in this view you will see and you will know that nothing is impossible with Me!

The Revealing of Christ

Milt Rodriguez

> *" . . . that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."* Colossians 2:2, 3

The Need for Revelation

Our perceptions of Christ are way too narrow. We think in terms that are way too small. He is so much greater than any of our mental pictures of Him. He is so much more glorious than any of our doctrinal concepts or religious boxes that we have tried to put Him in. We are talking here about God whose riches are unsearchable, whose depths are unfathomable, and whose heights are unscalable. He will always break every kind of mold that we try to fit Him into. We definitely need to have our vision enlarged.

The Mystery of God

Paul tells us in the letter to the Colossians that God has a secret. Inside of the "secret" are hidden all of the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Wow! Think of that. There is a secret (or mystery) and inside of that secret are **hidden** treasures! A secret within a secret. It almost sounds like that treasure that was hidden in a field that the Lord talked about. God's secret is Christ Himself! And in Him are hidden all of these treasures. Spiritual knowledge and wisdom are to be found inside of a Person. We keep looking for them inside of our own minds. We keep using the tool of human reasoning and logic to come up with the knowledge we are seeking. We search the scriptures, paste together verses, think about them a whole lot, and then come up with our doctrines. Yet all spiritual knowledge is hidden and locked up away inside of a Person. And that Person is God's mystery! It seems to me that God wanted to make sure that these "treasures" didn't get out to just anyone.

Does God Wear Son-glasses?

Jesus said in Matthew 11:27, that no one knows the Son except the Father and no one knows the Father except the Son and the ones to whom He wills to reveal Him. You cannot know the Son unless the Father reveals Him to you. When Peter made the proclamation that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus told him that it was not flesh and blood, but rather His Father that revealed this to Peter. This is an initial revelation that all believers must have to be born from above. We must spiritually see that Christ is the Son of God. However, this is not the only revelation we need from the Father.

We also need the revelation that Paul shared in Galatians 1:15, 16. He told the Galatians that it pleased God to reveal His Son in me. This is a revelation that is desperately needed among believers today. Let's take a closer look at this statement made by Paul.

First of all, we see that it **pleased** the Father to reveal His Son in Paul. God is very happy and passionate about revealing His Son. In fact, He is waiting on the edge of His seat, so to speak, to reveal His Son in each and every one of us. Not only that, but His favorite thing to do is reveal, display, express, and glorify His Son. Everything He does is with this goal in mind. This is what He "dreams" about. This is what He longs for. This is what motivates Him to get "out of bed" every morning! He only has eyes for His Son. You could say that He wears Son-glasses! He wants to reveal His Son in you right now.

The second thing to notice is that He wants to reveal His **Son**. This is all about a relationship between a **Father** and a **Son**. The "cement" or glue that holds their relationship together is the Holy Spirit. God never does anything in a vacuum. Everything He does and everything He says stems from His relationship with His Son. It's a **Son** that He wants to reveal in you.

The Son in You!

The third thing that we need to see here is that this revelation is an unveiling of a Person who lives within **you**. This is more than awesome. This is so much more than incredible! This glorious, most magnificent Son in whom God has invested all His hopes and dreams; in whom God has hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in whom God has placed all of who His is and all of what He has done; in whom God has deposited all of His attributes, expression, and increase; it is this all inclusive One that He has placed inside of you! And now He so earnestly desires to reveal this same Son who is **in** you, **to** you!

This is a never ending revelation. This is a revelation that will be unveiling for the rest of eternity. You can never finish exploring the depths of the Christ who lives within you. God wants to not only reveal His Son **to** you; He also wants to reveal His Son **through** you! He wants to display and express all the glories of His Son to those around you by them looking at you. You are His unique expression. Open up yourself to Him and allow His life to flow out. The Father is so pleased to reveal His Son in you.

The Righteousness of Godly Reverence
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Revelation 15:4

Heard throughout the nations
Is the sound of a holy proclamation
As God’s voice from on high
Declares men are unified
Through the Spirit
Who stilled the waters of His creation.

Men of every tribe and nation
Magnify the Lord of your salvation
Let His perfect love
Fill your life with wisdom from above
So that you live each day
Free from death’s condemnation
As a holy testimony to this generation.

Revealed throughout the heavens
Is evidence of God’s perfect declaration
Which proclaims a new day has dawned
Risen with the truth of God’s Son
So men are awakened
To the hour of their salvation.

Men standing within the grace of heaven
Rejoice in the hour of your liberation
From out of the bondage of night
Through His glorious Light
Where judgment is aligned
With the One who inspires
Those who stand within God’s gates of salvation.

> *“Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? For thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.” Revelation 15:4*
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> *“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.” Matthew 10:28-33*

Blessed is the man who determines within his heart, to seek no other foundation to stand upon than the knowledge and truth that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, purposed of the Lord to redeem mankind from the penalty of sin, which is death. The man who stands upon the sure foundational truth of righteousness found in Jesus Christ, who has experienced the reward of the faithful, which is the Holy Spirit, will magnify the Lord within his heart. Receiving the infilling of God’s Holy Spirit, will cause the man to walk under the wisdom and counsel of God, with the understanding that to stand upon any other foundational truth than the righteousness found in Christ, is to stand upon a foundation that is sure to crumble and fall back into the darkness of chaos and destruction from where it originated.

A man who walks in the counsel of God, led of the Spirit, filled with the heavenly “riches of his grace,” will understand the foolishness of those who gather up stumbling stones of pride and self-exaltation, in trying to build further upon the foundational truth of what Jesus Christ has accomplished through His life, death, and resurrection. He will understand that pride and self-exaltation are as wood, hay and stubble, which God desires to consume by His sanctifying Spirit of holiness.

As God’s sanctifying Spirit continues to move in power and authority upon a man’s life, so that the deeds of the flesh aligned with the carnal, Adamic nature, are put to death, humbleness, mercy and longsuffering will rise up from where there was once anger, jealously and unforgiveness. The fear of the Lord will be an understanding brought about by experiencing the power of God’s Spirit, crucifying thoughts aligned with unbelief. His fear of the Lord will cause him to sincerely reverence God, so that his feet stay upon the sure path of righteousness.

Having encountered the power of the living God through the Holy Spirit, a man will obtain wisdom to understand who God created him to be in Christ, from before the foundation of the world. Having been awakened by God’s hand of grace, the man will be given understanding that to trust in things, people or opinions of the world held under shadow of darkness, is death; but to place all hope in Jesus Christ, is to experience eternal life, abundant life.

A man who stands upon the firm foundational truth of Jesus Christ, though he finds himself standing in the counsel of men blinded to the goodness of God, condemned and ridiculed for his faith, will be encouraged of the Spirit, so that he does not return to the waste places from where he once found solace. Because the Judge who has commanded the heavens and earth to be obedient to His call has judged him righteous according to faith in Jesus Christ, he will be encouraged of the Holy Spirit to stand faithfully obedient unto the heavenly call, so that victory is obtained over death that resides within the region of darkness.

> *“Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.” Acts 10:34-35*

Through the sacrificial act of the holy, unblemished Lamb, who is Jesus Christ, God’s gift of grace, which is able to save men’s souls from the judgment of condemnation unto death, has been made available to all tribes and nations that dwell upon the earth. God’s grace has been made available to all of mankind, regardless of whether of the nation of the Jews or of the nation of the Gentiles. Today, if any man should hear God’s Word calling to him, if he should turn toward Jesus Christ in faith, then at his appointed time God will release into his life, His life transforming, sanctifying Holy Spirit.

The man who is redeemed from out amongst the nations, whether the nation of the Jews, or the nation of the Gentiles, will, through God’s Spirit, be anchored steadfast upon the rock of his salvation, who is Christ. The man, whether of the nations of Jews or Gentiles, who has received the blessed reward of the Holy Spirit, will give thanks onto God, for having been awakened unto the righteousness that is his in Christ. And as he lives his days unto the Lord, the Spirit will continue to lead him from glory to glory, from one realm of understanding God’s goodness toward him, to another.

Great is the mercy and longsuffering of God toward mankind, that He would call men from out of the darkness, whether they be of the nations of Jews or Gentiles, into His glorious Light, who is Jesus Christ. Men of no understanding, regarding God’s mercy and love toward them, are awakened unto righteousness, through faith in Jesus Christ.

Each man awakened unto righteousness, through faith in Jesus Christ, will come to appreciate that God has proclaimed that there is one Spirit who fills each man’s life according to grace, so that each man, though he stand independent from others upon the earth, is, through the one Spirit, joined unto others through their relationship with God. Those joined one to another through the one Spirit, will give thanks that they stand as a holy nation under God, “who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” (Ephesians 4:6)

The man, who has partaken of God’s one Spirit, will come to reverence the truth of living in submission to the will of God. He will come to understand that, to take all thoughts captive to the Word of God, will insure that he matures in his relationship with God, able to perceive life according to the longsuffering and love of Jesus Christ.

> *“And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.” Acts 10:42-45*

The prophets bore witness of God’s promise to send the Redeemer to rescue God’s chosen people from the punishment of sin, which is death. And when in His divine wisdom, He sent His beloved Son, Jesus Christ to the earth, not only the nation who stood under the covenant law of Moses, were and are redeemed from the penalty of death, but those amongst the nations who were in time past not a people received God’s mercy.

In God’s divine longsuffering and love, He sent Jesus Christ to the earth, not only to redeem the Jews but also the Gentiles, so that upon the earth from out of all nations would come forth, “a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9) Through Jesus Christ, God’s plan of redemption from the curse of sin, which is death, has been extended not only to the chosen tribes of Israel, but to the Gentiles who were once considered a nation set for destruction.

> *“What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: and that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As he saith in Hosea, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.” Romans 9:22-26*

To show forth the immeasurable riches of his glory, God, in his infinite wisdom, made available the gift of salvation from the punishment of sin, by extending His righteous right hand, Jesus Christ, toward all men of all nations. To make His power known, God has endured with much longsuffering with the vessels of wrath, men once under judgment of death, by extending to all nations His gift of eternal life. Today, according to God’s grace, if any man, of any tribe or nation, “shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 10:32-33)

The Father “judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father.” (John 5:22-23) According to God’s plan of redemption toward mankind, He has placed upon Jesus Christ the authority to judge whether a man shall bear God’s judgment of condemnation because they deny He is the Son of God, or whether they shall be judged unto righteousness, according to their faith in Jesus Christ. If a man is judged unto condemnation, through denying Jesus is the Christ, he will bear the judgment of sin, which is death. But if a man should be judged unto righteousness through his faith in Jesus Christ, he will bear the judgment of eternal life, and receive the reward of the righteous, which is God’s Spirit of eternal life.

Jesus Christ has been given the authority of God to look past a man’s outward performance, unto a man’s heart and mind, in which to determine judgment. If any man hears the Word of God, and cries out that Jesus Christ is the beloved Son of God, then the Son will profess his name to the Father, and together, through the Holy Spirit, the Father and the Son will come and establish their home upon the man’s heart. And as the Father and Son, through the infilling of the Holy Spirit, establish righteousness within the man’s life, he will begin to understand the sanctifying, holy nature of God, so that he calls out, “Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name?” (Revelation 15:4)

It is the man who has encountered the power of the sanctifying Spirit of God, moving upon his heart and mind, putting to death, crucifying thoughts aligned with darkness, who will understand the holy nature of God. It is the man, who has been judged of Jesus Christ unto righteousness, who will come before the Lord and praise Him for His mercy and longsuffering toward him.

Jesus Christ is the righteous Judge who determines whether a man is judged unto condemnation or unto righteousness. And though a man may stand today, and proclaim Jesus is not the Christ, so that he is judged unto condemnation, God, who knows the beginning from the end, will ask others to refrain from judging this man as one who will forever remain outside of His grace. God asks of His children to bear long with others, through living out the truth they have received. God requires His children to have mercy toward others who deny Jesus is the Christ, because though they may deny the Lord today, God knows that tomorrow these same people will turn and call upon the name of Jesus Christ. God, who knows the beginning from the end, knows who will come to accept His hand of grace and who will not.

Those who have received judgment unto righteousness because of their faith in Jesus Christ will understand that they too were once deserving of death. And as God’s sanctifying presence, His Holy Spirit, continues to do its perfect work within their lives, chipping away at the Adamic nature, so that they walk the earth bearing witness to the goodness of God, they will come to greatly value God’s bearing long with them, because they too once walked with their minds alienated toward God.

> *“And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offenses unto justification. For if by one man’s offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.” Romans 5:16-18*

God’s gift of salvation continues to be extended toward those who walk under condemnation, denying that Jesus is the Christ. God, who is long suffering, continues to extend His hand of grace toward men of all nations who remain under shadow of death, where darkness reigns, and unbelief speaks accusation against the goodness of God. And though a man dwells many days within the region of darkness, denying Jesus is the Christ, and therefore is a vessel fit for destruction, if this same man should hear God’s voice, and turn toward Jesus Christ today, he will be judged righteous according to his faith. Jesus will judge him according to his faith today, and not according to his unbelief yesterday, as worthy to enter into God’s kingdom of righteousness.

It is God’s judgment unto righteousness that will lead a man to the revelation that all thoughts aligned with unbelief, sin and rebellion, are put to death by the Spirit. It is accorded to God’s righteousness that all attitudes of pride and self-exaltation be destroyed with the brightness of God’s glory.

God’s judgment upon sin is made manifest within a man’s life, as the Spirit does it perfect work. God’s Word has determined He will have a holy people. Those called according to His name are to be a holy nation, devoted to God’s Word, reverent in fear, and led of the Spirit. The man, who has encountered the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, will understand the beauty of holiness and will bow down in reverential praise of the Lord of all creation.

> *“It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.” Hebrews 9:23-24*

Just as Jesus Christ ascended on high, and purified the heavenly things themselves with His precious blood, are the people of many nations called of His holy name, purified by the blood of Christ. And just as the precious blood purified the heavens, making the heavenly things new according to God's grace, so are the children of faith made new, clean through the Word, as they partake of God's Holy Spirit.

Through the obedience of Jesus Christ, the heavens were aligned with grace. All things were made new within the heavens and the earth, as they were purified by the righteous blood of Jesus Christ. A new mandate was proclaimed, whereby all men from out of all tribes and nations can be declared righteous according to faith in Jesus Christ. Today, if a man turns toward Jesus Christ in sincere faith, he will be judged according to the righteousness of Christ. And if a man determines in his heart to refuse God's grace made available through Jesus Christ, he will pass away, as the old heavens and earth established according to the law have passed away.

God's righteousness is as near to a man, as his heart and mind accept, in sincerity, the message of salvation according to Jesus Christ. A holy proclamation has been trumpeted throughout the heavens, declaring that the day of judgment according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ has arisen. May many people, from out of all tribes and nations, turn away from leaning upon the arm of flesh, and grab hold onto God's righteous right hand, who is Jesus Christ. May many people discover the fear of the Lord, through the sanctifying power of God's Holy Spirit. May men from out of every tribe and nation, who stand upon the promises of God, lift up holy hands, and give praise unto the Lord of their salvation.

> *"For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: that all men should honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself. And hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man." John 5:22-27*

The Return Of The King

Paul Davies

The following Revelation was received by Paul Davies in on 4th Jan, 2004. As with all prophetic words, these must be weighed and tested with a spirit of humility and repentance. Where Bible passages are referred to, the interpretations given are not intended to be seen as the interpretation of the passage, but as God speaking to his people's current situation by giving an interpretation.

One of the more amazing things I am learning is the variety of ways that God speaks to us. Job 33:14 says: *"For God does speak, now one way, now another, though man may not perceive it..."*. I believe this can also be translated "God is ALWAYS speaking..". I think we would be truly amazed at how much we miss, minute by minute, because we do not yet have eyes to see.
One of the ways that God displays His glory is by taking using the enemy's plans for His own purposes. In recent years, I have been surprised by how the Lord has used Hollywood movies to speak of various things, "though man may not perceive it." This doesn't endorse everything in the movie - God also spoke through a donkey!
I believe the Lord wants to declare that 2004 is the year in which we will see **“the Return of the King"**. This refers to the manifest Lordship of Christ beginning to become obvious in the church.
Jesus stated in Mt 24:14: *"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."* In the last 30 years we have seen many gospels preached - the Cross, Grace, Love, Healing... , but the message that is preached throughout the world before the end is the Gospel of the Kingdom, which integrates all the others, and has as its focus the rule and reign of the King.
When the Lord appeared to Joshua outside Jericho, Joshua asked: *"Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come."* When the King comes, He doesn't come to take sides, but to take over.
In the final episode of The Lord of the Rings - The Return of the King, the promised King is returning to take up His throne. Various people, including current kings (leaders of God's people) have expectations of how he should act and conduct the war, but he leaves to seek out the Army of the Dead. He demands their service in the war, and they respond to his authority. As I watched, the Lord reminded me of Ezekiel 37: the Valley of Dry Bones. As Ezekiel prophesied of the bones, they came alive and stood up - *"a vast army"*.
The Bible speaks in several places about being dead to self:
Luke 9:23 *Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.*
Romans 6:11 *In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*
The Lord spoke of this to Moses when He stated: (Ex 33:20) *"you cannot see my face, for no-one may see me and live."* This is often misunderstood. God is not saying that we cannot see his face, but that if we see his face our sinful nature will be "killed". We will become dead to self - and then God can use us!
In the movie, when the Army of the Dead entered the fray, the demonic host could do nothing to stop them - they could not kill those who were already dead. The dead decimated the enemy ranks, following behind their King. They were unstoppable, like Joel's Army (Joel 2), and they won the day, so the King could be crowned.
As I was jotting these notes down in church, a young man shared a vision he had received, of the Lion of Judah standing over the Adelaide hills, "roaring His head off". Several times in recent months the Lord has whispered to me: "Aslan is on the move!"

Blessings,
Paul D

The Root of True Confidence

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Chim'sWRITE
Sunday, 28th of March, 2004

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The Revelation Of The Sons Of God

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[Part One]

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Note: The words "son", "sons" and "sonship" in this article are used in the spirit of Gal. 3:28. In other words all references to "sonship" here are references to the Father-child relationship between God and His children, regardless of gender, race or age, and do not refer specifically to the male gender.

For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. Romans 8:19

He that overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall by My son. Rev. 21:7

For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. Song of Songs 2:11-12

The Call to Sonship

There are many in the church who aspire to mature sonship, but there are many less who have learnt the secrets of walking in it. All who enter the Kingdom are called as sons of God, but few are willing to meet the cost of becoming MANIFESTED sons. For those who object: "but sonship belongs to ALL believers at the new birth", I would agree and disagree. It is one thing to enjoy the TITLE of son and heir and the privileges that come with that position. It is quite another thing to submit oneself to the school of obedience and unjust suffering that produces within us the character of the Firstborn Son, to whose image all other sons are to be conformed. (Rom. 8:29) A wise father recognises all his sons as his sons, but also marks and celebrates the day of maturity when a son can be trusted with the responsibilities of a functioning heir. It is at that time that the Father's endowment of authority in that son becomes apparent to the world.

So we are talking here not simply about the inheritance of sonship through faith, but more specifically about the unmistakable MANIFESTATION of that sonship, here on this earth and in this mortal life, that must be witnessed by creation. Those who, in the coming days, will be revealed to all creation as "manifested sons" of God will be those who have yielded to the Spirit's training in ALL aspects of sonship, which includes the Father's discipline (Heb. 12:6-8), and the embracing of the Cross.

There is no mysterious exclusion zone surrounding this event the scriptures refer to as "the manifestation of the sons of God" (KJV). We should not be deceived into believing this company of sons who will be revealed are an elite group of super-saints, endowed with a level of holiness not available to the average believer. On the contrary, the invitation to walk as one of these manifested sons, whom the scriptures say the whole of creation is longing to see, is an open one, available to all born-again children of God. The scriptures also make abundantly clear, however, that attaining this measure of mature sonship will involve significant cost to the flesh for those who sincerely seek to respond to it.

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren... Hebrews 2:10-11

What form will this manifested sonship take when it appears? What nature of people are this company of believers we are told creation waits for with"anxious longing"? There is one thing of which we can be certain - as the revealed sons of God they will bear an uncanny resemblance to their elder Brother, the Firstborn Son!

In the World but Not of the World

That you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.... Philippians 2:15

As has already been stated, we are dealing here not just with the concept of sonship, but with MANIFESTED, or REVEALED, sonship. A contemporary dictionary definition of the word "manifest" is this: "clearly apparent to the sight or understanding; obvious."

Jesus manifested His Sonship whatever He did and wherever He went. He didn't have to work at being different - it was clearly evident to all who crossed His path that He just WAS. His connectedness to Something or Someone outside the common understanding of this world was glaringly obvious and unquestionably uncomfortable for many. People were either drawn to Him or repelled by Him. His manifested Sonship flowed directly from the depth of His unbroken communion with His Father.

So shall it be with all those whose sonship will be revealed as they walk the earth. Who they are may not be understood or acceptable, but that they are not of this earth shall certainly be MANIFESTED in ways that are clearly and unmistakably obvious. Certainly signs and wonder, miracles, powerful delivery of the Word, great grace, joy, holy lifestyles and diversities of gifts and functions will accompany them. However, even more significant than these, manifested sons will EXPOSE peoples' hearts, motives and intentions. As the glory of the Father, the grace of the Son and the holiness of the Spirit are increasingly revealed in and through them, their very presence will expose all that is of a different spirit, and for this reason they will be severely persecuted. People will either be drawn to the glory residing in them, or, by the working of the antichrist spirit, they will intensely oppose them.

Prophetically Proclaimed, Yet Obscure

Just as the coming of the Firstborn Son was prophetically proclaimed, yet of humble and un-notable circumstances, so can we expect it to be with those who walk in mature sonship. Prophets had foretold the coming of Jesus and His birth was marked by heavenly signs which were observed by star-watchers far to the east. Yet, apart from the oriental Magi, some Hebrew shepherds close to Bethlehem, and probably some animals sheltered in a stable, few alive in Israel at the time of Jesus' birth were aware of the momentous significance of the time in which they lived.

John the Baptist was sent in the spirit of Elijah as a forerunner to herald this long-awaited manifestation of God's Son on the earth. For his efforts his life was cut short and his message silenced. Similarly, for some years now prophetic voices have been prophesying the imminent appearance of what has been called a "faceless, nameless" generation of holy people, who will move in the Spirit's power yet seek no glory for themselves. As with the Firstborn Son, the rising generation of manifest sons will arise from seeming obscurity and unexceptional beginnings. There will seldom be anything about their physical appearance, personality, or reputation that would cause them to draw the world's attention. In fact, we should expect the most notable aspect about them, according to worldly standards, to be their ordinariness! (1 Cor. 1:27-29). They will truly be examples of God choosing the weak and foolish to bring to nothing the wisdom of the world.

I believe that another reason these walking in manifested sonship will be "nameless and faceless" is because there will simply be too many of them for the world to create a celebrity class from them. Though the world may attempt to impose it's fame on some, they will shun worldly recognition and all that comes with it, just as Jesus did (see John 6:14-15). Their only motivation will be to be about their Father's business while walking as living witnesses of His love.

This is not to imply that men and women walking in manifested sonship have not been raised up by the Spirit at other times. Many names could be listed of those who have embraced this costly calling throughout Christian history, including more recent examples like John Wesley, Mary Slessor , Smith Wigglesworth, Maria Woodworth-Etter, Sadhu Sundhar Singe, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and countless others. However, these have been individual forerunners, making way for a greater company of manifested sons to be revealed by the Spirit when the appointed time arrived and creation's yearning should be fulfilled.

Driven into the Wilderness

We can expect that those walking in manifested sonship will have known times of deep loneliness, testing and hiddenness, or what is commonly called the wilderness experience. Jesus the Firstborn Son was not spared this experience, nor will His brethren be (Luke 4:1). They will most certainly have wrestled with the temptation to follow a more comfortable and rewarding life-path by the world's standards than the narrow, unrecognised path they've chosen. They will have experienced firsthand the pain of being misunderstood, misrepresented and written off by church associates, friends and even family. But they will also have learnt the secret of overcoming in such trials through the power of the Spirit and the grace of Christ. Therefore they will not display a victim mentality, whatever persecution or hardship they may endure. Though they may be dressed in rags, they will walk in the holiness of priests and the authority of kings which shall not depart from them.

Belonging to the Fellowship of Suffering

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. Romans 8:16

The reality of the Cross and the fellowship of the suffering of Jesus will be more than theoretical concepts in the lives of these manifested sons of God. The scriptures leave us in no confusion or doubt over the fact that the path to glory and resurrection life leads through the Cross, not around it. Therefore they will know Jesus intimately in the place of suffering as well as the place of power. It is precisely because they have yielded to the application of the Cross in their lives that they shall be granted the authority of resurrected sons.

These manifested sons will engender great fear in Satan's kingdom because the fear of death will not have any hold on them. At the same time each one of them will be a living revelation of the reality of God's grace keeping and sustaining His own. All those who suffer for and with Jesus have a special kind of fellowship, not only with their Lord, but also with each other, that is unknown to those believers who choose to circumvent the Cross. This too will be a mark of these mature sons - they will know each after the Spirit, and not after the flesh, and consequently their fellowship with one another shall be deep and rewarding in a way the world cannot comprehend (2 Cor. 5:16). For this reason they shall be granted the sacrificial grace of the Firstborn, enabling them to lay down their lives for one another.

Naturally Supernatural

So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a lifegiving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. 1 Cor. 15:45-49

Manifested sons will have shed the Adamic earthbound nature of the man of dust and will therefore bear the image of the last Adam, the heavenly man Jesus, without any sense of shame. They will have truly become sons of heaven and will demonstrate through word, deed and lifestyle, the supernatural power demonstrated by the Firstborn. Many will display, when required, authority over nature and the created elements. They will fulfil the command given to Adam and Eve, to "subdue the earth" (Gen.

1:28). Having died to the earthly nature of the man of dust (or earth), with its natural limitations, and "put on" by faith the Heavenly Man, they will no longer be bound to the laws of nature that govern the earth. Rather, having indeed become raised up together to sit in heavenly places in Christ, creation will recognise and submit to them, even while they walk in mortal bodies.

The Revelation Of The Sons Of God, Part Two.

Discerned by Apostles and Prophets

As a firstborn son, Jesus was presented by Mary and Joseph in the temple at Jerusalem, according to the law (Luke 2:22) The gospel of Luke records that on that occasion a man named Simeon came "by the Spirit" into the temple. Taking the newly born Jesus up into his arms, he proclaimed Him to be the salvation of God, bringing light to the Gentiles and glory to Israel. He then blessed Mary and Joseph, and shared a more personal prophetic word with Mary.

Simeon, who the scripture calls just and devout, had been waiting for the consolation, or comfort, of Israel. The Greek word translated as "waiting" would be more accurately understood as "looking for with earnest expectation". The "consolation of Israel" was a term used for the coming of the Messiah. So we understand from this passage that Simeon had been waiting with great anticipation for the Messiah's appearance, or coming forth, in His people, Israel.

Luke then records that right at that moment a prophetess named Anna came forth proclaiming the praise of God. "And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem" (Luke 2:38). Anna's husband had died while she was still a young woman and she had devoted the remainder of her life to serving God in a ministry of intercession at the temple. Both Simeon and Anna were people whose lives had been set apart for the Lord's service. They were watchers of the seasons, able by the Spirit of the Lord to discern the times they lived in.

How many others were in the temple that day we cannot know, but we do know the temple in Jerusalem in Jesus' time was a magnificently impressive structure and the centre of worship for Jews throughout Israel and the ancient world. In fact, just the internal area alone covered approximately 35 acres. So it is safe to surmise that on most days there would have been a great multitude in and around the temple, worshiping, meeting, sacrificing, teaching, trading, and undertaking a diversity of other tasks. Yet, only two of them, sensitive to the Spirit and alert to the spiritual atmosphere, recognised the entrance of Israel's Messiah, God's own Son, into the temple that day.

Prophetically, I believe Simeon and Anna, represent apostles and prophets of this present age, who are given to watch and discern the seasons of God and who are sensing the imminent revealing of the sons of God to creation. Anna is representative of the true prophets of the Lord, who carry an intercessory burden for the revelation of this great company of sons on the earth. Simeon represents the true apostles, whose greatest passion is always to see the coming forth of Christ in His people (Gal. 4:19). Just as Simeon lifted up the newly born Son of God in the temple, true apostles will always lift up Christ that He might draw all men. This coming company of manifested sons will be discerned first by apostles and prophets who, by the Spirit, are expectantly watching for them.

Sons and Servants

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. Phil. 2:5-7

There is a currently popular teaching which implies that since New Covenant believers are sons and heirs of God, cultivating a servant's heart signifies a failure to appropriate full sonship. This false teaching is a distortion of the following passage written by Paul to the Galatians:

And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ. Gal. 4:6-7

The purpose of Paul's letter was to solemnly warn the Galatian church, whom he had established, about the danger of submitting themselves to the Old Covenant ritual of circumcision, which false teachers were attempting to impose on them. Paul is saying that submission to the Old Covenant law for a New Covenant believer is equal to a slave who has been given freedom willingly returning to enforced slavery. He is comparing life under the law with life in the Spirit. This passage has nothing to do with the servanthood born of humility modelled by Christ.

The Firstborn Son did not consider servanthood something to be despised, and nor will any true son of God (John 13:13-16).On the contrary, the manifested sons of God will demonstrate to the world the true meaning of humility. They will hold the fruits of the Spirit in high value because they are the character of Christ. Jesus was able to discern the appropriate times to demonstrate both His servant's heart and His kingly authority, and He walked comfortably in both. Likewise will all the manifested sons of God who follow after Him truly be sons who serve, and servants who rule as sons..

The Son's Lordship

The Lordship of Jesus over every aspect of life for manifested sons will not be an issue they continue to struggle with, having been finally settled. Where once a fierce battle may have raged in this particular arena, there will now be evidence of a certain stillness and profound rest having come to the soul of the manifested son. Any question over Jesus' right to be Lord will have been replaced by a deep experiential intimacy with Christ that is the rich reward of all who have surrendered to His sovereign rule over their lives and their fate. With childlike sincerity they will truly be able to say "for me to live is Christ", and their lives will bear witness. This does not mean to imply they will be super-spiritual, sombre, religious types. On the contrary, the joy of daily fellowship with Christ shall flow freely from them and the sweetness of the communion they enjoy with Him shall be their greatest treasure. These will be people who both know and carry the manifest Presence of the Lord. Once it was said of David the Psalmist, "the Lord is with him" (1 Sam. 16:18). Thus shall it be said of the manifested sons of God.

The Spirit's Fellowship

One of the great tragedies prevalent in the contemporary church is the dishonouring of the Spirit of God. The Bible reveals the Holy Spirit as one of the three Divine Personalities of the triune Godhead. He is not merely a force or a warm-fuzzy feeling. He carries His own unique function and authority within the Godhead and displays all the attributes with which "personality" is defined , i.e. will, emotions and intellect. He is to be valued for Who He is, over and above the gifts and anointings He can impart to us.

The Lord recently spoke to me of the displeasure He takes in the casual manner with which many in His church behave towards the Holy Spirit. A great many of those who call themselves by the name of Christ still regard the baptism of the Holy Spirit as an optional extra, to be sought or passed over as they themselves choose. Furthermore, many who have been baptised in the Spirit do not seek to be constantly filled and walking in the Spirit. These attitudes are offensive to the Lord, who poured out His Blood to ensure His Bride would obtain the Holy Spirit (John 16:7). The cost for Pentecost was Calvary. There is a great need for repentance in much of the church, not only for grieving the Spirit which is bad enough in itself, but also for treating with contempt our Bridegroom's most precious wedding gift to us.

Those who walk in manifested sonship will demonstrate an authentic relationship with the Spirit of the Lord, and not simply give Him lip-service. They will be committed to seeking His counsel and trusting and moving with His directions because they have grown sensitive to all His ways. When the Spirit is grieved, they will be grieved. It is rather sobering to realise that when Peter rebuked Ananias for lying to the Spirit, Ananias "hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last." It was not because Ananias had upset Peter that he lost his earthly life, but because of the contempt with which He had treated the Holy Spirit. Many believe Peter commanded Ananias' death. A careful reading of the passage in Acts 5:1-6 will reveal this is not so. It was on hearing Peter's words that Ananias' life expired. The apostle Peter was literally so grieved on the Spirit's behalf that Ananias was unable to continue even breathing in his presence! (We need to remember that Peter walked in great spiritual authority.) The result was that "great fear came upon all who heard these things". The manifested sons of God will usher in a return to a true fear of the Lord and respect for the Spirit that has not been known in the church since the days of the early apostles.

The fellowship of the Spirit is a deep joy and comfort for those who grow to value His companionship over and above His gifts. Furthermore, it will only be those who seek to grow in sensitivity to the Holy Spirit who will be able to stand for Christ in the days ahead without falling into confusion, fear and deception. Without getting to know the Holy Spirit as friend, counsellor and teacher, we will not hear Him when He speaks to us, and that could mean the difference between life and death for some. Jesus told His disciples: "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free" (John 8:32). Seek to know the Spirit of Truth, for only He can reveal truth to you.

The Father's Friendship

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." (Rom. 8:15)

"Abba" is the Aramaic word for "father. It is the same affectionate word Jesus used to address His Father in the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:36), and expresses a particularly intimate and close father-child relationship.

At the Cross Jesus restored the broken relationship between mankind and His Father. Under the Old Covenant, Israel had known God as Creator, God of the Covenant, Almighty Judge and Provider of the Law. The Jewish religious leaders regarded Abraham as their father, but not God, for they could not imagine Him in such an intimate role (John 8:39). The Fathership of God was only revealed to man through the Blood of Christ. It is profoundly a New Covenant revelation, and part of our rich inheritance in Christ.

I believe one of the deepest revelations the manifested sons of God will walk in will be freedom from condemnation and the consciousness of the sin nature. This will be because they will have yielded to the Spirit's sanctifying work to such a depth they can freely call out "Abba, Father!" with no sense of shame or alienation. The Holy Spirit, who has many names, is also the Spirit of Adoption. While it was Jesus who reconciled us to His Father through His own shed Blood, it is the Spirit of Adoption in us who brings the revelation of sonship and enables us to stand before our Father without shame, because of the Blood.

The manifest sons of God will live, walk and function in the full freedom available to sons of God because they have understood the totality of their justification, and that it is their own Father who has justified them, because of the Blood. There are very few believers in this current spiritual climate who have truly taken hold of this vital truth. However, without a revelation of full justification through the redeeming power of the Blood of the Lamb, it is certain no child of God can mature to manifest sonship.

ARE WE READY?

For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. (Romans 8:22-23)

What does it mean that creation awaits the revelation of this generation of mature and holy sons of God? To whom or what must they be revealed?

Firstly, they must be revealed to themselves. They must know who their Father is and consequently know who they are. Struggles over worthiness, callings and the pre-eminence of Christ must have been finally buried. Transition must have been made from carnal mindedness to spiritual mindedness. The awareness of the King and His Kingdom must have gained precedence over self-awareness. This does not mean that the war between flesh and spirit is over, or that doubts, fears and human frailty no longer have any place in these manifested sons. It does mean, however, that they have surrendered the ownership over their lives to Christ, and no longer contend against the Spirit's dealings with the soul. They are decreasing while He is increasing.

Secondly, they must be revealed to the groaning creation. Creation awaits the birth of the great company of manifested sons of God from the earth, and as their coming forth grows closer, the whole creation's birth pangs are growing stronger and more frequent. Creation is not merely the earth, but includes the heavens and all created beings. As these ones are revealed, Heaven's angels will rejoice and fallen angels will fear, but ALL creation will bear witness that a new day has dawned upon the earth and the final battle over it's ownership is about to be played out.

Finally, they must be revealed to the world. The wisdom of the Cross and the power of the Blood must be attested to through a holy company of true sons who will reverse the mockery and contempt with which the world has come to view those who bear the Name of Christ. The reality of the resurrection must be witnessed to by those who cannot help but speak what they have seen and heard. The world must be given the opportunity to taste and see that the Lord is good, that is taste of His grace, for one final season before judgment becomes absolute and final.

The manifestation of the sons of God will cause great division amongst mankind, as light and truth which are only found in Jesus Christ expose darkness and deception for what they really are. As I mentioned at the beginning of this article, wherever manifested sons enter, their presence will expose hearts and uncover sin. Tue holiness always manifests itself this way. Individuals and nations will be confronted with the choice between repentance or continued rebellion against the Lord. There will therefore be great glory, but there will also be great suffering and intense persecution for those who are to be revealed.

Many in the church are not ready for the revealing of the manifest sons of God. Many are distracted and disinterested. The spirit of antichrist will rise up against the manifested sons not only in the world, but in churches and in families. Many in the church will turn upon them, denouncing them, calling them before authorities, and even killing them, believing they are serving God in doing so (John 16:2). Remember, if this happens to you, that is not you they hate, but the image of the Firstborn you bear.

This invitation to mature sonship is indeed a costly invitation, but having considered the cost, let us determine to seek its fullness not doubting "that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us " (Rom. 8:18)

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.

Consider the incredible love that the Father has shown us in allowing us to be called "children of God"

- and that is not just what we are called, but what we are. Our heredity on the Godward side is no mere figure of speech - which explains why the world will no more recognise us than it recognised Christ. Oh, dear children of mine (forgive the affection of an old man!), have you realised it? Here and now we are God's children. We don't know what we shall become in the future. We only know that, if reality were to break through, we should reflect his likeness, for we should see him as he really is! (1 John 3:1,2 J.B. Phillips)

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The Reward of the Wicked
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Revelation 15:1

Men can turn away from injustice
Change direction when things go wrong
They can walk away from the weight of prejudice
Live to see a new season dawn
But if a man turns away from Jesus
Each direction will lead him down a dangerous path
Where the Son's light does not arise and shine
And men become prey caught up in the deceivers trap.

Light has come into the world
Let all men proclaim
That Jesus is the risen Lord
He is the truth, He is the way.

Jesus made a way for man's salvation
When He gave His life as ransom for the lost
He provided a way from out of condemnation
When He bore man's sins upon the cross
Now when a man turns his heart toward Jesus
God will set his feet upon a high mountain path
Where the Son's light will arise and shine
As he watches God's promises come to pass.

A man who rises up from out of darkness
Led by the hand of God to the secret place on high
When he is released from death's entangled net
Will rejoice in his salvation found in the Light
And when he understands the reward of the wicked
His heart transformed by love will cry
God, open their eyes to see that their Deliverer
Stands before them prepared to lead them on high.

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> *And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels having the seven last plagues*; for in them is filled up the wrath of God." Revelation 15:1*

*Plagues – Greek dictionary definition - 4127 – plague; punishment: beating, flogging, wounding.

> *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the*

> *creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." Romans 1:18-21*

Great and marvelous is the Lord who has purposed through Jesus Christ, a way for men to be released from out of the snare of the fowler. The deceiver, Satan, the fowler of cruelest intent, has throughout history spoken many venomous lies against the goodness of God. His cunning words of accusation against God have caused many men to remain captive to an understanding, which believes that in the realm of darkness is found truth, purpose and worth. A man whose heart and mind is held captive to the voice of the deceiver will continue to live in agreement with the words of the fowler, so that sin is accepted and gains power and control over his life.

Sin's introduction into the world came through the first man, Adam, who talked with God in the Garden of Eden. God had created a serpent more subtle than any beast of the field and allowed him to dwell within the Garden. The serpent was allowed to speak words of subtle accusation against the goodness of God. Man, Adam and Eve first sinned against God after listening to the serpent's cunningly devised words of accusation against God, and then acted upon the words that were spoken. When Adam and Eve ate the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which God had forbidden them to eat, they acted contrary to the will of God, which was to sin against God.

Adam and Eve's sin against God would bring disastrous consequences upon the entire human race. God had declared to Adam that he was not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. To eat of the tree would be to go against the will of God. To eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was to sin against God. Yet, Adam and Eve ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God, who is righteous and just, looked upon their disobedience, and pronounced judgment. God pronounced that the penalty for their act of disobedience, which is sin, was to be death. Adam and Eve had fallen from their position before the Lord, and they were to be cast outside of the Garden. From this fallen position they could not live eternally with the Lord.

> *"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Romans 5:12*

> *"For if through the offense of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offenses unto justification." Romans 5:15-16*

> *"Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Romans 5:18-19*

Because of Adam's transgression against God, while in the Garden, death was "passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." It would be through the seed of Adam that the nations would be birthed. And because God had pronounced the judgment of death upon Adam, this same judgment would be passed down through the lineage of men born of his corruptible seed. God's righteous judgment against Adam proclaimed that the penalty for man's participation in a willful act of disobedience, which was to sin against God, was to be death. All mankind would bear God's judgment against sin that was passed down from Adam, which is death. Sin's deadly sting had released a poison that would bring death within the lives of all mankind.

God's righteous right hand continued to lead men toward a day when they would be delivered from the punishment that sin had placed upon mankind. God continued to guide men toward the land of freedom, where they would no longer be sold under sin, in bondage to death. Upon the Israelites, God would bestow the covenants, the law, the many services, and the promises concerning the Messiah. Though they were born of the corruptible seed of Adam, a promise was given them, which concerned their eternal adoption into God's kingdom of righteousness. The law given to the Israelites "made nothing perfect," yet the law offered hope to those whose faith was toward the Lord. The law would provide another step in man's journey toward the day when the better promises of eternal life could be obtained.

Adam's involvement with sin, while in the Garden, brought "judgment unto condemnation" upon mankind. But God, who is rich in mercy and longsuffering toward mankind, had purposed a day when man would be released from the punishment that was imposed upon all mankind because of Adam's transgression. God had purposed a day when He would send the Messiah, His righteous Son, the second Adam who became a life giving Spirit, to visit His people, so that mankind could be delivered from the punishment of sin, which is death. It was ordained of God, that His Son, Jesus Christ would give His life as a ransom so that, "he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father." (Galatians 1:4)

Those who stand within the realm of darkness, denying that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, continue to bear the punishment of sin, which is death. To deny the righteous right hand of God is to deny God's gift of eternal salvation, obtained through faith in Jesus Christ. It is to remain in bondage to "this present evil world," where sin bears the sting of death. When death overshadows a man's heart and mind, his thoughts will lie within the boundaries of the grave, where suffering and tribulation distort his vision and purpose toward life. To look away from the Redeemer is to walk overshadowed by death, bearing the punishment of sin.

> *"And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." Ephesians 2:1-3*

God's anger against sin is made evident in the punishment of death. Sin is what separated Adam from being able to hear God walking with him in the Garden. Sin caused darkness to fill the earth, so that man lived his days under shadow of death, where sorrow and suffering continued to plague him. And as righteous as God's punishment is toward sin, is His righteousness in sending His beloved Son to the earth, who would redeem man from the punishment for sin, which is death.

Righteous, merciful and longsuffering is the Lord, who determined that it was good that His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, would be "wounded for our transgressions." That His Son would be, "bruised for our iniquities", and that "with his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 53) All of mankind are like sheep that have gone astray, having wandered far from the purposes that are found only in God, and deserving of the punishment for sin. All have been birthed into the world under shadow of darkness, where the punishment of death abounds, because of man's trespasses and sins.

But through the righteousness of Jesus Christ, God made a way for man from out of the world held under shadow of death and sorrow. God ordained a way where man would be born again of incorruptible seed, so that man was able to leave the world of darkness behind, as he moved into God's eternal kingdom of righteousness. Man born again of the Spirit, the incorruptible seed, would be awakened to the reality of God's power, authority and might upon his life, and upon the world of His creation. A man born again of incorruptible seed is made alive, "quickened" unto eternal life, through faith in God's beloved Son. Through faith in Jesus Christ, God breathes His breath of eternal life, which is the Holy Spirit, within a man's life, so that he is awakened unto righteousness, able to give all praise and glory unto God.

Man, who is by nature a child of wrath, deserving of the punishment of death because of the sins that dwell within his mortal flesh, is loosed from the grave through faith in Jesus Christ. Through faith in Jesus Christ, and in receiving the Holy Spirit, the old man, the Adamic nature that seeks to find purpose in life by fulfilling the lusts of the flesh, is crucified. The Adamic nature is crucified, as the Spirit establishes God's kingdom truths upon the throne of a man's heart and mind, from which all thoughts, opinions, and desires originate.

As the Spirit "puts off the old man," casts from off the throne of a man's heart and mind the lusts and desires that fashioned the mindset of the old Adamic nature, the man, now renewed by the Spirit, will find that joy and purpose is found walking humbly, seeking after the Lord in all situations. The world of darkness will pass away, as the Light arises upon a man's heart and mind, as the Holy Spirit does His perfect work within the man's life.

> *"Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: in the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all." Colossians 3:5-11*

A man filled with God's Spirit of holiness, is to walk from glory to glory, so that he is conformed into the image of the risen Lord. It is God's desire that the man led of the Spirit moves into the fullness of God's purpose and intent toward him. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, a man is awakened to understand God's desire that he be holy, as God is holy. A man awakened unto the righteousness of Christ, will understand that the punishment for sin is death. And that only through God's great mercy was he led out of the realm and region of death, and into the land of the living, where the Son's light guides his footsteps, and inspires his heart toward the goodness of God.

A man covered in the righteousness of Christ, has received the infilling of the Holy Spirit, so that he is released from the punishment of sin, which is death. A man covered in the righteousness of Christ, will find that his mind is being renewed by the Spirit, so that he understands God's desire that he no longer be entangled with any acts or thoughts that are aligned with sin. A man awakened unto righteousness, will understand God's desire that all sin be put under the feet of Christ, put under submission to Christ, so that death has no inroad into his life.

The wrath of God, God's punishment against sin, which is death, is upon those who refuse the Lord's hand of salvation, which is found in Jesus Christ. Those filled with the righteousness of Christ, who have escaped the pollution of the world, which continues to fill the lives of those who walk in agreement with darkness, know that great suffering fills the lives of those who refuse the hand of God. Having been awakened unto righteousness, their eyes will be anointed to see "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven" as men who walk judged unto condemnation, bear the consequences of sin.

A man awakened unto righteousness, through the Holy Spirit, who has matured in the ways of Christ, as God placed his desires and lusts that dwelt in his flesh under the feet of Christ, will have eyes to see that the plagues, which are filled up with God's wrath, (punishment: beating, flogging, wounding), bear God’s righteous punishment for sin. And they will also know that they once walked as the ungodly, equally deserving of the same punishment. That it was God’s hand of salvation that led them out of the darkness, where Satan once greatly influenced their opinions and actions, so that they were joined to the Lord, through the Holy Spirit.

A man matured in the ways of God, will give thanks unto Jesus Christ for bearing his sins upon the cross. He will give thanks unto Jesus Christ who was wounded for his transgressions, and who willingly bore his stripes upon His back, so that he could be set free from the punishment of sin, which is death.

A man whose heart and mind, has been transformed by the righteousness found within the Holy Spirit, will look upon mankind with the same desire that Jesus Christ had toward him. His thoughts and desires, transformed by God’s love and mercy toward him, will seek to help those still caught up in the deceiver’s trap. A man born again of the Spirit will desire that others be saved from the wrath that is to come, which is God’s righteous judgment upon sin. There is a way, which many men follow, that leads to death and destruction. But praise the Lord that He has prepared a way where men may find life, abundant, eternal life. Praise the Lord that God, in His mercy, has sent the Deliverer to lead men unto all truth and righteousness, found in the Holy Spirit.

> *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.” John 3:16-19*

The Release of the White Doves!

Robin Paisley

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I saw White Doves being released all over the world from the theatres playing The Passion of the Christ. Thousands upon Thousands of White Doves making their way across the earth and following the people home. Some would fly right past the person and into their home, while other Doves would fly through the walls and disappear. Their were some who were making their way through the chimneys while others found cracked windows or doors to get through, either way they found a way to get in! However, if they could not find a way into the home they would perch themselves outside on the rooftop or trees and wait for their moment of siege!

Have you seen a White Dove close to home lately? Praise God for Mel Gibson and all the other people involved in getting this movie out, the Doves are moving in! Oh such Love and Adoration the Father has towards His children, beckoning and calling them into their rightful positions and destiny's!

Isaiah 60:8

Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?

Jordan’s Descent

Robin Paisley

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Oh the sweet, sweet fragrance found at the feet of our King, the aroma is of an ancient dwelling, time and place that no earthly scent could ever replace.

All of a sudden I began to hear the sound of a mighty river rushing through the nail holes of our Master’s feet, a deep, deep river about to explode! I then saw a vision of many men and woman who have found rest at the feet of our Lord and their tears have been stored in the nail holes creating a deep reservoir of water, a well of tears. I then heard the voice of the King echo with much force, a holy violence to release the tears for the healing of many peoples and many nations! All at once there was a shaking in the heavens as two very large angels appeared carrying the cross of Jesus and their banners read Abundance. There was such a holy reverence, a sudden hush in the heavens as they placed it gently beside our Lord. There stood the cross, the old rugged cross where our dear Savior suffered and died and here He stood again, this time kneeling.

I began to hear a cry unlike any cry I have ever heard before, that resounded through out the heavens and the earth, causing many mountains to shake and rivers to flow, it was the cry from the very heart of Jesus. His tears began to pour out for His children everywhere, such love emanated from His being, thick like honey creating a tear, a Holy dividing and the cross opened up like an old ancient door. The warmth that illuminated from the cross drew me in, drew me much closer into the Father's heart than I have ever been before. I could hear His heartbeat like the sound of a beating drum, with precise rhythm and denotation. Inside the cross I could see many scrolls neatly shelved in the order of deliverance and empty spots marked 'delivered' 'executed' and 'bestowed.' Each of the scrolls was tied with different colored cords and each marked with a title of inheritance. I then saw Jesus take a scroll marked 'Judgment' and cross out its name, He then placed it on a shelf where it was instantly consumed. I saw the Father's hand tremble as He again touched the scrolls marked with doom, I could feel His heart aching for all of us and I was immediately beckoned to pray more, to cry out in repentance. Jesus then took out a scroll marked 'Jordan' and gave it to the angels who opened it long, opened it wide. And as the stretching of the scroll began I could a hear a shout, a trumpets blast of thunder resonating through out the heavens, **'The Jordan, The Jordan, the descent of Jordan has begun!**" Just then a mighty rushing river of tears began to pour forth from the nail-scarred feet of our Master that opened up the heavens. This river of tears began to pour out over all the peoples, over all the nations; through out the byways and the highways, the healing river of tears began to cover the earth.

And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: (Matthew 3:16)

The name Jordan in Heb.*Yarden*, "the descender;" Arab. Nahr-esh-Sheriah, "the watering-place"

True Worship

Yolanda Ballard

True Worship, Not Just The Form

It is not by chance that you find yourself where you are today for the enemy has plagued many with the spirit of obsession, and many have lost their way that leads to peace and prosperity. Yes, many have been more concerned with appearance than with truth, and have gotten themselves wrapped up in a form of worship than being in the true spirit of it all.

I have called you to worship Me in spirit and in truth only because you love Me not that you would meet the credentials to be accepted by man. This is the time and the hour where I will pour out My power upon those who truly worship Me because they love Me and delight themselves in My presence. I will pour out My glory upon them in mighty waves that will sweep through the land causing a mighty revival of truth and holiness.

Yes, My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and will turn from all forms of wickedness because I will pour out mighty gifts of repentance to enable them. Many who will cry out to Me will be satisfied with their heart's desire for true holiness not just the form. They will move by My enabling alone because they desired My grace and not their own strength to overcome which is legalism.

Do not strive to do right in your own strength. Let go and let Me live My life through you. Rest in Me and delight in Me, and I will do the rest for when you rest you give Me the authority to do mighty works through you and in you.

So, do not be obsessed with trying to please Me or man. Be yourself and accept yourself as you are. Be the person I called you to be. Do not fall under false pretense trying to put on a mask of competition. Do not fall into jealousy of your brother, but rejoice in all that I do through him. For you are all one. When one rejoices, you all should. When one gives a testimony of My faithfulness, you should rejoice as if it is your own testimony.

Do not allow the enemy to divide you. Be aware of his tactics this day for he is a liar, and his aim is to steal from you your joy and peace, and mainly your love. So, don't allow him any access to your thoughts. Cast down the vain imaginations immediately, and keep your heart covered with the power of My love.

This is the end of time, and if you don't have love, you will not make it. If you don't have true love, you will not overcome the onslaughts of the enemy to steal, kill and destroy the brethren. Join together as one and worship Me. Seek My face because you love Me. And walk in true holiness not just the appearance or form of it, and I will bless you with My presence and My power. I will pull down the strongholds as you praise Me alone.

Yes, this is the hour of great power, and it all comes as you humble yourself and be real. I can only work with your real self not the counterfeit. Quit striving in your own strength and rest in Me, and watch Me move for I AM your God and I AM faithful.

Trust Me

Olivia Long

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My Beloved, My Faithful Ones ... you have heard and you have seen many prophecies of upcoming storms and you wonder why you still have not seen the promises fulfilled for My callings on your lives. Yes, the storms are coming, but I will not forsake you, TRUST ME!

Most of you have recently gone through a transition and you thought this was it, it is time, only to find yourself in another trial, even harder then the previous trials. When you thought it couldn't possibly get any worse, it has... Why does this surprise you? Did you not answer yes to My call on your life? Did you not choose the path less followed and have to pick up your cross and walk with Christ? Your preparation has been intense, it has not been easy but haven't I called you to set your face as flint for the high calling I have placed on your life? TRUST ME! Beloved the enemy has sought to sift you as wheat in your new positioning, setting up ambushes to attempt to sidetrack My plan for your life.
He WILL lose!!! TRUST ME!

KNOW that I will manifest Myself in your circumstances in a very big way to bring about the necessary changes that will bring about your fullness of times to fulfill your calling. A time of fullness for My Beloved... I have made great and mighty promises to you and they have come from My heart, therefore do not fear that I will not fulfill My word. I WILL fulfill each word and each promise that I have spoken to you. You WILL come forth and walk in the calling I have for you with every need and more supplied by the I AM. You have presented yourself as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to ME, therefore do not listen to the lies of the enemy that it will not happen. TRUST ME!

I see your overwhelming desire to move out...but it is not quite time and My timing is always perfect. Know that in the midst of your current trial that I have dispatched additional angels on your behalf to give you added support and in remember that I have given each of you a few who are there to lift up and encourage you when you are down, as you do the same for them.

My Beloved, who have been waiting on the Lord WILL rejoice in My promises and give Me thanks for you shall see Me move on your behalf and do the impossible. The day, the time and the hour is in My hands. The way and the means are in My hands. Know that even though you don't see it nor feel it, the hand of Almighty God is going before you, My Faithful Ones. TRUST ME, I say TRUST ME! Even though at times I appear to be far away, I AM always very near... I will NOT forsake My Faithful Ones .... TRUST ME!!!

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True Worshipper

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Sunday I was walking into the church and I heard the Lord say to me that I was a true worshiper. I said, but I'm not a good singer or a great prayer warrior. He then said to me, a true worshiper is the keeper of my temple. At the time I didn't understand what He meant by what He said. So I looked up worshiper in Smith's Bible Dictionary. This what it said.

WORSHIPPER: a translation of the Greek word neocoros, used once only. Acts 19:35: in the margin, "temple-keeper." The neocoros was originally an attendant in a temple, probably entrusted with its charge. The term neocoros thus applied to cities or communities which undertook the worship of particular emperors even during their lives.

Since we are the temple of the living God, it is a major responsibility for us to keep the temple clean. A true worshiper is someone who knows the occupant of the temple very well and understands what He wants from them. If someone spilled something or dirtied the temple that was in Jerusalem it was cleaned up immediately by the keeper of the temple, who were the Levites. So when we do something that is of the natural and we have sin on our life then we must repent so that we can clean up the temple.

The keepers of the man made temple in Jerusalem were the Levites, and just like they had to stay holy, so do we as the keepers of the temple of the living God. He wants us without spot or wrinkle. A true worshiper has Jesus on there heart 24/7. Their whole living life is dedicated to Him. When people see us we are the light that will change the dark, as it shines forth from the Temple of the living God. Jesus is our light and He lives in us.

Romans 2 verse 28-29: For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly: neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh. 29: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly: and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. Those who are true worshipers are believers who put God first and only and don't care what man thinks. It is all about Him not about us.

When we move in the Word and the Spirit we move in the Glory of God and when we move with His Glory giving Him all our worship and praise we are truly one in Him. Jesus is the living God the God of heaven and earth. Man's temple has been destroyed, His living temple lives forever. We are of the tribe of Levi, because we are the keeper's of the living temple.

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The Secret to Walking in Great Power

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And you would say, "*Oh, God, what is the secret to walking in your great power?*" It is simple obedience to the known will of God. If my son was ordered down to meet the woman at the well and instead went to Capernum, do you think that the power of God would fall? There must be obedience from your heart to the known will of God for the power of God to manifest.

I will not indorse a program that's not mine. I will not anoint a vessel that thinks they can go in any direction they choose and then expect the power of God to show up. It doesn't' work like that. But if you'll be obedient to me and you'll go where I send you when I send you and say what I tell you to say, the power of God will show up.

Keep your life clean. Avoid sins and when you do sin, simply kneel and confess. Don't go into huge contrition but kneel and confess your sins. Acknowledge that you're learning and growing in God and simply head back to where I tell you to go. Do the things I show you to do and when you pray, believe that your Heavenly Father hears you because he does.

Be obedient, even if those around you are not obedient. Jesus was in a kingdom where most of the leadership over him was disobedient. They were not following the will of God. They were oppressing people. They were taking from people. They were not giving. They were cruel. They were wicked. He was so grieved by the hardness of their hearts but he openly rebuked them before the people and warned them of the hellfire that was waiting for them.

So, it doesn't matter who around you is obeying God as you perceive it. What matters is will you obey God? Will you go down to the well when I tell you to? Will you lift the burden of your brother when someone else says leave them alone; they're being punished by God. Yet I tell you, "Go help them."

Many a Pharisee has pointed down their nose at someone and said, "*They are being punished of God. Their wickedness has come upon them,"* and they would flee from them and would not lift their hand. Yet Jesus himself would go and help the leper and help the prostitute and help those who were sick and needed a doctor. They needed a doctor. They needed someone to come into their situation with the power of God, with the help of God, with the healing of God, with the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus unilaterally remitted people's sins. He said, "*Go and sin no more*" and the person did not even ask for forgiveness. But in the power of God, he would walk in and break the power of the enemy and lift the sick and the crippled and heal them and restore them and then turn and rebuke those who would have a word to say about what he did. He said, "*Don't the sick need a doctor? You who are healthy, you don't need me*."

I will send you to places and to people that other people will condemn for going to, but you must go if you would be in my good will. You must go and help the oppressed. You must go and help those who are rejected and outcast, and the power of God will show up for you, but it is simple obedience to the known will of God in your heart that will bring the great power that you're looking for.

INDIVIDUAL REWARDS

Walk in obedience with the Lord. Put your blinders on and walk your walk because it does not matter really what everyone else does. What matters is what you do within the structure of the Church and of the Body.

So yes, even though you're tied to the corporate body of Christ, you are an individual and you will be individually rewarded for your efforts as Joshua and Caleb were and as down through the Scriptures from Gideon on, men are rewarded for what they do.

Even if the whole nation is worshipping idols and going astray, if you will plant your feet in the right direction and say, *"I will not be moved*," and walk on, God will look down and say, *"There's one; there's one who won't turn aside*," and the blessings of God will fall. Even while correction is falling all around you, blessing will fall on you.

So, say not in your heart ever, *"This is foolishness to be obedient; this is foolishness to be so good. Others are getting away with this and this and this*…" Well, for a season they might, but believe me, the judgment of God comes. The correction of God comes. Even though it tarries for a season, it comes.

Don't be fooled into thinking that an act of disobedience will not be brought into correction. It will be sooner or later. So, don't allow your feet to go into disobedience. Don't allow your mouth, your mind, your brain, your heart, your life to go into disobedience to the known will of your Father.

But keep walking. Keep talking even as Christ did. Even alone at times, even against his disciples he had to press on and persevere to his Cross. So, walk in what I've set before you, knowing that your reward is coming and that you will reap with you sow.

The Search For Significance

Ron McGatlin

> *For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away, (James 4:14.)*

On the day my grandfather was born there were many millions of people in the world. People of many nationalities were going about their daily lives dealing with life's experiences of every sort. The cities, towns, villages, and countryside where they lived still exist today. Yet all of the millions of people died. Not a single one is alive on the earth today. They all perished from the earth. Some of their lives endured for a very short time and some for a few years others lived longer and a few lived for over a hundred years but none are alive today. All passed from the earth.

After basic physical needs are met there exist a desire for significance - for some purpose or value that makes one's life of some importance among the many billions of people who have passed briefly through this life. Philosophers, religionist, and seekers of every sort have sought for significance among the passions of life. Yet there is none among mortality. Only in the realms of immortality can the searcher be rewarded with true significance.

Searchers join together to corporately build their particular version of the tower of Babel to obtain significance. Builders seek to gather from among the pride of life the materials for establishing the biggest - the best - the most significant. This quest drives the institutions of the world.

The institutional church long ago left its roots of intimate personal relationship with God to search for significance in mortality. Relational was replaced by organizational as denominations and various other networks have sought significance in striving to become the biggest and the best, Leaders have sought to build the church organizationally from materials of mortality.

As the walls of organizational church are crumbling brick by brick, the true relational church is coming forth. The church is reforming in a relational structure looking to Jesus as head. The Head of the church is being joined to the Body. Wade E. Taylor said, "The Head will be joined to the Body not to the pulpit."

Only the King of kings, the Lord of lords has immortality, *(1 Timothy 6:15-16).*
The only potential for significance in this brief life is *Christ in you the hope of glory (Col. 1:27).*

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God Loves His Church

Ron McGatlin

I believe the greatest truth of the Bible regarding mankind is simply stated in the first three words of a children's song that is yet sung by Christian children today. "Jesus Loves Me" is the most important reality of life. And the next three words carry the most important concept to the well being of humans. "This I Know" is the key to inner peace. Without the Love of God through Jesus there would be only vanity in life - all would be empty and valueless. And without mankind knowing the love of Jesus there would be no inner peace and no potential for real joy in life.

Life exist in the unconditional love of God for mankind - the apple of His eye .(ZEK.2:8).Potential everlasting life exist for mankind in responding to the love of God. Potential everlasting death exist in rejecting the unconditional passionate love of God. Passionate love betrayed, ignored, despised shunned and rejected becomes jealousy and wrath.

The decision is already eternally settled on God's part to love and will never change. The undecided part of the situation is man's part. Will he choose to respond in like kind to the unconditional love of God or will he choose another god or gods and betray, ignore, despise, shun and reject the passionate love of God. The choice is life or death.

Deu 30:19-20: "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; "that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days.......

The church (the called out ones) are today returning to the church's first love - many are recognizing and experiencing the passion of God's love in intimate relationship with the Father as His children and with Christ Jesus as His Bride.

Religion and false teaching cannot continue its hold on those who experience the intimacy and communion of responding to God's love. That which is impure in the church is being washed away by that which is holy - the pure love of God. Man's pure response to God's love in obedience and clinging to Him who is our life is changing the church.

Great and Terrible Times
Ron McGatlin

As I view the hundreds of email and reports coming from around the world, I am overwhelmed with the significance of what God is doing. There is a sense of "shock and awe". It is both glorious and wonderful yet at the same time so severe in nature that it can be terrifying.

For many, the rudimental things of church and life are being dismantled and some of our once "sacred" doctrines or burning to ash in the flames of the reality of the manifest presence of God. Strongmen's castles are being vacated and their strength being reduced to ashes.

This truly is at one time a joyful and tragic reformation. The foundations are shaking for many who have done their best to serve faithfully. Some pastors and leaders will face intense soul searching and the enemy will cause them to feel they have failed in the purpose of serving God in their lives. This is not truth and we must pray for one another and realize that many have done the best they could with the light they had. That is not failure! Where would we be without the ministries of the church through the past?

We are involved in a major shift of God much larger and much more significant than we yet have realized. The coming of the Lord - Christ on earth in His people is upon us - nothing is impossible to us as Christ is manifest in the world. There is such intense desire in the hearts of God's chosen people that nothing will stand before these pure hearted, holy, loving, sons of God with unlimited anointing of Christ. Truly the heavens are opening.

Lots of Love, Ron

Putting Life Back Together
Ron McGatlin

A house divided against itself will not stand (Mat 12:25). A life pulled apart by pressures of one segment and its demands against another segment will not prosper. Fragmented and scattered lives of disunity and disconnection are not the design of God for His people.

How can we align our lives with God's design of oneness?

"that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us

"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. (John 17:20 23):

Many people are not one within themselves. Did you ever get to know someone only at church and later work with them or spend time with them in other arenas of their life? You may have found them to be "a different person". People establish compartments of life and develop different mind sets for each compartment.

The individual's approach to navigating life's needs in one arena of life may differ from the approach in another arena. Different methods issue from different basic values and beliefs within the individual's compartmentalized mind sets. Different rudimental principles are learned and used in the different compartments.

As an example, a man or woman may act and react to situations on their job or in their "business life" differently from how they would in their "family life" or "church life", and differently in their "church life" from their "family life", not to mention their "dating life" and so on.

People may "wear many hats" so to speak. They also may actually dress distinctly different when entering the "work compartment" or the "church compartment" or the "recreation compartment" of their lives. Like changing cloths they may put on different mind sets for each of the different compartments of life.

In a sometimes unsuccessful attempt to balance these separated systems of life, frustration and guilt can lead to inner disorders and outer conflicts which will affect the individual, the family, community, and eventually the nation.

The answer to oneness within and with others is oneness with God. First, we, the "called out ones" of God - the "ekklesia" - the church - must recognize and admit that what has been to this point has not always brought life together as one in Him.

Much of the institutional church has in the past divorced itself from practical life outside the safety of its walls. In failing to participate in parts of life it has become as just another compartment of life and not the source of help for all life's issues.. Beyond that the church has even divided and disjoined itself into different compartments with different doctrines, beliefs and values.

The Paradigm Shift

The emerging church without walls will function and connect in homes, businesses and wherever bringing forth the kingdom concept of oneness into all the facets of life.

The great worldwide millennium shift from "church focus" to "kingdom focus," often referred to as a paradigm shift, is moving the world toward eventual unity of focus on Christ Jesus as "King of the world" and away from focus on a myriad of vital but secondary values and systems.

Jesus is our savior but He's more Jesus is savior of the world but more Jesus is head of the church but more not just every knee in the church shall bow but every knee shall bow in homes, communities, businesses, governments, and every facet of life - Jesus Is King of the world King of kings and Lord of lords (1 Tim 6:15).

Life will be put back together as one focus becomes one set of values and principles to rule all areas of life. The kingdom of God principles of Christ the King must rule in all facets of the individual's life.

The passionate intense love of the Father is coming forth by the Holy Spirit forming Christ in His people through intimate relationship in His manifest presence. The glory of God has come upon us to transform and change us to the image of His Son.

Will there be diversity?

In the passing church emphasis age many thought that uniformity was a key to unity. In the emerging kingdom age it is being seen that diversity in love is true oneness. God, Himself is our model for diversity and oneness. God presents Himself to us in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Each having distinctions of function but being in complete oneness. We are to be one just as God is one, not in uniformity or function but in oneness, doing only what we see and hear the Father doing and saying.

"And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one"

Everything rests in the Father. The glory of the Father through Christ is the avenue of oneness. The love of the Father is the source of life and is that which orders and unifies all life. The kingdom of God from heaven on earth is neither in rules nor in "doing" but in "being" righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Rom 14:17).

Individually the goal of worldwide kingdom may seem far too big and idealistic for many individuals to even consider and may not readily appear as a solution for their fragmented lives. However, the world view of kingdom does indicate the goal of Christ and the significance of individually coming into the reality and greater fullness of the kingdom of God.

As we each are transformed by the manifest presence of God and begin to be the church wherever we are, each individual's mind becomes one mind and the beliefs and values governing one's actions and reactions in all areas of one's diverse life become unified. We truly each become one within ourselves and then can become one with the true Body of Christ.

What about separation?

Christ Jesus was not and is not one with everyone and everything. He was one with the Father and we are to be one with Him. We are to be separate from evil and from proud, arrogant, men of the evil way that God hates (Prov 8:18).

2 Cor 6:17-18: Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."

Coming into oneness with God and oneness within ourselves joins us to the true Body of Christ - the people of God's love, and separates us from the arrogant, proud and evil way that God hates.

"Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

Spiritual Relational Networking
Ron McGatlin

Where do I sign? How do I join? How much are the dues and what are the benefits? How and when do we meet and what is expected of me? What are the rules and how is it governed? Who are the leaders and how are they selected? These are all questions one might ask when considering becoming a part of a natural network. These and many other organizational considerations are used to establish a natural network of associates.

The church for the most part in the past has sought to adapt these same organizational ideas with an addition of seeking to bring some level of spiritual guidance into the mix. Denominations and other networking organizations have functioned in this type organizational structure with some form of hierarchical leadership.

It may be hard to for us to consider a worldwide network with no earthly headquarters and no membership list. The manifest presence of God is moving the church into the realm of the Spirit. The love of God flowing through individuals is establishing relational connections supernaturally.

The coming spiritual relational network of the worldwide true Body of Christ does not depend on natural organizational methods. Christ is its only head and Holy Spirit its connector. There is no human hierarchy of control and nothing to sign. Every joint connects to the ones next to it and each supplies the needs of one another.

(Selah - pause and think about these verses)

Ephesians 4:13 says, "till **WE** all come" (We is plural) "to **a perfect man"** man is singular and refers to the corporate man Christ - the mature full grown Christ.

Eph 4:13 till **we** all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to **a perfect man**, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ

Eph 4:15 -16: ...speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things **into Him who is the head; Christ; from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies,** according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Human organizational based networks cannot become the Body of Christ. Only a spiritual relational network of connections can bring forth the true Body of Christ into the world.

Christ Jesus was not born in a palace or a capital building nor a temple. Neither is the corporate Christ being birthed in high places of government or religion. The kingdom of God is coming forth like grass in a field. There are multitudes of sprouting blades of grass all at the same level. No one blade of grass would create a lush green field. But multitudes of individuals connecting in homes, businesses, small groups, streets, parks and wherever supplying the spiritual needs of one another becomes the lush green field networked together in loving one another.

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The Silver Basin

Mary Clark

In a vision, I saw a silver basin filled with water. There were many feet around the basin. Why did You show this to me, Lord?

This silver basin represents many things to My dear children. It represents My redeeming work on your behalf, and it represents My servanthood to mankind. I want you to realize the extremes that your God went through to call you His own. I want you to stand fast to this truth.

In this day, I will be calling you to wash many feet in My name. I am calling you to show forth the servanthood of the living God. So gird yourself with your towels, kneeling down before those I send to you, and know with each act of servanthood that you perform on My behalf, you will be shining forth My glory, and you will be revealing My heart to bless and to love mankind.

I am calling for you to take your place around My basin – My silver basin of redemption. It is a place where you will dwell in the knowledge of My great love for you and for all of mankind. I want you to reveal My heart, and show forth My will for each person that I put in your path. I want each of you to know that the hour of powerful demonstration is upon you. Stand fast in this truth. For just as surely as I have called you to be My servants, performing on My behalf to the masses, I have called you to demonstrate My wondrous will as it shines through with promise. So don your towels of purity and hope, and know as you kneel before another to wash his feet, that you are also washing My feet, and bringing forth a new hope to all who will receive.

This is the hour to shine forth the glory of the living God. It is the hour to step into the splendor that I have provided for your enjoyment. So get ready to kneel before your fellow man, and give to him the gift of hope that lies in becoming one who serves another unceasingly. Isn't that what it is all about? Serving others as I served while I was on earth? Serving others with a heart that is tender and caring? Yes! That is what this walk in all about, beloved, so get ready to shine forth My caring heart, and know with each example that you show of your God, you are pleasing My heart – pleasing My heart most satisfactory!!!

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The Stumbling Block

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The message of Jesus and His cross was a stumbling block to the religious mind-sets of that day. The concept of laying down one’s life was the opposite of ruling through force. It was considered weak. Everything in the Kingdom is perplexing to those who only know power through their own skill, strength and control. Learn to lay it all down and rule through transparent submission and you too will be a stumbling block. These are hard places but there will come a day when you will look back on the times where your submission caused offense and you will see how it ultimately protected you from taking a wrong turn.

"Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling and a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed." (1 Peter 2:7-8 NKJV)

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Mining For Gold

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I have given you some very unique and rare Words. I AM training you to recognize they are from Me, although this is not without considerable effort on both our parts! These Words are not only vital for your future, but the training in recognizing their Source is also important. I will leave nothing to chance when it comes to your training. I realize that between your passion to hear Me and your impatience in waiting, that the answers I give are not always satisfying to your flesh. Do understand that sometimes the Words I send you are exactly like mining for gold. You have to dig for them and expend effort to utilize and apply them. Keep digging and I will illuminate My hidden treasures.

"But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God." (1 Corinthians 2:10-12 NKJV)

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The Cally Story

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[Gilgal: Close the Door to Carnality]

The Cally Story

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The following hilarious and true story happened to me in 1994. The spiritual parable is very relevant right now as we prepare to crossover Jordan and move into our new land of promise.

THE CALLY STORY
Our cat Cally had kittens who are now 5 months old and I just found out that cute little boy kitties can impregnate little girl at this age. Uh oh… I also heard of a good family willing to adopt them if we have them 'fixed.'

Time has run out and these little furballs are now scheduled for surgery. They are supposed to fast 12 hours before surgery so two bowls have mysteriously disappeared. Oops, scratch that idea. Normally, mother cats wean their babies at about 6 weeks but someone forgot to tell Cally. I am looking out the window, and those precious little bundles are nursing! Try again...

Cally is now in exile away from her babies, food and water. The babies are crying at her shed door, and she is crying at them. It's going to be a long night.

Well it was. I didn't sleep hardly at all last night as every dog in the neighborhood was barking and I kept thinking about the kittens. This morning I quietly squeeze through the shed door so Cally won't dash out. I manage to get her in the carrier and when I open the door the kittens scurry to her cage and they all cry at once. Cally is now crying and the kittens are alerted.

We pick up the kittens and put them in the box. But before we can get the lid down, we have lost one. No, make that two. Try again. And again. This is crazy, we are chasing kittens in every direction! After 5 scampering attempts, we simply can not entice them to come to us. These are now very educated cats. Suddenly two bowls mysteriously appear. They run to the food. We got em'.

Now we are all packed in the jeep and it sounds like a traveling cat zoo. Cally is howling. She is banging her head and body at the door, she scratches to no avail. A frightened baby pops her head through the little hole in the box. Her eyes are literally bugging and she squeaks. By the time I stop on the freeway shoulder, she has managed to stretch the hole and get her stomach stuck. She is dangling half way in and half way out but at least her eyes are back in her sockets and she has a hardy meow. I carefully tug and pull her out the hole without lifting the lid, lest I have kittens making a wild escape. Now Cally's window is snug against the box's enlarged hole and maybe they can comfort one another by being close. I drive into the clinic, harried and feeling like I had lived a full day and it is only 7:00 AM.

Who is that lady with the clipboard and why is she waiting for me in the parking lot? "Excuse me, are you Mrs. Warner?" I have this bad feeling in the pit of my stomach. "Yes, I have cats scheduled for surgery." "I am very sorry Mrs. Warner but we are going to have to cancel and reschedule. I tried calling you, but you had already left." "Oh no — I have to go through the whole thing again....this time with educated cats!"

On the way home I am thinking about the scriptural principal of something being repeated twice. (Gen 41:32) I know this is a God story. "Lord what are You trying to tell me?"

This next appointment is vital because their new owners are coming into town next week. I am sure they will love living on a farm, with all the freedom and fun any cat would want. No matter what, I have to keep this appointment!

Well, it is now once again the night before surgery. Not a creature is stirring, and especially not even a mouse. We have no mice. I have locked Cally and her kittens in together. It's better to nurse and have surgery, then not at all. I think I have slept, but that clock says 4:45 AM. I am wide awake wondering how the little family is doing. Maybe I should separate them into the cat carrier since 4 hours of no food is better than none at all. It's dark and cold outside, but I am determined to follow through on this appointment. I rush out in bare feet and pajamas and jump into the shed, slamming the door behind me. The kitties are contentedly sleeping next to Cally! I separate the sleepy little furballs from her and place THEM in the cat carrier. It was so easy! All is perfect! Now I can go back to bed and get warm.

I reach for the latch on the shed door and it is gone. The door won't open! The little wire thing that is attached to the latch on the outside of the door is missing. It had fallen off when I slammed the door. I am trapped inside the dark shed with Cally and her kittens, and I have this strange knowing that God is definitely speaking to me. This story isn't just some parable that the Lord is wanting to tell me, He is talking to me about ME. It's me in this shed.

I am now in exile, in a cage with all the tools for pruning anyone could ever want. I sit down on an ice chest and take note of what I have. 2 handsaws, electric pruners with electrical cord and outlets intact, an ax, and other misc. items. I push a wire through the little hole where the missing wire used to be. I put a metal tent stake through it, I put a stick through it. Nope, I'm definitely trapped.

OK, my son's alarm is set for 7:00 and I am supposed to leave at 7:00. I don't know if he will even know I have not left the house when he wakes. Will he realize the car is still in the driveway? He probably won't make the connection since it's there every morning. My beloved husband gets up much later depending on what time he finally falls asleep. I could ax my way through the door, but he would really be upset having to build a new door. It's 4:45 AM so what else is there to do? I can lay the camping tarp on the floor, unroll the sleeping mattress, use 2 life jackets for my pillow and unfold a plastic tablecloth for my blanket. Sounds good to me. I am now camping out on the floor of our shed in the dark, surrounded by purring kittens. I start to laugh. "OK Lord, You got me. Do you have anything You would like to say to me?"

I must have snoozed some because I just heard the thunk of the newspaper in our driveway. I wildly shake and kick the door. "Help me, can you HELP me? I'm stuck in here!" I am yelling like my life depends upon it — I still want to make that appointment. Silence. Nothing. He must have thrown it from the street and not heard a thing. Back to camping. Let's see, the newspaper usually comes about 6:30 AM. I wonder how much longer I get to stay in here!

It's about 7 AM and I hear footsteps coming up the sidewalk, stopping in front of the shed. Silence. "Is someone out there?" "Yes" "Could you PLEASE open this door, I am stuck inside." "Uh, yes." Door opens. A pale and scared paper boy is staring at me. "Are you all right?" "Yes, I accidentally locked my self inside, because the little wire thing fell out of the hole." He is looking at me like I am a little crazy standing there in my pajamas. I don't blame him a bit. I am so happy to be out and besides that, I don't have the time to worry about it — I have an appointment to make. He is rambling on as he walks away, "I wasn't sure what I'd find behind this door, and I went to get help. I wasn't sure about calling the police. And someone drove me back here." "Well Thank you VERY much for coming and helping me. I really appreciated it!"

Cally is now outside happily eating at the food dishes. At this point I don't care how much she has eaten, but back in the shed she goes. I need a clean shower and to get warm after camping. "Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong!" The door bell is ringing incessantly at 7 AM and I am dripping wet. "Sonshine, please wake up and answer the door. Don't be upset, it may be the police. I was locked in the shed and the paper boy rescued me. Tell them I'll be out in a minute." My son answers the door in a stupor. Two sheriffs question him. "We heard there was a disturbance. Was there a fight? Is everything all right?" "Yeah, my Mom just locked herself in the shed." They grin. In my robe and wet hair I come to the door. "I accidentally locked my self inside the shed, because the little wire thingy that is attached to the latch fell out of the hole." I don't know if they knew whether I was talking straight or not. I don't know that I was. My face is turning bright red.

Totally mortified that the sheriffs had come to our door, I realize I don't have time to think about that now. I have just enough time to eat a bowl of cereal, catch Cally and stuff everyone in the car. I go outside, jump into the shed and my son is right behind me. SLAM! He has just slammed the door shut... I AM LAUGHING HYSTERICALLY. I roar. I laugh so hard I am crying. I am holding my stomach, with hilarious tears rolling down my cheeks. All I can think of is this thing is repeated twice, it is of the Lord. Two times for the cats, two times for me.

"Mom you are scaring me, you are hysterical!" "Well if you had gone through what I have gone through with these cats, you would be hysterical too!" I am laughing even harder while watching my son frantically take inventory of everything in the shed and do exactly the same things I had tried. He didn't think it was funny at all.

Finally, I decide to forget my husband having to build a new door, I AM NOT GOING TO MISS THIS APPOINTMENT. The only way those cats will have their new home next week, is if they are fixed. We have run out of time. Warning, crazy women with ax in hand. Slam, thud, pow, a chip at a time. 20 minutes of repeated blows with the bull's eye changing upon each swing. Sweat, panting... My son takes a few swings and hands it back. I take a few then give it back to him. I am determined to get out of there.

Footsteps. We hear footsteps! The door opens and a very undressed puffy eyed husband looks incredulously at me. My normally very kind and gracious husband appears to be quite perturbed. He grumpily says he just got to sleep at 4 o'clock and what are we doing axing the door? "Well excuuuusssssseee me!" I wasn't mad until then. Now I am mad. I march out, rescue Cally, who is now enjoying a banquet and stuff her and the kitties in the car. Normally-kind-and-gracious husband is standing at the door in his altogether, muttering, "May I go back to sleep now?" That made me madder. Here I had just been through world war 3 and all he can think about was that we disturbed him? I am so mad I don't even say goodbye to my son. I smolder all the way to the appointment.

I am now home and my back-to-being very kind and gracious husband reminds me that last night he had recommended that I bang on the shed door loudly to scare the cats, so they would hide and not try to run out as soon as I opened the door. I am feeling very humble for my anger. He thought all we were doing was scaring the cats with all that noise and wondered why we were inside with the ax! I guess our neighbors came by also, since they heard the ax. What a day.

Surgery went fine, in spite of their eating. When I picked up the cats, they told me to put them in a dark and quiet place. I left them in the shed with the door slightly open knowing they would come out when they were ready. But instead of sleeping, the journey had stimulated them and they wobbled out the door totally drunk! You never saw such precious sights as Cally and these little creatures trying to find their legs. Looking cross-eyed and with rubber legs they were wandering around bumping into each other. Their brother, cold sober with no surgery, hisses and runs away. When they found their mother, Cally immediately weaned her babies, having no desire whatsoever to be touched and they were all planted in their new home one week later.

END NOTE
Four years ago I posted this story with additional detail. In this post, the story was not shortened, but two pages of interpretation were cut off and replaced with the following Word to Ponder. If you are drawn to chew some additional meat, please search the website for The Cally Story and read the Interpretation and End Note.

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER: PREPARATION FOR CIRCUMCISION
My precious one, time has run out. I AM bringing you into the green land of fulfilled promises. You were hand fed the milk of My Word well passed your time. Milk alone will not sustain you in the new land I have prepared. You must learn to hunt, to seek Me for your daily portion.

Exile, separation and famine of hearing has driven you to Me. I know how hard this has been for you. It has felt like tough love. I have used all that has come into your life for good and someday you will know them all as good gifts. I have used these as tools to awaken a desperation deep enough to move you forward into maturity.

Precious, I know how deeply your flesh cries out for comfort, and how desperately you try to give solace to unfulfilled love. Please understand that carnal appetites bring temporal pleasure, but ultimately they bring death. The worldly appetites will never satisfy or replace your deep need for fellowship with Me. To feed them will only leave you more and more empty and driven. You can not take these with you into this new land of bountiful promise.

Unpruned flesh would greatly multiply if planted in this new land. Captivity to worldly appetite will place you on trial before the face of your enemies who are the giants of accusation. Your flesh must be cut back, for I AM a jealous Maker. Unholy appetites for the world must go. Gilgal is of utmost importance for your safety and welfare as I move you forward into your promised land. If you cry out to Me, I will give you the will and the grace to cut back your flesh. I will grant you the joy of My intoxicating Presence and make the operation as painless as possible.

Josh 5:8-9 NKJV
So it was, when they had finished circumcising all the people, that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed. Then the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

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Obedience For Your Safety
Sandy Warner

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You have come a long way in your journey of maturing in Me. How proud of you I AM, beloved. Your heart has become tender and willing. It is vital that you follow your conscience and stay in obedience. Do not harden your heart towards My voice. This will safe guard you from falling out of the nest.

It is much easier to be self disciplined than to be God disciplined and also the enemy is wanting any access you will unwittingly give him. I will discipline and do what is necessary to get your attention for your protection. Stay light on your feet by being flexible and willing to follow My voice. When in doubt, always obey.

Heb 12:7-9 TLB
As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Whoever heard of a child who was never disciplined? If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children after all. Since we respect our earthly fathers who disciplined us, should we not all the more cheerfully submit to the discipline of our heavenly Father and live forever?

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The Way Out Of The Maze
Sandy Warner

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[Open the Door to Repentance]

VISION [4/12/01]: I saw someone going through a maze made out of pieces of land which were in the shapes of animals. It was his goal to travel through these lands to get to a piece of land on the other side. The pieces looked like land masses or continents that had definite borders. As he traveled, most of the owners of the pieces of land opposed him. He was just trying to travel through and they were trying to impede his way. It was interesting that some land owners opposed him, and some did not. It was a definite maze of working through territory to get to the other side.

Deut 2:4-6, 8-9 NLT
You will be passing through the country belonging to your relatives the Edomites, the descendants of Esau, who live in Seir. The Edomites will feel threatened, so be careful. Don't bother them, for I have given them all the hill country around Mount Seir as their property, and I will not give you any of their land. ….. Then as we traveled northward along the desert route through Moab, the LORD warned us, `Do not bother the Moabites, the descendants of Lot, or start a war with them. I have given them Ar as their property, and I will not give you any of their land.' (And Deut 2:16-19)

Deut 2:24-25 NLT
Moses continued, "Then the LORD said, `Now cross the Arnon Gorge! Look, I will help you defeat Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and I will give you his land. Attack him and begin to occupy the land. Beginning today I will make all people throughout the earth terrified of you. When they hear reports about you, they will tremble with dread and fear.'

HEARD: But God has established us right in this place. In the presence of our enemies. He makes a way. And there shall be a sign. And the sign shall be for the rest of your days. And they shall have an earthly domain. Thy kingdom come on earth. As it already is in heaven.

EXCERPTS HEARD: Safe passage. Journey. With My assistance. All along the way. How you respond reveals. What we do about it. When My people really humble themselves. And pray. I turn the tide. Humble yourself. You've come to a conclusion. A very real answer. What's in the Bible? We HAD to graduate. And get this, we HAD to make peace with our enemies.

Prov 16:7 KJV
When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

HEARD: Fresh approach. How can we handle this? There's always a way out. If you repent.

QUOTE BOB JONES AND PAUL KEITH DAVIS
[From When The Day Of Pentecost Has Fully Come] www.bobjones.org &
www.whitedoveministries.org

"His tangible Presence and grace will usher in the Fear of the Lord thus allowing and granting a heart of genuine repentance leading to the knowledge of the Truth. The Word of Truth will provide a sanctifying light preparing us for even greater measures of His Spirit. (John 17.17)"

John 17:17 NKJV
Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

QUOTE FROM MAHESH
Mahesh Chavda Ministries
http://www.watchofthelord.com/

"I was at Christian Broadcasting Network, doing a conference for them. There were these heavy television lights, about 12 of them, big ones. There was a big section in front and a section in the back. And I said, "Holy Spirit, You are welcome!" When I said, "You are welcome" the lights all exploded. Everyone within about 25 feet all fell down instantly. And the glory of the Lord came down. I want you to know it scared the daylights out of me. It scared me so bad because the Lord was present…" [Mahesh went onto to say he repented of sins he hadn't even thought of doing, because the fear of the Lord was upon him.]

"… I felt like there was another wave of the Holy Ghost coming again and I said, "Holy Ghost You are welcome again" and the lights in the back exploded. In the next 700 club program, Pat Robinson began the program with 30 million watching. He said Brother Mahesh was here and when he prayed our lights burst and we are in revival."

CONCLUSION
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WORD TO PONDER: REPENTENCE IS THE DOOR OUT
My Love, you have been in cold, dark circumstances and have been walking in circles for many years. Deeply discouraged at times, you have felt like you were in an underground maze with no way out. I have heard your cries and I send My angels to open the trap door above you, that you may escape. For you have wandered long enough.

I always provide a way out. The door I have provided is the door of repentance. Many blessings that have been blocked will spring forth upon true repentance. Repentance really is a gift. It is impossible to repent when involved in a dark and blind world where each man's standard is right for himself. It is only through the standard of My Word that blind eyes open to Me, the Truth. Yes, when My truth is manifest, it produces godly sorrow, but this sorrow leads to salvation and deliverance from evil. Open now the door of repentance and close the door of straying away from My Word. Align your speech, your conduct and life style with My Word and witness the power of your Holy God to set you free from the maze of endless cycles.

2 Tim 2:24-26 NKJV
"…in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will."

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The Sabbath Breaker

Milt Rodriguez

"While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." "When He had said this, He spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, and said to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which is translated, Sent). And so he went away and washed, and came back seeing." John 9:5-7

There are a few things that are very meaningful about this miracle that Jesus performed. One is that (as in many other cases) he deliberately performed this miracle on a Sabbath day. The other is the way in which He worked this miracle. Both of these aspects of this event exposes our propensity toward religion. In fact, everything the Lord did was designed to break that religious nature which is within all of us.

The Origins of Religion

You may think that you are not religious. But I tell you, my friend, that we are all religious to one degree or another. We are all religious about something. Even the most godless atheist on the planet is religious about something. How do I know this? It's very simple. The very foundation of our fallen nature is based upon religion.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil contained the essence and foundation for all religious thought patterns. Please notice with me that the knowledge of good **and** evil come from the same tree! Wouldn't you think that good would come from a separate tree other than the same one that contains evil? Yet, the knowledge of **both** good **and** evil come from the **same** tree. This will be important as we move along.

First, this tree is about knowledge. Religion is always about knowledge. How much do you **know** about God and the bible? How much do you **know** about what God demands from you? You must be trained. You must have knowledge. Knowledge is power!

Second, the knowledge you need is about what is good and evil. What is right and what is wrong? What is black and what is white? What is positive and what is negative? Religion is based upon you doing the **right** things; you doing **good** things. If you are going to be a righteous person, you must do the **right** things. In religion, we are constantly focusing on seeking the good and knowing and doing the right thing. Of course, this means that we must judge the difference between right and wrong, good and evil. When we see someone doing evil, they must be judged. The solution for doing evil is to do good. "Good" now becomes our salvation and the solution to all of the evil in the world.

Of course, we know that many things that appear to be good actually have an "evil" intent behind them. Many times we give with the intention of getting some recognition or honor in return. This is but one example of doing something "good" with an "evil" intention. This can become very messy and confusing because of the fact that the knowledge of good **and** evil come from the same tree. Good can sometimes seem evil and evil can sometimes seem good! As these things become blurred, it becomes very difficult for us to see the difference.

The Tree of Life

Jesus said that He came to give us life and life more abundantly. This is our only hope of being set free from the dilemma of right and wrong, good and evil. When we choose life, then we will be set free from religion.

Now, let's take a closer look at this story in John 9 of Jesus healing the blind man. The way that He did this completely breaks all the rules of religion contained in every "book."

He SPAT!

Your Lord spat on the ground! How uncouth . . . How undignified . . . How sacrilegious! Just think about it for a moment. He spat . . .

Spitting is probably one of the most unspiritual things a person can do.

Besides, isn't it really kind of disgusting? I mean, after all, we are talking about spitting here! This is an act that we would expect from a tobacco chewing hillbilly, not from the Son of God. He broke all the protocols of religion. How could He do such a thing? Doesn't He know the proper way to heal someone? Doesn't He know how to do it right?

Everyone **knows** that the **right** way to heal someone is with oil, not with mud made out of spit! You are supposed to take the oil that has been anointed by the priests (elders) and apply it to the person's forehead. Then you lay your hands on their head and pray "in the name of Jesus." This means that you end your prayer for healing with the phrase "in the name of Jesus." This is the **right** way to heal someone, yet Jesus didn't do any of these things. He didn't even pray for the guy! He just made the mud, put it on his eyes, and then told him to go wash it off. There is nothing religious about your Lord. He always does things that deliberately blow apart all of our religious ideas.

Life Being Placed Into Clay

What Jesus did was full of meaning. Yet, we have missed it because we were busy being offended by His "unorthodox" ways of doing things. He healed this man in this way for two reasons. He wanted to break the religious mindset, and He wanted to reveal another aspect of Himself. He took something out of His mouth and mixed it with the clay. In other words, He placed part of Himself into a vessel of clay. Paul said it this way, "We have this treasure in earthen vessels." He placed His life into us! Religion could never give us sight. Only His life within us could ever give us the ability to truly see. We are all blind. We are blind because we are in Adam, and Adam chose religion instead of life. He chose right and wrong, good and evil over the total freedom of God's own life. Christ came to bring us that life. He gave us sight by giving us His life. "In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."

Jesus healed this man of his blindness on the Sabbath. This, of course, offended all of the religious people. They were not interested in life. They were only interested in making sure that everyone kept all of the rules and regulations. This only brings condemnation and death.

Your Lord is a Sabbath breaker! Could it be that He is trying to break the "Sabbaths" in all of us? Is there some "sacred ground" that you don't want Him to touch? One thing is for sure: He wants you to be able to touch the life that is within you so that you will be able to see more of Him.

Here is another Sabbath breaking event.....

"The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

Jesus said to him, "Arise, take up your pallet, and walk."

And immediately the man became well, and took up his pallet and began to walk.

Now it was the Sabbath on that day." John 5:7-9

It amazes me how Jesus kept intentionally breaking the Sabbath. He could have healed this man on another day, yet He chose to do it on the Sabbath. Over and over again He did things on the Sabbath which he knew were against the Law of Moses. Obviously, He was taking dead aim at something within the Jewish religious system. But I believe it goes beyond that. He was (and is) taking aim at something within all of us. There is something within you and I that needs to be broken, something that we hold dear. Something that we hold onto from the past that is very "sacred" to us.

Comfortable in Our Sabbaths

This man, who was waiting at the pool, had been there everyday for thirty-eight years! Can you imagine? Thirty-eight years! He had been held in religious bondage for all that time. He was waiting for someone to help him go down into the water.

In religion, you don't ever really receive any help. It's every man for himself. It is void of grace and compassion. Everyone is too busy working really hard to measure up and be good little Christians. No one has time for you because they are working so hard at pleasing God. They have never seen that only One can please God, and He lives within your spirit.

We see two dynamics going on in this story. One is the religious individual represented by the sick man by the pool. The other is the religious organization represented by the Pharisees who were offended by Jesus healing this man. The individual was healed, the organization was not. This shows us that individual believers can be set free from the religious system, but the system itself will never be "healed." I have known some brothers and sisters who remain within the religious system for the express purpose of trying to change it. It never happens. God may be calling you out of the religious institution, but He has not called you to try to change it.

Past Glories

Both the man who was healed and the Pharisees had made the mistake of holding onto past glories. What I mean by this is that they were holding onto things that God had done in the past. The man by the pool had held onto the fact that, in the past, someone had been healed by going down into that pool. Or perhaps, that was just a rumor that was spread around, who knows? At any rate, the man (and many others) had a religious and even superstitious idea about God and the way He heals.

This is the way that his concept went. If I can just get to a certain place and do a certain thing, then God will heal me. Certain conditions must be met before I can be touched by the Lord. I must meet those conditions in order for Him to be satisfied and as a result heal me.

Does this sound familiar? It should. It's the way that most of us think! If we can only meet the conditions that we think God has set forth, then He will finally move in our lives. Yet, we have a God who moves in freedom and grace. He is not bound by our finite, religious, confining concepts of Him and the way He works. Praise the Lord! He is much bigger than that!

Jesus walked up to this man and just asked him if he wanted to be well. The man responded to Jesus by explaining to Him that he had no one to help him into the water. The Lord totally ignored this man's religious nonsense. He told him to get up and walk! The Lord healed him because He wanted to. The Lord healed him because He loved him. There were no conditions or requirements.

Sabbath Breaking

The Lord healed him for one other reason; to break the Sabbath! This was to show this man, the Pharisees, and everyone else that Someone greater than the Sabbath was among them. They were still holding onto a tradition, a law, a regulation, a condition to please God. But Someone was in their midst who was much greater than the law. In fact, all of the law, traditions, etc. were pictures of Him. They all pointed to Him, the reality and fulfillment of it all!

Many times we hold onto things that have come into our lives in the past and make them a "Sabbath." Many times those events were things that God did. We hang on to them and try to live in them today. We make them our "Sabbaths." But I tell you, brothers and sisters, that He will come and break those Sabbaths!

He wants you and I to live in the freshness of who He is today, right now. He is the great "I AM." Our God will not allow us to live with Him in past glories. He wants to fellowship with you and I right here and right now.

The Scepter Extended

Kevin Paul Stephen

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“I have extended My scepter and have called you into My Throne Room. Do not hesitate, but put on your royal garments of holiness and worship and come quickly. It is from here that you will find strength, confidence, and the strategies needed in the battles that are now just beginning. I will teach you to war from the heavens, safely positioned before My throne. Here you have authority over all the power of the enemy and will find all that you need in abundance, hidden within My glory. Do not count the favor and grace I have granted as a little thing.”

“Do not fear, but be made perfect by My love. Your inheritance awaits you. Come and I will show you things you know not. Assume nothing, but only trust and obey.”

“Many come and go. They come in their time of need and leave once they have found their answer or find relief from their present trouble. But I have called you to abide in Me always. Would I command and not make the way? Would I promise and not fulfill? Do not faint, but keep the faith that leads to life. Those who have set their hearts to know Me and have longed to live within the thick cloud of My glory will soon be satisfied. And the world will know that I AM. Your victory is assured, if you are not drawn away from My glorious presence.”
Blessings,
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The Sacred Cows of Bible Study

Bill Somers

> *Lu 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.*

Our Goal In This Essay.
In this essay we are going to look at several so-called principles of Bible study which are commonly taught and widely accepted. We find that there is usually no scripture given whatsoever to support the adoption of these principles. In researching the sources of these teachings on the internet, we only found one case where the writer used scripture to help make his point, and in that case the scripture reference was incorrect.

Let me repeat that for you because it’s very important. We are going to identify several widely taught and commonly accepted principles of Bible study for which there is simply no scriptural support offered. They are man made principles, the product of man’s wisdom.

Secondly, to make things worse, The Bible consistently teaches the opposite of what these principles teach. For this reason we have used the phrase ‘sacred cow’ to describe these ideas. To clarify this term, here is a definition.

> **Sacred Cow**: Anything which has been protected regardless of circumstance. The term ‘sacred cow’ has come to mean any stubborn loyalty to a long standing institution which impedes natural progress. The term originates in India where the cow is said to be literally worshipped while thousands of humans suffer from undernourishment. Adapted from "Cultural Literacy" by E. D. Hirsch, Jr.

What are these principles? First and foremost [or worst and foremost] is Literalism. The Law of **Literal Interpretation**. Next is the **Law of Context**. Following that and to a lesser degree of severity are The **Historical Approach**, and the attempt to achieve Interpretive Unity or **Systematic Theology**. The root error behind all of these is the attempt to find and use a method to interpret God’s word rather than rely on the Holy Spirit.

These all qualify as sacred cows. They are quite stubbornly adhered to. [Just read some of the literature and you will see what I mean.] They lead to wrong conclusions and prevent the student from reaching correct ones. We quoted Luke 11:52 above which mentions that the lawyers [alleged experts in the law] have taken away the ‘*key of knowledge*’. In Jesus’ day, these were the experts in the Law of Moses, the Torah, and the other scriptures. Today they are well known bible teachers, scholars, seminary professors and best selling writers.
They do not arrive at or demonstrate any real knowledge themselves and they prevent others from doing so. The consequences of this can be dreadful. In Hosea 4 it says:

> *Ho 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, ….*

The quote from Luke above mentions the Key of Knowledge. Later we’ll take a look at a couple examples of keys of knowledge and see exactly how they are taken away by following these principles. Now we will look at these four principles. As they are closely related and used to support each other, please understand that we may need to repeat ourselves at some point in our critique.

Literalism
In looking at literalism we are going to be presenting some quotes by various writers found on the internet which support this view.
First of all, what is literalism and what is literal interpretation? Our dictionary tells us this:.

> **lit·er·al** (lĭt'er-el) *adjective*
> **1.** Being in accordance with, conforming to, or upholding the exact or primary meaning of a word or words.
> **2.** Word for word; verbatim: *a literal translation.*
> **3.** Avoiding exaggeration, metaphor, or embellishment; factual; prosaic: *a literal description; a literal mind.*

My summary of this is "**sticking to the exact meaning and avoiding exaggeration, metaphor or embellishment**".

So the law of literal interpretation then says "Always interpret scripture **sticking to the exact meaning and avoiding exaggeration, metaphor or embellishment** wherever possible, and only if this fails are you to seek another way of interpretation." Note: this is not denying that there are other ways of interpreting scripture, nor does it deny that the bible uses exaggeration, metaphor and embellishment. All it does is tell us to avoid these things.

Here is another version of the Law of Literal Interpretation.

> **"If the literal sense makes sense, seek no other sense."** Cooper P. Abrams

This is the actual definition that literalists use. It entails avoiding exaggeration, etc. Literalists do in practice allow for metaphors and figures of speech. Where they often fail in practice is right at the root of their very own method, which is upholding the exact or primary meaning of a word. See Who's Taken and Who's Left Behind by Joe Ortiz.

However literalists consider this principle to be of major importance. Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. But literalists offer many reasons. We'll look at a few of them here, for example.

The Bible Is Meant To Be Taken Literally.
Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. Now what does the Bible say?

In Hosea 12, God outlines his methods of speaking to man.

> *I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions, and used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.* Hosea 12:10

Let me point out here that the ministry of the prophets includes those who like Moses, Isaiah, Luke, John, etc. were the actual writers of the bible. So their writings are not just historical records i.e. literal, but God's way of speaking by similitude i.e. non-literal. To put it another way, God is telling us that the bible is primarily non-literal.

Now even the historical parts are primarily non-literal. Look what it says here.

> *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 1 Corinthians 10:11*

To rephrase this, God is saying that the things that happened in the bible are recorded as examples for our learning. So the primary use of them is not to record what happened [literal] but to impart a lesson [spiritual].

Here he is discussing another 'historical' event, showing the non-literal interpretation.

> *But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.*
> *Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar*. Galatians 4:23-24

He is letting us know that the histories recorded in the bible are meant as allegories [lessons and illustrations].

There are many cases where God presents a parable and then shows us how to interpret it.

Look at Jesus explaining the parable of the sower.

> *And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, Mark 4:2*
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> *And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?*
> *The sower soweth the word.*
> *And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.*
> *And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;*
> *And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.*
> *And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, …. Mark 4:13-18*

Here Jesus explains each element of the parable and shows their relationships. But he is also giving them a lesson in bible interpretation. Note that he says *And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables?* This is to say, the way that you interpret this parable is the way to interpret parables in general. This applies to the whole bible.

The bible is full of religious laws and rituals, all strictly literal, right? Well looking in Colossians and Hebrews we see there that these things are shadows, that is outlines or patterns. They are images and pictures pointing to something greater.

> *Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:*
> *Which are a **shadow** of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Col 2:16-17*
>
> *For the law having a **shadow** of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. Heb 10:1*

Another case of religious law with deeper meaning is covered in my article *The Case of the Kosher Cheeseburger*.

One problem with this law of literal interpretation is that it leads people to think that all they need to understand the bible is a good set of dictionaries. In other words, you can understand most all of the bible without the help of the Holy Spirit.

The bible comes right out and tells us that this will not work!

> *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*. 1Co 2:14

Let's rephrase this verse.

> *But the natural man* [who interprets literally] *receiveth not* [cannot understand] *the things of the Spirit of God:* [the things written by the Spirit of God in the scriptures] *for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*. [because they are only understood spiritually.] 1 Co 2:14

The Bible Is Written In Plain Simple Language That Is Easy To Understand.

Here is another point literalists make. Here are a couple quotes that develop this idea.

> Clearly God did not give us His written word that it should be a source of confusion as to what He wanted to communicate to us. God gave us His word in written form whereby it would be available to all so that everyone could know His truth. Further He wrote it in such a way as to be

> clear and not be complicated and misleading. Cooper P Abrams III

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No.

> If God is the originator of language and if the chief purpose of originating it was to convey His message to humanity, then it must follow that He, being all wise and all loving, originated sufficient language to convey all that was in His heart to tell mankind . If language is the creation of God for the purpose of conveying His message, then a theist must view that language as sufficient in scope and normative in use to accomplish that purpose for which God originated it" (Ryrie, Dispensationalism), 81.

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say? We could easily find many examples of very difficult passages in the Bible, but here is second Peter it comes right out and says that it contains things that are hard to understand.

> *2Pe 3:16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.*

These literalists insist that the Bible is written in *plain simple language that is easy to understand*. What does the Bible say?

Few acknowledge this, however the Bible itself indicates that it is a Sealed Book. There are three references to sealed book(s) in the Old Testament. The most well known is that in Daniel. Here is part of it:

> *Daniel 12:4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."*

We find two references in Isaiah on the same topic.

> *Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.*
>
> *Isaiah 29: 10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes; the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath He covered.*
> *11 And the vision of all has become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, "Read this, I pray thee"; and he saith, "I cannot, for it is sealed."*
> *12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, "Read this, I pray thee"; and he saith, "I am not learned."*

Later in the same chapter of Isaiah, the Lord speaks of a future day when things will be different.

> *Isaiah 29:18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness.*

Some writers claim that the book sealed is just the book of Daniel and do not see the connection between that reference and the others mentioned here. But the reference in Isaiah uses the words 'testimony' and 'law'. These words commonly refer to the Word of God. [See Psalm 119 for example.] The quote from Isaiah 29 says the people have no vision. And it's not just a case of not being able to read, the unlearned one can't read. It's a case of not being able to understand what is being read. The learned one cannot read it because it is sealed. That is he can tell you exactly what it says, but he has no idea what it really means!

This speaks of the condition of the Church where we all have a good idea of what the bible says, but cannot come to any agreement about what it means!

> *seal the law among my disciples*

The book that is sealed is the Bible! The entire Bible, not just Daniel.

There is one sense in which the Word is a Sealed book to the unbeliever. In that the natural man cannot understand the Word since things of the Spirit must be understood by the Spirit. That is with the Spirit of God to enable you to understand His Word.

Yet these references are talking about God's people not being able to understand the Word. Here is an example form 2nd Corinthians:

> *2 Corinthians 3:*
> *14 But their minds were blinded; and up until this day the same veil remaineth untaken away in the reading of the old testament, which veil is done away with in Christ.*
> *15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their hearts.*
> *16 Nevertheless when they shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.*

Notice this passage speaks of a veil blinding their minds. Yet there is a promise that the veil will be removed when they turn to the Lord. Let's not presume to think that this applies only to the old testament Hebrew people. It speaks just as surely to the church of today.

Most Of The Law Refers Only To Israel
This is the idea that the Mosaic Covenant represents God’s dealing with the nation of Israel. As such it is not directly applicable to us.
Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say?

> *For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?*
> *Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: ….. 1 Corinthians 9:9-10*

Here God is making a direct application of elements of the Mosaic law. So when they say it only refers to Israel and we can ignore what does not apply to us, it’s clearly unscriptural. This type of thinking leads many to believe that they can safely ignore many portions of God’s word. But the Bible says all scripture is important.

> *2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

Allegory Avoids The Literal Meaning Of Scripture.

> Resorting to allegory to interpret the bible is a way of avoiding its literal meaning.
> [paraphrased] Robert Bradshaw

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say?

> *But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.*
> *Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar*. Galatians 4:23-24

Here the bible tells us that certain historical events are to be understood as allegories. But there is no attempt to deny the reality of the original events. Secondly one does not ‘resort’ to allegory. God reveals the allegory to the reader who seeks after Him, as He sees fit.

Another Objection to Allegory

> The allegorizers believe that the Holy Spirit reveals to the serious student the things of the

> Spirit, so that he may understand the mysterious secrets that are hidden beneath the surface of the words. If that be so, why does He reveal one thing to one man and something altogether contradictory to another? William A. Simpson

Here the writer is denying the role of the Spirit in understanding the Bible. But is any proof offered? No. Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. And what does the Bible say?

> *1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
> *14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

Literalism brings out the author's original intent.

> One writer, for example, interpreted the food laws of Deuteronomy 14:7 in the following way. The clean animal symbolizes a true Christian who is able to both chew the cud (=meditate on the Word) of God, the Bible) and be cloven-footed (=walk in the world while not being corrupted by it and in the Spirit at the same time). Such interpretations are no doubt ingenious, but have nothing to do with the author's original intent, which should always be our guide when interpreting the Bible. Robert Bradshaw

Here the literalist critic presumes to know the author's original intent.

> The great need today then in determining what the Bible really teaches is a correct and biblical method of interpretation. If the Bible is the Word of God and God's revelation to man, then surely God would not give us His revelation without a way to accurately discern what He meant. For God not to give us a way to interpret the Bible is to leave the interpretation of Scripture to human wisdom that is at best faulty. To have the interpretation of Scripture rest on man's wisdom is to have "flesh" interpreting that which is spiritual. Cooper P. Abrams

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say?

> *Ge 40:8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them,* ***Do not interpretations belong to God?*** *tell me them, I pray you*.
>
> *1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

God did give us a way to understand the bible. Only it's not found in methods or systems, nor any human wisdom.

Literalism states that the text of the bible can have only one meaning.

> When the words of Scripture were penned they had only one meaning. We should search for that one meaning. To accept multiple interpretations for one scripture passage causes confusion. Scripture itself does not allow for multiple interpretations of a verse. Cooper P. Abrams.

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say? Once again, look at 1 Corinthians 9.

> > *For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen?*
> > *Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: ….. 1 Corinthians 9:9-10*

Could this be a case where the author's **original intent** was to allow for a double meaning?

Literalism brings out the good news of the gospel.

> The word *gospel* means *good news*. Under a literal method of interpretation, the news is always sublime for the believer, with no trace of dread. Under every other method, the hearer is always left with a web of fear stretched across the pit of the stomach. William A. Simpson

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say?

> *Php 2:12 ¶ Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*
>
> *Pr 1:7 ¶ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Literalism brings out the Hope of the Christian.

> Invariably, under every other system of theology besides a literal interpretation there is a diminishing of the *hope* of the Christian. William A. Simpson

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. Neither is any other proof suggested.

Literalism avoids subjective interpretation.

> **Instead of superimposing a meaning on the biblical text, the objective interpreter seeks to discover the author's intended meaning** (the only true meaning). One must recognize that what a passage means is fixed by the author and is not subject to alteration by readers. **"Meaning" is determined by the author; it is discovered by readers.** Our goal must be exegesis (drawing the meaning out of the text) and not eisogesis (superimposing a meaning onto the text).

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. We are expected to accept this reasoning without any proof.

Literalism And Figurative Language.

Literalism does recognize the extensive use of figurative language. It is quite comfortable when it comes to symbolism and figures of speech.

> So you see, a literal interpretation of Scripture recognizes symbols and figures of speech when presented *by the author.* But we understand them to have literal meanings based on their context, that is, *the author's intention*. Gary Nystrom

Where literalism falls critically short is when it comes to dealing with typology.

Typology

> "A type may be defined as an Old Testament person, event, or thing having historical reality and designed by God to prefigure (foreshadow) in a preparatory way a real person, event, or thing so designated in the New Testament and that corresponds to and fulfills (heightens) the type A type has a predictive or foreshadowing element to it. It looks ahead and anticipates and points to the antitype - the antitype is greater than and superior to the type" (Zuck, Basic Bible Interpretation) 176, 173).
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> "In summary, a type must have at least these five elements: a notable resemblance or correspondence between the type and the antitype, historical reality in both the type and the antitype, a prefiguring or predictive foreshadowing of the antitype by the type, a heightening in which the antitype is greater than the type, and divine design" (Ibid), 175.
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> **Examples:**
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> Type: Floodwaters in Noah's day
> Antitype: Water Baptism (1 Peter 3:21)
> Type: Sabbath
> Antitype: The Christian's spiritual rest (Col. 2:17; Heb. 4:3,9, 11)
> Type: Sin Offerings

Antitype: Christ's death as an atonement for the sin (Lev. 5:14-6:7; Heb. 10:12) Todd Swift

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. These ‘rules of typology’ are strictly man’s invention. What does the Bible say? Well the bible speaks of similitudes, types, shadows, figures and allegories. But nowhere does it define these things or restrict their use.

The Key Failure of Literalism

Figures of speech are easy to recognize, symbols are harder. Types and allegories are not obvious in the least. So if we are following the rule of literalism, we are **never** going to find out types or allegories. This is simply because when types and allegories are used, the literal sense makes sense. And we are told in this case to seek no farther! Figures of speech can be spotted easily. Types and allegories must be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. Once this is done, they can be analyzed and lessons drawn from them. But if you never seek them, you just won’t get it. And thereby you will miss out on much of what the bible has to say, because, as we read in Hosea 12 above, He speaks to us in similitudes or typology. So we may consider typology to be a key of knowledge since it leads to greater understanding of what God is saying. By eliminating or de-emphasizing typology, literalism takes away one of the **Keys of Knowledge**.

Now that’s enough examples of reasons offered for literalism. The main problem is literalism itself. Let’s look back at the basic rule of literalism and see how well it holds up.

Literalism Is The Problem

A great number of bible scholars and teachers continually tell us that the proper way to understand the bible is through consistent literal interpretation. To restate it, this Law of Literal Interpretation says:

> Always interpret scripture literally wherever possible.
> **"If the literal sense makes sense, seek no other sense."**

Once again we find that there is never any scriptural justification offered for adopting this principle. We have found many reasons offered which sound logical and proper, but nothing in the Bible that tells us this is the way to proceed. This is a case of what can happen when we rely on man’s wisdom.

It’s not so much what they are telling us to do, but what this law is telling us not to do? It’s telling us not to seek; ***seek no other sense***. That is not to seek any further than the literal meaning of scripture. But what does the bible say? It says just the opposite. It tells us to seek, long, hard and diligently. We must seek after wisdom with a passion. And what’s more it tells us this in many places all through scripture.

Scriptures on Seeking

> *Pr 2:1 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;*
> *2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding;*
> *3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding;*
> *4 If thou* ***seekest*** *her as silver, and* ***searchest*** *for her as for hid treasures;*
> *5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.*
> *6 For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.*
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> *Mt 7:7* ***Ask****, and it shall be given you;* ***seek****, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:*
>
> *Lu 11:9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you;* ***seek****, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*
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> *Ps 27:4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I* ***seek*** *after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to* ***enquire*** *in his temple.*
>
> *Isa 45:11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker,* ***Ask*** *me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.*

> *Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.*
>
> *Pr 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.*

Proverbs 3:5 is especially telling. Here God is warning us about depending on man's wisdom, which he depicts as *thine own understanding*.

The Key of Knowledge

It's a simple matter to under stand what all these scriptures are getting at. The **Key of Knowledge is to seek for it.** But we are being told by supposed experts **not to seek** after wisdom and knowledge, especially in typology. This is exactly how the Law of literal interpretation takes away the Key of Knowledge, by teaching us not to seek for it. As we read in Luke earlier:

> *Lu 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.*

So the 'lawyers' who teach literalism today are just like the ones in Jesus' day. They don't acquire any knowledge themselves, and they hinder those who would.
Now consider this quote from Colossians.

> *That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and **of Christ;***
> ***In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge**.* Colossians 2:2-3

It's telling us that hidden in Christ [who is the Word of God] are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. This means deep revelation, rich understanding and mature insight await those who seek into the Word after it.
The Bible says to seek after it.
Literalism says 'don't bother looking'.
The literal meaning is all there is. This failure of literalism is starting to become very obvious.

Now look here at what it says in 1 Corinthians 8:

> *1Co 8:2 And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.*

We could easily rephrase this, without loosing any meaning, as follows.

If any man thinks he knows anything about the bible, by understanding the literal meaning, he knows nothing yet as he should. And nothing compared to what he could still learn from the Holy Spirit.

So it's up to us to keep on seeking.

The Law Of Context

Another sacred cow is the law of context. People are quick to jump on you when you quote something out of context, usually if they disagree with the point you are making. Sure scripture can be misinterpreted by taking it out of context. But we see this taken to extremes with the implication that any verse taken out of context is an attempt to twist the scripture.

> **The rule of CONTEXT:** The meaning must be gathered from the context. Every word you read must be understood in the light of the words that come before and after it. **…** Seeking the biblical author's intended meaning necessitates interpreting Bible verses in context. Every word in the Bible is part of a verse, and every verse is part of a paragraph, and every paragraph is part of a book, and every book is part of the whole of Scripture. No verse of

> Scripture can be divorced from the verses around it. Interpreting a verse apart from its context is like trying to analyze a Rembrandt painting by looking at only a single square inch of the painting. The context is absolutely critical to properly interpreting Bible verses. Ron Rhodes

This writer tells us “*No verse of Scripture can be divorced from the verses around it.”* Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. How does the Bible deal with verses out of context?

Taking verses of scripture out of context is exactly what the New Testament writers do when quoting the Old Testament scriptures. We have seen it mentioned that the New testament quotes the Old testament over a thousand times. How many of those quotes consider the context? Few if any do. Furthermore in the cases where they do indicate the context it is only to indicate which writer they are quoting.

In the gospels, when Jesus was confronted by scripture quoting opponents, including the Devil, did he ever rebuke them for taking verses out of context? No that was never an issue. [In John 8:5 there was a problem with Pharisees misquoting scripture however. See my article Mighty In Battle.]

So we see context was not an important issue for Jesus or for the New Testament writers. Why is this? Do we have cases where Mathew or Paul is quoting Moses or Isaiah out of context? Or do we have cases where God is quoting himself, and the context does not matter because it’s still the word of God? We even have cases where God quotes himself out of context and does so in a way that deliberately changes the meaning, thereby breaking the law of context! Compare these verses.

> *Ho 11:1 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.*
>
> *Mt 2:15 And* [Jesus] *was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.*

Context is important in studying scripture, but not always necessary. Taking things out of context is not automatically wrong.

Historical School Of Interpretation

This approach majors on the social, linguistic, religious and political setting of the various books, treating them as history and or literature.

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. What does the Bible say?

> *Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 1 Corinthians 10:11*

To rephrase this, God is saying that the things that happened in the bible are recorded as examples for our learning. They are not intended primarily as history or sociology or literature. They are to teach us spiritual lessons.

To repeat what we said earlier, even the historical parts are primarily non-literal.

Another exponent of the historical school has this to say:

> Only by objective methodology can we bridge the gap between our minds and the minds of the biblical writers. Indeed, our method of interpreting Scripture is valid or invalid to the extent that it really unfolds the meaning a statement had for the author and the first hearers or readers. Ron Rhodes

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. The Bible says:

> *Mt 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes.*

This historical approach involves a basic failure to understand the nature of inspiration. On one hand these writers acknowledge that scripture is God inspired, then on the other hand, they try and figure out what the writer meant as if the scripture were the work of the writer.

We have here a failure to understand what *God inspired* means. They seem to think that God inspires a writer by giving him an idea and then letting him express it in his own words. Actually God gives all the words himself. All the writer does is write what God tells him. His character, opinions, and personality have no bearing. He's just the messenger. God gives the message, and God is the message!

Here is an example from Jeremiah, where God shows us exactly how it works. The text is concerning where Jeremiah has been dictating to Baruch the words of the Lord. Jeremiah is a type of the Holy Spirit who inspires the writer, Baruch, to record his words. The issue is how did the words come to be written.

> *Jer 36:17 And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth?*
> *18 Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book.*

And this is how it works. Baruch is just a writer. He does nothing more than record the words. So his attitude, intention and opinion have nothing to do with what he writes. His social background, historical setting or linguistic patterns are only of minor interest.

It's the same with any writer of the biblical books. They are just recording what God tells them to write. Seeking Jeremiah's original intention makes no more sense that asking your computer the meaning of some document you downloaded. Or if you print a file off the internet, and are puzzled about some part of it, do you ask your inkjet printer what he had in mind? And if you really like what the file says, do you give the inkjet printer a pat on the back for doing a good job?

We don't refer to the Bible as the word of Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Isaiah, Ezra, Ezekiel, Jeremiah, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Jonah, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, and others. We call it the Word of God. Let's not forget that.

Systematic Theology

The quest for Systematic Theology follows right along after the Historical Approach. It is where scholars make their goal an attempt to explain the entire bible, a piece at a time and bring all of the elements into interpretative unity.

Consider this quote.

> As students our task is to ascertain the meaning of Scripture by seeing each statement within its original social, linguistic, religious and political setting. We must then consider all other statements on the same subject, thus bringing all Scripture into an **interpretive unity**. And it will not matter whether we study the end times from Mathew 24, Ezekiel, Daniel or Revelation. If we understand any one of them correctly, all the others will tell the same story, although perhaps from a slightly different perspective. Ted Noel

Is there any scripture offered to support this? No. The Bible says:

> *Romans 11:33 … how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

Here he is looking to ascertain the meaning of Scripture by academic methods, and bring it into *interpretive unity*. His final sentence here mentions correct understanding. The problem is the assumption that one can fully ascertain the meaning of scripture, and that once we understand a part correctly the others will fall into place. So eventually it's possible to have a unified interpretation of the whole bible. All we have to do is figure out what each piece means and fit them together. There are at least two problems with this. One it assumes that the meaning of scripture can be found on the basis of study, without taking into account the guidance of the Spirit. See my articles *The Dispute* and *Why You Can Never Agree* for more on this topic.

Next it assumes that the scripture is two dimensional. Like the jigsaw puzzle analogy, just find where each belongs and soon you will have it all figured out. Truth is that there are multiple levels of meaning in God's word. It's not two dimensional at all. There are multiple meanings, multiple correct interpretations, and multiple fulfillments in lots of cases. Also look back at where he quotes Isaiah.

> *Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.*
> *10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: KJV*

Verse 9 tells us that He teaches doctrine and gives understanding. It does not come from our own efforts. And that he does this to those that are mature in the word, not babes. Verse 10 uses *upon* or *on* depending on the translation to show a method of learning. It suggest the idea of building or stacking things here and there. This goes against the image of the jigsaw puzzle, picturing things in three dimensions. When there are multiple meanings, then each revelation one receives can become the foundation for a new revelation. Each one building on the previous, yielding higher levels of understanding that could not be had directly. With the literal and historic approaches, there can be only one level of meaning. These approaches will never get you into the deeper things of the word.

Scripture Must Be Revealed To Us By God.
Let's take a look at this example.

> *Mt 16:15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?*
> *16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.*
> *17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.*

Ask yourself here about the method old Simon Peter uses in this passage. Did Jesus commend him for coming up with the right answer by saying *Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona, for thou hast used the time tested literal hermeneutic*? Or is it rather that Simon did not use any **method** at all. Simon Peter simply received a revelation.

Now here's another interesting example.

> *2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*
> *16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:*

Here it says scripture is given by inspiration. But it does not say who is given to. I believe we commonly assume it is given to the writer who records God's word under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Verse 16 is however vague on this point, and deliberately so for this reason. It allows the possibility of a second meaning, an intentional double meaning. That is this: scripture is given by inspiration to the reader or listener. Verse 15 mentions that it is able to make one wise through faith. We know that faith comes by hearing the word of God. This is where the reader receives the word by inspiration. The word will only profit us when mixed with faith. Knowing the scriptures is one thing but hearing them with the spiritual ears of faith is revelation.

Here are some examples of cases were people clearly heard the word of God, and understood the literal meaning but at the same time were absolutely clueless as to what it all meant.

> *Mark 9:32 But* **they understood not** *that saying, and were afraid to ask Him.*

> *Luke 2:50 And* **they understood not** *the saying which He spoke unto them.*
>
> *Luke 9:45 But* **they understood not** *this saying, and* **it was hid** *from them, that* **they perceived it not***; and they were afraid to ask Him about that saying.*
>
> *Luke 18:34 And* **they understood none** *of these things; and this saying was* ***hidden from them****, neither* ***knew they the things which were spoken****.*
>
> *John 10:6 This parable Jesus spoke unto them, but* **they understood not** *the things of which He spoke unto them.*
>
> *John 16:*
> *16 "A little while, and ye shall not see Me; and again a little while, and ye shall see Me, because I go to the Father."*
> *17 Then said some of His disciples among themselves, "What is this that He saith unto us, `A little while, and ye shall not see Me; and again a little while, and ye shall see Me,' and, `because I go to the Father'?"*
> *18 They said therefore, "What is this that He saith, `A little while'?* **We cannot tell what He saith***."*

They too knew their scriptures, and heard Jesus' words for themselves, yet could not come to any agreement on the meaning. Yet for them, there came a day when Jesus opened their understanding and explained the scriptures.

> *Lu 24:44 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.*
> *45 Then* ***opened he their understanding****, that they might understand the scriptures,*

That day is coming for us, and soon.

God Reveals His Word
God Reveals His Word To Those Who Fear Him And Are Willing To Do His Will.

> *Ps 25:12 What man is he that feareth the LORD?* ***him shall he teach*** *in the way that he shall choose.*
>
> *Joh 7:15 And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned?*
> *16 Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.*
> *17* ***If any man will do his will, he shall know*** *of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.*

Summary

The **Law Of Literalism** says you can discover the meaning of scripture by sticking to the root literal meaning, but the scripture says the letter kills. It is the doling out of death.

> *Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for* ***the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.***
> *But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: (2 Corinthians 3:6-7)*

Depending strictly on the letter of the law then becomes a covenant with death. The Spirit gives the Word and it’s the Spirit that must give it life.

The **Law of Context** says the meaning must be gathered from the context but the scripture says Spiritual things are Spiritually discerned.

> *1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.*
> *14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

The **Law Of Historical Research** says you can discover the meaning of scripture by analyzing the historical, linguistic, social and cultural context and by considering the life and background of the individual writers but the scripture says:

> *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come. (John 16:13)*

The **Law of Systematic Theology** says you can discover the meaning of scripture a bit at a time, and eventually fit all the pieces of the puzzle together into a unified interpretation, but the scripture says:

> *Job 37:23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: he is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice: he will not afflict.*
>
> *Ro 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

A **sacred cow** is stubborn loyalty to an institution [or idea] that impedes progress. For every reason put forth to support these sacred cows, scripture teaches the opposite. It makes you wonder whether [one must conclude that] their purpose is to promote falsehood and prevent you from reaching correct conclusions. [Which is exactly correct.]

The root flaw in these and other sacred cows of bible study is in their fundamental approach which is to say "You can discover the meaning of God's Word, if you use this or these methods." The quest for an objective methodology is just another attempt to rely on self. Perhaps it’s job security for professional scholars. It still reminds me though of someplace where it says, “your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.”

You cannot discover the meaning of God's word.
I cannot discover the meaning of God's word.
Scripture says the Lord teaches it, and that only to the mature among us. Scripture must be revealed. God reveals himself to man, and that by degrees, here a little, there a little and so on.

Will you be content with man’s wisdom or will you **Seek After Him?**

The Sounds From The Throne

Russell Durose

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The Lord is inviting His apostles and prophets into His Throne room...to hear...to see the GRACEFUL MOVEMENTS, not sudden, not brash, but the graceful movements, that brush along the waves of the heavenly sea, that allow the incense of the prayers of saints of all time to rise up twisting and weaving as the smoke of the calm day. The invitation to see afresh the intricate relationship between the Godhead, the dialogue, the movement of heaven itself which brings forth the essence of God in all things, bringing wholeness and perfection to all things. How much more, the rest for which God has entered, knowing that all flows from Him, and will FLOW TO HIM. How much the angels and creatures marvel, as the plan unfolds, unseen to the human eye and understanding.

Like the symphony that eternally plays, bringing momentary crescendos, shouts, declarations, which manifest moment by moment, as the brilliant glory brings forth distinct facets of wonder, of creation, never stagnant. How much more should our lives portray, the glowing, the brilliant hot coals, where every hue possible is transitioning from colour to colour.

So it is with us, the Holy Spirit transferring this gracefulness to our hearts, making our hearts doorways to heavenly places, where our souls shall conform to heaven's voice. No more abuse of our will, no unkind word, no pretension. But rather, a concentration on that which unfolds moment by moment. In the end we look around and see what we see as ministry fade away, as the discharge of our letters are the final earthly words, from a heavenly source. We contemplate on the gates and foundations and see that what we must envisage and plan for is not the fame and finance, but rather that which is prepared for by the gold of our obedience.

All our fleshy minds melts as the heat, from the throne, of the holiness of His Being, penetrating and overtaking what we know...to what He knows and to what is KNOWN. (Revelation 4)

Let us turn...let us rise...and heed the invitation that comes from the throne...to go up...to opt for something heavenly...let us dare ourselves to forsake what is behind...pressing forward...forgetting...considering what we have learned as being rubbish, that we may KNOW CHRIST! (Philippians 3)

Let us throw of the shackles of this imperfection, allowing for the perfecting work of Him who gave birth to us...(John 3:16). True apostleship is not in the ordering, or authority thereof, but it is seeing the COMPLETION OF THE BRIDE, PERFECTION THEREOF, AND THE UNION OF THE BRIDE WITH HER LOVER, AND OUR PART IN THAT FINAL PLACE...this is what matters!

Let us therefore, listen to the sounds from the Throne.

The Shame Game

Ron Wood

One of the most powerful weapons Satan uses against believers is shame. Shame afflicts people internally in their emotions and affects people externally in their relationships. Shame is an enemy of heartfelt faith and a thief that prevents peace with God. In teaching on deliverance from bondages recently, this was an issue that came up as a hindrance to many people.

My dad habitually abused alcohol. I remember the shame of seeing him drunk. He was a creative man and a talented leader, but was brought down by shame. As an adult, I found grace to forgive him and soon God saved him. The love of my heavenly Father washed me of the feelings of shame I had carried for years.

What is shame and how does it affect us? First, it is more than mere embarrassment.

Shame is an insult to the human soul that becomes lodged in the heart by a penetrating blow. It strikes deep like an arrow into an individual's emotions where self-respect originates. From there, shame releases paralyzing doubts, hobbling accusations, and disqualifying arguments. Once shame has taken root, it remains a source of hidden pollution, difficult to diagnose or dislodge, a constant aggravation that hinders full life or joy or peace.

The Bible says in Ephesians 6:17 that our defense against the devil's fiery darts is the shield of faith. Only a shield strong in faith can extinguish flaming arrows. We can't stop the arrows from being aimed at us: that's part of our job description as warriors for God. But we can intercept them before they strike our vulnerable soul.

Shame was not part of God's original intent for humanity. In the Garden of Eden, the Creator enjoyed daily fellowship with Adam. The Bible specifically points out that Adam was naked but not ashamed. Shame was unknown until after the fall due to sin. Adam and Eve clothed themselves, suddenly self-conscious as they faced their mortality and their alienation from God's glory.

The slithering assault by Satan succeeded in tempting them to sin, thus injecting shame into their relationship with God. They lost their privilege of eternal life; lost their unlimited access to God; and lost the dignity of the image of their Father. Shame still makes people hide. It still makes people cover up their true identity. It still makes people run from the light.

In a universe of free moral agents, the power to choose carries the risk of violating the Creator's will. A way of escape from sin is needed, a Savior. Confession of sin requires honesty with God and faith to receive forgiveness. Just like it is hard for us to comprehend the height from which Adam fell, it is difficult to grasp the awesomeness of the grace our holy God displays when He lifts us out of our sin.

To understand shame, we need to look at the difference between *conviction* and *condemnation*. Conviction is good and clean, not unholy. Conviction is the work of the Holy Spirit as He disturbs the conscience of an individual, warning them that they are trespassing. The definition of sin is "to miss the mark," "to fall short," or to "transgress." Jesus said the Spirit of God would convict the world of sin. The good thing about conviction is that it is filled with hope. If you repent, you can return and be healed!

On the other hand, condemnation has no such hope. The voice of condemnation says, "You've always been this way. You will never be able to overcome. You may as well give up, curse God, and die." The purpose of conviction is to restore while the intent of condemnation is to disparage, belittle, weaken, demoralize, and bring despair. Conviction pulls you toward God and toward wholeness. Condemnation makes you want to flee from God's presence and hide.

Shame may begin with insults or disrespect by those you trusted or looked to as authority figures. A true father will never shame his sons or daughters but will affirm them. This is true even when they need correction or discipline.

Verbal shame may take many forms: "You're stupid." "You've always been fat." "You couldn't organize a three-car funeral procession." "Why can't you handle money?" "You're no good." Notice, the most common agent of shame is a human being. The method by which shaming occurs are *words*: malicious, stinging words.

Shame is actually spiritual slander. It is not based on truth, but is a clever accusation, a distortion of Scripture, half-truths designed to distract and destroy. Shame is like a poisoned blade slid like a sharp knife between the ribs of an unsuspecting believer; a wound infected with a lying spirit. It needs to be cleansed and closed.

Leaders, anyone called of God to stand in an office or under an anointing, are the special targets of shame. Satan forms weapons carefully crafted to unseat these leaders, to impugn their integrity, to undermine their authority, so that he can sow chaos and disorder in the ranks and dishearten them. Gossip is one form of hate mail Satan uses. Another weapon the devil uses is the media.

The media in free nations exercises a powerful position of being a channel of ideas and images. Images can be manipulated and viewpoints can be interjected until the net effect is a fog of wrong thinking which blurs the real truth. The media, in a sense, can cast a spell over the minds of those who absorb its images without critical analysis. This type of manipulation is also known as witchcraft. Paul said believers could be "bewitched" to the point that the cross of Christ was obscured (Galatians 3:1). If it was true then, it is still possible today, especially with the awesome power of television to inject ideas and images that warp right thinking.

Many of you reading this may say, "I've been slimed with shame!" Like a computer infected with a virus, you've carried an indictment against yourself that the Court of Heaven did not issue. How do you get free? What do you do to escape the emotional quagmire of shame?

Generally, people are bound by shame in certain areas. In women, the area of self-image is often tainted with shame. The mental tape player repeats, "I'm not attractive. I'm not pretty. I'm overweight." With men, the shame may have to do with youthful exposure to sexual images that left a defiled imagination or unrealistic expectations of their spouse. These areas produce inhibitions or bondages in the sexual area and contaminate the joy of acceptance and fulfillment in marriage. Or maybe you were left shamed and shackled by bankruptcy or business failure, or you suffered by comparison with your peers, or you endured poverty as a child or abuse as a spouse or were painfully divorced.

Other people have been targeted by Satan to diminish their faith or reduce their anointing. In fact, the more grace God has given you, the more you may be assaulted to thwart your effectiveness. The calling of God on your life may lead you down paths of great peril as a pioneer. Realistically, not all pioneers survive the journey through uncharted territory. Many arrived wounded, suffering loss of property or lives. The suffering they encountered along the way was not because they were wicked but because they were willing to obey God and take a risk of faith. Having survived, can they now shake off the shame of their long ordeal?

The ability to endure suffering without being shamed is a mark of maturity for God's servants. It is the perseverance that accompanies real faith. Paul said in 2 Timothy 1:8, "Do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner…" In verse 12, he writes, "I suffer these things, but I am not ashamed." His self-esteem was not connected to his circumstances. His identity and affirmation came from God not from men.

When I make a mistake, or when I realize I have sinned and need to confess it, I know to accept the blame, but not the shame. What do I mean by that? I mean that I accept responsibility for what I have done. I own up to my failure, my error, or my sin. But I quickly take it to God and put it in the light with Him. God is quick to forgive me and to erase the record. (See 1 John 1:9-10) Shame cannot remain present when the healing light of God shines on it!

For those of you who have endured the crippling effects of prolonged shame, the Lord has a promise for you: "You will forget the shame of your youth." (Is. 54:4-6) The rejection and the grief can be healed permanently by walking in the light of truth about Jesus Christ and the truth of who we have become by faith in the Son of God.

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Lord Of The Breakthrough!
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Our nation stands in need of a moral rebirth. Leadership seems assaulted on every side, as though anarchy were desirable above any government. Our personal lives or our ministries may seem filled with frustration. The Church seems caught midway between revival and restoration, or a return to religious irrelevancy. Indeed, this is a day to seek the Lord.

The Lord spoke to some of us in worship just a short while ago that a breakthrough was imminent, that the day of the release of the Lord from our constraints was near at hand.

To illustrate this, picture a powerful, fearless horse that has been hobbled. Capable of great strides, possessing amazing speed, yet virtually immobilized by simple loops of weak rope tied around its ankles.

A hobbled horse is impotent. But God promises to loose their power: *"For the Lord of hosts* (armies) *has visited His flock…And will make them like His majestic horse in battle…"* (Zech. 10:3 NAS)

In order to use his God-given strength, a war horse has to be un-hobbled. He needs a breakthrough so he can break out and break forth and run the race.

When I heard this word, "breakthrough," intercessors had already heard it. Prophetic worshippers zeroed in on it next. I simply caught the persistent highlights of the Holy Spirit's word to the church. *"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Sprit says to the churches."* (Rev. 2:17 NAS)

Later, the Lord presented this same word to us again, only now in the sense of *finishing* what had already been started. Prophetic intercessors were told: **Pray through for your Breakthrough!**

You may never have heard the expression, "I've prayed through about it." Older saints know what this is. I used to hear my mother use this expression a lot. When you've done it, you know it. It means to press your case in prayer, to not let up, to not give up, until you have the inward assurance from the

Lord that you have been heard on high. John said *"And if we know that He hears us, we know we have the requests which we have asked from Him."* (1 John 5:15 NAS)

You've *prayed through* when you know you have the answer, when you know your cry has been heard in heaven.

Why do we need to pray for something that God has already promised? In the natural, it doesn't make sense, does it? But in the kingdom of God, we are co-laborers with the Lord. This is the great mystery and also the great privilege of prayer. God's will is only *potential* until it is activated on earth by our obedience and by our faith. Therefore, to be able to hear the Spirit's prompting and pray God's agenda into reality is vital to our success.

For me, one of the questions is how to know what is *my* part versus knowing what is *God's* part. What will God do? What do I have to do? As we mature in the Lord, this balance can change and may require more discernment.

In Ezekiel 36:37 God says, *"This also I will let the House of Israel ask Me to do for them…"* Yet God had already promised to do it **ten times**, saying in the preceding verses, *"I will…"* Why is this? We play an important role in advancing God's kingdom. God's will and our will must line up, first in prayer, and then in our obedience of faith.

There is genuine power associated with *following up* on prophetic promises. There is a big difference between praying to discover God's will and praying fervently for God's will to be done on earth once His will is revealed to us. Once we know God's will, it is rebellious for us to pray a weak or uncertain "if it be Thy will" kind of a prayer.

When the Spirit of God speaks forth the heart and mind of the Lord (and that will always line up with the Bible), we know what the will of God is. Then we have to act on what we've heard. We can realize we've been authorized to petition the Lord for this very thing. We can pray with confidence!

Knowing God's will, we are energized by the Praying Spirit to resist Satan's discouragements and his robberies. By faith, we can be confident and persistent in pressing our claim by both private and corporate prayer. (Never forget the power of small groups!) We can prevail in our battle by using the spiritual weapon of praise. We can exercise powerful agreement by harmonizing with the Scriptures and by agreeing with prophetic declarations as they are spoken to the church.

When I heard this word from the Lord, I immediately thought of the occasion when King David had been installed and yet vicious new enemies rose up to destroy him. This insightful story is found in 2 Samuel 5. This is an amazing analogy and illustration of coming to power to lead God's people in a kingdom dynamic amidst great conflict.

David was a shepherd who served his father. After being chosen by God and anointed by a prophet, he was harassed and chased by Saul for years, yet he kept his integrity and upheld his honor toward authority even when it mistreated him. Finally, he ruled over Judah for 7 years and was then anointed by Israel as king for another 33 years. He was a type of Christ in these matters. He also is a type (O. T. symbol or shadow of a N. T. reality) of New Testament apostolic team development, warring with the help of mighty men and prophets and using prayer and praise and worship to win battles.

After David consolidated his victory and took the stronghold of Zion at Jerusalem, a last great assault came against him from the Philistines (modern term: *Palestinians*) in an effort by Satan to resist God's kingdom being established over His people and thus blessing them in their inheritance in the land.

Look at David's tactics in order to engage the enemy: he inquired of the Lord (vs. 19), he acted on what he heard (vs. 20), and then God gave him a mighty break-through! In fact, David named that place of battle *Baal-Perazim*, "Master of the Breakthrough."

Do you need a breakthrough? Then do something extraordinary! Add fasting to your prayer. Get up earlier to pray more. Schedule private prayer three times a day: morning, noon, and night. Meet up with a prayer partner and agree together concerning key issues. Let your heart become broken over the matter so that your tears are mingled with your prayers. Pray according to Matthew 7:7- ***A****sk,* ***S****eek,* ***K****nock.*

What area have you felt hobbled in? In what areas have you felt defeat, humiliation, confusion, delays, and frustration? Where the land is being contested by the devil, our inheritance is likely buried. Here lies the victory, if we hold on to our title-deed.

Hold on to your faith by choosing to believe what God has said. Let the fire test your faith. If we keep our heart right and guard it from wicked attitudes and feed our faith even when we are mistreated, if we press the battle against the enemy and don't become passive or pinned down to the mat, then we can surely expect to see God break through in our behalf.

The Lord doesn't just give us a breakthrough-- He *is* our Breakthrough! And with God, all things are possible.

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The Sifting Has Begun In Earnest

Susan Cummings

The sifting has only just begun in earnest, child. You say to me, “Father, I have already been sifted.” But, I say to you, that the enemy is desiring to sift out all of Mine in this hour. For He has little time, and will come and press My Own to see if they will break. But I say to you, that nothing that is rooted and firmly planted IN Me will break, nor will it fall.

The Sifting is for My Purposes as well. For I allow the enemy to sift, press, and accuse to show forth My Glory in My submitted Vessels. For I am glorified through your trials, and tribulations. I am seen through the dark night of your soul, and the travails of the birthing. I am the one who brings you through. I am the one who sustains you, and has been with you from the beginning, and I will still be, until the end.

This sifting, is only the beginnings of the shakings that will greatly increase upon the earth. Men’s hearts will fail them and great anguish will be their portion, if they do not firmly anchor themselves into Me. The sufferings that you walk through, are nothing compared to what many do, without My Grace. I took the punishment for your sins, and thereby My Grace shields you from the sting and the curse of them, so you do not have to bear the full weight of the attacks.

Job walked through many siftings, and did not lose His Faith in Me. He did not understand why He was tested, as He was obedient to Me, but He trusted Me enough, to stand till the end. There are few who truly will stand till the end, as they do not truly trust in Me, and not in their own strength or wisdom. For many truly will not lay down their lives, and pick up Mine.

I am sifting the wheat from the chaff. The husk from the seed. The hard outer layer from the hearts of My Own. It is the treasure within that is now coming forth, as the sifting unwraps My Workmanship, and also brings you out into My Place for you. The winds of accusation are only the first of the opposing winds that will blow across My House. Accusation is only the outer breaking of the ego, and the will that then is exposed, then the true heart can be unveiled and dealt with. This is what I am doing, breaking the hearts, so I can release My Glory.

Out of the treasure of the heart, the mouth will speak. I will have a pure House, with clean hands and pure hearts, who will speak My Truth and My Love, and who will not compromise to save themselves or their reputations, or their images. I will be the only Image that people will see, when they look at My Children. So, the sifting has begun, and will increase till the shaking becomes a violent quaking throughout My House.

The winds of adversity precede the winds of opposition. Opposition determines who will serve Me fully and who will not. For many will save their lives, rather than lose them for My Gospels sake. Many will not count a soul more precious than their own life. Many will deny them from entering into My House, so they can look good. Self-Image is the idol that I am bringing down, for it is erected in the Holy Place instead of Me.

No unclean thing will be erected in your heart, if it is given to Me. For I will not be second place to you, or to anyone. The siftings reveal who is seated upon the throne of your heart. It will be too costly for most, for most love themselves, and will not crucify their lives, and to be utterly forsaken, and enter into identity with Me. Unless you are willing to suffer, and to be as nothing, and to die to all that you are, then you will not know Me, nor be One with Me, nor will you remain in My House.

So, embrace My Siftings. Rejoice over your trials and temptations, as My Son did. Liken yourself to Me, and count it all as joy, and receive My Grace. For My Grace is given to all, who fully come to Me, and deny themselves. Those who will not do this, will fall under the weight of their own choice, as they did not dig deep enough into their own hearts to be firmly rooted and grounded into Me. Such are those who will be swept away in the flood of opposition that now comes.

All that you are, and all that you will be, and all that you shall do IN Me, has already been seen by Me, so trust Me, as I walk with you through the siftings and the shakings, for I am ever with you. I know the hours of heaviness that you walk through each day. I know the voices that accuse you falsely, and thereby slander Me also. I know the hurts that you wear because of the unjust system that you have lived in, but know that I Am the Lord of Hosts, and I will repay all to it's fullness. Nothing will be left unturned, or unchanged.

Everything will change.
Everyone will choose.

For The Hour of Trial has already begun, and so few have embraced it. So few, have recognized Me in it. So few, understand that I AM in control of all things in the earth. I allow or disallow according to My Will and Purposes for all men. Everything that happens is in MY Control and in My Foreknowledge. All things work together for good, to those who love Me, and who walk in Obedience to Me. Through such I will be glorified.

My Glory will be seen through each who receives Me in this hour, and who knows that I AM with them, and have their life In My Hands. This hour will show who loves themselves, more than Me. The sifting has brought a settlement and a comfortableness has settled in, now the shaking will bring the total breaking.

No man will sleep through the breaking. No man will stand through the breaking. For all who do not fall willing upon the rock, will be crushed under it. I will be the Lord of all, or of nothing, in your lives. I will be the Rock upon which you will stand in this short night.

The sifting has served it's purpose, and you have come forth, with your garments of white.
But woe to those who embrace the night.
Woe to those who are not found standing in MY Light.

-Susan Cummings
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The Battle Has Already Begun

Susan Cummings

The battle has already begun,
and the storm has announced it's marching song,
and the shaking of the camps has begun
quickening the pace of the falling sun.

The drums are beating out a new sound.
The scrolls are unrolling, and the readers are making it plain.
All will now be brought forth,
for the final advancement has begun.

All have their armor, and their final orders.
The Lord is riding through the camp,
amongst his warriors who will now arise
in readiness for the final unveiling.

The decree has been given,
and the sounding forth has begun.
Trumpets blaring and drums beating
The point-men are now ready to run.

The establishment of Goshen now commences,
for the storm now begins its trek
from end to end and across the lands
as the scouts now prepare to walk their given paths.

Ears attuned to the beating of the drums,
hearts in unison with the Son's
following the Lord's battle tune
to the awaiting battle front.

Ever watching and ever climbing,
past the seas of worldly dining
Marching forth with the Flaming Torch
Ascending the Hill of the Lord

The signal fires have been lit
and the cry of the lineman has gone forth
scanning the darkening horizon
moving on to the sides of the North

Gates of Brass and Gates of Iron
will fall before the wailing sirens
The Truth will now reveal
Those who bear the Lord's seal

The Battle has already begun
and the Kingdom men now run
Moving forth with the Sword of Truth
Preparing the way for the flaming Hoofs

The Word uttered from the beginning
now culminating the days of men
and bringing forth the final chapters
heaven and earth beat in agreement

Hearts uniting with the Son
releasing the four winds for their final run
as the Remnant climbs the Mountain of the Lord
leading the sheep into the hidden rooms

Hearken to the sound of the shaking ground
Seek the Lord while He may be found
For the Battle has now finally begun
reaping the souls of earthen men.

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The Storm Is Coming!

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I have lived in Oklahoma my whole life. One thing I really like about Oklahoma are the thunderstorms. They get really wild. I have heard people who move away from here say they really miss the storms.

So tonight we had a storm. The thunder was getting pretty bad so we turned on the tv (we have good insurance) to check out the weather warnings. The tv stations here spend megabucks and compete for who has the best storm warning equipment. This stuff is so sensitive they can see rotations in these storms. They have this kind of radar and that kind of radar and I have no clue what all it is.

So this storm tonight was a tornadic storm. There were two tornados on the ground not too far from where we live. That was an hour an a half ago and they are still tracking this thing and it is starting to wind down but they still have tornado warnings out for some counties. This thing was producing tornados for about several hours - it tracked almost all the way across the state - from west of Oklahoma City and went east of Tulsa.

This is scary and exciting. I often thought if not for what I was doing for the Lord I would like to be a storm chaser. There have been no reports of injuries or deaths - Praise the Lord. So I mention this because there is a storm coming to the United States.

This thing is going to plow across the country and like this storm there will be certain spots that will be hot spots in this storm. This storm tonight was a prophetic picture of what is to come. The weather guy just said that this storm tonight was tornadic from the time it left the Texas panhandle ALL THE WAY ACROSS THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

That is an intense storm y'all--Oklahoma is not a small state. This storm coming to the United States is going to be like that all the way across the country. Last year the Lord took me to Revelation 18 and started talking to me about this coming storm.

I have to say at this point that He did not say to me that the United States was Babylon. He did tell me that what is coming would be like what is described in Revelation 18. It says that destruction came in an hour. I can relate to that because of seeing how quickly tornados can spring up and destroy anything in their path.

It also says that the people of the earth mourned because they suddenly had no market for their goods which speaks of total economic destruction. This storm coming to the United States will come suddenly and it will leave behind economic devastation.

I don't know about other people who live here but I can tell when we will probably have a storm. There can not be a cloud in the sky but it will have a funny tint to it-like a slight haze. Then after a time the clouds build up. Things get really quiet. You can look at the trees and not a leaf will be stirring.

I believe that describes the time we are in. Now is the time to seek the Lord like never before. We all need wisdom about going through this coming storm.
Grace and Peace,
Julie

The Superlative Nature of God!
Debra Westbrook

12/3/04
Superlative: surpassing all others; supreme; excessive; the utmost degree of something; an exaggerated expression of PRAISE

Reflecting on the glorious nature of our God, I am easily reminded that God's very nature and character can only be described in superlative words, for anything less would not honor Him with the glory that He truly deserves. For He alone is truly a God to be described in our days with superlative words! How easily we forget this as we often use superlative words to describe so many lesser things that we place a high value on and esteem in our lives. The world casually tosses out superlatives to describe their latest material possession such as a car or a vacation! This is just one example and there are many!

We are in the world but not of the world and our language, our very words, should reflect the superlative character of God, making a distinct contrast with the world and its focus and desire and what it describes as awesome, magnificent, and mighty! He alone is a God that is unsurpassed in beauty and excellence and glory! I am immediately reminded of a few verses from the book of Isaiah.

Isaiah 46:9-10
9 Remember the former things of old,
For I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like Me,
10 Declaring the end from the beginning,
And from ancient times things that are not yet done,
Saying,'My counsel shall stand,
And I will do all My pleasure,' NKJV

Isaiah 40:25-26
25 "To whom then will you liken Me,
Or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One.
26 Lift up your eyes on high,
And see who has created these things,
Who brings out their host by number;
He calls them all by name,
By the greatness of His might
And the strength of His power;
Not one is missing. NKJV

These are powerful words spoken by God Himself, speaking forth that He is not a God to be compared and contrasted with anything or anybody.......He alone is God.........there is no other!

Isaiah 9:6-7
6 For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called

Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, even forever.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. NKJV

God defines Himself as the great I AM and in that superlative definition of Himself is encapsulated the very essence of His greatness. There is no one greater, not one mightier, more loving, more faithful and true. Everything flows from Him and to Him and through Him. In every situation the great I AM flows in the superlative nature of His character.

This is a very simple word being given but one that makes us stop and think about our spiritual perception of our God by the very words in which we describe Him. The superlative nature of His character should be described in the midst of an exaggerated expression of PRAISE as is stated above......................nothing less for He alone is worthy. Let our PRAISE ring forth with superlatives and let our PRAISE bring down anything that rises up against the knowledge of God, for He alone is worthy of all honor and all glory and all praise. Change your perception of this glorious God and you shall change your life! Let PRAISE ring forth in new songs which reflect the majesty and grandeur of the soon and coming King, Jesus Christ.

Is your God too small? Lift up your heads! Lift up your eyes for there is truly none like our God! Do not reduce Him to the depth of your current understanding but bring Him up to the highest place where He describes Himself............

Exodus 3:14
14 And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." NKJV

Revelation 19:11-16
Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. 14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. 15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. 16 And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 22:12-13
"And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last."
NKJV

Revelation 22:16-17
16 "I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."
17 And the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" And let him who

thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.
NKJV
Drink deeply of the ONE who has called you and who knows you by name!

Superlative Words describing God

Awesome:
to fear, to be afraid; to stand in awe of, to be awed; to fear, to show reverence, to honor, to respect; to cause astonishment and awe, to be held in awe; submissive and admiring fear inspired by authority or power; profound and humbly fearful reverence

Magnificent:
excellent; increased; magnified; splendor; might; great in deed or exalted in place; impressive to the mind or spirit

Extraordinary:
going beyond what is usual, regular, or customary; exceptional to a marked extent; remarkable

Amazing:
to fill with wonder; astound; to show or cause astonishment

Mighty:
valiant; champion; chief; strong; warrior, deliverer; able; powerful

Glorious:
weighty; honorable; abundant; rich reputation; to be heavy; rich

There are so many more. One only needs to dive into Scripture to see the superlative nature of our God!

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The Seed Of Apostasy

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"...these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation become offended and fall away (Luke 8:13b)."

"What Did You Expect?" is more than the rhetorical question of an alleged cynic, but an axiom for determining just why you get so frustrated and disappointed with others. In every case, it is because you expect something from them that you did not get. If we were to love, as Christ, we would expect nothing, and be pleasantly surprised in the event we do receive "a little drop of kindness" in return. But such times are rare.

Jesus told us instead to expect persecution, excommunication, and tribulation. Since Christians today expect blessing, acceptance, and prosperity, it's easy to see why so many are setting themselves up for a big disappointment when GOD does not meet their expectation. Ultimately, you will apply the same expectations upon God as you do upon people, holding Him personally responsible for what THEY did or did not do to you. The seed for apostasy and falling away is planted in my heart, in your heart, in every Christian heart: that is, the unrealistic and unbiblical perception of how we expect God and other people to treat us.

Jesus knew what was in the heart of men. He could perceive their reasoning and murmurings against Him. This is why He could love unconditionally - He expected nothing in return. Why should He? People were and are intrinsically self-centered, self-serving and self-preserving. It is the nature of Adam, and it is our nature. True, Christians now have a new nature, but most only know of that new nature in theory, not by experience.

Jesus did not expect His disciples to remain faithful to Him simply because He washed their feet. His knowledge of people gave Him the liberty to just love them and not expect anything in return. He could wash the disciples' feet knowing they would all forsake Him. It was not as if He became angry when they left, "after all I've done for them." That's OUR way. We keep a mental ledger of debits and credits and EXPECT others to treat us fairly, or support us, etc. just because we applied the Golden Rule to them. If we were in His place, our line of reasoning would be: I can count on Peter, James and John; the rest I am not as sure of; Judas will likely betray me; but, if I show them unconditional love, wash their feet, and pray for them, surely they will stand with me during my time of suffering.

O Christian, how many times have you reasoned thusly, adding up your debits and credits with others and expecting them to treat you as you have treated them? How many times have you expected the preacher to visit you, the neighbor be kind to you, the friend to listen to you, the husband to love you, the wife to honor you, the children to obey you, the parents to understand you? What did you expect? To be applauded? To be affirmed? To be understood? To be appreciated?

O preacher, what did you expect? The praise of the masses? The universal recognition of your special gift? The outward trappings of a successful ministry, with a one hundred-fold return of luscious fruit? Did you expect to be consulted as a dauntless leader, hailed as a church-growth expert, lauded as God's man or woman of the hour?

Yes, you expected it, I expected it, we all expected just a little something from others - and therein lies the problem: no, not in what others did to you, whether it was just or unjust, or what they failed to do, whether in negligence, forgetfulness, or spite. The crux of the matter, the point of stumbling, is your unrealistic expectation that people will behave in a predictable, godly, Biblical, Christ-like, loving manner. Because more times that not, they don't.

And that upsets us. We expect people to approve of our writings, our music, our "word", our ministry, our insight, our revelation, our values, our doctrinal position. And they expect the same of us, and God help the one who fails to render credit where credit is due! The "I" is always hidden behind such a desire, so it is no wonder that we become upset when we are not afforded the appreciation and respect we think we deserve. If they are not Christians, we could shrug and say, "What do you expect? They don't even know the Lord." Ah, but then, people who claim to know the Lord (maybe some who really do) fail to meet your expectations too. We can align our expectations such that we do not expect compassion from a sinner, but what about when compassion is lacking from a saint? My, what a test this is! We can overlook the insults and offenses and misdeeds of the lost and make excuse for them because they are not saved. How then do you make excuse for those who mistreat you while claiming to be on God's side? I maintain that the "like-minded brethren" are the most difficult to get along with.

Then of course, one of those "well-meaning" preachers will tell you that you can expect to be prosperous, healed, and victorious. Hope rises, and you believe. "Expect a miracle!" they shout. And the prosperity you expected does not materialize; the healing does not "manifest"; and victory seems to be way out on the horizon, well beyond your outstretched hands.

The time it takes varies from individual to individual, but each one of us facing the cumulative effect of unmet expectations reaches the same fork in the road. Eventually the focus of our attention shifts from what people have done, to what God has NOT done. It seems to us in such a place that God seldom, if ever, intervenes on our behalf, defends our cause, or solicits what we want from other people. Just once, just ONCE, we'd like to see that gossip struck dumb. Just once we'd like to see that lustful fellow made blind, if only for a season! Perhaps those who stretch forth their hand against us would get leprosy - then they will listen! Maybe one little angel to come down from heaven in the middle of it all and tell your adversaries, "All of you are wrong, and this child of God is right." It would be so easy for God to wave His hand and make everything just so, set you on high among the people, and proclaim His unwavering support of you and His eternal disdain for them!

But such an awesome display of power never comes. And it probably never will. Much intercession is centered around this unrealistic expectation that we can control people, events, nations, and God Himself through fasting, prayer, travail, and tears. How often the "me, me, me" is hidden behind our requests, even our holiest and most spiritual intercessions. We expect that God will answer us in a particular way, according to our limited thought and human reasoning - which, again, is largely self-serving.

We worship God, and expect that He will afford us with some tangible evidence or feeling of joy, peace, strength or nearness of His presence. It is in a sense much like Pavlov's dog, who learned how to press a button in order to get a treat. Is this Spirit and Truth?

We read and study the Bible, expecting that God will grant us revelation into His Word, that we may grow in spiritual knowledge and Christian maturity. Or, preacher, you expect to get your Sunday sermon or midweek lesson out of the text before you. But there comes a time when, as Nee says, the Bible looms before you as a massive rock from which you cannot obtain nourishment. What then?

What do we do when He doesn't answer as we expect Him? What then, O Christian? What will you do? What will you believe? Perhaps you will be like Job's wife. Curse God and die, she spat. Why retain your integrity any longer? Not just die, but CURSE GOD first, then go ahead and die! Don't just roll over, Job! You've got some anger going on in there, don't you? You've got a little bitterness in your heart, huh? God blessed you once, but today you are cursed! God prospered you once, but today you are bankrupt! God healed you once, but today the flesh hangs off your bones! You are a stinking mess. You are a bum, a loser, a has-been. This is the result of your life of faith! This is how God eventually treats all His children, by sending them to a cruel cross and crucifying them on it, naked before the world, helpless before the religious mafia, powerless before the devil! You were mistaken somewhere, Job. You had God all wrong. You messed up somewhere along the line. Give up Job. Curse God and die!

Isn't it interesting? When God behaves as we expect Him to - the raise comes, the transfer goes through, the cancer is healed, the marriage is restored, the storm passes us by - we do not protest that we are unworthy, or argue with God's decision to bless us. Unless it is an unusual display of grace we may scarcely give God the credit. Ah, but let God delay Himself, or "fail" to deliver as expected, and behold how quickly our countenance is darkened against Him!

Are people your problem? No. Is God your problem? No! YOU are your problem, and specifically, your expectation is your downfall. Sure, expect great things of God - but qualify what you mean by great. Don't think great things means likeable things, pleasant things, easy things. I tell you plainly that you can expect the opposite. Since you and I were born with an Adamic nature which makes us inherently selfish, stubborn, and greedy, it behooves God to lead us along a path that of self-denial, foregoing what we "like" in favor of conformity to the image of His Son, who is anything but self-ish.

So when we look at Job we see that he was righteous, but he was ignorant. All he knew was blessing, prosperity, and living in the "hedge." Yes, it's lovely to live there in the hedge. Everything he touched was blessed; he was protected from failure. Did Job worship God as a result? You bet! And like most, thought that the blessing was a result of his own righteousness and servitude. But Satan pointed out that that the hedge of blessing and protection was the very thing that kept Job so faithful.

Therefore the testing of Job was a valid test, a crucial one, and a crucible through which each Christian will be purged, sifted, and tried. To what end? It is summed up in the words of Job himself as he neared the end of his ordeal: "I have heard Thee by the hearing of the ear: but now my eye seeth Thee." BUT NOW! BUT NOW! BUT NOW! Before he heard about Him, but now he sees Him, and falls to the ground. Before he worshipped Him having heard, now he worships having seen, and known. I submit that God set him up for such experiential knowledge by allowing him to be subjected to the assaults of the devil, the harshness of his environment, the misunderstanding of his friends, the loss of his family and material possessions, and his physical infirmity. I submit that if anyone desires to take up the cross and follow Christ such testing is the only realistic expectation His disciple can entertain.

Many quickly point out that Job was blessed more in the end than in the beginning; but if getting doubly blessed is our purpose for enduring such affliction then we have failed the very purpose of such a test, and such an attitude only proves man's capacity for being self-serving, even in the worst of circumstances.

I am writing to you, O Christian, who is so full of expectation of what the spiritual life should be like, you who are so sure that you know God, so acquainted you are with His Word! Have you seen God? Or are you worshipping what you have heard, bowing to an invisible force in the clouds, expecting some blessing or feeling or voice or gift? Where will you be, when there is no "Blessed Assurance", when all the evidence points to your failure as a Christian, when "peace like a river" is no longer "attending" your way?

I am writing to that individual who is on the slippery slope of apostasy, ready to renounce their faith (not openly of course, but inwardly) because of some unrealized dream or hope or wish or expectation that after ALL you've been through, surely God will bless you or compensate you or reward you or answer you! Beware! It is more likely that God wishes to know if you worship Him for His gifts, or for Himself; and of course you know that HE knows, it is YOU that must know. The Lord knew, and Peter thought he knew, but by cock's crow Peter knew he didn't know, and we know he didn't know either. Some of you think you know, but you don't know, not yet. Perhaps you need a lion's den to be brought face to face with God. Perhaps a flaming furnace to encounter the Fourth Man. Perhaps you need a cross of splintery wood instead of shiny gold electroplate.

How easy and grandiose it is to speak of martyrdom and dying for Christ. But anyone can DIE for Him: how many will LIVE for Him? The test is not in the dying, but in the living; not in one ultimate act of sacrifice, but in a million little obediences every day! Yes! If you cannot, if you will not, take up the cross and die in the mundane and hum-drum of Today, in the HERE and NOW, you are not fit to die the martyr's death in the unknown darkness of some future persecution.

People do not turn away from their faith and become apostate when threatened with death. They fall away when they become bitter against people, angry with God, and offended with His manner of dealing with them. It isn't a sudden decision you are confronted with, but an invisible thing which starts from the core of your being and works its way into your soul. It is certainly a clear and present danger, and it is within you now, maybe in an inert, embryonic form, maybe in a full-blown disillusionment and anger against God, but it is THERE, waiting for you to succumb to it, feeding itself on your expectation.

Let us draw near to God, and ask to be reduced to Christ. Let us accept whatever He deems beneficial to us, whether it is according to our expectation or not. Know that by the time the rooster crows you may curse and swear that you don't know the Man. Blessed is the one who finds no occasion for stumbling in Him. Love people, but expect nothing from them. Enjoy God, love Him, obey Him: be content with that.

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The Season Of Birth Is At Hand

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My people, as you enter into My presence, My Spirit will overshadow many of you in various ways.

Some of you will began to feel My heart and My cry.
Some of you will felt the pain and sin of people and nations.
Some of you will felt the oppression of the enemy upon My people.
Some of you will have vision of the future victory in Me and faith, laughter and rejoicing will rise up within you.

Some of you will even feel weak physically and drain out emotionally.

Some of you will feel dryness in your hearts.

Some of you will not feel anything special going on at all.

There will be different manifestation but it is the work of the same Holy Spirit in your midst.

I tell you today.

I AM BIRTHING OUT SOMETHING IN THE MIDST OF THE NATIONS.

THE SEASON OF BIRTH IS AT HAND.

Do not fight against what you are going through these seasons.

Many of what you are going through are ACTS OF PROPHETIC INTERCESSION and many of you are being called to stand in the gap and to live these out.

Not all will be going through the birthing travails, some of you have been called to assists those who are birthing by your support and presence and your prayers, STAND BY THOSE WHO ARE BIRTHING.

Be careful not to view what is happening in your midst through the wrong eyes.

For the enemy will tempt you with confusion and will attack you and cause you to focus on yourself.

He will try to deceive you to hold back. He will cause you to doubt your standing before me by making you feel and think that what you are feeling and experiencing are results of something that you have done wrong. But I am moving in a greater perspective. And what you are birthing is more than just for you.

IT IS FOR THE WORK OF MY KINGDOM.

Don't hold back, let go . . . . . . For I am birthing something powerful in the Spiritual but soon all these will become manifest in the physical.

Draw continually upon My Resources for they are unlimited.

Never isolate yourself away from those that I have send to be supporting you for this season.

GREAT AND MIGHTY IS THAT WHICH IS BEING BIRTHED OUT IN YOUR MIDST. NEVER FEAR FOR I AM WITH YOU.

The Lord gave me these words from ISAIAH 66: 7 - 14 as a confirmation.

"Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son.

Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things?

Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment?
Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.
Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give delivery?
Do I close up the womb when I bring to delivery?
Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her.
For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts; You will drink in her overflowing abundance."

For this is what the Lord says:
"I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees.

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.

When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hands of the Lord will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes."

Father, bless your words and let Your Spirit speaks to each heart that read this prophetic word.

The Smell Of Fear

Denise Lagrimas

Friends,

There is a smell of fear in the air and it is so strong my skin jumps. I am literally thanking God for it because it is the fear not of the saints but of the enemy himself. He is in fear for His days are numbered and as we draw nearer to our Lords coming he draws closer to his end for eternity.
The saints are alive and the Spirit of God is moving upon the earth and all that the enemy has tried to do has been to no avail. In fact what he had planned God turned around and made it to His glory. Gods people are moving and are active and have caught the third day vision and on the third day when resurrection power hit the earth multitudes were saved. We are in the times of the multitudes and many have seen the passion of the Lord and have caught the eye of truth. The Holy Spirit has empowered and the saints have received their call to "Go ye into all the world...."
(sometimes your call to the all the world is simply your neighborhood, community, and region)

I felt the Lord say it is time to increase in our vigilant prayers and to increase in our cries for the lost, especially the lost within our earthly families. To remember the promise in Acts 16:31 and to hold on to the Word with unshakeable faith. The natural will and can lie to you but the Spirit of God brings truth and the Holy Spirit has been given to guide us into all truth.
"You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."
The truth is we are much closer to our eternity than we even know and since the hour is upon us so is the fear in the enemy upon him.

There are two types of fear, one that is healthy (the fear of the Lord) and one that is not (the spirit of fear) and if we are not guarded we can fall prey to the one that is not healthy. Our greatest authority is in Christ Alone and our ultimate weapon has and always will be the cross of Christ where His blood defeated all of the enemies tricks and tactics and His third day resurrection defeated death once and for all.

It is good to smell the fear in the enemy and it is good to fear the Lord. In fact the fear of the lord is the beginning of wisdom (Ps 111:10) and the fear of man brings a snare (Prov.29:25).We will be wise and not become ensnared!!! Remember that II Timothy says " For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind" .....**You** have Power, Love and a Sound Mind if you have Jesus. You don't have to beg him for it You have it!!

I john 4:18 reminds us that There is no fear in love and perfect love casts out fear because fear involves torment but he who fears has not been made perfect in love"

Friends torment is of the enemy, fear is of the enemy so it makes sense that we give it back to him and let the enemy be afraid and live in his own fear. It is time for him to fear us and not us him....That is divine order, that is divine authority, that is who we are....

We shall live in love and under the covering of an almighty God remembering

We love Him because He first loved us.....Love covers a multitude of sins and every time we choose to love in the midst of crisis, chaos, attack, offense, and injustice we become perfected and truly become Christlike and empowered for a great commission.

If we must fear let us fear the lord and live in
Faithfulness **E**xcellence **A**uthority **R**ighteousness

May this encourage you and may the Lord bless you daily

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The Season Of Glory

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2Ch 5:11-14 KJV And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy [place]: (for all the priests [that were] present were sanctified, [and] did not [then] wait by course: (12) Also the Levites [which were] the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, [being] arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets (13) It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers [were] as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up [their] voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, [saying], For [he is] good; for his mercy [endureth] for ever: that [then] the house was filled with a cloud, [even] the house of the LORD; (14) So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

2Ch 5:11-14 MSG The priests then left the Holy Place. All the priests there were consecrated, regardless of rank or assignment; (12) and all the Levites who were musicians were there--Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their families, dressed in their worship robes; the choir and orchestra assembled on the east side of the Altar and were joined by 120 priests blowing trumpets. (13) The choir and trumpets made one voice of praise and thanks to GOD--orchestra and choir in perfect harmony singing and playing praise to GOD: Yes! God is good! His loyal love goes on forever! Then a billowing cloud filled The Temple of GOD. (14) The priests couldn't even carry out their duties because of the cloud--the glory of GOD!--that filled The Temple of God.

Let's get closer and get the heart of God. God is calling us to consecration. The Word consecration means: "The act or ceremony of separating form a common to a sacred use, or of devoting and dedicating a person or thing to the service and worship of God, by certain rites or solemnities. Consecration does not make a person or thing really holy, but declares it to be sacred, that is, devoted to God or to divine service; to be in communion." God is taking His people through consecration to be sacred TO Him. The Word of God clearly states that we are the Bride of Christ. Just as earthly soul mates treat each other sacred, God wants His BRIDE to be sacred and set apart unto Him. His heart burns for His love. Be drawn unto Him now. Intimacy is required to enter this season. Worship in the Secret Place is the key to your victory! In fact true revival will never come unless you live within the Secret Place. Just as this must be done personally, this must be done corporately! The Church as a whole must realize her bridal call to everlasting passion. To pull upon her shoulders the love that looks like a cross. She must regain her vision of Him. When she does this, she will enter the season of Glory.

For I say unto you, just as there is a season of the Fall, there is the season of the glory where the Glory of God will fall so greatly and mightily. You have desired to see His face and through times of intimacy and embracing the Bridal call of passionate love, His Glory will envelop Itself around and within you. You will experience it just upon that ancient day when His Glory fell and they could not even stand and carry on. It will be billowing upon you. The word billow means: "A great wave or surge of the sea, occasioned usually by violent wind. It can hardly be applied to the waves of a river, unless in poetry, or when the river is very large; to swell; to rise and roll in large waves, or surges." Psa 42:7 ASV states: "Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterfalls: All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me." The Glory of His love and the response of your love. Deep calls out to deep!

I want you to begin to soak in the love of Glory. Let His presence surge over your body now. The violent winds of God BLOW! BLOW! BLOW! Over and over and over and over us! Glory swell within us. Rise and roll, rise and roll, rise and roll! Wow Lord. Open our eyes. Open our eyes to see the fullness of You, the fullness of God. We are desperate, O God we long for you. Billow over us O God. You are leading us, leading us toward the banqueting place and showering us with love. The MSG Bible says in Son 2:4 that You take us home and Your eyes feast upon us! O God, lead us home, let us dwell in the house of the Lord and feast us upon us! Feast of love in the house of the Lord. O the Beauty of Jesus in Glory Realms!

SEASONS OF GLORY are here. Walk in the House of the Lord as His Bride and feast upon the Love of the Glory of God!

Seeing Into Heaven – Daniel Black

Sep 15, 2004

NOTE: This was originally written for the Children's Church that I teach in (we have been learning about Heaven), but it was so anointed that I wanted to share it with all of you friends! Last week several kids had VISIONS of parts of Heaven. I have added a small bit to the teaching, but in essence this is what I taught the kids. Blessings, Daniel Black

SEEING INTO HEAVEN
2 KINGS 6:8-23: 8 Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place." 9 And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." 10 Then the king of Israel sent someone to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice. 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?" 12 And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." 13 So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him." And it was told him, saying, "Surely he is in Dothan." 14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they came by night and surrounded the city. 15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. 18 So when the Syrians came down to him, Elisha prayed to the Lord, and said, "Strike this people, I pray, with blindness." And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 19 Now Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, nor is this the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." But he led them to Samaria. 20 So it was, when they had come to Samaria, that Elisha said, "Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." And the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw; and there they were, inside Samaria! 21 Now when the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I kill them? Shall I kill them?" 22 But he answered, "You shall not kill them. Would you kill those whom you have taken captive with your sword and your bow? Set food and water before them, that they may

eat and drink and go to their master." 23 Then he prepared a great feast for them; and after they ate and drank, he sent them away and they went to their master. So the bands of Syrian raiders came no more into the land of Israel.

SEEING IS BELIEVING: PROTECTION AND DEEPNESS OF GOD

What lesson do we learn here? Two things: 1. God will protect us, no matter what the situation. His angels and His love and power are ALWAYS there for us. 2. God wants us to open our spiritual eyes to be able to see Him, Heaven, and the angels! Have you ever heard the term: seeing is believing? It is true! God wants to open our eyes, just as He did for Elisha and His friends. When God opens our spiritual eyes it enables us to truly believe that God will take care of us. This is called trust. Trust is a very important form of worship. God loves nothing more than us putting our whole trust in Him, because it is only through trusting Him that He can help us.

There is another reason why God wants our spiritual eyes to be open. The Bible says that we are to worship God in spirit and in truth. True worship starts with seeing God. God wants to open our eyes so that we can truly worship Him. Our hearts must respond to the fullness His revelation which include seeing Jesus, Heaven, and His angels.

THRONE ZONE

Heaven is full of mysteries. When our eyes are spiritually opened God will begin to show us Heaven and its mysteries that NO ONE ELSE has ever seen or heard (see 1 Cor. 2). He will give to us strategies, destinies, angels, and so much more, all to show us a FULL REVELATION of Jesus Christ. Remember that worship is a "GIFTED RESPONSE" TO THE FULL OR "WHOLE" REVELATION OF JESUS. God wants to reveal His "OTHERNESS" and wants to take you up to His throne room. It is only from the "Throne Room ENCOUNTER" that you can encounter true friendship with God.

I WANT MY EYES TO BE OPENED

Simply just pray this: Jesus, I ask You to open up my spiritual eyes so that I may see You and all that You have for me. Let my heart respond to Your revelation. Show me Heaven, it's mysteries, and angels, so that I may worship You in Spirit and Truth, responding to Your full revelation. Amen! Now close your eye. Lift your face to Heaven. Lift up your hands. Take a deep breath. Now you are there!

The Spirit Of Truth And His Witness
Cindy Allen

Recently I began experiencing a new level of prophetic witness with other members of the Body of Christ. Have we not known that God has saved the best wine for last? We are all acquainted with the witness of the Holy Spirit within us that identifies the Holy Spirit to us in others. Now God is preparing the Body for His glory to be manifest amongst His people for the purpose of Christ to be revealed through His fellowship of unity. We are to prepare ourselves for visitations that are to take place through this prophetic witness. These visitations are purposed to unite members through shared experiences in the Lord and they are bringing a new level of baptism in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is coming to baptize us in greater joy. God is making these things manifest through the simplest of fellowships and He is lending His strength in our weaknesses. He is purging us where we yield ourselves to Christ in others.

Before this experience, I had a vision of an angel and I understood him to be the messenger who would reveal the purpose of this visitation as well as future visitations. He represents the glory of God that is manifesting for the sake of God's people to be united in Truth. I saw that these angels will be hovering over us to draw up new birth and new life. As they do, we are overshadowed by and enveloped in the grace they bring. Their presence will cause a prophetic witness to rise within the members of the Body. This prophetic witness will cause members to identify other members within different seasons where these messengers and carriers of God's Spirit will manifest in the Glory.

Jesus said, "You are not listening. Let me say it again. Unless a person submits to this original creation the 'wind hovering over the water' creation, the invisible moving the visible, a baptism into a new life it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. Message

The angels are bringing more of God's Kingdom to us and the baptism they bring will cause a greater outpouring that is to be released from the overflow of our own bellies.

These angels represent the apostolic to us and establish us in the Truth of our calling. The Truths they reveal for us to walk in actually unfold through serving one another. We must walk in the Truth revealed to us because the Life flows out of this LifeSTYLE to lead us into greater Truths. The calling of each one is so unique and individual; this will only be revealed within God's Glory where the anointing cannot be touched by the hands of men. The Message Bible words this message that we must submit to this original creation. As we discern Christ in others, the image of Christ that is reflected back to us is what conforms us to bring shape and purpose to our calling.

God's presence will manifest to yielded and humbled vessels. We are conformed to His image in and by His presence through our relationship of holiness to others. God's manifest presence is restoring boundaries to us that we have long been without. Within these boundaries, discernment is given towards the things of God and the blessings of God's original Law are released to us. As the Holy Spirit's prophetic witness begins manifesting, members will be launched into their destiny in God's Kingdom from these Truths. Manifest sons and daughters are raised up within God's manifest presence.

Because these angels represent the apostolic to us, they deliver us from any falsehoods that parallel the authority we are to have in Christ. Submission is associated to "how we relate with, how we identify with as well as whom and what we associate God to".

Mark 8:27 Whom do men say that I am? KJV

All that is false is washed away in the baptism that this prophetic witness in the Holy Spirit brings. As these waters begin running clear, so does our vision and focus become clear. As our mind is enlightened, our boundaries are enlarged and we begin speaking forth the things of God's Kingdom that we see to watch them become manifest. Manifestation of God's Spirit brings habitation of God to dwell amongst us. It is the Glory of God manifesting and resting upon His church that will draw the nations to the church to bring the greatest harvest of souls for all times.

Eph 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Yield and submit to Christ in one another so that the King of Glory can become manifest in His Body and made known to the nations and peoples of the world.

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Apostolic Grace
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There are many levels of deliverance from spiritual circumstances to natural circumstances. The Holy Spirit is leading us in such a way to continually experience our salvation at many levels as we continue to rise in dominion to take our place in God's Kingdom. It is only by grace that we experience God's glory manifesting over doors to lead us, without sacrifice, to abide in God's glory realm.

Without the glory cloud extending apostolic grace to us, we would have to submit ourselves to many baptisms. Jesus paid this price and we glorify Him by walking in the grace He made available to us. Jesus is our overflow and He desires us to flood people in His resurrected Life.

When the glory manifests to take us higher, we should pray and ask the Holy Spirit for discernment towards Him to be able to SEE what he is doing and where He is moving. There is spiritual discernment within God's glory cloud and the knowledge to know how NOT to step out of it. With spiritual perception, we are continually transformed and renewed because we are walking in the standard of Christ that is being revealed to us.

This is a continual process of spiritual growth that endows us with wisdom and understanding. It is not a place where "we have arrived". Where we have no discernment, we cannot yet grasp or discern the spiritual things of God and are blind to the ways the enemy will use this to bring on his attack. Where we lack spiritual discernment towards understanding the things of God, we can always have discernment of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit will never convict of sin or lack in *man's* condemnation. Condemnation can be summed up and defined as carnal understanding. It can't be applied to ways of the spirit because it was not born by the spirit in grace. These are the yokes that the anointing destroys and this is why it's so important to abide in the anointing.

The Holy Spirit is leading us to receive understanding that will enable us and equip us to discern need so we know where to plant our seed. There is no point in directing our attention to fruit because the fruit is producing after the spirit that the seed was planted in. Just as a car engine can make "funny noises" when a part is not operating properly, Christians can make "funny noises" where we need new revelation of Christ.

When we abide in the anointing, the Holy Spirit is able to release a prophetic witness within others that convicts and delivers "parts" that are operating backwards. Accountability to live a prophetic lifestyle that this Life can flow out of is not on the one who needs a new "part". Accountability is on the one who is hearing the "funny noises".

The "part" that needs healing is actually going to be what rises up IN the prophetic witness because it is given the grace to stand in the presence of God and become. The experience is kept between the one receiving the word and God. The messenger is not included within this experience. Once the deposit is made, the messenger's part in that transaction is over.

Jesus taught Kingdom principals through parables in a way that parallels our everyday life. The conviction of the Spirit is present to allow us to relate to God in a way that doesn't cause us to be conscious towards why we are not measuring up. We simply see a principal and apply it. As we do, we increase in the things of God and walk by a greater Light to receive the blessing of Christ. The joy that floods our soul is the reward we receive as messengers of Christ. The Holy Spirit still leads us to demonstrate our life in parables that express the Kingdom of God.

The Sign Of The Burial Cloth

Luz Cintron

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Dear Friends,

Once again, I am stirred and sense a call from the Lord for a "dying" to ourselves. I believe the Lord has been sending this message in vivid clarity for this season in order to identify in the miracle and purpose of His birth. dk

While I was in my prayer time as I was singing and praying a song "Anoint my heart for burial" His most Holy Spirit spoke to my heart and here are the words of that song:

Anoint My Heart For Burial The tree of myrrh is full of tears That only comes forth when bruised But the fragrant life that wounding brings Is born on the wings of good news. Like myrrh when hardened must be crushed Before the fragrance can rise My blinded heart must be made dust So, Father, open my eyes… Anoint my heart for burial… That I may walk in true life Anoint my heart for burial… Release the fragrance of Christ… Lord fill me with thy blessed myrrh Lord use me then fill me with myrrh Anoint me with oil Lord take my wounded heart and make A fragrance out of the pain I give my life a sacrifice Bring fruit from this harvest of pain So anoint my heart for burial That I may walk in true life Anoint my heart for burial release the fragrance of Christ Lord fill me with thy blessed myrrh Oh Lord used me then fill me with myrrh Anoint me with oil.

As I was praying those words to Him for myself and for the fellowship of His saints. I felt His Most Holy Spirit speak into my heart: "As the generation who confronted Jesus, the generation of the Pharisees asked for a sign, so this generation has come to ask for a sign before stepping forward to lay down their lives and embrace their cross. But as in those days, no sign was given to them but the sign of Jonah, so it is that no sign will be given to His bride, but the sign of the cloth of burial."

Oh fellow believer, we have fasted and we have prayed for revival, and longed for it , and waited to see the manifestation of His glory and power. It has become a hope for vindication before those who don't believe that they may come to see the reason of our faith and be convicted and be saved. But I understand now where is our sin before my Lord, we have expected that revival as something that will descend upon us from up high. So in this way, the religious people in Israel in Christ times, waited for their Messiah and they missed their visitation.

In hoping like that, His bride has forgotten her only purpose which is to serve. We have forsaken our duty to be salt of this earth and no sign will be given us but the sign of the burial cloth, for if we do not put it on and go down in the grave with Jesus we shall not be raised and there will be no life breathed upon us and we shall remain dead in our trespasses which is our own ignorance.

What is alive can not be revived. Only that which is dead can be brought into life and as we cling to the life in our flesh we end refusing the life offered us, which is from the Spirit of God, of which Jesus spoke referring to it, as the more abundant life. For the one who still seeks for himself has not died and is serving himself in all he does, but the one dead cannot be moved from his position of servant to the body of believers and to this world unto which his whole life is called to become a testimony of God's love and provision through Jesus Christ.

What is different in our cities, in our neighborhoods because of the faith given us? What has changed in the places were we go to work, where we go to study, because of our faith? How have we lived before unbelievers our trust in Jesus? How have we embraced the pain and the suffering that has touched our lives? Have we shown them there is a higher life, a hope, a purpose given us in Christ? Or do we live just as they do from day to day, shaking our heads and saying "its bad, its bad" and then going our way and minding "our own business"?

We can have no business of our own, if we are tending any other business but our Father's, we better stop. Or don't you know the workplace were we earn our living has been given us, to preach the gospel without words but with our lives? That as Jesus reached out to the lost, the poor, the needy , we are placed there, not to show ourselves better than them, but to reach unto them and give them, of what was freely given to us? How many times have we fed them, sharing our bread with them physically and spiritually? We need to go out of our way to reach them and I mean it in more than one way. We are to go out of our way and stretch ourselves, to bring the gospel of Christ. Unless we die to ourselves this wont happen. It doesn't matter how many missionaries we send out and/or support if we do not become His ambassadors right where we are we have not done it.

Only one who is dead to himself can raise Jesus in his life, can lift Him up as a standard. It takes our own burial to all in us that seeks to be served, it takes the embracing of those things that are painful and we judge "undeserved", so that others in pain may come to see and identify with the hope of glory in us and see His light. We should not seek relief in our agony to the things of the flesh, for if we embrace them receiving everything from the hand of Jesus, His life will spring forth through us. For have you read in Isaiah 53 how He made Himself without any beauty that we should desire Him? Instead He became despised and rejected by men, He chose to embrace grief and suffering for us. And again in Hebrews how He wanted to be a High Priest with whom we all could identify? (Hebrews 2:17-18). Then if we seek honor, acceptance or recognition it is ourselves we serve and follow and not Him. For if, in doing what is right unto the Lord, any praise may come from the lips of unbelievers or from believers, let all go unto Whom it is due, our Lord, who is the One living our lives in us and the pride of the flesh will have no part in us. So if we are despised and rejected let it be a reason to meditate on what He suffered for us and give Him thanks to remind us of the things His love endured for us.

For when the devil thinks that he has put us to nothing, and has secluded us in the grave and closed its gates behind us forever, the resurrection power who raised Christ from the grave will brake forth, setting captives free, and will bring the captivity freely captive (Ephesians 4:8; Psalm 68:18) to the heart of God as His own testimony of His grace and mercy towards mankind. In that day the prey will be taken from the mighty, that will be the day in which our God, will contend with the one who contends with us (Isaiah 49:24-26).

No one and nothing can separate us from the love of Christ not even death, but we must be dead to receive and bear His life and that is revival.

The State of the Church

Colin Wilson

For a period of over 5 years or so I have been increasingly bumping into committed Christians who are unsettled. They often find difficulty in articulating how they feel, but the general drift is dissatisfaction with the level of Christian living in their own lives and in their churches. In the past, a common response in these situations has been to move church (and I should stress that the folk I am referring to are not immature church-hoppers looking for the ideal church) but part of the perplexity that they are sensing is rooted in the fact that surveying a cosmopolitan church scene (everything from strict Calvinist to chandelier-swinging) they do not see evidence in any of the churches of whatever it is that is eluding them.

This may sound a bit complicated, and it is. The best way of summarizing is to say that folk (maybe not thousands but significant numbers) are unhappy with their own situation (personal and church), are not sure what they are looking for, and do not see any promise in the churchscape around them.

I might describe it as a God-given unsettledness, a holy dissatisfaction, a hunger and thirst for reality. The "disconnect" which they seem to feel is the disparity between what they read in the Bible (typically the book of Acts) and what they are experiencing in their own situations.

Many are puzzled and insecure - feeling "out of step" with others who seem to be quite comfortable with the general scene (apart that is from being concerned about falling numbers in churches).

Meanwhile, society in general is MUCH less inclined just to offer unthinking allegiance to organisations and institutions. Indeed there is a growing disillusionment with structures. Folk are prepared to get behind specific initiatives, projects or people with whom they can identify, but they are no longer inclined just to automatically support historic ties.

This dynamic is also in evidence in the church. One result of this is declining attendance and financial support (especially at the younger end of the age spectrum).

Although there are perhaps several different views concerning what exactly will be the shape of the church into the 21st century, there seems to be a consistent view that it will be different; and what we are currently experiencing is the transition in process. The words I hear are "liquid church, emerging church, unstructured church". We have also heard the term "cell church". My concern is that the latter is often described in the context of cells/super cells/mega cells with an "apostle" sitting atop the pile. The other concern that I have is that we will succumb to the seemingly-innate urge to "organise" everything in new "structures".

SHAKING

Structures which have stood for hundreds of years are in imminent danger of toppling. And those who derive their status, income, ministry base from organised religion are most at risk.

I do not discount the notion that God might be behind all of this; indeed I believe that He is. And in that sense the general situation could turn around tomorrow. However my sense is that there is a winnowing, shaking, refining, purifying, purging going on. I do not believe that God is going to send revival into the churches in their current situation. And to that extent, I feel that the shaking etc. will intensify.

REFINING

Over the last decade (as it seems to me) personal lives, local churches and denominations have been shaken to the core by "covered-over sin". Minor issues which would normally be easily dealt with have been causing much deeper and more serious problems to be forced into the open, as great eruptions. The latter have often been suppressed (pushed into the basement) over a period of years.

Ezek 13:9-10: "My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will not belong to the council of my people or be listed in the records of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Sovereign LORD. 'Because they lead my people astray, saying, "Peace," when there is no peace...'"

KINGDOM BUILDING versus EMPIRE BUILDING

I believe what God is looking for is a chosen people who will give over their hearts, their lives, their all to the will of the Father. Names and reputations and religious machinery that have been built on man's value system will be shown for what they are. Pride has been the driving force behind so much of what we do.

COMMITMENT

Western Christianity has succumbed to the values of our age. Our lives are governed by the same aspirations, values, lifestyles, choices as the secular world around us. In the matter of "giving" God doesn't want a tithe. He wants our all.

The Storm Of The Lord

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> *"Put the trumpet to your lips! An eagle is over the house of the Lord because the people have broken my covenant and rebelled against my law. Israel cries out to me, 'O our God, we acknowledge you!' But Israel has rejected what is good; an enemy will pursue him. They set up kings without my consent; they choose princes without my approval. With their silver and gold they make idols for themselves to their own destruction… They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind." (Hosea 8: 1-7)*

A friend wrote to me recently asking for my thoughts about the hurricanes hitting Florida and whether they are tied to the election and even the now infamous "Curse of Tecumseh". Below is a summation of what I believe the Lord has shown me.

For the past several years the Lord has given the church in America the opportunity to "humble herself, turn from her wicked ways and pray for the healing of the land." (2 Chronicles 7:12-14) In other words, the Lord presented His people – those called by HIS name- with the opportunity to cry out for the Lord's righteous judgments to come and to bring them to true humility and repentance. From that position they would have had the spiritual authority to pray for and receive healing for our land. Instead, most have been doing everything they could think of to avoid facing judgment. I have seen a LOT of prophetic words posted on the Internet advising people how to pray against prophesied judgments but I have seen almost none exhorting the body to cry out for the Lord to judge us.

Part of the reason for this is that there is very little understanding in the church today of the difference between God's judgments and the judgments of the enemy. God's judgments are MERCIFUL and although not without pain, will bring about correction and eventual healing and restoration. God's judgments are to be sought after. They are a blessing and a grace to us to keep us from being handed over to the enemy. These judgments bring "death" but also "resurrection."

The enemy's judgments are, in a sense, an extreme judgment of the Lord in that he removes His protective grace and allows the enemy to "have his day." And although the Lord will eventually use for good even what the enemy for evil intended, the enemy's judgments bring unnecessary death and destruction that was not the Lord's desire. It is not God's choice that releases these judgments but rather are the consequences of our own choices made by our own free will out of a fear of facing God's judgment. We are given daily choices of following the Lord or separating ourselves from him. The enemy is given authority to judge us when we have continually refused to submit to God and HIS cleansing judgments. The Lord will give us grace upon grace to avoid this kind of judgment but there comes a point when to save our spiritual life He will remove His hand of protection and allow the enemy to claim the access we have given him by our own choices. In extreme cases the Lord will allow us to physically die before He will allow us to lose our souls to hell. If you don't believe me, ask Adam and Eve. Fear of judgment drove them to separate themselves from God and set the whole whirlwind in motion.

This is not to make people afraid of the devil or to exalt the enemy, but rather to exhort people to fear the Lord. There is a good fear and a false fear. We should all know and embrace the fear of the Lord. In fact, the fear of the Lord will protect us from and nullify all other false fears. One of the primary strategies the enemy uses to separate us from God is to cause false fear, which encourages us to make choices that separate us from the Lord. When people are filled with false fear they are not trusting the Lord and they begin to look for ways to protect and save THEMSELVES. If Adam and Eve had had a proper understanding of the fear of the Lord they would have run TO the Lord, not away from Him. They would have cried out for Him to come and cover them rather than trying to clothe themselves. The snake convinced them to look to man rather than to God.

Nothing much has changed since those days in the garden. The church in America has now come under the authority and judgments of the enemy because she has not feared the Lord and has looked to man for her salvation despite warning after warning and grace after grace of the Lord. The real surprise about the hurricanes striking Florida according to the experts is not that Florida is experiencing so many of them this year but that it has not experienced more of them in years past. Despite the great grace the Lord has bestowed on this country, America has let false fear drive her away from the Lord rather than to Him. There is no faith in fear. Fear is the antithesis of faith. Fear rules this country but it is not the Fear of the Lord.

For the past few years in conjunction with the “Third Day church movement” many Christians have quoted from Hosea 6: “Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us.”

However, they seem to think this healing is without conditions. No one seems to think to back up and read the prerequisites for this healing: “When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his sores, then Ephraim turned to Assyria, and sent to the great king for help. But he is not able to cure you, not able to heal your sores. For I will be like a great lion to Judah. I will tear them to pieces and go away; I will carry them off, with no one to rescue them. Then I will go back to my place UNTIL THEY ADMIT THEIR GUILT. AND THEY WILL SEEK MY FACE; IN THEIR MISERY THEY WILL EARNESTLY SEEK ME.” (Hosea 5: 13-15)

And then let’s look ahead: “Let us ACKNOWLEDGE THE LORD; LET US PRESS ON TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM.” (Hosea 6:3)

For ourselves and for our cities and our nations we are told we must acknowledge our offenses, our cities’ offences, our nations’ offenses and stand on our stained ground in revelation of just exactly what we have done to him that caused him to leave us the way he had to leave us! These past years the church should have been crying out in tears as well as songs and desire for him to please return to us. In this truth and in this sincerity of turning our faces to him the church should have sought to find his face wherever He is and in whom ever He is, and set their hearts to know no one by their flesh but only by the Spirit of the Lord in them.

Instead they have turned continually to man to heal their incurable wounds. Whether it has been popes, preachers or politicians, whether civil government or church governing boards, they have sought solutions for their sicknesses from man.

There have been moments of repentance, of binding ourselves together in love and crying out for the Lord such as after 9-11, but as it continues in the sixth chapter of Hosea, our love was like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. And so should it surprise us if His coming now is with a sword, his judgments flashing like lightening upon us?

One of the main ways the church has brought judgment on this country is by its continual employment of spiritual witchcraft by Christians to try to “get themselves a king.” It is the same sin Israel fell into and brings judgment on a nation, not just the presidency. This is a much more powerful curse than any that Tecumseh or his brother the Prophet could have come up with and has been the real danger in this presidency. It is a cry for the spirit of antichrist to rule because any government built by man and ruled by man is a kingdom of MAN – not Christ. Anything that is in place of Christ is anti-Christ.

Bush is not “THE” antichrist – he is a politician like any other. They all operate out of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil rather than the Tree of Life. His sin areas are just more acceptable to many Christians and so he has been exalted to a position of idolatry. What a dangerous position to put any man into!

The motto of the American Revolution was: “Only one King, King Jesus!” and yet Christians have continually looked for men to rule over them both in politics and the pulpit rather than King Jesus. Christians cried out for a king and the Lord gave them one four years ago. If they had given as much time and energy crying out for the return of Jesus and the establishment of the Kingdom of God as they did for a political leader, we might have avoided a lot of death and destruction brought by the judgment of war.

That we have lost only a thousand troops in that war is a sign of God's grace and mercy even in the midst of judgment. It is certainly not a sign of God's approval. God's desire is always that NONE should perish but He will turn man over to the sinful desires of their own hearts when they continually exchange the truth of God for a lie. (Romans 1)

There has been so much discussion among Christians and justifications made for the war in Iraq but the bottom line is that it came as a judgment from the Lord because we refused for so long to engage in HIS foreign policy. The foreign policy of the Kingdom is to feed your enemy – not only with literal food and water but also with the true Word of the Lord. The American church was definitely hearing the call to war but it should have been to SPIRITUAL war. She could have won Iraq through intercession, through the true Gospel, through acts of mercy and works of compassion without ever firing a shot. Man's government however chose embargos and various other political and military strategies that created more death and suffering and the church sided with man's government rather than God's. In fact, they issued the rallying cry.

I'm not saying we should not have gone to war. By that time I don't think there was any other option. We had already failed at doing things God's way to the point that it was a necessary judgment. Now that we are there I wholeheartedly support those men and women who are being sacrificed in battle although it was never God's desire to see them sacrificed on the altar of any man's lust for power and greed. To go back to Hosea 6: "For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgement of God rather than burnt offerings."

The problem NOW is that we should have learned from the last election to cry out for the Lord and HIS Kingdom rather than man's but here we are, four years later, and the cry for keeping our earthly "king" is even louder. There is an incredible amount of fear being promulgated about what will happen if we lose our chosen king but so very little fear of the Lord and what will happen if we do not cry out for HIS governorship. Well, we are beginning to see what comes from seeking any king other than Jesus. There is NO politician and NO political party and NO political theory of government that can cure our sickness. Only Jesus can heal our land and He is still waiting for HIS people who are called by HIS name to earnestly seek His face in true humility and repentance and to follow HIS ways and not man's wicked ways.

America is not under judgment because of the worldly people who engage in various forms of sin and evil. She is under judgment because the people who are called by the LORD'S name have not humbled themselves, repented and sought the Lord's judgments in their own lives so that the land can be healed. The Lord is not holding the worldly accountable for the conditions of America, He is holding the CHURCH accountable. The church is the gatekeeper and holds the keys to the Kingdom. The gospel that has been preached to the world is not the true Gospel. It has been a gospel of the same principles of the world: greed, power, might makes right etc. etc. How can the Lord hold the world accountable for a Gospel that they have never heard from a church who was responsible but didn't deliver it? No, the Lord is holding the church accountable. What comes into a nation is what the church allows in. If there is abortion in the land it is because there is spiritual abortion in the church. If there is adultery and divorce in society it is because there is spiritual adultery and spiritual divorce in the church. If judgments bringing death and destruction to this country it is because the church has been very good at looking OUTSIDE of itself to point the finger of judgment but has refused to examine itself. The lost may be caught up in the whirlwind with the church but their destruction will only bring more judgment on the church since the harvest has been ripe for a very long time and the summer is ended and still the world is not saved. (Jeremiah 8:20)

What is happening in Florida is the beginning and also a sign of the judgments coming as the Lord lifts His hand of protection and allows the reaping of the whirlwind. Every act of creation is also an act of destruction. The Lord is creating a New Jerusalem, a new heaven and earth. Old things are passing away and anything that is not now the fullness of the Kingdom of God will be swept away into the whirlwind and forever history. We have indeed entered into the New Day.

Florida is the first to reap the beginning of these judgments because it is a state of entrance to this country. A quick review of history, which I won't do here, confirms that this is a major and initial gateway to America. Florida now also has the opportunity to be first in crying out in humility for the mercy of the Lord. It is now too late to avoid judgment. It is unavoidably coming but just as Florida cast the deciding vote in the last election, she may yet cast the deciding vote in this one. The election is

NOT between Bush and Kerry. The question is whether the church will continue to look to man and his solutions or to Jesus and His Kingdom. The deciding vote may yet determine whether there will be just a loss of worldly possessions and worldly mindsets or a devastating loss in actual lives and souls. The Lord WILL allow deaths to save souls.

There is some good news! In the midst of judgment there will still be victory. There can be no more victories except to come into the place of love for the Lord and for each other. All other loves will end in death but the Lord's love will survive to swallow up death in victory.

Over the past few years there has been a small remnant that has indeed cried out for the LORD'S judgments to come into their lives and for all except the Lord's love to die. For the most part their lives have been absolutely devastated. They have already lost most of their ties to the world and so the judgments coming are not feared. They have learned the fear of the Lord and that will keep them safe in whatever whirlwind swirls around them. In the midst of the darkness of these coming storms their light will begin to arise and shine as the glory of the Lord is revealed in them. These are the ones that will make up the Lord's Gideon Army that will take back the land and all that the enemy has stolen. The Lord Himself will manifest through them and bring forth salvations, deliverances and healings on a scale never seen on the earth before. These ones will bring forth the mercy and victory of the Lord in the midst of these judgments.

When I gave birth to my daughter she was three weeks late. After what seemed like interminable waiting in absolute physical misery, she finally decided to make an appearance. Although most mothers experience peaks and valleys of pain in the labor process, I had a different experience. There were no moments of rest. Once the water broke the labor pain was one long continuous pain until she was finally delivered. The good news was that the labor was relatively short and she appeared quickly.

The Lord has told me that the season we are now entering into is like that time of continuous labor pain. He WILL see this child born but from now until that moment of complete delivery, the assault by the enemy will be continuous. The ONLY place of refuge will be in the eye of the hurricane where there are those who have learned to rest in their trust in the Lord and to fear only Him. Those who have invited the Lord's judgments over the past few years are already moving quickly to that center of His will. They have left Babylon and have been prepared to help those who must now flee as in the days of Noah and the days of Sodom through the whirlwind.

The only safe place in this perfect storm is in the center of the Lord's love and in the state of being in the Lord and in His love. Under the Old Covenant love was something you did despite who you were but under the New Covenant love is who you are despite what you do. The Lord is love and if we are in the Lord we are IN LOVE. This is the eye of the storm. Love is not a set of dos and don'ts in this place; it is a state of BEING. In this state we must trust the Lord in heaven, trust the Lord in each other and trust the Lord in ourselves. They are all three inseparably the same faith and the only thing that will get us through.

We have entered into a time of continuous warfare until the return of the Lord and this is now the hour of our greatest challenge: to with spiritual violence remove the kingdoms of darkness from the cities of the children of the Lord. Love and war seem to be such opposites but in THIS war, which is the ideal of what war should be but rarely is, one side fights for love and the other side fights for lust and power and pride. The contest would seem one sided. Love is slow to anger - lust is quick. Love is gracious - lust gives no quarter. Love desires a true one on one love relationship - lust desires to lie, steal and destroy and to become number one above all others. Those who choose to live in love seem hopelessly weak in the eyes of our enemies and to all logic but we have real and invincible angelic allies that cause our spiritual foes to flee in terror. The Lord has already given us the spoils of His victory and now is the time to armor up and defend His gift.

In the past pride has entered into the church and many slipped into the enemy camp becoming their own adversaries, dividing and separating the body to their own destruction. We have been well trained in the churches of this world in making separations but not much trained in coming together as one. Yet being one with each other by the Spirit and being one in the Lord and in His love is our only place of safety in this Day of Judgment. This is the ark of safety and the door is closing quickly and soon all outside of it will be swept away. There is still time to flee from Babylon or Sodom or whatever analogy fits but from now on it will be through much harsher flames than if they had sought the Lord's judgments before it came to this.

Now is the day of destruction for those who have divided flocks to themselves and erected high steeples to honor the places of those divisions that were created in lust for lives, power and property. Now is the day of destruction for those Jezebelic church systems and leaders who have refused to become one with the Lord but who have used his authority, labors and property as a base to push their own agendas. Now is the day of destruction for this world's apostles, as Paul describes them, who more accurately fit the profile of Jezebel.

This is the day of the vengeance of the Lord but it is also the day of the favor of our God. It is the day of the glory of the Lord when He will reveal the true sons and daughters of God. When the storms have passed the Lord will have ONE body and that body will be mature and complete and born out of love. With every act of creation there is an act of destruction. Trust the Lord and there will be nothing to fear.

> *"But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare. Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY OF GOD AND SPEED ITS COMING! That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. BUT IN KEEPING WITH HIS PROMISE WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH, THE HOME OF RIGHTEOUSNESS." So then, dear friends, since you are LOOKING FORWARD to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him." (2 Peter 3: 10-14)*
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> *"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." (Matthew 10:28-31)*
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> *"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword." (Matthew 10: 34*

The Spirit of the Martyrs

James Moore

There is being released to many at this time of the viewing of the film "The Passion", a Spirit of the martyrs. That is, a Spirit of willingness to identify with the life of Jesus even unto the ultimate testimony, the giving up of ones own life. This has happened at various times and locations on the earth.

At the crucifixion of Jesus, this Spirit was released to that generation. The willingness of Jesus to sacrifice His life so that we could be free from the stain of sin was passed onto many that loved Him and viewed His death. It must have been horribly sad for them to watch the one they loved so much tortured, scourged, spit upon, whipped and finally crucified. As horrible as it was, it produced something in them. It created and awakened a desire in them that was greater than life. A desire to follow in His footsteps, even if it meant death. Most Historians have viewed this as noble but morbid. Even the admiring who stated that " the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church", thought the desire to actually embrace and "be counted worthy" to suffer for His sake, a bit too strange.

I don't think anyone actually desires to suffer pain, but there can be imparted a determination to follow Jesus no matter what the cost. With that comes a divine ability to truly count the cost enough to be ready for it. This is what Paul meant by dying daily. He knew death through prophetic suffering in prayer. He had already seen it, prepared for it, was ready everyday for it. He died each day in the presence of the Lord. Very much like what a soldier does each day before going to battle. He must, in a way, already be ready for the imminent possibility of departure. He knows it could happen, has thought about it, and is to the best of his ability, ready for it. What if there was going to be a generation coming that, like the generation following the crucifixion of Jesus, were going to be asked to seal their testimony with their own blood? The book of The Revelation of Jesus seems to indicate that there will be many in the days ahead that are called upon to make this greatest of all sacrifices. In chapter 6: 9-11 we read:

"And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: and they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long O Lord, Holy and True, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

Actually, that is already happening now. Statistics state that there are more people being martyred today around the word than there ever has been in the entire history of the world. Just not here in the United States. This is still a foreign concept to most of us. We really do not know what it is to suffer for the sake of the Kingdom. But there are many around the planet that do.

The same way that the first generation had this determination galvanized in their heart because of seeing what Jesus sacrificed for them on the cross, we are being given a glimpse of what He did, at least in part, so that we may feel the same way.

Why? What is this intended to produce? As the title of this movie indicates, it is intended to ignite a "Passion". Passion for Jesus. Passion for the lost condition of man. Passionate hatred for sin because of what it does to people. We need to remember that it was sin that brought the need of the death and torture of Jesus on the cross. He was not just a man who was taken advantage of by cruel men. He was God in the flesh, willingly surrendering His life in order that we would not have to suffer for our lawlessness against God. He suffered for us and because of us. He was wounded for my transgressions. Jesus hated sin because of what it does to us who He desperately loves. Hebrews 1:9 states;

" Because you have loved righteousness and hated sin, God even your God, has anointed you with the oil of joy above your companions"

Jesus both loves what is right and hates what is wrong. And so must we if we are to be like Him.

While writing this article, I misspelled the word crucifixion. I spelled it "cruci-fiction". When I saw it the Lord impressed me that this is how many view this monumentous event. As fiction. But it is not fiction, it is history. Or as the word history seems to indicate, it is "His-story".

So what are you passionate about? What moves you? Are you passionate about the one thing that really matters? Pray for passion. Pray for the passionate one, the one who's passion, or suffering for you, will not let you escape. His passion to have you led Him to the ultimate passion. The passion of the cross. His suffering heart of desire for you, His bride, led Him to suffer the agony of death. Song of Solomon 8:6;

"Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are as coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame."

He burns for you! He jealously desires after you! What makes you suffer? Does it cause you to suffer when He is not around you? When I am not near my wife, I suffer. And when I suffer, everyone around me suffers. Is anyone around you suffering? It should be the same with Jesus. Are you one of these who has in them the spirit of the Martyrs? Do you wish to be? Ask Him today. This is not so much a desire "to depart" but to "remain" in Him. As Paul stated in 2 Corinthians 8:4;

.not that we would be unclothed but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up in life.

We spend much time trying to "unclothe" ourselves of unwanted things when what we need to do is focus more on being "clothed upon" with His life and passion.

He is waiting.

The Seeds Of World War III
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A prophetic friend of mine, Bob Jones, believes that World War III actually began with the assassination of Anwar Sadat. It seems that this is proving to be true. This is marked by many as the beginning of the hijacking of the Islamic faith by radical extremists that have now stirred up a nearly worldwide conflict. This war may be unfolding very differently than the world wars of the last century, but it is in fact proving to be a world war, and its potential is to be far more devastating than the last two combined.

Ironically, it is the knee jerk reaction to war that is leading Europe to this war. Nazi Germany could have been stopped by the Czechs in 1939, with just a little help from the French and British. The leaders of those two countries sought the path of appeasement by which they thought they were getting peace in their time. But by doing this, they only multiplied the price they would have to pay to defeat the evil. Europe is being set up again for a far more devastating war than it has to be. This can still be changed, but time is running out fast.

World War III is bigger than the War on Terror. This is just one of the battles, though it is a major one, and is far from over. However, we must begin to see the bigger picture. What I am offering here is but another piece of the puzzle, but it is an important one for us to understand if we are going to perceive what is coming.

In future bulletins I will offer a few more pieces, as well as establish some of the points in this one a little more. However, this is a bulletin that is addressing an issue that is worthy of a very large book, so it is necessarily very superficial. My goal is not so much to convince, or fully educate, as it is to get some others to start looking in a direction that they may not be seeing at this time. To avoid this perspective will become increasingly costly to us the longer we wait.

The Fall of Europe

I am thankful to have been able to spend a considerable amount of time in Europe over the last twenty years. I have visited most of the nations there, and many of them quite a few times. On each visit I have tried to learn from the nation I was in, as well as about it. From this I have gained a deep love, appreciation, and respect for Europe. I love its diversity of culture, heritage, languages, geography, and cities. Europe has also given the world the very best of its civilization, from art and music to science and government, as well as the great Christian foundation that many other nations and cultures are built upon.

The whole world owes much to Europe, but America especially does. Not only is it the source of our basic culture, but Europe has been the greatest defender of the Christian faith, the birthplace of democracy, as well as our system of justice. The majority of the most noble, courageous, and godly souls to walk the earth over the last two thousand years were from Europe. Europe is deserving of our honor and respect. Even so, Europe is sliding into the deepest darkness of soul that has possibly yet perverted the human race. Its departure from the faith is possibly the greatest spiritual tragedy in history.

This may be dismissed by Europeans as an American's perspective, or a Christian's perspective. But since I have traveled around the world, I know that it is an increasing perspective around the world, that Europe, in general, has lost its moral clarity, and its courage. These are the two pillars of true nobility, and true greatness.

Europe is sliding very fast into the abyss of not only moral and spiritual depravity, but even sound thinking. In general, it does not seem that they are even making sense in some basic issues. At the same time their politicians and media seem to view themselves as being the only ones with wisdom, dismissing those who disagree with them as either stupid or unenlightened. Like it or not, I am saying this as a friend of Europe who needs to tell this emperor that he really does not have any clothes on.

One of my most pressing questions is to know how those who had so much light have become so deceived. But before continuing along this line of thought, I must also make a distinction here between the European politicians, the media, and the people of Europe. They are often very different, just as there are at times a great gulf between the American politicians, its media, and its people.

There is no question that Europeans, in general, are becoming increasingly anti-American. However, when I have listened to such commentary from Asia, or other parts of the world, even when it is negative toward America, there was far more truth and accuracy to their evaluations, and often their conclusions.

As I have studied European commentary on the rest of the world, I have concluded that this is also similarly flawed. This cannot help but lead to the conclusion that there is a far more pervasive and basic distortion in European thinking than there seems to be anywhere else. This is not just in relation to the way they see Americans, but the rest of the world, and even the way they see themselves. There is a thick veil of darkness settling over Europe, and yet they seem to think their brilliance is increasing.

Even the most brilliant reasoning will come to wrong conclusions if you do not start with truth at the foundation. European thinking, in general, is departing further and further from the foundations of truth, and therefore their conclusions are increasingly flawed. One definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. The two world wars of the twentieth century, which were the two greatest human tragedies in history, were basically the result of failed European policies. It does not seem that present European leadership has learned one thing from those huge failures, and they are headed down the very same road once again.

The present European preoccupation with America as being the source of their problems, if not the world's problems, is only accelerating their own catastrophe. At the same time they are blind to an impending disaster which threatens to be even more devastating than the two great wars of the previous century. The most common characteristic of successful people, businesses, sports teams, and even nations, is that they never look for outsiders to blame for their problems, but use that energy to look inside themselves for solutions. The European media and its politicians are increasingly dominated by blame seekers instead of solution seekers to the point where they are actually causing the quicksand that they are sinking in.

Traditional Allies?

The more that I have come to understand European thinking in general, the more alarmed I am to hear some Americans saying that we should strengthen the ties to our "traditional allies" in Europe. America does have some friends in Europe, but the continent is now overwhelmingly anti-American, and is becoming more so all the time. In truth the New World does not have many "traditional allies" in the Old World. We have in the last century joined with some European nations to face the common enemies of fascism and communism together, for which the whole world should be grateful.

However, once those common enemies were removed, the differences have surfaced very fast. Europe will only appreciate America as long as we cow tow to European thinking and interests, which we must not do. Europe is fast plunging into another war that will devastate the continent. The threat of this is not as much to America as to Europe, and yet the nations most threatened by this are the very ones that seem bent on countering every move America makes, who is currently fighting their war for them. Europe is already hanging over the abyss and does not seem to even know it.

There is a saying that if you do not change your course, you will end up where you are headed. Europe is headed for another continental war - one that will be even more devastating than the last two if they do not wake up very soon. I am sure when this happens there will be many Americans who will again take the isolationist position to just let them stew in their own juice as what they deserve. I personally would never advocate such a course. As the present leader of the "free world," America has responsibilities, even to those who are increasingly not our friends, but in truth are even becoming the friends of our enemies.

Even so, there are many ways and interests that we still have in common with Europe, some countries more than others. We now have an even greater interest in helping the emerging free nations such as Russia, and her former satellite countries that are experiencing transformation, and are actually in many cases far greater friends of America already than our "traditional allies." America's future foreign policy should focus much more on the "new world" than the old. Europe is very close to falling to an even greater tyranny and oppression than that which threatened it in the last century. The gates of hell have been opened, and there are only a handful of European nations that have even begun to see this and sound the alarm.

The Gates of Hell

Many Christians around the world view the European Union (EU) as the platform upon which the antichrist will seek world dominance. There is little question that the EU is a godless, and blatantly, anti-Christian organization. It is also true many are saying that Europe has now become "the dark continent," the most heathen territory on the planet. Its political leaders seem to be increasingly void of both the nobility, courage, and vision that many of their predecessors had.

However, let us not completely mark them off yet. Europe does have a history of repeatedly coming to this same place, and some of the greatest and most noble leaders in history have arisen in her midst to lead her out of the mire. I have not given up this hope, and I make it my regular prayer. The primary purpose of this bulletin is to stir up this prayer in others.

Even so, the gates of hell are wide open in Europe at this time, and the evil is pouring through them. These are some of the same access points the devil used before to try to destroy Europe. Along with the great leaders that Europe had in its history, they also had their share of despots that would have to be numbered among the most vile in history. That which has been called the "Dark Ages" was basically European history. That period was the result of religious intolerance, which surprisingly is the source of the new darkness now sweeping over the continent. It has come in another form, but it is the same demon.

The antichrist spirit that is now prevailing over Europe is also very anti-religion of any sort, even though it is far more opposed to Christianity than others. This is the very thing that is going to catapult the continent into its next, even more devastating war. Christianity is the only power that can keep much of Europe from being taken over by Islam. Not wanting religion, they are going to end up dominated by the most harsh, intolerant religion of all. Europeans are actually not far from experiencing the kind of tyranny and oppression of the Taliban in their own nations.

This is not to infer that all of Islam is like the Taliban. There are many faces of Islam just as there are many faces to Christianity at this time. There are Islamic nations that many Christians would probably prefer to live in rather than in the type of darkness of soul and anti-God mentality that is sweeping over Europe, which is already, in reality, renouncing religious liberty by its practices. However, the kind of perversion and darkness in Europe will be countered with a most oppressive form of Islam when it takes over Europe.

Islam is now taking over Europe as surely as if armies were occupying its cities. Because of what has happened to the core values of family and marriage in much of Europe, Europeans are now experiencing a negative population growth. One recent study estimated that Europeans were now having 1.1 children per family, which alone would result in a 50 percent reduction in the population. However, fewer people are marrying to even make up a family. At the same time the Muslims in their midst are almost all marrying, and having many children per family. Because of this alone, some European nations are likely to have Muslim majorities in the next decade. But, there is another factor that is likely to speed this along.

Turkey has made application for membership in the EU. They seem to have met all of the qualifications and it will be hard to keep them out for long. When they become members, the borders to all other EU nations are immediately thrown open to free immigration from Turkey. This alone could tip the balance and quickly lead to Muslim majorities in many European nations very fast.

A Prophecy

Much of Europe will fall to Islam. At first it will seem a very benign form of Islam rising in these nations, but that will not last long. Muslims will not tolerate the level of perversion that is now so common in Europe. There will be an attempt by the Muslim leadership to cleanse these nations of the perversion and idolatry that will become more and more extreme and ruthless. This will result in a war in Europe that will be even more devastating than the last two world wars combined.

Presently, the EU political policy is feeding the continent right into this trap because they still have not learned that you cannot talk the devil out of being the devil. The price for not learning this after World War I was a war many times more devastating in World War II. This is the third time they have followed the same basic course, and it will lead to an even more devastating conclusion than Word War I and II combined - much more.

Germany and Britain - the Salvation of Europe

Germany, the nation that brought so much destruction to Europe in the last century, is the main hope for the salvation of Europe in this one. The European Union has been built on the back of the German economic strength, and the Germans have been willing to pay a very high price for inclusion into the European community. This is mostly the result of the continued guilt many Germans feel because of the Nazi regime, which other European leaders have learned how to use to manipulate Germany.

However, the price that the German people have to pay to carry this heavy burden for the rest of Europe is far more than their leaders told them, and the benefits are far less than they were promised. The German people will soon wake up to this. Germany will awake to what is being done to them by the EU, and to all of Europe by opening the door wide for Islam, and they will be one of the ultimate sources of salvation for Europe.

The German people have a "martial gift." They are going to understand "the Lord of hosts" (literally "the Lord of armies"), and they will follow Him. Germany will help to stop Islam in Europe. At least for a time, Germany, Britain, and America will form a genuine alliance, a much more natural one, and will become pillars that uphold freedom and democracy in Europe, as well as the rest of the world. This "cord of three strands" (see Ecclesiastes 4:12), will ultimately be joined by many other partners in this from the emerging democracies in the rest of the world.

What the enemy was able to use to bring so much destruction to Europe in the last century, a conflict between Germany and Britain, will turn into an alliance in the coming years that will be the salvation of Europe in this century. Britain and Germany are natural allies, and together they can save Europe.

We must pray for Europe, and especially these two countries. Both must cast off the guilt of the past, not forgetting its lessons, but moving ahead using them to help them see more clearly the moral compass they should follow. The British Empire accomplished far more good for the world than bad, and the same is true for Germany throughout history. These are two great cultures and peoples who have blessed the world with great light and leadership in the past, and will do so again.

Summary

Again, some of the points that I made in this brief bulletin are worthy of a book, and I realize that such a bulletin is quite inadequate to establish these points. Even so, I am conveying sober truth, not out of an offense toward Europe, rather, out of love and respect for the nations that have given so much to the world. Dark clouds are gathering over Europe, while the light is diminishing quickly. A few brave souls are starting to sound the alarm in Europe to what is happening, but very few are hearing them.

We must earnestly pray for Europe.

Right now the majority in Europe relish their status as a godless society. Art does often prophesy, and as one European art critic recently wrote, "the future of art is perversion." This is the future of Europe if it does not change the course that it is on. It is getting darker, and there seems to be a race to see who can be more perverted and more shocking. This is not just in art, but in philosophy, and even theology as well. How did this tragic fall happen?

This is a question that we need to understand because to close the "gates of hell" or the access points through which hell is entering, we have to at least know where they are. As my primary mission has been to Europe over the last two decades, I have spent much time studying this fall. The church has to accept much of the responsibility for it. When viewing much of Europe's "Christian" history, it is understandable why so many Europeans want nothing to do with anything Christian again.

Europe's history with Christianity is very different from that which is found in the United States, and other "new world" and even "third world" nations, but most Europeans fail to make these distinctions. Even so, I am not offering here that American Christianity is the answer. We have our own problems, and America is experiencing a similar meltdown in morality and faith, for many of the same reasons Europe is sliding into the abyss.

However, some of America's own tragic fall from its devotion to God has been its links to Europe. I do not believe that America can ever return to its isolationist past, but we must guard who and how we join with other nations. America must have the courage and wisdom to steer a separate course from Europe in politics, religion, and business.

With the exception of Great Britain and Germany, America should look to build our national ties to the British Commonwealth nations, Russia, Asia, Africa, and our own hemisphere. Very soon she will be past the point of no recovery until the next devastating war has run its course. Europe is on an increasingly tightening death spiral and will pull down those who are too closely linked with her. As any pilot knows who has recovered from a death spiral, it usually takes a miracle that leaves us wondering how it happened. Europe needs a miracle now. God will hear even just a few who cry out to Him.

The Spark
Vicki Camp

The SPARK.... ....that gets us over the top .

(sharing a short-simple vision + insight encouragement, received 8-3- 04) As I was communing with Lord, HE began speaking to me about how it is a spark , just a small spark that lights, ignites a fire. And I thought then of men and women long ago first rubbing sticks or flint rocks together to make fire... and Lord spoke along this line to me;

Some of us struggle and strive, to do our best in whatever our Lord has called us to do and be The vision and visions plural that HE has given us, in our lives to do and be. Some have hit walls of resistance , others simply have hit dull no action times, or we may face actual emergency situations that threaten,,, and there are many more struggles/strives that befall us all, at times &&& these previous are only a few I mention. In other words, folks, myself included, can find ourselves in great need at times, of a fresh SPARK to propel us over the top into a roaring fire of accomplishment ,,,,,, once again.

As Lord was speaking about this to me, I was shown a key going into and then turning the starter leading to an automobile engine... that spark to get the motor to then, VaHRrooooooom (sp. ? ;); The engine kicked into life and I then was shown this car running UP A HILL,, fast and powerfully.

Now, that was a pretty simple depiction of a spark that ignites for accomplish !,,, for me, anyway (even though I know near to zilch about automobile starters or engines).

As I was shown this, Lord continued speaking to me that Holy Spirit is like that Spark that ignites the vision[s] given into us in the * First place, then HE ignites us * along the way, HIS/our Way,,, and then HE, Holy Spirit, is The Spark to * finish and accomplish all that our Lord intends with, in and through us; Holy Spirit will finish, accomplish, ignite through a fresh SPARK to take us over to completion,,,,,, that rev ving-up, not by your or my might, nor by your / my power, but...

.....by My Spirit, says The Lord - Zec. 4:6

As you and I occupy (work/labor) till He comes (Lk. 19:13, the talents), whilst at the very same instance have done all we know to do and are standing (Eph. 6:13),,, Holy Spirit IS The first, The in-between, and The last ignition of SPARK that WILL take us over the top (of the hill) to finish the vision[s], the work , Word, promise, obedience, intercession,,, Simply put: Whatever our Lord has called us to presently, each one of us individually.

What may seem impossible in our present striving or even resting (stopped engine) or circumstance, or struggle, or even an emergency,,, will be gotten over the top by Holy Spirit: The Spark of God, Who dwells in eternity and dwells in us unto completion. For our Lord's Word will NOT return to HIM void (empty). Is. 55:11

The Spirit of God Who worked in accomplishing creation, brooding over the waters of turmoil (Gen. 1:2) ; This same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead !!! (Rom. 8:11) &.dwells in us ~ ~ ~ Too awe.

We can know that as we continue, our Lord will have the full Glory in our fini accomplishing -- Our going over the top with HIM, in taking that next hill -- from initial SPARK to becoming full FIRED Firebrands of finish, In Christ.

For I see that,,,, 1. Our LORD is the One Who sparked the vision[s] in us in the first place !;

2. Our Lord delights in our right[eous] directions and obedience as we labor with HIM towards same vision[s], towards mission accomplished;

3. Our Lord will finish it with us; Take us, you and I, over the top just like that auto I was shown running powerfully up the hill, via Holy Ghost supernatural Spirit SPARK ignite; Accomplishing HIS Word, Will and Work, unto that full revving of us,,,,,, as it were ~ ~ VahROOooommmmm....

my prayer: Thank you so dear and mighty Lord. I have this hope, by You I can run right through a troop and even leap over a wall.... , and take that next hill. Come, Holy fresh SPARK, Ignite me afresh Lord unto YOUR accomplishing of and by most wonderful Holy Spirit,,, for creative supernatural hill-taking; Unto Your / my over the top finish, I ask... You *will* be glorified in Your people, for we bear Your Name.

I cannot, but HE can !

May we all be SPARKed afresh; Full throttle Firebrands in HIS Hand.

Ps. 18:27-30 (II Sam. 22) ...For You will save the humble people,.... will bring down haughty looks. For You will *light my lamp*; The Lord my God will *enlighten* my darkness. For by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a wall. As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

- v.c., ~ Bill and Vicki C. http://write-the-vision.net/

The Slaughter Pens

Bob Neumann

On Saturday Morning May 22nd I had a powerful vision. The reasons for delaying the posting of this vision are three fold. First is the present state of the American Church and it's state of heavy slumber. One has to be both awake and sober to distinguish the meaning of the trumpet call. Second is the flow of THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT in relation to the images that have been quickened in my spirit. Maybe you can call it DIVINE TIMING. From the images from the movie THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, to songs in my spirit, to watching old movies around the image of MEMORIAL DAY. THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT has used this time in the past with me, so in hind sight everything seems crystal clear. The Third was that after this vision I realized there were aspects that needed meditation, council, and "2 or 3 witnesses".....and one of these would be a FALSE WITNESS. Which goes back to another old song. That comes later. So let's go to the VALLEY OF VISION.

THE SLAUGHTER PENS

(Just the title I have been told to use is a quandary. Usually when given a vision of this magnitude, at least I believe it is of great magnitude, I place little or no interpretation upon it. Today that changes. Let the reader be lead by THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT in all things).

I found myself looking toward the sunrise. I was sitting on a fence post seeing a glow in the eastern sky. I immediately thought of Malachi 4 when I realized I was hearing soft bleating of sheep. I looked around me and there were sheep in every direction. But they were in pens. The post I was sitting on was one of many in precise position with one another. What I was seeing was a grid work of pens made from wooden rails. Inside each pen were crammed sheep. At the time I did not notice how quiet the sheep were. Yes I had heard bleating. But not many sheep were making "noise". I tried to count the number of several pens but I kept getting distracted. The sheep were so tightly packed they could not move. So counting should not have been a problem, but I could not concentrate. And I knew it. Something was interfering. So I kept moving from pen to pen. Sometimes I walked on the rails, and sometimes on the back of the sheep. At that point the level of perception became clearer as I kept moving. I noticed that each pen held separate breeds of sheep. One pen held tan colored sheep and another held white sheep with black faces. One had short fleece, another had long. The immediate thought I had was "segregated". No pen had diverse sheep in it. And then I came to a pen where the sheep all had a splash of paint on their hind quarters. One pen was red, another blue, another green, and so on. All were basic white sheep. the only difference was the marking someone had put on them. Later I found a pen without any markings, no paint. So I went into the pen.

Here I noticed two things. First was the sheep here were white like those with paint. But each had a "tag" clipped to their left ear. It was not very big, but all the sheep of that pen had them. Later I would find other pens with "tagged sheep". The SECOND thing I noticed was that my "size" was not right. I was walking on two legs but the sheep were HUGE. If I was my normal human size. Canine and human are the two possibilities I have learned in the VALLEY OF VISION... but this was different.

When I realized this I found another fence post and sat to think. Again I looked to the east where the color was brighter, but the SUN had not come over the horizon. And in my spirit I heard the words "FALSE DAWN". Now false dawn is that period of time where night is cut through by the LIGHT OF THE APPROACHING SON. Yes I just flipped SUN with SON. I know HE IS COMING, BUT HE IS NOT HERE YET....as in REVELATION 19.

As I said I sat and pondered what I was "seeing" and what I was "hearing". Yes, the sky was brighter but not a whole lot. So "time" had passed very slowly as I had wandered around the pens. What I thought had been a few hours of slow searching had been but a minute. So I knew my "seeing" was altered. And I thought that I had better listen as clearly as I could. So I went once again into my "watching and listening" mode. I saw sheep in pens, I heard bleating. And then I "heard" something else. It was a "murmuring" I could barely hear. But it was there. And it "seemed" to be coming from my left. Which made it coming from THE NORTH.

So I started to move in that direction. The murmuring was not getting any louder. But I could discern an occasional word. So I kept moving. After awhile I noticed there was "something" there, but was hard to "see". Eventually I could make out a building. It was fairly large, at least 2 stories tall. As I began to "see" the building more clearly, I began to "hear" more clearly. The "voice" was deep and slow. It was also repetitive. "be quiet"..."obey"..."do as you're told"...."do not question"...."do not worry"...

I knew the "voice" originated from the building. I approached the building from the east. To the right of the building I saw the end of the lines of pens. The building was the northern wall to many pens, but there is an open area along the east side of the building. But I can see posts and rails along the side of the building. The fencing narrowed as it moved along the side of the building. I realized that the fencing was there to funnel the sheep into the building. At this point I became aware that this was a slaughter house. It was too big for a shed for shearing...and many of the sheep had been recently sheared.

So I started to move around the southern wall to the building.

Eventually I saw a window above the sheep. I also became aware that the "voice" seemed to be behind that window. So I moved towards the window....moved, flew, teleported...I do not know. But I was looking through the window and there was "something" there. Now I noticed the window could not be opened. It was glass and frames...solid. So I went through it......

And found myself standing and looking down at this thing. It was sitting in lotus position on a raised dais. It wore a robe similar to Hindu or Buddhist monks. And I had an image come to my spirit. The image was from an old movie called "GUNGA DIN". As this image the thing stopped it's "mumbling" and looked up at me. That "mumbling" is what I had been hearing. A controlling mantra that had been controlling the sheep.

"You can not kill me!", the thing screeched. The deep voice was now a weak high pitched screech. And suddenly I had a second image...GOLLUM from the LORD OF THE RINGS movies. So I had interposed the images of the fully evil GOLLUM with the SWAMI from GUNGA DIN. He was the religious leader of the cult of KALI...the THUGS.

Now I can think about these images slowly and clearly. At the time I simply took a few steps towards the thing and squatted down. Even then I was looking down at it.

"You can not stop me", he screeched.

I noticed the evil and insanity in it's eyes. Like GOLLUM it was a perverse parody of human. I knew it was not human. Not even close.

"YOU DO NOT WIN", I stated the obvious.

But it's answer was strange. "The outcome is still in question."

"THE OUTCOME WAS SET FROM THE SETTING OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD".

That produced a scathing verbal attack I will not bother anyone with. But one thing stood out. In the diatribe it said "you naked monkey...". Now I had heard that before. But was not sure where. The only thing that came to me was...."IS THAT ALL THERE IS?".... And I recalled ISAIAH 14.....

and I remember chuckling to myself....and the THING became silent....

and I stood up and walked to and through the broken window....

and I was awake.

Now I can sit back and ponder.....

So this was the "ASCENDED MASTER" the NEW AGERS channel.... So this was the "DISTRACTION" that messed up my "seeing" and "hearing" early in the vision. So this is what rebelled against THE MOST HIGH GOD. So this is what the church tries to bind and cast down/out over and over and over....

It said I could not "kill" it....but I was not sent to kill anything. It said "the outcome was in question"...but IT IS WRITTEN. It said I was a "naked monkey"....had to look it up....Google was no help...

So I asked THE LORD where this thread came from. Eventually I got an image of a ranting Christopher Walken...and I had it...or part of it...a movie called THE PROPHECY. In it Walken is the angel GABRIEL. Lucifer is actor Viggo Mortensen....from THE LORD OF THE RINGS. Funny, I really do not remember the movie, so it is probably not important.

Just a bunch of images. WEIRD IMAGES...TRUE......and coincidences... Walken and Mortenson.... Then there was Victor McLaughlin in GUNGA DIN...and all 3 John Ford westerns with the bugle calls. In all 4 movies old Victor was a soldier...each time was a sergeant...and twice SERGEANT-MAJOR.

So you put it all together...THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW...REVELATION 19. The "thing" of evil insanity that thinks it can stop REVELATION 19 from coming.... And ISAIAH 14...."FALSE DAWN"....Lucifer........ [16] They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;
[17] That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

That last part....about not opening the "HOUSE OF HIS PRISONERS".... the SLAUGHTER PENS....
Isaiah 61
[1] The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
[2] To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
[3] To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. Isaiah 61:1-3 is all one sentence. Yet we have split it into many parts.

Now I have "sat" on this for days. I sent out two posts about THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW. But I got my confirmations...all 3. The two intercessors who gave me council supplied the "sources" for two witnesses. The third came when I went to verify the FALSE CONFIRMATION. The SECOND TRUE WITNESS came from STEPHEN AND NOHELIA BENNING. THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT is telling us to take notice.

WHO WILL? Selah Bob Neumann

The Secret Place

Robert Holmes

I had a geography teacher in high school, a devout man. He would stay on certain Scriptures for months at a time. I used to think he was a little slow; after all I would race through the Bible in a year! But in recent times I have not been able to escape Jeremiah 23. I've been there for months!

There is a wide range of issues dealt with in this chapter, many of them affecting prophets. Review the time of Jeremiah. His father, Hilkiah was a reforming High Priest. He had discovered the ancient scriptures with the king Josiah - known among all the kings of Israel as a man who brought revival. The elders were godly, and sought the council of Huldah, the prophetess who lived in the old quarter of Jerusalem. It is not like the nation was under the cloud of Jezebel and Ahab! It was a prosperous time, yet God saw fit to appoint a prophet.

Jeremiah's first four commands are devastating, "root out, pull down, destroy and throw down". Evidently God was not as impressed as we might be. The prophet laments the state of his compatriots in Samaria, and notes the terrible things being done by the prophets of Israel. Among the most remarkable adjurations is the insistence that prophets seek God's counsel.

Read that sentence again. It's like saying a supplier needs to seek his manufacturer, or a businessman needs to go to the bank. Prophets need to seek Gods counsel. It should go without saying - a prophet's job is defined by taking messages from the King to His subjects. Yet here we find God asking His servants, "who has stood in my counsel?" and saying "if they had stood in my counsel" (Jer. 23:18,22).

We might get smug, except that this could well be us! The root word for counsel used here is "sod" (pronounced chawd). It means "secret counsel" or "secret place". Amos said that God does nothing without revealing things to his servants the prophets from the secret place (Amos 3:7). David said that the secret counsel of God belongs to those who fear Him (Psalm 25:14).

Evidently the prophets of Israel and Samaria had forgotten God's address, or they had lost the key to the secret place, where they might receive His counsel. Oh it's not like they had nothing to say, no not at all. The revelations were flowing thick and fast. Dreams, visions, revelations, interpretations, words and prophecy. But it was not born of the secret place. Their internet list was pumping out the stuff, but it was all worthless!

The Bible has much to say about the secret place. It is a place of hiding, a secret pavilion (Psalm 31:20). It is a dwelling place where God hides us in His shadow (Psalm 91:1). It can be found in the tabernacle of praise, or in the place of refuge (Psalm 27:5). It was most certainly uncovered by David during his darkest hours. Whilst he ran from Saul, and hid in a cave, he penned the following words, "He made darkness His secret place, His canopy dark waters" (Psalm 18:11). Asaph called it the secret place. of thunder! (Psalm 81:7).

It can't be that hard to find. Job, with all his woes found it. He lost his wife, his children, his business, his cattle but not the key to the secret place. He could say, "The counsel of the Lord was over my tent" (Job 29:4).

Isaiah said that those who wait on the Lord renew their strength - that is, those who entwine their lives in His will find his life infusing theirs (Isa. 40:31). Maybe it just takes time.

In this fast paced, twenty first century life - the microchip set, micro fibre suit wearing, micro time management age - we struggle to find the counsel of God. Amazing, we know how to find the twenty third enzyme on the DNA strand, but we can't walk in the twenty third psalm!

Isaiah entreated us, "you who have no money, come buy and eat. without money and without price" (Isa. 55:1). How on earth do you buy without money, and obtain without price? John Alley put it this way, "Spend time, and pay attention". Well said.

It takes time to pray, but even in prayer we might miss Him. It takes time to dwell in the secret place. We must find Him in the difficult times, in the dark hours, in the worst of circumstances. Perhaps that's why the Psalmist said, "Clouds and darkness surround Him" (Psalm 97:2). Afterall, the Lord did say He would dwell in a dark cloud (1 Kings 8:11) and come to us in a firestorm consuming the mountainous high places of our lives (Exod. 19:9).

One only needs to walk the aisles of a Christian bookstore to see why the door to this secret place eludes us. What between the twelve steps to a power prayer time, and the purpose driven wife we find the seven secrets to success and the twenty one immutable laws of laconic speech. The top ten titles overflow with positive posturing and power paradigms. Not a mention of pain, suffering, darkness or trouble. Perhaps God needs to discover His love language again?

David found God in the back of the cave, running away from his spiritual mentor and General, Saul. Frightened, alone and a castaway, David found the key to the secret place. Not just spending time alone with God, no not even the hour that changed the world. He found God in the hardest place of his life, the most difficult circumstances hide Him. If David found God under those circumstances, perhaps we too can find. the secret place.

Elders Of The City
Robert I Holmes

It is hard to see and understand, given our modern environment, given our historical church. Jesus said that by the traditions of men, we made the word of God to no effect. So it is today. The "church" as we see it (in all her splendid 22,000 denominations) is nothing like the church Jesus left his apostles.

Even a cursory reading of the New Testament reveals certain truths to be lost. Every letter Paul wrote was to a city or a region. Not to the "First Pauline church of Maine", or the "Apollostolic church of New Haven". He wrote to the church of God in Corinth (1 Cor. 1:2) and to all the saints throughout Achaia (2 Cor. 1:1). One might assume that there was only one building, or one church location there, but this was not so. There were many house churches, many locations in the one city - yet only one church.

Trapped on a desert island

Imagine John on his prison island and the Spirit catches him up. He sees Jesus, standing amongst lamp stands with stars in his hand. Jesus explains to him that the lamp stands are churches and the stars are the angels of the churches of Asia (Rev. 1:20). Then He begins to dictate a letter to each angel - one angel, one church, one city. Interestingly enough four of the seven churches were not even "his". Paul had founded them and Paul's disciples oversaw them. Yet Jesus asked John to correct them.

You can imagine the courier, waiting at the boat. John says, "Here is a letter. Take it to the angel of the church of Ephesus, thanks" (Rev. 2:1). Scroll in hand the merry messenger makes his way to Ephesus. Now what's the address of that angel again? Never mind, the content is for the church anyway right, so now what address is the church at? Oh right, there isn't one. Oh right, take it to the elders. But who are they? The church there was founded by Paul and cared for by Pricilla and Aquilla. They should be easy enough to find.

The "apostles and elders"

If you had a revelation, or problem for the church, who would you go and see? You'd probably book a session with the "pastor" right? And if you were the pastor, you'd probably appoint a couple of the elders to go up to head office with it, right?

In Acts 15 Paul and Barnabus had a problem. They kept getting Gentiles saved in Antioch. These two men, already described as among the "prophets and teachers" (Acts 13:1) take a trip to Jerusalem. Instead of looking for senior pastor Peter Cephas of the Rock Church, they meet with the "apostles and elders" (vs 2,6). Evidently they were the leaders of the regional church. These men discussed the matter of Gentile conversions and circumcision. They "and the church with them" wrote down an answer to the problem. Judas and Silas "leading men among the brethren" (vs 22) were at the meeting. That makes them either apostles, or elders. They carry a letter with Paul back to the church in Antioch. Judas and Silas "themselves being prophets" (vs 32), encouraged the church there whilst Paul and Barnabus "taught" (vs 35).

So apparently the elders are prophets and teachers. Either that or they are apostles. Peter lends some credence to this, saying "I Peter, a fellow elder" (1 Peter 5:1). So the leaders, the elders of the church are apostles, prophets and teachers (1 Cor. 12:28). John's courier is looking for the elders of Ephesus, evidently prophets and teachers, appointed and joined by apostles.

Meanwhile, on another island.

Paul wintered one year on a beautiful island in the Mediterranean. Crete, the fair star of the Aegean was now home to a bunch of new churches. There were over fifteen towns and cities on the island and evidently, in God's eyes only one church. Paul left his apostolic protégé Titus there with these instructions, "appoint elders in every city (of Crete)" (Titus 1:5). So not only was there one angel, one church, one city but now we find only one set of elders in the city.

Paul had a habit of only appointing one set of elders to any given city. After his escapades in Lystra, Iconium and Antioch he "appointed elders in the church" (Acts 14:21). How far this is from us today. The city has dozens of "churches" with dozens of "pastors" and each little congregation has "elders". But Biblically - only the city wide church has elders. It was to them that John's courier delivered his letters.

Back to John

So John, you've handed your letters to the courier and dispatched them into Asia with a prayer. There are some interesting things said to those "angels" in those "churches". Evidently the church managed to "test the so called apostles" (Rev. 2:2). They had itinerant apostles back then too, and some of the self inflated, self appointed men were not the real McCoy. Somehow the church managed to "test" them and not let them in. Sounds to me like the elders sat at the gates of the city - guarding the church from heretics!

In the back ground you can hear the straining refrain from a Lennon song, "Imagine". Imagine a church, of the city, with elders over the city, able to keep out strange apostles. Able to test the teachers in their city. Having authority with the people, and with the city living in the fear of God (Acts 2 & 4). Imagine!

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Times Square Anointing
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Times Square Anointing: One Year Later.

In the year 2003, the Lord sent me to go to Times Square and anoint it with oil. I sent out a report to a small list of people regarding the events of that day. God also permitted me to share what happened to anyone who contacted me to ask. Recently, I received the command to write up a report on the Times Square anointing and sent it out to a list of 14 people on the 1 year anniversary of the event (which is today). What you are about to read is based on an outline that was given to me by God in prophecy. I write it in faith and obedience to Christ.

A Vision

I had a vision on April 1st, 2004. I had just returned home from work. It was about 11:00 PM. I was walking towards the kitchen from the living room when I had a quick vision of a man standing next to the bookshelf in front of me. He had brown hair and a beard. It lasted for a split-second. Not understanding what I saw, I prayed, "Lord, what is it that I saw?" The Lord answered, "It is my presence!"

What an interesting choice of words, I thought. Was he saying that the image that I saw was a visual manifestation of his presence? I rejoiced. It was a very encouraging experience. I recall that I shared it with my wife and my brother. It was only later that I realized that the day I had the vision is known as April Fools Day. It's a day when people deliberately tell lies and play practical jokes on each other. I knew the difficulties that others would have believing me. We laughed about it, but it was more than just a practical joke played on me by my best friend.

When God gave me the outline for this report, he told me to start it with the April Fools Day vision. The Lord has taught me a lot through that experience. I see it as a metaphor of the things that he has asked me to do and the words that I was asked to share. Only those who really don't judge by the flesh, the sheep who hear the Shepherd's voice, who fellowship with the Holy Spirit and live by faith will be able to understand that I am telling the truth.

Jan Vermeer

Earlier this year a coworker of mine lent me a copy of a book on the 17th Century Dutch artist Jan Vermeer. Jan Vermeer is topic 2 on the outline given to me by God for this report. The book contained photos of all of his known paintings. I read through it, and I wondered afterwards why I was led to do this. I don't know a lot about art history, but I learned a few things about 17th Century Dutch art.

Vermeer's paintings are highly allegorical. Simple images are given elaborate interpretations. In 17th century Dutch art, certain symbols had defined meanings, and by using these symbols in paintings, the artist could convey it's meaning to his contemporaries. Everything was very well defined. There was even a hierarchy of importance in the types of painting an artist could create. Religious art, both Biblical, and mythological, was considered the highest form of painting, followed by portraits, and ending, I believe, in landscapes, which was considered the lowest of all.

As I read this book on Vermeer's paintings, I learned the elaborate rules that art historians use to interpret his works. A wine jug on the table with a man and a woman implied a seduction scene. A woman reading a letter meant that the woman was having an affair, and so on and so forth.

Here is a link to a web page with Vermeer paintings. http://www.ibiblio.org/wm/paint/auth/vermeer/

In many of the Vermeer paintings, women are depicted wearing pearls. Often this is interpreted as a symbol of vanity, but there is one particular painting, where the pearl is given another interpretation altogether. Entitled "Girl with A Pearl Earring," (http://www.ibiblio.org/wm/paint/auth/vermeer/i/earring.jpg) it is a portrait of a girl wearing a blue turban and a large pearl earring. Unlike the other instances where pearl jewelry implied the wearer's preoccupation with beauty and appearance, the interpreter confidently asserts that this pearl earring is meant to symbolize the woman's purity, more specifically, that she has inclined her ear to the word of God, and the Gospel message. The oriental head covering is seen as further proof of the woman's chastity.

Why is this relevant to the report that I am writing? Vermeer died years ago, so we can't really know the meaning of his paintings. The various interpretations of Vermeer's paintings are never more than educated guesses. Right or wrong, it's all speculation. And what we are seeing with Vermeer's painting of a girl wearing a pearl earring as compared to his other works is a conflict of metaphors. The same image has a different meaning depending on its context. People have created elaborate rules in order to interpret the meaning of his works which are themselves based on elaborate rules of symbolism.

God speaks through images, and symbols. God has given me a message that must be interpreted by understanding His numerical symbolism, but we must never think that by simply learning some rules we can interpret anything the Lord brings. Rules are flesh, and they give birth only to flesh. With everything that we receive from God, we must go before Him to receive His interpretation of it's meaning, for anything else is false.

God gave me a message to share last year based on the revelation and interpretation of a pattern of prophetic dates in my life, but He never meant it to lead to some kind of religious science of prediction or special-date-finding. Unlike scholars, who value their ability to speculate, we who have fellowship with Jesus, can go confidently to Him and await his revelation as to the meaning of everything.

Lions

When we have a vision of a lion, are we seeing the Lion of the tribe of Judah, or a roaring lion looking to devour? When I receive a vision, God has never once allowed me to jump to conclusions, but must always wait for his interpretation, which only comes when He pleases. Sometimes the interpretation is immediate, or sometimes it takes years. Sometimes I am asked what I think it means. I usually say, "don't know" or listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit for the answer. So which is it? Is the lion Jesus, or Satan? It's a trick question. God once said to me "Sometimes a lion is just a lion." Yes it's supposed to remind us of a quote attributed to Sigmund Freud, "Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar." So the next time you have a vision of a loin, perhaps you're being reminded that you have no clue what it means unless He reveals it to you. And maybe, perhaps, that's just what it means.

Even just recognizing that a revelation is from God is not enough. In the Bible we read an account of the High Priest prophesying that Jesus had to die to save the people saying that it was better that one man die than the nation perish. It was true prophecy, and the listeners believed it, but none of them interpreted it correctly. They instead all plotted together to kill Jesus, and used the prophecy as some sort of mandate from heaven to do so. The word says that the letter kills, and in this instance the letter killed in the most literal way.

No prophecy, whether in Scripture or otherwise, is subject to mans own private interpretation. Interpretation belongs to the Lord.

Wolves

Vision of wolves, but this time the wolves are the good guys? What's going on here? I shared my visions in obedience to the Lord. I would have preferred sheep dog or watch dog, or ex-wolf tamed by the Master (now just a dog), but I used the word wolf at the Lord's command. A year and a half ago I had a dream/vision. It started as a dream, but I woke up before it finished. There was wolf, his mouth bloody from attacking sheep. There were sheep all around me. The wolf turns to attack me, and I strike back viciously. The wolf mistook me for a sheep, but I was a wolf there to protect the sheep. I could see my snout and my nose in front of me. I had blood on me as well, and I knew in the dream that this wasn't the first predator that I had confronted that day.

There I was, in service to the Good Shepherd, my Master, fighting battle after battle out of love to protect the very sheep that look at me, and seeing my wolfish nature, feel mistrust and suspicion.

More Signs

Since I was sent forth last year to send out a few prophecies, and anoint Times Square, the Lord has shown me different wonderful sings that glorify his name! Before I share the events of that day you, permit me to share these signs.

First off, I am providing links so that those of you who are unfamiliar with the work that I did last year can read up on it.

Link to the preview of the e-book I wrote last year with some of the signs of 9:
http://www.geocities.com/whatliesbehindthecurtain/2003-04-01-8.html

Link to the invitation to join me in Times Square page:
http://www.geocities.com/whatliesbehindthecurtain/2003-05-03.html

More signs and interpretation are in chapter 2 and 4 of the book I wrote which can be downloaded from this page: http://www.geocities.com/whatliesbehindthecurtain/book.html

Here is a list of new things that I was shown and new signs that were revealed to me.

1. There are 9 months, or 40 weeks in a typical pregnancy. 9 therefore, is associated with pregnancy and birth, or in the case of my daughters birth, and all the signs in my life, the birth of the Man-Child.

2. There are 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit in Galatians. These are 9 characteristics with which the fruit or lack thereof on the branches will be examined. 9 therefore, is associated with judgment.

3. I was web surfing one day and I decided to look and see what God had to say through Bill Burns on 8-27-1999 (my daughter's DOB). This is what I found:
http://www.ft111.com/trumpet2.htm#August%2027,%201999.

4. I did not realize until this year that Times Square was 99 years old on the day of the anointing. Here is a link to a web page confirming that Times Square turned 100 years old this year:
http://www.npr.org/features/feature.php?wfId=1812211. It also contains info on an appropriately titled book called "The Devils Playground" about the history of Times Square.

5. There was a Broadway musical (near the anointing spot) called Nine which opened and closed in the year 2003. Despite its short run, it was awarded a Tony award for best musical "revival."
http://www.newyorktheatreguide.com/news/dec03/3dec03nine.htm

God only sent me forth for a short time in the year 2003. He asked me to withdraw, and study and prepare. I read something earlier this year that I wanted to respond to (a false prophecy) and The Lord said, "If you want to help, then read the book of Esther!" Esther was my current reading assignment at the time. That's where I am now, in training and preparing for the work ahead.

God told me once that the day of my birth was a sign. I was born in 1974. This means I was conceived in 1973 and that I anointed Times Square in the 30th year since my conception. I read the testimony of a prophet who was told by God that he was conceived in 1973 because this was the year of Roe Vs. Wade, the supreme court decision in favor of abortion. God told me that this applies to me as well. In fact, the large number that I was given in March of 2003 (link here:
http://www.geocities.com/whatliesbehindthecurtain/2003-03-19-1.html) was later revealed to me to be

the exact number of babies that would be murdered in the USA in 2003. I tried to confirm that number, but I could only find an estimate for 1.3 million, and I don't know if that includes infanticide, or how accurately such figures can be measured with the latest abortion pill technology for that matter. But I trust that God is never wrong. I also learned an amazing fact. 1 in 4 pregnancies in the USA ends in abortion.

Please take the time to read the Third Thunder by Bob Neumann. It will help you to understand the emphasis on abortion and the reason for its connection to the signs in my life and the anointing of Times Square: http://www.etpv.org/1998/3thundr.html.

7. The day I finished writing the book called 9 was one week before the Times Square anointing. At the Lords command, I quickly perused it and then sent a copy of it to my brother for him to post on the website. God didn't want it to be perfect in spelling and things of that nature, so I didn't get to edit it carefully. He wanted to make a point with its informal nature. It is not copyrighted either. He said that I am never allowed to edit it. I started re-reading it until 3 AM the next day, and then I went to bed. The next day, my wife finds out that her brother and his live-in girlfriend had seen a bright light for a few seconds shining on them just outside the window. My wife's brother knew that God was calling him through this supernatural sign ("I stand at the door and knock"), but he didn't want to leave his life of vices. He instead ignored the call, became agitated, forced himself not to think about what he saw, and reportedly started looking for drugs to use.

8. On May 24th, 2003, we boarded a plane and headed towards New York. We realized later that it was exactly 9 years prior that my wife boarded a plane from Syracuse, New York to live in Puerto Rico.

The reason why I mention some things that don't seem to directly relate to the message of the anointing of Times Square is because they are meant to confirm the message that I received at Times Square that will be mentioned later on. Here are some more things that occurred in 2003 that are shared for you edification.

9. On 8-27-2003, Mars made it closest approach to earth in all of human history. It was also the day that the 10 commandments monument was removed from the Alabama courthouse. Not that it matters how many monuments to the 10 commandments are erected, but its removal on that date combined with the sign in the sky is prophetically significant. It was also my daughters 4th birthday. I also had a vision of a "man in Mars" that day. It was a man in armor with a shield in his right hand and a sword in his left. No interpretation received.

10. On 9-18-2003, Hurricane Isabel hit the United States. It was my 5th wedding anniversary, and the 14th anniversary of the day that Hurricane Hugo hit Puerto Rico (where I live) in 1989, at 9AM causing 9 deaths.

11. At the end of October, 2003 my grandmothers apartment was finally sold (40 E 9th St, 7th floor), and my parents did a wire transfer of a large sum of money to me so that I could pay off the mortgage on my apartment. My apartment, which I moved into during my 7th year in Puerto Rico, and my daughter's 3rd year of life, cost $153,000, and on 11-7-2003, it was finally paid off. 11-7-2003 is the 5 year anniversary of my wedding reception which occurred 50 days after my court wedding due to Hurricane George.

My apartment, which is on the 3rd floor of the 3rd building in the walk up complex where I live, was finally redeemed on the 5th anniversary of my reception. The full price of $153,000 now paid. I sensed in the Spirit to look up redemption in the dictionary and found this:

Redemption: 1. an act of redeeming or the state of being redeemed. 2. deliverance; rescue. 3. deliverance from sin. 4. atonement for guilt. 5. repurchase, as of something sold. 6. paying off, as of a mortgage, bond, or note. 7. recovery of payment, as of something pledged.

Now the box number for my apartment is 306, which is 153 times 2. I have found the book The Third

Day Church by Bill Burns to be very helpful in understanding the meaning of these signs (http://www.ft111.com/thirdday.htm). Chapter 9, in particular, sheds some light on the number 153 and it's meaning that can applied to these signs.

One last thing relating to numbers: Recently, God told me that the number 17 means "The Great Feast of the Lamb," in the signs in my life. 153 is 9 times 17. God told me to mention it here.

The Anointing of Times Square

Speaking of the number 153, it was on the 153rd day since the Lord first called me to share his word with the world on 12-26-2002 that I was standing on 45th St. on a little wedge of side walk between Broadway and 7th Ave in the middle of Times Square. My wife, my brother, his wife, and our 2 daughters were in attendance. It was May 27th, 2003, one year ago today, my brothers 3rd wedding anniversary, the day my daughter turned 45 months old, and the 7th anniversary of the day my wife first called me phone in 1996.

There were 6 of us in total, not including the tall man standing next to us in his underwear called the Naked Cowboy, and a small group of tourists paying attention to him. When we first arrived in Times Square that day, I hoped that God would move the Naked Cowboy off the anointing spot before noon, but God positioned him there because of his prophetic significance. At 11:57 AM or thereabouts, the Lord spoke to me and told me to read from Revelation chapter 18.

Rev. 18:1-6 (ESV) After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. [2] And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast. [3] For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living." [4] Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; [5] for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. [6] Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.

After I finished reading verse 6, God told me to pour out the oil. He then said that verse 6 had just been fulfilled. I finished reading the rest of chapter 18, and we all prayed for the things that God had asked us to pray for, such as a spirit of repentance. The decision has been made. America has been sentenced. After I finished, Jesus said, "Give me back my rod." I gave/he took it back.

Can America take what it dishes out? The day of the Columbine High School massacre coincided (so they say) with the largest day of Bombing in Kosovo. Rev. 18:6 shows us that America will have to take a double portion in the cup she mixed.

I find it more that a coincidence that God describes both spiritual and natural Babylon to me as "sentenced" when I read the following prophecy that was sent to me earlier this week. Just like the condemned man, America is sentenced. This is direct confirmation, and God told me to include His word through David Haase here:

From the White Throne
David Haase

... 5-23-04

America is like a dead man. condemned not knowing the hour or the day of his destruction, awaiting his final Judgment, lost, not seeing, unable to defend himself against his fate. His last hours he lashes out at things he can not comprehend, against foes he can not see. all in vain, for his hour is appointed, his death assured, no morning will he see, his life squandered among the nations. Brought out from among the least, you thought to raise yourself above all nations, your heart set like stone without remorse.

AMERICA NOW HEAR THIS!!! You are cut off from your seed. your lives belong to others, you touted freedom, yet your actions spoke rebellion. Love of yourself is all that mattered. Lies spoken to others and yourself, this is all you hear and will hear. My servants who walk among you who cry and weep to save you, are but deaf whispers in your ears. How loud these cries will sound on the Day of Judgment. The tears and shame will be yours as you see and hear it again. You have mocked Me, your games, your courts, your hidden lies, your sins of the dark, your sins flaunted for all to see. to make them more like you. NO MORE!!! YOUR DAYS ARE ENDED!!! Watch as all you hold dear is shaken, removed and destroyed by My Wraith. My heart burns with anger against you, My hand will be stayed NO longer. My Word has sealed your fate.

From foolishness will come a destroyer of many. ---

After the anointing we walked on to 14th Street Union Square and took communion and prayed for unity in the Body of Christ. Then we ate lunch and afterwards my wife, my daughter and I continued on to the sight on the fallen towers to look around at the Lord's command. We walked around the Battery Park area for a while and tried to take a subway train back to my parents forgetting that all northbound service that passed through the World Trade Center had ended because of the fall of the Towers. I had to walk north to Canal Street to catch a train back to my parent's house. On the way back North, we passed by the Wall Street Bull pictured here: http://www.nyposter.com/images/Cards/bigimages/card2404.jpg. It is anatomically intact unlike the Steer in the vision of the Killing of the Bull given to Bob Neumann (http://www.etpv.org/1998/killbull.html).

There are those who want to believe that no actual physical destruction is on the way, and that warnings of judgment against Babylon only have to apply to the spiritual Babylon. But this vision by Ray Aguilera and its interpretation help shed some light on what is coming to pass right now: (http://www.prophecy.org/279pro.htm). The fire of destruction and purification will burn in both the physical and the spiritual.

Weeks after the trip to Times Square the Lord spoke to me and told me to read number 1516 on Ray Aguilera's prophecy, visions, dreams list.

http://www.prophecy.org/1516pro.htm

I was amazed to read that it was a prophecy about the anointing of Rio de Janeiro with oil. God helped me to understand the purpose for the Times Square anointing by leading me to that prophecy. God then said to read the next one, and I did.

http://www.prophecy.org/1517pro.htm

I provided the link, but it's short, so I'll quote it:

1517. Prophecy given to Raymond Aguilera on June 28, 2000 at 10:20 PM. What I told the two of you (Carl and I) in Israel still applies. "What comes up comes down, good and faithful servants. Look at the mountain. Look at the mountain".

When I first read this, I thought first of the statue of Jesus, and the judgment against idolatry, but now I know God was speaking also the Second Coming of Christ.

Concluding Words

To Abba, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit belong the Glory for all that He has done in my life. It is with Holy Fear and trembling that I shared this with you, knowing that I would have to give an account to God for every word. I have not tried to write something that would be believed. I don't want recognition from anyone, only God's approval. I have not lied, but have told the truth about everything.

Last year, I complained to Jesus that I would be called a prophet of doom. He said, "What do you care what other people think?" I realized that he was quoting from the title of a book that I own by a scientist named Richard Feynman. Richard Feynman was chosen to be a member of the committee that was commissioned to investigate the cause of the Space Shuttle Challenger explosion in 1986. The rest of the committee was led around on tours looking important while he separated himself to do some actual investigating. What he found was a web of deception and hypocrisy, false statistics, and poor risk assessment. The lies that NASA told made the shuttle appear safe, but telling lies, and believing them couldn't change that fact that faulty design and wishful thinking caused the shuttle to explode.

In 2003, a year of symbolic judgments on America (such as the northeast area blackout, and California fires), the Space Shuttle Columbia exploded over Palestine, Texas. Few want to believe the message, but that won't stop it from coming to pass. There will be conviction and repentance, but first comes the fire that brings it.

I now return the shelter of the Most High and await the command to go forth again. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

The Spiritual Siloam

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The name siloam naturally reminds us of the pool Jesus sent a blind man to. The name means sent and it is a shadow of the spiritual siloam where christians sent by God normally visit everyday.
The spiritual siloam is a place where we can all go to after we have suffered afflictions and when the Lord puts mud on our face trying us with trial and refining us in the furnace of afflictions.
We should all come to fellowship with God in his presence, the spiritual siloam. This is an invitation to come worship in his presence. His presence bears different names in the bible.

Ps 42:1 calls it **- water brooks**.

Ps 23:2 calls it - **the still waters**.

Is.55:1 calls it - **the waters** .

John 7: 38 calls it - **rivers of living waters**.

In his presence we would :

1, See clearly for the mud shall be removed from our eyes and our eyes would be open.

2, Drink of the water of life when we are thirsty.

3, Eat when we are hungry.

4, Buy things freely when we dont have any money.

5, Hear God`s voice when we lack direction.

6, Have fullness of joy.

7, Have pleasures for ever more.

Invitation;

O come to the waters and drink freely. Come when you are troubled or despaired. Come and taste of his goodness. O taste and see that the Lord is good and his mercies endures for ever. come to the stream where the rivers flow with life. Just like it begun in Eden. I am gonna have life shared with you. O come and see that the Lord is good.

Why Compromise?
Bayo Omoyiola

I heard the Spirit say - ask my people why they compromise. and I just wanna ask why did you compromise? for some people it has been trials all the way. You lost your house. You lost this. You lost that. You were tried and it hasn't been easy. Well done, you kept the faith but next time you could do better. Never compromise.
It's not time to compromise but a time to recover. Many have recovered and so many would soon recover as the Spirit says this is a month of restoration. God is going to restore every thing back in seven folds. Everything satan has ever stolen in your life shall be restored back to you.

Conquest and change
Bayo Omoyiola

He also said its a season of conquest so awake and gain new grounds. Wake up get new directions and make new discoveries about your life and purpose. Its a time of change. We must change for change is the only constant thing. If you don't change you will be left behind. So change. Invoke it. Cause it to happen. Be violent in prayer. Take it by force. Some of you are going to break new grounds. You shall gain new areas. Widen your telescope for opportunities abound. But remember to stay faithful.

Blessings
Bayo Omoyiola

God is gonna be raining down his blessings on some of us who sow seeds in prayer labouring for our rest. God is gonna do it. He must fulfill his plan. Be encouraged brother to start again. It's not over till it's over and sister don't give up. It's just started. It's not over yet. God is going to bless you beyond your limitations.
Be cheered.

The Staff Of God

Francis Frangipane

Imagine a church staff where each person's primary vision is to attain Christlikeness. Picture working with this group of people: not only do they each fulfill their responsibilities, but they are earnestly reaching for Christ's humility and His redemptive prayer life. Add to these virtues that they are committed to possessing unoffendable unity in their relationships, both with those whom they serve and those who serve them. Is there any doubt that with such a team God could change the world?

Before you say the above is impossible, I'm actually describing my staff, both at our church and in our associated ministries as well. The key has been their participation in *In Christ's Image Training*. While no one on staff is perfect, and we still have to match individual gifts correctly with ministry needs, the compelling vision for each person is to truly become Christlike.

It wasn't always this way. Like nearly every church, we have had our share of conflicts, strife and immaturity. We had a couple of times when we suffered from "staff infection." Over the years, however, we have learned some things that have proven invaluable in creating both vision and right attitudes. With the Lord's help, we have incorporated some of these insights into both our online school and our ministry association.

In Ancient Times

According to the dictionary, a staff is "a group of assistants to a manager, executive, or other person in authority" (The American Heritage Dictionary). Originally, however, a staff was not a team of people, but a strong, straight branch that was cut from a tree and sanded smooth, upon which a traveler would lean as he walked. The purpose of the staff was for support, balance and also as a weapon to protect the traveler. From this simple origin, we can better understand the genesis of the current word "staff" and how it came to represent those who support a leader. As the traveler found strength, balance and protection, so a godly leader should find these same qualities in those who serve as his or her staff.

Of course, when we talk about leader/staff relationships, the leader must first be passionate about personal conformity to Christ. Obviously, the leader will not be perfect, but he or she should be sincerely reaching for Christlikeness in their life. A "leader," by definition, is one who is going somewhere. The more clearly that destination is revealed as conformity to Jesus, the more they will inspire their staff to follow with them.

Amazing Power in a Godly Staff

I want to take the benefit and blessing of a godly staff and add a little revelation to it. Remember when the Almighty appeared to Moses in the burning bush? The Lord told Moses to cast his staff to the ground. Immediately, the staff turned into a dangerous snake from which Moses fled; rather than being the leader's protector it had become his enemy. My first point is this: if a staff has not been touched by God to serve a particular leader; if it still harbors jealousy and selfish ambition (see James 3:16), then it has the capacity to suddenly turn into a serpent, with tongues that spread poison.

However, in the above story the Lord told Moses to pick up the serpent and, as he did, it returned again to being a staff. When we lay our staff at the feet of God, that staff will be different when the Lord tells us to lift it, and this is my main point. When God gives you the staff He has chosen, there will be supernatural power accompanying it. In fact, listen to what the Lord said to Moses: *"You shall take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs"* (Ex 4:17).

The Holy Spirit placed an anointing upon Moses' staff and with the staff he worked miracles. Repeatedly we see in the Israelites' deliverance from Egypt that it wasn't Moses alone that released miracles; the signs and wonders came through his staff. Moses pointed the staff, struck the waters with the staff and waved it up at the sky; *the staff was the instrument through which divine power manifest.*

Not only that, but from that point on Moses' staff was called by an additional name. It was now called the "staff of God" (Ex 4:20; 17:9).

Oh, I pray this is a revelation to your heart! It is not enough for a man or woman of God to be anointed - their staff must become the staff of God. And there is no greater means to fulfilling the purpose of God than when a leader and staff all choose to pursue conformity to Christ.

Again I assure you, no one on my staff is even halfway perfect (least of all me). However, the pastors, elders, deacons and ministry leaders at our church have been through *In Christ's Image Training*, where the clarity of attaining Christlikeness has become our common goal. Each of us is sincere about possessing Christ's humility, securing His redemptive prayer life, and attaining unoffendable unity. Remember, we are not sitting on a mountaintop in prayer all day. We are frequently tested with deadlines - Monday mornings, Friday afternoons and times of rapid expansion and growth. There is always a battle aimed exaggerating peripheral issues. Yet even when we feel somewhat off track, the compass of our hearts points clearly toward the path of Christlikeness. We always know the way back.

Without such a focused staff, the blessings and power we are now experiencing would not have occurred. This is the reason I have written you, dear friend: I would like to see the blessing we are enjoying spread to every church, prayer group and ministry, where your staff shares these values and your church grows in Christlikeness. Remember, the potential attached to attaining Christ-centered unity is unlimited! (See Matt 18:19).

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Sincerely yours,
Francis Frangipane

The Love Motivated War Mode
Francis Frangipane

Aug 27, 2004
If we will succeed in these difficult days, it will be, in part, because we have renounced the seductive limitations that accompany a peace-time mentality. Indeed, we must embrace an aspect of spirituality that is unfamiliar to many Christians - one that is both militant and vigilant toward evil. We must appropriate "the war mode" aspect of the mind of Christ.

Over the last few months the Holy Spirit has been calling the church to rise in intercessory prayer and in the exercise of spiritual authority. With holy urgency in my heart, I say we do not have time to languish in self-pity about life's injustices. In a time of war, we must not be distracted by little inconveniences. We must possess a war mentality.

The good news is that hell would not be in such a frenzy if heaven was not advancing. God is working to bring revival and spiritual awakening to our nations. Thus, while I am concerned about the advance of evil, I am encouraged that evil is being met with resistance by many among the people of God. The enemies' multifaceted attack will be repulsed, and even reversed, provided we stand and fight.

My immediate appeal is for us to war in prayer with passion and confidence. Remember, as the church of Jesus Christ, we are not fighting against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers and the world rulers of darkness (see Eph. 6). These ruling spirits hold influence over every nation and culture on earth; on a worldwide scale, we must all be involved. Yet, whatever efforts we make in the natural realm, our focus and victory originate from the spiritual realm: things visible come from things invisible (see Heb 11:3). So we must war in prayer using the word of God as our primary weapon and the blood of Christ as our primary defense.

A True Peacemaker

The argument arises, *"I am a peacemaker like Jesus. The Lord hasn't called me to war."* I, too, am a peacemaker. At the core of my quest for Christlikeness is the ministry of reconciliation and peacemaking. Indeed, "the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace" (Jam 3:18). Thus, toward people, we must never forget that our message is the Gospel of

Peace. At the same time, it is the "God of peace" who has chosen to crush Satan beneath our feet (Rom. 16:20). There is a militant side of true peace, where our peace comes because we have confronted, battled and overcome our spiritual enemies.

The problem is too many Christians have confused peace with passivity. They have a hollow "peace," for their lives are prayerless and they live in perpetual compromise with heaven's enemies. This is not peace; it is bondage. Jesus was the quintessential peacemaker, yet He boldly confronted the advance of evil, and He did so with unbending righteousness and unsheathed spiritual authority. Christ *terrified* the demonic realm. At His approach, evil spirits howled in trembling dread: "Have You come to torment us before the time?" Jesus was operating in the war mode and they knew it.

The Lord confronted the demonic realm and commissioned His disciples to do the same (see Matt 10:1; Mk 3:14-15; 6:13; Mk 16:17;Lk 9:1; 10:17-19). The disciples were trained to function in the war mode: they learned discernment, understood authority and usually engaged in the fight of deliverance with perseverance. Not only did Jesus exercise authority over every demonic hierarchal strata up to Satan himself, but He told the disciples that the works He did, including those of spiritual warfare, they would also do (Jn 14:12). He specifically gave His disciples authority "over all the power of the enemy." He then assured them that "nothing [would] injure" them (see Luke 10:19). Of course, He trained them to walk in purity and built into their souls certain fundamental safeguards. Yet, after preparing and commissioning them with His authority, He ministered faith, not fear to His disciples.

When I read the scriptures, it is plain to me that Jesus was always operating in a mode of *spiritual aggression* toward the powers of hell. He was perfectly God-focused, but His radar was continually sensing the enemies advance into His world. When Peter sought to dissuade Jesus from accepting the cross, Jesus discerned in Peter's words the voice of Satan. Speaking directly to the spirit manipulating Peter, Jesus rebuked the prince of devils, driving him from the thought-life of the apostle. When Jesus sent out the seventy disciples, they went forth in a war mode. When they returned from their mission, they marveled that even demons were subject to them in Christ's name (Lk 10:17-20). Jesus commanded His disciples follow Him into heaven's battles.

I know we picture Jesus eternally kind and unfathomably gentle, and such He was with the victims of life's injustices. (His compassion was also an act of war against evil). Yet, the one who wrote that God is love and whose ear listened to Christ's very heartbeat, also said the Son of God came "that He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 Jn 3:8).

Do we see this about Christ? Jesus not only came to restore and redeem, He also came to "destroy the works of the devil." As a follower of Christ, have you destroyed anything evil lately? Have you toppled any demonic strongholds this week? Have you rescued anyone imprisoned in sin or fear or demonic captivity recently? Evil can be destroyed in a hundred different ways, not merely in a "deliverance" session. The sad truth is, historically, too many of us have neither a plan nor a prayer to truly see evil destroyed.

You see, we need an "attitude" toward evil. Imagine if, in addition to fulfilling our other spiritual disciplines and virtues, every Christian began to truly pray with the authority of Jesus Christ. Without exaggerating the role of the devil, consider the heavenly impact praying Christians would have if we all renounced passivity, unbelief and fear. Remember, Paul said the weapons of our warfare were mighty. Imagine if we actually used them!

Love Motivated Warfare

Jesus knew this world was a realm under satanic siege. Planet Earth was not a place of peace, but a realm at war. From the casting out of Lucifer and his angels from heaven, to the temptation in the Garden of Eden, to Babylon and the multiplication of nations under satanic influence, planet Earth has been an embattled world. The idea that somehow our era is less threatened by evil is the height of deception. We must fight if we will follow Christ into victory.

No matter how beautiful the world around us seems, remember there was a serpent lurking in Paradise itself. If Adam and Eve had possessed a war mode mentality, they never would have casually accepted the lies of Lucifer. Likewise today, we need to be wise and walk carefully for "the days are evil" (Eph 5:16). You see, Jesus was always aware that He lived in a war zone. No matter what He was doing - whether He was laughing with sinners or driving out demons, whether He was healing the sick or training followers - beneath the surface of His outer activities, the "war mode switch" in Jesus' mind was always "on."

Perhaps a few women among us might argue, "This warfare stuff is a macho thing. I'm just a housewife, a mom. I don't have a war mode." If your child was seriously sick, wouldn't you fight that illness with everything at your disposal? You would fast and pray, and do so from your war mode. If your marriage was under spiritual attack, wouldn't you get before God and war with fervency? The fact is, you know how to fight. Ask your husband if he thinks you have a war mode. You just need something to wake it up, because once you begin to shift into the war gear, in the Holy Spirit you are dangerous!

You see, the war mode is in us all. It may be attached to our instinct for survival, but it is more directly connected with our love for people. I love my nation so I am warring in prayer on its behalf. Because of love for my family, I war in prayer on their behalf. I love my church, my city and, yes, even my own soul, so I war to protect what I love.

If there is a natural fight instinct, there is a spiritual fight mode as well. It just needs to be awakened, submitted to Christ, and then unleashed against the enemy. If you have a love mode, you also have a war mode. God has created the war mode so we can protect the people we love.

The Set Time Has Come

June Sanders

Your darkness and confusion, My Child, has now been replaced with 'FINAL RESOLUTION' that My PLAN be not erased. You have not been defeated, in no area misled. You have always Heard My Voice which became your DAILY BREAD. You Will REAP Where You Have Planted through years of tears and toil. Seeds of DELIVERANCE have taken root deep in the soil.

I AM CHANGING ATTITUDES To Come in Line With MY PLAN. Though resisted in the past, You will witness how I can cause a turn-a-bout that will fulfill Your GOD GIVEN Goal. The SET TIME Has COME For Resolution Of Heart and Soul.

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The Sufferings of Christ
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"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you; which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exaltation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you" 1 Pet. 4:12-14.

In order to share the heart of Christ, we must endure the sufferings of Christ. To the degree that we have shared in His suffering, we can have His spirit. The concept of rejoicing in suffering for Christ's sake is foreign to many Christians. This is because we must live it in order to experience the joy of it. We may not like what breaks us, but living in brokenness can be gratifying if we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of a loving Father.

Indeed, if we are persecuted for Christ's sake, His spirit rests on us and we live in the aroma of His presence. For he who has suffered in Christ has turned away from sin and lives only for the will of God (1 Pet. 4:1-2). With every fiery trial we endure our flesh dies; the veil that hides our heart from Him is removed and we can, to a greater degree, receive His spirit.

As Christ humbled Himself under God's hand and became obedient to Him even to the point of death (Phil. 2:8), so we also must humble ourselves under God's hand. We can place ourselves in His hands, trusting that each trial we endure will be worked for our good and for the good of His kingdom (Rom. 8:28). Knowing that God truly cares for us more than we can even imagine (1Pet. 5:6-7) causes us to relinquish everything in our hearts, especially those things that are not of Him.

Perfected in Christ
"After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself *perfect, confirm, strengthen* and *establish* you" 1Pet. 5:10.

To the degree that we share in the sufferings of Christ we can know His heart. To be like minded with Christ, we must share in His suffering. It is in this way that we are perfected in Him and His love has full reign in our hearts.

1 Peter 2:20 says, "But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God." There is no joy like the joy of being in God's favor and the knowledge that He beams with pride over your response when others treat you harshly. When we love and bless while being reviled, it brings forth the blessing of our Father.

Building God's House
Those who pursue peace in the midst of their suffering have direct access to God's heart. "For the eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous and His ears attend their prayers" 1Pet. 3:12.

There are hidden regions in the heart of Christ that can only be found by those who will patiently endure the mistreatment by others. Those who are persecuted and rejected for His sake, He will pull close to His bosom. Only then can we see the treasures of His heart; only then will we understand the mysteries of His will. Only then will our heart begin to beat with the rhythm of His, and *only then* can He use us to build His house.

"And coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected by men, but choice and precious in the sight of God, you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" 1 Pet. 2:4-5.

Christ was a living stone which was rejected by men to become the Chief Cornerstone. We must also become a stone in the spiritual house of God. And it is a great honor to become a part of God's spiritual house, but first we must be made suitable building material. The testing of our faith purifies us for this purpose: to become a part of His house where His glory dwells.

Dying to self and living for God means we think not in terms of "me" or "I", but in terms of "we", "us" and "they." Alone we cannot build God's house, for we make up just one stone. A single stone does not make a house, but working in unity with others, we can become the dwelling place of God.

When we put the needs of the "house" above our own personal wants and desires, we are ready for service in the house of the Lord. But if we continue to fulfill the lusts and desires of our own flesh, we are not living for Him, but ourselves, and His house will not be built.

Sanctifying Our Hearts
"For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God" 1Pet. 2:15-16.

If we are persecuted because of our sinful behavior, we bring no glory to God. But when we are persecuted for doing the will of God, we carry the glory of God with us. We must "sanctify Christ as Lord of our hearts" (1Pet. 3:15). And as we are reviled for His sake, we do not retaliate in the flesh, but in the spirit of Christ for His sake, standing with humility.

When we defend our beliefs in gentleness and reverence, not taking things personally, but instead, responding in love, we put our accusers to shame (1Pet. 3:16). The gentleness with which we respond will make them ashamed of their own behavior. They, by our sacrifice of love, will turn from their wrath to submit their behavior to Lordship of Christ, adopting His heart (1Pet. 3:1-2).

More of Him
In the end, every man's life will be judged by God. Wouldn't it be better to experience His judgment now, while on earth, in order that we might not be ashamed of ourselves in heaven? We will experience either the reward or the chastisement of God at the judgment seat of Christ, where we will either rejoice or regret in the way we have lived our lives on earth.

So, indeed, there is joy in suffering. To receive more of Christ's heart and character...more of His love and compassion...more of HIM!

"Therefore, those who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful creator in doing what is right" 1Pet. 4:19.

Please pray this with me:

Dear God,
Please take all of me and give me all of You in exchange. I entrust my soul to You, my Faithful Creator. Let all that is not of You in my heart be removed. Amen!

The Unclean Spirit
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"THE UNCLEAN SPIRIT WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO CONVINCE US HE IS GOD!"
"It is sent to deceive those who have a strong gift of intercession"

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There is an unclean spirit whose sole purpose is to convince us that he is God. He comes sounding very much like God and plays on our weaknesses and on our sinful thoughts and desires. It is sent to deceive those who have a strong gift of intercession, and it seeks to gain access to our hearts and minds to use our prayers to bring harm to the Body of Christ. One of its goals is to cause our mouths to come into agreement with the realms of darkness.

This demon may present himself as a gift of discernment or even a prophetic revelation. It may begin by flattering you and try and convince you that you are one of the few who really hear God's voice and speak for Him. It seeks to elevate your opinion of yourself, to raise you above those who would be your teachers, thereby, making you unteachable. These are only a few of the ways this spirit operates.

This demon is known as the religious spirit.

He Gains Access Through an Unyielded Heart and Mind

But don't let his name fool you - he is subtle, but destructive. He wants to gain access to your mouth to release hell's destructive powers on the earth. And he seeks to gain access to your heart through any areas of your heart and mind that are not yet yielded to Christ, or any part of your heart that has been hardened by the presence of cold love.

I have seen this spirit deceive many sincere, Godly people and use them to divide and destroy the church. They feel they have been given a "message from God" that others in the Body of Christ are not right spiritually or have "secret sins."

They may have had a disagreement with a church or an individual, but instead of walking in true forgiveness, they become resentful toward them. Instead of praying for them, they begin to pray against them, asking God to bring judgment on them. They may even feel that they "know" what God's judgment against them will be, and pray according to what they feel it should be.

Believing that they are warring against principalities, they war against their brother or sister in the Lord. But in actuality, they are fighting against Christ Himself.

Stand in the Gap for Your Brothers and Sisters

I have heard people say to me that "God" has told them that He is going to destroy such and such a church, ministry, or person. But instead of them being genuinely terrified of that happening and praying against it, I have gotten the sense that they would love nothing better than to see that organization or individual destroyed.

Without realizing it, these people have come into agreement with the powers of darkness. Instead of standing in the gap for their brother or sister, they view them as being out of God's reach. They have unconsciously put them in the category of the "unredeemable." They may even feel that these people are standing in God's way of really displaying His power in the church, and in an attempt to "help" God, they pray for their removal.

Instead of believing for God's mercy to prevail in their brother's life, they feel that he is not as "spiritual" as he should be, so they determine in their heart that God must want to wipe him out. THIS IS NOT THE HEART OF GOD!

Soulish Prayers

Prayers that are prayed outside of God's will and in accordance with the selfish desires of our own hearts are called soulish prayers. And when we pray against others, we cause the powers of darkness to be released on them. This can cause horrific warfare for them. This is witchcraft, and if we dabble in it, we open up our own lives for these destructive spirits to come back on us and wreak havoc in our own lives.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven." **(Luke 6:37)**

"For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." **(Luke 6:38)**

It is very dangerous to assume that we know God's will for others and then pray for that to happen. We may find ourselves fighting against the will of God for their lives. We should always confirm what we feel we have heard in the spirit with the peace of God. If we do not have peace about the word we have received, if it does not come from a heart full of genuine love for our brother, then we should disregard it.

The Religious Spirit

The religious spirit is the same spirit that drove Paul to persecute the first church. As he harassed a small group called the Nazarenes, he honestly felt that he was working for God. He killed and imprisoned hundreds of the followers of Christ and felt right in doing so. He was convinced in his heart that he was fulfilling the will of God.

Paul was positive that he knew what was right and that these Christians were evil. Furthermore, he believed they must be destroyed and felt commissioned by God to do so.

But when the Lord revealed Himself to Paul on the road to Damascus, He showed Paul that he was not fighting for truth, but for the realms of darkness.

What agony Paul must have experienced when he learned the truth of his actions. He did so much want to fight for God, and yet he found himself fighting against Him. How he must have agonized over his sin; his grief must have been immeasurable. However, Paul repented and turned from being the greatest persecutor of the early church to being its greatest defender.

Yielded to Christ

We too can turn away from praying for God's punishment to come on those we do not approve of, and start praying for God's will and mercy to be evident in their lives. We can be lead by the Spirit of Truth found in God's word that says, "The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peace makers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness" (James 3:17-18).

It is essential that we all seek to guard our hearts with the love of God because "love covers over a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8). The Lord has warned us in Matthew 24:12 that the love of many will grow cold because of the increase of lawlessness, "but he who stands firm to the end will be saved" (v. 13). The only way of guarding our hearts is for our hearts to be bound to the Lord. Any places in our hearts that are not yielded to the Lord are areas of vulnerability to the enemy.

We must not pray for others out of a sense of frustration or anger. The greatest and safest prayer we can pray for ourselves and others is "THY will be done!" Not their will or our will, but pray earnestly for God's will to be accomplished in their life.

God Will Bless You

If you feel you have been the victim of soulish prayers or witchcraft, you may at times feel a heaviness or an ominous sense of failure. You may have an increase of strife in your relationships, experience confusion, or an overwhelming feeling of self-loathing. But take heart, half the battle is knowing what is attacking you.

Like it or not, you will need to pray for those who have prayed against you. Pray that their words against you will be powerless and that they will stop praying out of the will of God. Ask God to bless them with His peace, love, and mercy.

Above all else, we must forgive them, because they really do not realize what they are doing. They are victims of this unclean spirit as much as we are. "We wrestle not against flesh and blood" (Eph. 6:12), meaning: we do not fight each other, but we "wrestle" Satan and his demons. The enemy is our enemy. And we do not wrestle in the natural, but in the supernatural realm.

Repent of any unforgiveness you may be harboring against them or others and ask God to give you His unconditional love for them. And, if possible, be an encouragement to them - it will be very difficult for them to continue to hate you if you respond to them in love. Note: It may take time for the spiritual atmosphere around you to be cleared of all their prayers, so continue to cover yourself in prayer often.

Finally, be sure to watch how God will bless you through this, because in every trial we face, there is a blessing in it for us if we yield to God. If the enemy has targeted you, be encouraged by it, because he must know of something very powerful in your future or he wouldn't bother harassing you.

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The Season We Are In

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Halloween - A Historic Day of Revival

Many people consider the weekend of October 31 a dark time for the Christian community because of its association with Halloween...a time where witchcraft rules supreme. The reality, though, is that God has used October 31 over and over to be a day of historic visitation of revival.

This year on October 31 we celebrated the 100 year anniversary of the awesome revival that hit the whole country of Wales. It was also the 100 year revival of the outbreak of Azusa street and the birthing of the charismatic move as we know it today. Martin Luther also posted his thesis on the church door in Whittenburg, which changed all of Christianity and the world as we know it.

We, again, are in a historic time, and because of that, Bob Jones received clear direction from an angel that we were to host a conference in Kansas City to gather people together to bring a perspective of Kingdom reality with Jesus being the central focus. When he told us back in April of 2004 that WhiteDove was supposed to host these meetings, we felt like Kansas City was one of the strangest locations for us to host a conference with Bob Jones and the others that were part of the conference crew, because we knew people would have an agenda like nowhere else for our conference team. We decided to stay completely focused with the agenda of heaven, though, and I am glad that we did.

Sometimes history is made in unlikely ways. Like with Evan Roberts and his group that consisted of just under 20 people meeting on October 31, 1904, who were praying for a visitation from heaven on behalf of a nation. The Welsh revival didn't start spreading until November 7th, but it started with a few who would gather crying out for personal and corporate change.

Exciting Moments at the Conference

I am not claiming that our conference was the answer for world revival. It was just one more place of agreeing with the agendas of heaven. We had to steer many times away from human agenda that would have caused whole meetings to turn into celebrations of the past which would have caused us to lose the focus on the current.

Some of the more exciting moments of the conference were things like Bob Jones prophesying with absolute authority over our nation, including telling the crowd that President Bush would win again because he had an unfulfilled commission still to accomplish. He even mentioned that Bush would win Ohio, and the conference crowd was so built in their faith realm. He also admonished us to pray for Bush more after the election than before.

Even before the conference there were signs in the heavens with a lunar eclipse that our local newspaper called a "once in a lifetime viewing opportunity of the heavens." We knew this was a prophetic statement for us.

Bobby Conner told our conference team that there would be such a wind moving in the room, because of the Kingdom power being released, that it would move in the atmosphere around Kansas City. His exact words were, "I wouldn't be surprised if there were tornadoes during the conference because of what God stirred up here." And you know what? There was! Two tornados, as reported by Fox news, landed south of the city on Friday, October 29th. They destroyed only a few fences in a field, but also toppled over a church steeple. This was not a coincidence. It is very rare to have tornadoes this time of year in our region, and what the tornadoes toppled over is a prophetic parable.

Bob also asked the crowd to stand if they were feeling the winds on specific fingers on their hands. I believe almost 90% of the room had an experience with the Holy Spirit at this point. God began to again reveal personal destiny to people and give them hope.

I also had a powerful revelation from heaven that has changed my focus into an even higher place on Jesus. With each true revelation given, it is birthed with a desire to be consecrated for the purpose of the vision. Many people came into such a fear of the Lord and a true zeal for His purpose because they were truly being envisioned.

Tokens are Being Released...

Lastly, the creative arts played a dynamic role in the conference. It was the first time I have been in an event that I felt the new artistic renaissance that was prophesied by Bob. The dancers, musicians, lighting technicians, and sound team all carried their roles in a spiritual way, working together in a unity that was incredible. It was an essential part of the conference. What many people do not know is that WhiteDove got their dance and worship team together shortly before this event and everything that was released was new to us as well. We have many years of building to do in these areas to bring them into the place we feel God is going to call us to carry, but we also love the journey of our youth.

I believe what was released in the conference is a small token, but a very real one. One of the prophetic songs that JoAnn McFatter wrote was "Enoch walked and heaven talked, his eyes did see the mysteries of Heaven. He was just a token, for a generation (who would walk at) a time at the end of the timeline."

Tokens are being released into many tribes and tongues and nations for the glory of the Kingdom as a preparation for the bodies hope and faith. In conclusion, there are two types of events and conferences in the body of Christ that are both valid. One, teaching events where many well known people gather and teach at various sessions to give the impartation of what they have. Then, two, there are events like this one where it literally builds something in the atmosphere of the place, and it is not about one speaker's message over another, but each session building the mandate of heaven. May God bring more conferences and events that are building events!

The Swing States

Chad Taylor

God Is Oiling The Hinges Of The Swing States And They Will Turn His Way

I received this word regarding the upcoming elections the last 24 hrs. Felt an urgency to release and get in into leaders and prophets hands around this nation to agree and pray.
October 19th, 2004

"Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How long are you going to waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!" But the people were completely silent."
(1 Kings 18:21).

I heard the Lord say today, I AM OILING THE HINGES OF THE SWING STATES AND THEY WILL TURN MY WAY. There are twelve states officially known as "swing" states that polls and opinions say could go either direction. The number 12 is the number of God's government and authority. As I noticed this number I was made aware of the strategic nature of this and that it was by no means a coincidence. In this election the government of God is going to be established not man's. The Lord revealed to me Key scriptures to pray that will release this oil that will turn these swing states, "And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, *and I will commit thy government into his hand* and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. *And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder*; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open." (Isa 22:21-22).

THE KEY OF DAVID OPENS THE HOUSE OF DAVID

That is what is about to happen in this election. The government is being committed into the Lord's hand. Another dynamic in this statement is "the key of the house of David will I lay upon His shoulder." I believe this is two fold. It is a direct statement about the Lord but it is also directed toward George W. Bush and we as the Church. Notice the sentence "he shall open and none shall shut, and he shall shut and none shall open." Let's bring the New Testament into play, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matt 16:19). These "Keys of David" which represent Divine Government and Divine Authority are in our hands as well. Our prayers and authority in Christ will "commit our government into His hand." I also see that the next 4 years will establish the "House of David" in America. Keys are used to open something and the keys of David open the House of David. David's tabernacle.

12 STATES - 12 DISCIPLES - ONE BETRAYER

The next 4 years will establish the presence and power of the Lord unlike anything we have previously experienced. We have only felt a trickle of what is to come in this previous 4 years. We are about to step under an open heaven these next 4. It is critical we pray for HIS GOVERNMENT TO BE ESTABLISHED NOT JUST OUR OWN. And that the "key of David" rests upon George W. Bush and the church of America so that we can enter the "House of David" and His unprecedented presence this next four years and beyond. As we pray this way the Oil of the Lord will anoint the hinges of these swing states and many will turn to the Lord's side. If you remember the Lord has 12 disciples and one was a betrayer. I saw many states swinging the Lord's way but there was one that appeared an easy win for righteousness that suddenly turned and went the other way. We need to pray mercy and grace on this state as they put their economy and future in jeopardy because of this blunder. It will be politically and wickedly motivated empowered by greed and false promises.

WHAT ELSE DO THESE KEYS OPEN?

The Lord also made me aware of the following scripture, "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." (1 Cor 12:28). As we pray these scriptures and open the door of David's House we will also be unleashing the other gifts and benefits of God's government; healing, miracles, unity and the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Great healing and miracles will accompany the establishment of God's government in the land and a fall out of God's Holy Spirit. We will see the subtle and even blatant resistance to the baptism of the Holy Spirit in the church crushed. As God's government is established so will His will and works in the Body of Christ. We will see wave after wave of the presence of God infiltrating places who historically have resisted Him and the accompanying signs and wonders. "The key of David" or God's government will also unlock the harvest. Because of the unparalleled power in our midst literally millions and even billions will be added to the church daily in the next four years and beyond.

THE INCREASE OF THIS GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE NO END

Another scripture that will oil the hinges of this election and this nation is Isa 9:7, "Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." This increase of His government will be felt around the world in the next 4 years. Not only will Iraq be liberated but 6 more countries in that region will as well. Nations around the world will follow suit as His judgment and justice prevail. This Divine Government that will be established now will have NO END. It will be perpetual and contagious as nations around the world embrace the Spirit of Christ and are saved. Notice with His government come PEACE. Not a peace as we understand it but an inner peace, a peace the prevails in hardship and tribulation. In the next 4 years judgment and Justice will prevail for the Sudanese people of Africa. The government of God and the Key of David will unlock the destiny of these people and determine their future.

The next 4 years will be the beginning of a time of "plenty" preceding times of famine. A Joseph anointing will rest upon this government that will prosper nations. But it will also prepare us for the "days of famine" as Joseph predicted to Pharaoh long ago. A "great door of utterance" is opening to us and ministries will prosper and succeed like no other time in history. All of this hinges on this coming election and the Government of God, not man, being established. As we pray these prayers and release these scriptures the oil of the Lord will swing the heart of this country to His will and righteous judgment. We will see the accompanying miracles and healing that are promised with His government. We will experience unity and latter rain of spiritual baptism as the Church is prepared for the dark days that lie ahead. "The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" and the zeal for the Father's house will consume us as well and a great harvest will ensue and billions will be saved. Our Father's House will finally be filled.

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The Time For God's Sons To Arise

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Prophecy:

There have been many up until this time, and even now that have been given wonderful gifts, knowledge, understanding, wisdom, and revelation truths. Those that have asked have been given. There is a vast chasm between many of these recipients, and there is now becoming a distinct separation.

The gap between the called and the chosen and between the profane and the Holy is now becoming clearer and clearer. This has now taken on an accelerated rate and the separation is about to become indisputable. Until this time, it has appeared somewhat murky as to who are called and who are chosen, although not to Me. I have always known My own even from the beginning. There have been many who have sought to hold on to what they have established and hide who they really are: The things built by perverted doctrines, false accusations, perversion of gifts, curses, and charismatic witchcraft. They have sought to hide their intent and perversions by way of seductive delusions.

The separation point is the very thing they are trying to hide, the application of these My gifts. There are some who initially asked to be a vessel and an instrument of My Kingdom; then some came to them with flattering words and they liked and believed them so they misused and perverted My gifts. Then there are those who sought My gifts and promised to build great ministries in My Name. Today they pay Me lip service but it is evident that they are the ones receiving the glory. Who is it that touches My Glory? They are about to have their minds seared. Still in My mercy I say repent while there is yet a moment!!

There are those who have fattened themselves off their flocks. They array themselves in fine clothing and accumulate wealth. They surround themselves with those like them to bestow titles on each other and praises. I tell you they have their reward. It is written in the prophets "woe unto you shepards". There are some who if Simon the Sorcerer would come to them and ask to pay for My Gifts they would do it. In fact there are those that practice this very thing and lay hands on many to give impartation and those they lay hands receive what they have, a perversion.

Sour fruit begets sour fruit and worms beget worms. There are many more perversions of My gifts; some are not as evident as these more blatant ones. There are many who have surrounded their deeds in the truth in order to deceive even the elect if possible. Remember a little leaven spoils the whole lump. It is this very leaven that will keep My Elect from this very deception. I have trained them that this is the difference between the called and the chosen and the profane and the Holy. This is the difference between a circumcised heart and one that is not. This leaven is self. It is always self, self promotion, self justification, self righteousness, self glorification, and self serving.

Those that I have trained understand this leaven. Just as those that came before them as My chosen ones said " I must decrease as He increase" and " it is not I that live but YAHSHUA in me". Just as those before these also have been falsely accused, wounded, cursed, been in lack, and chased from one place to the next, do all for My sake. Yet they do not go about saying look, look at what I have done for the Lord, look at my suffering. Many times they come to Me early in their training and ask have I done something wrong, have I sinned against you, have I displeased you. You see they are concerned about how I look at them and where they stand with Me; Then I love them and tell them it is not that you are displeasing to Me but because you do please Me; Then they perceive that it is a blessing.

They understand they have been trusted with pain in order to partake in My Ministry. They count it all as joy. They know the ministry is Mine not theirs. They know the pain is for a moment; the joy is eternal. These realize everything I give is more precious than gold or silver. They guard My Gifts like a rare pearl. They do not display it, speak it, or bring it unless they have heard from Me.

They protect what I have given them by discerning My Voice. Every time they do this more is and will be added to them. It is added to them by their practice and discerning use. Yet they do not glory in this of themselves but know it is by My grace and good pleasure that they are more than conquerors. Are they perfect? No. Do they think they are perfect? No. That is why I can continually write My will on their hearts. They are always striving towards Me their higher calling. That is why it will be continually added to them. They Know Me and recognize My voice.

Others do not yet know them but I do know them. I have already sent them here and there as part of their testing and training. Some of you entertained them unaware I sent them. Some of you knew I had indeed sent them but did not like what I had them say. So you tried to seduce them with bribes of money or promises of position and recognition. When they would not succumb to your doctrine of men and doctrines of demons you cursed them, mocked them, bore false witness against them, and ran them off. I say this to them now. Hold fast our Father YAHVEH will not be mocked. The words I have spoken over you through RUACH HAKODOSH will not return void. These words are My prosperity spoken forth over you. They are even now coming to pass.

The hour has now come for those I have hidden and trained in the proper use of My Gifts to come forth and be known. They will not be known in their own name but by MY Name. They will be known as the Priests of EL Elyon [The Most High] and as My Blessed Seed. They will be known as the Sons of YAHVEH, My brethren.

To those of you that look to judge, I say to you be very careful and do not judge with your own understanding. Discern all through RUACH HAKODOSH. These things are not discerned with the carnal mind because the flesh can not discern that which is spiritual. Now when you discern a chosen one grab hold of his tzit-tzit and ask him the way you should go and he will point you directly to Me. Let the called out ones hear what My Ruach [Spirit] is saying to you. Amen.

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To The Broken And Wounded Ones
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I had a vision last weekend of myself looking at Jesus/Yeshua and taking Him for my Husband and walking down the aisle. Each one will make this commitment alone with Him, and yet we will become through this commitment, one complete, whole Bride. As the betrothal period ends or has ended, the wedding of the Lamb is next. I have never had this vision before, so I believe it indicates His coming for us is not far off. How long, I am not sure. I believe He has spoken to me but I hold it loosely. Each one must seek Him and hear for themselves.

I do know He wanted me to share with those who have been "taken in" by controlling/abusive shepherds, that they need to repent of leaning on "man" rather than Him. He knows the hurt that so many have suffered and He will heal it, but, He is asking us to repent of leaning on man in the first place. If we would have gone to Him, He would not have allowed what happened to us.

He will expose the sheep in wolves clothing and gave me a word concerning great discipline of these people.

He also showed me another glimpse of the World to Come. He told me that ALL emotions and memories that are painful and full of wounding will be completely erased. It shall be as if they never existed! Can you imagine the freedom and peace this will give us? Such freedom man has not known since The Garden. Those of you who have "survived" will remember it NO MORE! It will be worth it all! He told me to encourage you, that the roots and memories will soon be completely gone.

I await Him, the Beloved of my life, my soul. The One who is without beginning or end. The One who is Glory and Life itself. He is the definition of all things and without Him, nothing would exist. He will fulfill His promises to me and my inheritance, for He is not a man that He should lie. No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. In right walking, right standing is life. To be a person of honor and integrity, respecting each one as a "gift" from the Designer.

He makes no mistakes. He turns sorrow into joy, lies into truth, and darkness into light. Worthy is the One who contains all things and yet is trustworthy to obey His own laws. In this we can be secure, that He is trustworthy. He does not change His natural laws even for those who love Him. If He didn't do this, would we respect Him? No, we would not, for trust comes from steadfastness, and though we wish He would change some natural laws for us, it is better for us this way.

So let us press on to Know Him, for He is all that will remain after the fallout of coming events. He is all there ever was, we just didn't see it.

Shalom,
Jeanne

I Will Not Disappoint You
Jeanne Kruchowski

Jul 2, 2004
I, the Creator of all that is seen and unseen will not betray you, nor will I disappoint you. Nor will I rip your heart to shreds as you wait for Me.

I will not ignore the cries of your heart for I created them. They are actually from Me.

I do not tease, I am true. My promises will hold even through the worst oppression.

My timeline rules.

Trust Me that I have seen and weighed your heart, that I have not ignored the longings of your heart. I am the fulfillment of your heart, I will not destroy it.

So let go of trepidation, cry out to Me what is in your heart, for what you ask according to My Spirit you will receive. Just focus on a "righteous" life and all will come together.

Behold, I am the Hearing God. The Faithful God. Behold I will come through the storm.

You are not alone, I am with you all of the way. You cannot lose Me nor can I lose you.

Arise, arise, and come in faith to Me, believing that what you long for I will fulfill. For without faith it is impossible to please Me. I am pleased with your great love for Me.

The End Has Become The Beginning
Jeanne Kruchowski

Jul 8, 2004

To the ones who follow Me and know My voice, The End Has Become The Beginning. The beginning of the "forever" in your life. As My angels draw the silver cords closer and closer to Me, Revelation spills forth into all aspects of your life.

Do not under estimate what I am doing now, it is the greatest work that has ever been wrought in mankind. By Sept., those who have been listening to Me, bending their ear, obeying My Voice of correction and chastisement shall be totally transformed. They shall not recognize themselves, as so much has fallen away. Their eyesight shall be that of a dying person, able to see and grasp the unseen realm in a way that has never been seen before. I save the best wine for last you remember!

These ones shall have the privilege of seeing far into the future, as I reveal more and more of My Kingdom, Dwelling Place, Purpose and Plan. Vast information shall be passed on to them. But only to those who have met the criteria, those who given up the last of the idols, their children... You see I saved the most difficult for last, knowing that you would need to be fully prepared to let Me take charge of them.

And what does that mean? It means that you will do nothing with them unless you ask Me. You will not cater to their flesh any longer and compromise their calling and destiny in Me. You have hindered Me from dealing with them, for you hate to see them suffer. But you forget that so do I. But I see the end result, that they will walk purely before Me as Samuel did. Remember Eli's sons? He did not give them to Me. Compare their lives with Samuel's, Samuel obtained life eternal, the ultimate goal. Samuel's mother grieved more than anyone will ever know except Me. It was a sacrifice of obedience to Me that cost her untold pain. And yet he is preserved and will not be counted with the rebellious ones.

You never give anything to Me that I don't multiply back to you. Your children are an idol. Forsake all idolatry, listen only to Me and thereby teach them My Ways and not this world's. You shall account for their lives, what you said, what you taught, how you treated them and how you disciplined them. Lay them before Me, I love them so much more than you. Without dwelling with Me, there is no life for them. Wait on Me until I tell you yes or no to their requests. Yes, they might get angry, but don't you when I don't let you have your way?

I am pulling you closer and closer to Myself. Allow Me to "translate" you into My likeness. If you do, you shall have My Favor, and the blessings I have been holding back, I will surely release! For at the right time, you shall become what you have longed to be, Free, completely free in your spirit and no force or power will be able to stop you from soaring with Me. You shall see Me smiling at you, for you are close to completing the course, the race is almost done.

But I have some surprises up My sleeve, things you have forgotten about, things you have asked about, and then let go of. To the pure in heart, speech and will, comes all things in due time. It is almost due time.

You shall have hope, you shall not be disappointed for though you do not know the day I will carry you lovingly to Myself, you know that surely it cannot be far off.

I will not tell you the exact dates for your own well-being. It is too much for you to know. And the greater risk is what the evil one would do with it.

So come, those of you who would obey, for the heavenly host is beckoning you to forsake all and follow Me. The story has not changed, but ALL willing ones are being made new! They shall see the Glory of the Ages and nothing will be withheld from them, for they are the Bride, the soon Wife of the Lamb, and He has made her dwelling place ready.

Trumpeting The Call To Warfare In Love
Ron McGatlin

> *Jer 4:5 Declare in Judah and proclaim in Jerusalem, and say: "Blow the trumpet in the land; Cry, 'Gather together,' And say, 'Assemble yourselves, And let us go into the fortified cities.'*
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> *Joel 2:1 Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; For the day of the LORD is coming, For it is at hand:*

The prophets of God today are as a trumpet sounding the battle call to gather the troops under the banner of love and move out on a great offensive to destroy the works of the enemy. Perhaps the most critical time of modern history is upon the world. Evil and good have polarized but the subtle battle strategies of the enemy have infiltrated the ranks of the godly to spread terror amongst the sheep of God.

Evil has greatly underestimated the power of God flowing through love manifesting the glorious works of God into the world. In love the powerful presence of God will bring forth a great outpouring of miracles demonstrating the awesome power of God's love flowing through His sons. Each miraculous work and manifestation of God strikes terror in the core of evil forces.

God is calling His people with an urgent word to lay aside "cares of this life and the deceitfulness of riches" and enter into intimacy in His chamber to receive the empowerment of His pure love. He is sending forth a call to go into the closet alone with Him and then come out to gather with others in intimacy to enter into the warfare of love.

The attack of terror and discouragement of the enemy is real. We must rally from the shock and distress of his attacks and enter into great joy in the presence of the pure love of our Father. **We must not shrink back in despair but we must rise up in prayer.** We must praise Him from a thankful heart and know afresh His great love for us.

We must become flaming arrows in His hand carrying the fire of His love to the multitudes of the world. The dark cloud of enemy oppression will be pushed back as we gather in full battle array under the banner of love. We have only just begun to see the magnificent glory of our God.

It is not time to strive and debate with one another over our pet doctrines. Now is the time to link our hearts together and lift our hands toward God in abundant praise and adoration. This is the day to experience the great fullness of the Holy Spirit bringing the works of Christ in love and power washing away the depression of the enemy with the great JOY OF THE LORD.

This is the season of maturing into the fullness of the love of our God.

The world is in desperate trouble. The nations of the world are set to destroy one another in desperation seeking to sustain life and power and save themselves from the devastation of lack and starvation. The world is rapidly approaching the catastrophic events described in the book of

Revelation.

The next six years will make the difference. The powerful manifestation of the love of God will come about in multitudes of people to capture the great harvest of the world. The glory of His presence must invade our world now through the universal church across the world. The emerging church must come forth as grass sown in a field sprouting across the world spontaneously in one day. Like a desert soaked in rain sprouting forth in abundant life overnight, in one day.

The wilderness of religion is passing away. There will be an exodus of teachers leading to a season of fathers preparing sons.

Intercessors reaching into the wealth of the heavens - drawing upon the bank of heaven - pouring out powerful storms of glory destroying the loftiness and pride of man in preparation for the kingdom of God.

In mercy millions of souls will be taken off the earth and into heaven - those who are unable to withstand the intensity of the transition that lies ahead. We have the next six years to make the difference.

The greatest devastation of the past six thousand years will soon occur leading to the greatest revival ever upon the earth. The tone for the seventh millennium will be set after the next six years. A remnant will be left standing after the great devastation to fully proclaim the glory of God's love upon the earth. They will be fruitful and multiply the works and ways of God into the earth. All of the kingdoms of earth shall become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ. The light of God shall replace the darkness of evil in the earth.

The most important thing is not whether we live or die but that we become what we are destined to be and finish that which we are sent to do - "to finish the course and fight a good fight."

Rise up oh daughter of Zion (Isa 52:2) - live in the glory of the moment into which you are sent - this is your day of the Lord, experience it to the fullest - this is the day of fulfillment of promise rejoice, rejoice, rejoice.

Arise in His love,

Ron McGatlin

The Two Camps in Texas
Julie Baxter

In the Spirit this morning, I saw two camps in Texas.

If you can imagine an old west circled wagon camp, that's how it looked. Two separate circles of wagons around two totally separated sets of fires.

The first camp was gorgeous.

They had shiny modern wagons, built out of the most modern materials.

Outdoor speakers enabled everyone to hear the music.

The campfire was wonderful with lovely comfortable seats all around it.

The cook-shack wagons were fully appointed and had several very talented chefs running their crews efficiently. Every imaginable fare was available and beautifully presented.

The trail bosses conferred at a huge wagon that had a flyer wing out beside it and they sat over their maps strategically planning. Each man had his own plans and they did not include or encroach on the others plans. Their borders were clear. While they discussed their plans, they had no true intention to work together except where it benefited them. They fully intended to conquer their own territories.

Their livestock was strong, healthy, and well disciplined, maintained by hostlers who were dedicated and strong. The livestock was shown from time to time, but never taken out.

The camp was quiet and efficient and the people were orderly and peaceful living and working in shifts doing what they loved to do. No one worked hard, only appearing to work.

The labor was divided according to age and rank. The children did nothing important or difficult.

There was only one major problem.

The people in this wagon train continued to look enviously at the other wagon train. From time to time one or two would slip out and go over to the other camp, to never return. Not much was done.

This other camp was not real pretty.

Their wagons were every sort of vehicle possible; some outdated, some new, some half built.

There were problems in communication for the noise of the crowds and the distances between them was always changing, but they seemed to communicate well somehow.

There were many campfires, no one sat, but all ate or talked on their feet.

There was ample food, but it was apparent it was freshly dressed or harvested on the run.

The trail bosses communicated invisibly as they went, and each looked over one another's jobs, sometimes crossing into the other's territory without competition or distrust. There was no territorial jealousy. There was a job to do, a war to win, and it filled their minds. They constantly moved and conferred with one another.

The livestock was a joke. Whatever could run, walk, trot or be pulled along to carry a burden was used. The livestock's equipment was like the wagons, some outdated, some new, some pieces were put together from other outfits. Men and women rode in an out of the camp constantly and the livestock seemed to thrive on the activity.

Everyone worked, from the youngest to the oldest. The most experienced spent time training those with the least experience and those matured much faster than normal. There were no titles, every man did what he did best.

· The camp was boisterous, moving constantly, the people disagreed and had to work things out. Occasionally the trail bosses had to separate them from one another, assign them to different tasks or to a different hostler.

The real problem for this camp was they were continually at war. No sooner would one groups move out to conquer territory, and then the others would move out. There was constant motion. There were teams coming, teams going, teams preparing.

It was not pretty or restful. They were at war. Some died from wounds, others were healed. No one quit. They rested in moments rather than days or months and seemed to be strengthened on the run.

There was constant growth. The ones coming from the other camp needed much retraining. The new ones coming in from the new territories conquered needed much one on one time with the older members. Constant growth, constant activity, but no one complained.

There at the back of the camp was one huge wagon with a smaller wagon attached to it.

In the smaller wagon was an older individual that was quiet, reclusive, introspective, and sometimes gruff. This one was always watching that which went on in the camp. The eagles' eyes saw far outside the camp as well. From time to time this individual would walk unannounced into the larger wagon, confer briefly and return again to remain mostly unseen by the rest of the camp. From time to time someone was sent from the huge wagon back into the smaller wagon to serve. Other times a camp boss was sent back into the smaller wagon to rest and watch with the owner. The smaller wagon was amazingly simple but elegantly appointed, more like a tabernacle than a wagon.

And in the huge wagon was an old man. He was grizzled, rough, and never seemed to sleep even though his eyes shut from time to time. The camp bosses came and went from his wagon. This old man had seen many battles, taken much territory, fathered many sons. His word was law. He never raised his voice, never left his tent, and tolerated no insubordination. He was greatly feared but at the same time reverenced. All the same, the camp bosses were constantly coming and going from his wagon. It appeared he received them with great affection. He looked deeply into their eyes and embracing them when they entered and holding them tight before they left. When they went in their brows were furrowed and they looked weary, when they came out, they were often laughing and looked rested. He often sent them out with gifts he made them. They were free to do whatever they wished.

As a result, the amount of territory they conquered was a hundred times that of the other camp.

This is the difference between living life in religion or in the Spirit. I know that Texas, home of the President, really represents the United States. As such, Texas must begin to lead. She must move in the Spirit in order to enlarge the borders that the Father has ordained for this apostolic/prophetic state to take. She must begin to align themselves under apostles, who themselves have prophets they trust attached to them. Her ministers must stop the petty bickering and ask for eagles eyes, father's wisdom and heart and build bigger than themselves. There must be a concentrated effort of individuals to discern each other and to not be territorial, always working toward the bigger picture.

And if one is not from Texas - no matter - Texas only represents all of us.

To the Church of Laodicea

David Scudder

29 Apr 2004

This Church is not the church across the street from you. It is not the other denomination. It isn't the Catholics or the Methodist or some non-Pentecostal church. It isn't the other guy. It is our churches. Why us? Why me?

It is not because you are a horrible person or church. It is not because you want to be that church. It is because you have been born into a time and place where the definition of "hot and cold" and "lukewarm" have been set in stone. We cannot help it that we live in a day in which our poorest people in the Western World live better than most throughout history. It is a blessing and also our curse. For it tends to alleviate us of the everyday sufferings of the First century Christian. Even the rich ones didn't have the luxuries that most Westerners do. Cars, trains, airplanes, and the computer you are reading this essay with. Just some of the many conveniences that create the "Laodicean" struggle within our lives.

Because of the stamp of "Lukewarmness" on them, there is a tendency for us to always identify with one of the other churches. Especially with that part of being spit out. But the message of the Spirit to Laodicea was not condemnation. It was a reality check. It was a call to their "First Love!" A plea for a heart check. It was the Heart of the Father for a generation in a hard place and time to allow Him to soften them with "Righteous Priorities!"

Here is some examples of the Laodicean heart that give you insight into their way of thinking. In the First Century, there was a devastating earthquake that leveled Laodicea. Because of their Roman citizenship, they were offered by the Roman government financial help to pay for their rebuilding. They refused because they believed in "Self-sufficiency!" Sounds like a good thing. Refusing Government handouts. Why that is the great "American Heritage!" "Don't give me a handout, just give me a hand!" I have always lived like that.

But that attitude can be a problem when it comes to God. And what goes on in our physical lives carries on into our spiritual lives. This church because of their self-sufficiency, depended on their own hard work more than the provision of God. How often have we first went to natural sources instead of God. God tends to be the foxhole solution. The Last Resort. With bills, we go to the credit card or the loan companies. Only after we are so in debt does it even come to mind that maybe God should get involved.

With sickness, we go immediately to the doctor. (This will show you and I just how much we are Laodicean. I will now have to put a preface that I believe in doctors to satisfy our Western mindset. And I do believe in doctors. That is a symptom of our times. We tend to need God less.)

I have preached in Third World countries where the Church of Philadelphia can truly be identified in our world today. In Cuba, the believers can only go to Jesus for just about everything. Either because they are denied certain privileges because of faith, or they just don't exist. These treasures of humanity pray over everything including their clothes. And God renews the very fibers of their cloths. Their Russian built refrigerators; (some of the pastors have some fridges though few do) are still working after 15 years of use. Very few things Russian made work longer than several months. But they pray over them, and they run like a Kenmore. Now that is a miracle on par with the feeding of the fishes. And when they are sick, it is either God or die. Cuba only gives anesthesia to the top echelon of the Communist party. So surgery is not an option most of the time. And God heals.

What these lack of options do for the Third World Countries if make God the only choice. What our many options do for us make God the last choice. It also enslaves us to money.

Remember the story of the Widow and the Mite. I saw it with my own eyes in Nuevitas, Cuba. Because of the bad conditions there, the Cuban is given ration stamps that pay for 10 pounds of food per month. 3 pounds of that food is cooking grease to cook the other 7 pounds in. Only 60 oz of meat is allowed. Their ration stamps can only be used in the city they live in. And they are not allowed to carry cash. (This law has somewhat changed recently.)

While there I was given the great privilege of speaking to a particular denominations pastors during their annual conference. About 200 pastors and wives from all over Cuba met in the middle of Cuba. Many of them, it took two days to travel there. They could only carry about 2 days worth of food. Most knew between the 4 days travel and the 3 day conference they would have to trust God for the other 5 days to eat.

The Pastor of the Host Church knew the predicament these pastors and their wives were in, and knew there was nothing he could do about it other than pray. He could not go to his parishioners and ask them for their stamps. These people had their own problems subsisting on that amount. (For an idea of how little food that is, you eat at least that much every 3 to 4 days.) So this pastor prayed. That night the Holy Spirit woke every head of every household in his church and presented the pastors petition. Every single one of those households showed up that morning with one third of their ration stamps to feed complete strangers. They took from their own children to feed complete strangers. Again, our mindset cannot imagine this. When I have related this story in the Western World, I have had angry or confused responses. Our Laodicean mindset does not allow for us to not feed our own children to feed strangers. When we give, it is from our abundance, but rarely from our need. What these Cubans did is actually wrong in the eyes of many Christians in the Western World.

Because we have the "Duty" to provide for our families. And we do. But the final provision is Gods alone. He signs our paychecks. He provides the rain for our bountiful harvest. He allows for the conditions that make our lives so comfortable. And He can take them away in an instant. With the Cubans, they knew that when God ask, they give. Even if it threatens their very lives or the ones they love. And God supernaturally comes through for them. Our 10 percent is pittance to their kind of giving. When we give at the cost of our lives, we then live within their world. But it isn't our faults that we have and they don't? If you agree with that statement, then it is the last test of your hearts condition.

"You say 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing. But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.'" Revelations 3:17-19

By the way. The metaphor of lukewarmness struck the Laodicean's heart directly. Their only source of water was high in sulfur. To get better water, they had to go away from their "rich" city to a "poor" city to get refreshing water.

My hope in writing this essay is not to condemn people or to get them to move to a Third World country. I actually rejoice in my living in Laodicea. Because I see Gods heart for us. It is not to get them to move to Philadelphia, but to get them to a place of being dependent on Him alone. Now as to how that refers to you personally, you must as I must go to Him and find out. The adventure of living as if there really is a God is about to begin for those of us who do.

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NOTE: After midnight I was awakened by the Lord and in the spirit I saw the following images; an umbrella in the desert; a water fountain; a cart with fresh bread; and large bowls of fresh fruit. I asked the Lord what these meant, and this is what I sensed the Lord revealing to me.

THE LORD WILL STRIP AWAY THOSE THINGS THAT HINDER AND DENY HIS LORDSHIP IN OUR LIVES: The Lord is our shelter, source of refreshing, the One who nourishes and sustains, and the One who builds us up and strengthens us. He desires that we place our total trust in Him and Him alone.

STRIPPING AWAY TO RELEASE LIFE AND FULLNESS

BEING TOSSED INTO THE WIND OF THE SPIRIT "Beloved, there is a great deal of searching of hearts, and a great deal of revealing of motives taking place, and much refining of character transpiring in the hearts of those truly seeking My face. There is a separation coming by My Spirit, and the separation is likened to that of the effects of the threshing floor, when the graing is tossed and it separates from the chaff. The beating of the stalks of grain cause the separation of grain and the chaff. The tossing is the active will of My people to pursue Me with their whole being, and as they yield and throw themselves upon Me, My Spirit wind comes and separates what is not of Me and only retains the purity of what is Mine. This is the kind of refining that is taking place at this present time.

SOME MAY NOT HEAR MY VOICE, BUT WILL SEE THE EFFECTS OF MY SPIRIT "There are many who truly seeking Me and seeking to hear My voice, but for many reasons, they are unable to hear clearly. Many are frustrated and many have heard what they believe is silence for a season. Many have been ushered into a place where they have been told by My Spirit to rest and hold unto the previous words they have received. Some have so desired to hear as they once did and are uncomfortable at the "silence" of My voice. My Spirit has brought and is bringing yet, more comfort to those in this place presently.

"Behold I declare to you My precious ones, I declare that though you have not heard My voice in this season, you have placed your trust in Me, and you have held unto those words that I have spoken to you, and you have trusted Me that in due season, you shall hear once more My voice. Beloved ones, you have been faithful in the little you have received, and now, by My Spirit, I am going to release a greater discerning and understanding of My ways and purposes to you. You have submitted fully to My voice, and I have heard the anguish of your hearts and I have seen your tears.

"Behold! I say to you behold! Lift up your heads! Arise! Now, Beloved ones, look with the eyes of your spirit, look and begin to see the stirrings and the moving of My Spirit in your lives and in the lives of those who are being drawn to Me.

SEE THE WIND AND ITS EFFECTS UPON PEOPLE AND SITUATIONS "You shall see the effects of the Wind of My Spirit as the wind that touches the leaves and the branches of trees. You may not "hear" Him, but you shall see the effects of the Wind as the leaves and the branches rustle and move and respond to Him.

GREAT FAITH AND SIGNS AND WONDERS WILL FOLLOW The effects of My Spirit will increase in manifestations that you have not yet seen before. The manifestations will astound you and cause you to come and draw closer. The manifestations will arouse a holy fear in many people, and cause others to have hardened hearts! It is all a matter of the heart. My Spirit will move and bring about a great shaking and stirring, and those who respond in faith will be rewarded with much! Those who appropriately discern and gain My understanding upon these things, will find these things and much more will be settled in their hearts. Great faith and trust will increase and as My people respond in faith, many signs and wonders will flow and touch others for the sake of My Kingdom.

"I am stripping away all that has hindered hearing My voice and hindered the fullness of the Spirit in your lives.

COME UNDER THE SHADE AND SHELTER OF MY OUTSTRETCHED ARM "Precious ones, come under the shade of My arm. I have outstretched my righteous right hand over you and I shall be your shelter in the time of storm. Beloved, many have sought to find shelter and refuge in other things and other people, but Beloved ones, come to Me and find your shelter in Me, for I am your strong tower and your place of refuge. I desire that your affections and comfort be found in Me. Come into the place of shelter and come and find security in Me.

COME TO THE WATERS OF REFRESHING "Dear ones, come to the living waters and find the refreshing you are yearning for, and I shall surely satisfy your thirst. Many have sought other things to quench the thirst that burns and parches. I alone will satisfy that thirst. Come all of you who are thirsty and I shall be that fountain and the well spring of life! I shall renew and refresh you as you come and rest in the shade of My righteous right arm. Do not drink from poluted waters or from those things that will not satisfy! Run to the well springs, the fountains that are found in Me! You will find that which you seek!

COME TO THE BREAD OF LIFE "All who are hungry, come to Me, I am the Bread of Life! Do not be satisfied by the crumbs from the Master's table! Fresh Bread, fresh revelation and understanding and nourishment for your souls is available to those hungry for that which I only can satisfy. Come and eat and fill yourselves with what I have for You. All who are hungry, you find little satisfaction in substitutes or crumbs. Yesterday's bread is stale, and will not satisfy the hunger that My Spirit has placed within you belly! Come and eat of Me! Come and feast on the Bread of Life!

COME AND EAT OF THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT "Beloved, you will find before much fruit waiting to be devoured and taken by faith. As you reach out to Me, I will give you the fruit that will nourish and strengthen you and form the character of the Son within you. You cannot conceive how much you lack until you have been famished of the fruit of My Spirit.

"I desire that you feed upon Me, that you eat of Me, that you consume what I have for you. But when the Holy Spirit controls your lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in you: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

COME AND REST AND FEAST AT MY TABLE PREPARED FOR YOU "Beloved, ALL of this available for you at this hour! ALL of this is yours! It is your birthright! It is the bounty of My table set for you! It has been purchased by the Son! As His heirs you sit with Him at His table. You lack for nothing! Come and be made clean, be cleansed and made whole! Receive the garment of righteousness, and the ring of sonship. Come and sit at the table and eat of the Father's provision. Come and be filled, for I delight to bless My people and firmly establish them so that My Kingdom can go forth in fullness in the earth, and My children to grow into the image of the Son and know and experience the abundance that I have for you."

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To Those He Calls Friends

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[A Glimpse into the Father's Heart]

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HEARD [3/06/04]: The gifts and calling are irrevocable. VISION: I was trying on some shoes. HEARD: Comfortable. We'll walk together. Irrevocable. That's why you need a holy foundation.

Romans 11:29 KJV
For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance {278 Strongs}.

NT:278 REPENTANCE
ametameletos (am-et-am-el'-ay-tos); from NT:1 (as a negative particle) and a presumed derivative of NT:3338; irrevocable: KJV - without repentance, not to be repented of.

For several years I had a difficult time resolving the supernatural gifts given through men and overcoming my attitude towards the compromise in which they lived. This was a large stumbling block to me. Over and over again I would take these issues back to the Lord and pray. It distressed me greatly that He would give His gifts and accountability to people who would compromise His holiness.

My journey progressed downward from a spiral of questions, doubt, unbelief, mistrust and skepticism. The Lord dealt with me about my sinful attitudes and brought me to personal repentance for judging and then on to intercession over what did not line up with His Word by way of covering sins and giving honor to those whom He had called.

After graduating from that miserable time in my life, I can clearly see in hindsight that He was delivering me from idolatry. That was an eye opener…

EXALTING GIFTED PEOPLE
I was naive to the supernatural and had placed those who exercised supernatural gifts upon a pedestal. The fact that their gifting did not at times measure up to their conduct was a stumbling block to me. Also, several times I made choices against what the Lord had taught me and followed what these gifted ones recommended. I was spanked and rebuked by the Lord, and at first I could hardly believe it was Him. I thought it must be the enemy wanting to take away my freedom! Finally, after a few times of going around the barn, I repented, realizing it was the Lord. Then, just like a naughty child, I was angry that He rebuked me, when I was not experiencing these supernatural gifts, yet others were enjoying them and getting away with matters of compromise. It did not seem fair.

I had the common misconception that giftedness means God's approval of a vessel.

In spite of all of these issues, the Lord was more interested in harvesting the idolatrous weed in my heart. I had placed gifted men's opinions over my own conscience and obedience to Him. After I learned my lesson enough times to make a lasting impression, I grew to understand that these gifted ones are just people given free will. Disappointed but wiser, I moved on into intercession to cover and forgive what did not measure up to Who He is.

REVELATION
Last night I wrote the above section and took it to prayer when I went to bed. The following was the Lord's response to this dilemma of supernatural giftedness and compromise.

HEARD [3/06/04]: In answer to your prayers. Resolution. Some will betray Me. Some will compromise and some will be faithful all the way. Even so.

QUICKENED MEMORY: At the moment of hearing "even so," the Holy Spirit brought the disciples to my memory. Judas the betrayer was chosen by Jesus to be among the disciples, Peter denied Him 3 times and John the beloved served Him faithfully all the way.

HEARD: It's been that way from the beginning.

QUICKENED MEMORY: Upon the hearing the word "beginning" I received a flash of revelation that Lucifer had betrayed Him in heaven, and also the sons of God compromised and married daughters of men creating the giants.

Isa 14:12-15 NKJV
"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, you who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.

Gen 6:1-7 NKJV
Now it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born to them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose. And the LORD said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, for he is indeed flesh; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years." There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown. Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

SOBERED, SADDENED AND TENDERIZED
He had imparted a tiny portion of His heart. I was very sad and sobered to know that the Father continues to be betrayed, and that His goodness and holy attributes continue to be compromised and misaligned. Those few that are faithful... He calls friends.

I was brought to tears to understand what it means to His own heart when we serve Him out of volunteer love. As I was hit by this truth, I heard Him whisper, My friend…

+ You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, even from the rebellious, that the LORD God might dwell there. (Psalm 68:18 NKJV)

+ For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. (Romans 11:29 KJV)

+ Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' (Matthew 7:22 NKJV)

CONCLUSION

{Words to Ponder are summaries of His quickened Words}

WORD TO PONDER: MY FRIENDS
Yes My love, and now you know. I have given you a glimpse into My own heart. How I long for friends, just like you do! How I long to be one with those, just as you call them - kindred hearts. How it melts My heart when I see them suffer because they love Me and continue to choose to love Me no matter what.

I AM all powerful, all knowing and always present. I always was and always will be. And yet only you can give Me volunteer love. And now you know.

John 15:13 NKJV
Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

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Revealed As You Go
Sandy Warner

Jun 21, 2004
Yes, your Lord God of Justice has gone to bat for you, dear ones! You have suffered so much at the hands of the giants. As you have yielded to your own personal crosses and died to self, this has touched all of heaven. A great expanse of territory has been bought and won with great price. Go forth, My faithful ones. You will not go alone, no not ever. I will go with you. My light shall shine before you as you move forward. I hope you will enjoy your trip, for it will be a road of discovery. Wonderful healing and restoration is awaiting you in your new land.

Heb 11:8 NLT
It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going.

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Increase A Step At A Time
Sandy Warner

Jun 23, 2004
I AM constantly delivering you from a strong enemy, when you use the gifts I give. As you grow and grow in your gifts and authority, I will bring you into larger and larger territory. You have yet to discover how truly gifted you are. I have planted a great wealth of My anointing within you, and in the days to come you shall recognize it as "instinctive intuition" which is actually My Holy Spirit within.

"They demonstrate that God's law is written within them, for their own consciences either accuse them or tell them they are doing what is right." (Rom 2:15 NLT)

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Already Done
Sandy Warner

Jun 25, 2004
Thank you for your intercession, My friend. The Words that I speak into your life and you declare are already set in motion as you stand upon them. I view them as already done. Thank you, My dear friend, you who wait upon Me and want only My point of view. How you honor Me as you lay your life down and serve your loved ones while you wait for Me and wait for them. I know your sacrifice and commitment behind the scenes. I know you have been misunderstood by your loved ones. I will settle the differences. Your intercession bears fruit for so many, even more then your family. How you have touched My heart to be so willing to wait for what matters to Me the most. Thank you for not giving up. You really are not alone. You have all of heaven yearning with you, dear one.

Rom 8:24-25 AMP
For in [this] hope we were saved. But hope [the object of] which is seen is not hope. For how can one hope for what he already sees? But if we hope for what is still unseen by us, we wait for it with patience and composure.

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The Tide Has Turned

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My kisses are honey sweet. My kisses are sweeter than wine. My embrace is utterly indescribable in words that humans would understand.

For too long men have spurned me. For too long men have gone their own way, totally oblivious to the calling and the wooing of their God and King.

The tide has turned and the day of my visitation is upon you. To a few, this will mean walking in my Presence and great intimacy with your King. To the majority however, it will be a time of great trial and tribulation.

You, Oh man, have been as a wild horse, unwilling to even have a saddle put on your back, much less having a bit put between your teeth.* In fact you have laid back your ears, barred your teeth and constantly bucked and reared in your rebellion and indignation to the Master’s hand. So I am going to break those who will be broken. The rest will be discarded and blown away as chaff.

There is absolutely no use for a rebellious horse that refuses to be broken. Such a horse is only a taker and never a giver. There will be NO takers in my eternal kingdom, for all will be servants or they will be nothing. That is, they simply will not be there.

In my kingdom, man does not constantly esteem himself higher than others, but lives in a spirit of graciousness and hospitality.

You, Oh man, have refused to learn. You, Oh man, have refused to turn from your wicked and rebellious ways. Even now the hand on the clock is preparing to chime the midnight hour and you still party on - oblivious. So be it. *The tide has turned and it has not turned in your favor. It has turned in MY favor. So now you shall see what I shall do.*

Many of you will be utterly undone. I have warned before that you could not sleep with poisonous snakes and not get bitten. That hour is upon you as I begin to unravel everything that is not of me. Great and small alike will fall. No one will be exempt from the shaking, for I will not allow any unbroken and undisciplined horses into my kingdom.
I said that Jerusalem would be a cup of trembling or a cup of poison to all the earth. Watch now as I begin to bring that promise into focus.

Zech. 12:1-9 This is the word of the Lord concerning Israel. The Lord, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the spirit of man with him declares: “I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem.
On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.
On that day I will strike every horse with panic and its rider with madness,” declares the Lord. “I will keep a watchful eye over the house of Judah, but I will blind all the horses of the nations. Then the leaders of Judah will say in their hearts, “The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the Lord Almighty is their God.”
“On that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume right and left all the surrounding people, but Jerusalem will remain

intact in her place.
The Lord will save the dwellings of Judah first, so that the honor of the house of David and of Jerusalem's inhabitants may not be greater than Judah.
On that day the Lord shall shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the Angel of the Lord going before them.
On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem". [NIV]

Many are still sleep walking and many are still in denial. You WILL wake up, for the whole earth will tremble before me. I AM that I AM and I will not be moved. I will not change my ways to suit man – a creature whom I created and sustain on a daily basis.

Your bravado and rebellion will get you nowhere, for I know exactly how to puncture your balloons and take the wind out of your sails.

I will blow and I will roar. I will shake and shake. I will have a stable of horses that obey me or they will be cast out. As you do not keep a mad dog or a mean Billy goat as a pet, neither will I. So watch and see what I will do, for the tide has turned and I am delaying my hand no longer.
I will use this tide to draw my bride to myself. I will use this tide to separate the sheep from the goats** and the wheat from the tares,*** FOR THE HOUR IS MUCH LATER THAN YOU THINK..

You partied when you should have been praying and you scoffed and rebelled when you should have been worshipping. So now it all begins, slowly at first and then more and more intensely as the birth pangs for my return are set in motion.

Your Jesus

**Jer. 2:24 You are like a wild ass which is untrained in the wilderness and follows her own will; you have snuffed up the wind, who can bring you back? Whoever seeks her shall weary himself, he shall find her only by means of her footprints.*

***Matt. 25:31-33 When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all his holy angels with him, then he will sit upon the throne of his glory. And all nations will gather before him; and he will separate them one from another; just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; And he will set the sheep at his right, and the goats at his left.*

****Matt. 13:40-43 Therefore, just as the tares are picked out and burned in the fire, so shall it be at the end of the world. The Son of man will send his angels, and they will pick out from his kingdom all things which cause stumbling and all workers of iniquity. And they will throw them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous ones shall shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.*

The Treasure Hunter

Victoria Boyson

As an apostolic generation emerges, we should see in them a people who are driven to recover and release the destiny of others. They will look past obvious weaknesses to find priceless treasure hidden in their hearts.

The apostolic man or woman tirelessly searches through the refuse of the devil to discover in the people the enemy has abused and entangled in sin, the hidden treasures awaiting him. He possesses the heart and mind of Christ and views people through the eyes of redemption. He is a treasure hunter and he views the world quite differently than most. He does not look for his treasure in the storehouses of palaces, but in those who have been discarded and abandoned by the enemy.

Fields of Treasure

True treasure, in his eyes, is that which is discovered in the forgotten fields, where the unkempt grass has grown and masks the treasures hidden in it. Others, who were more concerned with getting to their destination than helping their brothers, have passed by this forgotten field without giving it a second glance. They have inevitably missed some of the greatest treasure God could have bestowed upon the body of Christ.

Seeking to become the embodiment of Christ, the treasure hunter looks for the great among the lowly and meek. It is the greatness of Christ in him that enables him to recognize the greatness in others. With patience unmatched, he listens to one heart-wrenching story of neglect and abuse after another, each more disparaging than the last. With the precision of a diamond cutter, he dissolves the wounds of the past with the compassion of the cross.

One after another these forgotten treasures are restored, given dignity and a position in the family of God. The treasure hunter's esteem for them, gives them a sense of value that they have not know before. Able now, through the esteem of the treasure hunter, to receive the love and forgiveness of a heavenly Father they had not known, they gladly become loyal servants to the Lamb.

Through his gift of appreciation, the treasure hunter has raised their value. Now others, who before did not understand them, give way to the estimation of the treasure hunter. They open their hearts and receive the hunter's newly found treasure and welcome them into their trust, as they themselves were once the object of his search.

With his God-given authority, the treasure hunter has raised the value of his brother. Now this forgotten treasure can take up his rightful position in the army of the Lamb.

The Army of the Lamb

A deeper look into the life of the treasure hunter shows us he has surrounded himself with the treasure that other's have deemed unworthy. Yet, these unworthy, broken people have banded together under the guidance of the hunter to form a powerful army.

What a frightful sight they have suddenly become to the enemy. Those he has beaten and abused - those he has thrown out and treated with contempt - have come back to haunt him. Now he sees before him an unstoppable force made up of his discarded refuse.

He thought he had destroyed them, reducing their value through bondage to sin. But now he sees them standing before him, bold and stouthearted, undergirded by the evaluation of the treasure hunter and the love of heaven.

This army is consumed by their goal: to alight upon their enemy and dismantle the kingdoms of darkness, to retrieve those caught in his webs of delusion.

Familiar Faces

This great army is outfitted with weapons made from Satan's own handiwork. Every bondage and bruise he has inflicted on them, every episode of painful rejection and humiliation, has been turned into a powerful weapon aimed at his chest.

The enemy anguishes when he realizes what he has done. He has not reduced this treasure to trash, but he himself, through his evil efforts to rob, kill and destroy, has created his own worst nightmare - redeemed souls bent on his destruction.

One by one he looks at their familiar faces and he sees the broken marriages, the deaths, the lost dreams, the defeats of sexual immorality. The weapons he used to inflict pain on them in an attempt to destroy their destiny have now been turned on him (Rom 8:28). These weapons are now even more powerful than before, because they have become a part of their destiny and have been enveloped by the mercy of the Lamb.

He knows that these "enemy seeking warriors" are not naive as they once were, but they now know how he operates. They have learned a lot from their failures and he knows they will use that knowledge to destroy him.

These great warriors will not be beguiled by selfish ambition and pride. They have walked through the fire of affliction and shine now with the radiance of heaven. Their strength lies not in themselves, but in their love for one another. They esteem their brother as better than themselves and would surrender their lives for them if necessary.

They are fearless, because they have suffered all that hell has thrown at them, yet they have endured it. They live not for themselves now, but for the kingdom of heaven and the Lamb. They are passionately devoted to their King and will give their all to build up His kingdom.

In one glance, Satan has seen that those he had tried to destroy...will destroy him.

Nothing Left to Throw

He cannot convince them to hate themselves anymore as he once did, because they have received their righteousness through the life-giving blood of the Lamb. He has nothing left to throw at them because these warriors have become familiar with his ways and will use that knowledge against him...he is terrified.

He knows that his time is close, that the seed of the woman, whom he has feared, has come to crush him. The seed of the woman will crush his head (Gen. 3:15), the seed of the woman that he thought had destroyed her. The seed of sin and rebellion towards God has been turned into the mightiest, most destructive weapon on earth. That SEED, the seed of sin that he planted into her heart with his rebellious lies (Gen. 3:4-5), has been transformed and has sprung forth. It has developed, through the cross, into wisdom and strength and has now turned against him.

By his own enticement, he has trained this army. With his own destruction and rejection he has armed them.

He knows better than anyone else, as he looks into an endless sea of faces of people he has tried to devour, that as he sought to dethrone the beloved of the Father from their place in His heart. As he sought, with hateful jealousy, the destruction of the apple of God's eye, he has sealed his own fate.

The souls he yearned to destroy have now become unstoppable warriors!

United in Christ

They are the united body of Christ. Armored in selfless love for one another, they no longer stumble over each other as they once did, they refuse to "break rank." They esteem the leadership of the treasure hunter and wait for instructions from him. They look to him in anticipation for the command to attack - to be released to fulfill their destiny.

As the treasure hunter leads an army of unwanted, unvalued, yet priceless treasure rescued from the rubble, he lowers his sword and points it directly at the enemy and unleashes what hell has feared. With one word they are dispatched to plunder the kingdoms of darkness.

As they invade the realms of darkness, they retrieve countless souls once deemed as useless and as hopeless as they themselves were once thought to be. They trample the enemy under foot, overwhelming him. He can give little defense.

The enemy of the Lamb crumbles in defeat; the work of his life is stolen in a moment. The kingdom of darkness is raided and more hidden treasure is recovered and sent to the fields of grace...heaven on earth...the church, where newly trained treasure hunters await their arrival.

Having defeated their fallen foe, they stand and look towards heaven and in unison they cry, "FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND THE LAMB!"
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The Chapel
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Years ago, as I struggled through a depression for a period of time, I cried out to the Lord for help. He helped me by giving me an open vision. I had recently gone through several traumatic events that left me feeling emotionally numb; I felt overwhelmed with the reality of the painful events that had occurred.

I knew that this was a time for me to experience just a portion of the pain the Lord Himself had endured on the cross. The Lord did not allow me to endure more than He thought I could handle, but it felt like much more.

It was enough to open my heart and mind to experience so much more of God than I had previously known was available to me. I found during this time that God was on my side! His love for me didn't stop with redemption, but He continued to redeem me every day. He was on my side and was praying for me.

"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?"

"Who will bring any charge against those who God has chosen? It is God who justifies; who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us" (Ro. 8:31-34).

I had known from childhood that Jesus loved me. I was raised in the church and cannot remember not knowing the song "Jesus Loves Me." However, there is a difference between knowing love and feeling it. I knew God loved me, but during this time I could not feel His love for me. I cried out to the Lord to show me His love...He did.

My Vision

The Lord opened the spirit realm for me and suddenly I saw heaven. There were rolling green hills with big beautiful trees that dotted the landscape. As I stood on top of one of the endless hills, I saw nestled in the valley below a small ornate chapel. I knew in my spirit that I just had to be there and suddenly I was there.

The chapel looked very old, but was obviously well cared for. Through the windows of the chapel I could see a light glowing inside. I was compelled to go in. I opened the door at the back of the chapel and stood there for a while absorbing the warmth from the lights inside.

The chapel was empty except for one man who was praying at the altar. An amber glow filled the area where He knelt and I had a forceful desire to see who it was. Instantly I was at the front of the chapel looking at the man who was kneeling there.

He was crying and seemed desperate to touch the heart of the Father with His prayers. He prayed with such earnestness, that I was curious to find out what he was praying for. He did not appear to know that I was there, so I moved closer to him. As I saw his face streaming with tears in deep intercession I heard him say, "Father, please help Victoria." I gasped. "He is praying for me," I thought.

It was then that I recognized who this man was...it was Jesus.

The man praying in earnest was my Lord Jesus and I was the subject of His prayers. He was crying and interceding for me. I felt the love that He had for me and His desperate desire that I be pulled from the depression that had gripped my life.

I stepped back from the Lord to try and process all that I was seeing. I was completely stunned. Who was I that Jesus would intercede for me and with such earnestness? Was I really that special to Him? Did He really love me that much? Why would He take all this time by Himself, just to pray for me? It was difficult for me to fathom that His love for me was that great? But it was...

I sat for awhile at the back of the church, watching Him pray. Suddenly He stood up and turned and looked at me, He saw I was there and ran to me. He fell at my knees and reached to embrace me, but I was still in such shock I did not return His embrace. He looked at me with such love, that I was finally shaken from my numbness and became fully aware of the love I was experiencing.

My eyes were opened and now I could see and feel His love for me. I knew then that I was very precious to Him.

You are Very Special

Why is it that if you believe you are special to God, some accuse you of thinking too much of yourself? Are we not all precious in His sight?

If you were special enough for God to send His own Son to die for you, then you can believe that you are special enough for Jesus to intercede for. He gave Himself for you once in death, and He gives His life in intercession for you now. "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" (Ro. 8:32).

He is for you, NOT against you! He is the one trying to convince you that it is possible for you to do great things for His glory. And "if God be for us, who can be against us?" (Ro. 8:31). The answer is: NO ONE CAN!

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or danger or sword?" (Ro. 8:35). "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels or demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Ro. 8:38-39).

"Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them" (Heb. 7:25).

He died for us that we might live, yet now He lives to pray for us! He saves us completely not just at our redemption, but He desires our complete transformation. He knows this is the only chance we have of truly living, to become one with Him in every aspect of our life. Giving our all to Him and watching Him transform us into His likeness.

That moment in my life when I was permitted to see Him interceding for me changed my life. And I hope that reading about this experience will also have an impact on your life.

You are very special to God and He wants you to know it. It is not presumptuous to think that you are special. You are not just another face in the crowd to Him. You are what He died for. You are His priceless treasure. He gave His all to have you, and He lives always to pray for you!

Bless you,

Victoria ___________________________

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The Tabernacle I Am Building

Jeanne Kruchowski

Jun 20, 2004
The Tabernacle I am building is multi-dimensional, it includes those alive now upon the earth who belong to Me, and those who have gone on before you.

It is a beautiful Tabernacle, as pieces are being put into place, connected together by My Ruach Hakodesh/Holy Spirit, that part of Me that is simultaneously many places at once.

This Tabernacle is made of My people, Jew and Gentile, intertwined with one another and gloriously joined together. It is a wonder to behold, and you shall be Awestruck when your eyes first glimpse this Great thing which I have done, and you shall surely say, No One but our God could do such a thing! And you shall worship in completeness, and your worship shall be full and go on for Our Eternity, and the Angels will sing, Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is Our God, for He has created and united a people from all tongues, tribes and nations, No One is like Him!

I Am Not Unjust

Jeanne Kruchowski

Jun 20, 2004
My Dear Ones,

I am a Faithful and Just God who bestows honor where honor is due. Who rewards according to one's actions. If this were not true what would be your motivation to change?

Indeed many will suffer much because they have been unwilling to allow Me to change them now during this "sealing" period. Many of you already know you have My Seal upon your forehead, many of you have felt this even as it happened. If you love Me with all of your heart to the best of your ability will I then force you to go through the treacherous evils that are coming? Of course not. But I will never give you a date, each one's destiny is in My Hand, suffice it to say that those who truly walk with Me will be spared much for I do not "punish" those who love Me.

And each one has had an opportunity to love Me above all else in this life, that is Never denied ANY individual. For how many have met Me on their own, without being told by someone else? I tell you millions! For I am able to be perceived even by a small child. And I honor all who seriously seek Truth, for that is Who I am, Truth.

So look not to the right or to the left, as each one is responsible for their own actions, and when you look at others, you are ignoring your own.

Yes, I have come to liberate and chastise My Own, how many have been willing to receive this discipline? Very few. And yet without Holiness it is impossible to see Me. You can be "saved" and not dwell very close to Me in the next life. Those closest to Me will be those who are closest to Me. Why would it be any way else? For that is their desire and they have sacrificed for Me as a demonstration of their love. For what relationship costs you nothing? There are none.

This is Truth, I am not hard but I am fair in My overall dealings with mankind. In the end, this will be seen and all will be reconciled to their place, knowing that I love all, but that each one is where they have "chosen" to be.

Stir up you heart again towards holiness, for I shall send My Son for you after not very many days. Read about the Jewish wedding traditions and much of it will come "alive" to you. I do not want you to be in the dark, but dressed and ready to flee with Me.

Shalom My Dear Ones.
Fret not, I will take care of everything and everyone you cannot.

Hear Oh Israel
Jeanne Kruchowski

Jun 13, 2004
Hear Oh Israel, My Hebrew people, has not your time now come? Has not the time of the Gentiles, those from the lineage of Ishmael and Esau been fulfilled? Have I not seen the longing and wandering of your hearts? Shall you not Now come back to Me?

I speak to you come back, come back, come back. Give Me your hearts for surely I will turn everything that has been turned against you. Is your reward not Great for bearing My Name? For being a separate, sometimes despised People?

I tell you Yes! Your reward shall be Great as you turn to Me, for you have fulfilled the destiny I chose for you, and that was to be a People who stood out for Me.

Some have run from this and some have embraced it. But I have used you to carry My Glory, My Being to all who would listen.

Has not an appropriate Lamb been slain for you? A Lamb greater than Moshe, David and Avraham?

See, did any of these die as a lamb for a sacrifice? One of your own? No, you know this deep within your heart and now I speak to what is in your heart, that it shall now come forth!

Arise from your pain and your pride, and see what I have already done for you! For surely your pride has kept you from the Lamb, from Messiah.

Yes, turn away from this pride and you shall see the Truth! If you desire truth MORE than your own life, you shall find it!!

Arise now and TRULY seek Me, for your time is now!

The TRUTH is LOVE

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Do we really know God? Do we really know Truth? What is the Word? What is Truth? What is Faith? What is Love? What is our Focus?

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Revelation 12:11 "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."

Luke 18:7-8 "And will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? I tell you, He will see that they get justice and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

God will answer those who cry out to Him. The prayers of the faithful are not ignored. Yet Jesus asks the pointed question : "Will I find faith on the earth?" Without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please God.

Without faith we have nothing but delusion or illusion. I believe these are the days when our faith needs to become the concrete in our lives... The things seen give way to the things unseen. Faith will be the substance, and the substance that has been before will be that which crumbles.

Let he who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall... stand on the Word of God, on the solid Rock. "The grass whithers and the flowers fall, but the Word of God stands forever." Isaiah 40:8 If the TRUTH is all that remains, that is what we need to be standing on! There is not substitute!

Many have spoken of a "Shaking" coming upon the earth. I would agree that the shaking has already begun, and it began in the family of God... and if we can scarcely withstand it, what about the world? (1 Peter 4: 17-19) We who believe have no excuse not to live by faith ... that Faith is our life line without it, it is impossible to please God. It pleases God when we look to HIM, the author and finisher of our faith. If we don't look to Him, we will only see the shaking, we will fall.

God's word warns that there is coming a grand deception, and a great falling away... so that even 'the elect' would be deceived. How do we fight deception? With the TRUTH!

The Truth is God's Logos Word, and the Voice is God's Rhema Word. The Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two edged sword... cutting right to the intents of your heart.

So if that physical book (Bible) that we hold in our hands is taken away... the Living Word through the Holy Spirit would still be dividing between what is flesh and what is spirit, and cutting through to the intents of the heart. Many have come to know God's salvation in miraculous ways through the (God-breathed) words in the Bible.

People can read the Bible from a scientific position and come away with nothing... it is the Spirit of God that draws all men to Him, and He gives understanding. The Bible has been readily available and many have taken it for granted.

We have the privilege and honor of holding God's own Words in our hands and reading it with our eyes. We should write those Words on our hearts and store them up as our weapons of defense.

Should there come the time when that physical word is removed... the Rhema Word (His Voice) will take its place... as the two are completely in agreement of one another.

God will never go against Himself... He honors His Word above His Name. It is Holy, It is Truth.

What is the best way to learn His Voice? Spend time with Him, ask Him to teach you to recognize it, to discern what is Him... He will! If you lack anything... understanding, wisdom, recognition of His voice... ask Him who will freely give it to you.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!" Matthew 7:11

Now, knowing that the Lord won't give you what is evil... please pay attention to Jesus' further admonition in the same chapter.

Matthew 7:13-29 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears goof fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heave n. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you, Away from me, you evildoers!'

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down and the streams rose and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash. When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law."

There was an obvious difference between the words of our Lord Jesus and the teachers of the law. Many times people try to pass off their opinions as Scripturally supported truth. That is why we must not accept something just because it sounds good, nor are we to judge something being of God by whether someone is capable of performing miracles in Jesus' name.

Jesus didn't say to fear the enemy but to be aware of him. He knows that the enemy will employ any means to get us to have fear rather than faith, and to focus on anything rather than focus on Jesus Christ. Its all about Faith focus.

One of the big hindrances of our Faith focus is learning to speak the Truth in love. When we voice our opinions, we are often offended and respond accordingly when someone disagrees with us. There is arguing back and forth about who is right and who is wrong... often lacking in grace and love and just downright hurtful.

The answer is this: If we speak the TRUTH it will be in LOVE because Truth doesn't originate from us, it originates from LOVE because GOD is LOVE. If you are condemning another, that's not love. If you believe something is right or wrong and your brother doesn't, let the Lord deal with it, and to love them anyway.

Don't argue or set up stumbling blocks or spend time tearing one another down when you should be building up the Body of Christ and reaching the lost. Pray for them if they're really wrong ... that is love in action!

We often care more about being right than what is right. How many of us, when we disagree, actually go to the Lord in prayer and ask Him to examine our own hearts? Jesus said that we wouldn't have our prayers answered nor be forgiven if we don't forgive others.

Don't you think He meant it? Or has he made an exception for those who really get under your skin with their inability to see your viewpoint?

If you agree that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who died and rose again for your sins and that He is the way the Truth and the life and no man comes to the Father but by HIM, then you are brothers and you agree about WHAT MATTERS. I am going to restate this point because I think it is of utmost importance.

If we speak the TRUTH it will be in LOVE because TRUTH doesn't originate from us, it originates from LOVE because GOD IS LOVE.

If we are to be overcomers, if we are to stand firm, we have to shore up in the Word, be aware of the enemy (it's not your brother!), HAVE FAITH in God, and love one another.

Forgive me if this seems like a wild ride... but its the one that the Word of God led me on today, so I wanted to share the excitement with all of you God Bless you all!

Susan

Please read: Romans 14, Mark 11:20-25, Revelation 3:10, 1 Peter 4:7-11, 1 Peter 5:6-11, Matthew 24:24, 2 Thessalonians 2:11, First John

The Tide Is Turning

Stephen Hanson

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> *[13] until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Eph. 4*
> *PS 91:5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,*
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> *JER 23:25 "I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, `I had a dream! I had a dream!' [26] How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? [27] They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their fathers forgot my name through Baal worship. [28] Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. [29] "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?*

"I tell you that I am with my people this year. I am with them through the storms of this year. I tell you that terrorism has made its mark on the people of the United States, but you are not to fear the arrow that flies by day, or the terror that comes by night. I tell you that I will gather you under the pinions of my wings. I tell you that certain cities have been marked out as certain targets of the enemy. There are plans being made. I tell you that the power of the enemy is attempting to strike down many of these cities. But these plans will be of no avail, for they will backfire. "

"I tell you that there will be great things in store for my people this year. For many of the years that you have been hidden you will now come out into the open. I tell you that many of you are coming unto full stature. Because of the storms that you have managed to prevail, and the trials that you have endured, that because of these things, you are now coming unto full stature. So, when the storms come, I am asking you to prevail through them. I do not take the storms away but I provide a way for you to make it through them. "

"There has been much talk about the next President. I tell you that the tide is turning. Watch and be alert. There are different voices out there that speak of these things. Whose report are you going to believe? Surely, I will see you through all of these things. When there are differing voices even amongst the prophets, then come to Me and I will give you clarity. For many still see through a mirror dimly. "

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The Truth Is The Key

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This evening at bedtime, my daughter told me of a vision she had earlier this afternoon. We were driving home from picking up her brother. As told to me by her, this is what she saw.....

There was this room, like not in color, but in black and white. There was like all junky stuff in there. It was colorless, lifeless, blaaa... just no color.

This woman walks in. There was a man at like a counter in a store.

This woman was drawn over to this large item, covered over with a cloth. Some light was streaking out from some holes. .She was attracted to the light. It was the only light, and life coming from this room. The light drew her to come look closer.

When she started to uncover it, another man, (not the one at the counter, but another man looking at the stuff as well...), says to her, "Mam' you shouldn't look in there- it's dangerous for you."

"But why?" she replied, as she ignored his words, and pulls the cover off of what was hidden underneigth. She uncovers it to find it revealed a royal treasure chest. The outside had like gold and silver and shiny jewels all over it. But she wasn't able to open it. It was locked, and the key seemed to be missing. As she was looking it over to find the key....

A man's voice came out of no where, "The Truth is the key."

After, when she was thinking upon this...she heard that, "The truth is in the Word of God- the Bible. That we need to read it."

This is a very simple but yet profound word. Here is my interpretation as I am seeing it before me.

1) She was attracted to the light!

This woman represents the lost who are coming in... searching for something... and the dark drab world..."the things of this life grow strangely dim." She, the lost, are drawn in by the light they see. The light comes through the cracks of our human frailty, our weaknesses..("he is strong in our weaknesses...when I am weak then I am strong"?)...the earthly body covering...when his light is in us, it shines out through our weak spots... as we are made strong in him. They see a glimpse of him- his light... and are drawn. They want to peer in and see more.. to search out the matter.

2) She ignores the man who says you shouldn't.

This man is the deceiver, who is trying to keep the people (The lost and the searching), from uncovering the truth that will set them free...the hidden treasures.. that are within the word. He is telling her, the lost, not to touch that. It's dangerous to you. "YOU." the word you... it's dangerous to "You". Yea, because we must die to self, like our treasures are any good without his glory. ..to die is to gain. But the enemy says we lose value...when we really gain much.

To some he is saying don't go to that church, or any church for that matter..you will have to give up what you want to do-you will have to change.

He is speaking to many, this lie, to keep them from going further in the things of the Lord. And this lie is keeping many just outside from uncovering the greatest treasure. The enemy wants us to keep the glory hidden and covered... and to keep us from experiencing the fullness of what we have in Christ.

To some he is saying that the great signs and wonders aren't of God, don't go there.. it's dangerous to you. He is saying be careful don't touch that...any one of the gifts the Lord has given.. that it's not for today. He is trying to use fear to keep some of us from going deeper with the Lord. Saying that we might get a counterfeit and be led astray... that we can't touch the glory of God.

3) She uncovers it

Here she is searching out the hidden things... and uncovers the truth within, this hidden treasure chest. "It is wisdom to search out a matter"..."to study to show yourself approved"..."to work out your own salvation." She is looking inside the rag of this human frailty...looking within.. drawn in deeper to the glory of the Lord- the truth.

It's time to slip the cover off, to unveil the glory of the Lord. It's time to take ourselves out of the box and fully release his glory to go forth. It's not time to hide, but to come forth...to take your treasures out. Our filthy rags have been removed...we are of royal bloodline.

4) She finds a royal treasure chest

The treasure chest is symbolic of "The Word"= Jesus. "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God." John 1:1. To open the word is to find the key.. the truth unlocks many treasures within. To know what is on the inside, you must open it. To open it, you need the key. The key is Jesus- the truth and the way. It's by faith in Jesus that we become sons of the King of Kings.. and gain an unending heritage...we become heirs of Christ. As we open his word, we learn of our hidden worth in Him. ..

And so, also, this treasure chest represents you.. the royal priesthood and within is his glory shining through. As this glory shines through our cracks-(our weaknesses)- he is being revealed, and it's drawing others in... to come and get a closer look. Many are under wraps, hidden, hidden gems to be revealed. They are about to be uncovered and display the glory of God for others to see.

5) A voice speaks out, "The truth is the key."

The truth is the key.. to unlock this great treasure box...and let the glory come out. As we learn his truths, more of him is revealed through us. And others will be drawn in to see what this light is about. The treasures will be revealed, the lid opened and the gifts will come forth, in an abundance. The Lord is about to uncover and reveal more of him in this days. There are hidden treasures that are about to be uncovered and released.

It is a Now thing, a Now day. It's a newday, but a nowday. This is a "now" word. That is why I wrote "this" days... this.. represents a now word... There are many around you, that are hidden. Some of you who are reading this has been hidden, but as you have grown and grow in the truth, His glory shines forth. As you grow in him...He will unlock the door and send you forth.

I am seeing a door before you. On the other side is a hand on the doorknob, about to push it open.

Keep your eyes on him- for he is our key. As long as we behold him, know his word, devour his word...be full of him...His truth will protect us-from deception, and going the wrong way. One of His teasures is wisdom. .. "for wisdom is better than rubies."... "The Lord is the beginning of wisdom". .. "better is it to get wisdom then gold..". and it says in, James 3:17, "but the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."

Many are about to be released. Ignore the voices that tell you it's dangerous. There are great treasures within. Look for those treasures within the saints around you.. and don't forget the children...look at the great treasures. And there are some treasures that have felt shelved, consider yourself dusted off and a great treasure. You are a living ark that carry God's presence...hold your head up.. for you are of value to the King. You have a purpose, and are about to be placed into a new place, new surroundings.

I see a hand now wiping some of you off, taking off the dust and the cobwebs... and there is a new shine coming upon you. You are not finished. That has been a lie of the enemy who wants you to stay covered. Rip those grave clothes off...look within to the treasures the Lord has placed within you. There are many hidden within you, truths, that you have pushed away/ out of fear and or hurt...or just from a place of feeling useless...that your time is up, or that you have just been so beaten and put on a shelf by others....the dust had been accumulating on these things... but Now is a New day. You are victorious in Him. It's been done. Now stand in this victory.

Look at yourself and see the royal clothing upon you...you have access to go before the King of Kings anytime...he receives those who are his own. Those who are his know His voice and He knows them. It is you, He is speaking to. Pick yourself up, dust yourself off..". for behold I do a new thing. There are things that have been stolen from you...I am restoring to you- my children, these things.. these great treasures of my truth. Dig back into my word.. you can never get enough... search it out, eat it up...devour it, for it is your life. It is truth...and as you fill up, it will flow out more freely...more of my truth will shine forth from you. My glory will be seen upon your faces. Behold me, and rejoice for I AM and always will be. "

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The Times In Which We Live

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Signs of the Times in which we Live - Disneyland, Le Chateau, Sons of Zadok, Angel Food Cake, Tree of Life, Fishers & Hunters, Unity & Balance, Menorah, Racism, Moon, Rulers, Groanings, Gideon's Fleece, Communion, Horn of Plenty, Clothes on Fire, Snowflakes, and Water Levels.

I saw the characters of Disneyland come alive, the heart of children embracing His kingdom in a child-like way and from this will emerge a wonderland, i.e. a wonder and a land in us that will entice the world to return to its first love.

Grape Vines and the Wine of His Pleasure - I saw the hand of the Lord reach down and pull out a huge corkscrew from spiritual wells, unclogging reservoirs that are embedded deep within His people, allowing the wine of His pleasure to freely flow. The name of the wine was called, "Le Chateau", a wine processed with heart and passion. Surely He has been saving the best wine of our lives, for the end. Believe it, for it is so.

I saw His blue garment and His children playing and swinging on the priestly tassels, which hung down from His belt of truth. These are the sons of Zadok, those who come near to minister unto Him. (Ezekiel 40:46) There is no waste around their waists and their virginity of thought is to remove any obstacles between themselves and supreme truth. Every word spoken in truth by them shall not return unto Him void but shall accomplish that which He pleases and it shall prosper in the things where He sends it.

Psalm 78:25, "everyone ate the bread of the mighty, man ate angels' food and God sent them meat in abundance. I saw a cake being made in which to feed His people in the days ahead. It was an angel food cake, which required many eggs. We will be fed in the desert times and wells (living water) will continue to spring up in the oasis of need.

The Tree of Life - The leaves on His tree are for the medicinal healing and restoration of the nations (Rev. 222) I have been seeing a fresh crop of various leafs and fruits on the tree of life. One such leaf is the peppermint and I saw in them a medicinal value to cleanse our palettes and our speech.

Fishers & Hunters - Behold I will send for many fishers, says the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunter, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. (Jeremiah 16:16) The fishers and hunters seem to be running along side of each other, carrying and passing the torch of evangelism between them. I see the hunters tracing the tracks of the cougars into the mountain of the lions and those still fishing with a simple rod and red bobbin. I see His people tracking and being given binocular vision for judging and hunting the enemy in various camps. As the tigers fight over their tails, His people are becoming the heads.

Unity & Balance - I saw a circle being formed, which consisted of cement posts and ropes of hope that bound each other together. Each post had a firm foundation and was uniformly placed in equal distance. This spoke to me of unity and a corporate vision that was being formed worldwide.

I saw a 7-branch lampstand (Menorah) being lit and illuminated. Many are seeking His refuge, His strength and His heart and returning home. In all the attempts to destroy the projects around her soul, His light is still shining on Israel, and the glory of His light, in His people, will continue to shine until His coming, in His time. I see peace in the hour glass of time. I see a walled city and an activity of light on its eastern side.

Racism

The windows of my soul did change
As did the shape of my eyes
From red, then yellow, to black, then white
Turning through these portals of sight
I could then know and feel His heart
And have His love for all mankind.

Each soul has a history, and a story to tell
And a cross of repentance to embrace
What a challenge for each of us
To be an instrument of His mercy and love
Showing the way to Heaven's gate
Before its too late!

I saw three visions which seem to speak in end-time thought. I saw the moon as a bomb ready to explode, and of a women, walking upon it wearing a suit of protection. The moon is one of the cosmic actors in the drama of the earth's final disintegration and this women may represent Israel.

In succession, I saw a Christmas fire cracker, the kind that are held at both ends, which when pulled, create a very loud noise. Many are questioning the "big bang" of life, and how life really started, i.e. the improbability of our existence without a creator. In a way, the power of His kingdom, like gunpowder, is almost ready to explode.

In another prophetic scene, I saw the bones of a spine come together like coloured pieces of an interlocking jigsaw puzzle. I then heard the Spirit of the Lord say, "thou art man not beast" and then the person stood up in an upright position. The beast in man (emotions) have ruled his mind and this earth has become inverted with this mentality creating a planet of apes. I pray that understanding and the right use of minds and reason would return to mankind.

Rulers - I saw the rulers of this world and then a wooden ruler which showed increments of centimetres and inches. The thought that came to me was that inch by inch the Lord is ruling and will one day become the ruler of and over all. AMEN!

I continue to hear the groaning of the whole earth and seeing hot air balloons, in various color and design, being directed by the wind of His Spirit. Around the world in 80 days. and so the story goes. to the ends of our earth and back again. telling His story that never grows old. Romans 8:22,23 "all of creation groans for adoption "For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the spirit even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

Gideon's Golden Fleece - Many legends and stories of old are told of Gideon's golden fleece. This fleece seems to represent a life of selfless duty to the King. There can be no higher service. God has placed within us a destiny, to know the times and seasons in which we live, to be able to see with spiritual eyes into the wonderful mystery of our own continuous creation, to live in the eternal now, and to know the reality of Christ in us, the hope of glory and of becoming truly one in Him. This can only be revealed by the power of identification of our own spiritual DNA with Him.

As there are endless patterns of light and shades of colour, the mosaic of the monstrance host is experiencing all the various ways that we are able to partake of communion with Him.

In the story of Heidi, the girl that went to live with her father on the mountain of spices, I saw comparative truths for the Bride of Christ. It was upon this mountain where she was fed from a horn of plenty. It was here where she was able to sound the alarm on His holy mountain into the valley below in the time of war.

Scent Bags of His Presence - I saw tiny scent bags in people, which represent a "quick-scent in the fear of the Lord" and they seem to radiate this scent of His perfume where ever they went.

Clothes on Fire - Our transformation into Jesus and the infusion of his light into us. The fire of His intense desire towards us is growing and will become so intense that it will seem like it will burn right through our clothes. What do the angels see when they see us? May our bodies cast no shadow on His beauty and may our lives reveal the radiance of His beautiful white light.

Snowflakes Like Rain - In the springtime, long after winter had passed, I saw snowflakes falling like a gentle rain from the heavens during worship. This seems to represent grace in the form of white-embroidered lace.

Water Level Gauge - I saw two water tanks, and the water in one seem to be increasing to become equal in their balance and measure. This spoke to me of the latter rain, which will fall equally upon shepherd and sheep.

Issues of concern will be in the areas of health (epidemics) and blackouts. I saw a sign and on it the word "blackout". A blackout in both the natural and spiritual would signify a loss of power. I see electrical storms and the veins in the arms of the Lord as electrical currents. All power has been given unto Him. We are only conduits of it.

In closing, I am reminded that Jesus is our concentration in any discipline.

In Him,
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Take The Land

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March! March right in and take possession! Take the land!

Take land in the lives of your children. Take ground from the enemy. Weaken the blows. I have given you authority to take ground from the enemy in the lives of your children. I have given you the tools and the weapons of war to bring down the assignments of the enemy against them, against My Elect. I am announcing this day that the work of the enemy is null and void!

This is My word, My truth. Declare it over your children. I have come to destroy the work of the enemy, to bombard the enemy at the gate. So rejoice, for I have come through for you.

Gold awaits each of your children, gold representing victory, as a gold medal in the race. Each one shall wear the gold medal. Each one shall triumph over every enemy and take the victory. Each one shall triumph over the works of darkness. Each one shall come out a winner. This is the reward!

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I Am Placing Those Of My Choosing Into Strategic Positions In The Work Place

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I have assigned you as My forunner who will take ground and break ground for what is to come. You ask Me why I have placed you in the workplace? I tell you, My plan will be fulfilled. I am placing those of My choosing into strategic positions in the work place.

You are being strategically placed to reap a harvest. I will give you the gifting, skills, diploma, and credentials to fill the part I have for you, the placing as My ambassador in the midst of a fallen generation. So do not second-guess why I have freed you up so easily to partake of the calling into this avenue of expression. My light shall radiate from you so brightly, you will hear some proclaim My name because of you.

This is my desire, to bring in the lost. The light is shining brightly from prepared vessels who are now being moved out of hiding and into the public eye.

Rest in Me. Rest and enjoy the newfound placement. Be faithful to serve with all diligence and you will see the fruit of your labor.

I Have Stationed My Runners And They Will Run With The Gospel Message

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I have chosen My runners, positioned My runners. They will run with purpose. I will give them purpose. I will instill purpose within their hearts and they shall run without blindfolds. Running for My purpose will be a safeguard to those who run. All other purpose will pale.

I have stationed My runners, and they will run with the gospel message, the message of truth. They shall run and not grow weary, for I shall strengthen them, energize them, birth forth My stamina into their lives, and they shall run with ease, sometimes faster, at other times the pace will slow, but they will keep moving.

Runner Alert

I am giving the signal and the race will begin. Run with full knowledge of Me. I will wipe away the shroud that has entangled many. I will disperse the doom and gloom, breakthrough the clouds of despair. Run the race with endurance. I will strengthen your mortal bodies and give you the stamina of a youth. I will train you in the desert for your active role. Just as an army is trained in the desert, I will prepare, disciple, and equip My army of runners.

You ask what the runners are running with? They are running with the Good News of salvation. They will take it to the nations. Just as I instructed My runners in days of old to run with the gospel, I am instructing My runners in this day. And yes, I have sent out the forerunners to break ground and prepare the way, and now is the time for the runners to be released with the word of God into every area of society.

You say this cannot be done, that there will be great opposition, but I tell you, I am releasing an army in this day who will not be overcome, but who will be overcomers, and who will run undaunted by any attempts of the enemy to destroy the word of their testimony.

So you see, that I am calling those of all ages to run with the gospel of peace. Your children shall run undaunted with the word of truth upon their lips. And you shall run side by side with the younger generation in the mandate to spread the gospel into every corner of the Earth. Men and women, young people and children are being made ready to take the word of the Lord to the nations, runners of all ages. So get on your running gear and be ready, for the signal is about to sound, and the runners shall sprint forth from their boxes.

Wisdom, counsel, the word of the Lord will be released into the harvest fields. Make every effort to run the race with endurance.

I Am Leading My Own Out Of Obscurity And Into Full View

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Pride and idolatry are things I am dealing with in this day. I shall destroy the works of the proud, smash down their altars, their podiums, their statues to honor men. I am a jealous God and I will have no other gods before Me.

Rest in My presence. Be assured that I am leading and moving amongst My Own, that I have not left or abandoned those who belong to Me. I will come like the sweet spring rain to wash them away and into My arms of love.

This is My heart, that I move My Own out and onto the pathway opening before you. You will see that I have moved mountains on your behalf and made a way through the desert, a pathway clear and ready for your movement out of hiding and into full view, a Bride ready and waiting for her Bridegroom.

This is the way, walk ye in it! This is the way opened to you, so do not hesitate to walk in the way. I am calling many out of hiding, out of the wilderness, and into the way before them. Trust My lead. Let My Spirit lead you out of the past, out of the comfort zone, out of that place of preparation. Let Me take you out and into those places prepared for your entry.

I am doing a great thing in the land. I am leading My Own out of obscurity and into full view. Rejoice, My Beloved! Rejoice that your days of preparation are over and the time has come to move on and into that which has been prepared for you since the beginning. This is the time of My return for a Bride without spot or blemish who is sold out to her lover. I will come and take you away with Me. I'll take you up into Heavenly realms and you will experience the wonder of your God and you will be changed, made new.

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The True Meaning Of Christmas
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A Christmas Prophecy

This article is a look at the first coming of Jesus as described and Matthew, Luke, and also Isaiah. We need to see how it is a type or **prophecy of his Second Coming**. That is to say things that happened at his first coming are foreshadows of what will happen at his second coming. Let me make it clear that most of these points refer to Jesus coming spiritually to his Church in the form of a great outpouring leading to a great harvest. This takes place during and after a time of judgment on the Church.

In other words the first coming of Jesus speaks of End Time Revival [the latter rain] coming to the Church.
You may want to go over the passages in Matthew and Luke and Isaiah since we did not include them, to keep this article short, [a book could be written].

We are presenting these points, rapid fire, as it were. We could add after each one the word selah, which means pause and consider. As you do, think of the coming of Jesus as the coming of Revival.
The Christmas Story is a Prophecy!

1. **His first coming was foretold** by the prophets. His Second Coming is also being foretold by the prophets.
2. **Wise men knew** when and where to look for him then, Wise men will know when and where to look today.
3. **In the fulness of time** God sent forth his son. This applies to both the first and second comings. He will come at the appointed time.
4. He was **born in a manger**. Consider that a manger can mean a crib, or it can mean a stall. A stall can be a booth, as the children of Israel dwelt in booths during the Feast of Tabernacles. A booth is a temporary dwelling like a tent which is another word for tabernacle. But the tabernacle also speaks of God's dwelling place, also his temple or his Church. When he comes again, he will be born into His Church.
5. His coming was with **tidings of great comfort and joy**. Luke 2:10. This speaks of the comfort and Joy in the Holy Ghost that the church will have in the last days outpouring of the Spirit of God. These will be times of great judgments but those who abide in the Shadow of the Almighty will have a peace that passes all understanding.
6. He was **born of a virgin**. Matthew 1:23 The Church will be purged and purified in order to show forth his love. The Bride has played the harlot, but she will have to get back her virginity. So that she can become pregnant before the wedding.
7. Shepherds in the field were drawn to him. **His Glory blazed about** as angels visited them. Luke 2:7-8. This speaks of God's true shepherds, not the hirelings, being drawn into his presence. And coming manifestations of the Shekinah Glory on the Church. Plus angelic visitations and other supernatural happenings.
8. As **Joseph was troubled** by his wife's pregnancy, the Church world will be troubled by the revival that's coming. Yet the word of the Lord in this case is just as it was with Joseph. Fear not, this is of the Holy Ghost! Just as Mary was pregnant before her wedding, the church will have to be pregnant with Jesus before her wedding.
9. **Unto us** a child is born. This reference from Isaiah 9:6 takes a new meaning once you see that "US" is the end time Church. Us. And we are symbolized by the woman in Revelation 12 who brings forth a manchild. This is Christ being formed in us and shown forth by us.
10. "She shall bring forth a son [**unto us** a son is given] who shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21. The coming of the manchild is also the coming of the great end time harvest.
11. "Thou shalt call his name Emmanuel, that is **God with us**." When Jesus comes to dwell in His Church, he will truly be God with us.
12. Wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. Matthew 2:1. When revival and harvest come there will be many conversions in eastern countries, especially the middle east. **Muslims will come** to worship him. See Isaiah 60:6-7
13. "When Herod the king had heard these things, **he was troubled**, and all Jerusalem with him." Matthew 2:3 Herod here is a type of Satan, and this speaks of Satan's kingdom being troubled by these events.

14. " and **all Jerusalem** with him." Matthew 2:3, This also speaks of the established religions being troubled as well.
15. The wise men worshipped with **exceeding great joy**, Matthew 2:10-11. This will also take place in this revival.
16. When they were come, they opened their **treasures**. Matthew 2:11. This coming influx of Muslims will greatly enrich the Church, both spiritually and literally..
17. "And being **warned of God** …." Matthew 2:12. This speaks again of the Muslims receiving a genuine fear of the Lord in their conversion. They do not return to serving satan [Herod] but instead begin to follow a new path and to minister the gospel in their own countries.
18. Matthew 2:13-18 tells of Herod's **persecution** and attempt to kill the new born messiah. This is a direct parallel to the persecution to come upon the end time Church. See Revelation 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.
19. Matthew 2:19-20 tell of how Jesus comes back to Israel after Herod is dead and the persecution is over. When Satan and his kingdom are under his feet, **Jesus will return** to earth with all the saints and holy angels with him.
20. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is a **type** of the Church. In Luke 1:35 we read " **The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee**, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." This is a description of what is coming upon the Church.
21. "For with God **nothing shall be impossible**." Luke 1:37 Compare this to Revelation 12:10 " And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, …." 2 Chronicles 6:41 "Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness." To be Clothed with Salvation and to operate in His strength, that is Revival. Then The church will be able to do all that the Lord asks, with God nothing shall be impossible.
22. Luke 1:25 says "Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked upon me, **to take away my reproach** among men." This though spoken by Elizabeth and referring to her pregnancy, also applies to the Church. The reproach on the Church is the exposure of her sin and its judgment. The Lord will remove this reproach by redeeming his people and by bringing in a great harvest.
23. Luke 1:38 says "Behold the handmaid of the lord, **be it unto me according to thy word** …" Mary says this as a type of the Church! When the Church makes this her confession she will be submitting to the Lordship of Jesus. Some commentators have said that when Mary spoke these words is when she became pregnant. Christ was formed in her. When the Church "speaks" these words Christ will be formed in his people.
24. Luke 1:45 says "And blessed is she that believed: for **there shall be a performance** of those things which were told her from the Lord." The words 'there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord' when applied to the Church speak of the fulfillment of the prophetic scriptures. This is the Lord keeping his promises and confirming his covenant. See also Luke 1:72.
25. Luke 1:46-55 is Mary's prophetic prayer, **[my soul doth magnify the Lord]**. It speaks of God's redemption of his people the Church in the end times and the great rejoicing that will go along with that.
26. Luke 1:65-66 speaks of a Fear that came upon all those that dwelt there and how the news spread. This speaks of a **Fear of the Lord** that comes with revival and spreads wherever revival goes..
27. In Luke 1:67-79 Zacharias gives a long prophecy, [**he hath visited and redeemed his people**]. What he says here also applies to us. It is a depiction of the End Time work of the Lord in His Church.

Doubtless there are many other points that could be made and comparisons taken. We could go on at great length but would rather not. So you have a lot of pearls in a small package.

I hope these points have provided some insights into the **true meaning of Christmas** and how it points to the end times.

To The Nations And To The Saints

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Word to the continents and nations
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Africa
A hour of change from the Lord. A season of refreshing is coming. Its her hour of Harvest.
Rejoice Africa for thy land shall be fruitful.

Asia
Breeze of revival is blowing across the continent.

Iraq and Iran
Iraq and Iran are going to rejoice for out of them will come forth victory.
They shall weep no more. For out of their fruitfulness will I bring delight unto all nations. They shall be called after my name. I will raise up ministers of the gospel who will spread the gospel through them.

Canada
Arise, Shine for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you - Is. 60:1

Thus saith the Lord - Canada will bear my glory.

4 Prophecies Words To Saints.
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Look to me

Look to me with a fervent heart.
I will be there when you call.
You will call on my name and I will answer you.
You'll pray and I will hear
for I am wanting to know you.
I will be there to help you out of your difficulties.
Don’t be troubled.
Be prudent
for I will come in a time that you expect not
therefore wash your robe.
Make it clean lest I come in a time you do not expect and find you wanting.

I will fill you

I will fill you up.
Hearken unto me.
I will give you life.
I have made a way for you to cross the red sea.

Its not impossible to divide the sea.
Just stretch your rod and you'll see.
Oh hallow the Lord with all your might.
Sing unto him a new song
By my anointing
I'll severe you and you shall prosper.
In holiness you shall live.

For those who want to be in courtship.

Wait for the time you'll be in courtship
Don't be in a hurry or in a haste.
Endeavour to seek me about your partner
Don't let this relationship issue confuse you.
I've buttered your bread.
Don't let anything tamper with that.
You are my sweet one, my dear.
Let the old life pass away.
You are too sweet to be cool (luke warm)
Come close
I want to show you something
Don't do what others said you should do.
Let your life be examined and stand by your faith.
Don't let your friends push you by the way side.
Stick by it (your faith) and it will give you life
Watch and pray as you don't know what may come tomorrow.
Come and seek me.
Never refuse discipline for it is life to them that find him.
As you go in my will I will make all things straight
The crooked ways shall come to perfection and I'll give you all I've promised to do unto you.

Lots of ladies after a single man

These are the days when you'll lots of ladies after a single man. There would be scarcity of good men to marry so lots of ladies would be dying to marry the same man just to take away their shame of being single but, rejoice because in this same day the branch of the Lord would be glorious and beautiful and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing for saved Christians.
The Lord will make his people holy. He will purge his people by judgment and by the spirit of burning.
There would be God's presence and covering over the people of God.

The Tabernacle of David

Don Potter

"Body, Soul, and Spirit / The Tabernacle of David"

After leading praise in some conventional and unconventional places I have generally found that the flow of it seems to rise to a high place and then comes back down. Though that sounds elementary, I can remember when any kind of rise in the Spirit was welcome. Now it is almost common for the Spirit to be present during times of praise and worship. In many cases there would be one rise in the Spirit, and if the people wanted to go farther, they would just stay engaged in the Spirit and soon another wave started and up we all go again. This can happen many times and sometimes does at conferences and special praise events.

This is not always the case on regular Sunday meetings, but there are reasons for that. I won't try to list all the natural reasons I think this happens, but there is a spiritual reason that is worth facing. Though the praise seems high and His presence is real; is there more? One might ask, "Is there a higher place than the presence of the Lord?" Should we even be trying to get somewhere during praise other than His presence?

I'm aware of the fact that God is unsearchable and no one praise time will get Him praised, but I want to ask a question and then try to answer it myself and hope I make sense while doing it. Are those who worship God, coming into His presence or just facing it? I hope this question has gotten you excited or mad enough to read further and I'll show you what I mean.

COMPARISON

Imagine for a moment that entering into praise is like entering the Tabernacle of David. There are three parts to the tabernacle and there are three parts to our praise. The third part of the tabernacle and praise is entering His presence. The presence is the great part of this, but the first two parts are where all the interesting differences are. I also want to make a comparison between the experience of entering the tabernacle of David with the body, soul and spirit of man. Since three is one of God's favorite numbers, it is little wonder that the tabernacle would have three parts; praise would have three parts as God comes in three parts and we are triune beings as well.

We all know that man is made up of body, soul and spirit. The tabernacle is 1) the outer court, 2) the holy place and 3) the holy of holies. The apostle Paul referred to man as the temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16), and with that in mind, look at the similarities. This would make the outer court the body or flesh; the holy place is like the soul; and the holy of holies like the spirit. I believe the Lord has given us a word picture through the tabernacle and temple, of what our praise experience and walk with Him can be like. Though entering the holy of holies was only for the high priest in David's time, it was always God's intention that we would all be apart of a Holy Priesthood. (Ex.19:6)

BRONZE ALTAR AND LAVER

The first place one comes to when entering the tabernacle was the bronze altar and the bronze laver. The word "bronze" means a metal but also represents filthiness, lust and harlotry. Before we enter into praise our lusts and idolatry need to be put on the altar. In simple terms, that means getting real about yourself with God.

I always felt safe about idol worship because I don't have a statue in my house. But the Lord reminded me that idol means image. I definitely have an image of myself and have always wanted others to feel good about me. My image is to look like a spiritual man. I love Jesus, and I want everyone to think that of me so I work at that image. It may seem noble to desire to be seen as spiritual, but in the end, it is just idol worship. I wish it were the only idol that was trying to control my life. The bronze altar is the place to confess your sins, and that is the best way to start praise off. (See Ps. 51:16-17)

The bronze laver is next, and that is where we wash our hands and feet. This washes away the desire to be in power over others. In other words, be free from the spirit of control. I said that because the laver has another meaning besides a pot full of water. Laver is also translated stage or pulpit. Ah - the stage; the place we all fear the most and want the most. When I hear the statement, "You'd never get me on a stage," I know it requires a platform to make the statement and presumes someone is asking you to get on the stage. Let's face it; everyone has some kind of fantasy about the stage even if it is only a platform for our opinions.

The desire for the pulpit is the same except with a religious spirit attached. Don't confuse the desire to preach the gospel with the desire to be in the pulpit. They are very different, and I don't want to cast any aspersions on a Spirit-led desire to preach the good news. I'm referring to the power that comes from being in front of others, and the control that gives you over their lives and thoughts for that hour.

THE STAGE AND PULPIT

The stage and pulpit have their qualities especially when the Spirit is the reason it is entered, but when the stage is entered, a desire to control or manipulate the reaction of others becomes overwhelming. When you have the full attention of another, and they love what you are doing, you can spend a lifetime trying to regain and hold that kind of attention.

I've been reading Henri Nouwen's book "In the Name of Jesus," and it is worth quoting: "It seems easier to be God than to love God; easier to control people than to love people; easier to own life than to love life." This desire to control others is more apparent when we are faced with obeying the Lord's commandment, "Love one another…" (John 13:34) The love He is talking about will require vulnerability, honesty, confrontational skills and Godly patience - just to mention a few. Under those conditions, it does seem much easier to control than walk this kind of thing out with others. Still the call on a believer's life is to have a relationship with God and with others. (Matt. 22:37-39) The reason we must wash our hands and feet of the stage and pulpit is because it is a poor substitute for the relationship-oriented life the Lord continually calls us to.

All these things are to do with the body or flesh of man. I know what you're thinking, "If we had to walk through all this before we could enter into the praise, He would never be praised again." Don't get discouraged - it gets much worse.

THE HOLY PLACE

The next encounter is the holy place which is represented by the soul. In this place the lamp stand, the altar of incense, and the table of show bread are present. The lamp stand represents the church (Rev. 1:20); the incense is the worship (Mal. 1:11); and the show bread means food and facing the presence or the bread of the Presence. (Ex. 25:30 NAS) This is also the place where many of us stop.

The reason many stop at the holy place (the soul) is because the experience of praise with an encounter with the Holy Spirit is all we feel we need. I must admit, when the presence of the Lord comes into a meeting and I'm leading praise, I think we have arrived. What I have slowly learned is there is more. When the Spirit is present we are only facing it, not entering into it.

While the Lord was hanging on the cross, the veil was rent, making it possible for all to enter the holy of holies. With that truth staring back at us, why don't we enter?

HOLY OF HOLIES

It has been my experience that many people, especially men, have a hard time embracing the idea of intimacy with God. This is not a new thing in their lives, but there has been something that has managed to keep them from being vulnerable...open to others about short-comings and a basic sense of fear concerning deep spiritual matters. The comforting thing about the holy of holies or entering the presence of God is, it was dark in that place. No one could see in there and no one was looking. Nothing is done as a show.

There is a sign that is on those who have entered the holy of holies. It is the power to heal the sick; the faith that God will always provide; they will have mercy as well as give mercy to others; they will know and walk in the promises of God.

I have seen people with healing ministries, evangelistic outreaches where thousands get saved, prophetic gifts, words of knowledge and the like and the one common denominator is they have entered the holy of holies. Beyond the torn veil is where the mercy seat of God awaits us. It's in this secret place that the power of God is available. (Aaron's rod) Here is where the constant provision of God is. (Golden jar of manna) And it is in this intimate place that the promises of God and the hope of glory, Christ Jesus, awaits every man who enters.

It is my belief that entering the holy of holies is much harder to do in a church setting then it is at home along with the Lord. That is because the praise in the holy place is processional and boisterous, but then in the holy of holies you see the cherubim with their heads bowed low before the Lord. A procession in this place would be inappropriate as would bowing low in the outer court would only be a show of humility for man to see. This does not mean we can not humble ourselves before God publicly; in fact, David did this all the time. I'm only referring to trying to make a show of your humility.

ALL ARE TO ENTER

"'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel." Ex. 19:5-6 (NAS)

God intended for all to be priests, thus qualifying us all to be a holy nation. Now that we are the temple of God, the holy of holies is represented by our spirit. If we live with the Spirit of God guiding our spirits, then we will be Spirit-led. A Spirit-led life will lead you right to the intimate place we long for in the Lord.

It is the spirit that needs to be in control of a man's life, not the flesh and not the soul. The spirit cannot control the body unless the soul comes into agreement with that idea. Is this not the place where all men fall? Is it not the flesh and its lusts that cause so much internal strife in man? It is in the holy of holies that this is all settled.

What would happen if we were Spirit-led through our lives? What would church be like if it were led from the holy of holies and not just from the soul place or the holy place? If the Spirit of God was free to do whatever He wanted and not what I think He wants?

To imagine a Spirit-led life seems like a delusion to some and a dream to others. To wake up one day and say, "I'm going to be spirit-led from now on" is easier said than done. Our spirits must be guided by the Holy Spirit. If we are willing go through the first two parts of the tabernacle then living a Spirit-led life will follow.

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The Tabernacle of David

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After leading praise in some conventional and unconventional places I have generally found that the flow of it seems to rise to a high place and then comes back down. Though that sounds elementary, I can remember when any kind of rise in the Spirit was welcome. Now it is almost common for the Spirit to be present during times of praise and worship. In many cases there would be one rise in the Spirit, and if the people wanted to go farther, they would just stay engaged in the Spirit and soon another wave started and up we all go again. This can happen many times and sometimes does at conferences and special praise events.

This is not always the case on regular Sunday meetings, but there are reasons for that. I won't try to list all the natural reasons I think this happens, but there is a spiritual reason that is worth facing. Though the praise seems high and His presence is real; is there more? One might ask, "Is there a higher place than the presence of the Lord?" Should we even be trying to get somewhere during praise other than His presence?

I'm aware of the fact that God is unsearchable and no one praise time will get Him praised, but I want to ask a question and then try to answer it myself and hope I make sense while doing it. Are those who worship God, coming into His presence or just facing it? I hope this question has gotten you excited or mad enough to read further and I'll show you what I mean.

COMPARISON

Imagine for a moment that entering into praise is like entering the Tabernacle of David. There are three parts to the tabernacle and there are three parts to our praise. The third part of the tabernacle and praise is entering His presence. The presence is the great part of this, but the first two parts are where all the interesting differences are. I also want to make a comparison between the experience of entering the tabernacle of David with the body, soul and spirit of man. Since three is one of God's favorite numbers, it is little wonder that the tabernacle would have three parts; praise would have three parts as God comes in three parts and we are triune beings as well.

We all know that man is made up of body, soul and spirit. The tabernacle is 1) the outer court, 2) the holy place and 3) the holy of holies. The apostle Paul referred to man as the temple of God (1 Cor. 3:16), and with that in mind, look at the similarities. This would make the outer court the body or flesh; the holy place is like the soul; and the holy of holies like the spirit. I believe the Lord has given us a word picture through the tabernacle and temple, of what our praise experience and walk with Him can be like. Though entering the holy of holies was only for the high priest in David's time, it was always God's intention that we would all be apart of a Holy Priesthood. (Ex.19:6)

BRONZE ALTAR AND LAVER

The first place one comes to when entering the tabernacle was the bronze altar and the bronze laver. The word "bronze" means a metal but also represents filthiness, lust and harlotry. Before we enter into praise our lusts and idolatry need to be put on the altar. In simple terms, that means getting real about yourself with God.

I always felt safe about idol worship because I don't have a statue in my house. But the Lord reminded me that idol means image. I definitely have an image of myself and have always wanted others to feel good about me. My image is to look like a spiritual man. I love Jesus, and I want everyone to think that of me so I work at that image. It may seem noble to desire to be seen as spiritual, but in the end, it is just idol worship. I wish it were the only idol that was trying to control my life. The bronze altar is the place to confess your sins, and that is the best way to start praise off. (See Ps. 51:16-17)

The bronze laver is next, and that is where we wash our hands and feet. This washes away the desire to be in power over others. In other words, be free from the spirit of control. I said that because the laver has another meaning besides a pot full of water. Laver is also translated stage or pulpit. Ah - the stage; the place we all fear the most and want the most. When I hear the statement, "You'd never get me on a stage," I know it requires a platform to make the statement and presumes someone is asking you to get on the stage. Let's face it; everyone has some kind of fantasy about the stage even if it is only a platform for our opinions.

The desire for the pulpit is the same except with a religious spirit attached. Don't confuse the desire to preach the gospel with the desire to be in the pulpit. They are very different, and I don't want to cast any aspersions on a Spirit-led desire to preach the good news. I'm referring to the power that comes from being in front of others, and the control that gives you over their lives and thoughts for that hour.

THE STAGE AND PULPIT

The stage and pulpit have their qualities especially when the Spirit is the reason it is entered, but when the stage is entered, a desire to control or manipulate the reaction of others becomes overwhelming. When you have the full attention of another, and they love what you are doing, you can spend a lifetime trying to regain and hold that kind of attention.

I've been reading Henri Nouwen's book "In the Name of Jesus," and it is worth quoting: "It seems easier to be God than to love God; easier to control people than to love people; easier to own life than to love life." This desire to control others is more apparent when we are faced with obeying the Lord's commandment, "Love one another…" (John 13:34) The love He is talking about will require vulnerability, honesty, confrontational skills and Godly patience - just to mention a few. Under those conditions, it does seem much easier to control than walk this kind of thing out with others. Still the call on a believer's life is to have a relationship with God and with others. (Matt. 22:37-39) The reason we must wash our hands and feet of the stage and pulpit is because it is a poor substitute for the relationship-oriented life the Lord continually calls us to.

All these things are to do with the body or flesh of man. I know what you're thinking, "If we had to walk through all this before we could enter into the praise, He would never be praised again." Don't get discouraged - it gets much worse.

THE HOLY PLACE

The next encounter is the holy place which is represented by the soul. In this place the lamp stand, the altar of incense, and the table of show bread are present. The lamp stand represents the church (Rev. 1:20); the incense is the worship (Mal. 1:11); and the show bread means food and facing the presence or the bread of the Presence. (Ex. 25:30 NAS) This is also the place where many of us stop.

The reason many stop at the holy place (the soul) is because the experience of praise with an encounter with the Holy Spirit is all we feel we need. I must admit, when the presence of the Lord comes into a meeting and I'm leading praise, I think we have arrived. What I have slowly learned is there is more. When the Spirit is present we are only facing it, not entering into it.

While the Lord was hanging on the cross, the veil was rent, making it possible for all to enter the holy of holies. With that truth staring back at us, why don't we enter?

HOLY OF HOLIES

It has been my experience that many people, especially men, have a hard time embracing the idea of intimacy with God. This is not a new thing in their lives, but there has been something that has managed to keep them from being vulnerable...open to others about short-comings and a basic sense of fear concerning deep spiritual matters. The comforting thing about the holy of holies or entering the presence of God is, it was dark in that place. No one could see in there and no one was looking. Nothing is done as a show.

There is a sign that is on those who have entered the holy of holies. It is the power to heal the sick; the faith that God will always provide; they will have mercy as well as give mercy to others; they will know and walk in the promises of God.

I have seen people with healing ministries, evangelistic outreaches where thousands get saved, prophetic gifts, words of knowledge and the like and the one common denominator is they have entered the holy of holies. Beyond the torn veil is where the mercy seat of God awaits us. It's in this secret place that the power of God is available. (Aaron's rod) Here is where the constant provision of God is. (Golden jar of manna) And it is in this intimate place that the promises of God and the hope of glory, Christ Jesus, awaits every man who enters.

It is my belief that entering the holy of holies is much harder to do in a church setting then it is at home along with the Lord. That is because the praise in the holy place is processional and boisterous, but then in the holy of holies you see the cherubim with their heads bowed low before the Lord. A procession in this place would be inappropriate as would bowing low in the outer court would only be a show of humility for man to see. This does not mean we can not humble ourselves before God publicly; in fact, David did this all the time. I'm only referring to trying to make a show of your humility.

ALL ARE TO ENTER

"'Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel." Ex. 19:5-6 (NAS)

God intended for all to be priests, thus qualifying us all to be a holy nation. Now that we are the temple of God, the holy of holies is represented by our spirit. If we live with the Spirit of God guiding our spirits, then we will be Spirit-led. A Spirit-led life will lead you right to the intimate place we long for in the Lord.

It is the spirit that needs to be in control of a man's life, not the flesh and not the soul. The spirit cannot control the body unless the soul comes into agreement with that idea. Is this not the place where all men fall? Is it not the flesh and its lusts that cause so much internal strife in man? It is in the holy of holies that this is all settled.

What would happen if we were Spirit-led through our lives? What would church be like if it were led from the holy of holies and not just from the soul place or the holy place? If the Spirit of God was free to do whatever He wanted and not what I think He wants?

To imagine a Spirit-led life seems like a delusion to some and a dream to others. To wake up one day and say, "I'm going to be spirit-led from now on" is easier said than done. Our spirits must be guided by the Holy Spirit. If we are willing go through the first two parts of the tabernacle then living a Spirit-led life will follow.

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The Tree Of Knowledge Versus The Tree Of Life

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Point 1 - The Tree of Knowledge versus the Tree of Life
Satan tempted Eve to doubt God’s words and love toward her and to become like god herself, knowing good and evil. She could live out of her own mind, rather than out of communion with God. She chooses reason over revelation, and began to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil, thus being cut off from the Tree of Life (i.e. the divine flow of God within her). See Genesis 3.

Point 2 – God chooses revelation rather than reason
"But just as it is written, ‘THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.’ For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God." (1 Cor. 2:9-10 NASU)
"Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and turn away from evil." (Prov. 3:5-7 NASU)

The only command in the Bible to reason is found in Isaiah 1:18. You will note two things about this command. Reason is only encouraged if done together with God, and when done together with God, it involves the use of imagery, which is a right brain function, and not normally considered as part of the reasoning process in the western culture.
"`Come now, and let us reason together,’ Says the LORD, ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.’" (Isa. 1:18 NKJV)

Point 3 – God chooses meditation rather than study
The Greek in II Timothy 2:15 does not say, "Study to show yourself approved, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed…." This is a mistranslation.
In the Greek, and in the NASB it says,
"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth." (II Tim. 2:15 NASU)
Thus there is no verse in the Bible recommending study. Instead, the Bible recommends, some 20 times, meditation. Joshua 1:8 is an example of this. Biblical meditation is very different from study, as the following pages on "Study Versus Meditation" illustrate.

Point 4 – Revelation knowledge is called "true knowledge." It is actually knowledge coming from the Spirit and thus is called the Spirit of knowledge
"Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence." (II Peter 1:3 NASU)
"And the Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD." (Isa.11:2 NAS)
Rational knowledge comes from the mind through reason and study. True knowledge comes from the heart, through meditation and revelation by the Holy Spirit. Webster defines religion as "reliance upon reason for the establishing of religious truth." Thus religion and Christianity are totally different, as

nowhere in the Bible does it recommend the reliance upon reason to establish your Christian beliefs. Any exhaustive study of the word "reason" in the Bible will convince one of this.

Point 5 – Knowledge from above versus knowledge from below
James differentiates between two sources of knowledge: It is either from above or from below. It’s interesting that he only lists two. Many of us would want to list three - above, below and self.
"This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic.
For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing.
But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy." (James 3:15-17 NASU)
Knowledge (man’s reasoned knowledge) makes arrogant (1 Cor 8:1 NASU).

Paul’s reliance upon the Spirit (1 Corinthians 2)
"And when I came to you, brethren, I did not come with superiority of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the testimony of God.
2 For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.
3 I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling,
4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,
5 so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.
6 Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away;
7 but we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God predestined before the ages to our glory;
8 the wisdom which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;
9 but just as it is written,
"THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."
10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.
11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.
12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God,
13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.
14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.
15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one.
16 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ."
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Point 6 - Greek versus Hebrew learning
See the following Greek and Hebrew learning article at:
http://cwgministries.org/The-Lamad-Method-of-Learning.htm
Point 7 – Paul was trained first by reason, and then by revelation.
Paul was trained in one of the best Bible schools of his day, using the Bible, reason and theology. Then he had to be totally retrained by God, using revelation knowledge, which came to him initially on the Damascus road, and then through three years in the Arabian wilderness (Gal. 1:16.18). Paul describes his first Bible school training as being from dogs and from evil workers. He equates it with manure.
Philippians 3:1-11 KJV
" Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.
2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the circumcision.
3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.
4 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more:
5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee;
6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.
7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,
9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;
11 If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead."
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The Tents Of Meeting Part 5

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The Dream of the Storm

The day has been far spent, and the hour has been wearisome. I tiredly wait as I sit looking out over the lands. It has been a long journey, as the time has passed slowly, and much preparation has been done. It has now come to the end of the day, and the preparations have now ceased. All is finished and now awaits the fruit to be revealed.

I sit thinking of these things, and resting myself along the hillside. The tents are burning before me with a glow of readiness and anticipation. I can feel the tents. I can feel the anticipation growing within them. The King is coming. The King is within each tent, but He is also coming in a new way also. There is an air of expectation and trembling in the camp.

I can feel the trembling grow within me. I begin to scan the tents arrayed before me. Each one is full of God’s Fire and Glory, but awaits more, as they know the King is coming. The knowledge of this causes me to begin to shake and to be in awe. This is a glorious hour in which to be in God’s House. The earth has not seen this House yet, and it will shake under the weight of it’s unveiling. The Lord will be glorified in His House.

I sit there scanning the tents, and thinking of the revealing. I feel the beating of my own heart as I am amazed at all the Lord has done within us, in such a short time.

The Lord then said to me, ”Why should you be amazed at My handiwork? All I need is a willing people. All I need is a humble people. All I need is a people who desire Me more than themselves.”

I turned and the Lord was sitting on the hillside next to me. He had been there for awhile, and had been watching me as I watched and thought of the tents below. He smiled, and said, “Yes, it is time for the unveiling. But it won’t come as many think. For all that I have done in the preparation, has been done from within, and from behind the scenes, and much of what I have done, has not been entirely understood by them, but it will become clear, as I unveil them.”

“Look, and see what now comes upon the lands.”

I turned, and followed the Lord’s hand, and out on the horizon, was the coming storm. It had grown and increased till it was a great spanse of darkness and fierce wrath. It was dark out, but this storm could be seen, as its darkness was not like the darkness of the light, but it was a darkness of form.

As I watched, the storm came closer and neared the edges of the outer most tents. I could hear the winds and the raging of the storm as it drew closer, but I also felt something that I had not felt for awhile. I looked at the Lord in surprise. He nodded, and solemnly looked back at the storm. “You have seen correctly, daughter. Justice has decreed that it now come. For the reaper must reap what is not Mine, and separate the Holy from the profane.”

“The destroyer must also come, and be given its own also. For the choices have been made, and the Word must now be fulfilled. What is Holy is Holy, and what is unclean is now unclean. What is for destruction is now given over to it. What is for purging and the fires of tribulation, is now cast into the furnace of affliction. What is for Life, is placed in My House.”

I looked at the storm as He spoke. I shuddered as the coldness of the darkness came nearer. I drew closer to the Lord, as I wanted to be near His warmth and not near the darkness of death. He nodded and pointed to the storm.

The storm came closer and the tents burned brightly as the storm came to it’s edges of the fires upon the tents. What was amazing to watch was the wind and the thick darkness of the storm was rising and increasing as it drew near. The winds within blew louder and louder as it increased in size. The darkness became more darker, if that is a good description. It became thicker, maybe, or more intense. It also was cold, hard, wrath that was death itself. Then it dawned on me. The plague had begun.

Suddenly I jumped up, and ran down the hill towards the tents. I got up to the edge of the first rows of tents and the Lord stopped me. He said, “You cannot stop the death plague. The choice has been made. My Own are being brought into My House. You have warned and have declared the hour. Now it must come. For the reapers await the plague’s passing.”

I stood there, and watched as the Storm awaited the Lord’s command. The Lord raised his hand, and cried out with a loud voice, “Let those marked for slaughter, be given to the slaughter. Let those marked for destruction, be destroyed. Let those marked for persecution, be tormented and plagued and brought to their knees. Let those who are marked for the plague, be consumed by their own greed and hardness. Let those who are Mine, be glorified in Me.”
The Storm lifted up, and raged and a great thick, black form of destruction began to pour forth in all directions over the tents and the lands. I cried out, and hit the ground on my face. I could not bear the destruction of so many. But the Lord reached down and pulled me up, and said to me, “You must not weep. You must stand. You knew this day would come. You cried out with My Voice till all who would listen came into My House. The time to enter is now closing, for the storm is now come. The Destroyer now comes and will reap his due. The Death Angel will now pass over the land.”

“I have repeatedly warned My People of the coming storm. I have shown My Prophets. I have shown My Watchman. The Trumpets have sounded this day’s coming. There are no more warnings. My Grace has been given to My Own, and has wrought its work within them, so that they can now stand in this hour. All others will be given over to their portion.”

“The Day of Bondage is over for My People. I have brought deliverance to them. I am bringing them forth with a great release, and it will come as I did before for Israel when they were in Egypt. My people are in entering My tents. They are being brought into Goshen. They are in My place for them. They are prepared for their season, and will come forth, as the day passes and the new day is ushered in. I told you that it was the end of the beginning, and the beginning of the end.”

“The Culmination of all things has now begun. Just as I wrought a great deliverance for My People then, it was only a foreshadow and type of the great unveiling that I will break forth in this end hour. Everything that has a beginning has an end. Everything that had an end, is now reborn. I Am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. All things are wrought in Me, and through Me. For I AM in all things, and all things are created in Me.”

“The Death Angel now comes and takes what is not under My Blood. Everything will now be judged for it’s fruit, and each will receive it’s due reward. I have given time for My People to come to Me. I have made My Blood available for all men to receive. I have given all men the equal chance to come to Me, and to be redeemed and cleansed. I have waited till the wrath has been heaped up, and no man would live if I did not bring forth its hour. Unless I release My Grace, and bring this hour forth, death would consume all flesh from the greatness of the sin that has accumulated. The cries from under the Throne have cried out for this day, that they would be avenged for their blood that was shed, and the injustice that has ruled over the people of God. Righteousness travails for Justice and Truth travails for the Unveiling.”

“I told you it would be a terrible birth in this nation. Indeed, it will be. All nations will reel under the exposure and the Truth that they have rejected. It will be a terrible price. It will be a terrible cry as the Truth brings the day into being. Men will indeed mourn for they rejected Me, and My Truth. There will be no repentance for each has been given over to their portion.”

I watched the tents as the Lord spoke. The Storm raged and it’s blackness was thick and cold as the Death Angel passed over. I could see it’s form spreading out like a huge black wave. It became like a dark cold blanket that began to spread out and unfold. I could feel the hate and the rage of its fury. It made me shake as I watched it cover the lands. I could not fathom the feelings that stirred within me and wanted to be screamed out, but could not. The Lord only nodded at me. He too shared my feelings. He too desired His creation to live.

I said to the Lord, “What will happen to your tents, Lord?” The Lord said, “Watch and see.”
As I looked, the Lord raised His hand again, and suddenly I could see through the darkness and I could see the tents under the storm. The tents were burning brightly and were not even touched by the darkness, the plague, and the fury of the destroyer. They were not even affected by the winds that raged or the death that spread out. They were under the Blood.

The Lord then said,” I said in My Word, that when the Death Angel passed by, those in My House will not be touched. But the firstborn of all men will perish that are not in My House. What you see is the destroyer taking the firstborn of all men, and bringing it’s power down to it’s rightful place. The firstborn of men, has always been their pride. The first born sons are always the proud and joy of the fathers, and they always had the greater portion. The first born works of men have always been the idol that they erect and worship. The first born of animals were always reserved for the best and the choicest of all offerings, and have been given over to devils and the unclean sacrifices and have polluted the hearts of men with their adulteries and their rituals. Their sorceries have darkened the light of Truth and have defiled the land and the hearts of men. There are no pure altars among men or true worship anymore apart from My House.”

“The plague has begun. The Death Angel now comes, and the passing over has begun. The disclosing of the blood now unveils. I told you before, that what was not atoned for by My Blood would now be judged. What was not totally cleansed by Me, was now given over to uncleanness.
My Blood will no longer be scorned. It will no longer be made as nothing in the sight of men. My Life is in the Blood. My Life is the Covering of My people. The Death Angel passes over, as it sees Me covering My House. For I have placed My Life within My Own, and they now stand IN Me.”

“Make no mistake, daughter. The reaper will reap. The destroyer will destroy and carry off its spoil. The plague will utterly purge the land, and what remains will be what is Holy. The terrible birth has begun. I told you that the angel Holiness and the angel Terrible have begun. It will now be seen what is Holy, and what is done will be terrible. For both have begun their trek across this land, before the Storm, as a witness to all men. Many have discounted your warning. Many have discounted My Prophets, but it will come, for My Word always is accomplished as I have spoken it. It will not come as they thought. But it will come as I have decreed. For My Word is the seed, and it now breaks forth.”

“What you see before you has now come to birth. It is now on the fringes of your land. It is at the threshold. It is the hour of unveiling. All we be disclosed. All will be reaped. Both houses will be filled. Mine and the Destroyers. The Hour of Travail has begun, and the storm now comes.”

“Your nation has chosen it’s head. It has made it's allegiances and will reap the fruit of it’s choice. They trust in their hearts desire, and will be given over to it, but it will not protect them, nor atone for them in the hour that now comes forth. Men will see who the True God is, and will mourn for their choice. Oh, that men would choose Me as their King, and not place their hearts in men. Such has it been from the beginning, and such will it be till the end. The deceiver must rule for an hour and separate the houses. I told you that both the true tents and the false tents would be side by side till the end. The storm will purge out the true, and consume the false. For all things must be fulfilled, and be accomplished as it is written in My Word.”

“The Scroll is being unrolled as I showed you. My People are discerning and understanding the Hour, and they will walk in My Truth within My House. For they bear My Mark, and My Blood, and My Word. As the Storm passes over, My House will burn brightly with My Fire, as a witness in the earth. Nothing that is Mine will be touched. For all has been prepared. My Glory is upon My Own and within her. I told you that those who were IN Me, were Mine, and were hidden IN Me, and were One with Me. All that is Mine, is Mine. All that is given to Me, I now will glorify in the earth. For I will be glorified. I will be seen. I will be revealed as Holy.”

“That which was, and that which is, and that which is to come, now shall be. For the Father will now be glorified through thee. These words I have told you. Now you will come to understand them. Now you will see them fulfilled in the earth, for the lands will now give birth.”

As the Lord finished speaking, He sat down again. I sat by His side. The tents were burning before us, as the scene changed back to the familiar setting stretched out in the twilight. The storm was on the outer edges churning, as it waited at the threshold.

Silence thickened around us as I pondered all I had seen and heard.

Then it all lifted, and I awoke from the dream.

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To My Jewel
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My Precious Jewel, do you not know that it is I that has fashioned you, and who has made you with My very own hands? I chose which jewel you would be, what size you would be, how you would be positioned, and what color would best reflect Me.

Yes, you do reflect Me. All of the refining that you have undergone has brought you forth into My Place of Rest. It is here that I mount MY Jewels into My Settings. It is here that I polish them, and turn them to see which angle they best reflect Me.

Do not fear because of all of the turns that you have been making lately, for I am just looking to see which direction best reflects Me through you. Rather, rest, knowing that I am doing the turning. I know the best position for you, that will bring forth My Glory through you. For I have chosen to shine through you.

Many do not see My Jewels. They only see rocks, stones, and pebbles. But I see Myself in them, and I pick them up, and take them as My Own. Take no thought for the opinions of others that would wear you down, but rather, look upon Me, for I am lifting you up.

You are My Jewel, and you will shine for Me.

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The Treasures of Truth
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As we have been studying the biblical prophecies of the end times and how we can be prepared for them, we have also concentrated on the importance of having the truth and loving the truth. This is crucial because the biblical definition of the darkness that is coming upon the world in the last days refers almost entirely to deception or that which is not true. When the Bible talks about walking in the light, it is speaking about walking in the truth. It may not sound possible at first, but you can know and love the truth and not necessarily walk in truth. How can this be?

It is a far more subtle deception than we might suppose. I know people who love the truth of God's Word so much that they spend many hours a week searching it for understanding. They esteem its truths as great treasures. This is certainly a noble endeavor and should be the devotion of every man and woman of God. However, I have met quite a few with this devotion who think nothing of cheating on their taxes, which is in conflict with the Scriptures they esteem so much, as we read in Romans 13:6-7:

For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.
Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

A couple of years ago I met a group of believers who once were probably the most devoted people in searching the Scriptures that I have ever met. But they had rationalized not obeying the above verses because they did not agree with what some of their taxes were being used for by the government. Nowhere does the Word say to only pay taxes to the government who will use them righteously. If that were the case there would be no government in history to which we should have paid taxes, and that verse should therefore not have been written. In fact, Nero was Caesar when Paul wrote that verse. Nero was possibly the most wicked of all the leaders of Rome and the very one who was to take Paul's own life.

When someone is prone to rationalizing the Word of God in this way it always hurts them the most. One of the ways that a spirit of poverty can gain dominion over one's life is by cheating on taxes or not paying other obligations that are rightly owed. This is articulated in Proverbs 11:24: "...there is one who withholds what is justly due, but it results only in want." Like it or not, taxes are "justly due" no matter what they are used for. If we are going to partake of any of the benefits of modern society or our national defense, then we should gladly pay our fair share of the cost.
Likewise, if we do not pay bills that are "justly due," it will sooner or later cause our own depravity. This also implies that our obligations should be paid on time. It is a sure truth that when we hedge on such simple things, it will actually open the door to a spirit of poverty in our own lives, resulting in our own want.

Those whom love the truth will also be true in all of their ways. Our word should be our bond. I hear many Christians claiming Proverbs 13:22, "....the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous." There are other biblical prophecies that speak of the wealth of the nations being given to the righteous. There is no question that this will come to pass, but it is important to determine who the righteous are. The Scriptures also make it clear that those who do not keep their vows are wicked.

I was shocked when I was shown the percentage of Christians who make vows to give to churches and ministries that actually do not keep their word. As Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 5:4-6, "When you make a vow to God, do not be late in paying it, for He takes no delight in fools. Pay what you vow! It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay." Was this not the foolishness that brought the judgment upon Ananias, and Sapphira?

Christians are on the earth to represent God and to be His ambassadors. If there is one fundamental characteristic that is the nature of God it is that His word is true and He always keeps His word. As the Lord Jesus stated it in Matthew 5:37, "But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one" (NKJV).

I know a good number of Christian businessmen who do not want to do business with other Christians because of the way they have been treated by them. It does seem that many Christians purposely fail to pay their bills to other Christians because they know those Christians will have to forgive them. This may seem like an extreme statement, but it is far more widespread than most would imagine. As a ministry and as a church, we are continually subject to this kind of treatment by other Christians, other ministries, and other churches. It does hurt us, but not nearly as much as it is hurting them.

In the last few years I have had quite a few dealings with bankers, and even had a long meeting with the CEO of the largest bank in the country at the time. In every case it came up how these banks no longer wanted to deal with churches or ministries because they are such a bad risk. This was not the case just a couple of decades ago when churches and ministries were considered some of the best business a bank could have.

As the Lord Jesus also said in Luke 16:11, "If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you?" The way we handle our finances will determine the kind of true riches that we can be trusted with.

There is a reason why the mark of the beast is an economic mark. The love of money is one of the ultimate idols of the human heart, and those who worship it are worshiping the beast. One of the ultimate issues of true Christian maturity is learning to handle unrighteous mammon properly. It tests some of the deepest issues of the heart, which quickly distinguishes the true from the false.

I am thankful that there are still some Christian groups, ministries, and churches that are known for their integrity. These are the ones that the wealth of the sinners is being stored up for. However, I think we are going to be surprised at who the Lord classifies as the sinners. Since we are also told that judgment will begin with the household of God (see I Peter 4:17), we can expect that the wealth that is first transferred will come from many Christians, churches, and ministries, who have been wicked in this basic way.

Let us endeavor to always be true in all that we do, beginning with paying our taxes and paying our bills. If you are given too much change at the store, return it. To keep it is to take something that is not justly yours, which can result in your own impoverishment. This is one of those "little foxes" (see Song of Songs 2:15) that is easy to overlook—it is not only stealing much of the fruit, but ruining the vine.
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True Riches
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True Riches: The Ability to Access the Resources of Heaven, Not Just the Earth"
by Rick Joyner

The Lord made it clear that the way we handle our earthly finances will determine the kind of true riches of the kingdom that we can be trusted with. Consider this question: Would you rather have the money to buy enough food to feed five thousand people or the power to multiply a single lunch into enough for them all? If you would rather have the money, then make it your primary pursuit. If you would rather have the authority that the Lord demonstrated when He walked the earth, then pursue Him.

If we are in fact coming to the end times, we should want that authority more than any amount of money. That authority is partially what the Lord referred to as "true riches" (Luke 16:11). The true riches are the ability to access the resources of heaven, not just the earth. As we read in the prophecies about the end, there will be a time when a wheelbarrow full of money will not even buy a loaf of bread. At that time those who know the authority of heaven over the earth will not be in need, and they will feed many others as well.

In my Christian walk I have lived through several cycles of both great personal prosperity and times of need. Even Paul the apostle experienced the same, as he shared in Philippians 4:11-13:

"Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."

Increasing Our Attention on the Lord

This is a part of the maturing process that the Lord seems to take all of His people through. A key to making the most of these opportunities to mature is to learn to be content in whatever circumstances the Lord has us. We should not become overly focused on what we have or do not have. In all things we should resolve to increase our attention on the Lord. If we are in times of abundance, then our stewardship has increased, and we should be even more resolved to be faithful in managing it in the way He desires. If there are times of need, then it is a great opportunity to grow in faith in His power to take care of His family.

Even so, the way that every Christian is called to live is to **"...have an abundance for every good deed..." (II Corinthians 9:8)**. Our main goal should not be to raise our standard of living, but our standard of giving. Whether it is by natural means or supernatural, we should have an abundance for everything that God calls us to do. However, we must go through a necessary process of maturing before we can be trusted with this. This is the reason for the cycles of abundance and need. We need to embrace each one in their timing, learn all that we can from them, and resolve to keep our peace and contentment in the Lord above all things. We do not want to set our hearts on riches if they come or overly fear financial testing when it comes. Our goal must be to grow in faith and be levelheaded regardless of our state. Set that in your heart. Neither our joy nor our peace is dependent on what we have, but on Whom we have.

The immature will want everyone else to go through their same trials. When we are being abased, we will have a tendency to be critical of those who are not. When we are abounding, we will tend to be critical of those who are not. This attitude will probably ensure that we are not yet mature enough and will continue in these cycles as well as discipline in our lives. The truly content do not envy their neighbors.

Handling the Unrighteous Mammon

As stated previously, there is a reason why the mark of the beast is an economic mark. The love of money is one of the ultimate idols of the human heart and those who worship it are worshiping the beast. One of the ultimate issues of true Christian maturity is learning to handle money or what the Lord called, **"unrighteous mammon" (Luke 16:11 KJV)** properly. It tests some of the ultimate issues of the heart and does seem to quickly distinguish the true from the false.

As we have also stated often, the harvest is the reaping of everything that has been sown in man, both the good and the evil. At the very time the greatest darkness is covering the earth, the glory of the Lord is being revealed in His people. As this is stated in **Isaiah 60:1-5**, we also see that the nations will come to the light of God's people because of the glory, bringing the wealth of the nations. We do not want people to come to us because of what we have, but because the glory of the Lord is being revealed in His temple, His people.

When the nations come bringing their wealth, it is not so God's people can then be wealthy, but so we can manage it rightly for the sake of the ones who are bringing it to them. When the first converts brought all of their possessions and laid them at the feet of the apostles, it was not so the apostles could have it, but so they could manage it for a fair distribution among the people. The wealth of the nations is still for the nations.

Why Is the Church Here?

The church exists first to minister to the Lord and then to minister to people. We do not exist so people can serve us, but so we can serve them. The most basic way we can serve them is to connect them to the Lord, helping them to develop their own relationship to Him and thereby become those who exist to serve instead of being served. The selfish way in which many teach how the wealth of the wicked will be given to the righteous can turn the righteous into the wicked. This is not about us. It is about the Lord and giving ourselves to seeing Him receive the reward of His sacrifice.

It may seem that I belabor some of these points too much, but we need a major paradigm shift in our basic thinking if we are going to become who we are called to be, entrusted with authority, and the wealth that we are called to have. Great authority and great wealth will come to those who are true servants - stewards who live to serve, not be served.

Learning how we deal with that which we are entrusted is a big part of our preparation for the times that are coming. For this reason I will not cease to include reminders of our most basic calling - to serve. As the Lord Jesus said in **Luke 9:23-26:**

"If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."

The path to being entrusted with true riches is to live lives that are based on denying ourselves, not seeking for ourselves. There is a reason why He ends this exhortation on not being ashamed of Him and His Words. This is one of the ultimate tests of whether we are living for our own glory and acceptance or for His. We can count on it becoming increasingly difficult to be His followers, but we also know that for those who remain faithful, His glory will be entrusted to them and in the end the whole world will come to them.
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The Tabernacle of the Testimony

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Revelation 15:5

To behold God’s temple
That fills the heavens above
Is to understand the message
Of God’s mercy and His love
To behold God’s glory
That fills the world with truth once unknown
Is to bear witness to the gospel
Which proclaims not by might but by God’s Spirit
Man is purified as gold.

The testimony of Jesus
Declares all things are made new
According to God’s purpose
To restore, redeem and renew.

To behold the testimony
Of the Savior set on high
Is to look upon God’s kingdom
Where His righteousness abides
To behold the evidence
Of God’s perfect will toward mankind
Is to stand upon a sure foundation
Where the wells of salvation spring up
Unto abundant, everlasting life.

To behold God’s tabernacle
Where the Son of righteousness abides
Is to look upon God’s mansion
Prepared for those known of God before time
To behold the tabernacle
Pitched of God and not of man
Is to understand the sacrifice
Of the holy unblemished Lamb
Whose kingdom united will forever stand.

The testimony of Jesus
Declares all things are made new
According to God’s purpose
To restore, redeem and renew.

“And after that I looked, and, behold, the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven

> *was opened.” Revelation 15:5*
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> *“Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such a high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount. But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.” Hebrews 8:1-6*

According to God’s love and longsuffering toward mankind, a holy sanctuary has been raised up within the heavens, which bears the testimony of Jesus Christ. This heavenly tabernacle has been pitched of God and not of man, and bears evidence of God’s better promises toward mankind. Though the earth will shake and mountains shall fall into the sea, God’s heavenly tabernacle shall not be moved. For within the temple of the tabernacle of the testimony, there is a throne from where the King of glory reigns. And at the right hand of the Lord of all creation sits Jesus Christ, the faithful high priest, whose precious blood was shed so that through Him, mankind might be reconciled to God.

> *In days long ago, before Jesus Christ ascended on high to His rightful place beside the Lord of all creation, God’s elect looked to an earthly temple, where an ark which bore the Testimony of God’s will toward man was placed, in accordance with the covenant relationship God had ordained. Before Jesus Christ appeared before God, as the spotless Lamb whose precious blood would purify the heavens, men chosen of God were required to continually sprinkle the blood of animals upon “both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.” (Hebrews 9:19-22)*

But at the appointed day and hour, the end of an age would come to pass. God’s holy nation, who lived their days looking toward an earthly temple to find evidence of God’s perfect will for man, would come to an end. The old covenant relationship between man and God, which required that the testimony of God’s will for mankind written upon tablets of stone be placed in an ark, then kept in an earthly temple, behind a veil, in the Holiest place of all, and where the blood of animals must be shed in order to make atonement for the souls of men, had waxed old, and was ready to be replaced by a new covenant that would better express God’s will and desire toward mankind.

The new covenant, which would better express God’s nature and desire toward mankind, would be founded upon the testimony of Jesus Christ. Man would no longer need to look toward an earthly temple that housed the Testimony within an ark, in hope of being in God’s will. Jesus Christ’s shed blood, which purged the heavens, would establish a new covenant between man and God, so that man could obtain insight into the wisdom, beauty and nature of God, who built up His heavenly temple upon the foundation of the testimony of Jesus Christ.

The day had arrived when God would open wide the doorways of His holy tabernacle established within the heavens, because of the new covenant founded upon the testimony of Jesus Christ. And as the doorways of God’s heavenly tabernacle were opened, the mighty, living waters of God’s Holy Spirit flowed forth. Now those who turn toward Jesus Christ in sincere faith are healed, redeemed and set free from the curse of sin, which is death, as the living waters, God’s Holy Spirit, are released within their lives. God's Spirit has been ordained of God, to move upon a man's heart and mind, so that a man is filled with the knowledge of God's great love and desire toward them. This truth and understanding will cause a man to turn away from every false thing that would try to exalt itself above God.

God's heavenly, divine, Holy Spirit, bears the nature and desire of God. To those whose faith is toward Jesus Christ, though they were born as the natural man, Adam, who walked under judgment of condemnation because of sin, when they receive the infilling of the Holy Spirit from on high, they are born again unto righteousness, because they now bear the image of the One who sits at the right hand of God. All things will be made new within their lives, as they are taught by the Holy Spirit, God's divine truths. The Holy Spirit will be faithful to continue to reveal the immeasurable riches that are theirs in Christ, as they live their lives unto God.

> *"Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: how shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious. For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory." 2 Corinthians 3:6-9*

Those filled with the heavenly nature of God, His Holy Spirit, which has been released from God's tabernacle on high, are able to testify to the goodness of God. Because they have personally experienced God's hand upon their lives, through receiving God's Spirit, which testifies of God's love, they will understand that to look outward toward rules and regulations, laws, which subdue the flesh, but cannot subdue the unruly soul of a man, is to look toward the realm of death. But that to look with faith toward Jesus Christ is to receive the riches of eternal life, which is found in the Holy Spirit. Those filled with the Holy Spirit will discover the beauty that is found in holiness, as God's heavenly Spirit purges their conscience of dead works, so that peace is established within their lives.

Men who looked to an earthly temple, in regard to covenant relationship with God, knew that the testimony of God was sure and true and able to make one wise. Yet, because most men lived out their lives looking toward receiving the inheritance of the Holy Spirit, which bears the power, and glory of God's holy nature, many of these men repeatedly turned after the ways of the world. Idols were exalted, as pride and self-exaltation ruled and reigned upon their thoughts.

But because of Jesus Christ, a new covenant relationship with God has been established in heaven, and therefore within the lives of those who have received God's heavenly Spirit. The Holy Spirit, will write upon a man's heart, the intentions behind the testimony, which God had years ago written upon stone tablets, and placed within the ark. It is the man who has had the finger of God write upon his heart God's will and purposes toward the man, who will live his life unto God.

As a man is conformed into the image of the One who fills his life with the holiness of God, his desire will be to be separated from all things, attitudes and behaviors that are aligned with the darkness of unbelief. Thoughts aligned with darkness, which are as murky, unsettled waters that choke the life out of a man, will be stilled by the voice of God, as the Holy Spirit and the Word, who is Jesus Christ, continues to speak of God's love and desire toward the man. That man will then be more assured in testifying to others of the power and might that is found in Jesus Christ.

> *"Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnitites: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet*

> *habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken." Isaiah 33:20*

God's tabernacle that fills the heavens with the righteousness of Jesus Christ shall never be removed from its position of power and authority over all of creation. Though men's hearts are veiled to the majesty, power and authority that resounds within the tabernacle built upon the testimony of Jesus Christ, their unbelief does not annul the truth of what God has brought to pass. God's covenant relationship established between Himself and mankind, according to the blood that was shed by Jesus Christ, is as solid of a foundational truth, as the earth that mankind stands upon. And though the most powerful man upon the earth should deny this truth, his words of accusation against God will not cause one stake of God's heavenly tabernacle to be removed.

The "Jerusalem which is above", "which is the mother of us all" (Galatians 4:21-31) that has been raised up according to the new covenant, which bears the testimony of Jesus Christ, has been made available to those born of the Spirit. Through faith in Jesus Christ, a man will receive God's Holy Spirit, which reflects God's glory that fills the heavens, within their lives. It is in receiving the Holy Spirit that a man's eyes will be anointed to see and comprehend that the majesty that fills God's holy tabernacle within the heavens, now fills his life. And because the glory that reigns on high now fills his life, he will personally experience being led according to the truth, wisdom, and love of God.

Within God's tabernacle, established in the heavens, which bears the testimony of Jesus Christ, it is the Lord of all creation who stands as the Judge, who saves His people from the penalty of sin, which is death. The Lord is the holy King who established the law within His heavenly kingdom, and it is the Lord who declares that all who partake of His heavenly nature, the Holy Spirit, through faith in Jesus Christ, are to be judged unto righteousness. Not in and of themselves, but according to the righteousness of Jesus Christ, who inhabits their lives through the Holy Spirit.

Those who are clothed with the Spirit released from God's temple on high, walk in righteous robes that have been made white by the blood of Jesus Christ. Men who walk according to the mortal, earthly focused, Adamic nature, are as men who walk in robes defiled by the lusts of the flesh. But when mortal men, who are bear the penalty of sin, which is death, put on immortality, which is the Holy Spirit of God, death is swallowed up by life that is found in Jesus Christ. It is Jesus Christ who is the Redeemer who was sent to the earth, to give eternal, abundant life to those who stood under judgment of condemnation.

> *"He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. He that hath received his testimony hath set his seal that God is true. For he who God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3:31-35*

The "Son hath everlasting life" and those who turn in faith toward His holy name shall receive His gift of everlasting life, which is found in the Holy Spirit. Those who turn in faith toward Jesus Christ, shall have the wrath of God lifted from off of their shoulders, so that they live at peace with God, led of His Spirit of truth, mercy and love.

But to those who refuse to believe in the holy name of Jesus Christ, shall the wrath of God continue to fall, so that within their souls they will not experience the peace of God. Pride will continue to cause them to believe that, in and of themselves, they can experience purpose of life; yet all the while without their understanding the truth, death continues to linger alongside the breath that keeps their mortal bodies alive.

Those who deny the testimony of Jesus Christ, continue to stand far outside the heavenly gates of eternal life, so that the living waters of God’s Holy Spirit are not released into their lives, and they do not experience God’s healing upon their many wounds. Having not received the evidence of God’s seal upon their lives, which is the Holy Spirit, they will continue to exalt idols above God, in hope of finding truth and purpose in life. All their earthly labors, that stand outside of faith in Jesus Christ, will not gain them entrance into God’s eternal Kingdom, established within the heavens, while alive; and so upon death, they will find that the doors of God’s eternal Kingdom shall be closed to them.

God’s “temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in heaven” will be opened to receive those who turn in faith toward Jesus Christ, so that they are filled with the heavenly blessings of God. If any man hear His voice today, let him not turn away by thinking that there is any other foundational truth that he can stand on, which will impart wisdom, purpose and hope within his life. It is only in turning toward Jesus Christ, in sincere faith, that any man will discover who God purposed him to be from before the foundation of the world. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ, will any man receive wisdom from above, so that he lives his life humbly, in thanksgiving for the life that he has received from God.

> *“If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life: and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” 1 John 5:9-12*

The Testimony Of Yeshua
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To my sisters and brothers everywhere in Yeshua:
During the night or early morning hours, something has been deposited within Yeshua's Body. This is revelatory knowledge of events past, present and something that is coming. I do not have any descriptive words for this. This is a knowing. Many, many others can see and hear this knowing but cannot tell you what it is. This is from the Father. We will begin to walk full in this knowing very, very soon. It's sort of like the time Yeshua sent the disciples out two by two (I call it a test run or practice teaching period) He saw and monitored what they were doing even while He was visiting His mother. The complete cleansing had not occurred in the disciples. They still argued among themselves. They were still jealous of one another. The betrayer still walked with them. The only thing they knew was the Man walking with them was the Messiah. And so they went out. And then one day, they were instructed to wait for awhile and then go out. They had no idea what would happened to them from that moment on, nor did they care. All they knew is, Yeshua instructed them, the Holy Spirit was in them, and so they went out.

A time of severe testing is upon the world. Yes, though we walk through the valley of severe testing we shall fear absolutely no evil because Yeshua is with us and in us. He is directing our path because HE IS THE ONLY WAY.

I would like to thank every one for their prayers for me during this hard testing period. My flesh is now obeying the commands given to it. To be healed. Almost there. Thank you for surrounding me with your love as the Holy Spirit separated me from several people that I needed to move away from in the secular world.(Or He moved them away from me) Most of them were my pseudo-believing friends.

It is now time to move on. This was and is not a very easy thing to do. It has not been very easy releasing the many "burdens" that other people had laid upon me to help them carry. And carry I did, with a joyful, and open heart. Most of them had made an idol out of the prayers prayed for them. They would not pray but depended upon my prayers. They did not go to the word but depended upon me to do the studying for them. I did not realize that this had placed me in bondage. I had to release all so that the Spirit could show me who, what and why. One can easily become a god to someone in this. I never got to the point of thinking that I was their savior, but who knows what may have happened in the long run. Our Father knows that we can so easily be deceived and lured by words of praise of self. The Father will not allow any more than what is absolutely essential for you. He did not these things but He knows the type training we must have. He loves us so. His family. He will do anything for His beloved family. Wouldn't you? When the training period is over, the adversary must leave you alone.

Thank you for your prayers and love through the heartfelt sorrowing events that are happening within my congregation. Many of us are directly affected because we have no other chose but to be obedient. All are not affected. When the Lord calls, you must answer. All are called at the same moment. Just the ones that are needed at that period in time. All of the above has occurred within a two week period. Thank you so much for standing with me.

Things are moving now very swiftly. Covenant relationships are being formed quickly also. Individuals whom you never though you would be paired with or communicate with, or even like, God is bringing you together. Submit and stop questioning. Drop the past anger and bitterness.

In case you have not noticed, the world has surpassed Sodom and Gomorrah. The Father ears are not closed to these sounds. Many of the sent ones are compromising the words of the Father. Many of the prophets have become apart of the world's system. Many of the sent ones are saying words that are pleasing to the ears of the world. I do not hear words of repentance. I hear" All you have to do is bring Jesus into your life, and bless you for joining our church."

I notice that when ever people write a "nice" prophetic word, many others pick it up and send it out immediately. When one send out a word to turn away from mean an evil thoughts, these bad things that they are doing(great or small), or return to the Fathers house and be cleansed, few acknowledge this message nor do they pass it on.

A voice crying in the wilderness of world that has become perverse.

We must not let the INTERNET become our idol. Souls are at stake here. Many of these readers do not have an intimate relationship with their Father. They know what they read each day only on the INTERNET. They wait for a new word each day.

I know that many people will not pick this up and pass it on, but I have written from the depth of my heart. The dawn is upon the children of God. This our Joy. This our Hope. Yeshua is His name. HaShem Yeshua. Darkness is upon the world.

Prophecy is the testimony of Yeshua. Stop! Turn around. Return to God. Repent. We will come and live with you. Make disciple. Heal the sick cast out demons. This is a perverse generation. We are His people. We are His Ambassadors.

Definition: Ambassador- 1.A diplomatic official of the highest rank appointed an accredited as representative by one government or sovereign to another. 2 A diplomatic official heading his or her country's permanent mission to certain international organizations. 3. An authorized Messenger or representative

Go into the world and take the Message of Yeshua which is His Testimony. Return to the House of the Lord.

Acts 2:40
He(Peter) pressed his case with many other arguments and kept pleading with them, "Save yourselves from this perverse generation!"

Amen

Time To Push Forward

Chuck Pierce

"The Way of Escape is to Find Your Place of Stillness for 7 days!"
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Dear Friends:

As I write this, we are flying into Pennsylvania for the LAST STATE of the 50-State Tour. When you receive this letter we will be in the process of completing the call to go to all 50 states. Dutch Sheets and I plan on trying to write a small book to pull together the prophetic destiny of our nation from what the Lord said to us on this tour. We are hoping to have that ready by the beginning of the year.

This has been a wonderful experience. I want to thank so many of you for your prayers and giving. I have tried to seed into every state on your behalf - both revelatory and financially. I also hope you are enjoying the 21-Day Prayer Focus. I feel the atmosphere of our nation is changing, and we are beginning to see our enemy in a new way.

We just held our first ***Clash of the Kingdoms: Breaking the Power of the Occult*** conference. I am including a prophetic word for you below.

The Way of Escape is to Find Your Place of Stillness for 7 days!

At this mid-year point, I hear two prophetic words: "**There is a way of ESCAPE**." And, "**Find your place of STILLNESS for 7 days**."
"**Ask Me for your way of escape for today.** Ask Me to show you the door out of that place that has been holding you. I am developing an escape plan today. As your enemy encroaches, surrounds, and attempts to besiege you, do not look at the enemy's plan but look for the escape route that I am forming.

"**Be still and know that I AM God.** Find your seven days of stillness, and the Jericho that seems invincible in front of you will fall, and you will move into the next level of war to unlock the best that I have for you. Yes, I say it is time for you to go into your next war and the enemy would love to hold you in the warfare that you have been in. Be still and watch Me seat you in a place to laugh at the enemies that have been in your path.

Time to PUSH FORWARD

"**I am preparing a release of joy for My people.** They will laugh at their last failures and blockages. This release of joy from stillness will give you a strength to overtake the enemies that you have been battling with and ready yourself for your next war ahead. I would not have My people stay in the wars of the last season but move into the war that will release the riches of My inheritance for them at this time.

"**This is not a time to look at your enemies. This is a time to enter through the doors of your future.** I will give you grace to overcome your enemies and release a new anointing for war upon you.
When you See the Doors Open, Leap Forward!

"**Watch when I open the door, for many doors are opening this year.** If you will leap forward, there will be fire that comes behind you. You are entering into a **season of fire** in this land. I AM opening a door for you to move forward and be safe. Even though prison doors have been closed around you, today those doors are beginning to open in front of you.

"**When I shake the ground and cause them to open, leap forward, leap forward, leap forward!** I am dispatching angels to loose chains from My people. Much shaking is ahead but the door is already prepared. Leap, and that which has held you will have no right to keep you.
"I AM Forming Hind's Feet for My People"

"Quit looking at the enemies that you have seen through the fence. Quit looking at the enemies that held you captive. I will give you the ability to leap over those enemies and you will run forward. Quit hesitating and calculating. This is the time I am forming hind's feet for My people."

Blessings,

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The True Prosperity Message

Clay Sikes

May 11, 2004
Dear List Members, [Lighthouse Prophecy]

By request I am reposting Part One of "The True Prosperity Message." Part Two has been previously posted and evoked some discussion, which I will post later as well as any comments on this post...Clay.

The True Prosperity Message (Part One) Submitted by Clay Sikes

Many years ago the Holy Spirit said to me, "Forgo the World's System for your reward and gain the Kingdom's Way of receiving. If you engage the World's System, you will be dependent upon it for you're your reward." I have spent years learning the deep meaning and subsequent contrast of the two systems as a result of the above word. Essentially, I have come to conclude that these two systems are in constant competition – seeking individuals through which to apply their principles. Knowingly or unknowingly, we participate in one of the two systems daily. The World's System is led by the god of this world, Satan, and is fraught with the traditions of this world. Our Lord, Jesus, leads the Kingdom's Way.

While the effort here will be to contrast the two systems and their relationship to the prosperity message, I first believe it valuable to compare their similarities. First, spiritual forces to include angelic beings support the two systems. They both will produce a harvest if engaged, and lastly, they both are made up of many members who adhere to the "ways" of the system to which they are attached.

While these two systems are constantly in the forefront of choice in our daily life, I will attempt to focus on their contrast relating to the realm of finances and material blessing. It is important to point out however, that the World's System is alive and well in many areas of the Church in addition to the financial arena.

During the mid 80's through the early 90's I embraced many financial problems. Raising two boys as a single parent, as well as managing almost $5,000,000.00 in existing debt from previous bad business dealings, I was in dubious financial condition. For years we literally trusted God for our next meal and other very basic necessities. Constrained by the Holy Spirit from declaring bankruptcy, we learned through these difficult years and hardship that God is faithful. Our needs were always met and our trust was never denied. The deposit made in me during this hour of my life would serve me well in the future for all too soon I would face these same problems again.

In early 1991, I began to hear the prosperity message, and as a result began to apply what I heard. The revelation of giving and the subsequent blessing it evoked was both exciting and challenging. I threw myself upon this word, applied its principles, initially being led by the Holy Spirit to a concealed five dollar bill and subsequently sending it as I felt God had directed me. In relative short order, three years to be exact, I had supernaturally been able to erase the $5,000,000.00 of indebtedness and create another $5,000,000.00 in net worth – a $10,000,000.00 swing in 36 months. Coming out of years of an impoverished financial state, nobody could ever have convinced me that it didn't work.

To everyone's shock, most of all mine, by the end of 1997 I had again managed to lose the net worth and create another $5,000,000.00 in debt. While in the middle of this debacle we gave away everything but the kitchen sink in an effort to get God to move. Over the span of years we sowed almost three quarters of a million dollars, mostly to large ministries. We bypassed the poor, orphans, missions, and genuine needs in the Body of Christ to sow into these giants. I mention the amount we gave only to off set their (the big ministries) argument that we did not give enough. Before leaving the subject of this great financial swing in such a short time, I feel it imperative to mention that initially we were diligent to pray, get the mind of the Lord and give ONLY as he directed. By the way, we were not tithing at this time. Later, we made a law out of giving, many times without praying, and began tithing heavily, more a rote exercise in mathematics (10%) just like paying the power bill. On top of the tithe we paid huge offerings. Years later I realized that anything that is not done in faith is sin and my tithe check was never given in faith, it was simply obeying the new law I was being taught. For what it is worth, after almost four years of seeking God on this subject, God owns 100%, not 10 or 20 or any other number. When I receive now, I seek Him for what to do with it all.

I continued to practice what I had learned in the original prosperity message and continued to operate "MY FAITH" in "MY GIVING," yet for unexplained reasons, it did not work any longer. With a new wife and new baby I faced many challenges in the natural, but now, for the first time in years, I needed fresh revelation as to the true prosperity message. What had worked so well for me for a season, now seemed to have little to no effect upon my finances. I was taught that the laws of prosperity would work for anyone who applies them. All I had to do was give large sums of money and God would return it to me in major proportions, and indeed this worked for a season.

Finding myself in the throws of financial distress, again down to the need for basics such as food, clothing, gasoline, house payments, power and water bills, etc., I again cried out to God for answers, specifically asking "why." He would only answer with "My Mercy!" What I was soon to learn would become an important key for my life and financial future. Perhaps this word will apply to anyone who has present financial needs or feels challenged by the present day prosperity message.

The key for me was this; any changes that I desire to happen in my life, no matter what they may be, must always begin within me. My willingness to change things about myself will eventually cause the things I desire to happen in my life. The great change that God was calling in me was so contradictory to the present teaching that I had to completely retrain my thinking and destroy much of what had become tradition. This came about as a result of spending much time with the Lord and hours praying in the Spirit. The Lord once told me, "(Spiritual) ignorance often come disguised as tradition." He began to tell me to release my concerns for money, increase my trust for him by being content with what I have. I was also shown to have faith in God, not faith in MY FAITH or faith in MY GIVING.

I will admit that with no money, no food, and at times without medicine for my child, I found it hard to learn to be content, but during a particular time of extreme need, I came to learn a great revelation. In the midst of this storm, God kept telling me to be content – I tried, but worry and anxiety overtook me constantly. On a Sunday afternoon in May 1998, the circumstances in the natural looked as bad as I had ever faced – losing home, car, power, water, and virtually all material possessions at once. It was only when I humbled myself and cried out to God that I was enabled to be content in spite of my extreme circumstances.

God moved supernaturally and soon, without explanation, I felt washed in His peace and knowledge that everything would be all right – Amazingly, He had given me the contentment I had asked for. As I sat basking in this miraculous state, I heard a horn honk in my front yard. It was a former employee whom I had not seen in two years. He didn't live in Hinesville so I hadn't spoken with him since leaving my employ two years earlier. At the very moment in time that I was being supernaturally washed with the contentment of God, he was passing through Hinesville on the way home some 30 miles away. While sitting a red light, God spoke to him to come to my house.

Not knowing my dreadful circumstances, and after a short greeting, He said, "Clay, I feel awful asking you this, but do you have a financial need?" Before I could answer he said, "I feel God wants me to bless you financially." Though his gift did not take care of all of our immediate problems, we were able to take care of many vital necessities. I had a need and he was able to meet it, but of even greater importance, a great revelation was birthed in my spirit. "Godliness with contentment is great gain"(I Timothy 6:6). The contentment of God in us releases the anointing of God, which transitions the needs we have from the spiritual into the natural realm. Since this original "happening" this revelation has worked over and over again in our lives. Money has no power over me, because God is my supplier and my trust is in Him. I now enjoy a peace relative to finances that is unexplainable and has nothing to do with what is in my checkbook - in fact; I don't care what is in my checkbook.

By seeking the things of God first, I released the hand of God to supply and meet all my needs. Contentment is in stark contrast to the modern day prosperity message, which says, "If you are not content with your present financial situation, you can do something about it. Make sacrificial gifts to God (preferably to this ministry) and God will be forced to bless you." It teaches a form of discontentment which is strongly connected to the World's System. The emphasis is on "YOU" doing something about your problem saying little about totally trusting God. The World's System is all based on what we can do for ourselves. The Kingdom's Way is about trusting the goodness of God for whatever we have need of. It is not about us, it is about Him.

A mystery is a hidden truth revealed and I believe the following to be a word from God:

If you are going to enter the blessing of God, you MUST learn to be content. Be content with what you have and God will let you drink from wells you did not dig and live in houses you did not build…Quit digging and building on your own. The desire for wealth will cause a fall for a Christian as sure as gravity causes a fall for those who defy it. Avoid selfish ambition (Philippians 2:3) and the love of money (I Timothy 6:10). Recognize the old carnal nature when these symptoms arise…run from them as a man avoiding the plague. Discontent will block the flow of God's blessings. If you rest content you will be untouched by troubles. Contentment destroys worry, doubt, fear and ungodly ambition.

To chase money is to engage the world's system – "For the pagan world runs after such things" (Luke 12:30). We are to simply "Seek the Kingdom first" – pray, get the mind of the Lord and obey, and then God will see to it that "things" (all of our material and financial needs) are brought into our life. At this point, God said something to me that shocked my religious mind. In essence He said that chasing the blessing will stop the flow of God. When you chase the blessing instead of chasing God, you will have your back to, and actually be running away from the blessing that is trying to overtake you. When your focus is entirely God (not money and blessing), not only will your needs be met, but also you will experience the goodness and abundance of God. "Let your character or moral disposition be free from the love of money (including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions) and be satisfied with your present (circumstances and with what you have); For He (God) Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you nor give you up nor leave you helpless nor forsake nor let (you) down (relax my hold on you)! (Assuredly not!)" Hebrews 13:5 (Amplified).

He then whispered another profound revelation: A needy man can crave earthly possessions as much or more than a greedy man. Those of us who have faced serious financial dilemmas have more than likely been guilty of craving earthly possessions - I know I have. The prosperity message seems to be music to the ears of a financially hurting Saint, yet its subtlety places our entire emphasis on chasing the blessing. Many of today's ministries are more blessing conscious than God conscious, providing us with all the formulas to getting blessed. Ironically, many of the formulas involve supporting the ministries, ministers, and ministers' agendas. This to a great degree explains the critical condition of the Church today – we are focused in the wrong direction, looking for the blessing of God instead of God. May God forgive us!

Rest in God and be thankful for what you have, remaining fully persuaded that the God of abundance will bring increase and meet your needs. The rest of God is found in those who have ceased from their own works and only do as the Father says do – They are not into doing their own thing!

Word given relating to the above: "Surrender, complete and total surrender is what I am calling you to. Surrender means trust and trust means peace. My yoke (to surrender and trust) is light, not burdensome to carry. Trust me in your surrender; I am forgiving, I am just, I am merciful – surrender, surrender, surrender and find peace, peace, peace. Surrender and trust require the exact opposite responses than what your emotional soulish realm tells you to do. Your surrender frees me to bless and provide you with my abundance. When you do the opposite of what you feel like doing by staying surrendered to the situation, I WILL CAUSE THE OPPOSITE of what is happening to happen in your favor. Keep your eyes on me (on things above) and I will keep you in perfect peace (my peace). Learn this important key for your calling requires it."

In short, we should not set our minds on money, wondering how we are going to take care of this and that, because He will take care of these things for us. He has promised to never fail us or forsake us. We are to do our part, not try to do God's part – the load is too heavy to bear. God is looking for a few dead men; men who cannot be ruled by possessions or the cares of this world.

For those of us who watch television, hardly a day goes by that we do not see someone from a Pulpit exhorting us to give into his or her "good ground" ministry. This, of course, comes at the end of a particularly rousing message in which the minister is embarking upon some new building program, in need of a new jet, or some great work for God. Some of these exhortations are from God but most are not. Some are for us to give to, but most are not. God is LOUDLY saying to His people, "Be led by my Spirit (within you) in ALL of your giving. Don't be fooled by ear tickling messages, hype, entertainment, and emotional manipulation any longer. Recognize and come out of the World's Systemthat has settled in My house."

Having served on the board of one of the Nation's, and perhaps the World's, largest Prosperity Ministries, I know first hand "The Message. "While I do not want "to throw the baby out with the dirty diaper," I do think it important that the Church begin to recognize that much of "The Message" is taught in error. Please judge for yourself. I believe God desires to bless His people. I strongly believe God desires His people to give and be blessed in their giving, however, the divide for me, is GIVING WITHOUT BEING LED OF THE SPIRIT and giving with the ulterior motive of getting. Our giving, if led of the Spirit, is form of precious worship to our Heavenly Father.

The Word of Faith movement has taught us for years that the Laws of God will work for anyone who applies them: In other words, simply do what the letter of the law states and God is bound "by His written word" to make things happen for you. The Word of Faith movement spawned the prosperity message along the same lines – "If you give, God is bound to bless you." This simply is not true and, as earlier stated, is one of the major reasons the Body of Christ struggles financially – "The letter kills, the Spirit gives life…" Eve tried to teach Adam that he could have the things of God WITHOUT GOD, resulting in the great fall. Satan was cast out of heaven for much the same reason.

God indeed blesses our giving when it is done cheerfully, worshipfully, and obediently to His Spirit. If our motive is to "get something from God," which is the THRUST of the message, our motive in giving becomes tainted and self-righteous – the end result of which is religious and prideful. On January 23rd, 2001, the Lord spoke the following word to me:

"There is error in the substance of the prosperity message. It appeals to the lust of the flesh and the pride of life. It appeals to the spiritually ignorant. I do desire to bless my people financially and I do desire to cancel their debt, but first they must understand the critical element of MY TRUE PROSPERITY MESSAGE. They must recognize that ONLY because of the shed blood at Calvary is my prosperity possible. Men must never think that their giving gains them righteousness – my blood obtained their righteousness. I came, I shed my blood, and I died so they could have life and have it more abundantly."

"When they give to gain my favor I am grieved; they already have my favor, the cross provided it – Moving in obedience to My Spirit in their giving is all I require. The sacrifices of men to gain My righteousness are an affront to me. Giving through obedience to My Spirit gains My favor and blessing. Acknowledge the favor obtained through my shed blood and give only in Obedience to My Spirit and you will see unmerited favor and financial blessing come to those who operate in this revelation."

I submit to you that GIVING TO GET is the Christian lottery, the Saints Stock Market – "Invest In God, He Needs Your Money And Will Provide 30, 60, and 100 Fold Returns." Some of these messages and messengers sound more like stock traders than preachers. It reeks of the World's System. The abuses I have personally witnessed have the same results - Skinning of the sheep, while certain beneficiaries (Shepard's) grow fatter. I have seen life savings, children's college funds, and retirement savings emptied into coiffures of Church leaders and TV evangelist. Unlike my brief success, the 30, 60, and 100 fold has seldom happened for most who have bought into this lie, not because God does not want to bless, but because the order and motive is wrong. God is a God of order and He will not bless disorder. Mercifully, He will withhold His hand until His order is restored.

Learning to be content, whether you are abased or whether abounding, giving as a form of worship, under the leading of the Spirit, totally trusting God, will result in peace and a form of Godly prosperity that extends far beyond the boundaries of money. This, I believe to be the Kingdom's Way.

The True Prosperity Message (Part Two)

Clay Sikes
May 10, 2004

I recently received an emailed from a friend searching for answers to the unfortunate state of his finances. He informed me of his faithfulness to tithe, often sacrificially. He embraced the teaching that promises tithing to be the solution to financial problems, yet his finances continued to get worse. My friend wanted to avoid the supposed 'curse' of not tithing as is so often taught in churches today, so he continued to diligently obey this Old Testament law. To answer his question, I shared my testimony and what I found to be truth in this area, as I too had experienced years of financial devastation, all the while tithing money, jewelry, and anything else of value to move the hand of God on our behalf. Nothing worked! I continued to seek God and what follows is what I feel God revealed to me. Test it!

As long as I obeyed the law (of the tithe) I forfeited the grace (Galatians 5:1-4) to hear God. Without an ability to hear there was little opportunity to know where or if to plant. I found that when I obeyed the law in my giving it required no faith and produced no joy. Something had to be wrong, and as a continuing confirmation of my dilemma, my financial situation went from bad to worse. What on earth could God be saying through these tragic and foreboding circumstances? The answer was not at first clear, but as I continued to seek God with all of my heart a sudden truth emerged. "Only that sown under the direct unction (instruction) of the Spirit can bare fruit. Any sowing done outside of the direct leading of the Spirit of God WILL NOT PRODUCE, and that done in strict obedience to the law will cause God's grace (to hear) to be forfeited.

My tithing, instead of helping, seemed to be hindering. Then I found this scripture; "But if you are led of the Spirit, you are not under the law" (Galatians 5:18). Sons are led of the Spirit (Romans 8:14), while religious folks obey the law. Anything not done by faith IS SIN! My giving was not producing as the doctrine so eloquently teaches.

Let me clarify these circumstances a little further. There was a time of greasy grace in which there was some sparse evidence of God responding to my legalistic giving, but as I reached an age spiritual accountability and a higher level of spiritual maturity, this type giving bore no fruit. In fact, it seemed to drain what few resources we had. The word tells us that "The traditions of men make the word of God to no affect," and a major church tradition (tithing) was coming face-to-face with the reality of my own financial devastation. Could it be that my legalistic giving was hindering God's provision? After all, the modern day prosperity message was tethered to the tithe, yet a mild inner voice kept whispering, "the letter of the law kills, while the Spirit gives life." How could this mild inner persuasion overturn what Christian TV and Pastor Astor were telling me on a continuous basis? After all, they were spiritual giants and most pew-sitters like me lived among the pygmies.

Finally, when my situation got so bad that food became the primary focus, I began realize that God was indeed saying something that would require change. I remembered something the Holy Spirit had said several years earlier; "Anything growing will change, be open, be flexible, be willing to change." Growth and change are virtually synonymous terms, and just as stagnancy is an indication of a rut, so too is change an indication of growth. God kept pounding on the door of my heart: He didn't need my money - He needed by willingness to seek Him, hear Him, and obey Him.

When we obey God by seeking and following His will, we cannot stop His provision from flowing into our lives (Matthew 6:33) because the greater (putting God's will first), always includes the lesser (our needs being met). Putting God first, by seeking Him, spending time with Him, hearing Him, and obeying Him, will always release His provision into our lives.

Here is what I learned in these real life situations: When provision becomes our primary objective (Matthew 6:32), paganism occurs and God naturally falls into second place. By sheer force of nature we violate Spiritual law. At this point, God's provision all but disappears and the NEED for money increases our QUEST for money. The pressure from this situation causes most of us, because of our indoctrination to the world's system, to hotly pursue money instead of repenting, returning to God, seeking Him with all of our hearts, and resting in the Lord (Isaiah 30:15). The NEED/QUEST syndrome has sent many Christians headlong into a giant financial tailspin. It is interesting to note here that in the world's system people seek things; it God's Kingdom people seek God.

Ministries, Churches, and Christian businessmen alike have felt the brunt of this, and because of the pressure that this situation produces, many of these entities begin to pursue money to an even greater degree, sending themselves even deeper into the world's system, a place where God's blessing cannot be found. As I found myself in exactly this situation, I would cry out "Why God?" His answer amazed me as I continually repeated the question, and just as continually He repeated His answer - "My mercy!" Yes, you are reading this right; as I pleaded my case about my very bleak financial situation, the Father would tell me it was being allowed as a result of "His mercy."

God will allow in His wisdom what He could have prevented in His power. In every situation we face in life we will either focus on what God is saying or upon the problem. Most of us, if we are honest, must admit that our focus is often upon the problem, and as long as that is the case the problem will persist. We must change our thinking to achieve a changed result. We must focus upon what God is saying. When the Lord is truly our Shepard, we will not be in want.

In His mercy, God allowed this dreadful situation to persist as long as I resisted changing my old religious mindset about the tithe. It takes a strong word to break a stronghold, and in my case it took a desperate situation to cause me to look outside of my normal sphere of spiritual influence. Thank God, this strong word has now propelled me into a whole new testimony; one is which obedience and God's abundance are synonymous terms.

Comments: The True Prosperity Message
Various
May 13, 2004

Dear Clay,

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

I thought I was the only one on my own. God is so good and I'm writing to let you know how much your Prosperity message meant to me (Part 1 and 2). It is awesome. Let me encourage you my brother - as you have been faithful to God, He reveals HIS TRUTH AND REVELATION. Contentment is great gain. It is the doorway to God's prosperity.

I too have been on a journey now for some 30 years. I have had to have the religious yokes stripped off me and much healing in my heart. I received revelation 3 years ago about tithing which set me so free and I agree with you, that our leading must come from the Holy Spirit with an unction of life flowing, or else there will be no fruit.

My walk from under law to grace though has been with food, (and money from time to time,) but mainly I have had to learn over many years about the world system and God's system regarding eating. How dieting is the world system and how God feed's you from the inside with His food. "He is my food and drink, my highest joy, my inheritance" He has taught me so much, it would take pages and pages to share with you, but everything you shared in your messages I related to, re money and food.

II believe God is building His workmanship in us in these last days, a new breed of people who have walked this out, struggled this out and come into His glorious revelation and freedom. There are many in bondage and my heart is to see them set free.

I am a wife, mother and grandmother, and many times I have felt so alone in this. It was like nobody I knew at Church was going thru this. They didn't seem to understand the difference between law and grace. God never left my side in his mentoring of me, and when I received your messages yesterday in my mailbox, I just leapt with joy and thanked God at what He is working in our lives.

I hope I'm not waffling on, but thank you for your courage to put yourself out there. May God bless you and your family and increase and pour out His revelation and light more and more.

Thank you. Pammie

Dear Clay,

Thanks again for sharing truth!

A couple of years ago, I had a very vivid dream in which a family member was crying as she told me about her finances ... or lack of them. Soon after waking, I called this family member and shared my dream. This person began to weep uncontrollably. We both recognized the Lord's hand at work: 1) she recognized that the Lord had heard her cries for help, and 2) I recognized the Lord showing me specifically how to pray for and give to this person. Soon after the conversation with this person ended, I heard the Lord speak the word, "CORBAN." I looked up this word and found it used in Mark 7:11-13: "But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is CORBAN" -' (that is, a gift to God), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do." The Lord ministered to me to give to my Mother, rather than the system which controlled the religious institution that advocated tithing (which is really paying a membership fee in order to remain in good standing with the church leaders and to receive blessings from the Lord; actually this kind of warped teaching is manipulation). The Lord also told me that our church leadership would not understand or agree with this. And, as always, He was right. When my precious husband shared at a deacon's meeting that we would be giving to a family member in need rather than the church, he was told (using scripture to validate their point, of course) how "wrong" this decision was. Needless to say, we were obedient to the Lord! Because of this, we recognized the the truth of God's Word and the error of the "tithe" tradition. We also experienced God's blessing as we were obedient to Him. Our Mother experience God's intervention in a very real way, also. I'm so thankful that Our Loving Father speaks to us and directs every decision ... if only we'll listen and obey.

May the Lord bless you both as you continue to obediently minister His truth!

Blessings,
Carole Korakas

Dear Clay,

well, praise God for this lines. 100% agreement with the Lord's way with my life though I never rode the "prosperity-horse" I'd to learn this principle of being content.

The basis of our contentment is that we're His possession. We are bought by a price. We are no longer living our own lives. Nothing is there anymore we possess - no longer my health, my joy, my house, my family, my food... We're slaves of Christ. Whenever in the New Testament we read the word "servant" the original greek word means slave. We have only one legal desire - the honor of our master. And we have that challenge of course, that lifelong task - to lay down our lives (our desires, our wishes, our hopes and dreams) learning to be satisfied and content with Him alone.

Clay, some time ago I wrote the following passage(excerpt) to a friend in the States. It's just about the same topic though through different circumstances. We have to become a zero in our eyes:

In that time I was confronted with an idea I never had before. One day I was out asking my Lord for answers.

Suddenly the thought went into my mind that there is no need for the Lord to give me a comfortable live. He is Lord - he is God. He can do as he pleases. No man can call him responsible. He is the only and absolute standard. All our human thoughts and feelings are nothing.

I was confronted with the thought if I would agree in His will when He wants to smash me.

Again I was confronted with the reality of my faith. But this time it was different than years before.

"You are Lord! Here I am do as you please. I gave my life to you. It's not mine any more! When you want to do that, it is good. I will always love you. I can't stop loving you!" was my answer.

Still living in that torture from time to time my own desires were raising but they were always quieted with that surrender.

By and by I sensed something dying inside of me. Though the situation didn't change - it wasn't bothering me any more. Since that a quietness is growing inside of me that isn't touched by reality any more.

I'm still realizing that we have 7 children now living in a 88m² flat with two little children-rooms only. The children are happy. They like to sleep all together in one room - best would be one bed! The only thing they miss is space for playing. Still I wish to give them more space.

But my feelings have changed. I said: " Yes! "

I do not know if you'll be able to follow this mail. The Lord has his ways with each of us and I'm sure though His ways may be different the result will be the same.

Dear Chris, you said Yes and in the way the Lord challenged you I see no difference in what I had to go through. Perhaps you have been at this point of total surrender already. If not He will bring you there one day. This point in each personal life is the "brand of the desertmen".

Clay, continue the good work. I know there won't be much support for your articles. It against the desires of the flesh - but it's the truth. I feel challenged to write this to support and strengthen you.

Blessings

Markus

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keep on sending news. in South Africa the prosperity teachers/teachings are liked by many people through TBN AND GODS CHANNEL.

WE NEED THESE TEACHINGS AND TRUTH LIKE YOURS
GREETINGS

Anton

Dear ClaY,
As I have now read part one and part two may I add one thing. No matter what we are struggling with in life whether it is finances, wholeness, worship if we do not first judge our hearts and come to Him as the ONLY source and Lord God it will not be blessed. Because HE IS LORD GOD ALMIGHTY. If we give to get or worship to be seen or it is in the program it will fall flat. The church must realize God wants our hearts and to look to Him as the only "program"/source.

To come to HIM humbly. God continue to Bless you. Karen K.

True Prosperity - Test It!

Clay,

You said to test your message about tithing. Well, I could make a T-Shirt that says on the front, "Tithing - Been There - Done That" and on the back says, "Didn't Work!!" My experiences with tithing and being "broke" parallel yours. Thank you for the statement. "God will allow in His wisdom what He could have prevented in His power." There is great peace and trust in that.

Isn't it interesting that the only people who really press the issue of tithing are those whose livelihoods depend on it? They say the law requires that you give God 10% of your income, and you give it to God by giving it to them. That is distorting the Word of God for personal gain.

I thank God that He has delivered me from this lie, and has forgiven me for teaching it and practicing it earlier in my Christian life.

Wayne Harmon

Clay,

I would rather "seed" than tithe. That being that "tithing" is the "letter of the law". When I am seeding... I am planting in "soil". The question isn't so much if we tithe... but where we are tithing as well. If you tithe to dead institutions -- death doesn't reap life. Life reaps fruit -- so we must tithe into "living" situations where the LIFE Of Christ is evident.

I think that to tithe or not to tithe is not the question as much as "where is your heart"?

I am a woman who just bought a 1/4 million dollar home on the grace and mercy of God. I had no money, no job, no income. I received this home I am living in by the miraculous intervention of God. I do believe that it was related to tithing... but all the money I gave was given to places where the life and miracles of God are as well today as they were in Jesus time. At this time, I am still struggling with finances -- but I do not think that it is so much the finances as my heart. For I have seen the Lord bring me to the point of "no money in the bank" to see if I would still trust that He loved me and was going to look out for me even though I didn't know what would happen next. Every time I didn't think it was going to happen -- rather than go into fear... I would give what I had -- all of it and go Worship. Every single time -- the Lord came thru in miraculous ways!!!

I have gotten to the point where I could tithe my whole bank account and know that I cannot out give God. Yet that does not mean I don't do it afraid... thinking What if God doesn't show up. Yet it is a matter of the heart (we can't buy God and we can't force His hand) -- and it is more about "us" and where we are at... and whether or not we choose to act in faith -- or in fear. I must admit there were times I tithed -- and I went into fear and thought God was not going to come thru for me -- that he'd abandoned me. Yet I would worship Him anyway... even in my fear. I would "act in faith" anyway...

I now have a home -- when only 2 months ago I was homeless. I have a job... and I have not worked in years. I am a paralegal degreen without a degree and getting paid good money for it.

I went thru a divorce recently -- and yet the Lord has spoken and said he is going to restore my marriage. Looking at the circumstances, there doesn't seem to be much hope -- yet after receiving some impossible dreams -- I am more than ready to WAIT UPON the LORD to see what He will do next. I have learned that my time for giving up is often before He is ready to show up. I have learned that most blessings come only with "waiting"... and the "waiting" comes with long-suffering and patience for the Lord's timing.

Often when I have given up -- 3 days later He shows up... and yet I have learned to worship Him anyway... and the break thru has always come thru with worship... dancing and singing and praising his name-- and giving him a tithe -- how ever much or little it is.

I am not a tv evangelist -- I only know that there is a God that wants to stretch our faith -- and to do that -- he takes us to the edge of ourselves and what we are willing to do -- to show us He is beyond that!!! And once again.. I learn to wait upon the Lord -- He never fails to show up for me when I am truly faithful to tithe, to worship, to listen... and when I am unable to hear -- to just cry out -- and even scream -- Lord where are you?! I need you Lord. And then... in His timing... often just after my breaking point --

He shows up. I have lived this way for a year now.

Though my husband decided to leave me because he lost faith and hope in Jesus -- the children and I have not lacked anything -- even when the bills were more than we were receiving. I tithed the whole way thru the divorce -- and we never lacked. I never had to get an attorney, I never had to go to court - because God is faithful to those who honor Him and put HIS HEART above their own. That is not to say that I am a "holy" and "good - religious person" for after having gone thru this fiery trial -- I would say that I am so much less than holy, righteous or good -- that even like Paul -- Is there any good thing in me? Yet it is because of the blood of Jesus -- that I can go before the throne room of God -- and I can give up all I have -- for He gave it for me first. It is in the releasing it all even when I have been afraid to -- that I have gained so much more back.

Churches are being changed by what God has been doing in me... not because of me -- because I could not have walked this path by my own choice -- but because Jesus is alive and desires to use imperfect vessels to show that He is alive and well.

It is not about the tithe -- it is about Honoring God with all that I amm -- all that I have -- even when I am afraid -- to continue to put action to faith even when I don't feel I have any faith left.

I am awed at what I have seen the Lord do -- and the people watching are awed as well. For I have never been more sinfully aware of my sin -- then now. I have never felt so wretched a person -- and yet -- Jesus has blessed me over and over again -- with the impossible according to the world's standards.

To get where I am now... I had to do everything backwards. The Lord had me buy the car, then the house, then get the job. The world would have you get the job, then the house, then the car. The issue is not the tithe -- but wear is the heart? When I found myself holding onto my money -- is when I would give it all away -- to find God fill my bank account in the most amazing way. I did not give it because of a preacher, a teacher or guilt -- but because of my own heart before God. I always gave only to that which I felt led of the Lord to give to -- and it was never so much as "guilt" as a desire to let nothing stand between me and my Jesus.

I await the miracles of God for my husband to return and for my marriage and my family now -- because I have seen God take the most difficult circumstances and turn them in a moment and time by a phone call, a letter, or a card.

I think a better way to phrase the tithe "God measures it to us -- the way we measure it to others -- including Him." Our lives are not about "us"... the Lord is just waiting for someone to actually walk with Him enough that others watching can get a glimpse of heaven. Am I saying I've made a great witness? No. Yet, in spite of my failings and my inability to be good enough, pure enough, or kind enough... in spite of my failings to hold my tongue in the midst of the hardest circumstances I have ever gone thru in my life -- the Lord has been faithful to Himself -- and a witness to Himself that is is all about Him and His blood that was shed for me to be able to have "relationship" with Him. It is all about relationship. Abraham tithed -- He was a friend of God. He did it first... and he did it before it was ever a "law".

There are so many people in the world that have less than I do. I have Jesus -- and He is more than enough and He proves Himself faithful - -even when we are unfaithful -- He proves His word true -- and He does pour out the storehouses in heaven... yet He also disciplines and reproves His children when their tithing is to "force His hand" or to "push God" for something He does not think is in their best interest.

Tithing from guilt is not the Lord -- guilt is not from God. Those who are moved by guilt are not acting by the spirit -- conviction -- that is of the Spirit. It is very specific when it comes from God -- not some "vague" notion of how we are missing it. Also, the Lord encourages us into the future while the enemy would condemn us for our past.

Are we acting in agreement with love? or by accusations that we are only good enough if we... fill in the blank. Love is patient. Love is kind. Love never fails...

(I know this is rather long... feel free to take my ideas and adapt them to teach and share on the email list... They were Jesus's ideas first. I just love to walk and talk and be with Him to the best of my ability... I don't always know how to do that... and He shows up anyway... cause its about the heart.)

~ rae

Tell your friend he can send his tithe to me Clay. Tell him to always remember to "round upward" so he doesn't rob God.

(Grinning, ducking, and running ... ;^)

Jack

To The Prophets Of England

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My Prophets of England it is the season for you to speak My Word over your land. It is to you that I have entrusted the spiritual keys with which to bind and to loose in the land and I am calling you to bind the power of the enemy in your land through prophetic prayer. I am filling your mouths with new prophetic declarations to speak over this nation in order to set it free from every spiritual stronghold while at the same time giving you authority to loose My blessings and to loose My will to be accomplished. I am giving you the cry of the Spirit with which to travail and to weep in prayer for the repentance of the land. There is much I want to do with you, My prophets, and much I am desiring and requiring of you. Surrender your lives afresh to Me and ask for the new wine of the Holy Spirit.

As I stretch your borders and as I enlarge your tent in order to accomodate what I am doing in and through you, believe the impossible. Believe that I have placed upon your tongues the creative power to speak a word over the nation and see it come to pass with signs and wonders following. Believe because it is only by faith that it shall be accomplished. While I will lead some to declare My Word over the land, I will lead others into deep intercessory and authoritative prayer for the nation. My Spirit shall give you utterances and travail on a level you have not known before but on a level that will break through the barriers the enemy has put up. Others of you I shall use to be a prophetic sign to your people where I shall direct you to do specific prophetic acts that shall speak to those who watch you. Your lives will be a testimony, a message and a beacon to draw England back to Me as My own people. There are yet those of you who have been hidden in "caves" where you have been hidden by Me in order to prepare and to teach you My ways in order to bring you out into full service. Some even are not aware that I have called them to be prophets who shall come to this realisation in the days ahead.

Take heed. In whatever field I have called you and however long you have been under the prophetic anointing, all eyes are to be upon Me. For it is a time of shaking even to the foundations of who you are and if you are not grounded in Me or My Word they will prove to be unstable times. But for those who let me direct their steps and order their paths, the I AM shall be your sun and shield and I shall be the rock that shall hold you steady.

To whom much is given, much will be required. You will for many of you begin to see a stripping away of the old garments, the excess baggage that holds you down so that My Spirit can move through you more effectively and with much freedom. Do not loose heart. Take courage and know that I am directing your steps and leading you in the way that you should go. At times the battle will increase and you will feel increased pressure and exhaustion yet take heart because I am your strength. You shall ride like the eagle because you have waited upon Me. For this is what I am doing in and through you that you shall impact the spiritual environment and that My name alone shall be glorified.

To The Remnant
Susan Cummings

Transcript of Prophecy given to the Remnant on 1-17-04

I (Pastor Patrick O'Marra) spoke to Prophetess Susan Cummings, Apostle Sharon Sours, and Evangelist Jean Clark on January 17, on the telephone and the Lord prophesied by His Prophetess Susan Cummings the referenced prophecy below…..

I say to you, this is the year that I have called you to walk by My feet, and My feet will bring you into unity. For I have given you the keys and I have unlocked the door and this year you will walk into very much more. My wisdom has been given unto you, this night. I have opened that door. I have poured Myself into you, you will walk in my counsel. For everything I have given you has been decreed, has been confirmed, has been shown to you, and now will unfold.

For I have told you, you would walk through that door. But yes, My children, you will do so much more. For this year is the year that you will roar. For My Word will be heard from one end of the earth to the other. For I have Arisen in the earth, and My Bride will Rise Up and she will shout and the sound will be heard throughout the earth and in the Heavens.

I have shown you in My Word. I have shown you in your body. I have shown you in the Spirit. There is no other sign, for I Am come. And now that I have Come, I Am moving! For I have called My people to awaken. I have called My people to pray, and I have called My people to heed My voice, and now it's Time to Move! For I say to you, that My cloud is Moving, and we are no longer camping at this place anymore! For you will move as I Move, and you will go as I go, and you will do as I do!

For what you have decreed will now come to pass. For as the signs have been given in the Heavens* to declare that which I would do in earth as a sign, now I will manifest that sign in the natural to declare what I gave in the Heavens. Men did not realize what I showed them, only the watchers knew.

But now I have told it plainly unto you. Take heed to My Word. Hearken to My voice. I have released My chariots and they are running in the earth. And I have told you that you will give birth and this nation will give birth and travail. For yes, I have rent the veil, and just as I rend the veil of the womb and the child comes forth, it comes forth with pain and with water, know that as I rend the veil in the natural, travail and revelation come hand in hand, children. The veil has been rent and you walk in the hour of travail.

But the outpouring of My revelation, and My Word will now come to pass. For the birthing has given birth and now will come forth as I have shown you. Hear the cry! Hear the sound! The child penetrates the veil of the womb and comes forth and cries out that it has entered the world! So hear the cry of My Spirit, as I penetrate the veil and the veil is rent and I roar after throughout the earth through My Bride! The cry that I have returned, Prepare the Way before Me, for I have Come this Year!

I say to you, blood and water will flow this year. For out of the womb comes blood and water. Did I not say in My Word that the water and the blood agree? Blood and water will flow this year. For as the child comes forth, blood and water from the womb comes forth, and I say to you, the blood and water will come forth this year in the Heart of My Bride. For the blood and the water will flow forth through the heart of My Bride this year and will come forth. Blood and water will flow in the natural and blood and water will flow in the Spirit.

I have already shown you the Black Horse with the blood that flows underneath, but I said to you, That water will flow at the same time, for My grace is always there in judgment. So as the blood flows out from under the hoofs of the Horse, know that My water also flows from under the feet of My Bride. For My Word is life, and the wells will be opened and released again and water will flow out from under the feet of My Bride! Blood and water will flow and they agree in earth as it is in Heaven! In the natural and in the Spirit, for the veil is rent, and there is no more partition between the two! You will see it in the earth and in the Heavens. Great judgment. Great Light.

Revelation and truth, blood and water, flow together as One. For as they pierced My side with the spear, I say to you, The side has been pierced once again and has been rent and the blood and water flow. And no longer will it be held back. For you gave birth, and now that the child has been birthed, will I catch it up unto Myself! For did I not say, That as the child came forth, I caught it up to My Throne, Come up here, for I have much to show you," says the Lord? For yet you have given birth, there’s much more yet that I will show you. For you will know the power of My blood. And you will know the power of My Word.

Blood and water will flow this year. My Blood and My Word, the two will agree, and you will walk in great authority in both. I told you it was a double door in 2004.

For I called Peter to get out of the boat and to walk on the water, but Peter’s heart failed him for fear and he sank. I say to you, The heart will not fear this year. The heart will walk on the water of My Word. The two will agree as one. For did I not say that Peter was the rock upon which My Church would be? This year you will walk upon the waters. Your heart will beat as one with Me. Blood and water will agree as one.

The heart and the feet will agree as one. For the Laws of gravity and man will not hinder you any more. The laws of gravity and man will not hinder you any more. I say, for you are not of this earth, and there is no more delay. The laws of gravity and man will not hinder you any more. For it is in the Heavenlies this year you will soar. Yes children, there is so much more. This year I will even the score.
* (the Quasar- January 16, 1989, the Supernova- February 20, 1987, the Comet May 7, 1983)

The Center Of The Eye of My Grace
Susan Cummings

For a few days now, every time I would close my eyes, I would see a huge mass slowly rotating before me. Like a huge flat hurricane if you were above it looking downwards.
It would rotate counterclockwise and be slowly turning, as if on a spindle.
This is what the Lord said to me about this vision……

You are looking at My Eye, which is in the center of all things, and everything revolves around My Plans and Purposes in the earth. I am in total control of all things. I initiate the timing and sequence of all events that happen, according to My Plans. There is nothing that I do not know about, or have not taken into account in regards to My People. I have a plan for you and My People.

You are now in the calm before the next storm. A time of quiet preparation. A time of Grace that I have given to all men, to seek Me and to prepare themselves for the days ahead. You are in that eye in the middle of the mass that was rotating that I showed you.

My remnant have My plan, and they will walk in wisdom and not be moved in the days to come. For I always am with My Own.

I showed you the 6 scrolls that would come to your land. I showed you My Plan and I showed you to prepare yourselves, so that you would know Me in the midst of the shakings. This is the time to do so. Make good use of your time. Do not waste it.
Know that I have made provision for each person, and I have laid out your paths. Nothing will happen by chance or accident. Nothing will happen that is not in My redemptive plan, so take note, and walk in the place of rest that I have given to you.
Strengthen yourselves. Draw nearer to Me than ever.
Out of the shakings will I be seen through you, and many will see the strength that I have placed within you. For you are to be a pillar, and a strong foundation for those who are not prepared. You will stand when all run and fear. You are My Vessels through whom I will show Myself. So, guard your time wisely.

Don’t look around at the events, and try to figure My times out for things, instead draw closer so that you will know My Plans and how to implement them in the days ahead. For you need to get the blueprints from Me, and listen for My Instructions.

Quiet yourselves, and get before Me now, while the eye of My Grace is over you, for soon I will pass on, and then it will be too late, and the winds will be fierce in the land, and much will be displaced and brought to ruin.

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To The USA Church
Sadhu Sundar Selvaraj

"PROPHETIC MESSAGE to the USA CHURCH"
-by Sadhu Sundar Selvaraj (-prophet from India).
Delivered to the church in St. Louis, June 2002.

Don't you believe any of the false prophets who preached to you after 9/11 saying it was not a judgment of God.... Two days before 9/11 happened, a dear friend of mine, a very saintly prophet of God, was taken up in the spirit to Heaven. And while he stood before the presence of the Almighty God, the Lord Jesus Christ called forth for a mighty, powerful angel. He came and stood before the Lord Jesus Christ. And a fiery torch was given to this angel. As soon as the angel held the torch, he became enflamed (engulfed) with fire from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet.

And then, the command was given to the angel, GO FORTH! And cast this fire down upon the nations of the world. And the angel and this prophet came down, and they stood in the mid-heavens. And the angel told him, now see what happens. And the angel took the fiery torch in his hand and cast down fires in several parts of the earth. And when the fires were thrown, the angel told him, From now onward, there will be bombings, fires and destructions in many, many nations around the world. That (vision) was (given to this prophet) on the seventh of September (of 2001).

On the eighth of September, when he was conducting a fasting and prayer meeting in his church, the same angel came and stood by his side again, and repeated into his ear, audibly, word for word, every event that he saw the previous day. And the angel commanded him, Now, declare to your church everything that you saw and you heard. And with great fear and trembling, he shared what he saw and what he heard. And they all prayed.

Several days later came the judgment upon America. It was not an ordinary terrorist attack. If you read in the Old Testament, the five books of Moses, every time Israel would go away, go astray from the commandments and laws of God, the Bible says very clearly, God will turn her enemies against her. The hornets and the wild beasts will be let loose to come and create havoc in the land of Israel among the Israelites. If God can do that to the chosen nation, the chosen people, how much more YOU? God removed his protective cover, removed his protective hand, because you constantly turned your back against the Almighty God.

I was supposed to speak with you about the crucified life, as I mentioned last night. But today, as I was here during the worship service, an angel of the Lord came and stood before me, and he told me to do something else. That is what is happening right now. Exodus 34:5 onwards..."And the Lord passed by before Him and proclaimed, The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in goodness and truth. Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin. And that will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, to the third and to the fourth generation."

Please observe the last part in verse seven, "visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children and upon the children's children unto the third and fourth generation. I came well prepared to continue preaching on the crucified life. But as we were deeply worshiping the Lord, I saw the chief prince angel over the nation of the United States of America. He came and stood before me. I first began seeing chief prince angels of nations when I went to South Africa.

That was the first time that I ever saw a chief prince angel that is in charge of overlooking the affairs of an entire nation. And he gave me a word concerning the nation, concerning the will of God, and what

God's purpose is for the nation. From then onwards, for the many, many nations that I would go to, the respective angels of those nations would come to me and give me a word for the nation: what is God's word, what does God think about the nation, what has been happening in the nation, in the churches, and what is going to come to pass.

So when the angel of the United States of America came and stood before me, I tremble and quake every time I see an angel of a nation, I always tremble and quake in my heart, because of the awesome anointing and authority they have. When he came and stood before me, he told me, An awesome judgment is going to come upon America very soon. An awesome judgment. When he spoke, I felt a fear, a Godly fear running through my bones and my spirit. This is not a judgment that would destroy the entire nation, but something quite similar to what happened with the twin towers. But, it can all be prevented, IF RIVERS OF INTERCESSION flow in the nation. This is the word that he told me to speak.

And I saw, that if you will take this seriously and pray, a huge river flowing all throughout the center of your country. If it flows - a river of tears, rivers of intercession (and as the angel was speaking, I saw this huge white river flowing from the east to the west)-- only that would prevent this judgment that could come. And then I saw this angel, where he was positioned and where he was standing, guarding over the United States of America. He was standing very near to where the Statue of Liberty is. A huge, gigantic angel!

If you read in Revelation, chapter ten, it is written, John saw an angel so huge and mighty that one of his legs was on the earth, the other leg was on the sea, and he stretched out his hand and he reached to the sun. Can you imagine what a gigantic figure he must have been? Probably as tall as the Sears tower or the former World Trade Center. Such a huge, gigantic angel standing guard over the United States of America!

My dearly beloved brothers and sisters, as he was speaking these words, he said this is the word that you should preach tonight. And then I saw the heavens open, and from the throne of God, this word came to me: Visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children unto the third and to the fourth generation. The judgments of God. Don't you believe any of the false prophets who preach to you after 9/11 saying, it was not a judgment of God. I tell you, as a non-American, and as a holy prophet of God, what happened was a judgment from God....

You know, when I first came to America, in 1991, on the fourth of July, your Independence Day, I was in a conference scheduled to speak. As I was worshiping the Lord, I saw the heavens open before me, and the Lord Jesus Christ stood there, and He told me, "Now I am going to give you a word for this nation." Among the three things that He showed me, they all have come to pass, but I will tell you one thing that concerns you right now: I saw the flag of America.

You know, I have never seen a people like the Americans, who love their nation so much, and who are so patriotic about their great nation. That is good. When I traveled in your country, I used to see these huge, gigantic flags that fly so majestically in some parts of the country. I feel very proud, as if I myself was an American.

The same American flag, I saw in the heavens. But instead of flying in the right direction, it was flying in the reverse direction. And the Lord Jesus Christ was standing at the flag and knocking on the flag. And as He was knocking, I saw the words, LAST CALL flashing. Last Call was flashing and flashing. Then the word of the Lord came unto me, "This nation -- the flag that you see flying in the reverse direction is the heart of this nation that has turned away from righteousness, and is walking toward unrighteousness.

She has turned her back towards Me. Yet, I am still calling her. Last call, last call, last call. And for the three months that I was in the U.S. during that period, every church and every conference that I went to, I was commanded to share this vision. And ask the American people to pray for your country. But you know, I was very aghast to notice that the Americans, especially American Christians, take very lightly such words, because you think that the non-Christian Americans deserve God's judgment.

You really don't love your country. You think you love your country, but deep down in your heart, you don't really love your country. You have such a self-righteous attitude, thinking that the non-Christians deserve the judgment of God, and you deserve Heaven. Don't you think that when the twin towers came down, many Christians also perished? When the economy of New York City came to a standstill, how many Christians also suffered economic losses, job layoffs. Thirty-thousand Indians working in New York City were sent back home. Overnight, 30,000 Indians lost their jobs. They came back home, among them, many Christians. They wrote to me for prayer.

When the judgment of God comes, remember: even the righteous may have to suffer. When God's judgments came upon Israel, and she was taken captive to Babylon, righteous Daniel was among them! He was a captive. When Israel was under the captivity of another foreign nation, righteous Jeremiah was there! Righteous Nehemiah was there.

The righteous saints also go into the captivity! Don't you forget that. Don't forget that. You have been duped by all the false teachers and false prophets in your country, deluding you and deceiving you into thinking that no matter what happens, you will always be protected.

As a result, you are suffering from spiritual lethargy, hearing only that which you want to hear and switching off when you don't want to hear. You know, of you it is written in the Bible, "those who have itching ears, only wanting to hear pleasant words." My dear brothers and sisters, the judgments of God are real. The countdown has begun.

You know, India and Pakistan came this close to an all-out nuclear war. If the war took place, the whole of Pakistan would have been wiped out. Four northern states in India would have been wiped out. And the defense analysts predicted that Pakistan would have been uninhabitable for thirty years because of the nuclear dust that would be hanging over the country. The whole of north India would have been wiped out. Nepal would be wiped out. Tibet would be affected. They came this close to an all-out nuclear war. Somehow, God spared us.

My dear brothers and sisters, if you read the Holy Bible, forget about church doctrines, forget about vain traditions and teachings of men who only want to bilk you out of your money. I am declaring to you the oracles of God right now.

From Genesis to Revelation, if you read the Holy Bible, it shows very clearly two things: redemptive judgment. God judges! Because He is a good God. From the garden of Eden all the way up to the book of Revelation, you will see these two themes: love and judgment. Not just love and love, and bless me and bless me. This is how your prophets and teachers are teaching you today.

And they have not only corrupted the American church, they are corrupting the Indian church. They are corrupting the Eastern church, they're corrupting the African church and they're corrupting the European church. It (unbalanced teaching) has been exported!...

Many people teach, If you are once saved, you are forever saved. That is a teaching from the pit of hell. Once saved is not forever saved. (Technically, I do believe that, but not practically.) Not from the viewpoint of God, because it is written in Matthew 24:13, "He that endures until the end, only HE shall be saved." Enduring until the end!

Lot's wife did not endure until the end. As she was on the road to redemption, she left behind her heart in Sodom and Gomorrah. Her heart pulled her back. And she turned and she saw, SAVED but then suddenly DESTROYED!

Don't be deceived! I tell you one more time with great love and all humility, don't be deceived that once saved is always saved. Don't be deceived that just because you are a tongue-talking Christian that you will be saved and caught up in the rapture. Don't be deceived. He that endures until the end, only he shall be saved.

Look at the story of Nineveh. Jonah went there, preaching. It took three days to walk around the whole city. For three days, he was crying out, "REPENT! If not, then in forty days you will be destroyed!" From the king to the animals, they all fasted for forty days. They repented in sackcloth. God's heart was moved with compassion. Judgment was delayed, but Nineveh was eventually destroyed because she only repented for a season, like you (America).

After 9/11, the whole nation appeared holy and repentant for a season. Now you are back to normal. You are back to your filth. You are back to your corruption, you are back to your sins. You have forgotten the repentance you did after 9/11. The vows you have made unto the living God after 9/11, you have forgotten! The altars that you had repaired after 9/11, you have forgotten! And they are back in ruins again! The Scriptures say, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever." My spirit shall not strive with man forever.

Now come with me to the New Testament, in Luke, chapter nineteen. The Lord Jesus Christ looks at the city of Jerusalem, His beloved city, His own city, He has no other city except Jerusalem. He looked at the city, and He beat His face and He cried, and cried and cried. No one had ever seen the Lord Jesus crying like that before. This was even before He cried at Lazarus's tomb. He was beating His face, beating his breast and crying bitterly.

Why? Because the very people for whom He came, as the very personification of redemption, they were going to reject the Messiah. And what would result from that rejection? Judgment. The Lord Jesus predicted, "Oh Jerusalem, you are going to be destroyed! They are going to siege you around! You are going to be utterly destroyed! Your city will be burned, you will become ashes!"

He cried, like a mother crying for her baby. Thirty-three and a half years after the Lord Jesus Christ was crucified, Jerusalem was burned to ashes. Not one time, but three times, the city was burned to ashes. My dear brothers and sisters, did she repent?

America is good. A good nation, a giving nation, a helpful nation. And at the same time, a prideful, arrogant nation. She thinks that she has become great by the power and strength of her own might. She has forgotten that it is the Lord God that has lifted you up, blessed you, made you strong and mighty, but you have forgotten your creator.

Look at the Book of Revelation, chapter two and three, the seven messages to the seven churches that were existing at the time. None of them, except the church in Smyrna, received a (good) word from the Lord Jesus Christ. The rest of the six churches were receiving conditional judgment. If they repented, it would be well and good. If not, the Lord said (to one particular church), "I will remove your candlestick and you will be destroyed."

I was once preaching in a charismatic church in Singapore. The pastor invited me to his house for Christmas Day dinner. Together with me were his two church elders. After dinner, before I left, he said, please bless our family before you leave. I stood to pray for his family. And the Lord Jesus Christ came and stood beside me and said, "For three years, I have been coming to his church and looking for fruits, and none are bearing. Right now, I am going to cut this tree."

Then I fell on my knees, and I interceded for the church. For twenty-five minutes, I cried to the Lord. "No Lord, please don't. Please don't. Spare them Lord for one more year. The Lord Jesus heard my prayer and He said, "Because you asked, I will spare them for one more year." After the prayer, I called the pastor privately and I told him this word (from the Lord). And I totally forgot about this entire event.

But, 365 days later, exactly to the day, the Lord Jesus Christ appeared to me and He said, "The one year is up." I totally forgot about it. He came and reminded me. "The one year is up. And during that one year, she did not bear any fruit. NOW, the reapers will go and will cut the tree." From the moment the Lord Jesus spoke that word, I saw the tree of this church withering day by day, by day. Today, it does not exist. Even the pastor is no more the pastor of the church. The church totally closed up. This is just one example that I have told you. I could tell you examples of many other churches where the Lord came and removed the candlestick from the other churches.

(Another) church with whom I had a very close affiliation, it's like I was a mother giving birth to the church (I gave birth to the church). But the very mother who gave birth to the church, -the very mother-, had to use a dagger to stab her, like Abraham did. One day when I was in their church, the Lord Jesus appeared to me and He said, "I am going to remove their candlestick." When I told this to the pastor, he laughed at me. He said, "Brother, we are in the New Testament. We are under grace. How would God ever do like (what you have just said)?"

I looked at him and I said, "If I am a true prophet of God, and if that word truly came from God, it will come to pass." And I shook off the dust off my feet that day, and I never went back to that church again. But one year later, the candlestick was removed from the church. And that church is no more in existence.

My dear brothers and sisters, don't take your salvation for granted. Don't take your freedom for granted. Don't take the mercy of God for granted. Don't take the redemptive grace of God for granted.

Several years ago, I was preaching at a conference in Sydney, Australia. You know the city of Sydney is exactly like the city of San Francisco. The very sins in San Francisco are the very sins in Sydney. The very sins that you see in New York City are the very sins in Perth. Two identical cities, on the east and west coast in your nation are the same (in these spiritual respects) cities in Australia, east and west coast. They are always gateway cities.

While I was there, one evening an awesome angel came and stood before me. I am usually never fearful in the midst of angels, except when I started seeing the chief princes of nations. But that particular angel, when he stood before me, I trembled and quaked like a leaf. And he had like a bowl in his hand. And he looked at me with a fierce look in his eyes, and he said, "I am one of the two angels that was sent out to spy Sodom and Gomorrah. And I have been sent here to spy out the city and pour this vial of judgment upon the city."

Only then I understood why I was trembling. With fear, I fell on my face before God. I prayed and prayed for the city of Sydney. I said, "Lord, not now. There is still three more days for the conference, Lord. I will gather all the Christians to repent for Sydney, to pray for this nation." For a long time I was lying on my face. Finally, the countenance on the angel's face changed. He became calmer, and he said, "I am leaving now for a season." And he left.

That night I went to the conference. Seven hundred people had come, and I shared with them what I saw. All the 700 people fell down on their faces before God. For forty-five minutes -- there was no message that evening -- for forty-five minutes, they were all crying, beating their faces, beating their breasts, and beating the floors. The whole auditorium was reverberating and echoing with their tears and with their cries. Everyone from the oldest to the youngest were on their faces before God.

My dear brothers and sisters, I tell you one more truth today. As the chief prince angel of the United States of America stood before me, he said, Like the angels that went out to spy out Sodom and Gomorrah, a host of angels are walking the length and breadth of your country, spying out the land in a similar manner to how the two angels did (at Sodom)." I tell you, when the white missionaries go to the East and to Africa to preach, we hear the gospel. We turn away from our millions of gods of wood and stone, and we turn back to worship the true and living God. But the gods we give up, you are now embracing, and you are bowing down and worshiping them.

So who is the greater heathen, tell me? The nations in the East? No way! Because we are turning back to the righteous God. And the supposedly Christian nation is becoming a heathen nation where you have all kinds of abomination. You know, none of the Muslim nations in the Middle East will allow (except for Bahrain, Kuwait and United Arab Emirates, except for these three countries) -- the rest of the countries would never allow a Christian church in their nation.

The largest Muslim mosque outside the Middle East is in the United Kingdom. In fact, the headquarters for their European operation and American operation is in the United Kingdom, a supposedly Christian nation. And the churches in the U.K. open their doors to allow the Muslims to come in and use their very premises for the propagation of Islam.

Would they (Muslim countries) do that? They will not even allow you (to practice openly in their country). They consider Christians infidels. They will not even allow us into their churches. They will not allow us to build churches in their nations. Whereas, we, in the name of the First Amendment, -- you know, your very freedom has become your curse.

The very First Amendment that you use to promote 'freedom of speech' has become your very curse. That's what the gays are now using. The First Amendment. We (the gays, in this case) have the right to speak what we want, and you (the church) cannot disagree with us. Your freedom, your liberty, has become your curse. My dear brothers and sisters, unless you weep for your nation, great judgment is going to come. Unless rivers of intercession flow in your nation, unless tears of repentance flow from your eyes, flow from your churches and water this nation, judgments have been pronounced.

You know, there is a certain group of angelic beings called the Watchers. We only read about them in one book of the Bible. The book of Daniel, chapter four, verses 13 and 23. This specific group of angelic beings are in charge of executing and overseeing the plans of God and judgments of God over each nation. At their command, they can execute judgment.

I was in the nation of Indonesia in 1998, just after the fall of a dictator that ruled that nation for thirty-two years. On the first day that I was in that nation, the chief prince angel over Indonesia entered into my room, and he said, "Whatever has happened in this nation has been decreed and ordered by the watchers in Heaven. They decreed and they said, let there be a change."

And overnight, the dictator of thirty-two years was overthrown. Overnight -- it did not happen over a long period of time. Overnight, he was overthrown -- decreed by the Watchers. The same decree has been passed. However, -- you know, when a person is sentenced to death, he can have one last final appeal to the president. Do you have this in your country?

We have this (law) there. It is called the "President's pardon". If the President chooses to pardon, the person sentenced to die can (have their sentence reduced) to life in prison. You (America) are in that stage (or situation) right now, and your only appeal is to the Heavenly Father. The final pardon is in His hands. If not (if the church in America does not give enough intercession and weeping), 9/11 was just a sample. It will be repeated and repeated.

My dear brothers and sisters, God loves you. If he did not love you, an angel would not have come to give that word. Let me tell you today how God works. If He wants to execute a judgment, He will just carry it out without informing His prophets. He would do that.

Why does He tell His prophets? Amos 3:7-8- "God will not do anything before He tells His prophets." Why? So that they will pray. God wanted to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, but why tell Abraham beforehand? So that he would intercede and pray for the salvation of Lot. He (Lot) was under the same curse. He (God) could have just destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Why inform Abraham first?

Even today, God follows this same principle. Why is God informing you? So that you can be saved. So that you will repent. So that you will cry out to God. So that His entire pronouncement can be overturned, and mercy can come upon your nation. You know, it is not so much God's wrath, but the hardness of your hearts, the hardness and sins in your hearts that must be changed, and the nation will turn back from unrighteousness to righteousness.

You have an awesome call upon your nation. You know, the symbol of your nation, a flying eagle, was not chosen by your forefathers by accident. An eagle is a Heavenly bird. It's supposed to be up there in the heavenlies with God, not down on the ground like a vulture, eating flesh. But you, the mighty eagle, have now become an ugly, flesh-eating vulture. The church is no better. The standards of the world have crept into the church. Are you pure?

What is the difference between you and the world? You are called to be separate. You are called to be peculiar. What is so peculiar about you if your lifestyle is exactly the same as the world? What is so peculiar? Why then should non-believing Americans get saved? Why? When the church is stinking, why should they get saved?

That is the reason why many are embracing Islam. They are embracing Buddhism. Did you know, let me tell you truth, Buddhism is the fastest growing religion in North America. Not Christianity, which is decreasing in size. The church in Europe is decreasing in size. Islam is the fastest growing religion in Europe. What's happening to you? The church is growing in the East. The church is growing in Africa. But you are shrinking. Why? Because (your lack of loyalty or fidelity to the teachings of Christ) stinks.

Tell me now in all honesty. Do you think that you deserve the grace of God? You don't. Do you honestly believe, as you see your own condition better than I do, do you honestly think that you deserve the mercy of God? No. Yet, God is good God. His mercy endures forever. (The passage in Scripture states), "The Lord, God is good, merciful, forgiving, merciful to a thousand generations."

In the many names of God that are mentioned in Scripture, three times it talks about His goodness. Only one time it says that He will judge, which means His goodness is three times greater than His judgment. My dearly beloved American brothers and sisters, the Lord Jesus Christ loves you very much. But He cannot accept a corrupted church. He loves you. If not, this meeting would not have been held.

He loves you very much. But He cannot accept a compromising church. He loves you, but He cannot accept deceiving teachers, and lying prophets. But the wheat and tares have been allowed to grow at the same time. He has allowed it, patiently waiting, hoping against all hope that you will repent. Every little judgment that He sends to you, hoping against all hope that you will repent. But you are not. You know, I fear that your fate will be as exactly what happened to Jerusalem.

The Lord Jesus said, "Prophets after prophets were sent to you, Jerusalem. Instead of embracing them, you stoned them to death. And (as) the final prophet, I am coming. You have not known the hour of your visitation, oh Jerusalem. And now, therefore, the hour is coming when you will be sieged all around, and you will be desolate." What would you like to choose? Let's all bow our head for a word of prayer.

What will you choose? Will you cause a river of intercession to flow in your nation? Will you cause a river of intercession to flow in your nation? Or are you going to just sit here and let this word run down your back like water on a duck's back? Can God count on you? Can all the hosts of Heaven count on you that you will intercede? That you will weep like Jeremiah? Can He count on you? If you are willing, get up from your seats right now, and fall down on your face before God. And lift up your heart and cry for your nation now!

Lift up your hearts and cry for your nation now! Lift up your heart and cry for your nation. Oh, America, oh beautiful America, won't you repent? Tear you heart! Tear your heart! And cry for your country! I am not asking you to cry for India! Cry for your own nation! Tear your heart. Cry out to Him for His mercy! Tell Him, "We have sinned Lord! We have sinned, Lord. We have turned our backs against you, God!" Cry out to Him. Cry out to Him now! Let the rivers of intercession flow now Oh you daughters of America, let your tears flow now, let your tears flow.

Cast away your good-for-nothing pride! Cast away your pride. Your military might is nothing before God. Cast away your arrogance. Cast away your sexual sin! Cry, cry, takes (America's) sins onto your shoulders, and cry now. Let your tears flow like rivers now. Let your tears flow like rivers. The children in the East are repenting and turning back to righteousness.

Oh My children in America, will you be destroyed? Will you perish, while they who are sitting in darkness are turning back to righteousness and light? Oh ye, that were of light and sitting in the light, why have you embraced darkness? Why have you allowed your understanding to be darkened? Why have your beauties turned into corruption? Cry out to Him. Cry out to Him now.

The Spirit of Christ is telling me now; the only way that righteousness can spring up in this nation is if the church will turn back to righteousness. And she will weep and sow righteousness into the land. Oh you daughters of America, don't just mechanically pray. Don't just pray because I asked you to pray. Tear your heart! Tear you inner heart! And turn back to God with weeping, with fasting, with repentance. Turn back to God! (Spirit of grace and spirit of supplication, come and abide in us!)

[Forty-five minutes or so of weeping and intercession is offered. Then Sadhu Sundar Selvaraj returned to offer these additional words]: The angel over the United States of America is still standing here. And he showed me that all your intercession (just offered) is just a drop in the bucket that he has in his hand. And the word of the Lord that has just come to me is this, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, seek My face and pray, and turn back from their wicked ways, I will hear their prayers, I will forgive their sins and I will heal their land." Lift up your hands to God, America.

The Two Veils

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"And Jesus uttered a loud cry, and breathed His last. And the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom." Mark 15:37, 38

"Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness in our speech, and are not as Moses, who used to put a veil over his face that the sons of Israel might not look intently at the end of what was fading away." II Corinthians 3:12, 13

These two veils represent for us the two main aspects of God's eternal purpose. The veil in the temple and the veil on the face of Moses only exist in the Old Covenant. In the New Covenant, they are removed. However, the sad fact remains that most Christians today are still living by the Old Covenant, and therefore, for them, the veils remain intact.

In order to see this, we must first understand the difference between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant. Then, we must see in what ways we are still living by the Old Covenant. And then finally, we need to see the way out of the old system and into freedom of the new and living way. (Heb. 10:20)

The Way of the Old Covenant

Even though everything we read in the Old Testament really happened and is recorded there for our benefit, we need to realize that it is all shadow, symbols, and types of what was to come. What the Old Covenant brings to us in shadow and type, the New brings to us in reality and fulfillment. The main relevance of the Old Covenant to us is that we can learn about the reality by looking at the shadow. There are many riches stored for us in those shadows.

The first thing we need to realize is that the Old Covenant was externally based. Everything happened on the outside of the believer. An external law was given to be obeyed externally. The ceremonial washing of hands is a good example of this. Jesus told the Pharisees that they washed their hands on the outside, but on the inside they were filled with all sorts of uncleanness. The Jews took the law and tried to obey it to the letter. Basically we are looking at a "book religion" here. Read the book, and then do what it says. Holiness and transformation are based upon how well you obey the rules. The problem was that no one could obey all of them. No one could be good, no not one.

The second main aspect of the Old Covenant is that there was no direct access to God. In a sense God was in a box! The Box was called the Ark of the Covenant. No one had access to the box except the high priest once per year when he would enter the holy of holies and perform sacrifices for the sins of the people. There was a veil separating the holy place from the holy of holies that contained the presence of God Himself. No one could pass through that veil except the high priest and he had to perform all kinds of rituals to prepare for that. Direct access by the people was restrictive and external.

Another aspect of the Old Covenant is that it was only temporary. Of course, this makes sense since it was the forerunner to the New Covenant fulfillment. This brings us to the second veil which is found on the face of Moses.

Moses would go up the mountain to meet with God. Being in God's presence would somehow affect the face of Moses so that it would actually shine or glow. Paul called this "glow" glory, which in the original language means: brilliance, splendor, magnificence, excellence, and beauty. The "glory" of God shone (or was expressed) on the face of Moses whenever he would meet with God. However, this glory would fade from his face after a period of time. The glory was temporary because it was external. So we can see from this that the expression of God would only come through meeting with God. But in the Old Covenant, both the meeting (or fellowship) with God and the expression of God were only temporary because or their external nature.

The New and Living Way

In the New Covenant we have the substance and fulfillment of all things that were shadowed in the Old.

Now, everything becomes internal. God comes to actually live inside of the believer. This is accomplished by something the scriptures call "spirit." God is Spirit and he puts a spirit into each one of us. Now when we receive the Lord Jesus Christ, He actually and literally comes to live in our spirits by means of His Spirit. The law is no longer an external set of rules that are written on stone tablets, they have all been fulfilled by a Person who has now come to indwell the believer. Now, it is the life of the Person inside the believer that fulfills every law, not the believer himself (Galatians 2:20).

Access to God has now become complete and intimate. The veil blocking the entrance to the holy of holies has been torn. But now, much more has taken place in our access to God than we could have ever imagined. Through Christ, our access to God is infinitely greater than under the Old Covenant. Not only can we be in His direct presence, now we can actually go inside of Him! Paul doesn't' speak of being in God's presence, he only talks about being "in Christ." The believer is now actually inside of his Lord! This is so much better than being in His presence. This is as intimate as you can get! When you are in the presence of someone you can only get to know them to a certain degree. The only way to completely know that person is to go inside of them to know their thoughts and feelings. That's intimacy! That's the New Covenant!

The expression of God' glory is now permanent because that glory resides internally. Fellowship with God happens in the spirit of the believer and the resulting outward expression is permanent. Paul said it this way: "Christ in you, the hope of glory!" We have no use for a veil because we know that glory will not fade.

Moving from One Covenant to Another

Like I said at the beginning of this article, most Christians today are still living as if in the Old Covenant. We are in the New Covenant, but we live out our lives as if we are under the Old. Please let me explain.

We practice our Christian faith, for the most part, in an external way. We feel that by using external means something will happen internally. Think about all of the things you are told to do to be a "good" Christian. Read the bible, pray, go to church, give, worship, witness, etc. Those things are essentially all external and are not to be the means or engine that drives your life. We are still a "book religion." We read the bible and then do what it ways. We hear the Pastor preach a sermon on Sunday and then we do what he says.

We get to know God by getting to know the bible better. We still view God as being outside of us up in heaven somewhere. We have no Christ-in-you consciousness. We believe that Christ lives in us but we don't live like it. In summary, we don't live the Christian life like Jesus did. He lived His life by an indwelling Father. We live our lives by "religious" activities. We go to church meetings hoping to "feel" the presence of the Lord. We are waiting for Him to arrive, but He is already inside of us! We are still living behind the veils!

Paul said that when someone turns to the Lord the veil is removed (II Cor. 3:16). Brothers and sisters, we need to learn how to turn to the Lord who lives in our spirits.

Though The Vision Tarries
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Habakkuk 2:3
[3]For the vision is yet for an appointed time and it hastens to the end [fulfillment]; it will not deceive or disappoint. Though it tarry, wait [earnestly] for it, because it will surely come; it will not be behindhand on its appointed day. AMP

This is a simple yet an impacting word God has for his people. God has birthed some visions and dreams within you. He is so intent on bringing them to pass that the Message Bible puts the same verse this way:

[3]This vision-message is a witness
pointing to what's coming.
It aches for the coming--it can hardly wait!
And it doesn't lie.
If it seems slow in coming, wait.
It's on its way. It will come right on time.

Yet with every dream the Lord puts wishing your heart, the enemy is at work trying to destroy this dream through doubt. He will present your present circumstances before you and will tell you that they do not line up with the vision. Do not give in to discouragement. In fact if anything, when the Lord places a dream or vision within your heart, he will allow your circumstances and surroundings to be the exact opposite of what he has already spoken into your heart.

God is not looking for the right atmosphere and circumstances for this vision to come to pass, He is looking for your faith in his promise to fulfill it. This is his moment to show HIMSELF faithful so that HE will get the Glory for bringing it to pass and not ourselves.

Once the Lord has given you that vision, wait for his leading. Do not be presumptuous and go ahead of what he is doing. What would you rather have: an Ishmael or an Isaac? Gods timing is perfect. He is an on time God. He is the Alpha and the Omega, who has seen our beginning from the end and so knows the perfect timing to bring to pass what he has prophesied to you.

Gods word is sure. What he has spoken will not only come to pass, it has to come to pass. God is not a man that he should lie nor the son of man that he should repent. So many times we want the fulfillment of our dreams to happen instantly. But do we ever look to see the fruit of what he nurtures in us as we wait? God is more interested in forming his character in us than anything else. Be still and know that he is God and be open to what he wants to teach or show you during your 'gestation' period.

PROPHETIC WORD
I am faithful to fulfil every promise I have made to you says the Lord. Your timing may not be my timing, but My word is sure and what I have spoken into your life shall come to pass. I am looking for a people that will walk in My holiness. I am looking for those that are willing to 'tarry' while I fulfil My Word in their lives. Your appointed time is coming. Stay faithful and remain waiting, for that Word shall not come back until it has fulfilled all that I have sent it to do says the Lord.

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Those That Wait Upon The Lord

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My heart yearns for a people who will wait upon Me and lean on the Almighty for their strength.

Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not grow weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Yes you are that People. You are My people whom I have trained their hands for war and their fingers for battle. You are those that shall take the battle to the enemy and take the victory because I have given him into your hands. You are those who shall and have already stood strong in the midst of adversity. You are those who shall carry My name to the ends of the earth. Yet all this cannot be accomplished unless you first enter into the secret place to meet with Me in My presence. As you enter the holy of holies My Spirit strengthens you for the journey that is ahead. My Joy overtakes you and you are filled with renewed hope of your calling in Me. In My presence I expose all that is not of Me that you may know the difference between the truth and the false. It is in this place of seclusion that I imprint My DNA on your heart that you too would burn with a compassion for the lost.

Rest in Me and be strengthened. As you allow Me, I will lead you by the way that I desire you to go. Stay hidden in My covering and go forth and possess your promised land.

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Time Of Release

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There have been many of you who have been through a time of severe testing, where the Lord has stripped you of every support, comfort and refuge that you hold dear. But now the Lord says that your time of release is here. For I have desired a people after My own heart, whom I have made perfect through My sufferings. Yet many have not trusted Me with their all. Some have held back a part of their lives for fear that I would not do things according to their own wisdom and perceptions. I have been working in the hearts of My Children to separate them from all that would hinder them moving foward by My Spirit into their intended God given destinies. During this season of separation and training, I have taught them that all that they are going through and experiencing is not about them, but it is about Me working My eternal purposes and character in them. It is in the pit and the miry clay that I have humbled them and that they have found others just like them who are struggling in the same area. They have come into unity with those of like hearts through a mutual identification of their trials. In this valley you have sought for My voice, which many times came rarely. This I did in order for you to know that I AM the I AM whether you feel Me close or not. You see, My relationship with you is not based on an outward feeling, but a love incomprehendable, only visible and tangible through the sacrifice of My Son.

Yet now I speak release to your borders. You shall go out with My power and wisdom upon you because you know My voice and have heeded My call. You have not given up nor have you allowed the wind and the waves to subdue you. Only so for you are My sons and daughters of victory. Victory lies in your tongue as you speak forth My Word in faith. Victory is assured for I have gone before you and prepared the way. I overcame the struggle of all struggles. Walk boldly in My authority and with My name. Speak healing to the wounds and arid areas of the past for it is time to move in sync with what I am doing by My Spirit in these days, says the Lord.

Blessings in Christ,
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The Undercurrent Move of God

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Just as there are rivers of current in the natural oceans there are undercurrents of spiritual movement in the vast ocean of churches and ministries. The surface of the ocean is the highly visible part of the churches and ministries. The surface rarely experiences times of placid waters and is most often covered with gentle waves of activities as the breeze interacts with the surface.

Occasionally the surface is greatly excited as strong winds create much dynamic activity. But even during the strongest winds there is an unbelievable calm below the surface. In the depths it is as if there was no turbulence. The turbulent scene of the visible surface is unheard in the depths.

Beneath the surface of praise and worship music in gatherings - below the dynamic ministry activities there is an awesome place of peace in God. In that place of peace the mighty works of God are effortless to us. It seems we are not in the reality of the things happening in the natural realm. We have truly come apart into a realm of peace beyond all understanding, as we observe ourselves move and speak effortlessly in the power and control of another. Miracles seem very natural to those who enter into the depth of the supernatural.

In this placid depth, movement does not readily appear to exist. But in reality there are powerful streams of current that are steadily moving without the noise and turbulence of the surface. In the natural world the climate and all areas of life that are affected by climate are changed by the movement of ocean currents.

So it is also in the spiritual. The unseen deep currents of God are flowing and bringing great change that is affecting the land and will bring significant change to all life. The world will not continue as it has been but must be reformed by the massive deep currents of God moving upon the earth.

Much of the surface may seem to some to be foolish or unnecessary frivolous activity as the Spirit wind blows upon the youth of the land. What may seem like silly manifestations are only the surface of the deep currents of God moving the world from a place of men's rule to the reality of the kingdom of God on earth.

The deep currents of God are moving us from religion based on the tree of knowledge to the tree of supernatural life by the Spirit - holy life in union with others and communion with God.

The world is being redeemed and through much tribulation we must enter the kingdom of God. The deeper currents are not always flowing through big name ministers. Often they are flowing deeper under the surface through relatively unknown men, women and young people who have given their all to carry the deeper current of the love of God to the nations of the world.

They go into the poor places of the world often to thrown away people - they pray weeping for sick children - they give and do all they can pouring out the love God has poured into them. In their passion God works miracles to feed the hungry - heal the sick and bring encouragement to the downtrodden.

Wherever these no name undercurrent people go the love of God brings healing into the hearts of people and the poor become rich with peace and joy. The hopeless become filled with the purpose of God and become powerful witnesses of the miracle working love and power of God that raises the dead.

These humble ministers don't need a title nor position. They are just ordinary folk who through much tribulation and brokenness have entered into the deep currents of God. Consumed by His love they become fountains of the liquid fire of God's love pouring out to the nations.

Look for the love - pursue love - it never fails.
Lots of love, Ron McGatlin

Relational Engagement
Ron McGatlin

The church of the new kingdom emphasis age is a spiritual living network. A living organism of cells fitted and connected together by relationship. The natural flow of supernatural sustenance flowing through connecting joints strengthens, encourages, and orders the entire church as one Body. (1 Pet 2:5)

Eph 4:16: From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Love is the supernatural substance of God that flows strength and living waters of encouragement through the supernatural network of relational engagements. Love is both the motivating and the restraining force of the Spirit of God. Because of love as directed by the Holy Spirit we reach out and engage others and spiritual connections are formed. The same love of God restrains us and we do no harm to others. Love causes us to despise evil and turn from it. Thus the kingdom of God is generated, sustained, structured, ordered and continues to increase by the love of God. Gal 5:14, Col 2:2, Eph 5:23, Col 1:18

The love flowing from the cross of Jesus is bringing forth the worldwide kingdom of God. The resurrected life of the King of kings and the Lord of lords flowing through the Holy Spirit is implanting the character and nature of Christ in His people. Truly we abide in Christ as we connect to the Spirit of Christ in one another through "throne room connections".

All nerves in a natural body lead to and connect in the head. In the true Body of Christ all connections come together in the throne room of Christ the Head of the Body. Remaining in His manifest presence supernaturally activates the connection of hearing from the Head and speaking to Him.

The networking of the Spirit brings unity as each part does according to the instruction from the throne room and all work together in unity as they go about carrying out the desires of the Father. Thus the King of all receives His rightful place as King of kings and Lord of lords and delivers the kingdom to Father God1 Cor 15:24.

The Nicolaitan type hierarchy of the institutional church was and is an attempt by men to flow supernatural networking of God through human organizational structure to lead the church. Organization and church authority are primary in this structure and relationships are secondary. The relationships that do exist are usually based on titles and positions designated by the hierarchy. This law based structure has value for corralling immature Christians who are more focused on natural life than spiritual living. However, it is near impossible for those under such a structure to ever grow up into mature spiritual beings and the system of clergy and laity is perpetuated. Rev 2:15

Mark 10:42 - 43: But Jesus called them to Himself and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you.

In the maturing kingdom emphasis age church, the priesthood of the believer is becoming a reality and not just a doctrine 1 Pet 2:9. The improper distinction between clergy and laity is dissolving as believers are maturing to fulfill their calling and gifting is small and large groups of the Body.

Spiritual networking is relational not organizational. The hierarchy of human rule and church authority is replaced by the true headship of Christ and true Spirit authority. A generation of kings and priests are being formed on the earth through the empowerment and leadership of the Holy Spirit. A generation networked by love and destined to rule and reign on earth with Him.

The *Joel's Army* type of people will demonstrate the real power of love as they walk in unity of purpose and action led by the Holy Spirit - restrained and empowered by love. All great works begin by abiding in Him, in His manifest presence and receiving the endued power of love from the highest order - the creator of all - God of whom it is said, "God is love".

Pursue love - it never fails.

Lots of love,
Ron McGatlin

Like Grass In A Field

Ron McGatlin

In January of 1986, I had left the ministry where I had been serving and had no other occupation at the time. My day's were spent in a nice quiet travel trailer beside the house praying and studying the Word. I had begun again to read the book of Matthew.

This time one word seemed to be on almost every page—and again and again came from the lips of Jesus as He seemed to preface many of His teaching with this word. I knew I'd read it hundreds of times, but it had never really "been there" before. It had always just seemed to flow "under" or "behind" what was being said without adding meaning to the passage.

Because this word had suddenly "appeared," and because I knew little or nothing about it, I became curious. So I prayed a simple prayer. The answer to that prayer changed my entire life forever. Suddenly in a moment of time, it seemed everything I had ever known was shaken and began to take on a whole new light, a new meaning. Mysteries began to clear up about things I'd wondered about for years. Pieces began to fit together that I could never get to fit before. A deep satisfaction began to come into my heart as things began to become real and make practical sense for the present instead of religious ideas and doctrinal systems from the past or for the future.

I had simply prayed, "God, what does this word "kingdom" mean? What is the kingdom of God—kingdom of Heaven—Why did Jesus talk about it so much? That simple phrase, "kingdom of God", that did not even appear to be there before, has become the focal point of my life as it was with Jesus.

In the days that followed this prayer, the heavens were opened to me. God was closer to me than ever before. Every question that I asked was instantly answered with staggering impact and clarity. I was amazed again and again and often overwhelmed, my mind reeling as God poured simple profound revelation of His kingdom into my heart. I became very careful about the questions I asked.

One of my reactions to all of this was that of thinking that people would surely come against me because many of the things God was revealing to me were different from the way my church had taught them. I had never before heard a word of the kingdom message like God was giving it to me. I was afraid I would be the only person with this radical message.

Then God told me He was giving this message to certain men around the world and that it would eventually just seem to come up from everywhere like the grass in a field. In the years that followed, He allowed me to receive tapes from men in various parts of the world who had received the same message.

Soon many churches began preaching the gospel of the kingdom that Jesus preached. And now the reality of intimate communion with God is producing multitudes of pure hearted holy men and women in love with God, who like the grass in a field are springing forth the kingdom of God.

For decades the rain of the Holy Spirit has poured out on the land and the brightness of His revelation has arisen and the kingdom is springing up everywhere that the rain has fallen and His brightness is shining forth as the sun.

The green grass of mountain meadows and fertile valleys sprouts forth from seed and root. God supplies all that is needed for the grass to sprout and grow. Just as this process is very natural, the kingdom of God is coming forth in a supernatural natural way. The love of God in His manifest presence and the awe of His glory is changing the world. Not just the church but the marketplace, the home, education and governing institutions will be impacted by the new breed of holy men and women living the kingdom of God lifestyle.

It is not possible to truly experience the pure love in His manifest presence and continue to live for anything else. To reject the passionate love of our jealous God will always lead one away from abundant life. Death (separation from God) will begin to work in one's heart and life who has disdained the love of God.

The kingdom lifestyle of love is coming up like the grass in a field.

Ron McGatlin

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The Ultimate Treasure

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All over the world people are pursuing treasures. The treasures are in various forms: money, gold and other mineral resources, academic and other laurels. But there is a treasure that is greater than all, and which contains all the other treasures. This treasure has been mostly hidden to mankind. Even though these days a good number of people talk about this treasure, not many people can say precisely how to acquire this treasure. What is this treasure that I may call the ultimate treasure?

Matt 13:44-46—*"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.*
45"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. 46When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

The ultimate treasure is the Kingdom of Heaven, that is, "on earth as in heaven". What does this really mean?

2 Peter 1:3-4—*His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.*

The kingdom of heaven is a situation whereby God is able to give us everything we need through His divine power. God imparts into us His divine nature that makes all this possible.

Phil 4:19—*And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

People quote and claim Scriptures like this daily. But do they really obtain what they claim?

2 Cor 1:18-20—*But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No." 19For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes." 20For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.*

All the promises God has made is "Yes" in Christ. How many promises of God can you enjoy their fulfillment whenever the need arises? Must you have to go through a special spiritual program, like fasting, before you can get God to fulfill one of His promises to you? The answer to these questions should tell you how much of Christ that is in you. If Christ is really in you, every promise of God should be "Yes", whenever you want it, and without any lead time.

John 11:41-42—*Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."*

John 16:23-24—*In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will* *give you whatever you ask in my name. 24Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.*

John 14:12-14—*I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. 13And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. 14You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

If Christ is in you, ask God for anything and He will do it. As God always heard Jesus, so He will hear you. That is how we know who is in the kingdom of God here on earth and who is not, that is, who has Christ and who doesn't have.

Matt 7:16—*By their fruit you will recognize them.*

1 Cor 4:19-20—*But I will come to you very soon, if the Lord is willing, and then I will find out not only how these arrogant people are talking, but what power they have. 20For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.*

Rom 14:17—*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

Ps 16:11(KJV)—*Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.*

If you meet someone in whom Christ has been formed, you will recognize him/her by his/her fruit. The fruit is not merely a quiet disposition or style of dressing. 1 Cor 4:19 says that some people are arrogant. They always boast that they are full of the Holy Spirit. But where is the fruit? (You know that, like in the case of Virgin Mary, Christ can only be formed in a man or woman through the fullness of the Spirit.) Rom 14:17 says that there must be evidence of righteousness, peace and joy, when a person is filled with the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor 4:20 goes on to say that there must be evidence of the power of God. Where Christ is, there must be fullness of joy.

The ultimate treasure then is having Christ formed in a man or woman. Any person who has Christ this way will become like another Jesus walking our streets.

How can a man or woman get Christ to be formed in him or her? Christ can only be formed in (spiritual) virgins. That is why it is written about the 144,000:

Rev 14:4-5—*These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they kept themselves pure. They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb. 5No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.*

Anyone who desires to have Christ formed in him/her must travel the road of purification until he/she reaches the city of purity or perfection where God dwells. God will then put Christ in him/her.

Heb 12:14—*Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.*

How does one go about this purification journey?

Eph 1:13-14—*And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession-to the praise of his glory.*

2 Cor 1:21-22—*Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 22set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

Rom 4:9-12—*We have been saying that Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness. 10Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before! 11And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. 12And he is also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.*

Eph 1:13 and 2 Cor 1:22 say that when a person believes the gospel, God marks the person with the Holy Spirit as a seal of ownership. The person is now born into the family of God—born again. But the level of the Holy Spirit possessed by this Christian is just at seal level. It isn’t even up to mustard seed level (Matt 17:20). Both Eph 1:14 and 2 Cor 1:22 indicate that the seal is only a representation or a guarantee of what is yet to come. What is it that is yet to come? It is the fullness of the Spirit, that makes possible the formation of Christ.

In the case of Abraham, righteousness was credited to him when he merely believed God, but circumcision necessarily followed later. If he did not go on to circumcision, do you think he would have experienced much blessedness? In the same way, after receiving God’s seal of ownership, we must go on to the circumcision of the heart in order to obtain what God has guaranteed to come. If the circumcision happens in this material world, the Christian obtains the treasure in the now; otherwise he/she gets it in the spirit world.

Most born again Christians receive the fullness of the Spirit in the spirit world (that is, in paradise) when they have died. But God is looking for first fruits, those who will be filled with the Spirit in the now. That is what the end time revival is all about. From now onwards people will be increasingly filled with the Spirit and signs and wonders will become very rampant. Greatest among these will be the 144,000 (Rev. 7:3-4). The 144,000 must arise before the great tribulation can commence. And the time has come.

An important requirement for the purification journey is the born again experience followed by water baptism. One must belong in the family of God first. The seal of ownership of God must be in place. It is after this that you begin to talk about what is to come (2 Cor 1:22). It is only those who have received the seal of God that are given the right to become sons of God (John 1:12), because anyone who is filled with the Spirit is a son of God (Rom 8:14).

After the born again experience, what next? The person now has righteousness credited to him/her, due to faith in the word of God. The same thing happened to Abraham. But Abraham went on to perform circumcision, at the command of God. In the same manner, the born again Christian must be circumcised by the Spirit (Rom 2:29). Just like a man cannot be circumcised in the flesh if he doesn’t present himself for that, in the same way the Holy Spirit cannot circumcise the heart of a Christian who doesn’t present himself/herself for that purpose. So, how do we present ourselves?

Matt 5:3-8
3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.
8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

The beatitudes describe how a Christian may present himself/herself for circumcision of the heart by the Spirit. It is a procedure. It begins with a realization that one is poor in spirit; one doesn’t have enough measure of the Spirit to manifest as a son of God. This should lead the Christian to a state of mourning. Mourning is connected with fasting, just as feasting is connected with eating and drinking (Matt. 9:15). Fasting helps in purifying the soul so that it can interact with God.

Meekness means accepting every situation one finds himself/herself as being ordered by God. For example, for a long time I was terrorized by witchcraft poison administered to me by a close relative. I was full of bitterness towards this person. But when I began to seek the fullness of God in me, it suddenly dawned on me that God allowed the infirmity to befall me as a recompense for my deviations from the will of God. It became easy for me to forgive. If Satan had found nothing in me, how could he have afflicted me (John 14:30)? It was entirely my fault. The promise of God is that even though I drink deadly poison it would not hurt me (Mark 16:18). That promise would have saved me all the pains if only I had sought for Christ to be formed in me, instead of pursuing worldly things. It surely was my fault. I did not bother to put on Christ who is my shield.

When one fasts, what does one pray about? Family? Business? Employment? Money? Healing? None of these! The person must sell everything in order to buy the kingdom of heaven (Matt 13:44-46). The person must seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt 6:33). That is what it means to hunger and thirst for righteousness. Ask God to circumcise your heart through the Spirit. Ask God to impart purity of heart into your life. Ask Him to impart to you His love, His divine nature, His divine essence. Ask God to impart to you His faith, His goodness, His wisdom, etc.

As you continually fast and say the right prayers, you will begin to approach the level of purity of heart necessary for fullness of God. Very soon nothing will be impossible to you. The pure in heart will definitely see God as He is. Anyone who beholds the fullness of God will be transformed from glory to glory (2 Cor 3:18).

The rich young ruler missed the kingdom of God because he could not sell everything he had and seek first the kingdom and righteousness of God.

Gehazi could not receive the mantle from Elisha because worldly goods meant more to him than the anointing of God’s Spirit.

God prevented Isaac from handing the relay baton to Esau because Esau could not rather fast than sell his birthright. The fullness of the Spirit is a right to every born again Christian. How many of us are ready to sell everything in order to obtain it in the now?

Thomas Gibson’s (www.prophetic-word.org) prophetic words are true:

But look to yourselves, not by your own fleshly eye, but by the spiritual eye. To do this: spend time in My Word, and spend time in prayer, and spend time allowing Me to take My Spirit and show you what needs to be changed. As you spend this time with Me in prayer, in fasting, and in time, in spiritual time, in strong spiritual time alone with Me, says the Lord; as you do these things, you will see that I will show you what needs to be done to grow closer to Me. And as you grow closer to Me, you'll grow stronger in Me. As you grow stronger, you'll see more things that need to be changed. And as you change more things, you'll grow much closer to Me. And on it goes, till I bring you into an era of spiritual revelation you did not even know could exist on this planet. Yet I shall do it. And many shall walk in it.

For thus saith the Lord, hear the power of God in your life. Those who thirst for righteousness, who hunger for the things of God: they shall receive the power of the Lord.

Those who spend their time in the things of the world, receive the things of the world, the blessings of the world. And when the world's blessings come to an end, their blessings come to an end.

Make no mistake! I do not reward those of My people who spend no time with Me, or very little time. Those who spend time with Me in prayer, and in fasting, and in studying the Word, they are the ones that will stand up and receive great miracles and great glory in the last days. And these are the last days.

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The Vandenberg Dream

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Prelude: As a child I grew up in Orcutt, California, which is about 20 miles north of Vandenberg Air Force Base. My father was not in the military. At thirteen years old, I had a paper route in what is called, Old Town Orcutt. Old Town Orcutt has a very small population. The street I lived on in Orcutt had a housing tract on one side, and a field owned by Unocal on the other side. I left this home when I was fifteen years of age.

The night before the dream:

We had broken down in Gallup, New Mexico during a ministry tour of the western states. My demeanor was tired, frustrated, and wondering why this was happening to me. My daughter came to me and told me that God had told her that I would have a dream on that night. She was thirteen years old and had never done anything like this before in her life. This caught my attention.

The Dream:

In the dream I'm at my old house in Orcutt. In the dream I'm not a child anymore, I'm at present age. I'm walking down the hill from my house to Old Orcutt. The timing in the dream seems to be evening time, and there's a quiet in the air. As I'm walking towards Old Orcutt, to my left I see a bomb go off in catasrophic proportions. It looked like a mushroom cloud. I was in shock. My first initial thought was: why would they bomb Lompoc, Ca.??? As soon as that thought entered my mind, I realized that they were not bombing Lompoc, but they were bombing Vandenberg AFB. For some reason I still continued to Old Orcutt. The dream closes and reopens. and I'm standing in the middle of a street in Old Orcutt. I'm facing the cloud and there's debris in the air. People are running out of their houses, screaming in total chaos. NO ONE IS CALM!!! The dream closes, and reopens and I'm heading back up the hill to my house in Orcutt. Fear is trying to take me over and I'm worried about my current family (wife and kids). As I, (what seems like running), pass my house, I come to the stop sign and stop on our street. My wife and kids meet me there. I remember the next thing that came out of my mouth was telling my wife: "we have to go! , it's in the air!". She replies back to me: "What?" I reply back, "I'm telling you, it's IN THE AIR!!!, WE HAVE TO GO!!!" The dream ends.

Response to this dream:

In January of 2003, the Lord spoke to me in prayer, " Go warn my people for this will come to pass!" This dream lay dormant for almost a year and a half, (with many confirmations during that time). I packed up a ministry team and on April 17th, 2003 we spent seven days warning Lompoc, and Vandenberg of the coming destruction. The religious leaders of that city regarded this dream as toxic, demonic, and absolutely not of God. I was persecuted by the Christian town leaders as being a false prophet. On April 22nd, 2003, I went on local Christian radio and invited everybody to come and listen to the message I had been given. That night, many people showed up from different cities and the Word was given. After the Word was given the Lord told me to ask the people in the meeting if anyone had had a dream or vision of the same caliber. Ten to fifteen hands went up and one by one began sharing their dreams and visions of the same upcoming destruction.

Later I would come to find out other prophets had come into the same area and had similar warnings. None to this description. On April 23rd, 2003 Jeff Rense issued an article by: Han Ho Suk, Director Center for Korean Affairs, entitled: North Korea Military Tactics In A War With U.S. This article explains North Korea's willingness to attack the West Coast of the United States. This article was issued on the seventh day of our meetings. Coincidence. . . I think not! I sat in meetings with employees of Vandenberg AFB that confirm something is coming and this is no news to them. The whole idea of the meeting was to pray and bring people of that area to repentance. This did not take place.

This dream keeps being confirmed time and again and the Word is now resurfacing. **IF WE DO NOT REPENT THIS NATION IS IN IMMINENT DANGER!!** I pray God's will upon Vandenberg AFB.

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The Veil in Herod's Temple

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The veil in Herod's temple was rent from top to bottom when Jesus Christ "gave up the ghost". Herod's temple was a place where there was a "form of godliness" without the true presence and power of God.

What is the significance of the veil in Herod's temple being rent from top to bottom?

Though the splitting of the veil in that temple symbolized the fact that now the shed blood of Jesus Christ is the way to the Father rather than religious ceremony and sacrifice, we must also consider that Herod's temple was NOT a God-ordained temple! Every other temple or tabernacle has a Biblical history. Every other locale of God's presence has a recording of God's shekinah glory! There is history that records Herod as a wicked and cruel man fully aware of how he was despised by the Jews, and he sought to build a temple in place of Zerubbabel's temple in order to insure himself a place in history, and so he would not be forgotten. **"For there shall be no reward to the evil man, the candle of the wicked shall be put out." Proverbs 24:20** This temple was solely built to preserve Herod's own name through the pages of history.

In the tabernacle in the wilderness, God came right down to fellowship with man. In Exodus 25:22, speaking of the ark, ***God said, "there will I meet with thee, and I will commune with thee..."***

1 Chronicles 15, 16. The study of David's tabernacle is absolutely replete with understanding there is a cyclical event of glory to sacrifice to glory. Through this Bible story, we see the "veils of flesh" must be split before God's true glory in the true joyful praises of Zion will be manifested, but it is the revealed glory of God that gives us the power to split those veils of flesh in the first place!

Many believe we are in the time of the restoration of the tabernacle of David. Their emphasis is upon the celebratory nature of the reign of King David. But intermixed with the anointing and spirit of joy and gladness and celebration is the sacrifice of burnt offerings, which symbolizes the complete surrender of flesh. When I began to look into the subject of David's tabernacle, I realized the amount of information confirming that veils of flesh must be split in order for God's glory to come forth was so overwhelming, to include it here would make this too lengthy.

In Solomon's temple, the Bible tells us that the glory of God was so manifested, **"that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord has filled the house of the Lord. 1 Kings 8:11**

In Zerubbabel's temple, the Lord began to manifest Himself right from the very laying of the foundation. Read Ezra 3: 10-13.

> *10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.*
> *11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.*
> *12 But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that*

> *had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:*
> *13 So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.*

The splitting of the veil from "top to bottom" has a two-fold implication to it. It was the arrogant, high-mindedness of man that presumed to set himself in the place of God, as Herod did when he built a temple not ordained of God; and when Jesus went to the Cross, He took back the place that rightfully belonged to Himself. The veils of self-will and self-promotion which originate in the minds of man need to be torn down so we can distinguish where the glory of God is NOT, and so we can look to where the glory of God truly IS!! Man-made agendas, and man-made systems, and man-made programs will be ripped apart so that people will see what is behind them which is absolutely nothing but self-exalting flesh!! There was NO ark of God, or shekinah glory hidden in Herod's temple to be revealed! The total sham of Herod's temple was exposed for all to see!

One might conclude this is erroneous teaching because Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist, had a visitation in this temple by the "altar of incense". See John 1:8-13.

> *8 And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest’s office before God in the order of his course,*
> *9 According to the custom of the priest’s office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord.*
> *10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the time of incense.*
> *11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.*
> *12 And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.*
> *13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.*

But the altar of incense was in the "inner court", and not in the "holy of holies", where the ark had always been housed in the Old Testament tabernacles and temples. Zechariah was a praying, Godly man. This teaches us that even those in man's systems will meet the Lord if they make an "altar of incense", a place of prayer and intercession.

And though Jesus, Himself, called this temple, "A House of Prayer", we must again remember that He was not in the holiest place either. He was in the outer court. Jesus spoke of what that house should have been, but he also stated plainly exactly what it was, a "den of thieves". Jesus ministry in that temple was always in the "outer court".

When God chooses to visit a man-made system, and chooses to call it His house, it's because of His yearnings toward people in turn yearning for Him. When Zechariah was being visited by the Lord in that temple, it was the "Lord's temple" because the "earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." When Zechariah lingered long in the temple, the people WAITED for him, and marvelled that he was so long in the temple. It was NOT a commonplace thing for the priests to linger in the presence of the Lord in that temple! The visitation Zechariah had there was truly outstanding because God broke through man's system to visit a man who was righteous in the midst of sin and corruption.

My friend, you can meet God in the godless systems of man!! Hungry hearts have been doing it for centuries!! There is no place on the face of the earth, not even some dead, dried up old monument to a false religious system that can ever keep God from meeting with a people who desire Him!! And it doesn't have to be "a people". It can be one solitary man or woman, or boy or girl with a heart for God that can cause Him to be so stirred because He is the God whose eyes are ever running to and fro throughout the earth, searching for that one whose heart is perfect toward Him. After all the Lord's dealings with the churches in the book of Revelation, He comes knocking upon the heart's door of a man, not a church. (Rev. 3:20)

> *20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.*
> *21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.*
> *22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches*

And yet, if you are the one who has a pure desire for the Lord, if you are the one whose heart is panting after Him, even as a "deer panteth after the waterbrooks", (ref Psalm 42), there is no brick and mortar with stained glass or saloon with barstool that will hinder His coming INto you, to sup with you, and to meet with you! As He opens your ears to hear what His Spirit is saying, your locale for meeting Him may surely change. But it will never hinder His initial entry into your life to enter into a relationship of communion with you!

And, my spirit is catching something else that may be a bit "off topic", but I will throw it in. Notice that verse that says **"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches**"........isn't it so very confirming that it's often that one man or woman who is taken "outside the camp, bearing His reproach" who can actually see and discern the dealings of the Lord to and FOR a church?? They'll be branded as troublemaker, or a rebel simply for being courageous enough to have ears to hear what the Spirit is saying, and eyes anointed with eyesalve to see what the Lord is doing because they have chosen a communion with Him whereby their understanding is opened. Perhaps that is why the Lord goes onto say that this is "overcoming one" is the one who will be granted to sit and reign with him in His throne, in a place of authority.

It's not that you were able to resist an extra piece of cherry pie, and so now you're an overcomer. The thing being "overcome" is the easy route of being "dull of hearing" because it will never cost you anything to stay spiritually retarded. When you open your ear to truth, to what the Spirit is truly saying, it will cost you!

Beloved, there was a priest in Herod's temple named Zecharias who had ears to hear. And it cost him. Herod built that temple NOT for the glory of God, but to perpetuate his own name. When Zechariah was willing to hear, it meant that his own name took a death blow. Custom and tradition would be broken. The new baby arriving on the scene would not be named after his father, but he was given another name thus signifying a new day, and a new order coming upon the scene through a baptism of repentance. The works of God moved from outward form to the inward chambers of the heart because a priest had a breakthrough into the presence of God in a godless temple!!

Beloved, when there is a true visitation from God, there will always be a "residue" left within your spirit that testifies to it. You will never be the same again. It continually bears witness over and again. In that temple, the angel of the Lord announced the arrival of a son to Zecharias and Elizabeth. There is scriptural witness that they were walking in a fullness of promise soon to be revealed because they were filled with the Holy Ghost as the forerunners to not only the promise that a baby was developing within, and filling a barren womb, but it was a testimony to the promise of the Father fulfilled in Acts 2, and continuing to be fulfilled in our time, as the Lord continues to fill people with the glorious baptism in the Holy Ghost! (Jesus can never truly be your "Lord" until you allow Him to be your baptizer in the Holy Ghost. It's only the Spirit of God that truly knows the mind of God, and so you cannot know His mind that would make Him "lord of your life" til you know Him in the fullness of the baptism experience. Read 1 Corinthians Chapter 2:9-16 for confirmation to this.)

> *And it came to pass, that, when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in*

> *her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy G host. John 1:41*
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> *And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophecied, saying....John 1:67.*

If you are questioning your experience you had with the Lord in some religious system of man, be at peace!! Is there a residue of God's presence and glory and a continuing desire for Him left in your spirit, then you have a "residue" testifying to the fact that you really DID meet the Lord in that place!! The question is this: Are you going to settle on your lees within the comfort of the system where by the awesome grace of God you had your "breakthrough" , or are you going to pay the price to hear the word of the Lord, and be visited by God, and have Him come INto you so that He can develop a hearing ear within your life that would cause you to be led out of those places? The question is not where you started, but how will you finish.

> *1 ¶ <<A Psalm of David.>> The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.*
> *2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.*
> *3 ¶ Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place?*
> *4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*
> *5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*
> *6 This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.*
> *7 ¶ Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*
> *8 Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.*
> *9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.*
> *10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.*

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Three Veils of God

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Growing up as a heathen young man, a great inner conflict developed within my heart. Someway, by nature or call or whatever, I endured a sense of desire to be loyal, a desire for righteousness, and a strong conscience all of which I greatly violated. So strong was the inner confusion that a wish to die was often with me. Looking back I now know that it was a consuming desire for an intimate connection with the love of God that brought confusion to all my evil ways and selfish desires.

Great joy and sense of release flooded my soul when at 21 years of age, I first heard the message of the love of Father God who sent His Son, Jesus, to make a connection to the love of God for me. When Christ Jesus died to pay the penalty for sin the "temple veil" was torn into and the possibility of entering into holy intimacy was opened for all mankind.

The first of the three veils of God is the "temple Veil". Although the temple veil was torn asunder and the potential way was opened most of mankind including much of the church has not yet seen the fullness of the potential of really becoming one in intimacy with Holy God.

We each may face decisions between truth and loyalty. Both are virtues but only truth in love can set us free to see and enter the reality of oneness with God. For years I remained loyal to the teachings of partial truth that I had received. I was taught that the veil was rent and through being born again I had now received all that there was for me until I could pass from this life into heaven. Only in heaven someday would I experience the reality of intimacy with Holy God.

The truth was veiled to me that there are people of God who really do enter into intimate holy oneness with Almighty God now in this life. Moses was one of those people who had intimate oneness with God in His holy presence. The general congregation was not willing to enter into the intimate presence and bade Moses to go for them to meet with God. Moses had to go up on the mountain or later outside the camp to the "tent of meeting" to intimately meet with God. The smoke on the mountain and later the tent walls veiled the people from an intimate experience of oneness with God. When Moses returned to the people radiating the glory of God he placed a veil upon His face.

The second veil of God is the "face veil". Moses veiled himself in the presence of the people but removed the veil when he came into the presence of God. There was no veil between Moses and God and they spoke face to face. Although the temple veil has since been rent their remains a veil separating people from the intimate glorious face to face presence of God.

People can be in the same room at the same time when the presence of God has come and yet be veiled from seeing and experiencing the intimate presence of God. They can look upon and listen to those who are filled with the glory of God from being in His presence and yet not perceive because there is a veil separating them. They remain unchanged because of a veiled face. However, when the veil is removed they can become transformed in the presence of God.

*2 Cor 3:18: But we all, **with unveiled face,** beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, just as **by the Spirit of the Lord.***

The third veil is the "heart veil". Yes, the temple veil is rent and the potential way is opened. Yet there remains a veil upon the hearts of many of God's people even those who pride themselves in knowing the Word.

2 Cor 3:14-17: But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ***Now the Lord is the Spirit;*** *and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

Study of the Word is not enough to enter into intimacy with God. Only in Christ the Lord, who is the Spirit, is the veil lifted as we humble ourselves in connecting with the humility of Christ and loose ALL PRIDE.

Pride is the reason the veil exist that prevents intimacy with God. *James 4:6 .... "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."* Pride is that uplifting in man that may come from many sources even our religion, our doctrines, our understanding, our works and positions in life or in church, even our gifting, education, and abilities can all be sources of pride. Issues of seeking to control are rooted in pride. Our strengths cam become sources of pride. Fear is a sister to pride and comes from self concern and depending on self rather than falling before God, humbly submitting to Him and fully depending on Him.

Complete emptiness of self can lead to the fullness of the Spirit of Christ as we humbly present our bodies a living sacrifice.

Like Moses we can only enter into intimate face to face love connection with God with very humble hearts.

Num 12:3: (Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.)

Num 12:6-8: Then He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. Not so with My servant Moses; He is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid To speak against My servant Moses?"

Many who seek revival and are frustrated by little progress are yet veiled from the intimate presence of God. Our lives will be revived and our world will be changed only as we completely humble ourselves before the Lord.

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

Isa 57:15 For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, ***To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.***

2 Chr 7:14: "if My people who are called by My name will ***humble themselves,*** *and pray and* ***seek My face,*** *and turn from their wicked (prideful) ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

Humbling ourselves means, in part, that we have no cares of life which we seek to defend or establish apart from the power of God.

1 Pet 5:6-7: Therefore ***humble yourselves*** *under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,* ***casting all your care upon Him,*** *for He cares for you.*

"God resists the proud" and receives the humble **beyond the veil** into intimate face to face oneness with Him.

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In Love With God - Deepest Life Experience

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Over 60 years ago as a young previously unchurched boy I was taken to an evangelistic church service. I felt something of desire in my guts for what the preacher was so excitedly and seriously talking about. I remember going forward after encouragement by someone standing near me. The preacher asked me a strange question. "Do you love Jesus?" Instinctively I knew the answer should be, "yes", which I shakily replied.

Reflecting upon that experience from many years later, after actually falling in love with Jesus and experiencing the manifest reality of the pure and holy love of the Father, it is clear to me that I did not know Jesus and did not even have the slightest understanding of what love really was.

A lifetime of extreme experiences of good and evil have led to the reality that there is one potentially continuous experience of life that has depth of meaning beyond all the highs and lows of life experience. The fullness of life consist in one continuing life relationship experience. All else derives its meaning and value from the greatest of all life experience.

Being in love with God is the deepest experience of life. This greatest of all life experience begins with meeting the personal reality that God passionately and fervently loves you - that God desires an intimate relationship with you. The experience of seeing the beauty of His holiness - the awesomeness of His power, His glory and majesty overwhelms us. To know the reality that He, the awesome glorious God of all creation, loves and desires us empties us of all self strength as we fall before Him hopelessly consumed in His love. All pride of our lives, lusts of our flesh, and lust of our eyes - all desire for anything other than Him is destroyed in the manifest presence of His all consuming fire of love.

Heb 12:29: For our God is a consuming fire.

Perhaps the most grievous situation in all creation is that multitudes of those whom God loves are not choosing to love Him with **all their heart** but in pride and loftiness choose created things over the Creator. Their choice causes a veil to be placed over their eyes. The veil separates them intimacy with God and keeps them from the greatest of all life experiences.(James 4:6) Unbelievers and many Christians are yet veiled to the fullness of the glory of Christ.

*2 Cor 4:3-4: But even if our **gospel is veiled,** it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the **glory of Christ,** who is the image of God, should shine on them.*

Many who have the hope of heaven someday are yet missing the greatest of all life experiences of being in love with God. Beyond the veil is the ultimate experience of love in the heart of the Father as a child and in the embrace of Jesus as His purified and holy Bride.

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The Return To Family
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On occasion I have shared with some younger people how life and family was in the USA 60 to 70 years ago. I was a bit astonished as I saw their response of unbelief. For the most part they simply believed that I did not really know what was going on back then and perhaps I was now so old that I really did not have a realistic view any longer. They seemed to think that it could not have been as different as I was describing to them.

I was not telling them of a perfect situation at all but of a time of a deeply ingrained sense of morality and strength of courage and respect for good values that was at the core of American culture. Crime was considered criminal and immorality was considered immoral and it was a disgrace to be involved in either. The dollar was sound and patriotism was strong. Men married women and children had parents who lived with them. Homosexuality and drugs were unthinkable despicable behavior in the minds of Americans.

Movies were fun and left you with a clean feeling. College students were considered proper and elite young men and women with great respect for their teachers and national leaders. Sexual activity outside of marriage was disgraceful and "shacking up" was despicable behavior reserved for only the lowest level of society. To birth a fatherless child out of wedlock brought shame and disgrace upon the whole extended family and the community. To be reduced to depending on welfare which was understood to be living off your neighbors was a great disgrace and only acceptable as a last resort to prevent starvation.

But the thread of ungodliness was indeed running beneath the morality of the millions of families. The turn toward pleasure, self gratification and the thoughts of throwing off the base of godly morality were already stewing beneath the main stream of culture. Though the nation yet retained some biblical moral values, the church was becoming of less significance. A form of intellectual godlessness was developing. An enemy was eroding the American value system that had made her the greatest nation on earth.

The "God is dead" movement ushered in a humanistic intellectual based shift in culture that both rejected the values of the past and exposed the powerlessness of the mostly lukewarm church of the day. The morality breakdown has destroyed the family of the past and brought forth a very different culture.

The negative aspects of the resulting new culture are now becoming distasteful to many who are developing a hunger for something better. There is a potential turn toward the reality of the pure holy values and power of God. A turn to God can produce a culture that will exceed the morality and value system of even the best of the past in America. It will be based in the holiness of intimately relating to God and not on a fading lukewarm church system. It will be based upon the love and wisdom of God instead of the intellectual cunning of man.

There is now a thread of godly holiness running beneath the corrupt culture of today. That thread can, through love, eventually erode the corruption and bring forth a people in love with God who hate evil - a generation of servants and givers who live in the world as Christ - the Bride and Body of Christ.

Corruption will surely bring forth its fruit of destruction. Beyond the destructive events the love of God in His people will be around to restore the repentant and lead the world toward the kingdom of God lifestyle. Christ in you is still the true hope of glory.

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Love or Terror
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The seeds of both the passion of intimate love of God and passionate fear and terror are planted and growing in the next generation of people across America and the world. In the complexities of world situations it may not seem rational that there are basic realities that will turn the balance toward either a tidal wave of terror or an outpouring of the love of God.

Blessing and cursing are in front of the people of America. There is a fresh generation now coming forth upon whom God is pouring out His Spirit - a holy generation who can enter through His courts and into intimate face to face communion with Almighty God. There is a generation that can experience the fire of His passionate love and be consumed in His glory - a generation of sons of God who are in the world as Christ is in the world. The Bride of Christ intimately in love with Jesus and reflecting His humility and glory into the word.

There is also a generation of terror bound ungodly pleasure seekers who have denied the Lord and ignored His statutes and hated His ways. They have denied the wisdom of God and established their prideful earthly foolishness and intellectual debauchery and called it wisdom. In their pride and loftiness they have denied God and lifted up many other gods to fill their lives with earthly pleasures.

Psa 1:1-6: Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

In this day of outpourings of God's Spirit upon those who seek Him with their whole hearts their is space to turn (repent) and be changed by the outpouring of the passionate intimate love of God through His Spirit. Holy Spirit outpourings can melt the wicked hearts and replace the silly foolishness with the pure holy wisdom of God. Supernatural workings of intense passion of God's love can quickly purify and make new sons of God. By His Spirit God will make His words known in their hearts.

Prov 1:22 - 33: "How long, you simple (silly, foolish) ones, will you love simplicity(silliness, foolishness)? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.

Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my Spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused, I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded, Because you disdained all my counsel, And would have none of my rebuke, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes, When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.

"Then they will call on me, but I will not answer; They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me. Because they hated knowledge And did not choose the fear of the LORD, They would have none of my counsel And despised my every rebuke. Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies. For the turning away of the simple (silly, foolish) will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;

But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."

Joel 2:28-29: "And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. And also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

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The Word to be Released in this Season

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There has been much said by well-known prophetic voices in recent days concerning the release of fresh Word from Heaven in the form of books, songs, poems etc. It has been said that these words will emanate from a storeroom in Heaven reserved for this day and that a scribing anointing is being released. I believe the Lord has given me some understanding concerning those who will be used in this way.

When the Israelites were in the wilderness, they were instructed to gather enough manna for two days on the sixth day and store it for consumption on the seventh day. Miraculously, this stored manna did not go bad. On the seventh day, they rested from their labours and fed on the stored portion. We are now in the seventh thousand year period since Adam or the ‘seventh day” of creation. God is calling as never before for His Church to enter into intimacy with Him, to come and walk with Him in the cool of the day and have intimate communion with Him. Where is this place where we are to meet with Him? It is in the ark of His presence. God is calling his Church to dwell in this place of His presence before His face. This is the place of Sabbath Rest that we are told to strive to enter into, the place of intimacy with the Bridegroom, from which all fruitfulness flows.

Within the ark there were three things; the stone tablets, the rod that budded and the jar containing the portion of manna. This is what is available to us in the place of His presence: the eternal covenant, resurrection power and a measured portion of fresh revelation reserved for this day, the seventh day or the day of the Lord. This hidden manna or revelation is promised to those who overcome by the One Who wields the sharp two-edged sword

(Rev 2:17 KJV+) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna,

This revelation that is released shall have a powerful anointing upon it to divide between soul and spirit. It is found in the ark stored in a vessel of gold. This speaks of people who have been willing to undergo the fires of purification and allow themselves to be purged of all that would contaminate their message; those who have chosen the good portion of sitting at His feet. They have been prepared for such a time as this, to release a word in season that will equip and release the Body of Christ into what God has for them. This is not a special class of people – the offer of preparation for this task has been open to all:

(2Ti 2:20 KJV+) But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor and some to dishonor
(2Ti 2:21 KJV+) If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

I believe what the Lord is looking for in the earth at this time is a Zadok priesthood. In Ezekiel 44, there was a distinction made between the priests that ministered to the people and those who ministered to the Lord. Those who had been faithful in a time when others had turned away from serving the Lord wholeheartedly were given a position of dwelling before the Lord continually. In fact these Zadok priests had houses right in the holy portion (Ezek 45:4). They did not come in and go out from His presence but dwelt there all the time in His presence. This is the Sabbath Rest that God is calling His people to return to. However, this place is not entered into lightly; there is a need for purification, things to be overcome and a pressing through that will bring God's people into the place of dwelling before His face.

This Zadok priesthood are the vessels of gold that are found within the ark of His presence and they will be the ones to dispense the manna of revelation reserved and set-apart for this time.

(Eze 44:15 KJV+) But the priests the Levites the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood saith the Lord GOD
(Eze 44:16 KJV+) They shall enter into my sanctuary and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

The word for 'stand' actually means ' to abide or dwell' before the Lord. When it says 'they shall keep My charge' what the Hebrew words actually mean ' they shall guard and protect at their posts'. So God is searching out those who have proved faithful and who are willing and able to protect and steward that which has been placed in their care. These Zadok priests were not allowed to wear anything that caused them to sweat. This is because theirs is a ministry of rest in the secret place. They also were bestowed with an anointing to teach and to rule:

(Eze 44:23 KJV+) And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.
(Eze 44:24 KJV+) And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

The word for 'teach' here means ' to flow as water, to throw an arrow, to point out'. These Zadok priests will release writings and teachings that impart discernment to the Body of Christ so that they may prepare themselves in holiness for the King. They will also carry an anointing for government and righteous rule (symbolized by the rod of Aaron in the ark).

When the Israelites crossed over the Jordan into the promised land, the priests had to go first, bearing the ark upon their shoulders. They then had to stand in the middle of the Jordan, holding the ark until all of Israel had crossed over. Here again we see a prepared priesthood bearing the manifest presence of God, in the place of obedience, bringing about the right conditions for God's people to cross over into their inheritance.

These priests had to go through a time of sanctifying themselves before they could take their place in God's plan. They were in effect, the vessels of gold which God had set apart for His use at this time. In the same way, the Zadok priesthood, that have been tried in the refiner's fire and found faithful, will stand firm, carrying the anointing of the manifest presence of God, releasing words in season that will cause the Body of Christ to cross over into their inheritance. They will be the houses of bread that feed the Body at this time of transition., through writings, songs, art and creative expression that are brought forth by the Spirit of wisdom and revelation and the Spirit of counsel and might.

These people are also described in Isaiah:

(Isa 32:1 KJV+) Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.
(Isa 32:2 KJV+) And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
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The Word to be Released in this Season
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There has been much said by well-known prophetic voices in recent days concerning the release of fresh Word from Heaven in the form of books, songs, poems etc. It has been said that these words will emanate from a storeroom in Heaven reserved for this day and that a scribing anointing is being released. I believe the Lord has given me some understanding concerning those who will be used in this way.

When the Israelites were in the wilderness, they were instructed to gather enough manna for two days on the sixth day and store it for consumption on the seventh day. Miraculously, this stored manna did not go bad. On the seventh day, they rested from their labours and fed on the stored portion. We are now in the seventh thousand year period since Adam or the 'seventh day" of creation. God is calling as never before for His Church to enter into intimacy with Him, to come and walk with Him in the cool of the day and have intimate communion with Him. Where is this place where we are to meet with Him? It is in the ark of His presence. God is calling his Church to dwell in this place of His presence before His face. This is the place of Sabbath Rest that we are told to strive to enter into, the place of intimacy with the Bridegroom, from which all fruitfulness flows.

Within the ark there were three things; the stone tablets, the rod that budded and the jar containing the portion of manna. This is what is available to us in the place of His presence: the eternal covenant, resurrection power and a measured portion of fresh revelation reserved for this day, the seventh day or the day of the Lord. This hidden manna or revelation is promised to those who overcome by the One Who wields the sharp two-edged sword (Rev 2:17 KJV+) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, This revelation that is released shall have a powerful anointing upon it to divide between soul and spirit. It is found in the ark stored in a vessel of gold. This speaks of people who have been willing to undergo the fires of purification and allow themselves to be purged of all that would contaminate their message; those who have chosen the good portion of sitting at His feet. They have been prepared for such a time as this, to release a word in season that will equip and release the Body of Christ into what God has for them. This is not a special class of people the offer of preparation for this task has been open to all:

(2Ti 2:20 KJV+) But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor and some to dishonor (2Ti 2:21 KJV+) If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. I believe what the Lord is looking for in the earth at this time is a Zadok priesthood. In Ezekiel 44, there was a distinction made between the priests that ministered to the people and those who ministered to the Lord. Those who had been faithful in a time when others had turned away from serving the Lord wholeheartedly were given a position of dwelling before the Lord continually. In fact these Zadok priests had houses right in the holy portion (Ezek 45:4). They did not come in and go out from His presence but dwelt there all the time in His presence. This is the Sabbath Rest that God is calling His people to return to. However, this place is not entered into lightly; there is a need for purification, things to be overcome and a pressing through that will bring God's people into the place of dwelling before His face.

This Zadok priesthood are the vessels of gold that are found within the ark of His presence and they will be the ones to dispense the manna of revelation reserved and set-apart for this time.

(Eze 44:15 KJV+) But the priests the Levites the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood saith the Lord GOD (Eze 44:16 KJV+) They shall enter into my sanctuary and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

The word for 'stand' actually means ' to abide or dwell' before the Lord. When it says 'they shall keep My charge' what the Hebrew words actually mean ' they shall guard and protect at their posts'. So God is searching out those who have proved faithful and who are willing and able to protect and steward that which has been placed in their care. These Zadok priests were not allowed to wear anything that caused them to sweat. This is because theirs is a ministry of rest in the secret place. They also were bestowed with an anointing to teach and to rule:

(Eze 44:23 KJV+) And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean. (Eze 44:24 KJV+) And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths. The word for 'teach' here means ' to flow as water, to throw an arrow, to point out'. These Zadok priests will release writings and teachings that impart discernment to the Body of Christ so that they may prepare themselves in holiness for the King. They will also carry an anointing for government and righteous rule (symbolized by the rod of Aaron in the ark).

When the Israelites crossed over the Jordan into the promised land, the priests had to go first, bearing the ark upon their shoulders. They then had to stand in the middle of the Jordan, holding the ark until all of Israel had crossed over. Here again we see a prepared priesthood bearing the manifest presence of God, in the place of obedience, bringing about the right conditions for God's people to cross over into their inheritance. These priests had to go through a time of sanctifying themselves before they could take their place in God's plan. They were in effect, the vessels of gold which God had set apart for His use at this time. In the same way, the Zadok priesthood, that have been tried in the refiner's fire and found faithful, will stand firm, carrying the anointing of the manifest presence of God, releasing words in season that will cause the Body of Christ to cross over into their inheritance. They will be the houses of bread that feed the Body at this time of transition., through writings, songs, art and creative expression that are brought forth by the Spirit of wisdom and revelation and the Spirit of counsel and might. These people are also described in Isaiah:

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The Winds Are Blowing

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There are 2 winds blowing -- the winds of adversity and the winds of advancement. This is advancement into your calling for those that are willing to listen and obey the Spirit's voice.

A storm of great magnitude is brewing. Will you move forward or will you stand where you are to battle? Or will you be pushed back? It will depend on you. So, put up the sails and sail into the wind. Do not be afraid of this storm.

Pull up all the anchors that you have put down and hold tight. Get rid of all those things of the world that have taken part of your heart captive and have robbed you of your time. I will show you when you are to put down My anchor. You will be in the safe harbor then. My anchor will keep you in the right position to accomplish the things I am asking you to do. I and I alone am your safety. Draw closer to Me than you have ever been.

Some things in your life will feel "undone." I am the One that is "undoing" them -- in order to "do" them in the manner that I have chosen, and not the way that you thought they should be done. You say that you know "My ways are higher than your ways." Yet you continue trying to do things in the old ways that you are accustomed to doing them in. Do you expect to get different results when you do them the same way? I am changing many things right now -- both in you and in the world.

Much of what you have been holding onto for security is not Me and it will not sustain you. I will sustain you and protect you as long as you hold tight to Me during these turbulent times. I am a firm, strong anchor! Do not step out on your own but wait for Me and only go where I lead.

There will be battles. But make sure that you only fight the battles that I have given you to fight. The enemy's tactics will increase and be more diversified. He will become more subtle as he tries to get you to fight battles that I have not given to you to fight. Know that I will be with you, but listen to My voice for direction. Many voices will try to speak to you. The wind of adversity will be the loudest voice. My direction for you will be in the "still small voice." At times, the enemy will shout in order to be heard. At other times he will try to come in a still small voice, as a wolf in sheep's clothing. So beware that you do not listen to him. Test the spirits before you engage in battle, no matter what it seems like. There are many things that will look like Me but will not be Me.

Do not concentrate so much on the enemy of your soul but rather concentrate on Me and My kingdom! Your enemy walks around as a roaring lion seeking to devour but I come to seek those that are lost or hurting or hungry or in need of any kind so that I may lavish My love and peace on them and they will be healed.

Can you feel the winds blowing yet? Lift your face to Me and you will begin to feel them. This is the time and season that many have longed for. It is not a time to sit and become soft -- many have sat too long and their spiritual muscles are not in shape. Begin now to exercise them by spending time with Me in prayer. And worship to a greater extent than ever before, for the war zone is getting closer and you will need to be prepared. Prepare now while there is time. Do not be afraid, for I am with you and will protect you. The winds are already starting to blow and the velocity and strength of them will increase. Hold tight to Me and you will not be blown about or tossed to and fro. Remember that I am your anchor and your protection.

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The Washing of Feet

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I always saw the washing of feet as an enactment of the confessing one another, also as a reminder of our call to humble service of one another but this morning I have started to see more into it. I say more because it does not invalidate these others concepts but add into it.

There are many of us going through a time of spiritual struggle, that brings anguish, and some see but to some even the ability to see is taken from a season and its painful. To those I want to speak what He showed me this morning. You find that you have come way below what you expected from yourself. You have seen and found things you would not have expected to find there, and it not only breaks your heart but scares you. With or without words, you wonder what is going on. You are being tempted to believe that faith is just snake oil in a bottle. This morning He wants you to know that He has been next to you the whole time. You may even feel ashamed that you have failed. Listen, it is you who is disappointed. He is not disappointed at you at all. Do you think that He did not know what laid inside you? Or that He was impressed by your looks? He has always seen the wheat and the tares inside us, from the beginning, and now there is an area of maturity that calls to be rid of the tares. Just an area.

He has sat in patience and now He is pulling out those full grown tares by the root. They are shallow and their roots cannot harm His wheat in you, but it is messy. Don't look at yourself. Take courage you are in a place of honor like never before even though you cannot see it.

Listen.

In the night before His crucifixion He took a vessel of water and knelt before His beloved disciples and washed their feet. He wanted to convey many wonderful things, but time was pressing, so He enacted a mystery for the ages to come

There was one called Peter that loved Him passionately, he was resolute and his passion was different from the passion of another called John. He was sincere. When he saw his master knelt with a towel ready to wash his dirty and tired feet, he protested. How could he allow such a thing! But Peter who always had a heart bigger than his brain was thinking with his heart and loving with his brain. He opposed such a thing, but Yeshua answered him, If I don't do this, you will have no part of me". Then he said with all his heart, not only my feet, but all of me (my paraphrase). That is how much he wanted to partake. For him it was uncomfortable but he loved his rabbi.

What was what he partook?

Let's look at what happened after. The shepherd was struck and the sheep what? Scattered. I have meditated many times in the kind of suffering that it cost Yeshua to save us. It brings reassurance to my soul to know that a man with a physical body would believe this, so much, that would be willing to endure such pain, there the faith of the Son of Man lifts mine. Who endures torture like that? Only one who believes strongly. He did not endure alone, even though all His sheep were scattered. Yes, I know that scripture says that they all deserted Him, what is not written but is said, is that they too, walked that day the Via Dolorosa each of them together and alone.

To Peter it was announced that he would deny his rabbi and maybe, when he first heard that, it flew over his head. Something like that was unbelievable, incomprehensible. After all, he carried his sword and was ready to die for his beloved rabbi. Yes, that is a death that is physical, we all know that one. But he was not ready for the other death, the one for which he was being prepared. The one for which his feet were washed. He was clean, but he needed to have washed just his feet. The same feet that when confronted in their weakness would walk away from Him.

There is also another suffering that we must consider in our walk of faith . The suffering of His disciples, because they were called to become His body as we have also been called after them. He prayed for us, you know Its in John 17. Many in His body today, are going through the same suffering, to them I write this morning. Though you feel you have failed, wait, He has prayed and your faith will not fail you, wait. If you have seen your weakness as Peter, wait discard nothing at this point. Death brings life as you well know it. Yes you are dying and shame may even cover you, wait, He has prayed for you.

It was needful for each of those elected 12 that glorious day, to walk the path of weakness and of shame. Our Yeshua took the full blow of it. His suffering was paraded on the streets, and under the look of defeat He cleaved to that cross in all trust (that is faith). Under all the spit, the blood, the filth, he was subjected, the Pillar of Truth established His ground on earth. He did so in Himself and in His Church. When His disciples laid Him on the tomb, boy it must have looked like snake oil to them. Nothing left, not in them and not even in their rabbi. Isn't that how you feel? I say wait, His hand is moving to dispossess principalities and rulers of the air. Bear you shame in the trust of the Son of God. Wait.

Last time they took my light off, and I was left to dwell in darkness I told myself, If Yeshua was just a man and not God as I believe, if He were only a man, a love like that deserves to be loved. Love him for what He has already been to you, knowledge puffs up but when loves arrives it edifies. Guess what, you can not edify correctly where the place is crowed with stuff you need to pull that down and clear it up, so that what is edified becomes established for ever. You have felt His pulling down. When He pulled everything went crashing down. Wait, and you shall see him edifying.

The shame you endured was endured by others before you. The 12 knew it because they lived it the night He was caught, and through the processes of the next day until His death. When He died all died in them. Conceptions, even delusional hopes, ambitions mixed with faith, they were laid bare, naked with their Lord. The only thing that remained in them, was the love they had for Him. Around did they gathered to lay him on the tomb. What silence must have filled their heart! Death had worked in them as a whole. The head and the body laid dead.

It is necessary that you get disappointed with yourself in order to understand the depth, height and width of His love for you. He is pleased with you. He has not turned His back on you. Maybe now is when you are closer to Him than ever before. When all around crumbles and the sky seems dark, look up and wait, at times like this is when we commend our spirit into Abba's hand, and if commended, then left there, for better or for worse in all the blindness that may surrounds us. Because once we heard it clear, when He gave up His. Nobody took it from Him, no man could endure like that and live, He chose it, He took it upon Himself, and when it was finished, He gave the last thing He had even His Spirit for us!

If it is messy and you think you've done it, look upon Him, naked and hanging from the tree. Can it be more messy than that? More shameful? More repulsive? Then come near and embrace Him in His cross. Allow His cross to engulf yours and bear your shame. He is not snake oil. His love has proven to see into the depth of our blindness and He has pursue us as we are. Trust wait and trust. Is has been finished, and this is a kiss of love. You are held in a place of honor where others have gone before. Your nakedness unveiled and your flesh exposed because is in this, where you take part of Him as He took, not part but the whole of it, for you. Don't walk in it self absorbed, lift your head and look to Him, and even if the sight is taken from you, look upon what you have known, that the night of His suffering He took bread and blessed it and broke and gave it to us, and He took wine and blessed and gave it to us announcing the kingdom to us. What will be said of that, are we sinless? Only because of Him. Are we sinners? If anyone says he is not, he mocks the cross and deceive only himself. That is why we need the cross, and need it to live in it as they who follow Him lived the rest of their lives. They in truth were crucified with Him and what will be said of us today? Will be pure rhetoric, or will it become a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, and a foolishness.

There are those who will love that you walk in denial, and cover your faults under the false pretense that it troubles the flock. I tell you this, if it be not exposed, the enemy will keep a hold on you, and hope will not be released to those who wait for salvation. He who had no sin embraced it willingly, to make a way for us who are sinful, to set us free from it. That is they way, exposing it, first unto ourselves even if it shatters our little world, and then, as we learn to live in that cross, as Paul rightly put it, that others may live in His life, as it was also given to us.

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with [him], that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Rom 6:6

For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you. 2Cor 13:4

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. Gal 2:20

You can have no part of Him, unless you let Him wash your feet. It is like this that He has called you to walk, and walk with Him. Give thanks for the things that have come to you, your weakness revealed is the only way to release the power of the cross. If you don't die others won’t come. Your crushing is the hope of those who in fear watch you from afar. For us, to live is Christ and to die is gain. Gain, right? Gain! Come and buy without money, come and eat what is food!

But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. Galatians 6:14

This was not written in vain:

But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. 1 Ti 3:15

Because these things have to be established in truth, as we deal with each other only in Truth, nothing concealed, allowing then love that is true, to cover the multitude of our sins. Otherwise we deceive ourselves alone and faith is turned to snake oil.

But this is your day of glory.

In His faithful love who bore my shame,
luz September 9, 2004.

The Watchman’s Warning

Clo DiPilato

Dearest Friends in Jesus,

This is another long article, but concludes with the word of the Lord. If you do not have time to read it all, I seriously suggest you to scroll down to where you see the words: **Now, for the "thus saith the Lord" part of this article:**

So many very serious words are coming forth at this time for us to contemplate, and if ever there was a need we are to be spiritually alert, and mindful, it is in this present hour. I do not mean to detract from any of it by speaking in a bit lighter vein, but my spirit is overwhelmed with God's goodness, and I feel the anointing of the "encourager" right now more than that of a watchman on the wall, and I hope the following will lift you up in your spirit this day. (Though this article does conclude with the "watchman" anointing, and my heart is very anxious for the people of God to hear what the Spirit is saying, as it will be your protection!!!)

I've always loved Psalm 100. On this one, I feel like I can get inside the Psalmist's skin, and feel exactly what he was feeling when he penned these words. As you consider it, you can see how it somewhat traces our spiritual experience, and walk with the Lord!

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations. Psalm 100.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

In that initial new birth experience, we've got the "joy" of that "first love experience", and everything within us (all our "lands") desires to praise Him.

If you were to do a Bible Study on all the nations that Israel had to deal with in their wilderness wanderings, and possessing of the Promised Land, you'd soon find out that the names of all those places on their journey are indicative of inner battles and attitudes we all must face, overcome, and bring into submission to divine authority.

But I thank God that while we are in the struggle of dealing with all those things, God has given us permission to **"make a joyful noise"!!**

We may not be mature or developed in God enough to yet have true cohesion in our "inner worlds", and things can still be rather noisy and clamorous within, but praise His Name……there's a JOYFUL noise as we're coming to the conclusion that a focus on Him is truly a worthy pursuit!!

Eventually, that "noise" will be harnessed into the beautiful sound of a well-tuned, harmonious inner symphony. And then, eventually the symphony that God has made us will find it's place in the grand production of all the Ages with thousands and tens of thousands of saints at His great coronation when He is crowned King of all Kings, and Lord of All!!

What a glorious thought, though, that the very first place this will happen is within the interior of my own life, as I submit to the processes of God whereby self is unseated, and He takes His rightful throne upon My heart!!

Serve the Lord with gladness:

We find that our new love for the Saviour makes us want to respond by acts of service. We desire to bring a "grain offering" unto Him. The grain offering is typical of "Christian service." You can read about the "grain offering" in Leviticus 2:1-16, and Leviticus 6:14-18. This offering is also called a "cereal offering", or a "meal offering". It's also called a "meat" offering, as that was the common term for a meal, regardless of whether "meat" was actually included or not.

In fact, the interesting thing to note about this particular offering: It is the only offering in which no flesh (meat of an animal) was present at all. To do a study on the grain offering would make this article much too long, but I believe that 'serving the Lord with gladness' comes when we realize that there is a blessed place in acknowledging that it's only by His anointing that we can accomplish anything for Him, and an attitude that says "without Him, I can do nothing". This was an offering mixed with "oil". That typifies the anointing of God's Spirit.

This offering was not only "mixed with oil". It had oil also poured upon it. Beloved, isn't that the life of service you desire unto Him?? Don't you want the anointing mixed into everything you do for Him?? And then don't you want what you're doing in your service to Him to be also literally "drenched" in the anointing of His Spirit, that very "power for service"??

If you study the word "pour" in Leviticus 2:1, you find that it means a pouring that is going to result in something being firmly set, and cast. Praise God, I think that's speaking of a truly "abiding anointing".

Many desire a visitation of the Lord. They look for a revival when it comes so easy to flow in the things of God. They'll plan for a "two week revival" in the summer time with a great powerful and anointed evangelist coming through with his gifts.

But I believe it's the glorious time is upon us when the Lord's people are going to willingly offer themselves in a commitment to walk in His power, anointing and authority that's coming from a place of truly abiding in Him where we don't go in and out of the sanctuary, but truly stay in His sanctuary where the anointing oil is the very crown upon our heads (our minds being infused with the mind of Christ, and then truly "set" in HIS ways!!) **Serve the Lord with gladness**. He had the "oil of gladness" above His fellows!! (Ref. Psalm 45:7, Heb. 1:9, Leviticus 21:12)

Come before His presence with singing.

I believe if there is a revelation to be found in this phrase, it's in knowing how to enter into His presence. First there's "noise with joy", and then there's "service with gladness", and now there's "singing" before His presence. I feel that I need to read on and connect this particular phrase with the next portion of the scripture to hear what the Spirit is saying.

. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

The Spirit reminds me of a story in the gospels. Jesus had traveled for a few days in the course of His ministry, and was quite weary. He found his way to
Jacob's well where he ministered to a woman who really NEEDED Jesus!! He was putting His finger on some unbecoming personal issues in her life, and she decided to change the subject. She started a religious conversation about worship, and He made this comment to her, **"Ye worship, you know not what." (Ref. John 4:1-26)**

I believe that coming into His presence with "singing" can only be fulfilled in our lives **when we truly have a revelation of who God is!!**

Know ye that the Lord, HE IS God!

Paul was struck with the blinding light of revelation and knocked off his horse when he encountered the Lord on his way to Damascus with the intent to continue his breathing out of "threatenings and slaughter" against the disciples of the Lord. That revelation happened in his life when He asked the Lord, "Whom art thou, Lord?" and the Lord responded, **"I am JESUS…" (Acts (9:1-9)**

Beloved, true worship can only be based on true revelation. Before the Lord would allow Peter to take into his hands the "keys of the kingdom", before He would allow him to be that anointed oracle of God, and powerful preacher of the gospel of the kingdom on the day of Pentecost, He made sure that Peter had a revelation of exactly who Jesus was! Peter's understanding of whom Jesus was, was the very "rock of revelation" upon which Jesus Christ would build His church. (Ref. Matthew 16:13-19)

Whose "presence" do you enter, and to whom are you "singing"? There is a real God of the Universe who has a real Name, and His very own personality, and to Him we relate. It's not some hazy, foggy personal concept we have of God that we worship. We worship and sing to a God who has a Name, and that Name is JESUS. The Bible says He received His Name "by inheritance".

Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they. Hebrews 1:4

That means that the Father had the Name before the Son!
Something to put in the spiritual cooker, and meditate on to see what the Lord will reveal to you on that subject!

Sometimes I dread hearing a song first thing in the morning because I invariably will battle it's presence in my mind for most of the day. If I were to tell you some of the songs that pop into my head that I have to contend with , I'm sure you'd be most amused.

The thing about "singing" is that it absorbs the mind. When we are "singing in His presence", beloved, there's not much room for anything else! When you're "singing in His presence", see how quickly the meditations of sin and self will fall away from you!! Coming into His presence with singing is yet another level in our experience with Him. It's the level whereby we begin to discipline ourselves and our thought lives to that which will truly please Him!! It's also a way in which we "redeem the time". Read Ephesians 5:16-19

….it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

The Spirit is emphasizing to me the "us", "ourselves" , "people" and "sheep of His pasture" in this portion of the scripture. We know that we are each very unique, and known by the God who intimately knew all of our "members" in eternity, and then formed us in our mother's womb. But another part of our spiritual experience is to become a functioning part of the many-membered Body of Christ.

God has made us to be connected. God put within the soul of every man and woman a desire to belong, a desire to be a part of something, a desire to be connected!

If any person can easily be very content in the state of being alone, I don't know of any person who has the gift of contentment in solitude more than myself. It amazes people that I can be so friendly and outgoing, and then turn around and be by myself completely alone for months on end, and be totally content. I am sure it's something the Lord put within my nature to have times of being separated unto Him for the purpose of hearing from Him so that the hearing ear necessary for the prophetic anointing could be developed in His presence. But I know in me is that longing to find connection and involvement with the Lord's true people!!

I just shared with someone recently that if I don't find the people of God who truly "ring my bell in the spirit", I feel like I'm going to literally wither on the vine and die!! There's an inner longing and yearning to be a part of a people!! But not just "any" people, but HIS people, the sheep of HIS pasture!! (And here, let me add that I'm so very deeply thankful to the friends in the faith that God has given to me. They have greatly enriched my life!!)

Still considering our "need" to belong and function within the Body of Christ, I asked a brother in the Lord to explain what he believed to be the difference between the sonship message of the 1960's, and the present day "3rd day" message?? His answer was profound, and truly insightful. He shared that he believed the "seedling revelation" of sonship implanted within the hearts of God's people at that time had to do very much with our individual walk with Him and coming into the relationship with the Lord personally, and achieving an overcoming status in Him on a very personal level. But now is the time when those very same truths are coming forth and manifesting through a corporate Body. We are submitting not only individually, but even corporately to the processes of God, allowing ourselves to be set IN to His body as never before!! Are you recognizing the works of God in this area for yourself personally? God is bringing me face to face with this one
OFTEN, and giving me ears to hear as never before that I am part of the "many-membered body of Christ."

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless His name.

Beloved, before we can get into the courts, we have to enter through the gates. The Lord very quickly tells us how we can do it: We simply need to be thankful unto Him!! It's Christianity 101 at it's easiest. Before praise comes thanksgiving. Even the most impoverished and destitute soul can find some reason to be thankful: You may even be that one "who complained you had no shoes, until you met that man who had no feet. " Everyone has some reason to be thankful. Being
thankful, gets us inside the gate.

But how quickly will we find ourselves going back outside the gate because we don't maintain that attitude of thanksgiving?
My friends, if thankfulness got me on the "inside", perhaps it's thankfulness that will keep me there??

If I were to go to a job interview, and I wore my very best suit, got my hair and nails done professionally, made sure my shoes
were well-polished, and my make up done to perfection and the boss was so impressed with how I impeccably presented myself that he decided on the spot to hire me before I even had to prove myself in other ways, I could easily conclude that a good appearance made a favorable impression on him.

However, what would happen if on the first day of the job I showed up in a pair of tie-dyed, shredded jeans, and a stained t-shirt. I rolled out of bed that morning a bit late, so didn't bother to shower as I didn't have the time. A simple little "bird bath" should do. I quickly ran a brush through the top of my hair because I just didn't have time to really brush the tangled mess out. Those clothes I chose to wear were piled in a heap on the floor, and the quickest thing to grab, so why not wear them?? After all, it wasn't like I had cleaned the whole house in them last night……..just the kitchen and the bathroom!!

I'm sure the boss would quickly show me the door OUT as quickly as he had let me "in".

Beloved, I believe the spirit of thankfulness is truly the garment that gives us an entry into His courts! Consider the parable of the man who was thrown out of the wedding feast because he didn't have on a wedding garment. The context of this story is one where the invited guests were making excuses not to come to the wedding, and their excuses made them NOT worthy! (Ref. Matthew 22:1-14)

So, then the king had his servants round up guests who were not full of excuses to come to the wedding feast. They all had on "wedding garments" except for one man. Since these "guests" were a mixture of both "good" and "bad", we can assume they came from all stations and levels in life. Some must have been well attired, and some very poorly, as far as the clothes upon their backs.

I believe a clue to the lack in this man's life had to do with his reaction to being questioned about his lack of a wedding garment. The Bible says he was "speechless". He was in the presence of the king who had gone out of his way to turn his good favor and heart to these selected guests, and he could not even find it within himself to offer so much as a word of thanks!

Beloved, that which precedes my entry into a place may be less than stellar. Perhaps you've heard some negative stories about me, and perhaps I'm not quite so polished as those who were on the original guest list. And it's very obvious I have not yet perfected praise. But I'm so thankful to God that He's allowed me to get inside the gate! I know all about me, and everything that's wrong with me, and all my failings which would cause me great embarrassment if they were to be published. I know all my weaknesses, frailties, and "down settings". When I consider "me", how can I be anything but thankful??

I believe that this garment of "thankfulness" is going to keep me covered every step of the way from the gates, through the courts, all the way into His throne where I find myself in His very Presence!!

That entry by thanksgiving will be the "backdrop" to praise in His courts! A thankful heart is a praising heart!

and bless His name.

Now, right here, I am going to bless and honor His Name!!

Dearest Friend, if you had not been to a place in your spiritual experience where the Name of Jesus has been made powerfully real to you, then I am praying for you that the Lord will lead you to such a place. For many years, I knew Jesus as My Saviour, and I knew Him as my "baptizer in the Holy Ghost", but a time came when God set me in a place where there was a greater revelation of the power in the Name of Jesus, all the glorious majesty associated with an understanding of that Name, and the fullness that His Name truly represents which radically changed my life, and imparted to my life the reality of a greater quickening spirit infused in all that I would do both toward Him, and toward His people.

When I'm in the presence of those who minister the scriptures, I can immediately and very quickly discern those who have a greater revelation of the Name of Jesus. There is a quickening spirit. Those who know His Name, and the power in the Name of Jesus, and truly have it as revelation within their being simply have an "edge" others do not have. They come forth with a sharpness and clarity in God that others who have not yet come to understanding of the exaltation of the Name of Jesus, a thing which GREATLY PLEASES the Father, simply do not possess.

If you wish to have the blessing of God on your life and ministry, **learn to bless His Name!!** Find the Name of Jesus in every passage of scripture you read!! Find His Name weaving it's way faithfully through every prayer you pray!! And when you get up to minister to the people of God, always make Jesus the focal point, and glorify and magnify Him OFTEN in the presence or His people!! See how quickly the quality of the anointing on your ministry increases!! It just makes God so happy to have the Name of Jesus mentioned, and He SHOWS UP!!

Since the Lord taught me to **"bless His Name",** I would say it's the thing in my own Christian experience which has most profoundly stuck with me, influenced my life, and has had a part in every aspect of my spiritual life! One cannot be too new in their Christian experience to begin to grasp it(it's like a baby saying "Da da" for the first time) or too old, developed, or well-matured in God not to have their spirit leap with joy and gladness when it's mentioned with praise, love, and adoration!!

Sing me a song about Jesus, for I am a BIG Jesus fan!!! Oh, how I love His Name, and if I desire in my life to be able to impart anything to others, it's the love and honor I give unto His Name, and a greater hunger for the One that Name represents!!

For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations.

I feel overwhelmed by His goodness. He corners the market on that one, as the Bible tells us there is NONE that doeth "good", NO NOT ONE! It's just one of those days, when I feel so much like recognizing Him for the person He is, and though I rejoice in the fact that His nature is becoming the reality of my own nature, as I submit my life to Him, there is just something about today that makes me want to see Jesus, very high, very exalted, very set apart from all of Creation in all His glory for whom He is in the reality of His own goodliness and godliness!!

He alone is that One who is "worthy to open the book, and loose the seals thereof". (Ref. Rev. 5) Praise God for His worthiness!!
There are many sons, but only ONE Lamb!!

Isn't it wonderful to know that our own weeping for our own UNworthiness can be charged to cease in the presence of this Lion of tribe of Judah?? He has not only prevailed for all the ages, but He has prevailed in His mercy and grace to each of us individually!!

When I read that phrase, **"His mercy is everlasting",** it was as if I received deep understanding right from the heart of God on this matter: We are created in His image. That means anything that's within us of either appearance OR attitude finds it's originality in God.

We all have a desire within us for what we want to be known as, or recognized for. Some very shallow people live their existence simply wanting to be known for externals such as outward beauty or personal poise. Others who haven't been blessed with looks may put their emphasis on developing their intelligence. As we grow in God, and in His grace, we desire to become known as being things like "very anointed," or "very fruitful" or "very refined in our spiritual character." What adjective will people most often use to describe you? There's the adjective they use, but there's no doubt the one that in your heart you WISH they would use!!

Well, I'm coming to the conclusion from something I see throughout the scripture, ever present, God has a desire on what He really wants His people to recognize in His character. God has a primary and preferred adjective He wants us to use when we think about Him. **It's MERCIFUL**!! The scriptures are full of it, and many of us certainly will give that as our own personal testimony of how Jesus has been to our lives!!

I feel to leave the **"And His truth endureth to all generations"** for another article, as I'm feeling a quickening of the Spirit, and believe this next part is a word from God that will help you to get through some perilous times ahead!! I am not giving it in the "first person" format, but still believe it is very much the word of the Lord.

Now, for the "thus saith the Lord" part of this article:

Many situations both in the world and in the Body of Christ are presenting themselves to us for our evaluation, discernment, and judgment. I could elaborate on current events, give names of preachers, pass e-mails on to you of "exposes" on ministries, present my own opinions on decisions many are making at this time because of their personal disappointments in God's servants. The word of the Lord in all of it, what I am hearing God saying very clearly into my spirit is NOT to engage in reckless opinions and judgments whereby I would defile my own soul. God is telling me,(and you can receive it, if you believe it may be for you, too) that I am to walk in mercy.

I will lose absolutely nothing of spiritual value at all if I don't go about trying to prove that I have some "special discernment" about contentions between brethren, or secret sins in the life of God's servants, or some great swelling prophecies, dreams, visions, etc. of people dropping dead in church because they've lied to the Holy Ghost. That very well may happen and it's been prophesied by the truest of God's servants, but it's not what God wants. It's not what Jesus wants. It's not His nature to want such a thing!! The Bible tells us that He is not willing that ANY should perish!!

Beloved, it's a time when shakings are coming, and they are even overtaking, and stumbling one upon the other. The word that I am hearing from God in all of this is that in order to "walk softly" one must walk IN MERCY. It's what will cover you with God's protection in an evil day and an anxious hour.

It's time to "tiptoe" through the spiritual tulips as never before because each and everyone is vulnerable to the tumultuous winds of His judgments and the consuming fires of His wrath, and the firm rooting of being planted in the understanding of His mercy is what will give you grace, and even buy you TIME to bring any personal corrections to your own life in areas where you know you're falling short.

Do not assume it's falling on your shoulders to mete out judgment and correction because if you assume wrongly, in the eyes of God, you will be the very next one up for spiritual review in His dread and awesome Presence! I have had some visitations from the Lord that I can call nothing else but the "dread fear of God". They've impacted my soul in such a way that I know that I know that I want to walk in a reverence for Him that makes me want to be EXTRA CAREFUL about how I judge, treat, and handle His servants because I've found Him to be ULTRA SENSITIVE about His people!! Being merciful to others as God has been merciful to you is what will keep you on the GOOD SIDE of God!!

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God. Micah 6:8

Always in the Love of Jesus,

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Herald of His Kingdom

The Winds Come And Go

Sandy Warner

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When you dwell upon My mountain tops and the higher places in life, winds do blow. Sometimes they are opposing winds, sometimes they are gentle breezes that stir your heart to rest and be refreshed. Next time you see the dust blow, and your vision is cloudy, remember that I also control the winds. I will even use the demonic dust to polish your life to a finer shine.

The higher places bring higher winds. As you call upon Me and stand still, these blasts of strong opposition will pass through you and leave you unscathed. I command them so perfectly that as they pass by, all you will experience is the knowledge that they came and went. You will be held in such peace that you will be completely cocooned in the knowledge of My great grace and favor. Once you begin to experience this, the reality of living in that special place in Me will be forever branded upon your soul.

For those who dwell in the high places, their hearts reveal the heart of servants. Because they are so teachable and willing, I will most often use My winds to bring times to pause and to lighten the load. I stir the clouds above their head and move them on. They are already dressed in white, the wind of My breath already makes them shine with brilliance. They don't have any hard unyielding places for the storm gales to have to blast away. I rejoice in these My chosen ones. They give Me exceeding joy as I watch their lives unfold to the touches of My wind. Dear one, come higher in Me.

Mark 4:39 KJV
And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

John 3:7-8 NKJV
The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

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On The Shelf To Pray

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ON THE SHELF TO PRAY

My tender caresses are put aside.
Only for a moment as you learn to abide.
It's wishes and wants, yearnings and desires.
Feelings from the heart that are greatly inspired.

To hold it all back when I pour on your flame.
Those passions and yearnings will never be the same.
I will keep you from falling as you're held in restraint
I will strengthen your stand from becoming too faint.

The purpose to hold back is for only a season
It's to release deeper wells, that's the reason.
My passion within you shall never die
It's My anointing, My power, My glorious cry.

Pray what you feel as I pour on your soul
Release it for others to make them whole.
What you, yourself are able to give
Instead become weak to let others live.
As you release your gifts into prayer instead
These your children will learn to bake bread.

> *Gal 4:19-20 NIV*
> *My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!*

The White House Dream

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I had a dream on Sept. 16th. I called an intercessor friend regarding it and we prayed at that time not fully realizing what the dream meant. I just finished a fast this last Sunday and this morning was going through my journal to see what the Lord had been saying to me throughout the fast. (We don't always "get it" at the time, so it's a good idea to review them every now and then.) I came across this dream once again and felt it was one that was to "sound the alarm".

Also, since the time of the dream, the first debate between President Bush and John Kerry has taken place. Anyone who watched that first debate is aware that even though what the President said was good and true, the President didn't appear to be quite as confident as his opponent and seemed to be on the defense most of the evening, while John Kerry seemed quite confident and on the offense. I think my dream may have a key that will unlock President Bush and empower him to be more confident and victorious at the next debate this Friday.

Here is the dream:
I dreamt that I was with a group of intercessors and President G. W. Bush marching around the White House praying and crying out for revival. There was ice all around and everything was frozen. There was a huge upside down cone shaped icicle that was about six feet tall on the balcony and icicles hanging from everywhere even though it didn't seem to be winter and none of us were wearing winter clothes. The ice seemed quite out of place. Then I remembered that I'd had two dreams that the White House was frozen. I told another intercessor who then informed me that someone else had also dreamt that the White House was frozen. So she told the others and we prayed for a Holy fire thawing and cancelled the assignments against the President and the White House. We then called forth Holy Spirit fire, making sure to specify it was to be fire in the Spirit only, not in the natural. Then I awoke.

I believe that the saints need to unify and call forth the "thaw", canceling the "freeze" put on our President as he debates Kerry on Friday.

I spoke with a different intercessor friend this morning about this dream. She mentioned that the media has praised John Kerry while criticizing President Bush and that because our words have within them the power of death or life, the media's words have strengthened John Kerry, while they have weakened President Bush. We must cancel this assignment as well.

The other area that the enemy has put a "freeze" on the White House and on the President, is on the people that the President has intended to appoint to office during his tenure. We must call off this assignment also and call forth the fulfillment of all that God has intended for President Bush to do while in office.

Prayer

Father, we thank You for a godly President and thank You for the opportunity and the commission to pray for our leaders that YOU have put in authority over us.
By the authority that You have given us, we cut off and cancel ALL assignments that the enemy has sent against our President. We apply the Blood of Jesus to him and to the White House. We send forth the FIRE of the Holy Spirit to thaw ALL freezes that the enemy's camp has sent against the White House and President G.W. Bush. We loose President Bush from all hindrances of the enemy. We declare that he is free from all mind blinding spirits, free from all spirits of fear and intimidation, free from all witchcraft prayers and incantations, and free from all "freeze" assignments. We decree that He is a mighty man of valor, power, and might in Jesus. He can do all things through Christ who strengthens him and he has the mind of Christ. We declare that President G.W. Bush has a clear mind and thought process in Jesus name.

He has been called for such a time as this and he WILL fulfill ALL that YOU have sent him to do. He will no longer be hindered. What he has been sent to do will no longer be delayed. Your kingdom come, Your will be done. Holy Spirit, come. We welcome You to revive America. We cry out to You for Holy Spirit Fire in the White House. We cry out for Holy Spirit Fire in G.W. Bush. We cry out for Holy Spirit revival in America in Jesus name! Amen!

And we know that all things work together for good to those who
love God and are the called according to His purpose.
Romans 8:28

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The Wave Has Pulled Back

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We seem to be in the place where the wave has pulled back away from the shore and the shore looks empty and dry...when what is really happening is the WAVE is building and building, getting bigger and bigger as it gathers in every bit of loose water to come crashing in to shore. There is a great creative force in that wave...the kind that changes the terrain!

I have heard all summer from friend after friend that they have questioned what they are doing. Is what I am doing bringing glory to God or am I glorifying myself? Because we are being tumbled and scrubbed in this tide to bring Holiness some are confusing the pain of a bath with persecution. An eight year old with a layer of dirt around his ears feels the same as mom scrubs what seems like skin off! Some are going through real fire and are coming forth as gold such as the persecuted church in China, Indonesia, India and Uganda. We all know many, many more countries we could add to that list because of testimonies which travel like wildfire around the globe via the internet. Martyrs testimonies are being sealed and some are waiting under the altar for the rest to be accomplished such as is spoken of in Rev 6:9.

These are exciting times because we love Jesus ....He is building His church....and this is happening everywhere in this country and around the world. When we see the Holy Spirit speaking the same message over and over we understand times have accelerated again!

I have went back again to the book of Jonah, the book my twelve year old son Jimmy calls the book of second chances. You gotta do what you are supposed to do!

What we are all about -- Evangelism has so very little to do with us doesn't it? Our part is so small. We open our mouths....the Holy Spirit fills it, we speak what the Holy Spirit tells us to speak...then the HOLY Spirit gives faith to that one to believe the word of truth. We take credit for too much of the wonder and glory and on the other hand we get grieved over stuff that is not our business!

When my sons and I were talking about Jonah this last weekend we were amazed at what the Holy spirit was doing all along with everybody in the book.... the people of Ninveh, the guys on the boat, and Jonah (not to mention the livestock....as all of creation waits for the sons of God to be revealed!)

The guys on the boat were unsaved pagans and two paragraphs later were praying to Adonai and three paragraphs later were worshiping Him in Awe and wonder. Jonah has a time out in the belly of a whale about his attitude problem and gets a second chance. As he starts walking and talking across Ninveh....he gets a third of the way and ALREADY the HOLY Spirit is moving and shaking the people's hearts....Jonah had nothing to do with it and had two more days of walking to go. I love Jonah because he exposes his heart and humbles himself when he relates this story and his sin to the writer. Who else but Jonah knows what happened?

But back to you....So you gave a sermon....sent out a clarion call.....maybe even went on Television and there is nothing but silence! What business is it of yours as to how people respond? You are only responsible for your little piece ((((BUT as one who loves you I have to say your little piece is just so beautiful!)))) And don't sit around trying to figure out demographics and cause ....ALL of it is a bunch of strife and here it comes ....FEAR...isn't it amazing how that thing disguises itself? Jonah was well acquainted with fear.

WHEWWWWWWWWW rest in HIS Glory ....see it emanates from Him and He just allows you to stay right here ...because you love Him...so soak in it. We would have so much more time in the glory if we didn't worry about people's response to us. It's His message...we're the messenger!

What I love about you body of Christ is you are brave. You are brave because you know HIM and trust Him. Little old weaklings (in the world's eyes) of eighty years old and older are some of His greatest warriors. This confuses the wise.

We have a God who uses broken vessels instead of tossing them on the trash pile. He uses little boys to speak peace and slay giants. He uses the amputee and former prostitute for leading His mightiest victories. These.... all know ....the wonder of it ....and so walk in courage because they know it is only because of Him that they have been given another chance.

You know I WAS given another chance....and so are you.

So where are you? WHERE are you? That is the question we asked ourselves in my family last weekend because that is God's question to us and not because He doesn't know where you are. God knows right where we are. He wants you to stop your little scurrying around...like a little gerbil on a wheel in a cage and listen. Look around....could be the cage door is open now. What did He ask you to do that you are running from? What provision (whale) will He use to get your attention?

Do you understand what salvation is? Do you understand what Jesus did on the cross? Do you understand nothing ever has to be the same for you again?

God Bless You in Jesus' name as You Start Over Again....Terri Derocher

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The Warrior In His Spirit Final Lesson
Bob Neumann

For years the AMERIKAN CHURCH has been replacing GOD in the hearts and minds of the FLOCK. That is why there are really few sheep out there roaming around grazing freely. Oh yes, there are lots of sheep out there. It's just that they are all safely locked into pens controlled by businessmen who know where there profit margins lies. They know exactly when to fleece the flock, and when to slaughter the best quality lamb or mutton.

From the sheepdog point of view, neither is very supportive of individuals.

The AMERIKAN CHURCH has found the crux of the issue and taken full advantage of it. The GOSPEL of the KINGDOM is not a tool for salvation alone. It is a template of REBIRTH, MATURATION, and eventual CONQUEST. A planned progression of events that would lead a sinner doomed to ETERNAL FIERY JUDGMENT to the paths of SALVATION, SURVIVAL and VICTORY. The KEY is they all start with "FOLLOW ME". We all started with THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT bringing us...knowingly or not even aware...to the point of awareness of personal culpability. Culpability simply means that whatever we have done wrong to ourselves and others is our own fault, and we will be held responsible ...accountable for what we have done.

So we are all brought to the same point. We are all rotten, dirty, sinners deserving of GOD'S WRATH. Now many men say "we weren't that bad"...or "it was not your fault".... Those are LIES. PLAIN...SIMPLE...LIES... THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT says you are guilty...MAN says no you are not. WHO DO YOU BELIEVE?

Now if we are all guilty and doomed to eternal punishment we are in desperate need of a SAVIOR...a REDEEMER...a FRIEND who will take our BURDEN and lead us out of our PERSONAL PIT. The only problem is we have to be aware of our PIT and our coming PUNISHMENT.

So all BELIEVERS have been pulled out of their pits. No one any better or worse than any other. MAN likes self-help books and strategies which tells you how to save and help yourself. TOO BAD they tend to leave JESUS behind.

JESUS said MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE and THEY FOLLOW ME. Sheep that are told the LIE that all they have to do is sit there and listen to, submit to, and give undying devotion to man...will never leave that PIT to follow THEIR SAVIOR.

So all we have are a few scruffy sheep that got loose from their SLAUGHTER PENS and follow hard on HIS HEELS. It is here where the first transformation takes place. The SHEEP who heard HIS VOICE begin to recognize individual WORDS. And "suddenly" HIS SHEEP become LITTLE CHILDREN. Children that listen...learn ... and obey. In the SPIRITUAL as it is in THE NATURAL Children grow up and make decisions. The CHILDREN are given a CHOSE...do THEY SERVE THE GOD WHO GAVE THEM SALVATION, LED THEM THROUGH the WILDERNESS and HAS CLOTHED AND FED THEM IN HIS WORD...or do THEY SERVE THEMSELVES?

They can become HIS SERVANTS...or fall away. Angry, despondent, and quite often vindictive. Spoiled children either grow up and accept responsibility and accountability...or become psychopaths...sociopaths that CALL "GOOD EVIL and EVIL GOOD".

Like the Disciples, all servants can be called FRIEND at some point in their journey. It takes time and lots of healing as we go from GLORY TO GLORY. But when we do this we find others have walked before us. One of The First Was DAVID. And Psalm 18 is his story...his song...of DAVID and HIS GOD, together. 46The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; and let the God of my salvation be exalted. DAVID'S LORD is THE LIVING GOD...THE GOD "I AM"... WHO WAS, IS, and will ALWAYS BE. DAVID BLESSES THE ROCK...that HE STANDS ON...is able TO BUILD ON...THAT SPRINGS FORTH LIVING WATER that gives DAVID LIFE ETERNAL.

Then DAVID EXALTS THIS GOD WHO SAVED HIM.... no big deal...GOD SAVED ME...SO I LOVE HIM...ADORE HIM ...OBEY HIM...FOLLOW HIM FOREVER...SINGING FOREVER.

47It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me. David removes himself from hard feelings for his foes, his enemies, the wicked types that plotted and planned his destruction...WHY? It is not natural for man to want to get even...pay back... Of course it isn't if all you see is you against them. One of THE FIRST THINGS GOD REVEALED to David was that David was not ALONE. That HE had a GOD that was very close and personal. AND DAVID SAW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO MEN WHO HAD TO GET TO HIM THROUGH HIS GOD. SELAH PEOPLE...SELAH LONG and HARD. TO GO AFTER DAVID....you had to go THROUGH HIS GOD. NEVER HAPPENED... and THE PRICE YOU PAID WAS ENORMOUS... GOD PUT DAVID'S FOOT ON YOUR NECK...again and again.

WHO IN THEIR DOUBLE MINDED INSANITY wants THE LIVING GOD wanting HIS VENGEANCE ON YOU?

again SELAH.

48 He delivereth me from mine enemies: yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man. David does not hide the fact that it WAS GOD who delivered him, pulled him out of bad situation after bad situation. But he also tells us that it is GOD that LIFTED HIM UP as in "out of the pit"...the trap enemies both natural and spiritual built to destroy him. David ends this by distinguishing it is from VIOLENT MEN that GOD has saved him from . Men like NIMROD...ESSAU... GOLIATH...even ABSALOM...his own son.

Who has set traps for you that GOD has saved YOU FROM?

49Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.

ONCE AGAIN DAVID uses all of this to stand up and sing...to sing his THANKS for THE DEEDS GOD HAS DONE FOR HIM...ever try it yourself? NO?....pity... Now DAVID says that he does his singing "among the heathen". DAVID does not worship in the CHOIR LOFT... he goes out where there are goats who have no inkling how GREAT HIS GOD IS....except that DAVID IS STILL STANDING AND SINGING...and all THE VIOLENT MEN LAY SLAUGHTERED all around. So imagine DAVID standing and singing...I SING PRAISES TO YOUR NAME, OH GOD, PRAISES TO YOUR NAME, OH LORD...FOR YOUR NAME IS GREAT...AND WORTHY OF ALL PRAISE. That is THE SECRET OF REVELATION KNOWLEDGE... GOD REVEALS HIS NAME TO YOU...AND THEN SHOWS YOU WHAT IT MEANS...IN EXTREME DETAIL...UP CLOSE... AND VERY PERSONAL.

anyone getting this?

regretfully I doubt it... because the final verse is a WOWSER...

50Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and sheweth mercy to his anointed, to David, and to his seed for evermore.

VERSE 50 is MESSIANIC PROPHECY. THE "HE" HERE is DAVID'S GOD...who gives unto HIS KING....GREAT DELIVERANCE... Isaiah 9 says THAT A CHILD WOULD BE BORN... BUT A SON GIVEN...ON WHOSE AUTHORITY is our SALVATION. OUR SAVIOR...and our KING.. THIS KING IS GOD'S ANOINTED ONE...MESSIAH...WHO HOLDS GOD'S MERCY...unto DAVID and his "seed" """"FOR EVERMORE"""... ETERNAL COVENANT.

DAVID KNEW THAT THIS WAS WORTH SINGING ABOUT. THE PROMISE OF GOD...UNTO DAVID...AND DAVID ALONE... because DAVID LOVED GOD...and GOD LOVED DAVID.

>From Jesse's pasture where THE PROPHET found him with THE SHEEP...to the THRONE over JERUSALEM...was a long hard JOURNEY. IT WAS NEVER INTENDED TO BE ANYTHING ELSE... the MAN or WOMAN that FOLLOWS THE ANOINTED ONE FROM PIT TO ETERNITY must be of THE SAME STUFF that was in DAVID.

Willing to LOVE and to WORSHIP with all HIS HEART, HIS SOUL, HIS MIND, and HIS STRENGTH...

David may have fought numerous battles and won many campaigns. BUT he know GOD WAS HIS SOURCE OF VICTORY.

SALVATION...SURVIVAL...VICTORY...DOMINION... a simple path for a simple shepherd boy...because it was never the shepherd boy...it was ADONAI ELOHIM ELYON.

ALWAYS WAS...ALWAYS WILL BE.

THAT IS HOW 'we' BATTLE. THAT IS HOW 'we' WIN. WE FEW...WE BAND OF BROTHERS... WARRIORS in HIS STRENGTH and HIS SPIRIT. DEAD MEN...one and all.

who SING PRAISES TO HIS NAME...

baruch ha ba BASHEM ADONAI...
Selah
dog

The War In Iraq Will Change Into Another War

Stephen Hanson

> *2 "Son of man, speak to your countrymen and say to them: 'When I bring the sword against a land, and the people of the land choose one of their men and make him their watchman, 3 and he sees the sword coming against the land and blows the trumpet to warn the people, 4 then if anyone hears the trumpet but does not take warning and the sword comes and takes his life, his blood will be on his own head. Ezekiel 33:2-4*

“This world is headed for a big change. I tell you that the war in Iraq will be transformed into a war with someone else. Those who have watched are also those who have prepared. I tell you that North Korea is building an arsenal, and they are also in league with China. The war on terrorism is not a war that one can win as easily as one might think. It involves the entire world. “

“Do you think America that you are above these things? I tell you that you take many of your freedoms for granted. I say, beware, those who are on the coastlines. I say, beware those who are in large metropolitan cities. Can all your areas be checked, and can all your surveillances stop these things? When all your eyes are upon the election, then plans are being made. Plans are being made, and much is being done in secret. Those things that have been prophesied and spoken of will soon come to pass. This is that generation that will see all these things come to pass. I speak these things to warn you, and not to have fear enter into your heart. “

I Own The Cattle On A Thousand Hills

Stephen Hanson

Oct. 2, 2004

PS 50:10 for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. 11: I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. 12: If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.

JER 23. [28] Let the prophet who has a dream tell his dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD. [29] "Is not my word like fire," declares the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

1CO 2:6 We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

“There is nothing that I cannot do, says the Lord. From the rising of the sun to its setting, I am there to aid my servants. Many in this hour are in need of basic things. I tell you that I own the sheep and cattle on a thousand hills. Cannot I do even more for you? I say these things to you because the time is rapidly approaching when the money in the government system will become scarce. Some have hoarded-up money for that day. Some have put their stock in other things. I tell you that I will take care of my own. “

“Which voices will you listen to in this hour? There are many voices in this hour that are vying for your attention. You have Alan Greenspan who much of the nation follows in this matter, but who knows the ‘bottom line’?”

“What are your priorities, and where are your resources spent? Where is most of your time spent? I tell you that most of the world is in an ‘information age.’ You are ever increasing in information but lacking in wisdom. “

“Behold, I come quickly, and my recompense is in my hand. Who is that servant who I can trust with my word? Who is that one whose word is burning in their heart? Behold, the wisdom of this age is foolishness to Me. Seek those things that are at my right hand and all these things will be added unto you. “

This Is The Hour
Stephen Hanson

Sept 25, 2004

ISA 42:9 See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

2TI 3:1 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. [2] People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, [3] without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, [4] treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- [5] having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.

DA 11:31 "His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation. [32] With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him.

“This world in which you are living will change—behold, all things will be made new. Behold…the times are changing, says the Lord. This season that you are about to enter into will manifest those things that signify the last days. “

“What are those new things that you say? Be aware that the love of many will wax cold. Be aware that men and women will exchange evil for good. Be aware that false prophets and teachers will abound in this hour. These things will abound, and yet, the end is not quite yet here. For when you see the sacrifice being made into an unholy thing then you will know that you are in the middle of these things. “

“What will you do in this hour to combat these things? This is the hour to rise-up and stand against the evil. When darkness is declared as light then someone needs to show them the way. This is the hour to say what is true. “

Stephen Hanson
"BE AS SHINING STARS IN THE MIDST OF A WICKED GENERATION"

Sept. 18, 2004

MT 16:2 He replied, "When evening comes, you say, `It will be fair weather, for the sky is red,' [3] and in the morning, `Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times. [4] A wicked and adulterous generation looks for a miraculous sign, but none will be given it except the sign of Jonah." Jesus then left them and went away.

1CH 12:32 men of Issachar, who understood the times and knew what Israel should do--200 chiefs, with all their relatives under their command;
[3] Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. Dan. 12

"I will make my people into shining stars in these last days. I tell you that you need to be shining because the darkness will increase because the enemy of your souls is on the rampage. But I tell you that he will not prevail. I tell you that the number of my people may diminish, but those who remain true unto Me will grow unto great stature. These next few months will mark the end of days. "

"Watch the sky, for when you look at it, you know when a storm is coming. I tell you that many know how to read the signs in the sky, but few can read the times in which we are living. May you be like the sons of Issachar who knew these times. The times and the seasons are in my hands. But just as Summer changes into Fall so shall the spiritual season change as well. This coming season will mark the beginning of the prophetic time table. For it will lay out the designs that are written down in my prophetic word. For it will bring forth a war that the United States will be thrust into, and then that man who will promise many things will come upon the scene. "

"Be as shining stars in the midst of a wicked generation. "

The Man Of Perdition
Stephen Hanson

Sept. 11, 2004

”This calls for wisdom. If anyone has insight, let him calculate the number of the beast, for it is man’s number. His number is 666.” Rev. 13::18

“Out of the east an emissary is coming. Clothed in white he comes, but he is disguised. I tell you that it won’t be long before the son of perdition comes upon the scene. When the world is at unrest and looking for a leader, then he will come. I tell you that the days are hastening forward to these events. He will be looked upon as a new world leader. This is the white horse that is mentioned in Revelation that is bent on conquest. I tell you that many will fall in the day that they give allegiance to him. When the next war erupts, then soon afterwards he will make himself known. By the summer of 2006 he will have made himself known. 666 corresponds with this time as well. I tell you that you have no more than five years before everything is accomplished.”

A New Political Scene And A New Era
Stephen Hanson

Sept. 4, 2004

“This is the land that I have created, and this is the land that I want to be remembered. Out of the fullness of time I created this earth and everything in it. I have a place reserved for those who believe in Me. There is no God in all of the earth other than Me.”

”There is a hush in the land for the coming election. When all of the ballots are counted you will know who your leader will be. I tell you that the political scene will usher you into a new era. Political ideals will not be seen as realism takes its form. For there will be a brief time of peace, but this peace is just a thin veneer. For after a short period of time after the events of the New Year, then there will be many other issues to face. For when attempting to rebuild this nation, then outside forces will take their toll. It will be a new political scene and a new political agenda. When the New Year starts, these outside forces will develop into another war. Within a period of three years, this world will be ushered into the events of the Great Tribulation. These things are not far off. These things are not in the distant times.”

Seasons Change
Stephen Hanson

Aug. 28, 2004

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: Ecc. 3:1

“This world is not your own, but I have another one waiting for you. I am He who leads and guides you into every facet of your life. I am He who knit together man and woman, each in their own way. I am He who knit together the mountains and the streams. I am the Lord of the universe and all things come from Me. The earth and everything in it, is held together by Me. I watch over the affairs of man, and nothing escapes my notice. Out of the ground I bring forth fruit in its season; and I bring forth fruit in its season out of every man and woman. There is fruit only when you abide in Me. There is no God but Me in all the earth. But I tell you that this earth will be going through some severe changes. The earth’s form will be changed according to the prophetic timetable. For future events will change the direction of this earth. For in the next few years the political agenda of the United States will usher you into these events that are spoken of in my word. For when they say, “Peace, peace, sudden destruction will come upon them”. I tell you that you are in a certain season as you approach the time of the election, but this season will change and will take on a different course of action. As you see the leaves change then you will know.”

Rise-Up Oh People Of The Rock And The Desert”
Stephen Hanson

Aug. 15, 2004

Out of the desert, and among the rocks, I am calling a people. I am saying that I am bringing you forth in this hour. For such a time as this, a people of strength and courage are needed. For the winds will blow, and they will blow hard upon this land. Places of safety will be hard to find.

(The Lord showed me a large hand and fingers that came down out of the sky. They were faded gray in appearance. They lifted some figures as if they were on a chessboard to move them. The chesspiece (s) were oriental in appearance, and were dressed for battle. All of them were set upon horses and were black in appearance. They had unusual headgear on as well. Then these figures were moving forward across a footbridge that was set between two canyons or continents. In the next scene, I saw tanks and bombs being released upon the land.) A
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“I tell you that in the near future your land will be taken by siege. It will come and will take you by storm. Rise-up oh people of the rock and I will give you strength in these days.”

Stephen Hanson

The Wind Blew
Kriston Couchey

Dec. 17, 2004

The Wind Blew
The wind blew hard all day
Lukewarm weather changed to winter
Fullness of the season finally arrived
Everything not secure was taken by the wind
Refuse containers fell and their contents scattered
Fences and ditches became havens for wayward manuscripts
Dead branches blew off the trees
It's what happens when the wind blows
Things useless and dead seems to have more life and movement then the valuable and alive

Isaiah 40:6 The voice that said, Cry. And I said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the mercy thereof is as the open flower of the field: 7 The grass withers, the flower fades because the spirit of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people is grass. 8 The grass withers, the open flower fades; but the word of our God shall stand for ever
Isaiah 40:23 He brings the powerful to nothing; he makes the judges of the earth as if they had never been,
24 As if they had never been planted, as if they had never been sown, as if their stock had never taken root in the earth; even blowing upon them, they wither, and the whirlwind takes them away as stubble.

Wisdom says:
Be still in the flurry of change
A myriad of voices would draw you out of shelter
Beckoning you to come and ride the wind
Only to chase the useless and lifeless and become the same

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Twins Arise

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The Twins Arise! Fear Not! Fear Not! Fear Not!

May 29, 2004

YHVH speaks of: Leviathan, Behemoth, Ziz and *Rahab (*the Angel of Death -- not the woman of the scarlet thread in Jericho)

The twins arise. They rear their ugly heads, they arise! (satanic governments and demonic religions)

I AM that I AM, YHVH Whispers Tenderly in Your Ear --- "Ani L'Dodi V'Dodi Li" -- I AM my beloveds and My beloved is mine! -- FEAR NOT!!!

The creatures whom only the Holy One of Isra'el can thwart with HIS sword, they arise. Who, who has stirred them? Leviathan from the sea; Behemoth from the land! And, then the third -- Ziz from the air who will darken the sun with his wings!

The twins will battle one another to the death...Ziz, along with these will be the delicacies that my righteous ones feed upon at the Messianic Banquet, the feast of all feasts, in magnificent light and peace they will feast. Meat will be provided as I did in times past as my own wandered in the wilderness following Me in pillar and cloud....worry not, do not fear...THERE WILL BE MORE THAN YOU WANT, MORE THAN YOU DESIRE, NO LACK FOR MY OWN, quite unlike the circumstances outside of the camp. Show mercy, rachamim!!!

O, call them into the camp NOW! Blow the trumpets, blow and move at My precise commanded timing and in My precise direction. Sell your belongings and give to the poor, upheaval is sure. The Word in your hand, release it as arrows swift and sure. Eternal reward from My Mighty Right Hand promised! I AM El Gibor!

Leviathan arises...the coiled one, the serpentine one rumbles and rises, once again to scour the lands...he stirs, he stirs. Mounds of eruption are appearing in pattern, all across the continents, the islands of the seas, circling, swaying and entwining my straight paths...I call to you TODAY; do you now see?

Behemoth stirs in the grasses he has been hidden, lying, resting and waiting; waiting to emerge for the finale of time. I have surprises, yes, surprises are in line, the mysteries of your God... Line upon line, precept upon precept, every jot and tittle! Have you not read:

Matthew 5:18 Heaven and earth may disappear. But I promise you that not even a period or comma will ever disappear from the Law. Everything written in it must happen.

Matthew 5:18 God's Law is more real and lasting than the stars in the sky and the ground at your feet. Long after stars burn out and earth wears out, God's Law will be alive and working.

Ziz once again to rule the air in complete darkness of day ... soaring and relishing his rulership of the skies. None can defeat him, only YHVH, the Holy One of Isra'el.

Unprecedented events will occur on land, and sea and in the air...Rahab will seek to devour the souls of men...the Angel who commands death. HE ascends, he comes, he storms from the pit.

MY OWN will be sheltered under the protection of My wings, flee to My prepared place, our Secret place, that magnificent garden in which we walk and talk together. All yours--My beauty, fragrance, protection and rest--My name is Wonderful! I AM your beloved...and you are mine! Water and wine, take oil as well, the meat hidden away for such a time as this, bread for each day.

Gather your loved ones together, gather them in confidence and command the safety of yours to protect and defend, My Ephod upon your breast. Miracles galore you shall see!

Great warring angels mighty and strong, swords upright and ready surround your caravans to safe vistas of My desire, by the brook as it flows with living water, to refresh, cleanse, purify and give you life abundant by faith in Yeshua [Jesus]. My Bread and My living water will never have tasted as good.

Feast in the places prepared for such a time as this, follow ME, stay close to Me, listen for MY voice, love one another! Pray for the lost and wandering ones, their hearts to open to MY Light and Love, receive them. I rescue those who call upon My name, Yeshua [Jesus], I am Messiah!

Let Me shine within you as GLORY BEACONS of hope, drawing all men unto ME, unto Yeshua haMasahich, for I AM, and desire all who will come.

Allow Psalm 91 to infuse and resuscitate your spirit with HOPE ... hide it in your heart, recall as Rahab commits his horrors ... retrieve these words from your spirit and keep them in the forefront of your mind.

Look at Me, and no other. Listen to Me and no other. Come to Me and no other--endure until the end.

Legions of angels once again to appear, all eyes will see the King blazing in the Father's Glory! His armies roaring as a Lion, announcing the Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lion of Judah as HE descends astride HIS white steed--in Glory! Tzit Tzit flying in the Wind, HIS name upon HIS thigh, O, Look up, He comes, our Lord comes, our King comes! Praise, sing, dance and shout!!! Halleluyah!

To My Body -- Activate your duty of Love as the two witnesses [a perfected and complete testimony], Proclaim My Kingdom come, joyfully praise and worship ME in spirit and truth; hold the witness of MY BLOOD!

To You My set-apart ones, I send My Mercy, Grace, Justice--My Everlasting Love!

Tell them I Am Coming SOON!

Love, Yeshua

The War Mode

Francis Frangipane

I was seventeen years old, a senior in high school, and was slouching into my desk when a student easily twice my size entered the room. Suddenly he saw me, and in a storm of spit and fire, burst toward where I was sitting. I was unaware of any reason he would be upset with me, so I wasn't prepared when he grabbed me by my neck, picked me up and began rearranging my facial features.

It seemed that a prankster had written a derogatory remark about him on the inside cover of his notebook and then signed my name to it. Obviously, there was more going on in the Big Guy's life than anyone was aware of. Whatever other frustrations had been accumulating in his heart, his immediate goal was to release his fury on the last offender, which he was sure was me.

I should also mention that I was 5' 9" tall and my peak weight was 135 pounds. So, I had logically grown to become a person who, by nature, would turn the other cheek if it meant avoiding an outright fight. Of course, the turning of my cheek was not born of character, but cowardice. My quest for peace with potential enemies was the result of my fear of being hurt. In fact, I had developed some clever ways to avoid confrontation with violent souls and still appear relatively cool among my friends.

However, it does not matter what one's philosophy is concerning conflict when you are actually *in* a fight with an angry giant. Big Guy wasn't looking to talk, he was looking for blood. I was in a fight, and the sole awareness that flooded my mind was that I would have to fight back, even if I still got beat up. Big Guy had just pushed me through several rows of desks and was coming toward me again when I finally realized he was not going to stop. If this assault was going to end, it was because I put my whole heart into fighting back. Once I accepted the situation as it was, something amazing happened inside me. Instead of my fear getting worse, it actually left me. The energy that was being dissipated through terror and concern about being hurt was recycled and was now enlisted for my defense. Unexpectedly, I discovered another dimension of my soul: *the war mode*.

Frankly, I didn't even know I had a war mode, but when Big Guy reached down to pick me up for "round two," my fight instincts clicked into action. It had been easy for him to throw me around when I wasn't resisting. Now, I sprang upward with a punch that landed squarely on his nose and he fell back a step. I hit him again two or three times and then jumped on him while he was off balance, knocking him to the ground. It's possible he stumbled over a chair and my punch had nothing to do with his fall, but it didn't matter. When his back hit the floor, there was a 135 pound Sicilian on top of him.

By now, students were pulling me off him. He had blood pouring from his nose and I was being called a bully by his friends. When the teacher entered the room, it plainly looked like I was the aggressor and Big Guy was the poor victim, cowering beneath my relentless assault. I nearly didn't graduate because of the incident, but I didn't care. Something inside of me had grown up and changed. I found the war mode. I still didn't look for a fight, but I wasn't afraid anymore.

Islamic Terrorism
Why am I telling you this story? Because since 9-11-01, Islamic terrorists have been bullying nations

throughout the Middle East and beyond. Even the USA was intimidated and afraid to retaliate against repeated attacks against our nation. Radical Muslims had stormed into our consciousness time and time again, grabbed us by the heart and threw us and many other nations against the wall. For years we accepted their tactics and let appeasement guide our actions. Our prayer was hardly more than a whimper: "Please make them leave us alone." We defined victory, not as defeating our foe, but by not being hurt too bad.

But Islamic terrorism didn't go away. The spirit of terror hovered over us; it wormed its way into the thought-life of nations, taunting and threatening even predominantly Muslim cultures. Even when there was no evidence of approaching terrorism, the specter of terror stretched its spiritual presence into the dreams and desires of the nations. We were convinced that Islamic terrorism would forever be a part of our world. In the secret recesses of our collective memory, we acknowledged the Muslims sought world domination, but we couldn't openly come to terms with this reality. We were told that their fury was rooted in poverty or the exploitation of the Arabs by the West. The truth was that there is a primeval vision guiding the actions of radical Islam: to conquer the world for Allah.

The terrorists were worse than bullies; they represented the very worst kind of humanity. They were evil and religious. Their unholy quest was to reduce the world to the size of their shriveled, miserable souls. But I thank God for President George W. Bush. He stood up to the fear, to the intimidation and the challenge of radical Islam. Nations that were held hostage to the threats of terrorism were finally going to be freed. He looked Islam in the face and separated the common and honorable from the terrible, and went after the terrible. Additionally, the American President said plainly that any nation that used terrorism, or harbored or supported terrorists, would themselves become a target for international justice and even war led by the USA.

The President, along with Prime Minister Tony Blair of the UK, as well as the leaders of approximately sixty other nations went after the Islamists. Proud men and women in the armed forces drew upon the courage of these national leaders and took courage themselves, first in the assault of Afghanistan and then into Iraq. In spite of the relentless fear mongering of the liberal press, in less than three months the war in Afghanistan was won, the Taliban and Al Qaeda humiliated, killed or scattered.

President Bush, with the international Coalition of the Willing, then confronted Saddam Hussein. This was the dictator who rewarded Palestinian suicide bombers for their carnage and death against Israel, giving each terrorist's family $30,000. Saddam was a state sponsor of terrorism. President Bush pleaded with the U.N. to take firm action against Hussein and stop their endless appeasement with the Iraqi bully. This was the dictator who fashioned himself the next great Nebuchadnezzar; the madman attacked Iran, Kuwait and his own Kurdish people, leaving millions of people dead and maimed. Did Saddam have weapons of mass destruction? Yes. *The mind of Saddam Hussein was itself a weapon of mass destruction.* It was the will of God that Saddam's government be removed from power.

With another coalition of over 40 nations, President Bush and Tony Blair led the war against Iraq. The first stage of this offensive was over in less than two months. However, enforcing peace has been costly. Remember, Iraq is the area on earth where Lucifer first slithered up to Eve in the Garden of Eden. It was also from this region that ancient Babylon was first planted, and then spread its influence into the rest of the world. One might say that Iraq holds a unique place for the devil. It's his childhood home.

Where We Come In

Those who know me, know I am a man compelled by mercy. When I make a decision that involves people, I choose to err on the side of mercy. Thus, be assured that I am not an advocate of physical war. However, I am not a coward either. We must not confuse false peace, which is the result of compromise born of fear, with real peace, which comes from winning the fight against evil.

Today, many are weary with world events. Part of this weariness is because hearts are divided: we are to maintain a peacetime mentality during a time of war. Indeed, the energy to deal with today's battles comes from recognizing today's conflicts, facing them head on, and finding the resources to overcome in the strength of God. Since 9-11, our souls have secretly longed to return to 9-10. Yet, we cannot hide in the past. We are at war and our role as Christians is to stand up and pray for our leaders, support our troops and intercede for mercy to fall upon the Muslim people. We must also follow through in spiritual warfare, praying aggressively against terrorism and the demons that drive terrorists to fulfill evil.

In the grand scheme of things, the Bible tells us there is even a legitimate "time for war" (Ecc 3:9). This time is now. The sooner we switch to the war mode, the faster we will tap into the moral strength to defeat personal oppression. Self-pity and passivity will diminish; we will find God's grace to prevail. Beloved, it is conceivable that we will experience one or more major terrorist attacks in the near future. I am not resigned to this possibility; I am aggressively praying against it. However, if it happens, if I am knocked down by the suddenness of the assault, I will quickly stand back up. I will rise with the attitude of one who has entered the war mode.

"The LORD will go forth like a warrior, He will arouse His zeal like a man of war. He will utter a shout, yes, He will raise a war cry. He will prevail against His enemies" (Isaiah 42:13).

Note: *Beginning September 24th through November 2nd, 2004, thousands of churches and ministries will be engaged in 40 days of prayer and fasting (see Intercessors For America's Website for more info.* www.40daysusa.org).

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The Wind of Heaven The Breath of God
Patsy Shelton

Everything is changing. The world is changing, and My church is changing. The hearts of My people are changing. There is extreme change in the atmosphere. The tide has turned, and everything has changed.

Oh no My people don’t yet fathom the degree and the depth of the changes both in the natural and in the spirit, but it has all changed. I have rearranged everything to flow in My time frame, and in My Way. I am raising up a church, and it has been birthed in the earth through the hearts of those that have laid down their lives, and the brilliance and the glory of it will be astounding. It looks nothing like the previous church. There is death coming to the old, and incredible life coming to the new. The old church will be a mausoleum; even tombs for those that have chosen to remain in the old, and not come into the new. They are not willing to let go of the old ways, and be refreshed and renewed by this new move of My Spirit.

Tell My people that a wind is about to blow. A wind that they have not experienced before. This wind will carry them far above, and way beyond their wildest expectations. There is nothing in history to compare to what I am about to do in the earth. Oh yes, there have been great movements in the past, but they will not hold a light to what is about to begin to happen in the earth, in My church, and in the lives of My people.

And the anointing is increasing in increments it is building. For if I released the glory, and the power that I have in store for this hour, even the physical body would not be able to bear it. So, little by little, I am increasing the anointing. And it will culminate into wondrous miracles, wondrous signs and wonders. And as the velocity of this wind increases, and as it begins to flow through the souls of My people, there will be awe in the earth, and awe in the hearts of My people. The impossible and the miraculous will no longer be the exception, but they will become the norm. No longer a miracle here and a miracle there, but hours and days filled with the miraculous and the supernatural And this will extend to every area of the lives of My people, as this wind and this increase of the anointing takes them into the supernatural life that I have provided from them.

Many have felt it, and many have sensed it but now it will begin to manifest, and with each manifestation increase. Many have seen into the realm of the spirit, and many have even nearly touched the reality of it, but it has eluded My people until this time. No longer will they have to long and wait for this great wind to blow. For as I live, saith the Lord God, the time is now and the day is now, and the hour has come. This wind is the breath of their God, and I am going to breathe and cause a wind to blow from heaven that has never been released upon the earth, nor upon My people.

There have been seasons of preparation for those...that will allow Me to manifest My presence through them in this magnificent new way. Seasons of heartbreak, seasons of discouragement, seasons of disillusionment, seasons of crying out, “When Oh God, When will we see your presence in the earth?” Seasons of longing, and seasons of waiting. I tell you, saith the Lord your God, the season of waiting is over, and the season of longing is over. That which I have shown many glimpses of, and those that have sensed that something big was about to happen now it will no longer be a dream or a vision, but it will be a reality.

How will it be manifested? Through yielded vessels, even those that have been carriers of this vision. Even those that through intercession, weeping and crying before My Throne have made a way for things to be on earth as they are in heaven.

The velocity of the wind is increasing, and this generation will see the fullness of My power and My glory. I will with hold it no longer, for this is the appointed time, and this is the designated day, and this is the very hour of a move of My Spirit that man has not beheld afore this time.

Can you feel the breeze beginning to rush through your soul? Can you hear the sound of the wind gaining momentum? If you can, then you will be carried away, and caught up in a wind that cannot be seen with the natural eye. But, as this wind blows you will see where it has been, and you will see where it is going and you will become a part of this wind. The wind of My Spirit is being released from heaven, breathed by a living God, and everything is about to change, and all things rearranged, saith the Holy One of Israel.

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The Wisdom Of The Pharisees

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"This man cannot be from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath day" (John 9:16ff).

"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Romans 1:22).

I have made the statement several times that most churches would not recognize the Lord Jesus even if He walked down the aisle on Sunday morning and sat on the altar. This statement is largely designed to shake people out of their complacency. It is highly unlikely that Jesus will actually go to church this Sunday. I do not believe Jesus attends many religious meetings, and this belief has a Scriptural basis: "He does not keep the Sabbath day." For that matter, He does not keep any day, for every day is His Day and He cannot be contained within a particular twenty-four hour period.

When you read the Gospels two things become quite clear. First, Jesus is undeniably, unquestionably GOD IN THE FLESH, Wholly Other. Second, the more religious you are, the less likely it is that you will see, recognize, and appreciate Him for Who He really is.

Sinners, on the other hand, had little trouble recognizing Him. The Samaritan woman may have been a despised outsider to the Jew's system of religion but it only took her a few minutes to realize that she had found the Messiah. The Roman centurion, an unworthy Gentile, nevertheless knew where to go when his servant was sick, and Jesus said this man's faith was greater than anyone in Israel. The Syrophoenician woman had enough faith to ask Jesus for only a few crumbs from the table, and even though she was not technically not a Jew, Jesus gave her everything she asked for. Yes, Jesus was indeed a friend of sinners, publicans, tax collectors, and women caught in adultery.

But look at His own people, the Jews. Listen to the religious leaders, the spiritual teachers of Israel, the professionals and the experts of prophecy and the Law. What is their verdict? How do they read Him?

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"This man cannot be from G_d." Cannot be? Are you sure? This man is opening the eyes of the blind, casting out devils, making the lame to walk, raising people from the dead, multiplying food, walking on water and teaching people to love one another - even love their enemies. This man cannot be from G_d? Why not? On what grounds are we going to reject him? We cannot deny that this man is performing powerful miracles and signs.

"This man cannot be from G_d, because he does not keep the Sabbath day." Well, I suppose that settles it. Y'shua cannot be from G_d, he cannot be a prophet, he cannot be the Messiah or the Son of G_d, or even a good Jew, because he does not keep the Sabbath day! Yes, it is all very clear now. How could we have missed that?

You know, I was almost swept away by this man. For a moment there I really was beginning to believe. He is very, very persuasive. But if he doesn't keep the Sabbath then he cannot be from G_d. And if he doesn't keep the Sabbath then he probably doesn't tithe, either. Does he pay the Temple tax? We should check on that, I bet he doesn't. You know, that reminds me, his disciples don't fast twice a week either. Even John's disciples fasted. Y'shua told his disciples there was no need to fast as long as He was with them! Oh, didn't you know? He eats and drinks with sinners - a little too much eating and drinking, if you know what I mean.

Something else I noticed, too... he doesn't wash before he eats. It's true! He said the outside of the cup doesn't matter, it's what's inside. Are you sure Y'shua is really a Rabbi? He hasn't been to any of our schools. I'm not sure where he comes up with his teachings. Get this. Y'shua was preaching in

Capernaum and told them he came down from heaven! Not only that, but he said if they eat his flesh and drink his blood they will live forever! Strange, very strange. Many of his disciples got right up and walked out. I don't blame them. It's all very strange and very sick.

So where does Y'shua get his power? If He doesn't keep the Sabbath then whatever power he has can't come from G_d. If the power doesn't come from G_d then it must come from Beelzebub. How else can you explain it? That's why it's so easy for him to cast out demons!

Fellow Pharisees, this man Y'shua must be stopped. Not only that, he deserves to die. First, because he calls G_d his father. Y'shua also says he has the power to forgive sins. No one but G_d can forgive sins, so he is obviously guilty of blasphemy. Second, he does not keep the Sabbath. Now the Law of Moses says if anyone does not keep the Sabbath they must be put to death. Third...

Friends, you are witnessing the wisdom of the Pharisees in action. Jesus called them fools, blind leaders of the blind, snakes, and hypocrites who will not escape the damnation of hell. Amen, we say. How easy it is to look back on this evidence today and condemn the Jews for failing to recognize their Messiah and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

However, I suggest that the sect of the Pharisees is alive and well today, only it is no longer a sect within Judaism, it is a sect within Churchianity that continues to differentiate people based on external religious rules and customs. The names and customs have changed, but the same old "wisdom" prevails:

"You cannot be a Christian if you don't go to church."

"God will not bless you unless you pay your tithes."

"You cannot know the truth unless you get it from the 1611 King James Version."

"If you leave the church you lose your spiritual covering."

"If you don't submit to authority you have a Jezebel spirit."

"Submission means never asking questions."

"A true prophet always encourages and never judges."

"Women be quiet."

"Jesus' real name is Y'shua."

"God's real name is G_d."

"Saturday, not Sunday."

"Sunday, not Saturday."

When you take all these things and add them up, what do you get? What is the result? Pride, spiritual elitism, narrow-mindedness, dullness, and darkness. In a word, I describe these people as DISTRACTED FROM THE SIMPLICITY OF CHRIST!

Religion is the result of becoming consumed, absorbed, vexed, and stressed out over the "many things" while completely overlooking that only One Thing is needed (cf. Luke 10:41,42). It is the scrupulous, agonizing work of straining out gnats and swallowing camels (Matthew 23:24). Taken to its absurd conclusion, it actually feeds that Spirit of Antichrist that is always fighting against the Testimony of Jesus.

In Acts 18 we find Paul preaching Jesus in Corinth. As is always the case, whenever you decide to preach JESUS AS HE IN FACT IS, it will attract the ire of the local religious establishment:

"When Gallio became governor of Achaia, some Jews rose in concerted action against Paul and brought him before the governor for judgment. They accused Paul of "persuading people to worship God in ways that are contrary to the law" (Acts 18:12,13, NLT).

You see? There it is again - the Law of Moses, Torah, the traditions and customs of the elders. Paul was always ready to debate the Jews. Being a Jew and a Pharisee for many years, Paul enjoyed the arguments and usually won them. Yet something different happened that day...

"Just as Paul started to make his defense, Gallio turned to Paul's accusers and said, 'Listen, you Jews, if this were a case involving some wrongdoing or a serious crime, I would be obliged to listen to you. But since it is merely a question of words and names and your Jewish laws, you take care of it. I refuse to judge such matters.' And he drove them out of the courtroom" (Acts 18:14-16, NLT).

Hallelujah! Thank God for Gallio! If an unbelieving Roman judge has enough discernment to confound the wisdom of the Pharisees, what about us? I pray God will give us the gift of single-mindedness in our pursuit of Christ and Christ alone. May God give us the courage to say, "If it is a question of Christ and His Kingdom I would be obliged to look at the issue more closely. But since it is merely a question of words and names, Sabbath days and holidays, religious rules about outward things, Bible versions and denominations, you take care of it yourself. I refuse to argue over such matters."

His yoke is easy! His burden is light! Come to Him and learn of Him. Repudiate the wisdom of the Pharisees and embrace this Man Who does not keep the Sabbath, because this Man is the Son of the Most High God, and there is therefore now NO condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus!

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He Must Increase
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"He must increase, but I must decrease (John 3:30)."

These seven words found in John 3:30 contain the entire mystery of God's dealings with man from ages past to eternity future. "He [Christ] must increase." All of God's works are towards this end of increasing Christ. In other words, everything God has done, is doing, and will do is related towards revealing His Son and bringing us into the full-knowledge (epignosis) of Him. The goal is for Christ to have the preeminence in all things, beginning with us individually as disciples, then with the Church, and finally with all creation, "that He may be All in All."

He MUST increase. Isaiah tells us that there will be no end of the increase of His government and peace. In the beginning was the Word, and we can see how God has worked steadily from the beginning to increase Christ. From types and shadows in the Old Testament we see Christ coming into view. Then the Word is made flesh and dwells among us, and Christ is increased yet again. Next He comes to dwell within us, and this is a major increase. Finally, He begins to conform us to His own image through the indwelling Life. If we are growing up into Him then He is increasing daily. Eventually every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Beyond this, we are told that God will continue to reveal His Son in the ages to come, bringing us into depths and dimensions of Christ that we cannot fathom.

God is not moving backward, but in the Son and through the Son, He moves steadily forward. Christ MUST increase. This is the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. Just as we cannot have gravity without having the law of gravity, so it is impossible to have the Life of the Lord but not have the Law of that Life. And the Law of Life is that Christ must increase.

"But I must decrease." Why doesn't God reveal His Son to us, in all His glory, all at once? What prevents Christ from filling all things and having the preeminence now? Why do we not yet see all things submitted to Him? Because we must be decreased. If He is to become greater then I must become lesser. When Paul says, "Not I, but Christ," he is saying "He must increase, but I must decrease."

Just as all things are working together towards God's purpose of increasing Christ, so all things are working together towards decreasing us. It does not matter if we understand it or comprehend it. It does not matter if you believe in it or agree with it. You are being decreased just the same, and Christ is being increased. It MUST be so, therefore it IS so. Scientists call this decreasing "entropy", and it means, "inevitable and steady deterioration". We can observe this in creation. The present things are groaning and travailing in pain, deteriorating in order to make way for a new heaven and a new earth. We begin to die as soon as we are born. We can look in our own bodies for evidence of "inevitable and steady deterioration" as we move towards a redeemed body. But more importantly, WE, the "I", the "Self", is being decreased that Christ may fill us.

How are we decreased? Let us say right away that it is not your duty to decrease yourself, to become an ascetic, and crawl around in the dirt in abject poverty. It is not an outward decreasing, but an inward decreasing, a coming to the end of ourselves. The Kingdom of God belongs to the poor in spirit. Earlier, John said, "A man can have nothing except he receive it from heaven." Now we may have quite a bit, but if we obtained it from a source other than Christ, it amounts to nothing. Only those sufficiently decreased, the poor in spirit, can see this. This poverty cannot be achieved through self-effort. In fact, part of the decreasing process is the realization that I can do nothing of myself, including decreasing myself. Just as I cannot commit suicide by crucifixion, so I cannot crucify my flesh. The only way to learn this is to fail hundreds, even thousands of times. Then we will learn to say, "I have no confidence in the flesh."

In the world we will experience temptations, testings, and trials. We will experience persecution, tribulation, and afflictions of soul and body. We will experience mistreatment and misunderstanding. It is not a question of God allowing or not allowing things to happen. It is part of living. Some things we do to ourselves, other things we do to each other. Our Father knows about every bird which falls to the ground, but He does not always prevent it from falling.

What are we to learn from this? That our response to what happens is more important than what happens. Here is a mystery: one man's experience drives him to curse God, while another man's identical experience drives him to bless God. Your response to what happens is more important than what happens.

If we see that offenses are bound to come, that there is no way to live in the world apart from what happens, then we must see that the difference between overcoming and not overcoming lies in our response to what happens.

Paul did not pray to be weak so that he could be strong. Naturally speaking, we despise weakness. We prefer strength. But human strength is an illusion. It is not true strength. The Lord shows us His grace is made perfect (or, is matured) through our weakness. Now, Paul rejoices in his weakness, in his being decreased: for "when I am weak, then I am strong." To the degree that we accept the decrease of ourselves, to that degree will we experience the increasing of Christ.

We cannot walk the narrow path until we have entered the narrow gate. But we cannot assume that because we have entered the narrow gate we are now finished. Most people lay stress on the gate, and their goal is to get people just far enough through the gate that they can claim salvation. That is where most of the Church sits today, just inside the narrow gate, rejoicing in a future salvation, a future heaven, a future return of Christ, and a future reward. But the narrow gate is only the beginning. The narrow gate only opens the door to the narrow way. It is the narrow way which leads to Life, and few find it. Fewer still walk to the end of it.

Now what we are discussing is an event as well as a process. There is a once-and-for-all decision to follow Christ, but we have to keep on following. Entering the gate is a once-and-for-all event, but walking the path is a process. We gain everything when we enter the gate, but we must walk the path in order to now live out of what we have. We are new creations, but we are being changed daily into the image of Christ. We died with Christ once: yet we die daily. We were crucified with Him once: yet we take up the cross daily. We were raised with Him once: yet we experience His Life daily. We were ascended with Him and we were seated with Him in the heavenlies once: but we live out the heavenly position in our daily walk, daily ascending above the earth, above the natural, to sit with Him in His throne as overcomers.

God wills that "all men would be saved (narrow gate) and would come to the full-knowledge [epignosis] of Truth (narrow way)." Those who merely enter the narrow gate have yet to satisfy God's heart. There is rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents, but as Arthur Katz has said, "Many are saved, but few are converted." It is God's will, His desire, that we come to the end of ourselves so that Christ may have the preeminence in us. Jesus said, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father." Hebrews tells us that Christ is the brightness of God's glory, and the express image (or exact representation) of His person. Likewise, God's purpose for us as disciples (and by extension, the Church) is "if you have seen a disciple, you have seen Jesus." The Christian is to be the brightness of Christ's glory, and the exact representation of His person. I lack the vocabulary to express this adequately, but I trust the Lord will show us.

This is beyond "mere salvation", this is conversion, this is conformity to the very image of Christ. He most certainly does not have the preeminence in us now, thus, "He must increase, but I must decrease."

We have emphasized the Church for so long that we have lost sight of the individual disciples of which the Church consists. If one member lacks, the entire Body goes lacking. It is not so much a problem with the Church failing to apprehend its fullness as it is the individual disciples of the Lord failing to count the cost, suffer all as loss, and progress down the narrow way towards Christ as All in All. As the disciples go, so goes the Church. If Christ does not have the preeminence in the Church, it is because He does not have the preeminence in us as disciples.

If we have truly entered the gate and are walking the path, if we have truly yielded our lives to Him and long to know Him, then everything we experience is working to increase Christ and decrease us. On the positive side, the Holy Spirit is working to bring us into a more perfect knowledge of Christ. The Spirit is increasing Him, leading us into "all Truth", towards epignosis. On the negative side, the principle of the Cross is working to decrease us, to bring us to the end of ourselves, to reduce us to nothing. Eastern mysticism has long been aware of this positive and negative at work, it has simply misunderstood what it means and misappropriated it towards an end other than Christ. They have observed a principle but lack the Truth to explain the principle.

We must see that for every decrease of Self, Christ is increased. Even in our discussions we groan inwardly about having to die daily, having to give up our way and our will. We ought instead to be excited about Christ being increased, and how much He stands to gain in us and through us. He MUST increase, but you MUST decrease. It is better to relinquish everything now, on a voluntary basis, and lose our lives in order to gain our real Life. It is more glorious to enter the Kingdom out of a desire to give Christ the preeminence than to enter kicking and screaming and crying because we love ourselves too much. Make no mistake, if it is the Kingdom you seek, the Kingdom you will find, but you must be changed in order to enter therein. If you seek power from God you will have to accept weakness in yourself. If you want to rule with Him you must suffer with Him. If you want His Life you must give up your life. You can have either one you want, but you cannot have both. There is no increase without decrease, and there is no decrease without increase.

May the Son be increased through these words. Amen.

To Whom Am I Sent?
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"Then Jesus said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country. But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land; but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, in the region of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian'. So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff. Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way" (Luke 4:24-30, NKJV).

In Scripture we find a principle that governs all spiritual work. This principle applies to anyone and everyone who undertakes to do something on behalf of the Kingdom of God, whether it is preaching, teaching, writing, prophesying, or planting churches. This principle even applied to the Lord Jesus during His earthly ministry. So it is critically important that we identify this principle to ensure that we, too, are cooperating with God as we go about the work He has called us to do.

THE CRITICAL COMPONENT: BEING SENT

When it comes to Christian work and ministry, many workers, ministries and churches are motivated by a perceived NEED. We feel there is a need for something, whether it be a specific ministry, a missionary outreach, a new church, or a Bible study; and so we rise up to meet that need. However, this manner of undertaking spiritual work is purely a human concept. It is of the flesh; it is of the world. It is the same basis upon which a business discovers a need and then creates a product or service to meet that need. The Kingdom of God, however, does not conduct itself according to the principles of business, economics, marketing, or salesmanship.

While teaching in the synagogue of Nazareth, Jesus perceived that the people expected Him to cure the sick and perform miracles just as He had done in other places - after all, Nazareth is where He grew up. However, Jesus did not respond to their expectation. Instead, He pointed out that there were many widows and lepers in Israel during the time of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. The widows needed food, and the lepers needed healing. Naturally speaking, it made sense for Elijah and Elisha to help those who were right in front of them. But Elijah went to a widow in Zarephath, and Elisha went to a leper in Syria, ignoring all the widows and lepers in their own nation who needed help.

How did Jesus explain this? The answer He gave is quite simple: "But to none of them was Elijah sent." The critical component was not the many who were in NEED, but the one to whom he was SENT. Although not specifically stated, the same principle applied to Elisha as well. Then, Jesus applied the principle to Himself, and refused to perform any miracles in Nazareth. Of course this angered the people, and their subsequent attempt to kill the Lord Jesus only demonstrated that they were, in fact, not worthy of Him.

So the question is not, "Who has a need?" but rather, "To whom am I sent?" Although the two sound very similar, in actual experience the difference is like day and night.

RESPONDING TO NEED VERSUS RESPONDING TO GOD

"Early the next morning Jesus went out into the wilderness. The crowds searched everywhere for Him, and when they finally found Him, they begged Him not to leave them. But He replied, "I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other places, too, because that is why I was sent" (Luke 4:42,43, NLT).

If we are primarily motivated by what other people want, expect, and need then we will be tempted to stay longer than we should stay, or say more than we ought to say. When the crowd is begging for more, most Christian workers and preachers are only too eager to accommodate them. But Jesus had an acute sense of purpose because He knew to whom He had been sent. As a result, He did not bow down to the will of the people and go beyond the time and place appointed Him by His Father, even though they begged Him to stay. He was responding to what God needed, not what the people needed.

A Christian should realize that he or she is a unique member of the Body of Christ and not the entire Body all at once. We are many parts that together make up the whole. Each individual member has its own unique purpose, function, and role. The responsibility for God's work is divided among many members. We are not called to be all things to all people. We are not called to meet every need. God sets each person in the Body of Christ as it pleases Him, and He is the One Who sends us. We do not send ourselves. We do not determine what we would like to do. We do not analyze the situation with our limited understanding and come up with a solution. The Head determines what needs to be done, and the members simply perform it.

Speaking from my own experience, I have noticed three stages of development in my Christian work. In the early days of ministry I would seek invitations to speak. I let it be known that I would go anywhere and do anything. After I achieved a certain level of recognition I no longer had to seek invitations, I could simply respond to invitations as they came to me. I would go wherever and whenever I was invited. Certainly the Lord honored His Word and people were blessed. However, I recognize now that this seeking and responding is simply the striving of the flesh. For some time now we have been in quite a different season, a season in which we neither seek invitations nor go whenever we are invited. Sometimes we do indeed go when we are invited, sometimes we do not go. Once in awhile we go with no invitation at all.

How do we explain this? Simply put, the governing principle for us is no longer, "Who will have us?" Instead, the question is, "To whom are we sent?" It is one thing to accept an invitation, but it is quite another thing to be sent of the Lord. If I respond solely on the basis of someone's need or invitation then I cannot rest assured that I am being sent - I only know that I am going. Christians in general are much too casual in this regard. Without the definite sending of the Lord we are totally on our own, lacking spiritual discernment, power, and authority. On the other hand, if we are being sent, we are going in the Name of Jesus, and as His representatives, we enjoy all the blessing, power, anointing, and authority of Heaven.

There are three aspects of being sent: going only WHEN you are sent, going only WHERE you are sent, and speaking only to WHOM you are sent. We will look at each three more particularly.

GOING ONLY WHEN YOU ARE SENT

"So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed..." (Acts 13:4a).

When Paul and the other Christians in Antioch gathered together there were many souls to be saved, many churches to be planted, and many disciples to be instructed. There was much work to be done, but instead of organizing the work according to the obvious need, they ministered to the Lord and waited until the Spirit gave them instructions. Only when the Spirit spoke and sent them forth did they actually depart.

In the New Testament we do not find a pattern for how the church should evangelize the world, nor do we discover a plan for reaching the lost, or a method for planting churches. Those who focus all their attention on patterns, plans, and methods fail to realize that patterns, plans, and methods are all subject to change and depend upon time, culture, nationality, people, economy, gifts, personalities, and a myriad of other variables. There is a maxim that says, "Methods are many, but principles are few; methods will change, but principles never do."

So the key is not trying to imitate a New Testament pattern from two millenniums past, but practicing a New Testament principle that never changes. What is the principle? Simply this: they were completely governed by the Spirit; and since we, too, have the same Spirit, we likewise may be led of Him. Undoubtedly the Spirit may lead us to do some similar things, but our commonality is not in what is being done, but rather, Who is doing it. Either we are going to come up with a plan and do it ourselves or we are going to let the Spirit do it through us as He sees fit. When the Day of Pentecost came the Spirit Himself filled them. From that day forward, it was the Spirit that anointed them, gave them words to speak, appointed elders, sent apostles, and raised up local churches.

In fact, the very word "apostle" means "one who is sent". According to popular teaching, someone who goes out to plant churches is an apostle. This sounds correct, but it is misleading. Ironically, an apostle is not simply anyone who goes, but someone who is sent. The one who merely goes travels on his own authority, but the one who is sent travels under someone else's authority. An apostle does not simply take it upon himself to go out and do something; he waits until he is sent. We have plenty of people who know how to go - what we need now is people who know how to be sent.

GOING ONLY WHERE YOU ARE SENT

"Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them" (Acts 16:6,7, NKJV).

Our destination, and well as our departure, must be governed by the Spirit. How intriguing that the Spirit actually forbade them to preach the word in Asia and Bithynia! This ought to be proof enough that "need", in and of itself, is insufficient guidance. The only thing that matters is being sent, and it is critical that we go only where the Spirit sends us.

The apostles were indeed sent forth by the Spirit, yet that same Spirit did not permit them to just go wherever they pleased. The Spirit prevented them twice before they understood that Macedonia, not Asia or Bithynia, was the intended destination. Later we see that Paul indeed went to Asia and a tremendous work was founded. This tells us that a "no" today does not mean a "no" is forever; nevertheless, when the Spirit forbids us, we dare not take matters into our own hands and go where we have not been sent.

Those with an evangelical mindset often assume that since Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" they do not have to pray, wait, or be led by the Spirit. Having this word from Jesus they go forth and blaze their own trail.

We must realize, however, that this general command of Jesus does not preclude the necessity to only go where the Spirit is sending us at that particular moment. Generally speaking, the Church is sent to the whole world; but we ought to ask ourselves, as individual disciples and members of the Body of Christ, "To whom, specifically, am I sent today?" It should be obvious that the Church as a whole is commanded to go into all the world, while specific members are sent to meet specific needs in specific parts of the world. God is not the author of confusion, but order.

SPEAKING ONLY TO WHOM YOU ARE SENT

"Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them" (Acts 10:20, NKJV).

It was God Who told Cornelius to send for Peter. It was God Who told Peter to go to Cornelius. When God brought these two together, Peter had hardly begun to speak when the Spirit fell on those who were listening. It should be seen that the success of the mission to Cornelius' house had less to do with Peter's ability to speak and more to do with the audience's ability to hear. When we speak only to whom we are sent then we will see dramatic results. Trying to speak to everyone in general and no one in particular is a colossal waste of time and demonstrates poor stewardship. We ought not to give ten coins to someone who can only handle five, and we ought not to give five coins to someone who cannot handle even one. It is clear that much time is wasted trying to convince, persuade, plead, argue, teach, and help people to whom God has not sent us. If we will wait for the Spirit of God we will save ourselves a lot of time, effort and energy. A worker who indiscriminately throws precious seed on rocky ground and gives pearls to pigs is not being a wise, faithful, and profitable servant.

It is very difficult for younger believers to grasp this. They are filled with power, and knowledge, and zeal, and enthusiasm. Often they are very gifted and talented. Most of the time they have a genuine call from God. What they lack is the patience to wait for the Spirit to send them, and the maturity to know to whom they are sent. So when they see a need they move at once to fill that need, incorrectly assuming that it is their Christian duty and calling to meet every need around them. At times it seems as if God is blessing the work of their hands. At other times it seems as if they are running in quicksand. They work and toil and become weighed down with the meeting of many needs. Before long, the work of the Lord becomes more important than the Lord of the work.

Confronted with a nation full of widows and lepers in need, these young Elijahs and Elishas would no doubt begin to undertake the huge task of feeding all the widows and healing all the lepers, solely on the basis of what they think needs to be done. As a result, they may have some initial successes, but before long they are completely drained of spiritual power and must rely upon fleshly methods to keep everything going. The hasty and the impatient do not enjoy that inner strength that comes to those who only labor in the field that God has sent them.

Many churches, ministries, missionary endeavors, and outreach programs have been birthed, not by the Spirit of God, but by well-meaning "Marthas" who are "cumbered about with much serving." Before long the entire organization is filled with Christians who are "troubled over many things" and there are few if any "Marys" left who know how to sit at the Lord's feet and hear His Word. This whole situation can be avoided if we will stop looking at man's need and simply ask, "To whom am I sent?"

SUMMATION

"Now as [Paul] reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, 'Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you'" (Acts 24:25, NLT).

When the time is short we must make the most of every opportunity and waste nothing. Ordinarily if we speak the Word to someone and they send us away the best advice is to leave. Unfortunately, Paul was in prison and could not get away. Felix sent for him often but nothing ever changed. In this manner Paul witnessed to Felix for two years without any result whatsoever. Clearly this was a ruse of the enemy designed to frustrate the gifted apostle and sap his strength. Paul the prisoner had no choice but to come when Felix called for him; we who are free ought to be careful lest we find ourselves spending all our time talking to a Felix when there is a Cornelius praying to hear us speak the very words that Felix takes for granted.

Jesus says that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Often we take the easy yoke and the light burden of the Lord and turn it into a difficult yoke and a heavy burden. This happens when we go beyond the place God has appointed us and take it upon ourselves to do things He has not called us to do, go to places He has not called us to go to, and speak with people to whom we have not been sent.

We cannot afford to become narrow-minded and legalistic in this regard, however. Jesus clearly stated that He was sent to the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 15:24); but that did not stop Him from ministering to an occasional Samaritan woman or Roman officer. Jesus recognized that these, too, were part of the "other sheep" that needed to be gathered into the fold (John 10:16). How will we know the difference? We will wait for the Spirit to show us.

To whom are YOU sent? Once this issue is settled, you may then go forth in the power and authority of Christ and see His Kingdom increased. Until then, it is better to stay where you are. May the Lord lead us by His Spirit and preserve both our going out and our coming in. Amen.

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Two Visitations
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Do you want a visitation? Then follow me! How can you expect to be visited by the Great I AM if your thoughts are busy elsewhere and the things of my kingdom are only of passing interest to you?

Too many of my children only think of me on “special occasions” or when it fits into their own schemes and plans. I am not a God who will accept second place in the hearts of those who claim to be mine. Nor will I play second fiddle to all of those other things that are of more importance to you than myself.

My kingdom is not divided against itself. In fact, it is not divided at all. My own serve me with joy and gladness. Their eyes are not always wandering off to catch a glimpse of the things of the world. Nor are they divided in their loyalties.

The loyalties of the world are very fickle and usually, in the end, are involved in serving and pleasing one’s self. SELF is a “dirty word” in my kingdom. That is because the worship, elevation and adulation of self leads to defilement and uncleanness.

Self and servanthood do not mix. If “self” is ink and “servanthood “ is a glass of water, as soon as the ink (self) is injected into the water it is no longer clean or pure. It has become thoroughly stained and dirty.

So you and I can not reside in the same place. Either you are on the top or I am on the top, but you can only worship one or the other. You can not worship both at once. You can not have it both ways.

The thoughts I have for you are good thoughts. The Plans I have for you are good Plans.* Yet very few even want to know about my Plans, because they have their own plan for their life. They have their own road they have chosen to walk on and consulting me is not a part of their plan.

Soon I am going to appear in the midst of my people in a manner unheard of in the annals of human history. No part of the earth will be exempt from my visitation, but I am coming to those who love me and call me Lord. This means they have been willing to put me in charge of their lives and have, in truth, made me their Master. This is very different than just calling me “Savior”, but then proceeding basically on a path of one’s own making.

Time is so short, yet few are even remotely prepared. To those ones who have searched for me diligently I say: You will come to know me in a way that far surpasses your greatest longings and expectations. For I am truly far greater than anything your mind could ever imagine or envision. You will know my Love and you will know my mighty power. The intimacy you have so greatly desired with me will be yours.

To the rest I say: You are on the wrong road. You are using the wrong map and the road signs are seductive but false. You were created to have a relationship with ME. The direction you are heading will not take you to this destination, but to a destination that will appall you.

I have given many warnings. I have shown great patience and mercy. The hour is at hand for my visitation. My glory will cover the earth.

Hab. 2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

But someone else is about to make a “great visitation” also. For I tell you my angels are about to cast Satan and his minions out of the heavens forever. I warned what a great rage he would be in when this day finally came.

Rev. 12:7-12 And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and

the dragon and his angels fought but did not prevail, neither was their place found any more in heaven. Thus the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast out on the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.
And I heard a loud voice in heaven saying, Now the deliverance and the power and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ have been accomplished; for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before God day and night, is cast down. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they did not spare themselves even to death.

Therefore rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! For the Devil has come down to you; and his wrath is great, because he knows that his time is short.**

If you are not under the shadow on my wings, you will be bait for his evil schemes and plans. Would you like to be a “piece of meat” or a “bit of bait” for the anti-Christ? So again I tell you, THE HOUR IS VERY LATE. YOU MUST GET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER NOW.

The Most High God

**Jer. 29:11-13 For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you a good hope at the end. Then you shall call upon me and pray to me. And when you seek me with all your heart, you shall find me, says the Lord.*

**Author’s note: We are told that when Satan is evicted from the heavenlies he will first try to persecute and destroy the remaining Jews on earth. When this plan fails he will then come after the offspring of the Jews, the Christians.

Rev. 12:13-17 And when the dragon saw that he was cast sown to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to a son. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly from the presence of the serpent to the wilderness, into her place, where she would be nourished for years and months and days.
Then the serpent sent a flood of water out of his mouth after the woman, so that he might cause her to be swept away by the flood. But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the water, which the dragon had spouted out of his mouth.
And the dragon was enraged at the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus.

The stream of water symbolizes words streaming from Satan’s mouth: invectives, words of slander, hatred, violence and incitement to persecution and murder. These words are for those individuals who are willing to listen to Satan and come into agreement with him. These individuals will be his hands and feet on earth to persecute and kill as many Jews and Christians as possible before the time of the end.

This profoundly evil “water” (water of death flooding from Satan’s mouth) is the counterfeit to the living water Jesus promised [*John 4:10-11, John 7:38*] and the waters of life that stream from the throne of God.

Rev. 22:1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, gushing out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

The Weeping Room Pathway to Strategy

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One day as I was in prayer the Lord began to open up my eyes to a spiritual encounter. I saw myself being taken up to heaven. Before me I saw a huge house with many rooms. I knew instantly that this was the 'Father's House'. I could feel the love of the father drawing me in, so I began to run as fast as I could to enter the house. As I entered, the Lord walked with me through many rooms, each one packed with spiritual meaning.

He quietly invited me to follow Him into the most beautiful room in the whole house- the intimacy room. It was absolutely extravagant and beautiful. Upon entering the room, I was overwhelmed with love and wanted to stay there forever. In the Spirit I could hear other people (other believers) in all the different rooms of the house. Some were studying books in the library; others were becoming intoxicated in the spiritual wine cellar. I was somewhat surprised that everyone wasn't in the intimacy room since it was the most beautiful room in the whole house.

As I was admiring this intimacy chamber, I noticed a little wooden hatch door on the floor adjacent to the bed. It seemed really odd to me, because it wasn't fancy and hardly seemed to fit with the rest of the room. I asked the Lord why it was there, and He told me that it led down to another room in the house. I asked Him why He would put this door so close to the most beautiful thing in the whole room, the bed. He responded, "I keep it here, because down there is where I spend most of my time". Instantly my curiosity was stirred so I asked what was down there. He said it was called the "Weeping Room".

Although it hardly sounded like a room I wanted to be in, there was a cry in my heart that said that if that is where the Lord spends His time, then that is where I want to go. I asked Him if I could go down there with Him, and He responded "Very few will choose to go down there, it's not extravagant like this room, it's lonely, it's not comfortable, and you have to get very low to fit through the door." I told Him that I didn't care what the conditions would be like; I just really wanted to be wherever He was.

So we opened the little hatch door and began to slowly climb down a dark staircase until we came upon the tiny room. I had to get on my knees to fit through the door because it was so small. As we entered the room it was very simple. All it consisted of was a small wooden chair. One of the walls had a small window in it. The Lord took His seat on the chair and turned His face to look out the window. Instantly I became aware of why this room was called the weeping room.

As you looked out the window-you could see and hear every single cry coming from people on the earth. You could see every single act of injustice all at the same time. Every starving child crying out to God, every woman being raped, every moan of the rejected. You could hear every prayer, every cry all at the same time. The Lord sat in His chair and watched and heard it all.

At once I was overwhelmed with intercession and began to weep. I wept for hours. I wept for those who were hurting, but even more-I was undone by this beautiful King who would choose to spend His time in this place; This King who paid such attention to every cry and who was so full of compassion. As I sat and wept with the Lord, I began to 'feel' His heart-and all my selfish ambition began to fade away.

While we were in that place I noticed that there was another door in the weeping room. I asked the Lord what was behind that door and He told me that was where the 'Strategy Room' was. As He said those words, instantly in my spirit I knew in that room divine strategy for end-time revival was available. Although the door was still closed, I recognized that Wisdom and Revelation where in there.

Heavenly blueprints were laid out to see the fulfillment of His kingdom coming to earth from that room. It was like the hidden room that everybody searches for. Everyone longs to have divine strategy. I immediately asked if I could go in there and the Lord soberly told me that I didn't 'fit through the door'. I instantly understood that I had to spend time in the weeping room. As I began to really apprehend the heart of God for the poor and the broken, then issues of my soulish nature would be stripped away until I would become small enough to fit through the door.

At that moment everything became clear. This was the only way to access divine strategy. From the place of intimacy God invites us in to a deeper level- He beckons us into the weeping room-a place where we choose to see what He sees and feel what He feels. And as we spend time getting the heart of God, things of our flesh begin to be stripped away until we are small enough to fit through the door that leads to the strategy room.

I had this encounter over two years ago but I believe that God is now moving many in the church from the place of intimacy into weeping. This will lead them into the strategy room. In actuality, you never have to leave the intimacy room; you just discover the deeper levels. Many have already surrendered themselves to the weeping room and extravagantly pursued the heart of God for the broken- they are now being invited into the strategy room.

I had another encounter a little over a year ago in which I heard a loud voice say, "It's Time!" and in the Spirit I saw the strategy room door swing open. God is inviting us into divine strategy that will release a global harvest of souls, and establish the revelation of His kingdom on earth through overcoming saints.

I believe that as we enter the "strategy room," we will be compelled and moved by what we have seen and felt in the weeping room. I have a sense that some have gone before us into the strategy room. Unfortunately, most quickly forgot what the strategy was for and used it to build their own kingdom. (Haggai 1:3-7) God is in the process of raising up a whole company of believers who are repulsed at the idea of building their own kingdom. This company will have their hearts truly branded with passion and compassion. These are the ones that God is looking to release into the strategy room. "It's Time!"

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Breathe in ME
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Ezekiel 37:1-14
I implore you in this hour to call upon ME for I am inclining My ear unto you. For as you call unto Me I have already heard your cry. I have answered you before you called, yet I await your call that I may have fellowship and relationship with you. I love you. For in this time you have done all you can do and I am waiting for you to call upon Me. I have seen your exhaustion and I have heard you crying "I am tired Lord". I am running out of breath. I have seen you running the race and have slowed down because you cannot breathe. You have been trying to catch your breath. Trials, tests, circumstances and the battlefield of life have hit your windpipe causing you to lose your breath but today I say unto you...**Breathe in ME**....For I am sending you an exhilarating, energizing, refreshing, reviving burst of cool air that will rush through those things that have blocked your windpipe from allowing you to breathe freely.

I will be the strength that you need and the Breath that will keep you going, help you endure and lift you up. For as you inhale My life you will exhale yours. Breath in ME oh child of Mine, Breathe in all that I have for you, Breathe in My plans that you may walk them out, Breathe in My will for you that you may see all that I have for you, Breathe in My love that you may also love the unlovely and that you might love yourself the way I love you and love how I have formed you.

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Today I say, I AM will be the Air you breathe. Breathe My presence that I will be all the breath you will need for Life. Yes, today in this hour I am clearing the windpipe of all particles that have kept you from breathing with ease. Breathe in ME My child, Breathe in ME, and receive all that I AM sending you with the Air that I AM.

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Enough to satisfy you FULLY.

Joel 3:18-And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth out of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

Breathe in ME
Jeannette Rodgers

July 11, 2004
Ezekiel 37:1-14
I implore you in this hour to call upon ME for I am inclining My ear unto you. For as you call unto Me I have already heard your cry. I have answered you before you called, yet I await your call that I may have fellowship and relationship with you. I love you. For in this time you have done all you can do and I am waiting for you to call upon Me. I have seen your exhaustion and I have heard you crying "I am tired Lord". I am running out of breath. I have seen you running the race and have slowed down because you cannot breathe. You have been trying to catch your breath. Trials, tests, circumstances and the battlefield of life have hit your windpipe causing you to lose your breath but today I say unto you...**Breathe in ME**....For I am sending you an exhilarating, energizing, refreshing, reviving burst of cool air that will rush through those things that have blocked your windpipe from allowing you to breathe freely.

I will be the strength that you need and the Breath that will keep you going, help you endure and lift you up. For as you inhale My life you will exhale yours. Breath in ME oh child of Mine, Breathe in all that I have for you, Breathe in My plans that you may walk them out, Breathe in My will for you that you may see all that I have for you, Breathe in My love that you may also love the unlovely and that you might love yourself the way I love you and love how I have formed you.

Breathe in ME, Breathe in ME, For when you inhale My presence, My strength, My wisdom, My Spirit, My peace, and all that I AM you shall have the breath that is needed to endure to the end. I will be all the Air you will need. I am clearing all things that would impair your breathing. You shall breathe with ease as I breath upon you.

Today I say, I AM will be the Air you breathe. Breathe My presence that I will be all the breath you will need for Life. Yes, today in this hour I am clearing the windpipe of all particles that have kept you from breathing with ease. Breathe in ME My child, Breathe in ME, and receive all that I AM sending you with the Air that I AM.

For as you inhale in Me, you shall receive peace, rest, strength and endurance. As you exhale; all things that have come against you shall be removed as you trust in Me and allow Me to be your breath. Some may have to cough up particles that caused this impairment. In the exhale let it go that it would no longer be an impairment to you.
No artificial respiration is needed if you will simply trust in Me. I have plans for you that require you to await My timing and My breath that will sustain you. I will resuscitate your Life as you inhale Life in Me.

Breathe in ME.

The Wounds You Bear

Robert Lillington

I have rescued you for a destiny far greater than you can imagine. Your wounds are the very stones from which My house and purposes are built. The clear images you remember of hurt, disappointment, embarrassment and failure are the soil in which My strength grows. Have you not heard, My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

There is power, great power in placing your wounds under My care, for I am the Great Physician. I specialize in healing your wounds. I come that you might have life in all its fullness and this includes you in all your strengths and particularly in your weaknesses.

Do not consider that your deep wounds are ugly in My sight. They are beautiful for they bring you near to Me. Your wounds are like Mine. We can talk together of our war wounds and the comradeship in battle. Let Me be your friend in battle, let me be your healer, let Me be your refuge. Allow Me to empower you in your weakness, for when you are weak, then you are made strong.

I have chosen the weak things of this world to confound the things which are mighty. My strength is made perfect in your weakness. And so, my friend, My dearly loved one, you, My dear child. Take time to draw close to me and the wounds you bear will take on a whole new meaning. They will begin to shine in My presence. Consider yourself worthy to have suffered, for I have never abandoned you. In fact, I delight in you always.

So, my dearly loved one, lift up those tired arms and quicken the pace of your feet for the time is coming and is now at hand when I will raise up a mighty army from amongst My wounded ones.

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The Yoseph Analogy
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,

Over the years you have heard me say or write that the story of the Patriarchs in Genesis makes up a microcosm of what is a macrocosm in our day and age. In the latest Parashot (plural for “parasha”) we have been reading about the life of Yoseph. There are some who claim that “Yoseph” of today is represented by western nations. If this is true, then we can draw an analogy regarding these powerful people groups who are seated like Yoseph, whom YHVH placed with Pharaoh’s consent of course, in a strategic and timely position. I would not go so far as to maintain that all the people groups that live in these nations are from the stock of Israel, but those who have the faith of Abraham most certainly are descendants of the forefathers of old. If so, they, along with the rest of the Melo HaGoyim (fullness of the nations), have been given a place in history like Yoseph: *"’You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you.’ And Pharaoh said to Yoseph, ‘See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt.’ Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Yoseph's hand; and he clothed him in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, ‘Bow the knee!’ So he set him over all the land of Egypt”* (Gen 41:40-43).

While Yoseph was in this position, there was a period of time that the earth enjoyed a great abundance of life sustaining grain. We too are in a time in which YHVH is blessing humanity with great material substance and spiritual insight and revelation into His Word (the whole bible). His Spirit is being poured out (latter rain) like never before. However, could we be heading for a great famine in these areas of physical sustenance and of His anointing and divine presence? Could there come a time during which the heavens will be like brass, and the earth will be covered by gross darkness? Through the prophet Amos YHVH, addressing our ancient forefathers, warned: *“days are coming… that I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of YHVH. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of YHVH, but shall not find it”* (Amos 8:11-12). If we are indeed in the days of the latter rains, of necessity they must come to an end, at which time we will be greeted by the hot dry summer months. What did Yoseph do to prepare for that which he knew to be an inevitable eventuality?

We have a tendency to think like our forefathers of old who attributed their prosperity to the works of their own hands. But when the prophets came and prophesied that the time for the consequence of their sin and an unrepentant heart had come, they simply could not believe that the wonderful life style, along with its religious expression, could change for the worse. But even in the midst of judgment YHVH raised up one, Yoseph (whose name means “to add” and “to gather”), who understood the prophetic picture via a dream. Living up to his name and to his God-given position, he faithfully served in order to gather enough grain to preserve life during the time of severe draught.

We, of the Yoseph-company of today (especially in the Western countries), are being offered spiritual grain and oil in abundance; ministries are popping up all over the place, the Word of YHVH is going forth on every venue imaginable. But the question still remains, will this continue, or are we headed for a rough and tough drought?

Yeshua told us a parable about ten virgins (House of Yoseph), who were to prepare themselves for the coming of the bridegroom. They were given ample time to buy, gather and store enough oil for the darkest hours of the night. As we know from that story, five were wise and five were foolish. The foolish were thinking that the bridegroom would not tarry into the night, but would sweep them away into his arms and house before it got dark, or shortly after. This perhaps is why they did not prepare for the entire night. When darkness descended they needed to use the oil that was in their lamps, but they had no extra with them. Apparently the lamps were still lit while they slept and so all the oil burnt out. When the announcement came that the bridegroom was on his way, the lamps needed to be trimmed and filled again with oil before the maidens could go out to meet him. I sometimes wonder if some of the teachings in the body of Messiah today are deceiving believers into thinking that we will not have to prepare for the darkest hours that humanity will have to experience.

We have just celebrated the festival of lights, may we not only fill our lamps, but have the extra on hand as well. I wonder why Yeshua told that parable of the ten virgins after his dissertation describing the end times that will occur before His return (see Math. 24). Will the Yoseph company of our day know and understand why they are here on this earth at a time such as this? Will they have their lamps and flasks full when the evening comes? Will the storehouses be full of grain when the need arises?

Yoseph's wise advice was to "*collect one-fifth of the produce of the land of Egypt in the seven plentiful years".* He was then appointed for a position so that he could fulfill his own counsel. *"So he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities; he laid up in every city the food of the fields which surrounded them. Yoseph gathered very much grain, as the sand of the sea, until he stopped counting, for it was immeasurable"* (Gen 41:34; 48-49).

May it be so today!

Have a thoughtful rest-filled Shabbat

The Year Of Release

Francis Frangipane

In spite of increasing tensions around the world, the Holy Spirit says, for many, this next year will be a year of release. While we must absolutely intercede for our nations, we also must refuse to become fearful or restrained by the pressures of the world around us. The constrictions experienced by this age are not death throes, but birth pangs; they are not part of what restricts us, but releases us.

Let me repeat from our last message: "Do not focus on the fearful things around you, the threats of terrorism or the portent of economic collapse; focus steadfastly upon your transformation!" God is doing a quick and deep work, and this world is the perfect setting in which to manifest Christlikeness. Darkness provides the perfect contrast to the rising glory of the Lord within us.

"So, look for My release," says the Lord. "For this year it shall come powerfully and suddenly."

Year of Release

Beloved, the Father's heart is impassioned for our release! Even now, the Holy Spirit is focused upon bringing new freedom to our lives, whether that release manifests in greater purity, more confident power or deeper intimacy with Christ, a spiritual release is coming.

Yes, Christ enters our lives as Lord and King, but He never stops being our Healer, Comforter and Deliverer. Even when He must confront and rebuke us, it is so He ultimately can release us. Remember, Jesus began His ministry with an amazing announcement, a proclamation which would define His eternal relationship with the church. He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden, to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord" (Lk 4:18-19).

Jesus was anointed (that is, He was prepared and empowered by God) to proclaim "release to the captives." He didn't come to condemn captives, but to free them. He is not angry that we are "blind"; He comes to give us vision. He's not disappointed that we are "downtrodden"; He comes to lift us up.

If you have received the anointing of Jesus Christ upon your life, then there is a constant updraft of divine energy working in your spirit to bring release from sin, recovery from wounding and freedom from the limitations of the flesh. The instant you look to God, you know His power is working; the moment you turn to prayer, resurrection power kicks into gear.

Jesus came proclaiming "the year of the Lord's favor" (Lk 4:19 NIV). The Amplified adds, ". . . the day [when salvation and the free favors of God profusely abound]." Regardless of what you feel like, look like, or have recently been acting like, right at this very moment, the Spirit of God is extending His favor toward you, assuring you a release is on its way!

What This Means

In practical terms, this means if you've been incarcerated by sin or the devil, this year you will triumph over your enemies. If you have loved ones trapped in bondage, they too, as you intercede, shall know the Lord's freedom. It also means if you have been treading water spiritually and going nowhere, a release is coming to you as well. This year shall mark a season of measurable spiritual fulfillment for all who desire to live like Christ.

Remember, though fearsome things may occur around us, something more awesome still is occurring within us. Christ's church, the woman, is with child. This year shall be the year of great release!

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The Year Of The Open Double Door

Susan Cummings

Transcript of New York and Pennsylvania Meetings- 2004

2004- "The Year of the Open Double Door"

The following is some notes highlighting the general themes of the whole three weeks of meetings:

At the very beginning, before any meetings, The Lord showed Susan an angel standing behind Bill and Patrick with it's sword drawn, and it was pointing upwards. The Lord then said, "I have opened the way for you."

The Lord has issued an invitation to the Remnant of the Lord to come up here, and to stand in His Council and obtain wisdom for the days and times ahead.

It is a Great Jubilee Year, for the Lord gave Zechariah 9 and 10. Abraham was 99 when he beget the promise. We also are following the double 9's, or the double birthing this year. Zechariah 9:9 denotes the Lord coming to us and bringing salvation and deliverance. The whole chapters of 9 and 10 are what the Remnant is now entering into.

The Lord spoke also out of Job 36: 26-32 and Job 38:19-38.

The Former and Latter rains will now be released upon His People, beginning this year. He will do the releasing and it will come from the heavenly store houses that have been reserved or held back for this generation and timing.

Jeremiah 33:1-11.

The Lord is bringing the Remnant to it's mature stature and relationship with Himself. He is making the bride ready for Himself. We will experience the Union with the Father this year. Intimate relationship and covenant relationship.

March 11th began an opening in the heavenlies, for us to enter in, and to come into the full knowledge of Union with the Lord, and to walk in covenant relationship. We will no longer dwell in the dark, but walk in His Light of Truth.

Isaiah 58.

The Lord wants a Holy People, who lay down their lives for each other and for the sake of the gospel. Those who will not love their lives more than the Lord. These ones will be full of the Lord and be clothed with Him, and will walk in the Power and Might of the Holy Spirit for the works of the Harvest.

John 17 is the full relationship that we will know and walk in this year. We will know the Father, as Jesus did, and be full of Him and the Glory that Jesus knew, and will be poured out for the sake of the Gospel. It is time for the Remnant to be the Body of the Lord in the earth.

Eight of us prayed before the meeting, and the Lord gave us direction for the evening meeting. He showed us 18 angels standing on either side of the bridge. 9 on one side, and nine on the other side facing each other, behind us as we stood. They had their swords drawn and were pointing with their tips over us as we all went through. The Lord said that He was covering us, and was preparing the way for us as we crossed over.

The 9 angels on both sides depicted the 99, or double birthing period that we have entered.

As an act of faith, we were led to form a bridge and pass through it, depicting crossing over from the old ways, and life, and into the new season and purposes of the Lord. The Presence of the Lord was so strong that some of us had to have help getting through. (Including me, grin!!!)

I learned a new dance, everyone lovingly named, the Kangaroo Pogo…..smile!!!

The Lord gave us Isaiah 22:22 and Job 22:22.

The four women and four men who stood to form the bridge represented the 12 tribes that formed four sides around the tent of meeting.

East Lion face Judah Numbers 2:3

West Calf/Ox face Ephraim Numbers 2:18

South Man face Reuben Numbers 2:10

North Eagle face Dan Numbers 2:25

We are now in the time of Dan. (Judgment)

12 men sent forth into the promised land to spy it out. 10 gave an evil report and did not cross over. They did not believe God’s Word of Victory nor believe that He was Big enough to enable them to take their land. They did not know their God, nor walk with Him intimately.

God is looking for the 12 who will now believe in Him and walk in the Power to take their lands and reap the harvest in this generation.

2 Chronicles 16:9

Numbers 13:16 14:6-38

Joshua 1:1-11.

We are that third day generation that will prepare and that will cross over. Church in the old system is over as we know it, for we will cross over and walk in a new way, and will walk in the new government of God.

Union: Father, Son, Jesus, Bride. Four voices that all cry out as one voice in this hour.

Zechariah 11 Period of Judgment/cleansing and leanness coming to the church.

Ezekiel 36: 17-38

John 14:9-21

John 17

Jeremiah 3:14-17

The Lord will have a Holy House and will have a Holy People.

The Lord showed Susan a vision during one of the day sessions in Rochester. She was preparing for the meeting when the Lord showed her a vision of a huge wave heading down the Niagara River. It was a huge red wave that was very tall, almost straight up like a wall. It was heading towards the falls. She heard loud alarms going off and sirens sounding warnings. The men in the vision were running, trying to turn a big wheel of sorts to let open the dam so the wave could go through it, but the Lord washed over them men and there was nothing left when it passed by.

The Lord then said, "This move would not be controlled, or dictated to by men, or channeled, or manipulated, in any way, but it would be all God. He was coming and nothing would stand when He passed by, that was not built by Him."

In another meeting, the angel named Revival Fire came in, and he had on the same bag of golden seeds in a golden pouch that hung from his waist. He walked forwards towards the front of the meeting on a clear cobblestone path. There was light shining up from underneath it as he walked upon it. The angel also had a bucket in his hand. It was full of jewels. He would take a jewel out, and inspect it, and then fling it out. Then he would reach in and take another jewel out, and inspect it, and then fling it out. Then he did this a few more times, then he took the entire bucket and flung the whole bucket out into the room.

The Lord then said, "I have now released the new forerunners who are now being flung out, here and there, into the earth to raise up the laborers for the harvest. For soon the harvest will become a flood, and then I will throw all of my people out into the harvest, for it will be great."

During the Naples, NY Meetings, the Lord showed Susan a vision of an angel there that stood in the rear of the meeting. He had a breastplate upon his breast. It had the 12 jewels representing the tribes placed in it, and was come as the Lord, showing that he had heard their prayers and had come to answer them. This angel stands by the altar where the prayers and incense are offered, and the Lord had seen their trials. The incense began to swirl around the room and the people during the meeting. The Glory Cloud of the Lord filled the room.

Also, a large eagle, who had a body that filled the width of the building was sitting and watching the people, as they came up to commit themselves to the Lord, and to walk with Him fully. The Lord is watching the hearts of the People. He knows if they are serious or not. The fear of the Lord was present and the Holiness of God filled the room.

On March 31st, Susan had a dream. In the dream, she had a vision of the Lord speaking very loudly to her. He said, "Large man walking." Then all of a sudden a huge foot stomped right beside the couch where she slept. It was so huge, that she could not see over it or around it. It was terrifying, as the whole room shook, the house shook, and the earth shook, as the angel walked by her bed. The Lord said then very loudly, "The terror of the Lord is coming."

The Lord showed us that the Fear of the Lord is returning to His House, and that the Remnant is rising up, as one man, in the earth, and will walk IN HIS NAME.

On April 1st, the Lord showed Susan a vision on the way to the Naples Meeting that night.

The Lord showed her the Angel of the Covenant rising up out of the seas. He had the sun shining out from his face. He raised his right hand towards heaven, and swore by Him who sat upon the throne. He said loudly, "That which was, and that which is, and that which is to come, now shall be, and now the Father will be glorified through thee."

The Lord gave us:

Revelations 10

Daniel 12

Malachi 3, 4

That which has been held back and reserved for this generation has now been released. The Book is no longer sealed, but the Father will now reveal to the Remnant what we need to know for the season ahead. We are that generation that will walk in the fullness of the Lord, and in the scriptures that are now being revealed and will now begin to come to pass.

The Lord also showed us that the first time Susan saw the angel who walked by her bed, that it was the same angel. He walked on the land.

Then he came up from the seas in the second vision.

In the scriptures above, he is seen with one foot upon the land and one foot upon the seas.

The Lord showed us that he is no longer standing, but the Lord is now moving in the earth among His People, and He is now bringing all things to pass, and the time is now to be found in HIM. The Lord is coming to a Holy People, who will be a Tent of Meeting to HIM, and a Holy Vessel for which He will pour Himself out of, into the earth, as a witness.

There was a lot more spoken of in the meetings, that we have not notes for, but the Lord was dealing with us the entire three weeks. He wanted many things during these times:

1. He wanted a Holy People. Ones who had fully died to themselves and to their desires, and who only wanted Him.
2. He wanted a people who were totally separated and consecrated for His Use, who cared not for their own vision, but only desired to be of service to the King, for whatever He chose for them.
3. He wanted His People to know Him. To walk in UNION with Him, as Jesus did, and who did what they saw Him do, and spoke what they heard Him say, and who were obedient to Him.
4. He wanted Holiness and Truthfulness in His House. He would no longer listen to unclean lips and see the unclean hands that came before Him.
5. He is coming to those who hunger and thirst for Him, and who love no one else.
6. He is filling those who are totally His, And preparing them for sending forth IN HIS NAME, and who are fully empowered by His Spirit to reap the harvest that is coming.
7. These were not party meetings, but were very deep, repenting meetings. The Presence of the Lord was so strong that many of the nights we were on our faces, and were repenting for our flesh and pride, etc……. God is serious. He will have a HOLY PEOPLE. It will be us, or He will pass us by.

There is no time left. The time is NOW. He is coming into His House fully now.

We will be clean, or we will be judged.

We will be His or we will be satan’s. There is no fence anymore.

The Harvest is ripe before us, and we must be about the masters’ business.

Hopefully these notes give a glimpse of the Lord’s heart from these meetings………

-Susan

Note of Clarification:

The mention of angels, visions, and the dreams in these notes are for clarification purposes. The Lord speaks prophetically to Susan and uses many types dreams and visions to convey his heart to her. The angels who were seen and experienced in these visions are real and are also the Lord’s way of expressing Himself to her. The Lord uses angels as His Messengers. He speaks through them at times, to help us, and to aid our understanding.

We in no wise worship angels nor do we depend upon them fully, as our total allegiance belongs fully to the Lord. It is the Lord who chooses how he will speak to us, when, and in what manner. We are the recipients of these messages, and then we are responsible to walk them out. Every message has scriptural basis and prayerful foundation.

Every person of the Body of Christ will have to walk closely to the Lord in the days ahead. We will need divine wisdom and His Direction for the path in front of each of us. God will show us what we will need to know through His Word, by His Holy Spirit, and give us divine angelic help when needed.

The greatest days are ahead of us. Great darkness, but also great Glory. The Harvest will be a full harvest reaped in terrible times.

Seek the Lord with all of your hearts.

Spearhead
Susan Cummings

“I AM the Spearhead Upon Which You Are Mounted”

I AM the Spearhead upon which you are mounted.

I have told you many times that I have made a way for you where there is no way.

I AM the Way, Child. I AM the Way!

Besides Me, there is no other way known to men, or given unto men. It is I, that have done this.

There is nothing that can stand in My Way.

There is no one that can prevent My Will from being accomplished.

Do not think for one moment that there is anything that refers to you in this situation. There is nothing about you in this at all! It is all about Me! I AM, what is of concern here, and what is going to be seen in it! Everything is going according to My plan and for My Purposes! Know that it is already determined, for I Am have gone before you already.

This situation is for My Glory, and not about yours. It is I, that receives all the Glory, and it will be seen that it has been about Me, all along. You see, My Child, I have been forming Myself within you. I have been shaping Myself, and fitting Myself within you. This process has gone slowly, as you have not understood the process.

Everything about you is known to Me for I formed you. I made you according to My Image. I made this situation exactly for you, knowing it would form you into My Plan and into My Desire for you. Do not struggle under this situation any longer, but rest, for I Am doing a work. My Work.

At this time, My Plan is now unfolding before you. I am opening a way before you. I AM going ahead of you and breaking open the way, and am bringing understanding to you. I Am the Spearhead upon which you are mounted. You will ride upon Me.

Look to Me! Know that it has been Me all along! Stop your depression, and come into My Light, and stand firmly In Me!

You will know that it is Me upon which you rest, and reside from now on.
You will know that I Am, is the one who carries you.
You will know that it is Me that empowers you for service. I AM the power that flows through you!
You will know that it is by My Hand that you will wield My Sword.
You will know that it is by My Hand that you will come and go.

For you will no longer plot your course and plan your path, and make your own decisions. I Am at the helm, and I will bring you along My Way. The day of self made men is over in My House. I AM the one that makes each vessel. I designed you for your specific task, and I know just how to utilize the gifts that I have placed within your vessel.

I will no longer use self made vessels. They will be broken under My feet.

This is a new day. It is My Day! I have taken up residence in My House!

I AM now the Spearhead upon which My People will ride. For this is Me, and I will be seen in the earth again!

I AM coming into the affairs of men in a mighty way. I will be known and known as God. No man will say that he is Mine, and not be Mine anymore. For I will be seen in My Own, and not within defiled vessels anymore! All that claim to be Mine and are not, will be broken before Me and will be trampled by the True, for I have warned long enough!

I have given much time for change.
I have called for transformation.
I have called for fasting and weeping.
I have called for Holiness and Truth.
I have stopped calling.

Now I Am here.

I AM the Spearhead that now breaks in upon the world and is SEEN as the Holy One!

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The Year And The Day
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2004 - The Acceptable Year of the Lord and the Day of Vengeance of Our God

To fully understand this New Era, we have to look back at what He has done over the previous year. It has been a year of purging, healing, breaking, testing, waiting, and all those things that try the souls of men. The purpose of all of this has been to prepare us for that which is ahead. He has shaken every foundation that was built upon sand, and built for us a sure foundation. We have come to the place of trusting Him, and Him alone. Some have lost their jobs, their homes, their 401k's, and everything that meant security to them. Why? Because there are days coming that this generation has never seen, and we will be like Elijah who solely depended upon the supernatural provision of God.

His purpose for everything that has touched our lives can be found in Hosea 6:1-3, 6:1 Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. 2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth. It has been a year of preparing us to live in His sight. Those that have come out of this wilderness experience are now leaning on the arm of the Lord. Knowing that He, and He, alone will provide everything that we need spiritually, physically, emotionally, and financially. And those that have pressed in to Him and have continued to follow Him regardless of the fact that it looked like the midnight hour in their lives, will now experience His renewing, refreshing, and restoration. And in this New Year He is going to restore it all. We are crossing the Jordan and entering the Promised Land, and that is the place where promises are fulfilled. But, to His sorrow, there are those that have chosen not cross the Jordan because it was unfamiliar to them, fear has gripped their souls, and they have chosen the old rather than the new.

Living in His sight means that we are experiencing Him as no other generation ever has. An intimacy with God that in the past people have only dreamed of. But, we are THE chosen generation. We are the generation that has sought Him with all of our being, we have followed hard after Him, and not sought His hand. And we have captured His heart, and He has captured ours. And this intimacy with the Living God has produced in our beings anointing, and power that flows directly from His throne, and it will change not only our lives, but also the world. Signs and wonders that the world has never seen before, nor have we, and the masses will come to experience Him through His people. In this New Year people will come up and say, “Let me go with you to the house of your God.” Not because of us, but because of His manifested presence in our lives.

Isaiah 61, which it one of the key scriptures for 2004, because it very clearly states the anointing that His people will walk in. There is a progression in this scripture. First the anointing, His manifested presence in us. We will preach good tidings unto the meek. This speaks of those that are depressed, oppressed and wounded. These are those, which have been trodden down by the current religious system that rejects, manipulates, and controls the people of God. Second, we will bind up their broken hearts, and show them the reality of a true relationship with the Living God. Third, after their wounds have been bound up then we can proclaim liberty to the captives. Finally, then the anointing will open the prison doors to them that are bound, and what has bound them are the wounds that they received in the House of God.

“To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn: to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.” There is mourning, and sadness in the church today because of the oppression by the leaders. But, in this New Year, God will sit down, and He will raise up. There are those that have been hidden away and God has prepared them to come to the forefront, and establish His Kingdom in the earth, even the church of Jesus Christ. The anointing will bring restoration to all that mourn and have ashes upon their heads because of the religious system that has heaped coals upon them, and caused them to be in bondage to the enemy.. This anointing will bring joy and praise into their lives. Why? So that they might be called the “trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord that He might be glorified. Their wounded ness has caused them to mourn and be depressed. Under the old religious system they could not be called trees of righteousness the planting of the Lord because they were in bondage to man and his wisdom, which was totally carnal. Men that only wanted to use God’s people as a means of procuring money and building their own kingdom. Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty and freedom, and this New Year will bring the revelation of the freedom that God has for His people. The line between the religious and the anointed has been drawn. There will be no question as to who is walking in the anointing, and who is not.

“And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.” God’s people that are walking in the new anointing will restore the damage that the religious system has wrought in the earth. There will be Nehemiah’s that will build and restore. That will be their calling to build again that which the religious system has destroyed. The law will become honorable again.

“And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.” And these will be ordinary people, not known in religious circles of today that God will be forth in this New Year. Suddenly great moves and works of God will come forth and no one will recognize the names of those that have started these movements. They are the foolish that will confound the wise, they are the hidden ones, and they will be the fore runners that He is going to reveal, as He brings down the haughty and raises up the humble.

“But ye shall be named the Priest of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.” Glory to God forevermore! What has all the preparation been for? It has been to take us from faith to faith and glory to glory, and to cause us to rise up to be a Royal Priesthood, even Ministers of our God. And we will be the Priests that minister before His throne day and night. Serving Him with all of our beings, totally devoted to Him, cleansed, purified, and fit to stand in the presence of a Holy God, and to be His emissaries in the earth.

There has been much shame in the stripping and the breaking that God has done, but the promise here is that He will restore even a double portion of all that was lost. “…in their land they shall possess the double…” Walking in destiny and calling possessing the spiritual land that He has promised. Filled with provision for the work that He has ordained.

“ For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering: and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the peoples: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed.” It is wisdom and revelation that brings forth truth, and He is pouring out that spirit upon His people. In this New Year, the secrets and mysteries of His Kingdom will be revealed even truth that has never been revealed but it will be to this generation. And these truths will direct the work that God has ordained in the earth.

In this next year we will see a move of the Holy Spirit through our children, both natural and spiritual.

The anointing will run from the head down unto the Body. Unlike the generation that is passing away that wanted the anointing only for themselves so that they could dominate and control. We will see God use our children in signs and wonders. The gifts will flow through them. We will see small children prophesy, lay hands on the sick and they will recover, they will have dreams and visions. There will be a prophetic anointing on them that has been on no other generation. Teenagers that will go to the mall lay hands on others, and they will fall out under the power of God. “And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the peoples: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed.”

And we will say as Isaiah did, “I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall be joyful in My God: for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring for the before all the nations.”

In this New Year the Bride will mature in her relationship with her King. As the marriage is consummated, and she becomes one with Him, she will begin the journey of ruling and reigning with Him. But, it will only be the beginning of the journey, as there is still maturing that must happen in her heart. The consummation of their union will bring forth into the earth a Holy seed, whose lives will be holy and acceptable to a Holy God. She will become to Him a helpmate suitable, completing Him in the earth. She will begin to bear children for Him. She has been prepared to feed and nurture them and raise them up in His ways.

In this New Year God will begin to reveal those that have touched His Throne. Those whose lives have been prepared to touch the seat of His authority and power. They will walk in a power and authority that our generation has never seen. They will walk in the same anointing and power that Jesus, Elijah, Elisha, the disciples and apostles of the early church knew. It is a power and authority that has been delegated to them from the Throne of God, and bestowed upon them by the Creator of heaven and earth. He will bid them come and touch His Throne, and to these He will impart this power and authority. It will not be a matter of confessing that we have all power and authority in Jesus name, but it will be an impartation from God Himself.

There is such a transition-taking place in the Spirit, and in the lives of God’s people that they are in unchartered waters. He is taking them into realms of His Spirit where man has never been before. The things that they are seeing and hearing so unfamiliar, and even contrary to that which they previously seen and heard. He is unveiling the hearts and eyes of His people to see into the expanse of heaven, it’s government, and workings. His word is going to be opened up, in the realm of the Spirit, which will bring a whole new wave of revelation of heavenly things to this natural realm.

This New Year will be a year of revelation being released that will cause a maturing in His Body, and a transition. A higher revelation of the relationship with the Father, as God. The God of the universe. The maker of heaven and earth. We call Him Mighty God, but He is going to open our spirits to a higher level of that phrase. We are going to know Him, still as Father, but much more.

Those are some of the things that will happen to the righteous in this New Year, which for the righteous will be the Acceptable Year of the Lord. Now, the other side, which is the Day of Vengeance of Our God. It will be a year when we will both see awesome things, and awful things. But before we discuss some of these things we need to look at Psalms 91.

Psalms 91: 1-16, “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God: in him will I trust. Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shall thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night: nor for the arrow that flieth by day: Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh three. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked."

If we have learned to live in His presence, to dwell in the secret place, then we shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty, which means that we will be totally under His protection. There will be pestilence, famine, terror, tribulation, and destruction. But, a thousand shall fall by our side, and ten thousand at our right hand, but it will not touch us. Those that have entered into this place with God could have been in Iran the day that He opened up the earth and it swallowed up more than 40,000 people, and the ground on which they stood would have been solid, and unmovable. In this place with Him there is nothing that can harm one hair of our head. This is the reason that He has wooed, called, and compelled us to this depth of intimacy with Him. Because this coming year we will see with our eyes the judgment of the wicked. We will see the destruction that wasteth at noonday, but we will not be shaken, moved, nor harmed by anything that goes on around us. We will have sure footing even as the earth reels to and fro like a drunk man.. A thousand will fall by our side, and ten thousand at our right hand, but it will not touch us.

"Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, thy habitation: There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion, and the dragon shall thou trample under feet. Because He hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation."

In this New Year the only place of safety from all that is going to befall the wicked will be under the Shadow of the Almighty. It rains on the just and the unjust, but there is a place of safety and deliverance in Him. This is also a prerequisite for Him giving His angels charge over us. And those that have set their love for Him and Him alone, He will deliver us. Those that have found this place of making Him their habitation, He will protect them, deliver them, be with them in time of trouble, but much more. He will set them on high, because they have known His name. They will call and He will answer. He will even honor these. These are those that have found favor with God and with man, and they are highly esteemed…"and He will deliver and honor him."

In this year we will see unusual weather, earthquakes in divers places, and disasters all over the world, even in our country. We will see the rich resources of the earth begin to diminish. We will see the economy rise, and fall, rise and fall, rise and fall like a roller coaster. But God will transfer the wealth that He has laid up that belonged to the wicked to the righteous, and His people will become refuges for those that will loose everything. There will nothing stable in the days ahead. We will see the demise of the apostate church, and the rise of the Church of Jesus Christ. We will see rain withheld so that there is not even water to drink in some parts of the world.. We will see rulers, kings, heads of countries and governments be overthrown by the Living God. We will see famine, pestilence and plagues all over the world. We will see nations that are crying out to their dead gods, falling on their knees and confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord. We will see sickness, and disease that can only be destroyed by the healing hand of our God.

But the righteous will see His Glory, and will be His hand extended in the earth. Whatever comes, and whatever happens, if we dwell in the secret place, and abide under the Shadow of the Almighty, and make Him our habitation. Not one hair on our head will be harmed.

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Visionaries -- Sons And Daughters Of The Morning
Ah, I love it saith the Lord God when My people come to the end of themselves. I love it when My people have done all that they could do, and are standing. And these have stood, and stood, and stood, and have not given into the lies of the enemy but have grasped My word and My promises in their hands and have not turned loose.

And for these the season of reaping has come. My promises, which I have spoken to their hearts, and that they have held ever so close to their bosom will now even overtake them. They have foreseen their destiny and have grasped it in the realm of the spirit, and now it will manifest in the earth. Destiny cannot be fulfilled without divine intervention and divine provision. Everything that is needed for My people to fulfill the work that I have called them to do will be provided. Even I will provide all their needs according to My riches in Glory.

And I will divinely connect these sons and daughters of the morning with those that will be joined to them. They will not strive, as the past generation has to try to cause My destiny to be fulfilled in their lives. They will not gather to themselves those that they think should be joined to them, but I will divinely put like hearts together. I will build their destiny in every aspect, for only that which I build in this new day which has dawned, will stand and will last. The days of man’s building and striving to create that which only can be created by the Living God has come to an end.

I will build through visions and dreams. I will show the sons and daughters of the morning step by step what is to be done, and I will meet them at each new step. And I will provide whatever they need to enter into the next phase of their destiny. Line upon line, and percept upon percept, provision upon provision.

Oh, saith the Lord God, I am raising up visionaries. Those that will see into the future, like My servant David. I gave unto him the intricate details of the building of the Temple and gave Him instruction on how it was to be built, by whom, and where the resources would come from. Because I have raised up a generation that has sought My face, and that hears My voice, they will be like David. There will be many visionaries among the sons and daughters of the morning. Some will be called to see, others will be called to build, and still others will be called to provide the resources.

In this new season, I am fitly joining together those in My Body that will work hand in hand, each knowing their destiny and how it compliments the destiny of others. And they will take hands, and build a wall that cannot be destroyed. They will take hands, and My Kingdom will come into the earth through these. They will take hands and the works of the flesh and the works of the enemy will come to naught.

In the past My people have perished for lack of a vision but it will not be so for the sons and daughters of the morning. That which they have seen, I have gone before and made a way for them, so that the vision of destiny becomes a reality. But, not by their own hands, but by the hand of an all seeing, all knowing God. I have already put into motion all that they need for the fulfillment of their destiny. I have brought them to a place of total dependence upon Me, they seek no means of their own, and they seek no man’s hand. They have learned to wait upon Me. They have learned that I will meet them at every turn or curve in the road. They have learned that it is I, and I alone, that hold all the keys to the fulfillment to destiny.

And I have given to them keys. And each key unlocks a new door. I have given them wisdom on which key to use, and which door to unlock before entering a new door. I have given to these sons and daughters of the morning the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, and they will cause things to be on earth as they are in heaven.

Oh the sons and daughters of the morning are visionaries. They see in the spirit, and they will step out on what they see, and I will meet them there. After what they have first seen has been established, then they will use the key to unlock the next door. They will cross over the threshold, and I will meet them there. Their destiny’s will be fulfilled one step at a time, one door at a time, and I will meet them at each step with the provision for the next step.

My, My, My, saith the Lord God, the plan is unfolding. The visionaries have seen. I have made provision and the destiny of the sons and daughters of the morning are going to manifest in the earth. No more waiting, no more longing, for the new day has dawned and no longer will the vision tarry, saith the Lord God.

Unforgiveness and Other Barriers to Compassion

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"What then shall we say: Is God unjust? Not at all! For he says to Moses, 'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.' It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy." Romans 9:14-16

In today's study I would like to examine some of the things that might prevent us from being compassionate, and, in acknowledging them, we will discover how to overcome the things that hold us back from moving in God's mercy. These may include such obstructions as unwillingness, unbelief, fear of failure, and weariness.

JESUS HEALS THE MAN WITH LEPROSY

"When he came down from the mountainside, large crowds followed him. A man with leprosy came and knelt before him and said, 'Lord, if you are willing, you can make me clean.' Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. 'I am willing,' he said. 'Be clean!' Immediately he was cured of his leprosy. Then Jesus said to him, 'See that you don't tell anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." Matthew 8:1-4

Jesus clearly demonstrates through His loving compassion to the leper that He is (1) WILLING to heal, (2) ABLE to heal, (3) and the result of Christ's compassion is a healing miracle!

If we will only see and believe the fundamental truth in these three points from Scripture, we can lay our unbelief, fear of failure, and weariness at the feet of Christ and trust that Jesus is the healer and that HIS COMPASSION IS ALWAYS EFFECTIVE AND ETERNALLY PRESENT. What a liberating thought! We are not to strive to produce compassion. We simply position ourselves in the mercy of God and, by faith, surrender as His power and miracles flow to those in need.

PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

"Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go.

"'But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened.

"'Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailor to be tortured,

until he should pay back all he owed.

"'This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.'" Matthew 18:21-35

These are strong and striking words from Christ, which should impel us to examine our hearts honestly before the Lord and allow him to search us for any trace of unforgiveness. Unforgiveness chokes the breath of God in us. It binds us spiritually and we will not be able to move in God's compassion if we are thus ensnared. If we hold unforgiveness in our hearts towards another, we will not seek Father's heart for that individual and, in so doing, we demonstrate unwillingness and unbelief. Jesus wants us to receive compassion and He also wishes to teach us to show compassion to others without pride or prejudice. If your heart is hard today, allow Jesus to minister His grace to you and repent for your unforgiveness.

Compassion is God's manna in this hour to the church. A heavenly feast of the Bread of Heaven, upon which our thirsty souls may feed and be satisfied and through which we might serve others: **"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble." 1 Peter 3:8**

WHO DID JESUS SHOW COMPASSION TO?

Jesus shows compassion to the sick, the afflicted, the wounded, the weary, the lost, the broken hearted, the bereaved, the poor, the starving (physically, spiritually, emotionally), the prodigals, the sinners (those in need of salvation), the lonely, the persecuted, the devastated, all those in need, the hurting, the abused, the marginalized, the harassed, the helpless, those needing deliverance...the list is endless. His compassion resulted in many miracles: healing, comfort, provision, salvation, deliverance, and resurrections to name but a few. The blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the prodigals return home, the hungry are fed, the dead are raised - Christ's compassion transforms lives and communities in astonishing, undeniable ways.

COMPASSION: LEADS TO ACTION = LOVE & TRUTH

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity (compassion) on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:17,18

Our challenge today is to respond to Christ's compassion in our daily walk with Him; to be open and willing vessels through which our Master may pour out His miracle-working power and compassion. May we know a fresh wave of grace on our lives today to believe that Jesus entrusts this wonderful gift to us, His bride, and may we be ever faithful in our stewardship of His mercy and compassion.

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Un-veiled Eyes

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Un-veiled Eyes, Beholding His Glory, and Transfiguration Experiences!!

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2 Cor 3:18 declares that "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The word that is translated "face" literally means "the face so far forth as it is the organ of sight". We must have unveiled sight so that we may behold the Lord in His Glory resulting in a transformation into the very image of Christ. That word "transformation" here is "metamorpho" in the Greek which is used only 4 times in Scripture and in two of those 4 instances it refers directly to the event of Jesus' Transfiguration on the mount. Now that is "transformation"!! That is what Christ has in mind for us as we behold His glory!! A transformation so complete that we emanate the Glory and very Image of the Lord in our lives like Jesus did of the Father on the mount! Oh come on Jesus! Yes!!!!!!!!!

In context, this chapter teaches us that the veil is removed at our new birth. Amen. How many can remember the experience of your first days, months and perhaps years in Christ? Truly the veil was lifted and it was if everything you saw, smelled, tasted, touched and experienced was alive with the presence and fingerprints of God. The revelation of Jesus was every where you looked. His presence was so near and sweet that you could weather any storm, tackle any mountain, and overcome any challenge. Seeing Him was so natural and awe inspiring that from one encounter to the next (from Glory to Glory) nothing but expectation gripped your heart and through this process you were being changed into His image. Oh for the days when we had little "knowledge" and "experience" but a whole lot of God! We couldn't explain church doctrine but we sure could reveal Jesus! We were regular (and more than likely, some what unwitting partakers) of Zoë Life and we were being changed as we beheld Him. We couldn't explain how but we knew it was wonderful! So much change happens so quickly for the new believer. I've been pondering why? The answer, I believe, is unveiled eyes beholding the glory...thereby being transformed into His image!

As time goes on something happens. We all experience some form of pain, disappointment, hurt, betrayal, hope differed, misunderstanding, unsound teaching, stubbornness, pride, guilt, shame, etc. and something slowly begins to happens to our eyes. With each _____________ (fill in the blank with the "wrong" as it pertained to you) our incomplete (incomplete defined for now as "wrong founded") response to the wounding causes a re-veiling to begin to slowly and steadily take place. At first its hardly noticeable. Then, one injury, mistake, or issue that is not dealt with leads to another and our continued incomplete response bring us to a place that without even realizing it, a veil slowly begins obstructing our "eyes". The result is an impeded ability to see His Glory and thereby be metamorpho (transformed and transfigured) into His very image. Most of this veil issue is tied to the "incomplete" response. Let me explain.

As I have been having this incredible journey of revelation from the Lord as of late He has pointed out to me with stunning clarity that ANY RESPONSE OR ACTION that does not flow from the foundation of Love, Forgiveness and Rest is to respond incompletely and circumvents the full work of the Spirit in our life and in the situation. Furthermore, you can't just respond to the given situation with one, or two of the three, it must flow from all three!! There is so much more to go into regarding these Three Mandates but for now let me just lay the foundation of what I've received from our Lover King, Jesus.

So the question remains what is re-veiling our eyes in any way that keeps us from seeing His Glory unobstructed(come on Lord!), thereby being transformed (transfigured into His likeness!!)?? I now believe that anything that you will eventually discover in your life as the Spirit puts His finger on it will be tied to all three of the following "foundational mandates" in some way. These are not necessarily in order of importance and they are all inextricably linked to one another and yet they are being Highlighted by the Holy Spirit in very distinct ways.

1. Love. We must love God and His people as our top priority in life. Love must be the foundation from which all things in our life flow. To the degree that we are still motivated by ANY other desire than love, to the same degree our eyes are suffering from a veil. Gal 5:6 says that ".....the only thing that counts, is faith expressing itself through love". Any time the Bible says a phrase like "the only thing that counts" we really must pay attention!! THE ONLY THING THAT COUNTS IN OUR LIVES IS FAITH EXPRESSING ITSELF THROUGH LOVE. Filter all that you do and all that you say through this filter. If it can not pass through it then you must pray that God will help you either adjust your motivation so that it does line up or, for most of us, He calling for whatever it is to die, go away, cease to exist! He has something better and rightly founded in mind! Read the entire chapter of Ephesians 3 over and over and get it into your Spirit. For now consider the following Scriptures:

Ephesians 3:16-19 says: "16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- 19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (sounds like 2 Cor 3:18 transfiguration experience to me!!!)

2. Forgiveness. Two fold. First at it relates to wrongs done to us or mistakes that we make. (Forgiving others and forgiving ourselves). The scripture is clear in Matthew 6:14-15 that "14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. Forgiveness is God's power and pathway to reconcile first God to man and secondly man to each other. It also includes the reconciling of the truth in ourselves we release our self from the self imposed prisons of self-condemnation and shame for mistakes that we have made. Without the forgiveness that comes through the cross of Christ we are lost. We have no choice but live and offer forgiveness 70x7. The second part of the Forgiveness equation, and I believe just as important to the act of forgiveness as it relates to us personally, is becoming an ambassador of forgiveness thereby releasing the power of the Cross wherever you go. In John chapter 20 we have a most interesting insight on the Great Commission as Jesus revealed it to the Disciples. Consider the following in John 20:21-23 it says "21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." As He was sent so now are you and I sent. True forgiveness is a gift from Jesus and in this passage above we see the Lord imparting this wonderful gift to His own. He directly tied the "receiving" of the Holy Spirit with a commission and responsibility to Forgive. Releasing forgiveness from our place of authority is one the keys to fulfilling the Great Commission and is an integral part of the Gospel of the Kingdom. Forgiveness goes beyond salvation to the supernatural place of reconciliation and restoration of not only man to God but of the Heavens, the earth and what's under the earth, seen and unseen, and all that they contain to God and His authority. Begin to release forgiveness from your place of authority and the power of God will be released in and around your life in ways we've never dreamed. I have never heard of anyone praying for this wonderful gift because the price that comes with it is great to be sure! But if we are to be a part of what God is doing in these days and your desire is to preach the "Gospel of the Kingdom" then we will take the above scripture to heart and ask the Lord to help us understand the true power of Forgiveness the way He designed it. There is much to still be uncovered here but this will start us off for now! To the degree that we are not being motivated by the release of genuine

forgiveness as we discussed above, to the same degree our eyes are suffering from a veil

3. Rest! Hebrews 4:1-3a;9-10;16 "1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. 3 For we who have believed do enter that rest...9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His...16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Often when we think of the verse 16 we think of coming boldly to the throne for mercy for any need that we have, and we should, as I believe that Christ provided for that. In context however, that is not what this verse is directly speaking to. In context this verse refers directly to obtaining mercy and help in our time of need as it pertains to entering into this promise of rest. God is so serious about us entering His promised rest that He made sure we were clear that we had throne room access for help "lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience." Rest is the fulfillment of Trust and the consummation of the "Peace that passes understanding" taking full root in our lives bearing the fruit of rest which comes to us through God's Love and His desire to have a what I now call a Living Sabbath where He can rest. Let me be clear that I am in no way referring to any form of keeping the law, but rather drawing Trust is a verb form of Faith and Rest is one the realities that He has called us to as a result of His Love for His people. To the degree that we are not entering into this reality of rest, to the same degree our eyes are suffering from a veil. Remember, the "only thing that matters is faith, expressing itself through love". Jesus is our source of Love, Forgiveness, and Rest.

I won't say much more about this issue right now but there is something profound to be realized in this issue of entering His rest and how that relates to, in principal, the Sabbath as the day that God rested (settled down and permeated) on. For now I would encourage you to read this article by Francis Frangipane which can be found here http://www.faithwalking.com/poems/aplaceforhimtorest.htm (I have no connection the website its simply a place to find the article).

P.S. I have recently spoken a message on the Three Mandates that Lord anointed very powerfully and is using to effect people lives. We would be glad to send anyone a CD copy of it if you desire to go deeper into these things. Just send us an email at hiddenservant@yahoo.com and we will get them out, free of charge, as quickly as we can.

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Unless I Wash Your Feet

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Unless I Wash Your Feet You Have No Part With Me
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Jesus washed the feet of the disciples as an example of what they needed to do for one another. He told them they were clean and needed to only wash the feet of their comrades. The armor of God as told by Paul calls for being shod with the Gospel of Peace. The feet come in direct contact with the earth. In like manner the gospel comes into direct contact with the earthiness of man. It must be pure and clean to keep our walk clear before God. We walk with our feet shod with the Gospel of Peace.

Eph 6:15-16 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. NIV

John 13:1-4 13:1 It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love.

2 The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. 3 Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; 4 so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. NIV

John 13:5-8 5 After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

7 Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

8 "No," said Peter, "you shall never wash my feet."

Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no part with me." NIV

John 13:9-11 9 "Then, Lord," Simon Peter replied, "not just my feet but my hands and my head as well!"

10 Jesus answered, "A person who has had a bath needs only to wash his feet; his whole body is clean. And you are clean, though not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was going to betray him, and that was why he said not every one was clean. NIV

John 13:12-17 12 When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. 13 "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. 14 Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. 15 I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. 16 I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. NIV

The second part of this lesson is that we are to do as He did. We are to wash the feet of one another by readying each other with the Gospel as we face the temptations of flesh, pride and the devil.

Eph 6:15-16 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. NIV

In His Abundant Love,
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A WORD , A WARNING & A PRAYER FOR HIS PEOPLE IN UKRAINE by
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The Lord has been leading me to pray that the current dispute over the election results in the Ukraine will NOT be resolved through violence .

But Yeshua said to him , "Put your sword in its place , for all who take the sword will perish by the sword . "- Matthew 26:52

"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood , but against principalities , against powers , against the rulers of the darkness of this age , against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places . " - Ephesians 6:12 .

The current conflict concerning the disputed election in the Ukraine will be resolved if believers there take it to the streets right now with HIGH PRAISE to the Mighty God of Israel !!!

NOW IS THE TIME FOR HIGH PRAISE IN THE UKRAINE !

"Let the high praises of God be in their mouth ,
And a two-edged sword in their hand ,
To execute vengeance on the nations ,
And punishments on the peoples ;
To bind their kings with chains ,
And their nobles with fetters of iron ;
To execute on them the written judgement -
This honor have all His saints .
Praise the Lord !" - Psalm 149:6-9 .

A Prayer For Ukraine For Praise & A Greater Harvest Right Now !

"Let all the peoples praise You , O God ;
Let all the peoples praise you .
Oh let the nations be glad and sing for joy !
For You shall judge the people righteously ,
And govern the nations on earth .
Let the peoples praise You O God ;
Let all the peoples praise You .
Then the earth shall yield her increase ;
God , our own God , shall bless us ."
- Psalm 67:3-6 .

Brothers & sisters , let us join with our brethren in the Ukraine for a peaceful end to the dispute over the election results and an even greater harvest through it ! Amen !

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Unclaimed Mantles

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Vision - I approached a door with a large doorknob. As I opened the door and looked inside I saw racks of coats. There were even a few thrown haphazardly over the top of the rack. I enquired of the Lord and heard Him say, "These are unclaimed mantles".

As I have offered the mantles of times gone by to My beloved of this day and hour, many have not felt worthy to receive. Some have asked, "Why Me Lord?" Well, why not you My beloved remnant bride, for you have walked through the fire, you have walked through the flood and you have walked through testing and trials. You have come out proven, tried and tested and it is time to array yourself now for destiny. As the angels have been commissioned from My Throne Room to take forth the mantles and offer them to my warriors of the final hour, be careful not to reject what I deem rightfully yours. Receive the mantle with grace, for as you wear these various cloaks you shall be strengthened, empowered and enabled to do My bidding as the final curtain draws to a close. Always remember it is only because of My Son that you are worthy, for He empowers you and lifts you up and strengthens you day by day as you walk yoked together with Him.

Stephen was cloaked in a mantle of grace and glory as he lifted his face to heaven in those final moments as his spirit departed from the earthly realm. Throughout the ages My bold warriors and martyrs have been encompassed with a cloak and a crown unseen by the natural eye but very real to the spirit realm. You are called and commissioned for a mighty work. Do not delay but follow Me! Follow Me! Follow Me! Be clothed in my humility, my righteousness, My peace. My grace and glory have been extended and My mantle of love to some. Know the way that I have called, I have chosen, walk in it. Let your Yes be Yes, and your No be No. Do not halt! Do not falter! Do not hesitate! Be sure and swift, walk forward with Me. Do not look to the left or the right but look straight ahead for My light is getting brighter. I take you forward on this pilgrims journey covered and arrayed in My glorious splendor for now and throughout eternity.

Matthew 11:29-30 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

Psalm 84:11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

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U.S. War Against Terrorists
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U.S. War Against Terrorists Goes Back To Founding Fathers

Most Americans probably think the Islamic terrorists declared war on the United States Sept. 11, 2001. Actually, it started a long time before - right from the birth of the nation. In 1784, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams and Benjamin Franklin were commissioned by the first Congress to assemble in Paris to see about marketing U.S. products in Europe. Jefferson quickly surmised that the biggest challenge facing U.S. merchant ships were those referred to euphemistically as "Barbary pirates."

They weren't "pirates" at all, in the traditional sense, Jefferson noticed. They didn't drink and chase women and they really weren't out to strike it rich. Instead, their motivation was strictly religious. They bought and sold slaves, to be sure. They looted ships. But they used their booty to buy guns, ships, cannon and ammunition. Like those we call "terrorists" today, they saw themselves engaged in jihad and called themselves "mujahiddin."

Why did these 18th-century terrorists represent such a grave threat to U.S. merchant ships? With independence from Great Britain, the former colonists lost the protection of the greatest navy in the world. The U.S. had no navy - not a single warship. Jefferson inquired of his European hosts how they dealt with the problem. He was stunned to find out that France and England both paid tribute to the fiends - who would, in turn, use the money to expand their own armada, buy more weaponry, hijack more commercial ships, enslave more innocent civilians and demand greater ransom. This didn't make sense to Jefferson. He recognized the purchase of peace from the Muslims only worked temporarily. They would always find an excuse to break an agreement, blame the Europeans and demand higher tribute.

After three months researching the history of militant Islam, he came up with a very different policy to deal with the terrorists. But he didn't get to implement until years later. As the first secretary of state, Jefferson urged the building of a navy to rescue American hostages held in North Africa and to deter future attacks on U.S. ships. In 1792, he commissioned John Paul Jones to go to Algiers under the guise of diplomatic negotiations, but with the real intent of sizing up a future target of a naval attack.

Jefferson was ready to retire a year later when what could only be described as "America's first Sept. 11" happened. America was struck with its first mega-terror attack by jihadists. In the fall of 1793, the Algerians seized 11 U.S. merchant ships and enslaved more than 100 Americans. When word of the attack reached New York, the stock market crashed. Voyages were canceled in every major port. Seamen were thrown out of work. Ship suppliers went out of business. What Sept. 11 did to the U.S. economy in 2001, the mass shipjacking of 1793 did to the fledgling U.S. economy in that year.

Accordingly, it took the U.S. Congress only four months to decide to build a fleet of warships. But even then, Congress didn't choose war, as Jefferson prescribed. Instead, while building what would become the U.S. Navy, Congress sent diplomats to reason with the Algerians. The U.S. ended up paying close to $1 million and giving the pasha of Algiers a new warship, "The Crescent," to win release of 85 surviving American hostages.

It wasn't until 1801, under the presidency of Jefferson, that the U.S. engaged in what became a four-year war against Tripoli. And it wasn't until 1830, when France occupied Algiers, and later Tunisia and Morocco, that the terrorism on the high seas finally ended. France didn't leave North Africa until 1962 - and it quickly became a major base of terrorism once again.

What's the moral of the story? Appeasement never works. Jefferson saw it. Sept. 11 was hardly the beginning. The war in which we fight today is the longest conflict in human history. It's time to learn from history, not repeat its mistakes.

PRAYER | INTERCESSION: It is impossible to imagine the burden President Bush is carrying right now. He needs to be prayed for daily. Lord, we praise and thank You that our President is a man of public faith and commitment to Jesus Christ. We pray that he will continue to seek Your wisdom and counsel in all his actions on behalf of this country and in his personal and private life. (Psalm 89:21) Let our President not rely solely upon the strength of our nation's weapons and intelligence, but first turn to You, Lord, the source of all wisdom and strength. God, bless our Commander in Chief and the tens of thousands of United States troops and our allies who are putting their lives on the line to defeat the jihadists. May they inspire us all to stand strong.

Follow Those Who Follow Christ
Francis Frangipane

"Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ." Philippians 3:17-18

Paul faced a major problem in the first century: many deceivers had crept into the Christian church. The apostle said these false leaders were enemies of the cross of Christ. Paul warned the Philippians to recognize the differences between a true man of God and a false teacher or prophet. Without any sense of false humility, Paul declared that both his vision and his attitude toward attaining it were examples for us to follow.

The context in which Paul wrote describes both his self-righteousness before he found Christ and his utter abandonment of fleshly confidence afterward. We will study these verses carefully. For in an age of increasing deception and distractions, we find a standard that will keep us aimed at the fullness of Christ's Presence.

"Beware of the Dogs"

Paul started this third chapter of Philippians with a caution. He said, "Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the false circumcision" (Phil. 3:2).

There were three types of false teachers Paul warned about. The first group he referred to as "the dogs." The phrase, "beware of the dog(s)" is still used today. It means there is a vicious animal here. Additionally, most of the dogs of Paul's day were scavengers. In the first century, one could find dozens of dogs eating off the rubbish heaps outside cities; their faces would be bent downward as their muzzles turned up garbage.

Today's church has similar people: fault-finders - people without real faith or love who continually feed upon the garbage and failures of the human condition. Paul's warning holds true today: Beware of those who whisper sarcasms to you, who are continually discovering what is wrong with others! If you listen to them, you will become like them: their words will rob you of vision, leave you without joy, and drain you of your energy.

There are others in this category who cannot accept God's promises of a glorified church at the end of the age. The idea of unity among Christians angers them. In spite of their criticisms, the expectation of a special time of glory at the end of the age was the apostolic viewpoint (2 Cor 3:18; Rev 19:7-8; Isaiah 60:1-3). Yet, lest we miss the great day of the Lord, let us also heed Paul's warning to "beware of the dogs."

Paul also warned against the evil workers. These are harder to discern than the "dogs," but he describes them briefly in the first chapter. They proclaim Christ from "envy...strife...selfish ambition" rather than out of love (Phil. 1:15-17). "Beware," Paul said, of those who preach Christ to build their own kingdoms, whose ministries are motivated by ambition. James adds, "For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing" (James 3:16). In our nation, this has been a serious problem in the church. May God help us all to preach Christ purely from a heart of love!

The third warning was aimed against the "false circumcision" (Phil. 3:2). These were the Jewish Christians who, when they were saved, tried to make Christianity an extension of Judaism. This last teaching was the most dangerous because it seemed the most plausible. The essence of this error was that Christ's atonement was not enough for salvation; you also had to keep the whole system of Mosaic Laws. Paul wrote the next fourteen verses to refute these legalists, as well as to give the church a clear example of what it means to be an authentic Christian. He began his correction stating, "For we are the true circumcision, who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh" (Phil. 3:3).

Paul explains that, when it came to the righteousness in the Law, he had been blameless. After presenting all the things of which his flesh could boast - born of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews, a Pharisee, and a persecutor of the church - Paul then states, "But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ" (Phil. 3:7).

In the apostolic definition of Christianity, truth is found in knowing Jesus. We do not keep the Law - we keep Jesus. Without violating the spirit of the Law, if we truly keep Jesus, we will go far beyond the righteousness of the Law.

Paul said he counted "all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (v. 8). Everything Paul may have been in his flesh he considered as religious rubbish in order that he might gain Christ.

Christ was more than the Law-giver. He was the Faith-giver, Love-giver, Life-giver, Power-giver, and Health-giver as well.

Paul went on, "that I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection" (v. 10) If we say we know Him but do not know the power that raised Jesus from the grave, we really do not know Him as He is. In Acts, Peter proclaimed that it was impossible for death to hold Jesus (Acts 2:31). Hebrews tells us that Christ was raised as a priest by virtue of an "indestructible life" (Heb. 7:16). To be intimately acquainted with Christ's resurrection life as a source of our life is to know one side of Christ's nature.

Paul also embraced "the fellowship of [Christ's] sufferings, being conformed to His death" (Phil. 3:10). The knowledge of Christ's power is accessible only through conformity to His death; resurrection is attained through crucifixion. No one will enter the fullness of Christ's Presence without carrying the cross to get there. It is self which occupies the heart, denying Christ's entrance into our lives. Without the cross, self becomes an idol in the temple of God.

Participation in Christ's sufferings is part of knowing Christ. Paul did not embrace death in a morbid surrender to destruction; He embraced Christ's death, the death to self. It is this surrender to God's will which manifests the Presence of Christ within us. It forgives those who have "crucified" us - a sacrifice of love, not merely self-denial.

In knowing Christ, Paul hungered to know both aspects of Christ: His sufferings and His resurrection. Hunger to know Jesus is the core reality of what it means to be a true Christian.

Paul continued, "Not that I have already...become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:12). Keep this thought in mind: This was an apostle who was pressing on! This was a mature Christian who was reaching forward.

Paul said, "One thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14). What did Paul choose to "forget"? He put aside the wounds, the offenses, and the pains of yesterday that he might be fully given toward the upward call of God in Christ.

As long as we are continually remembering the past, we cannot leave it. We disqualify ourselves from embracing the future God has for us!

The prize in true Christianity is to attain the glory of God. To obtain that prize is worth letting go of everything else. Those who would have you passively sit back with a false security are blind to the goal, the prize, the upward call of God into which Paul himself was pressing.

Many teachers will come and go throughout your life. As you seek guidance, remember Paul's warnings: never follow anyone who is not himself pressing toward the prize of Christ Jesus! You can pray for them, stand with them, and encourage them. But if they are not going where you are going, do not follow them!

Paul went on, "As many as are perfect, have this attitude" (Phil. 3:15). It was in this context that Paul said, "Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us" (v. 17). Of course, the first and final pattern for our lives is Jesus Christ. Yet, Paul was the pattern of one in pursuit of the Perfect Pattern.

In this world of illusions, deceptions and seductions, let us beware of those who are like dogs, always focused upon the refuse of life. Let us flee from the evil workers who are full of envy and ambition. Let us not yield to the legalists who put a standard of righteousness before us other than Christ.

Paul tells us that these all are "enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction" (v. 18-19). Let us, instead, run toward Christlikeness. Like Paul, let us press toward the glorious prize: laying hold of Christ Jesus our Lord. For it is here that the Presence of Christ manifests within us.

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God bless you!

Upon This Rock

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When Jesus asked his disciples who they understood him to be, Peter's effusive answer encapsulated the most profound truth in Holy Scripture. "You are he, the Messiah, Son of the living God!" the impetuous apostle exclaimed. Realizing that the ultimate truth about his very nature had been revealed by the heavenly Father, Jesus replied, " . . .upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:16-18). Many have taken this statement to mean that Jesus' mission on earth was to clean the religious slate and initiate something that had never been considered in the history of man–the church. Jesus was finally terminating and entombing a lifeless, failed religion and announcing the birth of a vibrant, new faith, they say.

In order to understand what Jesus said and did, however, we must return these words to their context, to Second-Temple Judaism, to the life and practices of first-century Israeli Jewry. We cannot understand these words if we transplant them into Gentile soil, for they were spoken by a Jew in the land of the Jews to no one but Jews. Only when we return to this place, this people, and this time can we truly comprehend the meaning and function of the church.

Theological Analysis

The term church is both very familiar and very misunderstood, generally at the same time. What is the church, who are a part of it, when did it begin, where does it exist, how does it operate, and why does it exist? These are the questions of ecclesiology, the study of the church. Does the church make Christians or do Christians make the church the church? Is the church merely a local congregation of believers? Is it a denomination? Is it the entire Christian community? Anyone who has interacted to any degree with believers of various communions knows that the answers to these questions are many and widely divergent.

In a theological analysis, it is essential that we stress the biblicity of the church–both the term, its definition, and its function. We must turn to the Bible for our understanding of ecclesiology. In analyzing Holy Scripture, however, we must also be careful that we engage in exegesis, not eisegesis. The use of the latter has resulted in the maze of confusion on the subject that already exists, for men of good intentions have read into the texts of scriptures the meanings which their cultures, politics, or other environmental conditionings dictated. We must exegete the biblical word church by literally "drawing out" the meaning of the words and texts of Scripture.

The Church Etymologically Speaking

The word church is derived from the Greek word kuriakov" (kuriakos) which means "belonging to the Lord." The word church must be understood, however, in the light of the New Testament Greek term ejkklesiva (ekklesia), which refers to an assembly or gathering of people. In classical Greek the word ejkklesiva meant an assembly of the citizens of a city (polis), with the understanding that those who were of this assembly had the right to vote on civic issues.

Ekklesia is derived from the verb ejkkalevw (ekkaleo), which means "to summon forth." Hence, it has been said to mean "the called out." For an full understanding of the word church, however, we must go behind the Greek text of the New Testament and return to the Hebrew in which the words of the apostles were either written or thought. In essence, we must return to the Hebrew foundations of Christian faith in order to arrive at a proper definition of the one word that most often denominates the community of believers in Jesus.

We begin to discover the spiritual meaning of the secular Greek word ejkklesiva when we turn to the Hebrew words which were rendered ejkklesiva by the translators of the Septuagint Version of the Old Testament. Seventy scholars in Alexandria translated the Hebrew Scriptures into Greek in the third century B.C.E. to make it possible for the Hellenized Jews of the diaspora to read the Scriptures in the lingua franca of the Mediterranean Basin. These scholars used the Greek word ejkklesiva to translate the Hebrew word lh;q; (qahal), which means "congregation, assembly." lh;q;is a derivative of loo/q (qol), the word for voice and ultimately refers to the summoning of an assembly or to the act of assembling. This term is generally used biblically to refer to the congregation of the people of Israel (e.g., laer;c]yI lh'q] (qahal Yisrael–congregation of Israel); hwhy lh'q] (qahal Yahweh–congregation of

Yahweh); and !yhiloa>h; lh'q] (qahal haElohim–the congregation of God). The Jewish people are sometimes referred to as the qehillah, from this same root. The word lh;q; is usually rendered ejkklesiva in the Septuagint.

In Biblical language, then, the church is the assembly of those who are called out to be in covenant with God. Church is not exclusively a New Testament term, for the origin of the term is found in the Septuagint version of the Old Testament which the writers of the New Testament used. The word which the apostles chose to use as an expression of their corporate identity was the same as that which had been used by the Jewish people since the exodus. This is why Stephen calls Israel "the church in the wilderness" in Acts 7:38 and why Hebrews 2:12 quotes Psalm 22:22: "I will declare thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee" as "I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." This is also why Hebrews 12:23 uses "general assembly" and "church of the firstborn" as virtually synonymous.

The New Testament writers understood that the word ejkklesiva (ekklesia) translated their Hebrew word lh;q; (qahal) and meant the congregation of God. For Jesus and the apostles there was absolute continuity between the congregation under the old covenant and the congregation under the new covenant, the church in the Old Testament and the church in the New Testament. Jesus did nothing new, therefore, when he called unto him whom he would and ordained twelve apostles to be the foundation of his reformed congregation or church (Mark 3:13, 14; I Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 2:20). He was merely restoring God's congregation to its original purpose and reforming it by introducing a new covenant sealed in his own blood.

The term church, then, might more accurately be translated congregation. Perhaps if the Archbishop of Canterbury's instructions to those who created the interpretation of the Bishops' Bible that came to be known as the Authorized King James Version of the Scriptures had not proscribed the use of congregation in deference to the ecclesiastical term church, generations of Christians in English-speaking nations would have understood the church as the congregation of God, a perpetuation of the congregation of Israel in complete continuity. Then, we might have more readily understood that Paul's olive tree metaphor in Romans 11 reveals Israel, into which Gentile branches were grafted to share in the spiritual root and fatness of Judaism. We could also have understood the church as the continuation, not replacement, of Israel and the new covenant as a renewed covenant as Hebrews 8:10, 11 reveals.

Who Are The Congregation?

Who are the people who comprise the assembly of those who are called out to be in covenant with God? The answer was very clear in the Old Testament: it was the entire assembly of the descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob who made the exodus from Egypt and appeared before the Lord at Sinai, and it was all of their subsequent posterity. While all of Israel was denominated and arranged accordingly around the tent of meeting in the Sinai desert, they were collectively considered qahal, the "congregation of God." While there were various elections within Israel (e.g., Judah–Psalm 78:68), all of Israel was the qahal, the ones called out to enter into covenant with Yahweh. All of Israel, therefore, was the church in the wilderness.

The answer is equally clear in the New Testament. Just as the Old Testament church was baptized into one body unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea (I Corinthians 10:2), so all believers have been baptized by one Spirit into one body (I Corinthians 12:13), buried with Christ in baptism (Colossians 2:12). This includes everyone who has been called out: "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4). It is a calling into covenant with God: "Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be dead" (Romans 7:4). All believers are the children of God who have been "espoused to one husband" (II Corinthians 11:2). Though there are diversities of callings and administrations within the community of Christ, the church is one–those who have been called out from the world to receive Jesus as Lord and to enter into relationship with God through the new covenant.

"No New Thing Under The Sun"

Most Christian scholars conclude that the church began on the Day of Pentecost. And, they are right, but in the wrong century! The church did not begin on Pentecost at Mount Zion in Acts 2. It began on Pentecost at Mount Sinai in Exodus 20.

The truth is that Jesus' "I-will-build-my-church" statement meant, "I will restore my congregation." James declared this to be Jesus' work: "After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of

David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up" (Acts 15:16). Jesus was a restorer, not an innovator. He never intended to destroy what God had been molding among the Jewish people for centuries so that he could start something totally different and completely new. He sought only to restore the house (congregation) of David that lay in ruin.

From Temple and Synagogue

The church of Jesus Christ was modeled after both the temple and the synagogue that were so intrinsically involved in the lives of first century Jews. The church came to be thought of as the spiritual temple, the new habitation of God through the Spirit (Ephesians 2:21, 22). Local assemblies of the church were still termed synagogues by James thirty years after the resurrection of Jesus (James 2:2). Much of the church has not understood this truth because most translations render sunagwghv (sunagoge) in this passage as "assembly" or "gathering." The same translations render sunagwghv as "synagogue of Satan" in Revelation 2:9; 3:9 and as "synagogue of the Jews" in Acts 17:10!

Even after Christian congregations ceased to name themselves synagogues, the ongoing life of the church was still patterned after the synagogue. Its officers were merely an extension of the form with which the apostles had been familiar all their lives. Each congregation of the church was autonomous, like the synagogues before them. Congregational leaders were called president (nasi), rather than pastor, until at least the middle of the second century. The government of the early church was purely egalitarian, both in the democracy of the local congregation and in the yeshiva or Beit Din of its translocal leadership (Acts 15). Monolithic organizations with hierarchial episcopacies were later accretions patterned after the governmental and military structures of the Greco-Roman world and of the nations in which Protestantism later developed.

The liturgy of the earliest church paralleled the liturgy of the synagogue. Forms of prayer and praise remained consistent with the patterns of the Judaism in which Jesus and the apostles had expressed their faith. Jesus was not seeking to establish a new order; he merely brought a new covenant to God's ancient system of praise, worship, and service–biblical Judaism.

Extended Family, Community

In reality, both synagogue and temple in the economy of Israel were patterned after Abraham and Sarah's tent, so that even each Jewish family's gathering for food and fellowship was thought of as in a mini-temple. The foundation of both the synagogue and the earliest church was the home, and congregations met in homes as had the synagogues of which they had been a part.

An accurate depiction of the church, then, is that of an extended family, the family of God. Community was foremost in the first century church and should be the guiding principle for the church today. It is in the small groups of extended family that believers receive the mutual support and reinforcement and the accountability that they need for successful Christian living.

Back to Basics

God's command to Moses is good advice to us: "See that you make all things according to the patterns shown you in the mount" (Exodus 25:40). In this case, the Mount Zion community of the first century must be the pattern from which we contextualize the faith of the apostles in today's multi-cultural world society. When we do, we will find ourselves building on the Rock, not on the sands of human tradition, and the lives that we build and bring to maturity will stand for all time.

Unveiling The Saudi Strategy

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"See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." (Jeremiah 1:8)

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." (Revelation 11:15)

I glanced over and noticed that the digital numbers read 3:54 as I unexpectedly sat up in my bed this past Thursday morning (15 July). I awoke to hear the Lord speaking to me. I remained still and gave ear in a sleepy stupor, while contemplating what I was hearing, until I saw 4:00 registered in red beside my pillow. What I listened to in that 6 minutes was the Spirit of God providing instructions concerning the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I got up, quickly visited another part of the house, and immediately returned to bed. My thoughts, though, were suddenly alive and sleeping once more would not be easy. And who wants to sleep after the Lord has visited you? For I knew that morning, from what I'd heard, that I was released to share something, held mostly in secret for many years, with others.

It all started in 1987

The year before, 1986, was a pivotal year in my Christian walk. It was the time that I experienced a significant spiritual growth spurt. Being a born-again Believer since 1979, I had steadily grown in faith and word knowledge among my peers, while hitting some speed bumps along the way, and life was mostly quiet and satisfactory. Then I was informed that spring of '86 that my dear mother had terminal cancer. I recall laying hands on her, with others, standing in faith and praying continually for her healing. It didn't happen. She had suffered so and died in early August. I was stunned. My belief system had taken a blow. Like Peter after his fall, for several months I went "fishing."

That November I returned to fellowshipping with the brethren. Being part of a mega-type congregation prior to this, I decided that I needed a smaller church and one closer to home to settle in. My first visit was to a mainline Pentecostal church in Aurora, Colorado. After attending the church on a Sunday service, I went to a mid-week supper for prospective members. Sitting at a table ready to eat, the Lord spoke to me and said, "Plant your roots here." I obeyed without hesitation. It would turn out to be one of the best decisions I would ever make. For my life, from that time forward, would never be the same.

The next six months would find me encountering a whirlwind of blessing and increased service to the Lord. After reading Larry Lea's book "Could You Not Tarry For One Hour," I was determined to be an early morning prayer riser. I soon had a meeting with the pastor of my new church and asked him for a key to the building. I wanted to pray there every weekday morning at 5:00 a.m. He not only complied with my request but set me up with another brother who had a similar desire. Plunging right into it, it would not take long for our tiny two-man band to grow, and within weeks several men of the church (mostly Air Force guys) were regularly stopping off to participate on their way to work at the local base.

It was not long before our early morning group decided to reach out to the community and we began meeting on mid-day Saturdays to do a little street witnessing in downtown Denver after prayer. We quickly discovered that if we met the needs of the homeless, they would be more susceptible to hearing our message. Thus, we started to gather earlier to prepare sack lunches to give out at night. This work grew to the point that it was becoming a large operation, taking a good portion of our time to prepare the food. Several weeks into this, we had yet, though, led anyone into the Kingdom. One late afternoon, a friend of mine and I, before leaving our car, asked the Lord in faith as touching in agreement to give us one soul. He would that evening give us two. The next week, we repeated the same prayer, but this time we were bolder and asked for two. He gave us four.

Oh, what gloriously innocent times they were. I was so happy and fulfilled during that brief period. It did seem that the windows of heaven were open just for us. For example, during one prayer I asked the Lord to open the door for me to preach. I had never done so before then, but there was a burning in my heart to share the gospel from the pulpit. That's amazing for someone who grew up absolutely terrified of public speaking. Being home on one particular (very late) Saturday evening, a brother from the church called me and said, "Gary, I can't preach at the nursing home tomorrow morning. Would you mind standing in for me?" I replied, "Would I?" I jumped at the opportunity. God had answered my prayer quickly and I was so thankful.

The nursing home visit went well and I arrived at Sunday morning service back at my church just in time for the sermon. The Pastor saw me, and as I sat down in the back of the congregation, he said, "Gary, would you come up here please?" A bit puzzled, I obediently walked up to the front and took a chair behind the Pastor who was standing at the pulpit. A few minutes later, the Pastor suddenly made the following announcement: "Gary has been hearing some incredible things from the Lord recently. I would like for him to take this opportunity to tell you about some of them." So, there I was, not just preaching once per my request but twice in the same day! Hence, may I submit that early morning intercession does bear fruit, my friends? I know it does. And my Lord proved Himself to me to be the God of the double blessing.

The Trip to Saudi Arabia

Yes, I could have lived that life in Colorado forever. Then the unexpected happened. I received a military assignment to Saudi Arabia. I was informed that I had to be in "The Kingdom" by April. Being young in the Lord, I profusely complained before God with arguments like, "Lord, after what I went through with my mother, how could you do this to me? You've blessed me so much in that church. You even planted me there. How could this be?" And yet it was.

I vividly remember sitting on a small bed in a Guest-House near the eastern shore of the Persian Gulf the first night of my arrival. Sweating in my inappropriately warm apparel, the oppressive humid heat of the area permeated the unimpressive white room. It smelled. The prospects of spending one entire year away from home, family and church in the hottest of deserts was constantly in my thoughts. I recall speaking my mind out loud: "God, I can't do this. I'm not as strong as you think I am. This will tear me apart." And then He spoke.

"Gary, your government believes they are the ones that brought you here, but I did it. First, you have been sent here to pray for these people. I have remembered the prayers of my friend Abraham and I want you to pray in agreement that I would rise up a great nation, as promised, out of his son Ishmael. I am calling you to ask me that the kingdom of Saudi Arabia would be considered a sheep nation in the soon-to-come judgment of the nations.

Next, I have taken you from your home and blessings and brought you here that I may have the opportunity to answer some of your prayers. There are things that you have asked for that can only be given to those who have the obtained the promise of the 100-fold return. Since you have, with this assignment, voluntarily* left everything for the sake of my Kingdom, you now qualify.

Finally, you are to read a chapter of the Bible every day from now on, starting with the book of Matthew."

(*I could have, with some effort, used a legitimate family medical excuse for a way out of the 1-year assignment.)

Starting off, I noticed something dramatically had changed when I read that first chapter. Inspiration was flooding me. The Bible became alive before my eyes. I understood small and great things that I had never seen before. I had surely encountered a great change. Even the genealogy of the first chapter seemed special. I soon found out that the 100-fold promise was indeed true:

"Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that has left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first." (Mark 10:29-31)

Hearing from the Lord like never before, I fulfilled my year in Saudi Arabia and returned to the States in April of 1988. While away, I prayed as the Lord asked me to. I still have an image of me standing in a field late at night and praying for all the countries surrounding the "Kingdom." And, yes, I did address the Prince of Persia and other evil entities in that region. But, in retrospect, I know now that the fight had just begun.

Ten years later

On October 3rd, 1997, during a time of intercession for Saudi Arabia, I had an open vision and spoke to the Lord Jesus in it. I saw Him in white robes standing to the side facing me while addressing three other men. These men stood before the Lord with their backs to me wearing the same apparel. Suddenly, He quit talking to them and, looking at me, said:

"Do you want them?" I replied, "Want who, Lord?" He said, "Do you want the people that you are praying for?" I countered, "Yes, Lord." Then He said, "Then they are yours."

Immediately as He spoke, a verse came to my remembrance and I knew that I had used it in prayer for the Saudis before:

"Ask of me, and I shall give you the heathen for your inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession." (Psalm 2:8)

I know that this Scripture is a Messianic promise to Jesus, yet because we, His people, are joint heirs with Him as partakers of His inheritance, it applies to us too.

Again, He spoke further to me: "And on the Day of Judgment you will stand in my courts as an advocate for them." I responded with an honest, logical question, "Lord, I thought you were their Advocate?" He replied, "It's true that I am their Advocate now, but on that Day I won't be. On that Day I will be their Judge." I thought, "Of course, it is He who judges all the nations (Matthew 25:31-33)."

Then in the vision I heard another voice making a statement confirming what I had just heard. It must have been the Holy Spirit. Please listen to what I heard because, friends, it's vitally important. If you don't think that time is counting down to the end, maybe this will finally get your attention:

"No one prepares for court, and puts its main players in place, unless they are getting close to the Day that it begins."

What I heard during those early morning minutes

I believe that there are prayer warriors around the world who will read this, heed it and run with it. Some folks are just itching for strategic information that will give them the inside track in their fervent intercessions. I sense that there are Saints in Israel right now and around the Middle East that will fully understand the principles that I'm writing about and, with child-like belief, will hook up with me in the prayer of agreement for Saudi Arabia. I believe there are also representatives of God in Washington D.C. who might want to make another prayer journey around the Saudi Embassy in light of the information that is being provided.

Please hear me out - Saudi Arabia is the key for Christians who are taking a stand against Islam. The reason for this is because Saudi Arabia represents the core of Islam. It's the birthplace of that religion. In the closed society it represents, it's where its law of the religion is centered. Even the two "holy" cities (Mecca and Medina) are located there. Note that it's a major part of Islamic doctrine for believers to make a pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia and these cities at least once in their lifetime. Subsequently, if you are passionately serious about taking power over the greatest power of the enemy in our era (Islam), then your attention should be turned toward addressing the "Kingdom." So, while the physical armies of the world busy themselves with the peripheral Islamic nations, Christian Believers should direct their speaking to Saudi fig trees and set their prayers on affecting the headquarters.

In our first text, we see that those endowed with the ruling Spirit of Jeremiah will destroy before they build:

"See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." (Jeremiah 1:8)

The Lord's people with a true calling to be set over the nations and "kingdoms" will function in the following God-given order:

They will first:
1 – Root out
2 – Pull down
3 – Destroy
4 – and Throw down
And then they will:
5 – Build
6 – and Plant

That 6-fold operation was revealed as a result of that early morning 6 minutes. In our case, modern-day Islam must be spiritually rooted out, pulled down, destroyed and thrown down before we can later build and plant with the real gospel of Jesus Christ. In case you think that specific calling of death first and life second pertains only to Jeremiah in the Old Testament, may I remind you what it says in the New Testament book of Revelation?

"And he that overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessel of a potter shall they be broken to shivers; even as I received of my Father." (Revelation 2:26-27)

In our second text, anyone standing in the gap for that nation can have a sound assurance that any "kingdom" existing on the earth at the time of the Lord's return is destined to become His:

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." (Revelation 11:15)

It appears to me that the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has a certain destiny, doesn't it?

Let's go back to those 6 minutes. The first thing I heard that morning was the name Nebuchadnezzar. With this, I was reminded of the fact that the book of Daniel and the book of Revelation are parallels. Daniel is to the Old Covenant as Revelation is to the New Covenant. Also, the prophet Daniel is to the Old as the apostle John is to the New. Both were identified as being loved by the Lord (Daniel 10:11, John 21:20). Both miraculously escaped martyrdom when placed in great peril. Both received the greatest documented insights into the future through divine visitations.

I heard the Lord say: "There can be a Nebuchadnezzar in the New Covenant just like there was in the Old."

Now, Nebuchadnezzar was a heathen Babylonian King who ruled over Jerusalem during Israel's years of captivity. One of his enforced servants was a young Jewish man named Daniel. In those days, the King kept an entourage of magicians, astrologers and sorcerers around to give him advice. Daniel and his friends, being wise and having a relationship with the one true God, were proven more reliable than the King's worldly advisors. Because Daniel could interpret the King's dreams, and no one else could, Nebuchadnezzar paid homage to Daniel's God and gave the prophet a high position in his kingdom (Daniel 2:46-49).

How does this apply to modern Saudi Arabia? I believe the Lord was showing me that Christians could ask Him to visit a political head in the Middle East with troubling dreams (possibly a leader in the Saudi royal family?) that only a man of God would be able to interpret. Understand that God is a God of consistency and patterns; if He did something in the Old Covenant, chances are real good that He'll do it again in the New Covenant. He did it in Daniel's time (the age of the Jews); may He do it now in John's era (the time of the Gentiles). Besides that, He's now spoken to me about this twice (once before in a dream I had several years ago that I thought would make a good script).

In addition to what has already been given, there are 2 very good reasons that we can believe for a breakthrough in this Islamic country. They are:

1 – Through the English-speaking militaries and 3rd World nationals (there are multiplied thousands of them in the Kingdom), many Christians have entered into this land, and prayed over it and walked upon it. Some have even shed their blood there. A few of them while living there, such as myself, have invoked the promise once given to Joshua. That is:

"Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said to Moses." (Joshua 1:3)

2 – As mentioned before, the Lord has given us a verse to stand on (Psalm 2:8). Therefore, being joint-heirs with Jesus we have a right to "ask" for the nations and its people. The question is, "Do we have the faith to believe what Scripture unwavering says; that is, 'Everyone who asks receives'?"

Additionally, you know it's His will that none should perish but all should be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth. Can we believe together that God can change the direction of one country? If He can zap Saul on the road to Damascus, He can surely visit any King in this world and speak to them. Have you ever asked the Lord Jesus to do this? Have you requested that He make visitations to the people of a country?

Surely, this will not be an easy fight. The fruit may not be apparent for awhile. If you enter into it, you may have to keep plugging away until Jesus returns. And that might take years.

Babylon now comes into the equation

"And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.' (Revelation 18:2)

With the introduction of Nebuchadnezzar (who, by the way, saw the destruction of 4 worldly kingdoms when the Lord's kingdom arrived – Daniel 2:44) also comes the reality of Babylon in today's society. If you have read my recent offering "Countdown to October," then you know that several years ago God gave my wife and I 7 cities to pray over. The last four (who were initially grouped together) are:

4 – Los Angeles
5 – Moscow
6 – New York City
7 – Rome

He once spoke through me and said that Los Angeles was the world's greatest social polluter, that Moscow as the world's greatest militaristic polluter, that New York City was the world's greatest economic polluter, and, finally, that Rome was the world's greatest religious polluter.

My friends, I make the following comments with all humility and the fear of the Lord. I believe that God has shown me that each of these four cities listed has a fate to be severely judged as representatives of modern-day Babylon. Therefore, do you want to see what the Lord has to say about religious Babylon (Rome)? Then read the 17th chapter of Revelation. Do you desire to understand what the Lord says about economic Babylon (New York City)? Then read the 18th chapter of Revelation. And what do Los Angeles and Moscow represent? They are today's pictures of social and military Babylon. And the evil infested Babylon will fall, will fall, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

Don't be mad at me. I love America, my home, too. And I love her enough to shake myself and start yelling, "Turn from this great sin even now!" The alarm of impending judgment is now sounding in God's Holy Mountain. Will you be among those who hear it and act upon it?

The rest of my hearing that morning concerned the unveiling of this story and how others could join in the stand for a particular Islamic state to turn to Jesus. I once had a vision of the country of Saudi Arabia with the name Jesus written in red covering it. May you have the eyes to see the same. I'm fully aware of what some members of Saudi Arabia have done in an evil way. Still, I believe the pieces are in place for a great "awakening." The nations of the earth will eventually cry out when they see the sign of the Son of man in the sky (Matthew 24:30). May the mourning that Saudi Arabia experiences that day be of repentance. May God have the ultimate mercy on the descendants of Abraham's oldest. May God remember Abraham once more.

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The Lord is in His "Preparation Mode". This is the time in which He prunes those who are dissatisfied with themselves (they have finally come to grips with His reality), the church (they now realize that the church is a Kingdom instrument), and the world (they have tasted its water and found it lifeless, bitter). The process of pruning requires that we go back to the "altar", for it is at the altar, (the place of death; the altar of total surrender), that we find life. John 12:23-26; Phil. 3:7-9.

When death to all is accomplished, we move into the realm of Christ's destiny. It is here that we will be "used" of God. This "used" is literal (Matt 5:11-12; Mark 9:35). It will entail the "fellowship of His sufferings" (Phil 3:10-11), the fleshly, painful conforming to the image of Christ. For those who wish to "walk with Him in the cool of the day" we must allow Him to place us in His reality, the place where His presence saturates us; the baptism of fire; the purging of all that separated us from Him. This is necessary. It cannot be bypassed.... We must burn in His Holy Fire!

When we come from the furnace of Holy Fire, the characteristics that He places in us become manifest in our hearts. The "fruit" of the Spirit (our character) will blend with the gifts or as the original Greek says, "spirituals", and cause the "new man" to break forth. This new man is generic; male and female; "man and womb-man" (Gen. 5:2). This will be the "Urban Warrior", the "last-day soldier of the cross", the "Sons of Zadok" (Ezek. 44) of the "third-day church." With prayer, intercession, worship, and the Word and Spirit, they will by God's power do Jeremiah 1:10: See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.

Mercy will be their mantle; and in God's mercy (judgment flows through mercy) they will be like the army of Joel 2. These are the ones being prepared for the last-day battle....I will show the revelation of these characteristics later; each one speaks volumes of what the Lord is about to do. Thank you, Lord, for raising up your people in this hour. Forgive us for trying to figure out what you are doing; and forgive us for our unbelief and complaining. We now realize that the valley always leads to the mountaintop! We praise you, Lord, for the valley!

The Lord is in His "Preparation Mode". This is the pruning of separation for those who have entered the realm of "Kingdom Reality", the place of death to all that is not of His will and eternal purpose. It is the altar of total surrender, where the Holy Spirit gives His death blow, that baptism of fire which coincides with the "baptism in the Holy Ghost (Luke 3:16), to make us into the image of the eternal Son; for as the "sons of Levi" were "refined" (Mal. 3:3), so must the new priesthood (1 Peter 3:9) be placed in position to receive the DNA (divine navigational attributes) of the one whose "eyes are as a flame of fire" (Rev. 1:14).

This refining process is painful to the flesh and the mind because it separates life from death, confusion from peace (Rom. 8:6). The world in which we now live embodies death and confusion; fleshly history, not HIS-STORY. Therefore, the Lord, even Jesus, is searching the hearts of men and women of whom He can put His Spirit at the level He has always wanted:

"He breathed on them and said to them, "receive ye the Holy Ghost (John 20:22). The breath of God", breathing His life into us...this has always been His purpose. Here His character traits become our hearts desire, not because of what we can do with them, but what He can do in us through them. These are the "fruits of the spirit", which will be the "calling card" of the URBAN WARRIOR, the last day soldier of the cross; the "SONS OF ZADOK', who will be used as the third day enforcers of all that is truth: "they will teach the people the difference between the Holy and profane, the Clean and the unclean (Ezek. 44:23. They will minister to the Lord and not to men, but by ministering to the Lord, they will liberate men (John 8:32).

There are 12 characteristics that will identify the Urban Warrior. The number 12 in scripture signifies

Divine Government, Apostolic fullness. This will be manifested in the DNA of the Urban Warrior. Gods plan, His architecture (Ex. 25:9), His rule (Isa.9:7), will be paramount to all the warrior is and does, as will the apostolic fullness of the "sent one", who eats Ephesians 2:20. Mercy, divine mercy will be embedded into their hearts; they shall see as Jesus sees, hear as He hears, do as He would do (I only do what I see the father do) John 5:19).

Each characteristic will be learned in the "school of Jesus", at the "Altar of Total Surrender". This is the "wilderness" the place of barrenness, where we learn John 15:5, and are placed into its reality. The Altar is a place of death. The last day "altar call" calls us to die (John 12:24), because we have been programmed by the flesh, the world, and the devil to live according to the rudiments of this world. To those who have tasted the "sweetness of the Lord", this world is "marah", bitter, and the "woe" of Isaiah 5:20 presses down upon us: It is the Holy Spirit who cries out to us, "How long halt ye between two opinions" (1 Kings 18:21) I am reminded of the lyrics of a rock song by Jimi Hendrix in the 1960's: "Manic depression has captured my soul I know what I want but I just don't know How to go about getting it......"

But we "Know", if we realize that knowing (Gen. 4:1) means intimacy with Christ, where we give birth to the eternal purposes of God. Depression comes when we fail to allow the Holy Spirit to "press us". He "must press"!! Press out "our" thoughts, press out "our" hopes, press out our lusts. He desires to replace de-pression with His ex-pression (John 16:13-15) When Psalm 119:71 becomes our "love song", and we relish in its power to us-ward, we have allowed Him to press. PRESS US HOLY GHOST!

THE 12 CHARACTERISTICS of the Urban Warrior are: 1. UNSELFISH ABSOLUTE SURRENDER LK. 22:42; JOHN 4:34 2. COMMITTED ABSOLUTE LOYALTY PHIL. 3:8-11 3. DEVOTED IN LOVE WITH Jesus JOHN 16:27 (A SHULAMITE) 4. KINGDOM-MINDED HIS RULE REV. 11:5 5. FREE BY THE SON JOHN 8:36;COL. 3:11 6. FAITHFUL SOLD-OUT PHILIPPIANS 1:21 7. STEADFAST PERSEVERING 1 COR. 15:58 8. PROGRESSIVE FROM FAITH TO MORE FAITH HEB. 6:5 9. WAR-LIKE LIKE THE FATHER EX. 15:3; JER. 51:20 10. AGGRESSIVE TRUE MERCY REV. 3:12 11. POWERFUL HIS DUNAMIS REV. 2:26 12. DANGEROUS CHRIST IN US JOHN 14:30b

Each characteristic is bolstered by the 9 "fruits of the Spirit", because for the Urban Warrior the fruits will come first, then the gifts (1 Cor. 12); for without Gods character in our hearts the gifts become tools for self promotion. All 12 will be sustained by "fervent prayer", prayer that assaults heaven; FULL ARMOR PRAYER. The warrior will be shaped by "worship", the "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY worship of REVELATION 4:8. Fasting will come naturally for food will have its true meaning made understandable (John 4:32,34). None of these things will smell of "works", it will be lifestyle! Lifestyle made possible by communion with Christ. Lifestyle birthed in the splendor of His presence (Ex.34:29) no veil needed or desired!

We will look at these characteristics in detail later. There is a pattern to each, and that pattern is what we, the hungry, have been searching for. It has always been one prayer away!

FATHER, WE NOW REALIZE THAT ALL WE HAVE GONE THROUGH WAS YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR FAILURE TO "SEE YOU" WE SEE YOU BETTER NOW (MARK 8:24) AND WE CLAIM 1 COR, 2:9 AS OUR REALITY. FROM THIS DAY ON WE WILL NOT COMPLAIN, BUT BECOME JAMES 1:1-3. WE ARE EXCITED LORD. WE SHOUT "LETS GO"!

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Vindication '4' America Yom Kippur 2004
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On Yom Kippur 2004, Dr. Bonnie Chavda received a visitation from the Lord. Some impressions she received during that visit are recorded here for your encouragement.

19 We hoped for peace but no good has come, for a time of healing but there is only terror. 20 O LORD, we acknowledge our wickedness and the guilt of our fathers; we have indeed sinned against you. 21 For the sake of your name do not despise us; do not dishonor your glorious throne. Remember your covenant with us and do not break it... our hope is in you! - Jeremiah 14: 19-21

Yom Kippur 2004 "Vindication 4 America"

In Jewish tradition, heaven comes to earth on Sabbat so we may enter God's rest. This day, 9-25-04, was a double holy day with Sabbath and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, both occurring together. We feel this Yom Kippur encounter indicated significance and holiness of THE DAY coinciding with current events in the nations, especially for America. We sense a dramatic shift in the heavens that is affecting things on the earth. The clash of kingdoms, power against power, has become clearer than ever. The saints of God should take courage and run toward destiny as never before. God has opened heaven and has come to accelerate His finished work. We have included the impressions received on Yom Kippur 2004 with our thoughts and insights. We hope you will be encouraged.

On the eve of Yom Kippur, Bonnie traveled to attend the wedding of a minister's daughter. The girl has come out of some years "in the wilderness." As she became a bride, a double portion of the Spirit has fallen on her. During the flight, Bonnie sat next to a man whose small daughter suffers from an auto immune disease similar to the one that threatened our son Aaron. Also on the plane happened to be the twin brother of the surgeon who had performed the first operation on the sick child. The mother of the child has been forced to stay home to care for her and has turned her skills to making jewelry for bridal parties. This turned out to be a divine encounter and time of ministry. The aspects of this encounter were more than circumstantial.

Renewing the Heart of America

As the day of the wedding dawned, Bonnie awoke to a vision of the head of a "festive" ram. This ram was mature with thick wool and strong curling horns. **Genesis 22:12-14: "Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, 'In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'"** Jehovah Jireh was in the visitation. This is His promise to America. God wants to renew the heart of America. Expect Him to keep His promises. This is the second time we have heard this same word for the nation, The first time was during the early days of battle in Iraq. **"And the Angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time out of heaven, 'By Myself I have sworn because you have not withheld your only son, in blessing I will bless you and in multiplying I will multiply you.'"** The war on terror is an indication of the revelation of John wherein **"the earth helped the woman"** and swallowed the flood from the serpent's mouth directed to take away Israel. God is reasserting that America's part, including her first impulse towards war in Afghanistan, although it has cost us our most precious treasure, our sons and daughters, besides our reputation and economic resources; is unfolding His purposes in many nations and unveiling the works of darkness on many levels. America is His servant. This is not an unrighteous thing we have done. We must support and encourage our land, and Christians play a vital role. Aaron and Hur held up the hands of Moses to secure victory over Amalek. We must do our part, in prayer and fasting, for our troops and our nation to have success. An aspect of the President's determination that sets him in derision is the unction of the Lord upon him. God has found, in George Bush, a man He can move to actions that are pleasing to God. He is like the oxen driven by the Spirit to carry the ark to Jerusalem. With their calves in stalls behind them, lowing as they went, they could not but cooperate with the Presence and purpose of the Lord.

Bonnie saw "a SECOND sacrifice." This one was different in nature and appearance from the first, though it was the same species. The second sacrifice was the body of a lamb as described in the law for Passover—young, perfect, ready to be slain. Jesus was in the lamb. "The-Lord-Will-Provide." Expect this nation's well-being and prosperity, and the peace of her individual citizens to be carried in the Lord's sacrifice on Calvary. SECONDS are flowering everywhere. **Isaiah 11:11, "I will set My hand again a second time to recover the remnant of My people."** Expect a repeat of many events we have experienced the past three or four years.

"A SACRIFICE IN BOZRAH."
The Lord was clad in robes of holy zeal. The edges of His robe were heavy and wet with the blood of His enemies, and He is not finished. America is among His promised ones. He views her as part of His bridal procession. God will defend her against the enemies of Israel and others who rise against her. Her prophets should guard their hearts and measure their words at this time. If God is for us His servants should take note as well. **Isaiah 34:5-8 "For My sword will be bathed in heaven. The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made overflowing with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, the year of recompense for the cause of Zion."** It is important to note that Bozrah was the chief city of Edom. Its inhabitants were descendants of rebel Esau; a man with a crooked spirit who sold his birthright for a meal. Indicating Messianic victory, Bozrah was initially the place of betrayal. The actions of Bozrah's people were very similar to the violent insurgency against our troops in Iraq. Edom was almost always Israel's enemy. They rejoiced at the fall of Jerusalem. Bozrah represents nations hostile to God and His plans. Bozrah represents the pride of evil agendas. Many nations surrounding Israel are laboring under this curse. This perspective sheds light on current events and signals a warning to those who oppose the Lord.

The name ELAZAR appeared. Elazar was Abraham's servant who went to find Isaac's bride. He indicates bridal preparation. El-azar, God (is) help, is a type of the Holy Spirit. Elazar found Rebecca in present-day Iraq where our troops are now.[1] Rebecca offered drink to the stranger at the well and went beyond that to water his camels also. Her first impulse was the right one. It was the test by which she was chosen for God. Her choice sealed her destiny. America has done the same. A stay of judgments and a revival of America's covenant with God is earned in this. Our spiritual destiny has brightened again. It's not because we are good - it's because we were chosen for this in former times. Expect God to bring us up out of the so-called mire. Our role in the war on terror will prove a deciding factor of fate and fulfillment in God's purpose as a nation and determine global atmosphere. We have come to the kingdom for such a time as this.

God is On the Move

Scenes of the bride whose wedding Bonnie would attend that day came to her. Though she had not seen the bride, her dress or other attire, nor had anyone described them, the images she saw turned out to be what the bride wore that afternoon and evening. These things, like the man on the plane, were more confirmation. Rebecca of old offered the stranger a drink from her jar and furthermore drew water for Elazar's ten camels. America's response to 911 and subsequent actions in the region are not unlike Rebecca at the well. Her first response was right, though all convention opposed it. This war is not just about Israel or deliverance for the oppressed. It is not retaliation for 911. It is the right response to a spiritual wake up call. This is a spiritual war, perhaps the first of global proportion. Regardless of what nations think or plan, God is on the move according to His own purpose. God had ancient unfinished business with the land of Abraham. This is part of the reason our sacrifice is so precious to Him. In Iraq, Jewish exiles were held prisoner. Ancient Iraq was also the place of captivity for the vessels stolen from the Temple. The ravaging of Iraq's national treasures was in type, vengeance for the former ransacking of God's temple. The rampant hostage situation is a manifestation of a spiritual prince of the power of the air over the region. Expect it to be "copied" elsewhere. The spiritual powers over the region are deep darkness. In all this, do not forget: Iraq is the land where Ezekiel saw the glory of the Lord!

Rebecca came to Isaac at Beer Lahai Roi, the well where God visited Hagar, and she knew Him as The-One-Who-Lives-and Sees-Me. **Genesis 16:13, "Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, 'Have I also here seen Him who sees me?""** In her distress, God made a covenant concerning Ishmael, though he was not the promised son. The literal name is Well of the Living (One) My Seer. This has many implications. Living water is being poured out for DIVINE ENCOUNTERS, SUPERNATURAL KNOWLEDGE AND SIGNS AND WONDERS. The gifts of the Spirit for supernaturally anointed evangelism by words of knowledge, dreams, visions and personal encounters with God is upon us. Jesus said in **John 7:37 "Anyone who is thirsty let him come to me and drink."** Expect women, backsliders, and sinners to be especially touched in this outpouring. You will meet persons just as Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well. Our steps will be ordered by the Lord. You will plan to go a certain way at a certain time and circumstances will take you another way for these encounters and ministry. There will be a dramatic increase of supernatural appearances of Christ occurring among the sons of Ishmael, the Arab nations and throughout the Muslim world; with new power coming on those reaching out in evangelism. The opposition will be as violent as the beheadings we have seen in recent times. Martyrdom may accompany this outpouring and harvest.

10 Days of Awe

The number 10 of the servant's camels, and the 10 days which Laban asked Rebecca to stay longer, remind us of the 10 Days of Awe; a time of repentance and return just prior to Yom Kippur. On the Day of Atonement, judgment takes place at the mercy seat in the Holy of Holies. There in heaven, our High Priest, Jesus, has offered His blood. The Lord says, "I will meet you there," between the cherubim, at the bema, between mercy and judgment. Expect mercy rather than judgment in the immediate season. Expect God to meet our nation and extend His mercy in these days.

"The (name) chosen for this one (camel) is WAR." The camels of God are coming.[2] They are visitations -- contractions to bring Christ's appearing. The Holy Spirit directs them. God's bride will water them. Not all of them will be so difficult as "WAR." Expect spiritual revival for three years, especially igniting the 30 and younger set. Focus on colleges and a revival of patriotism. The last camel to come is named "Persecution." **That camel will carry Rebecca home.**

"JOSEPH IS STILL ALIVE."

The favor of God is still on George Bush. **"You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over." Psalm 23:5. "And they told him, saying, 'Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt.' And Jacob's heart stood still, because he did not believe them. But when they told him all the words which Joseph had said to them, and when he saw the carts which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived." Genesis 45:26, 27.** The former prophecies about the burning bush are still true. A second term will invigorate Israel while infuriating many enemies. In the Inaugural Watch of 2000, we received a word from Genesis 45:5-8 about the President as a Joseph in our time. For seven years of famine there are three aspects of promise: Joseph was anointed to preserve posterity, provide food for his house and the nations, and save lives by a great deliverance. Seven years from 9/11 would include a second term. Expect intervention regarding abortion, provision and recovery in economic downturn, wisdom and success in the war on terror. We see Exodus 3:2, Burning Bush II, again. Look for a "domino effect" in the Senate, the Supreme Court and other institutions in connection with this administration. **God has chosen the Psalm 15 man to sit in His holy hill.**

"THE PERFECT STORM."

Hurricanes, various storms and natural disasters are interrelated with heavenly activity. They reveal the clash of kingdoms. "Beer Lai Roi, observe it is between Kadesh (a sanctum) and Bered (hail)." The evil determination of the prince of the power of the air and the righteous acts of the saints in prayer and fasting are colliding. For inhabitants of the earth caught between the two, expect it to be very violent. In this clash of kingdoms, visitation is coming on American Jewry. The "Living (One) My Seer" is knocking on the doors of many. Suddenly, many will see Him just as Hagar did.

"NOW I WILL ARISE."

The Lord will fight for Jerusalem this year. **Isaiah 33:17-19, "Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; they will see the land that is very far off. Your heart will meditate on terror: 'Where is the scribe? Where is he who weighs? Where is he who counts the towers?' You will not see a fierce people, a people of obscure speech, beyond perception, of a stammering tongue that you cannot understand."** The word comes from a root meaning to have intelligence; separate, be cunning, discern. Expect new grace regarding national intelligence against terror. **Isaiah 33:10, 20, 35 "'Now I will arise,' says the Lord; 'Now I will be exalted, now I will lift Myself up. Look upon Zion, the city of our appointed feasts; Your eyes will see Jerusalem, a quiet home, a tabernacle that will not be taken down; not one of its stakes will ever be removed, nor will any of its cords be broken. For I will defend this city to save it for my own sake and for My servant David's sake.'"**

Expect Lebanon and Syria, their armies including Hamas and Hezbollah, to be hobbled as a horse limited in battle. **Isaiah 14:24-27 "The Lord of hosts has sworn saying, 'Surely as I have thought, so it shall come to pass. And as I have purposed, so it shall stand: That I will break the Assyrian in My land, and on My mountains tread him underfoot. Then His yoke will be removed from them. And his burden removed from their shoulders. This is the purpose that is purposed against the whole earth. And this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. For the Lord of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?'"** Assad will be bridled for a time. **Isaiah 14: 33-34 "'Therefore,' thus says the Lord concerning the king of Assyria: 'He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with a shield, nor build a siege mound against it. By the way he came, by the same shall he return; and he shall not come into this city.'"[3]**

"A posterity shall serve Him."

The Lord is raising up a new generation of servants. They will be fierce young lions. For their sakes, we must choose godly government and righteous leaders who fear the Lord and keep His ways. **Psalm 22:30, 31, "A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, they will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, that He has done this."** Expect valiant "young men," a generation of spiritual offspring of men and women in America, in the church, in Israel and the nations, who know their God as Daniels. A revival of spiritual patriotism is advancing.

INCREASE

Expect economic recovery. The personal wealth of believers will be blessed. **Isaiah 37:30-32, "This shall be a sign to you: You shall eat this year such as grows of itself, and the second year what springs from the same; Also in the third year sow and reap, Plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. The remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and shall bear fruit upward. For out of Zion shall go a remnant and those who escape from Mount Zion. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."** The Lord will provide. **Genesis 22:14, "And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, 'In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'"** Keep your eye on Mt. Moriah this year. Expect the Lord to recover America's economic strength, partially by blessing Bush economics as He blessed Joseph in Egypt, and additionally, as God remembers our sacrifice in war. **Genesis 22:16-17, "'By Myself I have sworn,' says the LORD, 'because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand**

which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.'" America's sons will shine as stars in the night sky.

"The eagle will take its prey." Certain lead terrorists will be taken suddenly. Expect a disruption in the terror hierarchy.[4] **Isaiah 31:8-9 "'The Assyrian shall fall by a sword not of man, and a sword not of mankind shall devour him. But he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become forced labor. He shall cross over to his stronghold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the banner,' says the Lord, 'whose fire is in Zion and whose furnace is in Jerusalem.'"**

America's reproach has been rolled away for another year. Our name is inscribed in the book of the living. **2 Chronicles 7:14, "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."** The ardent prayers and repentance among the saints in this land have been heard on high.

"YOU HAVE ANSWERED ME."
Psalm 22:21, "Save Me from the lion's mouth and from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me." The prayer and fasting of the saints have reached heaven and God has responded to the earth. Press in to full breakthrough. God promised Abraham "If there are ten righteous" He will save the city. As a people, we are carrying heavy baggage from days in the wilderness and political correctness, but a remnant is on track, nationally and in the church. The sin that clings to our society will be a heavy burden to bear. Expect the fire of division on social issues, and expression of individual rights between former amiable groups. God has begun to separate wheat from chaff. This fire will be uncomfortable for the wicked. Those who have the Spirit of God will be blamed for many things. Former dialogue and cooperation between those in light and those in darkness may turn to rancor. **Now is the time for believers to be salt and light.**

A wedding feast on the holiest fast day of the year seemed incongruent yet perfectly fitted at the same time. We fasted until the time of the wedding feast. Zechariah prophesied that the **"fast of the seventh month (Yom Kippur) shall be joy and gladness and cheerful feasts for the house of Judah."** In the fulfillment of Isaiah 4 following the war between God and those nations who oppose Him, a fountain of Living Water is opened in Jerusalem flowing east and west when Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles, is celebrated following Yom Kippur. The new Jerusalem is almost ready. She is even at the door. **Isaiah 4:5, 6, "Then the LORD will create above every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night. For over all the glory there will be a covering. And there will be a tabernacle for shade in the daytime from the heat, for a place of refuge, and for a shelter from storm and rain."**

Isaiah 35:3,4, "Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are fearful-hearted, 'Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God; He will come and save you.'"

We encourage believers everywhere to lay hold of these promises and expect Jehovah Jireh to come down. We watch over the coalition nations with our prayers for these blessings as well and invite you to prayerful agreement.

[1] A few days prior to this, Bonnie dreamt that the spirit of America, in the form of a woman, was singing Psalm 40. The Spirit of God has stirred up the ancient spirit of America. She sang, "He has set my feet upon a rock" pronouncing the words as Iraq. The Psalm says, "He has brought me up out of the miry clay."

[2] We mentioned before an open vision of Elazar and his ten camels. Bonnie stepped into the spirit realm to find herself standing on a desert floor that stretched for miles into the night. A man in desert garb came trotting out of the night toward her. It was Abraham's servant Elazar. He led the first camel in a train of ten all tethered together spaced one behind the other. As they passed by she saw they were laden with bundles; burdens, gifts, provisions and tests ordained to prepare and adorn the bride of Christ.

[3] For several years in my spirit I've seen images of an army amassing in the Bekaa Valley and suddenly overflowing the sides of the mountains toward the south and east; like a flurry of cockroaches. We are vigilant in prayer regarding this fifth column of terror.

[4] On September 17, I received an impression of three simultaneous images. What I describe as a "watcher" from the book of Daniel, a heavenly agent wearing an embroidered sash around his waist. The image reminded me of a story told of General Washington during Valley Forge when an angel visited him to show three perils to come. The watcher I saw was holding the severed head of a man by the hair. I thought the image of the man held by the hair to be Zarqawi and beside him two more. The scene changed, and I saw a bright dome over Baghdad city center, particularly the avenue where Saddam erected two giant swords made of enemy fighter helmets cross. I was uncertain if the sudden bright cloud was supernatural or a natural explosion. Now there was only one sword instead of two, turned down as if broken. The scene changed again, and I saw the top of St. Peter's in Rome, and its bells were pealing a good announcement over the surrounding countryside. I reported that I believed I had seen that the two Italian aid workers taken hostage would be released in safety. Three days later the media falsely reported they had been killed. They were later released alive. I expect the rest of the vision to have its fulfillment as well. Evil men who have lived by the sword will reap what they have sown.

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Vision And Words Of Prophecy for 2004

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"Greetings to you in Jesus' holy Name. I thank God for bringing you and your family safely to this New Year. God has protected you and your family from dreaded diseases and accidents during the last year. The Holy Spirit has given us the following words of prophecy so that we may prepare ourselves by way of prayers to face any eventuality during the New Year. Please note that we know in part and prophesy in part because the gift of prophecy or the ministry of a prophecy is imperfect (I Cor.13:9-10). However, we should not despise prophesyings (I Thes.5:20).

VISION AND WORDS OF PROPHECY FOR 2004

Destruction and natural calamities will be unprecedented throughout the world. But the people of God who take refuge under the shadow of the Cross will be protected. Evil spirits from the abyss likened to scorpions will be let loose and they will cause incurable diseases to the inhabitants of the world for which there will be no remedy even through the best of medical sciences. But they will not harm those who have the seal of God on their foreheads. God will judge some Christian rulers very severely as they did not heed His Word.

NON-CHRISTIAN NATIONS

In non-Christian nations, there will be upheavals of revivals and the Satan's strongholds in these nations will be shaken and destroyed. Rulers of some Muslim nations will open their doors to the gospel of Christ. Mighty miracles which have never been heard of will be performed by the Holy Ghost in these nations. In India, there will be a great change in the political rule at the Center and this will take those political pundits by surprise who would predict otherwise.

USA AND UK

False prophets and teachers will be on the prowl in every city of USA. But they will be exposed by a new brand of young ministers filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. These young ministers will be persecuted and will be driven away from the churches. But they will stand in the streets and proclaim the truth of the gospel. The waters of Noah which swept the nation of USA on 11th September 2001 will not be repeated. But the terrorists will attack the American and British interests outside USA and UK through novel ways which are not known hitherto.

In USA, the people of God should come together and form prayer cells in their houses because most of the churches will not encourage them to pray in their churches. God will send revivals to these house churches and not to the established and denominational churches. The people of God should pour out their hearts before God for protecting their kith and kin residing outside their nations. Last year i.e. for the year 2003, I was led by the Spirit to make the following prophecy:

“The rulers of the USA and other Christian nations should be all the more vigilant and should seek the intercessory prayers of God’s people in this regard. Their rulers have to seek God sincerely humbling themselves before God more than ever before and to confess that it is only God, who gives them victories on their enemies. Some of their trusted allies will not stand with the USA in their hour of ordeal.”

The word of prophecy - “some of their trusted allies will not stand with the USA in their hour of ordeal” - was literally fulfilled when nations like France, Germany, etc. did not support their war against Iraq.

In the United Kingdom, the revival fire will begin in some of the traditional churches which are today resisting the move of the Holy Spirit in their midst.

OTHER CHRISTIAN NATIONS

The apostasy will take hold most of the churches in these nations, especially Germany. But God will raise a small group of His ministers and these small groups will become strongholds against the kingdom of Satan in these nations. The sin will abound in these nations in an unprecedented manner, inviting the wrath of God on these peoples. Many ministers will be raised up in Canada in the power of the Holy Spirit and they will set the whole nation on revival fire. The ministers in Canada and Australia will take leading roles in global evangelism and revival.

Dearly beloved in Christ, if you happen to live in any of the nations which are not covered by the above words of prophecy, and if you want to seek our words of prophecy for the churches or the people of God in your nation, you can prayerfully e-mail us.

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Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear.
2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.
3 For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity.
4 No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity.
5 They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the spider's web; He who eats of their eggs dies, and from that which is crushed a viper breaks out.
6 Their webs will not become garments, Nor will they cover themselves with their works; Their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. 7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; Wasting and destruction are in their paths.
8 The way of peace they have not known, and there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way shall not know peace.
9 Sin Confessed - Therefore justice is far from us, nor does righteousness overtake us; We look for light, but there is darkness! For brightness, but we walk in blackness!
10 We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes; We stumble at noonday as at twilight; We are as dead men in desolate places.
11 We all growl like bears, and moan sadly like doves; We look for justice, but there is none; For salvation, but it is far from us.
12 For our transgressions are multiplied before You, and our sins testify against us; For our transgressions are with us, and as for our iniquities, we know them:
13 In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.
14 Justice is turned back, and righteousness stands afar off; For truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.
15 So truth fails, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey.

The Redeemer of Zion

Then the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him That there was no justice.

16 He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him.
17 For He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloak.
18 According to their deeds, accordingly He will repay, Fury to His adversaries, Recompense to His enemies; The coastlands He will fully repay.
19 So shall they fear The name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.
20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," Says the LORD.
21 "As for Me," says the LORD, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants, nor from the mouth of your descendants' descendants," says the LORD, "from this time and forevermore."

I wish I could put the photo of the meteorite in this, but I can't, it will be available on the site at www.upstreamca.org under prophecies. But this last week, a meteor went through the roof of a house in Auckland, New Zealand. I sensed as did my fiancée, that there was something prophetic about it, and today I got the confirmation while listening to Ari Lipkin talk about the Black Stone in Mecca. In Mecca is a great black stone and it is foundational to Islam.

Meteorite Smashes Into House
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Reuters
A grapefruit-sized meteorite has smashed through the roof of a New Zealand house, hitting a couch and bouncing off the ceiling **before coming to rest under a computer.**
The 1.3 kg (2.9 lb) chunk of space debris **dropped out of the sky and plummeted through the tiled roof of the Auckland home on Saturday.**
"I was in the kitchen doing breakfast and there was this almighty explosion," owner Brenda **Archer** told the Sunday Star-Times newspaper.

"It was like a bomb had gone off. I couldn't see anything, there was just dust."
Archer's one-year-old grandson had been playing nearby minutes before it hit.
It is only the **ninth meteorite** found in New Zealand and the **first to hit a home.**
The **Archers**, who are following expert advice by drying the rock out in their oven, plan to sell it or give it to a museum.
Experts believe the meteorite, a chunk of an asteroid, could be worth more than NZ$**10,000** (3,500 pounds), the newspaper said.

I got this off an internet site:

"Kaaba (Arabic, "a square building"), Islam's most sacred sanctuary and pilgrimage shrine, is located in the courtyard of the Great Mosque of Mecca. According to the Koran, the cubic-shaped structure was built by Adam according to a divine plan and rebuilt by Abraham and Ishmael. A trough in which they reputedly mixed mortar stands near the door and is a popular place of prayer. The Kaaba houses the Black Stone, the most venerated object for Muslims. Probably of meteoric origin, the stone is reputed to have been given to Ishmael by the angel Gabriel. When Muhammad began to preach to the Meccans, the Kaaba was a shrine for the pagan deities of the Arabs. After the Prophet established control of Mecca, the shrine was rededicated to Allah. All Muslims face toward the Kaaba during their daily prayers.

First application: I believe is that the black rock/meteorite has gone through the roof of a HOUSE. House in dreams often represents the House of the Lord. The corrupt approval of Islam as a "peaceful" religion has entered into the Christian church. The POPE a year or two back KISSED the Koran while visiting one nation. I remember sending out the photo. And the" politically correct" in some of the church have not backed Franklin Graham and others who have told the truth about the Quran and what it teaches about the people of the Book. Or have said NOTHING.

Sura 5:42 says that you cannot be friends with Christians or Jews.

Sura 5:42 O 'Believers'! take not the Jews or Christians as friends. They are but one another's friends, be surely is one of them! God will not guide the evil doers.

Sura 5:62 O ye who believe! Take not such of those who have received the scriptures before you, as scoff and jest at your religion, or the INFIDELS, for your friends, but fear God if ye are believers:

These are familiar scripture to all muslims. It is like saying John 3:16 to a Christian!

"By approving what the LORD does NOT approve of we have made an entrance for the enemy, and the ENMITY has entered into the church.

By nature this spirit is ANTICHRIST! "

Gal 1:8-9 NKJV As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

Isa 5:20-21 NKJV Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes,

and prudent in their own sight!

Second Application: The second application is that curses coming from Islam are being aimed at EVERY AMERICAN from those you see chanting on the TV in IRAQ and IRAN, Saudi Arabia and the Gaza Strip…HATE and MURDEROUS spirits aimed at all JEWS and ALL CHRISTIANS. You know, the ones jumping up and down and cheering at the death of American Soldiers, or Israeli's they've just killed, holding up the head of a South Korean. The Shiites have threatened the Sunni Royal Family and want all INFIDELS out of their nation!

If you believe the BARAGE of LIES that is coming from people who are saying they are peaceful, you are greatly deluded and have not read the Quran for yourself. It is very enlightening.

Sura 3:52 Verily, Jesus is as Adam in the sight of God. He created him of dust: He then said to him, 'Be'- and he was.

This is blasphemy against JESUS. Jesus Himself said,

Matt 12:30 "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad." NKJV

Amplified says it this way… Matt 12:30 He who is not with Me [definitely on My side] is against Me, and he who does not [definitely] gather with Me and for My side scatters.

Sura 5:76-77

76 Infidels now are they who say, 'God is the Messiah, Son of Mary;' for the Messiah said, 'O children of Israel! Worship God, my Lord and your Lord.' Whoever shall join other gods with God, God shall forbid him the Garden, and his abode shall be the Fire; and the wicked shall have no helpers.

77 They surely are INFIDELS who say, ' God is the third of three:' for there is no God but one God; and if they refrain not from what they say, a grievous chastisement shall light on such of them as are Infidels.

Sura 3:79 Whoso desireth any other religion than Islam, that religion shall never be accepted from him, and in the next world he shall be among the lost.

Sura 3:85 As for those who are infidels, and die infidels, from no one of them shall as much gold as the earth could contain be accepted, though he should offer it in ransom.

Sura 8:40 Fight then against them till strife be at an end, and the religion be ALL of it God's. If they desist, verily God beholdeth what they do.

Note that the meteorite landed in the house of people named ARCHER.

An archer is a person who uses a bow and arrow. It is the WARRIORS in the church these curses are being aimed at. Many intercessors are under attack as they are the backbone, the pillars of the church. We need to be wise and as diligent as those who are praying 5 times a day against us! We need to pray for our nations, pray for our leaders, and pray for Christians and Jews.

We need to daily BREAK their curses and PLEAD THE BLOOD OF JESUS over us and our families, over our homes and ministries and nations.

And we need to pray for those in the church who are deluded into thinking they can be friends to ISLAM. Like Ari says, "we need to bring them to Jesus or they will bring us to the SWORD!" Love the person, but do not EMBRACE Islam!

Rev 20:4-6 NKJV The Saints Reign with Christ 1000 Years

And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been **beheaded** for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

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Isa 1:4-31 AMP

4 Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, sons who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the Lord, they have despised and shown contempt and provoked the Holy one of Israel to anger, they have become utterly estranged (alienated).

5 Why should you be stricken and punished any more [since it brings no correction]? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart is faint (feeble, sick, and nauseated).

6 From the sole of the foot even to the head there is no soundness or health in [the nation's body]--but wounds and bruises and fresh and bleeding stripes; they have not been pressed out and closed up or bound up or softened with oil. [No one has troubled to seek a remedy.]

7 [Because of your detestable disobedience] your country lies desolate, your cities are burned with fire; your land--strangers devour it in your very presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by aliens.

8 And the Daughter of Zion [Jerusalem] is left like a [deserted] booth in a vineyard, like a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, like a besieged city [spared, but in the midst of desolation].

9 Except the Lord of hosts had left us a very small remnant [of survivors], we should have been like Sodom, and we should have been like Gomorrah. [Gen 19:24,25; Rom 9:29.]

10 Hear [O Jerusalem] the word of the Lord, you rulers or judges of [another] Sodom! Give ear to the law and the teaching of our God, you people of [another] Gomorrah!

11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me [unless they are the offering of the heart]? says the Lord. I have had enough of the burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts [without obedience]; and I do not delight in the blood of bulls or of lambs or of he-goats [without righteousness].

12 When you come to appear before Me, who requires of you that your [unholy feet] trample My courts?

13 Bring no more offerings of vanity (emptiness, falsity, vainglory, and futility); [your hollow offering of] incense is an abomination to Me; the New Moons and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot endure--[it is] iniquity and profanation, even the solemn meeting.

14 Your New Moon festivals and your [hypocritical] appointed feasts My soul hates. They are an oppressive burden to Me; I am weary of bearing them.

15 And when you spread forth your hands [in prayer, imploring help], I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood!

16 Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes! Cease to do evil,

17 Learn to do right! Seek justice, relieve the oppressed, and **correct the oppressor.** Defend the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool.

19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

20 But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

21 How the faithful city has become an [idolatrous] harlot, she who was full of justice! Uprightness and right standing with God [once] lodged in her--but now murderers.

22 Your silver has become dross, your wine is mixed with water.

23 Your princes are rebels and companions of thieves; everyone loves bribes and runs after compensation and rewards. They judge not for the fatherless nor defend them, neither does the cause of the widow come to them [for they delay or turn a deaf ear].

24 Therefore says the Lord, the Lord of hosts, the Mighty one of Israel, Ah, I will appease Myself on My adversaries and avenge Myself on My enemies.

25 And I will bring My hand again upon you and thoroughly purge away your dross [as with lye] and take away all your tin or alloy.

26 And I will restore your judges as at the first, and your counselors as at the beginning; afterward you shall be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City.

27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and her [returned] converts with righteousness (uprightness and right standing with God).

28 But the crushing and destruction of rebels and sinners shall be together, and they who forsake the Lord shall be consumed.

29 or you will be ashamed [of the folly and degradation] of the oak or terebinth trees in which you found [idolatrous] pleasure, and you will blush with shame for the [idolatrous worship which you practice in the passion-inflaming] gardens which you have chosen.

(Wiccans worship around the oak trees)

30 For you shall be like an oak or terebinth whose leaf withers, and like a garden that has no water.

31 And the strong shall become like tow and become tinder, and his work like a spark, and they shall both burn together, with none to quench them.

The Lord said to me “Lionhearted lovers “, and asking Him what He wanted to say about this, this is what He said :

“ I am drawing to Myself those who will love me with their whole heart, and whole soul, and whole mind and whole body! I am wanting lionhearted lovers who will be passionate in their pursuit of Me, and passionate in their obedience to My will.”

Then this song came to mind, “ When somebody loves you, it’s no good unless they love you, ALLLLL the time!”

“The whole body of My church as well as the nation, are sick from the head to the feet. And the fear of me is not in you. (Jer 2:19) I am visiting My church who is called by My name and I will restore to her all the locusts have eaten. I will restore to those who are willing to BEND to My will, in their hearts, all the ground the enemy has taken in their hearts and souls. I will have a spotless bride! I love you My sons and daughters and I will not allow this lack to go on! I am for you and not against you, but the threshing floors must be purged so that TRUE Shepherds will come forth to minister to My flocks.

I am not slack as some count slack concerning My promises. But the wealth you have been used to in this nation is speedily coming to an end. Be wise in your dealings and understand MY WORD! If you want love, you give love. If you want mercy, then give mercy. Whatever you want men to do to you, then treat them the same. If you were homeless, would you want a can of food, or a warm dinner? If you had no clothes, would you like torn, worn, clothing, or would you like something new for your child, for example? Give as you would like to be given to yourself!

Do not forget the poor, the widow, the fatherless, I've said, yet for years and years you have forgotten them and built your own kingdoms. You have not taken in the poor to your homes, nor have many of you bandaged the wounds of the broken hearted. So I am coming to pour out MY LOVE that you would learn to love the way I have loved you! And to those who have taken time to bandage the wounds of the poor and lowly, the discarded and rejected, and tried to love them, I will give you MORE of all you've received, that you may steward the resources of heaven in the days ahead. For the needs will be great in this nation.

Changes are coming in the nations, and your hearts will be tested beyond anything you have imagined. So I am calling to you, wooing you, I have asked you to draw near, that you might be filled with MY strength and grace to endure what lies ahead. Do not hesitate any longer. Do not be too busy to take time with ME. Any time you spend with ME is NOT WASTED! Believe me when I say that you will be most thankful that you did as the time draws nearer to My coming!

Learn to live simply. Do not think I will not be watching who is generous and who is stingy with the things they have. It is not wrong to have nice things My children, but when the things have you, there is a problem. Lay down your life and pick up MINE! Foxes have holes and birds have nests, but the Son of man had no place to lay his head. Be aware that you may be entertaining angels in the days ahead.

Zech 11:3-6 NKJV

3 There is the sound of wailing shepherds! For their glory is in ruins. There is the sound of roaring lions! For the pride of the Jordan is in ruins.

4 Prophecy of the Shepherds - Thus says the LORD my God, "Feed the flock for slaughter, 5 whose owners slaughter them and feel no guilt; those who sell them say, 'Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich'; and their shepherds do not pity them.

I will take those who are lionhearted lovers of the Most High and will keep them and place them in postitions to feed My flocks and will provide all that is needed to do the work in this hour. But know that what is required more than money is a heart like MINE. People can get through ANYTHING if they know they are loved and truly cared for! The days of giving 5 minutes here and there are gone. FEED MY SHEEP. SEARCH OUT THOSE THAT ARE LOST and scattered on every high hill and mountain, for I am RESTORING the ancient foundations. I will establish MY WILL and I will establish TRUTH again in those who are really Mine. Do not think I desire unity at all costs. TRUTH is the dividing line My beloveds. You must love the truth, and embrace the truth and live the truth! Do not call good evil and evil good any longer.

For now I am coming with My terrible swift sword, and I will level the mountains of opposition to My will and TRUTH will prevail in the hearts of those who truly love Me.

Ex 18:20-22 NKJV Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. 22 And let them judge the people at all times.

Ps 85:10-12 NKJV Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed. 11 Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven. 12 Yes, the LORD will give what is good; And our land will yield its increase.

Ps 86:11 NKJV Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth;

Unite my heart to fear Your name.

Healing will flow like Niagara falls in the day ahead and you will see all your hearts have longed for. Be careful not to take the glory for yourself. You will see astounding miracles and righteousness will be restored to My temples. You will be trees of righteousness and bring much healing to the nations of this earth. It is a time to WORSHIP ME in the beauty of HOLINESS. Proclaim My Word with confidence for it to bring signs and wonders!

Ps 111:1 NKJV Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright and in the congregation.

Ps 119:2 NKJV Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!

Ps 9:1-5 NKJV Prayer and Thanksgiving for the LORD's Righteous Judgments - I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. 3 When my enemies turn back, they shall fall and perish at Your presence. 4 For You have maintained my right and my cause; You sat on the throne judging in righteousness. 5 You have rebuked the nations, You have destroyed the wicked; You have blotted out their name forever and ever.

Ps 119:58-64 NKJV I entreated Your favor with my whole heart; Be merciful to me according to Your word. 59 I thought about my ways, And turned my feet to Your testimonies. 60 I made haste, and did not delay To keep Your commandments. 61 The cords of the wicked have bound me, But I have not forgotten Your law. 62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You, Because of Your righteous judgments. 63 I am a companion of all who fear You, And of those who keep Your precepts. 64 The earth, O LORD, is full of Your mercy; Teach me Your statutes.

Ps 119:69 NKJV The proud have forged a lie against me, but I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart.

Ps 119:145-150 NKJV I cry out with my whole heart; Hear me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes. 146 I cry out to You; Save me, and I will keep Your testimonies. 147 I rise before the dawning of the morning, and cry for help; I hope in Your word. 148 My eyes are awake through the night watches, That I may meditate on Your word. 149 Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness; O LORD, revive me according to Your justice. 150 They draw near who follow after wickedness; They are far from Your law.

Ps 138:1-2 NKJV I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You. 2 I will worship toward Your holy temple, and praise Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth; for You have magnified Your word above all Your name.

Jer 3:10 AMP But in spite of all this, her faithless and treacherous sister Judah did not return to Me in sincerity and with her whole heart, but only in sheer hypocrisy [has she feigned obedience to King Josiah's reforms], says the Lord. [2 Chron 34:33; Hos 7:13,14.]………

Jer 3:12 AMP Go and proclaim these words toward the north [where the ten tribes have been taken as captives] and say, Return, faithless Israel, says the Lord, and I will not cause My countenance to fall and look in anger upon you, for I am merciful, says the Lord; I will not keep My anger forever.

Jer 24:7 AMP And I will give them a heart to know (recognize, understand, and be acquainted with) Me, that I am the Lord; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me with their whole heart.

Things That Are Not
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Speaking Things That Are Not As Though They Were!:
To Women Who've Been Hurt by Men

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Heb 11:1 NKJV Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Heb 11:1-2 Amplified
1 NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. 2 For by [faith--trust and holy fervor born of faith] the men of old had divine testimony borne to them and obtained a good report.

Phil 3:9 AMP And that I may [actually] be found and known as in Him, not having any [self-achieved] righteousness that can be called my own, based on my obedience to the Law's demands (ritualistic uprightness and supposed right standing with God thus acquired), but possessing that [genuine righteousness] which comes through faith in Christ (the Anointed one), the [truly] right standing with God, which comes from God by [saving] faith.

Helper – [from Genesis name for woman – I will give you a helpmate]
OT:5828 `ezer (ay'-zer); from OT:5826; aid: KJV - help.
OT:5826 `azar (aw-zar'); a primitive root; to surround, i.e. protect or aid:
KJV - help, succour.

Speaking in FAITH is sometimes misunderstood as lying. But I know that the Lord has shown me to speak in faith over my son regardless of what behavior is manifesting. I went through divorce from his stepfather when he was 12. This was my first real marriage. And when Dave went to high school finally, (was home schooled before then) there was a lot of anger surfacing. And when I went to Toronto in 1996, they had warned me that Dave was going to take a path that would break my heart and to not get caught up by the sorrow and grief as it would draw MORE warfare to myself.

Now this is a hard one for any mother, especially of an only son at this point.
I had lost my two stepsons in the divorce. And here is my son getting involved with smoking, and marijuana through "friends". He would lash out at me with cussing and around that time, I also read a book by Merlin Carothers called " Bringing Heaven into Hell" which I would highly recommend. You can get it through Amazon or on his site. I learned that no matter what was going wrong [or at least I was trying to learn it] I needed to praise Him.

This was also reinforced by a book by Basilea Shlenk on overcoming. So as he would get angry….I would walk in my bedroom, tears running down my face, and speak in obedience [not even in sincerity at first] "Thank You Lord that he is swearing and angry at me!" " Thank You Lord that he is

Treating me like a jerk . Thank You Lord that he is rebellious!…. Thank YOU Lord that he is saved and healed . Thank You Lord that the call on his life is one of an apostle and that he walks in the light as You are in the light…" etc.

By the time I was done speaking those outloud, I was more calm and laid down on the bed and within a half hour, he'd come in and say, " I'm sorry mom, I don't know why I acted like such an ___." We'd hug and kiss and make up. He was going through a lot of pain at the time physically and mentally. So I knew when he spoke those things, it was not him, it was what had hold of him. We war NOT against flesh and blood, but power and principalities and spiritual wickedness in high places.

I made out 4 X 6 index cards with scriptures on them and began to speak them over him as often as I could and personalize the scrips to him in prayer. One day when I did that I heard a demon voice tell me…" That won't do you any good! " So then I knew it WAS doing some good! They are kind of stupid you know! And they are prideful so just have to reveal themselves.

I KNOW that God KEEPS telling me to speak the apostolic call over his life and the TRUTH of the Word, and HE will perform it. Just recently the Lord
told me that my partying son is about to have a "HALLELUJAH PARTY "!
Praise the LORD! So I am EXPECTANT.

No matter what you go through, one KEY of DAVID is to PRAISE HIM IN ALL THINGS as David did. Dance, sing, exalt His name, regardless of what I going on around you. There is some revelation on this in Ezekial 47 as well.
You can read that one at: http://upstream.homestead.com/ezekial47.html

Faith is the SUBSTANCE of things "hoped for", the evidence of things yet unseen.
Everytime I used to get focused on what was wrong with my ex-husband, things would go awry. Nothing would go right…there would be more strife and more fights, etc. But when I would look at what was wrong with ME, and ask for humility and a right attitude of heart, a change of heart for myself,

THEN things went really well. Our focus has to remain fixed on HIM and our own sanctification. It doesn't help anyone to berate them for all they do wrong. A husband who is going through a rough time needs encouragement as much as a woman going through a hard time who is unhealed.

The Lord told us that for unbelievers, they will be won over by a quiet and GENTLE spirit. And truth be known, if we will PROPHESY into their lives the things HOPED FOR! In first Samuel is an interesting scripture:

1 Sam 18:10-11 NIV The next day an evil spirit from God came forcefully upon Saul. He was prophesying in his house, while David was playing the harp, as he usually did. Saul had a spear in his hand 11 and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

1 Sam 18:10-11 NKJV And it happened on the next day that the distressing spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied inside the house. So David played music with his hand, as at other times; but there was a spear in Saul's hand. 11 And Saul cast the spear, for he said, "I will pin David to the wall!" But David escaped his presence twice.

1 Sam 18:10 AMP
The next day an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved [madly] in his house, while David played [the lyre] with his hand, as at other times; and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

1 Sam 18:10 NLT The very next day, in fact, a tormenting spirit from God overwhelmed Saul, and he began to rave like a madman. David began to play the harp, as he did whenever this happened. But Saul, who had a spear in his hand,

So whatever words come out of our mouth are PROPHECY. Will we speak LIFE or DEATH. The Lord says that life and death are in the power of the tongue. He wants us to speak LIFE to those we have been called to love.

It doesn't mean we can never correct. But when we correct we have an obligation not to CONDEMN, but to encourage towards life. We can't control the other person's reactions, but we can control ours. We must say what GOD is saying, like Jesus did. And in order to do that, we have to SEE as HE SEES. If He says to speak death, we better know it is coming from HIM, and not our flesh. Our flesh will fool us every chance it gets. And the enemy will also try to throw in divination through trying to control others when he can. That spirit of divination comes with religious pharisaism faster than a speeding bullet! If we have too much desire for prominence, or if we are competitive, that spirit of divination will enter in a most sneaky way, trying to make itself sound just like the Most Holy Spirit. We can be convinced also by our fleshly desires that war within us. So speaking the WORD is a SAFE thing to do if it is done in love, and not like a sword to kill.

A slave has no rights. We are slaves of the Most High. We must do things by HIS dictates, not the dictates of our own flesh and pride. We don't do what pride dictates. Pride is defensive and know it all, and demands what IT wants. If we don't learn our lessons the first time, we will go round and round the desert like the Israelites did in Moses' time till we GET IT!

We speak the the TRUTH of His Word to the mountains and the Word says that if we have faith even as tiny as a mustard seed, that if we say to that mountain MOVE, it will move! So we must EXPECT the Lord to do something also. If our expecter is broken, then we need to forgive God and repent of all doubt and unbelief, and keep on perservering till it comes about. Ask and you will receive. If we ask ANYTHING in His name it will be done for us. Maybe not in OUR timing, and if it is not in our timing, then it is because He is teaching us perserverance and trying to work LOVE into us, and DEATH to SELF, and what self wants.

We don't maginify the problems, but we MAGNIFY the LORD WHO is MOST HIGH, and greatly to be praised. We magnify His TRUTH, and it will become TRUTH. Not a magic pill, but earnestly seeking HIS WILL in all things. We say will YOU do this, but not as I will , as YOU WILL. He knows what it takes for each person to change. And as a woman, I know that I have done this thing of judging others so much and being blind to what is wrong in me, because of the abuse of men in my life. And if you have never known the love of a father's arms around you in holy love, and never known the affection of your husband outside the bedroom, then you may have such a deficiency of love in your life, that you have a tendency to see God as you see men, or to see men in a very unfavorable light that is NOT REAL. If you have never seen true men of God relating to women in a right way, then your vision becomes skewed. But the more you are exposed to the truth of what men CAN BE WHO WALK IN HOLINESS and TRUTH, then it is healing to the soul, and the greatest healing of all comes at the feet of JESUS, when we just SOAK in His presence and receive the LOVE HE so DESIRES to pour into us.

Abraham was called by God a great man of FAITH, yet from his life, I can see many things that would cause me to judge him otherwise. David was called a man after God's own heart, yet he was a murderer and an adulterer.
Yet GOD saw them as FAITHFUL! THAT is the grace of God and if we want GRACE women, then we must GIVE IT!

WE must stop making jokes about the inadequacies of men at their expense, and stop emasculating men, stop holding resentment against men, no matter how much any man has ever hurt us. I KNOW the pain, as I was only a toddler when abused by my stepfather and it took me years of inner healing to forgive the perversion and abuse. And I see for example in my sis the same jezebel treatment my mother gave men, and it makes me cry to see her abusing her sons in law. Her husband knows how to deal with her…but he sons in law know better than to say anything. She is still not saved or healed. The callousness towards other genders in this age was predicted, and we must be cut from a different cloth than those who give in to the perversion of mockery.

We are ALL DARK but lovely in the eyes of the FATHER because of the death of JESUS, and HIS BLOOD spilt for us. He loves us more than any other could ever love us, and we must CLING to that truth, to Him Who is TRUTH, and not give up on the men, just because they have been the one God used to break down our pride, or because it was them that was our cross to bear for a time. FORGIVENESS and HUMILITY are two weapons the enemy can do nothing to oppose! We must surround them with our love and protection and fight the compulsion to focus on the negative things. And if he will never change, then GOD will be our DELIVERER. We have to do what HE tells us, and not rely on the flesh.

Versatility
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Versatile
1 : changing or fluctuating readily : VARIABLE 2 : embracing a variety of subjects, fields, or skills; also : turning with ease from one thing to another 3 a (1) : capable of turning forward or backward : REVERSIBLE (2) : capable of moving laterally and up and down b of an anther : having the filaments attached at or near the middle so as to swing freely 4 : having many uses or applications

I heard the word "versatility" and asked the Lord what He wanted to say about it.

"Versatility is one of the major qualities I look for in people I want to use.

Are they able to adapt? Are they able to change with the WIND of My Spirit? Will they flow in the Spirit, looking to Me for what and how to do things. Will they be willing to drop everything to do what I want when I tell them to?

John 3:6-8 AMP

6 What is born of [from] the flesh is flesh [of the physical is physical]; and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 Marvel not [do not be surprised, astonished] at My telling you, You must all be born anew (from above).

8 The wind blows (breathes) where it wills; and though you hear its sound, yet you neither know where it comes from nor where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.

CHANGE is inevitable in life. Change is difficult to your humanness. It is more comfortable to the flesh to stay in a certain comfort of knowing what is and what will be from day to day.

The people at Babel were not versatile or flexible, nor were they obedient.

I told them to spread out and multiply in the land. But instead of obeying Me, they built a city and a tower and refused to spread out as I'd told them.

So then they were forced to do so by the confusion of their languages from judgment on their idolatry to self. They thought they could aspire to My greatness and to do what I did. They turned the creativity I gave them into idolatry. This is also a serious breech of conduct in this hour in the world and in My church that calls themselves by My name. They are taking My Word and turning it around to suit their idolatries and their fear of man, and their unsanctified mercies!

While the world is trying to literally produce man in their own image. This abomination will not go long without being judged as I judged the people of Babel.

I am calling out for truth-tellers! You have many soothsayers in this age, but not many truth-sayers! You have many who want to not cause any waves.

So I will take a RADICAL generation who have been neglected and abused, and misled, and I will draw them to Myself, and fill them with My glory and My wisdom and My POWER, and they will speak the TRUTH in love to this end times age. I will take the truth-sayers of the older generations and put them at the head of this army I will form for Myself! And I will make them the generals who have experience and wisdom I've given. And I will give them legions of soldiers who will not love their lives even unto death!

They will GO for US into the streets, into the nations, and they will NOT compromise My Word. They will RESTORE the ancient foundations of many generations and will lead multitudes into the Kingdom of GOD. They will not build their own kingdoms, for they are radical, and will not hoard money or belongings, but will freely share with others of like kind and heart. They will convict those who are walking in their own ways and bring down the idols in their hearts.

They will have the character of their Father, to reach out into the byways and highways to bring in all who have gone astray. They will follow the lead of the Good Shepherd! They will walk with ME, like Enoch and Noah did!

They will not break ranks when they run through defenses! They will LOVE their own brothers and sisters. They will not care for fame and finances as much as for obedience to Me. But because they seek Me with their whole heart, I will provide all they need to do all I've given them to do. And there will be spectacular deliverances from death. There will be spectacular provision and multiplication, and miracles of many kinds!

The Kingdom of Heaven is invading earth. You will see it in your time and be amazed! Get ready to be RADICAL for you are the sons and daughters of a RADICAL GOD who loves you with a RADICAL LOVE. Nothing will be the same! Nothing will ever be the same!"

Visitations And Demonstrations

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Visitations & Demonstrations of the Spirit and of Power: A Key to City Transformation

Exodus 3:2, 16-17 - *"And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. He looked and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn...'*
"'Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, 'The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, 'I have surely visited you and seen what is done to you in Egypt; and I have said I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites...to a land flowing with milk and honey.'"
ONE ENCOUNTER

What empowered Moses to stand before Pharaoh and courageously declare, "Let my people go!"?

One encounter with a burning bush and Moses was forever changed. Not only was Moses ruined for God, but this personal visitation was what emblazoned Moses to become the deliverer of a nation!

Do you want to see God change your city? The common question I hear in conferences across America is, "How do we bring in a revival? How do we bring heaven to earth? How do we welcome in The King of Glory?" **I believe that one key to city transformation is personal visitation.**

For God to change your city, you must first have a radical visitation yourself. If you want to usher in a major move of God, you must first and foremost have a God encounter yourself.

There is a misconception and a lie in the Church that visitations are just for personal purposes where you have awesome adventures like riding in chariots of fire, eating on the Sapphire Sea like the Elders did with Moses, and playing with angels. But is that the only reason that God gives us radical encounters with Him?

If we examine scripture, we will see how the majority of our forefathers of the faith had a personal encounter with God to launch them into their destiny so that they could change the course of biblical history. The result of these hallmark encounters were not just that they themselves were touched, but also that God's people were radically blessed. We cannot divorce city transformation from personal God encounters. If you want revival, cry out for radical encounters with Jesus!

PRAYER:
Lord, I want a radical visitation from You! Just like you suddenly appeared to Moses, I ask for a holy ambush of your Spirit. I ask that you would put a bull's eye on my heart and ruin me for Jesus! I must have more! Use me like you did Moses to deliver an entire nation from just one personal encounter!

REVIVAL & REVOLUTION

Acts 19:8-10 - ***"And he [Paul] went into the synagogue and spoke boldly...and this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks."***

1 Corinthians 2:5 - ***"And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."***

Acts 19 is the most outstanding success story of Paul's missionary career. One of the greatest triumphs in his entire life was that the entire province of Asia was evangelized in two years. The revival fire spread throughout all of Asia Minor and even brought about the conversion of Emperor Constantine in 312 A.D. Christianity became the dominant religion in the Roman Empire, which once tried to extinguish the early Church.

WHY NOT TODAY, TOO?

Can you imagine the Gospel spreading so quickly that even the pagan leaders of other countries would become radically saved! If it happened 2000 years ago, why not today too? When there is a demonstration of the Holy Spirit's power, entire nations are transformed!

The government of God backed up his words with such extraordinary signs and wonders that an entire continent was touched in two years! Beloved, it will take more than just eloquent teaching to touch this generation. We must have the power of God! We need to cry out for a fresh baptism of fire - another Pentecost - if we want this magnitude of revival and revolution in our cities.

PRAYER:
Oh Lord, I want to see Your glory touch this nation and spread to the ends of the earth! I want the power of the Holy Spirit to invade my life, my city, my continent. If you would use Paul, why not use me? Today, Lord, I am asking You for a fresh baptism of fire from the Holy Spirit. I want the government of Your kingdom to back up my words so that thousands will be saved.

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Victory In The Camp

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Be ready for a mighty move is on the horizon. As daylight breaks, in an instant it changes from darkness to dawn and you will witness one moment - darkness, the next moment - dawn. In an instant, in a twinkling of an eye you will perceive, you will be ready and you will move out in the mighty power of your mighty God.

My Beloved, you have been under My Watch. It is a Holy Watch, a watch that derails the enemy. Although he has tried to assail you, My Watch has been over you and on you. The eye of your God is ever upon you. Many have been the oppressions by the evil one but these assaults WILL be overridden by My Hand, My Watch and My Word. You, My Beloved, are cradled in the palm of My hand and you are safe and secure and I will keep you solely in My care. Nothing, I say again, NOTHING by any means shall harm you.

My plans, My way are as living stones. My plans are implanted and immovable as living stones. My plans will not be moved for they are solid. I have placed My plans in order and they WILL come forth in the order I have placed them. You are one of these living stones. I have planted you and I place you for your steps are ordered by Me. You will not be moved by circumstances not of Me but you will stand solid in the place I have called you because you are solid and one of my living stones.

So many of My faithful ones feel I have forsaken you and that I do not remember My promises to you. My Beloved, I have not forsaken you and I know each promise I have made. Many think you have erred in your belief of what I said I would do in your life but I say you will NOT be put to shame! How can you because Yeshua Jesus took on that shame for you at Calvary. HE suffered the shame of the cross and that was your shame so you would not suffer it. Continue to confess and profess My words for My Word is living and it is life. You will not be under but on top and you will not suffer shame.

I AM speaking profound words to you, sure words! These words bring release into your calling, release in finances, release in all areas that have sought to hinder you. You will now begin to move forth and as you do, doors will open to you that you have not even considered. Ways in the wilderness will be clear paths. You will wonder why you had not seen these before, but they were not there before. As I move you forth, other paths will open to you.

I AM giving you revelation as you will understand the work that I AM about to do. Not only in this nation but the world. As you begin to see events unfold, your spirit will quicken for you will know what I AM about to do. You are part of a multitude of those to whom I AM disclosing My plan so as to have workers going forth to prepare My people. There is a supernatural move of My Spirit that is gong forth to prepare the hearts of My people to receive My Words and you shall go forth in the power of My Spirit. Beloved, pray fervent prayers for My church... Intercede, stand in the gap and see Me move in a Mighty way, saith the Lord.

The end is near, the end is soon, the end to your long wait. You have been patient and you have endured. Those things you have prayed for others, those requests you have made for others will be manifest in your own life. My Word says pray ye for one another and you have been faithful. Rest in Me and My Word and see the fullness of My Word come to past.

I AM moving swiftly. I AM calling out My called ones as I AM moving swiftly. Do not be concerned with what is happening around you as I have it all under control. This is MY move and MY calling and it is I who will accomplish the miraculous. You are My hands extended and I have prepared you and trained you to draw close to Me and to hear My voice so that you can perform only those things that I AM speaking and calling. Listen for My voice, to not listen to the voice of another, stay close to Me.

Now as you stand before Me, awaiting your orders, as you dance before Me, as you worship before Me and as you sing a new song before Me... strongholds are coming down! Territories once stolen by the enemy are being released. Blinders are coming off, the blind all seeing. One caution - although you are Of Me, you are walking in the world and the dirt of the world will settle upon you every day and it is imperative that you come before Me each day so that you may be continuously cleansed. Beloved, you are in great warfare but there is **VICTORY IN THE CAMP**. Victory in All areas which once held disillusionment and discouragement. Captives are being released and lives are being transformed. There is Victory, **VICTORY IN THE CAMP!**

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Vision Of A Field, Forest & The Tabernacle

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Two days ago, early in the morning, I had a vision concerning a field, forest and a Tabernacle that I sensed the release to share with all of you today. I have already received an interpretation of this, yet there is still more that is being unfolded although I will write and share with you what I have thus far.

In this vision, I was in a field where there were many people scattered all over this field and I was sitting next to someone that I knew to be a football coach. We were talking about a plan and I knew that this was a football coach due to the way that He was dressed in this vision.

Then we both stood up and moved the chairs from the field where we were sitting and when I looked again, I realized that this coach was the Lord himself in this vision and that I had received my direction from Him.

Then I began to move forward onto this field with Him and I saw many of the different people coming together, to join together as teams and as I watched them, the different groups of people came close together in what appeared to be huddling as football teams would do to discuss the game plan. No longer were the people scattered but were close together and unified although the different ones were uniquely different.

On the edge of this field in front of me was a very lush, beautiful green forest and I began to walk towards this forest and noticed that there were many people also doing the same. As I entered the forest, I noticed that there were different people on different paths that were leading around to the same direction that I was going in.

Then I heard a voice say, there is an awesome Tabernacle that is back in the Forest but that I would have to "GO NORTH" to find it. So then I headed and veered a little in the right direction from where I was going and was heading North towards this Tabernacle that was in the forest.

As I approached the Tabernacle, I could hear and see that there were many different people that were finding it and I began to see it through the trees and bushes. Then I had arrived there and the vision ended.

The open field was the place where the Body of Christ was located in the beginning of the vision and I was there with the Lord in a waiting and sitting position with Him. Then when the chairs were being moved back indicated that the time of waiting was over and that I had received instructions from the Lord and knew that I had received my orders from Him.

Next, I was in a standing position with Him. And I was finally beginning to move forward and that is when the people came together into teams. I watch as the teams were huddling together which indicated to me that they were now getting the game plan and were getting unified together very closely.

There were many of these teams and each team were uniquely different. This indicated to me that the Lord was calling many different types of people together and was bringing them together in teams although all of the teams were a part of each other. They were not in competition but were just there discussing the game plan in huddles.

The lush green forest was a place of abundance and life and I noticed that many of the people were also moving into this forest at the same time. Many of them where on different paths that were leading in the same direction. This indicated to me that God has called many from different walks of life to move in the same direction in this end time mandate for the Body of Christ.

When I heard the voice say, there is a awesome Tabernacle back in the forest but you will have to "Go North" to find it. This showed me that I was already heading in the right direction but there was a slight adjustment to be made and that it had been made.

The Tabernacle is the habitation of God and may also be a regional area where God is mightily visiting Him people. A place where God is Tabernacling among His people. Such as a location where there is a mighty move of His Spirit. The North could be the direction of throne of God as through research and teaching that has been given concerning the North could very well be the direction of the location of heaven in the universe.

So there are different meanings in what could be meant in "Go North", although I believe that the interpretation could very well mean both. It may very well mean in the direction of the Throne of God in heaven and also a region where a mighty move of God is or will be taking place. I believe that it is both regional and also the location of the throne in heaven. Both!!!

Then there was another aspect of "North" that the Lord brought to my attention. In ancient times the invaders of Israel such as Assyria and Babylon, often came from the North. So this indicated to me here that North also means from the direction that the enemies of Israel came from, thus we must head in the direction of the face of the enemy.

If the enemy is in your face, then you are heading in the right direction. This is another way that you can tell when you are in the will of God. When you are coming under attack in the face of the enemy. We must not face the opposite direction, but must face the enemy head on and to overcome. So face the North, or Go North.

What I also saw in this vision was the mandate that God has given to me concerning the Networking of Ministries. Bringing Gods people together and them coming together in teamwork. And through this, they will also enter into that place of Abundance and life where they too will walk on the path to find that hidden place in the forest where God is Tabernacling among His people. God will place the people where He wants them in His end time mandate, but they will need to come together to get the game plan is what I am seeing in this.

Also, in this vision I did not see any lone-rangers out there trying to just stay alone and doing there own thing, but they were uniting together and getting the plan from the Lord and working together. So this concerns me a bit as I see that there are still so many different ones who are claiming that they are so spiritual and yet they don't realize that the plan is going to come to pass through the unified Body of Christ.

God is the coach and we are His Body. And what He has planned for the end time is for the Body to come together instead of just wanting to stay alone without accountability. This is something to ponder and for everyone to begin to pray and to seek the face of God about.

Because loners are not going to get the game plan by themselves but when they come together with the Body of Christ wherever He desires to place you. And if He is bringing you together with this network, then by all means, join in and make yourselves useful for the Body of Christ. If you are called to be somewhere else , then you are strongly advised to join together with the ones that the Lord wants to join you with.

But I can assure you of this one thing. That walking alone and thinking of oneself as more spiritual than others will only lead down a misguided path to nowhere. There is a urgency at this time, to encourage each one to become useful and to not only walk closer to the Lord than ever before, but if you are not hearing what God is saying or not listening, then you should also start listening.

Because the Lord not only speaks to us in our personal lives, but also speaks through His Body and it is now time to awake from sleep and to be obedient to what the Lord is saying and doing in the Body of Christ. To ignore His Body is to Ignore Him. As the Lord continues to unfold more of this, I will post a part two to this vision as the Lord may direct.

This is a call to unite and to walk with the Lord in such a way that you will not miss out on what He is desiring to do in this end time mandate. Those that are hearing the call to network, should be doing much more than just posting prophecies or articles, but should be building relationships with us and the other networking ministries.

There is time to seek the face of the Lord and to also work on building those relationships. There is also still time to get yourselves positioned for the end time move of God, but there is not much time left to waste.

Those that are truly committed to what the Lord is doing with the networking of ministries should be showing those commitments in words, deeds and actions. Those that are not committed should go where the Lord wants them to get committed. What the Lord is doing here is not for those who desire to remain alone or to draw people after themselves. Because this work is all about him and is also about the Body of Christ coming together.

Everyone is loved and welcome to join with us here, but there are choices that will be needed to be made because this is the Lords kingdom business and He is really serious about this.

If any of you need more information or would like to come into relationship with us and with the other networking ministries, then please go to http://ourchurch.com/member/j/Joshua-Network and read the various pages on our site.

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Vision of Fort Worth

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As I was praying for America I was led by the Spirit to pray particularly for the area of Fort Worth and Dallas in the state of Texas. I was praying for revival specifically and suddenly a map of the area appeared in my mind, not as a paper map but rather as a sort of live map. This vision in a sense was very similar to the vision I had over the Bay Area in California some years ago, only that in that case it was about fire, and here it is about water.

I was looking at that map from an elevated position, as if I was floating in air over the area. I saw the whole metro area surrounded by water like if it were an island. There was a very wide sort of “river” surrounding the area; or rather it looked like the whole metro area was like an island inside a lake.

As I was looking, something like a hydrant somewhat propped up from the West/South area of Fort Worth. It was not yellow or red, rather greenish as if covered by some moss. The top was knocked off in a rather violent way, although I did not see any hand or foot or tool, and immediately water sprung up in a very forceful way like a jet stream, with so much energy that in a few seconds it reached what seemed to be miles up in the air.

Somehow as the jet stream was reaching higher I myself was reaching higher so in the end I could not see the map any more; instead I could see the globe actually and this stream of water coming up and in its way dawn it was literally bathing the Globe like a mighty shower.

I believe this vision speaks of the waters of revival that God is sending. I believe God is saying that the streams of revival have for a long time been “stopped”; this represented by the hydrant that was hidden and covered with a moss like thing. The hydrant also speaks of “management” for too long the local body has tried to “manage” the things of God, but this has caused the water to be actually stopped. However, at some point it won’t be possible to keep it under control anymore as something caused it to pop up, and someone had the top forcefully knocked off thus letting the water out freely. I believe God is about to show were the water was stopped and He will knock off whatever has stopped it. Because of God’s intervention there will be a flow, a jet stream of water reaching so high that can in no way be construed as something done by human ability or power. The result of such stream will be that the blessings will reach all around the Globe.

When God blesses a place He always has the whole body in mind and whatever blessings we received are intended not only for us but for the rest of the body. The blessings received locally will and should reach to the whole world. I also believe this word might not be only for Fort Worth and Dallas, but for every city where the church has tried to keep a rein on God.

In the love of God for His church.

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Vision Of New Zealand

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This vision and word for New Zealand came at the very end of an extended time of intercession.

The vision began with the Lord bringing BREAD to the intercessors in the middle of a green field. He then released a light covering, or mantle, like a tent over everyone.

I saw workmen under this tent (like workmen when they are repairing telephone wires), they were digging deep down into the soil.

As the digging went deeper they uncovered a new substance, I believe the Lord was saying it was the true heart of the nation which no-one has yet seen.

I saw Maori warriors doing a haka (challenging dance) on top of the land, but the Lord said even the Maori have not yet dug for His heart.

We were connected to the beat and pulse of this heart. Those who get down low, close to the land, will find the heart.

There is still something to be found/released in Matamata (centre of the North Island) in this regard. He clearly said “I have not yet finished with Matamata”.

I saw strong figures emerging from a thick grey fog and mist. The Lord said there would be a new release of leaders in the nation, unknown men and women brought forth by the Lord.

As those who were prepared to dig deep in the Lord continued to dig, the heart was found and I saw the whole of New Zealand become a huge heart. Every part of the nation was this immense heart.

Then I saw the Lord’s hand take pieces of this heart and drop them into the nations. He had lifted me up high and I saw the nations of the earth, they looked like pieces of paper floating on the ocean compared to the size and depth and substance of this ‘heart’ nation.

There was so much substance that the pieces of heart placed in the nations radically affected each one. All the nations of the earth were affected.

Then the Lord showed me connection between this heart and Jerusalem. I saw a surge outward over the northern tip of New Zealand that became a powerful arrow-shaped flow into Israel.

What has been prepared, and will be released, in the uttermost parts of the earth, will reach back into the land of Israel.

Finally I saw those who had been digging. They were sitting deep down in a furrow, between banks of well-tilled soil. These were deep ploughed furrows.

Finally I was reminded again that He had brought us bread in a green field – this indicated to me that much of what I had seen was ‘grass roots’ (indigenous) in nature.

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Who Would You Have Us Be Lord?

I would like you to be you.
I made you and I love you.
My desire is that you would be truly you.
Who am I?
You are a blend of your spirit and mine.
We are like the sand and the sea,
The sky and the clouds
They move together and are made to be together.
Let me ebb and flow through you
We are like the soil and the grass.
Let me sustain you and cause you to grow,
We are like the sun and the rain.
Let me be your seasons and determine what will best help you grow.
Live in Me, and let me live in you
That is who you are and how it is meant to be.

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Vision of Storms

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I was in a house on the 2nd floor with my mother and sister in America. There was a strong storm with great winds and it was raining. It blew so hard I thought the windows would break to pieces. It was very noisy and loud this storm. We went to the front of the house where the bedroom was. The house was almost like the one I grew up in and it seemed like Ohio. Ohio doesn't have bears, so I had the impression I was in Pennsylvania where I live in bear country, but the area looked like Ohio.

I looked out the window and saw the winds blow about 150 to 200 mph. I saw a large bear and dogs that were being blow by the house. They were terrified and the wind carried them away. Then another bear blew by and he finally stood still. I could see the terror on the bears face, and then the winds blew him away, and I saw some more dogs on the streets being blown away swiftly. With these winds the house should have blow away, and the windows should have burst but they didn't. I knew it was very dangerous weather, but in the dream, I didn't pray for protection. God was protecting us. God was going to judge America.

House of Cards & Cities of Glass Vision July 24, 2003

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House of Cards

I was in a city in looked like northeastern America and there was a powerful storm in the sky, and the clouds were dark, and the wind was blowing fiercely. Everyone ran for shelter and some people took me with them. We went into a large dome building and I said, "this is not going to protect us from the storm, we got to get out of here. They responded and said that we were safe, but I knew we weren't; so I left, but they stayed.

I went back outside and looked up to the sky, and the sky was higher and larger, and I saw the United States sprawled out over the sky like a map. It was like a sheet of glass with each state drawn in the map, and I gazed more at the eastern part of the United States.

There were storms in each state as I looked at the map. Each state had different intensities of storms in them, but the northeastern parts of America were severe storms.

I saw houses made of cards, or cardboard pieces and a wind blew on them and they fell flat. God said, "House of Cards," Houses would collapse in the coming storms with great winds.

Interpretation

This can also apply to the Christian homes that are not built by God will collapse like a house of cards will fall. But the main feeling I got while in the vision is that there are coming storms and winds that will be over 200 to 300 mph, which will bring many houses down flat to the ground.

Cities of Glass

I saw cities made of glass (sky Scrapers) and Rocks fell from the sky, but when the large mammoth rocks hit the cities, the buildings and skyscrapers crashed and shattered like dropping glass. I saw people go into large dome buildings, and they also were crashed and shattered like glass.

Interpretation

Rocks will fall across the cities of America, and since the skyscrapers are made out of glass, they will shatter and glass will fall to the ground. Entire cities will be destroyed.

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Vision Of The Furnace Opening Up Before The Throne

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On Sunday, September 26th- 2004, the Lord gave me a vision during the worship time of our service.

I saw the angels of God that are around the Throne. They were swooping down and flying back and forth over and before the Throne. There was lots of activity and it seemed very important, that they had began to swoop down as they flew. As I was watching this, the ground area before the Throne, opened up and a furnace of sorts began to explode upwards from within its area that had now opened.

(The Throne was suspended in the air as I watched, but somehow there was a ground level before it that was also suspended before the Throne.)

This Furnace was like a black tempest, and it was full of fire, smoke, and great forces of wind. It was like an oven had been opened, or like a great storm had opened up. I also thought of incense rising upwards before the Throne within this tempest, but I did not know how the incense could rise up without being scattered or destroyed by the great blast. But somehow, I knew that the Father held it all perfectly, and He received all that was within the Furnace.

Then, I saw the Father stand up, on behalf of His Own. He stood up and all of a sudden, everything went totally silent. All of the activity was immediately halted and not a sound was heard. All of heaven was at attention. Then, through the Tempest that was before the Throne, I saw a glorious scepter emerge to the other side, where I was watching from. It reached out towards me as I watched.

Then, I heard the Father say, “I am now calling to My Own. They are now coming to Me. They will now be joined to Me. They will now enter in, and then the door will be shut.”

Then, that same night, at the evening service, the Lord gave me the scriptures of Psalms 50.

Psalms 50

1. The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.
2. From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.
3. Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.
4. He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:
5. "Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."
6. And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah

7. "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you: I am God, your God.
8. I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.
9. I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens,
10. for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.
11. I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine.
12. If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.
13. Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?
14. Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High,
15. and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

16. But to the wicked, God says: "What right have you to recite my laws or take my covenant on your lips?
17. You hate my instruction and cast my words behind you.
18. When you see a thief, you join with him; you throw in your lot with adulterers.
19. You use your mouth for evil and harness your tongue to deceit.
20. You speak continually against your brother and slander your own mother's son.
21. These things you have done and I kept silent; you thought I was altogether like you. But I will rebuke you and accuse you to your face.
22. "Consider this, you who forget God, or I will tear you to pieces, with none to rescue:

23. He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God."

It is time to enter into the Chambers of the Lord and to know Him intimately, for the time of the Union is closing. Those who respond now will enter into the Secret Place and be under His Abiding Place, those who refuse will be left out and to their own ways.

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The Summons [repost]
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Today, as I was making a worship hoop for a friend, the Lord gave me a vision, and as I was worshipping the Lord, he spoke to me about the vision. I submit it to you for your discernment, and for prayer. This is what he showed me:

I am seated in a chair, and I suddenly feel compelled to worship the Lord. As I am worshipping, I am caught up, and taken in the Spirit to a place that I don't know of. It is a different area that I have not been to before. I see a building that I have entered, and am standing in a hallway. This hallway goes in two different directions, and is long and carpeted with red carpet. There are many doors along the corridor of the hallway. Each door is different though.

There are tall doors, short doors, wooden doors, steel doors, glass doors, and arched doors, and many more, too many to describe them all. It felt funny to see all of the different doors in this place. I was thinking about how odd it was for this to be this way, when I heard talking. I looked up and down the hallway, trying to find where the voices were coming from. I began walking down the corridor to the right.

The Lighting in this hallway was not bright, yet, not dim either. There were no lights to be seen, yet, it was lit and you could see. I also noticed that there were no doorknobs on any of the doors. Each door was shut and each had it's own method of entrance. The sound of the voices trailed down the hall, as I continued to follow it's sound.

I noticed that the carpet was red, but it was also very worn. There were paths beaten into the fibers of the carpet, and it was obvious that this was a well-traveled place. Even though the carpet was worn, it was very inviting and pleasing to look at. It was comfortable to walk upon. As I walked on, I came to a junction. I looked, but did not see anyone, or hear anything from the other hallways, so I continued on.

All at once, I see a man standing before a door up ahead of me. He was standing in front of the door with a sword in his hands. The voices seemed to be coming from within that door. I felt some apprehension about going up to the man, as he stood guarding that door and he looked very serious. As I drew closer, he turned and looked at me. I then knew that he was no man, as he was an angel that guarded that door. I began to feel uncomfortable, and started to turn away from him, as I felt a sudden fear and I did not want to seem foolish to him.

The angel then lowered his sword and pointed it at me. He said, “Whom do you seek?” I began to shake and I said that I didn’t know why I was here, but that the Master summoned me. The angel then smiled, and he looked at me closer, and said, “Yes, he has.” He then stepped aside, and motioned for me to enter the door.

The door then opened without anyone touching it. I felt relief flood into me as I stepped into the room. I was not prepared for the things that I would see here. I had entered into a room with maps all over the walls. Yet, they were not paper maps, but looked like real places somehow placed on the walls. Every continent was there, and every country. There were the oceans, and the seas, and the rivers. It was all there, on all of the walls. I was amazed at the sight, and I wondered who placed them up on the walls. I could also see two chairs in the room, and a line of people who stood by the chairs. In the chairs were seated a man and the Lord. The man and the Lord were talking back and forth. I then realized that those were the voices that I heard from the hallway. They were not talking loud but softly, and I wondered how I could hear them all the way from down the hallway.

I noticed that the people in line came up to the Lord, one by one. There were men and women in the line. Each one stood by the Lord and talked with Him. The Lord would point to the maps, and speak of certain events that would happen to the countries, and he showed the person what would take place. As I watched, the Lord pointed to a country, and fire began to spread out in that country and it devoured all of the crops in that land. I was horrified as I watched. There was no one who could stop the fires. The man that stood with the Lord watched and then he shook his head, and left the line. I watched as he walked away with his head down and his hands gripped together. The Lord looked sad, and watched him leave.

A woman then approached the Lord ahead of me, and she stood next to the Lord. The Lord pointed to the oceans and they began to churn with a great storm. The storm made huge waves that beat upon some lands and upon the sea I saw ships that were sinking from the huge waves. The storm was very powerful and the roar of the waves terrified me as I watched. It seemed as if I could feel the pounding even from where I stood. The woman showed no emotion. I was amazed. She watched, and said it did not matter, as the people were dead anyway. Then she backed away, and turned to leave. I stopped her, and put my hand on her shoulder. She hesitated, then continued on. The Lord watched her go, and there was grief in His eyes, and pain that I did not want to see there. I felt somehow responsible.

I then realized that it was my turn. I stepped forward and stood next to the Lord. I was very unsure of what I was supposed to do, but I felt safe with the Lord standing next to me. He noticed my reaction and smiled slightly. Then he raised his hand and pointed at the far wall in front of us. The wall came alive with a great shaking. It seemed that the whole wall shook, and the lands with it. I could feel the shaking from where I stood, and it terrified me. I grabbed onto the Lord, and stood watching as the lands shook violently. There was a great noise, and then it was still. The lands had split from the shaking, and it was deathly quiet. It was so quiet. I looked at the Lord, but he remained looking at the wall. I looked again, and I saw that there were very few untouched areas of the land. It was shaken till there was nothing recognizable. Then I saw one of the mountains erupt and it spewed lava and ash over parts of the land, and it shook again. People were running everywhere and there was no where to run to. Fires burned in places from where the lava landed and it lit up the land like torches. I could smell the burned land. I then felt tired, and looked to sit down. The Lord sat me next to Him, and looked at Me. He then asked me if I understood what I saw.

I considered the scenes that I saw since I entered the room. I said to the Lord that I knew that he had summoned me, but that I did not know why He had showed me these scenes and why the people were here. The Lord then said, “This is My Map Room.”

It is here that I have laid out the foundations of the earth, even before I created them. All that has occurred since the beginning of time, I have seen and have carried up till this day. Nothing happens upon the earth without My Foreknowledge or My Sovereign will. I chose to create the earth for man, so that we could dwell together. My dwelling place has always been with man, but man rejected Me, and has chosen to live separate from Me. Ever since, they have lived in the lower expanse without Me, and without My Hand guiding them in their affairs. What you have seen here this day, is the culmination of the generations, and the repercussions of the choices they have made. The earth can no longer hide the sin, and travails to expel it.

Throughout the ages, I have summoned people to come here and to see this room. It is here that I show them the awesome responsibility that comes with man’s choices. It is also here that the hearts are revealed and shown for what is in them. You see, I call to my people, and they do not come to Me. The few that do, also choose whether they will carry My burden and reach out to those who dwell in those lands on the maps.

Many choose not to respond, not to care. They are more concerned for their own personal safety and comfort that they cannot reach out without jeopardizing their own lives and freedoms. They will not risk their life for their brother, and they walk away.

The man that you saw was full of fear. He came out of obedience to Me, but He had not conquered His Fear, and fully trust in Me, and when he watched the fires come upon His lands, He could not trust Me to use Him nor to even care for Him. He looked good on the outside, but when he was challenged with the real threat to his safety, he backed away, unable to reach out to those who were hurting. He only saw the destruction, and could not see the needs of the people. So he left to go to his own destruction and to his portion.

The woman that was also here was full of dread. She watched as the storms tore away at her own lands and she hardened her heart. She had not allowed Me to walk with her in the earth, and be her companion. She suffered through life without My Grace, and ended up hardened and cold. The many injustices of the times ate away at her faith until she could no longer believe that I even cared or that I could help her. She waded through life, enduring each thing that came with pain and she gave up hope. She also came, but she did not come out of obedience, but out of necessity. Here she had a moment of peace, but she left to go back to the life without Me. She did not see any hope in the storms, and so she could not reach out and help someone. She only sees death and destruction without Mercy and Justice.

Then you came before Me. I brought you here to show you some of the things that will come to your land. The Great Shaking has only just begun in reality, but I showed you so that you would know My Heart in it. The Shaking is necessary to dislodge all of the deeply entrenched sins and idolatry of the nation. Much is entrenched beneath the land and has been there from the beginning. But, I am visiting the land, and it will be shaken so that it can be freed. The mountains erupted from the great pressures that have been building and from the battle that has been waged over the destiny of your land.

You were right to grab hold of Me in the shaking, as it is the only safety that there is. Everything that can be shaken, will be. Nothing will remain the same, nor can it be. For the cries of the earth demand Liberty and the cries of the generations of slain demand Justice. The blood cries out from the ground and cannot be held back any longer. I have given time for men to reach out to Me. I have given opportunities for all men to hear the Truth. I have given My Life for them to be saved and to know Me, yet they continue to reject Me, and the Truth.

There is nothing else besides Me, except for time itself. And even time is coming to an end. I called you here to show you what is to come. I called you to test your heart. Will you deny yourself and go and reach out to My People who remain on the earth, and who will suffer greatly in the days to come? I say My People, as all men are mine for I created them all. But they are not My Children, nor are they My Bride.

Will you overcome your weaknesses and reach out to them at all costs? Can you stand, trusting fully in Me, without wavering in the face of great trials, and show My Love to those around you? I saw your tiredness as you watched the great upheavals. I know of your labors and of your zeal for Me. I know that you pursuit me with devotion and are seeking Me more, yet, will you continue, knowing that it will cost you greatly? The flesh tires from the cost, but will you rise up in My Strength and allow Me to undergird you?

Many fall because they can never allow Me to come alongside of them and help them. They cannot admit that they have need of My help. They feel it is a sign of weakness, and immaturity to be weak. Yet, they can never overcome their own faults enough to reach out themselves. Many will fall in the days to come, who once let me help them, and who knew my Hand upon them, yet they felt the security of the position, and felt that they didn’t need Me anymore, and walked on without Me. They felt that they had grew up and had now gained solidity and were now examples to others and were leaders of the people. Yet, they did not see their own pride and could not even see that they had fell. They continued to walk alone, and slowly lost their faith, and their tenderness. They soon lost all respect for others, and became arrogant and criticized others who struggled.

The cost is great, and the price is high, yet the harvest is ready and the time is short. Many think that there is still time, and don’t remain alert, and are not seeking Me. They are going on to their own demise, as they will not have My Wisdom to guide them. They chose to go their own way, rather to pursue Me. The cares of this world will lure many away, and cause them to become dull of hearing, and of heart. They will lose their sensitivity to others and will not even notice when things have changed, for their hearts are far from Me. They will have their reward.

I called you to come here and to see what lies ahead. Many of My Faithful Prophets have already been here, and are now sounding the alarm. Many are faithful to reach out, and to call My Own in. Will you stand with them? Many will mock you, ridicule the Word that I give to you, and criticize your walk, but I will be with you. Many will discount the Voice that will speak through you, and will not believe the Truth. But many others will. Will you pay the cost, and call My People to Me?

The Lives of My Prophets are in My Hand, and I am turning them this way and that way, and positioning them in the earth. They will sound the warning, and then the scenes that you saw, and still many more you did not see, will begin.

I could feel His eyes looking right into My heart as He spoke. I did not feel fear, but I did feel all of my humanity within me. I have always felt that I knew He was with me, but at this moment I knew that I had not always walked in that knowledge. I could see many of the times where I had tried to carry too much, or to do things without the Lord’s wisdom, and I knew that He was right. I had not allowed the Lord to fully enable me, nor to empower me to be his servant. I did have zeal, but not a lot of strength.

I said, Lord, take me and carry me. Enable me to be your servant and to speak Your Word with Your Power. I cannot go any further without you as the head in my life. I trust You, and rely upon Your Strength and Wisdom, and not upon myself. Give me Your Heart for Your People, and help Me to speak to them and to see them with Your eyes. For I will pay the cost, as I desire no other, but You. The Lord looked at me with very grave eyes, and reached into my heart and pulled it out. I was shocked, and cried out. He calmly smiled at me, and reached into His heart and pulled it out, and gave it to me.

He said, “You now have My Heart. Be careful what you do with it. Never take it for granted, nor fail to obey it’s leading. Guard it carefully, and never fail to release it to others. Love those around you with My Love, and speak the Truth. I felt no pain as I stood there, but I did feel a release. I did not fear anymore, nor did I feel tired. I felt very full and free, and as if I was loved completely and had no strings attached to me. I was so caught up by the simplicity of His Love, and how we make life hard by resisting Him. I clutched His Heart to Me, and there was a great stirring within me. I felt such hope rising in me for God’s People. I saw the great Destiny that awaited them, and the Glory of His Reunion.

It was worth it all.

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Void Of Understanding

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In Christianity today, there is an overemphasis on Prosperity. So many are claiming the Promises of God so that they will never be found in want. Yet the Scriptures mention something that is far more important in our lives than wealth. It is understanding. Lacking finances, in most instances, will not lead a soul to Hell. However, lacking understanding will. Resultantly, may we never, ever be found "void of understanding."

The Bible gives us clear-cut descriptions of seven types of people and one animal who were found to be "void of understanding." Behind each illustration is a lesson for us today. May we heed the warning that the Holy Spirit is sounding loud and clear to us this day.

1. The Leader

Proverbs 28:16 - The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor: but he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days."

Here we see a person who is placed in a position of leadership, but he lacks understanding. Instead of displaying mercy and justice to the people under his authority, the Scripture implies that he oppresses them. He is called "a great oppressor." In other words, he is a tyrant. People mean nothing to him. Only his selfish ambition matters. He loves covetousness or gain for himself. He caters to those who flatter and exalt him.

Are you in a place of authority or leadership? Do you lack understanding? How do you handle those under you? Are you oppressive with them or gentle, meek, mild, and patient? Do you use people for your own selfish gain? Do you show favoritism towards those who minister to your greed, pleasure, or ego? Or are you understanding of others, demonstrating mercy and kindness to all?

2. The Slothful

Proverbs 24:30 - "I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding."

The sluggish man is "void of understanding." He is given a job to do with certain requirements, but he lacks the courage, initiative, and motivation to step out and accomplish the task at hand.

Resultantly, his lack of reasoning, wisdom, and skill causes him to be overtaken by poverty, want, and desolation.

The "field" and the "vineyard" of the slothful man can typify our own God-given responsibilities.

As the head of your home, through your lack of "understanding," have you allowed "thorns" and "nettles" to grow in your family? These can be any evil habits that are allowed to persist or hurtful offenses that are never resolved but simply swept under the rug, so to speak - to be dealt with at a more opportune time.

What about God's wall of protection around your home? Has it been broken down through compromise, worldliness, disobedience, rebellion, loose-living, indifference, and Sin?

Each one of us is responsible for the care and upkeep of the "vineyard" of our own hearts. Through our lack of "understanding" of the management of our spiritual affairs, have we allowed "thorns" and "nettles" to grow? Have we neglected to root up any inordinate affections, lusts, passions, greed, pride, malice, unforgiveness, bitterness, anger, unbelief, doubts, or fears?

3. The Backslider

Proverbs 21:16 - "The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead."

Christianity is the "way of understanding." Therefore, the man who wanders "out of the way of understanding" is the one who was once enlightened but now turns from Light unto Darkness... Holiness to Sin...Purity to Sensuality...Freedom to Bondage...walking in the Spirit to following after the ways of the Flesh.

His final outcome? "The congregation of the dead." In other words, without repentance, he is condemned forever to eternal death in Hell.

How about you?
Are you walking in the "way of understanding" today? Or have you wandered? Have you compromised the Holy Standards of the Word of God and played with Sin and its enticements too long - only to find yourself now in the ways of darkness and under the dominion of Satan?

No one has to go to Hell. You can turn around and get back on the "way of understanding." Simply cry out to Jesus in godly sorrow and sincerely turn from your wicked ways. He will once again enlighten your understanding with His Gospel Light.

4. The Deceived

Proverbs 17:18 - "A man void of understanding striketh hands, and becometh surety in the presence of his friend."

The Scripture tells us that the one who pledges for another man's debt is "void of understanding." In fact, Proverbs 6:2 says that he is "snared" and "taken" with the words of his mouth and should readily seek to be delivered.

Are you indebted to another?
Have you - through your lack of understanding of the ramifications involved - made a faulty or ungodly contract that has brought you into terrible bondage? Are you presently carrying someone else's debt?

Seek to be freed. Call out to Jesus for His Mighty Intervention. And ask Him to endue you with understanding so that you will not make the same mistake again.

5. The Distracted

Proverbs 12:11 - "He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread: but he that followeth vain persons is void of understanding."

This man should be busy minding his own business or maintaining an honest calling. Instead, he is pursuing worthless things and associating with idle and evil company. He is "void of understanding." Unlike the man who works hard and then is "satisfied with bread," he meets with hunger and lack on all sides.

Are you distracted today?
Has God planted you in a specific place for such a time as this? Are you about your Father's business? Or have you fallen in with the wrong crowd - whose main ambition is to get wealth and to pursue after worldly riches instead of the riches of the Kingdom of God?

Because of your lack of understanding, and your neglect of the business assigned you, do you find yourself in a place of spiritual destitution and want?

Colossians 3:2-3 - Your answer? "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God."

6. The Adulterer

Proverbs 6:32 - "But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul."

Anyone who commits adultery shows a total lack of understanding. They are blinded to the ruin and devastation that this sin brings into one's life. Its shame, dishonor, and reproach is indelible. It wounds the conscience, extinguishes any flame of spiritual life, and opens the door for the just wrath of God.

Who is guilty of such a horrible sin?

Many would cry out - "Not me, O Lord."

But how many are there who have not actually gone so far as to commit the very act of adultery yet have committed it in their hearts and minds?

Instead of wholeheartedly loving their spouse, they have shared their affections with another. They have fantasized of having someone else or looked upon another with the desire to have them for their own. They respect and honor another's spouse but reject, ridicule, dishonor, and despise their own.

What about all those who have committed spiritual adultery? How many in the Body of Christ can be said to lack understanding because they love this world and its pleasures more than God?

They profess to know God, but their hearts are clinging to the amusements of this world. They want just enough of Jesus to escape Hell, and enough of this world to escape persecution and ridicule.

7. The Tempted

Proverbs 7:7 - "And beheld among the simple ones, I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding." Proverbs 9:16 - "Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: and as for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him."

Here we have a "young man void of understanding." He is "among the simple ones." He is "simple." What that means is that he is a ready target for the seducer or temptress. He is inexperienced, idle, loitering, unprincipled, undisciplined, and empty-headed. He has no strength to resist the flatteries or seductive impressions that come his way. His mind is set on the things of the flesh rather than the things of the Spirit. He has no discernment to detect the danger at hand.

How about you?
Are you empty-headed as opposed to those who have their minds filled with the Word of God? Are you undisciplined in your prayer life? Are you unprincipled in that you don't really have any holy standards - according to the Word of God - by which to live?

You are "void of understanding" and are a prime target for the tempter. At this very moment, Satan is planning your demise and defeat.

Allow God's Word to fill you with an "understanding" of the dangers involved here. Get busy in maintaining your spiritual life. Don't expect others to do the work for you. It's your soul that is at stake.

8. The Negligent Parent

Job 39:13-17 - "...or wings and feathers unto the ostrich? Which leaveth her eggs in the earth, and warmeth them in dust, And forgetteth that the foot may crush them, or that the wild beast may break them. She is hardened against her young ones, as though they were not her's: her labour is in vain without fear; Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, neither hath He imparted to her understanding."

The "ostrich" is a very remarkable bird. Besides its beautiful, hair-like plumage, its large size whereby it is oftentimes referred to as the "winged camel," and its bounding speed whereby it can outrun the fastest horse, it is a monster in kind.

It is in stark contrast with the stork. The stork delicately cares for its young, whereas the ostrich neglects hers. Unlike the other birds who seek for a secluded, inaccessible place in the trees or rocks for their eggs, she drops hers any where upon the ground and forsakes them, expecting the sun or sand to keep them warm. Never mind the traveler in his journeys who may very well come along and crush them under his feet.

At the least sound of danger, she flees from her young, never to return to them again. She has been known to find another's eggs and to sit upon them. Could there be found a greater example of one "void of understanding" among God's creation?

How are we doing as parents?
Would it be said of us that we are "void of understanding" or endued with it from on high?

We would probably never think to abandon our children like the ostrich. But, like her, do we neglect our job as parents and leave them to be taught the principles of life by others? Are we too busy to teach them the Word of God ourselves? Are they finding out about life through their peers or the "Christian" musicians, artists, songwriters, sports figures, and movie stars?

Do we neglect to show them our love and respect by taking the time to listen to their problems or to spend quality time with them? Do we cover them with our prayers as they venture out into the world each day? Or have we, like the ostrich, "hardened" ourselves against our "young ones"?

"Void of understanding."
May we never wear that label.

Proverbs 10:13 tells us - "...a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding."

The chastisement and judgment of God is for those who are "void of understanding." What an incentive to cry out to Him today for understanding. Wouldn't you agree?

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Vietnam Resurrected

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The current presidential election has spent an amazing amount of time focusing on the ghost of the Vietnam War due to the controversy over the war service records of Mr. Bush and Mr. Kerry. Tearing open old wounds, which scarcely are hidden under the skin of my generation's national psyche, this revisiting of that nightmare has not been pleasant. Wherever we stood then, and wherever we stand now in retrospect, one thing is for sure: None of us who went through the national drama and trauma want to see it happen to the United States again.

Yet, here we are again. We are caught in a war we may not be able to "win," if "winning" means the bringing of it to an honorable, desired conclusion. Our old "Remember the Alamo" dictum after Vietnam became: "Never engage an indigenous land war in the jungles of Asia." Today the current situation may lead to a new, harder-won conclusion: "Never engage in an indigenous religious civil war in the desert either."

At this point, from my vantage, only God knows what we should have done in Iraq, or how we should have done it. And the Almighty ain't talking, despite some people's impassioned opinions on both sides of the issue. We removed a dictator. We have a tiger by the tail. We may or may not have the resolve to finish the job. Enough Iraqis may or may not be with us. More troops may or may not make a difference. A civil war may or may not follow the elections in Iraq, if they are held. We may or may not have to restart a national military draft. Here we are again, stuck in a national crapshoot. Is this 1964 or 2004? It smells uncomfortably similar to me, and I've lived in the passions of both situations as a fairly politically self-conscious critter.

Some time back I said in The Bottom Line that living in God's judgment is characterized by having no good choices. In other words, go left you're had or go right and you're had. The only good choice is to repent and go back to where you went wrong. For the United States, that is a tough one, since we've made so many nationally anti-God choices over the last fifty years or so. Is it Roe v. Wade? Is it the race eviscerating choices of the "war on poverty"? Is it Kennedy's turning the White House into a one-night-stand Palladium? Is it slavery? Is it pride and cultural imperialism? As countries go, I love and honor America despite our sins.

Comparatively, in a historical sense, we have used our power kindly as a world power. Nevertheless, I hear the 1960's echoes faintly in my ears of, "Hell no, we won't go." Somebody wake me up, and that is the bottom line.

Viewing the Cross from the Throne

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After seeing The Passion of Christ, I wondered how the Father handled all that happened to His Son on this earth. I decided to ask Him if He would be willing to share His experience with me. I offer this for your testing against the one true Measure.

As I entered the Throne Room the Father motioned me forward saying, "Come in My curious one."

That pretty much sums up my personality but I quickly reminded Him of His wise words that we 'Have not because we ask not.'

He smiled and said, "What is it you would like to know?"

We discussed the new movie depicting Jesus' last hours on earth. In recalling the events His expression was a mixture of sadness and satisfaction. The Father expressed concern that His churches were not prepared for the Harvest this movie was going to bring in and He asked to keep that in prayer.

I moved in closer and asked Him to tell me what happened after Christ left Heaven.

He said, "All eyes were ever on My Son when He entered the earthly realm, for the Destroyer sought to take His life at every opportunity. Angels had their assignments before He left and each one took their charge seriously."

The Father continued, "I sent helpers along the way for guidance, for encouragement and for strength. I knew it would be a welcomed sight for My Son to receive these visitors from Heaven. As Jesus' journey neared its end, legions of angels stood by to move at a spoken Word."

I asked Him how He handled the way His Son was treated on earth.

He paused for a moment with His hand against His face and said, "When I think of the experience My Son had on earth I focus on the destination of the journey rather than on the journey itself. I have not forgotten what happened but I choose to see that Christ's experience made the way for many more to come to Us. It also made a way to defeat the enemy in a way that ALL would see. Jesus' life also serves as an example for others to follow. So you see, when I look at the experience My Son endured I choose to see the profit instead of the pain."

I asked if He got angry when they were beating and berating Jesus.

Sadness overtook his reflection as He thoughtfully answered my question, "My anger was indeed kindled many times as I watched but My Son asked me to forgive them, saying that they did not know what they were doing. It was My good pleasure to answer that prayer for I love these Children, too. I knew that one day many of those that mistreated My Son would one day come to serve Him."

I marveled at the grace and mercy of my God. But, there was one last question I have wondered about every time I read the Word. So I asked Him, "Why did Jesus say, 'My God why have Thou forsaken Me?"

The Father said, "You were told only half of the conversation We had that day…the side that man heard. The sins of the world clothed My Son as He hung on the cross. His flesh and the Deceiver cried out to Him telling Him that I had forsaken Him but My Spirit spoke to His heart in that moment saying, 'I will never leave You or forsake You.' After hearing and believing that truth, My Son delivered up His Spirit to Me and it was accomplished. All of Heaven rejoiced at that moment because mankind had found their Deliverer and My Son was no longer suffering. It was a joyous day. As Jesus slept in the tomb I watched Him rest just as you use to do when your daughter was a babe. The angels also watched in anticipation of the prophecy that He would rise again on the 3rd day. When that day came there was much rejoicing but not as much as the day He returned to Heaven…" End

Psa 22:1 My God, my God, why have You forsaken me, and are far from my deliverance, and from the words of my groaning?

Psa 22:18-24 They divide My garments among them and cast lots for My clothing. But You, O Jehovah, be not far from Me; O My strength, hurry to help Me...You have answered Me. I will declare Your name to My brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You… For He has not despised nor hated the affliction of the afflicted; and He has not hidden His face from him, but when he cried to Him, He heard.

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Word For 2005

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2005 is going to be a very good year. Just as I predicted its going to be a year of manifold wisdom and manifold grace. Its going to be a year of bountiful blessings. Watch out for 5/05/05 for its going to be a special day of grace. Remember 5 is a number of grace.

God is going to be revealing his many sides. He is going to be revealing his manifold blessing and grace. His manifold knowledge will fill the earth. Get ready!, Get ready! for a manifold blessing you shall have.

For many of you God would be revealing unto you your many sides. He is going to be revealing yourself to you. He would show you your potentials. He would unlock your potentials. God would become your friend and as he reveals himself to you, you shall discover yourself in him. Its time to unlock the hidden secret of God. Its time for revelation. Its time to go up. come up hither and I will show you great and mighty things you don't know says the Spirit of God.

Its time to go beyond the bounds. Stop limiting yourself. Go beyond the bounds. Its time to lunch out unto the deep to catch a mighty harvest.

Holiness would be mandatory to enter new levels in God therefore be prudent to stay holy. God wants you to be sensitive for if you are not you would miss out on what he is doing. You would miss out on his instructions and such disobedience would cause you a great loss. Therefore watch out and be sensitive. Make up your mind to be obedient and obedient all the way.

Its time to draw closer to God. Let him fill you with his divine life. Have a divine intercourse and let his divine spermatozoa impregnate you with heavenly visions and heavenly ideas for the new year.

The nature of your desire and your gratitude to God would determine the height you will get to this year. Therefore desire good things. Dream for the highest. Think rich and be grateful to God for all he's done.

Enjoy the bliss. Enjoy the blessing. Its all around. Praise the Lord.

Inspiration

I will pour you out a blessing that you shall never forget. Therefore wake up and get to the reality of the new day. There is a harvest to covet. Wake up to the reality of this new dream.

Awake for this is the hour and the season that I have chosen you to use you. I will fill you up and you will fulfill the harvest dream.

Come unto me all you that are weary and laboured and I will give you rest. Drink of me and have rest. In me you shall live and not die. Therefore come and I will fill you up. You shall drink of me and you shall be strong. Come. My harvest would soon be ripe so you can reap all nations. I have many things to say unto you but you can not handle them all now. When the time shall arise you shall see clearly of the things I have to say unto you.

Word for New Zealand

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"At last! My people are at last starting to PROTEST! -- At last! I hear from Heaven, the sound of a people of 'sleepy' disposition, awaking and rising up to speak out against the insidious encroachments of the enemy in their land!

Sleepers are awakening!
Words of Protest are being spoken!

At last, there are 'eyes' being opened, and hearts being disturbed by what has been happening in the high places of their land!
Darkness is being called 'light'!
Sweet is being called 'bitter'!
Wrong doings are being lauded, and passed off as 'good'!

My people have been happy for it to be so, because the shepherds, and the prophets, have spoken from their own hearts and not from My Spirit! They have indeed spoken 'Peace' when there is none ; - they have caused the ears and hearts of My people to become fat and sluggish with apathy!

But now - now when they see the land's rulers proposing to open the floodgates of filth, and defilement, upon the people's daughters and sons, they are moved to protest! My heart rejoices, and is warmed within Me to see that, as I take 'the 'veil' that is spread over all nations', to one side, so that the devices of the enemy are clearly visible, My people are no longer ignorant of his methods!

See My people, I have started to take the cup of 'trembling' out of your hand ; you shall no longer drink of it!

But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you; who have said to you, " Lie down, that we may walk over you!" And you have laid your body like the ground, and as the street they have walked over you!

But now, you have risen up, and stood to your feet and stated, " Enough! We protest against your treatment, you who are in high places in this land! We protest that you have tried to lead us into slavery!"

And I, who have scanned to and fro throughout the whole earth with My eyes, rejoice to see the plumb line in the hands of My people, and as they have asked for help, I will show Myself strong on their behalf, and join in their Protest, and the enemy will take flight, leaving to lick his wounds, and leaving My people victorious in their God!

Righteousness does indeed exalt a nation, and those of Mine, who do indeed humble themselves, and pray and seek My face ; as they turn from their wicked ways, will see that I have heard from heaven ; will forgive their sin of apathy and unbelief ; and remove completely the veil that the enemy has cast over them!
I will register My protest by My victorious right hand, and all the earth will know that their God reigns supreme! "

Words For The New Year

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Words for the New Year: Eiffel Tower of Love, NYPD, Prismoids, Anchor, Compassion, Weapons, 3 Tents, Blue Prints, Stargazers, Dawn of a New Day, Warrior Chief, Window of 10, Cotton Fields, Beaver Pelts and Scalps

As the world has focused on the Twin Towers of tyranny and the Empire State Buildings, i.e. the empires they are building. It has been a year of romance for the CHURCH as we have been wooed by the language and fragrance of His love for us in the Eiffel Tower of His love.

As the New York's Police Department continue to fight crime prevention and terrorist endeavors, the angels of heaven will continue to protect, defend and deliver God's people, plans, and purposes, i.e. the crimes against His state.

We are like His prismoid and through us His light is able to break through in light form to those who are locked away in prisons or prisms of their own darkness. Our light is translucent but the Lord is coming down to dwell among His people in a new way and His voice is going to be heard in the Plains of Abraham (places of battle) loud and clear, i.e. with much clarity.

I saw a very small anchor hanging from a huge white ocean liner. Hope is the anchor of the soul that will keep us afloat. This anchor seem to represent faith, hope and love but hope was in the middle between faith and love, which gave it balance. Hope deferred makes the heartsick but when the desire comes it is a tree of life.

I saw knitting needles where the wheat among tares and the souls of humanity were being knitted together. I heard the Lord asking "who will have compassion on the ignorant and of them that are out of the way"? (Hebrews 5:2) Many live in empty spaces or vacuums and have lost the ability to feel or have any natural affection. A vacuum in the natural picks up dirt. In spiritual terms a vacuum is a space absolutely devoid of matter. In emotional terms it implies an empty feeling. When we lose our spiritual moorings a vacuum is created and we can fall prey to violence, despair, alien ideologies and tyranny. He will fill our valleys and empty spaces with Himself it if we let Him.

The Lord is the producer of weapons and each weapon has been produced for His purpose and there is a reason for each one made. I then saw laser guns and beams of healing light shooting from them.

Saw three tents being set up in the wilderness. There I will meet with you, says the Lord. This is a time of great outpouring and I am rewriting my words in the heart of my people. The ink of my words that were once spoken became invisible on empty pages. I then saw script letters being written in hearts and ancient scrolls, which started to become unraveled which then became blue prints. These were the secrets into the Holy of Holies and I heard, "I will lead you to my treasures".

Stargazers -I have been seeing visions of stars and clusters and then silver stairs climbing up into an observatory. We were observing the stars and why they became great and then thought of those great clouds of witnesses that have gone on before us. Each one of us shines so brightly when we are in His will, when His light is allowed to shine into the dark. "Every morning, every sunrise I rise to give you light walk in this light even when the morning stars sang together for my coming is as sure as the dawn of each new day" and the dawn of new day is almost upon us.

I saw the Lord as our Warrior King and He was walking among us as a Chief. He had a full body length headdress, which was full of feathers from various eagles. I then prayed, rise in us, oh eagle's breath, breathe in us, through us, blow upon this earth that it may become whole, alive and free. It is His last stand.

God is for us and not against us but we must see all things through the 10 windows of His commandments, which is governmental order. His order, His government of which there will be no end...

We must guard against the little foxes or anything that would hinder our walk
The chemistry of success is the smell of burning flesh
Don't push against the fence posts that He has set in place
We can love many but worship only ONE!
Wise ones still seek Him
Continuing to walk through open doors
Corporate prayer for Paul Martin that he would lead this country back into the fear of the Lord and respect for the almighty.

It is one thing to have rights, another to exercise them. In His name it is time to reclaim our rights in the cotton fields, beaver pelts and scalps of days gone by. So much history beneath our feet...Lord - lead this country back to the river. Let it flow once again...clear, fresh, water of life flow once again through our land.

May the sound of heaven be sweeter than anything this life could afford Lord...we want you more and more and more!

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Word For Wales

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Wales: About to See Another Ignition Bigger Than 1904 Revival!

During a recent ministry trip to Milford Haven, Wales, I led a team of eleven to do an Intimacy with God/24-7 Worship & Intercession conference. The presence of the Lord and the stirring of the Holy Spirit were powerful in each place we visited. During a Sunday evening worship time with our hosts, Roy & Vanessa Hackett and the worship team of their fellowship, Cleddau Community Church, and our good friend, Carl Brettle, the glory of the Lord began to manifest in powerful, tangible ways to those present, especially our team from the International House of Prayer-Knoxville. During this time, the Lord spoke to my wife, Kelly, and myself about the Welsh flag.

The Welsh flag has a split white and green background, with a red dragon in the middle. Talking with Roy and Vanessa, they said that many ministers would not even come to Wales because of the dragon on the flag, and many Welsh Christians are somewhat ashamed when they have to explain the origins of the dragon on the flag. In 1959, the Queen of England officially made the dragon an emblem on the Welsh flag. I now believe that this was sovereignly allowed by God as a prophetic statement for the destiny of this small, Celtic nation.

The month of September 2004 marks the 100th anniversary of the beginnings of the Welsh Revival of 1904. The Lord used an unknown, 26-year-old Welshman, Evan Roberts, to help ignite a wildfire of glory that literally swept over the earth. Although Wales has presently grown cold spiritually in most of the nation, the Holy Spirit is beginning to stir again over this small, rejected nation. Wales is about to see another ignition that will make the revival of 1904 small in comparison.

The "Dragon" Will Be a Trophy for Wales

Getting back to the worship time on the Sunday evening, September 5, the word came forth in the midst of a powerful in-breaking of the Holy Spirit. I had been praying about Wales' destiny the whole time we had been there, and I was especially concentrating on what purpose the Lord would have in allowing the red dragon as a national symbol for this once on-fire nation. My wife, Kelly, leaned over to me and said that she thought a scripture that I had quoted in a previous meeting had direct application to the red dragon on the Welsh flag. The scripture is Colossians 2:15 (NKJV): ***"Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it."*** The Greek word for "public spectacle" is a word that means to "display a specimen." It is also used as a taxidermy term, as to make a "stuffed trophy" of something. The Lord made it very clear to us as we prophesied it, that the Lord would now begin to use this tiny, despised nation as a major end-time force to make the enemy a "stuffed trophy" to be placed under His feet. This explained to us the symbol of the red dragon on the flag.

Arise, Wales, shake off your slumber! The Lord's destiny on Wales is to bring that nation back into deep, intimate communion with Himself and to use Wales to destroy the works of darkness, again, and present the enemy to the Lord as a "reward" for His suffering. The Lord has even had the highest-ranking civil authority in the United Kingdom prophesy that the red dragon would become Wales' trophy, as signified by the Welsh flag!

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We Are A Team Undefeatable As One
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Have you not seen my smile?
My yearning and heart's desire?
Reserved for thee alone
Come back to me, come home.

Have you not experienced my grace beyond measure?
Haven't you tasted my goodness? Memories to treasure?
Think, and remember the miracles great and small.
Reflect upon my keeping remember them all!

I've kept thee through great sickness, trials, and tests.
Delivered and restored thee how thou art blessed!
Remember me with joy and thanksgiving
Worshipping me with joy in your manner of living.

I delight in your love, relish it's out pouring.
I'm bathed in your love and adoring.
I have chosen thee from the beginning
You have chosen me over a life of sinning.

I've given you all that I have and I AM.
It is my pleasure, my dear precious lambs.
Walk in my presence, the way has been made.
Walk in my light and all shadows will fade.

Have you ever been forsaken?
Stand strong through the shaking.
Haven't I always come through instead?
I bring abundant life, not fear and dread.

So rejoice, and in thy rejoicing be free...
The enemy has no choice but to flee.
Worship with all that is within thee
We'll be undefeated, a team. you and me.

I am having many ladies ask about W.i.n.G.s and thought I would send out what it is and the vision for it. It actually applies to the whole Body of Christ, we are to be as one , as One Body, Christ's Body, fully equipped to do His will upon this earth .

W.i.n.G.s

Women In God's Service
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Ezekiel 1:1

When Ezekiel was among the captives by the river Chebar, the heaven's were opened up to him and he had a vision from God. The Word of the Lord came to him and the hand of the Lord was upon him. Notice he was still among the captives in the natural, yet not in the Spirit. He was free in the Spirit.

God still had his hand upon him, even there and was opening up revelation and heavenly things to him where he was at.

He looked and beheld a vision of living creatures. He describes them as well as he possibly is able. We all know he describes the appearances and the behavior of those he is seeing when there are not adequate words to do so.

VS 8: says The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides and each of the four faces and wings.

9: THEIR WINGS TOUCHED ONE ANOTHER.

The creatures did not turn when they went, but each one went forth straight forward. They moved as one even though they were separate beings, in harmony and unity. You don't hear they went different directions, but moved as one straight forward.

11: Thus were their faces. Their wings stretched upward, TWO WINGS OF EACH TOUCHED THE OTHER, and two covered their bodies. Notice how often it repeats that they touched one another !

12: And each one went straight forward, THEY WENT WHERE EVER THE SPIRIT WANTED TO GO, AND THEY DID NOT TURN WHEN THEY WENT.

13: This verse speaks of them having the appearance of torches, moving back and forth, like flashes of lightening, the fire was bright !

20: WHERE EVER THE SPIRIT WANTED TO GO THEY WENT, BECAUSE THE SPIRIT WENT. THEY WERE ONE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Spirit of God was in and moving through this combination of individuals with wings.

24: When they went I heard the noise of their wings.interesting ! Like the noise of many waters, LIKE THE VOICE OF THE ALMIGHTY, a tumult, LIKE THE NOISE OF AN ARMY and when they stood still they let down their wings..

This picture paints us a vision of God's people moving as one, as they are only moved by God's Spirit. They are flexible to His leading. Their wings would be positioned upward, to the side, lowered, stretched out, often touching or joined to the one next to them. Never leaving their position, or breaking rank, only following the Lord.

They did not turn aside as they went , they did not go in different directions. They only obeyed the leading of the Holy Spirit as one.

This Army of many members were only about the Lord's will being done. Different individuals, joined in purpose, obedient, fulfilling the will of the Lord. Committed to following only Him.

I see in this picture God's heart and what he desires from us, a unity in the Spirit, total obedience. Touching one another as we accomplish His purposes. Separate, yet one. An Army of many that have become one, surrendered to the will of God and willing to follow it where ever it takes them.

This is the vision for W.i.n.G.s

It is God's will for all, but in this case for women to reach out and touch one another, individuals, yet becoming one in the Lord, joined in the Spirit into one man .. An Army for God. Supporting and encouraging one another as we endeavor to do his perfect will. Helping others to get their wings and learn how to use them and fly.

A blending of callings, anointing, talents, and giftings to harmonize as one and help one another accomplish God's purposes on this earth as he wills it to be done. On earth as it is in heaven !

Jane Hamon recently did a teaching on the fact that women are God's secret weapon. Women have a Prophetic Destiny in the Kingdom of God. We march with our men, but we need one another. We can reach out and touch lives, allow our wings to spread and touch as was the will of the God in this vision.

He has indeed given us the wings of an eagle, let us use them to soar in the Spirit as he leads and help others do like wise, fulfilling God's purposes for our lives in the time we have been given.

We are not alive and here by accident in this time in history. God has birthed us and kept us, and is raising us up to be warriors, leaders, worshipers of the most high God. Don't be afraid to spread your wings or to touch another with his purposes. We can accomplish much more as a unit in agreement than we could as individuals.

Indeed we are here for such a time as this.

Whispering Hope
Betty Nelms

Willing and Obedient

I have been writing about the importance of hope and that others find the hope in Jesus that most of us have found. I wrote last about the story of Rahab and how the scarlet cord represented her hope, the root word for hope being earnest expectation&. and the verb root being stretched cord or rope.

I then remembered the service I later wrote about where the two women ministers preached about Rahab and at the end of the service how they prophetically imparted portions of the scarlet cord to each of those that asked for it, to be imparted to others.

I told of how they, as they were led by the spirit of the Lord, gave to my husband and myself their offering when we were in a desperate situation. How touched I was when I opened the envelope and discovered that someone had put in a pair of ear rings and someone had put in a writing pen.

I thought they had given what they had because they had nothing else to give, and it so touched my heart, and that may well have been the case.

My daughter Kelly emailed me the next morning with this profound insight, that I had never thought about until she mentioned it. She felt these items were very significant.

The women had asked those that felt led to give, to give what they felt the Lord wanted them to give, these were what I found among the offering.

It never occurred to me, but it did her that these offerings may have been symbolic of the bond servant and the willingness to remain a servant, even though they were free. The sign of this service was the piercing of their ear and the wearing of the ear ring. Also, the pen being the instrument used by a writer.

The Lord has many times given me the scripture about your tongue being as the pen of a ready writer and I have known that for a long time, but had never thought of these objects as being reminders or prophetic to what I am suddenly doing now.

I have always been a writer, but mostly poetry. When it was prophesied to me years ago that I would write a book, my friends and I thought immediately that it would be a book of poems. I had already done a small hand made one, but the minister said, no, it would be a book of teachings. These teachings are my life experiences. I have learned first hand what I am able to impart.

I marveled at what Kelly said, because the prophecies about the book and the one given about 20 years ago that I would be ministering around the world was so far from my comprehension that I just past it off. In one short month, over night it seems, both of these are being fulfilled beginning on the Internet. I am receiving many emails saying so and I marvel at the goodness and faithfulness of the Lord. His ways and his thoughts are so far above ours.

I began thinking after she spoke of this insight about being the mother of the Lord again, which is where I began this testimony. Those that do His will are His mother, and his brother. Those that are led by His spirit are the Sons of God. Mature in the Lord, brought to maturity. The Word tells us how the whole earth is awaiting the manifestation of the Sons of God. The world needs them !

I began thinking again about the pen, which I use so much and the ear ring as a symbol of willingness and obedience & by choice !

The Lord wants us to serve him with joy as spoken of in Deuteronomy . It speaks of all the things that can befall you if you are not serving the Lord obedient and with joy.

28:47: Because you did not serve the Lord your God with joy and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything.

There are those that are Christian and not obedient and there are those that are obedient, but their heart is not really in it and their motives may not be right.

In the vision I described when I first began this testimony, there were women only taking care of themselves and their own, they were not being a mother, or obedient to Jesus. If they were being obedient, then they would have been called his mother. It is all about the heart !

I did not want to obey God and go to the desert ! I was not going to go , but I had to make a choice TO BECOME WILLING and accept His will and not my own. I needed a heart change. When I became willing, he gave that to me and I was able to be obedient to His will and not my own. I accepted His will, knowing he knows what is best and knows the future and His ways are far above ours. He works ALL things for good for those that love him.

Even Jesus cried out, Father, not my will be done, but thine.

God speaks, even of giving as a matter of the heart. He says he desires you to give with a joyful heart. Among other related scriptures in Exodus 35:5 it says &Take from among you an offering to the Lord, WHOSOEVER IS OF A WILLING HEART.

2Cor. 8:12 For if there is first a WILLING MIND, IT IS ACCEPTED TO WHAT ONE HAS AND NOT ACCORDING TO WHAT ONE DOES NOT HAVE.

1 PETER 5:2-4 Paul is speaking to the Elders of the churches saying :

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, NOT BY COMPULSION, BUT WILLINGLY, NOT FOR DISHONEST GAIN, BUT EAGERLY; NOR AS BEING LORDS OVER THEM, THOSE ENTRUSTED TO YOU, BUT BE AN EXAMPLE TO THE FLOCK; AND WHEN THE CHIEF SHEPHERD APPEARS, YOU SHALL RECEIVE THE CROWN OF GLORY THAT DOES NOT FADE.

We are not to just be obedient, but first have right hearts and motives. Willing to become willing if necessary, as it was in my situation.

We don t see the whole picture, nor down the road years later as God does. He alone knows how to direct us and we need to learn to trust that direction and be willing, perhaps to travel a road you have never been down before. A path total unknown to us and we have to follow by faith. As Abraham, going , not knowing.

We need to guard our hearts. Heart checks are good ! Just doing the work is not enough. Just acting the part or playing the role is not enough. God sees right through all that and so do most of the unsaved !

Many know the right words and the right behavior to appear as good Christians, but the fruit has to be there! There are others that depend on our heart conditions and our obedience. The scriptures that I quoted affected generations, not just the ones that didn t keep Covenant with God, or keep their hearts and minds right. Their children and families paid a price too. The unsaved will pay the price too, because they watch us.

We are living epistles, read by people. Our lives are examples of what we preach or teach. They look at our lives and how we respond to situations etc. more than what we say. What a responsibility we have .

The Lord will turn our sorrows into joy and he gives us his peace and His joy and he says he wants His joy to remain, for it to be full. The world needs this joy and peace that it can t give them.

He says in Psalms 30:5 that weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

Isaiah 61:3 says: To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Jesus teaching in Matthew 25:21 says His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things; enter into the joy of thy lord.

We need to be willing and faithful even in the small things. Things change, they will not always be as hard as they may be right now for those going through hard times.

There is a scripture that you never hear preached and I can relate to the reason, it says we are to glorify God in the fire. I have wrestled with that one for years. How can you rejoice and glorify God when you are suffering ?

Isaiah 24:15 Wherefore glorify ye the Lord in the fires,

That can be hard, but look at Paul when he was in prison. They were worshipping God WHERE THEY WERE AT, and saw no way out and the prison doors were opened by angels and they were set free.

Jesus endured the cross because of the joy set before him. He knew the outcome was worth the suffering !!!

It was once told to me that because I laughed so much that this Prophet said he could see in the spirit, that the demons were just being thrown back as I walked through things laughing ! That is a powerful force !!! The joy of the Lord is also our strength.

I see many, as you all must, that serve God for gain or are so ambitious, seeking positions and religious looking status. Looking for glory for them selves, spiritual ladder climbing , and trying to build a kingdom of sorts of their own in the name of our Lord and it will be as rubbish to be burned. I imagine it is a stench in the nostrils of God. Those that he has entrusted to guide and watch over his flock are abusing and using them. It is going to come to an end !

The church has not been what he desired it to be, it has become man made, man directed, man gratifying themselves rather than pleasing God. I believe, as I have heard many others express that this age is about over and the church as we have known it, as a religious institution is coming to it s own end and the church of Jesus Christ will become what he intended it to be all along. Not self serving, but God serving !

Will you willing to be His bond servant? We are free in Christ, but would you be willing to be obedient to what ever he asked of you ?

I speak from experience, it is not always easy, but he never told us it would be an easy road. He has told us that he is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him and if you do that you will know what he is requiring of you.

James, a bond servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To the twelve tribes spread abroad:

1:1-5 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But, let patience have it s perfect work, that you may be perfect and lacking nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James made no mention of his personal relationship with Jesus, nor did he identify himself as a church leader. His greatest honor was to be a bond servant of God.

When we become Christians it does not mean we automatically are excluded from difficulties. The proper attitude to adversity is to count it all joy, which is a deliberate appraisal of the situation from God's perspective. Trials are a means of building character, moral and spiritual growth. We do not rejoice in the trials them selves, such as rejoicing in the fires, but at the possible results.

We learn to be acquainted with the grief and sorrows of others, just as Jesus did. God then uses it to set others free and impart hope where there may not have been any.

May we all become willing!

It is a matter of a willing heart .

Walking Forward

Jane Larsen

I had a vision of butterflies. There were many of them, all flying together, and the sun shone on their wings which were glowing with the most beautiful shades of purple and blue and yellows. Then the Lord laid this in me:

The time of transition has not been easy. The process has been hard. Many of you have walked in valleys, some have trudged wearily up mountains, others have hidden alone in caves, waiting to be transformed, waiting in your lonely and hard place.

I tell you that this was for a reason, for there was much you carried with you when you began the journey that you did not need. You were weighted down, you were unable to focus for so great where the cares you carried with you. Bit by bit you have dropped them along the way. Bit by bit you have shed the old and made room for the new. The further you traveled, the closer you came to me and all I have for you.

I know this has been a long and hard season, where you have often felt you were hanging on to air. I know that you lifted your tearful face to me in the place of silence that you were in, and wondered why heaven was still, but I am never still. I was transforming you, I was allowing you to let go of those things that held you down, that imprisoned you, so you could come through, refined and pure, perfect and strong, ready to walk the new walk, without the burdens of the world.

Now you will walk straight, now you will walk tall. See, there is no luggage on your shoulders, no burdens in your hands, now you are free. Now you are free. There are places I will send you, the chosen ones, the ones that have been in the valleys, on the mountains and in the caves. There are places that call. You will speak to others who do not know me, who are in places of sadness and pain, you will carry hope not despair. There are those who are ill, who see no way to be cured, who you will touch in my name, and who will find freedom from their ailments. Now you carry healing. There are those who are prisoners to sin, who think that is the only way, and now you will go to them and carry the truth, for you know the truth. You have met with the truth and the truth has set you free. Go, set others free in my name. There are now no chains holding you back.

Look. Look at the you that you have become. The love that now burns in your heart, the strength that abides in you, the wisdom that your lonely journey has given you. Go, feed those that hunger, give to those who thirst, give to them from the brook of living water.

I have called you from the mountain tops, I have brought you from the deserts, I have carried you through the valleys and I have set you in a new place. Brush the dust from your cloak and walk on, lightened and healed, restored and refined and do not look back, for behind you is what you no longer need and before you is all that you will ever want.

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We've Asked For the Fire

Cyndee Pillow

A lot of us don't realize that when we ask for the fire, with that fire comes a lot of light...and that light shows our imperfections as the Lord reveals.

The purpose for the fire is to be purified.

When I first asked for the fire, suddenly, I started seeing a lot of junk I didn't know was still in my life. It was as if the Lord was saying, ***"Here is a tarnished place. Clean it up!"***

The fire causes us to **BE** holy. I am not saying this in a prideful sense, however. I am saying that there comes a time when we are to lay down those things that nearly have unknowingly become a part of us as Christians, that are not a part of God. Somehow, we haven't realized, for whatever reason, that these things are detrimental to our holy walk. As it is revealed by the Spirit ***in the fire***, we are required to turn away from them and repent.

Going through His fire is where the pure gold will be evident in the body, after the process is completed.

Secondly, in this fire, there is an **ironing out of those wrinkled garments**.

I remember having to iron for my Granny when I was small. It was not much fun after I had ironed for about 5 minutes. It was hot by the iron, as we didn't have air-conditioning back then. Sweat would sometimes pour off me. I even got burned a couple of times, as I didn't follow instructions to take my time and pay attention to what I was doing.

We have to know that there is going to be some labor involved and it is **SERIOUS STUFF**. We're going to have to work on ironing out all the wrinkles that have been evident in our walks, as individual believers. We need to realize that this is a holy thing that will require our **undivided attention** in the Lord's instructions to us. When we iron out those wrinkles with His guidance, there is going to be glory like we have never known. Final touches are being done!

My Granny's neighbor never ever came over while she was ironing and volunteered to do it for her. This was HER responsibility. Do you realize that the Lord has equipped you? He has sent the comforter to guide you through to victory. No human on this earth can help you in this process. Only the Spirit of the Lord, by his guidance, is able to point out and give you direction in ironing out your wrinkles.

Because some have not felt they were getting the attention from others in their fires, they have even gotten upset with those around them. This reminds me of another part of ironing for my Granny. She would always make me finish what I had begun. If I was frustrated in ironing a sleeve, she never took the iron from me, but encouraged me to keep ironing, keep trying, and finish what I had started. This was never fun. I would rant and rave and pitch a fit sometimes. She would remain calm and coach me through the process as I would continue to iron, even when I didn't want to do it any longer. Afterwards, I would always be so glad that I had not given up and had finished as she had instructed me to do.

I hear the Lord say,
"Gold Is Hidden In the Fold."

What does that Mean, you ask?

In the Fold of those wrinkles in your garments, there is hidden gold.
This gold will bring about the Glorious Church.
You WILL be changed when the process is complete.

Hallelujah!

Are you willing, now that you know what the *FIRE* really means, to still go through the process?

If so, Get ready to let the whole world know that JESUS is KING in your LIFE like never before!

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War Against God’s Saints

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Revelation 13:7-8

Bound within the book of life
Are the names
Of God’s saints
Known from
The dawning of time
Crowned in His glory
Sheltered in chambers of His love
They are equipped for the battle
Faith in His holy Word
Pressing ever onward
Children, of the living God.

The Lamb who was slain
Redeemed man from the curse
God’s love made a way
For light to move in power upon the earth.

Found within the book of life
Are the names
Of God’s saints
Who have been washed
And purified
Moving with compassion
God blessed them with eternal light
In His glory they now stand
With the Comforter by their side
Their praise can be heard
Echoing throughout the land.

The Lamb who was slain
Redeemed man from the curse
God’s love made a way
For light to move in power upon the earth.

> *“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.” Revelation 13:7-8*
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> *“Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to naught: but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” 1 Corinthians 2:6-8*

To awaken unto righteousness, is to dwell in God’s kingdom without end, where mercy creates passageways, and songs of love cause the Son to rise within. God’s mercy endures forever. To awaken unto righteousness, is to stand within God’s pavilion of eternal light, safe from turbulent storms that invade the shores, as the depths of the sea are stirred up by man's hand of strife. God's mercy endures forever. While the pride of man rebelliously strays outside the comfort of God's holy embrace, God continues to proclaim, that Jesus is the truth, He is the way. God's mercy endures forever.

Who has been awakened unto righteousness? Who has understood the depths of God's mercy and grace? Those embraced by Jesus Christ, the holy, righteous King. God's kingdom will reign in strength within the lives of those He has redeemed. Kingdoms of darkness will fall as a man hears God's call, and turns toward the Son of righteousness. The mystery unknown will begin to unfold, as God's Spirit removes all obstacles, causing blind eyes to see, and deaf ears to hear the goodness of the Lord. Then will the eyes of a man's heart understand a truth of great worth, that it was not of their own wisdom, or of their own strength, but through the Spirit of the living God, that they have gained entrance into God's eternal kingdom of righteousness. Their souls, once darkened by the night, will be made white, renewed through the power of God's Holy light, God's Spirit of eternal light.

What God has purposed no man can annul. God purposed, before the foundation of the world, that His beloved Son would be offered as a holy sacrifice to redeem mankind from out of their bondage to sin and disobedience. It was purposed that through faith in what Jesus Christ accomplished upon the cross, that God would send forth His Holy Spirit to confirm and establish His nature of holiness within a man's life. It was purposed before the foundation of the world, that man would understand the great mystery of a holy union existing between man and God, as God's Spirit dwelt within a man's physical body. It was purposed that man would experience the presence of God, impacting their thoughts and desires, as the Spirit set up residence upon a man's heart and mind.

When the earth was still without form, God's purpose for mankind had been determined. Before Eve was taken from Adam's rib, God had purposed man to live full of faith and the Holy Spirit, so that the righteousness of Christ would be made manifest within a man's life. Before the serpent tempted man to partake of forbidden fruit, God had purposed that man, full of the Holy Spirit, would bear the peaceable fruit of love, joy, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness and faith. Before Adam and Eve were cast from the Garden, God had purposed a holy kingdom of righteousness to be established upon the earth, where God would dwell with man, and man would appreciate God's great love toward them. Before man would ever understand the seriousness of sin, the suffering and torment that sin would bring upon a man's life, God had purposed that His Son, the holy unblemished Lamb, would make restitution for man's sin, by obediently shedding His precious blood upon the cross.

> *"And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Ephesians 3:9-11*

The principalities and powers that empower thoughts of rebellion, pride, hatred and destruction, have brought great suffering upon man. Man has walked for many years in total darkness, trusting in the vanity of their own self-righteousness, thereby bringing destruction upon their lives and the lives of others. Through the Old Covenant, God would lay a foundation that declared what was holy and expressed His nature, helping to protect and guide man upon the earth. Commandments were given; and sin was exposed as the destructive force of darkness that it is. But man, whose pride would continue to justify their decision to trust in ideas and behaviors contrary to God's Word, rebelled against God. Darkness and rebellion continued to gain strength within the heart of man.

God had purposed a day when man would no longer strive against the Word of God. Man would no longer have to determine within the vanity of his own thoughts, which were impacted by darkness, how and why to live holy unto the Lord. In man's own strength, in his own self-righteousness, man strayed far from the intent behind the Words God had given to him. But what was not possible with man, who was determined to stand upon his own legs of self-righteousness, was possible with God. Man, in his own strength, in his own self-righteousness, could not approach God's holy mountain. In his own strength he was not equipped to climb the steep terrain and stand atop the highest heights, experiencing the Holy presence of the Lord. Man was unable in his own strength, to stand with God, atop His holy mountain, and look upon life through God's eyes of mercy, love and holiness.

"*The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world*" had been purposed of God to provide freedom to the captives, light to those who lived under the shadow of darkness. Jesus Christ had been purposed to fulfill God's plan of redemption and sanctification, and to impart into the heart and mind of man, wisdom from the Lord of creation. Through faith in Jesus Christ, and receiving God's Spirit, man would be given the ability to walk in a close, intimate relationship with God. As a man's eyes are opened to the revelation of who God purposed him to be in Christ, praise for God's mercy and longsuffering will adorn his heart with joy. The principalities of darkness, which kept man from looking to God for hope, direction and purpose, will be put to flight as God's Spirit of righteousness, truth and holiness set up residence upon a man's heart and mind. The kingdom of darkness, which had influenced a man's thoughts and decisions, will fall, as man, through faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, is built up into a holy temple through God's Spirit of righteousness, holiness and truth.

> *"And I entreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow laborers, whose names are in the book of life." Philippians 4:3*

Man, "*whose names are in the book of life*" will, through faith that Jesus Christ is the promised redeemer, Messiah, Son of God, receive God's Spirit of wisdom, truth and righteousness. Jesus Christ, who is the "resurrection and the life," is able to impart God's Spirit of resurrection and life into the hearts of those who love His holy name. Jesus Christ, who was sent to open the eyes of man so he could understand God's desire toward them, would declare: "rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." God has known those who would be called of His holy name. Since the foundation of time, God's children's names have been written in heaven. Cherished and blessed of God are children whose names are found in the book of life.

But of those whose names "are not written in the book of life," woe unto them, for great is the darkness that easily overtakes the heart of man. Man, who walks without the sanctifying presence of the Holy Spirit, is enticed by his own pride and self-righteousness into believing he has obtained a truth that will lead himself and others unto a path where purpose can be found. But self-righteousness, no matter how holy of an outward appearance it portrays, still belongs outside the realm of God's holiness, truth and righteousness. Whatever is brought forth from turbulent, contaminated waters of unrepentant self-righteousness, will not represent the nature of true holiness that exists within the refreshing, healing waters of God's Holy Spirit. It is God's Holy Spirit that will give life to the spirit of man. A man is born again through the purposeful, holy, righteous Spirit of God, not through self-righteousness, where focus is centered on man's natural desires and abilities. All glory is to be given to God, not to man.

A parable spoken by Jesus:

> *"Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased: and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted." Luke 18:10-14*

The Pharisee, who thought he portrayed to the world a man who walked uprightly, holy, and righteous, was not the one justified in the eyes of God. The Pharisee, the keeper of the law, had an appearance of righteousness, but his righteousness was not of God. If his righteousness had been of God, he would have seen himself for who he truly was. That he was a man born in sin, for all men are conceived in sin, whose desire was to please himself and not God. He would have realized that it was God's mercy and compassion that was able to set him free from his sin nature. Through this revelation, he would have understood a relationship where he lived in sincere love for God, and for the children of the earth who were created in the image of God.

The Pharisee, though his obedience to rules and regulations, seemed to proclaim his reverence of God; but his words of condemnation and judgment against the tax collector, revealed the true condition of his heart and relationship with God. To have a heart circumcised by the hand of God, through the sanctifying presence of the Holy Spirit, will bring understanding to man of his own wretchedness, and of his great need for God's righteousness to rule and reign upon his thoughts and emotions. To understand God's nature, is to understand that God's desire is that our actions and our hearts beat in unison to the sound of mercy, where any outward acts of sacrifice are under the inspiration of God's kindness and compassion. This is so we will leave the realm of dead works, where the heart seeks only to be accepted of men, and move into God's Kingdom, where His Word and Spirit influence each word spoken, each action taken.

To whom much has been given much is required. To those who have received the bountiful treasures of God's mercy, may their hearts be swift to show mercy. To those who understand that the heart is desperately wicked above all things, may God grant them strength of obedience as they undergo the heart transforming work of the Spirit, the circumcision of the heart. And as man matures in the ways of God, may he be adorned with a great measure of grace, as he extends a hand of mercy to those lost in the depths of the sea, where the beast continues to hold man captive to his self satisfying lusts and desires.

> *"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Revelation 13:7-8*
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> *"If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when men rose up against us: then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us: then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul: then the proud waters had gone over our soul. Blessed be the Lord, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth. Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 124:2-8*

Man, who looks only to the law to appease his own natural sense of righteousness, does not fully understand the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit. He does not understand that the door to the kingdom of God is opened through faith in Jesus Christ, and not of any outward acts that man is able to put his hand to. Many are the men who have been ushered into the kingdom of God, having heard the Word of God, having believed in the name of Jesus Christ, and having cried out for His hand of mercy to be extended to sinners such as themselves. And many are those who follow after the footsteps of the Pharisees, thinking themselves to be faithful keepers of the law, who continue to stand outside the door to the kingdom. Because they have yet to understand that it is through faith, and not of works, that man gains entrance into God's kingdom of wisdom, mercy, and love, the door has not yet opened to them.

To stand outside the door to God's kingdom of righteousness, and to demand to be let in according to the good works man has performed, will not move the heart of God, so that the door is opened. For man to declare that perfect obedience to the law will open the door, and allow man entrance into the kingdom, can cause a man to continue on a path in life, subject to the darkness. His heart misleads him to assume a reality that does not exist. Man can erect great monuments in honor of his name, he can walk down city streets receiving the praise of man; but he continues in deception, if he thinks God opens the door to His kingdom of righteousness because of anything he accomplishes. God cannot be deceived. He is able to look past all outward appearances into the heart's desires and the thoughts of a man. Through faith, a man will gain entrance into the kingdom, and not because of works performed by man's acts of self-righteousness.

Those who stand outside the door to God's holy kingdom, who have been deceived by the serpent in thinking that they can deny the power of God's Holy Spirit, may continue to believe and teach that it is according to the law that man will stand in right relationship with God. If a man continues to think that in his own self-righteousness he can obtain salvation, then he may not only expect works and obedience to the law from himself, but also from others. Without understanding, the words a man believes, speaks and teaches may be able to hinder others from entering into the kingdom of God. A man, who does not understand the power of God's love being shed abroad within a man's heart and mind, through faith in Jesus Christ and receiving the Holy Spirit, may cling to works and the law to justify his position as a man of God.

But a man, perhaps a man like the tax collector in the parable spoken by Jesus, if he should understand what was accomplished through Jesus Christ, if he should call out in faith, God will answer him. Even though God is never far from the man, and is prepared to answer the man in the day that he would hear and believe, it may still take the man much time before he understands the great mercy of God's longsuffering toward him. And though the work that must be done within the man's life will involve many changes, as he is aligned to the good purposes of God, the man will continue to be thankful for the day that God answered his call and welcomed him into His kingdom of righteousness.

But the beast, which rises up from the turbulent sea of un-repentance, where man is tossed to and fro emotionally, thinking to be justified according to man's own preconceived idea of righteousness, may mock and ridicule the child who proclaims he has been welcomed into God's eternal kingdom. He may mock a child who declares that God's grace has touched his heart, which has revealed God's great love toward him. The man under the law may look upon others without being anointed with the eye salve of grace, and may determine that others are sinners unworthy of God. To the one who follows the tradition of the Pharisees, he may judge according to the law, in deciding who belongs to the faith. To the man under the law, he may not understand that the kingdom of God, the kingdom where the greater light, Jesus Christ, shines in abundant mercy, abundant fruit unto righteousness, is produced according to faith.

To a man under the law, he may have come to believe that entrance into God's heavenly kingdom does not occur until his physical death; and that it is according to the works of what he determines is righteous that prepares the way. To hear of God's kingdom existing within a man's heart through faith, so that a man is able to perceive God in all of life, and able to hear God's voice call out to him, may be, to the man under the law's authority, an utterance of blasphemy. To the man who waits outside the kingdom of God, to hear a child proclaim that the kingdom of God has been revealed to him, and that he has gained entrance while alive, so that he is able to perceive God's will for him, may bring a great swelling wave of words of condemnation against the child. To the child who walks with God in His kingdom of righteousness, while alive, who proclaims that God has spoken to him through a dream or a vision, may bring many harsh words of misguided correction. The man who has not gained entrance into the kingdom of God has decided his boundaries of comfort; and to speak of a love where God interacts personally with man while man walks the earth, is outside the realm of his understanding.

> *"For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Romans 10:2-4*

The man, who stands outside God's kingdom of glory, has not submitted himself unto the righteousness of God. He cannot understand that the Holy Spirit is able to accomplish what the law could not. The man, who looks to the law, does not understand the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit to remove all that does not reflect the nature of God. To hear of a relationship where a child walks with God, talks with God, knows the love of God, not according to the law, but because of their faith in Jesus Christ, may cause the beast to rile up in a man spewing forth much condemnation. To walk in self-righteousness, a man will walk according to the "beastly", carnal mentality, which will keep him from observing the unveiling of God's kingdom of holiness and righteousness. Yet, God is clear in His Word to this man who continues to walk in self-righteousness, to follow after the nature of the beast is to be held in subjection to the influence of the serpent, Satan.

A man, who follows the paths of the Pharisee, may speak many words of condemnation against a child who has gained entrance into God's kingdom of righteousness; and he may cause the saint, God's child, much confusion. The saint may look upon the man, who proclaims to speak the message of what relationship with God involves, and try to appease his demands by submitting to his authority, yet the Spirit desires to set the saint free to follow God's will for him. The Spirit is mighty in fulfilling God's will for man and will continue to move upon the saint's heart and mind, revealing that to listen to the man under the law, is not God's path for him. To the man who has newly entered into God's kingdom of righteousness, it may seem he is being overcome by conflicting emotions. To follow the Pharisee, keeper of the law, is to grieve the Holy Spirit who has set up residence upon his heart and mind.

God will provide His saints a way of escape. Though the man, who proclaims relationship according to the law, causes feelings of condemnation to overcome God's precious saints, God will not loose one whose name is written in the book of life. Though they may feel as if they are sinking into a great ocean of despondency and confusion, as condemnation overcomes them, God will - at the perfect moment - lead them to safety. It is as God's saints continue to follow Him, at the leading of the Holy Spirit and the Word, that they will understand that God has used these situations to train them up in the ways of Jesus Christ. All trials and testing were being used for good, so that the saints of God are prepared for all situations.

Jesus Christ, the Lamb who was slain from the foundation of the world, will provide for God's dearly beloved saints. Their names have been found written in the book of life, they will be equipped to endure to the end, able to give God the praise in all situations. Though a man's pride may cause him to think he is greater than God, in determining who is acceptable to enter into the kingdom, God is greater than man. There is no man who can take a precious saint from out of the hands of the righteous King of creation.

> *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Peter 1:3-5*

Why Am I Bored
Sid Roth

Why Am I bored - Sid Roth & Humility: The Ultimate Freedom - Joyce Roth
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For thirty years I have gone to church twice a week minimum and loved it. But lately I have been bored. It's the same-o, same-o patterns of service every Sunday. I love the worship. I love the messages. I love the people of God. So why am I restless?

Because I know there is so much more of God's Spirit available to us today. Even a quick read over of the New Testament reveals a level of power and miracles among the early believers that bears little resemblance to what we now call "church."

Since God doesn't change, it doesn't take a mental giant to know who is responsible. In Judaism we have a favorite word—"tradition." Jesus said to the humanistic synagogue of His day: "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?" (Matthew 15:3).

Tradition robbed the majority of Jewish people of God's power and salvation at the first coming of the Messiah. The Jewish people had added so much tradition to the laws of Moses it was impossible to obey (Matthew 23:4). Will tradition rob the majority of Christians of God's power and salvation just before His return?

Where Did We Go Wrong?
Let's examine the first church and perhaps we can find what traditions have short-circuited the 21st century church of the power of God. They met in homes, not buildings. The leaders were laymen, not professionals. The concept of sermons every week had not been established.

The service was not a one man show. In fact the Greco-Roman form of entertainment Christianity had not started. The people did not sit in theater-style seats. Most likely they were in a circle because the attention was not on one man or woman. Everyone participated. First Corinthians 14:26 states: "Each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation." Everyone was equipped for ministry. Everyone was a worker.

Where were the children? Sunday school or children's church had not yet evolved, so the children were with the adults. Today if the children are forced to sit through the service most will hate church. But back then church was exciting for the children and the adults.

Nothing was predictable in these early congregations. The power of God was free to flow. People were instantly healed and delivered before their eyes. Even the children participated in the supernatural. They would prophesy or have a tongue or tell about a dream that came true. No two services were the same because the real leader of the meeting was the Holy Spirit.

The offerings were not for mortgages because they did not have buildings. And since it was a laymen's movement, they had no salaries to pay. The offerings were for the poor, the widows, and orphans.

The early believers left these house meetings so full of the Holy Spirit and faith they had to pray for every sick person they saw on the way home and to tell everyone about Jesus.

The Best Wine is for Now!
There is coming a fresh new wind of the Holy Spirit. God is looking for people who are more passionate for Him than for their comfort zone of tradition. Repackaging the church will not work.

Jesus said we need new wineskins. The old wineskins will not be able to contain this glory. And Jesus has "kept the good wine until now"! (John 2:10).

Most pastors are unwilling to let go of their traditions to embrace change. Or they are dependent on the current system for their salaries and pensions and don't want to rock the boat and lose tithers.

I don't have all the answers, but I know that what we have called the 21st century church will not contain the glory. Better than 90% of what we call "church" or the office of "pastor" is based on tradition. I am willing to scrap anything that stops the flow of the Holy Spirit. I am willing to experiment and find out what pleases God. I am hungry and thirsty and desperate for a fresh move of God's Spirit.

Let me be your Holy Spirit cheerleader. Let's join hands together and run into the greatest revival in history. I call this next move the "One New Man." The old one man show will be replaced by the One New Man! (Read my book, The Last Lap, to understand this next great move of God.) Don't look back. When God shows up, you will not be bored!

Note: One way to begin to move closer to what God wants is through humility. I urge you to read the article below by my wife, Joy. Her life was dramatically changed when she read Andrew Murray's book, Humility. Some may say, "Sid, you need to read this book rather than criticizing the church system." God loves His church and will use the current system. But there is more—so much more! True humility is surrendering to God and allowing His Kingdom to come now! Joy and I are walking this road together.

If you have not read Andrew Murray's book, please order a copy today. Rosh Hashanah begins a period of ten days in Judaism to soul search and repent. Let's walk this walk together.

"Humility: The Ultimate Freedom"
Joyce Roth

Well, here I am again writing about humility. What a journey this has been! I wrote an article for the March 2003 Messianic Vision newsletter, which I thought would be my one attempt to explain the path of humility in my daily life. At the time I thought I had said everything I needed to about this subject, and could just merrily go on walking in humility and serving God in my highest and best. WRONG!

My biggest test of humility came when my husband, Sid Roth, decided to have hip replacement surgery. Much to our surprise, his surgeon announced the day after the surgery that Sid was to be homebound for six weeks! Further instructions were to walk only with crutches or a walker. Sid had so many restrictions on his movements that it was difficult for him to do most of the everyday things we all take for granted. So it fell to me to do the things for him that he couldn't. After Sid's return home from the hospital, the first ten days to two weeks were a real challenge. I came to experience a level of exhaustion that I had not known before.

Now don't misunderstand me, Sid was an excellent patient, but the pain and fear of moving in the wrong way and causing a problem with the prosthesis was foremost in his mind. I slowly but surely began to lose my connection to humility. The monster within me—and I don't say this lightly since it really felt like a monster—rose up. I felt powerless to turn myself around even though I knew what was happening. I felt helpless and discouraged. Sid saw my change in attitude and actions. He began to try to take care of me, which made me feel even worse because he was in such a bad place himself. That was true humility on the part of my wonderful husband. I was in a real downward spiral, and it felt horrible.

I made it through the six weeks with a renewed commitment to seek God in my struggle for humility. Humility is mentioned some 90 times in the Bible with the majority indicating the need to "humble yourself." Humbling myself involves a daily, and sometimes moment-to-moment, choice to prefer others to myself.

I must confess that I have been an extremely judgmental person and now see that that had been a source of fuel for my pride. I believed that my judgment was accurate and if others didn't recognize that then they were surely not my equal. What an abomination to God!

I am now overwhelmed by the magnitude of my pride. Pride is a root of all kinds of evil. The Bible says we are born into sin. Children don't need to be taught to be selfish and to always seek what they want. The "I" is in us from the moment we are born and the "I" is PRIDE.

Why did God banish Lucifer from heaven? Pride, of course. So when we walk in pride, we walk in tandem with Satan. When we walk in humility, we walk in tandem with God. Pride is the ugliest of sins because it flaunts in the face of our heavenly Father who created us the idea that we are greater than He is.

The journey to true humility is to empty myself of pride and the preoccupation with ME so that I can walk wholly and completely in tandem with God. Then He will bring me to my place of destiny in HIS plan for me. I can only walk into my destiny as I walk in humility.

Recently, I spoke about humility at a small gathering. At the conclusion of the meeting, the leader thanked me and then remarked that talking about humility was like "sandpaper." In my opinion it may feel that way at first, but when you fully embrace humility, it becomes the Balm of Gilead, the ultimate freedom.

Perhaps we are fearful of the prospect of humbling ourselves because we think that we will become a doormat for others or will be prohibited from having any ideas of our own. I have found that it is quite the contrary. I am more willing to share my thoughts and ideas with others because I am not afraid of what they will think of me.

Our culture promotes everywhere the concept that our thoughts and the essence of who we are is of paramount importance when in reality this is the exact opposite of what God has called us to. We come into the true knowledge and rest of who we are, a real sense of self, when we are in humility. Humility is God's best for us. When I am in humility I am at peace with others and myself and when I am in pride I have NO peace.

Can we be humble in our daily lives and harbor anger or unforgiveness against another or even God? I think not. We will discuss these stumblingblocks to humility at another time. To all of you who wrote me about the previous humility article, I thank you for sharing your thoughts and affirmations. It was very encouraging to know that there are many of you who have embraced humility. I am no longer young, so I don't know if I have enough years to come to "true humility," but it is my heart's desire. God bless you all and I pray we all walk in humility before God and man.

We Are In The Midst Of The Week

David Prichard

Iyyar 4, April 23, 2004

The witnesses of the Holy Spirit and of the Holy Scriptures, as well as discernible evidence in world events, compel me to speak. A series of events beginning in mere days to weeks shall test this word. Confirmation of the first event will come before May 21st. I have never been more sober about sharing a “word” from the LORD.

Please post this letter for all to judge:

I am convinced that we are entering a period of time when we can literally “count days” according to Biblical prophecy. I’m NOT predicting the date of Yeshua’s Return. God knows His timetable for that event. Rather, I am “reading the signs” as I **believe** the Holy Spirit is giving wisdom. The LORD provided us with some SPECIFIC time periods – some in DAYS, some in MONTHS, and some in YEARS – and these are coming into focus right in front of our eyes. The good news is: 1) Judgment comes in stages for the sake of the elect, and 2) With great tribulation comes abundant mercy, and a worldwide demonstration of the absolute authority of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, through the sons and daughters of Elohim.

Before I begin, please note the following events:

- On September 13, 1993, which was the FIRST DAY of the month of TISHRI on the Hebrew Calendar that year, President Clinton hosted Yitzhak Rabin of Israel and Yasser Arafat of the PLO for the signing of a “land for peace” deal initially called the “Oslo Agreement”. It was essentially an ‘agreement to make an agreement’, and the process would come to be known as the “Oslo Accords”.

- In the summer of 1999, Bob Neumann posted the last of the “Seven Thunders”, the most powerful and spiritually accurate modern prophetic writings (that I had seen) since Rick Joyner’s “War and Glory”. (Incidentally, Joyner received that vision in 1993, the year the Oslo Accords began taking Israel on a slow, deceptive “death march” in the name of “peace”.)

- August 11, 1999 was the FIRST OF ELUL, the beginning of the annual 40-day period of reflection and repentance leading to Tishri 10, the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). A total solar eclipse came across Europe and right over the land of Israel on ELUL 1 in 1999.

- September 4, 1999: After six years of wrangling by the Clinton administration, Britain, Israel, and the PLO, the “Oslo Accords” were finally completed and legally signed. The official enactment date: ONE WEEK LATER, on SEPTEMBER 11, 1999.

- SEPTEMBER 11, 1999 on the Gregorian Calendar was TISHRI 1 on the Hebrew calendar. Now: The first day of Tishri is called Yom Teruwah, the day of trumpets (shofars!) and shouting. It is the “New Year’s Day” of the Hebrew (civil) calendar. In 1999, it was the OFFICIAL LEGAL COMMENCEMENT of the Oslo Accords, which have proven to be a “covenant with death” to Israel. Of course, we now recognize that date, in retrospect, from an event in 2001…

- TISHRI 1 in 1999 (9/11/99) was ALSO the day of the SIGN OF REVELATION 12 in the night sky. A number of folks saw this “once-in-12,000-year event” developing as early as 1995, and one Messianic Jew even wrote a book about it. Most Christians never even got the word. We were all abuzz with Y2K talk. I think we were more prone to pay attention to the predictions of Tribulation and End Times if they came with a sign in the technology world (Y2K) than one in the night sky. But it WAS a true “SIGN IN THE HEAVENS”.

This SIGN, described in Revelation chapter 12, was a REAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

The woman (Virgo) clothed with the sun (right below Virgo, below the horizon, at sunset); a crown of twelve stars on her head (these stars are always there); the moon rising between her legs, as she "gave birth" (initially from a lying position); and the dragon (Draco) just above, attempting to devour the Manchild (moon) as it moved across the sky. This sign will never be seen again – at least, not in the universe as we know it! It was a PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT that most of us missed at that time. It was proclamation in the heavens of events that would begin to unfold one year later.

- On TISHRI 1 in 2000, at sundown (the very beginning of the "day" on the Biblical calendar), the evening of September 18th, Ariel Sharon went up to the Temple Mount and read EZEKIEL 37 – which contains the prophecies of the valley of dry bones, and of the two sticks (the one, Joseph/Ephraim/Israel, and the other, Judah) being made ONE STICK in the hand of God. Immediately chaos broke out on the Temple Mount , and within hours the "Palestinians" had declared "holy war" (the "Aqsa intifada"). The following morning – still Tishri 1, 2000 – in response to the Muslim holy war, the Israeli government declared the Oslo Agreement void and retracted all participation in its agreements. The Oslo 'covenant' – which Israel was railroaded into by the rest of the world – lasted EXACTLY SEVEN YEARS by the Hebrew calendar. To this day, Israelis refer to this terrorist war with the Arabs as the "Oslo War".

- In March of 2001, the leading rabbinic authorities (called the "Gedolei Yisrael") announced that the "time of Jacob's trouble" was upon us. Their statement, endorsed by all 27 of the leading Orthodox and Chassidic sages, was released just before Aviv 1 (also called Nisan 1 – the spring counterpart month to the autumn month of Tishri.) Aviv 1 is the beginning of the Hebrew spiritual calendar.

- Fast-forward to the present: As the month of Aviv began this year, 43 Hebrew months (exactly three and one half years) of "holy war" with the Arabs had just been completed. With the new moon this week we just completed the 44th month of an 86-month run that extends from Tishri 1, 2000 to Tishri 1, 2007. I believe this month was FAR MORE SIGNIFICANT than it appears right now, and the proof will begin to manifest with CLEAR PROPHETIC SIGNS beginning with the month of Iyyar (which began April 21st according to the new moon in Israel.)

Despite the neat little time-table popularized by hundreds of books about the Seventieth Week of Daniel, I submit to you that EVERYTHING that was prophesied to happen up to the first half of the "week" has happened. From this point forward, the things that have been predicted to happen right at the mid-point of the "week" shall begin to be fulfilled in the sight of the whole world. And those divinely- and deliberately-vague passages in the Holy Scriptures that have been translated into English and made to fit "the mind of man" are going to be seen in the RENEWED LIGHT of the Holy One of Israel!

Many of us "common folks" who have been diligently studying God's Word are going to "take back" Biblical understanding from the "wise" among us, because the Holy Spirit is about to pour out a Fresh Pentecost (Shavuot) on the saints that's going to light a FIRE like we have NEVER SEEN in our lifetime!

Now, I am NOT a prophet. If the events that I predict below do not come to pass, then I will sit back and reconsider a LOT of my understanding of Holy Scripture. But if/when they do, then take note! We are a lot farther along on the calendar of "end-time" events than most believers recognize. And the proof is right at our doorstep.

Two issues cloud our vision the most:

1) Misunderstanding of the Biblical language patterns of prophetic scriptures, combined with imposing classic Western "linear thinking" to spiritual writings that are largely Eastern and non-linear in form. This led to all sorts of assumptions that made some sense when they were first proposed but have turned out to be very misleading if not completely wrong.

2) The general expectation that at the beginning, or the exact middle, of the "Seventieth Week" (the final seven years as prophesied by Daniel) Christians were supposed to be "caught away" (at the VERY time we were needed MOST!) and the world was suddenly supposed to go to "hell in a hand-basket." This put many of us 'to sleep', so to speak, numb to certain events that might have otherwise

caught our attention. (Of course, the saints living in ISRAEL have not been so prone to sleep during this time!)

It hasn't helped much that so many of the "voices" out there proclaiming that we're already "in the Tribulation" tend to be hard-hearted and impatient toward those who don't accept their teaching. Most of these studious ones believe there will only be a VERY SMALL harvest, or "remnant", and they have a tendency to delight in the thought of the Judgment coming upon all the rest. Because of this, even those with true "pieces of the puzzle" lose credibility with mainstream believers. Unfortunate, but understandable. (Who among us, who have prayed for years to see a great Harvest, have loads of patience for those who so easily relegate 99% of the earth's population to hell?)

NOW WATCH WHAT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN!

Here is what I "see" coming, and the rest of this letter is very basic discussion:

1) During the month of Iyyar, which began with the new moon around April 21st, we are going to see a war in the Middle East that will change the world. This war will fulfill certain prophetic visions on an even deeper level than the wars of 1948, 1967, & 1973. Not only will sections of Psalm 83 and Zechariah 10 & 12 be manifested more precisely, but prophetic passages from all throughout the Bible will be displayed rapidly from this war forward. There are TONS of scriptures that interweave to explain to us what is happening, since the ENTIRE BIBLE is prophetically focused toward the first and second advents of Jesus Christ, Yeshua haMashiach.

This war is going to be – to the world – what 9/11 was to America. After this war, the "world" will never again see Jews through the same eyes. A rapid "polarization" of all the peoples of the earth will begin – divided between "Zionists" and "anti-Zionists". The same polarization will happen within "Christendom". At first, there will be no clear "good guys" and "bad guys", since there will be a lot of confusion. For one thing, the Zionists will attract many who bow to the false doctrine of "salvation by works of the law" – which will repel a group of true believers toward the anti-Zionists camp. The anti-Zionists will quickly bow to the teaching that the entire Mosaic Law was nailed to the Cross – a false teaching that leads to cheap grace. Somehow God will sort it out and bring the unity that ONLY the HOLY SPIRIT can bring. He knows His own!

Somewhere in all the violence and chaos, the Temple Mount will return to Israeli control. Most likely the Southern Wall will collapse, or else be blown up by Hamas. Anyway, whatever the Muslim terrorists try to do will backfire on them, and losing the Temple Mount will be part of it. The only thing the Islamists will "win" in all of this will be news media coverage giving credibility to all sorts of lies and half-truths.

The prophetic event that this war will bring about, which we have a time-table for, is found in Micah 5:7 & 8 and Revelation 11:2, and was foreshadowed in Luke 21:24 as well as many Old Testament passages. The "nations" will tread down the holy city (Jerusalem) for 42 months. This will begin as a "U.S.-led coalition" of some sort, a "peace-keeping force" that will be allowed by the Israeli government in response to the international outcry of sympathy for the Palestinians. Ultimately, everyone who is "anybody" in the world system is going to want a piece of Israel – and especially of Jerusalem. If you have already recognized how Jerusalem has become a "burdensome stone for all people", be ready for stage two! We haven't seen ANYTHING yet!

Financial markets will soon be rocked on an even greater scale than we've seen in the past several years. I don't know how, but the Holy Scriptures make it CLEAR that the wealth of the nations, the leaders of the nations, and the weapons and armies of the nations are going to be increasingly concentrated toward that tiny strip of land that the world calls "Israel".

THIS 42 MONTHS is an EASILY IDENTIFIABLE EVENT – a group of "Gentiles" who don't live in Jerusalem today shall suddenly set up a presence there; that's the first event. IF IT DOES NOT HAPPEN by the next new moon (in May), then I'll sit down and be quiet. Either way, I had better be humbled because I'm no more "ready" for these events than anyone else! But it is GOING to happen.

Now, at the same time as the "nations" are beginning to take their places in Jerusalem, the anti-Christ – initially through his "representatives" in places of governmental and ecumenical authority – will be handed great authority in the earth to speak against God's Word. This is another 42-month period – parallel to the one described above – spoken of in Daniel 7:25 & 8:12 and Revelation 13:5. It will begin in a form that sounds okay to most Christians: smooth words of love and peace, and harsh words about the Law of Moses. I expect a change-up in the Vatican to correspond with all of this.

Also at this time a 1260-day period and a 1290-day are prophesied – and I believe these have already begun. The first (1260) has to do with the two witnesses (Rev. 11) – and the explanation for that is another entire letter. The second has to do with the "daily sacrifice" that must be taken away at this time. But keep in mind that there are TWO DIFFERENT "DAILY's" that are REMOVED. One is the LITERAL ALTAR SACRIFICE – the morning and evening lambs offered up DAILY once the altar is restored on the Temple Mount. THIS "daily" is removed for 2300 mornings and evenings – or 1150 days. (Daniel 8:14) The OTHER "DAILY" is the "TAMIYD" – the "perpetual" covering of grace that God has granted to the world in response to the "perpetual" offering of worship from the "altars" of the hearts of His people. The "TAMIYD" is removed for 1290 days. (Daniel 12:11)

So before moving to the NEXT EASILY IDENTIFIABLE EVENT, let us acknowledge an event that's more subjective but should be relatively easy to discern spiritually as it progresses. (And it will progress QUICKLY!) In a 'nutshell', we should be seeing an acceleration of the darkening of the minds of those given over to the 'beast'. Paul put it this way: "God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie…"

2) NEXT: Sometime BEFORE the month of Av (which begins with the new moon around July 9th) Israel will have a tabernacle of some sort erected on the Temple Mount, with or without the Ark of the Covenant. (I believe they have access to it, but I expect that the "Gedolei Yisrael" will advise them not to bring it out at this point.) There will be an altar constructed, and after a seven-day consecration, the "daily sacrifice" will begin – that is, the morning and evening lambs.

THEN, sometime between the last day of the month of Tammuz and the 9th day of Av, the "daily sacrifice" will be stopped. This will begin an 1150-day countdown until a new altar is built and consecrated. (Daniel 8:13,14) Furthermore, as a CLEARER SIGN FROM THE LORD to Christians who have largely neglected study of Torah and the Prophets, I expect that the altar and whatever tabernacle or structure has been erected will be taken down or destroyed on the 9th of Av. Jews worldwide will just be concluding the "three weeks" of mourning for the temples destroyed by the Babylonians and the Romans – each on the very same day – the 9th of Av.

This sign will be even MORE POWERFUL to the Jews than to Christians, because it will force them to grapple with Daniel's prophecies – which they have largely relegated as mystical and allegorical. Daniel is the ONLY PROPHET to prophesy the TIME of the MESSIAH'S FIRST COMING. And the God-ordained separation between Christians and Jews has led them to over-spiritualize Daniel's prophecies. But they're going to have to deal with the fact that the "stick of Joseph" that's in the "hand of Ephraim" (Ezekiel 37:19) belongs to a bunch of CHRISTIANS! And Daniel will witness powerfully in this regard.

WHEN THESE THINGS HAPPEN, at least relatively closely to what I have described, and in the predicted time-frame, then it's time we shed a few traditional interpretations of the Holy Scriptures and take a closer look! These predictions are based on Scriptural Patterns that are FUNDAMENTAL to understanding the prophets of the Bible.

When Yeshua of Nazareth came to earth in the flesh, as the suffering servant, He fulfilled His prophetic destiny for the SPRING FEAST cycle – EVERY DETAIL. When He returns in His Glory as Messiah and King, He will fulfill His prophetic destiny for the AUTUMN FEAST cycle – EVERY DETAIL! Of course, just as before, we can expect some surprises. Things always happen in a different way or at a different time than we expect. But He gave us a WEALTH of information about these days, including several VERY EXACT time periods. And what He put in His Word, He expects us to use at the appropriate time.

Think about this: When Yeshua was born, how many of God's people knew that the Son of God had come into the world? A mere handful! And even as he grew up around them, His own community did not know Who He was. ONLY in the last 3 ½ years of His life did He announce Himself to Israel and the surrounding peoples. And even then, He was slow and methodical about revealing Himself.

EVEN SO, there was no television announcement when the Final Week of man's rule in the earth arrived. But now that the final 3 ½ years is beginning, we shall see the SIGNS of the times – in a deliberate and methodical UNLEASHING of BOTH the Holy Spirit and of the evil one. We should have known that concurrent with the GREAT AWAKENING and REVIVAL that we have been waiting for, for so many years, a great Judgment would also be in force. I, for one, didn't realize it until a few years ago. But Yeshua's wisdom echoes across the ages: "The Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." For this reason, as the LORD pours out HIS SPIRIT upon His children in the flesh, we require a SOBER and SOLEMN BACKGROUND of world events, lest we become puffed up. Remember Paul's "thorn in the flesh"? If we are truly the generation who shall again see "greater works" than those worked by Yehsua of Nazareth, we are going to need a DAILY dose of humility and restraint! Welcome to the "Great Tribulation" – the most DANGEROUS, the most HOLY, and the most GLORIOUS of all times to be alive! THIS is what we've been TRAINING FOR! Our WEAPONS are about to get a major UPGRADE! (Provided we've been faithful in His eyes with what we have been given – and He is gracious!)

Okay – Do I hear some objections?

Aside from the Rapture theories, probably the biggest hindrances to Christians accepting that the events described above actually DO CONSTITUTE proof [that we in the "midst of the week"] are the vastly popular teachings that have neatly and erroneously mapped out the seven-year "Tribulation". The fact that SO MANY different time schedules have been proposed attests to the complexity of the task. I would like to mention a few scriptures that have been consistently interpreted a certain way, when in fact an alternative interpretation exists that has been ignored because it didn't fit the "conventional wisdom" of the scholars.

A number of years ago, the LORD began challenging me to grapple with LANGUAGE in my Bible studies. I had learned in the '80's that Yeshua spoke primarily (if not exclusively) the Aramaic and Hebrew languages. Yet my New Testament was translated primarily from Greek texts. And I had studied extensively from a parallel Greek-English Bible, in order to get a sense of the flow of the Greek language. The next challenge was to learn the flow of "Hebraic" language.

Soon, my Bible studies began to explode anew. I saw things I'd never seen before, and dozens of Scriptural themes that had been sort of hanging undeveloped before became clear, in both the New Testament and the Old Testament. I began to study the work of James Trimm (Messianic Jew and Hebrew scholar) and Herb Jahn (ExeGeses Bibles). I spent two years studying with a Messianic Jewish Hebrew teacher. Plus, the internet and books and tapes have opened up many more QUALITY Biblical truths. I don't agree with everything these folks teach any more than you would agree with everything I teach. But they presented excellent and deep-running Biblical evidence that YESHUA OF NAZARETH – Jesus Christ – is Messiah, beyond what I had ever seen in two decades of serious Bible study and learning from hundreds of authors, pastors, and mentors. ***And they also challenged all sorts of things that I never thought to question!***

For example, did you know that scholars (Rabbi Moshe Yoseph Koniuchowsky and James Trimm to name two) have DOCUMENTED 134 places where the Masoritic Hebrew text of the Old Testament has been CHANGED? The Masorites (Jewish scribes) were trying to protect their faith against Christian persecution – so they hid the TRUTH of certain passages that pointed to YESHUA AS MESSIAH! An example is Psalm 110:5 where YHVH, the holy name of God, was REPLACED BY ADONAI. But in fact, the "Lord" sitting at the right hand of the "LORD" (YHVH) in verse 1 is actually "LORD" (YHVH) Himself. (L-O-R-D in capitals in the Old Testament indicates that the word is Y-H-V-H, the Holy Name of God.) In other words, verse 5 makes the connection complete, that it is YHVH Who is sitting at the right hand of YHVH – the Son of God Who sits at the right hand of God IS HIMSELF GOD, for they are ONE! And there are OTHER incidents where we find multiple "YHVH's" in the Hebrew text at the same time, just like we find in the Greek and Aramaic textual accounts of the baptism of Yeshua when the Holy Spirit and the Voice of the Father from Heaven were present with the Son – a manifestation of THREE (Who are ONE) at once.

Please do not misunderstand. These Masorites knew the ABSOLUTE HOLINESS of God's Word, and they even left notes on what they did, basically telling on themselves. The best I can figure, they trusted Messiah to sort it all out when He came – which He will! But clearly they acted “in the flesh”, and compromised with God’s Word just as Christian authorities have done periodically for many centuries. Furthermore, we have the Septuagint (LXX), the Greek translation from the Hebrew text, approved by the rabbis of old, as a wonderful parallel to the Hebrew texts. But even so, there are MYSTERIES that are coming forward in these “end times”, which have been hidden throughout the ages.

Have you heard about Zechariah chapter five and the “woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah”? Or have you ever read that passage and wondered what a woman was doing in a “basket”? or what king of basket has a lead lid on it? It turns out that in the original Hebrew text (which had no vowel markings) the Hebrew word for “woman” is the same exact letters as “fire offering”. Neither the original translators of the Septuagint nor the Masorites could imagine any reason to translate the word as “fire offering”, even though having a woman in a basket didn’t make a whole lot more sense. So EVERYONE called it a “woman”, right down the line for centuries.

So now we come to the 21st century, and a Messianic Jewish rabbi (Michael Rood) was studying one Sabbath, reading Zechariah from the Hebrew text, and suddenly the Holy Spirit dropped this into his spirit, and he realized, “It’s an evil FIRE OFFERING!” And sure enough, if you read Zechariah 5 with this restored revelation, and you follow the Hebrew text accurately, you find that the “flying roll” (vs. 1&2) is a cylinder (not a double-handled scroll) – and this cylinder has TWO “fire offerings” lifting it into the sky (vs. 9), like a two-staged rocket with fins (“wings”) at the bottom. And the cargo of this rocket, or missile, is a WICKED fire offering (vs. 7&8) that is enclosed in a container with a lead lid – just like a NUCLEAR WARHEAD mounted on top of a MISSILE! And I haven’t verified this, but I’m told that the measurements given in verse 2 that when translated to English were rendered “length” and “breadth”, constitute the very height (or length, in flight) and circumference of one of the standard missiles manufactured by modern industry which can be used to carry a nuclear warhead.

So we can see that God can “seal up” a mystery for as long as He wants to – and then open it up suddenly. The story of the “woman” vs. the “fire offering” has been propagated on the internet for over a year now. I certainly don’t agree with a lot of what Michael Rood teaches, but this revelation given to him and picked up by many others testifies that God CAN and WILL bypass the “wise” and give revelation of His Word to those who are simply hungry and faithful witnesses.

The end-time prophecies were ALWAYS meant by the LORD to be MYSTERIES – often spoken in figurative language, or cloaked – so that those whose hearts are set on worldly things will not understand these truths EVEN when it’s RIGHT UNDER THEIR NOSE. Furthermore, most of the literally hundreds of prophecies that apply to these last 3 ½ years are interspersed with prophecies that apply in the past.

Building a relationship with God is SIMPLE. Salvation, when examined in essence, is SIMPLE. But interpreting and accurately applying the end-time passages of the Bible is the most complex task that ANYONE can attempt. It’s easier to build a nuclear reactor! (I am a former Naval Nuclear Reactor Operator.)

SO it is more than fair for us to reconsider much of the POPULAR UNDERSTANDING that floods the markets of Christian prophecy teaching today. Look at yourself, and see how much you have learned about God over the past year, or five years, or ten. As believers at large over the centuries, our collective knowledge has grown as well. MANY things were lost – but the LORD is restoring what was lost in preparation for His Return!

So what about the “man of sin”?

If the question concerns mid- or pre-tribulation rapture, there are more than enough discussions from all sides of the issue to be found on the Internet. For myself, the deeper I allowed the LORD to take me into harmonizing the Old Testament and New Testament prophecies, the Scriptural “evidence” for these two scenarios fell apart. They are lying in a heap of dust just like a section of the Southern Wall of the Temple Mount is about to become.

Therefore I wish to focus on the false assumption that the anti-Christ (pseudo-Messiah) must identify himself either at the beginning or at the mid-point of the “week”. This teaching relies on scriptures in Daniel and Revelation. To begin with, note that any time correlation with events described in 2 Thessalonians chapter 2 is pure ‘assumption’. All this text tells us is that before the LORD returns and gathers us together, there will be a ‘falling away’ and ‘that man of sin’ will be revealed.

In Revelation chapter 13 we learn that a ‘beast’ is given a “mouth speaking great things and blasphemies”, and that he is allowed to do this for forty-two months. HERE is a SPECIFIC event with a SPECIFIC time period, which begins THIS MONTH (Iyyar). But right after this we are introduced to ANOTHER BEAST. And the SECOND BEAST seems to have all of the power of the first beast, and MORE. In fact, the second beast seems to have the POLITICAL and ECONOMIC powers. (The first beast would seem to be a religious leader…) So before we go ASSUMING (as the conventional wisdom has it) that the first beast is the anti-Christ – the “little horn”, the “wicked prince”, the “prince that shall come”, the “man of sin” – perhaps we ought to study and pray and meditate on this for awhile. (And consult BOTH the Old Testament and the New Testament for insight…)

Finally, we come to Daniel 9:26 & 27:

26 “And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.”

27 “And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.”

To begin with, this passage is EXTREMELY VAGUE. It is quite possible that the one confirming the covenant is the MESSIAH. Perhaps it refers to Yeshua’s confirmation of Daniel’s prophecies (of the Seventieth Week), recorded in a good deal of detail in Matthew 24:7-22. (But I don’t think that’s it.) Or perhaps God was confirming His covenant with Israel when He sent Ariel Sharon to the Temple Mount to read Ezekiel 37. But this doesn’t ‘settle’ well in my spirit either. It may be a kind of “parallel” fulfillment that the LORD loves to bring forth. He’s done it throughout history! But I can’t write this scripture off like that just because it seems to stand as the ONE dissenting passage to the premise of this entreaty.

We have been taught that the “he”, who confirms the covenant for one week, is the “prince that shall come”, and Hebrew scholars across the board are pretty much in agreement. But we have ALSO been taught “linear thinking” so thoroughly that some very clear possibilities don’t tend to occur to us. WHAT IF the prophet saw TWO seven-year periods, one being a prelude to the other? One was a seven-year “trial” – God testing the hearts of men and establishing a foundation for the fulfillment of all to follow. The second is the “Final Week” of the seventy.

Over and over in the Holy Scriptures, prophetic events happen in sets of two. There are the “times of the Gentiles” in Jerusalem, when she is “trodden down of the Gentiles”. (Luke 21:24) This began in 70 AD, and lasted at least until 1967. One might even argue that until the Jews recover the Temple Mount, they we are STILL in this time. But the Temple Mount is about to be suddenly recovered – just in time for a SHORT PERIOD of altar worship – and then comes a SECOND “treading down” for 42 months: “the holy city they shall tread under foot”. (Rev. 11:2) So there are TWO events, one being the prelude to the other. Yet to read Luke 21:14 and Revelation 11:2 one might suppose that they refer to the same thing.

Another set of TWO is the TWO MESSIAHS. One represents the TRUE Throne of David, and the other will come as such, but is the “fleshly” throne of David in the earth. The false messiah is “anointed”, so-to-speak, to bring about the end-time judgments against God’s people Israel, including the ‘apostate churches.’ The True Messiah is anointed to bring about the end-time judgments against the dragon and all of his accomplices.

Here is Young’s Literal Translation of Daniel 9:27:

“And he hath strengthened a covenant with many -- one week, and [in] the midst of the week he causeth sacrifice and present to cease, and by the wing of abominations he is making desolate, even till the consummation, and that which is determined is poured on the desolate one.”

I submit that the “one week” when the covenant was strengthened was the “dragon” (Satan) operating through Clinton and Gore, offering Israel a “covenant with death” – but that this was NOT the SEVENTIETH WEEK in the series. Then, when speaking of the “midst of the week”, the prophet is referring to the Seventieth Week. I know it seems far-fetched. So many truths that the Holy Spirit has shown me seem like that at first.

But I KNOW what I KNOW – that we are IN THE MIDST OF THE SEVENTIETH WEEK !!

So WATCH WITH ME – and KNOW that the LORD is doing something MARVELOUS right out in the open for ALL TO SEE! A fantastic DELIVERANCE is about to happen in Israel! A Great Revival is about to happen among the saints!

And WE – IF we will SURRENDER to the HOLY WORK of YHVH in our lives – have the opportunity to be WITNESSES to a world that, through much tribulation, is about to be “born anew”. HALLELUJAH !!

Walk Across America

Rusty Thomas

Walk Across America - a prophetic warning to a nation of bloodshed February 25, 2004

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Scheduled to begin March 1, 2004 in Los Angeles, California

God has used Operation Rescue / Operation Save America as a prophetic witness over the years to city after city in America for over a decade and a half (including Orlando, FL; New Orleans, LA; Buffalo, NY; and Washington, D.C. three days before 9-11, as described in Rusty Thomas' March newsletter, following the Press Statement sent out in January below.

This witness in the past has been to CITIES. Beginning March 1st, in the city of Los Angeles and heading eastward across America, this time, the witness will be to the NATION.

Press Release Statement, Sunday, January, 18th, 2004

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Walk Across America

Starting at the beginning of March, Rev. Flip Benham, National Director of Operation Rescue/Operation Save America and I (Rev. Rusty Lee Thomas), along with my two daughters, Shekinah and Destiny, a donkey, a white horse, an aborted baby, and a ministry team will walk across America as a living parable carrying a prophetic message to America.

This marks our most ambitious effort, our greatest adventure, and most arduous task in service to our Lord Jesus Christ and the unborn made in His image.

When words fail, as they have in the abortion wars, God speaks through parables. Every step of this 3000 mile journey, which will take 6 to 7 months, carries a prophetic word of warning to America. The killing of God's babies in the womb must cease or we will face the increased judgment of a Holy God upon our sin-soaked and blood-stained land.

When King Jesus rides a donkey, He comes in peace. God is merciful and He longs to be gracious to America. He desires to be our friend and great benefactor as He has in our history. However, our many sins and idolatry, such as abortion and sodomy, have grieved God's Spirit and have removed His hand of protection from us. The constant threat of terrorism upon our own soil and the erosion of our liberties is clear evidence of God's displeasure with America.

When King Jesus rides a white horse, He does not come to bring peace, but to make war and bring judgment. America has chosen to kill her babies, now America must choose how she will respond to God's warning. The message is clear, America must stop killing our children or prepare to meet thy God! America, do we want King Jesus to ride a donkey unto us or a white horse? Time is running out and we must decide. For if we persist in killing our children, behold, the white horse is coming and this is the name that is on its side, King of kings and Lord of lords!

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March's Newsletter

Sun, 22 Feb 2004

Dear Champion Of The Lord and the Unborn,

The Lord richly bless you! Next week, Flip Benham and I, plus a ministry team will be starting our Walk Across America Prophetic Tour. We are entrusting ourselves to God and setting our face like flint to fulfill this most arduous assignment that God has given us to date. Today, I had the privilege to preach at my Church. I told them that we don't have much of a comfort zone, but what we did have is now been taken away. We are getting ready to launch out into deeper and more uncertain waters than we have ever known. Pastor John Wachsmann, my faithful pastor, laid hands on my family and sent us out to fulfill God's word to America. We are grateful for that blessing. Brethren, pray for us!

IN KING JESUS' SERVICE,
Rusty

WALK ACROSS AMERICA PROPHETIC TOUR
"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, When a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul." (Ezekiel 3:17-21)

We all know it is a dangerous world out there. Turmoil churns from within our nation and threats of terrorism plague us from without. These predicaments are highlighted by our President's new budget proposals that he sent to Congress recently. Two of the most expensive items on his budget are Home Land Security and the Military. Clearly, our government is concerned about what the future may hold for America.

For many in the Church, America's precarious position is a "sign of the times." They view what is happening through the grid of dispensational theology and chalk all this up to the "End Times." Thus the heathen solution to the danger is to "Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die," while for many in the Church, the solution is to stay sequestered in our churches, sing songs to Jesus, and wait for the chariot of heaven to swing low and remove Christians from this evil mess.

Very few would dare to see this situation as God's remedial judgments upon a spoiled, wicked nation. Very few would consider that our sins, such as abortion, sodomy, and pornography have reached heaven. And fewer still would preach in our seeker friendly churches this message, "In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old. But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them (Isaiah 63:910)." We would preach with passion the first part of Isaiah's passage that reveals God's great love and saving presence, but God becoming an enemy to His people that fights against them? This is not possible or so we nervously think. I believe this refusal to honestly and Biblically assess our true condition before a Holy God in America is producing the very thing we shudder to recognize.

For many years now, God has used Operation Rescue/Operation Save America as a prophetic witness to different cities throughout America. A little remnant of saints would show up to give God an excuse to show off. In each city, God would watch over His word to perform it with mighty, terrible signs and wonders following. This is just a sampling. In Orlando, we prophesied against the abortion industry, the homosexual agenda being promoted by Disney, and the pedophile books being sold at Barnes and Nobles. We declared that God would judge Orlando just as He judged Sodom and Gomorrah, by raining down fire upon their heads. Butch Berget, our OSA worship leader, sang at every gate we visited this song, "We Serve a God Who Answers by Fire." At the conclusion of the event, Brother Flip Benham called upon me to give the benediction. After the saints of God said "Amen," the entire area went up in flames and burned out of control for over a month.

In New Orleans, however, God blessed the city by arresting the spirit of murder and bringing peace to their streets. Pastor Bill Shanks, one of our national leaders, prophesied that if the abortion mills would shut down while Operation Rescue came into New Orleans, then God Himself would end the plague of murder that was terrorizing his city. At the time, New Orleans was the murder capital of America. Even the police were murdering other police. It was insane. Sure enough, we came into town and every abortion mill shut down. Halfway during the event, the media made mention of the fact that there was a connection between the murder of the innocent in the womb and the escalating violence in the streets. They declared, "Didn't Operation Rescue say that if abortion shut down there would be peace in our streets? That's what they said. Would you know, there hasn't been one murder thus far since they have been here. Incredible!"

In Buffalo, NY, Flip Benham preached from Hosea 4:1,2 which states, "Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood." He specifically cried out against the sin of shedding the blood of our children through abortion. He demonstrated from the Scriptures that there was a direct connection between the bloodshed in the womb and the blood coursing down the corridors in our public schools. The next day two disturbed young men walked into their school in Columbine, CO, and without mercy gunned down 13 of their peers and then committed suicide. That night, we had a spontaneous solemn assembly that brought us tearfully down on our faces in the fear of God.

The following is the press statement OSA released after 9/11. "The horrific attack on America today was not a mere coincidence. Reminiscent of accounts in the Old Testament when God used prophets to warn nations of their wicked ways, America has been given its own warnings over the years for the shedding of innocent blood through the horrific practice of abortion. The most recent national rebuke was this past weekend when a prophetic word was spoken to the White House police on Saturday, September 8, 2001.

Rev. Flip Benham, along with 18 other pro-life pastors and leaders from across the nation, gathered in the nation's capital to bring a prophetic warning, that if we continue to sow bloodshed in the womb, we would continue to reap it in ever-increasing horror in our streets.

Standing in front of the White House, praying and proclaiming the prophetic Word of God, these gentle Christians were threatened with arrest. They refused to move, and instead continued to pray for the mercy of God on our nation. As they were given their third and final warning, Benham declared these prophetic words, "No, America! This is your third and final warning!" Then he read from Dt. 32:25, "In the street the sword will make them childless, in their homes terror will reign. Young men and women will perish, infants and gray haired men."

"The Supreme Court of the United States of America declared that children in their mother's wombs were not fully human and therefore were not entitled to the full protection of the laws of our land," said Rev. Benham. "Because of this open rebellion and blatant disregard for the Law of God and for life, our nation is suffering under the remedial judgments of God Himself. Blood is coursing down the corridors of our schools, workplaces and streets. Because we have not hated bloodshed, bloodshed is pursuing us." (Ezekiel 35:6)

After Flip gave God's "Third and Final Warning," he was arrested. I picked up his fallen Bible and told him I had recovered it. He told me in no uncertain terms to open it to Dt. 32:25 and preach. As I did, I stretched out my hand toward the White House and prophetically declared that if America didn't repent immediately of child-killing then God would reduce our economic and military might to dust. Thirty hours after we left Washington DC, the Twin Towers, the symbol of our economic might, and the Pentagon, the symbol of our military might became dust.

There are many other examples that could be mentioned, but this should suffice for now. The reason for this brief history of how God has soberly used Operation Rescue/Operation Save America in times past is to try give understanding of the national implications concerning this Walk Across America Prophetic Tour. In Joshua, the word of the Lord proclaims, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses (Joshua 1:3)." Every step of this three thousand mile journey carries a prophetic parable to our entire nation. The warning we are bringing does not just encompass a city or a region, but our sin-soaked and blood-stained land.

The first station of the walk will be known as JUSTICE. Brother Curtis Fenison, our official OSA shofar blower from North Carolina, will be carrying an aborted baby and a set of the Ten Commandments broken. The broken baby demonstrates the injustice and the broken Commandments of God. Galatians 3:24 declares, "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Thus following the law of God will be a donkey that I will lead. The donkey will carry a banner that reveals her name, MERCY. The Gospel message between these two stations is undeniable. The Law of God is a schoolmaster to lead us to Christ and the very mercy of God. If however, our nation spurns the goodness of God that leads to repentance, following the donkey trails a white horse led by Rev. Flip Benham. On the horse's side a sword will hang and a banner will read "King of kings and Lord of lords." The horse's name is JUDGMENT.

Prayerfully, you can begin to see the urgency of our obedience to fulfill this arduous task. In our opening passage in Ezekiel, God exhorts the watchmen upon the wall to cry out a warning if they see the sword coming. Flip and I are simply seeking to obey the admonishment of the Lord. We have enough blood on our hands already concerning the babies that have been murdered in our nation under our watch. We don't need to add the blood of the wicked who allowed them to die in the first place. Brethren, pray for us!

Where are My Phinehases

Jeff Wright

Numbers 25:6 6Just then one of the Israelite men brought a Midianite woman into the camp, right before the eyes of Moses and all the people, as they were weeping at the entrance of the Tabernacle.£ 7When Phinehas son of Eleazar and grandson of Aaron the priest saw this, he jumped up and left the assembly. Then he took a spear 8and rushed after the man into his tent. Phinehas thrust the spear all the way through the man's body and into the woman's stomach. So the plague against the Israelites was stopped, 9but not before 24,000 people had died.10Then the Lord said to Moses, 11"Phinehas son of Eleazar and grandson of Aaron the priest has turned my anger away from the Israelites by displaying passionate zeal among them on my behalf. So I have stopped destroying all Israel as I had intended to do in my anger. 12So tell him that I am making my special covenant of peace with him. 13In this covenant, he and his descendants will be priests for all time, because he was zealous for his God and made atonement for the people of Israel." Where are My Phinehases?!

Ezekiel 18:30-31 30"Therefore, I will judge each of you, O people of Israel, according to your actions, says the Sovereign Lord. Turn from your sins! Don't let them destroy you! 31Put all your rebellion behind you, and get for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O people of Israel? 32I don't want you to die, says the Sovereign Lord. Turn back and live!Where are My Phinehases? !

Ezekiel 33:10-11 10"Son of man, give the people of Israel this message: You are saying, 'Our sins are heavy upon us; we are wasting away! How can we survive?' 11As surely as I live, says the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of wicked people. I only want them to turn from their wicked ways so they can live. Turn! Turn from your wickedness, O people of Israel! Why should you die? Where are My Phinehases?!

2 Chronicles 7:12- 14 12Then one night the Lord appeared to Solomon and said, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this Temple as the place for making sacrifices. 13At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or I might command locusts to devour your crops, or I might send plagues among you. 14Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land. For why should you die, O people of The USA? Where are My Phinehases?! Many have read the prophetic chatter and are feeling what the Spirit is saying, the Spirit also is saying to His people: Ezekiel 18:30-31 30"Therefore, I will judge each of you, O people of Israel, according to your actions, says the Sovereign Lord. Turn from your sins! Don't let them destroy you! 31Put all your rebellion behind you, and get for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O people of Israel? 32 I don't want you to die, says the Sovereign Lord. Turn back and live! The Lord is calling out to those of have made a quality commitment to this path: THE KINGS HIGHWAY

ON THE NARROW KING'S HIGHWAY WE TRAVEL
THE NARROW WAY OF FAITH
THE WAY OF THE CROSS
THE WAY THAT DEMANDS NO SHORTCUTS OR DETOURS
THE WAY THAT THAT LEADS US THROUGH THE LONG HILLS AND VALLEYS
THE WAY THAT MAKES US TOUGH, STRONG AND FIT
THE NARROW WAY THAT BRINGS US INTO HIS REST
THE WAY OF REST WHERE WITH HIM OUR ENEMIES ARE UNDER OUR FEET,
AND HIS WILL IS DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

Many of us are in the season where we are transferring into Christ likeness. We have our own personal character issues in the forefront of our thinking and with a clear conscience before God we are diligently working on them. The Lord is pouring out His Grace to get us over into His Rest to get us over the Jordan.

The Jordan is waiting for me to cross thru,
My heart is aging I can tell
So Lord, I am begging for last one favor from you

Here's my heart
Take it where you will
This life has shown me how were mended
and how were torn
How it's O.K. to be lonely
As long as you're free
Sometimes my ground was stony
And sometimes covered up with stones
And only you could make it what it had to be
And now that it's done
If they dressed me like a pauper
Or if they dined me like a prince
If they lay me with my fathers
Or if my ashes scatter on the wind
I don't care
When I leave I want go out like Elijah
With a whirlwind to fuel my chariot of fire
And when I look back on the stars
It' be like a candlelight in Central Park
And it won't break my heart to say good bye. Elijah -Rich Mullins

These are people who are the frontline Shock Troops, who have welcomed and loved correction and change and will stand for those who have not yet crossed the Jordan.

Where are My Phinehases?

The Whole Armor of God

10A final word: Be strong with the Lord's mighty power. 11Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies and tricks of the Devil. 12For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms.13Use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy in the time of evil, so that after the battle you will still be standing firm. 14Stand your ground, putting on the sturdy belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. 15For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News, so that you will be fully prepared.£ 16In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan.£ 17Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18Pray at all times and on every occasion in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all Christians everywhere. We're not fighting people! For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms. The root is the church let these principalities take a hold and that's why we're at midnight for America! What's done is done. God is calling us to become Phinehases for Him. To stand up and war and pull down these strongholds! So that the good work God started in America will not be for nothing and we won't be thrown away! So that judgments that are coming won't have the scent of Hell, hopelessness! But will cleanse and bring life! Yes Life!

April 30, 1863 Abraham Lincoln:

We know that by His divine law, nations are subjected to punishments in this world. May we not justly fear that this awful calamity of civil war which now so desolates the land may be a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people. We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened, us and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessing were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. We have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us. It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness. All this being done in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the divine teachings, that the united cry of the nation will be heard on high, and answered with blessings no less than the pardon of our national sins, and the restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace.

November 23, 2004 GOD: Be My Phinehases!

Hezekiah's Sickness and Recovery2 Kings 20

1About that time Hezekiah became deathly ill, and the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz went to visit him. He gave the king this message: "This is what the Lord says: Set your affairs in order, for you are going to die. You will not recover from this illness." 2When Hezekiah heard this, he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the Lord, 3"Remember, O Lord, how I have always tried to be faithful to you and do what is pleasing in your sight." Then he broke down and wept bitterly. 4But before Isaiah had left the middle courtyard, this message came to him from the Lord: 5"Go back to Hezekiah, the leader of my people. Tell him, 'this is what the Lord, the God of your ancestor David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears. I will heal you, and three days from now you will get out of bed and go to the Temple of the Lord. 6I will add fifteen years to your life, and I will rescue you and this city from the king of Assyria. I will do this to defend my honor and for the sake of my servant David.'"7Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah's servants, "Make an ointment from figs and spread it over the boil." They did this, and Hezekiah recovered!

What if the armies of the Lord Picked up and dusted off their swords Vowed to set the captive free And not let Satan have one more What if the Church for Heaven's sake Finally stepped up to the plate Took a stand upon God's promise and stormed Hell's rusty gates What if his people prayed and those that bare his name Would humbly seek His face And turn from their own way And what would happen if we prayed For those raised up to lead the way Then maybe kids in school could pray AND UNBORN CHILDREN SEE LIGHT OF DAY What if the life that we pursue Came from the hunger for the truth What if the family turned to Jesus Stopped asking Oprah what to do What if his people prayed and those that bare his name Would humbly seek His face And turn from their own way He said that they would hear His promise has been made He'll answer loud and clear If only we would pray If My people called by My name It they'll humble themselves and pray If My people called by My name It they'll humble themselves and pray WHAT IF HIS PEOPLE PRAYED Casting Crowns

MOBILIZE! For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against the evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against those mighty powers of darkness who rule this world, and against wicked spirits in the heavenly realms. We need to mobilize. We need to coordinate with our own individual networks to pray. Those who have been given a burden and a Godly passion to come against Homosexuality, coordinate with likeminded Christians and come against the spirit of homosexuality in this nation. If you have a burden to come against abortion, network and come against abortion/Molech. Those who have a passion to come against corruption in government, the passion for seeing the children set free, pornography, and all the scourges that has devastated us. Network, coordinate, and pray, get the word out, blow the trumpets, have the spirit of Paul Revere and sound the alarm!

THE GATES OF HELL WILL NOT PREVAIL!

Watch And Pray

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A Prophetic Word For England
August 2, 2004
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"For this is the year that England shall see much upheaval in the political system. I am causing there to be a revamping of those in power as I seek to establish My righteous government. Intercessors I am causing you to pray for your leaders for the enemy has sought to speak ungodly counsel about the direction this nation shall take. It is time to wake up and join together in unity and take back parliament for the Kingdom. Much upheaval is coming and I am causing you, My intercessors to become more aware of the things and decisions made by your Government."

"I am causing there to be a sharpening in discernment about what the enemy is up to concerning his plans for the Government. But know that I am doing this in order that you would get on your knees and pray. Pray against the spirit of abortion seeking to kill My young ones. You have much to pray about and yet many have stood by the sidelines and watched blankly as the enemy has wrecked havoc and has allowed the degradation of human beings in this land through sex, violence, drugs, etc. I have given you the voice to cry out against these things. I am giving you the mantle of grace whereby you will rise up in the Spirit of Prophecy and declare My will for England. Satan cannot stand against My Word and so he will do all in his power to silence you, yet I have raised you up to be a prophetic voice and a trumpet for the nation. If you do not, who shall?

I see some in despair say, "We have prayed and prayed and yet not seen any results." My Beloved prayerful people this is not the time to give up. The enemy's stakes on this land at present are very high and it takes a unified, faith filled prayer of My Body to shatter the strongholds of Satan. I say to watch for spirits of division to attack many churches and ministries who have My mandate to pray because the enemy knows that a victorious church and body comes from a unified body. Stand together in My name with Me as your primary focus and take back your land."

"The Kingdom of the Lord suffers violence and it is indeed the violent who shall take it by force. Do not be deceived. As you stand together in prayer and in proclamation of My word the shift shall occur in the spirit first and then in the natural. I am causing My winds to blow upon the Houses of Parliament.

They shall indeed know that it is I the Lord who has the power to decide the course of this nation and not them. For long have I heard the intercessions and the travailing of My people for revival. Will I ignore their cries? Surely not, for surely now I have been moved to act on behalf of My children in your nation."

"Even now the spiritual foundations of this land are being shaken as My angels are released into the heavenlies to war on behalf of the saints, but the ball is now in your court, saints of God. You cannot afford to relent in your prayers or your praises for now more than ever is the time critical to stand in the gap for England. My shofar is blowing across this land calling My people to awaken. Apostles, Prophets, Teachers, Evangelists, Pastors, People of God this is a call for all My children to come together and cause change to occur through intercession, through prayer, through prophecy, through praise and worship."

"Nothing done in My name is insignificant, for this is the time and this is the season says the Lord where I shall come and shatter the strongholds of the enemy and usher in My Glory as never before. Yes you see these as dark days, but these are also the days when the nation shall facilitate the greatest move of My Spirit if My people get on their knees and pray. Yes prophesy to the east, north, south and west wind that My redemption is coming on a mass scale to hearts open to Me. This and more I will do when My people come together and ask Me for their nation."

"The days before you are dark England, the enemy has plans to cause much destruction, but I have raised My Kingdom army in this land to storm the gates of hell and bring the plans of the enemy to naught. But even in the midst of these days My Glory shall explode and shine upon My Beloved Chosen even as a fulfillment of Isaiah 60. Watch now and pray. Watch and pray says your God. Watch and pray."

War Clouds

Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,
This week, as the storm clouds of war continue to gather here in the Middle East, we in Israel, along with all the surrounding nations, have been continuing to prepare for war. During the nineties, when the so-called "land for peace" negotiations were in progress, the United States was unloading dozens of Apache helicopters in Israel's Haifa port. At the same time, the Israelis were arming the Palestinian police (cum army) with handguns and assault rifles which have been used against us in the past three and a half years, just as was predicted at the time by those who had foresight. The Arab nations have also been ‘beefing up’ their military arsenals, and at the same time helping smuggle into Lebanon and the Palestinian controlled areas rockets and sophisticated high explosives. These destructive forces have been growing under the umbrella of "peace”, when, to all intents and purposes there was and there is no peace. Anyone who has his spiritual eyes open to the Word of God should be able to discern the times in which we are living. However, sometimes our biblical views have to be fine tuned, as we do not always see clearly.

In the past few months, with the current situation in Israel, some have written, asking if we thought that this was the beginning of the Gog and Magog War. While anything is possible with YHVH, and He will ultimately fulfill His word in His way and in His time, we, who have the Holy Spirit and the scriptures, try as best we can to discern the time and season in which we are living. So with that in mind, let us take a stab at what is happening and attempt to come to some (subject to change) conclusion.

I personally do not believe that this is the time of the Gog and Magog ‘scenario’ for the following reasons: According to Ezekiel 38, which describes the times of YHVH's judgment upon Gog and Magog, that war takes place at a season in which Israel is *"dwelling securely"* (verses 8,10, 14). The root for the word “securely” here is “ba’to’ach” (b.t.ch), meaning security, quietness, trusting, confidence, while in Aramaic it means to throw one down upon his face. Based on this definition, Israel of the pre-Gog and Magog days will have been humbled by YHVH and will come to trust Him fully. In verse 8 we read that the war takes place at the time during which the land is restored from the sword (war) and a remnant of Israelites, who have been gathered from the nations, are living on the mountains of Israel (Judea and Samaria) in a state of trust and confidence in YHVH. It seems that this condition can only come to pass after the prophetic fulfillment of Ezekiel 34-37. This is one of the main reasons for this sequel of chapters (that is, events), which climaxes in chapter 38.

Chapter 34 focuses on the condition of the lost sheep of the House of Israel. The shepherds, or leaders, of the political and religious systems are seen as *“feeding themselves”* (v.2), and *“eating the fat and clothing themselves with the wool”* (v.3.). They dominate the flock with harshness, manipulating and controlling them for their own purposes. They do not strengthen the sick, nor do they bind up the wounded. They do not protect those under their charge from the beasts of the field (which could mean demons), but leave them to run wild over the mountains fleeing to the high places, and do not even bother to look for them, and when they do happen to find any, they pen them up in their earthly institutions for the purpose of serving their own interests. This seems to be the condition of the lost sheep of Israel today. However, there is a remnant that the Shepherd of Israel, Yeshua, is calling out. This remnant He will bring back to the land and to the mountains of Israel to graze in good pastures (v.13-14).

Chapters 35 and 36 describe Israel as having some problems with Esau from Mount Seir (see Ez 35:2,12; 36:2). The latter, together with some of his sons and cousins from the surrounding nations, are allying themselves (see Ps. 83), planning to stake a claim upon the mountains of Judea and Samaria and proclaim ownership over them (35:10). Thus, they are ridiculing Israel, saying: *“Aha, the everlasting heights belong to us and have become our possession”* (36:2). But YHVH will speak in

His jealousy and in His wrath against all the surrounding nations (36:5). He will gather them together, and will have them pound their agricultural equipment into military hardware. Then He will bring them down to the Valley of Jehosaphat (meaning, “His judgment”), and there He will judge them for dividing up His land and for the violence done to the sons of Judah (Jews; ref. Joel 3:2, 9-12,19).

At about this time period YHVH will lift up His standard, and recover a second time the banished ones of Ephraim and the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. Ephraim’s jealousy towards Judah will depart, and Judah’s enemies will be cut off, as together they will swoop down on the slopes of the ‘Philistines’ and plunder the sons of the east (Edom and Moab), and even the tongue of Egypt will be destroyed (Is.11:11-15). As mentioned above, the prophet Joel, who also foresaw this, concludes that the destruction resulting from this war of YHVH’s judgments will fall on the surrounding nations.

Because the Ephraimites help Judah during this war with the surrounding nations, they will return and possess portions of Samaria, Lebanon and Gilead (Zech.10:7-10), and the nations all around will be subject to them. There will even be a highway from Assyria for the remnant of His flock (Isa. 11:16). YHVH will establish the throne of David over the united Israel, and Yeshua their Shepherd and Messiah will rule over them and prove Himself holy **in** them. He will make a covenant of peace with them and pour clean water upon them. YHVH will also give them His Spirit, so that they will walk in His ordinances and keep His statues and observe them (Ez. 37:21-28). They will **live securely** for a thousand years, as Yeshua will rule the nations with a rod of iron through this royal priesthood and holy nation. Thus, all the nations will know that YHVH is the one who sanctified Israel, when His dwelling place is in their midst, for they will be **living securely** and no one will make them afraid. (Ez. 34:28).

It is at the end of this period that YHVH causes Gog and Magog to take note of His people, who are **living securely.** Now let us pick up the narrative from Revelation 20:7-8: *“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle.”* What thousand years is John speaking about? Is he not referring directly to the chapter that precedes Ezekiel 38, the chapter that deals with the two trees, Israel and Judah, who are **living securely** under one kingdom authority of YHVH their God, and Messiah Son of David, as one nation in a land that was given to their forefathers, and are now no longer at strife with the surrounding nations?

The big question that is usually asked at this time goes something like this: “Is the Messiah physically present during the thousand years, or is His presence the indwelling of the Spirit of Holiness, ruling in and through His redeemed people?”

Because I see through a smoky class, my understanding of this could change in light of progressive revelation.
I wish you a Shabbat Shalom with a warm cyber hug.

Ephraim
Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity… Psalm 133
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Warfare
Ephraim Frank

Shalom Fellow Israelite,
In one of the most frequently used end-time scriptures (Ezekiel 37), an entire nation is described being raised from graves of nonexistence and transformed into a mighty army. For what purpose has this army been resurrected? Who does this army consist of? What kind of war is it to be fighting? Is it standing on its feet today, being clothed again with its own identity as the prophet foretold? *"So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them* [the dry bones of the whole house of Israel]*, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army"* (Ezekiel 37:10).

There is a phenomenon happening in the earth today, the lost tribes of Israel known by their generic name of Ephraim, are reappearing out of every nation, tribe and people group in the earth. This is just a very small remnant of the multitudes that are still waiting in the wings, or should I say still under YHVH's prophetic wing. As far as I know, at this point in time they are all coming out of some kind of Christian background although according to the prophets they are hidden in every nation. They are carrying birthmarks of the faith of their father Abraham, their Messiah is Yeshua/Jesus and the anointing (breath) of the Spirit of Holiness is upon them. But why "an army"? Who have these ones been sent to fight? Paul the Apostle gives some clear instructions to this army, when he tells them that: *"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through Elohim to the pulling down of strong holds; casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of Elohim, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Messiah"* (2 Cor 10:3-5). And, *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places"* (Eph 6:12).

This Army is to be suited with armor, a sword and shield: *"Therefore take up the whole armor of Elohim, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts [thoughts] of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of Elohim"* (Eph 6:13-17). This army's Captain, Leader and King has come to destroy the works of the Devil and all his hosts: *"For this purpose the Son of Elohim was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil"* (1 John 3:8), and now He is preparing this army to accomplish this mission. Each soldier must respond by likewise preparing himself for the battle for dominion in the heavenlies.

Satan knows YHVH's kingdom order in the family of Adam and Noah, as it has already been laid out in the first book of the Tanach (Old Testament). This Israelite army from the House of Judah and from the House of Israel/Ephraim, will be his main target, as the enemy knows that if they come together as one nation with one King, he will be defeated globally and YHVH's dominion through this one nation will be over all of humanity.

The Ephraimites are the priesthood of the Melchizedec army and their sanctification unto holiness is essential. This is the first step into a corporate responsibility to rule in the heavenly places in and through our Messiah Yeshua. Here is what Yeshua says to the seven congregations:

"And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations -- 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' -- as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star" (Rev 2:26-28).

"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne" (Rev. 3:21).

These scriptures were written to the congregations living outside the Land, but the qualifying mark is "*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the all seven congregations"* (Rev. 3:21-22).

We need an ear to hear like never before. “Hear oh Israel” is not just for the Jews, but also for all Israel, especially for the Redeemed Ephraimites. We are given a window of time to consecrate ourselves as His priests, cleansing ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit. *“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of Elohim”* (2 Cor 7:1). Who are we waiting for in order to accomplish this sanctification? Peter says that YHVH has already given to us everything for life and godliness: *“As His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust”* (2Pet. 1:3-4).

Perfecting holiness is not some abstract and distant scriptural concept. He is already in us, as His life is our life. The Spirit of the Holy One is just waiting for us to defeat our enemy by repenting from cooperating with it, and resisting it by believing and obeying the Truth.

We are not in basic training - we are in “on the job training” as Yeshua’s soldiers. Our weapons are not carnal, but we need to learn to use them. Ignorance is no excuse as - we have His Spirit and military manual. This warfare does not have to be sought for; it will come to you and is right in our own backyard where lust and various other thoughts gather to play. As we head into this Shabbat remember *“Let [us] the set apart ones, be joyful in glory; let them [us] sing aloud on their [our] beds [a resting place]. Let the high praises of Elohim be in their [our] mouth, and a two-edged sword in their [our] hand…”* (Ps. 149:5-6).

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim

War in Australia

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Preparation

I was awoken suddenly one night to the sound of what I thought was the alarm. I immediately got my towel and headed for the shower, thinking it was morning. Unbenounced to me, it was only 1am in the morning and I had only been asleep for close to two hours. I should have realised it was night but I didn't. For example, in our house we have massive glass doors leading to outside which I had to pass, so I should have known it was night time. However, by the time I realised I was in the shower. When I finally realised it was dark and my instant reaction was "what am I doing up?" Within a split second after I realised it was not my alarm clock that had woken me but it was the Lord. I saw a picture of an angel, approximately 5 feet tall blowing a trumpet in my ear. I realised as well that at the time I was dreaming of angels blowing trumpets and I had woken up being startled. If it had been my alarm I would not have been startled, because I am use to my alarm clock. Straight away the Lord spoke to me "purify yourself for I want to talk with you." Instantly the fear of the Lord struck me and from then continued all night. The only way I could describe this is like a trembling in spirit, which to some degree was also making me tremble in my body as well.

I got out of the shower and went straight to my room and looked at my alarm clock. It was still set for 8am in the morning. It definitely had not gone off. Straight away in the spirit I saw the angel and he smiled at me. Without actually speaking to me, he basically communicated to me, "you need to go quickly to the prayer room for the Lord is waiting." Perhaps I just knew this as soon as I saw the angel, I am not sure.

As soon as I was in the Prayer room (I live with another intercessor and our lounge room was used usually once a day for prayer & worship), I opened the Bible to the book of revelations chapter 8 and began reading about the seven trumpets. I felt it was significant that I had been woken up by the sound of a trumpet blast.

What I noticed about reading the chapter was this: The first six trumpets were not in anyway nice, but at the end if the chapter there is a reason given why these things happened.

Revelation 8:20 The rest of mankind that were not killed by the plagues STILL did not repent of the work of their hands, they did not stop worshipping demons, the idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood - idols that cannot see or hear or walk. Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality, or their thefts."

Straight away, I felt the voice of the Lord saying to me, "we are entering a new season."

Part 1: Mayhem in North Brisbane Suddenly I had a vision. I was in the same house, in a suburb in a city called Redcliffe, which is just north of Brisbane. There was a few of us in the house, and we were crammed together in a room as if we were afraid of something. I could hear lots of commotion.

Suddenly I was looking at the street from the top of our roof. What I saw was devastating.

It was like rioting. There were people going into houses, smashing down the doors and windows, trying to get inside in order that they could loot, murder, rape or pillage. There were people running everywhere, as if chaos, but one lady in particular I can still remember watching. Her front door had been broken down and people were still inside her house looting it. She was outside trying to run for life, but behind her was a demon who was tormenting her. The demon had his hands on her shoulders and was tormenting her and laughing, because she was trying to get free in order to run, but he was simply playing with her. She could not get away. But where was she going to run to anyway? In desperateness she was trying to get somewhere for shelter, but the situation was the same in every single place in the street. In fact the only place that hadn't yet been attacked was our house. People were running away from people who were trying to kill them, others were still looting, there was shouting, screaming and the sound of car alarms going off. I saw one woman clearly but out of the corner of my eyes I could see all the rest of this going on.

The vision changed back to the house. All five people had retreated to the back of our house into what was then was my bedroom, and were kneeling and desperately praying. It was all we could do. Pray and hope no one enters the house. That somehow they bypass the house. I never saw anyone enter our house and at this point the vision changed.

Before I explain the next vision, I get two senses about that vision. One is the demon was actually a person, but I saw what was going on the spirit. In other words it was a demonically driven person who was tormenting the woman, and he was part of a demonically driven army or group of people who were reeking havoc. The Lord did not reveal whether this was an invasion, civil war or rioting over an issue. Honestly God did not reveal this. They reminded me almost of pirates and the scene was much like scenes from movies where pirates move in on a town and destroy it.

The other sense I got was that this was not just Redcliffe. I doubt it just Brisbane, or south-east Queensland either. I did not see anywhere past my street, but I get the impression this was not one off.

Part 2: Melbourne under attack

Again the vision changed. I saw a picture of the night sky over a city being lit up with green flashes as missiles were hitting the city. It was as though I was looking at the television pictures through night vision, of an air-raid on a city. It reminded me of some the pictures I had seen during desert storm. At the time there were tensions building up again between Iraq and the United States. So my immediate thought was "this is Bagdad" and I looked down at my paper ready to write it. However in an instant, I knew in my whole being that this was not an overseas city. It was an Australian city. It was Melbourne.

Like some of the people who received visions in the Bible, immediately after seeing both visions I became worried in spirit. Like Daniel I was terrified. But this was no spirit of fear. I wasn't scared of my own safety, just worried for my nation. I immediately went to prayer and pleaded before God for my nation. I had never thought or imagined this could happen in my nation, and I was scared for the nation. The entire night I kept getting a word "an army from the north." I will make you aware though that I had previously heard second hand that someone had prophesied an invasion from the north. So I had heard this sometime before.

I stayed up all night as my mind was worried and I said to the Lord that he needed to confirm this to me. That morning for the first time I began watching some of the Christian shows from approximately 4:30am. The first show I saw was on Biblical prophecy. I turned it on and about 10 seconds after I turned it on, the host began talking about the Prophet Joel, and reading from Joel 1:5- 12. This to me was confirmation. Again Benny Hinn was on, and whilst I can't quite remember his exact wording, in one of his prayers he specifically mentioned words that became a confirmation to me.

Conclusion

I wrote what had happened on paper at the time. The date I am writing into the computer is the 4th of November 2004. In other words it has taken me a year and a half to write this. This is the first vision I have held onto to test whether it is the Lord. I believe that it was the Lord who visited me that night, and whilst he never gave any real application to the vision, the fact that God showed me revelations 8:20 first and the reason for the trumpet blasts, suggests to me that repentance is a key. I cannot speak what I have not heard, and I cannot say what I have not seen, thus I have tried to recount everything I have seen with as much detail as possible. I honesty don't know whether these events are set in concrete and cannot be changed, or whether by repentance they can be averted. As one person said to me recently it was like a glimpse into the future.

May God bless you and keep you and make his face to shine upon you,

And be gracious unto us!

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War!

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Nov. 19, 2004
War is here. Many have come up against obstacles that oppose further advance. These obstacles have as their source demonic forces that are intent on stopping what God is doing, and if possible to destroy it.
This war is over freedom to enter into our own spiritual places, anointing, and destinies. It is a battle for the sons of God to be revealed and for the likeness and character of God to be manifest in those born of His Spirit.
Strongholds of fear, deception, and control will be demolished and those held captive will be free. Be sure that even the people being used by Satan as instruments of war and captivity ARE NOT the enemy. The souls of ALL men are what we fight for.

As you see the outward signs of turmoil and skirmish increase, know that the real battle is being fought in the heavenlies by those who are establishing freedom and victory for themselves and for others.

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Warning Rulers Of The Earth

Lou Engle

I recently had what I believe is a profound prophetic experience. I was preaching in an African American church in San Francisco when a tall man and his entourage entered the room. With every eye on him, he made his way to the front row and sat down. I did not know who he was, but after I finished preaching, the pastor introduced him as the mayor of San Francisco! He then asked me to pray for him. The Spirit of the Lord stirred me with conviction and agitation as I stretched out my hand to him and prayed forcefully, "God, I thank you that all earthly government is derived from your heavenly government. Therefore, let this man know that he will be held accountable for everything he does in this city under the government of God. In Jesus' name. Amen."

Three weeks later, this same man, Gavin Newsome, mayor of San Francisco, was on the front page of every newspaper in America, having ignited the same sex marriage firestorm in America by instructing city clerks to issue gay marriage licenses.

Sent to Warn Our Leaders

As I pondered this amazing 'coincidence', God gripped me with the conviction that He had sent me to warn this man in the spirit of Psalm 2:10, "Therefore, you kings, be wise, be warned you judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way."

This warning was not for Mayor Newsome alone, but prophetically represents leaders and politicians everywhere. I believe it is a prophetic picture of the Church's role in this hour; to stand for righteousness and justice and to soberly warn those in authority who would pass laws that hold the Law of God in contempt. The same-sex marriage issue transcends political differences and touches on the very foundations of society.

A Clash of World Views

In this confrontation, I felt that God was thrusting me again, as in 2000, into the spiritual and cultural battle for our nation. These upcoming elections are not about the war or the economy, but about the titanic clash of worldviews - one which can still call evil 'evil' and good 'good' because it is founded on a biblical worldview espoused by our forefathers - and the other based on relativity, where ethics are vague and absolute truth does not exist.

Let us be very clear on this: God is neither a Republican nor a Democrat. He stands alone, above all governments of men, unmoved by the raging sea of history. He judges nations, and He does not ask kings and presidents for their opinion. Instead, He holds them accountable to carry out His unchanging Law lest they come under His wrath, as Psalms 2 reminds us.

God instituted human government to bring order to society and to restrain violence. Romans 13: 3-4 tells us, the government should hold no terror for the blameless, since it bears the sword to punish evildoers. However, when governments become renegade, they cross their own boundaries and use that sword against the innocent. Through legalized abortion, over 40 million American babies have been terrorized in the womb since 1973. Yet the church still votes for those who sanction this atrocity!

Through our votes, we are guilty before God of making alliances with governments whose laws enshrine evil, particularly the evil of shedding innocent blood, the ultimate moral offense.

America at the Crossroads

In a few short months, America will vote again and the stakes are even higher this time. The outcome of this election will shape America's judicial future for decades to come. The next President of the United States of America will almost certainly decide the fate of legalized abortion and whether millions of innocent lives will continue to be taken 'legally' in our country.

Chief Justice Rehnquist, appointed 32 years ago by Nixon, is now 80. Justice Stevens, a liberal, is 84 years old. Justices O'Connor and Ginsburg are 74 and 71 years old, respectively. Any of these pro-choice Justices could vacate their seats during the next 4 years, due to illness, death or retirement.

In 2000, in Stenberg v. Carhart, the U.S. Supreme Court - by a narrow 5-4 vote - struck down a Nebraska abortion ban. This five-member pro-choice majority would be overthrown by the appointment of just one new Justice, potentially by the next president!

In January 2004, we officially closed The Call offices, having fulfilled our mandate from the Lord for that season. However, our country and our leaders remain in desperate need of prayer, now more than ever. In fact, I believe that we are at a place of far greater crisis than we were in 2000. This is not hype or rhetoric, but a sober assessment of our national condition.

In the four short years since The Call DC, America has endured the horrors of 9/11 and fought two wars that continue to claim lives.

The nation and the church are buckling under an escalating spiritual and moral crisis, punctuated by events such as the removal of the Ten Commandments from the Alabama courthouse, the Catholic Church sex abuse scandals and the ordination of a practicing homosexual, given a place of prominence and spiritual authority within the Body of Christ as an Episcopal Bishop. Last month, Massachusetts (home state of Sen. John Kerry) became the first state in our nation's 200 year history to recognize homosexual marriage in bold defiance of the law of God.

Governmental House of Prayer

In light of these things, I am compelled, as never before, by the word the Lord spoke to me, "Raise up a House of Prayer that will contend with every other house."

Now is time for a House of Prayer that will contend for the government of our land!

We believe God is calling for 120 young Nazirites to come to Colorado Springs for 50 days of day and night worship and intercession. We're inviting thousands more to join them at this 24/7 Governmental House of Prayer at the Navigator's Facility from July 10 to August 28, 2004.

This will be no easy walk in the park.
It will be intense. Each student will be expected to give eight hours a day or night. Many will go on extended fasts. The night watches will be as important as the day battles.

I am asking for worship teams that can carry the fire of worship. There will be two-hour shifts for devotion and spiritual refreshing. Then we will follow the Lord again into the battle for the elections, for the courts of our nation and the overturning of Roe v. Wade, for a great youth awakening, for the ending of the Iraq war and for a powerful move of the Holy Spirit in the homosexual communities of America.

While many are convinced that George Bush somehow 'stole' that election, we believe it was the prayers of the church which ultimately decided the outcome of that struggle, as God intervened in human affairs in response to our intercession. Many ministries, including The Call DC, called for extended fasting and prayer during that time and perhaps as many as 1 million people went on a 21-day fast.

It is clear that this coming election will be just as bitterly fought and just as closely won by whomever triumphs.

I believe this is the hour for thousands of young people to come to Colorado Springs to shake the heavens over America for 50 days! Will you help us do this - through your prayers and by giving generously to this cause? Thank you in advance for joining us in this battle.

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Power To Change A Nation
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Who will stand for justice and righteousness in this day and age?

Judges 17:6 - "In those days, there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in their eyes."

This is a verse for today. But what do you call it when everybody just does what is right in their own eyes? We call it Pluralism. Pluralism is the belief that all truths are equally valid. It is the absence of absolute truth. It's the same thing as Relativism. It's a rejection of truth.

And what are we without truth? If there is no truth, is there any real basis for law? Is there any real basis for history? Is there any framework at all for our existence? What is man, but the search for truth?

Law and History are crucial for us to understand if we are going to live together in any kind of society. Without law there is anarchy, without history there is ignorance.

A people without history are easily swayed. Just look at Germany shortly before the rise of Hitler.

That is why we are seeing such a battle being fought in the universities over history. There are those who want to rewrite the events of the past and put their own fingerprint on them. They want their professors to teach their history, with a "spin" that is more favorable to their point of view. It is a complete lack of respect for truth. It's the same as saying, "My politics are not an extension of my beliefs." But where will pluralism lead us if we do not resist? Pluralism leads to anarchy, and anarchy leads to tyranny. That is why the election of George Bush is so crucial this November. Without God's righteous man in the White House, anarchy will begin in the streets of America, and the government will respond by taking away our freedoms.

"Alternative lifestyles" will be taught to your children in schools, and the moral foundations of this nation will completely collapse.

These aren't scare tactics to try and rouse you to participate in my agenda. These are the beginnings of judgment coming upon this land. If Bush doesn't deal with abortion and the injustice in the courts, America will be under a curse.

God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. His ways do not change. Look all throughout the Old

Testament and you will see that time after time He was forced to bring judgment in the face of blatant immorality. Abortion, injustice, gay marriage: if these things are not immoral, then what is?

But the Pluralist view is that these things are all right, as long as they don't hurt anybody else. So the sin and immorality takes root and begins to spread across the land, forcing God to react.

But it doesn't have to come to that. The church can stand for justice. The church can stand for righteousness. If the church will stand today, it can save millions of lives.

Called to Accomplish His Purposes

It's easy to get discouraged. It's easy to look at the secular world and the prevailing Pluralistic viewpoint, and say, "How can we ever find any common ground?" Society has become polarized. Polarization - we're in it, and the church must rise and provide a voice! We don't need to find common ground. The bride of Christ needs to stand for truth, without compromise or apology.

So what are we really talking about here? Nothing less than revolution... A revolution of holiness, justice, and righteousness. A spirit-led, spirit-empowered Jesus revolution.

Ultimately, this isn't about politics, it isn't about economics...it's about moral standards and truth. These are the foundations for any successful society. Even early Rome was built on moral foundations and on a hunger for truth. But those moral foundations were eroded, and they became corrupt. It is no different than what we are seeing today, and if the church doesn't act - if it doesn't vote and pray - then we will suffer the same fate as the Romans.

Nobody thought that Rome could fall, but it was so eaten away by corruption on the inside, that it couldn't stand in the face of Barbarian invaders. That is why the decisions we make today are crucial for tomorrow. America must be ruled by an agenda that promotes life. But if we let an agenda that promotes death, an agenda that favors addiction to drugs, homosexuality, assisted suicide, and abortion, not to mention pornography and sexual immorality, then we invite judgment, and the destiny that God has laid before this nation will be aborted.

We can sit in the Book of Revelations, comfortable in our Eschatology, and not having faith that we can actually accomplish anything in these last days, the whole time bemoaning that we were ever born, or we can pray, we can restrain. Yes the Anti-Christ will come, but until his appointed time comes, we can hold him back.

Why else does God have a church in the earth in this day and age, but to accomplish His purposes? Why else are we here, but to find the lost, and to pray for our God-ordained leaders?

The Call School joined me on the Cherokee Trail of Tears this fall, and since then, we have seen huge things accomplished for the Kingdom of God in the First Nations communities.

God wants to direct His church how to pray. He wants to give us authority to shift things in the heavens. John the Baptist said, "Man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him by heaven." So it comes down to hearing God, and it comes down to being available to pray as He directs.

Mobilizing Prayer To Change a Nation

Where two or more are in agreement, we can ask anything in the name of Christ and it will be given to us. But we're not just talking about two or three intercessors. We are talking about huge mobilization. We are mobilizing all 50 states to pray for a shift in government on Labor Day. We are urging the church to pray for President Bush to be re-elected. Imagine if each state just brings 10,000 to pray. That's half a million praying all at once. Imagine assaulting the heavens with the power of 500,000 fellow believers behind you. Who knows? We may even get as many as 5 million.

But we can't just stop at praying for the President and our government. We have to pray for our schools. The universities in this country are governmental. We need to have righteousness taught in our schools again. We need to have righteous professors in our schools.

That's why we are going to be mobilizing on college campuses. Already the mobilization has started on campuses like San Jose State in Northern California. We're going to be establishing Houses of Prayer on campuses all across the state, and eventually all across this nation, commissioning the youth to pray and turn back the tide of unrighteousness on their campuses and all across the country.

A Prophetic Generation For Such a Time As This

The youth are crucial to this. This upcoming prophetic generation has a special anointing to break the back of abortion. God has brought them into this world for such a time as this. But there is even more that we must do if we are to win this struggle for the soul of our nation. We have to get outside the four walls of our church buildings and take Christ out onto the streets. We are in the process of linking arms with a ministry called Saving Arrows. What Saving Arrows does is they send young girls out to abortion clinics, not to protest, but to minister to the hurting girls who are going to get abortions. These young girls look for opportunities to abort the abortions, speaking life and sharing the love of Christ with those who need it most. And God has anointed them to save the lives of their generation.

By confronting immorality on the streets, and in the prayer room, we hit the schemes of the enemy with a two-pronged attack, and we will begin to see much more success than ever before. California Senator Barbara Boxer - a leading abortion advocate - was recently quoted as saying that, "Abortion is hanging by a thread," and now we're even seeing Roe vs. Wade challenged in a court in Louisiana. If this doesn't give you faith that this nation can be turned back to God, and that the church can move in power and authority in this day and age, then what will?
--Lou Engle
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War Prophecies

Thomas Gibson

2001 09 13.1
After getting over the initial shock on Tuesday I had begun to question the Lord about the terrorist attack on the USA. To my knowledge no prophet, including me, had prophesied about this specific event. I wanted to know how this fits into the prophetic picture.

Early on the morning of September 13, about 2:00 a.m., God woke me out of my sleep and began to reveal to me a link between an event and prophecy that occurred years ago. During this revelation in my spirit I had this feeling of dread on me. I believe this was the dread referred to in the prophecy. The revelation in my spirit went on for over an hour as God continually emphasized the facts over and over.

I had forgotten about this particular prophecy until the Lord reminded me of it that night. Below is the prophecy that God referred too.

1999 01 09.1
The great dread against the United States came in December of 1998 when they invaded Iraqi airspace to bomb Iraqi targets. That dread upon the United States shall not leave until the United States has suffered a severe blow-- more than once, says the Lord.

The Lord revealed to me in this time that if the USA had not attacked Iraq in December of 1998 this event would not have taken place. It was mainly that attack that the terrorist's used to justify their actions. The Lord made it clear to me that He was not saying that Iraq was behind this; nor was the Lord saying that they were not. He was not revealing to me who was behind it, but that the attack by the US spurred on the terrorists to take the action that they did.

The Lord showed me that the US attack on that day (in Dec. 1998) set in motion a series of events of which this is the first major occurrence. Many other occurrences will occur, and all of this will lead to extreme trouble for the United States of America.

2001 11 04.3
In Dec. of '98 when I gave you that prophecy concerning the fact that the United States entered Iraq without My blessing, I stated there will be repercussions that would eventually lead to a great war. [Several prophecies in Dec. '98 and two later that refer to Dec. '98 give what the Lord noted to above: 1998 12 17.1; 1998 12 23.1; 1998 12 23.3; 1998 12 24.1; 1999 01 08.1; 1999 01 09.1; these prophecies are available on my web page] They have now, again, followed those repercussions to the place where they cannot escape save I intervene to allow them to escape. This would only happen upon their repentance. The nation has not repented and so it shall go forth.

They shall fight in Afghanistan. And they shall have a difficult time. And every time that they think they have made progress they will find a huge price for that progress. Terrorism will not stop. I will allow it to continue, says the Lord. Every step they make will cost them dearly. And if they do not step, it will cost them dearly anyway. For terrorism will still move forward.

They have stepped into a sin in which repentance is the only way out, and things will get steadily worse. My hand will see that it happens. Save that they repent, they are in serious trouble and heading for worse. So says the Lord.

2001 11 04.4
There will be many more attacks on the United States, some from above, some from the ground; but they shall continue, says the Lord.

2001 12 06.1
This word of the Lord comes as a result of the nation of America and its attempts to get back with Me. For they have used My Name, says the Lord, but their heart is not toward Me. They have gone to church, but they love their money. They have sought everything but truth.

The nation of America wallows in sin. The nation of America seeks its own way. The nation of

America continues its evil: for it murders the unborn child, it loves money, it loves its power, and it gives the credit for all its power to themselves.

Where did I come from, saith the Lord? Did not I raise the nation? Did not I raise it up? For they have loved their love and their love was the love of the earth, the love of satan, the love of evil. They have sought the sins of the earth and I will judge them. This is not a time to sit back and say the terrorists have gone. This is the time to stand up for the terrorists are here, standing at the door!!

Stand and beware America shall be judged. Had they repented, truly I would turn and deliver them. But less than one in a thousand of those who use the name christian are truly serving Me, saith the Lord, less than one in a thousand.

So many play religious games. So many call themselves Christian. So many seek to play a game. But I look on the heart, saith the Lord. I look to see whom they are dedicated too: to the god of this earth which is satan, or to the God of heaven which is Me. Listen, saith the Lord, I will bring America to its knees. It will take several years, but it will happen; save they repent and turn I will bring it to its knees.

America has sought evil. America has sought evil over and over and over. They produce more sin than any other nation. They have not only murdered the unborn child, they have taken My Name out of schools, they don't give Me the credit for raising them up, they are slowly turning away from My nation Israel, and they are producing pornography at an incredible rate--and they call themselves a Christian nation. THERE IS NOTHING CHRISTIAN ABOUT IT!! They are evil through and through! And I will deal with them as I have always dealt with nations of evil! So says the Lord!

2002 08 18.1
As I was praying the Lord showed me the following in my spirit. I could see President Bush from his left side sitting at a desk or table. He was saying, "We must get Saddam Hussein, we must get Saddam Hussein." (He said it twice).

As I watched he signed some type of paper. But he signed it with his left hand from the right to the left--just as the Arabic language is written. He signed this twice. I could not tell if he was signing two papers one above the other, or twice on the same page.

Then the Lord gave me this word. Thus says the Lord, these two statements by Bush, plus the two signatures, indicate each two agreements with Arabic nations. These two agreements are compromises by Bush in order to get permission to go into Iraq.

When he signs them, says the Lord, this will create ruffled feathers both in America and in Arabic areas as they find out what is agreed too; which will not be done until some time later.

2002 08 24.1
The first agreement [see 2002 08 18.1] the American President will make with the Arabic nations is to strongly support a Palestine state in the West Bank.

The second agreement will be their right to the capital of Jerusalem. The U.S. President will then backtrack on these two agreements creating trouble on both sides--first to the right wing American politics, and then to the Arabic states.

2002 10 23.1
While I was in prayer I could see in my spirit President Bush as I had seen him earlier [see 2002 08 18.1]. I watched him signed again. But this time it continued and I saw him lean back in his chair and say, "I will do anything to get into Iraq." Then the Lord gave me this word: For thus saith the Lord. What you have seen is right. He has said it, and he has meant it.

2002 11 1.1
For thus says the Lord. America is due judgment. My hook is in Bush's nose to pull him into war with Iraq. And when he goes to war, America will be judged in a great way. For thus says the Lord. America, America why have you forsaken Me?

2003 01 19.1
Thus saith the Lord, I am that I am. The I Am has stated that judgments shall come. But when I delay

such wrath do not think it shall not occur.

I have mercy and I delay My wrath on the U.S. in order that they might repent, but they have not. After 9/11 much prayer was made, but not to repentance, but rather to protection. Have they not understood that with repentance goes My protection? I have given them much time to turn from their sins, but they have not. Instead they now go on toward their destruction.

2003 01 30.1
In my spirit I could see Saddam Hussein. As I looked at him I could see his heart come up before me. In it I could see an image of Hussein saying, "I am god." He said it several times.

2003 03 28.1
As America's invasion of Iraq in the '98 bombing brought about September 11 [see prophecies 2001 09 13.1 and 2002 11 1.1], so too will this invasion into Iraqi soil bring terrorism on American soil. I have purposed in My heart that America shall be judged--and so it shall.

2003 06 1.1
Thus says the Lord. Those wicked men and women who will create a statehood for Palestinians will be judged along with those nations who support it.

Also, says the Lord, I will defend My Nation Israel from the evil of this new state. When it is here, and created by men and satan, you will see that I have used it to bring My people to their knees in repentance and recognition of the Saviour and Messiah.

Then I will judge that state of Palestine and remove it. So says the Lord.

2003 06 3.1
A spirit of anti-semitism will rise in the U.S. beginning right now.

2003 06 3.2
In the days to come it will be up to the church to stand for Israel. It is those true Christians that will stand and defend Jews against their enemy.

In the days to come it will be those true Christians that defend My people. Those who do not defend them are not of Me, saith the Lord. So it is that it will be easy to see who is of Me and who is not.

2003 06 07.1
There is a movement in the spiritual realm to bring strong discrimination against the Jews in America. This movement of satan will be strong, not only in the world but also in the church.

Those who have stood on the spiritual line, trying to be a "Christian" when their heart is far from it, will be revealed. Go look in the churches in the months to come and see if those who call themselves Christian can stand up and defend My people, the Jews. If they can stand up and defend them, then they are indeed of Me; but if not, then they are false and are of the world.

http://www.telusplanet.net/public/tsgibson/propheticword.html

Walk And Rest, Walk And Rest
Sandy Warner

May 17, 2004
I have heard your cry for more strength, sweet one. For too long you have pressed yourself to exhaustion, then collapsed and done nothing. I want to strengthen you and teach you how to bring your life into better balance. A little here, a little there, each added to your daily portion. As you move and stretch past your comfort zone, I will also grant you benches of rest sprinkled along your path. In this way you can move into what I have planned for you, and you will have refreshing stopping places that will fill your body, soul and spirit with renewed energy from My throne. Keep your focus on Me, not the gravity and obstacles before you. You would be amazed how our loving fellowship together will lighten every moment, even as you stretch and strengthen your spiritual muscles.

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal." (2 Cor 4:16-18 NKJV)

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Be Careful What You Think
Sandy Warner

May 21, 2004

The power of a spoken word issues from the heart. And what is your heart saying, dear one? What you believe is what you think. This principal works both for good and for evil. Yes I AM teaching you that you shall have what you say… yet deeper still is to heal what is behind your words. If you believe you are sick, in danger of disaster, have reason to fear, then that is what you believe. It shall spring forth in your words, and come to pass even as you speak them.

"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." (Prov 23:7 NKJV)

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You Shall Have What You Say

Sandy Warner

May 19, 2004

Maturity is learning to speak what is good and pleasant and full of life. I AM teaching My own the power of their words. Take heed that you speak life. Do not own sickness, disaster, fear, theft - do not open the door to the devil's forecast through the power of your own speech. You shall have what you say. Dear ones, be careful what you say.

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." (Prov 18:21 KJV)

"And the tongue is a flame of fire. It is full of wickedness that can ruin your whole life. It can turn the entire course of your life into a blazing flame of destruction, for it is set on fire by hell itself." (James 3:6 NLT)

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Washington DC

Clo DiPilato

The Word of the Lord to Washington, DC is JOY
Dearest Friends in Jesus:

I feel led to share with you two connected spiritual events. I knew after the first one happened, it was not time to release it, and was waiting for the right timing on it. I think now is the time. I'm asking you to pass this word onto anyone you know who carries a burden for Washington, DC. They need to hear this word, and weigh it, and judge it, and see what the Lord would conclude them to believe is their part in all of this.

PART ONE

About 2 months ago, the Lord led me to take a little "prayer" drive around DC in the wee hours, as He often seems to do.

On this particular night, I was feeling no burden, and no sense of oppression that one often feels when they drive into a city's limits. Instead, the joy of the Lord filled my car, and I felt the Lord spreading Himself over the city like a blanket of great joy. By the spirit (not an "open" vision, but as a presentation to my spirit), I saw huge, immense white wings spread over the city, gently fluttering, and knew it was a canopy of protection through JOY.

With all the things going on in this world, and the role that Washington DC plays in all of it, you would have thought that I'd feel the weightiness and heaviness of the responsibilities to pray, intercede, fast, repent.........all the more serious spiritual activities of any person desiring to be a devoted servant of the Lord.

I felt NONE of that. Just JOY. Great JOY!! Then I began to thank and praise the Lord for the many intercessors in the city who have even for years been fighting the battles in prayer. I felt so proud of our prayer warriors, and so grateful for those who have been diligently willing to put their time in on their knees, and on their faces before God.

I felt warmed in my spirit when I thought of the many "prayer walks" different groups, friends, individuals have taken around strategic locations in our city to "take back the land". Truly, I felt the heart of God for His faithful servants, and I say unto you by the word of the Lord, Your labor has NOT been in vain, and you are going to reap a harvest of joy from the sowing in tears!

I wanted to loudly proclaiming to our intercessors and prayer warriors in DC, "Rejoice!! For your warfare HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED!! The powers of darkness are rolled back from the city!! Principalities and powers have been spoiled not only historically on the cross, and in the corridors of hell when Jesus reached through those bars and commanded that the devil give Him back the keys, but the day has come that we are realizing it experientially in our time, NOT just "judicially"!! (Colossians 2:15, Ephesians 4:9,10, Revelation 1:18)

I truly felt the power and spirit of Zephaniah 3:17 coming forth in a mighty RHEMA word about Washington, DC:

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; He will save, he will rejoice over thee, with joy; he will rest in His love, he will joy over thee with singing. Zeph. 3:17

Personally, I have been raised since my childhood to understand and walk in the joy of the Lord, regardless of circumstances. But, for days after this experience in DC, I felt the new wine and the oil of gladness overflowing in my own soul, and multiplied in the kingdom in a new and fresh way. A prophet must have picked up on it because as I was sitting in a meeting in Oakton, VA, the man of God called me out, and prophesied over me about being a vessel of the joy of the Lord!

(And I am not one that has a perpetual smile on my face as some do . If anything, I often have to remind my face it needs to get a sweet look on it so I won't hurt anyone's feelings because I often look so serious, you'd have thought I just consumed a jar of dill pickles, when inwardly, I' m truly feeling happy, contented and blessed! Oh, how the devil likes to use a "look" to sow discord in the body of Christ! Well, he is NOT going to get away with using MY face to do it!!!!)

Since I had this visitation about the joy of the Lord to Washington DC, I have been pondering it, considering it, allowing it to roll around in my spirit to see what the Lord had to say about it, and what responsibility I have in particular to this word of the Lord.

For me personally, I feel God spoke to me that He is calling me to **rally the troops under the banner of His joy.** *I feel like I'm an anointed recruiter for the JOY army!! This is the main weapon of warfare, the STRENGTH of His people that will take His people through a hard time about to come (actually even now HERE) against the society **in the form of a horrendous and insidious attacks of the devil to extinguish the lights that are set on the hill**, and especially against His people in particular. _(*This does not mean I'm trying to start a big ministry. I do not have either the personal charisma or drawing power for such a thing, and I'm far too much of a loner. I'm speaking of an anointing of impartation that will spark a sense of true burning enthusiasm for the Lord and His purposes into the hearts of His people as the Lord brings forth God-appointed connections.)_

You do not need to be any prophet to discern that we are in times when the enemies of Jesus Christ and His people are out to do everything they can to silence the sound of His voice in the Land. I'm sure your mailbox is flooded with pleas to sign petitions that will some how keep righteousness and godliness at the forefront of our society, and day by day it seems the battle intensifies.

Except the Lord truly gives strength for the battle, it seems almost too overwhelming and gargantuan an undertaking for the backs of even the fittest of the dedicated soldiers in the armies of the Lord. The onslaught has been relentless, and it truly seems to be a contest to the very death to see who will be the "last man standing".

God is making it plain to me that I am to be a vessel that contends for the joy of the Lord, and that my mission as far as DC, the DC area, and my relationships into DC are to primarily encourage His people to hold fast to their JOY, and to "activate" the JOY of the Lord at every opportunity that arises. And I am believing
God is raising up others with this same anointing! Be in touch with me via e-mail, if you are getting something similar in your spirit, PLEASE!!

I am feeling strongly that this is my mandate from the spirit, that this is my portion. I love it when people see me as very contemplative, and deep, and truly spiritual because I feel like all my personal afflictions have not been in vain, and truly they have been working within an "eternal weight of glory". It's RIGHT to want to be "more like Jesus" in nature and character, and to avail ourselves to the deep works of God that gets the job done. **But my friends, JESUS had the oil of gladness ABOVE His fellows!! (Psalm 45:7)**

And I'm quickened to insert this scripture, even though it's a parenthetical:

(I will rejoice greatly in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with jewels. Isaiah 61:10 Beloved, there is a connection between the JEWELS of the Bride, and the JOY of the Lord!!!)

So, for those of you who like people to be very serious and thoughtful and deep, I ask you to please now forgive me because He is telling me I need to be willing to abandon the desire for a certain refined, spiritual appearance in order to obey the word of the Lord to me. He is telling me I am to be drawing JOY from the wells of salvation.

I'm to be ministering it every chance the Lord puts me in contact with others in DC because I have seen by the Spirit, and I believe I have truly had a visitation from the Lord to ordain me to a ministry of encouraging the manifestation of new wine **because it's going to be a most NECESSARY portion to sustain His people in what is shortly to come to pass in way of the intensification of warfare against His people.**

This is the word of the Lord for Washington, DC:

There is a **blessed spiritual drunkenness in the Holy Ghost*** that has even been as the taps on reserve for this hour of trial and affliction, and His people need to drink freely, and voraciously, and without even ceasing to slurp for even a second to wipe the mouth because His JOY is going to be the evidence of His presence that will carry you through!! *See Joel 2:28, Acts 2:13-18, Ephesians 5:18.

Am I advising you to manufacture something that's not really in your heart, or just to get something "hyped" up?? No, but I'm saying to yield to the Lord in a willingness to abandon religious pride, and sense of what might make you look very refined and distinguished to be impressive to those in "high places" in the Washington DC political and social scheme because **AGAIN His Joy is what will CARRY YOU THROUGH some very difficult times ahead!!**

I know I'm being redundant, but it's because I know I'm commissioned at this time by the Spirit to drive this home to you, and I cannot impress on you enough the weight with which this word from the Lord came to me!! **The JOY OF THE LORD is what is going to carry God’s people through some very difficult times coming to Washington, DC.**

If you're a Senator in the United States Congress, are you willing to be in a little prayer meeting where you might get slain in the Spirit, roll on the floor, and land in a corner in sweeping gales of true and pure holy laughter??

Be WILLING to appear ridiculous and without dignity in the flesh, because if you're willing.....I'm prophesying to you by the word of the Lord the spiritual benefits and power of God imparted to you will be far greater on behalf of the true Holy Ghost agenda than countless hours of debate and wrangling in any proceeding going forth in the halls of Congress and out over C-Span's airwaves!

Indeed, what you get from the Spirit when you're slain under His power will be ANSWERS that will stun the adversaries, and leave them with an open-mouth gape looking far sillier than how you looked when you yielded the flesh up to God to enter into the joy of the Lord!!

But this is not the only thing the Lord spoke to me about the "joy of the Lord" over Washington, DC. It is not only for **STRENGTH IN WARFARE** and a **CANOPY of PROTECTION**, but it's the **TESTIMONY OF HIS PRESENCE AS KING OF ALL KINGS, AND LORD OF ALL LORDS!!**

And here is the second part of what the Lord showed me about Washington, DC.........and the part I needed to get in order to be released to send forth this word of the Lord.

PART TWO

Early in this week, again, the Lord led me to drive into Washington DC.

What manifested this time was another spirit entirely, and my friends, I will tell you it has me chilled to every spiritual bone in my spiritual body, and more than ever, I know I heard from God the FIRST part of this word about the joy of the Lord considering what I felt and saw by the Spirit on Monday night into the wee hours Tuesday morning.

It's hard to even put into words, but it was NOT good. NOT good at all.

1. **First, I saw and FELT Washington DC not as an American city, but as an international entity with an overriding spirit of globalism and a godless and corrupt "world view" that had totally overtaken it.**

Let me be very quick to say here I am NOT one who believes that God has a special interest in America above all else, as His particular pride and joy. I believe that there is a foundational history of

America that has pleased God, and if America is favored in God's sight at all, it has to do with foundations rightly laid.

But when any nation forsakes the standards that drew the Lord's blessings, that nation is destined for a time of judgment and correction, and my fervent prayer is that it will be toward redemption and restoration, and NOT to destruction!!

Beloved, I will tell you I'm cautious and even a bit fearful that I'm stepping way out of my league here in things I am saying to you prophetically. I know there are prayer warriors who oft engage in battles against principalities and powers over nations and cities, and I have not even scratched the surface of that arena in the spirit realm.

But I tell you what I felt last night was something far beyond my own recognized comfort zone in culture, and what I was feeling and "smelling" was so horrible to me, and coming from an ancient source bed of wicked, corrupt, vile spiritual authority and power that I did NOT feel like I was in America, but in some other world!

I lived for many years in Tucson, AZ. Often we'd take little trips into Nogales, Mexico. When you cross the border, you immediately know you're in a different world, a different country. I also lived in New York State where from time to time, I'd make a trip to Ontario, Canada with my Bible School roommate. Again,
it was a different type of change, but immediately, just in the air, I could sense I was in a different country.

Countries are ruled by principalities and powers and you can FEEL the difference in the atmosphere when you go from one country into another. I emphasized the word **"FELT"** above because this was not just a word, and not just something I was seeing by the Spirit, but it was **A FEELING** that has left me with an inner disturbing such as I have not experienced in quite some time!

And the Spirit spoke to me as the wheels of time have ground ever so slowly, and as ancient nations of this world evolved from their infancy into maturity
for GOOD or for EVIL for RIGHTEOUSNESS or for WICKEDNESS, for GODLINESS AND HOLINESS or for DEPRAVITY and CORRUPTION, **even AMERICA is passing from innocence and infancy into a maturity of her choosing, and will she follow the whole world??**

Will she now forsake the blessed and holy communion with the Lord Jesus Christ of her youth to now switch to partaking at the tables of idols and devils as nations of the world have done ?

Indeed, she is in the very process of doing that very thing, and you will not be able to even come into your nation's capital and feel your spiritual heritage as you should because the very spiritual scent in the air is changing, and **except the Lord should leave a Holy remnant in the land as a witness**, there would be NO evidence at all of the Godly foundations at all!

2. **The SECOND thing I felt (Monday p.m./Tues a.m.) was the advancing clutch of Islam over the nation's capitol**, and no doubt the empowering spirit behind the FIRST manifestation was the advancing and aggressively hostile clutch of Islam into our nation's capital. It was filling the night's air. It was permeated the buildings. And the menacing power of it was (that what I was sensing) was not some little spirit of Sunday-School level infiltration, but a fully-matured religious wickedness spawned from hell that had sway and power over all the city's decisions and activities, that would in turn affect the nation, and even the world.

I began to resist it in the Holy Ghost.

I do not want to receive from the Lord that this should EVER come to pass, but I know a few things after what I experienced last night:

First of all, if you have a genuine burden of the Lord for those steeped in the traditions of Islam, and God is speaking to you about Washington, DC, you need to come and roll up

your sleeves and do the work of the harvest in this area in however God quickens to you to do it.

Whether it's one-on-one witnessing on the streets, or in the prayer closet, or in forming ministries or agencies specifically to minister to these poor ones trapped in that bondage of hell! The Lord may have given me this insight and imparted this burden by way of my own spiritual heritage. My grandmother was a missionary for about 40 years to people of Arab descent first for 17 years in Tunisia, North Africa, and then for 23 years in Israel. She greatly loved the peoples of Islamic persuasion and won many to the Lord.

Yet, never before last night did I even have a shred of a sense of her burden in this area. Maybe her prayers are still speaking into the ears of the Lord of the harvest, after she has gone onto her eternal reward.

When I visited in Chicago this past May, I met a Pakistani sister in the Lord who oversees a ministry to people of mid-eastern culture who are new in their Christian experience. In the Spirit, I greatly loved this sister, and the Lord spoke to me to open my heart wide to her because she was a vessel especially anointed of the Lord for what she is doing there in Chicago.

I do not know if any such thing even exists in Washington, DC, but my friends.....we need to pray that God starts springing such ministries up all over the city because there needs to be a holy and godly and loving and kind outreach to those trapped in this false religious system. If God has been dealing with you and speaking to you anywhere in this country about a ministry in particular to the Islamic, believe me, and hear it by the word of the Lord, you ARE hearing from God!! **Take this word as a confirmation to you: You are hearing from God!!**

But know you're not converting someone from being a Presbyterian to becoming a Lutheran. You've got your spiritual work cut out for you in the disciplines of prayer and fasting to wage warfare for those souls held captive by bondages of hundreds of generations enslaved by the powers of the Prince of Persia. If you're hungry to have a ministry and to do something for the kingdom, ask the Lord to give you a burden and an understanding of these things because God is not willing that ANY should perish.

God spoke to me that just as the cup of iniquity is full for Islam, even so the Lord wants to rescue from it's grasp the innocents who are to be redeemed out of that system before He pours forth His judgments in full against the wickedness and rebellion of Islam. There is a sickle to be thrust into Islam, for within Islam there are fields which are ripened unto harvest, but the laborers are few because of fear and because of ignorance, but the Lord is saying PREPARE to take the battle where the battle is being waged, and fear NOT to speak boldly in the Name of the Lord for the righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ, and His Saints!

God spoke to me that day after day we pensively wait for another "terrorist attack". We watch the warning levels to see how alert we should be. When I drive around DC, I see the police keeping watch over all the monuments and federal buildings. At times in the wee hours, many streets will be blocked off for security purposes, or investigations of some kind. We are basically becoming like a police state because of the threat of terrorism.

I do supposed that natural man has to fight against flesh and blood to protect those things which are visible and tangible to our flesh. But what I sensed by the Spirit last night is that things have been happening in the spirit realm that are as deadly, no.......even MORE deadly than any forces of the flesh can even begin to render. I felt the menacing laughter of the devil at our ignorance in being so caught up with the natural concerns of protection that he is gaily sweeping through and subverting the culture through spiritual means and we hardly bat an eye because we don't have our senses exercised as we should to discern good and evil.

Am I prophesying to you the demise of America as a Christian, Independent Thinking Nation willing to stand squarely on the sound precepts and judgments of the Word of God?? Absolutely NOT. Whenever I get something negative by the Spirit, I always receive it as a warning to pray, and NOT as a final word of judgment!! I've learned TOO MUCH about the long-suffering, goodness, and mercy of

God to live anywhere BUT constantly in the atmosphere of faith and hope in God!! **What I am doing by the Spirit here is to implore you NOT to allow what I have seen to happen on your watch! I'm searching my own heart that I not let it happen on MY watch!! And if you do not have a "watch" in the Spirit, then ask God to give you one, and He will!!**

Beloved, after getting that visitation about the JOY of the Lord to Washington, DC........and then that absolutely HORRIBLE manifestation I got on Monday night, I must admit I was feeling a bit confused in my spirit, and very well disappointed, too!! But God has cleared up my confusion. I wasn't hearing RIGHT one time, and WRONG the other time!!

The Lord is saying, that there is a **FULLNESS OF JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST** that is **MORE POWERFUL** than all of the forces of hell and darkness, and **IN HIS PRESENCE, WHICH IS FULLNESS OF JOY** there is a **POWERFUL TESTIMONY TO THE EXALTATION OF HIS NAME AS KING ABOVE ALL KINGS, AND LORD ABOVE ALL LORDS!! And that includes the name of ALLAH!!**

If you despise the joy of the Lord, and the manifestation of the joy of the Lord, then you are despising His Presence, and you are literally damning souls to hell who might find the true gospel of Jesus Christ because of the JOY OF THE LORD!!

My friends, I need to do some more personal study, but I am getting a very clear word of the Lord to my spirit that the JOY OF THE LORD is going to bring a witness against the misery and darkness of Islam such as nothing else can do!! **Washington DC is CALLED to the JOY OF THE LORD!!**

Washington DC is NOT called to morbidity, or moroseness of spirit. It's not called to mourning and sorrow, but it's called to JOY, and I would adjure every pastor who preaches in a church in Washington DC, and every minister who walks it's street, and every person who hosts a home meeting to CATCH this in your spirit, and see what God will do when the joy of the Lord is released in the full measure that God intends for it be released.

God will restore and revive **WHEN THE VATS ARE FULL AND OVERFLOWING WITH WINE AND OIL!!** Don't let any religious demon tell you that if you're not consumed with sorrow and weeping for the nation , you don't have the burden of the Lord!! NOT TRUE!! You can STILL weep between the porch and the altar. You can still cry out to God in the midnight hour, and fast, and pray and repent!! One does NOT have to cancel out the other!! God needs to help His people get rid of their propensity to the 'either/or" mentality!!

God wants the **JOY OF THE LORD** advanced in DC as a **STRATEGY of warfare**, as a **PROTECTIVE COVERING**, and as a **TESTIMONY of His Presence** !

Beloved, if you'll hear what I'm saying by the Spirit, you'll know I have the unction of prophetic evangelism on this one!! I am feeling, "**OH ZION HASTE**!!" on this one!!!

If you're not in a place where they actively teach and practice the joy of the Lord, allow the Lord to make you His peculiar vessel bearing the wine and oil into the midst! I'm telling you I'm believing God is going to place Washington DC on His Holy Ghost kingdom map as THE PLACE TO GO if you want to enter into the spirit of joy and rejoicing!! It's not just a move of God coming to one particular on-fire church in the city!! It's going to sweep the city for **WARFARE**, for **PROTECTION**, and for **TESTIMONY**!! I declare it SHALL BE SO, in JESUS NAME!!

In Jesus Name, I am calling it forth to manifest in churches of all denominations, and cultures, and in all neighborhoods. Every valley will be exalted, and every mountain and hill are going to be made low when the glory of God manifests in the joy of the Lord in Washington, DC. The mountains and hills are those in exalted stations in life. The valleys are those whom the world gives no recognition to at all, and all the people who love to come to Washington DC to see what God is doing in the city……..rarely are they interested in what God is doing in the neglected sections of the city. But God is moving!! No one church, no one ministry, no one anointed agency, is going to be able to claim they've got the market on this thing, because this is a move of God TO THE CITY, and not just to a particular group!!

When you wake up on a Sunday morning, and consider going to church, or to a home-meeting…….you won't have to struggle decide where to go, because ANYWHERE that you choose to go where His Blood is applied, and His Name is Exalted, and His Word is preached will be NOT just a reservoir, but a very **FOUNTAIN HEAD of the joy of the Lord, and the glory of God!!**

THIS is the witness that God is going to bring into Washington, DC in order that people who are held captive in darkness, whether through bondages of Islam, or the seductions of secular humanism, or their own vile sin and uncleanness are going to have to come face to face with soon and VERY soon!!!

God is getting ready to say to those in the DC area, **CHOOSE THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE**", but He is not saying it until He has a strong witness for His own way!! It's not a religious way, and it's not a doom and gloom way, and it's not judgmental way!! **It's the way of the fullness of JOY!!**

Oh, Lord Jesus, help your people to hear what You are saying, and to ENTER IN that the witness you desire to be manifested in this city will come forth that the multitudes in the valley of decision might rightly decide with ALL THE FACTS about the goodness and the glory of God!!

In Jesus Name, Amen and Amen. Let it be so, In Jesus Name, AMEN!!

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Wheat And Tares
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This week we will begin a study of the "man of sin," or the "antichrist," which is prophesied to come and dominate the world for a time. The "man of sin" is the personification of the sin of man in its deepest depravity, and its greatest power of corruption. We are told about this in Scripture so we can be prepared for it, which is why we are doing this study.

In Matthew 13:39 the Lord said that "...the harvest is the end of the age..." As we have said, the harvest that comes at the end of the age is the maturing and reaping of everything which has been sown in man, both the good and the evil. This is more apparent when we read the whole context of this statement in Matthew 13:36-43:
"Then He left the multitudes, and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field.'

"And He answered and said, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man, and the field is the world; and as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom; and the tares are the sons of the evil one; and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the harvest is the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.

'Therefore just as the tares are gathered up and burned with fire, so shall it be at the end of the age.

'The Son of Man will send forth His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.'"
Here we see that there will be two "seeds" maturing at the end. Both are going to be gathered together. So, the separation of the wheat and the tares is also the gathering of the same into their own groups. One is so it can be burned, and the other to shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

In the parable of the wheat and the tares, when the laborers discovered the tares growing with the wheat, they asked the landowner if they should gather the tares. He replied that this could jeopardize the wheat. He commanded them to "allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn" (Matt 13:30). Until now the wheat has had many tares mixed in with it. These are the hypocrites and those who continue to "practice sin" while claiming to serve Christ. These will be separated from the true "wheat" in the coming times, and the church will become as pure and holy as the Lord deserves from His own bride.

This is not to imply that those who sin are "tares," as there is a difference between "practicing sin," and stumbling occasionally as James affirmed that everyone does (see James 3:2). There is a difference between those who claim to be righteous, but actually love sin more, and those who seek to live a holy and righteous life, and love righteousness, though they occasionally fall to sin. This will become more clear in this study.

So two of the signs that we are coming to the end of the age will be the maturity of the wheat and the tares, and the separating of them from one another into their own groups. In this the tares are described as "stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness" (Matthew 13:41). These are gathered out of the kingdom by angels or messengers, and they are gathered into bundles so they can be burned. In the timetable of the last day events, we are just in the first stages of this gathering.

As this proceeds, there will be a great, and at times, very difficult, separation coming in the church. To prepare for this I have tried to lay a foundation of the redemptive and restorative purposes of the Lord. It is not the Lord's desire for a single soul to perish. As we are told in James 2:13, "...mercy triumphs over judgment." The Lord would much rather show mercy than judgment, even to the worst sinner. However, there is a time when those who are truly given to sin and lawlessness will no longer be tolerated in His church.

Once when I was riding in a car with James Robison, he pointed out something to me in a wheat field that I have never forgotten. He asked me if I could tell the difference between the wheat and the tares, to which I responded that I had no idea how to do this. He said they look very much alike, and it is hard to tell them apart until the harvest, because when wheat matures it will bow over. However, the tares continue standing erect. In this we might say that the wheat becomes more humble as they mature, but tares become more arrogant. Pride is at the root of all human sin, and pride will be found as the fundamental character flaw of those whom the Lord calls tares and stumbling blocks.

As Jack Deere once pointed out, if you take the chronological order in which the apostle Paul wrote his epistles, in one of the first he claims to not be inferior to the greatest apostles (see II Corinthians 11:5). In a letter written about five years later he claims to be "the least of all apostles" (I Corinthians 15:9). In a letter written a few years after that one, he claims to be "the least of all saints" (Ephesians 3:8). In one of his last letters he claims to be "the greatest of sinners" (I Timothy 1:15). The pattern here is quite obvious - with increasing maturity there is increasing humility.

My purpose in these studies has been to not only examine the signs of the times, but to share that which I believe can help us prepare for them. Let us now ask the Lord to send His Holy Spirit to examine our hearts for any evil way that is within us, to convict us of our sin, and to lead us to the Truth, Himself, so that we can be set free. In our study of the "man of sin," we will see the sin of man in its full maturity. As we look at this, we want to first see how this sin may have a part in our own lives, so we can humble ourselves, seeking God's grace, and be set free. Only after we are free will we be able to see these things more clearly in others to help them get free. We must get free from the sin and lawlessness that is the reason for the final judgments coming upon this age. Those who do will begin to stand out too as those who "shine forth as the sun (Son)." They will begin to look like Jesus.
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The Sin of Man
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Last week we began to study the one which Scripture refers to as the "man of sin," or the "antichrist," who is prophesied to come and dominate the world for a time. The "man of sin" is the personification of the sin of man. This is why the book of Revelation, which was given as "the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 1:1), contains so much about the antichrist. It is by seeing this man of sin, the result of the sin of man, that we can see how desperately man needs Christ, and how far awry we will go without Him.

Immediately after the Fall in the garden, the Lord prophesied the destiny of the seed of the serpent, and the seed of the woman (see Genesis 3:15). As we are told in Revelation 12:9, the "serpent of old" is the devil. The seed of the serpent is the nature of the devil, which was sown in man by the Fall. A prophecy was given to the woman that she would be at enmity with the serpent and bruise his head, but he would bruise her heel (see Genesis 3:15). This was a prophecy of Christ who would be born through a woman, and as a man destroy the works of the devil. With the first two sons of Eve, we can discern the nature of these two seeds. In the Scriptures, we find the story of the development and maturity of these two seeds in man, and the conflict between them throughout history.

The curse upon the serpent was that he would crawl on his belly and eat the dust. This speaks of how the serpent's seed would be bound to the earth, conforming to the contour of the earth. Because man was made from the dust, and this is what the serpent would eat, it speaks of how the devil would feed on the earthly or carnal nature of man. This is why the devil is so intent on sowing carnality in man-he feeds on it.

One of the most basic distinctions between the two seeds can be seen in the offerings that Cain and Abel brought to the Lord. Because of the sin of man, the ground was cursed so that he could only bring forth fruit from it by "the sweat of his brow" (see Genesis 3:19). Therefore, when Cain brought an offering of grain to the Lord, he was bringing that which was produced by his own works. In contrast to this, Abel brought a blood sacrifice, which was a prophecy that man could only be acceptable to God through the blood sacrifice of Jesus.

It was the nature of these sacrifices that brought the enmity between Cain and Abel. Likewise, it will always be the cross that is the enmity between the two seeds. This is still the primary reason for the persecution against Christians, and will be until the end. Those who are of the seed of Cain will be enraged at those who claim the only way we can be acceptable to God is through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, and that our own works will never make us acceptable to God.

Basic to the true works of the Spirit is the knowledge that we do not work in order to gain God's approval, but we do His work from a position of having His approval through the cross. Therefore, all we do is from a position of abiding in Him and the works are Him working through us. Therefore, the true works of the Spirit should point to Christ Jesus, not us.

Because Cain was "a tiller of the ground,"(Genesis 4:2) it speaks of him being "earthly minded." This is the nature of all who are primarily controlled (as we are all born with this nature) by the seed of the serpent. Basically the man of sin is a personification of the nature that is within us all. This is why we must be born again by the heavenly seed.

When we are born again by the heavenly seed, it begins a struggle between these two seeds, or two natures, within us. The Bible is a record of the struggle between these two seeds in mankind, and by studying this struggle we can better understand many of the struggles that will go on in our own heart.

We may not like this struggle or want it, but it is this struggle between the two natures in our hearts that actually strengthen and fashion our characters so that we bear the heavenly nature and calling. Then, we will be able to minister to those who are still trapped in the earthly, carnal, nature of man. For this reason we are told in Romans 12:1-2:

I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

The Greek word that is translated "transformed" in this text is metamorphoo from which we derive our English word "metamorphosis."

This is the process that a caterpillar goes through to become a butterfly. Since a caterpillar is a "worm" it is bound to the earth. Because of this change it is then given beautiful wings that enables it to soar above the earth. This is likewise what happens in the normal development of every Christian. We go from being earthly-minded, conformed to the ways of the world, to being able to soar in the heavenly realm above the earth. Our ultimate calling is to be seated with Christ in the heavenly places, as we read in Ephesians 2:1-8:

And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus,

In order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

It is said that the greatest struggle for a butterfly is freeing itself from the cocoon where the transformation took place. However, if it were not for this great struggle, it would not be strong enough to flap those huge wings. This too is a message for us. The Lord does not want our struggles to be easy. If they were too easy, we would not become strong enough to walk in what He has called us to. There is a principle revealed throughout Scripture and history-the more difficult your trials the more significant your calling. Those who come into their purpose easily and quickly usually do not have a very significant calling. The bigger the wings you are called to have, the bigger the struggle must be for you to be strong enough to use them.

As we are told in II Corinthians 13:5, "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves!." One of the most basic tests that we can give ourselves is whether we are primarily occupied with the things of this present world, or with the eternal purposes of Christ. What takes most of our attention, most of our time, and most of our energy? Are we bound to the earth like the caterpillar, with our ways conforming more to the ways of the world, or have we learned to fly?

In the coming weeks we will continue our study of the man of sin, but we will also study the new creation who will rise above the sin and darkness to conquer it.

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Discerning The Beast
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And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth... (Revelation 13:11).

As we covered last week, Cain was "a tiller of the ground" (Genesis 4:2), which speaks of the earthly mindedness of the seed of Cain. Here we see that the beast comes up "out of the earth," which is the result of the earthly mindedness of fallen mankind. Let us read the last part of this chapter, verses 16-18, where we see the ultimate result of this earthly mindedness:

And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free men and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand, or on their forehead, and he provides that no one should be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man; and his number is six hundred and sixty-six.

Since this was written in the first century there has been much speculation about the form in which the mark of the beast would come. This is to be expected, but far more important than understanding the form in which it comes, is understanding the nature of the beast, and what causes men to take this mark.

Taking a mark is not the sin. The sin is found in worshiping the beast. The mark is simply the evidence of what one is doing. Would one be innocent if he did not take the mark, but worshiped the beast? Of course not. The real issue here is who we are worshiping.

Because man was created on the sixth day, six has been regarded as the "number of man." We are told to "Let him who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for the number is that of a man..." (Revelation 13:18).

This beast represents humanism, which is basically the worship of man, or making man the center of all in place of God. That the mark is given on the right hand and the forehead represents the works and the mind. Those who worship the beast will do their works for men, and before men, instead of for God and before God. Their minds will also be centered on the earth instead of on the Lord.

Without the mark, no one will be able to "buy, sell, or trade." This is the commerce of the world. This makes the mark an economic mark, and the power of the beast over the world will be through economic power. Why is this?

Remember that the harvest at the end of the age is the maturing and the reaping of everything that has been sown in man-both the good and the evil, the seed of the serpent and the seed that would ultimately crush the serpent. The reason why the mark of the beast is an economic mark is because the love of money is one of the ultimate idols of the earthly, fallen nature of man, and the way we relate to it will determine who we are really worshiping.

Financial responsibility is one of the increasingly important issues of our times. For this reason, every Christian should be financially independent. This does not necessarily mean that all Christians are called to be wealthy, but that we should never have to make a decision on whether we have enough money or not, but whether the matter is God's will or not.

If we have built our lives on the kingdom of God, we have an unlimited resource-"an abundance for every good deed" (II Corinthians 9:8). If the storehouses of heaven are our source, we really will not care whether we can "buy, sell, or trade" within the world's economy. Neither would we ever take the mark of the beast because we would never worship the beast.

In the coming weeks we will explore how this is done a little more practically, and how we can build our lives on the kingdom of God, not the kingdoms of this world that will shortly pass away. The real answer to these questions is not to fear the beast, or what he can do to us, but to fear the Lord, and serve Him only. When those who fear man run to the beast to take his mark so that they can "buy, sell, and trade," those who live by faith in God will be experiencing unprecedented prosperity, and the peace that comes from serving the Lord who is above all rule, authority, and dominion. Peace and godly, noble, and spiritual prosperity will be an increasing witness of the One we are serving.

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Overcoming the Beast

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Last week, we began our study of the beast, and the "mark of the beast" (Revelation 16:2). As stated, because this beast comes "up out of the earth" (Revelation 13:11) this speaks of it being borne out of humanism, or earthly mindedness. We also know that the "mark of the beast" is an economic mark that enables one to "buy, sell, or trade." Therefore, we can expect the economic systems of this earth to become more and more humanistic, and demanding more and more allegiance to the religion of humanism.

If we are approaching this time, which it seems obvious that we are, one might assume it will become increasingly difficult to be successful in the economy of this world without compromising more and more of the basic issues of our faith. That will be true in many ways, but there is another major factor that we must consider. The Lord is also establishing the foundation for His kingdom in the earth.

There is another economy in the earth! It will ultimately be the most successful of all. As we read in Daniel 2 concerning the statue that represented the kingdoms of this world, a stone is going to strike the feet of this statue, and the statue will come down. That little stone will grow into a mountain and then fill the whole earth.

It is important that we understand how the kingdom of God is also coming at this time or we will overreact to the things that are happening in the world, and by that fail to be a part of God's solution which He provides for every scheme of the devil. Our goal is not to just flee from the economy of this world, but to be a part of establishing one that is greater, having more substance and strength than anything the world has.

It is because of the root of evil, which is the love of money, and the coming of the beast and his mark, that understanding Christian economics is going to become one of the important issues of our time. However, we should not want to study this just for these reasons, but in order to obey God, and do all things according to His ways. For this reason, as we study this beast and the present systems of this world and its economy, we will give even more attention to the kingdom of God, and living according to the Lord's ways in these things.

As we proceed, I think you will not only find these principles interesting, but compelling and life changing. A basic calling upon every Christian is to live in victory in these things, and to do so is not at all complicated. However, to do so does not just include a knowledge of these biblical prophecies and what is happening in the world, but it requires living by and manifesting the fruit of the Spirit. It will require love, faith, patience...

To serve the Lord as we are called to in this time requires that each of us have the following basic economic plan for our life:

1) We live on the unlimited supply of God's kingdom, having an abundance for everything we are called to do.

2) We owe no man anything but to love them.

That is the simplicity of God's economic plan. This is the top of the mountain, but to get there we need to understand where we are, and what is the quickest path to the top. We can actually cover this in just a few weeks. It will take a little longer for us to get to the top of this mountain, but we can get there, and we must. We may think money is not that important to God, and it is not, but how we handle it is. As the Lord Jesus Himself said in Luke 16:10-13:

"He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. "If therefore you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous mammon, who will entrust the true riches to you? "And if you have not been faithful in the use of that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other, or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

Our goal should never be to make decisions based on money, but on the will of God. Money is given to serve us, and we must never become the servants of money. Those who are free in this way will be the most free and powerful people on the earth in the times to come. There is no one on this earth, even the antichrist, who is more powerful than one who is in the center of God's will for their life. The least in God's kingdom has far more power living in them than all of the antichrists combined. Our purpose for being here is to live in and represent the kingdom of God in all that we do.

God has another economy, and if our lives are built on it we will not care at all whether we can buy, sell, or trade in this world's economy. Living by that economy should be a basic goal of every Christian. Those who build their lives on God's economy will never fear what is happening in the world's economy. They will not only be adequately provided for in all things, but they will "have an abundance for every good deed" (II Corinthians 9:8).

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Winds & Trees & Things

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One evening last week as I was traveling home to Skye from Inverness, my attention was drawn to a fallen tree silhouetted against the twilight sky on an exposed hilltop. It was clearly evident that the tree had been an old tree that had stood for many years on that spot, but now it was laid low in ignominy, its roots now exposed for all to see. Eventually it will decay and disappear from the landscape. The main reason it will do so is because it has no root connected to a life giving supply of water. Many still see it as a tree, but in reality it no longer serves the purpose for which it was planted. It is dead!

As I considered the tree I was again impressed by the voice of the Spirit. I saw that the tree, which has once graced the hilltop with its beauty and shade, came to the point where it was unable to withstand the fresh wind of the Spirit.

In the natural we see old things , established things and well tested methods , as the most reliable and the things in which we can put our trust. That may seem like sound common sense but it can also be a dangerous mistake, as many in our financial institutions have discovered to their cost!

The real test of the trees ability to withstand the wind is the condition and location of its roots.

Many of our churches roots are things such as tradition, organisation, control, orthodoxy, creeds and so on.

I believe we are living in the day of a fresh wind of the Spirit. In that wind, as previously prophesied, many things will bend, break and be thrown to the ground.

The fact is that fresh wind exposes old weaknesses just as new wine exposes old wineskins!

In the week that followed this revelation (revelation to me anyway!) I discovered that a number of friends flowing in the fresh wind of the Spirit had encountered a backlash in their work and ministry.

The fact is that many trees will attempt to stand tall rather than bend to the direction of the Spirit s wind. Their pride will in fact be their undoing for they will fall and the condition of their roots will be exposed.

On arriving home that night I turned to a scripture I had been meditating on recently. I read with fresh revelation ... And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have the power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ.

As we long for revival that fresh wind of the Holy Spirit, and ask what form it will take I believe increasingly that it will be a revival and revelation of the Father's love to the people of this land.

If we fail to be rooted in the river of love then we must not be surprised if we fall and consequently become irrelevant to the purposes of God for our generation.

This is what the LORD says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD. He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives. "But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."

Jeremiah 17: 5- 8

Walk After The Promises

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Wasted time and effort will be returned. What was lost will be restored. There has been no day like it! I shall triumph in your midst. I shall overstep the limits set by crafty men. I shall turn the tables on those who try to rule with an iron fist. I shall bring the erring to their knees.

Oh yes, I am able to strip those who walk in man-made authority and over-rule their jurisdiction. I am able to triumph over injustice in the lives of those who need help. Yes, I am able to put to nothing the schemes of the enemy. I am able to bombard the enemy from within the gates and destroy the hierarchical rule that dictates policy within its confines. I am able to set up a standard of holiness and righteousness that no man can resist.

Watch to see what I do in your midst. I will tread the enemy underfoot and crush Satan's head. I will put to nothing rulership that exhibits the mind of man and the flesh works. Rejoice and sing, for I am doing a work in this day that will not go unnoticed. I am setting the captives free and bringing counsel to multitudes. I am driving the wicked one out of the land and taking possession.

Behold I come, and with Me are your rewards for faithfully declaring My word. Trust and believe that your whole household shall be brought into line with My will and purposes. Press in and press on in the high calling. Press through the "rubbish" that is scattered round about. Press through to the promises. Follow hard after Me and do not let doubt be your master.

Kings and princes will come to the dawn of your rising, so break forth into joy, and walk after the promises.

Walking Amongst The Tents Of Israel

Susan Cummings

A Current ongoing vision I have been getting lately this week.....

I saw myself walking through a camp of tents, like the tents of the 12 tribes of Israel. They were all pitched around the Tent of Meeting. I was walking through the encampment and was watching all the various tents, the many different families, all the activities, etc....

As I was walking, a sudden huge roar sounded and in the midst of where the Tent of Meeting stood, the ground suddenly and violently broke forth, and out of the ground came this huge fiery pillar of Light and Fire that shot forth out of the midst of the Earth. It was so big that it overshadowed the whole encampment.

I did not see the Tent of Meeting anymore, as the Fiery Pillar of Light now filled the whole area.

This Pillar burst forth, and rose up high into the sky, I could not see the top, if there even was one. It was so huge and very powerful and roared with the power of the Presence of the Lord. You could hardly think, as the roar of the energy coming from the Pillar was deafening.

Then the vision ended.

I keep getting flashes of it this week, over and over.

The Lord is about to break forth into our midst, in a very powerful way.

-Susan
7-05-04
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I sent this vision to the group, and the Lord has been speaking more to me regarding His Purpose for the vision, and to give me further understanding as to why He showed it to me.

This is what he spoke to me:

I have brought you to My House, to see My People. They are camped around My Tent, and have built their lives around Me. All of their lives work and activities revolve around their relationship with Me. Or so it seems. I want you to see what I am bringing forth.

My people will now know who I Am, as I am breaking forth into their lives in a very profound way. I have revealed myself to them in layers and in Truths, and in portions. For most have not purified themselves enough to draw close to Me, and out of My Mercy, I have limited their understanding of me, so that I could preserve them and bring them further into maturity.

The time has come for My People to come into full maturity.

The time has come for true holiness to now be seen amongst them and within them.

I will no longer hold My People at arms length, to wait for them to choose to be Holy, but now I require it for it is a great hour of trial that now is being unrolled upon the earth. My People will not stand unless they are fully in My Presence and hidden IN ME.

So, I am breaking forth, and violently shaking all things concerning them, and will expose everything, so that they can come to the Truth, and embrace it. If they embrace it, I can embrace them fully, and bring them fully into My arms. If they choose not to embrace the Truth, then they will be consumed by My Fire and perish. For the enemy will devour them and bring them to perdition. There is no middle ground anymore. There is no more time to play.

As I bring exposure, it will be as a roaring in the earth. My Voice will be so loud that they will have to stop their ears to deny Me. There will be no excuse. I will roar over My People. I will roar over the nations. The sound of My Voice will be heard as it covers the earth, and then the darkest night will fully fall.

There will be no more games played. My People’s lives will be ordered around their relationship with Me, or it will be devoured by the enemy. My Camp will be full of Light, My Light, and no more mixture will be in it. Everything will be submitted to Me, and shown for what it truly is.

The religious models that have been erected and built by men, will be burnt up as I rise up. There will be no more manmade tents, edifices, altars, or monuments. For all that is not built by My Hand will not stand, but will fall under My scrutiny. What is not judged by Me and purified, will devour it’s maker. For all that is not birthed by My Spirit is idolatry and pride.

My People think they know Me. They think they walk with Me, yet, they do not come to Me, nor seek Me. They do not pay the price to sit at My Feet and to spend time with Me. If they did, they would fear Me more than men, or their opinions. They would not be in bondage to their lifestyles.

That day has come and is now being thrown into My Fire. I will be everything to you, or nothing to you. Either you come to Me everyday and in humility seeking My Ways, or you will go your own way to destruction. It will be seen if I walk with you or not. Either I dwell in you or I don’t.

Either My Word is true or it is not.

-Susan Cummings
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When Babylon Falls

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Revelation 14:8-10

Blessed is a man who perceives
The truth that lies behind the mystery
Of the Holy One, the righteous Son
The Redeemer who holds the key
To eternal life, resurrection life
Where man lives under God's authority
Within God's kingdom come, so God's will is done
Each day in the life of a man saved by grace.

When Babylon falls
In power in your life
When you are awakened
To the terror found in the night
Then is the moment
To stand up and fight
In the power of love
Giving glory to God
As you drink from the cup
Of the promised new wine.

Blessed is a man who resides
Within the kingdom of God's eternal light
Marked by God's endless love
They will like silver and gold
Be refined through cleansing fires of God's design
Set to walk in God's kingdom, purified
So that idols of old, will no longer hold
The power to turn them from God's love, divine.

> *"And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb." Revelation 14:8-10*
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> *"Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul: be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense. Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: howl for her; take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed." Jeremiah 51:6-8*

Within God's everlasting kingdom where mercy, righteousness, and love reveal the nature of the Father, all power and authority has been given to God's beloved Son, Jesus Christ. God has chosen to establish his divine government upon the shoulders of Jesus Christ so that to hear the Son speak, is to hear the intentions of the Father's heart. Jesus Christ was purposed, according to God's plan of salvation, to reign and rule over God's body, speaking the truth, in love, to those who would be united to the Father, through faith. It is Jesus Christ, who was ordained to be the head over those called according to God's holy name.

God has given to His Son power and authority over all principalities, and powers that exist within the kingdom of darkness, where unrighteousness abounds, and idols speak words that deny the majesty of God. And it is the Son who holds absolute authority over all powers and principalities within the kingdom of Light, so that men live at peace with God. Jesus Christ is the Son who sits at the right hand of God, ruling and reigning over all of creation.

Jesus Christ, is the Son chosen of God to bear the name, Wonderful, Counselor, The Prince of Peace. It is Jesus Christ, who is able to transform the way a man thinks and acts as He speaks words of truth into the inner recesses of a man's heart and mind. It is Jesus Christ who will cause men to live at peace with their fellow man, as He impresses upon their hearts the need to stand under God's governmental authority, where His divine wisdom and counsel determines justice and truth. Within God's divine government, where kingdom authority is established upon the revelation of Jesus Christ, men will learn to lay aside the unfruitful works of darkness.

> *"And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: but this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, this is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin." Hebrews 10:11-18*

At the appointed time, Jesus Christ would ascend on high, to His rightful position at the right hand of God. "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us."(Hebrews 9:24) God's divine governmental authority in heaven would be implemented on earth, within the hearts of men, because of the perfect obedience of the Son toward the Father. Because a better sacrifice, the shedding of the Lamb's precious blood, was sprinkled as an offering to purify the "heavenly things themselves", the authority once laid upon the shoulders of ordained priests, who were required to offer sacrifices to make restitution for men's sins, would be lifted, from them.

When the heavens received the better sacrifice of the precious blood of the Lamb, the law would end, which required men to offer sacrifices upon earthly altars. Because the heavens themselves became an altar before the Lord, which received the perfect sacrifice of the Lamb's precious blood, God's requirement that a priest make atonement for the sins of men, was lifted from off the shoulders of men, and placed upon the Son who sat at the right hand of the Father.

When Jesus Christ ascended on high, His precious blood purified the "heavenly things themselves." Because of the perfect work of Christ, God's atoning work would no longer be under the governmental authority that had been placed upon the shoulders of men. Because Jesus Christ's blood was considered by God to be the perfect sacrifice, needed to make restitution for mankind's sin, judgment would, from that day forward, be determined according to the governmental authority placed upon the shoulders of Jesus Christ.

God's dominion, under the authority of Jesus Christ, would bring about judgment according to faith. Men would be declared righteous in the sight of God, according to their faith in Jesus Christ. The blood, which had purified the heavenly things, was forever to signify God's new covenant of grace, whereby men were forgiven their sins through faith in what Jesus Christ had accomplished upon the cross.

The governmental authority given to Jesus Christ, as He sat at the right hand of the Father, would allow the Son to decide judgment unto righteousness, for those who in faith, called upon His holy name. God's gift of eternal life, the Holy Spirit, is given when, through faith, the Son pronounces judgment unto righteousness upon a man. God's eternal Spirit of holiness is given to lead men into all truth. God's Spirit will speak to a man's heart of God's great love toward him. And as a man continues to walk with the Lord, the Holy Spirit will continue to reveal greater truths of God's majesty that exists within His everlasting kingdom of righteousness, truth, mercy and love.

> *"A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction. How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! How is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the Lord." Jeremiah 50:22-24*

When a man has been judged righteous because of his faith in Jesus Christ, so that he receives the gift of God's abundant love within his life, the Holy Spirit, then will the old nature, which was dead to the purposes of God, be cast down to the earth. As God rises up in power within a man's life, the death and deception that exists within the darkness of unbelief will be exposed. A man, who stands within God's eternal kingdom of righteousness, will understand that the dominion of darkness, where vanity and lies hold reign, has had great influence upon his life.

When God's voice speaks with authority to the thoughts of a man, it can be compared to the sound of a trumpet used to awaken a man from his slumber. When God's trumpet is blown within a man's life, he will be awakened to see the power that exists within the dominion of darkness, where idols speak lies to deceive men from the truth. Within the dominion of darkness, the foundation of understanding is built up of the same lies and deception that the opinions and desires of those who walked the city streets of Babylon.

Within the darkness, the spirit of Babylon exists. Within Babylon, as within the city of darkness, unbelief is the strength of men, and the "truths" of hatred, unforgiveness, lust, covetousness, and jealousy have great power. A man filled with the Spirit of God's holiness will understand the truth that the spirit of Babylon is darkness. Within the dominion of darkness, where idols speak words that lull men into a false sense of peace and security, death stands watching over its subjects as with Babylon. God is mocked, and men are dominated by the same lies spoken by Satan thousands of years ago.

When a man stands under the governmental authority of Jesus Christ, through faith, then will the darkness fall as a city under siege. A man who receives God's Spirit of holiness will begin to see and understand the reality of what exists within the realm and region of darkness. As a man matures in the ways of God, he will look upon idols, which he once heralded as being the source of great worth in his life, as nothing but decaying lifeless objects, useless in helping men build truth in which to find refuge and safety.

Within the dominion of darkness is found the same self-focused pride that fueled the desires of the men of Babylon. Self-focused pride has been the destruction of many men. Pride causes man to believe that, in and of himself, there is knowledge that will bring purpose; but this understanding will only lure him deeper into darkness, where the voice of the living God is not heard.

When a man first believes in Jesus Christ, when he is just a babe in the Lord's arms, he may not understand the destruction that lies in the darkness. Experiencing God's love, mercy and forgiveness may inspire his heart for many days. But as a man grows up into maturity in Christ, as the Spirit does its perfect work, a man will begin to understand the horror that exists within the realm and region of darkness. He will understand that the darkness is a spiritual Babylon, where idols speak death, and current whims of man's philosophy are like tidal waves that wash upon men's souls, leaving death and destruction in its wake.

Within the gates of the spiritual city of Babylon, there is no "Light" to guide men's thoughts. When men cannot perceive the light, then idols, made of the elements of the earth, speak words that hold purpose and worth. Because men are not spiritually discerning, they do not understand that their idols are nothing more than objects created to hold men captive to fantasy and illusion. Within the spiritual city of Babylon days pass without men discovering the joy found in the eternal truths of walking with God, in holiness, humbleness, love and mercy.

But as a man matures, in the ways of God, the spiritual city of Babylon will fall in power and authority in his life. The spiritual city of Babylon, the city of darkness, will be seen as a harlot who embraces many lovers, causing her to bear many scars of sickness and death. When a man matures so that he walks in the revelation of the depths of hell that exist within the city of darkness, he will look upon what he once considered as his "great city," and see her for who she really is.

The “great city” will be seen as a harlot who takes unto herself many lovers, without experiencing any feelings of condemnation for her actions. And finding no reason to be embarrassed by her lewdness, she will continue to call out to all men; “Come and drink, let us embrace.” She will continue to promise men love and purpose, while they lay with her upon her bed of defilement; but upon arising in the morning, they will find she has disappeared back into the night, leaving them alone and reduced of strength.

> *“And the Lord said unto him, go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.” Isaiah 9:4*

God marks those who love His holy name with His Holy Spirit. They are sealed unto righteousness, having been redeemed by the blood of Christ. Though they are aware of the death and destruction around them, it will not be allowed to come near them. Their souls belong to the Lord, and nothing can take them from His mighty and loving arms. Theirs is the kingdom of God, and only to Him will they bow in reverence and submission. Their eyes have been anointed by God to see the reality behind the facade that death lifts up before men, knowing that to take a step in his direction is to partake of suffering and destruction.

Great is the sorrow of those held captive to the deceivers voice, for he will surely lead them to the pit. But what of those who profess the name of Christ, and yet comfortably live and partake of the spiritual city of Babylon? If they find it natural to follow after idols, will God continue to allow them to avoid the consequences for their actions? Or, will those, who name the name of Christ, but who lustfully continue to drink from the cup offered by the harlot Babylon, realize that the wine that now fills their lives has turned bitter? Will God awaken them by placing within their hands the “the wine of the wrath of God.” Will this wine without mixture, which is made up only of God’s anger, with none of His love and compassion to soften the bitter taste, cause men to understand the consequences of professing to love the Lord with their lips, while their hearts experience no remorse as they lust after the idols offered by the harlot Babylon?

If signposts that read, “herein lies death and destruction” mark a man’s boundaries, can he proclaim to be a citizen of God’s everlasting kingdom? Will this man understand that God will focus His anger toward a man who calls himself a child of God yet walks in rebellion? How will God’s judgment according to the authority of Jesus Christ, be decided when dealing with a man who proclaims that his maker is the Lord God on high, yet his obedience lies more within the dominion of Babylon than within the City of Righteousness, the Kingdom of God?

The praise of God’s saints are a sweet smelling aroma. But what is the putrid smell that arises from the earth that God speaks of? Could it be the words of a man who claims the name of Christ, but spends his days in the arms of Babylonian harlotry? What is this smell of brimstone that ignites the sky with ash and fire, as it erupts from the mountains built up by man’s pride and rebellion? Could it be coming from the direction of a man who claims the name of Christ? Surely God would take offence with a man claiming the name of Christ, while never sincerely desiring to embrace the love of God. Surely God would take offence with a man who claims the name of Christ, but leads others away from the kingdom of God by enticing them to seek warmth and comfort by the fires of hell that line the streets of the spiritual city of Babylon?

> *“For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be that thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace. For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, the Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” Hebrews 10:26-31*

Within the harlot city of Babylon, a cup is lifted up full of fornication; and those who drink from this cup, cause the pollution of death and destruction to fill their stomachs with its decay. Those who hear the

Word of God, and turn toward Jesus Christ in faith, though they have lived many days in the realm and region of darkness, shall escape from its deceitfulness and wickedness. God will call them His sons and daughters of faith, holy in His sight because they are adorned in His robes of righteousness.

When a man turns toward Jesus Christ in faith, God will open His children's eyes to the reality of the spiritual city of Babylon. And when their eyes are opened, Babylon will come crashing down before them; appearing as an ash heap, which supplies food for the serpent and the owls of the evening. For those men who continue to think that purpose is found within the spiritual city of Babylon the same nature as Babylon will be birthed within their lives. And unless they repent, they will bear the consequences of their choice.

Those who claim the name of Jesus Christ, yet continually set their hearts toward the spiritual city of Babylon; their punishment will be great. Because, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." Though God's mercy endures forever, He will not always strive with a man who casually blasphemes His name among the nations. Unless this man repents and bows down before the Lord in all sincerity, he will be sure to continually come up against the fury of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord is an awesome reality, which will keep a man on the sure path of righteousness. May all men seek the Lord while He is near and discover what it means to fear His holy name. Let all men who profess the name of Jesus Christ, seek to sit under His governmental authority, so that they are able to experience His peace that surpasses all understanding. May all of God's children understand that to refuse the cup of Babylon's fornication is to bring honor to God's name. May all God's children be found praising the Lord in spirit and in truth.

> *"Be ye therefore followers of God's dear children: and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light." Ephesians 5:1-8*

What Causes Barrenness In Church Life?

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When we talk about putting down roots or laying foundations, we often think of staying put in one place. Our God is not a camper. The tent of meeting in the Old Testament was a simple structure designed to be easily erected and dismantled as His people followed the cloud of His Presence.

The more formal structure of the temple was designed to enable people to come to grips with the same phenomena. The presence of God was enshrined in mystery within the Holy of Holies. People waited with bated breath for the reemergence of the High Priest on the Day of Atonement. The smell and spectacle of the sacrifices added to the drama of coming into the very presence of God. People were brought to that place of awe-inspiring worship as they became involved with the ongoing pageantry of the manifest presence of God in their midst.

The supernatural was commonplace. Men and women both spoke with sharpness and clarity in their representation of God. Words were backed up with power and anointing that saved lives and brought deliverance from occult powers, famines, disasters, and human oppression.

This essence of pure relationship and raw power between God and His people has been the dominating theme of the Scriptures. Only the form and style have changed throughout the generations from a handmade stone altar roughly put together with materials on hand by individual men such as Abraham, Jacob, and the prophets, to the designer places of worship expressed in the tabernacle and temple.

At times these places of worship were inspired by a revelation of God's grace, mercy, and calling, such as when Jacob-in-transition-to-Israel finally came to understand the desire that God had for relationship with him. In other times and places, altars were built upon the sites of intense spiritual warfare and upon battlefields as sacrifices were offered to God on the burning embers of false gods and idol worship. Mount Carmel and Gideon's hometown became places of cleansing and purification as the enemy was driven out and the name of the Lord revealed.

Continuity from the Old Covenant to the New was established in the person of Jesus, who became the temple of God wandering amongst a guilty and sin-ridden people. "Destroy this temple and God will raise it up in three days," He said, referring to Himself (see Jn. 2:19). Something had happened in the hearts of the people between times. A creeping institutionalism had given way to form without power, to style without substance, and to a performance mentality that elevated men, not God, in the presence of the people. People did things to be seen of others; rules of behavior governed the lives of many. Leaders had become blind guides, searching the Scriptures without prophetic insight. Those who most desired the coming of the Messiah missed Him because their interpretation of Scripture was not mingled with worship, the manifest presence of God, and prophetic wisdom.

God walked among them, but they had not been trained to recognize His presence. All their teaching and distilled wisdom down through the years had left them without the faculty for discerning the glory of God. Even when they saw signs and wonders and Jesus graciously asked them to believe in those signs as part of their journey to a wider, deeper revelation of God's presence, they could not bring themselves to part from their institutional mind-sets.

So the early Church grew up next to a hidebound institution that continued thinking that it alone held the glorious tradition of the truth of God. The old persecuted the new, which in turn eventually came against the newer works, which in time grew to be the oppressors of new moves of God till the present day. The chronicles of the Church are littered with stories of new moves of God erupting in the earth through orthodox persecution and then settling back into conventional, narrow-minded religiosity.

Only the presence of God can prevent institutional Christianity from reducing truth to a set of rules and worship or to a meaningless time of singing without awe.

Only God's presence can enable believers to confront the enemy and the evils of mankind with a powerful expression of truth combined with supernatural power. Only God's presence is the glue that holds us all together through tensions, conflicts, and the violence of being on the front line of the battle against a depraved and intimidating foe.

We have lost the glory, the majesty, and the mystery of all that God is within Himself. The temple gave way to the synagogue and the mystery began to fade. Word stopped leading us to worship, and in time the dynamic revelation of God became a rote to live by as we waited for God to come in final deliverance. Today's worship precedes the Word and in many places has become the platform for the teaching and the ministry of people. Our churches have lost the art of ministering to the Lord in worship and discerning the voice of the Lord in our midst (see Acts 13:1-2).

People went to the temple to participate in the mystery and the majesty of God. They went for three main reasons: to worship, to make an offering, and to pray. In the synagogue they went to hear the word of God (i.e., for teaching), to get their needs met, and to have fellowship. In the temple, the instruction and communication of God's word always led them into an experience with God. In the synagogue, it often led them into debate and discussion about God. Meetings became man-centered instead of revolving around the presence of God. Even today in many of the newer churches, if the meeting has a lot of content and activity, it is often the worship that gets squeezed. People go to church for good teaching or fellowship. Our society has created intense loneliness, and people are hungry for companionship. Accordingly, it is easy to justify making our meetings into a designer-style atmosphere to attract people.

I am not against this in principle. I think all our meetings should be aimed specifically at God's desire to do particular things and achieve specific objectives. I am against stereotypes that do not bring us into the creative presence of God. We must regain the capacity to live in the manifest presence of God. The teaching of the Word must lead people into an encounter of God Himself, not just into an experience of the church.

God has always set people within the framework of tabernacle, temple, and church who would act as catalysts to cause breakthrough into the manifest presence of the Lord. When people look at us, they should see Jesus. They should observe His love in the way that we live together. The entrance of God's Word should produce hope, faith, life, and health to every part of our being. The presence of God is life to us. When we lose His presence or, even worse, if we have never grown up with the reality of His glory, it is inevitable that we would use the Word to relegate the supernatural to a future time of glory in Heaven rather than glory now.

God sits outside of time. He has never not been full of glory. He is altogether glorious. Everything He touches carries the fragrance and the passion of His manifest presence. He is wonderful, awe-inspiring, and magnificent. Our meetings must reflect the glory of His unchanging nature. I love to meditate on the nature and character of the Lord. For me, He has come to be the kindest person I have ever known. He is kindhearted, gracious, loving, good-natured, and benevolent. He is generous, cordial, approachable, and thoughtful. He is slow to anger and swift to bless. He sees the good, acknowledging the treasure and the worth in people. He inspires confidence, renews our self-worth, and puts a smile on our hearts. He is captivating, beautiful, and completely lovely. He is strong, powerful, a force to be reckoned with, a conqueror and overcomer. He is a paradox a fierce and mighty warrior dressed as a lamb; the king of glory and a bruised reed; a son, a servant, a prophet, a priest, and a king. The fear of Him is the beginning of wisdom, yet His laughter makes us wriggle with pleasure. He continually brings us to points of vulnerability and weakness so that His sheer joy in Himself can be our source of strength.

Our meetings very often do not reflect His nature, but ours.

They focus on our needs instead of celebrating who He is in our midst. How many of our people take time out during the day to spend just a few minutes in silent worship and awe of God? Whatever God is, He is infinitely. It is impossible for God not to be everlasting, endless, and eternal. He is the greatest endless and eternal expression of goodness, kindness, and grace. He is everlastingly kind and merciful, eternally loving. He loves infinitely and without boundaries. There is no end to the kindness of God.

He is also totally perfect. He never does anything partway. He completes everything He starts. "He who has begun a good work in you will complete it [literally, perfect it] until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6). He does everything perfectly. He is infinitely and perfectly good. He has perfect love and grace. His love is complete, wholesome, and endlessly perfect! He is always loving because He is infinite and perfect.

He is immutable. He never changes. What God was, God is and God will be. There is no shadow of turning within Him. He is unchanging. What a relief! We all have experienced the fluctuating fortunes of human relationships and been both blessed and burned. I love the ongoing continuity of God's affection for me. He put me in the one place where I could relate to Him in all of my changeableness. He put me into Christ so that His unchanging, infinite, and perfect love could become a constant to me as I grew up in Him.

He is never indifferent. His silence is just His silence.

Never mistake His silence for detachment. He is never aloof and unresponsive. His silence is often a means to draw us into meditation, which becomes the prelude to worship and the entrance of revelation that then brings change to us. What changes us the most is the unchangeableness of God! Whenever I reflect on the unchangeable nature of God, I want to cry. His constancy and dependability always make me resolve to be like Him.

He brings peace to me by His constancy. I feel my heart settling down into Him in the turbulence of situations and events. In crises and conflicts I find myself wanting harmony and love rather than just resolution. To agree to disagree and remain loving friends is a sure sign that God is among us and that we are in love with Him.

God is endlessly enthusiastic about people. He has a boundless, unremitting energy. He never stops working, yet He exudes rest and peace. He rests in and through His work. I am never quite sure where my rest in Him gives way to His rest in me. (Oh, I love Him.) On the seventh day He rested from creating, but He never ceased from maintaining what He had made.

It is typical of God that man's first day of creation and life should coincide with God's rest. Our first day began with rest, and a prime part of our relationship with God is to enter His rest. One of my personal goals is to be one of the most restful, peaceful people on the planet. Since I have discovered rest as a major part of my relationship with the Lord, my output has increased significantly. Rest maintains worship, adoration, and focus. It promotes a God-consciousness by the Holy Spirit that increases productivity without detracting from fellowship. The more we rest, the more we get done. Time spent resting brings us into a place where God can do in seconds what we could not do in hours under the anointing.

The more we rest, the greater the power to break through.

The greater the rest, the more God prepares things around us by His hand. His wisdom increases as we sit and relax in His presence.

I once was sent a complicated brief on certain conflicts and situations in a particular church. This was followed up by a meeting with the leaders where I was expected to give some kind of godly perspective and Solomon-like wisdom. I never read their pages of problems. For some reason I spent several days resting and meditating though that and other work were piling up. On the day of the meeting, I discovered that they were coming to visit only when I looked in my diary. (I am not normally like this we run a very efficient office, though that is due more to Carole, my personal assistant, than myself.)

In the meeting with these guys it was clear there was a significant measure of conflict and tension. We can communicate peace only if we have it. I cannot remember what was said in that meeting only that peace, love, and understanding broke out amongst the brothers. Harmony precedes resolution. I remember saying to the Lord afterwards that I wished I had taped the meeting because some of the things I said were brilliant! He smiled. He knew that I knew that the wisdom was His and that I was content just to be a vessel and vehicle for His presence. He loves with a boundless consuming love. He hates with a terrible consuming fire. The anger of the Lord burns against unrighteousness and sinful activity. The mercy of the Lord in including us in Christ is eternally breathtaking and wonderful. To rest in the finished work of Calvary is a wonderful privilege. Lack of the presence of God is a major cause of barrenness.

When Dreams Die

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"*By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had received the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, `It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.'"* Heb 11:17& 18.

God would pass every vision and dream he has given us through the fire. And it would be as if it would die. It's very painful to watch our dreams or visions face death. And if we are not careful we may struggle to keep them alive by the arm of flesh. But faith acts differently.

Here is how faith responds, "If really my vision or project is from God then I don't have to loss my peace to keep it alive by my own power. If it is from God I don't have to prove to men that it is. God himself will."

" Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead". This is the reasoning of faith. If it is from God, then even if he allows it to die he would raise it again. Alleluia! It is important not to try to finish up in our strength that which we began in the Spirit.

".. and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death." The point is that when Abraham offered up Isaac something died in him. The promise of God was no longer as important as the God of the promise. This is usually the whole reason why God allows every vision, ministry, or project he gives us to pass through fire. He would not have us loving anything more than him – not even his gifts. Do not loose heart though you may pass through the fire it shall only purify you. No promise God has put in your heart can be destroyed by the fire.

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PLEASE are you born again? It is not enough to believe in the existence of God, to go to church, or be interested in spiritual things. Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). Jesus died to deliver you from sin so that you can come to God. (John 3:16) If you ask him to forgive you and give you a new heart he will. (Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9-11).Try it. I'd love to hear from you @ caprotogo@laposte.tg

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When Darkness Falls
Stephen Hanson

When The Darkness Falls Seek For My Light And Glory"

Jan. 10, 2004

> *JN 12:35 Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. [36] Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them.*

"This year as I have said, will be filled with many things. There will be smoke and fire. There will be wars and rumors of wars. I tell you that the time is very near upon you when the man of perdition will come upon the scene. I tell you that he will come when you least expect him to. I tell you that the democratic race will go to a man who will change the direction of this country. The White House will be filled with new and different policies. I have warned you that these days would happen. You have been thrust into war, and you have tasted the death of many of your young, but I tell you that this is nothing compared to what is coming. For sun will shine and moon will arise at night. The days of night will come. For it will appear to be very dark and bleak at times. But those who put your trust in Me, are to set your minds on things above. For this earth as you know it, will not always last. "

"Many will come unto my light this year. Many will come unto the light of my glory. For when there is great darkness, my light will shine even the more. But I tell you that the enemy has many schemes upon his mind and heart. For he knows that his time is short. For I tell you that deception will run rampant this year. You will see more and more instances of cultic and witchcraft used upon the scene. Those who follow the stars will be consulted more and more. But many also, of my sons and daughters, will demonstrate my glory. So when the darkness falls, seek for my light and glory."

Stephen Hanson

Problems And Possibilities
Stephen Hanson

A Year Of Problems And Possibilities
Jan. 6, 2004

COL 3:1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. [2] Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. [3] For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Matthew 5:18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the *least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.*

"I would tell you that this year will be filled with many things. Everything is coming to a head. I tell you that this year will be filled with many problems. They won't be problems on a personal scale, but they will be problems on a world scale. For I tell you that everything that has been spoken in my word will be coming to a fruition. The increase of wickedness will be plainly seen. The deceiver will be employing his band of wickedness like never before. But those who are strong in Me will grow into great stature. They will weather the storms and they will be a light unto many. The trial and the war that has been in Iraq will no longer be in the forefront as it has been. No longer will my servants have to beg for bread. For I will provide for their every need. So I tell you, many will go on to righteousness, but many also, will be involved in darkness. No more will my servants be kept from doing what I've called them to do. The world will go on as it has been prophesied. I tell you that my hand is upon my servants to do my pleasure in them. The world will hate you because it hated Me. I have overcome the world and I have also overcome the world in you. So, set your sights upon things above and not on things upon this earth. For when the wind blows, and many of the things upon this earth are blown, your hearts and minds will not be unsettled. For many of the people who do not know Me will become more and more unsettled. This year is the culmination of many things. It is the culmination of natural disasters, and it is also a time when those who draw the sword will die by it. How does one prepare for days such as these? It is not by the world's standards, but it is by going into that inner chamber and spending time with Me. It is a year of problems and of possibilities."

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Trust The Prophetic Word
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When We Need To Trust The Prophetic Word, And Not Try To Analyze It
Jan. 10, 2004

HEB 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. [2] This is what the ancients were commended for.

I have found recently that after posting a prophetic message that sometimes people want details and interpretations concerning the word.

To a point, I believe that this can be a good thing, but when it is carried to an excess then we can analyze things to death to the point that we try to figure out everything without placing our trust and faith in God. One of the main purposes for the prophetic word is in speaking forth the mind and counsel of God. Now to be true, there are boundless "types" of prophetic messages from the simple word of prophecy to the prophetic office which entails words of direction, prediction, and a host of other things. Our entire relationship with God has to do with faith, because "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Now if we can't see it, then we need to place our trust in Him and believe that He will carry it out according to His plan.

Now understand me here; I'm not referring to the need of discerning whether or not a word is from Him or not. We are to [21] Test everything. Hold on to the good. [22] Avoid every kind of evil. 1TH 5:19 However, after we truly "know" that this is from God then we need to pray about what God wants to reveal to us in His prophetic word. What is there in it that speaks to us personally? Instead of chopping it up and wondering is God speaking here about whether we are to be raptured now, later, or in the midst of the tribulation period, may well be something we cannot find. We may well have to just put these things on the shelf and just believe that He knows, and that because He knows, then we are to simply trust Him.

My wife and daughter and I just returned from a trip to the Southwest during the holidays. Now I had a map of course, and on the map it indicated major highways, roads, landmarks, and towns. However, I found that there were some things that weren't on the map. We simply had to drive to the destination and then along the way, there were people, places and things, that we didn't even know about. No matter how much we studied the map, not everything was there. The same I believe, is true of the prophetic. God will give us a piece of the puzzle, but He won't give us everything. There are so many things that can cause us to dispute amongst ourselves. There are so many things that can frustrate us or confuse us, when God simply wants us to rest in Him. There are times when He certainly does speak quite clearly, and when He does, then there most certainly is not a need to even question His message to us. To be sure, He does want our communication. To be sure, He does want our relationship above else. But let's just take Him for His word. When we're not certain about a message that a brother or sister speaks for the Lord, then why don't we simply ask God about it? "So Lord, what really was the central message that just came forth there?" I'll bet that He would be glad to answer your question. Go ahead and seek the prophets. Go ahead and ask your pastor. Go ahead and get some apostolic impute, but don't go again and again and again, to the prophet and ask him or her what else there is for them. There comes a time when God is to be sought. There comes a time when we can "wear out the message." There even comes a time when we can "wear out the messenger." So, ask, seek, and knock, and then the door will be opened to you. But don't bang the door down.

His servant,
Stephen Hanson

What Defines Revival

J Conrad Lampan

In these days when we are seeing several moves of God around the world, and also quite few other things which some call revival, the question comes to the mind: How do we define revival? What in essence is revival?

I would like to bring a definition from the results of revival rather than from the looks of it. From the looks of it we see different manifestations, we see or experience joy, happiness, refreshment, and a myriad other manifestations or feelings, or emotions. However impressive, none of the above can define revival.

What then is revival? What are the results that define revival?

We can have an amazing time of unexpected manifestations; or we can have an increased level of awareness of God's presence; we can have a sense of happiness that we did not have before, but if we do not have as a result Christians everywhere turned into witnesses, then we do not have revival.

Awareness of God's Presence is not enough because that awareness will not change us. The devil is well aware of God's Presence but he is by no means changed. What we need, along with that sense of awareness is submission, a total surrendering of the self to the will of God. Unless we surrender, we are not changed, and if we are not changed we cannot even speak of revival.

Revival is a true move of the Holy Spirit that turns Christians into witnesses. Before Pentecost the disciples had experienced joy, and happiness, and have seen and even performed miracles in the name of Jesus, they have cast out demons, but after Pentecost they were turned into witnesses. After all that is what Jesus promised: "You will receive power, and you will be my witnesses...to the end of the earth"

The Holy Spirit is on the business of saving people not performing a show for the personal enjoyment of well fed Christians who will run to wherever they can get the highest dose of goose bumps technology can buy.

What made Brownsville possible? Or Argentina? Or Sunderland? When the Holy Spirit began to move there were people who surrendered and those were the ones who took it to the streets. When they were turned into witnessed then it spread like fire.

Do you want revival?

Do not expect revival sitting comfortably in your assigned pew waiting for the next anointed preacher to come by and bring revival in his or her suitcase, for revival will happen when Christians start living as Christians. If we are to have revival congregations are not to be the passive recipient of whatever blessing they can fetch, much on the contrary you and I are the instruments God wants to use to bring forth the mightiest revival ever.

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Watch Duty
Sandy Warner

Aug 9, 2004
You have stood the test of time dear one. I gave you grace to stand on the front lines in the storm and I upheld you all the way. It was only afterwards when I brought you into a season of rest that you found yourself flat on your face before Me. You have been so low that you have hardly noticed the change.

If you would but look up for a moment, you will notice that the raging waves are still and you are being sustained in My peace. The reason you have not applied this to your level of faith, joy and assurance is that you continue to look at your storm as it was. Beloved, the rage is behind you. Place your focus on Me and I will have just one thing to say to you…

Your "I quit" button has died, behold I make all things new. You have stood strong on the front lines of battle and served Me well. Now I am needing volunteers to watch and pray. I am not asking you to stand guard duty, but watch duty. You have yet to experience the difference.

Ps 89:8-9 NKJV
LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You. You rule the raging of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

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I Have Kept You
Sandy Warner

Aug 18, 2004

My love, I know that you are very tired after a very long and arduous journey. So much has been accomplished. I am so proud of you, that in spite of everything that you are not afraid, but have learned to trust Me explicitly even when evil befalls you. For you have learned the secret of My Sovereignty, that nothing touches your life without My permission and only for your good. It is only through My love and longing for you that I allow anything to resist you.

I have also given you angels that keep you in your way. They have specific instructions not to interfere with your will, but they are allowed to intervene that nothing can come against you unless I say so.

Every detail of your training is under tedious care and planning, and I have left nothing out. I truly keep you My Love, and you are truly kept in Me. Now abide and rest in My love, for your life has been given to you as a prey. Have courage and rest knowing that in My keeping power nothing is lost except what does not belong to you.

Rom 8:28 KJV
And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

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Isolated No More
Sandy Warner

Aug 20, 2004
How I yearn, along with My beloved children who are chained behind the doors of isolation! My precious ones, I have felt every tear, know every sorrow and experience every longing in your hearts. So MANY are in your shoes.

Rejection, infirmity, shame, pain, fear, weakness, broken hearts, broken families, transition… the list goes on and on. There are so many reasons for the isolation that My people are suffering.

You may feel shut in behind closed doors, but I have placed a window of light before you. Listen to the memory in your heart, I have already given you a way out. I have already pointed towards an opportunity. The stronghold of isolation has fallen, I have broken the locks and it is time for you to put actions to the glimmer of hope before you. Step out, reach out, take that step and move forward. You will find that when you reach out, there are others who are feeling just as you are… lost within a crowd. Touch their life and see the chains of your own isolation melt away.

"...So will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered..." (Ezekial:34:12)

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My Friends
Sandy Warner

Aug 16, 2004
Some will betray Me. Some will compromise and some will be faithful all the way. Yes My love, it has been that way since the beginning...

And even when I already knew the outcomes, I chose to love. And even so it is the same with My gifts and callings. They are irrevocable…

Yes precious one, now you know. I have given you a glimpse into Mine own heart. How I long for friends, just like you do! How I long to be one those, just as you call them. - kindred hearts. How it melts My heart when I see them suffer because they love Me and continue to choose to love Me no matter what. I AM all powerful, all knowing and always present. I always was and always will be. And yet only you can give Me volunteer love. And now you know. How I feel.

John 15:13 NKJV
Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

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Why Do We Observe Passover?
David H. Prichard

Dear Bill

My wife and I feel called to be a "bridge" between Christians and Jews. At this point, we're actually more of a bridge between Christians and Messianic believers who are struggling to balance their "Old Testament" with their "New Testament".

The issues of "everlasting covenant(s)", Torah, the "two houses", and the Feasts of the LORD all came together in my spirit recently, and I felt strongly led of Yah to write a discourse which I entitled, "Why do we observe Passover?"

I submit this essay (attached) to you and/or your staff to read over and post as a teaching -- not just on Passover, but to help explain: 1) why more and more Christians are doing "Jewish" things, and: 2) how "observing Torah" can possibly "fit" with "New Covenant faith"

Shalom, David H. Prichard

1. The Eternal Covenant(s)

On the day when Moses delivered the message that we call the book of Deuteronomy, he prophesied to the entire nation of Israel – all twelve tribes – BOTH those standing there that day, AND to the many more who would be born into, adopted into, or "grafted" into Israel in the future:

"Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God… that thou shouldest enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into His oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day:

That He may establish thee today for a people unto Himself, and that He may be unto thee a God, as He hath said unto thee, and as He hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.
Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; But with him that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day." *(Deuteronomy 29:10a,12-15)*

And we know that the covenant which the LORD made with Israel in that day was not complete in itself unto eternity – for the "covenants of promise" (Ephesians 2:12) would not be complete without another, "new" (or "renewed") covenant, carried out by the authority of an Eternal Priesthood. (Isaiah 55:1-3, Jeremiah 31:31, Ezekiel 16:59-63, Hosea 1:10-11 & 2:18-23, Hebrews 7:11-28 & 8:6-13). Yet we also know that in His great Faithfulness, YHVH did not sweep away the promises of the covenants of old, which He made with Noah, with Abraham, with Moses and the children of Israel, and with David. For when the Most High gives His Word, it stands forever. Thus the psalmist writes:

"He hath remembered His covenant forever, the word which He commanded
to a thousand generations. Which covenant He made with Abraham, and His oath unto Isaac; and confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant…"
(Psalm 105:8-10)

In fact, the Holy Scriptures refer to each one of the holy covenants – individually and collectively, as an "Everlasting Covenant". (Genesis 9:16 & 17:7, 2 Samuel 23:5, 1 Chron 16:17, Isaiah 24:5) And the LORD in His Integrity has always kept His Word even when only a small remnant remained faithful in their hearts to their part of the agreement. In fact, He determined to fulfill those covenants despite the fact that "all we like sheep have gone astray". But the method that He used to fulfill His Word has often come in a more complicated way than it had to – or than the original hearers imagined.

Now the promises of land and of heritage and of long life and blessing were made to Abraham and to his seed, to Moses and the nation of Israel, through covenants that were inferior to the one made by the Blood of the Lamb; that is, through covenants that did not secure *Eternal* Life to the one entering the covenant. For example, the promise that Abraham sought, of a "city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10), was not secured until the Messianic Covenant was made through the Blood of the Lamb of God. For the scripture testifies of our forefathers in the faith, that "these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise" (that is, in their lifetime). (11:39)

For even though the promise of Eternal Life was made before the world began (Titus 1:2), that promise was not made available to us as long as we remained trapped in the earthly realm of our death sentence, inherited from Adam. Only the Atoning Blood of Yeshua of Nazareth, the Son of the Living God, could save us and bring us into right relationship with the One True God. (John 6:47-58, John 17:2-3, Romans 5:9-21) Therefore the prophets called the promised new covenant by the same title: "Everlasting Covenant" (Isaiah 24:5, 55:3 & 61:8, Jeremiah 32:40, 16:60 & 37:26, Hebrews 13:20), for the superior covenant could hardly be called by an inferior adjective. Writing to the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the administration of Torah with the Messianic Covenant this way:

"But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?"
(2 Corinthians 3:7-8 NKJV)

And the writer of the epistle to the Hebrews states very plainly:

"But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises."
(Hebrews 8:6)

Therefore any discussion concerning observance of the Feasts of the LORD, or Sabbaths, or circumcision, etc., must begin with the foundation that the ministry of Jesus Christ – Yahshua haMashiach – in the earth today is based on the True, Eternal Pattern of Heaven itself. And the covenants that YHVH made with Abraham and with Moses cannot stand independent from that Eternal Pattern. (Hebrews 9:23-24, 10:1-9) In fact, clearly that portion of the Mosaic Covenant that had merely stood temporarily "in the place" of Jesus' Priesthood – that is, the Levitical priesthood – has been "taken away", or "annulled"; at least from the perspective of Eternity. (Hebrews 10:9) Yet the entire Mosaic Covenant has not been annulled even to this day, or else it could never have been called "eternal"! Jesus did not come to start a new religion, but to set right that which, "being weak through the flesh" (Romans 8:3), was being "hi-jacked" and used for evil. This is why Yahshua made the statement:

"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."
(Matthew 11:12)

Therefore the legitimate debate is in regard to this: Which *other* commandments – besides those directly concerning the priesthood and the altar service – were done away with, or transformed in some way; and which commandments were meant to *remain* even to this day, for proper training in holiness, and to preserve the prophetic patterns for understanding these "end times"?

The answers to these questions are found, not just in the New Testament, but in the Old Testament as well. And there is fair room for prayer, meditation, discussion, and some differences of opinion.

2. *The Law "transformed"?*

Now, since even the inferior covenants are also called Everlasting, then in some way each of these covenants stands as a pillar upon the Foundation that is Christ, the Messiah – Who Alone secured for us the ultimate "everlasting" promises. (For these could not be everlasting without the "Eternal Life" that He secured for us.) And so the Apostle John calls Him "the Lamb slain from the foundation of then world" (Rev 13:8) – for the essence of Eternal Covenant was determined and settled within the heart and mind of YHVH before the world was made.

And just as Paul points out that God's covenant with Abraham could not be nullified by the Torah of Moses (Galatians 3:17), that same standard applies "across the board". In other words, the covenant that God made with Moses was not nullified by the Messianic Covenant. For otherwise, Paul could not assert, *after* the Resurrection of his Messiah, that "the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good". (Romans 7:12) How could it still be "good" if it was annulled? It was merely incomplete until it could be *renewed* unto an ***Eternal Priesthood***. (Acts 7:37-38; Isaiah 40:3-8,21&31; 2 John 1:5-6; Rev 1:8) This is a major scriptural theme, but it has to be assembled through Bible study.

Paul ***never*** taught that we are to ***break*** the Law. He ***kept*** the Law to the best of his understanding! He even used a Torah instruction as seemingly obscure as the one (in Numbers 6) for sanctification through a Nazarite vow (shaving the head, etc.) – as mentioned in Acts 18:18. And after laying down his "righteousness which is in the law" (Philip 3:6), he did not count it completely evil – but counted it "loss for Christ". In other words, he gladly laid down ***even*** *everything he ever did* ***right*** as he followed the Pharisaical interpretation of the Law – which was a lot! He proved his zeal, and he got the Father's attention! He laid it down for "the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus". (Philip 3:7-9) So the Law of Moses itself is not evil, but attempting to find Eternal Life by following the "works of the Law" (Galatians 3:10) is heresy. (John 5:39-47)

The apostle John testified that "sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4), and he taught us to "keep His commandments". (1 John 5:2) Jesus Himself said, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments". And if Jesus was the One, as Stephen asserted (Acts 7:37-38), Who delivered the "Living Oracles" at Mount Sinai, then He could hardly show up In Person, 1500 years later and say,

"Never mind that I punished you severely for the past 15 centuries because you didn't keep My Laws – I was just showing you that you could never do it right anyway. You can forget all those harsh commandments now."

No – those commandments were "everlasting", and this is no contradiction as we come to understand the spiritual nature of "the Law". What, then was "nailed to the cross"? It was "the handwriting of ordinances that were against us" (Colossians 2:14). Paul explains more about these ordinances in Ephesians 2:12-15:

"That at that time **[prior to the advent of the new covenant]** ***ye were…aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise…*** **[because as "lost sheep", the house of Israel was divorced by God, their Husband, and then scattered among the Gentiles who themselves were also strangers from His covenants]** ***(more about the "lost sheep" and the "house of Israel" in part 3) But now in Christ Jesus ye…are made nigh by the Blood of Christ. For He is our peace, Who hath made both one,*** **[that is, joined Jews and Israelites back together]** ***and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;*** **[the "wall of partition" existed because: 1. the two Kingdoms were split after Solomon died, and: 2. Israel effectively became "Gentile" and considered the Jews and Torah "strange" Hosea 8:8-12]**

Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances;
[What ordinances? The ones that sentenced Israel to servitude to foreign nations and gods]
for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace"
[In other words, the lost sheep of the house of Israel were supposed to convert and return to

their brother, Judah – and the Jews were supposed to rejoice that their Messiah had come and led their prodigal brother back home! But we're STILL waiting for THAT to be completed!]
(Ephesians 2:12-15)

Therefore those who were made "aliens from the commonwealth of Israel" (Ephesians 2:12) because they were cut off from the Mosaic Covenant, have gained access again to the "covenants of promise". So it is not the Mosaic Law that they are free of, but "the curse of the law" (Galatians 3:13). For many aspects of the Law of Moses still have application today. For every principle laid by the former covenants still stands eternal. Yet it may not stand as it was originally given, because some aspects of the Old Testament commandments have been transformed to a higher level by the new covenant in the Blood of our Messiah.

This is why the writer of the epistle to the Hebrews writes:

"For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law (Torah)."
(Hebrews 7:12)

"But as a renewal took place in the Cohen-hood [Priesthood], so a renewal also took place in the Torah." *(Hebrews 7:12 Hebraic Roots Version NT)*

Therefore it is logical that there would be a debate afoot in this "end time" concerning the ***nature*** of this "change…of the Torah". For there are those who will acknowledge only the Ten Commandments and whatever laws and precepts from the New Testament that happen to be obvious to them from their English text, and teach that all the rest of the "law" was "nailed to the Cross". And there are others who would attempt to take away the predominant place of the Spirit of Grace, and re-instate the "ministry of death" (2 Cor 3:7). But the Truth is somewhere in between.

For the prophets made it plain that at the time of the birthpangs, the "sons of God" would be manifest (Romans 8:19-22), and the LORD would raise up a remnant of BOTH HOUSES – the Jews AND the 10 tribes of Israel (who are called prophetically by the name of their largest tribe, "Ephraim"). (Ezekiel 37:15-28, Revelation 7:1-8) This remnant will prepare the way for Messiah to return by restoring the ancient paths without getting bogged down again in "works of the law". (Isaiah 58:12-14, 66:8-9; Jeremiah 30:6-9, 31:18-37; Ezekiel 36:22-28, 37:15-28; Daniel 11:32-35; Joel 2:28-32, 3:1-21 Matthew 10:18-20, 10:40-42; 1 Thess 5:3-5; Revelation 11:3-6, 12:14-17)

3. *Israel, Judah, and the Gentiles*

The Everlasting Covenant was (and is) made for BOTH non-Israelite Gentiles (who are not descended from one of the twelve tribes) AND the scattered, "ten lost tribes" of the house of Israel, who were divorced by YHVH. (Jeremiah 3:8-18, 31:32; Hosea 1:6-2:7, Isaiah 54:5) These "lost" Israelites were sent to live among the Gentile nations until the time of the end. (Deut 30:3-6, Isaiah 10:20-27, Jeremiah 31:10 & 33:7, Micah 5:7-15, Romans 11:25-26a) Because the nation of Israel did not willingly develop itself according to God's original plan to make them "a kingdom of priests" (Exodus 19:6), the LORD used one of His many back-up plans. He scattered the majority of them throughout the nations to become the evangelists of the world. (Jeremiah 50:4-7; Ezekiel 22:15-16, 36:16-38, 37:16-25; Hosea 8:8-9; Zephaniah 3:8-20; Zechariah 8:23; Matthew 4:23-25, 10:5-6, 15:24; John 7:35; Romans 11:24-32, and much more).

Of course the Jews also (the house of Judah), who were never divorced from the covenants of promise, nevertheless had just as much need for the foundational covenant as anyone else, for "God hath concluded them all in unbelief" (Romans 3:23, 9:1-4, 11:32). (For YHVH specifically witnessed of the Jews, that after witnessing the whoredoms and judgments of her "sister" – Ephraim, the house of Israel – that rather than repenting, the house of Judah 'followed suit' and became more adulterous than Israel had!)

The thing that sets the Jews apart from all others – even from their brethren, the house of Israel, who basically became "Gentiles" culturally – is that the Jews were reserved by God to be entrusted with "the oracles of God"; that is, the Hebrew scriptures. (Romans 3:2; Acts 7:38) Furthermore, the Jews have preserved priceless knowledge of the Hebrew language, and of ancient traditions that always pointed to our Messiah. Therefore Paul writes:

"What advantage then hath the Jew? Or what profit is there of circumcision? Much in every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God." *(Romans 3:1,2)*

It is through a small but faithful remnant of Jews and Christian scholars today that the LORD is beginning to fulfill the prophecy of Zephaniah:

"For then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, that they may call on the name of the LORD (lit.: YHVH), to serve Him with one accord." *(Zephaniah 3:9 NKJV)*

We do not know, ultimately, what heavenly language we will be speaking in Eternity, but the first step in restoring a "pure language" here in the earth, is understanding Hebrew. This is becoming popular among many Christians at this "end-time", and by the implication of Zephaniah it will accelerate right into the Millennial Reign of Christ. For whereas the foundational ***covenant*** is expounded upon in the New Testament, the foundational ***scriptures*** are found in the Old Testament, ***written in Hebrew!*** Thus we find another curious prophecy, written by the prophet Zechariah:

"In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you." *(Zechariah 8:23)*

The "ten men" here represent the ten tribes of the house of Israel who at this point in history stand on the verge of fulfilling their prophetic destiny. Huge numbers of them are ***us*** – Christians and Messianic believers who are not Jews! In the prophetic books of the Bible, we are usually called "Ephraim" or "Israel". Other descendants of these ten tribes are already aligned in their hearts with the Anti-Christ, and being positioned to receive the judgments prophesied against the house of Israel at the end-times.

Of course, we need not concern ourselves at this point with whether or not we are physical descendants of Israel – because to be a "true" Christian means to be grafted into the Covenants of Israel. For who did Jesus say He came for?

"I am not sent but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." *(Matthew 15:24)*

And to whom did He send His disciples?

"Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." *(Matthew 10:5,6)*

Now, the term "house of Israel" (in the New Testament, especially) is sometimes used to include the whole nation of Israel – both houses. But it is important to understand that He spent very little time, proportionately, ministering in Judea where the most 'pure' Jewish population of Israel was concentrated. **Instead, He lived and ministered primarily among Greek-influenced descendants of both houses that were considered to be inferior Israelites by the elite Jewish leaders.** (Matthew 4:23-25, Luke 4:43,44) It was only after His resurrection that He commissioned the disciples to go to Samaria (who were primarily Assyrians) and Judea and "the nations". (Matthew 24:19,20; Mark 16:15) The Hebrew word for "nations" (goyim) is also translated "Gentiles", so what He was telling them to do was to get ready to preach a worldwide message – because the rest of "Israel" was scattered throughout all the nations as the prophets had declared! And along the way, of course, plenty of non-Israelite Gentiles would join them. (By the way, if you look at a globe, you'll notice that North and South America are "the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8) from the land of Israel.)

4. The Feasts of the LORD

Once we understand: 1) that the covenants of old were Everlasting Covenants; and: 2) that as Christians we are no longer merely “Gentiles”, but literally citizens of the spiritual nation of Israel – Then it’s all the more clear that we are brothers with those who are “true” Jews (Romans 2:28,29), and we tend regard Moses and the Prophets in a different “Light”. Jesus Himself said that He did not come to “abolish” (or “destroy”) the law (Torah), but to “fulfill” it. (Matthew 5:17). Then He went on to say:

“For verily, I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” *(Matthew 5:18,19)*

This is a serious statement that deserves our prayer and meditation. The “heaven and earth” of this physical universe are not scheduled to “pass” away and become new for over one thousand years. (Rev 20:1-3) Then will come the *final* “Renewal” of all things. (Isaiah 66:22; 2 Peter 3:8-13; Hebrews 8:13 & 11:10; Rev 21:1-22:5) So Jesus was actually predicting that before His Return, men would be teaching us to break commandments that we should be keeping.

This is not a Salvation issue – but it is an issue of “calling”. (“…and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach…” Isaiah 58:12) We are called to take “the ministry of reconciliation” that He has given to us (2 Cor 5:18), and apply it “to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile”. (Luke 24:37, Romans 1:16 & 2:10, 1 Cor 10:32) With what’s going on in Israel and the world today, we stand on the precipice of the worst wave of Jewish persecution of all time. And if we consider it our end-time assignment to help reconcile the Jews to their Messiah, we must first reconcile ourselves unto the Jews. For if we present to the Jews a Savior Who goes back on His Word by refusing to honor His Own Commandments, we are in danger of teaching men to break God’s commandments. But if we recognize the validity of the Mosaic Law to instruct us and lead us to YHVH, yet hold fast to His Atoning Blood and standing in the Liberty that ONLY the Son of God can secure – then we are ready to be “imitators of Christ”.

Therefore, since we are free from bondage to sin, and no longer “under the law”, but “justified by faith”, then we are reconciled to the Father to follow His teachings and instructions throughout *all* of the Holy Scriptures as appropriate, out of free will. And if God has given grace to Christians for centuries, to celebrate holidays with pagan origins (and mixed with pagan symbolism), shall He not celebrate with His Beloved those holidays (“holy-days”) that He originated Himself? Therefore Paul writes to the Colossians:

“Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or drink, or in respect of an holy-day,
or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: Which are a shadow of things to come…”
(Colossians 2:16,17)

For it was not the feasts, of themselves, that God came to despise in the days of old, but the arrogant religious spirit that pre-dominated their celebration. For after the pronouncement, “your appointed feasts my soul hateth” (Isaiah 1:14), still the Son of God kept each “appointment”, as an obedient son.

And “the Feasts of the LORD” (Leviticus 23:2,4,37,44; 2 Chron 2:4, Ezra 3:5) only became “the Feasts of the Jews” because the rest of the Israel was scattered and took on Gentile customs. So it was part of their *punishment* that they would forget their rightful heritage of righteous laws and customs “which if a man do, he shall even live”, and be turned over to laws and customs that do not have the Life-flow of the Most High God working in them.

And now we find ourselves at “the end of the age”, in a Christianized culture that is rapidly losing its Judeo-Christian values and the cultural cohesiveness that they bring. And our God is calling out to His Two Anointed Ones in the earth – the house of Israel and the house of Judah – saying, "House of Judah, can you not recognize the Priestly Anointing on your brother, Ephraim? Put aside your doubts, and know that I have called him to join you at this 'time of Jacob's trouble'." (1 Chron 5:2; Isaiah 26:15-21, 54:1-10 & 60:1-11; Jeremiah 16:19-21 & 31:9; Micah 5:8; Zechariah 3:1-10 & 10:6-8)

"House of Israel, known to the world as Christians, can you recognize the Kingly Anointing on your brothers, the Jews? Come to Me and learn about the errors in your *own* traditions. *Then* you will see clearly to help your brother get free from his own erroneous traditions." (Gen 49:10; Deut 33:7; Jeremiah 16:19; Hosea 1:7; Zechariah 9:13, 10:6 & 14:21; John 4:22, 1 Cor 9:20)

These two witnesses in the earth must be joined together! Therefore we must not accuse one of "trampling on God's Grace", who merely desires to follow more closely to God's commandments. Rather, the Holy Spirit is leading us all forward, unfolding the mysteries of the Kingdom. And neither can we allow ourselves to lose balance, and fall prey to modern "Judaizers" – or even worse, to forsake the New Testament scriptures. We must recognize that with every new move of the Spirit there are those who go to extremes, and so pray for discernment without judging others.

Did you know that the Puritans came to America seeking freedom to worship God on the seventh day (Sabbath), and to observe the Feasts of the LORD? They were a group of English who set out to return to the "purity" of the Biblical "appointed times". They studied their scriptures, and read the words of God, saying, "The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, these are My feasts." (Leviticus 23:1-2 NKJV) Then they studied their New Testament, and could find no place where they were instructed to stop observing them.

Every year Americans celebrate Thanksgiving, oblivious that its origin was the Feast of Succot, observed by the Puritans. (Ever heard of a vegetable mixture called "**succot**ash"?) Thanksgiving used to be celebrated in October because it was timed to one of the Feasts of the LORD, called the Feast of Succot. But in the mid-1900's our government changed it to the end of November. This is all true, documented history that you can verify in any good library. But they didn't teach us these things in grade school, nor did our preachers learn them in Theology School.

How *quickly* one generation loses the knowledge of their fathers! And the Father cries out through the ages: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge!" (Hosea 4:6) Paul recognized the holy days as "shadows of things to come". Some deeply significant prophetic events have been occurring on significant dates of the Hebrew calendar ever since 1999, but most Christians today are neither aware of the events nor the dates, because the world has a tendency to lull us asleep. But that is about to change.

As Christians, we are on the verge of a wonderful move of the Holy Spirit. Hearts will be touched – especially among many young people. Many believers will be blessed. But if all we do is soak up the "warm, cozy feeling" of the Holy Spirit, and neglect the serious Bible study and Truth-searching that God is calling many of us to, we will do a great disservice to ourselves and others.

The Feasts of the LORD are ***shadows of things to come***. Paul wrote this AFTER Jesus' resurrection, which means these feasts are STILL good "for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness". (In fact, the "all scripture given by inspiration of God" he referred to, here in 2 Timothy 3:16, were *all* Old Testament scriptures. There *was* no New Testament at that time!)

The spirit of the anti-Christ, however, wants to divert us from understanding the patterns of the times we live in, which understanding God promises to release to those obedient ones who seek His knowledge. For Daniel warned us about the "little horn" that shall "think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25) – and the spirit that drives the anti-Christ has been operating for many centuries. Daniel also warned us that many of God's people "shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days". (11:33) But "the wise shall understand". (Daniel 12:10)

Therefore, as for me and my household, we will seek the God of Israel at His "appointed times", out of a spirit of Freedom and with joy! We believe that if Jesus were among us today, “in cognito”, He would set aside whatever was on His schedule and take the time to observe Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

We don’t do these things to earn brownie points with God. We recognize His Grace upon millions of believers who do not observe Passover, and we do not judge them. We do not follow “the letter” of Torah ourselves; we are still “in process” of “coming home” to the blessings which the Biblical Sabbath schedule permits. Also, we do not consider Jewish tradition to carry nearly the same authority as the Holy Scriptures. Yet Jewish traditions are rich in godly teaching and prophetic insight, and they help to “fill in” the very basic structure given in scripture for how to celebrate this feast.

Above all, we observe Passover because YHVH has ***called and instructed us to do so***, by His Spirit. It is a sign to Jews and to Christians alike, that Ephraim, the house of Israel, is “studying to show himself approved”, and is doing his part to prepare for “reunion” with his brother, Judah, that we may fight the end-time battle before us as “one new man”. And it is a sign to all who will receive it, that we are living in the last days before the Return of the Son of God – the Messiah of Israel – to rule and reign in the earth for one thousand years. Hallelujah!

When God Invades His Church

Mike Riches

Before I share what occurred, let me first point out that there is a biblical precedent of God invading His people. The Jewish leaders of the early Church were sure everything was on target, until God initiated a series of dramatic and supernatural events in Acts chapters ten and eleven. God quickly shattered Peter's religious pride.

Our Church SHAKEN

The Lord did something similar to our church family and me. You could have described us as a typical, non-denominational, evangelical church. We were characterized by contemporary worship music, verse-by-verse expositional preaching, a sensitivity to the non- Christian, and concern with equipping the saints. We had a noted children's ministry, and a vibrant young adult church, which was growing and gaining the attention of the community. Our church would have been described as a safe place, as we grew from 170 to 1500-1700 in attendance in seven years. We were even in the middle of a building program to relieve our cramped conditions. But God had plans of His own.

As mentioned earlier, like Peter on the rooftop, God invaded us in January of 2000. Within 120 days we experienced several people who had dramatic demonic manifestations, physical healings taking place, and prophetic words and dreams being released. And to truly take us over the edge, my wife experienced two angelic visitations to explain what was transpiring and what was going to transpire. I can't imagine Peter being more traumatized than I was, and over time many in our church became offended as to what was taking place (including myself at times).

Things did not subside after those first 120 days, in fact, they continue even today in a very notable fashion. Hundreds have received physical healing, hundreds have received freedom from captivity by powers of darkness, and hundreds have received eternal life through Jesus Christ. Many of the healings have included terminal diseases, and even recovery from a death-coma.

The Lord taught us many memorable truths through some very painful lessons. Due to uncertainty, discomfort, and fear, eighty percent of the people that were with us in January 2000 are no longer a part of our church. Our building project came to a screeching halt while excavation had already started. We had been respected in the community of churches surrounding us as a solid and progressive evangelical church; now all manner of stories were circulating and our reputation had become tarnished because of the unconventional ministry that was taking place. Very hurtful things were stated and expressed toward our leadership and church body.

About REFORMATION

One of the lessons we learned in all of this was that the Lord is still reforming His Church. Much has been restored in the Church since the scriptures began to be recovered in the late 1300's to the mid 1500's. Of course Martin Luther was used to recover the essence of salvation by grace, through faith alone in Jesus Christ, in the 16th century. The reformation continued in different dimensions of the Church for the next several centuries. But there is still reformation work to be done in the Church at large.

In the midst of this dramatic upheaval, when I was in a particular state of offense at what God was doing in our church, He asked me a series of questions:

* "What is My design for the Church?"
* "Are you faithful to the commission I gave My Church, or had you succumbed to conventional expectations of man?"
* "What is different about what I am doing in your church than what happened while I ministered on earth?"
* "Were there not physical healings?"
* "Did I not hear directly from My Father as to what He was going to do and what He wanted Me to do and say?"
* "Were there not demonic manifestations no matter where I ministered, whether in the Synagogue or out in the streets and fields?"
* "And did I not demonstrate authority over all powers of darkness and powerfully release those who had been captives?"
* "Was not all of this part of people coming into My kingdom?"
* "Was not all of this part of Me training and teaching My disciples how to do My ministry?"
* "Were not My disciples commissioned to carry out the very ministry My Father sent Me into the world to perform?"
* "Did I not say that My disciples would do the very works I have done and even greater?"
* "Did I not pray for My disciples regarding this work and not only them but for all who would ever believe in Me because of their testimony?"

Waking up to JESUS' MINISTRY

We soon realized there was nothing happening in our church that was not spoken to and demonstrated directly in the Scriptures. God simply woke us up. We needed a good shaking, though! We began to read the Scriptures in a fresh way, all while having our paradigm and practice of "church" change dramatically.

During this season we learned a central message. The Lord emphasized what characterized the ministry or what we like to call "Jesus-ministry." Luke 4:18-19 summarizes it as proclaiming the gospel, releasing captives, giving sight to the blind, freeing the oppressed, and proclaiming this is the age of God's grace.

Jesus' design for His Church - all of us who possess God's Spirit and are followers of Jesus Christ - is that we continue the very ministry He initiated on earth. My ministry and our church were falling short in the assignment the Lord had given us, and we were anemic in the demonstration of His power in our midst. The Church of Jesus Christ, like our church, needs to recover the foundation of God's Word with the demonstration of His power, so that people's lives are radically transformed. This is the mission of the Church. This is what Jesus commissioned us to do! We need a full return to ancient truths and power in present-day wineskins. We need more than mere programs or routine, for the Church desperately needs a revolution unto reformation.

When God Swore
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Is 50:4 …That I should know how to speak a word in *season* *to him who is weary.*
God knows exactly who needs a "word" in season. God knows exactly who is weary, and He knows exactly "when" to speak a word to His people. He never leaves us without a word that will feed us and sustain us. God always has something to say to His people. Glory! We can always find a word to hold fast to in any season we may be in, whether we are "in season" or "out of season". It's the "out of season" times that are the hardest for us. God has promised us there will always be "seasons", there will always be "seed time and harvest time, winter and summer, cold and heat shall not cease". No one can just live in the "in season", we all go through the out of season times. Without the "out of seasons" times there is no growth. You can't just have harvest all the time, because after you have reaped your harvest, there must be more planting, and/or preparation time so there can be another harvest. So be encouraged that those out of season times many of you are experiencing are necessary for the next harvest in your life.

Many of you are in that spot of "out of season" and awaiting for that "in season" to come to play. Your heart has been aching and crying out to God to see that "in season" come to pass, and all those words spoken over you to begin to manifest. During your "out of season" you have been faithful. You have been faithful to God's word and commandments, you have been faithful in the little things as well as the big things, you have labored in building the Kingdom of God, you have served, you have been obedient in all He has asked you to do. All these things have been "planting" my friends. All your labors have not been in vein, but on the contrary, God has seen every seed sown, and every labor you have made:

Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

I hear the Spirit of the Lord saying, that you have done well, and that He is pleased with you, keep your heart and mind set in Him confident of reaping His promises for your life… AND TO NOT GIVE UP BEFORE YOUR MIRACLE. To not give up before you "in season" comes around again. You can always be sure your in-season will come as sure as spring time and summer always come. Stay the course that He has given you, stick to His word. Literally…STICK to His word, don't let go of it, don't allow yourself to become discouraged before your miracle, before your harvest, before your releasing, as those are only tactics of the enemy to kill your harvest. We are not to lose heart if we want to reap in due season, and due season my friends is coming. (Gal 6:9) Make His word the ultimate authority in your life and settle for nothing less! Glory!

Galatians 6:9 (Phi trans) "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for unless we throw in our hand (give up), the UTLIMATE HARVEST IS ASSURED."

The harvest is assured my friends, as faith being the assurance of the outcome, and hope is what anchors our soul. For Godly hope does not disappoint, but stays in faith and stays in patience, for it's only by faith AND patience that we inherit the promises of God for our lives. You never find faith without patience.

Hebrews 6:12 (Bas trans) "that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and *long waiting* *(patience) inherit the promises."*

That long waiting my friends is our "out of season" time. Oh, how hard it can seem to be! But the good news is, God is not a liar over anything He has promised you, and He will not be mocked at His word. Glory! As a matter of fact God is so serious about His promises He has made to you, that He swore! Yes, that's right God swore about you. He swore that His word is Truth, and that His word will manifest in your life, and will not return to Him void, for the purpose of souls, for global impact.

Hebrews 6:13 "For when God made a promise to Abraham, because He could *SWEAR* *by no one greater, He* *SWORE**, by Himself."*

What exactly did God swear about? Well, He swore His word to Abraham, which is the same word for us. In the amplified version we find God's sworn promise in Gen 12:2:

"And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you with ABUNDANT INCREASE OF FAVORS, and I will make your name famous and distinguished, and you WILL be a blessing dispensing GOOD(S) TO OTHERS. And I will bless those who bless you, and curse him who curses you, in you will ALL the families of the earth be blessed (global impact) and by you they will bless themselves….vs 7 …Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, I WILL GIVE THIS LAND TO YOUR DESCENDANTS."

This my friends is global impact. This my friends is God's promise of the harvest and of every word ever spoken over you, every promise God has given you. For He has already given you the land. And God is so serious about His plans for your life that He SWORE about it. The word "swore" really hits home when you find out what it means:

Swore means: *the number seven, as the sacred FULL One, complete, seven times, declaring, declaration seven times, cause to happen, make to happen.*

Glory, Glory, Glory! When God says He is going to cause us to dispense multi-millions, multi billions of dollars worth of goods to the earth, to bless ALL the families of the earth, and when God says that He will make you, Church a great nation, that He will cause your name to be famous, and every little devil in hell will know your name, and when He makes promises of the ultimate harvests in your life, when He calls you rich, when He calls you healed, when He calls you into great and mighty anointings, mantles and callings, when He promises favor on your life in your work, with your boss, when He says He will do something in your life, when He has spoken giftings and light into you, when He says He will perform in your life, HE WILL DO IT, BECAUSE HE HAS SWORN IT SEVEN TIMES, HE IS GOING TO CAUSE IT TO HAPPEN, HE IS GOING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN, AND HE SWEARS IT SEVEN TIMES COMPLETE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It's a done deal baby! Glory! God cannot break His word! Hallelujah! For He has sworn it complete and He has already given you the land!

Our part on all this is to endure with faith patiently. As it says in Hebrews 6:15 "And after he (Abe) had patiently endured, he obtained the promise." And we find that God is more determined to bless Abrahams descendants and that these promises are absolutely UN-CHANGABLE in verse 17-19:

Thus God determining to show MORE ABUNDANTLY to the heirs of promise the immutability (un-changeable) to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by and oath, that by two immutable (un-changeable) things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us. This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil."

My friends do not give up before your miracle! Let hope anchor your soul (mind, will and emotions) to the word of God, to His promises and know that He will perform His word. He swears it!

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Whatever Happened To The Great Renewal?

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Note: I'm aware that I've addressed this subject in the past, but now believe I have some additional pieces to the puzzle.

The Greatest Renewal

It was in 1994 that the greatest move of the Holy Spirit since Pentecost broke out in Toronto, Canada. With amazing speed it swept around the world, introducing millions to the kind of divine power that we read about in the book of Acts.

In the Word, John gave sound advice:

"Do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world."
1 John 4:1.

Since what was happening was outside their comfort zone, many felt they didn't have to do any serious checking. I decided to fly to Toronto to experience for myself, rather than depend on some newspaper or magazine report—usually negative, and almost always by someone who hadn't taken the time to visit personally.

Toronto

The very first night in Toronto I knew something momentous was taking place. From 1,000 to 5,000 people were in attendance each night of the week, from countries all around the world. Virtually every denomination was represented, but it became clear that these man-made, artificial walls of separation were being ignored. This was a gathering of the worldwide Body of Christ, a family affair.

Soon after I returned home, the major participants from Toronto visited Portland, and Bunnie had an opportunity to attend the meetings here. Thus began the most joyful and enriched period of our mutual Christian experience. We became "conference junkies," traveling around the United States and Canada to attend other sessions of the movement that had come to be known simply as "the Renewal."

Not Really New

Most assumed that what was happening in the Renewal was some new phenomenon, but such was not the case. This move of the Holy Spirit closely resembled those throughout history that Christians now look back on with awe and nostalgia. I refer to well-known revivals like the French Calvinist Huguenots in 1559, the followers of John Wesley in 1739, George Fox and the Quakers in 1648, Jonathan Edwards in the 1700s, George Whitfield, also in the 1700s, the meetings in Cane Ridge, Kentucky, in 1801, Charles Finney revivals in 1825, and the Azuza Street revival of 1906.

Every one of the above-mentioned revivals presented the same manifestations as seen, and widely ridiculed, in Toronto, Canada. Many are disquieted by such movements of the Holy Spirit, so through the decades the actual happenings have been thoroughly edited and tamed down to more acceptable pabulum.

Let me say again that this period of renewal provided the most stimulating and rewarding years of my entire Christian experience. Like many others, I've had to ask the question, "Whatever happened to the great Renewal?"

Part of the answer may be found in a most wonderful teaching by Jesus, the story of the Lost Son as recorded in Luke 15:11-32. I won't print it out here, but I hope you will take just a few moments and reread this gem. For me, nothing in the Bible better illustrates the wonderful plan of salvation so dearly purchased by our Savior.

The Prodigal Son

The son had made a complete fool of himself, squandering all his inheritance on wild living. Now, so hungry he yearned to eat the pods set aside for the pigs, he decided to return home. Knowing how totally unworthy he was of a father's love, he offered to sign on as a "hired man."

The principle lesson in this story has to do with the Gospel of Jesus Christ that offers salvation through the blood— plus nothing. The "hireling" represents the legalist, who offers to pay the Father for salvation from his own pitiful little store of good works. Nothing, of course, is a greater insult to Almighty God than to imply that his Son's blood was insufficient. That is why Paul, in Gal. 1:8, 9, pronounces such a dreadful curse on those who claim they can buy their way into heaven.

Instead, the father welcomed the prodigal back as if he were a returning hero. Nothing was too good for his returning son, and as soon as the young man was suitably attired the father threw a huge, all-stops-out party.

The Renewal Party

That's just what the great Renewal was, a big party God threw for his children returning after many boring years in the "valley of dry bones." Before the church could play its assigned role in the final crisis it had to be brought back to life. It had to learn to praise and worship with a certain abandon, rather than the stiff, formal services formerly endured.

Why Did it Wane?

Parties like that for the Prodigal lasted several days, but eventually they had to end so that ordinary business could be taken care of. Marc Dupont was one of the first prophetic voices to state that the Renewal party was ebbing so that Christians could give attention to preparing for other great events just prior to the return of Christ. Jesus said those days would be a "time of horror" such as human kind had never seen, and we can't just party our way into the Kingdom.

Ken Gott of Sunderland, England, put it succinctly when he proclaimed, "The part is over; the war has begun."

To cast further light on the waning Renewal, let's go back to the great spiritual party that was Pentecost.

Pentecost Also was a Party in the Lord

The acts of the Book of Acts were possible only because a new power accompanied the ministry of the followers of Christ. Jesus promised this special empowerment just prior to his return to heaven.

"He told them, 'Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you what he promised. Remember, I have told you about this before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

“’But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere.’” Acts. 1:4, 5, 8.

How did the coming of the Spirit affect those who received? We aren’t given specifics, but we can deduce from what observers witnessed.

Drunk in the Spirit

The mighty wind of Pentecost had brought a multitude together, and we are told what they witnessed.

“They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?’ they asked each other. But others in the crowd were mocking. “They’re drunk, that’s all!’ they said. . . Acts 2:12, 13.

Peter, under the influence of the Spirit, explained the truth of the matter.

“Some of you are saying these people are drunk. It isn’t true! It’s much too early for that. People don’t get drunk by nine o’clock in the morning.”

“No, what you see this morning was predicted centuries ago by the prophet Joel.

‘In the last days, God said, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. In those days I will pour out my Spirit upon all my servants, men and women alike, and they will prophesy.’” Vs. 15-18.

The point I want to stress just now concerning this Spirit-induced event is one that many Christians try mightily to gloss over. *The behavior of those who received of the Spirit at Pentecost was perhaps best described by comparing it to those drunk from ordinary spirits!* No matter how some attempt to claim otherwise, the Scripture makes this perfectly clear.

Paul further clarifies the issue.

“Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.” Eph. 5:18.

I don’t think we mistreat this verse by expressing it thus:

“Don’t be drunk with wine, as that can bring troubles; instead, be drunk in the Holy Spirit.”

Behavior

Most have seen people tipsy from imbibing liquor; the general effects might be listed as follows:

- Loudness
- Balance impairment; even falling down
- A surfeit of joy
- Laughter
- Breaking into song
- Feelings of affection and camaraderie
- Speech affected

It stands to reason that the disciples at Pentecost must have exhibited some or all of the above attributes. I personally have seen people filled with the Spirit exhibit similar behavior.

Gimme That Long-faced Religion

Many Christians missed out on God's great Renewal party because they confuse solemnity with sanctity. I dare say that a majority of today's Christians would have roundly condemned what the Holy Spirit wrought at Pentecost had they been there! I admit that I spent much of my life in "worship" services that were more funereal than joyful, but I finally have found what God really had in mind.

"When the Holy Spirit controls out lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Gal. 5:22, 23.

Since "love" really embraces all of the other gifts of the Spirit, I consider the very first one to be "joy." When the Holy Spirit fell at Pentecost he brought fullness of joy, and that has been true of every great revival since—along with the other manifestations previously mentioned.

Long-faced religion is not true religion; it is not Spirit-filled faith.

The Critical Role of Music in Renewal

Every great renewal through the centuries has brought with it a *new music*, as was the case with the one that erupted in Toronto in 1994. My wife and I flew to attend many Renewal conferences across the country and in Canada. Every one of those wonderful praise gatherings began with, and was laced with, joyful and powerful music. I still play my CD's with some of those wonderful praise songs such as, "Lord I Lift Your Name on High," "The River is Here," "Mighty is Our God," "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever," and so many more.

That powerful music wasn't just a happy appendage to Renewal, but actually the life blood of it. Unfortunately, as the Renewal waned, so did the music that it birthed.

The Need for a Frequent Nip

Although the wine of the Spirit seemed to diminish with the waning, we surely cannot do without it altogether. To continue in the Way, we need frequent "nips" of the Holy Spirit, and nothing is better designed to provide such drafts as Spirit-filled music. The problem is trying to find spiritual "bars" where such music is offered.

I'm not a professional musician, so I don't understand what has happened. What I do know is that a strange new genre of music has descended on the churches. This new music is insipid, uninspired and boring. The melody wanders up and down the scale without any discernable pattern. The rhythm is weak, and although the words are good ones, they largely are lost because the soul is lacking.

I note another trend. During the Renewal the musicians were focused on bringing the people to the Throne. Now, once again, the focus often is on individual musicians and their performance.

I often wonder where this new music came from. Who decreed this was the way to go? How did it infiltrate all churches? All I know is that wherever I go I find it holding forth. Even those congregations that were known for strong, enthusiastic music have succumbed. So, if one who joyed in the great Renewal music thirsts for a corporate "nip," where can such a person go? I really don't know.

What I do know is that God's musician David told us plainly what kind of worship music pleases the Divine.

“Praise the Lord!”

“Praise God in his heavenly dwelling; praise him in his mighty heaven!

“Praise him for his mighty works; praise his unequaled greatness!

“Praise him with a blast of the trumpet; praise him with the lyre and harp!

“Praise him with the tambourine and dancing; praise him with stringed instruments and flutes!

“Praise him with a clash of cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals.

“Let everything that lives sing praises to the Lord!

“Praise the Lord!” Ps. 150.

Personally, having tasted the new wine, I am not content to go back to playing church. There is no power in that to meet the challenges just ahead.

The Final Act

Many are unaware, but events are shaping up rapidly for the final climax of human history. The devil is putting everything he has on the line. Surely there will be one more great, probably brief, thrust of the Spirit prior to Christ’s appearing. Perhaps great praise music could help usher in that final move of the Spirit. Please join me in praying that God will raise up Spirit-filled musicians who will lift his people to new heights of adoration and praise!

What If
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From time to time, we have all wondered what if? There are many what ifs in many situations in life. What ifs can be good, especially looking at the way things are and also what if we changed them or adjusted them for the better. We only know in part, so it is always good to check what we think we know often. Here are my What Ifs as we move into 2005.

Please remember that these are only what ifs, purposed to shake up paradigms, firm some up and dismantle others. My prayers are to continually stimulate a possibility thought process on those things that are non essentials and absolutes…..

What if pastors and leadership teams around the world would train and release every member of their church into the ministry that the Lord has called them to in, around, and especially beyond the four walls?

What if pastors would seek to train and support the vision God has for each of their members rather than have the members fulfill the pastor's personal vision for the church?

What if the pastors vision could truly come to fruition because each member would realize their purpose and calling and be released to fulfill it beyond the four walls?

What if every Mega church sought in relationship the other pastors of the community not to fulfill the Mega vision but to truly see transformation take place in all of the churches and jurisdictions of the city?

What if the true 5-fold ministry was unleashed upon every church and that every gift and every leader would be fulfilling their roles as a servant rather than seeking to be served?

What if we realized the Lord owned everything we have and asked us to steward everything, and that we would ask Him how much to give and to where, always willing to give 100% if He were to ask of us?

What if all the children of God understood and operated in the full authority that Jesus Christ sacrificed for us to have?

What if we would accept others and the blessing they are, rather than be offended by them in their differences?

What if more souls for the kingdom and the releasing of every saint into ministry far outweighed any focus on mammon?

What if we all were willing to serve in every phase of our lives rather than being served?

What would happen if every believer realized the lifetime process we are in and could walk beside those not as far along in the process?

What if what we thought was reality was revealed as not, so as to get us to living a life that is filled with reality and purpose for the kingdom?

What if we really knew we could choose to not be offended when offenses came, or at least choose to let go of all offenses immediately?

What if we chose to forgive in every situation and not only because the Father said He would not forgive us unless we did, but because it was in our hearts to love in that way?

What if we really were blinded to culture, creed and credentials as the family of God? And what it if we were excited about the uniqueness of each difference, and the value of each expression of God's people?

What if spiritual Fathers would be motivated with a heart of giving to their spiritual sons that far outweighed any thoughts of what they would receive in return?

What if we had abundantly more Shepherds, (pastors), willing to run after the few of the flock that have been hurt, isolated and in need of life giving expressions of our Saviors love?

What would happen if God's people really prayed and communicated intimately with the Father on a daily basis?

What if we had every Christian home open and available for the faith community every week? And how about daily?

What if every believer was more concerned about being Father's change agents for people, families and communities rather than when we check out in the soon coming rapture?

What if the rapture were a long ways off, or to not to come at all, would we still be about our Father's business in establishing His kingdom upon the earth?

What if we really did not fear dying for Him and in fact chose to die to self daily in order to truly live in and through Him?

What if we lived and moved and had our being in the Holy Spirit 24 hours a day and 7 days a week?

What if every word or deed was received with the Father's heart and mind and every response that came forth from us in word and deed was likewise from the heart of the Father?

What if we would rather have a towel (servant), than a title in leadership?

What if we realized that we must seek to trash every idol in our life to really be free to serve in the army of our Lord.

What if we realized that the greatest idol that you and I have is "self" and we must remove him as often and completely as possible?

What if we realized that removing self only happens as we die to self and live in Him as we seek Him and His will alone?

What if every believer realized that their obedience to what the Father has called them to do was ministry unto Him and His kingdom?

What if every housewife and mother understood that she was in full time ministry in her role?

What if every businessman or blue collar worker realized that in Christ, they were full time ministers in their calling?

What if there was no difference in the perceived spirituality of a nuclear or ecclesiastic pastor and one who pastored their home and business, keeping in mind the godly order of things?

What if we actually believe God speaks in relevance for today beyond the written word in alignment of the written word?

What if we actually could actually hear a relevant word for today that was in line with the heart and written word of God?

What if there was greater prophetic accountability and disclosure that we are still learning to hear and pronounce prophetically?

What if in accountability and freedom to express what we hear, that we may include a disclosure with something like this; the date, time or event may not ever happen as we only get 3 out of 10 of these right, as we are learning to hear our Fathers voice?

What if we worshipped the foundation of the order, (Christ), beyond the order or perceived order of things?

What if the living Word, (Christ Himself) replaced any dead theoretical, theological, Christological religion?

What if we came and really had fellowship or a connection with somebody on a Sunday, rather than not knowing those around us and once again leaving empty relationally on the drive home?

What if we loved as He loved?

What if we spoke as He spoke?

What if we did what He did?

What if my opinions were okay, because they were my opinions and people would love me even if my opinions were different from theirs?

What if people were commanded to love me and would love me out of obedience, even if they did not feel, "the love"?

What if even one of these "what ifs" were to fan the flame in just a few to go out and make a bigger kingdom difference?

Where Are The Prophets

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Where Are The Prophets In The Church Of Jesus Christ?
Excerpt from Article "WHERE HAVE ALL THE PROPHETS GONE?"
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Pick a prophet... any prophet? Lately we in the churches are playing this dangerous game. Nobody seems to be sure who is a "real" prophet and who just got lucky a few times and hit the nail on the head.

Why are we lacking discernment when it comes to knowing who is a prophet and who isn't? It might have something to do with people not understanding what Bible prophecy actually is ... and isn't.

Let's examine the general set-up in a typical church in America.

Pastors are locked into routines that creates a kind of domino effect. Complacency and fear on the part of the pastors who feel responsible for maintaining control tends to keep the door shut to true prophets of God coming into the churches. Instead of all the parts of the Body of Christ working together, the heaviest burden still remains on the pastors. Ironically, the balance is forsaken for the sake of keeping "order" in the church, which often means excluding those "high-risk" prophets.

On the other hand, everybody likes the evangelists to come in every so often, as these are frequently the most showy of all ministers. They can get folks stirred up enough, but not TOO much. The church leaders want these evangelists to preach a Gospel that persuades unbelievers to believe. So they "gift-wrap" their message so the unGodly will take notice. That "glitter wrapping" can take the the form of loud and obnoxious showmanship.

Prophets generally don't come in gift-wrapped, unless they've devised some kind of "schtick", like singing and dancing and rythymically rhyming people into a kind of spiritual euphoria.

Prophets might exhibit outrageous mannerisms, dress in contemporary fashions, such as wearing black garments and a long hairstyles. But again, people are looking at that glamorous personality, and the Word of God then becomes much diluted. A compromise has to be made in order to be able to deliver a potent message. It's the tactic: "a spoonful of sugar helps the mediocre goes down".

However, you cannot hope the real ones will stay away forever. Ignore them, but they still keep coming ... yep, the prophets are here now! And they DON'T look like the aforementioned!

The reason the prophets are not visible in the church is because there is no room made for them. Everybody wants the pastors and teachers and evangelists, but they sure don't want the prophets - and even less - the apostles - to appear on the scene.

Because when a prophet or apostle arrives, it heralds all is not well. A chasmic unmet need being avoided is about to be addressed. The prophet announces exactly what they may not want to hear. And an apostle is going to build them a new church. Nobody wants to hear those "hellfire and brimstone" messages! And there is invariably going to be a battle when a genuine prophet or apostle comes into town.

Jesus Himself made relatively infrequent appearances inside the temple. That's because He was certainly not welcome there! The religious leaders of Jesus' day were trespassing in the temple and ruling it. Jesus would only upset their agenda. It is beautifully symbolic that Jesus OVERTURNS the religious peddlers' carts when He enters the temple.

In conclusion, as long as a church adheres to its ceremonious rituals and practices, there won't much hope of a real prophet squeezing in, unless he (or she) literally bursts through the door and overturns the book and tape tables, and the flower pots all over the altar, and the velvet upholstered pews. In this day and age, that is almost laughable! Just imagine someone doing that -- and about a hundred squad cars would be summoned immediately with lights and sirens, and that one little "agitator" would be cuffed and hauled away by six burly uniformed officers!

I mean, sometimes it has even occurred to me that some of these "faith" churches have these security-guard deacons and ushers stationed strategically placed around the doors for the reason of keeping out just that very type of person. These guys are more like bouncers, eyeballing everybody that comes in the church door. Lord have mercy on anyone who exhibits "disruptive" behavior! The church sentinels are so busy filtering out what they anticipate as bad, they won't be able to receive that which is good -- that which is truly from God that would make all the difference between "church as usual" and a genuine move of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, in an effort to keep everything in a decent and orderly manner, they've got their pre-planned prophecies, where someone is assigned the role of speaking out in a prophetic manner. That again, is almost laughable! Or, how about when somebody is selected prior to the service to be the designated tongue-talker? Then the pastor himself may give the interpretation, or the pre-selected "interpreter".

It's all orchestrated prior to service. It's all part of the show, to keep the congregants amused and to keep them believing this is "real church". And, that, they believe, will keep the coffers filled. People aren't going to pay for something that doesn't give them their spiritual "lift"!

Lord, we can only keep praying for a loosing of the true prophets of God in Your church, and for true apostles to go where they are sent by You to go and build new churches.

Right now the commercial prophets are going out to all parts of the globe, yet some of these people are not equipped for the work because they were neither truly called by You, nor were they adequately trained and discipled before they set out. They assume You, God, will be there when they get there. This is like toes trying to be fingers.

Compounded by the sanction of church committees who hand these well-meaning ministers their passports to foreign lands, these prophet-merchandisers are ill-prepared to face the reality of what they will meet when they reach their destinations. WHY?? BECAUSE THERE IS A STARVATION FOR GENUINE BIBLICAL PROPHECY TO BE DELIVERED IN THE CHURCH TODAY!!!

Jesus stormed into the temple, and we pray You, Holy Spirit, thunder into the midst of church services today just like Jesus did when He took whips and beat the money changers and drove them out! Hallelujah! Holy Spirit, we call upon You praying You will forcefully drive the religious spirits out of the churches! Glory to God! Holy Spirit, let the prophets of God come in and say what MUST be said. No more "hat-and-cane" Christianity, no more toxic faith, no more pomp-and-circumstance religious fairs.

Holy Spirit, PLEASE come!

We have been praying that You will be welcomed. But it's clear to see that they WON'T welcome You. So, we invite You... PLEASE TAKE OVER, Holy Spirit! May God's prophets now come in! No more showboating, no more grandstanding, no more back slapping or "Jesus pep-rallies". No more church as usual. No more politics. No more religious threatre. Praise the Lord! Glory belongs to the Lord alone!

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Prayer Psalm 135

Baruch Ata,
YHVH - Elohey Yisrael, Avi
(Bless You, YHVH - Elohim of Israel, my Father).

We, Your servants YHVH who stand in Your house, the house of Ya'acov, and in Your courts, praise You, we praise Your name Elohey'nu (our God)*. For You have chosen Ya'acov for Yourself and we of Israel, his seed, as Your special treasure. Yes, it is good and pleasant to praise You, Elohey Avotey'nu* (God of our Fathers).

I know Abba, that You are great and that You are above all gods. You will do, whatever You, Ribon Olam (Sovereign of the Universe)*, please to do, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deep places. For You cause the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; You make lightning for the rain; You bring the wind out of Your treasuries.*

You Elohey Tzva'ot (God of the Armies)*, destroyed the firstborn of Egypt, both of man and beast. You sent signs and wonders into the midst of Egypt, upon Pharaoh and all his servants. You defeated many nations and slew mighty kings -- Sihon king of the Amorites, Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan – You gave their land to my forefathers as an inheritance, a heritage to Israel Your people. Your name, YHVH - Elohey Yisrael* (God of Israel)*, endures forever, Your fame, Elohey Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'acov* (God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob)*, throughout all generations.*

The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; nor is there any breath in their mouths. Those who make them are like them; so is everyone who trusts in them.

You, YHVH - Shof'teynu (our Judge)*, will judge us, Your people; You will have compassion on Your servants.*

All the house of Israel will praise You, all the house of Aaron will praise You, and all the house of Levi will praise Your holy Name YHVH. All those who fear You, YHVH, El Shaddai (God Almighty)*, will praise You! We praise You out of Zion, all those who dwell in Jerusalem! Praise You, YHVH!*

Hallelu-Yah!!! For You, YHVH, are Elohim. You are Elohey Yisrael, Elohey Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'acov. Avi the Almighty reigns!

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A Door Of Grace Is Opening	Johan Boot	09/12/04	Article
A Harvest In The Midst Of Turmoil	Dee Hoetmer	09/12/04	Prophecy
A Wall Of Fire Round About Her	Lucinda Evans	09/12/04	Article
African Dreams	Dennis Peacocke	09/12/04	Article
Anatomy of Hate	Becky McLendon	09/12/04	Article
Come Boldly To The Throne Of Grace	Connie Giordano	09/12/04	Article
Crossing Over In Storms	Kluane Spake	09/12/04	Article
Discerning The Spirit Of Anti-Christ	Clay Sikes	09/12/04	Article
Get Serious Really Serious	Robert Cummings	09/12/04	Prophecy
Glory Into Glory	Jo Spangler	09/12/04	Article
Hang Ten	Danny Korakas	09/12/04	Article
Hearts and Hurricanes	Roy Resh	09/12/04	Article
Hearts of Darkness Hearts of Light	Angel Dahilig	09/12/04	Dream/Vision
Jesus Took A Towel [repost]	Bill Somers	09/12/04	Article
Jesus Washing Feet	Priscilla Van Sutphin	09/12/04	Article
Obedient Passion	Tommy Tenney	09/12/04	Article
Planted	Jim Ball	09/12/04	Article
Prepare Ye The Way Of The Lord	Doug Fortune	09/12/04	Article
Prophetic Intercession for the Nations	Jill Austin	09/12/04	Article
Refuge	Mike Tucker	09/12/04	Article
Remain True To What I Have Told You	Susan Cummings	09/12/04	Prophecy
Showers of Blessings	Mary Clark	09/12/04	Article
Still Uniting Team Ministries	Sandy Warner	09/12/04	Article
Storms And Thoughts	Joni Ames	09/12/04	Article
The Evils of Our Days	Terry Suggs	09/12/04	Article
The New Leadership	Rick Joyner	09/12/04	Article
The Prophetic Savant	Chip Brogden	09/12/04	Article

The Washing of Feet	Luz Cintron	09/12/04	Article
To Russia With Love	Robin Paisley	09/12/04	Article
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A Company Of Horses	Robin Paisley	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
A Date With Father	David Mitts	09/05/04	Article
A Dream of New York	Mike Tucker	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
A New Day Has Dawned	Dorothea Montague	09/05/04	Prophecy
A Refuge Safe From The Storm	Angel Dahilig	09/05/04	Prophecy
America Needs Prayers	Ayman and Hala Mikhail	09/05/04	Article
Dream About George Bush	Becky McLendon	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
Finding Our Way in Transition	Cindy McGill	09/05/04	Article
Free From The Old Husband	Ken Blue	09/05/04	Article
Harlot Church	Celia Okhuysen	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
I Have Been Patient	Judy Curmi	09/05/04	Article
Jesus Is Returning	Steven Brooks	09/05/04	Prophecy
New Zeal for New Zealand	Clemy Gilmore	09/05/04	Article
Oscar Winning Quality	Priscilla van Sutphin	09/05/04	Article
Parabolic Vision	Mark Wattenford	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
Presumption	Clay Sikes	09/05/04	Article
Reassembled	Sandy Warner	09/05/04	Prophecy
Revelation Is Sufficient	Chip Brogden	09/05/04	Article
Seven Days of Stillness	Chuck Pierce	09/05/04	Article
The Agape Reformation	Ron McGatlin	09/05/04	Article
The Day Has Already Passed	Susan Cummings	09/05/04	Prophecy
The Day Of The Eagle	Bill Burns	09/05/04	Prophecy
The Day Of The Lord	Bayo Omoyiola	09/05/04	Article
The Earth Was Reaped	Arlette Pollard	09/05/04	Article
The Knife	Mary Clark	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
The Lion Of Zion XI	Rosie Lovejoy	09/05/04	Dream/Vision
The Seeds Of World War III	Rick Joyner	09/05/04	Article
The Sounds From The Throne	Russell Durose	09/05/04	Article
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A Door of Authority	Victoria Boyson	08/29/04	Prophecy
A Storm Watch	Danny Korakas	08/29/04	Article
End Time Marriages Coming Forth	Doug Addison	08/29/04	Article
Greek Games A Word for Greece	Priscilla van Sutphin	08/29/04	Prophecy
Heavenly-Minded Campanologists	Catherine Brown	08/29/04	Dream/Vision

Labor Day Weekend	Dan Fineman	08/29/04	Prophecy
Leaders And Prophets	Miranda Easmon	08/29/04	Prophecy
Light Versus Darkness	Paul Ekemezie	08/29/04	Article
Ministry Changes	Kriston Couchey	08/29/04	Prophecy
Obscure Armies Arising	Barbara Lynch	08/29/04	Prophecy
Repent	D J Weiss	08/29/04	Article
Separating The Holy From The Profane	Judy Curmi	08/29/04	Article
Serving by the Heart of God	Angel Dahilig	08/29/04	Article
Slow Down and Live	Becky McLendon	08/29/04	Article
Smother Hats	Vicki Camp	08/29/04	Article
Something Big	Joseph Keesling	08/29/04	Prophecy
Sonship Is More Important	John Lallier	08/29/04	Article
Special Report	Terry Suggs	08/29/04	Article
Spirit of Prophetic Praise and Worship	Lillis Boyer	08/29/04	Article
Tabernacles (repost)	Bill Somers	08/29/04	Article
The Church Is Being Shaken	Brian Medway	08/29/04	Article
The Law and The Blood	Mark Wattenford	08/29/04	Prophecy
The Lion Of Zion 1-5	Rosie Lovejoy	08/29/04	Dream/Vision
The Lion Of Zion 6-10	Rosie Lovejoy	08/29/04	Dream/Vision
The Staff Of God	Francis Frangipane	08/29/04	Article
Trust Me	Olivia Long	08/29/04	Article
Truth, Love and Mercy Ship	Jonathan Wingate	08/29/04	Dream/Vision
You Must Look Beyond What You Can See	Susan Cummings	08/29/04	Article
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A God Most People Cannot Handle	Connie M Giordano	08/22/04	Article
A Love So Fierce	Danny Korakas	08/22/04	Article
As They Lay Sleeping	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	08/22/04	Prophecy
Back For The Future	Robert Ricciardelli	08/22/04	Article
Back To The Future	Renee Smith	08/22/04	Article
Behold I Come Quickly	Dee Hoetmer	08/22/04	Prophecy
Excuse Me	Becky McLendon	08/22/04	Prophecy
Financial Understanding For The Remnant Body	Clay Sikes	08/22/04	Article
House of Nations	Jill Austin	08/22/04	Article
I Have Fashioned You By My Own Hand	Susan Cummings	08/22/04	Prophecy
Infiltrators	Yvonne Walsh	08/22/04	Article
John The Baptist Type Remnant	Karen Francis	08/22/04	Prophecy
Known By God's Love	Yolanda Ballard	08/22/04	Prophecy
Leadership Out Of Control	Ann Bandini	08/22/04	Article
Major Worldwide Reformation	Ron McGatlin	08/22/04	Article

Moving From Spiritual Babes To Mature Heirs	Ryan Wyatt	08/22/04	Article
Peace That Passes Understanding	Betty Seiley	08/22/04	Article
Pour Out For Breakthrough	Carole Korakas	08/22/04	Article
Prophetic Inconsistencies	Bob Neumann	08/22/04	Article
Surprised By Suffering	Ron Wood	08/22/04	Article
Take Back All The Enemy Has Stolen	Musa Opiyo	08/22/04	Prophecy
Terror on Every Side	Priscilla Van Sutphin	08/22/04	Article
The Day of Your Visitation	David Clements	08/22/04	Prophecy
The Greatest Teaching Ministry	Rick Joyner	08/22/04	Article
The Plea of My Friend	Luz Cintron	08/22/04	Article
The Sufferings of Christ	Victoria Boyson	08/22/04	Article
The Two Veils	Milt Rodriguez	08/22/04	Article
Vision Of A Field, Forest & The Tabernacle	L. D . Oxford	08/22/04	Article
Watch Duty	Sandy Warner	08/22/04	Article
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Arise And Shine	Dee Hoetmer	08/15/04	Article
Barely Recognizable	Richard Elliott	08/15/04	Article
Be Aware That No One Deceives You	Angel Dahilig	08/15/04	Prophecy
Blood For Sale	Nancy Smith	08/15/04	Dream/Vision
Calling Evil Good	Ephraim Frank	08/15/04	Article
Daniel Chapter 2	Lishan Desta	08/15/04	Article
Devotion to Christ	Mary Clark	08/15/04	Prophecy
Discerning The Season	Cher Coner	08/15/04	Article
Escape From Churchianity	Chip Brogden	08/15/04	Article
Honor Life	Rick Joyner	08/15/04	Article
Honoring Life	Priscilla Van Sutphin	08/15/04	Article
I Am Starting The Sifting	Robyn Cavalera	08/15/04	Prophecy
I Have Given You The Call	Susan Cummings	08/15/04	Article
I Saw The Bride	Heidi Owens	08/15/04	Dream/Vision
In Christ-ed Life	Doug Fortune	08/15/04	Article
It Is All Up To You	Yolanda Ballard	08/15/04	Prophecy
Loosing your Self Life	Robert I Holmes	08/15/04	Article
Oh Australia	Mary Lindow	08/15/04	Article
Out Of The Box	Tommy Tenney	08/15/04	Article
Patience of God's Saints	Arlette Pollard	08/15/04	Article
Saved To The Uttermost	Becky McLendon	08/15/04	Article
Sins Forgiven and Forgotten	Terry Suggs	08/15/04	Article
The Kingdom Age	Bill Burns	08/15/04	Prophecy
The Lion And The Fire	Tammie Gelis	08/15/04	Dream/Vision

The Precipice Of Love	Julie Baxter	08/15/04	Article
The War Mode	Francis Frangipane	08/15/04	Article
Void Of Understanding	Connie M Giordano	08/15/04	Article
War Prophecies	Thomas Gibson	08/15/04	Prophecy
Where Are The Prophets	Terry Glad	08/15/04	Article
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A Time To Prepare For The Future	Stephen Hanson	08/09/04	Prophecy
A Word To My Body	Dee Hoetmer	08/09/04	Prophecy
Apostolic Releases	Sam Buick	08/09/04	Article
David Versus Eliab	Victoria Boyson	08/09/04	Article
Fear Not For I Am With You	Dorothea Montague	08/09/04	Prophecy
From Out Of The Fog	Micah Dean	08/09/04	Article
Induction	Ephraim Frank	08/09/04	Article
Intense Spiritual Warfare	Barbara Lynch	08/09/04	Prophecy
Intimacy Revealed	Stephen Penney	08/09/04	Article
Invincibility	Priscilla Van Sutphin	08/09/04	Article
My Most Valuable Possession	Ron McGatlin	08/09/04	Article
Prophetic Insight	Nita Johnson	08/09/04	Article
Restoration Before Revival	Kriston Couchey	08/09/04	Article
Resurrection And New Beginnings	Patsy Shelton	08/09/04	Article
Returning and Rest	Becky McLendon	08/09/04	Article
Sound Of Glory	Debra Westbrook	08/09/04	Article
Spiritual Fruitfullness	Bayo Omoyiola	08/09/04	Article
Stigma	Mary Koons	08/09/04	Article
The Breaker Anointing	Bill Burns	08/09/04	Prophecy
The Divine Disturber	Wade Taylor	08/09/04	Article
The Door Of The Ark	Sandy Warner	08/09/04	Article
The Fields Are White With Harvest	Patricia King	08/09/04	Prophecy
The Kingdom Of God Is Preached	Clo DiPilato	08/09/04	Article
The Man Child	Vern Kuenzi	08/09/04	Article
The Priests of the Lord	Chip Brogden	08/09/04	Article
The Promise of Father	Mary Lindow	08/09/04	Prophecy
The Spark	Vicki Camp	08/09/04	Dream/Vision
Time To Push Forward	Chuck Pierce	08/09/04	Prophecy
Watch And Pray	Musa Opiyo	08/09/04	Prophecy
When The Towers Fall	Conrad Lampan	08/09/04	Article
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An Impartation Of Grace	Musa Opiyo	08/2/04	Prophecy
Back For The Future	Robert Ricciardelli	08/2/04	Article
Daniel In The Lions Den	Ron Wood	08/2/04	Article
Do You Love Me	Angel Dahilig	08/2/04	Prophecy
Embracing the Fight of Faith	Francis Frangipane	08/2/04	Article
Everlasting Love	Priscilla Van Sutphin	08/2/04	Article
Fruit Inspectors	Rex Burgher	08/2/04	Article
God Wants To Use Your Body	Paul Ekemezie	08/2/04	Article
His Arrows	Lanna Perry	08/2/04	Article
Joshua's Journey	Jill Austin	08/2/04	Article
Love Is More Important	Andrea Jackson	08/2/04	Article
Now The Wind Then The Freeze	John Moore	08/2/04	Prophecy
Renewed Minds	Ron Powell	08/2/04	Prophecy
Surgery And The Storm	Sandy Warner	08/2/04	Article
The Coming Era	Stephen Hanson	08/2/04	Prophecy
The Green Bull	Glywn Mcinnes	08/2/04	Dream/Vision
The Kingdom Of God	Robert I Holmes	08/2/04	Article
The Light of God Released	Peter Mehegan	08/2/04	Dream/Vision
The Perfecting Of The Saints	Chip Brogden	08/2/04	Article
The Pit of Destruction	Rick Joyner	08/2/04	Article
The Power of Holy Spirit	Ron McGatlin	08/2/04	Article
The Silver Basin	Mary Clark	08/2/04	Dream/Vision
True Worship	Yolanda Ballard	08/2/04	Prophecy
Watchmen On The Walls	Cathy Pribila	08/2/04	Article
Waters of Destruction	Dorothy Hedlund	08/2/04	Dream/Vision
Whatever Happened To The Great Renewal	Don Hawley	08/2/04	Article
When Babylon Falls	Arlette Pollard	08/2/04	Article
Where The Lord is About to Move	Bill Yount	08/2/04	Dream/Vision
Where The Pharisees Went Wrong	John Fischer	08/2/04	Article
You Are Living in the Latter Days	Dorothea Montague	08/2/04	Article
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Acting Prophecy III	Lishan Desta	07/25/04	Article
Apostles and Prophets	Cheryl McGrath	07/25/04	Article
Are You In HIS Place Of Safety	Marie Stewart	07/25/04	Article
Arise O Africa	Bayo Omoyiola	07/25/04	Prophecy
As a Little Child	Luz Cintron	07/25/04	Article
Be Set Free	Carla Rickard	07/25/04	Article
Communion	Sandy Warner	07/25/04	Article
Draw Near With A True Heart	Ron McGatlin	07/25/04	Article
His Pocket Watch	Robert Cummings	07/25/04	Article

I Have A Plan	Becky McLendon	07/25/04	Article
In My Image and Likeness	Terry Suggs	07/25/04	Article
It Is Time To Get Free	Daniel Black	07/25/04	Article
Midnight Madness	Priscilla Van Sutphin	07/25/04	Article
Mummies Are Dead	Kathie Walters	07/25/04	Article
My Bride I Long For You	Dee Hoetmer	07/25/04	Prophecy
My Bride Is Not Ready	Barbara Lynch	07/25/04	Prophecy
Out Of The Boat	David Orton	07/25/04	Article
Passivity, Apathy & Malaise	Greg Manalli	07/25/04	Article
Prophetic Hymn	Ricardo Lemos	07/25/04	Article
Restoration Movement	Mike Dowgiewicz	07/25/04	Article
Sons Of Glory	Shirley Lise	07/25/04	Prophecy
Spiritual Warfare	Doug Fortune	07/25/04	Article
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Testimony	Howard Pittman	07/25/04	Article
The Burning Bush	Mary Clark	07/25/04	Article
The Way Up Is Down	Jeannette Rodgers	07/25/04	Article
Thoughts Of The Heart	Ephraim Frank	07/25/04	Article
To The USA Church	Sadhu Sundar Selvaraj	07/25/04	Prophecy
Unveiling The Saudi Strategy	Gary Todd-Coldiron	07/25/04	Article
Words To Encourage You	Yolanda Ballard	07/25/04	Article
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A New And Bold Church	Thomas Gibson	07/19/04	Prophecy
A Prophecy For Native America	David Harris	07/19/04	Prophecy
A Siege Is Coming	Stephen Hanson	07/19/04	Article
All Systems Are Go	Mary Clark	07/19/04	Dream/Vision
Babes V.S. Those Of Full Age	Sandy Brunson	07/19/04	Article
Beachcombers	Bill Yount	07/19/04	Dream/Vision
Dealing With Desire	Robert Holmes	07/19/04	Article
Experiencing His Presence	Tommy Tenney	07/19/04	Article
Fear No Man	Chip Brogden	07/19/04	Article
Fearless Warriors	Victoria Boyson	07/19/04	Article
Groundswell	Priscilla Van Sutphin	07/19/04	Article
His Skipping Stones	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	07/19/04	Article
Judgment Of My House Has Come	Dee Hoetmer	07/19/04	Prophecy
Judgment Unto Righteousness	Arlette Pollard	07/19/04	Article
Maturing Into Love	Ron McGatlin	07/19/04	Article
My First Covenant People	Jeanne Kruchowski	07/19/04	Prophecy
Prayer Alert	Eileen Vincent	07/19/04	Article

Prophecy And Political Positions	Bob Neumann	07/19/04	Article
Renovation and Restoration	Musa Opiyo	07/19/04	Prophecy
Run To Me	Angel Dahilig	07/19/04	Prophecy
Separation	Clay Sikes	07/19/04	Article
The Entrance To The Kingdom	Rick Joyner	07/19/04	Article
The Revealing of Christ	Milt Rodriguez	07/19/04	Article
The Tabernacle of David	Don Potter	07/19/04	Article
True and False Wisdom	Connie Giordano	07/19/04	Article
True Apostolic Brings Saul To Become Paul	Russell Durose	07/19/04	Article
Two Visitations	Judy Curmi	07/19/04	Prophecy
Washington DC	Clo DiPilato	07/19/04	Article
Zionism	Ephraim Frank	07/19/04	Article
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A Shaking In The Heavens and In The Earth	Musa Opiyo	07/11/04	Prophecy
Christ The Object Of Our Desire	Chip Brogden	07/11/04	Article
Come Unto Me	Mary Ellen Gilliland	07/11/04	Prophecy
Consecrated To God	Paulette Jackson	07/11/04	Prophecy
Dealing With An Orphan Spirit	Robert Holmes	07/11/04	Article
Encounter Visitation and Habitation	Daniel Black	07/11/04	Article
Get Ready For Change	Shirley Craft	07/11/04	Prophecy
Go Back to Sleep and Wake up Right	Carla Rickard	07/11/04	Article
Incredible Love	Priscilla Van Sutphin	07/11/04	Article
Last Generation Of Church Age Saints	Gary Todd-Coldiron	07/11/04	Article
Learn To Walk In My Peace	Sandy Warner	07/11/04	Article
Living to Pray	Chimezie Onyebilanma	07/11/04	Article
Love A Better Way	Andrea Jackson	07/11/04	Article
More Victories To Come	Barbara Lynch	07/11/04	Prophecy
Old Shoes	Jane Larsen	07/11/04	Dream/Vision
Resolute and Unstoppable	Victoria Boyson	07/11/04	Article
Righteousness	Ephraim Frank	07/11/04	Article
The Crack In The Liberty Bell	Bill Yount	07/11/04	Dream/Vision
The Dangers Of Throwing Rocks	Kathie Walters	07/11/04	Dream/Vision
The Eagles Nest	Deborah Gliebe	07/11/04	Dream/Vision
The Fast of Tammuz	Cathy Pribila	07/11/04	Article
The Great Divide	Jeannette Rodgers	07/11/04	Article
The High Cost	Howard Pittman	07/11/04	Article
The Land	Linda Harrington	07/11/04	Prophecy
The Two Camps in Texas	Julie Baxter	07/11/04	Dream/Vision
To My Obedient Ones, To Those In Brokeness	Dee Hoetmer	07/11/04	Prophecy

To The Broken And Wounded Ones	Jeanne Kruchowski	07/11/04	Prophecy
Walking Amongst The Tents Of Israel	Susan Cummings	07/11/04	Dream/Vision
You Ran Well	Maria Magruder	07/11/04	Article
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A Blossoming Walk	Mary Clark	07/04/04	Dream/Vision
A Continued Season Of Positioning	Olivia Long	07/04/04	Prophecy
A Flash In The Pan	Mary Koons	07/04/04	Article
A Prophetic Cacophony	Priscilla Van Sutphin	07/04/04	Article
Agony, Ecstasy, And Endurance	Mary Lindow	07/04/04	Article
Ascending the Mountain of Vision	Wade Taylor	07/04/04	Article
Belly Ache	Vicki Camp	07/04/04	Dream/Vision
Blood Transfusion Life Impartation	Becky McLendon	07/04/04	Article
Climbing The Mountain	Robert Foster	07/04/04	Dream/Vision
Come To Me	Susan Cummings	07/04/04	Prophecy
Deception Of The Times	Bayo Omoyiola	07/04/04	Article
Do You Have His Perfect Peace	Dorothy Hedlund	07/04/04	Article
Entertainment No Longer In The Holy Place	Sandy Warner	07/04/04	Article
Flashpoints	Bill Burns	07/04/04	Prophecy
I Know Whom I Have Believed	Chip Brogden	07/04/04	Article
Listen to My Heart Beat	Marie-France McDowell-Smith	07/04/04	Prophecy
Look Forward	Angel Dahilig	07/04/04	Prophecy
Maximum Blessing	Terry Suggs	07/04/04	Article
Redeemed From Among Men	Arlette Pollard	07/04/04	Article
Remain Strong	Musa Opiyo	07/04/04	Prophecy
Repentance And Restoration	Yolanda Ballard	07/04/04	Prophecy
Something Precious Burning	Bill Yount	07/04/04	Article
Song Of The Thunderstorm	Lois Wauson	07/04/04	Article
The Abundance Promised	Shirley Lise	07/04/04	Prophecy
The Precious	Bill Somers	07/04/04	Article
The Rock	Dee Hoetmer	07/04/04	Prophecy
The Testimony Of Yeshua	Andrea Jackson	07/04/04	Article
This Day We Fight	Francis Frangipane	07/04/04	Article
Torah and Spirit	Ephraim Frank	07/04/04	Article
We Should Be Holy and Without Blame	Dorothea Montague	07/04/04	Article
Words That Changed My Life	Various Sources	07/04/04	Article
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A Word to My Warriors	Linda Patterson	06/27/04	Prophecy
America's Judgment	Hollie L. Moody	06/27/04	Dream/Vision
Be Ye Perfect	Ephraim Frank	06/27/04	Article
Beauty	Marion Lundy	06/27/04	Prophecy
Beheading	Ann Duffy	06/27/04	Article
Between The Green and The Gray	Bob Neumann	06/27/04	Article
Chaos Is A Prelude To Victory	June Sanders	06/27/04	Prophecy
Cherish Vision	Catherine Brown	06/27/04	Dream/Vision
Feet Of Brass	Chip Brogden	06/27/04	Article
Heaven Is Opening	Ron McGatlin	06/27/04	Article
Heaven on Earth	Ryan Wyatt	06/27/04	Article
Hedge Of Protection Is Being Removed	Stephen Hanson	06/27/04	Dream/Vision
Hedge Of Protection	John Paul Jackson	06/27/04	Article
How Do You Respond To God's Cutting Truth	Connie Giordano	06/27/04	Article
It Is Time For Revolution	Jeannette Rodgers	06/27/04	Prophecy
Lifting The Veil	Deborah Voetberg	06/27/04	Article
My Bride Is Made Ready	Dee Hoetmer	06/27/04	Prophecy
Now the Wind, then the Freeze	John L. Moore	06/27/04	Prophecy
Prophetic People	Clo DiPilato	06/27/04	Prophecy
The Coming Move of God	Larry Taylor	06/27/04	Article
The End of Days	Todd Gross	06/27/04	Dream/Vision
The Fear Of The Lord	Ron Wood	06/27/04	Article
The Institutional Church	Mary Koons	06/27/04	Dream/Vision
The Joshua Journey	Jill Austin	06/27/04	Article
The Power Of God	Luz Contron	06/27/04	Prophecy
The Tabernacle I Am Building	Jeanne Kruchowski	06/27/04	Prophecy
To Those He Calls Friends	Sandy Warner	06/27/04	Article
Vigilance	Priscilla Van Sutphin	06/27/04	Article
What is God Doing Today	Iverna Tompkins	06/27/04	Article
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A Prophet's View Of Apostolic Church	Robert Holmes	06/21/04	Article
A Word To My Faithful Ones	Dee Hoetmer	06/21/04	Prophecy
Babylon Revealed	Clay Sikes	06/21/04	Article
Birthing Forth The Man Child	Bayo Omoyiola	06/21/04	Article
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Who is this Man from Galilee? Is He one of the brothers of the carpenter who works in the mill, or is He just a passerby from the village? Who is this Man was a common saying back in the days when My Son was growing up, because He did not act like the other children. And even this day many ask the same question, but are you ready to reply with an answer that can change their life even from death to life?

We need to be ready at all times to give a testimony to our Lord Jesus of His love and faithfulness. Many ask but really do not want to know. So beware not to cast your pearls before swine for surely they will turn and trample you. Even with what you give them they will run and try to cause you harm. For this is the day to have greater discernment and victory in every area of your ministry. Do not get caught up in areas that I did not call you to. For the enemy will set traps to try to seduce you to leave what I called you to do. Yes, he will try to entice you and tempt you, but do not listen to him.

Cast down vain imaginations that would delude you from the path of holiness which is having a humble and contrite spirit. He will try to rob you of your time by planting tares that only want to distract you from your true calling. Beware of those that have big problems but will not repent of their wicked ways. If you help them, you will only strengthen them in their sin. For this is the day to seek out those who I have died for. For they are ready in their heart but just don't know how to receive My message of grace and truth. So seek out those who will reply in a positive way and receive My life in abundance. Yes, they will receive My gospel message.

Who is the Man from Galilee? Listen closely to those who are crying out with a heart of sincere desire to know Me, not of one who is sent to lead you astray to a pit of no return. Many are called but few are chosen to follow Me in the path I've set out, one of suffering and endurance. For I have set out a cross for all to carry that will transform your life into one of fruitfulness for My kingdom. I have set out a path of humility and grace. I have set out a place of peace in the midst of the storm; secret place calling you to draw close to Me. Come apart from the cares of the world and dwell in My presence so that I can prepare you. You are like sheep in the midst of a pack of wolves and if you stay close to My side, I will protect you and guide you. Yes, I will lead you by streams of living water to refresh you.

Yes, I will prepare you to carry My anointing in greater measure to walk in My power and grace to gather in the wheat. Yes, you will know those who I have died for. You will see the desire for My love in their eyes and a willingness to receive all I have for them. So be ready when I call for I AM sending you out to reap a bumper crop for My kingdom. Yes, this is the day for great grace in ministering to the lost and even those who have fallen away.

Yes, this is the day of restoration, for truly I AM that Man from Galilee, and I AM walking in the midst of My faithful ones who will carry on My calling, to reconcile unto My Father all that I gave My life for.

Where Has The Glory Gone

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Since the closing of the year of 2003, the Lord instructed me to be silent and to observe closely events transpiring in the congregation I attend. The Lord laid it on my heart that these events I would be observing would also be events transpiring to many other congregations world wide.

For weeks and months, I came quietly to church; sat in the very back, and just observed. Many things I observed disturbed and angered me. Other things I observed revived a spirit of hope within me.

It seemed that as I observed situations in the congregation I attend, I somehow also was sensing the spirits behind these events. There were times I felt paralyzing spirits of lethargy, indifference, apathy, oppression and depression. There were spirits of anger, disunity, discord, gossip and slander.

Many times, observing these things and feeling the weight of these spirits behind the events weakened me physically and I battled numerous illnesses.

Attendance at the congregation I attend has dropped by more than half. Almost no young people or young couples remain. Those who have left this congregation, for the most part, have not backslid. They still love the Lord and want to serve Him. They have just stopped coming to church.

I ask myself often, "Where has the glory gone?"

A few weeks ago, the Lord broke His silence and began to speak and reveal and show some things to me about myself and the congregation I attend. The Lord said that these things also apply to others of His children and other congregations.

It is with a spirit of weakness and a heart almost of fear (feeling completely unable and incapable of somehow putting into words), that I now attempt to share these things with others.

The Lamp Of God Went Out

In a vision, the Lord and I were standing quietly next to each other. The Lord showed me a church building set upon a large hill. I saw a bright light shining out from this church building. Then, the light began to glow fainter and fainter. Until finally, the light went out.

1 Samuel 3:3-4 ~~ "{3} And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep; {4} Then the Lord called Samuel: and he answered, Here am I."

The Glory Is Departed

In the vision, I then saw an opaque cloud shoot out through the top of this church building. When this happened, I saw people leaving the building. 1 Samuel 4:21-22 ~~ "{21} And she named the child Ich-a-bod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband. {22} And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken."

Spirit Of A Whore

A beautiful woman then approached the darkened church building and entered into it. From the way the woman was dressed, she appeared to be a prostitute.

I then found myself with the Lord within the church building. I noticed that there were a few people remaining in the building.

The prostitute was going from person to person, whispering in their ears. Some of the people appeared to listen to her words. Other people put their hands over their ears and ran from the prostitute.

"Who is this prostitute?" I asked the Lord.

"She represents a spirit of false doctrine," the Lord replied. "This is a spirit perverting My Word; mingling carnality with that which is holy."

Revelation 17:1 ~~ "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters."

Spirit Of Ab-sa-lom

I saw a male in the church building begin to go up to all the people in the building and begin to speak to each of them. I walked over to this man and heard his words of flattery and self-promotion. His words were masked with a false humility.

Soon, I noticed that most of the people remaining in the congregation had begun to gather around this man.

"Who is this man?" I asked the Lord.

"This is the spirit of Absalom," the Lord replied. "This spirit is at work within many congregations to steal the hearts of the faithful. This spirit draws many of My children into self-promotion. This is a spirit of idolatry rampant in many congregations and in many of My children's hearts."

2 Samuel 15:1-6 ~~ "{1} And it came to pass after this, that Ab-sa-lom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. {2} And Ab-sa-lom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Ab-sa-lom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. {3} And Ab-sa-lom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. {4} Ab-sa-lom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! {5} And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. {6} And on this manner did Ab-sa-lom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Ab-sa-lom stole the hearts of the men of Israel."

Perfect Through Sufferings

I then noticed a group of people standing slightly apart from the rest of the people in the congregation. Some of these people appeared to be quite angry and upset. Others were weeping, and some were standing absolutely still.

As I continued to watch these people, I saw the Lord approach them and knock all of them down to the ground. I was absolutely shocked when I saw this.

Then, the Lord knelt down on the ground in the midst of the people He had just knocked down. Very gently, with great compassion, I saw the Lord draw into His arms and onto His lap each of these people He had knocked down to the ground.

I hesitantly approached the Lord and the group of people the Lord was embracing on the floor of the church building.

"Who are these people, Lord?" I asked.

"These are My greatly beloved ones," the Lord replied tenderly. "They are My prophets. I sent them to congregations, to pastors, to others of My children. Some were honored. Most were not.

"Oftentimes, their words were ignored or ridiculed. They were set aside and pushed aside in many congregations. They endured many situations and persecutions while crying out to Me why it must needs be this way.

"I caused it to be a time of testing for many of them. I allowed many of their sufferings to come upon them in order to bring them to perfection. It is through what they have suffered and endured faithfully that they are now mature spiritually. It is through having been broken of their own agendas and fleshly efforts and desire for renown that I have perfected them."

Hebrews 2:9-10 ~~ "{9} But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. {10} For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

1 Peter 4:13-14 ~~ "{13} But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. {14} If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of , but on your part he is glorified."

Old And New Wineskins

I then watched as the Lord rose to His feet, held a hand out to each of the prophets He had knocked to the ground, and gently helped them back to their feet. I saw that each prophet leaned heavily upon the Lord's Hand to raise them back up instead of trying through their own efforts to get back to their feet.

When the prophets were back on their feet, I saw the Lord put what appeared to be water canteens into the hands of each prophet. Some canteens appeared either older or newer than other canteens.

Then, the prophets took the canteens around to the people within the church building. The prophets offered each person a drink from the canteen they were holding. Some of the people appeared to want to drink from either an older or a newer canteen. They were allowed to do so.

Luke 5:36-39 ~~ "{36} And he spake also a parable unto them; No man putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old; if otherwise, then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was taken out of the new agreeth not with the old. {37} And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. {38} But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. {39} No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new: for he saith, The old is better."

Repairer Of The Breach

After each person had drank from the canteen, I watched as the Lord began to touch the places within the church building that appeared to be broken down or in need of some type of repair.

As I watched closer, I noticed that the entire church building was actually made up of individual people. As I turned in a slow circle to stare at the entire church building, I became fully aware of the fact that the building was flesh and blood.

I stood in silent awe, watching the Lord repairing and restoring His Church. While the Lord was at work, I realized that what had been a church building consisting of manmade materials was now disappearing. It was being replaced by an organism that appeared to be alive and breathing and growing even as I stared at it.

The Lord continued to work on this organism. As He did, I heard noises behind and around me. I looked around and behind me and saw long lines of people coming towards the Lord. As the people reached the Lord, He reached out, grasped each person, and incorporated that person into the organism He was building.

Slowly, I also approached the Lord.

"I've waited a long time for this moment, My child," the Lord said to me. "Not just for you, but for all of My children."

Then, the Lord reached out for me, gently took Me into His hands, and fit me into my place within the organism He was building.

Isaiah 58:12 ~~ "And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in."

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Why Reformation

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Have you ever wondered what the reformation move of God is about?
Many had thought the move wasn't from God. Some had thought that its arrival negates the existence of the previous moves of God. How wrong were they for the reformation move of God was not to subtract or cancel out the other moves but was sent by God to add to them and to fulfill God's original intention for his church.

Re-structuring the church

One of the reasons for the reformation move is to re-structure the church to conform to the original plan of God. God sent the reformers to pull down the wrong structures and to replace them with the right ones.

Cleansing

God is coming for a church without wrinkle, stain or blemish and so he send his reformers to clean-up the mess in his church. The purification includes the trying of the vessels through fire. Judgments are declared and the people are made cleaner and whiter.

Perfection

The reformation move fulfills Ephesians 4:11-13 as the reformed 5-fold ministers reach out to the church and the dying world to bring about a reformation. The reformation move comes to complete the entire move of God. It is probably the 9th move of God and it is probably the last of the moves. The presence of the 9 moves of God in these days will promote the church to fullness and perfection. Have you ever wondered why we have 9 gifts of the Spirit and 9 virtues of the fruit of the Spirit? This I believe represents fullness. The fullness of God is always released after a reformation or a re-ordering and when the church lifts up it's voice with one accord. The glory of the Lord fills the temple. After every completion, there is a filling, an infilling that takes place. In these days God is going to complete his house through apostolic and prophetic reformation.

Unity of faith

Sequel to the above point is the fact that reformation brings unity of faith. The false doctrines of the church are exposed and the brethren are united in one accord. The separation is removed as truth separates the false from the true and gathers the true together. And we see unity in manifestation as the apostles, prophets and other reformed ministers unites the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers.

Manifold Wisdom of God

The heart of the father is made known to the church through the ministry of the apostles and the prophets. The manifold wisdom is released to daze the principalities and powers, to show the world the awesomeness of God and to feed, build and complete the church. Through the Lord's wisdom people are changed. Their minds are reformed and they are made to conform to the Lord's image.

Wise And Foolish

Bob Neumann

I remember several years ago when I was an EPHESIANS believer, caught up in the FIRST LOVE, the joy we all have shared I came across Dallas Holme and PRAISE. Songs like HERE WE ARE would fill my spirit and the simple joy of WORSHIP would fill me. HERE WE ARE, PRAISING JESUS LIFTING HOLY HANDS TO YOU HERE WE ARE PRAISING JESUS FOR ALL THE THINGS HE'S LED US THROUGH.

If you had a Psalm 130 experience where you called out to HIM from the depths, you have lived such lyrics. The problem is that like the believers of Ephesus too many of us lose our FIRST LOVE and settle for something else. At the same time I listened to another song by Dallas where he sang...that his friends called him a "fool" for giving his heart, mind, soul to "something you couldn't see". His answer "I'll be a fool for you Jesus, that's just what I'll be.... CRAZY IN LOVE WITH GOD ABOVE... that's all I want ta be..."

In the minds of the worldly to love THE MOST HIGH is unfathomable. Ask Karl Marx. Ask Voltaire. Ask Hitler. But they are all dead, ain't they? And the philosophies they birthed have all floundered.

Yet we remember the songs of a shepherd boy who made good. We even remember his son who started good and ended poorly. And then there was THE CARPENTER who said COME UNTO ME. But even that had a dual PURPOSE. TO BE YOKED WITH HIM.....and TO LEARN OF HIM...FROM HIM.

1 Corinthians 3
[18] Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.
[19] For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.
[20] And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

I always love to find IT IS WRITTEN in a scripture passage....well just call me crazy. Worldly wisdom in itself is useless. More than that it can destroy that which is of GOD in a believer. Ever ask why the EPHESIANS lost their FIRST LOVE? As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. Funny that HE puts the two together..."the cares of this world" and the "deceitfulness of riches". To me that speaks of both Ephesus and Laodicea. Not a nice pair of book ends.

Deception and being deceived seems to be around a lot. Especially in places like Matthew 24. Only it is "DO NOT BE DECEIVED". So why are so many falling for the words of men and demons when THE LORD is with us? HE HAS NOT LEFT US...FORESAKEN US. Are we not THE CHILDREN OF THE BLESSING. Equal Receivers of THE MOST HOLY SPIRIT? RECEIVING IN FULL MEASURE THE GIFTS OF THE FATHER?

Or maybe, just maybe....we are not.

Jeremiah 4

[21]How long must I see the standard
 and hear the sound of the trumpet?
[22]"For my people are foolish;
 they know me not;

they are stupid children;
they have no understanding.
They are 'wise'--in doing evil!
But how to do good they know not."
[23]I looked on the earth, and behold, it was without form and void;
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

THE MOST HIGH is speaking in Jeremiah 4. So that is why I use red letters. Maybe RED LETTERS should be thought of as RED FLAGS. WARNINGS OF DANGER....of APPROACHING STORMS. Yet when THE LORD SAID COME UNTO ME... was it a warning of approaching danger? or was it the answer?

THE REFUGE?

Why do Watchmen blow TRUMPETS....ring Bells....sound ALARMS? Why does ABBA send HIS SERVANTS to HIS PEOPLE? [7]And this occurred because the people of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods [8]and walked in the customs of the nations whom the LORD drove out before the people of Israel, and in the customs that the kings of Israel had practiced. [9]And the people of Israel did secretly against the LORD their God things that were not right. They built for themselves high places in all their towns, from watchtower to fortified city. [10]They set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, [11]and there they made offerings on all the high places, as the nations did whom the LORD carried away before them. And they did wicked things, provoking the LORD to anger, [12]and they served idols, of which the LORD had said to them, "You shall not do this." [13]Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah by every prophet and every seer, saying, "Turn from your evil ways and keep my commandments and my statutes, in accordance with all the Law that I commanded your fathers, and that I sent to you by my servants the prophets."
[14]But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in the LORD their God. [15]They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and the warnings that he gave them. They went after false idols and became false, and they followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom the LORD had commanded them that they should not do like them. [16]And they abandoned all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; and they made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal. [17]And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking him to anger. [18]Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel and removed them out of his sight. None was left but the tribe of Judah only. I know that was a long passage of scripture....all 11 verses. But which verse do you cut out for brevity's sake? VERSE13? 14? 15? 16? 17? of course 18! How about 19.... [19]Judah also did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the customs that Israel had introduced. [20]And the LORD rejected all the descendants of Israel and afflicted them and gave them into the hand of plunderers, until he had cast them out of his sight.

Because they did not keep HIS COMMANDMENTS...THE LORD THEIR GOD... REJECTED....AFFLICTED....GAVE OVER....and CAST OUT....."them".

Some people think that I write these things because I have nothing better to do. That I and others fill the WWW with "doom and gloom" because we are a bunch of panic mongers. Wackos who get their kicks by scaring people. Loonie-Tunes who have lost all sense of reality.

So why do it?

Jeremiah 26
[1]In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came from the

LORD: [2]"Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house, and speak to all the cities of Judah that come to worship in the house of the LORD all the words that I command you to speak to them; do not hold back a word. [3]It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may relent of the disaster that I intend to do to them because of their evil deeds. [4]You shall say to them, 'Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to me, to walk in my law that I have set before you, [5]and to listen to the words of my servants the prophets whom I send to you urgently, though you have not listened, [6]then I will make this house like Shiloh, and I will make this city a curse for all the nations of the earth.'" Why would an eternal GOD send HIS SERVANTS...URGENTLY? For HIS SAKE? the SAKE OF HIS SERVANTS? Maybe HE DOES NOT WANT TO DO WHAT HE HAS TO DO.... BECAUSE HE IS GOD.

Call it JUSTICE.

We used to say...if you can't do the TIME....don't do the CRIME. [18]For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. [19]For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."
[20]Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? [21]For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. [22]For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, [23]but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, [24]but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [25]For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.
[26]For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards,[2] not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. [27]But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; [28]God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29]so that no human being[3] might boast in the presence of God. [30]He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. [31]Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Like I said I love it when I read...IT IS WRITTEN....like in... Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall **worship** the Lord your God and him only shall you **serve**.'"

To the worldly, it does seem foolish to worship and to serve..... To listen and obey........

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When I AM Is In Charge

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What It Looks Like When "I AM" Is In Charge of Your Life

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This is something that I do in my mind from time to time when things do not go my way. I thought you may want to take the time to read through this (It is short) and adjust your thinking when things do not go your way this week. Blessings, Kim Alexis

Next time your morning seems to be going wrong, the children are slow getting dressed, you can't seem to find the car keys, you hit every traffic light, don't get mad or frustrated; God is at work watching over you. Doubtful? Think about this:

Reports after 9/11 Twin Towers Attack

After Sept. 11th, one company invited the remaining members of other companies who had been decimated by the attack on the Twin Towers to share their available office space. At a morning meeting, the head of security told stories of why these people were alive...... and all the stories were just 'little' things.

As you might know, the head of the company got in late that day because his son started kindergarten.
Another fellow was alive because it was his turn to bring donuts.

One woman was late because her alarm clock didn't go off in time.

One was late because of being stuck on the NJ Turnpike because of an auto accident.

One missed his bus.

One spilled food on her clothes and had to take time to change.

One's car wouldn't start.

One went back to answer the telephone.

One had a child that dawdled and didn't get ready as soon as he should have.

One couldn't get a taxi.

The one that struck me was the man who put on a new pair of shoes that morning, took the various means to get to work but before he got there, he developed a blister on his foot. He stopped at a drugstore to buy a Band-Aid. That is why he is alive today.

Now when I am stuck in traffic, miss an elevator, turn back to answer a ringing telephone ... all the little things that annoy me. I think to myself, this is exactly where God wants me to be at this very moment.

May God continue to bless you with all those annoying little things and may you remember their possible purpose.

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Why I Believe In Miracles

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A few years ago a fellow minister approached me to give me some "advice" about my ministry, particularly about healing and praying for the sick. It was not the first one to do so, but while others had only given me a sort of veiled suggestion about the matter; this particular friend was very strong and precise in his views. He told me: "Brother, you should not actually pray for the sick because you yourself have not been healed. You cannot possibly encourage the faith of the people you pray for if you yourself have not been healed of your hearing problem; you cannot even hear what they are saying because of your hearing problems, so how could you per chance tell them to have faith? If it was a disease that you could actually hide, it could be different, but your hearing impairment is so evident!"

I have to confess that I almost bought it. For some time I was chewing on those words and I could certainly see the logic of his whole point. I thought that he was actually right in his comments. How could I explain that I had been a musician, a minister of music, and a teacher of music and now I was not even able to catch the right tone? How could I tell a deaf person that God heals today when I myself have such a serious hearing impairment? Yes, I said to myself, I really have to stop putting so much emphasis in miracles and healings until I am myself healed. I will focus on just preaching the Word without focusing on healing and the supernatural.

Then one day my heart leaped as I realized what I was just saying. If I am going to preach "just the Word" how could I actually do away with the fact that the whole book is about the supernatural? I literally shouted "Get thee behind me satan, for you do not put your eyes in the things from above". I said then and I proclaim it today that I believe in miracles not because of my own experience but because it is written in the Bible. I have seen many, many miracles in our ministry, some of them astonishing; I have seen a tumor fell of the face of a woman; I have seen a paralyzed man running up a flight of stairs; I have seen a lady with half the body paralyzed for over 25 years restored completely; a couple months ago a woman who due to a mistake during an operation was left in constant pain for almost 25 years was healed and has been without pain ever since; I have seen deaf people healed when I myself am deaf; I myself was healed of asthma many years ago. Yes, I have seen many other miracles of divers kinds many of which led to the salvation of souls, but I say today that even if I had not seen any miracle at all in my own ministry and experience I will still preach healing, and I will still pray for the sick, and I will still pray for God to intervene miraculously in the lives of those who need a miracle, simply because it is written in the Bible.

Why then hasn't God open my ears? This is a question that I still ask Him every day. I have not as of yet have a complete answer but I could hint at some points. During a seminar on Healing that I was teaching a while ago someone asked me this question: "I have prayed for healing but it has not happen. Should I pray again? How long should I pray for my healing?" This question actually was an answer to me! Immediately I heard the Holy Spirit telling, almost shouting in my mind: "Pray until it happens". That was the answer! The fact is not that I am not healed, the truth is that I am not healed yet! Many people tend to think or have been taught that if they have to pray twice or more for a miracle that shows that they have no faith to receive it, but the truth lies far from that assumption; in fact Jesus Himself prayed twice for a blind man. Unless God tells us specifically as He did to Paul that his thorn in the flesh as he called his problem was not taken from him but much grace was given to him instead, then we should keep praying for a miracle to happen.

Der Dorn für das Fleisch my Aunt would say. Paul's thorn in the flesh. She was a wise woman with that wisdom that only God can give. She once told me "God has not told you that you are to carry this sickness all of your life; however He might let you carry it until He makes sure that your pride is dead and well buried" How truly wise!

Through this disease the Lord has taught me a few things. One is that we are to depend fully, absolutely on Him. It is true that many times I cannot hear or understand what people are telling me, but this brings me to the point where I have to rely fully on the Holy Spirit. I cannot do music at present as I loved to do, but oh, how I love to cross over and hear the music of the Spirit. I have learnt to hear His voice in a way that I did not know before I lost my ears. Oh how much we need to learn to depend on Him and to forcefully crash our pride every day. Another thing that we need to really understand is that ministry is not about appearances, or making it "look good" as my friend's advice suggested, that if it was some hidden disease then it would not affect my ministry. No sir, I still might have the problem but it does not mean a shortage in God's power. (We could go here to a great length about how many things other than a disease might be consider "not a big deal" as long as they remain hidden but that is another issue).

When I was still thinking "logically" about praying or not for the sick I was invited to minister at a church in the USA. I preached and prayed but I did not make much reference to healing or miracles. I had made an altar call and there was a big crowd already at the altar. I could feel the presence of God in a rather strong way, and as I was kneeling behind the pulpit I heard the Holy Spirit say "I want to do miracles, why are you trying to stop me?" I stood before Him accused of hindering Him and had to immediately ask for forgiveness. I promised then that I would never consciously do anything that might hinder Him; that I would always pray for those in need even if I do not see a miracle, for I know now that every time we pray something happens, whether we see it or not something happen, and this prayer today adds to the prayers said yesterday, and if the miracle did not happen today the prayers will add up to the prayers tomorrow until we have so to say enough prayers on our account for a miracle to happen.

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Where I Dwell No Mixture Can Remain

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"The Shadow of a countenance reveals the shade of soul which either lifts you up Dear Ones or impedes your Godly goal. Too much information is not a blessing, but a curse. It clouds your understanding and is not concise nor terse. The ramblings of the bruised with unforgiveness that's concealed are casting shades of death. Refusing to be healed.

Dwell not under their bitterness which will surely infect you with a spirit of depression; which does not reflect My Glory or My unction to My trees of righteousness: to avoid the shade of mixture in times of great distress. Now fast your words and refine your shade to cast My point of view that sheds light on dark content through words that are few but true.

Beware of the leaven of the pharisee who takes lightly My calling and deity. Let no man steal your crown nor My appointing. Stand in My presence and let My praises sing. The kingdom of your Father is within you and no spell will overcome in My domain. The kingdom of your Father speaks of good things and thus where I dwell no mixture can remain.

Breakthrough now My children for I am in you to repossess My creation and make new. I now unencumber to make your path clear. In ways of astonishment, this very year. You shall run and not grow weary. Walk with Me and not faint. This is the year you will know the meaning of the word 'QUAINT'."

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What is God Doing Today

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I was just attending church the other Sunday, not speaking there but worshiping like all the rest, when I sensed the Lord begin to stir in my spirit. I knew He had something to say to the church - the church-at-large, I believe. As I walked to the podium in obedience to His prompting, this is what I heard in my spirit.

There's a question on the hearts of most of God's people today. And it is: "What is God doing?" "I've given Him everything. I've tried to serve Him. I've followed him. I...and yet, things are not going smoothly in my life. I pay my tithe, and I'm still struggling financially. I've believed Him for healing and wholeness, and I still ache. I lay down my burdens every time I get up in the morning, and yet by the end of the day, they're still there or back again."

We could ask, "What's wrong with this church?" Or this one (wherever you attend)? So many negative things keep happening to people. Sicknesses, financial disasters, family problems, accidents, catastrophic diseases. And we conclude, this church must be out of order or have the wrong staff. Or too much choir. Too much, you know, music. Or, not enough this-or-that.

What is God doing in the Body of Christ today, and why?

I believe God is establishing His Kingdom - now!

Why are we so amazed at things when the Book is so explicitly clear about them? "Many are the afflictions of the righteous" (Ps. 34:19). "Count it all joy when... Knowing this..." (Jas. 1:2, 3). "The trial of your faith..." (1 Pet. 1:7). "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial..." (1 Pet. 4:12).

So, if you don't want to have problems, live on the border. Keep one foot in the church, but the other in your world. Don't make this heavy commitment by singing along, "I'm Yours, Lord. Everything I've got..." Don't make that kind of commitment. Just make a humming commitment "Hummmmm. Lord, I'm sort of Yours if I agree and like the things You want for me." Come to church and listen to the songs, then sing only the ones you agree with. Listen to a sermon based on articulation, pronunciation, and theology - and vote on it, deciding if you agree with the Word presented. You see, that's the way that the enemy will leave you alone!

When you make a commitment, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," (Josh. 24:15), and "though He slay me, yet will I serve Him," (Job 13:15), all hell begins to quake because there is power in that kind of life!! You want a powerful life? Then, don't expect a trouble-free one. Look for the promise of His grace to be sufficient to see you through. (2 Cor. 12:9; Isa. 43:2, 3; Dan. 3:17, 18 ,25).

The Purpose of the Passion

You see, God is doing something so unique in the Body of Christ. Do you understand that? You know what the church is? The whole purpose of the Passion that we saw, not the movie but of the cross itself, was so that Christ could be made the head of the church - and that God could be revealed therein.

That is our purpose. The church isn't just for an occasional "Bless me." The whole reason for blessing is to be a bless-er. The whole reason for salvation and baptism and communion and fellowship and friendship and life-change is to demonstrate Him, God Almighty! It's not about you. It's not about me. It's not about what we desire. It's all about Him!

Now, I do not in any way minimize hurt. I am not saying, "Well, just get over it." I said that when I was young and had no "troubles." You don't just get over hurt so simply. But every song we've sung today in this place gives the answer to any problem here - it isn't just "get over" - it's "look beyond it." Look unto the God of the hills (Psa. 121). Do not concentrate on the circumstances you're facing! It's a matter of focus.

There are several ways to go through something hard. You can go through it in self-pity and try to earn sympathy from those around you because you are in such a sorry state. "Oh, poor you." Pity-parties are totally unproductive in the long run.

Or you can go through tough times by carrying a heavy burden, again attempting to gain emotional support from others as they observe your downcast appearance. "How are you today?" "Well...there are things going on." There are always going to be things going on!

Or we can do what we sing over and over in our precious times of worship. We can lift our hands and hearts in praise to God, in spite of all we see and live through. We can say, "Lord, I don't have to understand the why of everything or the wherefore of everything. I just join the psalmist in saying, 'God is our refuge! And God is our strength!'" (Psa. 46; 34)

You Can Take It

Don't ever say to me, "I can't take it anymore." Excuse me, but the Good Book said you can! "I just can't go through any more. I'm telling you..." We whine. Your Creator says, "You're strong enough. You can do this! I am helping you!" (1 Cor. 10:13; Psa. 125; 1 Pet. 2:9)

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil. 4:13). What do you think that means? "Well, I thought it meant..." It means that every day of your life, you can get up and radiate the glorious presence of the Almighty God within you, walking out among the godless all around you. If you think things are going to get easier, my friend, you're not reading the Book! "He that is filthy, let him be filthier still" (Rev. 22:11).

The separation is on right now - the holy from the profane (Ezek. 22:26; 44:23). We're seeing things my generation never imagined we would see. We're experiencing things we never imagined we would experience in our lifetime - and in the United States of America - in a country that dares to stand together and sing, "God Bless America." We are now seeing anarchy and opposition and lies - deceit right in the open - every day - every day - every day. Our nation, once founded and based on Christian principles, beliefs, and tenets, is now in a constant state of compromising the things of God. The church is even in dangerous fellowship with the world instead of the pure fellowship with the Christ.

You go to work and are far more exhausted today than you used to be, putting in the same number of hours of work. Why is that? The work isn't harder. Hello!

A Constant State of War

It isn't the job that's getting you down. It's that we are continually in a war! A constant spirit battle is waged against the righteous, those who have made the kind of commitment God is looking for from all of us. He says, "They're Mine!" And the enemy says, "They're not going to last."

"God is our refuge!" "God is our strength." Psalm 46. Listen to it again. You know it too well, that's why it doesn't mean anything any more. You have it on a plaque in your house. You've memorized it, and so it's just familiar. Listen to it! "A very present help."

What do you need right now? I mean, NOW. I'm talking about right NOW! "Well, I just want Him to take care of all these problems, to deliver me from this mess." Wrong prayer!

God is determined to strengthen you. He is going to have a strong and mighty Kingdom. And it's going to be made up of the most unlikely people - like you and me. They don't expect big changes to be made by "us."

You say, "I've been asking God to just, you know, put me into politics, or a position of real authority - that when I speak, it would be like E. F. Hutton - and people will listen to me and then I'll have a testimony."

Oh, no. It's the little people like us who just stand up and say, "Look what the Lord has done!" You can't say that if you've never been through anything! But when we come through some things, God will see to it that we are placed with others who need to hear His encouragement - "God is our refuge," and, "God is our strength," and, "God is our help," and, "God is out to do us good by strengthening us..." And we will be the very ones to tell them this Good News!

Past the Halfway Mark

We have come more than halfway through the tunnel of life on earth. When we start out, we meet the Lord as Savior, and we know it's going to be a long journey. But church - I'm speaking to the church in general - we are more than halfway through the tunnel. Now, think about it. You start walking. It's dark ahead and you don't know exactly where you're going, but there's a lot of light in the opening of that tunnel. So, "Praise God. I just trust Him to lead the way. This is great." And then you reach a point where you can no longer see a light ahead. When many people get to that first sign of darkness, they turn their backs on it and walk back. They retreat to that beginning area where they had some light. And then, in time, they start out all over again. We must press on in the dark and trust Him for the light to come.

The majority of churches that are meeting today, in the Name of Jesus, are not preaching this kind of a message. They tend to go back over the same ground, and many of the same people answer the same altar call, week after week after week. And there appears to be little or no progress in their spiritual growth. They stagnate right where they began - "saved" and going to heaven, but not walking in the Light they have. No wonder it was important to be written: "Forgetting those things which are behind, I reach for those things which are ahead. I press toward the mark..." (Phil. 3:13).

Now, as you keep retracing your steps backward, our merciful God will always take you back. Yes, He will. "Oh, well, I think I've committed the unpardonable sin. I can't go back to Him." Not true if you're conscious of it. That's the conviction of the Holy Spirit so you can confess, forsake, and get on with it!

No Going Back!

We need to say, "I'm not going back! I'm not retreating just because I don't know everything that lies ahead. I don't know how I'm going to get to a city not made with hands, but I have a promise! I have God's promise that I have enough strength to go on. He said, 'I AM your refuge. And I AM your fortress, and I AM a very present help.'"

Many of us made that commitment for salvation some time ago, and we have been pressing on into the Kingdom. And now we're way beyond the halfway mark. If you turn around now, it will be darker going back because you have now been heading into the Light without actually realizing how far you have come already.

We are going somewhere. As individuals, we're going some place. As a church, we are going to that place where God is making His presence known in the assembly of His Body; where He is consistently there as we gather to praise Him and worship Him and fellowship with Him and the members of His Body.

Would you give that up? Not for anything! So, "whatever it takes for this will, my own will, to break, Lord. Whatever it takes, Lord, for us to get closer to You. We have made this determination - we have to know You! And this beacon is going to be a Light that shines brighter and brighter and brighter."

Stagnation

You will see churches rise. You'll see churches fall. You'll see churches rise and stagnate. The church - you're going to hate this but it's true - the churches that stagnate will have the most people. It is not an easy choice to press on with God. "Many are the afflictions..." and many will find their contentment in knowing they have secured their eternity with God - period. They will not risk going through the darkness, or the floods, or the fire (Isa. 43:2), even though God's promise is sure: "I will be with you..." (Isa. 43:2).

Don't you worry about those churches. Don't try to pick them out or in any way identify them. We are not to look at them with any negatives in mind, but we are to recognize that there is a very high calling of God to press on with Him. And there is also a high cost we will pay as we choose this way. But, church, it will be worth whatever the cost.

Some rough roads have been plowed already to get us to this point. We dare not become discouraged now. Things have never been brighter for us! Church, things have never been more promising for us! It is true that we still hold in our hearts unfulfilled prophetic promises that I know - I KNOW - that He who has promised is faithful - who also will do it. (Heb. 10:23; Phil. 1:6; 2:13)

Walk In High Places

Bill Burns

I have called you to walk in high places; I have given you hind's feet to tread upon the high places where the enemy has controlled the airways of the world. I am causing you to be able to walk in the place where the enemy has been hiding, for the powers of darkness are beginning to tremble as the power of this age comes upon My people.

Everything that can be shaken will be shaken. I have chosen to use you, My people, to shake the heavenly realm, for there the princes are seated upon their thrones and have established their authority. But, when the shaking comes forth by the heart of My people, the enemy shall fall. The heavens open, and angels are being dispatched. They are bringing forth announcements to the people of God. In their hands they carry My written purposes for My people. Those purposes shall be deposited in you and received in your inner man. It is the manna from heaven that is being given at this time that shall sustain you for the journey. Announcements are being given. Oh ... not only announcements, but invitations! Some are receiving invitations to come before the throne of Glory.

Come boldly before My throne, says the Lord! I am sending My chariots of fire to lift up My people above the earth and bring them before My throne. In your spirit you shall go, and in your spirit you shall run, and in your spirit you shall be charged by the power of My word and My glory.

Marsha Burns

Jan 26, 2004
The devil's job is to kill, steal and destroy. Be on guard and watch, for he will assuredly do his best to shoot the fiery darts of his lies to hit the vital areas of your flesh to bring you down. You must be aware of your vulnerabilities, and establish a shield of faith to bring his attacks to nothing. It is imperative that you bathe your mind with the truth of the Word and refuse to succumb to the fear that follows a lying spirit. Rise up and be strong. Keep your head and heart clear, and stay aware.

Jan 27, 2004
I have prepared a table before you, a banqueting table. It is filled with the Word, My truth. It contains all that you need to grow and be healthy. My Word is powerful and living and will energize your life in the Spirit. Come and feed sumptuously. Don't just nibble with the desire of an anorexic. Haven't I said that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled? Come and be filled. Now is a season of growth and maturity in the kingdom, but you must feast on My Word.
Jan 28, 2004

Stay firmly planted on solid ground of spiritual reality. Presumption and faulty assumptions will have you chasing the wind. You cannot take advantage of opportunities that have not yet presented themselves, and you cannot live a dream. You can only build with the materials you have been given. To try to do otherwise will bring frustration, disappointment and failure. I have opened doors before you, says the Lord, but you must use your discernment to know and recognize true opportunity as opposed to fantasy before your move ahead. Presumption will spring forth from impure motivations -- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it. (Psalm 127:1)
Jan 29, 2004
Be on guard, and shake yourselves awake. Do not allow distractions and spiritual slumber to overtake you. Test the spirit of all that comes your way to determine whether it is of Me or not. Rise up and overcome any position that has its foundation in the flesh or carnal thinking. You cannot discern truth from error if you have already entertained a lying spirit and believed his deception. Nor, can you discern properly if you have allowed a spirit of fear to overtake you. Quiet your emotions, and rise up in the power of My Spirit to know the truth that will set you free.

Jan 30, 2004
Be strengthened by the power of My Word, for it is sharp and powerful and divides soul and spirit. When you find yourself lacking in faith, hear My Word again. Do not allow your symptoms or circumstances to speak louder than the Word of Truth, for I have made a way of escape from every temptation and have made provision for every need. Only believe! Dispell the lies, confront your fears, and rise up in a firm belief that I will do whatever you ask according to My will when you ask in faith without doubting in your heart. Today is the day of breakthrough. Believe!

Bill Burns

Seek wisdom and seek understanding, says the Lord, for I speak to you today to reveal something you may have forgotten. Do you not know and understand that you are entering the seventh month of this season? Is not seven the number of completion? Those things that I have been doing in you, teaching you, imparting to you are now coming to a close, but they are not completely finished. And, it is necessary that you position yourselves now to move into that which is before you. The past and those things that I have built in you will now begin to manifest out of the strength of My grace and will empower you to take the next step of the journey, for that journey is being revealed to you, is being opened to you. I have spoken, and said, "The door is open; come through it." The door that I give unto you is the door of this season, and through that door are the wonderful works, which I am about to do in your lives. You are called to come out and come through the door by faith and position yourselves to be instruments of My work in this season, says the Lord.

Marsha Burns

I speak to you in the same manner that Paul spoke to the Galatians, saying you are so foolish because you began again in the Spirit, yet now here you are in the flesh. The flesh and the works of the flesh will become bondage to you. Rise up into the Spirit, into the place of your calling. Do not go back to the place where you have allowed your desires to rule. Come back from the place where you went astray and departed from the power and the presence and the leading of My Spirit. Stop now and turn back; do not continue on in the flesh.

Marsha Burns
Feb 4, 2004

Be alert to the enemy's strategy against you. Take time to evaluate your thoughts, feelings and circumstances to see exactly where he is oppressing you, for truly I do not bring oppression upon My people, says the Lord, and you do not oppress yourself without the aid of evil spirits. I say again, evaluate carefully to see how and where the enemy gained access to your soul. Certainly he had to find a gap in the wall. What was the lie that you believed? What do you fear? Have I not said that I am your fortress and high tower? I am your place of safety. Rise up in the authority that I have given you to overcome the works of darkness, confront the devil where you find him, and cast him out. I tell the truth, he is stirring up the flesh and working his subtle plan of division among you even at this moment. Resist!

Marsha Burns
Feb 5, 2004

Refuse to allow the enemy to paralyze you with obstruction. He has stopped you or brought delay only in certain avenues of activity. But, there are other things that you need to move ahead on. Do the appropriate warfare to break hindrances and bind hindering forces, and then apply your forward momentum to areas where you can continue to make progress. Do not become obsessed with that which has been clogged or blocked. Seek Me for wisdom and direction, for I am with you to cause you to accomplish all that I have set you to do.

Marsha Burns
Feb 6, 2004

Beloved, I am fine-tuning every aspect of your life if you will allow it. For, even your relationship with Me will come to a higher and more effective level as you let Me show you what must be changed. You will first see these changes manifest in your natural life, for the natural will come first and then the spiritual. Do not resist change brought about by My Spirit, but by the same token, do not initiate change for the sake of change or out of boredom. Be sensitive to your spiritual environment, and be willing to move with the Wind of the Spirit.

Marsha Burns:
Feb 23, 2004

Beloved, guard your heart, and refuse to overreact to emotionally charged situations. Remain calm, and do not be drawn off course. The enemy is doing all he can to derail you by pushing you to a point of desperation. The decisions you make during this time of extreme duress are likely to be motivated by your flesh instead of My Spirit. Quiet yourself and seek My wisdom, for situations will arise suddenly and loom before you with an exaggerated sense of impending doom. Do not be afraid.

Bill Burns:

You are a chosen generation. You are the Esthers of this age called for such a time as this. You have been chosen to carry the message and the anointing that I have poured forth in this season. I have called you and spoken to you and said that this is the time that you will now become new wineskins. You are the living stones, the anointed stones that have been cut from that Rock whose name is Christ. It is written that from the Rock, Christ, the water comes. You are stones in the kingdom, the precious jewels, the living stones of that City, the New Jerusalem. You are building that City, for you are the stones and you are walls and you are the foundation of that glorious City. I am the Light of that City, and there shall be no other light upon My people. Encourage yourselves and come to Me as living stones, alive and fresh and built upon truth. Come with new hope and new joy and peace. I have called you for such a time as this.

The Craftsmen
Bill Burns

Feb 29, 2004

The craftsmen (Zechariah 1:20-21) are the sent ones who will shape the living stones through the preaching of the word of truth. Proverbs 20: 15 ¶ There is gold and a multitude of rubies, But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

The craftsmen are those who receive the key of knowledge (Luke 11:52 and Matthew 16:19). They are those who will be anointed to build the House of the Lord, and will be like those that God used to build the tabernacle in Moses' day.

Exodus 28: 3 "So you shall speak to all who are gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron’s garments, to consecrate him, that he may minister to Me as priest."

The Hebrew word that translates artisan is chakam, which means "wise and gifted." The artisan was the one that cut, polished and set the stones in the breastplate and ephod. (Exodus 23:9-21) The artisan (craftsman) also engraved the names of the tribes of Israel on the stones.

The Hebrew word that translates craftsman (NKJV) in Zechariah 1:21 is charash, which means artisan and engraver.

In Moses' day, the word of God was written on stone tablets, and the names of the tribes were written on the precious stones that the high priest wore over his heart.

Today, the word of God is engraved or written on our hearts by the anointed word of God (Hebrews 10:15-16). The anointed artisans of this day are the four craftsmen who will preach the truth of God's word in power, and it will cast out the false doctrine of the four horns. (Zechariah 1:18-21)

The craftsmen will establish the foundation of truth that the first-century apostles taught.

Ephesians 2: 19-22 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

This foundation of truth will be that which Zion is built on in these last days.

Hebrews 12: 22-23 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect.

The foundation of New Jerusalem is built on precious stones. God's people are the living stones (1 Peter 2:4) that are being polished to reflect the light of Christ in this, the end of the age. (Revelation 21:19-23)

The prophet Isaiah tells us that Jesus will be our crown and jewel (diadem) in that day, which is this day, the third day of Christ. Isaiah 28: 5-6 In that day the LORD of hosts will be For a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty To the remnant of His people, for a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment, And for strength to those who turn back the battle at the gate.

And he also speaks of the gentile church as a royal diadem as well. Isaiah 62: 1-3 For Zion’s sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp that burns. The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name. You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God.

At one time Satan's covering was the precious stones of God's creation (Ezekiel 28:13-14). Satan fell from God's grace because of his rebellion, and he lost his covering and his horn was filled with darkness. Then, the Righteous One, Jesus, took the stones of Eden to make the foundation of His city. The Master has shaped and polished us as His living stones, and He holds us in His heart.

The craftsmen will build on the foundation of truth with gold (divine instruction and God's purpose), silver (the message of the power of the cross of redemption), and precious stones (the word of truth that polishes and perfects).

1 Corinthians 3: 9-13 For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, you are God’s building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw each one’s work will become clear; for

the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

The Work of the Craftsman (Artisan): A modern-day term for one who cuts, shapes and polishes stone is lapidary. The work of the lapidary is very easily compared to God's work in us. There are basically four steps to the lapidary process.

They are: 1. Remember we are seeing ourselves in this process. We are the stones being perfected. The lapidary takes the stone that has been taken out of the earth and examines it. In the same way, God takes us out of the earth and examines us to see what work needs to be done. The lapidary then uses a saw with a diamond blade to cut off a part of the rock that he wants to make into a precious stone. At this point we are separated (cut out) for God's purposes for us.

2. The lapidary then holds the stone in his hand and begins to shape the stone on his grindstone. (You get the picture.) The stone is ground until it has the shape or image that the artisan desires.

3. The lapidary then sands the stone to make it very smooth. All of the rough edges are removed. Steps two and three remind us of the work of sanctification that takes place in the Master's hands, and these two steps take a lot of time and effort. We must be shaped by God into the image of Christ, and then we must be perfected (sanded) until we have no rough parts (sin) or scratches (wounds of rejection).

4. The fourth step is the polishing. While steps two and three can take a long time, the polishing is accomplished very quickly. This process enables us to reflect the light of Jesus Christ. The stones are not used in the royal diadem and put on display until they are polished and become precious gemstones. A gem is a stone that has been cut and polished.

Matthew 13: 43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear! The whole lapidary process from beginning to end takes place with the use of oil or water. The saw blade runs in oil. Water is applied to the grindstone, sandpaper and buffing pad. Water and oil are symbols of the Holy Spirit, and we know that it is the Holy Spirit who is doing the work of the lapidary with us.

The artisans (lapidaries) of this day will use the anointed word of God to cut, shape, perfect, and polish God's living stones. And, they will become God's diadems, His special treasure.

Exodus 19: 5 'Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

The Stone Kingdom
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The Stone Kingdom is the end-time kingdom of God that is being established in the earth. The prophet Daniel saw the Stone Kingdom in a vision. Daniel's vision revealed Nebuchadnezzer's dream, which revealed the kingdoms of this world that would oppress God's people. (Daniel chapter 2)

The image that Daniel described represents the kingdoms that the spirit of the anti-christ rules over. Daniel saw four kingdoms in the image of the beast. The fourth kingdom is the last political system, which is ruled by the anti-christ. This kingdom is the feet and toes of the image and are made of iron and clay.

Daniel 2: 40-41"And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others. Whereas you saw the feet and toes, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; yet the strength of the iron shall be in it, just as you saw the iron mixed with ceramic clay.

Daniel also saw a fifth kingdom that would rule over the fourth kingdom.

Daniel 2: 44-45 "And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what will come to pass after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure."

Daniel revealed the Stone Kingdom that is now being established by God in His Church. The Stone Kingdom is not established by the hand of man; it is established by God Himself. The mountain that the Stone Kingdom is cut of is Zion. (Micah 4:1-2)

Jacob's prophecy over Joseph, who is a type of Christ, makes reference to the King of the Stone Kingdom.

Genesis 49: 22-24 "Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a well; His branches run over the wall. The archers have bitterly grieved him, Shot at him and hated him. But his bow remained in strength, And the arms of his hands were made strong By the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel).

The Stone Shepherd's name is Jesus Christ who is the Cornerstone (Psalm 118:21-24). Jesus is also the Capstone -- finishing stone (Zechariah 4:7). Those who dwell with Jesus in truth and spirit will have a part as joint heirs in establishing the Stone Kingdom in these last days. These are the living stones that are being built into a spiritual house by the Lord.

1 Peter 2: 4-9 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

The Four Horns:

In scripture horns represent authority (power). In a later vision Daniel saw a little horn that represents Satan operating through the spirit of the anti-christ (Daniel 8:9-12). The army that Satan has is led by four more horns whose purpose is to scatter God's people by opposing the truth of God's Word.

Zechariah 1: 18 Then I raised my eyes and looked, and there were four horns. 19 And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these?" So he answered me, "These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

The four horns are lying spirits, which have been sent forth as spirits of the anti-christ (1 John 2:18-19 and 4:1-3). The four unholy horns have established false doctrine in the Church, and these false doctrines have scattered (divided) God's people. This is why we have so many denominations today.

Daniel saw four kingdoms of this world that would oppress and scatter the nation of Israel. In the same way, the four horns (spirits of anti-christ) have divided and scattered the Church. These horns have promoted different false doctrines down through the ages. However, there is no need for despair because God is sending His craftsmen to cast these lies out of the Church.

The Four Craftsmen:

Zechariah 1: 20-21 Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen. And I said, "What are these coming to do?" So he said, "These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it."

The craftsmen are those who the Lord will use in these last days to establish the Stone Kingdom on the sure foundation of truth.

Isaiah 28: 16 -17 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a foundation, A tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation; Whoever believes will not act hastily. Also I will make justice the measuring line, And righteousness the plummet; The hail will sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters will overflow the hiding place.

Ephesians 2: 19-22 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

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The four craftsmen are the apostles, prophets, evangelists and pastor/teachers who have made the Holy Spirit their Teacher. They are those who have the four faces of Jesus.

Revelation 4: 6-8 Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

The face of a man who speaks face to face with the Lord and speaks only that which he hears. This one lives the sacrificed life (the calf) and does the will of the Lord. These have prophetic insight (the eagle), and they will reveal the hidden mysteries of these last days. They, like the Lion of Judah) will walk in apostolic power and authority. In Matthew chapter 16 the Lord said that He would build His Church on the rock of revelation. (Matthew 16:17-18)

These are the craftsmen of these days; they are the living stones who worship in spirit and in truth. The Lord Himself will anoint them with the oil in His Horn, and they shall establish the word of His truth. These are the builders of the Lord's house, the house that is built upon The Rock who is the Stone

Shepherd. And, this house will become the rock cut out without human hands.

Zechariah 4: 5-9 Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord." So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. 'Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"'" Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying: "The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid the foundation of this temple; His hands shall also finish it. Then you will know That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to you.

Zerubabbel means "out of Babylon." Those who have come out from Mystery Babylon (Revelation chapter 17 and 18:4) will establish the Stone Kingdom, which is the fifth kingdom (symbolizing grace). The living stones will become the walls of God's house. They will be built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets who have built upon the Cornerstone. When the walls are finished, then the Capstone will be brought forth "with shouts of grace, grace to it."

Women In Ministry
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Women In Ministry: Anointed For Service, Robbed Of Opportunity -- Howard Morgan
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The position of women in ministry has for many centuries been troubling for much of the church. However, as we go back to our Jewish roots we discover that the true faith of Abraham provides both anointing and opportunity for women to fulfill their callings in the Kingdom of God.

As the church departed from her Jewish roots, she lost her understanding of the Kingdom of God and adopted the pagan understanding of "gentile authority" which Jesus warned us against and prohibited His disciples from emulating. This kind of authority by its nature is oppressive and repressive. It seeks to keep in power and authority those who by virtue of their military strength, political standing, or financial resources have acquired dominant positions in society. The Kingdom of God, as it is revealed in the Jewish Scriptures, is built upon an entirely different structure. The greatest in the Kingdom of God are those who serve (Matthew 23:11). Those who are given authority in the church are given it for the express purpose of serving the purposes of God in the lives of those in their care and are never given it to manipulate them to serve their own self-centered purposes (Colossians.1:28). Anything that is not centered on the purposes of God in another's life is by definition centered on "self." Self-centered religion builds its own "kingdom" in opposition to the Kingdom of God. You can use this concept of a self-centered kingdom as opposed to a Christ-centered Kingdom as a very accurate measuring rod as you look at your own motivations, and seek to discern the motivations of modern church leaders and those you read about in church history. If traditional views of church practices that have become the norm today, and theological interpretations of the Bible that justify those practices, are based on a self-centered motivation, then we must change those practices and change the theologies that justify them. We are under a divine mandate to build God's Kingdom and not to protect that which sustains any other "kingdom."

Leaders in the Kingdom of God are vested with authority so that they can do what is necessary to help those committed to their charge become "complete in the Messiah" (Colossians 1:28). All leaders who are practicing Biblical religion are anointed by God for one reason and that is to equip "the saints" for the work of service that they are called to (Ephesians 4:11-16). "The saints" is a reference to all who believe in the Messiah, which obviously includes women. This means that all ministers are called to do whatever they can to help women fulfill their callings in the Lord, and not hinder them!

Before we look at the infamous "women keep silent in the church" and "let women learn in silence" and "I suffer not a woman to teach nor to usurp authority over the man, but be in silence" verses, let's take a look at the big picture of how God sees and uses women in the building of His Kingdom. It is when we see the whole story that we will understand what Paul was actually communicating. Then we will be able to see what God intends for his anointed daughters.

Let's begin by examining the Bible to see how God anointed women and then gave them opportunities to serve. These many examples are highly instructive for us as we seek to restore the church to her proper Biblical foundations and women to their Biblical ministries.

Please understand that when you read these small vignettes about women in the Bible, that we are not just talking about unique or special individuals but rather we are looking at them as spiritual types as they reflect what any woman can be or do if she will respond to the Lord as these women did. If we fail to see them in this way their stories will have no power to affect lives today, and the purposes of God in relating them to us in His Holy Scripture will be lost. They are "examples to us who believe, upon whom the end of the ages has come" (1 Corinthians 10:11).

Consider:

Sarah, the wife of Abraham, is written about in the "hall of fame of faith" in Hebrews 11. There the writer says that "Through faith Sarah received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised." How are you fairing today concerning the promises of God to you? Like this woman of God, are you judging God faithful to fulfill his promises to you, or are you judging him another way?

When Rebecca understood that it was the will of God for her to go with a stranger to marry a stranger, she did not hesitate to fulfill God's will. When this woman of God was convinced about the will of God she moved without delay, do you?

Consider the faith and wisdom of Jochebed, mother of Moses, Levi and Miriam. Committing her son to the small watertight ark she built, she planned for Pharaoh's daughter to find him and for miriam to suggest that she nurse her own son. In this way she was led by the Spirit to be actively involved in the formative years of Moses' life, imparting to him the spiritual foundations for his future greatness. Could you do with your child what this woman of God did with hers?

Jochebed's godly influence is also seen in her daughter miriam's life. The Prophet Micah mentions her as one of those God used to lead Israel during the Exodus (Micah 6:4). After the miraculous deliverance of Israel and the divine judgment upon Pharaoh's army at the red sea, Miriam, whom the scripture specifically calls a "prophetess" became the first worship leader in Israel's history, singing and dancing with a tambourine, as she led the women in dancing and the nation in singing the praises of the Lord (Exodus 15:20-21).

Because of the boldness, wisdom, and faith in the goodness and righteousness of the Lord, the five daughters of Zelophehad, had the Law of God, the Torah, changed. God himself said that they "spoke right" when they insisted that women be included in the property rights inheritance laws (Numbers 27:1-9). Could they have been the first "lady lawyers" in the world? When you see unrighteousness do you have the boldness to confront it? These five women did!

Rahab, a woman of dubious character, (some rabbis call her merely an "innkeeper") also mentioned in the Hebrews 11 "hall of fame of faith", is a direct ancestor of david and Jesus. She had great faith, wisdom, discernment and courage. She was one who could "discern the signs of the times" and recognized that the formerly impregnable Jericho was about to be destroyed. Rahab's past life was no indication of her future success. When she came to faith, she obeyed and received her reward. What discernment about the signs of the times do you have? What are you doing about the things you discern? Would you take the risks that Rahab did? Would you have hidden spies?

Consider the wisdom of Abigail, and the desire for wisdom of the Queen of Sheba. And the widow of Zarephath, whose obedience to the word of the prophet Elijah brought supernatural provision to her home. What about Hulda, another prophetess, whom Josiah sought for wisdom and guidance when He found the Law of God, or the prayer passion of Hannah, whose intercession and future dedication and sacrifice brought to Israel the great judge and prophet Samuel.

Let us not fail to mention three of the most famous women in the Hebrew Scriptures. Ruth, Esther and Deborah. Ruth is the premier example of faith and devotion. Her quote to Naomi, "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me," is one of the most famous in all of Scripture. It is the answer for all of us to the question Jesus asked Peter, "Will you leave me also?"

Another famous quote is attributed to the beauty queen turned national savior and hero, Esther. When faced with the prospect of certain death for entering the King's throne room uninvited she proclaimed with faith and courage, "I will go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish."

Deborah was a prophetess, a counselor, a military leader and a judge. The Israelite general Barak knew the anointing of God that was upon her life and would not go out to battle unless Deborah consented to go with him. Like Esther, God used this woman to deliver the entire nation.

These examples of women in the old testament clearly show how the Lord anointed women and then gave them opportunities to serve His purposes. God never changes (Malachi 3:6). So why would He, or the apostle the church claims to follow, now prohibit women from exercising their anointings or taking advantage of the opportunities God gives them? The answer of course is that neither He nor Paul has done that.

In the new testament we see women exercising their faith and their giftings as God gives them opportunity. Consider these examples. The woman at the well was an evangelist (John 4:29-30). The woman with the issue of blood had faith enough to take the anointing right out of Jesus' body without Him directing it (Mark 5:30-34). There were three women at the cross (John 19:25, 26), and two women at the tomb who were the first to see the resurrected Savior, and the first to proclaim the good news of His resurrection (Matt. 28:1,10). There were women who were preaching the gospel enough to be persecuted by saul (Acts 8:3,4). Philip the evangelist had four daughters who were prophetesses (Acts 21:8-9). There were jewish women in the upper room (Acts 1:14, 2:4), and gentile women in Cornelius' home (Acts10:24,27,44) receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Joel 2:28,29), the purpose of which was to imbue the receivers with power to minister (Acts 1:8). Why would God give women the power to minister and then deny them the opportunity to use it? He wouldn't and didn't. But insecure, intimidated, and deceived misogynistic men would. In the pure apostolic first century church women could exercise all the gifts of the spirit and did! In 1 Corinthians 11:5 Paul specifically acknowledges women praying and prophesying.

Women in the New Testament did preach, pray, and prophesy. In Romans 16:1 Phebe is called, in the Greek text, a diakonos--a minister--of the church. This is a masculine noun that is used in many places in the New Testament to describe individuals who do the work of the ministry: evangelizing, preaching, praying, prophesying. we see Priscilla and Aquila, her husband, ministering together, teaching Apollos the scriptures, overseeing a church, and traveling with and helping Paul in the ministry (Acts 18:1-18, 26; Romans 16:3; 1 Corinthians 16:19). These are not things a woman who had to be silent could do! Junia, a woman, is called an apostle by Paul in Romans 16:7, and in Philippians 4:2-3 he mentions two women, Euodious and Syntyche, whom he describes as "fellow laborers in the gospel." How could you labor in the gospel and be silent?

It is obvious then that God fully intends for women to exercise all of the gifts and anointings that God imparts to them. This being true, how could Paul tell women in 1 Corinthians 14: 34-35 to be silent, and that it is not permitted for them to speak in church? The answer is simply that he did not. He was only restating a quote in a letter sent to him about this and other issues (chapter 7:1). He responds to the quote by exclaiming in vs. 36; "What? (are you talking about!) Came the word of God out from you? Or came it unto you only?" (Italics mine.) It is foolishness to think that he would stop in the middle of a chapter and contradict all that he had just written and was himself practicing. It is not a shame for women to speak in church, because he already instructed women to speak in church. The whole content of this chapter is the balanced use of tongues and prophecy by both men and women. I believe that all of the difficulties that this text presents are cleared up when these verses are seen as a simple restatement of an issue posed to Paul by those yet bound by unscriptural Jewish traditions. These traditions (the oral "law" of vs. 34) kept women silent in synagogue and there were those who wanted these traditions to be carried over into the church.

Did Paul really instruct the church that women are not allowed to teach in 1 timothy 2:12? If he did, then how could he expect them, as believers, to fulfill the great commission? Jesus told everybody to "go into all the world and teach the nations…" In like manner, those who prophesy do so that everyone can learn, the central goal of teaching (1 Corinthians 14:31). We saw earlier that Paul encouraged women to prophesy. It is interesting to note that Jesus in His rebuke of Jezebel in the book of Revelation (2:20) did not censure her for teaching or prophesying, but for teaching and prophesying error. He could have easily taken advantage of that situation to end this controversy once and for all by saying, "Jezebel, you woman, be quiet! I don't allow women to teach or prophecy in my church, you are supposed to be silent." If women were never allowed to teach or prophesy, the elders in the church at Thyatira would never have even allowed her to open her mouth. But because women were teaching and prophesying as a normal occurrence, she had the opportunity to speak. The church was rebuked for allowing her to lead people astray, not for allowing her to teach. Indeed in verse 21 the Lord gave her time to repent of her immorality, not of her prophesying or teaching.

The immorality of Jezebel in Revelation 2 ties directly to our study of 1 Timothy 2:12. If you will take the time to do an in depth study of 1 Timothy 2:12, you will find that Paul was not telling women in general not to teach or have authority over men, but was in actuality dealing with Gnosticism and female gnostic teachers who were mixing sexual immorality with gnostic doctrines. The greek word used in this passage of Scripture for "usurp authority" is authentien. This is the only place it is used in the New Testament. The normal word for authority is exousia. This rare verb had coarse sexual overtones. John Chrysostom's fourth century commentary on this verb uses the expression "sexual license." What Paul was actually doing was prohibiting female gnostic teachers from mixing their strange doctrines and sexual immorality as a means of seducing the church. This is exactly what Jesus was doing in Revelation 2:20-24. For a detailed treatment of this concept, let me refer you to Charles Trombley's book, Who Said Women Can't Teach.

Throughout the Bible we find women who had powerful personal revelations and ministries. Church history is full of misogynistic theologians and ministers who have, all too successfully, tried to minimize them as some special exception to the norm. but that is completely wrong and the church has suffered tremendously because of it. One of the many doctrines of demons that the church has believed is that women are inferior to men and that Paul meant to silence them and relegate them to lifetimes of spiritual imprisonment and fruitlessness. As we boldly confront those doctrines of demons we will find ourselves in many intense spiritual battles. But the fruits of our victory will be well worth the fight. All the women in the Body of Christ will be set free to minister in the anointing of the Holy Spirit and take full advantage of all the wonderful opportunities God will give them to build His Kingdom. Satan knows how powerful women are in the Spirit and so he has tried to "silence" and minimize them. But as God restores his church to her Jewish roots, those daughters of Abraham will be set free to do a great deal of damage to satan's kingdom. Amen!

God has one unchanging purpose in the earth and that is to disciple men and women who can inherit His Kingdom and be qualified to rule and reign with Him. By anointing His children with His spirit and then giving them opportunities to serve, God is able to train such people. Let us now, as we approach the third christian millenium not hinder anyone from fulfilling God's purposes, but rather work together with Him to see everyone complete in the Messiah.

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Wired Different

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Caution! - "I'm Going To Do Fearless Exploits With Those Who Are "Wired" Different - Some Will Seem To Have "No Wiring" At All!"

I sense the Father saying. "Many whom I have "wired" different from the womb are being activated to seemingly go over the edge in fearless exploits, removing every limitation My present day church has established. Watch for them. Some will seem to have "no wiring" at all. But don't judge them too soon. You maybe shaking your head no to the next move of My outrageous acts of heroic exploits. I am sending these "unique" ones who will also be the forerunners in routing every religious spirit out of My House!"

My youngest daughter, Danielle, who is a little strong-willed, and twenty-one as I am writing this, called me a few months ago. She said, "Dad, I bought a new car, a 2003 Honda Civic!" I said, "What? Honey, you just bought a nice Honda Civic two years ago. That car would last you forever! Besides that, your sister Naomi is getting married in May and then you will have to pay all the rent for your apartment plus this higher car payment each month. This is the worst time for you to do something like this."

She said, "I think I can handle it." Then before we hung up she said something that really floored me. She said, "I got a five-speed!" I said, "You are joking, right?" I said, "Honey, you have never driven a stick in your whole life!" She said, "I practiced with a friend's car yesterday afternoon." (She is getting her new car in two days.)

I have come to this conclusion about Danielle-- she is wired different! She is so unique. I believe that's the word of knowledge the Lord gave me concerning her. That's the only way I can have peace. I have discovered something from the day she was born. She's an edge pusher! What worries me excites her. She was born to push the edge back.

She came two days later to show us her car. She parked two blocks away so she didn't have to park between any cars. I thought to myself, "She is probably going to be walking more since she got this new car!" As we looked it over, my wife said something that caused an alarm to go off inside of me. My wife asked, "Are you going to take us for a ride?" I went to get in the backseat, but Danielle spoke up and said, "Dad, I got a two-door this time. (The last time she bought a car, she wouldn't get one unless it was a four-door.)

She pulled out of the parking space slowly, squealing the tires. The next intersection gave us another louder squeal that concerned me. She said, "Dad, I think it's because you are in here!" I wanted to say, "May I get out?" The longest ride in my whole life was just those two miles!

The Lord speaks to me in everyday life many times through my children. When you begin to hear God speak in everyday life, it can become very expensive. This word that the Lord spoke to me concerning you who are reading this is costing my daughter over fifteen thousand dollars! So listen very carefully. I heard the Father say concerning you, "You are so unique! You are "wired" different! Normal just won't do it for you either. You're an edge pusher! You were born from the womb to push back the edge of the powers of darkness over your family, city, region and beyond."

I believe the Lord is taking the Body of Christ this hour into a dimension of the Spirit of a brand new Honda Civic five-speed! I believe the five-speed transmission represents the fivefold ministry of the Apostle, Prophet, Pastor, Teacher and Evangelist. People will shake their heads on this move and think you are going over the edge, but you were born to push the edge back and take great risks to do great exploits in this hour. I sense we are going to hear some screeching of tires on this move. We will hear some squealing of people also who may not understand what God is up to. But God is in the car. He doesn't get nervous like I do. He is going to teach you and me how to shift those gears to have all the power we need to do what He has called us to do corporately as well as individually. Did you know that Hondas are in the Bible? In the book of Acts it says that they were all in "one Accord." This move is nothing new to God. He's been in a Honda before. He is calling us to get into "one Accord" so He can drive and shift for us.

Danielle's boyfriend Justin had a birthday a few months ago. She bought him a gift... to "sky dive." That means you jump out of an airplane and free fall sixty seconds until you pull the parachute. But Justin has never been in an airplane before! His mother paid extra to have another man jump out beside Justin to record on video the "squealing and screeching" on the way down. They went to watch Justin take off in the plane but some clouds rolled in that day and they postponed the jump. See, I thought those clouds were from the Lord. They told me they were from the devil. They went up the following week and Justin loved every second of it. I just got over watching the video a few months ago.

Is what I am sharing finding a witness in you? Do you want to do something you have never done before although it may cost you everything including your life? Step to the forefront now! Your bones are telling you that if you save your life you are going to lose it. But oh, if you lose your life for Jesus' sake you will find it by going over the edge, using a five speed transmission, squealing for all your tires are worth, with people shaking their heads at you! Put that parachute on now and plan to "sky dive" on your first time up! If you know you are not "normal," God may be calling your name.

Step forth now. Being "wired" different, or having "no wiring" at all, enhances your qualifications!

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Whatever You Plant in a Garden Will Grow
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"WHATEVER YOU PLANT IN A GARDEN WILL GROW!"

Five years ago I wrote a book that I felt sure was of the Lord and would soon be published. Upon finishing the manuscript, I heard the Father speak. "Take this book and bury it in the backyard in your garden." Perhaps getting my book published meant too much to me at the time. In the dead of winter I dug into the hard ground in my garden and buried my manuscript. As I was throwing the dirt down on top of it, the Lord spoke. "Whatever you plant in a garden will grow."

I then remembered that Jesus was buried in a garden tomb and was raised from the dead in a garden. My only hope was that my book would grow and one day be raised from the dead in my garden. As time went by, I finally died to the desire to ever have a book published. Even when people would mention that I should write a book, I didn't want to touch it. Five years has gone by and through confirmation of the Spirit and much brokenness, tears and dying a thousand deaths, my book has risen up through the crust of the earth - this earthen vessel.

Just like what grows in a garden looks different from what you planted, this book is quite different from what I planted. And also I am not the same person I was five years ago. I believe this is the book the Lord intended to harvest at this time. I am learning that He only raises dead things, dead dreams and dead plans. If it's not dead, He can't raise it.

The book has just come off the press today titled - I HEARD HEAVEN PROCLAIM - (Prophetic Words of Encouragement). I am honored to have Jane Hansen, President of Aglow International, to have written the foreword to the book. Endorsements for the book are from Bob Sorge, Jim Goll, Dutch Sheets, Kathie Walters Chuck Pierce and Al Thomas.

The book is now available through my website at www.billyount.com

It's interesting that it has been released at this resurrection season. I truly believe the Lord is coming to raise up your dreams and plans also. His timing is perfect. It's worth waiting for. Trust Him!

Your garden is growing!

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The Word Go
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What Part of the Word "Go" Do you not Understand"

I sensed the Father saying. "I am hungry for My Harvest!" Upon hearing these words and realizing we are the Lord's Body on earth, could it be the insatiable hunger that God has put into many of us may not be just for Him alone but could it be for His Harvest?

When I think in the natural how in harvest times it's important to bring in the harvest because it is our food and sustenance. The natural harvest sustains our life and health. Could it be that as in the natural harvest the spiritual harvest holds far more for us than we realize. Could the spiritual harvest hold also spiritual nourishment that we have lacked in our walk even with God? Could there be sustenance in the Harvest Fields that we have yet to discover that hasn't been found in our churches and gatherings? I personally believe there is.

When Jesus was ministering to the woman at the well and the disciples returned with food, they wondered why He was no longer hungry. In John 4:32 Jesus says, "I have meat to eat that you don't know about!" The disciples thought someone had actually brought Jesus something to eat. He then explains in verse 34. "My meat (sustenance) comes from doing the will of Him that sent Me. And verse 35, Jesus tells his disciples to "Lift up your eyes and look on the harvest fields for they are white already to harvest."

I believe Jesus was showing us through His own experience that it is in reaching out to the lost that we get true nourishment and satisfaction in our own lives. Sounds like Jesus got something in the Harvest field that He didn't get in the temple! I believe the Lord has put such a high priority on reaching the lost that there are also wages and rewards given that we haven't experienced until we actually go! The devil will tell you don't go until you feel good enough and prepared. But it's in the "going" that God equips us and anoints us "in" the harvest fields. You will discover that the harvest anointing is in the harvest itself. The Harvest Anointing will take care of a whole lot of your problems!

My mother who has been healed so many times and is almost eighty years old, has found the key to long life. I once heard her pray when the doctor discovered a tumor on her thyroid. Before the biopsy test, she prayed to the Lord. "Father, if I get sick and weak with this tumor, how will I be able to serve you and reach the lost?" All I know is that the next morning when the doctor went to take a biopsy they couldn't find that tumor! I believe many times the Lord wants to know "why" we want to be healed. Not so we can live a long life but why do we want to live a long life? Is it for Him and others or just for ourselves.

I believe the Harvest this hour is so ripe that as we reach out and walk into these harvest fields many of us will discover not only the lost being touched, but we ourselves will find nourishment so sustaining that healings and deliverances will be taking place in our own lives. There are Harvest Healings and Harvest Miracles waiting for us.

Do you have a great hunger for God that refuses to be satisfied? Follow Jesus into the Harvest fields. You will find meat to eat that's only found through reaching out to the lost! In case there is a reason why you are still waiting.... Jesus already said "GO!"

"What part of the word "GO!" do you not understand?"

Wisdom Shines
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The Older Stars In My Kingdom Are Going To Shine Brighter
And Do Greater Exploits Than Ever Before

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As the former President Bush took a jump to sky-dive at eighty years of age, I sensed a prophetic decree was released in the heavens. "The older stars in My Kingdom are going to shine brighter and do greater exploits than ever before!"

I sense there is a special anointing coming upon older men and women in the Body of Christ. God is not through using you! Your age is not against you; it is for you! Job 12:12 says: "With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding."

You have more wisdom now than ever!

And with your years comes understanding. This anointing is going to cause you to live longer. Many of you have not planned to live long enough! It will be an anointing similar to Caleb's when he was eighty-five years old, and he said to Joshua, "I am as strong now as I was at forty, and I still want that mountain!" There is coming a spiritual fountain of youth into your midst - a renewing - a release of God's strength. Psalm 68:28 says: "Thy God hath commanded thy strength." God is commanding His strength into you!

Many of you are going to go into second childhood in the Spirit. You will be reactivated by God to live out the dreams that you are now only dreaming about. Other people and relatives will laugh and say, "You are going to do what? You are going to go where? At your age?" But that anointing is going to rise up within you to take mountains, to do exploits, to run and not be weary, to walk and not faint.

Bringing forth Fruit

Our older years are when we are in our prime to be used and to bring forth fruit. Psalm 91:16 says, "With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation." There is coming an anointing upon God's people to live longer. The joy of the Lord, which is our strength, is lengthening our days upon the earth.

Many have made out their wills, but before you think about leaving, check out your Father's will for you. I don't think you are going anywhere for a while. As Abraham and Sarah conceived in old age, you are about to conceive and live to see the birth of your Isaac - your impossible dream...

Buy some new luggage and a parachute...

AND...

Things I've Learned By Staying In The Same Church For 30 Years!
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God is not building His House to please me ... He is building it to please Him!

At times I used to be bothered by leaders and church members by the way they did things and what they did. So I would share this with our chief intercessors so they of course could pray about the problems... (and hopefully agree with me.)

I've learned the hard way that I was going to the wrong source for the answers. Because the church doesn't belong to the intercessors. It belongs to God.

Someone said, "Jesus has been trying to get His Church back for two thousand years." So I've learned to take my problems to the master builder, Jesus, who is the head of the church.

I would say to the Lord. "Lord, I don't agree with the leaders or members on this situation. It bothers me. I want to know what you think about it. What do you think? Nine times out of ten, I would hear the Lord say, "That doesn't bother me... I kinda like it. I love variety, that's why I never get bored!!

If you are having problems with certain leaders and members of your church, go to the master builder and see what He thinks about the situation. If it doesn't bother Him, get over it and get on with being conformed to the image of Christ!

I don't go to church to get anything out of it. If I did, I would get disappointed at times. I believe we go to church for the wrong reason. We are not supposed to go to receive anything! We are supposed to go to give! Paul says, "When you come together, one has a song, one has a revelation, etc." Sounds like we are supposed to go to church to give.

As I travel, I hear many people say to me. "Brother Bill, I left my church because the pastor is not feeding me." That is the most stupidest excuse God has ever heard of! Your pastor was not called to feed you. He is called to equip you!

I know the verse that says, "Shepherds, feed the flock among you." But I have been to Israel and have seen real shepherds with their flocks. The shepherd goes before his flock and finds green pastures and then calls the sheep by name and they come and they feed themselves or they don't eat. He does not spoon feed them!

I have learned to get fed by the Good Shepherd who knows the best diet for me. There's a lot of junk food out there nowadays. The best days to eat for me is on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. And when I come to church on Sunday, the church is mine!! I can have the pulpit anytime I want to share something, for I can't hold in what I got from feeding six days of that week!

I travel a lot and I am only home at our church about one Sunday a month. By then I am so hungry, every bitter thing tastes sweet. People can come out of the same service and say, "I didn't get a thing out of that church service." I tell them, "It's because I got it all!" Many don't get anything out of church because they are not hungry.

Many times I wanted to leave our church, but God never allowed me for some reason. One time I was ready to leave and it was like a warning to me. He said. "Bill, don't you go. I don't want you messing up another church!" So out of the fear of God, I stayed and grew through the storms, battles, struggles, and fights. I stayed after the honeymoon was over.

The longer I stayed, the further my roots grew down deep and now nothing moves me, or surprises me. I have seen it all and heard it all. And through staying, I have an anchor that holds and grips the solid rock! If you leave a church before God calls you out, you will never find out who was right!

Just two years ago, after twenty eight years, they asked me to be an elder. I think it was because I am the oldest person that has stayed this long in our church. I must be dead, I said, "Yes!"

There was a man who lived most of his life on a deserted island all by himself. Finally one day a ship landed on shore and found the man. The people from the ship noticed the man had built three huts on the island. They asked him what was the purpose of those three huts. The man explained, "The first hut is my house where I live. The second hut is where I go to church. The third hut is the church where I used to attend!"

The greatest revelation that I have found by staying in the same church for thirty years is... I could be a great Christian if it wasn't for other people!

Holding Pattern
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I Have Put Many Of My People And Their Ministries In A "Holding Pattern!

In the Spirit I saw a word being written across the nations of the earth... W-A-I-T! I sensed the Lord saying. "As you wait upon Me, your 'wait' will turn into an eternal 'w-e-i-g-h-t' of My Glory that will begin to descend upon the whole earth!

I sensed the Lord speaking to me recently in commercial airline terms concerning His people and their ministries. He spoke the word... "Holding Pattern." Like an airplane circling around in circles until the "air traffic control" on the ground signals it in for landing. Does it seem like you are going around in circles?

Two days after receiving this word, I flew to another state for some meetings. As we began our initial descent for landing, the pilot came on the intercom announcing... "Ground control has just put us in a "Holding Pattern" until further notice! The same thing happened on my flight coming home. (strong confirmation!)

I sense there are many ministries 'up in the air' right now seemingly going in circles, wondering why they are not being given permission from 'ground control' to bring their ministry in to arrive at their destination. I sense the Lord saying. "You are not the only airplane or ministry in My Kingdom. There are other ministries below you on the ground that need to take off before you can land. As you continue to wait and circle, you will be clearing an opening in the heavens for these ministries on the ground to take off, staying out of their way as they gain altitude. Only as these ministries take off, will the ground below you be cleared for your ministry to come in for landing into God's destination.

"Air Traffic Controllers"

"There are 'air traffic controllers' on the ground who you feel are in control and are delaying and holding you up from coming into My Destiny for you. You must understand that I am in control! Be careful not to get upset or angry with the 'air traffic controllers' in your life at this season. A wrong spirit towards those in positions of authority can be dangerous at this point in time. Lack of respect towards 'air traffic controllers' could prolong your 'holding pattern!' You must pray for those on the ground who have the authority to bring you in for a safe landing. In a way, your life is in their hands. Pray that they bring you in safe and sound."

Many ministries in this 'holding pattern' seem to have their own agenda and time of arrival carved in cement for touch down. (I think I heard God laugh at these plans!) Some even had God's agenda but were frustrated why the Lord seemed to not be giving them much attention in spite of them being huge 747's with many passengers on board who were getting so hungry in the waiting process that there was nothing left on board to feed them. Divine hunger was gripping the pilots (leaders) also, who were feeling helpless to feed the passengers (sheep) any longer. I sensed an angel whispering, "This 'Holding Pattern' is working! The people are becoming totally desperate and helpless!"

I sense the Lord saying. "Many are tired of being in My 'Holding Pattern' and going around in circles. Many are being tempted to jump from their plane or ministry. I heard the Heavenly Pilot speaking loud and clear. "No parachuting at this time... keep circling!"

I sensed the Lord saying. "Tell these ministries that the reason why they are seemingly being overlooked individually right now is because I am not really focusing on individual ministries at this time... I've got the whole world on My mind! I am in the process of bringing the whole earth into alignment and into My purposes. The reason why I don't seem to be focusing on you and your "ministry" right now is because I am looking throughout the whole earth to find a ministry who is willing to look not just at its own needs, but to look to the needs of other ministries, to connect and network with them, preferring and esteeming one another. For I am moving corporately in the earth this hour with corporate vision!"

It is very important what you do during this 'holding pattern'.

The devil is telling you that you are just going in circles, but the Lord says, "We are right on schedule! Wait! While I have you in My 'holding pattern', I am holding you! Many think the enemy or other people are holding them up from accomplishing My plans, but it is I who am holding you up in My arms and I kinda like it! You are not going in circles without purpose. This is your moment to worship Me and dance with the King in high places! (When you hold and embrace someone when you dance, it appears like you are going in circles but I guarantee you something is happening.) There is intimacy taking place. Try slow dancing with your wife, holding her tightly, and see if you don't do more than go in circles. When you dance with the One who sits upon the circle of the earth, who cares if you go in circles? You are suppose to! You just might forget about ever landing on earth. You begin to realize you are seated together with Him in Heavenly places. This is how Heaven views our 'holding pattern'.

When you are dancing in circles with the King, you are dancing circles around the enemy and confusing him!

In your waiting, go ahead and worship and love on Him. God is waiting for you to do just that. It's almost like I hear a "referee angel" in heaven, blowing a whistle throughout the earth, decreeing the word of the Lord... "Time out! I must have worship! Earth can't go on without worshiping Me! Please let Me hold you in My arms. I promise you it will cause Me to fill the whole earth with My Glory!"

May 1st, my oldest daughter got married. I had mixed emotions walking her down the aisle that day. My most cherished moment of the wedding came at the reception when they introduced the song for the father of the bride to dance with her. I honestly didn't want to stop holding her on that dance floor!

I sense Heaven is introducing its sweetest song right now and announcing, "It's the moment for the Father of the Bride to dance with her."

I promise you, you will not mind His 'holding pattern' or going in circles with Him!

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Resuscitation To America
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I Plan To Give Mouth To Mouth Resuscitation To America... And Kiss Her Face Again!

In the Spirit saw hair-line cracks appearing on the marble floor of the White House!

As I saw these hair-line cracks begin to appear on the marble floor of the White House, I sensed the Lord speaking from Job 14:7,8,9. "For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down, that it will grow again, and that the tender branch (of government) thereof will not cease. Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, and the stock thereof die in the ground; Yet through the scent of water it will bud, and bring forth boughs like a plant."

I sensed the Lord saying. "As Samson's hair began to grow again, so are the spiritual roots of this nation." As I saw the cracking of the floor increase, it was like the very foundation of deception and greed was beginning to be dismantled... exposing the enemy! (The enemy is not a man but Satan.)

I said to the Lord. "What has caused these spiritual roots of your Spirit to begin to grow again at this time?" I sensed the Father saying. "I have collected in a bottle every tear that swelled up in every eye that mourned for My righteous son, President Ronald Reagan." The day that 'tall tree' (President Ronald Reagan,) fell, followed by days of mourning, those tears in My bottle were poured out over America causing her roots of righteousness to begin to spring forth in the land. Up here, we have always known him as 'Righteous Ronald'!"

In the Spirit I saw what appeared to be 'paramedic angels' dispatched, dropping from the heavens as in parachutes, landing on the front lawn of the White House. It seemed that those grass roots of righteousness that began to crack the White House floor had set off an alarm in hell, summoning these angels with urgency to surround the White House.

I saw multitudes of other angels descending upon and filling up the mall of the nation's capitol. I saw that these were 'Second Chronicle 7:14,15,16, angels' who had the scripture written all over them... "If My people who are called by My name shall humble themselves and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. 15. Now Mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place. 16. For now have I chosen and sanctified this House, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually."

These 'Second Chronicle angels' seemed to have had assignments throughout the ages to descend upon nations that were in critical time frames where a nation seemed to be hanging in the balance of going either way. These angels warred solely and strictly on 'corporate prayer' only! I sensed they had come to Washington, D.C. but now were given orders to wait on the rising tide of 'corporate prayer' from the heart of America.

Some certain angels were released into war for a nation only through tears... nothing else moved these ones. Not even prayer, unless tears were mixed with them.

I asked the Lord. "Father, why 'paramedic angels'? I have never heard of them." I sense He responded. "I plan to give mouth to mouth resuscitation to America and kiss her face again!"

"Oh America... is that a prayer on your lips that I hear... and is that a tear in your eye?"

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A mother had a little girl who was playing down the street at a neighbor's house. A storm was brewing and the mother out of concern called the neighbor and said, "Please send my little girl home quickly." The mother watched from the kitchen window as all of a sudden the storm broke loose and it started pouring down rain with lightning flashing and thunder booming. As the little girl was coming home about two blocks away, the mother watched intently and noticed that every time it would lightning, the little girl would stop and stand still and a smile would break out across her face. Two or three times every time it would lightning the girl would just stop and would start to smile. Out of fear for her safety, the mother ran out of the house and picked her daughter up in her arms and ran inside the house with her. As soon as they were in the house, the mother said to the little girl, "Honey, how come every time it would lightning, you just stood still and started smiling?" The little girl answered, "Mommy, all the way home God's been taking my picture!"

Child-Like in a Storm

Oh, how we need a child-like perspective when the storms are raging in our lives. In our worst storms, when lightning is flashing all around us and the thunder booms shake the earth beneath us. To know that God's eyes are focused on us in our worst storms, and the lightning flashing in your marriage today may be God taking your picture, while thunder is Heaven's applause over you!

I sense many marriages are being bombarded by severe, raging storms like never before. Did you know that when you were even thinking about marriage, God was already thinking of miracles? God spells the word marriage...m-i-r-a-c-l-e! The Lord actually created marriages with a built-in need for miracles. The Lord ordained marriage to not only require miracles but to demand them. Marriages demand miracles!

Marriages and Miracles Go Together

From Heaven's perspective, here is how it works. The Lord will allow your wine in your marriage to run out to get you on miracle territory!

Just like at the first marriage wedding feast in Cana. Did you know that when the Lord brought you and your spouse together, He knew you would need a miracle? In fact, there is something wrong if your marriage doesn't need a miracle sooner or later. Marriages and miracles just go together! Jesus chose to create His first miracle on earth where He knew it would be needed the most - at a wedding feast, so everyone will know they can have a miracle in their marriage. Study the couples throughout the Bible who had great destinies and you will find that they faced the greatest impossibilities and nothing less than a miracle brought them through to God's purposes.

Expect miracles in your marriage today! Lightning and thunder is confirmation that your marriage was made in Heaven!

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Weighed In The Balance

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For I will have my way in the earth, no matter what man decides and no matter what he tries to do. I can see through every scheme and plan of the enemy. I can see through every scheme and plan of man. The days of the exaltation of man are about to end forever.

No longer will I be put into a box or put into a closet. No longer will my Holy Name be bantered about, laughed at and ridiculed. I am going to have the last laugh. Did I not promise you, Oh earth, that I would have the last laugh? So why do you continue on so unconcerned?

Ps. 2: 1-5 Why do the Gentiles rage and the peoples imagine vain things? The kings of the earth and the rulers have conspired and have taken counsel together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and let us cast their yoke away from us.
He that dwells in heaven shall laugh, and the Lord shall mock at them. Then shall he speak to them in his anger, and terrify them in his wrath…

I have said many times that I would roar, but all I got in response was a yawn! Will you still yawn when I begin to stake out my territory? Will you still yawn when I send out my angels with flaming swords to carry out my commands?

I promised that fire would fall from the sky. I promised that balls of fire would fall to earth as a burning torch.

> *Rev. 8:4-11 And the smoke of the incense which came up with the prayers of the saints ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer and filled it with the fire of the altar and cast it upon the earth; and there were voices and thunderings and lightenings and an earthquake.*
> *And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.*
> *The first angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire mingled with water, and they were poured upon the earth; and a third part of the earth was burnt up and a third part of the trees was burnt up and all the green grass was burnt up.*
> *Then the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain aflame with fire was cast into the sea; and the third part of the sea became blood; And the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of the ships were destroyed.*
> *And the third angel sounded, and there fell a star from heaven, burning as though it were a lamp, and it fell upon a third part of the rivers and upon the fountains of waters; And the name of the star is called Wormwood; and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.*

I promised that I would separate the sheep from the goats and the wheat from the tares. [*Matt. 25:31-46, Matt. 13:24-43*]

> *Matt. 13:40-43 Therefore, just as the tares are picked out and burned in the fire, so shall it be at the end of the world. The Son of man will send his angels, and they will pick out from his kingdom all things which cause stumbling and all workers of iniquity. And they will throw them into the furnace of fire; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*
> *Then the righteous ones shall shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.*

There will be NO goats in my sheepfold, no not one. There is a place for the goats, but it is certainly not among my flock. Because this separation has not yet occurred, people just assume that it never will happen.

Even in my house my name is bandied about. My Holy Word is poked and prodded, sifted and dissected, looking for just the right words to support that speaker's or denomination's point of view.

THEY THINK THEIR POINT OF VIEW IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN MY HOLY WORD!

THEY THINK THEIR POINT OF VIEW IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN FREEDOM FOR THE MASSES AND THE SALVATION OF THE LOST!

Woe to you, Oh earth. You have been weighed in the balance and you have been found wanting. You have been found lacking in the things of the Spirit, while you groveled in a pigpen instead. No chickens, ducks or geese here, but a whole planet rooting in the dirt, in the muck and mire, rolling in their slop and loving every minute if it.

I say ENOUGH! I say *Prepare to meet your God*!

I have held my peace and I have been patient. A few are ready for me, but most are not, so now you will enter in. You will tremble and you will not recover, for I am closing one door and I am opening another.

This is a door you never would have opened on your own. The path you choose led you directly to this door and it opens easily, with the slightest push on the knob. This door was not latched because your deeds unlatched it. Your mindset and your behavior bolted the door that could have saved you so much misery.

It is like making a cake. If you want it to taste good, you add sugar and vanilla. If you want it to be disgusting and inedible you add vinegar instead. You, Oh man, have chosen the vinegar, but this is not a cake you can spit out. You will have to eat it to the very last crumb.

The days of "wine and roses" are over. Get ready to enter into what you have chosen as the door is pushed open before you…

The Most High God

The Reverse Is True
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There is pleasure in submitting to me. There is pleasure in surrendering to my will, for I am not like man and my ways are not like man's ways. My ways are a mystery to the carnal mind. The way I think is a mystery to the carnal mind.

There can be no marriage between the carnal and the things of my Spirit. The two are as different as night and day. You think the things of the carnal and your flesh are DAY, but you are wrong. Just the reverse is true. The things of the flesh are the things of NIGHT, but a new day is dawning.

I am about to pour out my Spirit in unlimited measure. The things of the DAY and the things of the NIGHT will be clearly seen for what they are, for is there a single person who can not discern between DAY and NIGHT, between NOON and MIDNIGHT?

The earth has been walking in great darkness and called it DAY, but I AM about to switch on the lights so that all can see clearly that which is holy and that which is profane.*

Everyone is going to have to make a choice. No one will be without excuse. I would remind you that those who love the darkness and the deeds that they can do in the darkness will hate the light. When you lift a board that has been lying on the ground in your garden, all manner of insects scurry away to hide. So will be those who choose to run away when I pour out my Spirit and shine my light on them. They had just as much opportunity to repent and be cleansed as everyone else [did], but they would have none of it.

This Is My Final Call, For The Shaking Has Begun.

So far it has had little impact, but what you have experienced so far (9-11, hurricanes, floods, the Madrid train bombing, the North Ossetia Russian School Massacre) is as *nothing* compared to what lies right ahead of you.

The money supply will quake and come down with a mighty crash. I warned of wars, rumors of wars, famines, pestilence's and earthquakes.** All of these lie right ahead of you, yet man sleep walks to his destruction thinking he is walking in the light of day!

I have called and called. I have warned and warned. I have even begun to whistle! Who will hear me and who will respond to my call?

You, Oh earth, are about to find out who your Creator really is. Most of you thought wrong. Most of you never thought there would be a day of pay back, but that you could continue in your ignorance and rebellion forever. You were wrong!

So it begins. As I have said many times before, you MUST be under the shadow of my wings if you wish to remain standing in the days ahead. There is no other place, no position of authority, no other individual, no secret hiding place that will be exempt or secure from what lies ahead.

Pray that you do not sell your eternity for a bowl of pottage or porridge. That is, pray that you will not succumb to the Mark of the Beast. Yielding will only give temporary relief, but will result in your eternal downfall. [*Rev. 13:15-18, Rev. 14:9-11*]

I am calling all hands on deck. Now is not a time to be lounging or sneezing. You are about to go through a door that will shock the world to its very core. Many will reel to and fro from the shock of it.

The birth pangs have begun, for I am coming soon. The dice have been cast and the path has been laid out before you. Now walk into what you have created. May you have made the right decision. May you be found beneath the shadow of my wings in the days ahead. Here is what my Spirit has to say:

> *Ps. 91 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in him will I trust."*
> *Surely he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence.*
> *He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.*
> *You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in the darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.*
> *A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall not come near you. Only with your eyes shall you look, and see the reward of the wicked.*
> *Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, even the most High, your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; For He shall give His angles charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear*

> *you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*
> *You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.*
> *Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation. [NKJ]*

Your Jesus,

King of Kings and Lord of Lords

**Profane: 1. Showing contempt or irreverence toward God or sacred things; blasphemous 2. Vulgar, coarse 3. To treat with irreverence 4. To put to an improper, unworthy or degrading use; abuse*

> ***Matt. 24:3-14 While Jesus sat on the mount of Olives, his disciples came up talking among themselves, and they said to him, Tell us when these things will happen and what is the sign of your coming and of the end of the world?*
> *Jesus answered, saying to them, Be careful that no man deceives you. For many will come in my name and say, I am the Christ, and they will deceive many.*
> *You are bound to hear of revolutions and rumors of wars; watch out and do not be disturbed; for all of these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.*
> *For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there will be famines and plagues and earthquakes in different places. But all these things are just the beginning of travail.****
> *Then they will deliver you over to be oppressed, and they will kill you; and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. Then many will stumble, and they will hate one another and betray one another. And many false prophets will rise and will mislead a great many. And because of the growth of iniquity, the love of many will become cold. But he who has patience to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached throughout the world as a testimony to all the nations; then the end will come.*

****Author's notes: A nation can mean a people or ethnic group. Travail can also be translated as birthpangs.*

Where Is The Great Outpouring

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What is God Waiting for?
God has been loudly speaking about the Glory of the days we are entering into with Prophecies, sermons, articles, scriptures and revelations. I have yet to hear of this sweeping move of unprecedented proportion that has never been see before. So why has it not happened, and what are exactly are we waiting for? Or should I say, What is God waiting for?

Spheres Of Authority, Who is Walking in Theirs?

Matthew 13: 33 Take heed, watch, and pray, for ye know not when the time is. 34 As a man which is gone into a strange country and hath left his house, and given authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.

The outpouring of God wanes and waxes to the degree to which the people of God are walking in the sphere of authority they have been given and accomplishing the specific work each one has been given. When Jesus said “Occupy until I come”, He was referring to the place of authority and ministry He has prepared for each believer. To the degree His people operate in their place of authority and ministry is the degree with which He can manifest his Glory.

What are My Authority and Ministry?
Most sincere believers barely walk in the basic levels of authority that every believer has been given. The common believer authority is over sin, sickness, and the devils attacks on our families and possessions.

When we begin to move into broader realms of authority and ministry gifts, it could be argued that the majority of believers who are sincerely seeking the Lord and His will are ignorant or at best uncertain about their spheres of authority and ministry.

Individual spheres of authority can range from neighborhoods to nations. Some of the authority in gifts and ministry include miracles, healing, prophesy, deliverance, preaching, teaching etc.

So why do so few recognize and walk out their purpose?

The Heart of the Lord On This Matter

The Lord is grieved about the lack of understanding and direction his people have concerning their place and ministry. In a sense, much of the authority and ministry of the believer has been “surrendered” to a leadership structure that has not identified peoples places of authority, or equipped them to walk in them. Obviously, the current structures functionality is not enabling or equipping the body to do the work of the ministry.

What the Lord is Doing Now

The Lord is releasing apostolic and prophetic vessels that know how to walk in their own ministry and authority. More importantly, these are those whose whole purpose and desire is to see just what the heart of God desires; people walking in their places of authority and ministry.

These relate horizontally and personally. They see themselves as equals and consider themselves less then those they serve. Many of these are not "under" a “church” structure with a pastor or “apostolic” network.

You wont hear them call themselves apostles or prophets. They are not insecure in the presence of people with neophyte gifts that far exceed their own. They are dead to their “ministry, and their heart is to see the body rise up in unity and faith, fully equipped to release the outpouring of Glory.

This Outpouring will come from God’s people walking in confidence and faith in the purpose and authority God has given them. The more people that walk in their authority and ministry, the greater the outpouring of Glory!

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Wilderness The School of the Prophet
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Today we see many fledgling prophets trying to set the house of God in order, often creating disorder instead. I spent a couple of years in this category, standing in churches, "warning them" and being rejected. Rejection led to anger, and suppressed anger led to bitterness. Bitterness led to unforgiveness and pride. What started out as a gift given to a lowly believer, turned into the festering, stinking sore of pride. James wrote: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble" (Ja 4:6).

This is the story of how God dealt with me in His wilderness. One day in 1980 I was praying and seeking the Lord for direction on what He wanted me to say in my church home meeting, He showed me a vision of myself standing on a pedestal in a white robe with all the people in my home group on their knees around the bottom of the pedestal giving glory to God. As each word of praise went upward to heaven and passed me by, I reached out and grabbed it and tucked it in my robe next to my heart. After seeing this I cried out, "Oh God! Is this what I am doing to you? If it is, then Lord kill it!" The gift in me was releasing praises to God, but in my immaturity and desire to be recognized as valid I had sought to be exalted above others and thereby invalidated the gift He had given me.

You see when one is truly dead to self and alive to Him, there is no offense taken when your word is rejected and no pride generated when it is received. There is only one way that I know that God can work so great a death in an individual and that is through tribulation and wilderness.

Shortly after I prayed that prayer of death, God started answering it. First He asked me, "Michael, if I cease to move by my Spirit in your meetings, will you try to fake it?" I said, "No Lord, you quit and I quit." The next day two of the key families in the group called me and told me that they were not coming to the meetings any more. I blessed them and told them that I thought the Lord was telling me that I was to shut it down. The following meeting I announced to the group that it was the last meeting that we would be coming to, but that they were free to continue without us. They had one more meeting and it died.

Next, the church that I was affiliated with was split by a prophetic holiness cult. As the leaders of this group called me in on the carpet and tried to rein me in and get me under their authority, I refused and came under attack and curses by them. My response was to say to them, "I have had all this fun with you Christians I can stand. I'm out of here! I'm heading for Midian on the back side of the desert. I'll see you in about 40 years!" The leader said a most curious thing, "Michael, it need not take that long."

After that meeting I was mad at the Church and mad at God. The next thing I knew His clear voice, which spoke to me so often, ceased to be heard. The scriptures that had so nourished me seemed dead and dried up. I could not find meaningful fellowship with any other Christians. My prayers seemed to fall off the edge of my lip and hit the floor. I felt so alone and betrayed.

Then the Sabean raiding parties started coming in (Job 1:15). I could not find work anywhere! I had three journeyman licenses in my billfold and was sure that I would always have a "meal ticket," but no way! I had been cut off form my supply. I was too proud to accept unemployment, and we (my family of six) were reduced to gleaning food from muddy farm fields and diving in supermarket dumpsters at night for food. Some days I was so depressed I just laid in bed, curled up in a fetal position.

About this time, my wife was near the end of her rope. She pray one day, "God this school for prophets is very hard. Why do I have to audit all the classes?" The Lord spoke to her clearly, "You are not auditing the classes. You are a matriculated student." She saw me through my wilderness and now she is in her own wilderness, being purified by God.

Finally when we were just about to get a third month behind on our home mortgage and the banker was about to foreclose, I found work. It was humbling to accept a job opportunity through my Mormon uncle, but it was work. The job was an electrician position on Akutan Island in Alaska's Aleutian chain, a treeless, wind swept volcanic rock on the edge of the Arctic Ocean. Now I was in a literal wilderness as well as a spiritual one, and my family was not allowed to come.

I was cut off, dying inside, missing my family, but most of all missing my Lord. At one point in my tenure on that rock, sitting on my bunk in my depression I watched my consciousness get up out of my body and head for the door as if to say, "I can't stand to live with you anymore, I'm leaving." I cried out to Jesus to please hold me together long enough to get me back home to my family again. He did.

From that point on it was a very slow and gradual ramp up out of that terrible pit, but for the next ten years He kept drawing me to Him with invisible cords, but not enough that I could perceive it. I spent 14 years in all in that spiritual wilderness.

I had a significant encounter with Him in 1990 at a men's' retreat in Idaho. The pastor had another brother and myself stand in the midst of the men and explained to them that God had called us to the prophetic and that He had us in a time of wilderness, asking them to pray for us. The next day I confessed to the men and to God that I had been mad at God for letting Christians attack me and for taking away from me all things that were spiritual for all those years. I confessed that I had sinned by judging God and His church and asked for forgiveness. That started the "big thaw" in my spiritual winter. Things were finally coming back into perspective, "He is God, I'm a sinner," not the other way around.

In 1991 I had my first real Holy Ghost encounter with God in eleven years. I was at a Vineyard conference and His presence came down on me with such intensity that I could hardly breathe. I was back at the Motel between meetings, sitting on the floor in the laundry room between two washing machines reading the book of Jonah. All of a sudden He filled the room! The book of Jonah came alive! Every word was jumping off the page and straight into my heart.

There were more encounters with Him and more tests and trials at the hands of Christians after that, but I kept "short accounts" and had learned to forgive and keep seeking His face in each one. I had determined that I was tired of a diet of, as my friend called it, "roast pastor." I was not accepted with open arms back into church ministries for I still saw things from that prophetic prospective, but I didn't make it my duty to set all of them "right," either.

Jesus said of the Pharisees, "They are blind guides leading the blind. Leave them alone, they will fall into the ditch." Sometimes, the best cure for a disease is to let it run its course. When one is on his back in a ditch, it might just be the first time that he has ever looked up and become humbled enough to seek help! Saul the persecutor of the Church found this out. "All good gifts come DOWN from the Father of lights." God opposes the proud and lifts up the humble.

Well, I said all that to say this... You who are called to be prophets, study the scriptures and see the common thread of wilderness in the lives of God's prophets and invite His mighty humbling hand to prove your heart in His crucible of affliction, that He might truly use you as His purified instrument. Even after this period of wilderness, called by some "the dark night of the soul," I find that He continues to work His death in me as I continue to follow Him and speak His words.

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Wise Virgin

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Want To Be A Wise "Wise Virgin?"

All:
Most Christians are so well acquainted with Christ's parable of the Ten Virgins, that it seldom comes to mind. However, I believe this portion of Scripture has important implications for those of us living right now. I'll not attempt to address every facet of this parable, but only certain points. If you need to review the parable, you'll find it in Matthew 25.

"The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom." Matt. 25:1.

The setting is just before the Bridegroom, Jesus Christ, returns. My personal conviction is that we are now at that juncture of earth's history. Many seem to think that our Lord's coming could be delayed almost indefinitely, but I am not of that mind. I think the word "imminent" is appropriate, and that viewpoint gives special meaning to the parable.

We often use the symbol of an old oil lamp to represent enlightenment or knowledge. The story makes it clear that all ten of these bridesmaids possessed some knowledge of Christ and his ministry. It also seems they were making some profession of following the Lord. With that in mind, most of us can place ourselves into this setting as it pertains to our day.

However, a mere knowledge of truth is not sufficient; the devil is better versed in the Word than any of us, but that will only make him more guilty in his rebellion. The key ingredient in the parable is the oil, that, when lighted, pushes back the darkness. And when used in this framework, oil in the Bible refers to the Holy Spirit and his ministry for us.

All of the bridesmaids had oil in their lamps, and all who have looked to Christ spiritually have received of the Holy Spirit. However, while five had enough oil to see them through until the Bridegroom appeared, five did not. That proved fatal.

"Those who endure to the end will be saved." Matt. 10:22.

The horrifying words of Christ directed to the bridesmaids who were shut out of the wedding feast were "I don't *know* you." It wasn't a matter of not having sufficient head knowledge about spiritual matters. Nor was the problem that the foolish bridesmaids hadn't stored up enough good deeds. True Christianity is a matter of *relationship*. The foolish lost out because they had not sought, found, and retained a true intimacy with the Bridegroom.

And how do we seek, find, and retain such intimacy? Through the oil. *The only agency chosen by God to minister this kind of relationship is the Holy Spirit*. I find this rather frightening, as some Christians seem to have a certain wariness about the Spirit. It's as though perhaps it is enough simply to know that he is the third Person of the Godhead, without a significant interchange.

AWAITING THE BRIDEGROOM

I suppose this parable has a special meaning for me since I once officiated at an Asian wedding where, along with the bride and the bridesmaids, I awaited the appearance of the bridegroom. He finally arrived with a lot of music and fanfare, and I was a bit nonplussed to find *he* was the one wearing the veil! Then all who wanted went into the house for the ceremony. I don't recall whether we shut the door or not.

In any case, we knew the day and hour of the bridegroom's arrival, so we were all ready and waiting. In the parable those anticipating the event did not know either the day or the hour, and were taken by surprise. In the story it seemed there was a delay in the Bridegrooms appearance. And when he did come it was at midnight.

It seems to me that the human race is sinking deeper and deeper into a darkness of evil, a veritable midnight. Perhaps that should be a clue to our own position.

SLEEPING AT THE CRISIS HOUR

The bridesmaids weren't expecting the Bridegroom to show up in the middle of the night, and all ten of them were caught off guard. Even those who were "wise."

"When the bridegroom was delayed, they all lay down and slept." Matt.25:5.

But note what brought them up out of their sleep.
"At midnight they were roused by the shout, 'Look, the bridegroom is coming! Come out and welcome him!'" Vs. 6.

Although we are not told just who, obviously someone was awake to announce the bridegroom's coming! I would like to suggest two things:

1. Today, as the parable suggests, most Christians are in a state of lethargy--and some are sound asleep.

2. But not all. Throughout post-Pentecost history God has always had a few faithful ones in each generation who stayed awake, understanding the times and the seasons. There have always been some watchmen on the walls.

So there must be some today who realize how close we are to the final crisis and the actual appearance of the Bridegroom. Some of them are modern-day prophets, but one does not have to be a prophet to have a measure of understanding about current events in the light of the Word.

Whoever was awake in the parable wasn't one chosen by God to stay awake, but one who herself chose to be awake! It's an option for any Christian today. The devil cannot keep you in a deep sleep if, with the help of the Holy Sprit, you choose to stay spiritually awake. You, my friend, can, if you wish, be a *wise* "wise bridesmaid."

With all that is transpiring in the world just now, it is perhaps difficult to see this period as a lull. But compared to what lies ahead, it is just that. This is no time for fear, but a time to fully clothed with the amour of God and ready to move at his command.

"So stay awake and be prepared." Vs. 13.

Walk Like A Man

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Children's children (grandchildren) are the crown of old men, And the glory of children is their father. (Proverbs 17:6)

We know from Scripture that we are all called to be "priests." Men have a detailed and specific calling to be the priest of their home. A priest is one who ministers to God and humanity by the sacrifice they offer through Jesus Christ. To qualify as a priest of the Most High God, we must be willing to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice.

I believe that many men have received the revelation of their calling as a priest to their home. However, I believe that the Lord is calling forth men to be the "PROPHET" of their home as well. The priest of a family will REPRESENT his family to God. On the other hand, the prophetic husband and father REPRESENTS God to his family. It is important to remember that the prophet is not authorized by the WORDS he speaks as much as by the integrity and example he represents and lives.

FATHERS REPRESENTING GOD BY EXAMPLE

As I stated earlier, the prophetic father represents the attributes of God to his family by the life he lives. As much as a father may represent God to his family, he can also "misrepresent" God to his family. If a father is STRONG in love, touch, and compassion, he paints a tangible picture for a child to view the love, touch and compassion of God. Likewise, a father can very easily paint a portrait of God in the mind of a child as being critical, angry, and judgmental. The disposition of a natural and spiritual father will naturally be representative of how a child views their heavenly FATHER.

The story of Isaac and Ishmael is a picture of the tremendous benefits of being ACCEPTED and loved by a father. The Bible says that the birth of a people called by God's name would come through a "father's" blessing given to Isaac. (See Hebrews 11:18 & Genesis 21:12) Ishmael, on the other hand, experienced REJECTION when he was forced to leave with his mother, Hagar. This would forever scar the life of Ishmael. I believe, and scripture confirms, that Ishmael's destiny was one of favor and blessing. However, because there wasn't a natural and spiritual father to paint a picture of God's LOVE and to invest time in this young man's life, Ishmael fell into the insecurity and deceptions that are produced from the pain of rejection. We do not have a record of a father-figure or Ishmael seeking the Lord for healing and restoration; we only see that his "mother" had to gave him away in marriage.(See Genesis 21:21) Consequently, we can clearly see the fruit of unhealed rejection moving from generation to generation as a curse throughout Ishmael's descendants. Unhealed rejection without the healing touch and affirmation of God is strong enough to move from one generation to another through the power of "example."

This truth becomes vividly stark and manifests itself in the Muslim's view of their "god" as a distant, judgmental and critical deity rather than personal, loving and compassionate. The result is oppression, VIOLENCE and control, which provides a warped sense of security in a truly insecure state. The corporate insecurity of Islam surfaces in its unwillingness to expose its adherents to the love of God through Jesus Christ. The greater the rejection, the greater the effects of isolation and insulation.

It has been proven through numerous studies that approximately 80% of children will grow up copying the dominate traits of their parents (both good and bad). Although a child who is abused or neglected may say or think to themselves that they would never do that to a child when "they grow up," without the love and acceptance of God, they tragically find themselves exhibiting the same behavior traits toward their children in many areas and circumstances. We see this as well in alcoholic, violent, addictive and co-dependant behaviors. Children have a built-in desire to love and emulate their parents. Even when abused, mistreated and rejected, they still have the capacity to love and LEARN from their parents. Again, both for the good and bad. (Do we represent the fruit of God's Spirit to our children or do we represent our past hurts and insecurities ... or the fruit of the flesh? This understanding must be seriously taken into account in the EXAMPLE we represent to our children.

The greatest gift and example that the PROPHETIC FATHER can give is LOVE. When tender and compassionate love is lacking in a child's life, the result is the pain of rejection. This leads to a sense of worthlessness and a feeling that they can never "measure up" to the expectations of others. The sad thing about rejection in a child is that this "disease" is slow, lethal and seldom diagnosed until "internal" damage has already been done. And as we have stated in another article: The pain of unhealed rejection will always seek PLEASURE to relieve or comfort itself. Again, we see this manifested in Islamic beliefs of heaven and a god who rewards with sensual pleasure.

The Lord said that a day would come when the hearts of the fathers would be turned once again to their children. I find this promise to be very encouraging in an age with fatherlessness and rampant divorce. Just because a "house" has two parents in it does not make it a "home." I believe that much of the problem in so-called "two-parent" homes is not so much that fathers do not love their children as much as they don't know how to show their love or the love of God by example to their children. Love that is only a feeling, but not demonstrated, is not love to a child. Inconsistent expressions and demonstrations of love toward our children produces confusion, distrust, and rebellious attitudes to gain any type of CONSISTANT attention.

The Prophet in today's church is a spiritual father in representing God to His people. I have read many articles stating how others believe the behavioral make-up of a prophet or prophetic person should be. I have been amused to find that not one has mentioned LOVE as a prophet's primary quality. (There may be some out there. However, I have not read any.) I believe this stems from a deep seated deception of how "strong" men are to portray themselves. This stereotype and paradigm is about to be shattered by a generation of prophetic people who will walk in the strength and demonstration of God's love. They will exercise compassion and DISCIPLINE with maturity and care. They will arise to be the spiritual fathers the church so desperately needs.

FATHERS REPRESENTING GOD AS PROPHETIC TEACHERS

Prophetic fathers are those who place a premium on raising their children according to God's Word along with TEACHING them God's Word. Remember, the Bible states that the WORD (Jesus) is the spirit of prophecy. The primary communication language of the prophetic father is proclaiming and teaching the heart of God. The anointing of the prophet is the fragrance of the Lord's PRESENCE. Without intimacy with the Father, we fail to hear and know what the Lord is speaking to us. We can only give what we truly have to our children. A good example would be the healthy submission and obedience of our children that we all desire. However, as a father, it is rare that we will experience the submission and obedience we desire from our children unless we are submitted and obedient to Christ ourselves. (HYPOCRISY cannot be hidden within a family. Hypocrisy is the enemy to the spiritual growth and development of our children and young people.) Submission and obedience to Christ's authority empowers us as men with godly authority that flows down to the rest of the family.

This is the essence of all prophetic authority. Moving in fleshly authority will demonstrate itself in unhealthy frustration, anger, shouting and stomping of feet. However, it will lack the genuine authority that comes from the presence of God to lead our families.

In ministering at many men's retreats, I have found that many, if not most, Christian men fail to pray with their wives. As I stated earlier, the greatest teacher to our children is the life they observe us living. Children that experience a healthy prayer life between the husband and wife will develop a dynamic and healthy prayer life at a very young age that will carry them through the struggles of adolescence. The manifestation of our young people sitting on the back row and their lack of spiritual depth is primarily the fault of men who fail to be a prophetic signpost and teacher to them. We have got to realize that traditional church is not going to produce and grow on-fire kids. Religion to a kid is an occasion to put on a "religious outfit and face", go home, take it off and hang it in the closet until the next Sunday. Church fellowship is only an extension of the relationship with Christ that is instilled by the head of the home the other six days.

"Therefore you shall lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and bind them as a SIGN on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall teach them to your CHILDREN, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied." (Deuteronomy 11:18-21)

In the above verse, the words in the Hebraic language are all masculine in nature. This is a word of wisdom given by Moses to all fathers in how they should conduct their home-life. As I write this, I am writing out of tremendous conviction in the hope that I will heed these words from the Holy Spirit. I realize that this word is first and foremost for me — for I certainly have a long way to go. I pray that Father would give me the grace, love, and discipline to be the prophetic teacher my children so much deserve. When fathers instill the value of reading the Bible and praying together as a family, the prophetic signpost of Christ's love for the church becomes a real and visible picture to the unsaved and lost.

FATHERS REPRESENTING GOD AS COMMUNICATORS

One of the greatest complaints of young people is that their parents do not LISTEN to them. Did you know that the greatest form of communication is listening? Just as our relationship with other people is a reflection of our relationship with God, so is our listening to others a reflection of our willingness to truly listen to God. The accuracy and anointing of the prophetic voice hinge upon our time of listening to God.

There has been a great deal prophesied as of late for leadership in the church to encourage the body of Christ to EXPRESS themselves and provide them a platform of ministry and purpose. Likewise, it is imperative that we provide a platform for our children to express and communicate with the freedom to discuss their problems and issues. The key is not to become overtly "religious" in our response. I learned when my daughter was 18 years old that this approach did not work very well! Why? Because she wanted somebody who would just listen and try to identify with the emotions and issues of a young lady establishing her identity.

Sadly, we see the same approach in church ministry. "Spiritual fathers" would rather have an answer for everything and create a religious environment instead of just being real and encouraging the freedom to express. I believe that just communicating about everyday life and taking TIME as a father to truly listen to our children will foster an environment and a desire for our children to LISTEN and communicate with God.

PROPHETIC GRANDPARENTS

The Bible says that a child is the "crown" of a grandparent. For many reading this, your "direct" parenting days are over. I imagine that many like me wish we could somehow bring back time and start over with our older and grown children. Beloved, it is never too late to be a godly and "prophetic" parent that represents God's love. There is no condemnation in Christ Jesus and He has promised to even turn our bad or even "absent" times into good if we will trust and obey Him. I believe that this will be a defining week in my life. When the Lord began ministering this word to me to share with you, I realized that God in His love was desirous to heal and restore many things in my life in order to be the father that He would have me to be. His ultimate desire and my utmost calling, is to be a priest and prophet to my dear wife and children — to truly represent Him in a personal and relevant way.

The beauty and privilege of being a grandparent is that it allows a person a second chance in ministering the love and ways of God to their future heritage and namesake. Grandparents have the opportunity to break the bonds of rejection and generational curses that have hindered families from the abundant life that Christ has offered. I am certain that 2005 will be a year in which grandparents walk in an increased anointing and awareness of their calling to our youngest generation. We have suffered as a nation in our spiritual depth and maturity because we have neglected and shelved the WISDOM of our elder men and women. This is about to change. Once again, the youth of the nations will sit at the feet of their grandparents and glean from a lifetime of knowledge and understanding in the blink of an eye. Yes, the grandfather will dream dreams. Their dreams will be the dreams and visions of a generation that will welcome back our Lord and King.

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We Must Not Fear

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We Must Not Fear ,
But We Must Be Obedient!
Dear Brethren,

I am praying like all of you for God's will to be accomplished through this years presidential election. I must make one thing clear, I do not fear if Kerry wins. I actually am more concerned that individually each of us would rise up to the full measure of the authority of Jesus Christ in our lives, that we would raise disciples and through the power of the Holy Spirit, begin to transform our communities. We will impact the local communities with godly leadership and servant hood into all spheres of the community. We will also impact regions and state government and finally as we move to a godly society, we will be able to break through the two party system and demand a one party system called "Kingdom".

Through transformation we can rightfully claim this to be a truly Christian country who unashamedly calls on the name of the Lord. You see, God works from seed to harvest. Even if we had a godly choice at the top, it does not necessarily flow to the people. Just like a godly pastor does not equate into a godly congregation with all members effecting the kingdom. But a godly people set a part will demand in the name of Jesus Christ for the righteous to rule.

I pray for God's people to choose the road of humility and obedience, but we may need even more of a shaking in this nation for even the people of God to rise up. I trust the Lord to know what He is doing to wake up His children. I will be a good steward of my vote and choose the lesser of two evils as some may say, or the man who upholds the closest to what we desire in a kingdom personality and that would be George Bush.

Joyce and I spent the weekend with Pastor Jackson Senyonga of Uganda. He has a church of 40,000 and is one of the spiritual leaders of his entire country and recently led nearly a million Ugandans in 8 stadiums for a day of prayer. They also began to pray for nearly 30 minutes for the USA as we have partnered with them over the years with resources and many spiritual blessings. I was able to see the video as Pastor Jackson led the nation in prophetic prayer for America. It was powerful and overwhelming and the Lord said our days of revival are much closer than the spiritual climate currently presents.

We must reach desperation to move the heart of God and for God to respond. If you look through the history of His people, it was only in desperation and a cry out to the Father that moved Him to action. Father knows that when we come to desperation and hopelessness on our own efforts, He can get all the glory!

When the people of Uganda cried out to God after the brutalization under demonically influenced Idi Amin and Milton Obote, God answered. It was in the pressure of survival that the remnant cried out as a nation to the one true God. Then the power of God came down in signs and wonders as they cried out to Him. They now are recognized as the most transformed nation in the world to the glory of God. Here it is, since 1987 until today, in just 17 years.

1. They went from under 1% Christianity to nearly 40% Christians. These are, "Jesus is everything" type of Christians, like the Barna predicted 8% we have in this country.

2. Aids has gone from over 35% to under 5% since that time as a new morality through the power of transformed lives in Jesus Christ has taken place.

3. The President and first lady have dedicated the whole nation to the Lordship of Jesus Christ for the next 1000 years. When the godly rule the people rejoice. (Proverbs 29:2)

4. Production from the soil of the land is producing a harvest beyond anything they have ever seen. Vegetables and fruits larger and in more abundance and only almighty God can get the glory in that as well.

5. They have unity in the land as now within one week through the radio they can fill stadiums with pastors and leaders from every region as denominational walls have continued to be demolished in the love of Jesus Christ for one another.

6. The spiritual climate has changed and witch doctors have lost their power and most of their clients, so they are either accepting Jesus Christ or leaving the country to find new employment.... Praise God.

7. Nightmares have now in abundance been replaced with visions and dreams from heaven. Islamic peoples are getting dreams of churches they must visit and as they visit the church they see for the first time the pastor they saw in their dream. This leads to repentance as the power of God pierces the darkness of their hearts.

8. In Pastor Jackson's church alone they have 15-20 Muslims come to Jesus Christ each week.

9. Fathers are now learning to lead their families. Communities are being transformed and yet still there is much work to do, many orphans and economic conditions still need prayer and support.

10. The leaders believe that within the next 20 years the country can grow to possibly 90% born again, ready to fight and ready to die warriors for Jesus Christ.

This can happen even in the United States, but it will take a united effort of God's remnant to sacrifice and bring the fire of God down to the rest of His people that will ignite a revival that will transform this country. Finally, one of the strong messages from their prayer time a few weeks back, was that God was not just experimenting with Uganda. That the same thing He has done and is doing in Uganda and other places and times, He desires to do in America. America, we must not fear, but believe. America we must not walk defeated but rise up in Jesus name no matter what the climate or circumstances are. We must rush towards obedience in every jurisdiction including the political realm.

So vote according to how the Spirit of the Lord leads. I will try not to be presumptuous, but I cannot see how a God fearing Christian can vote any other way then for George Bush. And we must pray and we must vote, but we will not fear for the purposes of God will be fulfilled. We must do our part in our obedience to His purpose for each of us. We must sacrifice for the fire of God to come down such as the sacrifice that fell for Elijah in a time of real pressure for the prophets of God. If we do our part, then our Father will do only which He can do, and it will be radical. Then we will begin to see souls transformed for the kingdom. We must do our part to populate heaven and de-populate hell for the glory of God in Jesus name! We must believe the God of heaven and earth can transform our nation and we must believe it can begin to happen now as we rise up in our destiny!

Psalm 20:7
Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will trust the name of the LORD our God.

Moving Towards Breakthrough and Maturity
Robert Ricciardelli

I am more interested in the process of life under the Lordship and intimacy of relationship with Jesus Christ, rather than the past, present or future of circumstance, happenstance, best chance, or last chance. The enemy is on the prowl to keep us bound under the spirit of limitation and restriction. Limitations keep us bound from God's destiny through us and restrict fulfillment of his purposes for our life. We may be able to move about freely, but where are we really going, and what are we really growing towards? We must be seeking Christ likeness and the maturity of Christ being formed in us to live our lives as over-comers in His kingdom and for His kingdom.

We need to understand that there is a major objective for each of us, and that is for Christ to be formed in us, and for "us" to be progressively moved out of the way. As we become less and less a part of life's equation, Christ becomes magnified through us and has His way in and through our lives. Sometimes it seems as though we are moving from point A to point B and then back to A again, but never really getting to point C. Like a hamster on the wheel, this is the devil's ploy to keep us in motion, but really not getting anywhere. As we try to move towards the deeper things in God, we often get hit with road blocks and detours to the promised land of destiny. We get discouraged rather than encouraged of the process necessary many times for preparation on to the next level in Christ. As we mature and begin to have understanding into the way the Father works in us, we then can begin to truly have peace and joy in the midst of adversity and trials of all kinds.

Story of the Wheat and Weeds
Matthew 13:24-30
[24]Here is another story Jesus told: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like a farmer who planted good seed in his field. [25]But that night as everyone slept, his enemy came and planted weeds among the wheat. [26]When the crop began to grow and produce grain, the weeds also grew. [27]The farmer's servants came and told him, `Sir, the field where you planted that good seed is full of weeds!
[28]"An enemy has done it!" the farmer exclaimed.
"Shall we pull out the weeds?" they asked.
[29]"He replied, No, you'll hurt the wheat if you do. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest. Then I will tell the harvesters to sort out the weeds and burn them and to put the wheat in the barn."

So we are the wheat and as we continue towards maturity, we also will have weeds all around us growing along with us. So do not be discouraged with the weeds of trials and tribulations in this life, they are supposed to grow up with us. In fact, they help us grow up in maturity by reminding us that we are the wheat needing the nurturing of the Son. We are the manifest children of God and the weeds prepare the way for us to rise above, not in ourselves, but in He that rose before us.

We do not need to worry about the weeds; all we have to be concerned about is who we truly are in the harvest, which are the sons and daughters of the living God. If we become consumed about the weeds of life, we may forget about who we are as Fathers children, ever growing and turning toward the Son. As we turn to the "Lover of our soul", we begin to be so focused on Him and so in tuned to listen to only His voice, that the weeds begin to be less significant in the tapestry of our purpose. When we get this revelation, we then can begin to have peace and joy in the midst of our enemy…

Psalm 23:5
You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies.
You welcome me as a guest, anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.

Do your hear that! Hallelujah! He prepares a table and gives us all we need "His presence", in the midst of the weeds of life, in the midst of the enemy. The enemy is a defeated foe, he can only win temporarily, when we believe his lies and deceit. Satan and his troops in many ways were left to roam this world until an appointed time to prepare His bride. When we realize the enemy only has as much jurisdiction as the Lord has allowed, we can also know that the Father will supply every resource needed for His children to flourish. Then we will see victories over many of the disappointments we consistently face. If we did not have the weeds of adversity, we may never seek the Son in the way He desires. We must begin to move towards break through and maturity by keeping our eyes on Him and not on circumstances. The last time I checked, the people of God in Jesus Christ win. May we all be wise and win in the midst of adversity!

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We Must Seek His Face

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On April 8, 2002, I had a dream that I believe I am to share at this time. I dreamt that I was a missionary with three other women in a third world country. We planned to be there for some time as we had rented a place close to where we were to minister. The dwelling was connected to others like it, they were fenced in and were very run-down. As I left to meet someone for a job interview at a local cafe, I saw there were sheets and clothing hanging above the street drying. The clothes were old and dull in color, but one sheet was light blue. When I came into the cafe I noticed a puddle of fetid water on the floor. I went out to the alley where earlier I had seen a mop and brought it in to clean up the mess. There was no bucket so I took the mop back out to the alley to wring it out.

A frail, old man came up to me in the dark alley. It was now night. He was not threatening looking and seemed glad to find me. There, alone in the alley, he looked at me with resolve and spoke these words, “My life’s work is about to be confirmed.” Then he slumped over to his left side and he looked like he was about to die. I moved toward him to see if he was alright, but also to hear what was about to be confirmed. He looked straight at me and sternly proclaimed, “**We must seek His face!**” Then he reached toward me, took my hands and put them on either side of his cheeks so that his face was cradled in my hands. He continued to look intently at me. As I held his face he asked, “Where is my face?” I answered, “It is on your head.” He said, “Where is my head?” I replied, “It is on your body.” Then he firmly stated, “Remember this!”

He was still looking at me intensely with his face still in my hands when suddenly his eyes turned into lion’s eyes! Then his face turned into a male lion’s face! Everything faded from view and all I could see was the lion’s eyes and face. At first I was startled, but then I realized that he was not the lion that seeks to devour, but rather the Lion of the Tribe of Judah! Slowly the lion’s face faded, but the lion's eyes remained and stared directly into mine. I woke up, and in the dark of the night, I could still vividly see the golden lion eyes. (This stayed with me for weeks, and even now whenever I testify of this dream.) Then the Holy Spirit said, “Get up and write this down.” I tried to lie there and convince Him I would be able to remember it. The Holy Spirit again told me to, “Get up and write it down.” So I got up and wrote down this dream. (Hab. 2:2)

Interpretation:

The Location and Components:

The first part of the dream seems to be not as important as the later part, but these types of 'missionary' dreams are usually the most prophetic for me. Since the colorful laundry hanging above the street stood out, especially the blue sheet, it's significance seems to confirm revelation. *Three women* may be symbolic of Christ's 'inner circle' of friends, and *third world* countries eat at my heart. *Dwellings close together and fenced* denotes close community and safety in numbers and that we were to live with the commoners. A *cafe* is a familiar place to me as my parents owned a cafe, hotel and restaurant. A *job interview:* see 2 These 3:7-10. To work and live with those we came to minister seems to point that we were to become like the people there. See Acts 18:3, 4. We would have a greater chance to win them to Christ if we lived in the same manner as they did. See 1 Co 19:19-23. The *fetid water* I believe to be a symbolic of a lack of excellence in the world (just accepting a mess and letting it spoil rather than taking action to clean it). Not having a *bucket* seems to point to not always having all the tools needed to clean up a mess. An *alley* is a place where I spent a great deal of my childhood in exploration. Although it's a place to be cautious, for me it's a place of discovery. An old man, for the most part, is someone I respect and think of as being wise.

The Old Man

The old man looked similar to the older of 'the two witnesses' in the TBN movie, *The Omega Code*, and spoke (in English) with that same unusual accent. Symbolic of the '*witness*' of ***the church*** as it exists today, the *old man* had refined the most important truth he learned into one final statement. I detected a hint of regret in his voice as he spoke, yet he was determined to make sure I understood. I had the impression that he was an old pastor who had served the Lord for years, but didn't fully understand this simple but profound truth until the very end of his life. He may have gotten so busy doing the work of the Lord, that he did not spend time developing a personal relationship with Christ Jesus. Because it seemed like God had specifically shown him to share this revelation with me - this has given me a great sense of responsibility to clearly convey this message.

I believe that the physical condition of his body represents that the 'old way' of doing things in the church is dying. The admonition given to us by the church now passing is: **"WE MUST SEEK HIS FACE!"** If we hold dear this charge, this new emerging church will be known around the world by the intimacy it shares with the Father, the Bridegroom our Lord Jesus Christ, and His Holy Spirit. We must take 'seeking His face' deeply into our hearts, and ***hold*** to it.

By having me place my hands on his face, I believe, the old man was physically illustrating the importance for us to ***hold onto*** what he was saying. We are to seek God's face in such a manner that we will *hold on* and not let go even when it looks scary. We have to learn to recognize and discern the Lord in all situations. When the lion's eyes and face appeared I felt a natural fear, but it immediately went away when I recognized the face to be that of the Lion of the Tribe of Judah ~ that being Jesus the Christ. In this dream, I believe I was representative of believers who are willing to hear the revelation of an old and dying generation, and to pass it to the next - like a runner passing a baton in a relay race. It is very important to receive impartation from the passing generation before it is too late.

THE ORDER:

The order of his questions is significant. First he asked me about the location of his face, and then where the head was found. To get to the face I had to find the Head, to find the Head I had to first find the Body. One reason I have held this dream so long was that the Lord instructed me to, "Go to the Body of Christ and ask what it means to them personally when they hear, 'We must seek His face.'" So, I inquired of many spirit-filled believers and I have now compiled the insights I received which witnessed to my spirit into this interpretation.

SEEK MY FACE:

Scriptures make it clear we are to seek God's face. See 1 Chron 16:11; 2 Chron 7:14; Ps 105:4; Hosea 5:15

First, we seek the Lord because His love draws us to Himself. As we come closer to Him, the more we love him in return. 1 John 4:19. In seeking God's face we are hoping to receive God's perspective in everything we see and do. When we seek His face, our face is turned towards Him. Since our face is the center of communication, when we look to Jesus He sees *our* expressions and can tell whether we are listening to Him and accepting what He is saying, or if we are rejecting Him. As intimacy develops with someone we love, we share our dreams, visions, goals and private thoughts with them. As we seek His face, we learn about His feelings, thoughts and emotions. We learn who Jesus is in truth. We learn things like what brings Him joy and what brings Him sorrow. He longs for the desires of His heart to become the desires of our heart. He does not want us to come to Him seeking His hand but for us to come seeking His face - that is to say - His desires. The Lord wants to have a private audience with each of us. The Holy Spirit is drawing us to seek Christ's face so we see His full expression and have open and honest communication with Him. He wants us to be intimate with Him in this way. When we are facing each other, God will reveal the mysteries of the kingdom to our hearts.

Isn't it interesting that when we confront something, we have to 'face' it. As I looked into the mirror one morning, I seemed to see something different. I asked the Lord what He was showing me and that is when I realized that we can see, hear, taste, smell and touch all within our face. Not only are all five senses located in our face, but it is the center of communication as well. Our words (inflection and tone) come from our mouth and facial expressions can be read when we talk face-to-face. We gain greater understanding when we look at a person and study their face as they speak to us. God's word, the Bible, is like a mirror. He reflects Himself in it and when we read it we become aware of what we are reflecting. When we do not reflect Jesus, then we are to repent (face it) and yield ourselves to be polished into that true reflection. When we become models of Christ, then we share the Father's love for children, the elderly, family members, friends, neighbors and even for our enemies. We then want His will for the world around us. That is when His glory has risen upon us! See Is 60:1-5 It is not about seeking the blessings of God's hand, but about developing a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus. See Matt 6:33

THE HEAD:

The head has two significant parts that I thought about in the dream as the old man was speaking to me. The first is that Christ is the Head of the Church, and second the husband is the head of his wife. See Eph. 5:23. We must honor Christ as the Head of the church. May no man take Jesus' place as Head, or they will in essence be placing 'the hand', which is what the church refers to as 'the five fold ministry,' and obscuring the face of God. To illustrate this stand in front of a mirror and take your hand and place it in front of your face. Now look and see how much of your face can be seen. Christ is the Head of the Body! May the 'hand' do its duty to serve the Lord by grooming the Head and The Body's many parts. See 1 Co 12; Romans 12:4-10; Eph 4:11-13; Rev 3:22. In the second part, God is offering protection for wives through their husbands. May the husbands also find protection in following God's directive for marriage. See Eph 5:21-33.

THE BODY:

The Body is the individuals who believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that He was born of a virgin, was crucified, died, was buried and on the third day He was resurrected. Those who believe in Him and have called upon His name are born anew into the Body of Christ and make up The Church. Each member is part of the Body of Christ, and is in effect, a soldier, an ambassador of Jesus Christ, a temple of the Holy Spirit and the emerging Bride of Christ. See 2 Tim 2:3; 1 Co 6:19; 2 Co 5:20; Rev 19:7-9.

THE LION'S EYES AND FACE:

The eyes of a lion are so penetrating. The closer you get to a lion when it looks straight into your eyes, the more deeply terrifying it becomes. In the dream, terror was my initial reaction, especially since its face was in my hands, but I quickly recognized it was Jesus' eyes piercing my soul. See Heb 4:13; Rev 1:14; 1 Co 3:9-16. Because of His great love for me as a believer the *fear passed through* me (John 3:16). As His face disappeared and His eyes remained, I believe God was showing me that His eyes continually seek those who worship Him in spirit and in truth (as opposed to those who worship in flesh and emotion). In effect, the Lord is seeking our face too. God is seeking the seeker. See John 4:23 and Jeremiah 29:12-14.

CONCLUSION: WORSHIP IS KEY

When seeking God's face, we must worship Him with no strings, plans, or our own personal agendas attached. Even those things that God has promised us must be put on the altar and willingly sacrificed. We do not want to be found guilty of honoring the Lord with our lips when our hearts are far from Him. See Mark 7:6. If anything is lifted up in our hearts as we worship then we must fervently seek to illuminate those things from coming between us and our Lord. Heartfelt praise and worship are keys to seeking God (as are prayer and fasting). We must focus upon His countenance as He inhabits and is enthroned in our praises. There is so much written in the Scriptures on praise and worship the list of references would be overwhelming, but to start - meditate on Psalms 22:3; 9:9-11; 61:7, 8; 107:19-22, 31, 32, 43 and see where the Lord leads you from there. It is a great study for all believers. As we praise Him, He dwells in our midst, and that is when we will see His face. When we see His face then we must listen and pay close attention to what He is saying to us.

The Lord is coming soon and when He sees us face to face He will be asking each of us, "Who do you say I Am?"

Church, **WE MUST SEEK HIS FACE!**

Note: Four months after I had this dream the Lord put a book into my hands written by Dr. Dale A. Fife, The Secret Place; Passionately Pursuing His Presence. I would highly recommend your reading it. If you are serious about seeking God's face, it will bring fullness to your search. It is important to look up each Scripture reference (both in his book and in this writing). Even if you are sure you know it, the Holy Spirit will reveal volumes of His manifold wisdom to you if you will. God bless you in your search.

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Going Out On A Limb

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In this vision I had in 1997, I saw a large oak tree and the Lord told me to climb it. I climbed up and sat on the first big limb. Then He told me, “Go out to the end of the limb.”

I scooted out until I knew the limb couldn’t hold my weight and stopped. The Lord said again, “Go out to the end of the limb.”

I scooted out a little more, but I knew in my mind that there was no way that I could go any further without the limb breaking. Though I was on the bottom limb, it was a pretty long way down, so I stopped.

Again the Lord spoke to me, “Go out to the end of the limb.”

I protested and told Him that there was no way that branch, which was as small as my pinkie finger, was going to hold me up.

He said, “If I have called you to go out on a limb, then I will hold it up. Just then I saw the tree and me in it as though I was watching the whole thing from afar. When he said, “I will hold it up’ I could see a huge angel underneath the branch holding it up!
The Lord further cautioned me that I was not to go out on just any limb, only the ones He called me out onto, because those He would not be supporting.

What Now?

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Nov. 1, 2004

I believe that while reading the Word last Friday, the Lord showed me that President Bush will be reelected. I consider that a miracle, & a huge answer to the prayers of many Christians around the world. If I am wrong, then we are indeed in for very severe judgment indeed.

If President Bush does gain a 2nd term, I believe that this also signals that the Lord has prevented a much, much greater judgment upon us than most understand. My feeling is that this would be due much to His mercy on the rest of the world, which would suffer much at the hand of the enemy also, before his time to rule, allotted by God.

The tendency of some will be to relax, thinking, "We won." or "We got what we wanted."

I believe however, that the enemy will become stirred up even more & allowed by God to disrupt our lives -- to bring the Church to its senses & to open up to revival -- in the way He is bringing it. Also since judgment is designed to bring people to God, many lost will start searching for the Truth as never before.

For some time now, there have been warnings that terrorists have nuclear weapons here in the US. Several months ago, I had a dream of great destruction in 2 US cities -- the one I was born in, & the one I live in now (Los Angeles & Dallas).

Several months before that, by Divine appointment while flying to Pennsylvania, I was seated next to a minister I had never met or heard of from the Washington, DC area. He described two dreams to me -- one he had before 9-11, which he only understood after the fact, & a similar one more recently. In the last one, he interpreted it as meaning that the next terrorist attack would be on both coasts & in the middle of the country simultaneously. How much may, or might have been prevented by prayer, I do not know.

But I do believe the next attack, whatever form it comes in, is likely before Thanksgiving. I hope & pray for mercy & people to awaken without the enemy getting his way in this, but sometimes only drastic measures will get God's points across to those dull of hearing & satisfied in their own circumstances.

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Words To Encourage You

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Come before Me, My little ones, and bask in My presence for I long to pour out My glory upon you and prepare you for what I AM going to do in the near future. For the enemy has been coming on like a flood trying to hinder you from coming before Me, but you are called My overcoming army and you have prevailed the onslaught of the enemy, and once again you are able to hear My voice. I reward those who diligently seek My face. Even though the heavens may appear as brass, you continue to come before Me. And now I AM ready to pour out My glory and fill you to overflowing with My spirit of grace and truth. You cannot walk righteously unless you have the balance of the both.

Have you not known that the great reward of your faith is peace, My glory, and joy unspeakable? My kingdom does not consist of meat or drink but of the following factors: a faith that overcomes no matter what comes before it, peace that passes all understanding, and a pure joy which is your strength, and above all, love which is the perfect bond that holds it all together. Love Me with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. Yes, love the brethren, not by appearance only but from a pure heart.

For this is the time to truly examine your heart to see if you are walking in all My ways. You need to make sure you don't have any open door in which the enemy may enter. Make amends with your enemy by blessing him and most of all, forgive those who have come before you with a heart of repentance, and those who have not, pray for My mercy to fall on them that they will come to repentance.

Be strong, be bold, for the Lord thy God is with you. Do not take heed to the lies of the evil one and fear his reports. Stand only on My word. Yes, do not take thought to any lie he tries to ensnare you with. Do not pay attention to your emotions for they are based on lying circumstances. Stay close to My side and feed on My words alone, and let Me renew your mind and heal your wounded heart. Yes, I have come to make you strong once again. And rejoice for I AM a faithful God, and I AM in control of all that you've been going through. Yes, rejoice, for what the enemy has meant for harm is working for your good. Yes, all things work together for your good because you are Mine.

I come to bless you and honor you and give you favor. Expect My words to operate in your life for I promised you the abundant life full of My grace and glory. I wish that you may prosper and be in health as your soul prospers should be your prayer for all the saints just as My apostle prayed. Yes, that is My will and expect not less than the best that I have to offer.

Yes, the enemy has set out to hinder you, but you have prevailed to seek My light, and I have come to meet your heart's desire to know Me more intimately. Draw close to Me and wait upon Me. Be still and know that I AM God. Do not fear the evil report. Respond only to the Truth for I know who My favored ones are. Yes, I know My people, and I will keep them safe in the evil day when the enemy comes to try to defeat you.

For the fire only comes to purify you and to bring all the impurities to the surface. I AM not finished with you for I AM comforting you into My image, and when I AM finished with all of you as one, My glory will blind the evil one, and his plans will be confused. So draw close to Me.

Deep is calling unto deep. I AM ready to travail through you if you make yourself available. Believe and you will receive My awesome outcry for the lost for I love them so and gave My life that they would be saved from the wrath to come.

Be sensitive to My leading. Die out to your flesh and walk in My power, and I will bless you beyond measure. Yes, you will be greatly rewarded for your faithfulness to loving not your life unto death. May your confession be bold, tempered with My grace, and My truth ever lead you for I AM your God.

Out of the hearts of babes comes praise. Be sensitive to My leading you close to where My glory falls, and it is upon the hearts of My little ones. In order to enter My kingdom you must be like children who have pure hearts. I will move mightily through My children. Yes, the youth I will pour a powerful anointing upon and yes, signs and wonders will follow their steps, and an awesome revival will follow the outpouring of My glory upon the youth.

So, I call you to unite as one, the fathers and the sons, the mothers and the daughters, and worship Me, and expect a great move of My Spirit, for I AM faithful.

Repentance And Restoration
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Escape from the clutch of the evil one, and I will lift you up, for many find themselves in a place that they have not been before, and they do not know how to get out of it. But I AM calling you to escape from the clutch of the evil one and run towards Me, and I will set you free from the giants of your life. Yes, many have been in the midst of insurmountable tragedies in their lives. It seems like one mountain of troubles after another, a never-ending trial effecting every area of their life. But it may seem that I have left you fatherless, but the fact is the other way around. You have pulled away from your first love and have found yourself deep in the clutch of the evil one.

If you aren't worshiping Me and basking in My presence, then you have lost your focus on what it is all about. I called you to be Mine, to walk with Me and to be My bride, but many have lost their zeal and have allowed themselves to be entertained by the things of the world to the extent that they have become complacent to My word and communion with Me. And this cannot be. You cannot both have Me and My presence and the ways of the world. For I have called you to be a holy nation, a peculiar people, one that is set apart from that of the world. And now there are many that have allowed themselves to get entangled that it is hard to them apart.

I AM calling you to repentance to come apart from the unclean thing. Cry out for mercy that I will clean your heart from the effects, and that I will set you free from the desires and lusts that have led you astray. For this is the hour where the trials will either make you or break you. I AM separating the men from the boys, those who are willing to pay the price to crucify their flesh and those who choose to continue to be mesmerized by the things of the world. You have to make the decision whether you want blessings or curses, life or death and the fruit thereof.

Walk with Me and I will bless you and restore to you all that the enemy has robbed you of. But if you continue in your ways this day, you will surely die. Do not believe the lies of the evil one by giving up on My promises. Do not listen when he says that he has better for you for he is a liar and a thief, and he only comes to steal, kill and destroy. I've come to give you life and that abundantly, but you must serve Me, deny yourself, pick up your cross and follow Me.

Crucify the lusts of the flesh, the eyes and the pride of life. Draw close to Me and I will draw close to you. Keep My word deep in your heart and use it against the evil one. Put up your shield of faith and reapply each piece of armor for I paid the price that you would be fully clothed enabled to stand against the powers of darkness. Reposition yourself with Me seated at the right hand of the Father, the position of power, high above all powers and principalities. Let out a victory cry and join ranks once again and worship Me. Then the enemy will be blinded by My glory. Your enemies will be scattered with confusion and will turn on each other, and you will escape and run and be free once again stronger than ever.

Rise up, My holy ones, for it is time to dance and to shout and rejoice for I said I would never leave you or forsake you or to allow you to fall into a snare. Apply My word each day to your life and My blood, and keep your eyes on Me, and I will lead you through. Do not allow the shame or condemnation to defeat you, for they are only lies of the evil one. Cry out for greater grace and My mercy and be restored. For I AM calling My bride together, even those with boots on, to close up the gaps and build the wall, to sound an alarm, to blow the shofar and be united in one faith under one God for I AM and evermore shall be, and I will not be defeated. Those I died for I will not lose in the fight. They are sealed with My Spirit. If you will to do My will, I will carry you through and MY victory will be yours, for I AM your Lord and King.

Waters Of Destruction

Dorothy Hedlund

July 25, 2004
Just before waking, a dream of massive destruction.

I was alone in a large 2-3 story house, located in a mountain valley, surrounded by other homes and those on the mountainsides as well. (Weird)… At the beginning of the dream I was in the house's restroom and had just applied some sort of Noxema-type white cleanser to my face. It had somehow gotten into my eyes, however, to such a serious extent that I called "911" on the phone, asking for medical assistance. Instead, however, a young/handsome policeman suddenly entered the restroom, but with seductive intentions. He took a towel to my face, trying to wipe my eyes clear of the cleanser, but instead began to fondle & kiss me. I said, "No…" and pushed him away.
Suddenly, it seemed, I could see clearly again.

Looking out the bathroom window, his presence no longer seemed of any concern to me compared to the sight that met my eyes. Flood-stage waters were coming up quickly, surrounding the house at an incredibly rapid rate. I said, in fact, "The waters are coming up 6" per second!" This other looked out the window, too, and was quite startled.

I went into the large dining room then, which had even larger sets of windows to look out. The sight that met my eyes was one of indescribable and powerful destruction. Rolling waters…churning waters…were slashing through the mountain valley, bringing up even the bedrock in the area. I saw large slabs of granite 'uprooted' … stand upright … then fall into the waters. The very earth was being destroyed, rock and all.
I saw it rushing towards the house I was in, chiseling away at the rock upon which it was located. Once a flatland, the house was then only three feet or so from what had become a cliff's edge … on all sides.

I saw on the mountainside homes that appeared like doll-house structures, some red, some blue, toppling off the mountainside like dominos. They were built of nothing but cardboard it seemed and were no match for the waters or the force of the torrent. All of them fell. Soon, all was gone. I could see nothing else about me…except water. The house I was in was the only thing left. Still firmly planted on 'The Rock of Rocks' – it had survived. There was not much of the rock left about even this one, however… only about three feet on all sides surrounding it were left…with waters, massive waters of great force, churning all about us. I woke up, immediately quickened to look up the portion of scripture about 'the house built upon the rock' instead of sand. I was also given understanding before getting up – that this 'spirit' had also visited each of the homes in the mountain valley … and each had faced its seduction … choosing either life or death, blessing or curse.

Matthew 7:21-27: [Jesus speaking] - **"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you – depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!' Therefore, whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and DOES them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the ROCK** [i.e. 'The Rock' of rocks]. **The rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and IT DID NOT FALL, FOR IT WAS FOUNDED ON THE ROCK.** But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and IT FELL. And great was its fall."

UNDERSTANDING RECEIVED SO FAR… This dream was not about 'those of the world' but about 'those in The Church.' The red and blue houses built of cardboard on the sides of the mountain represent those who have initially experienced SALVATION (red/blood of Christ) and many even REVELATION (blue/spiritual insight into heavenly realms). They had not built upon 'The Rock of rocks,' however – which was not apparent until torrential waters [of judgment/destruction(?)] swept through The Church, testing the quality of each man's works & the foundation upon which they had built. Yes, many in The Church had experienced salvation/revelation…as in Matthew 7…prophesying, casting out demons, performing signs and wonders … **BUT…**

The spirit of lawlessness (Matt. 7:23) – a form of seduction – had visited each of their homes as well. Only God knew their response. That which they had decided 'in secret' was made visible to the world … their houses FELL into the waters of judgment, having not been built upon 'The Rock of rocks.' Does that make sense? It appeared to all that they WERE built upon a rock…various levels of the mountainside, etc. It was not until the waters churned away what APPEARED to be mountains of rock (but were simply kingdoms of this world) and slabs of granite upon which they were built - did one clearly see that they were NOT built upon THE ROCK OF ROCKS. They had built upon 'this word & that word' – but not upon THE WORD…the Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

Is it possible that this much of the Church lies in error? That this much of the Church is succumbing to 'the spirit of lawlessness' in this day? In an approaching day? The spirit of lawlessness (unrighteous policeman) was trying to make a covenant (kiss) of deception with those in the Church. It was also trying to fondle/seduce 'twin truths' (breasts) of the Church/Bride … her FAITH & LOVE, which would ultimately affect her ability to walk in righteousness/supernatural revelation/discernment/and holiness. [More info on these 'twin truths' can be found in Bob & Rose Weiner's *Bible Studies for the Preparation of the Bride* workbook, Study 10, "The Beauty of the New Creation" pgs. 53-55, Maranatha Publications].

Why were 'my eyes' affected by the face cleanser in the first place? Why were they burning? Why couldn't I see? Why did it cause me to call "911?" Well, I haven't sat down with the Lord long enough to hear His answer to this – but have received this impression: all of us will be faced with choices in this life: will we choose life or death, blessing or curse? It is God Himself who will 'try us.' For this reason, circumstances may be 'worked' in our lives which bring even the gifted in 'hearing & seeing' to the end of themselves, testing the quality of the works and hearts. Will they 'embrace' the spirit of lawlessness, which seduces the Church into accepting the liberal viewpoints of our day which stand opposed to the laws of God?

In light of the upcoming state & national elections and the many liberal vs. conservative issues at stake – how many in The Church are standing on THE ROCK OF ROCKS, and not simply on what society deems the 'acceptable viewpoints' of the day? From what I saw in the dream, I think that MANY in The Church are on 'shaky ground' and will not survive the 'shakedown' once 'judgment begins in the house of God.'

Woe To The Bloody City!

Marie-France McDowell-Smith

HaShem is speaking these scriptures, and no commentary of any kind. I sense that there is danger for both Jerusalem and New York City at the same time or close to the same time, possibly around Passover!

Captivated by HIS Mercy, Grace and Love, Mari

February 29, 2004

Nahum Chapter 3

1WOE TO the bloody city! It is full of lies and booty and [there is] no end to the plunder!(1) 2 The cracking of the whip, the noise of the rattling of wheels, and prancing horses and chariots rumbling and bounding, 3 Horsemen mounting and charging, the flashing sword, the gleaming spear, a multitude of slain and a great number of corpses, no end of corpses! [The horsemen] stumble over the corpses! 4 All because of the multitude of the harlotries [of Nineveh], the well-favored harlot, the mistress of deadly charms who betrays and sells nations through her whoredoms [idolatry] and peoples through her enchantments. 5 Behold, I am against you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will lift up your skirts over your face, and I will let the nations look on your nakedness [O Nineveh] and the kingdoms on your shame. 6 I will cast abominable things at you and make you filthy, treat you with contempt, and make you a gazingstock. 7 And all who look on you will shrink and flee from you and say, Nineveh is laid waste; who will pity and bemoan her? Where [then] shall I seek comforters for you? 8 Are you better than No-amon [Thebes, capital of Upper Egypt], that dwelt by the rivers or canals, that had the waters round about her, whose rampart was a sea [the Nile] and water her wall? 9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and that without limit. Put and the Libyans were her helpers. 10 Yet she was carried away; she went into captivity. Her young children also were dashed in pieces at all the street corners; lots were cast [by the Assyrian officers] for her nobles, and all her great men were bound with chains. 11 You will be drunk [Nineveh, with the cup of God's wrath]; you will be dazed. You will seek and require a refuge because of the enemy. 12 All your fortresses are fig trees with early figs; if they are shaken they will fall into the mouth of the eater. 13 Behold, your troops in the midst of you are [as weak and helpless as] women; the gates of your land are set wide open to your enemies [without effort]; fire consumes your bars. 14 Draw for yourself the water [necessary] for a [long continued] siege, make strong your fortresses! Go down into the clay pits and trample the mortar; make ready the brickkiln [to burn bricks for the bulwarks]! 15 [But] there [in the very midst of these preparations] will the fire devour you; the sword will cut you off; it will destroy you as the locusts [destroy]. Multiply yourselves like the licking locusts; make yourselves many like the swarming locusts! 16 You increased your merchants more than the [visible] stars of the heavens. The swarming locust spreads itself and destroys, and then flies away. 17 Your princes are like the grasshoppers and your marshals like the swarms of locusts which encamp in the hedges on a cold day--but when the sun rises, they fly away, and no one knows where they are. 18 Your shepherds are asleep, O king of Assyria; your nobles are lying still [in death]. Your people are scattered on the mountains and there is no one to gather them. 19 There is no healing of your hurt; your wound is grievous. All who hear the news about you clap their hands over [what has happened to] you. For upon whom has not your [unceasing] evil come continually?

Ezekiel 24:6-14 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose rust and scum are in it and whose rust and scum have not gone out of it! Take out of it piece by piece, without making any choice. 7 For the blood she has shed remains in the midst of her; she put it upon the bare rock; she did not pour it on the ground to cover it with dust. 8 That it may cause wrath to come up to take vengeance, I have put her blood [guilt for her children sacrificed to Molech] upon the bare rock, that it would not be covered. 9 Therefore thus says the Lord God: Woe to the bloodguilty city! Also I will make the pile [of fuel] great. 10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire and make it hot, boil well the meat and mix the spices, pour out the broth when thick, and let the bones be burned up. 11 Then set [the pot Jerusalem] back empty upon the coals, that the bronze of it may be hot and may glow and the filthiness of it may be melted in it and the rust and scum of it may be consumed. 12 She has wearied herself and Me with toil; yet her great rust and scum go not forth out of her, for however hotly the fire burns, her thick rust and filth will not go out of her by fire. 13 In your filthiness is abomination; [and therefore] because I would have cleansed you and you were not cleansed, you shall not be cleansed from your filthiness any more until I have satisfied My wrath against and upon you. 14 I the Lord have spoken it; it shall come to pass and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I relent; according to your ways and according to your doings shall they judge and punish you, says the Lord God.

Habakkuk 2:8-12 Because you [king of Babylon] have plundered many nations, all who are left of the people shall plunder you--because of men's blood and for the violence done to the earth, to the city and all the people who live in each city. 9 Woe to him who obtains wicked gain for his house, [who thinks by so doing] to set his nest on high that he may be preserved from calamity and delivered from the power of evil! 10 You have devised shame to your house by cutting off and putting an end to many peoples, and you have sinned against and forfeited your own life. 11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall [built in sin, to accuse you], and the beam out of the woodwork will answer it [agreeing with its charge against you]. 12 Woe to him who builds a town with blood and establishes a city by iniquity!

REVELATIONS 14:6-8 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, with an eternal Gospel (good news) to tell to the inhabitants of the earth, to every race and tribe and language and people. 7 And he cried with a mighty voice,

Revere God and give Him glory (honor and praise in worship), for the hour of His judgment has arrived. Fall down before Him; pay Him homage and adoration and worship Him Who created heaven and earth, the sea and the springs (fountains) of water.

8 Then another angel, a second, followed, declaring,

Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She who made all nations drink of the [maddening] wine of her passionate unchastity [idolatry].

Night Vision
Marie-France McDowell-Smith

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Deep, deep, deep darkness as night appears before me, and far off is a bright flashing red light. 'L-rd what is this, what are you showing me? What does this mean?'

'It is My people, My people, My own...My people are poised on the precipice of a GREAT FALL! There is DANGER!!! Warn them!!!'

I cried out, 'L-rd, help us!!! Have Mercy haShem!'

HIS continued explanation, 'The flashing red light in utter darkness is the Ruach haKodesh warning My people to use discernment, caution is imperative. I tell them to guard their minds, to cover it with My Torah, My Instruction, My WORD as their ark of safety. Tell them to run into My arms, their ONLY place of safety. Run to MY WORD, for YESHUA LIVES AND SITS upon My right hand.

Each of them have been covered in the powerful BLOOD of Yeshua (Jesus) as they submitted to me, the GREAT I AM, the Aleph and the Tov!!! As they heard My WORD, repented (turned away from their wicked/own ways, and made choice to follow Yeshua, for HE KNOWS THE WAY HOME TO ME), they received forgiveness of their SIN, and may now REST in Me.

Do you NOT remember that I AM !!! I AM LOVE! I LOVE YOU, I forgive, I redeem, I justify, I sanctify, I commission, consecrate and anoint for SERVICE TO ME!!! I DO THESE THINGS, NOT ANY MAN!!! COME DIRECTLY TO ME through Yeshua haMashiach / Messiah Yeshua, the Way, the Truth and the Life. HE is the door to come to Me, and there is NO OTHER.

My only SON, Yeshua haMashiach / Messiah Yeshua shed HIS BLOOD upon Calvary's hill and in HIS obeience declared, 'IT IS FINISHED'!!! I AM well pleased in HIS obedience to Me; not as many of you in mental ascent or complete self-deception. "It is finished!'

The POWER OF Yeshua's BLOOD is the pitch applied to the ark by the Ruach haKodesh that seals and protects My people from all that is raging to destroy.

Victory, Victory, Victory! HE IS ALIVE, HE IS THE King of kings and the L-rd of lords... 'IT IS FINISHED'!!!

I, the True and Living G-d, the Holy One of Israel, El Gibor, Elohim, Adonai, Abba declare again to you today....'IT IS FINISHED! '

Rejoice!!! Allow my JOY to be your strength.

My people have a clouded vision, with a 'knowing in their spirits' of the season and the times. Still, they cannot apply flesh and dress in Holiness to clothe the heaped, fragmented skeletons lying at the bottom of their souls. Rise up O dead men! Rise up! The people have no vision, many are dying and perish never knowing Me.

Is there no one who will bind up their wounds? Is their no knowledge left upon this earth? Where is faith? Where is My army? Where are those who will reach out into the hiways and byways...Is anyone leading this impoverished people, My very own, toward My Holy Mountain and toward HE WHOM WILL RULE AND REIGN?

Oh, I hear your sanctimoniously spoken words like flying poison darts from your tongue, that slithering snake, 'Those filthy drug addicted, alcoholic, lying, sex perverted, swearing, adulterous, cheating, abortion performing, thieving, disgusting sinners' .. WHY don't they follow Jesus?

Obviously, My precious ones, because THEY DO NOT SEE ME IN YOU? Do you not remember who you once were? Is this lack of clarity not your own doing? Do you not indict yourself as your behavior reveals to whom you truly belong? Vipers, whitewashed tombs...I weary of you.

The WAR rages upon the battlefields --- the minds of ALL men upon the earth. My steps get closer, can you hear it? Can you hear the thunder? Can you hear the battle raging in the heavenlies? Do you hear Me; do you see the night vision I show you? Are you even alive? Your movement is barely visible to Me. As you hibernate, comfortably curled up and serenely sleeping, do you dream that you run the race and are nearly at the finish line, your prize awaiting?

Are you blind? And deaf? and mute? Do you not hear nor see the clashing of swords, the lightening streaking across the sky, as the battle more fiercely explodes and becomes an incinerator of human flesh. There is breakthrough riding upon the morning star, you shall see it in the heavens with your very own eyes, no second hand reports.

Then ALL TRIBES AND TONGUES AND NATIONS will know that I AM !!! All men will SEE, NOT ONE OF THEM will be able to deny. 'WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM' is the question. 'WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER?'

PREPARE, THE TEST COMES SOON!!! The evil one will apply his spin. But for a moment in time, a window of opportunity for all to SEE YESHUA, My beloved and only begotten SON, the Way, the Truth and the Life !!! BE READY, PREPARE!!!

Again, I tell you ~ I AM EL GIBOR!

What more can I do? What more can I say? People have no desire for My Ways. Are they too lazy to glean the treasure I have left for them in the corners of the fields? Many prefer to starve, and complain, all hope gone. They cry out to me night and day...all the while answers, their provision lies rotting in the fields, waiting for their most elementary effort, but most too weak. Encourage them, teach them, show them that I protect, provide and give My peace!!!

MANY who look cannot find My provision. Why is this, My people? Is it because many of you, the caretakers of My fields (I AM THE OWNER, the creator of all, Am I not?) have decided that because of My seeming delay that you are the owners of these fields. Have you been so easily deceived?

YOU have become inwardly greedy, ravenous wolves, still displaying the privilege of sheep's clothing, parading about in your vestments. DO YOU THINK THAT I HAVE NO EYES, THAT I AM NOT ABLE TO SEE YOUR INWARD PARTS? YOU are deluded, you obey men and do not obey Me!!!

YOU self-made shepherds, you take every bit and leave none for the orphan and widow, none for the needy. YOU trample beneath your feet people for whom I have paid a great price, giving My only begotten Son, Yeshua. HOW LONG WILL YOU LIVE HIGH AND MIGHTY, as the people perish. HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THAT I WILL ALLOW THIS TO GO ON? You have made yourselves into gods, wielding the power of life and death over the weak, the innocent and the poor.

YOU listen NOT to ME nor to My prophets. YOU continue to murder My prophets and throw them out of YOUR places of worship. YOU discard MY TRUTH given them upon the burning garbage heaps outside the city. You do not acknowledge or recognize that they are servants, merely messengers who bring you My deliverance for your benefit and gain. Yet, YOU, false shepherds are violent to devour. Little changes in the human heart, little changes in human history, WATCH AS I INTERVENE.

O, how predictable My people, and how compassionate your G-d! How I weep for you, I weep, I weep...I AM bringing back My sheep, I WILL DO IT !!! You, My called shepherds, your privilege soon lost, because you succumbed to temptation and traded away this consecrated responsibility -- THE SPEAKING OF MY WORD, THE WATCHING AN CARING OF MY SHEEP -- for a pot of porridge. Your eyes deceived you, you have perverted, twisted and manipulated My Word. YOU fell to the lust of the eye, and wanted what the god of this world gave to his false ones...the ones now being exposed, their riches unable to save.

Once again I call to My fallen shepherds. CAST your eyes upon me, your redeemer, your friend, the Lover of your souls. I will once again forgive and restore, come to ME, follow ME, open your broken hearts to My Love! Am I not able to do all that I have planned and promised? My Love for you cost me shame, suffering and death. But death has no hold on ME, nor upon My own...we LIVE, I live in you...BE YE HOLY. Open yourselves completely to me, we shall clean and discard debris that has cluttered neglected rooms as you were distracted and deceived. There is need for you in My Kingdom, much need and much love, work in My Kingdom, not in man's.

My people walk about as though they are 'happy meals with legs', still babies, not mature, naive as the enemy ruthlessly pounces upon these tasty morsels of lunch and greedily devours.

The evil one who murders and sheds innocent blood in the Land and in My Holy City, I will recompense that evil upon his head. Pray for the people whom he uses for his purposes and then abandons. He continues to steal, kill and destroy. His schemes and plans change not. My anger and wrath arises toward evil and those who walk in that way, that dark street of destruction !!!!

SPEND TIME WITH ME! HIDE THE WORD IN YOUR HEARTS. LEARN OF ME and WALK IN ALL OF MY WAYS. LOVE ONE ANOTHER; LOVE YOUR FAMILIES. REACH OUT WITH MY RACHAMIM TO THE ILL, FORGOTTEN AND INFIRM ~ THOSE LOST IN BODY, MIND and SPIRIT!!! IN THIS YOU SERVE ME AND SHOW MY LOVE !!!

My Love for YOU is full of Mercy, Grace and Justice, Your Abba

Waves Of Holy Terrorism

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My daughter, heaven is on tiptoe in excitement at what I am going to do and release—in you, for you and to others. You are weary with the battle and the waiting and preparation, but I see the end in sight. I have encouraged you both with many promises, prophecies and people contacts, because I know that you needed such comfort.

I am going to release a new wave of My Spirit's power, as a wave of godly "terrorism" - the exact opposite of what terrorism is—fear, hate and subversion. My antidote is love, holiness and truth. My antidote is people guided by the anointing, unction and power of My Spirit—to go out into the world and break bondages, release prisoners, heal the sick, and wounded, and speak LIFE not death, to those who are weary and worn, and discouraged, to those who feel they are on the treadmill, - making no progress, but unable to get off.

EVERY Word I have spoken to you has been the truth and is LIFE, and every promise I have ever made will come to pass—but maybe in a different DIMENSION than you expect. Those with hidden agendas will be exposed, but those who confess and repent of their sin will be set free. My Word will go forth with power and authority, and many will see and believe. You will not be ashamed or let down. I will—I am—sharpening your discernment, activating your faith and enlarging your boundaries. I AM your GOD, and I will once again reveal My hand to a distorted world scene, and bring back a true and viable option for people to see, know and believe in Me, the true and LIVING God.

People will have a clear choice—a Godly Church or Unholy Alliances—and this will cut across all political scenes, and policy flavours and reach the hearts and minds of men everywhere. Just as terrorism has grown, become open and bolder, so will My counter "terrorism" measures, because what I say and do will hit the heart of man, giving him no choice but to decide. There will be no fence sitting when I lay it out clearly to men's hearts. Each heart touched, will be an individual challenge and choice, even if it looks like a mass response.   My challenge will be clear and unequivocal, demanding an answer, a change, a response to My voice.

I will POUR OUT My Spirit on mankind and the harvest will be Mine, the glory will be Mine, the impetus will be Mine, the direction will be Mine—and you will hear a voice saying, Walk this way, Speak to this person, Pray for this situation, Keep on forgiving those who have anything against you as something may have reactivated an old hatred, and release them into My hands. Those who forgive much, find great favour in My eyes. Amen.

TERRORISM: the use of violence or threats to generate fear, especially for political purposes—to coerce or intimidate by threats etc..

Matthew 11:12 (NLT) And from the time John the Baptist began preaching and baptizing until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing—and violent people attack it.

LORD, let us be like the lady who filled all the pots she could beg, or borrow, with the precious oil, that she then sold. Let us pray the filling of Your Spirit (the oil) on every "pot" or container we know of!

Words Over Louisiana

Chuck Pierce

Dear Leaders:

In late August I was in Louisiana for a series of meetings promoted by Roger and Charlotte Merschbrock (our USSPN State Apostolic Coordinators for Louisiana) along with Larry and Brenda Bizette. Several of the prophetic words I released might be of particular interest to you at this time with the approach of Hurricane Ivan.

Blessings,

August 29, 2004

After Chuck discussed traveling from Wisconsin directly to Louisiana, he prophesied:

"From the North to the South I am ready to awaken two winds that will awake the nation. There are resisting forces in both states that will cause our nation to not move forward. Go up and down and decree the wind of God will awaken in both places. The states will shift in a new way or the nation will not shift and will go backwards."

Later when addressing the Saul structure in Baton Rouge, Chuck prophesied:

"How the Saul structure collapses will bring Baton Rouge again to national attention. That alignment within it will collapse. A new demonstration with a new blueprint will be seen. This will be known as a meeting house. This will be known as a place where the Ark of the Covenant has dwelt. This will be known as a refuge place. ***The WIND and WATER will rise in the midst of New Orleans. Many from the south will come north for refuge.*** *Prepare. Prepare now for winds and water that will surprise you. I will renew the pattern not fully seen before. Worship will be here, and birthed in a new way from here. Prepare! Prepare! Prepare! Shift! Saul will be no more. David will arise from this day forward. The wind from the south will begin to blow. Watch for the effects. This will purify the land and bring great change."*

Then in Alexandria that night Chuck shared from **Song of Solomon 4:16 (Awake the north wind; come, o south wind. Blow upon the garden of this nation)**. He led the people to pray for the south wind to come. This south wind would be a purifying wind, cause corruption to be blown on and cause corruption to shake and initiate a righteous move starting with the children, then moving to the youth. We were to watch the government and the Catholic Church shake, and watch New Orleans change.

Then Chuck prophesied, *"I will put a mantle on African Americans in this land. That which was brought in through parts of this state and held people captive will let go. I will send the wind up the Mississippi River and this wind will shake Missouri. You will see the land shake in Missouri because of the wind from Louisiana. Get ready. Don't brace yourself. Throw yourself up. Get ready for the new is coming. Every place I blow on will shake. The wind is coming on Louisiana and it will shake the entire state. I will fill churches. The south purifying wind of My holiness will sweep across Louisiana. People will be on their faces in malls and shopping centers. Boldness will come upon My people in Louisiana. There is a worship call. Get ready - the wind is about to blow. The river is changing courses. You will be one of the first that changes."*
Blessings,
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Wondrous Plans

Mary Clark

I have wondrous plans for My beloved in the year 2004. Let Me tell you about them:

First of all let Me say that My plans are without flaw. I will accomplish all that I set My hands to. My plans will go forth according to My will, and with My expert flare of the seemingly impossible taking the lead in My children's lives. I want you to know that My plans for you are to bless you abundantly, and show you another side of My goodness. Oh yes, I am a multi-faceted God. There are many hidden qualities in My personality that I enjoy revealing to My children, but it all has to go according to My time schedule.

I have plans to show you another side of Me that will delight your very heart of hearts. I have plans to reveal more of My glorious glory to those of you who seek after Me with that particular yearning. I want you to revel in My glory this year – 2004. I want you saturated with My glory and walking in the hope that abiding in My glory can bring to you. Yes! My glory will play a big role in your lives this year – 2004...

I am playing a new song this year. This is a song that will get My children's attention. They will sway to the beat. Their toes will tickle to the tune. Their arms will be raised high in holy adoration when I plan this new tune. They will take delight in it. They will be singled out by the world as unholy. But to Me they will be My holy ones in whom I take great delight. So great ready for Me to change the tune, beloved! Get ready to hear something new that you cannot quite identify, but know that it is coming from Me. Get ready to dance forward into the era that is approaching, knowing that your Beloved is wooing you into a new realm of delight in Him.

These are a few of My plans for 2004, but let Me tell you this: No eye has seen and no ear has heard the things that the Beloved has planned for this year. For it is to be a year of new beginnings in Me – delightful new beginnings, and those who take delight in knowing Me will enjoy all that I have prepared. All who know and serve Me will delight in this hour of wonder that is fast approaching. For My plans – My flawless plans – are coming forth post haste. They are coming no matter what anybody does are does not do. They are coming no matter what the devil tries to do. My plans are unfolding! They are unfolding to My delight and to the delight of those who take delight in knowing Me. So get ready for a wondrous hour that is soon approaching, and know deep within your heart that I have saved the best for last, and I am moving you into the last hour when you will know My goodness, perform mightily on My behalf, and revel in the quality of life that I am bringing to all who will serve Me unabashedly!!!

unabashed – bold, blatant, forward, forthright, unembarrassed, shameless,

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Keep Your Lamps

Mary Clark

"Be Dressed in Readiness, and Keep Your Lamps Alight"

(Luke 12: 35 NAS)

This morning the Lord called this scripture to my attention. I believe He wants to expound on it to us. Here is what He has to say:

I want My children ready for what lies ahead. I want you to keep your lamps trimmed and alight, for in so doing you will be My lights in a dark world.

I am about to reveal Myself in a mighty way to My dear children. I am about to show you some things about your God that you never suspected. When this happens, beloved, it will cause a flame to rise high in your heart – a flame that cannot be extinguished. Yes, this is a part of My good plan for you. It is part of My plan to see you walking in the light of My truth in a wonderfully spectacular way. So get ready for burning hearts – burning hearts that the Beloved will look on with much pride and adoration. Why do I want your hearts burning brightly for Me? I will tell you: I want them burning in order for you to endure what is about to be presented to the world. I want your hearts burning brightly in order that others may see, and find the way into My heart of hearts. I want you, My dear children, to recognize and walk in My truth without faltering.

I have made a way for you to arrive at this place of wonder, unscathed by the enemy. He does not like the light. The light makes him very uncomfortable. He runs from the light of the living God. But you, My beloved, find rest in this impenetrable light – you find delight in this place of purity and hope. This is what I have for you. This is what you may expect to dwell in. So get your hearts ready for a deep burning to take place, and know that with this burning is coming the bright light of My glory that will light your way into that place of wonder that is found in Me.

I want you dressed for action. Abide in My word. Read and consume the words of your God, and you will find that you have tasted the finest of repasts. You will know, beloved, that your God has touched you deep within, igniting your heart to a blaze. You will know that you are walking in a time of great wonder, and that I have dressed you for the occasion. So come to Me, expecting Me to clothe you with the light of My glory, and know deep within that I have prepared you to walk in the light of My glory, fortified within and without for all that is coming your way.

I have called you to come into a new arena of delight with Me. Abiding in My presence is a wonderful place to be, beloved. It is a wonderful place of rest. Be ready. Be rested. Be equipped for all that I am bringing. For this is truly the hour to walk in a new understanding of your God. It is the hour to recognize My goodness, embrace, it and go forth in the strength and power that it provides.

I am calling you to ready yourselves. I want you dressed for action, and I want your lamps shining brightly on My behalf. I want you to look with a single eye at your Beloved, putting your trust in Me to perform all that I have spoken. Truly this is the hour to recognize My goodness and walk in My truth. Truly this is the hour to stand tall and straight, knowing that I am removing those obstacles that would hinder, and moving you forward into the delight of My heart.

The time is NOW, beloved. Do not put off doing anything that I ask of you. Be prompt in displaying your willing heart, and you will see something of wonder develop. You will see a new hour develop that is going to get the world's attention. It will get the world's attention, and you, beloved, will know a certain truth when all occurs: You will know that you were born to walk in this hour, and that I have equipped you to partake in all that is shining forth. You will also know that you did well to ready yourself, and stoke the fire within for this hour. For truly, as I have spoken My truth over you this day, I have left no stone unturned to present to you a shining hour of delight – delight in the Beloved and delight in all that He is displaying – displaying to the nations and to My beloved – My beloved who serves Me unwaveringly and looks at the production at hand with awe and thanksgiving that will reverberate from your heart, My beloved, for all eternity.

This is My plan. Now! Ready yourself!!!

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Word Of The Lord For Year 2004

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For the month of **JANUARY**, I will set forth a new path, a path for My people, which they have never trod before. And there shall be a work that shall be released in the camp of the Lord. There shall be a mighty rejoicing that shall go forth for the shout of the Lord and the roar of your God shall be heard out of the midst of His people. And I will lift up the head of those that have been bowed down and I will exalt the low tree and I will even abase the high tree says the Lord. For this is the time that I am correcting those things which have been out of place and I'm setting in order those things which must be set in order for I am the Lord your God that makes the crooked places straight and the rough places smooth.

And I shall begin a new work in this month of January, which shall be noise abroad and you shall hear of that work. It shall go forth and it shall be manifested before My people. For the first shall be last and the last shall be first. And I will erase all of the old pains of the past, and I will cause there to be a rejoicing, and I shall cause there to be much gladness in the house of God, for the Lord has done great things. And so in this month I shall cause there to be a catching up. Those that have been running behind, they shall catch up. There shall not be any lack in My house says the Spirit of God. For I, the Lord, am doing great things on the behalf of My people to walk them from where they were to the place where I have ordained for them to be. And they shall not be ashamed.

And this is the time that shall signify the time of a new beginning, the time of healing and restoration. For the mountain shall be removed from before the people of God. So January is a key month. It is a month for searching. It is a month to know your position and to know the place that I've called you to be, says the Spirit of God. It is a month to stand in that place that you have been prepared for and to prepare yourselves to go forth and execute all My will in the earth, says the Spirit of God.

And I shall bring forth the seed of the Lord in this month of January, and I shall cause the trumpets to blow. They shall blow loud and clear, and the trumpets shall declare a new season in this month of January. For I shall cause the trumpets to blow, and they shall blow unto My glory and unto My honor, says the Lord. For I do crown and I do advance and move forth to set My people in the place that I've ordained for them. And I shall raise up a mighty people in this time that shall stand in My place, in the place that I have prepared, in the place where I have stood says the Lord and My presence shall be there. And they shall move forth to accomplish great exploits in this year. But this month of January is the time that the trumpets shall declare and they shall begin to designate and they shall begin to articulate. The trumpets shall be begin to spell out and they shall blow loud, and they shall blow clear, and there shall be distinct sound, and My people shall stand and move forth and they shall accomplish much in this season, says the Spirit of God.

I shall sanctify this month of **FEBRUARY** as being a month for Me says the Lord. I will sanctify this month of February in the midst of My people and it shall be a special month for I shall visit My people in a very unusual way and I shall take them from one place in this month to an entirely new place. I shall cause there to be such elevation, and I shall cause there to be a positioning of My people in a place so that they might know and see throughout the entire year says the Spirit of God. For I have set forth this hour and this month as being the month for My people to see and to see clearly. And I shall open up the spiritual eyes even as I position My people says the Lord, I shall open up their spiritual eyes and they shall see clearly. And there shall be none that shall not understand that the Lord is doing great things among His people. And I shall walk before them in truth and righteousness, even to go before them to establish My name in the earth so that men might know and men might see the very glory of God upon the people of God.

So I have set this month as a month that I the Lord shall do special things. I shall birth forth special things. It shall be a month of great birthing, great birthing in the Spirit shall take place that month, and I shall remove the dross, and I shall cause the cream to rise to the top. This is a time that I shall erase the old that has hindered and the old that has been obstacles, and I will establish My name, and I will establish a new way, says the Lord. Do not be afraid. Let not your heart be troubled, for I the Lord will do great things in the midst of My servants, and I will cause there to be an excellence that shall come forth. I shall cause My people to move forward, for they shall see clearly this month, says the Lord.

For I shall cause there to be great victory in this month, and I shall cause My people's hands to be raised high, for there shall be great victory in this time. There shall be an erasing of things that have been such hindrances. The work of God that has begun in many that had been stopped, that had been hindered and that had been hampered will now be released, and there shall be an accomplishing, and there shall be an achieving, and there shall be great victory, says the Spirit of God. I will do a new thing in that month. I will do a new thing. I will set forth My hand to deliver My people, but not only bringing them out, but moving them forward, delivering them into that which I have already done before the foundations of the world. So, I shall visit My people this month, I shall do exceedingly, abundantly, above all they may ask or think, and the power shall continually work in them to accomplish My will, says the Spirit of God.

For there shall be a new standard that shall be established in this month. It shall be a standard that I shall raise. It shall be the standard of the Lord, and not the standard of men. It shall not be that which has been established by the hands of men, but I shall work through My servants and through My chosen ones to establish a new standard and a new paradigm that shall change the results of much that they have encountered in times past.

MARCH: I have set you in a place, oh My sons that you could not have gone to on your own. I have placed you in positions that only I could have accomplished in your lives and I will require of you in this time and in this month an accounting of your stewardship says the Spirit of God. For I have not forgotten the place from whence you have come, and I will not forget the reward, which I have promised. But this shall be a season and a time of assessment says the Lord. I will assess those things which have been going forth and going on. I will cause there to be an accounting of your stewardship, and not of those things in the natural only, but those things in the Spirit as well. Hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord in this time, and be ready. For the Lord will come quickly, and He will do justly, says the Spirit.

And I will stir in this hour, and there shall be a stirring, a stirring of the fowls of the air. There shall be a stirring in this hour, a stirring in the earth of very nature. There shall be a stirring in this hour. There shall be a stirring of the waters and a stirring of the land. And My people shall walk in the Kingdom authority that I have placed within them, and they shall demonstrate My faith and demonstrate that which I have placed within them. And I shall move in this month and I shall move in a way that establishes My hand in many places, and I will cause there to be a looking to Me, a crying to Me, and a calling out to Me. I shall cause there to be a returning unto Me, says the Spirit of God, of those who have strayed from Me. For My presence shall be strong in this month.

I shall remove kings and I shall establish kings, says the Lord, in this month of March. And so there shall be a deliverance but there shall also be a great lamenting for I will correct that which I have allowed and I shall make right that which has gone astray. And so this is a time and a period of great challenge and I shall cause it to be a time of great change as well.

Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth and I will say unto the young, "Move forward. Stand in your place. Lift up your head and I will establish you by My strength." And I will cause there to be a mighty wind blowing upon My young people in this month of March. I will bring them forth as pure gold and I shall awaken the giant, which has been asleep. I, the Lord, will not allow the enemy to separate My people any longer, but this shall be the month that I shall destroy and break down the walls that have separated My people and have been barriers and not boundaries that have been walls of separation and not walls of protection. This is the month that I shall cause there to be a restoring of the fellowship and the love, which should have been there all along. For I am the Lord your God, and I am prepared to do great things. So I unify My people in this month of March, and I bring them together, and I remove the things that have separated them, and they shall be one, says the Spirit of God.

I shall set forth in the month of **APRIL** much change. For I shall cause there to be a strength that shall rise forth and that strength and that increase shall be because of the sacrifice that has been laid down and the work which I have done and that which I have accomplished. And so you shall know that this Month of April shall be a month of great distress in the land and there shall be a time for My people to be focused. And I shall do great things in their mist and they shall not look to the left nor right for what I am doing in My people shall accomplish My will and shall also impact that which is being done in the earth. But what is going on in the earth I shall not cause to negatively affect the hearts of My people. But it shall be a sign to them and they shall see it and as they see it they'll know what it is that they need to do. For the heart of the Lord shall be revealed and the mouth of the Lord has declared and spoken that He shall establish His will and His purpose in the earth in this season.

So this month shall be a month of the miraculous and there shall be many miracles that shall take place. I shall cause there to be many, many miracles that shall be accomplished. Signs and wonders shall be accomplished by My hand says the Lord. Yet My people shall not look to the signs or the wonders but they shall be the evidence of the gospel that is being declared - the gospel of My kingdom - being true and being worthy. This is a season that men are going to begin to come into the place - they're gonna come into an understanding, a place of understanding what it is that they have been called and established for. Their ultimate purpose is going to be revealed in this month and many are going to begin to connect where they had not connected before and they're going to begin to come into line with all that I have ordained for their lives.

I will seek out and I will search out a people - even a special people to wait before Me and to stand before My presence and to wait in My presence so that I might impart special instructions in that month says the Spirit of God. And the work shall be great and the changes shall be continual because I will not stop until all has been done that I have ordained. And I will cause many to speak forth and as they open their mouths to speak I will cause miracles to come forth in this month and I will establish My name in the midst of My people, says the Spirit of God. And there shall be a special release of wealth in this month of April. The increase of the Lord shall be known and the miraculous works of God shall be rejoiced across the land. For I will raise up men and I will raise up women who operate in much integrity and they shall be a people of great wealth that I have raised up and that I have established.

This is the time that there shall be a close working together of those with great means and those with great anointing. And there shall be a tremendous anointing and administration in My kingdom in this season. It shall begin in this month but it shall increase throughout this entire year and it shall culminate in a tremendous moving of My spirit says the Lord. And so hearken diligently unto Me, ye children of men, and hear what thus says the Lord, for I have established you, I have prepared you, and I have positioned you. And now you shall go forth. And you shall not be afraid of those things which shall take place around you. You shall not be deterred by those things which you have feared in the past. But your gaze and your lives and your eyes shall be set upon Me, says the Lord. And as your eyes and your gaze shall be steadfastly upon Me, I will do exceeding and great miracles in this month says the Lord. Many miracles. Many, many miracles, says the Lord.

MAY: Sanctify yourself before Me and establish a time of consecration before My face, because this is the time that I am going to now begin to release a special measure of My grace upon the land. I will work through the hearts and hands of My people, both male and female, and I will stir within the hearts of My servants a special grace that shall be dispersed throughout the land. Hearken unto Me diligently, sons and daughters, for I will give you instructions in your time of consecration in this month that shall be vital to the success of My kingdom in the earth for this year. And this shall be a time that you shall from the very beginning to the very end be in a season of consecration and a season of receiving the instructions and the direction of your God.

For I shall cause there to be such resurrection and such life that shall come forth. This shall be the month that My life shall come forth, and I call you into a place before Me for consecration. I call you into a secret place that you might abide under My shadow and be protected from the scorching heat of the day. I call you in, says the Spirit of God, that you might receive all that you have need of in this hour that you have been born for.

I call you in. I call you in. Come into Me, says the Spirit of God. Come into My presence. Come into My voice. Come in before Me, and I will show you great victory. And I will impart unto you My life, that you might know the Lord your God. Come in, says the Lord, and I shall restore those years which the cankerworm has destroyed and the palmerworm has eaten and destroyed.

Come in, and the work that you have toiled to establish I will cause to flourish and blossom as a flower. Come in, so that I might impart all that you need for this journey that I have placed you on. And so, this is a really important month, and it is a time of great returning unto the Lord. It is a time of great consecration and a time of sanctification.

JUNE shall be a month that I shall cause My great warriors that I have prepared to come forth. And there shall be a great battle, for there shall be a pulling down of the strongest holds that have been over the land, and over the nations, and over the lands. I will cause that battle not to be fought with conventional means, but that battle shall be a spiritual battle, and it shall be a battle that shall mark the breaking forth and the breaking through into the most precious areas that I have desired to reach in this time.

I will cause there to be a seizing of territory, and I shall cause there to be an establishing of the banner of the Lord in this season. There shall be great victory, but there shall be in this time, a time that My people shall war; they shall war and they shall go forth. For I shall cause My angels to be released and to go before them in this month, and they shall know that I, the Lord, fight on their behalf. They shall prepare the horse to battle, they shall prepare the weapons of war, but these weapons are not natural, but they are spiritual.

I will release My angels and as faith shall be shown and faith shall be known; so shall victory be accomplished, says the Spirit of God. For what your eyes cannot see and what your ears have not heard, I will establish by your faith. And I will cause there to be a song of victory in this month, says the Spirit of God, and I will cause My champions to arise and it shall be known. I shall cause My champions to arise, to arise, says the Lord.

JULY: For I shall work a work in this month that shall cause My glory to be revealed, and I will cause there to be tremendous opportunities that shall be realized in this month. It shall be a month of great, special opportunity. And I shall open doors that no man shall shut, for the Lord has done great things. And the rain shall be plentiful upon the land and the harvest, and the fruit shall come forth and be reaped with a tremendous excitement, says the Lord.

And so hearken unto Me, O people of God, for this is a time that you shall know that the Lord has prepared a harvest for your hands. Your lives shall be changed, the harvest shall be great, and the work shall be plenteous, but there shall be a tremendous satisfaction as the opportunities are realized on the left and on the right. For I shall surround you with My favor. I shall surround you with My favor. And the work that has begun shall be completed.

The thing that I have set forth and I have ordained shall come to pass. For I will shake the nations, and I will cause the men of every kindred and every tongue to consider Me. For this is a time My people have been sent forth, and they shall harvest. They shall bring forth into My barns, and they shall bring forth into My house, says the Lord, all that I have set forth, all that I have prepared.

I shall cause there to be a tremendous light in this month. This shall be the month that I shall cause there to be signs in the heavens above and men shall know that I am the Lord. This is the time that I shall do great and mighty things. And so I say unto you, My sons and My daughters, I say, O children of God, let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid, for I have prepared great things for you in thy Father's house. I have prepared great things, says the Lord.

The work of the Lord shall continue to be strong in the month of **AUGUST**, and the thing that I have spoken concerning My sons shall be established in that month. And I will walk in between the two pieces as covenant with My children, and My covenant shall be known, and it shall be ratified. I shall ratify My covenant in this month of August, and I shall do great things in the midst of My children. For this is the time that the working of God through men, through My servants in the earth, will take on great significance. And I will begin to form and shape My body and My people into what I have envisioned for them during this season. For the Lord is great and the things that He shall do are done by His own hand. And He shall establish what He shall establish for those that call upon Him, and they shall be many.

I shall cause there to be a great awakening. The eyes shall be opened in this month of August, and there shall be a reviewing of many things that have been okayed in the past, but those things shall now be reviewed and shall be brought into question. And there shall be a great turning and focusing. There shall be a light shone in that month, and it shall reveal and uncover- even as things are being reviewed- what was not seen before.

So then shall the Lord do many things in that month of August, and He shall also cause there to be second chances given to those that have failed the first time. They shall receive a second chance in that month of August, and they shall bow down and worship Me, says the Spirit of God.

For those who have escaped the hands of the destroyer shall come by way of the path of the eagle, and I will work a marvelous work in that day that men shall marvel at. They shall marvel, for the Lord is great and His work is great. For there shall be a returning of the captives in that day, and there shall be an unfolding of events that shall garner the focus of the world.

Pray. Pray for those whom I have called you to. Pray for the regions that I have placed you. Pray. Pray for those that I have placed in your path. Pray. Pray for those that your hand can reach. Pray for those that they cannot. For the prayers of My people shall be known, for they shall be unified and they shall be in abundance. And there shall be an outbreak of prayer during that month of August, a time of praying all types of prayer. And there shall be a new synergy that shall be created because of the prayer. I will create a cloud, even a cloud of My glory because of the prayer.

SEPTEMBER the fourth shall be a celebration and a culmination of many of the tremendous things, which I have caused My people to travail through and to birth forth through this year. It shall be a recognizing of times of sacrifice and times of birthing and there shall be a celebration of the life that shall come forth. For this month of September shall shine as a beam of light throughout the end of the year. It is a month where I will have distinction and definition of the day and night. I will cause there to be a distinction between the day and the night, and I shall cause there to be a distinction between the times and seasons.

I will cause there to be understanding and wisdom that shall come forth in this month of September. The light that shall shine shall cause there to be a great wisdom, for in this year of 2004 there shall be an uncovering of tremendous knowledge by the hands of men. There shall be great cures that shall come forth in this year of 2004 and knowledge shall be increased at an absolutely incredible rate. And so shall be found cures in the year 2004.

And this month of September shall be a time of light, a time of understanding, and wisdom shall be disseminated. Wisdom shall arise out of the heart of My people and wisdom shall be brought forth, and wisdom shall be honored.

The wise that have walked before Me shall be honored in this time, says the Lord, for I will cause there to be an elevation into the halls of this nation of My chosen ones, even the champions whom I have raised up. And so this time that you see and this time that is established is a time that there will be clarity, and there will be great reflection of the light of My life that has increased and grown in the spirit of My children.

There shall be great increase that shall be released into the hands of My people, by reason of the sacrifice, and I will do marvelous things. Miraculous things shall be accomplished. The miracles that I shall do shall be miracles that are not only physical, but they shall be miracles of every kind. For this month of September shall carry within it the power to produce great increase, and My people shall be positioned to receive it in that month. And they shall see it, and they shall be aware, and their eyes shall be open, says the Spirit of God.

In the month of **OCTOBER**, My people shall have to be on watch. They need to be alert and watching, for there shall be many things that shall come by this month. There shall be many things that shall come to this month, but I will bring My people through this month with much intercession and much travail. And I say unto My people that this is the time that I am going to begin to walk you through the valleys of the shadows of death. And you will fear no evil. So I say, "Look unto Me and live. Know that I the Lord am your protector and your reward and I will do great and mighty things on your behalf." So this is the season that they are going to look to Me and live.

This month of October will carry with it a time of challenge - challenge for the nations, challenge for the cities - challenge like they have not seen. And they will have to be prepared. And so My warriors and My praying sons and praying daughters will be ready. And they will be alert, for they will know beforehand that this day was approaching. And they will be ready. They will be ready.

And the hand of the Lord in this month is a hand of His grace - a hand of His grace. It's a hand of His grace, whereby men may be saved. And the working that He will do, and the things that will be done by the hand of the Lord in this month will come by way of the prayers of the saints. And I will operate, and I will work, and I will connect, and I will bring to fruition because of the prayers of the saints. I will protect, and I will create, and I will release because of the prayers of the saints.

And so I say unto you, My sons and My daughters, call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and I will show you great and mighty things that you had no knowledge of, neither had ever been told by men. And as you shall seek Me, I shall be found of you.

And the answers that you have desired concerning all things will be revealed in your intercession for the day. And so release your cries unto Me. Release your heart unto Me. On your knees you will find victory, says the Lord. For, before the day was, I am He.

For I have blessed this month of **NOVEMBER** even before the foundation of the world and this year. And I shall cause there to rise up a voice - a voice of faith, not by only one, but there shall only be one voice. There shall be a voice of faith that shall rise up out of this month that shall cause there to be change and cause there to be creation of that which I desire to create.

For there shall be miraculous increase in this month by reason of the faith and the action that is taken on the behalf of My sons and daughters. Yes, work shall be accomplished and many shall benefit from those that shall rise up and the voice that shall cry - the voice of action, the voice of obedience, the voice of wisdom, and a voice that executes the covenant of My kingdom, says the Lord.

So the work of God, in this month of November, is a work that shall spring forth and stand strong by reason of the faith that has been exercised - by reason of the voice that is heard in the land during this time - even the voice of many, being the voice of one: the voice of faith.

There shall be a significant change, as miracles take place and many, many things happen. Immediate miracles. Miracles. Immediate miracles. Miracles that have instant impact. And so this is a blessed month. This is a month of great blessing, and I have hallowed it in this year, and I have sanctified it before Me. I will go before My chosen servants, and I will meet with them in this month, and I will commune with them, says the Spirit of God. And I will walk in a place before them that they have never seen Me walk. And I will open up new dimensions of My life and My strength before their eyes, and they shall rejoice at My coming.

For the Lord is doing great things. But the month of November will be remembered as the month of the Lord - the month that the Lord visited His people - and the month that they came in, to be changed by His presence.

In the month of **DECEMBER**, My sons and daughters shall rise up in a new garment. They shall receive the garment that I have placed upon them as they've come into My presence. And I will begin to walk with them into this new season, for the season shall begin in December and shall go through January, February, and March of 2005. And so I will walk with you. I will walk with you through that season - this new season - for which I have prepared new garments for My children and they shall wear them - boldly - and they shall wear them with much display. And I will walk in the midst of My sons and My daughters, and I will cause them to be gathered unto Me in this month of December.

There shall be a gathering. There shall be a great gathering in this month of December. They shall be gathered unto Me, says the Lord. For this work, which I have been doing, and the thing that I have been preparing has been for this season. This season is going to be one that will always be remembered.

This season will become a part of the history of My people. And I will wipe away their tears, says the Lord, and I will walk with them through this month of December, and I will cause there to be a great victory - a release, a release of the burden that has been upon them. There shall be a great release in this month.

I will cause there to be a drawing of the line, and I shall draw a line on the ground and in the land. And I will cause there to be an exposing of the spirit of antichrist in this month of December, for there shall be a returning unto Me, and there shall be an abandoning of the ways which have not pleased Me. And the spirit of antichrist shall be exposed, and the light shall shine upon many. Men shall choose.

There will be those that choose Me, and there will be those that choose against Me. But the line shall be drawn in the land, and it shall be clear. And those on the Lord's side, and those on the side of the Lord, will I take through this season, and will I show the compassion of My favor, and will I show My heart, says the Lord.

Watchmen On The Walls

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A Call To The Watchmen On The Walls

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"On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; All day and all night they will never keep silent." Is.62:6

"He calls out like a lion: Adonai, I stand on the watchtower all day long, I stay at my post all night." Is. 21:8

Those who are called as watchmen on the walls must be extraordinarily diligent in this day. We must purpose to stay at our post day and night. The watchmen on the walls have a unique position....as they station themselves on the top of the wall, they are able to scan the horizon at all times, almost from the heavenlies. The watchman's responsibility is to detect the presence of the enemy around the camp of the righteous. But that is only PART of his responsibility. The watchmen are to warn the people, to cry out the alert that the enemy is near.

Watchmen are called to "not be silent" in the face of the enemy at the gate. It is unthinkable that a watchman would stand silently observing as enemy soldiers stealthily approached!! No watchman would ever keep silent when he detects the presence of the enemy! He would immediately sound the alarm, cry out and alert the people. Then, as watchmen are many times also warriors, he would grab his weapon!! OFTEN THE FIRST ARROW THE ENEMY ENCOUNTERS FLEW FROM THE WATCHMAN'S BOW!

Our position as watchmen today is to alert the body, and our position as warriors is to fight the enemy and prevent him from gaining a even a foothold on our ground. This is how we battle......with our words of truth. Our WORDS OF TRUTH go forth as mighty arrows in the fray. We know that the word of God is ALIVE, it's living, and as we speak it out, it is more powerful than a double-edged sword! We purpose to speak forth TRUTH as we see the enemy lurking around the camp. When we speak truth from the word of God, we are shielded from the enemy's return fire! Psalm 61:7 says that TRUTH preserves the righteous. Psalm 91 gives us this dramatic promise..."His TRUTH is a shield and protection." Our very words of truth act as a shield for us!

The enemy is on the prowl again. An archaic collection of lies about the Jewish people has been published on this site, and as watchmen on the walls, we stand and speak forth these arrows of truth:

"For Adonai will have compassion on Ya'akov--he will once again choose Israel and resettle them in their own land, where foreigners will join them, attaching themselves to the house of Ya'akov. Peoples will take and escort them to their homeland, and the house of Israel will possess them in the land of

Adonai as male and female slaves. THEY WILL TAKE THEIR CAPTORS CAPTIVE AND RULE OVER THEIR OPPRESSORS." Is. 14:1,2

The Lord their God will save them on that day as the flock of His people. THEY WILL SPARKLE IN HIS HANDS LIKE JEWELS IN A CROWN. Zechariah 9:16

For the Lord has chosen Jacob to be His own, ISRAEL TO BE HIS TREASURED POSSESSION. Psalm 135:4

But you, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham, My friend, I took you from the ends of the earth, from it's farthest corners I called you. I said, "You are My servant"; I HAVE CHOSEN YOU AND HAVE NOT REJECTED YOU. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:8-10

Those who speak lies about the Jewish people should tremble in fear. Attributing the despicable acts of the demon god Moloch to the Jewish people is a whisper from satan himself, as he feverishly works to destroy God's chosen people. Watchmen, let's not let these blasphemous lies regarding the sacrificing of humans by the Jews go unnoticed! As our position of watchmen demands, let's speak the truth about Israel, boldly, and with confidence that this truth is our shield! We proclaim that God loves Israel with an everlasting love, that He will NEVER break covenant with the nation of Israel, and that one day, all Israel will be saved, and will mourn over their Messiah, Yeshua of Nazareth, as one mourns over a first-born son! God has gathered the Jewish people in His arms and brought them back to their land; His arms are around them still, and His presence hovers over them today in the Land, from the Negev to the Golan Heights, as He waits patiently for them to return to Him. In that day, which WILL come, the word of the Lord will go forth from Zion, as Jewish evangelists minister the love of the Messiah to a crushed and war-torn world.

Let's fervently pray that those who print and speak lies about God's chosen people would become like Balaam, and that blessings would flow forth, instead of curses. Watchmen, don't be silent as we hear the whispers of the enemy at the gate! Arise and cry out! Let's take up our weapons, and respond to the lies of the enemy with words of truth from Adonai Tzva'ot himself.

Words of Warning

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My beloved people, I say unto you today, the time has come for you to hear again My words of warning regarding these end time days. Events which were prophesied by the prophets of old, to take place in these latter days are already in progress. here are wars and rumors of wars taking place in many parts of the world. Famine is prevailing in many places, pestilences, in the form of the Aids virus, has been suffered in many countries of the world, leaving multitudes of children orphaned and homeless. Earthquakes have been seen in parts of the world, taking the lives of many. Is this not the fulfillment of this Scripture?....

For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences and earthquakes in various places. (Matt. 24:7)

O, My people, I have warned you in My Word and few of you have listened. I have warned you through the words of My prophets, whom I have sent forth and you have not listened. I am imploring you to diligently search the Scriptures for all the words I have spoken about events to take place in the last days of time, believe it to be truth and take it to heart. I tell you, My Word is truth and every word spoken of regarding the latter days shall surely come to pass. My children, seek Me in your prayer closets and I shall surely speak to each of you words of direction for what I desire you to do in preparation for times of tribulation.

Most important in making preparation to meet headlong the times of great tribulation already begun in the world is to be spiritually prepared. You must be walking in good standing with Me, with all sin in your lives confessed and forgiven and obedient to My will for your lives.

My people, My Word is filled with My great and precious promises and in spite of great tribulation in the world, all of My promises are true and available for everyone, to comfort you, to encourage you, to deliver you from fear, to guide you in all you do, to bring assurance of My sustaining power over you. Search out My promises and store them in your hearts.

Another phase of preparation for tribulation times is to prepare in the physical...the laying up of things you would have need of if shortages occur...shortage of services, shortage of water, shortage of food. Much information has been stored on the airwaves and many excellent books have been written about making preparation but My desire is that My people would simply seek My guidance and I will speak forth My direction for them.

My people, you must avoid the mind set of providing just for yourselves but rather with a desire to make preparation to help others for many will come out of the events with nothing to call their own. Do not be concerned about having enough because, as with the loaves and the fishes, I shall multiply what you have, if need be.

I say unto you, My beloved people, if you will trust in Me with all your hearts and lean not on your own understanding I shall reveal unto you the things you need to know regarding future events and the steps you need to take in preparing for any eventuality. Forgo all fear in your hearts, be at peace, knowing that My everlasting arms are around you and that I will never leave you nor forsake you.

What Pride Does To Revivals

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Why are so many revivals destroyed by excesses, counterfeits, leaders falling into sin, deception, etc? Is there some singular key they missed which will protect us from the same fate?

I believe there is and it is HUMILITY.

Let's have a think about the above areas:

COUNTERFEITS: Pride: Will jump in to be associated with whatever sounds good, wants to impress, allows whatever pulls the crowds, is not worried about what is going wrong as long as the good stuff is happening. Humility: Accepts wisdom and discernment from God, wants to be pure and holy, is not afraid to disappoint people, is careful with prohibiting and permitting.

TEMPTATION: Pride: Accepts small compromises, keeps secrets, focuses on the sin, attempts to resist in own strength, justifies self, entertains sinful thoughts, believes sin is not that bad. Humility: Glorifies God in every area, is transparent and honest, focuses on Christ's death as atonement, submits to God then resists the devil and flees youthful lust, brings self unto submission, takes every thought captive unto the obedience of Christ, knows all sin separates us from God.

DECEPTION: Pride: Follows the crowd, demands its way, cannot be corrected, judges by appearance, will change to become acceptable. Humility: Can challenge the crowd, evaluates it's way, is open to correction, looks for fruits and lets God show roots, will change to become Christ-like.

MISTAKES: Pride: Argues, decides hastily, is offended easily, tries to sound convincing, preserves ego, can be over-complicated or too simplistic, is insecure. Humility: Keeps away from profane and foolish arguments, takes time to consider and pray, gives grace, says it straight, preserves friendship, discerns and avoids distractions but recognizes other factors in an issue.

Let's add some more:

MUSIC: Pride: Plays what sounds good, entertains, over-organizes or is impulsive, follows own ideas. Humility: Selects lyrics which glorify God, worships in Spirit and truth, is orderly but listening, follows biblical values.

PREACHING: Pride: Convinces, exaggerates or plays down, attempts to be skillful, puts on an act. Humility: Teaches, talks straight, relies on God to guide and confirm, is honest.

AUTHORITY (LEADING): Pride: Pushes from the rear, manipulates, is domineering, boasts of self, enjoys position, Humility: Leads from the front, asks, is gentle, boasts only in the Lord, accepts responsibility.

AUTHORITY (FOLLOWING): Pride: Murmurs and complains, is resentful, flatters, is in for what they can get, usurps or divides. Humility: Upholds and supports, is respectful, praises genuinely, is in for what they can give. Submits or departs quietly.

ADMINISTRATION: Pride: Complicates matters, is angry when the smallest thing goes wrong, criticizes, wants everything it's own way, is careless. Humility: Makes things as simple and efficient as possible, accepts that nothing is perfect, compliments, listens to other ideas, is thorough.

The word "revival" already has a negative ring to many. If there was true humility, people would see the difference even before God moves.

Jonah 3:10 - "When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it."

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Why Revival Still Tarries

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Why does revival still tarry? Because God's people still tarry. We have not left the porches of complacency and entered the battle field of humanity. We linger in the conference lines and meeting halls hoping the Lord will "touch us" one more time. It's not a touch of comfort God longs to give us but a taste of His fire. We need a baptism, not of water or of wine but of the fire of God. We have been intoxicated with conferences and Christian gatherings now we must escape the maze of meetings and begin to invade the marketplace. God is looking for those that will come to the awesome altar of sacrifice and leave their life there. That is the problem - we are still alive and striving to succeed when the Lord simply wants us to die. It is hard to be "crucified with Christ" when living is our best friend.

Why does revival still tarry? Because our hearts are yet unbroken. Our pride and dignity is still intact. When we see the tear stained faces of humanity we can still walk by untouched and without emotion. When Jesus saw them He wept. When Jesus was confronted by their poverty and sin He healed them. He left the favor of the ninety-nine for the shame of the one. His was a life of lack but more love, ours is a life of prosperity but no power. We have no revival because we have not wanted one. Oh, we have prayed for one but we have not lived like we wanted one. Revival is not a program it is a person. It's the moment you reach out beyond the tapestries and trappings of contemporary Christianity into the broken heart of your neighbor. The warm insulation of modern church has created a chasm of tradition that the lost dare not cross. Rather than bridge that gap we have only emphasized it by our traditions and left behind the wreckage of a generation. Jesus said it better, "Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition..." (Matt 15:6).

Why does revival still tarry? Because we let the fire of it pass us by. We are still standing at the depot of empty experiences with our religious baggage and the train of revival has already passed. When Jesus looked over Jerusalem and wept he cried out, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes." Revival had come to Jerusalem in the form of their Messiah and they never saw it. Their destruction as Jesus predicted only came because they did not discern the "day of their visitation." We have had a "day of visitation" for a three hundred years in American and by and large we have ignored it. Revival has been waiting for us on every street corner, every marketplace and every dark back drop of American experience but we have passed her by on our way to the next meeting... (Luke 19:42-44).

Revival still tarries because it is no longer our highest pursuit. We have chased everything but it. We have been unwilling to pay the price that revival still demands. Revival cannot be scheduled or dictated in a day planner, it interrupts and disorganizes everything. It turns over the tables of pre-planning and leaves you with divine chaos. It upsets and offends. It reminds us who is really in control of our lives - God. It tears off the roof of religious structure and lowers the sick in. It stops the parade of spiritual plagiarism and cries out, "Jesus Son of David have mercy on me!" It ruins self effort and leaves our hands empty of striving and fills our heart full with the rarefied boldness of divine inspiration. It cannot be managed or manipulated but simply received as we embrace the sacrificial lifestyle that it requires; less of me and more of Him. "He must increase, but I must decrease..." (John the Baptist - John 3:30).

Why does revival still tarry? Because we have learned to live without it. By far this is the most serious dilemma of them all. We have grown so accustomed and conditioned to live within a passive state rather than a passionate one we have become satisfied and content with the lesser. We live from

Sunday to Sunday or meeting to meeting and our entire Christian experience orbits around it. I dare you to peak through the key hole of the impossible and see beyond our current conditioned rationale into a different world; a revived one. One where church is everyday and the lost are added to it perpetually. Where the intense pleasure of this Holy pursuit is not rationed to us by conference speakers and church etiquette. But is a constant and daily adventure where the blind can see, the deaf can hear, and the lame can walk. Where Samaria is saved and uttermost parts of earth hear our cry, "And he said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory..." (Moses - Ex 33:18). Friend, revival still tarries because we do.

A PRAYER OF REVIVAL

Lord, I see my lack, I see the emptiness of my own works. I see the dead efforts of my own hands and like Cain I have tried to pass them off as righteous. Forgive me. Burn up the wood, hay and stubble of my own works and replace it with the refined gold of your will. Remove far from me the ritual and routine of modern religion and burn in Me Your passion for the reality of the Holy Spirit. Clean off the debris of dead works that clutters the altar of my heart and help me make a living sacrifice. Help me to give myself to you completely.

Once your fire has touched me and consumed me Lord, then brand my heart with your passion; the lost and the dying. Give me a divine revelation of what it means to take up my cross and follow You. Show me that apostolic creed, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death..." Show me the what it means to suffer with you. To take upon myself the same pain that you feel for ones that are void of the knowledge of Your salvation. Show me the secret that, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him".

Lord, now show me how brief my time in this life is. If I can grasp that reality then I will live everyday as if it was my last one on this earth. I pray now with David, "Lord, remind me how brief my time on earth will be. Remind me that my days are numbered, and that my life is fleeing away..." Lord let me pour out my heart like water before Your face so that when You do come for me I am not fat and content but rather I am empty and poured out. Let me be a drink offering to you O Lord. Sip from the cup of my life and be satisfied. Search me and know me O Lord and see if there is any apathy in me that breeds indifference. Remove this far from O Lord and let me be a "the light of the world and a city upon a hill that cannot be hid." Let me be a blazing ensign of your life and death, your love and passion. Let me be revived O Lord.

(Phil 3:10, 2 Tim 2:12, Ps 39:4, Matt 5:14).

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We Should Be Holy and Without Blame

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We Should be Holy and Without Blame

I speak unto you, My precious followers. You are My chosen ones, chosen to walk with Me before the beginning of time.

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love. (Ephes. 1:4)

Beloved, I knew each of you before the world was formed, I knew everyone who would be Mine. I orchestrated every detail of your lives. I allowed you to walk in strange paths and I drew you back to My side. I taught you My ways through times of suffering but always you knew that I walked with you and talked with you as I walked with Adam in the cool of the evening.

O, My children, I am raising you up to new levels of service for Me. I have heard your heart's cry for a deeper intimacy with Me and I am bringing you into a fresh, new relationship with Me.

~ I am giving you a new infilling of My Holy Spirit with greater power and anointing for ministry.
~ You are hearing My voice speaking to you as never before.
~ I am putting within you a great concern for those who do not know Me as Savior and a desire to win them for Me.
~ I am giving you a new compassion for those with sickness and disease in their bodies and you have become faithful in praying for healing for them.
~ I am giving you a new boldness to witness of Me and you are going forth to do so without fear.
~ I am giving you the Gifts of the Spirit I have chosen for you and you are manifesting them in your ministries.
~ I am giving you opportunities to pray for people and you are seeing miracles come into being as you do.

My dearly beloved people, I am raising you up to serve Me in greater power in these days of great tribulation which have come upon the world. I shall endue you with all the abilities you will need to proclaim Me before men and multitudes shall come to Me through your ministries. As you are faithful in serving Me, I shall watch over you and protect you from destruction. I shall use each of you according to the natural talents I have given you. Some I shall raise up to serve through their musical talents. Some will have a talent for speaking and shall minister in preaching and teaching. Some will have talents in administration and will serve in that area. Some will have talents in prayer and shall pray for others with great faith and power. To some I have given the ability for great understanding of the Scriptures and they shall speak them forth with all knowledge. To all of you I shall give some expertise which will determine the way in which you will minister.

My people, I am raising up a great army to go forth in these last days, equipped with all they will need to minister to the multitudes. You know that My Scriptures concerning the last days are fast being fulfilled and that great troubles shall come upon the world. I tell you, My precious followers, as you continue to be faithful in your prayers, faithful in studying My Word, I shall protect you and bring forth great fruit from your ministries. I shall supply your needs and help you to supply the needs of all whom you encounter.

> *Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you. (Isa. 60:1,2)*

Watchmen, Sound My Warnings!

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Watchmen! Do not hesitate to sound MY warnings! Yes, I have given many warnings in the time since the 911 episode and you have been diligent in sounding MY warnings. I commend you for this and it has been because you sounded the warnings and the intercessors have come before ME that these warnings have not materialized! I say again to MY Watchmen whom I have placed upon the Walls, do not slack in your duties! Though grace has been extended for a time, do not, and again I say do not slack off in your duties! The enemy desires you to become complacent, but stay alert for the danger is even greater than before. In these days of the great harvest the enemy is feverishly attempting to delay the plan of YAHWAH but I have called MY watchmen to the walls to sound the alarm! Do not be afraid to sound MY alarm when I move upon you to sound the clarion call of take up arms and move into the spiritual battle. There are some that I have called to a time of rest, but I have called up MY reinforcements to take their places so be alert MY Chosen Ones! Yes, I AM moving in a mighty way throughout the earth, but you must not stop fighting! I AM your strength and your mighty strong tower so come unto ME for your rest and restoration. Remember to keep the mantle of humility over your armor that the brightness of it not blind you spiritually to the ambushes of the enemy. As you stay humble before ME I will show you the plans of the enemy and he shall not overcome you! We approach the end of the age and this is the final battle MY Chosen Ones and Victory is in sight!!! Fear not, for I AM with you even to the end of the age! I will not forsake or leave you, I AM with you always! I AM HE WHO IS FAITHFUL AND TRUE! Amen! So Let It Be!

My Jonahs

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I AM would say this to the ones that HE has called to go and prophesy judgment to cities, nations and countries, but as Jonah you have run to hide from ME though you know that I have raised you up to be

MY Prophets. You have gone through trying circumstances and things have seemed to go to hell in your life even though you weren't physically swallowed by a giant fish, you were swallowed up in the adverse circumstances in the sea of your turmoil because of your disobedience to MY calling. Finally you admitted that your disobedience to ME had been the cause of the trouble surrounding you and those about you, even though they were not to blame. Yes, you did not want to prophesy the seemingly terrible word that I gave you even though you know that I AM a loving and forgiving GOD! I would say to you as I said to MY prophet Jonah, "do you do well to be angry with ME?" Yet when you cried out to ME from the midst of your troubles I spoke and you were delivered from them. Yet a second time I spoke MY Word into you and you were diligent in going and proclaiming MY Word and you saw the people take the Word into their hearts and repent and you saw that I deferred MY Judgment because of their repentance. Again you became angry because I did not carry out MY Word of Judgment upon the land and the people. Again, I would say to you, "do you do well to be angry with ME?"

Know this of a surety MY Chosen and Called Prophets, I AM a merciful and Loving Father yet I AM also a GOD of MY Word! That which has been prophesied according to MY will shall come to pass in its allotted time!

I would say to you that as Jonah had pity on the gourd that withered, should I not have compassion upon those that have heard MY Word and repented?

I would say again to those who have prophesied MY Judgments and are angry with ME because they have not come to pass, "Do you do well to be angry with ME???

Amen! So Let It Be!

Blessed Be The Sovereign Ruler!

Who’s Taken and Who’s Left

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This is a chapter excerpted from Joe Ortiz’ new book The End Times Passover

The main thrust of most Pre-Tribulation doctrines is based on how proponents interpret the word "left" as used in Luke 17:34 – 36. After reading this chapter, you will be convinced beyond a shadow of a doubt that the *Left Behind* theory has no biblical legs to stand on.

Chapter 2 - Who’s Taken, Who’s Left, At What Rapture?

Before we examine and present biblical evidence as to how God is going to protect His *called out ones* during the increased times of tribulation that precede the return of Christ, through what we call the *End Times Passover*, the author finds it necessary to make some critical observations about the language that has been used for many years concerning God’s End Times rescue program, especially the part theorists call *The Rapture*! The author also wants to clear up, once and for all, the issue of who’s *taken* and who’s *left*.

Let’s first examine closely the phrase that most theorists use in connection with what they believe is the *ecclesia*’s “blessed hope,” which they refer to as *The Rapture*. What do proponents of a Pre-Tribulation escape from earth to heaven mean when they call God’s rescue of His church the “blessed hope?” Do they mean that the “blessed hope” spoken about in Titus 2:13 is *The Rapture*, the catching up to heaven aspect, and thereby is the single most important part of God’s overall redemption program?

Let’s examine the scriptural passage most often referred to by theorists, which they claim is the primary scripture source of this unauthorized coined phrase: *The Rapture*!

> For the Lord himself come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call or God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be **caught up** with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage each other with these words, (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, NIV). [Underline and bold is by the author, solely for emphasis]

John F. Walvoord, in his book *The Rapture Question* (page 12), states that “*The word rapture is from rapere, found in the expression “caught up” in the Latin translation of 1 Thessalonians 4:17.”* George Eldon Ladd, in his book *The Blessed Hope* (page 78), states *“The word “Rapture” is derived from the Latin word rapio which is found in the Latin Bible in verse 17 and translated “caught.”* Hal Lindsey, in his book *The Rapture* (page 24), states *that “The word rapture comes from a Latin translation of the Greek word harpazo in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 which is translated in English as “caught up.” It literally means “to seize” or “to snatch.” If I had my way, I would call the rapture “the great snatch.”*

Regardless of which rendering you prefer, all three of these gentlemen believe that the so-called “The Rapture” phrase originates from the Greek verb harpazo. The author checked in W. E. Vine’s book, *An Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*, for the meaning of the word “rapture,” and the word “rapture” does not appear in his dictionary, whatsoever. Neither does Vine have any category in his Greek Dictionary for the word *caught* nor *caught up*, only for the words *snatch*, *pluck*, *pull* and *take*. This is what Vine states is the definition for the word *catch*:

> Catch: HAPRAZO, **a verb**, to snatch or catch away, is said of the act of the Spirit of

> the Lord in regard to Philip in Acts 8:39; of Paul in being caught up to Paradise, 2 Cor. 12:2, 4; of the rapture of the saints at the returning of the Lord, l Thess. 4:17; of the rapture of the man child in the vision of Rev. 12:5. This verb conveys **the idea of force** suddenly exercised, as in Matt. 11:12, "take (it) by force;" 12:29, "spoil" (some mss. have diarpazo here); in 13:19 RV., "snatcheth;" for **forceful seizure**, see also John 6:15, 10:12, 28, 29; Acts 23:10; in Jude 23, RV. "snatching." See Pluck, Pull, Snatch, and Take (by force). (W. E. Vine, *An Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, page 166) [Bold and underline is by the author, solely for emphasis]

Let's briefly examine the Greek word *harpazo* and the scriptures where this word is used. Once again, the word *harpazo* is the Greek verb for *pluck*, *catch*, *snatch* and *take*, and it is never used as a noun, pronoun or proper noun. The author might add that the word *up* is not included after the word *caught* in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. We first find the word *harpazo* in Matthew 11:12, where it is used about the Kingdom of God, where violent men take by force; in Matthew 12:29, where Jesus, while talking to the Pharisees, states *"how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man."* We see *harpazo* again in Matthew 13:19, in Jesus' parable of the sower, where He states, *"When anyone hears the message about the Kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in the heart."* The word *harpazo* is again used in John 6:28, where we see that Jesus knew that the people were going to try to take Him by force and make Him King. *Harpazo* is again used in John 10:12, where Jesus, referring to Himself as "The Good Shepherd," talks about the wolf who attacks the flock and scatters it, the wolf being an example of the Devil and the flock being the example of His sheep (*called out ones*). Further in John 10:28, 29, we see Jesus proclaiming that His sheep listen to His voice, they follow Him, He gives them eternal life, they will never perish and no one can snatch them out of His hand. Jesus goes on to say, "*My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand.*"

In Acts 8:39, the verb *harpazo* is found in the original manuscript where we see the apostle Philip being snatched by the Spirit to Azotus; and, in Acts 23:10, it is used again to describe when the apostle Paul is taken by force to the Roman barracks. In 2 Corinthians 12:4, the Greek verb *harpazo* again is used to describe Paul being caught *into* paradise (he didn't know if in spirit or body), but not *up* to paradise. The word *up* does not follow the word *caught* in this verse, but, rather, the preposition *into* (Gr. *eis*). The most well known scripture where the Greek verb *harpazo* is used is found in 1 Thessalonians 4:17, where we see Paul exhorting the believers that they will be caught to meet the Lord in the air. You will notice very carefully though, that this verse doesn't say they will be caught *up* to heaven, but rather, caught together to meet the Lord in the air. [There is more to follow on this verse in another chapter]

We see the word *harpazo* used also in Jude 23, where the author exhorts the saints to be merciful and snatch others from fire; and, in Revelation 12:5, the verb *harpazo* is used to describe the male child (Jesus) who was snatched to God and His throne. In this verse also we do not see the word *up* used after *caught* or *snatched*.

The question we would pose to theorists, dispensationalists and our readers, too, is this: Would it be proper to say in Matthew 11:12 that the Kingdom of God is *raptured* by violent men? Would it be proper to say in Matthew 12:29 that someone enters a strong man's house and *raptures* what was sown in the heart? Would it be proper to say in John 6:15 that the people were trying to *rapture* Jesus and make Him King? Would it be proper to say in John 10:12 that the wolf *raptures* the flock and scatters it? Does it make any sense at all to say in John 10:28 and 29 that no one can *rapture* the sheep from Jesus' or the Father's hand? If we were to accept the theorists' contention that the word *harpazo* is to be interpreted as *rapture*, then we would also have to apply the word *rapture* to all of the above-mentioned verses that contain the word *harpazo*.

In Acts 8:39, it describes where the apostle Philip is snatched by the Spirit to Azotus, but does it state that Philip was snatched *up* to Azotus? Not at all! If we can truly discern the exact rendering of the word *harpazo*, we can see that it does not convey where a person is snatched to, but rather, the Greek verb *harpazo* means the manner in which the person was snatched. This verse merely describes the *forceful* manner in which Philip was *transported* from his location on the desert road, where he had finished ministering to the Ethiopian eunuch, and then appeared at Azotus. Would it be proper to say that Philip was *raptured* to Azotus? Of course not! This verse merely tells us that Philip was quickly and *forcefully* transported by the Spirit from where he was to Azotus! In Jude 23, the word *harpazo* is used to describe how the Christian should snatch a person from a life of sin and escape the fire of wrath to come. Would it be proper to say we are to *rapture* them from sin or from fire?

With the exception of Revelation 12:5, where it talks about the male child (Jesus) who was snatched to God and His throne, and possibly in the account where Paul speaks about him being caught *into* the third heaven (he didn't know if it was in body or spirit), it appears that when the word *harpazo* is used, it does not refer to anyone being taken *up* but merely the forceful manner in which they are transported. Some theorists have argued that Paul definitely entered into heaven, even though Paul himself was not certain whether he was *plucked* in the body or spirit; however, we can rightly state that Paul did not bodily enter into heaven because 1 Corinthians 15:50 tells us that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. We must conclude then that Paul has not seen heaven and is the only person in history who has been allowed to *hear* (not see) *unspeakable words, which is not lawful for man to utter*, (2 Corinthians 12:4, KJV).

More importantly, while many theorists believe that the *Christian Church* will experience a secret catching *up* to heaven, an event theorists claim will be unseen by those who will supposedly be *left behind*, nowhere in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 nor any other place in the Bible does it make that specific claim! However it does specifically state that God's *ecclesia* will be caught to meet the Lord in the air, but the verse (in the original manuscript) does not say that the *Christian Church* is caught *up* to heaven. It merely states that the *called out ones* will be *caught* (Gr. *harpazo*, snatched) together with those who sleep in Christ to have a *meeting* (Gr. noun *apentesis*, a meeting, officially greet arriving royalty) with Jesus in the air, and henceforth will be with Him forever. The author might add that this verse does not say at what specific location the *ecclesia* will be at with Him after it is *caught*; however, this location will become clearly and abundantly identified later in this book!

In Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, the English word *rapture* is defined as a noun from the Latin *raptus*, which means "*a state or experience of being carried away by overwhelming emotion; a mystical experience in which the spirit is exalted to acknowledge things; an expression or manifestation of ecstasy or passion.*" Theorists contend that their doctrinal phrase "The Rapture" (which has become predominately accepted, if not wholly adopted, by the dispensational community) is a pronoun that describes the most anticipated special event by many in the Christian community. They believe they have correctly coined this anticipated event, *The Rapture* (now a proper noun), based solely on their interpretation of the Greek verb *harpazo*. They now interpret the verb (*hapazo*) as a noun (*rapture*), feeling it is derived from the Latinization of the verb to "seize." The Latin for "seize" is definitely *rapere*, from whence comes the Latin noun *raptus*, the past participle of *rapere*, from the Middle English. However, the Latin noun *raptus* has more to do with the completed act in where a person has been seized and carried away. It does not imply the manner (as does the verb *harpazo*) in which a person is carried away. Therefore, the Greek verb *harpazo* is not to be deciphered as an event that has transpired, but rather, it denotes the manner in which a person is being seized.

In essence, theorists have been using the Greek verb *harpazo* not only as a noun, but they also have coined a proper noun (The Rapture) for this action, which is truly altering the word of God! The word *caught* in 1Thessalonians 4:17 is not a noun, but rather, the word *caught* (Greek verb *harpazo*) here is describing the rapidity and forceful manner in which a person is lifted or carried off. Theorists continue, as they have for over two hundred years - when the word *Rapture* was coined to describe the action they believe is being described in 1 Thessalonians 4:17, to rest their doctrinal beliefs on this interpretation as being biblical truth. That the verb *harpazo* is so carelessly used to describe *an event* rather than the manner in which God's *ecclesia* will be *caught* to have a *meeting* (Gr. *apentesis*, official greeting of royalty) with the arriving Christ (the royalty of all royalties) truly boggles the mind!

Without appearing picayune in this matter, myths are too often formed in such a presumptuous and careless manner. This phrase "The Rapture" has gained such worldwide acceptance these last two hundred years, especially by modern-day theorists and evangelists who incessantly infer that "the blessed hope" is the being *caught* part of God's overall redemption program. The *blessed hope* is more than the being *caught* to meet the Lord in the air portion of God's overall redemption program; it entails so much more. Matthew Henry, in his commentary on the book of Titus, Chapter 2, elaborates the totality of the blessed hope of God's *called out ones*:

> There is a common and blessed hope for all true Christians in the other world. If in this life only they had hope in Christ, they were of all men the most miserable, 1 Co. 15:19. **By hope is meant the thing hoped for, namely, Christ himself, who is called our hope** (1 Tim. 1:1), and blessedness in and through him, even riches of glory (Eph. 1:18), hence fitly termed here that blessed hope. [2.] **The design of the gospel is to stir up all to a good life by this blessed hope**. Gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 1 Pt. 1:13. To the same purport here, Denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world, looking for the blessed hope; not as mercenaries, but as dutiful and thankful Christian. What manner of persons ought you to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hastening to the coming of the day of God! 2 Pt. 3:11, 12. Looking and hastening, that is, expecting and diligently preparing for it. [3.] **At, and in, the glorious appearing of Christ will the blessed hope of Christians be attained; for their felicity will be this, to be where he is, and to behold his glory**, Jn. 17:24. The glory of the great God and our Saviour will then break out as the sun. Though in the exercise of his judiciary power he will appear as the Son of man, yet will he be mightily declared to be the Son of God too. The divinity, which on earth was much veiled, will shine out then as the sun in its strength. **Hence the work and design of the gospel are to raise the heart to wait for this second appearing of Christ.** We are begotten again to a lively hope of it (1 Pt. 1:3), turned to serve the living God, **and wait for his Son from heaven**, 1 Th. 1:9, 10. **Christians are marked by this, expecting their Master's coming** (Lu. 12:36), loving his appearance, 2 Tim. 4:8. Let us the look to this hope; let our loins be girt, and our lights burning, and ourselves like those who wait for their Lord; the day or hour we know not, but he that shall come will come, and will not tarry, Heb. 10:37. [4.] **The comfort and joy of Christians are that their Saviour is the great God, and will gloriously manifest himself at his second coming. Power and love, majesty and mercy, will then appear together in the highest lustre, to the terror and confusion of the wicked, but to the everlasting triumph and rejoicing of the godly.** Were he not thus the great God, and not a mere creature, he could not be their Saviour, nor their hope. (Matthew Henry, Commentary on Titus 2) [Bold and underlines is by the author, solely for emphasis]

No, the *blessed hope* is not merely the being *caught* (or Raptured, as theorists call that act), it is the totality of God's redemption program, as Matthew Henry so eloquently presents in his commentary. Unfortunately, a myriad of dispensationalists and Rapture theorists continue to present their soothing mythology to hundreds of thousands of Christians, thereby lulling many into a false sense of hope, one that mitigates the impending persecutions Christians will experience before *The Second Advent* of Jesus Christ. Unfortunately, these theorists have conveniently and cleverly twisted the words of God to infer a pseudo hope for the Christian, by giving new meaning to one single verb in the Bible. Unfortunately, the Rapture has become the mantra for theorists who believe that the (*caught*) act is the *blessed hope* spoken of in Titus, Chapter 2. The Greek verb *harpazo*, which merely describes the rapid and forceful manner that *called out ones* will be gathered together to have a meeting in the air with Christ, has now become the *blessed hope* for most Christians; simply by interpreting a verb (*harpazo*) into a proper noun they call *The Rapture*!

One graphic example the author often uses to explain the inference we are dealing with here is one where a great rescue of a valiant soldier in a war zone has been planned. Let's say, for example, the battle-weary soldier is finally going to be reunited with his commander after having served for many years in battle, where for three and a half years he has been involved in hand-to-hand combat. He's war-torn and weary, a victim of many bayonet and bullets wounds, almost to the point of death. He is now a prisoner of his enemies, a victim of much torture and persecution. But he waits and waits, never losing faith, always praying that soon he will be rescued from this ordeal. Then, lo and behold, he looks up and there he sees a helicopter coming in his direction, armed and loaded with ammunition, and his commander is at the controls. Suddenly, he sees this giant, knotted rope coming down, he reaches up and grabs a hold of it and, within a twinkling of an eye, he is "snatched" and delivered from the horrors he has been experiencing. Allow the author to ask this question. "What is the most important thing the soldier was hoping for? The being snatched up part or the fact that finally he would be going to meet with his commander and never have to experience combat again?" Yes, the "snatching" process was very important because he knew then, at that exact moment, he would no longer have to do battle again. However, during his combat period, he was not concerned so much about the specifics of his rescue, but rather, how much longer it would take before his commander came to destroy his enemies and reunite him with his fellow soldiers, family and friends. Unfortunately, too many Christians are more *caught up* with the process of the rescue than they are in the true *blessed hope*, which is the glorious appearing, return and being reunited with Jesus Christ!

The point the author is trying to make here is that there are millions of Christians who believe deeply in the so-called Rapture theory and have become so convinced that now that they are "Born Again" Christians, they can continue the remainder of their earthly journey without fear of having to experience great tribulation. However, too many Christians are resting their hopes on an unproven theory that claims they will be secretly "caught up" to heaven at any moment, which the author is convinced that scripture reveals will not be the case. As we will see in later chapters, the phrase *The Rapture* has lulled many Christians into a wishful thinking state that could very well *catch* them off guard and, more importantly, impede the growth and maturing process that will be necessary to spiritually deal with the reality of the coming tribulation.

The author believes that scripture clearly spell out the three-step phase of God's Rescue Program as it relates to 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, where the so-called *The Rapture* theory originates. No scripture in the Bible specifies that the "blessed hope" is fulfilled by being "caught up" to heaven; but, rather, the being "caught" to have a meeting in the air with Jesus is the second part of the overall three-stage rescue process that culminates in our being reunited with Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, who will return to reign on earth, forever!

Let's look at what the Bible says is the first stage:

> Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – 52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and **we will be changed.** 53 for the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable and the mortal with immorality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory, (1 Corinthians 15:51-53, NIV). [Bold and underline is by the author, solely for emphasis]

In these passages, we see a graphic description of *The Resurrection*, where the main emphasis is solely on the being "changed" phase of God's rescue process. No mention is made in these verses about being "caught up" to heaven because Paul here is providing discernment pertaining solely to the mystery of the instantaneous transition (in the 'twinkling of an eye') phase that precedes the being "caught" described in 1 Thessalonians 4:17. Paul states that the perishable must put on the imperishable, and the mortal must put on immortality. He states that this will happen at the last trumpet which harmonizes not only with 1 Thessalonians 4:16, but also with Matthew 24:31 and Revelation 11:15-18, which describes the fulfillment of *The Resurrection* and the subsequent rewarding of the saints (vs. 18). This passage will be discussed later in greater detail, as will other passages pertaining to this subject from the Book of Revelation.

Phase Two of God's Rescue Program is the part where *called out ones* will be "caught" together with those that sleep in Christ to have a "meeting" with the Lord in the air! According to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, the word "*meet*" in 1 Thessalonians 4:17 is not the Greek verb *apantao*, to go to meet, to meet, but it's the Greek noun *apantesis*, which is best defined as *a meeting* where one welcomes another. This is what W. E. Vine says about this Greek noun:

> "APANTESIS, a meeting (akin to Apantao, apo, from antao, to meet with, come face to face with), occurs in Mat. 25:6 (in some Mss in verse 2, and in 27:32, in some Mss); Acts 28:1; 1 Thess. 4:17. It is used in the papyri of a newly arriving magistrate. **It seems that the special idea of the word was the official welcome of a newly arrived dignitary** (Moulton, Greek Test. Gram. Vol. 1, p. 14)." (W. E. Vine, *An Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*, Thomas Nelson Publishing, pages 729,730) [Bold and underline is by the author, solely for emphasis]

According to Vine, the Greek noun *apantesis* does entail "to meet with, come face to face with;" however, he says that the meaning relates more so with the welcoming of an arriving dignitary. This word *apantesis* is used only four times in the Bible, and it means the same thing each time: to not only have a face-to-face meeting, but to greet, welcome and then to escort back the persons you had the meeting with! In Acts 28:15, we see the word *apantesis* used as Paul was talking about fellow Christian brothers who had heard that Paul and 276 of his companions were coming to Rome, and they went outside of the city, as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to have *a meeting* (*apantesis*) with them. They met them and then they *escorted them back to the city*! The same word is used in the parable of the five faithful virgins that went *to meet* (*apantesis*) the arriving bridegroom then escorted him back to the wedding banquet, mentioned in Matthew 25: 1 and 6. Many theorists use the parable of the five virgins as proof that they went to meet the bridegroom and then supposedly went up to heaven with Him. However, further in the parable, we see the other five virgins who did not have the oil knocking on the door where the wedding banquet was being held, pleading for the Lord to open the door. Mere logic dictates that these unprepared virgins could not have been at heaven's gate. [More on this aspect in another chapter] Nevertheless, in each of the four cases where the word *apantesis* is used, it always describes a face-to-face meeting, but the greater definition is one that specifically describes a welcome meeting to escort the arriving party back to where the greeters came from!

The best example the author can use of what the word *apantesis* truly means in 1 Thessalonians 4:17, and the other scripture just cited, is comparable to when a group of people gather together at an airport to greet a visiting dignitary. Whenever the President of the United States or the Queen of England visits each other's country, you will always find a welcoming committee comprised of very special people. You might find some people standing behind the fence trying to get a glimpse of the dignitaries, but only the "chosen ones" are allowed "to meet" with the VIPs, and thereby, share in the glory of the arriving royalty. Therein lays the reason why there cannot be a secret 'snatching up' of any believers solely to return to heaven, anywhere from three and a half to seven years, because the returning Christ wants the whole world to see that those who believe in Him will be rewarded for their faith, patience and trust, and consequently share in His Glory! A beautiful example of this truth is found in Colossians 3:4 which states, *"When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."* In Philippians 3:20, it explicitly tells us that although our citizenship is in heaven, the verse goes on to state that, *we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body*, (Philippians 3:20, 21, NIV). [Underline is by the author, solely for emphasis] Also, in 1 Thessalonians 2:19, Paul is telling the saints in Thessalonica what the "blessed hope" really is, and when it is fulfilled:

> For what is **our hope**, our joy or the crown **in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord when He comes**? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy, (1 Thessalonians 2:19 [Bold and underline is by the author, solely for emphasis]

Therefore, is the so-called "The Rapture," the being *caught* (Gr. verb *harpazo*) part of the Lord's return a special event, unto itself?" No! It is one aspect of God's rescue plan; however, it is not a specially named event that the Bible identifies, as it enunciates proper pronouns such as the *Sabbath Day* or the *Passover*. Theorists foolishly contend and grammatically err that the verb *harpazo* should now be equated as the Latin noun *raptus*, and therefore the verb *caught* should now be viewed as a pronoun: *The Rapture*!

There are four special aspects to God's end time rescue plan, and it appears that they are instantaneous to a certain degree; however, there is a procession aspect to the main event which scripture plainly states in harmony with the passages cited. Number one is the *change* (Gr. *allasso*, to make other than it is) spoken of in 1 Corinthians 15:52, which does not entail nor describes any removal or translation to heaven. This is where the perishable puts on the imperishable and the mortal puts on the immortal *"in the twinkling of an eye."* The second stage is when the *called out ones* are *caught* (Gr. *harpazo*, snatched), not necessarily in the twinkling of an eye, but forcefully; both those who have already died and are currently asleep in Christ, and those who will be alive and awaiting His return. The next stage is when we will *meet* (Gr. *apantesis*, a meeting), the noun for a welcoming face-to-face meeting with the Lord in the air, and then escort Him back to earth as we share in His visible glory, and then to begin the kingdom reign on earth with Him forever! Then there is the fourth phase, where *we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad*, (2 Corinthians 5:10, KJV). [Detailed discussions on the Judgment Seat of Christ follow in other chapters of this book]

The author understands how convenient it has been these many years for numerous scholars to refer to God's total rescue plan in the pronoun tense by calling it *The Rapture*. However, upon close scrutiny of what the scriptures truly say, and how they harmonize with the passages we have cited, it appears to the author that calling this *snatching* part of God's rescue program *The Blessed Hope* certainly detracts from the intent of what God's Word plainly states. There is no mystery in what He is conveying to us. God, in the person of Jesus Christ, will return to earth to rule and reign in visible glory. There is absolutely no need for the Lord to secretly step down from His heavenly throne to *snatch* a group of people out of this world and return back to heaven for a period of time unbeknownst to any besides those who wish this were the case. [The author will be deal with this topic in greater detail in a later chapter.]

The main point we want to make is that to refer to one aspect (the *catch* part) of God's rescue program, as being significantly more important than His overall "blessed hope" redemption plan, is harmful to the growth and maturation needed by believers, who must be spiritually ready for the great and increasing times of persecutions that Christians will be experiencing in future times, and the horrific events that must precede His arrival.

Who's Taken and who's Left?

Another example of how theorists erroneously use scripture to pad their secret Pre, Mid or Post Tribulation Rapture to heaven theories is found in their interpretation of Luke 17:34, 35. Let's read these two verses very carefully, but first beginning with the four preceding verses in this chapter. In attempts to validate their *left behind* schemes, implying *called out ones* will be taken to heaven while the unjust will remain on earth to suffer God's wrath, they primarily quote Luke 17, verses 30 through 35:

> **It will be just like this on the day the Son of Man is revealed**. 31 On that day no one who is on the roof of his house, with his goods inside, should go down to get them. Likewise, no one in the field should go back for anything. 32 Remember Lot's wife! Whoever tries to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. 34 I tell you, on that night two people will be in one bed, **one will be taken and the other left**. 35 Two women will be grinding grain together; **one will be taken and the other left,** (Luke 17:30-35, NIV). [Bold and underline is by the author, solely for emphasis]

Some Bibles have included another verse here, 36, which reads: "*Two men shall be in the field; one shall be taken, and the other left*." Nevertheless, the message is clear that regardless of marital status or working relationships of these individuals, when the Son of Man is revealed, these verses clearly state that one person will be punished and the other spared from God's wrath. The true sadness, however, is the manner in which many in the evangelical and dispensationalist community erroneously interpret these verses to support their secret escape to heaven theories. Too often have preachers and teachers of the Gospel interpreted this verse to read that those *taken* are the ones that will supposedly be *caught up* to heaven and the ones *left* are supposedly those who will be punished and sent to hell! Let's examine very carefully the exact meaning of these two words: *taken* and *left*!

According to W. E. Vine, the word *taken* (or *receive*) is the Greek verb *paralambano*, which means to "*receive, to take to* (or with) *oneself.*" (W. E. Vine, *An Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Pages 926 and 1117). Vine states that *paralambano* is used in Matthew 27:27, as we see Jesus being *taken* into the Praetorium where He was beaten immediately prior to His crucifixion. It is interesting to see that the Greek word *paralambano* is not used for the word *taken* in Acts 1:2, where it speaks about Jesus will be *taken up* to heaven. The word there is *analambano* (Gr. *ana*, up, *lambano,* take). Nor is *paralambano* used in Acts 1:9 to describe Him being *taken up* to heaven in Acts 1:9. The Greek word used to describe Jesus being taken up to heaven in Acts 1:9 is *epairo* (to lift, raise). The word *paralambano* describes more so a forceful action of taking and receiving unto oneself without asking. Also, *paralambano* obviously does not convey the rapid manner the Greek word *harpazo* (catch or snatch) used in the famous verse (1 Thessalonians 4:17) from where theorists' base most of their secret Pre-Tribulation escape theory.

We also see the word *paralambano* used in John 19:16 where it speaks about Jesus Christ, when Pilate *delivered* him over to the Jews: *And they took Jesus and led Him away,* (John 19:16, KJV). We see *paralambano* again in Acts 15:39, when Barnabas, after having a sharp disagreement with Paul**,** *took* Mark and sailed for Cyprus. We see *paralambano* again in Acts 16:33, where Silas and Paul's jailer *took* them and washed their wounds after the earthquake incident. In Acts 21:24, we again see *paralambano* used for the word *take* in the scene where Paul exhorts James and the elders to *take* the four men among them and join in their purification rites so as not to start rumors that Paul is encouraging Jews to turn away from the Law. In verse 32, the word is again used to describe the Roman commander who *took* some officers and soldiers to rescue Paul from the aroused crowd in Jerusalem. In Acts 23:18, we also see *paralambano* used to describe the incident where Paul commanded one of the centurions to *take* the young man to his commander to relay the message that the Jews were contemplating a plot to kill Paul.

These have been but a few examples where *paralambano* means to *take*, *took* or *taken.* This Greek word is also used to describe the word *receive*, or to *receive from another*. We see the usage in Mark 7:4, where the Pharisees *received* (from tradition) certain edicts pertaining to the cleansing of cups, pots, pitchers and themselves prior to eating. We see this word in John 1:11, where it speaks about Jesus coming to His own (the Jews) who did not *receive* Him. In John 14:3, the word is used to describe how Jesus will *receive* those who are His when He returns at *The Second Advent*. Some would say this describes the process used at the so-called Rapture; however, the receiving here is not the being *caught* (*harpazo*) to have a meeting with the Lord in the air that we see in 1 Thessalonians 4:17, but rather, what we see is the receiving unto Himself (or to His side) when He sets up His earthly kingdom. The word in this verse (John 14:3) is not *analambano* (to take up), but *paralambano* (to take or grasp to Himself). This verse, as we will see later on, is not describing the so-called Rapture-to-heaven scenario. We see the word again in 1 Corinthians 11:23, where Paul, speaking about the manner in which the Lord's Supper is to be partaken, states that he *received* instruction from the Lord not to partake the Lord's Supper unworthily. Moreover, what Paul *received* was the realization that Jesus died for our sins (1 Corinthians. 15:1, 3) and that the Lord's Supper was to be an honored memorial of this fact, not to be desecrated by orgiastic ribaldry, as had become the communion ritual in the Corinthian church. In Galatians 1:9, we see *paralambano* again as Paul exhorts that specific church to accurse the man who preaches a gospel contrary to the one they had *received.* This was the true gospel Paul spoke about, because he neither was taught nor *received* it from man, but through a revelation of Jesus Christ (vs. 12). In Philippians 4:19, Paul once again reiterates the need for Christians to practice the things we have learned, heard, seen and *received* from Him, another example where *paralambano* is used.

There are many other instances too numerous to mention where the word *paralambano* is used and, in each case, like the ones we have examined, none are ever used to describe or picture the *catching up* of any individual or group to heaven. In other words, *paralambano* describes a taking unto oneself or receiving unto oneself, as one would forcefully seize hold of something for further action.

Let's now examine the word *left* used in Luke 17:34, 35. The Greek word for *left* is *aphiemi* and, much to many peoples' surprise, the word means, *to forgive***!** W. E. Vine states that *aphiemi* has three chief meanings, but it primarily means to *send forth, send away* (*apo*, from, *hiemi*, to send), besides its other meanings, *to remit or forgive* (a) *debts*, Matt. 6:12, 18:27, 32, *these being completely canceled*; (b) sins, *e.g.*, Matt. 9:2, 5, 6; 12:31, 32; Acts 8:22 ("the thought of thine heart") Romans 4:7; James 5:15; 1 John 1:9, 1:12. Vine goes on to state that *aphiemi*, like its corresponding noun (*aphesis*, a dismissal, release**)**, it **"***firstly signifies the remission of the punishment due to sinful conduct, the deliverance of the sinner from the penalty divinely, and therefore righteously, imposed; secondly, it involves the complete removal of the cause of offense; such remission is based upon the vicarious and propitiatory sacrifice of Christ.*" Obviously, those who are *left* are the forgiven ones, and those *taken* are the ones who are bound for punishment. Obviously, those saints are the same ones spoken of in 1 Thessalonians 4:15 and 17 who will be alive and awaiting the return of Christ. Vine, speaking about those *called out ones* who *remain* (alive) on earth before the Lord returns, also defines the word *remain* with another Greek word, *perileipo* He states *perileipo* means "*to leave over*," is used in the Passive Voice in 1Thessalonians 4:15 an 17. He says the RV translates *perileipo* as they "*that are left*," and the King James Version translate *perileipo* as they "*that remain*," literally, "*left over*," i.e., "*the living believers at the Lord's return*." (W. E. Vine*, An Expository Dictionary Of Biblical Words,* Thomas Nelson Publishers, pages 452, 655, 656, 661, 1103).

It is interesting to note, and extremely important to mention, that the word *aphiemi*, in Luke 17:34, 35, is the same word used in the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4) where it states: "And forgive (*aphiemi*) us our debts, as we also have forgiven (*aphiemi*) our debtors." [Parenthesis by the author, solely for emphasis]

Having now seen the precise definition of these two Greek words, can there be any doubt in the reader's mind as to who is *taken* (*paralambano*, taken aside) and who is *left* (*aphiemi*, forgiven)? But yet, thousands of preachers and Bible teachers, dispensationalists and Rapture theorists daily use these verses (Luke 17, 34, 35) as depicting those *taken* as the ones who are secretly *caught up* to heaven, and those *left* as the ones who are *left behind* to suffer the wrath of God for a seven-year period of time. The even sadder commentary on theorists who ignorantly interpret these verses in such a haphazard manner is the fact that the following verse, in Luke 17:37, specifically (and ever so clearly) informs us as to the destination of those who are *taken*. Verse 37 reads: "*Where, Lord?*" They asked. He replied: "*Where there is a dead body, there the vultures will gather*." In light of the proper interpretation of the word *left* (*aphiemi*, to forgive), it's obvious that the disciples are asking where will those *taken* be sent. They couldn't be asking where those *left* would be taken. They would already be there!

No! My friends! Christians aren't *taken* anywhere! They are *left* alone, passed over, forgiven. Unbelievers are the ones *taken,* as they are seized and bound, as the tares apart from God's wheat spoken of in Matthew 13:30, NIV: "*Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn!* In Matthew 13:40, we see when they (tares) will be burned up: *As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire***,** *so it will be at the end of the age*, (Matthew 13:40, NIV). Here we see a perfect picture of Jesus instructing His angels to bind unbelievers in preparation to be burned, while at the same time providing his *called out ones* protection inside His *End Times Passover* barn (See Isaiah 26:20) while He pours out His wrath on the unbelievers. And He performs this *at the end of the age*, (Matthew 13:40, NIV). [Underline by the author, solely for emphasis]

Once again, as has been the case too often, many theorists' exegesis begins to crumble under extensive examination, due to their lack of knowledge of the precise and true meaning of key words and scriptural verses they use to pad their secret pre-tribulation escape theories.

Even more disconcerting is the pervasive and incessant promulgation of these *left behind* mythologies that permeate the Christian publishing and video markets of today, which are deluding millions of Christians into a false sense of security, motivated more so by profit and temporal fame. The author makes no apologies to these writers and preachers in regards to this matter. While there exists much love by the author for all those who claim to speak God's gospel truth about who is *taken* and who is *left,* claiming that those *taken* are Christians and those *left behind* are the heathen, it is inexcusable to persist in this folly when the word of God clearly states His children are *left* (Gr. *aphiemi*, forgiven) alone when He returns.

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Words That Changed My Life

Various Sources

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Often God speaks in one-liners, or sentences that have changed my life. Some of these were spoken directly to me by the Spirit of God, but many are from others. I have taken the liberty of posting some of these in hopes that they bless you as they have me.

Should you have some of these valuable "eye-popping" revelations, please send them to us that they may be shared...Clay [Sikes, Lighthouse Prophecy List.]

The sin of presumption often hides itself in noble purposes

What I do in god's sight is not so important as why I am doing it

Seldom do our circumstances change without something in us changing first

Circumstances do not make the man, they reveal him to himself

Ignorance often comes disguised as tradition

God blesses our obedience, not our activity

Situation must be married to revelation. Until your revelation works in your situation, you don't really have a revelation

Cowardice to face hard issues creates frustration, and frustration dissipates energy

Great purpose requires great preparation

Where the appointment is the provision is

When man's goodness is offered as righteousness, it becomes an affront. And an enemy to the cross

An internal witness is always better than an external circumstance

With God it isn't what you do, its why you do it

There are two kinds of discipline in this world, the pain of discipline and the pain of regret

Hurry is not of the devil, it is the devil

Growth is directly related to responsibility

Your greatest challenges always produce your greatest rewards

Rules without relationship always lead to rebellion

As we add years to our life, we should add life to our years

What you do not deal with will come and deal with you

Acceptance of responsibility of failure is the principle upon which success is made

When you choose any action you choose its consequences as well

God's people do not need so much inspiration as they do revelation

Any truth that goes against common belief is never accepted easily

God's wisdom provides the strategy, which gets the victory, which brings the glory

Alliance with God satisfies as nothing else can

The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them

You cannot have a testimony until you first have a test

Mediation in god's word is the matrix of creativity

The struggle is not defeat...struggle produces! The measure of your struggle is the measure of your assignment

Irresponsibility means not properly stewarding what truly belongs to you, including your problems

Our leadership stops at the point that we can no longer solve the problems

The greatest gift man can give god is himself

Money problems are not, in fact, money problems, but rather the symptom of other problems...debt is a form of presumption, and presumption is the lowest form of human knowledge

A person's character is revealed by his or her response to the unexpected

You can influence more than you can control

Joy is what you know, not how you feel

Make life beg for structure, never make (your) structure beg for life

The origin of any action determines its destination

Performance is directly proportional to direction

Unction, action, victory

When adversity comes, the sins of your past will rise up to comfort you

All you have remaining when a crisis has ended is your conduct during it

Those who shield us from failure, ultimately produce our dependence upon them rather than god

All real learning is precipitated by necessity

What you learn in the fire you tend to retain

Where The Lord is About to Move

Bill Yount

"WHERE THE DEVIL IS ATTACKING YOU, IS WHERE THE NEXT GREATEST MOVE OF GOD IS COMING IN POWER!"

Where the enemy is attacking you right now is the very place God is about to move... so hold on! "When the enemy comes in like a flood; the Spirit of the Lord 'will raise up' a standard against him." The enemy almost always will give away the next move of God. The enemy makes his move first but do you see in this scripture and throughout God's word that God always has the last move that ends in victory? The enemy sends the flood of doubts, fear and unbelief first to try to stop us, for he knows that the battle is already turning in our favor, for the Spirit of the Lord has already started to raise up a standard against him, coming to wipe him out and set us free, before the battle even starts. It's a fixed fight! That's why it's called the 'good fight' of faith!

I asked the Father. "Lord, in what area are you going to move next in the earth?" He answered. "In healing... I've already started."

Kathyrn Kuhlman always began her meetings with four words. "I believe in miracles!" It didn't seem to matter to her who else agreed with her. There would be atheists, unbelievers and many coming were hoping to be healed saying, "Lord, I believe, but help my unbelief!" No sooner did Kathyrn Kuhlman speak those words and the atmosphere became electrified in the huge auditoriums and down in the overflow rooms in the basement as miracles started exploding inside of bodies whether they were believers or not! She knew there was always one other person in that meeting that really believed in miracles even more than she did... God Himself!

I believe our 'believing system' in the Body of Christ has been broken down and become weakened over the years. Our problem is that we have seen many casualties over the years in many areas; especially in healing. We are in a war. In a war when a soldier friend goes down and dies, the rest of the army doesn't give up and quit fighting. They don't stop believing they are going to win. They fight all the more harder with all they got inside of them! Besides that soldier did not die in vain for it is like throwing gasoline on the fire to win the war! You got even more reason to fight to win now!

Did you know that when you are fighting a personal battle that you are not fighting just for your own victory? You are fighting for multitudes. That's why you must not quit. For when you get your healing.... healed people heal people! Delivered people deliver people! Victory is contagious. It sweeps through the family, through the whole church and out into the world! Saved people save people! The devil trembles when he sees you getting up after a major blow has knocked the wind out of you!

We are called to believe in miracles and healing no matter what happens. God is the one who heals, not us. A brother who was pastoring a church once shared how the whole church was praying for a fourteen year old child who was dying apart from a miracle. Everyone was fasting and praying and believing. The child eventually went on to be with Jesus. The pastor cried out to God asking what could he have done more to see that child healed? He felt he just didn't do enough and felt responsible for failing the child. The Lord answered this pastor. "The person who takes the blame when I don't move, will be the same person who takes the glory when I do!" We are not the healer, God is. We are called believers and are called to believe for as long as we have breath. Healing is God's business.

I have seen more people healed recently when I didn't even feel like praying for them. God is weaning us from feelings. It's the prayer of faith that saves the sick. It takes more faith to pray for someone when you don't even feel like praying for anyone, for you know you need prayer yourself! But that is what pleases God... our faith, not our feelings.

I believe the Passion of the Christ movie was divinely released in this moment of history so the world could watch the scourging and crucifixion. There have been reports when the scourging was being viewed that many people actually stood up in the theaters and screamed out... that's enough, stop! Mel Gibson explained how he actually played down the scourging by showing other scenes at times. He knew that if we really saw it as long and as brutal as it was that no one would be able to leave the theaters in their right minds! I believe the scourging was allowed to stand out so clear and long because the Lord wanted to let us all get a close up view and know that "by those stripes we were healed! I paid this much for your healing. It's yours! Contend for it until you get it"

Mel Gibson battled everyday fear, doubt, unbelief and wondered at times what on earth was he doing as he was producing the Passion of the Christ. Hollywood thought he was crazy. No one wanted to invest in the movie so he put his own money into it. The Passion of the Christ so far has earned over 600 million dollars! (Poor Mel) Sounds like Jesus was on his side!

Whatever the enemy is telling you right now, believe the opposite. If he is telling you, you will never make it, start shouting and jumping up and down for he is a liar and the truth is not in him. He can only tell lies. So if you believe the opposite of what he is saying, you will know the truth of your situation and the truth will make you free, healed and delivered!

The fact that you are still alive today makes you a living miracle! Since you are a miracle, it makes it easier to believe for another one!

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The Blood Of Jesus
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THE BLOOD OF JESUS IS STILL ON YOUR FRONT DOOR...AND IT JUST WON'T WASH AWAY!"

The announcement was coming forth loud and clear in the midst of hurricane winds and severe storms that were beating against houses, threatening to destroy them.

The enemy was bombarding the front doors of these houses to get into the minds of the believers who were inside. Winds of accusations were being hurled against the very foundation, shaking the house, rattling hinges of windows and doors. One deadly accusation to bring down the house was through convincing the believer inside to doubt God's promise to keep them and save their whole household. However, the most fatal accusation hit the front door hard, for there was some truth in it. "You have sinned! Look at what you have done! You have blown it! God will never forgive you this time! He is through with you and your family!"

"Let the Blood of My Son Answer the Front Door...!"

I immediately heard the Father proclaim to the angels who were already encamping round about these houses, "Tell every trembling believer, 'The blood of Jesus is still on your front door...and it just won't wash away! Don't answer the enemy! Let the blood of My Son answer the front door and speak of better things for you!'"

I heard the blood of Jesus speaking from the front door of these houses to the enemy, "Mr. devil, they have sinned, but I have never known sin! Tell Me what sin is like, for you were the very first to fall! Tell Me, what does it really feel like to blow it for eternity? By the way, I love sinners! I gave My life for them! Where sin abounds My grace much more abounds. I have forgiven billions of sins a billion times over. For when my people confess their sin, I am faithful and just to forgive them and to cleanse them from all unrighteousness! And when I forgive, I have chosen to forget that they have ever sinned against Me. So, if they ever sin again, it is like they are sinning for the very first time! That is how My goodness leads men to repentance."

The winds and storms were stilled by the red blood that kept right on speaking from your front door and mine!

"And Put a Candle in the Window...Someone is Coming Home!"

Concerning our lost family members, the blood of Jesus went on to proclaim loud and clear, "Kill the fatted calf! Get the robes out! Get the rings and the shoes ready...Someone is coming home! Set another plate at the table. Put a candle in the window. Stretch that scarlet thread out the window pane and let it hang as a life line. And get ready to answer the telephone and the front door when they knock...Someone is coming home!"

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What The Lord Speaks
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What The Lord Speaks: *Extra! *Extra! *Extra!
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"Prepare the Way of the Lord! My righteous ones, I have heard your cries," says Adonai Elohim.

TODAY ~ Salvation is calling the peoples on all five continents and the islands of the seas:

Australia and New Zealand; Isra'el; Tubuai Islands; Ostrovah Anzhu Island; Botswanna, Zaire, Sudan; from Senegal to Somalia; Puerto Rico; the Tuamotu Archipelago; Tibet; Nepal; Cuba; Manchuria; the Hawaaian Islands; Madagascar; Greenland and Iceland; Peru; Canada; the Koreas, Japan, China to Taiwan; Germany and France; Whales, Scotland, Ireland, and England; the Aleutians; Sri Lanka; the U.S.; Fiji; Bali; the Phillipines; the Sandwich; the Marquesas; the Solomons; the Maldives; Truk Islands; the Mariannas; the Samoas, Adaman Island; Brazil; Borneo and Malaysia; Trinidad and Tobago; Newfoundland; the Falklands; Alaska; Antarctica; the Celebes; New Guinea; Sri Lanka; and ALL the Islands of the seas--

--Adonai Elohim declares this day ~

"I AM THE MIGHTY WIND that comes in the GREAT STORM! My righteous ones, I have heard your cries. Prepare the way of your Lord!

Clean your houses now, bend as a reed; humbly bow before ME, the True and Living God, the Holy One of Isra'el.

I AM El Elyon --- quickly turn toward ME, find THE ROCK, Yeshua haMasahiach (Messiah Jesus); find SALVATION, SAFETY, and STRENGTH.

ALLOW MY LOVE AND FORGIVENESS to PRESERVE YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE HOUSEHOLDS for the day comes quickly!

MY ARMS OF LOVE ARE OPEN WIDE, I LIVE, I AM THE LIVING GOD!!!"

Jeremiah 29:13
John 3:16
John 14:6
John 3:3-7
John 1:12, 13
Titus 3:4-6
1 Chronicles 2:8,9
2 Chronicles 15:2
AMOS 5:4

Psalm 122:6,7

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Tell them
I AM
Coming
SOON!

Love,
Yeshua
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Where The Pharisees Went Wrong

John Fischer

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The year was 1970, and I was an intern at a strong Bible-teaching church in California. At every staff Bible study, I felt like a novice in the company of experts. My New American Standard Bible was no match for the Greek New Testaments that lay open on every lap but mine. The pastors would look at what was no more than hieroglyphics to me and tell me what it meant. It was always more profound and carried more weight than what I had in my Bible.

Before long, I found that a concordance and a Greek lexicon made me privy to the same power. Soon I was able to say, as a leader of my own Bible study, "But the Greek says . . . " And suddenly, I was the authority over anyone whose Bible was, unfortunately for them, only in English.

This delight in the trumping power of a text now recalls to me something about the Pharisees of Jesus' day. Once, when the temple guards failed to arrest Jesus, the Pharisees complained to them:

You mean he has deceived you also? . . . Has any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in him? No! But this mob that knows nothing of the law--there is a curse on them. --Jn. 7:48-49

If the mob was ignorant of the law, there could be only one reason for their ignorance: The Pharisees kept them that way. The Pharisees made it their job to study and know the Scriptures in order to gain the upper hand on the things of God and keep the rest of the people in the dark. For the Pharisees, the Scriptures had ceased to be a form of revelation. "Manipulation" better describes their use of the sacred texts. By them they engineered and justified their own righteousness, and by them they controlled others. By the time Jesus arrived on the scene, their misuse of the Scriptures was glaringly obvious, but, most likely, the steps that got them there were not.

Because we are all prone to pharisaical attitudes, we'd be wise to check for any of these tendencies in our own lives and ministries. By determining where the Pharisees went wrong in their handling of Scripture, we can make sure we are not inadvertently traveling a similar path.

There have been times in my life when I have selected a Bible by its size and weight. The bigger and heavier the Bible, I thought, the more spiritual its carrier. During the Jesus movement, we used to wrap our Bibles in thick leather covers with snaps on them. With one of these in my hand, I felt spiritually dauntless.

The Pharisees went one step beyond this. They didn't just carry the Scriptures around; they wore them. Phylacteries--small boxes containing miniature Scriptures--hung from their robes and even dangled from their foreheads. But carrying the Scriptures or wearing them means little if their meaning is not written on the heart. The power is not in the physical book. The power of Scripture lies in its ability to connect us to God, and, with the Holy Spirit illumining our hearts, to open our understanding of Him and His ways.

When my wife first attended dinner in my parents' home, she was frustrated by our practice of reading Scripture before the blessing. We read from a compilation of various passages on a specific topic for each day. Her problem, she told me later, was that the reading was never discussed. She wanted to stop and mull over even one of the verses; but instead, portions of eight or nine verses rushed by without comment, and we were suddenly digging into our mashed potatoes without giving any thought to the truth we had just heard. We were somehow expecting the text itself to balance out the worldliness of the day and make us into a "good Christian family." But if we don't give thought to what we hear, what good is the hearing?

In the Scriptures, the Pharisees discovered a neat system by which they could establish and maintain their own righteousness while condemning others who didn't measure up. Now in order to do this, they had to constantly read into Scripture what wasn't actually there. In essence, they rewrote the law. They made the Scriptures say what they wanted them to say.

As I think about the concordances and lexicons that made me an instant expert on the text, I see a similar flaw in my use of the Scriptures. Without properly understanding the original languages and how various words are used and interpreted, I can, with a few tools, come up with several different meanings of one English word. Then I can conveniently select the word I like the best--the one that suits my purposes. I struggle with this constantly in my personal Bible study: finding out what the Scriptures actually say versus what I want them to say. We evangelicals even have a word for this: prooftexting, that is, the practice of finding scriptures to prove our point.

Do we come to the Bible to find out what God says or to find support for what we want to say? Jesus had to constantly reinterpret the law to the Pharisees, because their interpretation had become more important to them than what God had intended when He gave the Scriptures to His people.

I once read a book warning Christian parents about the dangers of rock and roll. The author resolved most of his problems with this issue by "standing on the word of God." Yet the Scriptures say nothing about rock and roll, not to mention countless other aspects of our contemporary lives. We constantly use the Bible with great authority on individual issues such as these as if we had God's final word on the subject. When we do so, we edge dangerously close to becoming Pharisees.

Think of the wealth of Scriptures the Pharisees had available to them: the narratives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and Joshua; the daring stories of the judges; the compromises of the kings; David's psalms; the poetry and wisdom of Solomon; the words of the prophets--all revealing God and His ways with His people. But the Pharisees reduced it all to "take no more than so many steps on the Sabbath, wash your hands before eating, tithe a tenth of your spices, etc." What a shame! They shrank the law to something they could actually keep, and failed to discover its essence: "You have neglected the more important matters of the law--justice, mercy and faithfulness" (Mt. 23:23) .

But do we not do the same when we turn the Bible into a mere answer book for all the detailed questions of our lives? Do we want our questions answered or do we want to know God? Do we want remedies, or do we want Jesus? Do we want to make our lives successful, or do we want to worship the Lord of life?

"You diligently study the Scriptures," said Jesus to the Pharisees, "because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life" (Jn. 5:39-40). There is something greater behind this book--something (or I should say "Someone") its pages were given to reveal. If our study of the Scriptures leads us somewhere other than to God, we have stopped too soon. The Pharisees couldn't see Jesus because they were too busy counting their steps.

We do the same thing only we have fancier words for it. We come away from Scripture with principles for living or steps for success or codes of conduct, but if we don't come away with a deeper knowledge of Jesus, what good are all these principles, steps, and codes? Are we not just like the Pharisees?

The Bible is not primarily a manual for living, a sourcebook of sayings, a treasure of spiritual nuggets, or even a road map to heaven. It is a book that reveals to us who God is and how we can enter into and maintain a relationship with Him through Jesus Christ. Whenever we turn it into a practical means of getting somewhere other than to the feet of Jesus, we are falling for the lure of the Pharisees.

When we cling to the great truth that the Scriptures are given to us so that we might know Jesus, the Son of God, the source of new life, then we can avoid the traps of the Pharisees. Anything else can start us down a road where we possess the Scriptures but lose sight of why.

What The Spirit Is Saying

Susan Cummings

A Summary of what the Spirit is currently saying to us in our meetings:

1. We have a short period of Grace open to us, to quickly respond to the Lord and to clean up our lives so that He can transform us into new wineskins that can be filled with the greater anointing that is needed for now.

2. We must lay aside every weight and sin that has kept us from advancing and from obtaining the portion of the Lord's Grace that He has for us.

3. We must lay aside our former ideas and mindsets of what we think God is going to do, and what we will be doing, and sit at His Feet and learn new, because everything is going to radically change.

4. We will not be doing what we're doing now, in the same way soon. We must be equipped for the new day upon us. We cannot go forth with old weapons, methods, and doctrines that have not worked, but must have the mind of the Lord and His Wisdom as to how to proceed.

5. We must be filled with the Lord's Power and His Presence, as He alone will be our Portion and Source. We will no longer depend on others, but He alone will be our God, and will walk with us, as He will now reside fully within us, and we will be clothed within and upon with HIMSELF, as with a garment of Fire.

6. He alone will be seen, as we will be carriers of His Glory. We will not market the Lord or merchandise God's People anymore to profit by and fleece them with God's Word or things.

7. God is Holy and we will be Holy or we will not be God's. We will follow Him wholly, or we will not at all.

8. Church as usual, is over. No longer will we hold the normal worldly services, but more and more, the Lord will take over, as HE IS THE SERVICE, and He is the MEETING. He will inhabit the tents of His Raising and not the man made tents.

9. His Fire is coming upon those vessels who have purged themselves and have made themselves ready, and it is now clothing them, as the latter day outpouring that we will need to reap the harvest that is upon us. It is a Holy Impartaion and Commissioning that God is pouring out upon those He will use as the Torchbearers who will run with it.

10. There is no more playing with His Anointing. There is no more throwing it around irreverently and as advertisement. God is a Jealous God and will not let man defile His Glory. He will judge those who misrepresent Him and His Anointing.

The Fear of the Lord is returning to His House.

11. He will not tolerate the abuse and misuse of His Name anymore. Those who don't fear Him and surrender to their pride, He will judge severely.

12. Those who intentionally preach His Word with a wrong heart or attitude in the pulpit and misrepresent God and His Word, will be judged and will even die in the meetings and the pulpit.

The days of killing the sheep and starving them for their own profit are over.

13. Those who will not bow their knee now to God, will fall. They will either embrace the sword of chastening and correction or they will fall under the sword of destruction.

14. God is marking those who are His. They will know Him intimately, and will come away from what is unclean. Those who reject this last call, will remain in their sins and will remain in darkness and torment. The sealing of His People who weep over their sin and the churches sin has begun, and when it is finished, the widespread massive persecution and destruction of those not marked will begin. Either we are God's or we are not. Zech 7-11.

15. Massive changes are upon us. Major shifts are about to happen, and we either will be founded upon the rock of Jesus Christ, or we will be swept away in the chaos and fear. We will either stand firmly in His Light or we will be absolutely taken over by the darkness that will have its rule.

16. The greatest days are ahead for the remnant. We are rising up, full of the Lord, and in right relationship. We know who we are, and who He is. We are fully prepared to stand in this last day, and will reap a harvest by His Strength and with His Plan. No longer will we labor in our own, but only as led by Him. He is the Lord of this Harvest.

It is totally His, an we will not make our name on it or touch it, for it is Holy Unto Him.

17. It is time. The rains have begun in God's House. The Fire has begun to be poured out upon us. The Winds have begun to blow upon us and to place us in our positions. Now it is time to prepare to run. Great Grace has been given to us, for the harvest.

18. The remnant will be a Body. We will flow as One Tea, as one Body of the Lord. We all have our portion, and duty, and will walk in agreement with the Lord, and serve one another with respect and love. There is no big I and little U anymore.

19. The Scrolls that have been sealed up for our end time generation have now begun to be opened and understood. Men have charted God's endtime plans to death, and still are blind. Many will be surprised at their blindness of the Word, and what God will do in their midst, and they will mourn at how they missed the Truth, and interpretation. It is later than most think. God does what He wants, when He wants to, His Way, and not how we think it will happen or how we tell Him to. His Word is True and it is being unrolled and is now happening before our eyes. The babes can see it and know what time it is......

WAKE UP!!!!!!!

It's Not About Us-- It's About HIM.

God will be seen and we will know that He is in control and we will bow before Him.

The Great Race
Susan Cummings

The crowd was buzzing and the excitement was in the air. There were many people lined up along the highway, crowded together, as they waited for the race to end. Many had been waiting for a long time, and they were ready for the end to come. Others had came in little by little, and now the crowd had swelled to a great crowd.

The race had been running for awhile, and there were many entries. As in many races, many had fallen out for various accident reasons, and many had quit for lack of endurance. Those who were running this lap were those who were coming forth to pass the torch to the next group who would then take their part in the race.

I could hear the crowd getting very excited as they saw the first torchbearer run up the stretch of track into their view. This runner had on a very bright red colored outfit and had his torch high in his hand. He was very tired, but also very excited to run the race and to finish. He ran up to his area and sure enough, a runner stood waiting for the torch to come to him. Great cheers rose up for this runner and it's new partner that now took the torch and began his run.

Then, it quieted down for a minute or two, and another runner came into view. This runner had on a bright blue outfit, and also ran with his torch held high. He was very excited for he knew that he also had came into view of the end. He was met with great cheers from the crowds. He passed his torch to the person that was waiting in position for him to pass it to them. He then began his run.

After several moments, two more runners came into view. Both were also clothed in bright colored outfits. One was green, and one was orange. Both were running together as if to help each other run. Neither competed, but ran in sight of each other. They also passed their torches to their waiting counterparts. The crowd clapped for them, but did not cheer.

More continued to come, and the crowd seemed less excited. They seemed to get bored, after the initial excitement of the first wave of runners passed their views. The runners also were not as excited, and were not as glad to finish as they did not place high in the race.

As I watched, some of the crowd began to leave, as they got their thrill from the first few runners. Some began to complain about how long it was taking the others to run the race. I watched as some were not even wanting to get into their position to take the torch being passed by, as the outcome did not benefit them, and they would not be noticed or get an award for running.

The atmosphere was beginning to dim, and so was the patience of the people. Most did not cheer anymore, and only some clapped, and few were thankful. Many had left for other places.

Then, towards the end of the race, I saw Jesus come walking up. He had been in the race and was walking down the track holding out his hands which were burning with the flames. He was a living torch. He was not dressed in bright clothing, but in a simple garment that hung just below his knees. Everyone just watched him, and no one was in position to take the flames from his hands. No one cheered, no one clapped, no one was excited. No one moved.

Jesus walked by the people, holding out his burning hands. No one came forth.

Then, after a seeming long moment, as I was wondering why no one came forth, a small boy, about 5 or 6 years old, Came out from the crowd. He reached out to Jesus with his little hands, and asked if He could have the fire. Jesus smiled, and reached down, and gave it to the boy. The fire leaped into the boys hands, and he ran down the track with the fire burning in his hands as it did Jesus'.

Jesus then looked at the people.

The Lord then said, "Men want fame, fortune, and applause of men. They will be the first to run and take another man's mantle, anointing, and position. They will cheer, clap, and trample one another to get in line, and run with another's vision, but they will not pay the price to get their own from Me."

"They will run when it is good, and when there is an award, and a crowd to see them, and when they know that there will be others that depend on them or who will help them along. People love to elevate other people, and to promote themselves and advertise their achievements."

“Where are My runners?”

“Where are those who run for the sake of the call, and for the gospel’s sake?”

“Where are those who only desire to please Me, and not to be seen by men who only will use them?”

“Where are those who won’t seek after other men’s mantles, anointings, and positions, but who seek for their own portion?”

“Where are those who run with endurance and joy, the race that I set before them?”

“Where are they?”

“I say to you, that they are now stepping forth from the shadows of the false ones, and will not care for other people’s torches, but will want the Fire that come from Me, and I will ignite them. They will not carry a man given torch, but they will BE a Living Torch for all to see. Men cannot pass this fire on, nor can they counterfeit it. As it is only given by My Father. It is Holy. It is Costly. It is My Truth.”

“Men will not cheer as these run forth, as they know they do not want to pay the price of becoming My Torches. They look down upon My Burning Ones, but I say to you, the world is not worthy of Mine who now run. They will receive their reward from My Father in Heaven and not from men.”

“They will run with the True Fire, the Fire of My Holiness. They will run into the darkness and release My Word.”

“The False Fire has run it’s course, and now My Hidden Ones will come forth.”

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When The Towers Fall

Conrad Lampan

Isaiah 30:18-25

This passage speaks both of real towers of power on Isaiah's day and symbolically to everything that means power, military might, financial power, political powers, and so forth that stand in the way of God, including church power for which the Holy Spirit is not the source. One cannot help but think of September 11 when reading verse 25: "In the day the towers fall"

I see a very prophetic connection between this passage and our present day struggles, and the condition of the church and God's promises towards her, as it shows that God's blessings are linked to the fall of the power of flesh, so that no flesh will glory in His presence. Nobody can look lightly on September 11 or make light comments or point fingers, or use the tragedy of the Twin Towers to accuse each other; however we cannot deny that God was saying something in the midst of tragedy.

The whole section is in fact a big promise, and speaks of promises of restoration (v. 18), no more weeping (v. 19), safety (v. 19), clarity of guidance from the Lord (v. 21), healing (v.26), great harvest (v. 23), holiness (v. 22), rains (v. 23), rivers and streams (v. 25) however it is very interesting that suddenly in the middle of all the promises he introduces an odd remark "in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall".

If we really believe that the Bible is God's word then we cannot expect Him to bless us while endorsing our ways. God's blessings are linked to His ways not ours. That is what He means when He says that the blessings are being restored "in the day the towers fall". Revival, and all the blessings linked to it are also linked to holiness, and if we do not change our ways into His ways, it will be linked also to judgment.

As odd as this comment may seem, there is a big warning of love in the falling of the Twin Towers. David Wilkerson prophesied quite a few years ago about a big tragedy and turmoil to befall New York city. However, he said recently that what he saw prophetically shown to him by God was not the falling of the Twin Towers but a rather much worse sequence of tragedies. From this view point we can say that September 11 is a warning of love to avoid much greater pains that will surely come if we do not take heed to His words.

Many are praying for revival, and it is my prayer and hope that many more will join the army of pray-ers seeking God's face for revival. However the Lord says as He did in Haggai's time: "meditate in your ways!" When we pray for revival one of two things will have to happen: we either humble ourselves, or He will humble us. (1st Chronicles 7:14). Argentina was blessed by a mighty revival that some consider to be the longest revival in history. However few looked at one important fact: right before the revival exploded in 1982 Argentina was humbled. The Falkland/Malvinas islands war was lost (Argentina prided herself in that she never lost a war in all her history). That year we had a 1500 percent inflation rate. And so forth too long to explain here, but the fact is that before revival came the humbling.

If we do not want to humble ourselves we better do not pray for revival because praying for revival necessarily implies humbling. In other words when we pray for revival we are asking God to humble us. Revival is linked to every thing lofty being brought low.

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Walking With Angels

Timothy Snodgrass

Dec 17, 2004
In what ways are we to think like angels? I was shocked to learn that so many were offended by my statement that "we are to think like angels", as if the mere idea was blasphemy; but again I say to you, unless we can begin to throw off our old habitual ways of thinking, and begin to walk in the holiness and steadfastness exhibited in angels, we will not survive the days ahead. The church must undergo total reformation of our thoughts, and conform our minds to the mind of Christ, walking as angels walk under the unction and obedience to the Holy Spirit. Of course we are not to worship or focus our lives on angels, but we can learn by their example, and one of their greatest examples is a life based on holiness. These angelic beings, who live and dwell in the presence of God, would never dream of committing an act of sin or walking short of the glory of God, because it would cost them the anointing and their intimate fellowship with the Holy Spirit. We must live the same way, a life of purity and holiness if we are to dwell in the presence of God. We must learn to think the same way if we are to overcome in the days ahead, taking our orders not from man, but directly from the Throne, whereas it is important that we will be at the right place at the right time during some of the coming judgments which are about to manifest. The greatest place of refuge cannot be found on a map, but is a life of purity, holiness and intimacy with God.

Blessings,

Timothy Snodgrass
Philippines

What Will The New Year Bring

Stephen Hanson

Dec. 16, 2004

ISA 60:2 See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

JOEL 2:2 a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and blackness. Like dawn spreading across the mountains a large and mighty army comes, such as never was of old nor ever will be in ages to come.

“In this season you are preparing for the new year and the new year’s activities. What will the new year bring? What will you face? Will activities and circumstances go on as usual? I tell you that the borders of your country will be breached. I tell you that that man that you have been looking for will be found out. The war will continue with Iraq. This man who has helped plot many terrorist developments will be found out. Life will seemingly go on as usual, but the darkness invades the land. You are living in a time when all of these events are pointing to my soon return. “

Working With You To Eradicate Shame
Sandy Warner

Nov 22, 2004
I AM doing a work among you that will help wash off the layers of shame. I have earnestly waited for you and will work with you until our union is complete. This shame that stands between us, as hidden and lurking veils, has to go. I will do whatever is necessary to remove every layer until you are squeaky clean. Always know there is no shame in love. Learn to relax in My love and you will no longer feel shame. It is that simple.

Cooperate with Me that as I draw the wounds of shame to the surface, you will see the truth of who you are in Me, and release the shame and let Me eradicate it from your life forever.

Isa 61:6-7 NKJV
But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, they shall call you the servants of our God. You shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory you shall boast. Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; Everlasting joy shall be theirs.

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A Way Through The Heart Of Stone
Sandy Warner

Nov 24, 2004
My beloved Bride, pack all your cares away and leave them with Me. Lean heavily upon Me as you sup with your roots grounded in My love. I understand your weaknesses and feelings of vulnerabilities, I also once walked the earth, you know. Always remember, it is not about your own power, but My power working through you. As you experience your weakness, draw deeply from our well and never retreat. I AM moving you forward into your place. I AM sending you and preparing you for leadership. Now trust Me.

Right now your emotions seem to be up and down and all around. I also understand this and want you to understand. As I AM moving you into your place, I AM also doing heart surgery. I AM opening a way through your heart of stone, this heart that is well barricaded with years of mortar for protection. I AM knocking upon the door of your heart with yearnings and wooing and tender caresses, I AM drawing you with the fragrance of My poignant spices. As you enter into this new place, you will be overcome with the rich smell of My Presence and passionate longings to embrace your heart. As you finally let go and let the climax of our union come to fruition, your heart will pulse once again. This stone of an existence you once knew will spring to life and pulsate with vibrate color and rich sounds that are unique to you.

Watch now, as I move you into the new beginnings with growing foundations that are solid, healthy and strong. Your hearts are becoming tenderized after many years of loss, pain, tragedy and sorrow. Allow Me access to do this work within you I greatly rejoice in you, My beloved ones, - always.

I understand this is greatly disconcerting to you, - to feel so vulnerable and without protection. You see the risks of loss and can not fathom a recovery should a tragedy take place. Precious one, know that I

AM the Great Doctor. I do all things well. I will not abandon you, I will never leave you, I AM your destiny. Yes, volunteer love is different than the security of legal contracts. Consider this, that I too have weighed the risks and I have chosen to love you as you are, to embrace you as My own, and to call you My friend. Love is like that.

Ezek 11:19-21 NKJV
Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,20 that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

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An Arrow In The Sky
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Nov 23, 2004

Consider the geese when they fly in the sky,
Lined up like an arrow, when they pass by.
In oneness they move, united in synch.
One after the other, they are so linked.

They move forward to comfortable weather.
It is their instinct to stay together
As I plant in their hearts this common ground,
Of moving on and following the sound.

They are noisy as they move overhead.
While some stay for winter, these press on instead.
With vision and purpose they flap their wings.
Through the cold air, forsaking winter's sting.

Taking the brunt of the opposing air
The lead bird is strengthened against what's there.
I pour into him the strength of My might
As he seeks the landscape for promise in sight.

As he takes his place all others follow suit,
Then together they move on in one pursuit.
He takes his watch at the tip of the arrow.
Setting forehead like flint through bone and marrow.

He's fulfilling his time with faithful passing.
He can hear other flocks gathered and massing.
It strengthens resolve to proceed past winter,
Behind him is frozen from cold endured. .

Before him is comfort and warmth and rest.
As he flaps his wings opposing the test.
He knows My way through instinct in his heart.
With resolve inside, he shield's fiery darts.

From the unit he's leading, he takes the brunt.
Their sound from behind braces him out front.
Should he grow tired, they all change places.
For another to watch, releasing My graces.

So consider the birds as they fly in the air,
And know your position to stay in prayer.
I AM moving you forward to a better place.
Follow My calling and soar with My pace.

Ps 124:7-8 NLT
We escaped like a bird from a hunter's trap. The trap is broken, and we are free! Our help is from the LORD, who made the heavens and the earth.

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I Preserve My Remnant
Sandy Warner

Nov 23, 2004

Throughout the throngs of history's making
I've preserved a remnant not forsaken.
Having forged the way through straight and narrow,
There remains today My quickened arrow.

Pressed through denominations and movements,
Like diamonds constrained among sediment,
My jewels of glory find their compressed way
Amidst growing darkness in the last days.

My clock keeps ticking with the sands of time
While My own separate as wholly Mine.
In the fear of their God they do tremble,
As others fall away and disassemble.

I allow stumbling blocks to bring a wedge
Trying the hearts of all those who have pledged.
Every person must decide at the line.
Demarcation is My way, to help redefine.

In these last days all mixture will divide,
As men set their minds and hearts to decide.
Strong meat is here, the menu for the day.
Hard to be chewed, there is no other way.

The holy and the righteous will stand apart.

While the unjust and the filthy will depart.
In the world and in the church all will see
Who belongs to Me with great clarity.

The ones who belong, lay low in My fear
Lest they too are deceived from what they hear.
Those who are sure will have willful mind-sets
Repeating and rewinding old cassettes.

Those who have learned not to trust themselves
Will find the book of Truth upon My shelf.
It reveals the hearts of those that are tender
Having born the fruit of decisions rendered.

They have learned from their mistakes how to win,
To lean upon Me and walk away from sin.
While others play with fire without feeling heat,
My own know the real, having faced defeat.

Strangers that are there will no longer be
At one with My own, building unity.
It is sad for all when the line is drawn
As My glory arises at this break of dawn.

Those who are in the middle of despair
As they mourn over those no longer there,
Must find My truth, resisting compromise,
Uniting their stand among those who are wise.

They shall shine like stars in the blackened sky.
As the darkness presses in on those who deny
The Truth of My Word and all that it contains
About My holy seed, the remnant that remains.

Behold great darkness shall cover the earth,
The people greatly squeezed amid its girth.
But those that know the glory of their Lord
Will have died to self and all that they hoard.

Know ye not the One Whose hand is Sovereign?
Turning the earth, stirring hearts, whisked to churn.
He's the final One Whom all men must face
To know glory or the shame of disgrace.

So humbly bow low before Your Maker.
Pray to discern and to know what is sure.
He will guide and preserve His precious seed,
As His glory arises through faith and deed.

They fear each step lest they fall away too,
Not hiding their light as the dawn breaks anew.
Putting deeds to their faith and walk each day,
As signs unto Him, pointing towards His way.

His remnant is alive overcoming history.

Preserving a holy remnant, is His mystery.
Soon to be revealed His fullness of redemption.
As His own make known their promise of adoption.

Isa 60:1-2 KJV
Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.

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To Stir Your Faith
Sandy Warner

Nov 23, 2004

I love you My dear ones, stand strong in Me.
I hear you calling over wobbly knees.
Tis your faith that's tried in the fires of life,
Tis your faith that's wounded from surgery's knife.

Yes, the enemy intended destruction
As faith simmered or' the fires of reduction.
Persevered to pray for one another's faith,
It boiled down from the weakness of disgrace.

You felt tossed and turned from the trials of life.
Rolled over with the punches and laid down strife.
I kept you from burning as I stirred your pot,
While you waited on Me to cook the whole lot.

Yes, the soup was hot, much too hot to taste.
It cooled a bit, couldn't hurry its pace.
I AM the Master, the great Master Chef.
My work is perfect as you taste what's left.

To stretch and grow has been hard on you.
Sifting came and went through transition too.
The time is up and you're in a new place,
No more pain from remorse or disgrace.

It is I that moved from one place to another
As you held onto Me and prayed for each other.
You prayed for more faith, to be stable and set
You prayed to be cleansed and without regret.

I heard your prayers and you trusted in Me.
That I do all things well as you bowed your knee.
Keep on praying until your hearts are settled.
From all that was tossed and turned disheveled.

Your prayers are multiplied for many in despair.
They know not their Father and how much I care. .
Your time has been multiplied over and again.
You have broken through ground and you will mend.

Their pain is much worse than you can imagine.
What you have tasted is just a small fraction.
Thank you for your sacrifices of real love
As you've clung to Me and sought Me from above.

You've stayed in synch and rolled with the punches,
Your faith did not fall as you followed your hunches.
Now your circle is over and yes it is up.
You can taste new soup and enjoy the sup.

Isa 28:23-29 NLT
Listen to me; listen as I plead! Does a farmer always plow and never sow? Is he forever cultivating the soil and never planting it? Does he not finally plant his seeds for dill, cumin, wheat, barley, and spelt, each in its own section of his land? The farmer knows just what to do, for God has given him understanding. He doesn't thresh all his crops the same way. A heavy sledge is never used on dill; rather, it is beaten with a light stick. A threshing wheel is never rolled on cumin; instead, it is beaten softly with a flail. Bread grain is easily crushed, so he doesn't keep on pounding it. He threshes it under the wheels of a cart, but he doesn't pulverize it. The LORD Almighty is a wonderful teacher, and he gives the farmer great wisdom.

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To Partner With Him In Prayer
Sandy Warner
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From the passion of Your bosom, I feel the heartbeats of Your love.
How you continue to incubate, I know not how or of.
But Your Words just keep on flowing with understanding and knowing.
They pour out upon the earth - Your giant womb yet to give birth.

The times and seasons are in Your great hands.
It's not in the agenda or hands of man.
In the fullness of time, ripe, they burst forth.
Carried forth by angels on wings that soar.

Each Word is nurtured and coddled with care,
With men and angels united so rare.
Spanning Your bridge as from heaven to earth,
Each Word is a jewel, destined with worth.

Let Your will be done on earth as in heaven,
Your grace is sufficient to take out leaven.
To guard and to keep what is absolute Thine

Kept pure and holy even as it's refined.

Please impart us this day our daily bread
Let Your manna fall that we may be fed.
We sup at Your table drinking Your cup,
We lean into You to hear what is up.

Grant us ears to hear and grant eyes to see
That we may partner, uniting with Thee.
As we labor to enter with trust and belief
Grant understanding, providing relief.

We desire to please You with our effort,
God forbid that what we carry might abort.
We are weak at most and ignorant at best
To know how to nurture and guard our own nest.

We wait upon You to train us to defend.
Our backs are together looking out and in.
To protect from marauder's attempt to fear.
And to see the young incubating so near.

Yes birds of a feather do flock together,
Waiting for loved ones whose feet are still tethered.
Given tasks to perform while we are waiting,
While the demonic floods are still abating.

The earth is drying from our time in Your ark,
With anticipation we're waiting to embark.
Not in, but out, Your door of eminent hope,
Promised to the prophets, as seen through their scope.

We'll come out Your door with families intact
Prepared to gather anything we lack.
The slates wiped clean with pure new beginnings,
From disciplined lives, repentant from sinning.

Jesus' blood and grace is more than enough
To keep us from stumbling from rocks too rough.
We hold the hands of the weak and feeble,
Bringing them along making sure they're able.

Bravely taking the journey to our new land,
United, moving on, and making our stand.
What a joy to witness our promised new place
Prosperous and healthy, poured from Your grace.

So as we wait by our nest in Your vast love,
We will rest in Your hope and plan from above.
That our loved ones are incubating, safe and sound
As we declare Your great Words, that they may abound.

Hos 2:14-16 NLT
"But then I will win her back once again. I will lead her out into the desert and speak tenderly to her there. I will return her vineyards to her and transform the Valley of Trouble into a gateway of hope. She

will give herself to me there, as she did long ago when she was young, when I freed her from her captivity in Egypt. "In that coming day," says the LORD, "you will call me 'my husband' instead of 'my master.'

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It Is Not Time To Stuff
Sandy Warner

Nov 26, 2004
It is time for surgery of your soul and to remove the mountains in your life. This is a time when the tares of your soul are coming to fruition. As you try to stuff them, they are becoming openly manifest and this is causing you instability. It is not time to stuff your emotions, but to recognize their sources and yield them to Me.

Don't stuff it, deal with it, and cry out to Me to release you from these things which you have watered your whole life. Resist the impulse to hide and place additional shame between us. Much of what you are facing right now is the exposure of soul giants. They are bad seeds that your parents and grandparents planted and nurtured. Take responsibility for your part, repent, and call out to Me and I will send My angels to perform delicate surgery to gather the tares in your life and take them away forever.

Matt 13:30 NKJV
Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."

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The Bride Awakes
Sandy Warner

Nov 28, 2004

With all that you do and all that you are. Shout with joy as you see the Morning Star. The night is now breaking into dawning of day. My bride is stirring from nightmares gone astray.

Like Joseph's long season among the shadows, was her training and waiting among the gallows. Triumphant she will rise as she prepares herself. After years of waiting and being on the shelf.

He kisses my hand, He kisses my face. The Lover of my soul reveals His great grace. It's me, He wants. Not another, He says. He stirs my heart to passion, giving me His best.

Great longings He evokes in me, a simple folk. So weak and so foolish - resting in His yoke. To be His bride and stand by His side; A marriage of power that can not be denied.

Yet all that matters to me and my soul, is that I am with Him as He makes me whole. The triumph and tragedy of every day life. The tides come and go to wash away strife.

My flesh profits nothing I'm learning fast. His work in my life is all that will last. The ups and downs are hard on my soul. From laughter to tears He makes me whole.

Releasing the snares as I let go of cares. Purging soul giants and uprooting the tares. From a heart that had grown cold with wounds so old, He uncovers the wounds from stories untold.

It's not mind over matter, nor bronze or brains. It's following Jesus, Who is always the same. It's Kingdom living, a life on the edge. It's joy and loving Him, all without dread.

Ps 3:5 KJV
I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the LORD sustained me.

You Are Far More Prepared Than You Think
Clo DiPilato

Dearest Friends in Jesus,
Another long article from me, but I take my liberty in doing this, as I do not write as often as others. Part of the length is due to laying a foundation for what I'm getting to, and so I hope you'll take time to read the whole article, even if takes more than one setting to do it!!

Love in Jesus, Clo

Throughout our Christian experience, it seems we are ever in seasons of preparation for something. Often the preparation process does not require much more activity than a simple willingness to wait on the Lord, and wait for the Lord. Some can do it by giving themselves often to a graceful and quiet repose in His presence, while others feel a need to fill their time of waiting by finding outlets for their pent-up spiritual energy as it releases itself through all sorts of spiritual activity. There is one thing I've learned....when I'm inclined to tell people HOW to do it, I get quickly checked by the Spirit that I'm not to limit His expression in and through His people.

Just as soon as I receive a revelation on how "in quietness and confidence shall be your strength", shortly on the heels of it will come a word to "SHOUT for the Lord has given you the city!!" Either one, or both are absolutely appropriate when they come forth as the "word in season" for a given situation. When either is couched in expressions of finality as the only method through which God can move to the exclusion of the other in your insurmountable problem, beware. Someone is trying to put you in a box, and God does not dwell in a limited atmosphere. For every problem, God has a thousand solutions, and though I am leaving that statement with you, I feel a check because, of course, the number "1000" is far too small!!

When God allowed Himself to be confined to the flesh body of Jesus Christ, when He prepared Himself a body in place of burnt offerings and sacrifices, when all the fullness of the Godhead made the decision to enter the realm of time, and fill up the holy child, Jesus, it was THEN that God Almighty limited Himself in the most ardent expression of love for creation ever realized.

It was then that God "got inside the box" with us. He limited Himself to the sensory realm we all must operate in, but with it He made a way to "think outside the box" (it pains me to use an overworked, faddy expression like that, but it truly fits.) His way is the way of "hearing" and then "working" and "walking" in complete obedience to the Father. He was able to escape the confines of His box, His own personal robe of flesh by operating in obedience to His heavenly Father. You know the scriptures that prove this. They are found in the 5th chapter of the book of John. Jesus had an ear to hear, and then He had a heart to obey, and it released Him from His fleshly limitations in order to work the works of God. He caught the vision of His Heavenly Father, and was able to do that which defied human reasoning.

Now, I want you to put these scriptures on the back burner, and keep them simmering through the rest of this article:

Now, the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she
was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Matthew 1:18

......fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy

Ghost. Matthew 1:20b.

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow
thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the son of God. Luke 1:35

After reading these few scriptures, I have a question that could spark some doctrinal debate, but that's truly not my intention:

Who was Jesus father?? Was it "God the Father", or was it "God the Holy Ghost"? Whom was Jesus listening to when He was in relationship with His heavenly Father to the point that He knew what the Father wanted Him to say or do? My Bible very clearly tells me that it was the Holy Ghost that caused Mary to conceive and be with child. When a man causes a woman to conceive, that man is the father of the child.
The Holy Ghost was Jesus Father!! In other words, Jesus hearing the voice of the Father was actually Jesus hearing the voice of the Spirit!
Beloved, Jesus hearing from His heavenly Father was absolutely NO different than when YOU hear the voice of the Spirit speaking to you!

This revelation is filling me up with greater desire to understand the new birth experience in a way I had not yet perceived. I have been saved and filled with the Holy Ghost (I confess with episodes of 'walking afar off and rebellion' in my teen years) for over 41 years. But something has truly come alive within my spirit as I realize as never before that the physical birth of Jesus Christ IS the very example of my own spiritual renewal, my "born again experience". As Mary was, I am impregnated with royal seed and there is a spiritual travail until Christ truly be formed within me. I have resident within me, a holy being able to hear and respond to a "word from God". I have developing within me, a capacity to be able to hear the voice of My Father, the voice of the Spirit, and then as I obey, I can walk in the same power and authority that Jesus walked.

Jesus, the pattern son, the firstborn among many brethren, IS the "original" Spirit-led Man!! And, through the new birth, we have received dna from the very same gene pool, and resident within that gene pool is the ABILITY to HEAR FROM GOD!! Now, there is an "OLD birth" which is after the fallen order of Adam. That birth causes you to hear and respond to a lower level of life. The first man, Adam, was a "living soul". Oh yes, that "living soul" is very much alive and well. It's the realm of OUR mind, will, and emotions apart from the perfect will of God being worked out in our lives. The last Adam, (Jesus) a quickening spirit. (Ref. 1 Cor. 15:45)

Beloved, if you have received within your being the Spirit of God, if your own human spirit has been touched and renovated by the power of God through the new birth experience, and you're consecrated unto Him, then your life is being ordered so that your soul (mind, will and emotions) are coming under the dominion of the Spirit of God working through your regenerated, revived spirit........that part of you truly created in the image of God. You have the mind of Christ, and you KNOW the mind of Christ!!

Ye HAVE an "unction" from the Holy One, and ye know ALL things. (Ref. 1 John 2:21). When you hear "truth" for the first time, why does it seem like you already know it, even though you never heard that particular revelation before with your natural ears??

It's because that life-giving, quickening spirit, JESUS on the inside of you, truly DOES know it and the fact that you have literally re-entered the fullness of God Almighty by being "raised from the dead" (As in Adam ALL die) by being IN CHRIST so that you are MADE ALIVE, (ref. 1 Cor. 15:22) you are literally planted IN PURPOSE. You have to read 1 Cor. 15 in order to know what "planted in purpose" means. It means that God has His own divine ultimate vision wherein ultimately everything will be restored to Himself. All in the heavens and the earth and under the earth are marching to the eternal beat of the "plan of God" to their final destination that God be ALL in ALL. (1 Cor. 15:28). JESUS, the pattern Son, has arrived FIRST. He is in the process of bringing MANY SONS to glory. That process is called being "changed into His image from glory to glory, **even as by the Spirit of the Lord.** (Ref. 2 Cor. 3:18)

I could write reams from the phrase "**even as by the Spirit of the Lord**". That could mean through a "baptism of fire", or a "furnace of affliction." It could be on the "potter's wheel", or on a "threshing floor". But I wish to stay with the intended purpose of this article, which is to stir up within you the understanding that even as JESUS was led by the Spirit by having a "hearing ear", and that came about through relationship with His heavenly Father, even so we can be in a spiritual communion whereby we know and discern the voice of the Lord that will change us from being LIMITED EARTH BEINGS into God's agents of UNLIMITED DISPENSERS of His lovingkindness, mercy, and grace, healing, delivering, and cleansing power EVEN as Jesus was!!

So often when we speak of becoming more like Jesus, we are referring to our character issues where we don't measure up. And we certainly need to focus on those things. The devil came to Jesus, and could find NOTHING in him. There was no fleshy feast of dust for that snake to feed upon. (Ref. John 14:30) We need to come to that place. We need to come to being changed into His image so that we attain a greater glory whereby the devil can find NOTHING in us to nibble at. But beloved, there are two sides to this coin. We can forever stay in personal deliverance, and cleansing and consecration mode. It's better to be THERE than dull and cold and insensitive in your spirit.

But it's time to move up to a new level. It's time to accept by faith that we can move to yet ANOTHER level of glory, and that level of glory is the one whereby we are exemplifying to the earth not only the character and devotional part of the image of our Lord Jesus Christ, but the power part of His image, too!! It's time to get into ACTIVATION mode!! It's time to walk out the purpose of our devotion and consecration!! Jesus went up to the mountain, and then Jesus came back down from the mountain. Jesus met with His father, and then Jesus ministered to the people.

We often quote the scripture, "Verily, verily I say unto you , The Son can do nothing of himself, but what He seeth the father do.....John 5:19..." to encourage ourselves to walk in a total obedience to the Lord, and thus deny any propensities in the flesh to operate apart from God at the level of our own carnality. For many years, I've viewed this verse of scripture with awe at the Lord's complete submission to His Heavenly Father, and it has ever been my example in how I might become more purely like Him in discipline and devotion. But I forgot to meditate on just exactly WHAT was Jesus seeing and hearing??

This is a scripture where Jesus was literally defending Himself against the persecution of those who had sought to kill him for doing miracles on the Sabbath day. (Ref. John 5:16). He was, in effect, telling them, "I saw My Father telling that poor man, infirmed for 38 years, who had no one to help him into the pool so that he too could be healed by the stirring of the waters, that man who had laid their in his suffering, hoping that someone might carry him to those waters, only to be defeated again and again as another made it to the water ahead of him....I heard my Father tell Him to RISE, TAKE UP THY BED, and WALK. And so that is what I did. I told that man to RISE, TAKE UP THY BED, and WALK. (ref. John 5:1-20)

A loving heavenly Father who created the Sabbath FOR MAN, and not man FOR THE SABBATH, heard the cries of the suffering over and again on the Sabbath, and healing or deliverance was wrought. Go through the gospels and see all the times Jesus got into contention with the Pharisees for healing on the Sabbath day. What is the significance of this? Those who are blind and dull as the Pharisees have no ability to hear or see. But those who are seeing by the eye of the Spirit, and hearing by the ear of the Spirit ARE seeing and hearing!! In a time of REST, in a time of ceasing from our labors and our own works where we truly believe that we can HEAR FROM GOD, even in the very same way Jesus did, **by the Spirit**, we are going to see the power of God at work in this earth!!

Is the Spirit revealing to you the miracle-working power of God? Are you in the process of being changed from a powerless, in-effective Christian to one who works the works of God because you have an eye to see what the Spirit is doing, and an ear to hear what the Spirit is saying? Are you being changed, even as by the Spirit of the Lord? Just what are you seeing your God do? Just what are you hearing Him say?

I feel God elevating my eye sight. I'm seeing HIGHER than all the weaknesses and problems of my own flesh, or YOUR faults and shortcomings. My eyes are being anointed with eye-salve and I'm being enlightened in my understanding, and I'm catching a glimpse of what the riches of the glory of His inheritance IN the saints is!! (Ref. Eph. 1:18)

I feel God circumcising my ear to hear! If I'm going to be like Jesus, if I'm going to be "even as He is in this world", then I have to NOT STRIVE to copy a religious example of separation and piety and monasticism, but rather I'm going to exercise the release of the New Creation Man within that truly DOES hear from God because it's an inherited trait to HEAR FROM GOD because I am created in His Image, and Jesus HEARS from God!! That New Creation Man that took up residence by the Holy Ghost when I became born again, and baptized in water, and filled with His Spirit is the Lord Jesus Christ, and He still recognizes and responds to the voice of the Father!

As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 1 Cor. 15:49

Amen and Amen.
All glory to Jesus!!
And GREAT LOVE, In the Name of the One who loved us, and gave Himself for us,

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You Are Living in the Latter Days

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My dearly beloved people, I would say unto you, indeed you are living in the latter days of time. I am coming soon to gather up My Bride to be with Me in heaven. O, My people, have you searched My words of Scripture to determine what will take place in the latter days and to learn My direction for you during this difficult time?

When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the Lord your God and obey His voice (for the Lord your God is a merciful God) He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them. (Deut.4:30,31)

O, My people, seek My promises which I have made to you, in My Word. My Word is truth and you can utterly rely on every word therein.

But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants, I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. (Acts 2:16-18)

I am pouring out My Spirit in these days as foretold by the prophets of old. Come to Me, come to Me, My people, and be filled with My Spirit. Beloved, you have need of the power of My Spirit to go forth and serve Me in the ministries I have destined for you.

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons. (1 Tim. 4:1)

Yes, My people, in the latter days many will turn away from serving Me and will be led by deceiving spirits back into the things of the world and to following other gods.

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but *denying its power. From such people turn away. (2 Tim. 3:1-5)*

O, My people, does this not describe many in your midst today? Do not get entangled with such as they would turn you away from Me.

Little children it is the last hour, and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which you know that it is the last hour. (1 John 2:18)

O, My children, listen, listen to My words of warning of what is coming upon the world. Seek to find every Scripture pertaining to the latter days and know that they are truth. So many of you are ignoring anything you read or hear that would pertain to events to take place in the latter days.

As you absorb the truths found in Scripture, consider what you can do to meet headlong the tribulations and disasters which have been prophesied to occur at the end of the age. First of all, My people, I am calling you to spend much time in prayer, seeking My direction for your life and I will lead you onto My path. May you say....

You have made known to Me the way of life. You will make me full of joy in Your presence. (Acts 2:28)

O, My people, take heed to My call in these dark and difficult days. Renounce all fear that comes upon you and fearlessly go forth to accomplish My plan and purpose for your lives.

But Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end. (Heb. 3:6)

My children, hold fast to Me and to My Word and you shall go forth in these latter days with My glory upon you and touch the lives of countless people for Me, drawing many unto Me and bringing healing to the multitudes. I am pouring out My healing power in these days as never before and you shall be My hand extended to touch the sick and see them healed in these latter days.

You Are Neither Forsaken Nor Forgotten

Janet Chamberlain

My child I have neither forsaken nor forgotten you. For I made an everlasting covenant with you on that day that I gave up My son to be a sacrifice in your place. Yea, though your circumstances tell you one thing, yet look up and see the One who is risen and seated at the right hand of the Father. Know that in the times of silence I am teaching you faith in Me and to trust that I am present even though you may not feel My presence. I see your heartaches and pains and behold, I am coming as the latter and the former rain to refresh you and give you water from My well. Arise from the dry desert and come to Me for I long to refresh and renew your Spirit. You are neither forsaken nor forgotten, says God.

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You Bunch of Do Nothings

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Matthew 6:33: But **seek ye first** the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
The kingdom of God and HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS need to be sought first...WOW there is revelation we seek HIS kingdom because ours does not "work." We seek HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS...because WE HAVE NONE in ourselves.

Many seek the wrong kingdom. Their focus is on this world, barely extending beyond the end of their own noses. They will never see the kingdom of God with this narrow world-view.

Many seek the wrong "righteousness". Their focus is on what they can do or what they don't do for outward appearance sake and inward self satisfaction. Romans 3:10 says: As it is written, There is **none righteous**, no, not one. **So we can see that self-righteousness sought after and held to keeps them from ever being "righteous" in God's eye. Notice the words of Jesus in Matthew, SEEK YE FIRST...HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. We can do NOTHING apart from Him. Absolutely NOTHING.**

The hardest thing man will ever have to do is GIVE UP, and SEEK GOD. To GROW UP INTO GOD and to GO UP OUT OF HIS CIRCUMSTANCES AND DARKNESS into the KINGDOM OF CHRIST's MARVELLOUS LIGHT. And the reality of it all is MAN CANNOT DO IT. It is only by the FAITH OF GOD that he can "get there."

Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, **I** say unto you, The Son **can do nothing** of himself, but what he seeth the Father **do**: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. John 5:19

So the man seeking first the Kingdom of God does likewise. The man seeking first the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God in Christ does likewise. He acknowledges he can do nothing apart from Christ.

Jesus said: I can of mine own self **do nothing**: as **I** hear, **I** judge: and my judgment is just; **because I seek not mine own will**, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. John 5:30

To seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness is to "seek not one's own will, but the will of the Father..." Jesus said it, and in Christ, so say we the very same thing. Jesus re-enforces it by giving us the assurance of failure outside of Him: I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and **I** in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for **without me ye can do nothing. John 15:5.**

So the ones who seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (the ones who LOVE the Lord with ALL THEIR HEARTS, their souls, their minds and their might) acknowledge freely: I AM A DO NOTHING outside of Christ. All "my" works and righteousnesses are VANITY OF VANITIES under the sun. However, in Christ, all of His works and His righteousness in me is a fruitful field under the SON.

Amen and Amen.

Becky

You Are Equipped
Jeanna Stacks

Tuesday, May 11, 2004
For there are to many distractions in My people's lives. For they can not see Me as clearly as they are to because they are to busy looking over here and they are to busy looking over there. There are many things that have the attention of My people but you say Lord nothing has my attention but You. I say unto you that many things have your attention. Where you walk everyday. What you do everyday. The mind set that you have. The things that you speak. They become distractions to you, they become burdens to you.

I say relax and rest in Me and you shall see the salvation of the Lord but there is a root of fear in many of My people. You say Lord, I don't have fear but I say unto you that you do have fear. You have a spirit about you, that you think that you have to be perfect and if everything isn't perfect in your life, then you think that every thing is a mess and you think that your life is displaced but it is not. I didn't call you to be perfect. I didn't call you because you were perfect. I called you because you are a people that I can use. People that would be willing to lay all of their agendas down and walk with Me.

I hear you say, that you can't but I am telling you that you can. My word says that you can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens you. You have to see who is on the inside of you. You have to see who is leading you. Who is directing you. To do that, you can't be in control. What is wrong with a lot of people in My churches today is they think that if they can't control it and if it doesn't go just the way that they think it are to, then they think that they can't do this but I would say unto you that it is not by might, it is not by power but it is by My Holy Spirit says the Lord God Almighty.

What I am trying to tell you is to quite looking at your failures and start looking at Me the Author and the Finisher of your faith. I am calling, I am choosing and I am picking people right now just like I did with Peter. When I was out in the middle of the water and the disciples were in the boat, only one of them got up and seen the vision of Mine, seen Me, seen the vision that I have. He said Lord if this is really you then command Me to walk out on the water and I will come to you. One person out of all the people in the boat got up and came to Me. I am calling laborers in this day. I am calling harvesters in this day but who is going to set in the seat and who is going to come and go with Me?

For just as I told Isaiah, who can I send and who will go for Me? Any body and everybody can stay in the boat but who will get up and walk on the water. Even when you think that you can't, I am the one that is holding you up. It is not you that is doing the work. It is Me that is doing the work through you if you will rest and relax and let Me do it in you and quite fighting it. You don't have to be burdened because you are not doing the job unto the people but you are doing the job for Me. If you have the mind set now that you can't, you never will. You have to know who is holding you up. You have to know that when I give you a mission or a job I will do it through you if you will let Me.

I love you My people and this is the hour that I am calling the harvesters now to stand up, to be accounted for. Peter was the only one that got out of the boat. Peter was the only one but who did I tell when I arose from the dead to minister? I asked Peter will you go for Me, do you love Me? He said Lord, you know that I do and I told him to feed My sheep, feed My lambs and that is what I am saying to you, do you love Me? Then quite worrying about your failures and quite hearing the spirit of intimidation. Quite walking in your fears and come on and feed My lambs, says the Lord God Almighty. It is not just about you, it is not just about being comfortable in that boat. It is about getting up and walking on the water with Me, so that you can come up higher with Me. For that is what I have placed within you My people.

I love you and I have equipped you, whether you think you are equipped or not. You are equipped.

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Your Greatest Peril

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I show men their sins so that they can repent and turn back to me. It is not my desire that even one of my children should be lost. The greatest thing keeping people from repenting is their pride. It is a naturally humbling experience to repent and turn from your former ways.

My ways lead to Life on a magnitude so abundant that the natural man can not begin to understand it. My very nature is a Life so profound that no human words can even be found to express it.

Man’s ways and my ways are completely different. They are different paths that use different methods and end at different destinations. The things that I create produce more life. The ways of man are static and lead to death.

Man, without the voice of my Spirit to lead him, walks in great darkness. You see that darkness is now gradually engulfing all of mankind step by step. Because the light has been dimmed gradually (so to speak), few have noticed or sounded the alarm. Great darkness is about to engulf the whole earth as the lights are switched out totally.

In this darkness you will see the fires of hell burning. You will see this fire reflected in people’s eyes and expressed in their emotions. Fire, from a variety of sources, will also burn in the natural.

I am raising up a people to fight this fire and stand against this fire. Their weapons will not be carnal, for the things of the Spirit are never carnal, but supernatural. These people – my people – have been in the furnace of affliction. They have felt my supernatural fire as I have worked to burn away the dross in their walk with me, their Loving Creator.

Know that the times ahead are going to be very challenging and difficult. Many who have thought they were mine will fall away when the heat is turned up, for that which has not been purged in the fire will not be able to stand in the fire when it begins to roar and blaze up. [Matt. 24:7-13]

My remnant have given their lives to me and do not consider their own earthly lives sacred above all things. [Rev. 12:9-12] They have been trained for such a time as this.

Never, in the history of man, will there be a time like that which lies just ahead of you, Oh man. In their “cleverness” men have laid snares and traps that will now spring shut. They had hoped with their traps to bring greater power or wealth to themselves. Instead, the makers will be caught in the jaws of these traps they have so carefully devised to entrap others. Many others will be caught in their traps as well and many will die.

I have called and called. I have warned and wooed. Only a very few have responded to these calls. Therefore, Oh man, you will see the fruit of your wickedness and rebellion against me. I offered Life, but you chose death instead.

You have heard the warning rattles of the approaching rattlesnake, but you have not heeded the warning because you are confident that YOU are in control. YOU ARE NOT IN CONTROL! I AM IN CONTROL! I always have been and I always will be, no matter what your eyes or your brain may tell you.

If you do not walk by my Spirit, you are in the greatest possible danger of falling away in the days ahead. You will not be able to get out of the traps you so cleverly devised. It will be as if your leg was caught in a bear trap* or a fly was caught in the web of some giant spider. No matter what you do you will not be able to extricate yourselves!

You can not escape what is headed your way and is even now on your very doorstep knocking. You have no way of keeping the door shut or of keeping this great evil at bay.

I am giving you one last chance to repent. If you refuse me and go you own way, you do so at the risk of a peril so great you can neither conceive nor fathom it.

Daddy

*Isa. 24: 17-18 Fear and the pit and the snare are upon you, O inhabitants of the earth. And it shall come to pass that he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he who comes up out of the midst of the pit shall be caught in the snare; for the fountains from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

Amos 5:16-20 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of hosts: In all the streets there shall be wailing; and in all the broad places they shall say, Alas! Alas! And they shall call the farmers to mourning, and those who are skillful in lamentation to wailing. And in all the vineyards shall be wailing; for I will pass through the midst of you, says the Lord.
Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! To what is it for you? The day of the Lord? For it is a day of darkness and not light.
As when a man fled from a lion and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall and a serpent bit him. Such is the day of the Lord; it is darkness and not light; yea, it is a day of thick darkness and no brightness is in it.

Your God Shall Not Fail You

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The enemy would have you have you sifted as wheat and scattered to the wind , but I have prayed for you that you will endure.

The Lord allows the scattering of His People for purpose. These overwhelming trials and tribulations that you are experiencing are not for your hurt, but to show forth the Glory of the Lord as He delivers you out of the mouth of the lion, out of the fowler’s snare. The Lord loves to prove himself strong to His People.

Psalm 91:3
Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the **fowler**, and from the noisome pestilence.

Psalm 124
[6] Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.
[7] Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.
[8] Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

2 Timothy 2
[25] In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
[26] And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

Do not lose faith and faint. Remain strong for the Lord has prayed for you that you will endure. Lose not the vision that is planted within you**.** ***You have loved Me and done my commandments. Keep your eyes on your Salvation who is the Lord!***

I know that you have felt forgotten by Me. I know that you wonder where is the safety and peace of the Lord. Stand firm, waver not. KNOW that I AM the Lord who delivers you.

Rest in His Love for you. The kind of love that died for you when you were far away from Him. When you deserved punishment, He provided mercy beyond understanding. These tests and trials are to show you that He does love you with a real and practical love. It is not a love that is conditional. It is not a love that is removed. It is a love that delivers, casting out all fear. Know the Love of the Lord, YOUR GOD, and you will never fear the enemy. For you will understand that you are in His Hands. He will never let you go. When you were yet undeserving, He showed forth great compassion and mercy for you. He is bringing you into deeper understanding of His Love. Just believe.
His love is great than your ability to love. His mercy is greater than your mercy. His wisdom is greater than your wisdom. Don’t doubt Him, Trust Him and watch your deliverance arise!

THE SCATTERING

Jeremiah 50:17
Israel is a **scattered** sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.

Ezekiel 34:12
As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are **scattered**; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been **scattered** in the cloudy and dark day.

Acts 8:4
Therefore they that were **scattered** abroad went every where preaching the word.

THE SIFTING

Luke 22
[31] And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:
[32] But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

THE DELIVERANCE

Psalm 18:17
He **delivered** me from my strong enemy, and from them which hated me: for they were too strong for me.

Psalm 34:4
I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and **delivered** me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:19
Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD **delivereth** him out of them all.

LOVE

Romans 8:15
For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

2 Timothy 1:7
For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

1 John 4:18
There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

2 Corinthians 4:9
Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Hebrews 13:5
Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Isaiah 49
[15] Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.
[16] Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.
[17] Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

Isaiah 35:4
Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: **behold**, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

You Have Asked For My Heart

Angel Dahilig

You Have Asked For My Heart - Now I Have Given It To You

"God's house will be full!

I will call them in off the streets, off the corners, from the alleys, out of the schools, and from where ever they will come.

They will NOT walk and talk like you are accustomed to. They may seem "unclean", BUT THIS WILL BE THE HARVEST.

'I HAVE NOT COME TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS!'

Be merciful. Extend grace to those who don't deserve it. Pray for them; bless them; bring them in. I went out among the "unclean". I ate with "sinners". I had compassion upon them. And I healed the sick, cleansed the leper, and cast out demons. You will do the same. But first, you must be willing to learn to love the unlovable. Understand, that they don't have to look like you to be one of my little children, one of my lost sheep. Learn to lay down your life, be willing to be dead to your own expectations, to being right, to striving to "make" them understand, and just love them, with My love, compassionate, merciful, and forgiving. Remember that My love covers over a multitude of sins and offenses.

You have asked for My heart. Now, I have given it to you. Look only to Me, for you cannot bear this burden alone, and only My grace can sustain you.

Hope in Me! I am giving you many children. You will declare, "Here I am and the children that the Lord has given me!" You will be a fruitful branch in My vine, and will have no cause to be ashamed, when you stand before me on That Day. I AM THE LORD."

Matthew 25:35-36
"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in,

I needed clothes and you clothed me,
I was sick and you looked after me,
I was in prison and you came to visit me."

James 1:27 - Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Matthew 9:13. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Matthew 20:25-28 25. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. 26. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; 27. And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: 28. Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Galatians 6:9. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

1 Peter 4:7-9 7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear minded and self controlled so that you can pray. 8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 9 Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.

Love in Christ, Angel Dahilig

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Food for thought: "He who handleth a matter wisely shall find good; and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he. (Proverbs 16:20)"

You Have Sown The Wind

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You Have Sown The Wind And Now You Will Reap The Whirlwind

Hosea 8:7 FOR THEY SOWN THE WIND, AND THEY SHALL REAP THE WHIRLWIND; the bud shall yield no meal: if so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up.

Isaiah 66:15 For, behold, the LORD WILL COME WITH FIRE, AND WITH HIS CHARIOTS LIKE A WHIRLWIND, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

Jeremiah 30:23 BEHOLD, THE WHIRLWIND OF THE LORD GOETH FORTH WITH FURY, A CONTINUING WHIRLWIND: IT SHALL FALL WITH PAIN UPON THE HEAD OF THE WICKED.

Nahum 1:3 The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD HATH HIS WAY IN THE WHIRLWIND.

Those of My children who have sown to the wind will now reap the whirlwind. Long have I chastised them but they did not repent of their ways or of their error of putting self above Me; self-love and self-fulfilling ways, above the way of death of the Cross so that they may walk in resurrection life. This has become a stench in My nostrils; a continuous vile stench of their abominations is before Me. I have been full of grace and slow to anger, but the day now fast approaches when all their false supports and erroneous ways will be swept away as a whirlwind blows through the very inward part of them. This whirlwind will blow away the chaff and dismantle ungodly fortresses they have built around themselves so that they have an appearance of godliness, but I know them not!

I have warned and warned through My prophets, through My messengers of flame and of fire, through My watchman that stood upon the wall and from their position in Me they could see what manner of perversity, unjust judgment and unclean desires these so called children of Mine were walking in, yet they received not the words of My prophets, neither the words of My watchman, now see if this thing does not come to pass.

All day long I have stretched out My hands to a rebellious people and they hear Me not. They ran from My promptings with much works and strivings and never sat still long enough to really hear My still, small voice, but now that still small voice will become thunderous as the winds roar about their ears and through them.

This is a new season; that which I once allowed in pity and compassion for you, I will allow no more. No more duality, no more double mindedness, you are either with Me or against Me. I will no longer allow the mingling of the precious with the vile, the unholy with the holy, profane speaking and perverse actions born from out of your un-regenerated soul and mind. Enough is enough saith the Most High God, you have made the heart of the righteous sad who I have not made sad and have tried to pervert their upright ways before Me with your gospel, and not Mine. My gospel is death to self for no good thing resides in you save that which is of Me!

How long have you mixed that which is of the Spirit with that which is of the flesh, how long have you striven in your ungodly ways to prove to others you are someone to be noted. It is not you have to be noted but MY SON IS TO BE HIGH AND LIFTED UP SO THAT I MAY DRAW ALL MEN UNTO ME.

Dan 5:25 And this *is* the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN.
26 This *is* the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. 27 TEKEL; THOU ART WEIGHED IN THE BALANCES, AND ART FOUND WANTING.

In your perverse, mingled ways, you have plundered the soul and the spirit of My righteous ones and you have not received correction. Am I not a God of justice? I have thus far given rain to the righteous and the unrighteous, but now you will see a change. Your eyes will see My favor come upon My righteous and you will writhe with the agony of realizing that the very ones you counted as one of no repute, of no importance, being sustained and given honor in the times that are coming upon the face of the earth.

Isa 65:12 Therefore will I number you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: BECAUSE WHEN I CALLED, YE DID NOT ANSWER; WHEN I SPAKE, YE DID NOT HEAR; BUT DID EVIL BEFORE MINE EYES, AND DID CHOOSE *THAT* WHEREIN I DELIGHTED NOT. 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, BEHOLD, MY SERVANTS SHALL EAT, BUT YE SHALL BE HUNGRY: BEHOLD, MY SERVANTS SHALL DRINK, BUT YE SHALL BE THIRSTY: BEHOLD MY SERVANTS SHALL REJOICE, BUT YE SHALL BE ASHAMED: 14 BEHOLD MY SERVANTS SHALL SING FOR JOY OF HEART, BUT YE SHALL CRY FOR SORROW OF HEART, AND SHALL HOWL FOR VEXATION OF SPIRIT. 15 AND YE LEAVE YOUR NAME FOR A CURSE UNTO MY CHOSEN: for the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name: 16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes. 17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

When you have made an end of plundering, you will be plundered for am I not a God of justice? What you have sown you will now reap! It will be by My hand, for those you have oppressed and belittled with your ways, and not by their hand; for I know their hearts in that that they have forgiven and released you. I will recompense your works unto your bosom.

Isa 33:1 Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou *wast* not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; *and* when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee

There is still a little window of time, and I did say a LITTLE window of time for you to repent and seek My face earnestly. Lay aside your own agendas and come to Me as a little child. It may be then that I will hear you and heal you and remove all that ails your soul. Repent therefore before My voice comes to you in thunderings and lightnings and I send a whirlwind to winnow the chaff from your soul. Oh foolish and perverse generation, will I strive with man forever, will I forever suffer the stench in My nostrils? If you bend the knee and submit to the whirlwind you can still reap resurrected life. The whirlwind comes to blow away that which is not of Me. Bend the head in submission to Me and seek Me in a day while I may yet be found. Do this quickly for I am already separating the wheat from the tares, the sheep from the goats, and those found wanting will be cast into the fire along with their unprofitable works.

Isa 29:5 Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, AND THE MULTITUDE OF THE TERRIBLE ONES SHALL BE AS CHAFF THAT PASSETH AWAY: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly. 6 THOU SHALT BE VISITED OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WITH THUNDER, AND WITH EARTHQUAKE, AND A GREAT NOISE, WITH STORM AND TEMPEST, AND THE FLAME OF DEVOURING FIRE. 7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, EVEN ALL THAT FIGHT AGAINST HER AND HER MUNITON, AND THAT DISTRESS HER, SHALL BE AS A DREAM OF A NIGHT VISION. 8 It shall even be as when an hungry *man* dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, *he is* faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, THAT FIGHT AGAINST ZION 9 Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. 10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. 11 AND THE VISION OF ALL IS BECOME UNTO YOU AS THE WORDS OF A BOOK THAT IS SEALED, which *men* deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it *is* sealed: 12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. 13 Wherefore the Lord said, FORASMUCH AS THIS PEOPLE DRAW NEAR ME WITH THEIR MOUTH, AND WITH THEIR LIPS DO HONOUR ME, BUT HAVE REMOVED THEIR HEART FAR FROM ME, AND THEIR FEAR TOWARD ME IS TAUGHT BY THE PRECEPT OF MEN: 14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, *even* a marvellous work and a wonder: FOR THE WISDOM OF THEIR WISE MEN SHALL PERISH, AND THE UNDER-STANDING OF THEIR PRUDENT MEN SHALL BE HID 15 WOE UNTO THEM THAT SEEK DEEP TO HIDE THEIR COUNSEL FROM THE LORD, AND THEIR WORKS ARE IN THE DARK, AND THEY SAY, WHO SEETH US? AND WHO KNOWETH US? 16 SURELY YOUR TURNING OF THINGS UPSIDE DOWN shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding? 17 *IS* IT NOT YET A VERY LITTLE WHILE, AND LEBANON SHALL BE TURNED INTO A FRUITFUL FIELD, AND THE FRUITFUL FIELD SHALL BE ESTEEMED AS A FOREST? 18 AND IN THAT DAY SHALL THE DEAF HEAR THE WORDS OF THE BOOK, AND THE EYES OF THE BLIND SHALL SEE OUT OF OBSCURITY, AND OUT OF DARKNESS.19 THE MEEK ALSO SHALL INCREASE *THEIR* JOY IN THE *LORD*, AND THE POOR AMONG MEN SHALL REJOICE IN THE HOLY ONE OF ISREAL. 20 FOR THE TERRIBLE ONE IS BROUGHT TO NOUGHT, AND THE SCORNER IS CONSUMED, AND ALL THAT WATCH FOR INIQUITY ARE CUT OFF: 21 THAT MAKE A MAN AN OFFENDER FOR A WORD, AND LAY A SNARE FOR HIM THAT REPROVETH IN THE GATE, AND TURN ASIDE THE JUST FOR A THING OF NOUGHT. 22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, JACOB SHALL NOT NOW BE ASHAMED, NEITHER SHALL HIS FACE NOW WAX PALE. 23 BUT WHEN HE SEETH HIS CHILDREN, THE WORK OF MINE HANDS, IN THE MIDST OF HIM, THEY SHALL SANCTIFY MY NAME, AND SANCTIFY THE HOLY ONE OF JACOB, AND SHALL FEAR THE GOD OF ISREAL. 24 THEY ALSO THAT ERRED IN SPIRIT SHALL COME TO UNDERSTANDING, AND THEY THAT MURMERED SHALL LEARN DOCTRINE.

I, the Lord of hosts, have spoken and that which I have spoken will come to pass.
THE FATHER

Your Ministries for the End of the Age

Dorothea Montague

O, My beloved people, I am doing a powerful work in your hearts to bring you into the place in Me where I desire that you be. Many times I have brought you into times of a new beginning with Me but, I tell you, My precious ones, I have long been preparing you for this time in the history of the world and My plans for each of you which shall be a powerful new walk with Me, such as you have never known.

I have convicted you of all sin in your hearts and through confession of your sins you have received My forgiveness.

I have created within you a burning desire to study and to know My Word, so that you be able to lead many unto Me.

I have brought you into an understanding of the truth of the Scriptures regarding My healing power and you have come to believe in my power and anointing which I have given you to pray for the sick and see miracles of healing.

I have instilled within you, My beloved, such faith as you have never known....faith to believe that wonders and miracles shall be manifested through you as you pray.

...for assuredly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you. (Matt. 17:20)

With faith speak to the mountains in your life and witness them move out of your life.

I am teaching you those things you need to know about end time events and how to be prepared to meet them headlong. As you absorb all of these things into your minds and hearts you will know that I am providing all things that you will need to go forth into the darkness of the world and draw people into My light so that they will come to know Me as their Savior and Lord.

I am enduing you with My power and anointing to manifest My signs and wonders and miracles as you pray with many people.

God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and Gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will. (Heb.2:4)

I am teaching you about the Holy Spirit baptism and the manifestation of the Gifts of the Spirit....

Now there are diversities of gifts but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the same Spirit, to another prophecy, to another *discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. (1 Cor. 12:4-11)*

I call you, My people, to diligently seek the infilling of the Holy Spirit and be prepared to manifest the Gifts of the Spirit which I shall give you, each one available to you as you have need of them. The future shall be a time fraught with troubles and trials, and much tribulation shall come upon you, but as you allow me to minister the Gifts through you, you will rejoice at the evidence of wonders and miracles which shall follow you.

I tell you, My beloved, you shall experience My glory descending upon you which will touch all with whom you pray. Go forth, My children, in the ministries which I have chosen for you and see what I shall do to you and through you.

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My beloved people....

Indeed you are beloved in My sight. I cherish each of you in My heart. My desire is that you come to a new beginning in your walk with Me. My desire is that you listen carefully to My words of direction for each of you which will bring you onto the new path which I shall stretch before you.

O, My children, the storm clouds are gathering in the sky, strong winds are beginning to blow and soon a full scale storm shall erupt, which shall be felt throughout the entire world. Out of the storm shall come much destruction for there shall be wars and famine and pestilences and earthquakes as foretold by the prophets of old. Many of you are of the belief, "It won't come near me" but, I tell you, My children, these disasters shall occur in every part of the world. Even you who have known much affluence shall encounter these tribulations.

You have a choice, My beloved, to either go your merry way, uncaring about My words of warning or you can receive all the words of direction I shall give you and put them into being in your lives. Above all, you need to be in remembrance that I have all things under control, on earth and in heaven and that My plan for My people shall be accomplished, even in the midst of times of disaster.

O, My children, you can either choose to seek My direction on how to prepare to meet the storms headlong or you can ignore the approaching storm clouds and bring future suffering upon yourselves.

I love you, My people, and I yearn to provide protection for you but I require that you be willing to follow

My direction for you. Begin to record the names of those around you who are poor in this world's goods, those who are elderly and sick in body and cannot make preparation on their own and begin to gather food and clothing for the time when they shall be in need. Gather together with other Christians in your midst and share the guidance which I have given to each of you. Some of you will prefer to prepare on your own and others will choose involvement in a group effort in making preparation..

I urge you, My children, not to procrastinate in your efforts to prepare. The clouds are about to break into great storms and you could find yourselves too late in following My directions. Sources of food could be emptied overnight and you would not know where to turn.

Again, I tell you, My beloved, seek My precious promises, found in My Word....

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy, to deliver their souls in death, and to keep them alive in famine. (Psalm 33:8,9)

My promises are true and even to those of My people who choose not to prepare I shall surely keep you alive in famine and safe from pestilences and protect you in the midst of wars, even as I shall do for those who are obedient to My direction.

I am calling you, My precious ones, calling you to sit at My feet to receive the direction I have for each of you and then to go and do.

I am calling you, My children, to speak My salvation to all who cross your path. I am coming soon and then it shall be forever too late to reach them for Me.

I am calling you, My people, to walk in the healing anointing I have given you, to pray for all whom you meet, with disease and infirmity in their bodies and see My hand of healing touch them.

I am calling you, My beloved, to be in obedience to all I have spoken to you and to prepare in the spiritual realm and in the physical realm to go through the storms with Me.

You Must Look Beyond What You Can See

Susan Cummings

You must look beyond what you can see. There is no answer for you among men. You must take your eyes off of your desires and begin to focus upon Me.

Your struggle comes from relying upon your previous relationship with Me, and your idea of how I used to lead you and work through you. That has all changed. I told you that I was bringing you forth into the new.

I showed you that I have come in a new way and I am here to stay. You must know that it will involve you letting go of the old relationship with Me, and re-learning of Me all over again. Why? Because I am always moving forwards and never remain the same in My dealings with earth and men.

You have camped long enough. If you continue to try and work out your solutions by what you see, and what you know, and what worked before, then you will fail miserably, and will be overcome by the struggle and will deny that you even heard My Voice and knew My hand was in it. You even now doubt your relationship with Me. You must look beyond what you can see.

All that I have spoken to you, and shown you, has indeed begun. But you have allowed yourself to begin to walk it out with the old ways and ideas. Let it go! Do not look back anymore! You must press forth and break out from your mold and safety. You will not be safe in your thinking, but must abandon your ideas to Mine. If you do not, you will lose all that you have birthed forth. You will abort the destiny that I have brought you into.

I am killing off everything that you have trusted, relied upon as true, looked to for support, and knew as a foundation. There will be no other support system between Me and you. Either I am everything or I am nothing to you from now on.

All must die, and be put upon the altar, and given totally to me, then you must absolutely trust Me to work out your Life, MY WAY.

It will not be like you think. It will be as I have ordained for you.

It will not be when you think. It will be in My timing for you.

It will not be how you expect it to happen. It will be My Choice for you.

It will not be a crutch to you, for you will not be able to lay hold of it and put your faith into it's workings. For I AM your GOD, not the works I bring forth!

I AM fully able to provide for you, lead you, and teach you. I have done it since you were created, and I will continue till you come home to Me. So, stop taking My Portion, and start walking in yours!

Begin to see through eyes that are set apart unto Me, and trust Me. Let nothing come between Me and you, and jealously guard your heart. Look higher, unto Me, and don't go your own way, but remain at My Feet, and you will see what I have now begun…

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Your Brother Will Rise Again

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Jesus reveals here yet another aspect of being God the Creator and the Giver of Life. Jesus says to them that He is the resurrection and the life. He goes on that he who believes in Him shall live even though he dies and those who live will never die. When Martha said she believed what He said He called Lazarus, who had been dead four days, forth. Lazarus came forth in fullness of life.

The eyes of the witness again saw that Jesus was in fact God.

John 11:23-26 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."
24 Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."
25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" NIV
John 11:27 27 "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." NIV

John 11:38-40 38 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. 39 "Take away the stone," he said.

"But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

40 Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" NIV

John 11:41-44 41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" 44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. NIV

Today there have been reports in third world countries of the dead being raised. An everyday application gives us quickening to bodies that have been operated on, are ill, etc. Often, because we believe, we heal much more rapidly than normal from ordinary medical treatment. In nations where there is very little medicine to provide care, we find tumors shrinking to nothing to bring people to Jesus. God gave us the sophisticated medicine we have in this country; however, we must rely on Him for it to be used properly in our situation.

Not long ago I had a 51 lb pelvic mass removed. My body was week and emaciated. I had to trust God to strengthen me and prepare the mass so that the surgery would be smooth and I would survive. The mass was cystic at the time of the surgery, but its very thin wall could have ruptured at any time and didn't. Without His divine hand and without using the physician He had chosen, I would not have survived.

In His Abundant Love,
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Year of Release

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2005 would be a year of release. So many prophets would be released to fulfill their calling. Many doors would be opened. There would be a mighty awakening and a mighty release of the Spirit of the Lord.

In a closed visions I saw many birds and the Lord told me that in 2005 the prophets would be released. Many prophets would go to the four corners of the earth with the gospel and there would be great harvest.

God also told me that whatever I have begun to do and has not been completed would be completed in 2005. I believe it would be a time of fulfillment of visions and dreams. A time of fulfillment it would be.

I believe we are in an era of change, fulfillment and harvest. Technological breakthroughs would continue because God would release great wisdom in 2005. As the wisdom of God is poured down from Heaven men’s eyes would be opened to behold his mysteries. It would be a season of change. A season of harvest but already we are in a new era. The light has indeed dawned upon men. Welcome to an era of complete and total revolution. What a release from the throne room of God.

You Are My Children

Vincent Xavier

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How can I express my love to you child? How can I show you how much I love you? Though you have not felt and you have not seen, I want you to KNOW that I love you in the deepest recesses of my being. I am the creator of the ends of the earth and I have created the universes! I have stretched out the heavens and all of these reveal my glory. I have made man in my image and I have formed him into my likeness. Yes I am the CREATOR of all things. Yet I have those who are closer to my heart than others. My sons and daughters you are dear to me. You are at the center of my love. I have brought you into a relationship that transcends all other experiences in life. I am not only your GOD, but I am your Father.

As your Father I have an affection for you that is beyond my love for the whole race of man. You have entered into this covenant relationship through my only Begotten Son, Jesus. I have given ONE SON in order to receive MANY SONS. You are my sons and I love you just as I love my Son Jesus. You are one with Him and you are one with me. Yet you have not known or understood this depth of my love. The religions of the world who call me God are stuck behind the veil of their humanity. They cannot see through the veil of their flesh because they have not had the wonder working power of my grace to remove and cleanse away the sinful nature. They have rejected my purpose in my Son and have come to me with their own righteousness, a righteousness I will never receive. Their gifts mean nothing to me for they have not received my gift. As they have rejected my gift so have I rejected theirs.

Oh I understand their hearts but I know that what is in the heart of MAN is deceitfully wicked. Only my cleansing grace can erase the veil. Only My amazing love can remove the veil of humanity, the human nature that has been corrupt because of Sin. But I have taken the sin of the world away in my blood! I have cleansed forever all unrighteousness from my Children. Now my Children who have been brought into my house can come to me without reproach or shame, without self-effort or self-righteousness.

Yes, I am your God but more than this I Am your Father! Understand today my Fatherhood in your life. Understand that you are my sons and daughters and because you are, you are heirs! You are inheritors of all that I have made and created. This is why I have said that eye has not seen nor ear heard what the Lord has prepared for those who love him. Yet I have revealed these things to you in a measure and I want you to embrace the promises I have made. I am in covenant with you my Child! I love you more than your natural mind will ever know.

Yet I will open your mind and stimulate that which has been dormant and I will open your spiritual eyes to the truth and the depth of My love. This is why during these difficult and dark days you need not fear. For I am with you always even to the end of the world. I will and I have never forsaken you no not even in the midst of your most fiery trial. I have been with you, not just the angels, not just overseers for your good, but I, the Almighty God have been with you, your FATHER! I have walked with you. I have been with you. You have only seen and known me as a God FAR OFF, but I am near! I am so near that I am even in your breath! I am not bound to a seat in the heavens! I am not stuck! My presence in your life is a mystery only until the final unveiling.

But understand that the unveiling is within you. For I dwell in you my child. My throne is your heart. My seat of authority and power is IN YOU! Receive more and more of my sacrifice! Receive more and more of my finished work. Partake of my blood and my flesh. Drink deep and eat to the full. Fill yourself with my life, my death, my burial and my resurrection. Have I not said that you are living in the THIRD DAY, the DAY of resurrection power? Have I not said that you shall be raised up into new heights? What is the final act of my destiny concerning earthly things? My ascension! I have ascended and you too have ascended with me. As you eat more and more of my being and partake of my flesh and blood you shall not only be raised up from the prisons of despair but you shall ascend in your spirit to my right hand! You shall sit as kings and priests! You shall sit as sons within the Kingdom.

Even now these things are true but you must come to maturity! How? By eating and drinking of my being. EAT MY FLESH! DRINK MY BLOOD! Are these not the days of the PASSOVER? Is it not the season called MARCH? Yes it is at this time during the month of MARCH that the dynamic of my Kingdom shall manifest in the earth. A great outpouring of My Spirit is to come and fill the house with the Glory. A great deliverance from the power of sin and death shall be broken and my people will come forth in freedom and liberty. Truly old things shall pass away and all things shall become new!

EAT CHILDREN! Eat of my sacrifice. I have prepared it from the foundations of the world and I have invited you to come and dine. Open your heart to me this day and I will come in and sup with you! A GREAT AWAKENING shall be witnessed in the earth during the month of MARCH AND APRIL. For this is the FIRST MONTH of my new year and I shall do great things. I have promised and I will confirm it! I LOVE YOU MY CHILD, I LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART. I beckon to you this day to come! Come unto me and I will give you rest! Come unto me and I will fill your cup. Come unto me and I will give you LIFE! Know this day that you are the children of the resurrection and you are children of the ascension. Truly you shall ascend into glorious heights as you come!

You Ran Well

Maria Magruder

You Ran Well: No More Hindrances!

By Maria Magruder

“You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. A little leaven leavens the whole lump. “

“I have confidence in you, in the Lord that you will have no other mind; but he who troubles you shall bear his judgment whoever he is.” Gal. 5:7-10

Hindrance-Greek-à means to “beat back”

My people have ran well, they have ran hard, they have ran the race set before them, and yet they have hit hindrances in the spirit. These hindrances are not from Me, these are hindrances have been your enemy, no matter how subtle they may have seemed. Some hindrances have not been so subtle as it has been for many of you, that you have reached a certain level and have been able to go no further. It has been as if you have banged your head against a brick wall over and over again and when you finally break thru just a small hole in the wall, a big wrecking ball comes down and “*beats you back*”, and sends you backwards. These enemies of delay, hindrance, lack, debt, sickness will not beat back My people anymore, for I call forth judgment on your enemies, no matter who they are. The judgment has been released this day, says the Lord. And from this day forward do not let your enemies persuade you anymore. Do not let them persuade you that your destiny, calling and harvest is null and void, nor let them persuade you that it is far off. For your purpose, destiny and harvest, I assure you is not far off.

John 4:35, 38 “Do you not say, There are still four months and then comes the harvest? Behold I say to you life up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”

Vs 38 “I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labors.”

My people will no longer say there are still four months till harvest time, they will no longer say “someday” my breakthrough will come, they will no longer say, someday the word of the Lord will come to pass, they will no longer say someday I’ll be healed, for the hindrances that have bound My people are broken and judged, and I tell you your harvest is upon you, for you are in due season. Yes, due season is upon you My children, for I am exalting above your enemies this day. Look up, for it’s your appointed time of visitation, it’s your appointed time to step into the destiny I have called you to since before I established the foundations of the earth. For I am NOW sending you to reap where you have not labored or sown, for this is the time the plowman shall overtake the reaper.(Amos 9:13-15)

You have entered into a new time of harvest like the Church has never seen before, and it is NOT four months and then harvest, the time is NOW!

Duet 6:10-11 So it shall be, when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and beautiful cities which you did not build, houses full of all good things, which you did not fill, dug out wells which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant…"

Real Estate NOW RELEASED

My people are entering into a due season, due season of receiving houses that you have not built. Real estate is released NOW over to My people, My Church. Lands will be given to you, lands full of plenty, and lands already pre-pared, and cultivated. Lands and houses, lands and houses, large lands and large and beautiful houses, you will see and receive titles to lands and houses-that seem impossible in the natural to you, but it will happen, and I swear it to be so. I will even fill your lands and houses with everything needed to sustain those properties-I am taking back the land and all that has been *beat back* from My people. My people will be a testimony to the world of My goodness, for I will give you above all you could think or imagine.

Businesses NOW RELEASED.

I will give you business' that you did not labor for, that someone else has spent years building up cliental and will just decide to give to people doing the work of My Kingdom. Businesses of millions of dollars, multi-millions, and billions will be given over to My people and My Kingdom.

DIVINE IDEAS RELEASED

I will give you wells of wealth that you never labored for and have not even conceived that you could own. They are wells that will continue to pour out wealth and provision with un-limited resource. Divine ideas that have set in your minds and spirits will now manifest. You did not know in the past how to make those divine ideas come to pass, but I now bestow upon you the wisdom, anointing and My ability upon you, and in a split second you will know with confidence how to begin to bring together the divine ideas that I had given you many years ago. It will just come to you over night in your sleep, as you are resting and not laboring, and millions and billions will come into My Kingdom.

LARGE & BEAUTIFUL CITIES

And I am giving My people, My Church large and beautiful cities, where they will own the property, they will own the businesses, they will be the wealthy that I have called them to be, and they will be the sign that will cause the world to "wonder" of all this increase that I am bestowing and there will be many that will come to Me because of My goodness, for it is My kindness that leads them to repentance. My goodness is un-limited!!!! For there are targeted cities that I have place My eye on, and there will be great transformation as the world has never seen. These are cities I have set aside for My people.

"…when the Lord your God brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers…"

Swear in the Hebrew means "number 7, as the sacred full One, complete, seven times, declaring, declaration, cause to happen, make to happen"

I have sworn the inheritance to My people, and My word will not return void, and I will make it happen in your life, I will cause this inheritance that you will not labor for to happen in your life, and I swear it seven times complete!

Haggai 2:19 "Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit. BUT FROM THIS DAY I WILL BLESS YOU."

My people, you may have not seen your harvest yet, or the fruit of your seed come back to you, but I tell you, it is THIS DAY, that I will bless you. Look up to Me, don't look to your labors or your works, but let everything be done by My anointing and My Spirit, for I desire for THIS DAY to bring to pass all that I have spoken to you. The hindrances will no longer beat you back, I declare it and I swear it. The enemy will be judged and hand over to you all that he has held back, and return it with interest.

You have ran well, now rest in Me, and watch and see what I will do for you. I love My people!!!!

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You Will Break Out

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A Prophetic Word For You

“Have I not said to you that this will be a year that you will break out of that which wearied you. This will be a year that you will begin to compete with the horses and run the race with new strength. I will give you strategies to overthrow the enemy that has surrounded you.

These will be new strategies. You will have insight that you have never had before. Be still and receive revelation from Me. I am beginning to accelerate events and relationships around you. The enemy would love for you to remain with your feet deep within the mire that has stopped you from moving forward. The enemy would love for you to remain eating from the pig trough instead of sitting at Father’s table. However, I am calling you to leave that place of lack and enter into a banquet mentality.

I am calling you to shake the mud of the past from your feet and allow Me to cause you to rise up in a new way. I am causing your feet to be liberated. I’m causing you to be able to run in a new way, for even in this coming week there will be an acceleration; there will be a turn. You will begin to see the finish line of the race that you have been in.

Finish that race! But do not remove yourself from the competition. Take a deep breath and get ready to run again. This is a time where you need to breathe, receive and move forward quickly. Receive My Spirit and My breath. Allow Me to refresh you. Let the Holy Spirit manifest in you in a new way. Allow His gifts to be activated in a new way to give you new insight to run.

Allow Me to remove things from your path. Do not stop running because you see obstacles you do not believe you can hurdle. Those hurdles will be removed if you keep moving. I am ready to do a new thing.

Let go of your past this week! Let go of your past this week! Let go of your past this week! Do not look back but look forward to the next race and assignment. Even though you feel weary, I will burst forth within you and you will accelerate into the suddenlies I have prepared for you.

Accelerate past the strategy of death that the enemy has put on your path. Do not allow the enemy to convince you that you cannot reach the finish line and run again. Break past and into that which is forming new and fresh for you.

Watch the heavens shift and new windows or portals form over you. These portals will pour grace and strength from heaven for what is ahead. Declare the heavens above you to shift, so you are connected in the Throne Room in a new way.

Be not deceived. The enemy will attempt to counterfeit the ‘real’ that is forming before you. Worship in Spirit and in truth and you will discern fully the right door to go through. I am releasing a new measure of discernment.

Be willing to step out into a new place of faith and watch me turn water into wine. Some of you will even rise above your circumstance and walk out on water, and instead of sinking you will remain buoyant because of a new faith level that is beginning to work in you.

Even though much confusion is around you and you do not seem to see clearly the enemy's plan or even the finish line that I have set before you from the beginning of this adventure and season, keep moving and I will see to it that you go past the confusion.

The enemy would love to remove you from the wall. Find your place on the wall new and fresh. Review your assignment. Don't be afraid to get on the edge. For though you feel like you are falling over, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Watch your new doors forming. Do not attempt to go back for you have attained a level of victory that you are not fully aware of. I have formed a beach head from your obedience so do not go backwards and be captured in an old season by the enemy.

Rise up! The higher you rise the farther the horizon line will be extended for your future. This will give you a new measure and sphere of authority. Your boundaries are changing for your future. I am giving you a new scope to pinpoint the way the enemy will move.

Do not fear the movement of your enemy for you will see him in ways you have never seen him before. Remember, one small Word will fell him. Come up! Draw near to Me for I have a new seat of authority I have formed for you. Come up and receive your new mantle for this next season. Come up. I am waiting for you. Come up and receive the strength to move forward."

I hope this word encourages you. Even though you perhaps are in a time of transition, you can move from one phase of transition into the next phase. This is similar to moving from a place of shutting doors into one where the new doors are forming on your behalf. Let me remind you that transition has three phases:

1. Loss or death. In order to go through transition, we must die to the old. If we have fear of death, we cannot submit to God in transition. Fear of death will capture our emotions unless we let the perfect love of God remove this fear. We must learn to walk through death with the fragrance of life on us.

2. Confusion. When new revelation comes into your environment, it becomes confused. You must be covered and connected or Satan will try to do you in. It will seem like a whirlwind. You can speak a word which will keep you from being sucked in. When we get into a place where we do not know what to do, God will bring us to a place of communion which tests our faith so He can reveal Himself to us in a new way.

3. Crossing Over or Entering into the New Place. God has a garden for each of us to cultivate and fill with the glory of God. He will increase our boundaries as they fill with the glory of God.

Blessings,

Chuck D. Pierce

You Will Have The Light With You

Helen Pollack

You Will Have the Light Just A Little While Longer

Jesus taught the great mystery of death and resurrection. The picture of the seed falling to the ground and dying only to rise and become many seeds revealed what He would do as the one seed. The primary issue here was that the earthly dies and the spiritual lives. All things past, present and future were crucified on the cross. Yet, Jesus lived again, rising again from death. Death was swallowed up and defeated at the cross for all time. Paul described it in another way:

1 Cor 15:45-49 "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. 46 The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. 47 The first man was of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven. 48 As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the man from heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. 49 And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. NIV

This is the transformation of our being of which Jesus spoke. The price was to follow Him and serve Him. The word, "follow" in this context, means to accompany Him. The word, " serve" in this context, means to await or tend Him. The disciples accompanying Him everywhere that He went, is a physical picture of our walk with Him.

John 12:20-22 20 Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast. 21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. "Sir," they said, "we would like to see Jesus." 22 Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. NIV

John 12:23-26 23 Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. 25 The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. NIV

In order to follow and attend Him daily, we must give up the life that we have planned, that we believe should be, that has been spoken over us by others, etc. If we follow Him one step at a time, as He has said, we will be where we are suppose to be when we are suppose to be. We don't have to figure out how to get there. The disciples did not have to figure it out when they walked with Him. When they walked with His Spirit they followed Him wherever He led.

John 12:27-28 27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!" NIV

John 12:28-29 Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again." 29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. NIV

John 12:30-33 30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine. 31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. 32 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." 33 He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die. NIV

All things were brought to the cross and judged on that day when Jesus was crucified. All things of this earth and the spirit realm were judged, past, present and future. The end of the current earth as we know it came to the cross where everything met and was placed on the Son of Man. Death was killed by the Son of God and Satan's defeat was complete.

Today, we are walking in a victory that has already been won. Each one of us, following Jesus, will complete the journey of victory unto eternal life. Jesus said that He was the way the truth and the life. By abiding in Him we walk in His light and His eternal life.

John 12:34 34 The crowd spoke up, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ will remain forever, so how can you say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this 'Son of Man'?" NIV

John 12:35-36 35 Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. 36 Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them. NIV

Jesus spoke of Himself as the light that they would have just a little longer. Only by trusting in Him are we able to become sons of light with the capacity to receive spiritual light. After He left the earth, the spiritual light was sent to lead us. We have to be given the capacity to receive it by trusting in Jesus. Spiritual things and eternal life cannot be obtained by our own effort or our own way. We must walk and attend and follow the eternal one who is eternal life in order to attain it. The gift of understanding the truths that are God's alone come only from God. Those that have it are His Sons of Light.

In His Abundant Love,

Helen

Zambia

Robert Holmes

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Coming in to Zambia for the first time, Jesus spoke to me about the life of Moses. Deuteronomy chapter 34:7 says that Moses lived 120 years. His life falls neatly into three, forty year segments:

- 40 years with Pharaoh in Egypt
- 40 years with Jethro in Midian
- 40 years with the Lord in Sinai

These three phases represent phases in the life of the nation of Zambia.

The first forty years were a time of great wealth and prosperity for Moses, but also a time of great suffering and slavery for his people. This time period relates to the years Zambia was under English rule. She became very rich and prosperous [having more money in the bank than England], but her people were enslaved.

The second forty years were a time of stripping away. Moses lost his great wealth and served Jethro as a humble shepherd. He dwelt with the Midianites (who were not his true people). This time period relates to the years of Zambian independence, when she lost her savings. But the people were free. The Zambian people were still finding themselves. Next month they celebrate forty years of independence.

In the last forty years of the life of Moses, Israel came out of Egypt - and the people truly came under God. He provided miraculously for them: things lasted longer, food was sent from heaven and protection was over the people. They obtained all the land of their inheritance, west of the Jordan.

But the book of Hebrews chapter 3:17 also says of God that, "He was angry for forty years, was it not those who sinned whose bodies fell in the wilderness?" Zambia is a Christian nation, 90% of her people say they are saved. But how do we explain the bars, casinos, alcohol, corruption, AIDS/ HIV, poverty and sickness still prevalent? She is half saved - she dwells among the Midianites but has not yet come free and inherited her promised land.

Ahead lies a great choice. Revival - receiving her inheritance, miracle provision and judgment: God being angry with sin and disobedience. The next forty years for Zambia represent the best of times and the worst of times. Blessing and cursing. Turn and repent oh Zambia, seek God whilst He may be found. It is written: "One people, one nation, Zambia". This is good and worthy but it is not enough. "One faith, one God, one people, one Zambia" - that would make an awesome next forty years!

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Zion is Giving Birth

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As I write this I am completely in awe of God. He is indeed a faithful God who declares the end from the beginning. While I do not intend this to be a comprehensive writing about Zion (spiritual), I would like to share a bigger picture of what I believe God is doing on the earth from the eyes of one who sees. I spent last weekend at the “Former and Latter Rain” Conference with Pastor Vincent Xavier and Doug Fortune here in San Diego, CA. I then spent the majority of this past week shut in with the Lord studying and writing. The amount of revelation forth pouring forth from Heaven is more than I could ask or think. What I am about to share is what I believe is a connecting of the puzzle pieces, if you will. So, I submit this to the Body for your testing and consideration.

I recently received a transcription (from the Elijah List) of a prophetic discussion with Paul Keith Davis on TBN. There is one part in particular that blew me away. He spoke of being taken to a TREASURY ROOM. Upon reading this I immediately knew this was the STOREHOUSE spoken of in Malachi 3:10. If you look up the Hebrew word for storehouse, it comes from the words ‘osar’ and ‘bayit’.

Osar – Treasury, storehouse, storeroom, storage vault
Bayit – House, homes; of royalty palace of deity; temple

I believe the currency of Heaven is very different than that of the earth. For the currency of heaven is FAITH. Remember Hebrews 11:1 defines it as, “the SUBSTANCE of things hoped for, the EVIDENCE of things NOT SEEN.” While faith may not be tangible in the natural realm, I believe that it is very tangible in the spiritual realm. When this FAITH in the WORD OF GOD is brought into the Storehouse or Treasury Room of God, what you will RECEIVE in return is MULTIPLIED in the form of the REVELATION and MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST as the DIVIDENDS and INTEREST of Heaven pours forth into and through your very being, which is the DWELLING PLACE of God. This was evident in the life of Abraham for, “Abraham BELIEVED GOD and it was ACCOUNTED to him for RIGHTEOUSNESS” (see Galatians 3:6 and Genesis 15:6). The Hebrew and Greek words for ACCOUNTED are ‘hasab’ and ‘logizomai’ respectively, meaning to credit, account, impute; which to me sounds like something that happens at a bank, treasury or storehouse. Hebrews 11:8 tells us, “BY FAITH Abraham OBEYED when he was CALLED to go out to the PLACE which he would RECEIVE an INHERITANCE.” FAITH IN GOD’S WORD is the only currency accepted in the TREASURY ROOM of God. Let us not try to ‘buy’ (through earthly means) the ANOINTING, who is CHRIST, like Simon the Sorcerer in Acts 8. The transcription went on to say that Paul Keith Davis’ prophetic experience also included a stack of BLUEPRINTS, which blew me away. For on 2/21/04 the Lord had commission me to ‘study the BLUEPRINT of HIS SON’! I was not totally sure what that meant, but since then have written some articles pertaining to this. Paul Keith Davis went on to explain that he believed there were ‘architectural Christians that will go into that place and come back with designs for buildings that were energy efficient like we’ve never known before’. He went on to say that the special designs for the buildings would be able to withstand the weather, earthquakes, and things happening around the world. I believe these 'architectural Christians' are the REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH and the RESTORERS OF STREETS TO DWELL IN (see Isaiah 58)! I understand this because I am a civil engineer in the natural realm. Civil engineers are those that design and build the INFRASTRUCTURE of a CITY! These Repairers and Restorers are the ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS and BUILDERS of God’s Kingdom. They are the Apostles and Prophets who will lay a COMPLETELY SOLID FOUNDATION within the Church as we know it and will also venture out into the MARKETPLACE. It’s time to take to the streets! In addition I believe these 'ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS' that he spoke of, designed to withstand the ELEMENTS, are actually built of LIVING STONES. My friend, Doug Fortune, has been speaking repeatedly about a “NO SWEAT MINISTRY” and that is what I believe these ENERGY EFFICIENT BUILDINGS represent. While they may manifest in the natural, I believe the deeper meaning is that they are BUILDINGS or TEMPLES NOT BUILT with human hands!

They are designed and built to WITHSTAND the ELEMENTS OF THE EARTHLY, FLESH or CARNAL NATURE through which devastation comes! The Lord had told me last year that I was to SET-UP HOUSES OF REFUGE. I did not know what He meant and thought He meant home fellowships or literal places of refuge for a coming time of famine. Again, it was my natural man's understanding trying to carry out the spiritual man's DESTINY, just as the Lord had revealed to me why I was trained as an engineer in the natural. I am now believing, while again establishing these houses may be something that also takes place in the natural, I believe the deeper meaning is that these HOUSES OF REFUGE are actually GOD'S PEOPLE or TEMPLE. These are THOSE WALKING IN THE PERSON OF RESURRECTION, who is of course Jesus Himself, where the lost, weary, and dying can come to and find SALVATION, REST, REFRESHMENT, HEALING AND NEW LIFE!

What about Zion? Again, I do not intend to go deeply into this at this time, but know this. In the coming days I believe an onslaught of even deeper revelation and teaching will pour forth from God's Throne Room concerning Zion. For now I will use the verses in Isaiah 66:7-8 to explain what I am seeing. Isaiah 66:7-8, "BEFORE she TRAVAILED, she BROUGHT FORTH; BEFORE her pain came, she DELIVERED of a MAN CHILD. Who hath heard such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the EARTH be made to BRING FORTH in ONE DAY? Or shall a NATION be born at once? For as soon as ZION TRAVAILED, she brought forth her CHILDREN." Sounds like a 'no sweat', ENERGY EFFICIENT, process of BIRTH to me!!! Now many may say that these verses are a prophetic picture of Jesus coming forth from Israel over 2000 years ago and that is true. But I believe there is another layer of meaning behind this as well. Remember, Jesus was the FIRSTBORN among MANY brethren (see Romans 8:29). Also notice that in Isaiah 66:8, it describes this MAN CHILD as a NATION. It also says that ZION brought forth CHILDREN (plural). Because I believe we are living in the THIRD DAY or the beginnings of the THIRD MILLENIUM since Jesus physically walked the earth, I believe that we, the CHURCH, are that MAN CHILD, with JESUS being the preeminent HEAD, US being the members of HIS BODY. Recall Peter charged us in 2 Peter 3:8, "But, beloved, DO NOT FORGET THIS ONE THING, that with the Lord ONE DAY is as a THOUSAND YEARS, and a THOUSAND YEARS as ONE DAY." The THIRD DAY is the DAY OF RESURRECTION! I will not go into a study of the THIRD DAY here, but if you are interested there are many great teachings (such as Doug Fortune) already out there by some Forerunners of God's Kingdom. I just want you to understand where I am coming from.

Now seeing this MAN CHILD being birthed in Isaiah 66 in ONE DAY reminded me of another MAN CHILD in Revelation 12. But let me backtrack just a bit. Let's get one thing straight first. I believe the Book of Revelation is not the revelation of the anti-christ, neither is it some end times science fiction thriller. It is what is says it is in Revelation 1:1, "The REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST, which God gave HIM TO SHOW HIS SERVANTS - things which must SHORTLY TAKE PLACE." In Revelation 11 we find the SEVENTH TRUMPET has been blowing. I believe this TRUMPET or PROPHETIC VOICE has been 'blowing' the Church into the THIRD DAY or third millennium since Jesus died and was resurrected. Remember there are THREE SETS of SEVEN in the book of Revelation (Seals, Trumpets, Bowls), which I believe represent THREE PROPHETIC DAYS. This blowing of the SEVENTH TRUMPET or prophetic voice has been signifying passage into THE THIRD DAY. Revelation 11:19 says, "Then the temple of God was OPENED IN HEAVEN, and the ARK OF HIS COVENANT was SEEN in HIS TEMPLE." I believe this is a prophetic picture of what happened at the Cross when the VEIL of the TEMPLE was torn from the top to the bottom once again giving us FULL ACCESS to the FATHER. This veil of flesh understanding, in our own temple and within the Body of Christ CORPORATELY, is being torn down even now across the earth. People are being awakened to who they are in Christ and who HE IS IN THEM, thus finding TRUE INTIMACY and ONENESS WITH THE FATHER like never before.

Back to the Man child…While again I believe Revelation 12 is a prophetic picture of Jesus coming forth from Israel in the natural, I believe it also has the same deeper meaning that Isaiah 66 has with ZION giving birth to CHILDREN. You see, Christ is a PERSON. Jesus is the PREEMINENT HEAD and the Church is His Body. The woman or Church in Revelation 12 is GIVING BIRTH to a MANY MEMBERED CHRIST CHILD or MAN CHILD in ONE DAY…THE THIRD DAY! For the past 2000 years I believe the Church has been maturing and growing in the knowledge and understanding of Christ. Remember Zion is a city within a city (Jerusalem). I believe the 'baby' being birthed out of Zion within the Church (Jerusalem) is not just a regular baby, but is instead a MAN CHILD. This indicates to me that this is a Body of Believers who have gone through all stages of formation within the womb and have become MATURE. I believe this MAN CHILD or holy remnant knows the Father's heart and have come into ONENESS WITH HIM through the SON, not by might, nor by power, but BY THE SPIRIT. They are those who know the Kingdom of God is WITHIN THEM and have learned to walk in the POWER and AUTHORITY of God as they have learned to rule and reign with CHRIST, seated with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, over their own earthen vessels. We are a CHOSEN GENERATION, a ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION (see 1 Peter 2:9). We are that NATION that is being BIRTHED OUT OF ZION as Isaiah 66:7 speaks of. I hope I have not lost you. If I have, there is and will be much more teaching pouring forth in the days to come regarding this.

So, who is this Man child? He is CHRIST IN YOU the HOPE OF GLORY! We are living epistles! We are the temple of the Holy Spirit! All for GOD'S GLORY! So upon further consideration of the TREASURY ROOM or Storehouse I did a study of 'storehouses' and found a Scripture in Genesis 41:56 that caught my attention. It says, "The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the STOREHOUSES and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became very severe in Egypt." When I read WHO opened the STOREHOUSES my heart took a flying leap! It was JOSEPH! Now many prophetic words, declarations, articles, etc., have been written about the "Joseph Company". These are those who have lived out the life of Joseph and as of now many are still wondering what happened? Their gift seemed to have made room for them, just as Joseph was able to interpret the dreams of the other two prisoners. But like Joseph, when they thought they were about to be RELEASED, they were 'forgotten' and have continued to sit in the darkness waiting and waiting. But this prison has been one of MATURING and they have grown more here than perhaps any time in their lives. They have found the SECRET PLACE OF INTIMACY with the Father, while 'trapped' by their present environment, yet finding TRUE REST in this hidden place of obscurity. All that they had hoped for and dreamed of had died, just as many must have felt when Jesus died on the Cross. But just when it seemed that all hope was lost, there was a glimmer of Light. A few trickles at first, then a stream, but then not just a stream, but a mighty rushing flow of the RIVER OF LIFE. It is a FOUNTAIN OF GLORY that has no end, a reflective POOL of the GLORY OF GOD…on the THIRD DAY they saw their HOPE RESURRECTED! THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HAS BECOME THEIR ALL IN ALL!

If this describes you, I believe I have a word from the Lord for you. "IT IS TIME! RISE UP , MY BELOVED, RISE UP!" You see, in our Scripture in Isaiah 66:7-8 we find ZION GIVING BIRTH to the MAN CHILD in ONE DAY. Who has heard of such a thing? Well, my friend we are in living in the days of SEEING THIS COME TO PASS. Jesus was the firstborn of MANY SONS. Has not the whole creation been groaning and laboring with BIRTH PANGS TOGETHER UNTIL NOW (see Romans 8:22)? Who was LAUNCHED INTO THEIR DESTINY in ONE DAY? It was JOSEPH!!! In ONE DAY his gifts had made room for him and this is what happened, "Then PHARAOH said to JOSEPH, 'Inasmuch as GOD HAS SHOWN YOU this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you. You shall BE OVER MY HOUSE, and all my people SHALL BE RULED according to YOUR WORD; only in REGARD to the THRONE will I be GREATER THAN YOU. And the PHARAOH said to JOSEPH, 'SEE, I have SET you OVER ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT'" (Genesis 41:39-41). What is the DESTINY of this Joseph Company? I believe it is all laid out in the Chapters of Genesis, the END PRODUCT being FULL RESTORATION. I have much to share about this and am working on a book to share understanding, as will many others I am sure. But for now the point I am trying to make it that the TIME OF RELEASE IS NOW!!! The KINGDOM IS NOW! FULL ACCESS was already GIVEN AT THE CROSS over 2000 years ago, but we are just NOW coming into the FULL UNDERSTANDING and MANIFESTATION of it as a CORPORATE BODY.

What does this DAY OF RELEASE MEAN? Well, since the Year 2000 I have seen various Prophets trumpeting that a 7-year period of plenty or abundance had begun for the people of God beginning in the year 2000 or 2001. Yet, when I have looked all around me I have not seen this, but instead those in their last stage of 'death' - suffering, being persecuted, never having enough, and always in want.

HOWEVER, what I do believe these prophetic voices have been acting in FAITH, for as was stated previously, “FAITH is the SUBSTANCE of things HOPED for the EVIDENCE of things NOT SEEN.” I will not pretend to understand fully the Hebrew calendar, but I do know enough to know that it does not line up directly with the calendar used in the United States. So, I do not know exactly when the NEW MILLENNIUM began. Sticking to what I do know, in Genesis 41:1 it states that it was at the END OF TWO FULL YEARS that Pharaoh had his TWO dreams (two being the number of witness). IT WAS THEN that JOSEPH was REMEMBERED and his gifts made room for him and he was RELEASED from the prison now no longer an immature adolescent, but a MATURE MAN. It was only AFTER JOSEPH was RELEASED that the SEVEN YEARS OF PLENTY BEGAN. Upon realizing this I was completely blown away. For my friend, Pastor Vincent Xavier, has been prophesying that 2004 is THE YEAR OF RELEASE and the time when ‘we shall eat in PLENTY and be SATISFIED’ (Joel 2:26). Many have been TRUMPETING the “SUDDENLIES” and I believe those words are indeed for such a time as this. We have indeed entered the time when the years the locusts has eaten are being RESTORED. It already happened in JESUS’ FINISHED WORK on the CROSS, but we still must bring our FAITH IN THAT FINISHED WORK into the STOREHOUSE to see its FULL MANIFESTATION ON THE EARTH.

Genesis 41:46 tells us that JOSEPH was THIRTY YEARS old when he STOOD BEFORE PHARAOH or ‘inhabitant of the PALACE’. Just as the Word tells us that Joseph WENT THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND OF EGYPT, so too shall we see these precious jewels, that have been HIDDEN or BURIED deep in the earth, EMERGE and GO FORTH SHINING into the highways and byways. We also know who else was about THIRTY YEARS old when He began His ministry (see Luke 3:23)...JESUS! It is time for those who have been dwelling in caves and prisons to COME FORTH into the LIGHT OF A NEW DAY! This is just the beginning of the THIRD DAY or the MILLENNIAL REIGN of CHRIST THROUGH HIS MANY MEMBERED SON. Therefore…

THIS IS A DAY OF REJOICING AND GREAT JOY! COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE COME OUT! RISE UP UNTO THIS NEW DAY! BE FILLED WITH MY GLORY FOR THE DAY STAR HAS ARISEN IN YOUR HEARTS! YES, MY PEOPLE, RISE UP! BE AWAKENED TO THE EVERLASTING PRESENCE OF MY GLORY AND SPLENDOR. MY LOVE CONSUMES YOU. BE NOT AFRAID!

Fullness of Time

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In the past two months I have had several prophetic puzzle pieces come my way. Some have come directly from the Lord, while others have come via other prophetic voices. It seems that on 04/04/04 they began to take on a form or shape and today (04/05/04) the picture has become clearer. Starting somewhere around the beginning of February 2004 I began receiving 4:44 on the clock. This went on for two weeks straight. It was coming so often that I finally shared this with my best friend and prayer partner, Aileen. On the same day I shared this with her, I saw another 4:44 on the microwave at work and just hours after that Aileen went Downtown for a meeting and ended up parking in parking space 444 without realizing it. It was at that point I felt the Lord was definitely trying to say something. If you think it is ‘peculiar’ for God to talk through a clock, I will have to agree with you. But I prefer this than through a donkey’s mouth. We are a peculiar people are we not? I have found that God will talk through just about anything if you have your eyes set on Him. Anyway, I went through many Scriptures with 4:44 or 44:4 and did not find any that were particularly speaking to me concerning this.

I then remembered that the Holy Spirit had previously shown me that a set of THREE stood for FULLNESS. This is readily seen in God Himself being the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in Oneness. Colossians 2:9-10 says, “For in Him dwells all the FULLNESS of the Godhead bodily, and you are COMPLETE in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.” Here the Greek word used for fullness is ‘pleroma’ meaning FULLNESS or FULLFILLMENT. So upon understanding this, I have been compiling a list of what I believe to be something like this:

111 - Fullness of Unity or Fullness of Oneness
222 - Fullness of Double Witness or Agreement/Double Anointing/Double Portion
333 - Fullness of Fullness or Fullness of Completion
444 - Fullness of ???
555 - Fullness of Grace
666 - Fullness of Man
777 - Fullness of Perfection or Fullness of Rest
888 - Fullness of Restoration

As you can see my list was incomplete because I did not understand what 444 represented.
So I set out to search for the prophetic meaning of the number FOUR and how it was used in the Word. I then recalled reading something (I believe it was by Chuck Pierce) about the number 4 representing elementary elements such as earth, wind, fire, rain...north, south, east, west...spring, summer, winter, fall...morning, afternoon, evening, night...as I continued to pondered this I remembered the 4 phases of the moon and I had recently read something about 4 quarters in a year.

Suddenly something hit me. Genesis 1:14-19! I had just been at one of Doug Fortune’s conferences in early February 2004 where G.L. Parks had used this Scripture at the very end of the last meeting. He was not sure what to speak about that morning and this was one of the things that the Lord put on his heart. His talk on this struck me because of the way the Lord had been talking to me about time (kairos - appointed time vs. chronos - earth 24-hour time). I was led to study the FOURTH DAY of creation. Genesis 1:14 says, “Then God said, ‘Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years.” I then realized that on the FOURTH DAY, it seemed that the chronos time (24-hour day as we know it) came into being as this was the day the Sun, the Moon, and the Stars were created as G.L. Parks had explained. It seemed that the number FOUR not only represented DIVISION as others had also been explaining, but it also signified TIME. It was then that I began to wonder if 444 represented the FULLNESS OF TIME or END OF THE AGE.

I then remembered that my friend Pastor Vincent Xavier had been prophesying for quite awhile that we, the Church, had entered a time of GREAT ACCELERATION. I also remembered Doug Fortune had been teaching that kairos time is overtaking chronos time. I sent out a few e-mails to see what others thought. Doug Fortune later told me that the FOURTH WATCH was the last watch, which I found quite interesting. But I still did not have clarity, so I tucked all of this away.

On 04/03/04 the idea of 444 came back to me as I was led to write an article on Zion giving Birth. I realized that the following day was 04/04/04 or could perhaps be looked at as 4-4-4. I discussed with a friend that I had been receiving 4:44 on the clock continuously for a season and interestingly we discussed that that night we would SPRING AHEAD into a New Season (Spring being a time of NEW LIFE). We also discussed how this year (2004) just happens to be LEAP YEAR (which only happens once every FOUR YEARS). Aileen had pointed LEAP Year out to me a week earlier at the conference, but I had not ‘caught’ what she meant. On the morning of 04/04/04, I received TWO e-mails mentioning the number 4. The first was from Marsha and Bill Burns daily prophetic words of wisdom and exhortation. In their words I was reminded that 4 is also the number of THE OPEN DOOR of which they and so many others have been prophesying that 2004 IS THE YEAR OF THE OPEN DOOR. I opened my next e-mail to find my friend, Josephine, had written me a brief message in which for some reason she also reminded me that FOUR was the number of the OPEN DOOR. I took this as a witness. I believe we are in a season that confirmation is coming almost immediately, for it is a WITNESS. For “By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established” (see 2 Corinthians 13:1 or Deuteronomy 19:15). Interestingly enough FOUR is rather unique in that it is the PRODUCT OF TWO TIMES TWO and also the SUM OF TWO PLUS TWO! And of course the ultimate witnesses are The Word of God and the Holy Spirit or Spirit of Truth!

I believe that perhaps this FULLNESS OF TIME is also representative of the FULLNESS OF THE OPEN DOOR! I believe this OPEN DOOR is the same one found in Revelation 4:1, “After these things I looked, and behold, a DOOR standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a TRUMPET speaking with me, saying, “COME UP HERE, and I will show you things which must take place after this.” This would explain the various people I have met who have been having dreams and visions for the past three or four years of AN OPEN DOOR, KEYS, and being called to “COME UP HIGHER”! This door being the PERSON of Jesus Himself as He says in John 10:9, “I AM THE DOOR. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and find pasture.” It is the DOOR INTO THE THIRD DAY AND BEYOND.

Let me explain what I believe this means for us. In the Spring of 2000 the Lord told me to, "Live in the Light of Eternity". This was shortly after my revival experience or complete repentance, when I began to walk in both the Spirit and the Truth. In that time frame there was a 3-month period that I have not been able to begin to explain until now. Everything just flowed. The Word was so alive, it was a Person, and somehow I felt alive and a part of it. I would read passages of Scripture and be in ONENESS with the Word. It is hard to explain. Somehow I could see how every action and more importantly every word that came from my mouth had an affect in all of eternity. I could see the 'ripple effect' of every word as it went forth, similar to when a stone is thrown into a pond that is as still as glass. This must be why Proverbs 18:21 says, “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.” In that same time frame, because I did not know any better and had no understanding of the Third Day I did not remain in this ‘place’ for long. However, during this 3-month period I would experience these 'time warps', for lack of a better description. I would go about my daily business, working, cleaning, organizing, running errands, etc. Usually, one plans things out their actions according to the amount of time they have to try to get everything done. At least that is the way I usually operate. However, in this time frame, I was in such a place of peace and rest I did not have to worry about getting everything done. It just happened. The thing I found strange was that I would do things that would normally take hours to accomplish and when I would look at the clock only an hour or short time would have passed. This happened several times over the course of those few months. I found that the only other times this happened was during deep prayer and worship. Prayer could last for a long time and when I would come out, it would have seemed that only minutes had passed by. This had made sense to me in the realm of prayer/worship, for then we had entered the Throne Room of God, who lives in the realm of eternity, where time and space do not exist. But to have this happen in regular everyday life I still did not understand. Almost four years later, his ‘time warp’ recently began happening again in early February 2004, which is the same time frame I started seeing 4:44 everywhere.

The Lord then led me to read a chapter in Doug Fortune's book, "Intimacy and Adversity." The section that my eyes were led to brought confirmation and revelation to what I had experienced in those 3 months. He writes on page 133, "’there should be time no longer'; ‘And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that THERE SHOULD BE TIME NO LONGER:’ (Revelation 10:5-6) the word translated as 'time' there is chronos in Greek, implying the time of the natural realm - 60 minutes in an hour, 24 hours in a day, etc. We have shifted into a season wherein the kairos appointed time (the time of the spiritual realm) is overtaking the chronos (the time of the natural realm), and there is a great acceleration occurring." Now looking back at this revelation in February 2004 I see what the Lord was trying to show me. There are deeper dimensions than the 3-Dimensional world that we normally perceive. Upon discussion of this with Doug Fortune on 04/04/04 I looked up the word Fourth Dimension in Webster’s Dictionary today (04/05/04).

Fourth Dimension – A coordinate in addition to length, breadth, and depth; a coordinate in addition to three rectangular coordinates especially when interpreted as the TIME COORDINATE in space or TIME CONTINUUM. Something OUTSIDE THE RANGE OF ORDINARY EXPERIENCE.

I was shocked to find out that the FOURTH coordinate had something to do with TIME! Being an engineer, I should have known this, but most of my work is done in the x, y, and z-axis or 3-dimnensional space. I then remembered a vision I had a week earlier at the “Former and Latter Rain” Conference here in San Diego with Pastor Vincent Xavier and Doug Fortune. On the last morning of the conference the Lord had spoken to me during worship telling me that He had adjusted my vision and that I would now see as He does. I did not quite know what He meant, but that evening the Lord had me face down on the floor during worship. I had a vision in the Spirit (keep in mind this was not opened eyed) in which I saw a bunch of feet walking around. I then looked up and saw angels walking all around the room. They were placing white boxes with lids and pretty colored bows all around the pulpit area. I wondered what was in the boxes and was wondering if the Lord would tell me what was inside of them. Then I saw another pair of feet different than the angels. It was the Lord. He was walking around the room, but then told me to set my vision higher. I then saw as if Pastor Vincent was standing at the pulpit (even though in reality he was sitting in the back of the room). Instead of seeing him as I normally do, it was as if his outer appearance was a shell and I saw the Lord standing inside or within him. As I looked around the room I saw Jesus standing inside of many. I then somehow knew what was inside the packages from the angels. They were EYEGLASSES.

The Lord continued the revelation by speaking to me that the consummation of all things is LOVE. Tongues would cease and prophecies would fade away, but LOVE WOULD REMAIN. The Lord told me to share what I was seeing with the rest of the group. I hesitated for a few seconds, but then walked over to Pastor Vincent who had the microphone. At that moment Doug Fortune, who had been leading worship, singing "Your Love is Extravagant", stopped and said someone had a word that needed to be spoken. So, the Lord spoke through me about the vision. That we were to LOOK FOR HIM in one another. That if we looked for something else, we would find it. But if we looked for Him, we would find Him in one another and it was HIS LOVE THAT WOULD PERFECT US. That if there was one thing you were to leave the conference with, it was with a greater understanding of HIS LOVE. Also, for those who were fearful of moving into this New Day that it is HIS PERFECT LOVE THAT CASTS OUT FEAR. That we were just to look for HIS LOVE because in the end that IS ALL THAT WOULD REMAIN.

Today I realized something very funny (at least to me). As I looked up the Fourth Dimension in the dictionary, I found the word FOUR-EYED, which means WEARING GLASSES. I then fully realized what the EYEGLASSES in the vision I just shared were all about! It is with DEEP SPIRITUAL VISION that we PERCEIVE THE LORD’S BODY CLEARLY. God does have a sense of humor…smile. Yesterday (04/04/04) during worship at church I heard the Lord say, “I AM THE FOURTH MAN IN THE FIRE.” I was reminded of the story in Daniel of the three men who were thrown into the fiery furnace.

Daniel 3:23-25

> 23 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
> 24 Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, “Did we not cast THREE men bound into the MIDST OF THE FIRE?” They answered and said to the king, “True, O king.”
> 25 “LOOK!” he answered, “I SEE FOUR MEN loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the FORM OF THE FOURTH IS LIKE THE SON OF GOD.”

Perhaps for just a moment in time, King Nebuchadnezzar was given heightened vision to see into the FOURTH DIMENSION! We are living and moving into some very interesting times my friends. It is only in the midst of the FIRE OF GOD’S LOVE that can live and walk in the “FOURTH DIMENSION” and beyond…

For now I will leave you with these Scriptures to ponder:

Galatians 4:4-5, “But when the FULLNESS OF TIME had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the ADOPTION AS SONS."

Romans 11:25, "For I do not desire, that you should be ignorant of this MYSTERY; lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the FULLNESS OF THE GENTILES has come in."

Ephesians 1:10, "that in the DISPENSATION OF THE FULLNESS OF TIMES He might gather together in ONE ALL THINGS IN CHRIST, both which are in heaven and which are on earth – IN HIM."

John 1:16. "And of HIS FULLNESS we have all received, and grace for grace."

Ephesians 1:22-23, "And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is HIS BODY, the FULLNESS OF HIM who FILLS ALL IN ALL."

Zion is Giving Birth – Part Two

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I submit the following to you with great fear and trembling and at the same time with great joy and hope. I know it is only God who can provide a way to experience all of these things at once. I pray you would carefully consider what is shared. Please test, discern and pray about what the Lord may show you concerning these things.

On 04/03/04 the Lord allowed me to release a revelation He was unfolding to me regarding Zion giving birth in one day, the one day being the Third Day or the Third Millennial year that we are now living in since Jesus physically walked the earth. This article was sent out across the internet a week later. I received many confirmations, revelations, dreams, and visions from people all over the world having seen the 'baby' or Manchild being birthed. I believe this Manchild as spoken of in Revelation 12 is the Manchild of our destiny in Christ as He is continuing to reveal Himself through a many membered Son or 'one new man'. I also shared about bringing one's faith, which is the currency of heaven, into God's Storehouse or Treasury Room. This brought about a revelation and exhortation to the Joseph Company or Remnant of Overseers to RISE UP and leave the prison of maturity and equipping and to begin to move into their God given destinies in Christ. Please see the first article for supporting Scripture and understanding. Zion Is Giving Birth.

Today, I feel another release to share the continued unfolding revelation concerning Zion giving birth. Since the first article was written I have experienced a fair amount of what the Lord showed me was like 'turbulence'. I was led to study a bit more about turbulence and found the following:

Webster's dictionary definition:

Turbulence - the quality or state of being turbulent, wild commotion, irregular atmospheric motion especially when characterized by up-and-down currents, departure in a fluid from a smooth flow.

I also found an article that described 'turbulence' as 'air pockets' described as "irregular air motion that normally cannot be seen and often occurs unexpectedly. It can be created by a number of different conditions, including atmospheric pressures, jet streams, cold or warm fronts or thunderstorms. Turbulence can occur when the sky appears to be clear.

Flying in medium air turbulence is like driving a car through a road with lots of pot-holes. Severe air turbulence can cause abrupt changes in aircraft airspeed and even temporary loss of control.

Generally, flying through turbulence of the milder nature, if prolonged, can be fairly uncomfortable to the passengers. If such turbulence is detectable by the weather radar or from weather forecast, pilots would avoid them by deviating off track.

Flying through severe turbulence can result in injuries to crew and passengers if they are caught unaware and without seatbelts. So, have your seatbelts on whenever you are seated at all times." - Source: Federal Aviation Administration.

I felt the Lord showing me that as we continue to ascend higher and higher in the Spirit, that we would encounter some 'turbulence' or 'air pockets' that were really just portals into higher realms of His glory. From glory to glory we shall ascend! I believe He is calling us to fasten our seat belts (belts of Truth) and let Him pilot this "flying temple" or mobile Tabernacle of God. We are to remain in our seats or seated with Him in the heavenly places in a position of deep rest and secure trust in Him. I believe we will eventually leave the 'earth's' atmosphere or the limitations of our own flesh (the earth representing the dust we are made of) and be as rockets propelled into 'outer space' in which nothing can hold us back, including gravity. I know I am sounding a little 'spacey', but please bear with me as I paint this prophetic picture for you. I believe we are not going to have to physically leave the earth to see the glory of God manifested in His Temple (not made with human hands), which is what He is building us together into. This is laid out in the following verses of Scripture.

Ephesians 2:21-22 says, “In Him the whole structure is joined (bound, welded) together harmoniously, and it continues to rise (grow, increase) into a holy temple in the Lord [a sanctuary dedicated, consecrated, and sacred to the presence of the Lord]. In Him [and in fellowship with one another] you yourselves also are being built up [into this structure] with the rest, to form a fixed abode (dwelling place) of God in (by, through) the Spirit” (Amplified Bible).

Because we are progressively being called into a time of CORPORATE ANOINTING, which is what the Third Day or Feast of Tabernacles (Feast of Ingathering) is all about, I feel led to share the following dream and its interpretation with you. It is burning on my heart as I write and therefore believe that it is a “Kairos” or “NOW” word.

On Sunday, 05/09/04, right before going to bed, I was led to pray for all of my friends, family and those that the Lord has been bringing alongside me in ministry. After praying I saw this large cobra in the spirit lifting its head toward me. I remember seeing this cobra type snake when a wave of witchcraft was released against the church a couple years ago. However, this serpent was much larger, especially the head. I saw this serpent as if he were the dragon waiting to devour the Manchild to be birthed out of the woman. The revelation of who this Manchild is was discussed in the first article.

Revelation 12:1-2 says, “Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars. Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.”

It goes on to say in Revelation 12:3-4, “And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.”

Upon still seeing this serpent in the spirit, I began to praise and worship the Lord as I fell into a rather restless sleep. I then had this intense dream.

Dream of 05/09/04

I was in a closet type room with my two physical brothers. The walls and shelves in the room were painted white. My brother, Joe, had a pet snake in a fish tank sitting on a high shelf in the room. There was actually water in the fish tank also and at least two fish swimming in it. I scooped the two fish out and for some reason decided not to use them and put them back in with the net. One fish was healthy looking and the other looked terribly sick, blackened and diseased. Then I noticed a snail crawling on the inside of the tank and wondered what the snake ate. Suddenly it lashed out its tongue and ate the snail! It kind of jolted me and I told my brothers that we must leave the room. As we exited the room the snake suddenly emerged out of the tank (at least the head did) and his long, thin, tongue lashed out and nearly missed my youngest brother's head. We closed the door behind us as we left.

Next we were all sleeping in a single bed just outside the room with the snake. All three of us were uncomfortably scrunched into it. I awoke (in the dream) and realized that this little bed we were in was actually aligned longitudinally along the end of a full size bed. I woke my brothers up and asked if one of them wanted to crawl up into the other bed so there would be more room. I thought Jeff moved up there, but later realized that I was the one who had moved up to the full size bed. Suddenly, somehow I realized what had happened with the snake. I knew that someone had been practicing witchcraft and voodoo and they just needed to take this 'porcelain doll's head’ and touch it to something to activate the spell.

No sooner had I realized this, then I knew that they were approaching the front door. I crawled across the full size bed and walked to the front door of the house we were in. I opened the door to find this woman coming up the driveway with the porcelain doll's head to complete the spell. At the same time I saw out of the corner of my eye the angel of death standing in the shadows in the corner behind me. As the woman (witch) approached the door I knew she was planning to finish her spell and I stood there in her way. The fear was so thick I could literally cut it with a knife. I could barely speak and the only words that I could use against her was "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus..."

End of Dream.

I awoke (for real) saying this to myself over and over and over. I could still sense the fear and see in the spirit the snake in my midst. I just kept saying “Jesus” and then began praising and worshipping the Lord for the victory. Even though I could see the large cobra's head in my midst I thanked the Lord that it was all a lie and that it was actually under my feet. Suddenly I saw a big foot came crashing down upon the serpent's head. It was a really big foot! I know it was the Lord's Foot. I was rejoicing in the victory of the Cross and believing the feet of My Savior have already trampled the father of lies as the Lord prepares and is releasing the Remnant into her destiny in Him.

I have since then had a series of dreams almost every night for over a week. I have been given partial interpretation for some of them and continue to wait on the Lord for further revelation. Most of them seem to be related to this particular dream in one way or another. I want to point out that I am usually not much of a ‘dreamer’, but in the past few years have been given more and more dreams, with increasing intensity and depth of meaning. To start with, I sought the Lord for interpretation on a personal level in which I received some understanding in the form of a personal warning, but in my spirit I knew there was more. I asked the Lord to show me the kairos revelation and I believe He answered. I believe that the interpretation is not only personal, but also Corporate.

This past week various things have transpired to point me in the direction of the understanding of this dream and some of the others. I cannot get into all of it at this time because it would take too long to explain. So, I will highlight the things that were revealed to me in an attempt to explain how I was led to the interpretation of the dream. As I had seen the gigantic foot of the Lord come down to crush the serpent’s head, I was reminded of a vision my friend Pastor Vincent Xavier had shared with me earlier in the day before having the dream. He had been at a conference that weekend and the Lord had given him a vision of the Lord’s Feet walking in the earth. He said as the Lord walked, the mountains were trembling and the earth was quaking. He said the Lord said He was coming for His own and the earth was His and He was taking it back. He was given Habakkuk 3 for understanding. I then felt the Lord tell me to study His Feet. The following verse seemed to come alive through my own vision of His Foot as the Lord spoke to the serpent:

Genesis 3:15, “And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”

It is clear that the Seed that God is speaking of in this verse is Jesus Christ and His complete and total victory over Satan on the Cross. All of us have been given access to this same power, yet we do not yet see the full manifestation on the earth as stated in the following Scriptures:

Psalm 110:1, “The LORD said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

1 Corinthians 15:24-25, “Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He has put all enemies under his feet.”

It is clear to me that if we are the Body of Christ and Jesus is the preeminent Head, then we are to function as HIS FEET through His direction in bringing an end to all rule and all authority and power of the evil one. I have much more to share regarding this, but will have to stop for now to continue with the unfolding interpretation of the dream.

I later sat down to read my Bible. As I began reading, I suddenly remembered the name of the witch in my dream had been “Ashtoreth”. I thought it was interesting and recalled hearing that name somewhere in the Bible. After a bit of research I learned that she was an Old Testament Canaanite goddess of love, fertility and lust that the Israelites committed adultery with. They forsook the Lord to serve Baal and Ashtoreth. I noted this and didn't feel led to study any more at that time.

Friday morning (04/14/05), after having a series of 3 more dreams I awoke and began to study Scriptures about the Fullness of Christ as He had directed. I turned on my computer and decided to check the online news. The following article caught my eye:

http://www.abcnews.go.com/wire/US/ap20040514_120.html

Lesbian Rabbi Finally Gets Turn As Bride
After Performing Countless Weddings, Lesbian Rabbi Finally Gets Her Own Marriage Rights

The Associated Press

I was quite surprised that I had not heard anything recently in the news about the gay unions. I also was saddened to see that the Jewish religion was allowing gay unions and Rabbis into the ministry. Please note that I am not highlighting this article because the couple in question happen to be Jewish, but am more concerned right now about the couple being of the same gender. This reminded me of the dream I had the night before the dream containing the snake and Ashtoreth. In the dream two lesbian women at a “Woodstock” type gathering confronted me. I did not know what to make of that dream, but after having the second dream I began to see a connection.

Let me also state that I am at a place in my walk with the Lord in which I know the enemy is a defeated foe through Jesus FINISHED WORK on the CROSS. So, studying spiritual warfare type things is something I am no longer drawn to, as the Lord had called me to ‘come up higher’ to the Third Heaven or Third Day perspective. I do believe what Ephesians 1:17-22 says that Christ was raised from the dead and seated in the heavenly places FAR ABOVE all principality and power and might and dominion. So, if we are in Christ as a new creation, then this is also where we are to live and abide positionally in Him.

However, with that said, I still felt led to do a little more research on Ashtoreth and found that Astoreth was not only known as the goddess of love, fertility and lust, but also a goddess of war and also believed by some to be known as the ‘queen of heaven’. I found the following definitions on the internet.

Strong's *Exhaustive Concordance: Hebrew and Chaldee Dictionary*:
"6252. Ashtarowth ... or Ashtaroth ... the name of a Sidonian diety ... : —Ashtaroth."
"6253. Ashtoreth ... the Phoenician goddess of love (and *increase*): —Ashtoreth."
Webster's *New World College Dictionary*:
"Astarte ... a Semitic goddess of fertility and sexual love, worshiped by the Phoenicians and others: see also ASHTORETH, ISHTAR."
"Ashtoreth ... the ancient Phoenician and Syrian goddess of love and fertility: identified with ASTARTE."
"Ishtar ... see ASHTORETH ... the goddess of love, fertility, and war."
Encyclopedia Britannica:
"Astarte/Ashtoreth is the Queen of Heaven to whom the Canaanites had burned incense and poured libations."
Encyclopedia Britannica:
"Through her identification with the Greek Aphrodite and the Roman Venus, Inanna-Ishtar, the queen of heaven, still survives in Roman Catholic iconography - e.g., as the Virgin Mary standing on the moon."

I was then led to the following Scripture verses.
Judges 2:11-18
11 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals;
12 And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger.
13 They forsook the Lord and served Baal and the Astoreths.
14 And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

15 Wherever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for calamity, as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn to them. And they were greatly distressed.
16 Nevertheless, the Lord raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who plundered them.
17 Yet they would not listen to their judges, but they played the harlot with other gods, and bowed down to them. They turned quickly from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commandments of the Lord; they did not do so.
18 And when the Lord raised up judges for them, the Lord was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies, all the days of the judge; for the Lord was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them.
19

I was very surprised because on 11/21/02 a trusted friend had give me Judges 2:12 along with Judges 2:18. At the time we had no idea what the Lord was referring to when she gave these verses to me. We had not been in much contact in recent months and suddenly this week for some reason we reconnected. This same friend shared that she had just had a strange dream containing lesbians hiding. She had recently been at a church function where she discerned two of the women there were lesbians. She thought perhaps this is what sparked the dream. I thought it was interesting that she would have a dream with similar contents in the same time frame.

I was also been reminded of a series of 3 dreams another friend had late last year and earlier this year. At the time I somehow had partial interpretation that it had to do with the homosexual agenda being pushed forward specifically by the females or lesbians. These are not things either of us had been led to intercede about, so it was strange to have it come up. I believe she had these dreams right before the first same sex marriages were performed in San Francisco of which I learned the first couple to be married were female. These unions were later halted by the State of California and not recognized at that level. My friend’s dream also contained 3 snakes (boa constrictors) that were in a bag trying to get out.

The same day she had the dream, I found out that a fellow co-worker had passed away. He had taken a leave of absence, so I had not seen him in months. As soon as I heard of his passing, I suddenly somehow 'knew' that he had had AIDS. While he was openly gay, it was not openly known if he had AIDS. It was very sad as I found out how many had tried to minister to him. I felt that perhaps this was confirmation of the interpretation I had for the dreams, though we still await full understanding. I also realized that this was not about some controversial agenda, but was in fact a matter of life and death.

Saturday (05/15/04) as I watched the news and another program, it was evident that something major was going on with the gay marriage agenda as I could see the spirit of perversion flooding this Nation. The story I saw on the news was unreal to me. It was about a same sex couple (women) and the children they birthed through artificial insemination with a gay couple (men) and how they were a happy 'family' unit. Then I felt the Lord tell me that on Monday (05/17/04) an even stronger spirit of perversion, lust and homosexuality was going to be unleashed over the United States. I believe this spirit may be the spiritual strongman of Ashtoreth or the Queen of Heaven (see Jeremiah 7:17-18), which I confronted at the door in my dream. I felt the Lord say that the door would open to the full workings of this spirit through the first gay unions that would take place legally in the state of Massachusetts on Monday. I found the following article as well.

http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/ap20040515_1285.html

This is just a portion of the article if you click on the link above.

May 15, 2004 — For better or for worse, depending on which side of the ideological aisle one chooses, a divided America crosses a historic threshold Monday as state-approved marriages of same-sex couples take place for the first time.

I thought it was interesting that this story has not been making the major headlines, nor did I find this topic highlighted on any of the other major news websites. It seems most people are focused on the war in Iraq and all the perversion and violence taking place there. This could be related to my friend's earlier dream as everyone was focused on a roulette wheel with a ball of flesh (perhaps representing

the unknown outcome of these ‘war games’). An even deadlier thing lied in wait behind a wall, which I believe this to be.
With all of that laid out I now hope to provide the interpretation of the dream to you.

Interpretation of Dream from 05/09/04

I believe the fact that my dream contained my two brothers and I was significant. At first I thought it represented my physical brothers, but as I sought the Lord I realized that He was painting a prophetic picture of the Church for me. You see, in the natural I am the oldest of three children. Jeff is the youngest and Joe is in the middle. I believe the significance of this is that the youngest brother represents those believers standing in the Outer Court of God’s Temple. They know Jesus as Savior and have experienced Passover, but have not come into a deeper knowledge of God. I believe the middle brother represents those believers that have entered into the Holy Place of knowing Jesus as both Lord and Savior. They have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit or Feast of Pentecost and move in the gifts of the Spirit. They also know the ins and outs of spiritual warfare as they battle with the enemy in this soul realm. I believe that since I am the oldest, I represent the believers that have matured into Christ and stand in the Holy of Holies. They have entered behind the veil of the flesh and are experiencing the Feast of Tabernacles in a very tangible way as they commune intimately with the Lord continually. Not only is Jesus their Lord and Savior, but He has become their All in All. I am not saying this is where my brothers are as individuals, but using this as a frame of reference to understand the dream. I believe the three of us together represented the living Temple of God.

I believe the closet type room we were in was painted WHITE because of its contents. It reminded me of what Jesus said to the Pharisees in Matthew 23:25-28, “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may also be clean. Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like WHITE WASHED TOMBS which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.” It also reminded me that as Paul stated, “You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord’s table and of the table of demons” (1 Corinthians 10:21).

The fact that the snake and fish tank belonged to my middle brother was significant as many of those walking in the revelation of the Holy Place or second heaven have continued to keep the enemy as their ‘pet’, as the Church has warred with a defeated foe for over 2000 years. This is not to say this warfare did not have its time or place, but I believe that it is time to ‘come up higher’. The fact that the tank was on a high shelf represented it as something that the Church has set up as an idol or a high place, as many have chosen to feed their pet demons or sins, keeping them hidden in a white washed tomb or closet, rather than repenting and leaving them at the Cross where they were already dealt with by the Blood of Jesus.

I believe the two fish that I first took out to use, then put back, were significant as well. Through another dream I received the next night I was able to identify the healthy looking fish as a spirit of religion which would explain why it looked ‘healthy’. The other black, sickly looking fish was a spirit of slothfulness and spiritual apathy, gluttony, drunkenness, hatred and deceit, which inevitably causes lukewarmness. These perhaps have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof. I was also reminded of Proverbs 23 and was given Proverbs 26 by another friend. These Scriptures warn of the consequences of becoming spiritually lazy and overly indulging or feeding on the things of the world and becoming drunk with its pleasures. Proverbs 23:32 explains what happens as a result, “At the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper.”

I believe this lines up with my wondering what the snake ate. It was the snail that I saw him eat, the snail representing something ‘sluggish or slow-moving’, not able to escape should the enemy come to devour him. It was after I saw the snake eat the snail that I realized we needed to exit the room taking both of my brothers with me. I believe the snake nearly missed my youngest brother or the immature brethren because they do not stand in much protection against the wiles of the devil standing in the Outer Court, yet they are still spared. We shut the door behind us signifying that the Church is to no longer hide within the veil of white washed religiosity, but instead called to come out of the closet of lukewarmness, thereby shutting the door to all dealings with sin and the devil.

Next, I believe that the fact that we were all lying in the same single bed at the foot of the full size bed was also significant, the bed signifying a place of rest. When I awoke I had realized that there was not enough room for all of us. So, I woke my brothers up to try to get one of them to move up HIGHER to the FULL SIZE bed. I believe the full size bed represented the FULLNESS OF CHRIST or a bed of MATURITY and as I ROSE UP and got onto it my EYES WERE SUDDENLY OPENED to see what was really going on in the Spirit. I had moved to the Third Heaven or Third Realm and could see from ‘above’ and accurately discern what was happening.

At that moment I knew that the woman, Ashtoreth, was bringing a porcelain doll's head to complete the spell. I believe this may represent the connecting of the head of her authority over her body, which is already operating quite freely in our Nation and perhaps even in many parts of the Church. I passed through the ‘valley of the shadow of death’, when I saw the angel of death in the shadows, as I went to meet Ashtoreth at the door. I believe her ultimate plan is the enemy's attempt to marry himself to the world as a counterfeit version of Christ and His Bride. She is trying to bear her own 'offspring' through it. Her plan was to cause death with a flood of perversion, but God had raised up a standard against her. It was the mature remnant that was this standard. It was also very significant in the way that I (representing the mature ones) stood against her, not by warring, but simply by calling on the Name of Jesus. After I awoke the fear was still thick in the air and I continued to see the Serpent’s head, but upon proclaiming the Truth (standing against the lies) and worshipping and glorifying God for the victory on the Cross, the enemy was clearly defeated as the FOOT OF THE LORD crushed the serpent’s head.

Conclusion:

I believe that the Lord issued these things for such a time as this to warn the Church and this Nation of what is about to happen. I believe that tomorrow (05/17/05), by the first State recognized same sex marriages taking place, a door is going to open over the United States and a flood of perversion, that has not yet been seen openly, is going to come flooding into the land. Not only into individual households, but also especially into THE CHURCH. It is clear in the Bible that God esteems the covenant of marriage very highly as He even relates His own relationship with Israel in the Old Testament and the Church in the New Testament as a spiritual union of marriage, in which spiritual adultery and perversion, especially of an abominable type, is not met without severe consequences.

I believe that this same flood of perversion is the same flood spoken of in Revelation 12. The purpose of this flood is to devour the Manchild of Destiny or Christ in us the hope of glory. I believe the full birth of the Manchild will cause the unraveling of a series of worldwide events that has not yet been seen to this degree as the dragon attempts to stop this from happening. This can be likened to Herod’s attempt to find and kill Jesus when He was first born. I have not addressed the rest of the world in this revelation because the Lord has only shown me things specific to this Nation. However, it is clear that what happens in the United States seems to have a domino effect in the rest of the world in one way or another. I am also not saying that the Remnant resides in the United States only, but believe that there are hidden ones across this earth that have been prepared and equipped for this time in history.

I was also reminded this morning of David Wilkerson’s prophetic warning to this Nation that was given decades ago called, “The Vision”. Upon listening again to a taped sermon he gave regarding this, I was surprised at how, for the first time, it became alive to me. I had at one point grown weary of his teachings, but the Lord had directed me to learn from him for a season of time. Though much of what he preaches sounds like ‘fire and brimstone’ I believe that what he was seeing was real. You see, I believe that the Sword of the Spirit is double edged with one side being judgment and the other being mercy. The following verses speak of the duality of God’s righteousness:

James 2:13, “For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Romans 11:22, “Therefore consider the goodness and the severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you will be cut off.”

I believe that each individual has a choice and that where we stand with God is a matter of perspective. Many would choose to stand on the side of judgment and choose not to repent and to remain in bondage to their sin. Others would choose to stand on the side of mercy and only see the goodness of God. But my friends, we are coming into a time that we will see both the goodness and severity of God demonstrated across this earth in all its fullness. As the darkness increases, so will the light. We have got to come up higher and have the Lord’s perspective. The judgment that is coming is not to condemn the world, for the full account for sin was already taken upon the Son of Man on the Cross over 2000 years ago. The world does not need to be condemned for as John 3:18 states, “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” I believe the JUDGMENT OR CRISIS that is coming is as Rick Joyner has been talking about as the Final Harvest or a reaping of what has been sown both unto life and unto death.

It is indeed time to COME UP HIGHER! The coming flood of lies can only mean that the Manchild of Destiny in Christ is also being birthed into FULLNESS. The good news is that like in my dream, if we call on Jesus and proclaim Him as the Lord and the King over all the earth, worship and praise His Name, and stand firm in the Spirit claiming complete defeat over the enemy, eventually the Lord's Foot of righteousness will bring a final crushing blow to the enemy. I do not yet understand the timeline of how this is going to unfold, but know that the Lord has promised to provide the Daily Bread of His presence for us.

Upon sharing all of this with my friend Pastor Vincent last night, he gave me confirmation of the coming flood of perversion and lies that the enemy was planning to flood the earth with as explained in Revelation 12. As we discussed these things we moved into a time of prayer and prophetic declaration calling forth the hidden remnant that the Lord has prepared for such a time as this. We called forth those that were hidden in the spiritual prisons, wildernesses and deserts of preparation and maturity. We were led to call forth not only the Josephs, but the Daniels, the Elijahs, the Joshuas, the Jeremiahs, the Jobs, etc. This holy remnant of people are going to be used mightly in the days to come to light the way.

I also believe as we enter into and pass through the next season of PENTECOST we must BE IN ONE ACCORD and seek Him as never before. I believe this season is like no other we have seen on the entire earth. As the season of Passover was taken to another dimension with the release of “The Passion”, displaying Jesus finished work on the Cross across the world, so this season of PENTECOST is going to be taken into another dimension. I believe that those that are in ONE ACCORD seeking Him will be filled with the DUNAMIS POWER FROM ON HIGH, displaying the full manifestation of what this entails including healings, miracles, signs and wonders. I also believe we shall see Joel 2:28-29, “And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions” fulfilled as never before. The BEGINNING FULFILLMENT of this prophecy happened in Acts 2, but we shall now see an even GREATER DIMENSION UNTO FULLNESS in this year and in the time to come. As these POWER SURGES of the Holy Spirit infiltrate the Church this will cause a ripple effect that I hope to address in a future article.

For now I charge you to seek to enter into this kairos moment in time and SEEK HIM AND HIS KINGDOM FIRST AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. WE MUST STAND WITH ONE ACCORD TO RECEIVE THE FULLNESS OF THE PROMISE IN THIS HOUR. WE WILL NEED HIM AS NEVER BEFORE FOR WHAT IS TO COME. As Jesus said in Luke 10:2, “The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” We will need to completely rely on GOD’S POWER AND PRESENCE THROUGH HIS SPIRIT to bring in the Harvest. Please do not take these words lightly. It is a time to consecrate yourselves and your Church Body before the Lord God Almighty! PREPARE YE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

One last thing. Along with the flood of lies, there is another flood coming as well. I leave you with this promise from God’s Word.

Isaiah 45:8, "RAIN DOWN you HEAVENS, from ABOVE, And let the SKIES POUR DOWN RIGHTEOUSNESS; Let the EARTH OPEN, let THEM BRING FORTH SALVATION, And let RIGHTEOUSNESS SPRING UP TOGETHER. I, the Lord, have CREATED IT."

Pentecost
Julie Volby

Two Visions

May 16, 2004
I just wanted to share what happened today. Upon awaking, the Lord laid it on my heart to write Part Two of "Zion Giving Birth". I wrote for about an hour and a half and then headed to church. During worship I was given 2 very brief, but absolutely incredible visions.

In the first vision I saw myself standing up straight and something outpouring over my body that is hard to describe. I didn't really pour out like a rushing flow of water, but was more like a light, transparent, gold toned oil. The incredible part was that as it poured over me, it became this type of embalmment or encasing (like an opaque membrane or cocoon) and as I saw myself standing in it, the membrane was actually made of what looked like lightening, thunder, wind, and water (not that we can 'see' some of these things with the natural eye). It was like I was encased in this electric shock wave membrane. Suddenly, the worship music stopped so they could make an announcement and the vision ended as well, but was still fresh in my spirit.

Then the worship continued and this time I saw another vision. It was as if I saw Jesus being baptized, rising up from the River, and as the waters dripped down His Body, the water was so reflective as if composed of millions of little diamonds glistening off His body. There were rainbows as the light from the sun reflected off the water. It was similar to the vision I had just seen on my own body.

As worship continued I began clutching my stomach with one hand and the other one raised to Him. I have learned to understand this is a prophetic act of the Lord ministering to, in, with the Manchild within the spiritual womb as He prepares to birth something in the Spirit. As the worship went on, I was led in and out of speaking in tongues, singing and silence for most of the time. The woman next to me thought something was wrong with me, so she prayed for me while we worshipped. After the last song in the set, there seemed to be a miscommunication between the worship leader and the Pastor. The Pastor asked him to play another song and the worship leader did not have one prepared. So, he decided to sing "These are the Day of Elijah". I knew this was of the Lord.

The congregation continued in worship and I continued to clutch my stomach in a bent over fashion by now. After the song was finished it was quiet for just a moment and suddenly someone broke out into a prophetic tongue very loudly. This has only happened once since I have been at this church (that time being the very first time the Lord sent me to this church last Fall, which gave me confirmation that I was in the right place). As soon as the tongue went forth I began to weep deeply and the interpretation came immediately. The tongue went on for some time and then the Pastor called for the interpretation. A man immediately began to speak forth part of the interpretation as I continued to weep. I do not remember what he said because the word of the Lord was burning so strongly on my heart. After he finished my weeping became louder as I poured forth what the Lord had laid upon my heart. It was something like, "THE GLORY OF THE LORD FILLS THE EARTH. THE WHOLE EARTH IS FILLED WITH HIS GLORY. I HAVE PREPARED A PEOPLE FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS. MY GLORY SHALL BE REVEALED IN MY PEOPLE AND ALL THE EARTH SHALL SEE ME AND BOW DOWN." I don't remember the last part. By then many others were weeping as well. A few others brought forth more interpretation. All I remember is some others speaking forth something like, "THE YEAR OF JUBILEE HAS COME" and "HE COMES RIDING ON A WHITE HORSE". It was so beautiful. God is good. Zion is giving birth! Glory to God!

The Pastor later announced that the prayer class group also felt led for those attending the All Church Prayer Meeting this Wednesday to fast. This gave me confirmation of the Lord calling for His people to consecrate themselves as we enter into the season of Pentecost. I then went straight home and wrote for 5 hours straight to complete Part 2 of “Zion Giving Birth”.

I believe that my vision had something to do with Pentecost. From the things the Lord has been revealing to many others, and me it is apparent that we are living in the days of the Latter Rain outpouring in fullness. I believe there are coming great tidal waves of His Spirit upon the Church and all flesh. These power surges are going to bring forth the true anointing of God in a fullness that we have never experienced. These power surges, will in turn, trigger an unfolding of worldwide events. I will share more when the Lord releases me to do so. For now, here are some related Scriptures.

Habakkuk 2:2-3

2 Then the Lord answered me and said:
“Write the vision
And make it plain on tablets,
That he may run who reads it.
3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time;
But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie.
Though it tarries, wait for it;
Because it will surely come.
It will not tarry.

Matthew 3:16-17

16 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.
17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

Revelation 11:19

19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

Acts 2:16-17

16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:
17 ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God,
That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.
18 And on My menservants and on My maidservants
I will pour out My Spirit in those days;
And they shall prophesy.

Isaiah 6:3
4 And one cried to another and said:
“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
The whole earth is filled with your glory!”

Deuteronomy 16:16-17

16 “Three times a year all your males shall appear before the Lord your God in the place which He chooses: at the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Tabernacles; and they shall not appear before the Lord empty-handed.
17 Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which He has given you.

Leviticus 23:15-16

15 “And you shall count for yourselves from the day after the Sabbath, from the day

that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be completed.

16 Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a new grain offering to the Lord.

Deuteronomy 16:9-10

9 "You shall count seven weeks for yourself; begin to count the seven weeks from the time you begin to put the sickle to the grain.
10 Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with the tribute of a freewill offering from your hand, which you shall give as the Lord your God blesses you.

Acts 2:1-4

1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.
3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them.
4 And they were all filled, with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Haggai 2:6-9

6 "For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and dry land;
7 and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the Lord of hosts.
8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the Lord of hosts.
9 'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the Lord of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the Lord of hosts."

Zechariah 10:1

1 Ask the Lord for rain
In the time of the latter rain.
The Lord will make flashing clouds;
He will give them showers of rain,
Grass in the field for everyone.

James 5:7

7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Run To Win

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1 Corinthians 9:24 – "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it."

There are many of us running this race Paul speaks of. The race of humanity is running the course that was laid out before the foundation of the earth. What we may normally refer to as 'the rat race' is nothing more than those who are running to and fro without direction or true purpose.

So, I begin this writing with one question for you, "Are you running to win?"

I have long wondered about this verse of Scripture. Why would Paul tell us that those who run a race all run? This seems obvious to me. Perhaps the question is do we all know that we are supposed to be running? Paul also exhorts us to run in such a way that we might obtain the prize. The burning question on my heart has been, if only ONE receives the prize, then what is the point of running the race?

I found that in my childhood years through adolescence I was, in most cases, numbered with the shortest ones in my class. “Shorty” was a common nickname growing up. While in school, this height challenge followed me as I tried to make the cut in various sports, never being the best player, but still having a measure of fun. At one point, I joined the track team. I soon found that with my short legs, I was never able to run as fast as those with longer legs, especially in the short distance races. I then found that in the long distance races leg length became less important, as focus and endurance took precedence. However, I was not very good at, nor did I enjoy, long distance running. Therefore, I never won first place. So reading Paul’s words about only one receiving the prize left me rather frustrated. I had always wanted to win the race, but knowing that only one obtained it, what was the point of trying?

I finally accepted the fact that I was indeed a part of this race Paul speaks of, so I decided that the only way to finish the course was to run. However, I needed to understand that this race was not about a competition with the other runners, but was all about RECEIVING THE PRIZE. As I gazed around at the mass crowds of those running by me, I realized that I could never keep up with their pace. I tried to stay in step with them, but could not. Although I had some training as a child, many old habits, thinking patterns, and experiences held me back. This left me tired and discouraged. Instead of seeing these wise ones, who were gliding by me, as an inspiration, I saw them as prideful and lofty. How could I ever compete with their long, graceful, and enduring strides? Though they had never done anything personally to me, I inwardly decided that they were unbalanced and what they were doing was not for me. So I continued running the race with a small amount of energy and little hope that I would actually finish. It was kind of lonely at first. I did not know how to discipline myself and would run in sporadic and meandering patterns. Over time I realized that there were others like me. They were not quite as swift as the ‘gazelle’ runners, but were running at a pace I could handle. I found comfort in running alongside them as we discussed our relationships with the Lord. As we ran together, I found healing, knowing that I was not alone and that my own self-pity, pride, fear, and unbelief had actually caused me to look at the forerunners in the wrong light or perspective. I realized that perhaps the forerunners did know more than me, as they saw further ahead. I knew I needed to be open to what I could learn from them.

As the race continued, I realized as Paul said in 1 Corinthians 9:25, “And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.” This race had seemed so long already. However, due to the length of the race, the fruit of the Spirit had been growing, including the temperance and self-control that Paul spoke of. The Word tells us that fruit is grown through patience (see James 5:7). It was during these times of trial and tribulation that I learned to, “Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing” (see James 1:2-4). I had to also realize that those who had gone before me did not have it any easier, but also went through their own tailor made trials of suffering to produce this patience. It became apparent that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful. And that those who endured were counted as blessed. Just like Job, the end intended by the Lord was much better than in Job’s early years. (see James 5:10-11). Job persevered to the end and the Lord blessed his latter days more than his early days with a double portion. It was the LORD who had brought the adversity upon Job to test and purify his heart. This was all done to fulfill God’s purpose in his life (see Job 42:9-12). I realized that there was hope as I studied the lives of so many in the Bible whom God tested with fiery trials, but later restored. This encouraged me as I continued to run by faith in God’s Word.

As time passed, my legs became stronger and my faith grew. This race was not so bad after all! Suddenly, before I knew it, my legs were able to run swiftly and with great speed and endurance. I related this spiritual growth spurt to the maturing and physical growth of a child to adolescence thru adulthood. Individuals will grow spiritually, emotionally, and physically at their own set pace. Because my growth in these three areas never seemed to be in alignment as an adolescent, it many times left me confused and hopeless. As I eventually matured into adulthood, it seemed that for the first time things began to come into alignment. But back to the race…

As I got accustomed to my new found strength and tenacity, I realized that the pace that I had been running was no longer comfortable for me. It had been a place of such comfort, growth and healing. It had been a season in the race where many hardships and trials were overcome together with others at my side. But there was something inside of me saying I must go on. I must leave the comfort of those I had run with for years and move forward at the rate of growth, which the Lord had destined for me. I must let go of many old habits and ways of doing things that I had come to depend on to survive the intensity and length of the race. This was by no means an easy choice, nor did I fully understand what it meant. As this transition occurred, I found myself misunderstood and often confused as I tried to explain what was happening. It was painful to feel the distance between my co-runners and I grow further and further apart, as my legs began to pick up speed. I wanted to stay where I was because it was comfortable and seemed safe, since I knew what to expect. But the stirring inside of me was too much. I realized that like Paul I needed to, “Forget those things which are behind and reach forward to those things which are ahead. Pressing toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (see Philippians 3:13-14). Here the Greek word for press is ‘dioko’, meaning to pursue, as an extended meaning of pursuing a person on foot in a chase. It seemed that perhaps there was more strategy to winning the race than I thought.

If I wanted to take advice from Paul, who was a forerunner (or one who went before), I would need to use the same strategy that he used. He had exhorted us to ‘run in such a way that we would obtain the prize’. It seemed that as Paul ran, he was not running in a random fashion but was, as the Greek word ‘dioko’ suggests, pursuing something or Someone! It seemed I had found the key to running with the same passion that Paul spoke of. I was to run as if I were chasing the One I love! It reminded me of the Shulamite bride’s desire as she sought her bridegroom. We can hear her heart’s desire being poured out in the following verses.

Song of Solomon 3:1-3

1 By night on my bed I sought the one I love;
I sought him, but I did not find him.

2 “I will rise now,” I said,
“And go about the city;
In the streets and in the squares
I will seek the one I love.”
I sought him, but I did not find him.

3 The watchmen who go about the city found me;
I said, “Have you seen the one I love?”

Oh how chasing my Lord gave me renewed hope and fresh strength. It was as if, for the first time, I could see a glimpse of the Finish Line! I ran with such fervor that I did not notice any obstacles that would have distracted me in the past. It was as Paul wrote, “Therefore I run thus; not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air” (1 Corinthians 9:26). I now ran with much certainty knowing my heart’s desires could all be fulfilled in knowing my Lord even more. But I still had to fight as Paul did. What does this fighting entail? It is obvious, I hope, that Paul did not write this to get us into a fistfight with our brother or sister in order to win the race. Again, our eye or focus must be singular on the Prize or the Purpose, not the Process. So, what did Paul mean when he said this? I had for a long time understood this to mean that when I got involved in spiritual warfare I was not to shoot my prayer arrows in an aimless fashion, but was to make sure I hit my target. This ‘fighting’ brought much success, but in most cases left me exhausted. Now looking back, I think I may have missed the mark all together. It does appear that Paul does intend to fight or contend…but not as one who beats the air. I believe there is much well-meaning spiritual warfare that goes on with nothing but thin air. Please know that I understand that the enemy is real and so are his minions, but according to the Word of God, this prince of the power of the air works in the sons of disobedience, which we are no longer called to number ourselves with. We are to understand that “God, who is rich in mercy, because of HIS GREAT LOVE with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us ALIVE TOGETHER WITH CHRIST (by grace you have been saved), and RAISED US UP TOGETHER, and

MADE US SIT TOGETHER in the HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST JESUS (see Ephesians 2:1-6). This place that we are sitting with Him is FAR ABOVE all principality and power and might and dominion (see Ephesians 1:21). I realized that I had spent many years fighting an enemy, that my carnal nature had empowered, by believing the lie that they had any authority over me at all. By God's grace, I came to know the Truth that set me free. The truth is that Jesus' Finished Work on the Cross was one of COMPLETE victory over sin, death and the devil. This is FULL SALVATION of the body, soul and spirit! This could not be done by might, nor by power, but only by the Holy Spirit! The only thing Jesus called us to do is BELIEVE IN HIM by faith.

The Lord finally revealed the reason that only ONE won the race was because the only way to WIN was to find oneself in ONENESS with Jesus Christ, who is also ONE with the Father. "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us RUN WITH ENDURANCE the RACE that is set before us, LOOKING UNTO JESUS, the AUTHOR and FINISHER OF OUR FAITH, who for the joy that was set before Him ENDURED THE CROSS, despising the shame, and HAS SAT DOWN at the right hand of the throne of God", Hebrews 12:1-2. From these verses we can truly see that the Author and Finisher of our faith is also the Sole Winner, or SOUL WINNER, who is our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is the ONE who paid for our lives with His Blood. He is the ONE who deserved to win the race for humanity! He was the FORERUNNER of all forerunners (see Hebrews 6:20) and we must obtain the PRIZE (a fully restored relationship with the Father) the same way! It is from this position of correct identification of ONENESS with Jesus that we can truly live a victory filled life in Him. Romans 6:8 states this quite clearly, "Now if we DIED with Christ, we believe that we shall also LIVE with Him."

I like the way the Amplified Bible summarizes all of this:

1 Corinthians 9:24-26

Do you not know that in a race all the runners compete, but [only] one receives the prize? So run [your race] that you may lay hold [of the prize] and make it yours.

Now every athlete who goes into training conducts himself temperately and restricts himself in all things. They do it to win a wreath that will soon wither, but we [do it to receive a crown of eternal blessedness] that cannot wither.

Therefore I do not run uncertainly (without definite aim). I do not box like one beating the air and striking without an adversary.

Now I need to clarify a few things. I had described my experience of transition when I began to pick up speed and leave behind those things that I had been a part of for some time. In this transition, I am in no way advocating an exclusivist mentality, nor church hopping, like a frog. I am simply trying to make the point that there comes a time in one's life that they must choose to let go of anything that may hinder them from following God wherever He may lead. These things may include old mindsets, attitudes, belief systems and sometimes even the influence of others. This process may actually entail an outward physical separation or may be more inward, where the closeness that was once shared with others is no longer the same as it once was. The same can be reflected in the natural, as we normally do not see 8 year olds relating to 18 year olds on the same level of understanding, nor do I know of too many Kindergartners taking Calculus class. This is not to say that they cannot co-exist together, it just means that their rate of spiritual maturity may be different, thus the relationship may be one of more a mentee/mentor than one of close friends or ministry partners.

There are many, myself included, that have mistaken this sudden growth spurt, as our eyes were opened, as a means to pick apart the Church and others. The intent is not to tear down people, but instead to tear down old mindsets, the end product being restoration. It is simply a season of growth ordained by God. Some call it death to self, others call it the cave, the prison, the desert, crucifixion of the self-life, and some a "Patmos" experience. Perhaps we could call it 'Tomb Time'. Whatever the name, it is designed to squeeze the flesh life out of us in order to come into a deeper, more intimate relationship with our Father. Crossing the Finish Line can only happen by placing our faith in Jesus' Completed work on the Cross. The Resurrection that results from the death of our old man or carnal nature, through proper identification with His death, will then enable us to more effectively and efficiently fulfill our destiny in Him. It is much easier to encourage and train others if we have already passed across the Finish Line ourselves. While many may believe this Finish Line is the end of their life, it is in fact just the beginning of a whole new world filled with God's light, love, peace and rest. It is the eternal life in the Kingdom that Jesus promised and prepared for us.

If I have now obtained the Prize, which is an intimate ONENESS OF RELATIONSHIP with the Father, through the Son, by the Holy Spirit, I must recognize my citizenship is not of this world. I am a "Kingdom Dweller"! This must mean that I definitely need a CROWN! What happened to the crown that was promised to me for obtaining the prize? Recall that in 1 Corinthians 9:25, this crown was described as an imperishable crown. The word imperishable is the Greek word, 'aphthartos', which means immortal or lasting forever. An eternal crown for eternal life! That makes sense. However, I had to see that it was not one of those shiny metal imperishable crowns that are worn by the haughty and prideful. It was not one that could be bought with money, nor gained through popularity, charisma, self-ambition or coercion. This imperishable crown, was instead, a CROWN OF THORNS. The Greek word for crown, 'sephanos', used in this context means a woven crown, wreath, victory garland; of various shapes and various materials, leaves, twigs, flowers, even metal as a sign of victory, honor and in some contexts authority.

I remembered having a vision recently that seemed to illuminate the understanding of this crown. The crown that I saw in the Spirit was a crown of thorns. However, this crown was not only one of thorns, but it was laced with beautiful jewels round about. It was a CROWN OF HUMILITY AND GRACE. It was laced with the living stones that had been hidden deep within the earth, crushed by extreme pressure, and purified by intense heat. These jewels are the Lord's treasured possession (see Malachi 3:17), reflecting His beauty and His splendor. It is by identifying with the Lord's humility, that we find true spiritual authority to rule and reign with Him on this earth now and forevermore. The whole race was actually TRAINING FOR REIGNING!

With that said, I leave you with these thoughts to ponder:

The wise runner will run at his or her own God ordained pace. Their eye or purpose will be single, focused solely on the Lord. They will run with those that the Lord has placed in their path and will allow Him to lead and guide as they trust in Him. They will view adversity as a stepping stone from God, rather than a hindrance from the enemy. Their authority will come from above and not below, though they will reign from a position of lowliness and not be high minded. They will weather the storms of life by faith and through patience they will renew their strength. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. They will learn to fly upon the wings of Love soaring through the air unhindered and in carefree abandonment with their Lord.

The turtle and the hare may run the race. It is not important who comes in first, but that they both cross the Finish Line! This is true victory! Hallelujah!

IT IS TIME TO RUN!!!! VICTORY IS ASSURED!!!!

Zionism
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Shalom Fellow Israelite,

This past week I sent a letter out by my friend Steve Kramer on the present day attitude of indifference among the Jews, especially in the West, towards Zionism. We have also seen one of the great Israeli warriors and Zionists, now become leader of this nation, agreeing to and doing things that seem to us the complete opposite of what Zionism stands for. At the same time, we have also been hearing reports about a lack of interest in the "redemption of Land" on the part of many Ephraimite groups. It seems that there are very few groups of Ephraimites that are interested in coming over, either on tours or for the purpose of getting involved in some kind of activity. Please check and see how many trips are planned in the near future, or within the next year by Ephraimite organizations. If we understand our priestly role, than we will also understand the importance of remaining connected to the Land. But also, as I, and others, have been pointing out, for the redemption of the former (i.e. the Land) it is totally necessity to have our own house swept clean of all filthiness of spirit and flesh; in other words, our sanctification is vital. This prompted me to pull out a an article that I wrote back in 1998, which is also posted on our web site. www.1st-born.com . I pray that you will remember Zion…

Modern day Zionism came into being during the nineteenth century, inspired, at least in part, by contemporary nationalistic movements, which were prevalent in Europe of that day. But perhaps still greater was the contribution made by a few Spirit-filled Christian (Gentile) visionaries, who began to realize the importance of the Torah, the prophets, and the Jewish people's return to the ancient land of their ancestors. Relationships between these Gentile Christians (Zionists) and the Jewish community in Europe started developing already in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries (ref. The Vision Was There by Franz Kobler, 1956). The Zionist movement, however, was not really acknowledged by nineteenth century historians as a viable or a definable phenomenon. Jewish identity was still very much attached to religion, which preserved the uniqueness of the Jews as a people while in the "Galut" (diaspora, or exile). But the religious traditions left them with only a very slight hope of realizing any national aspirations. Saying "next year in Jerusalem," every Passover was not enough to extricate them from their host countries. Their identity was defined more by default than by anything positive. It wasn't until the time of Rabbi Alkalai and Kalishcher (two Jewish "prophets" of the 1800's) that seeds of national identity began to be sown. They were followed by Moses Hess, Ben-Yehudah, Pinsker, Herzl, Nordau, Ahad-Ha-am, Bialik and others, whose names and writings have lost their prophetic significance today, and have become (in the eyes of most Israelis) mere signs posted on street corners in the cities of Israel.

The transformation, from religion to nationalism, began to grow in the hearts and minds of a remnant, ultimately resulting in the birth of the State of Israel, albeit not without tribulation (pogroms, persecutions and the Holocaust). The return of Judah (the Jews), as a nation, to the Land of Promise is a direct fulfillment of the End Time prophetic scriptures. It testifies to the fact that the God of Israel neither slumbers nor sleeps (Ps. 121:4), but "watches over His word to perform it" (Jer.1:12).

However, this is only half of the story. Zionism, as a national movement was not only evident amongst a remnant of Judah, but also began to surface in Ephraim, who is the other "witness" of the God of Israel's unending mercies and covenant keeping faithfulness. It was at about this time (i.e. the nineteenth century), that a few born-again, spirit-filled believers in Europe, especially in the UK, received prophetic insight into the history of the Two Houses, the two witnesses, the two olive branches, the two sticks, the two families, the two kingdoms and the two nations, spoken of in the Bible. Many believed that the nations that made up Europe were primarily of the lost tribes of Israel. Intense studies of languages, culture, religion etc. began to emerge. In 1887, a work by M.M. Eshelman, called The Two Sticks, was published. Later, another, by J.H. Allen called Judah's Sceptre and Joseph's Birthright, 1917. These works were evidence that the Spirit of the Lord was (and still is) working to turn the hearts of the children to the fathers, and to restore the national identity of both houses of Israel (Ephraim and Judah).

In the covenant that God made with Abraham, He promised him a land and a nation (Goy) which was to come out of his own loins, (Gen 12:1-3). God would never forget the covenant, although He would scatter this nation into all the nations, and thus it is written that Ephraim is "well mixed into all nations" (Hos. 7:8), and that he would become their "fullness" (Gen 48:19). Yet, in Ezekiel 37:22 we read: "I will make them one nation in the land," (as well as in Jer 3:18). God's redemptive plan for this earth was, and still is, a united, redeemed, single nation of "Israel", living in the land that God promised to the patriarchs.

Religious identity has kept the Two Houses divided. However, with the restoration of our national identity we can begin to tear down the age-old divisions of enmity and jealousy and build, under the guiding hand of the Messiah, the commonwealth that will be a light to the rest of the nations, a royal priesthood and a holy nation. Both houses need to return to Zionism, to the Zionism of the Torah. This Zionism is a very simple concept; it involves a land, a nation ("goy"), and a kingdom government.

It all started with the covenant that God made with Abraham, and it will end with the prophesied redeemed remnant (progeny of Abraham) returning to live in the Land of Promise. United Israel, under the lordship of the Messiah who is King of the kings, and High Priest of the priesthood, will yet become a reality. This is the reason for the strong exhortation to "remember the Torah and My servant Moses, and the statutes and ordinances…for all Israel" (Mal. 4:4), at the end of the age.

[Today, in 2004, we see that that which started out as a move of YHVH's Word and Spirit has been relegated to nothing more than lip service and political maneuverings on the part of the country's leaders (having its spiraling effect all the way round) as the spirit of secular humanism is increasing and now controls the policies of our nation]. In Judah, Zionism was dealt a deathblow in 1978, with the first Camp David accords. Staggering and reeling from this first hit, it took another stab in the back at Madrid, and the final shot was fired in Oslo. Many of us who have been living in the Land over this period of time, watched and felt this crushing process destroy the Zionistic ideal, turning it into a word devoid of meaning on the lips of a dying nation. Now it only remains for the United Nations to vote in a Palestinian State, whose territory is the heartland of Israel, Judea and Samaria. Israel was birthed by a UN vote, will the Palestinian national aspirations not be fulfilled in like manner? Mind you, I'm not against a state for the Palestinians, but couldn't something be found for them within the four million square miles of Arab lands?

The present situation in Judea is highly reminiscent of the days of Nehemiah, when Judah was heard saying: "The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubble, that we are not able to build the wall." To that her adversaries responded: "They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease" (Neh. 4:10). This very reality is upon us today.

Does our destiny as a nation lie in the democratic process, in the form of a vote cast in the United Nations, where the majority rules and is backed up by the combined military forces of the Security Council? "Who can make war with the beast?" (Rev. 13:4). What is our answer to this present situation? THE WORD OF GOD, and our ability to believe and trust in the Rock of our salvation, as we, the two olive branches of Zechariah 4:3, 11-14 and Romans 11:24 experience the "grace" (Zech 4:7) that comes not by might, nor by power but by God's Spirit (Zech. 4:6). Ephraim must repent and return to Zion; Judah must repent and come to know the King and Messiah of Zion. Together we must consecrate ourselves as a nation before the Holy one of Israel, and worship Him in spirit and in truth. Let us sing the song of Zion; the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb. "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgments have been manifested" (Rev.15:3-4).

Shabbat Shalom
Ephraim